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# Simulation of ATP metabolism in cardiac excitation—contraction coupling

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#### **Abstract**

To obtain insights into the mechanisms underlying the membrane excitation and contraction of cardiac myocytes, we developed a computer model of excitation–contraction coupling (Kyoto model: Jpn. J. Physiol. 53 (2003) 105). This model was further expanded by incorporating pivotal reactions of ATP metabolism; the model of mitochondrial oxidative phosphorylation by Korzeniewski and Zoladz (Biophys. Chem. 92 (2001) 17). The ATP-dependence of contraction, and creatine kinase and adenylate kinase were also incorporated. After minor modifications, the steady-state condition was well established for all the variables, including the membrane potential, contraction, and the ion and metabolite concentrations in sarcoplasmic reticulum, mitochondria and cytoplasm. Concentrations of major metabolites were close to the experimental data. Responses of the new model to anoxia were similar to experimental results of the P-31 NMR study in whole heart. This model serves as a prototype for developing a more comprehensive model of excitation–contraction–metabolism coupling.

Keywords: Simulation; Heart; Metabolism; Excitation-contraction coupling

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#### 1. Introduction

Several computer models of membrane excitation have been developed for various types of cardiac ventricular myocyte (for examples, DiFrancesco and Noble, 1985; Luo and Rudy, 1991, 1994; Rice et al., 1999). These models describe detailed mechanisms of individual channels and transporters, and reconstruct well the characteristics of action potential and intracellular ion concentration changes. However, in these models, the contraction mechanism and ATP metabolism, which are essential for muscle contraction, were not included. Ch'en et al. (1998) first succeeded in incorporating both contraction mechanism (cross-bridge dynamics) and ATP

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metabolism into their ventricular cell model. In their model, cross-bridge formation was expressed in a simple algebraic equation, and some of the major mechanisms of ATP metabolism were incorporated, for example, creatine kinase, adenylate kinase and glycogen metabolism. Recently we published a computer model (Kyoto model) of the ventricular and sinoatrial node pacemaker cells (Matsuoka et al., 2003; Sarai et al., 2003). In our model, individual ion channels and transporters were described with a common set of equations for both the cell types, and the four-state kinetic model of contraction by Negroni and Lascano (1996) was incorporated. This model reconstructs well the experimental data of ventricular muscle contraction, including the intracellular Ca<sup>2+</sup> dependence. ATP consumption by several ATPases was calculated, and ATP synthesis was modeled in a simplified equation.

To further approach the actual cardiac myocyte, we made improvements upon the Kyoto model by incorporating mitochondrial oxidative phosphorylation process, reactions of creatine kinase and adenylate kinase, and ATP dependence of contraction. We used a model of mitochondrial oxidative phosphorylation in the mammalian skeletal muscle developed by Korzeniewski and Zoladz (2001) after minor modifications. In this article, we briefly describe our current approach to simulate excitation—contraction—ATP metabolism coupling.

#### 2. Methods

We modified the Kyoto model (Matsuoka et al., 2003) to simulate ATP metabolism related to the E–C coupling. Model equations and parameters used in this study are listed in Tables 1–13. The program was written by Delphi (Borland). The numeric data type of 'double precision' was used for all variables and the differential equations were integrated by using the fourth-order Runge–Kutta method. To shorten calculation time, the time interval (dt) was adaptively changed between 0.1 and 0.3 ms. A further decrease in dt did not significantly change the results, but calculation time increased.

Simulated membrane potential, half sarcomere length, intracellular Ca<sup>2+</sup> transient, and major ionic currents and transporters are shown in Fig. 1. These results are essentially the same as those before the incorporation of the ATP metabolism (Matsuoka et al., 2003).

Fig. 2 illustrates an overview of ATP-related processes in this Kyoto model. As an ATP production system, mitochondrial oxidative phosphorylation, creatine kinase and adenylate kinase were incorporated. The ATP consumption by Na<sup>+</sup> pump, contraction (myosine ATPase) and sarcoplasmic reticulum Ca<sup>2+</sup> pump (SERCA) were calculated (ATP consumption system). The two ATP-sensitive systems (L-type Ca<sup>2+</sup> channel and ATP-sensitive K<sup>+</sup> channel) were incorporated. The diffusion and compartmentation of ATP were not taken into account for the sake of simplicity.

#### 2.1. Modeling ATP production system: creatine kinase and adenylate kinase

We formulated the reaction of creatine kinase and adenylate kinase (Table 5). The apparent equilibrium constant of creatine kinase reaction was available from a literature (Herasymowych et al., 1978), but the forward and backward rate constants were not available. Since this reaction is known to be rapid, the forward and backward rate constants were empirically determined to be nearly instantaneous. Rate constant of adenylate kinase was obtained from a literature (Thuma et al., 1972).

# Table 1 Abbreviations

embrane excitation	
$C_{\rm m}$	Membrane capacitance (pF)
$CF_X$	Constant field equation for ion X (mM)
$E_{x}$	Equilibrium potential for ion X (mV)
F	Faraday's constant, 96.4867 C mmol <sup>-1</sup>
$G_{x}$	Conductance (pA/mV)
$I_aX$	Ion X component of current I <sub>a</sub> (pA)
I <sub>bNSC</sub>	Background non-selective cation current (pA)
$I_{Cab}$	Background Ca <sup>2+</sup> current (pA)
I <sub>CaL</sub>	L-type Ca <sup>2+</sup> current (pA)
i <sub>CaL</sub>	Single channel current of I <sub>CaL</sub> (pA)
I <sub>CaT</sub>	T-type Ca <sup>2+</sup> current (pA)
I <sub>ext</sub>	Current applied through the electrode (pA)
I <sub>ha</sub>	Hyperpolarization-activated cation current (pA)
I <sub>K1</sub>	Inward rectifier K <sup>+</sup> current (pA)
I <sub>KATP</sub>	ATP-sensitive K <sup>+</sup> current (pA)
I <sub>Kpl</sub>	Non-specific, voltage-dependent outward current (plateau current) (pA)
I <sub>Kr</sub>	Delayed rectifier $K^+$ current, rapid component (pA)
I <sub>Ks</sub>	Delayed rectifier K <sup>+</sup> current, slow component (pA)
I <sub>Ks</sub> I <sub>1</sub>	Total of background current (time-independent) components (pA)
	Ca <sup>2+</sup> -activated background cation current (pA)
I <sub>l(Ca)</sub>	Na + current (pA)
I <sub>Na</sub>	$Na^+/Ca^{2+}$ exchange current (pA)
I <sub>NaCa</sub>	
I <sub>NaK</sub>	Na <sup>+</sup> /K <sup>+</sup> pump current (pA)
$I_{net}X$	Whole cell current carried by ion X (pA)
$I_{RyR}$	Ca <sup>2+</sup> release through the RyR channel in SR (pA)
$I_{SR}L$	Ca <sup>2+</sup> leak from the SR (pA)
$I_{SR}U$	Ca <sup>2+</sup> uptake in the SR (pA)
$I_{SR}T$	Ca <sup>2+</sup> transfer from the SR uptake site to the release site (pA)
$I_{to}$	Transient outward current (pA)
$I_{tot}$	Total current of ion channels and ion exchangers (pA)
$K_{mX}$	Michaelis constant for ion X binding (mM)
N	Total number of channels
$P_x$	Convert factor (pA mM <sup>-1</sup> )
p(X)	Probability of state X in a multiple states gate
R	Gas constant, 8.3143 C mV K <sup>-1</sup> mmol <sup>-1</sup>
T	Absolute temperature K
$V_{i}$	Cell volume accessible for ion diffusion (μm <sup>3</sup> )
$V_{\rm m}$	Membrane potential (mV)
$V_{mit}$	Volume of mitochondria (μm <sup>3</sup> )
$V_{rel}$	Volume of SR release site (μm <sup>3</sup> )
$V_{test}$	Command potential in the voltage clamp (mV)
$V_{up}$	Volume of SR uptake site (μm <sup>3</sup> )
$y_n$	Gating variable for two states gate $(0 \le y_n \le 1)$
$z_{X}$	Valence of ion X
[X]	Concentration of X (mM)
k, k <sub>f</sub> , k <sub>b</sub> αβμλ	Rate constants (msec <sup>-1</sup> )

#### Table 1(continued)

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Contraction
     ExternalForce
                              external force (=ForceCB+ForceEcomp)
                              Elastic component of force (arbitrary unit)
     ForceEcomp
     ForceCB
                             Cross-bridge force (arbitrary unit)
                             Cross-bridge elongation
    hSML
                              Half sarcomere length (hSML = X + h)
    T
                              thin filament site with free troponin C
    TCa
                              thin filament site with troponin C bound to Ca
     TCa*
                              thin filament site with troponin C bound to Ca and attached cross bridge(force generator)
    T^*
                              thin filament site with attached cross bridge and with free troponin C (force generator)
    X
                              Length composed of half of the thick filament and the free portion of the thin filament)
Mitochondria and ATP metabolism
    a^{2+}
                              reduced cytochorome a_3 (a^{2+}) (mM)
    a^{3+}
                             cytochrome a_3 (a^{3+}) (mM)
                              Ratio of oxidized a^{3+} to a^{2+}
     A_{3/2}
    dATP\_AK
                              ATP production rate by adenylate kinase (mM msec<sup>-1</sup>)
    dATP_{CaPump}
                              Rate of ATP consumption by SERCA (mM msec<sup>-1</sup>)
     dATP\_CK
                              ATP production rate by creatine kinase (mM msec<sup>-1</sup>)
                              Rate of ATP consumption by contraction (mM msec<sup>-1</sup>)
    dATP<sub>Contraction</sub>
                              Rate of ATP consumption by Na<sup>+</sup> pump (mM msec<sup>-1</sup>)
    dATP_{INaK}
    dATP_{total,i}
                              Rate of cytoplasmic ATP change (mM msec<sup>-1</sup>)
                              Rate of mitochondria total ATP production (mM msec<sup>-1</sup>)
    dATP_{total.mit}
    dADP_{total,i}
                              Rate of cytoplasmic ADP change (mM msec<sup>-1</sup>)
                              Rate of reduced cytochorome c^{\bar{2}+} (c^{2+}) production (mM msec<sup>-1</sup>)
     dc_{mit}^{2+}
    dH_{mit}
                              Rate of mitochondria H<sup>+</sup> change (mM msec<sup>-1</sup>)
                              Rate of NADH production (mM msec<sup>-1</sup>)
    dNADH_{mit}
                              Rate of cytoplasmic phosphocreatine change (mM msec<sup>-1</sup>)
     dPhosphoCreatine;
                              Rate of mitochondria total PI production (mM msec<sup>-1</sup>)
    dPI_{total,mit}
                              Rate of reduced ubiquinone (UQH<sub>2</sub>) production (mM msec<sup>-1</sup>)
    dUQH_{2mit}
     \Delta G_{CI}
                              Thermodynamic span of complex I (mV)
     \Delta G_{C3}
                              Thermodynamic span of complex III (mV)
     \Delta G_{SN}
                              Thermodynamic span of ATP synthase (mV)
     E_{ma}
                             cytochrome a_3 redox potential (mV)
     E_{mc}
                             cytochrome c redox potential (mV)
     E_{mN}
                              NAD redox potential (mV)
                              ubiquinone redox potential (mV)
     E_{mU}
                              buffering capacity for H<sup>+</sup> in mitochondria
     r_{buffer,mit}
     R_{mc}
                              Ratio of mitochondria volume to cell volume
                              Rate of substrate dehydrogenation in mitochondria (mM msec<sup>-1</sup>)
     v_{DH}
                              Rate of Complex I (mM msec<sup>-1</sup>)
     v_{CI}
                              Rate of Complex III (mM msec<sup>-1</sup>)
     v_{C3}
                              Rate of Complex IV (mM msec<sup>-1</sup>)
     v_{C4}
                              Rate of ATP synthase (mM msec<sup>-1</sup>)
     v_{SN}
                              Rate of ATP/ADP exchanger (mM msec<sup>-1</sup>):
     v_{EX}
                              Rate of Phosphate carrier (mM msec<sup>-1</sup>):
     v_{PI}
                              Rate of Proton leak(mM msec<sup>-1</sup>):
     v_{LK}
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Table 2 Cell volume

	$V_{\rm i}~(\mu{ m m}^3)$	$V_{\rm rel}~(\mu{\rm m}^3)$	$V_{\rm up}~(\mu{\rm m}^3)$	C <sub>m</sub> (pF)
Ventricular cell	$(100 \cdot 20 \cdot 8)/2$	$0.02 \cdot V_{ m i}$	$0.05 \cdot V_{ m i}$	132

Table 3
Ca<sup>2+</sup>-binding proteins

	$K_{\rm m} (k_{\rm b}/k_{\rm f}) ({\rm mM})$	$k_{\rm f}  ({\rm mM}^{-1}  {\rm ms}^{-1})$	$k_{\rm b}~({\rm ms}^{-1})$	Total concentration (μM)
TroponinC Calmodulin Calsequestrin	$7.70 \times 10^{-4}$ $2.38 \times 10^{-3}$ $8.00 \times 10^{-1}$	39 100	0.03 0.238	70 50 10,000

Table 4
Calculation of the membrane potential and internal ion concentrations

$$\begin{split} \text{Membrane potential} & \text{d} V_{\text{m}} / \text{d} t \! = \! - \! (I_{\text{tot}} \! + \! I_{\text{ext}}) / C_{\text{m}} \\ & I_{\text{tot}} = I_{\text{Na}} + I_{\text{CaL}} + I_{\text{CaT}} + I_{\text{K1}} + I_{\text{Kr}} + I_{\text{Ks}} + I_{\text{to}} + I_{\text{l}} + I_{\text{NaK}} + I_{\text{NaCa}} \\ & I_{\text{l}} = I_{\text{bNSC}} + I_{\text{Cab}} + I_{\text{Kpl}} + I_{\text{l(Ca)}} + I_{\text{KATP}} \end{split}$$

Internal ion concentrations

$$\begin{split} &\text{d[Na]}/\text{d}t\!=\!-I_{\text{net}}\text{Na}/F/V_{\text{I}}\\ &\text{d[K]}/\text{d}t\!=\!-(I_{\text{net}}\text{K}+I_{\text{ext}})/F/V_{\text{I}}\\ &\text{d[Ca]}/\text{d}t\!=\!-(I_{\text{net}}\text{Ca}-I_{\text{RyR}}+I_{\text{SR}}U\!-\!I_{\text{SR}}L)/z_{\text{Ca}}/F/V_{\text{i}}+(\text{d[T]}+\text{d[T^*]})/\text{d}t\\ &I_{\text{net}}\text{Na}=I_{\text{Na}}\text{Na}+I_{\text{CaL}}\text{Na}+I_{\text{to}}\text{Na}+I_{\text{Ks}}\text{Na}+I_{\text{bNSC}}\text{Na}+I_{\text{ICa}}\text{Na}\\ &+3\cdot I_{\text{NaK}}+3\cdot I_{\text{NaCa}}\\ &I_{\text{net}}\text{K}=I_{\text{K1}}+I_{\text{Kr}}+I_{\text{KATP}}+I_{\text{Na}}\text{K}+I_{\text{CaL}}\text{K}+I_{\text{to}}\text{K}+I_{\text{Ks}}\text{K}+I_{\text{bNSC}}\text{K}\\ &+I_{\text{ICa}}\text{K}+I_{\text{Kpl}}-2\cdot I_{\text{NaK}}\\ &I_{\text{net}}\text{Ca}=I_{\text{CaL}}\text{Ca}+I_{\text{CaT}}+I_{\text{Cab}}-2\cdot I_{\text{NaCa}} \end{split}$$

Constant field equation

$$CF_X = \frac{z_X \cdot F \cdot V_{\text{m}}}{R \cdot T} \frac{([X]_{\text{i}} - [X]_{\text{o}} \cdot \exp\left(\frac{-z_X \cdot F \cdot V_{\text{m}}}{R \cdot T}\right))}{(1 - \exp\left(\frac{-z_X \cdot F \cdot V_{\text{m}}}{R \cdot T}\right))}$$

We assumed that total concentrations of adenine, creatine and phosphate in cytoplasm are constant according to Allen and Orchard (1987).

#### 2.2. Modeling ATP production system: mitochondrial oxidative phosphorylation

Korzeniewski's group has extensively studied the model of oxidative phosphorylation in mammalian skeletal muscle. We adopted their latest version (Korzeniewski and Zoladz, 2001) and incorporated it into the Kyoto model after minor modifications. Fig. 3 is a scheme of the mitochondrial oxidative phosphorylation model. Since the original model is based on

Table 5 Cytoplasmic energy balance

Creatine kinase

Phosphocreatine + ADP<sub>total,i</sub> 
$$\rightarrow^{k_f}_{\leftarrow k_b}$$
 ATP<sub>total,i</sub> + Creatine  $k_f = 16.05 \text{ (ms}^{-1}), k_b = 9.67 \times 10^{-6} \text{ (ms}^{-1})$  dATP\_CK =  $k_f \times$  ADP<sub>total,i</sub> × PhosphoCreatine-kb\_CK × ATP<sub>total,i</sub> × Creatine

Adenylate kinase

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{ADP}_{\text{free,i}} + \text{ADP}_{\text{Mg,i}} \xrightarrow{\rightarrow^{k_{\text{f}}}} \text{ATP}_{\text{Mg,i}} + \text{AMP}_{\text{i}} \\ & \leftarrow_{k_{\text{b}}} \text{ATP}_{\text{Mg,i}} + \text{AMP}_{\text{i}} \\ & k_{\text{f}} = 0.783 \text{ (ms}^{-1)}, \ k_{\text{b}} = 0.683 \text{ (ms}^{-1)} \\ & \text{dATP}_{\text{AK}} = k_{\text{f}} \times \text{ADP}_{\text{free, i}} \times \text{ADP}_{\text{Mg, i}} - k_{\text{b}} \times \text{ATP}_{\text{Mg, i}} \times \text{AMP}_{\text{i}} \end{aligned}$$

Total concentration of adenine, creatine and phosphate

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A_{\text{total,i}} = ATP_{\text{total, i}} + ADP_{\text{total, i}} + AMP_{\text{i}} = 7 \text{ (mM)}
C_{total} = Phosphocreatine_i + Creatine_i = 25 (mM)
 P_{total} = Phosphocreatine_i + inorganic phosphate_i + 3ATP_{total,i} + 2ADP_{total,i} + AMP_i
ATP_{free, i} = ATP_{total, i}/(1 + Mg_{free, i}/K_{D, ATPi}), K_{D, ATPi} = 0.024 \text{ (mM)}, Mg_{free, i} = 4.0 \text{ mM}
ATP_{Mg, i} = ATP_{total, i} - ATP_{free, i} (mM)
ADP_{free, i} = ADP_{total, i}/(1 + Mg_{free, i}/K_{D, ADPi}), K_{D, ADPi} = 0.347 (mM)
ADP_{Mg, i} = ADP_{total, i} - ADP_{free, i} (mM)
AMP_i = A_{total,i} - ATP_{total, i} - ADP_{total, i} (mM)
 inorganic phosphate<sub>i</sub> = P_{total} – (PhosphoCreatine<sub>i</sub> + 3 × ATP<sub>total,i</sub> + 2 × ADP<sub>total,i</sub> + AMP<sub>i</sub>
       +(3 \times ATP_{total,mit} + 2 \times ADP_{total,mit} + PI_{total,mit}) \times R_{mc}) (mM)
 dATP_{INaK} = \frac{I_{NaK}}{F_{\bullet} I_{\bullet}}
 dATP_{CaPump} = \frac{I_{SR}U}{4.F.V}
dATP_{Contraction} = 0.4 \times p(TCa^*) \times Troponin C
 dATP_{total.i} = v_{EX} + dATP_{CK} + dATP_{AK} - (dATP_{INaK} + dATP_{CaPump} + dATP_{Contraction})
dADP_{total,i} = -v_{EX} - dATP\_CK - 2 \times dATP\_AK + (dATP_{INaK} + dATP_{CaPump} + dATP_{Contraction})
dPhosphoCreatine_i = -dATP_CK
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mitochondria of skeletal muscle, the volume ratio of mitochondria to the cell volume (6.7%) is smaller than that for cardiac myocytes. To simulate cardiac mitochondrial function, mitochondrial volume was increased to 23% (Schaper et al., 1985) and the ratio of the mitochondria volume to cell volume,  $R_{\rm mc}$ , of 0.23 was used. All the rate constants of reactions were increased by 15 times to maintain steady state concentrations of cytoplasmic ATP and other metabolites. This model fitting may correspond to the fact that the cardiac mitochondria has larger cristae than those in the skeletal muscle.

# 2.3. ATP consumption system: Na<sup>+</sup> pump and sarcoplasmic reticulum Ca<sup>2+</sup> pump

Numerical expressions of ATP dependence of the Na<sup>+</sup> pump and sarcoplasmic reticulum Ca<sup>2+</sup> pump were the same as those described in our previous paper (Matsuoka et al., 2003). In the model of the two transporters, the rate constant  $k_I$  was assumed to be ATP-dependent (Table 9).

# Table 6 Inward currents

 $I_{Na}$ 

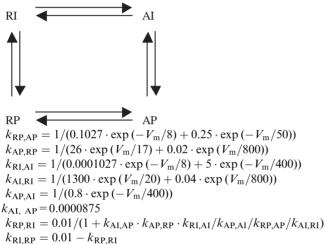
$$I_{\text{Na}} = I_{\text{Na}} \text{Na} + I_{\text{Na}} K$$

$$I_{\text{Na}} \text{Na} = P_{\text{Na}} \cdot CF_{\text{Na}} \cdot p(\text{AP}) \cdot y$$

$$I_{\text{Na}} K = 0.1 \cdot p_{\text{Na}} \cdot CF_{\text{K}} \cdot p(AP) \cdot y$$

$$P_{\text{Na}} = 2860$$

#### Voltage-dependent gate



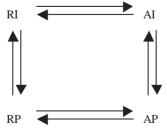
## Ultra-slow gate

(1-y) 
$$\begin{array}{c} \alpha \\ \hline \beta \\ \\ \alpha_y = 1/(9,000,000,000 \cdot \exp{(V_{\rm m}/5)} + 8000 \cdot \exp{(V_{\rm m}/100)}) \\ \beta_y = 1/(0.014 \cdot \exp{(-V_{\rm m}/5)} + 4000 \cdot \exp{(-V_{\rm m}/100)}) \end{array}$$

 $I_{\text{CaL}}$ 

$$\begin{split} I_{\text{CaL}} &= I_{\text{CaL}} \text{Ca} + I_{\text{CaL}} K + I_{\text{CaL}} \text{Na} \\ I_{\text{CaL}} \text{Ca} &= P_{\text{CaL}} \cdot \text{CF}_{\text{Ca}} \cdot p(\text{open}_{\text{CaL}}) \\ I_{\text{CaL}} K &= 0.000365 \cdot P_{\text{CaL}} \cdot \text{CF}_{\text{K}} \cdot p(\text{open}_{\text{CaL}}) \\ I_{\text{CaL}} \text{Na} &= 0.0000185 \cdot P_{\text{CaL}} \times \text{CF}_{\text{Na}} \cdot p(\text{open}_{\text{CaL}}) \\ P_{\text{CaL}} &= 8712 \\ p(\text{open}_{\text{CaL}}) &= p(\text{AP}) \cdot (p(\text{U}) + p(\text{UCa})) \cdot y/(1 + (1.4/[ATP])^3) \end{split}$$

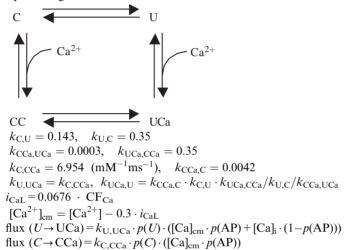
## Voltage-dependent gate



#### Table 6 (continued)

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\begin{split} k_{\text{RP,AP}} &= 1/(0.27 \cdot \exp{(-V_{\text{m}}/5.9)} + 1.5 \cdot \exp{(-V_{\text{m}}/65)}) \\ k_{\text{AP,RP}} &= 1/(480 \cdot \exp{(V_{\text{m}}/7)} + 2.2 \cdot \exp{(V_{\text{m}}/65)}) \\ k_{\text{RI,AI}} &= 1/(0.0018 \cdot \exp{(-V_{\text{m}}/7.4)} + 2 \cdot \exp{(-V_{\text{m}}/100)}) \\ k_{\text{AI,RI}} &= 1/(2200,000 \cdot \exp{(V_{\text{m}}/7.4)} + 11 \cdot \exp{(V_{\text{m}}/100)}) \\ k_{\text{AP,AI}} &= 0.004, k_{\text{AI,AP}} = 0.001 \\ k_{\text{RP,RI}} &= 0.04/(1 + k_{\text{AI,AP}} \cdot k_{\text{AP,RP}} \cdot k_{\text{RI,AI}}/k_{\text{AP,AI}}/k_{\text{RP,AP}}/k_{\text{AI,RI}}) \\ k_{\text{RI,RP}} &= 0.04 - k_{\text{RP,RI}} \end{split}
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# Ca2+-dependent gate



### Ultra-slow gate

(1-y) 
$$\beta$$

$$\alpha_y = 1/(250,000 \cdot \exp(V_{\rm m}/9) + 58 \cdot \exp(V_{\rm m}/65))$$

$$\beta_y = 1/(1800 \cdot \exp(-V_{\rm m}/14) + 66 \cdot \exp(-V_{\rm m}/65))$$

$$I_{\text{CaT}}$$

$$\begin{split} I_{\text{CaT}} &= 612 \cdot \text{CF}_{\text{Ca}} \cdot y_1 \cdot y_2 \\ \alpha_{y1} &= 1/(0.019 \cdot \exp{(-V_{\text{m}}/5.6)} + 0.82 \cdot \exp{(-V_{\text{m}}/250)}) \\ \beta_{y1} &= 1/(40 \cdot \exp{(V_{\text{m}}/6.3)} + 1.5 \cdot \exp{(V_{\text{m}}/10,000)}) \\ \alpha_{y2} &= 1/(62,000 \cdot \exp{(V_{\text{m}}/10.1)} + 30 \cdot \exp{(V_{\text{m}}/3000)}) \\ \beta_{y2} &= 1/(0.0006 \cdot \exp{(-V_{\text{m}}/6.7)} + 1.2 \cdot \exp{(-V_{\text{m}}/25)}) \end{split}$$

The rate of ATP consumption by Na<sup>+</sup> pump was calculated based on its stoichiometry;  $3\text{Na}^+:2\,\text{K}^+:1\text{ATP}$  (Table 5). Data of ATP dependence of the Na<sup>+</sup> pump was taken from Collins et al. (1992, circles in Fig. 4A). The parameters were determined by fitting the data to our Na<sup>+</sup> pump model (solid curve in Fig. 4A). In this fitting, membrane potential (0 mV), extracellular

# Table 7 Outward currents

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I_{\rm K1}
             I_{K1} = G_{K1} \cdot (V_m - E_K) \cdot (f_O^4 + 4 \cdot 2/3 \cdot f_O^3 \cdot f_B + 6 \cdot 1/3 \cdot f_O^2 \cdot f_B^2) \cdot y
             G_{K1} = 151.5 \cdot ([K]_{\circ}/5.4)^{0.4}
             \alpha_y = 1/(8000 \cdot \exp((V_m - E_K - 97)/8.5) + 7 \cdot \exp((V_m - E_K - 97)/300))
             \hat{\beta}_{v} = 1/(0.00014 \cdot \exp(-(V_{\rm m} - E_{\rm K} - 97)/9.1) + 0.2 \cdot \exp(-(V_{\rm m} - E_{\rm K} - 97)/500))
                                       3\mu
                                                              \xrightarrow{2\mu}
             O \longleftarrow_{\lambda} B_1 \longleftarrow_{2\lambda} B_2 \longleftarrow_{3\lambda} B_3 \longleftarrow_{4\lambda} B_4
             \mu = 0.75 \cdot \exp(0.035 \cdot (V_{\rm m} - E_{\rm K} - 10))/(1 + \exp(0.015 \cdot (V_{\rm m} - E_{\rm K} - 140)))
             \lambda = 3 \cdot \exp(-0.048 \cdot (V_{\rm m} - E_{\rm K} - 10)) \cdot (1 + \exp(0.064 \cdot (V_{\rm m} - E_{\rm K} - 38)))
                         /(1 + \text{Exp}(0.03 \cdot (V_{\text{m}} - E_{\text{K}} - 70)))
            f_B = \mu/(\mu + \lambda)
            f_O = \lambda/(\mu + \lambda)
I_{\mathrm{Kr}}
             I_{Kr} = G_{Kr} \cdot C_{m} \cdot (V_{m} - E_{K}) \cdot (0.6 \cdot y_{1} + 0.4 \cdot y_{2}) \cdot y_{3}
             G_{Kr} = 0.00864 \cdot ([K]_{o}/5.4)^{0.2}
             \alpha_{v1} = 1/(20 \cdot \exp(-V_{\rm m}/11.5) + 5 \cdot \exp(-V_{\rm m}/300))
             \beta_{v1} = 1/(160 \cdot \exp{(V_{\rm m}/28)} + 200 \cdot \exp{(V_{\rm m}/1000)}) + 1/(2500 \cdot \exp{(V_{\rm m}/20)})
             \alpha_{v2} = 1/(200 \cdot \exp(-V_{\rm m}/13) + 20 \cdot \exp(-V_{\rm m}/300))
             \beta_{y2} = 1/(1600 \cdot \exp{(V_{\rm m}/28)} + 2000 \cdot \exp{(V_{\rm m}/1000)}) + 1/(10000 \cdot \exp{(V_{\rm m}/20)})
             \alpha_{v3} = 1/(10 \cdot \exp(V_{\rm m}/17) + 2.5 \cdot \exp(V_{\rm m}/300))
             \beta_{v3} = 1/(0.35 \cdot \exp(-V_{\rm m}/17) + 2 \cdot \exp(-V_{\rm m}/150))
I_{Ks}
             I_{Ks} = I_{Ks}K + I_{Ks}Na
             I_{Ks}K = 5.04 \cdot CF_K \cdot y_1^2 \cdot (0.9 \cdot y_2 + 0.1)
             I_{Ks}Na = 0.2016 \cdot CF_{Na} \cdot y_1^2 \cdot (0.9 \cdot y_2 + 0.1)
             \alpha_{v1} = 1/(85 \cdot \exp(-V_{\rm m}/10.5) + 370 \cdot \exp(-V_{\rm m}/62))
             \beta_{v1} = 1/(1450 \cdot \exp{(V_{\rm m}/20)} + 260 \cdot \exp{(V_{\rm m}/100)})
             \alpha_{v2} = 3.7 \cdot [Ca^{2+}]_i
             \beta_{v2} = 0.004444
I_{\text{to}}
             I_{\text{to}} = I_{\text{to}}K + I_{\text{to}}Na
             I_{\text{to}}\mathbf{K} = 0.033 \cdot \mathbf{CF}_{\mathbf{K}} \cdot y_1^3 \cdot y_2
             I_{to} Na = 0.00297 \cdot CF_{Na} \cdot v_1^3 \cdot v_2
             \alpha_{v1} = 1/(11 \cdot \exp(-V_{\rm m}/28) + 0.2 \cdot \exp(-V_{\rm m}/400))
             \beta_{v1} = 1/(4.4 \cdot \exp(V_{\rm m}/16) + 0.2 \cdot \exp(V_{\rm m}/500))
             \alpha_{v2} = 0.0038 \cdot \exp(-(V_{\rm m} + 13.5)/11.3)/(1 + 0.051335 \cdot \exp(-(V_{\rm m} + 13.5)/11.3))
             \beta_{v2} = 0.0038 \cdot \exp((V_{\rm m} + 13.5)/11.3)/(1 + 0.067083 \cdot \exp((V_{\rm m} + 13.5)/11.3))
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 $Na^+$  (0 mM) and  $K^+$  (5 mM), and the intracellular  $Na^+$  (100 mM) and  $K^+$  (0 mM) were set equal to the original experiment. A similar approach was used for sarcoplasmic reticulum  $Ca^{2+}$  pump. The stoichiometry of the  $Ca^{2+}$  pump was assumed to be  $2Ca^{2+}$ :1ATP.

Table 8
Background currents

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I_{\rm bNSC}
                I_{\text{bNSC}} = I_{\text{bNSC}} \text{Na} + I_{\text{bNSC}} \text{K}
                I_{\text{bNSC}}Na = P_{\text{bNSC}} \cdot \text{CF}_{\text{Na}}
                I_{\text{bNSC}}K = 0.4 \cdot P_{\text{bNSC}} \cdot \text{CF}_{K}
                P_{\rm bNSC} = 0.385
I_{\mathrm{Kpl}}
                I_{\rm Kpl} = P_{\rm Kpl} \cdot {\rm CF_K} \cdot (V_{\rm m} + 3)/(1 - \exp(-(V_{\rm m} + 3)/13))
                P_{\text{Kpl}} = 0.00011 \cdot ([K]_{0}/5.4)^{0.16}
I_{l(Ca)}
                I_{l(Ca)} = I_{l(Ca)}K + I_{l(Ca)}Na
                I_{l(Ca)}K = P_{l(Ca)} \cdot CF_K \cdot p(open)
                I_{l(Ca)}Na = P_{l(Ca)} \cdot CF_{Na} \cdot p(open)
                P_{l(Ca)} = 0.11
                p(\text{open}) = \frac{1}{1 + \left(\frac{0.0012}{\text{ICa}^{2+}\text{I}}\right)}
I_{\mathrm{KATP}}
              I_{\text{KATP}} = N \cdot \gamma \cdot (V_{\text{m}} - E_{\text{K}}) \cdot p(\text{open})
                N = 2333
              \gamma = 0.0236 \cdot [K^+]_o^{0.24}
               p(\text{open}) = \frac{0.8}{1 + \left(\frac{[\text{ATP}]_i}{0.1}\right)}
I_{Cab}
                I_{\text{Cab}} = P_{\text{Cab}} \cdot \text{CF}_{\text{Ca}}
                P_{\rm Cab} = 0.04
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# 2.4. ATP consumption system: Contraction

We adopted a four-state model of contraction by Negroni and Lascano (1996) to simulate cardiac cell contraction (Table 11). Since ATP binding to a myosin head detaches the cross-bridge formation between myosin and actin, we assumed that all transition steps from cross-bridge-formed states ( $[T^*]$  and  $[TCa^*]$ ) to cross-bridge-released states ([T] and [TCa]) are ATP-dependent.

Data of ATP dependences of cardiac muscle were taken from Mekhfi and Ventura-Clapier (1988; skinned ventricular fibers). Parameters were determined by fitting the data (circles) to the modified Negroni and Lascano model (a solid curve) as shown at the left panel of Fig. 4B. Rate of ATP consumption by contraction (dATP<sub>contraction</sub>) was assumed to be proportional to the concentration of [TCa\*] state (Table 5).

Similarly, inhibition of contraction by inorganic phosphate (PI) was incorporated by modifying the  $\alpha 2$  step. As shown at the right panel of Fig. 4B, the experimental data

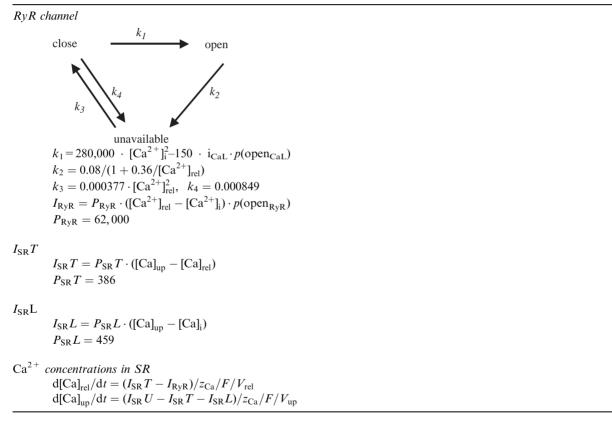
Table 9 Exchanger and pumps

$$\begin{array}{c} Na^{+}/Ca^{2^{+}} \ Exchange \\ E_{2}Na & \stackrel{KmNao}{\longleftarrow} E_{2} & \stackrel{KmCoo}{\longleftarrow} E_{2}Ca & (1-y) \\ k_{1} \uparrow \downarrow k_{2} & k_{3} \uparrow \downarrow k_{4} & \beta \uparrow \downarrow \alpha \\ E_{1}Na & \stackrel{KmNai}{\longleftarrow} E_{1} & \stackrel{KmCoi}{\longleftarrow} E_{1}Ca & y \\ K_{mNao} = 87.5, & K_{mCao} = 1.38, & K_{mNai} = 8.75, & K_{mCai} = 0.00138 (mM) \\ k_{1} = \exp(0.32 \cdot F \cdot V_{m}/R/T), & k_{2} = \exp((0.32 - 1) \cdot F \cdot V_{m}/R/T), & k_{3} = 1, & k_{4} = 1 \\ p(E_{1}Na) = 1/(1 + (K_{mNai}/[Na]_{i})^{3} \cdot (1 + [Ca]_{i}/K_{mCai})) \\ p(E_{2}Na) = 1/(1 + (K_{mNai}/[Na]_{i})^{3} \cdot (1 + [Ca]_{i}/K_{mCai})) \\ p(E_{2}Ca) = 1/(1 + (K_{mCai}/[Ca]_{i} \cdot (1 + ([Na]_{i}/K_{mNai})^{2}))) \\ p(E_{2}Ca) = 1/(1 + (K_{mCai}/[Ca]_{i} \cdot (1 + ([Na]_{i}/K_{mNai})^{2}))) \\ p(E_{2}Ca) = 1/(1 + (K_{mCai}/[Ca]_{i} \cdot (1 + ([Na]_{i}/K_{mNai})^{2}))) \\ In the reduced two-state model, & I_{NaCa} = 6.81 \cdot C_{m} \cdot (k_{1} \cdot p(E_{1}Na) \cdot y - k_{2} \cdot p(E_{2}Na) \cdot (1 - y)) \\ \alpha_{y} = k_{2} \cdot p(E_{2}Na) + k_{3} \cdot p(E_{2}Ca) \\ \beta_{y} = k_{1} \cdot p(E_{1}Na) + k_{3} \cdot p(E_{2}Ca) \\ \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} K_{mNai} \rightarrow K$$

#### Table 9 (continued)

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\begin{split} p(E_2) &= 1 - p(E_2 \text{Ca}) \\ \text{In the reduced two-state model} \\ I_{\text{SR}} \text{U} &= I_{\text{max}} \cdot (k_2 \cdot p(E_2 \text{Ca}) \cdot (1 - y) - k_1 \cdot p(E_1 \text{Ca}) \cdot y) \\ I_{\text{max}} &= 162,500 \\ \alpha_y &= k_2 \cdot p(E_2 \text{Ca}) + k_4 \cdot p(E_2) \\ \beta_y &= k_1 \cdot p(E_1 \text{Ca}) + k_3 \cdot p(E_1) \end{split}
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Table 10 RyR and SR Ca<sup>2+</sup> kinetics



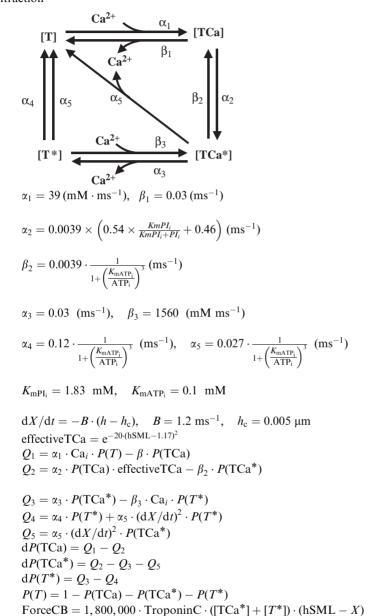
(Mekhfi and Ventura-Clapier, 1988) of skinned ventricular fibers were well fitted by the modified Negroni and Lascano model.

2.5. ATP sensitive systems: L-type  $Ca^{2+}$  channel and ATP-sensitive  $K^{+}$  channel

The ATP dependences of L-type  $Ca^{2+}$  channel ( $p(open_{CaL})$  in Table 6) and ATP-sensitive K<sup>+</sup> channel (p(open) in Table 8) were formulated as described in Matsuoka et al. (2003).

Table 11 Contraction

#### Contraction



ForceEcomp =  $140,000 \cdot (0.97 - hSML)^5 + 200 \cdot (0.97 - hSML)$ 

#### Table 12 Mitochondria

$$v_{\text{DH}} = 15 \times 0.0004679 \frac{100}{(1 + \text{NadD/NADH})^{3/3}}$$

$$v_{\text{C1}} = 15 \times 0.0000039825 \cdot \Delta G_{\text{C1}}$$

$$v_{\text{C3}} = 15 \times 0.0000022735 \cdot \Delta G_{\text{C3}}$$

$$v_{\text{C4}} = 15 \times 0.00057193 \cdot \frac{7-1}{7+1}, \quad \gamma = 10^{\Delta G_{\text{DN}}/2\text{cet}}$$

$$v_{\text{EX}} = 15 \times 0.000909533 \cdot \left(\frac{\Delta DP_{\text{max}}}{\Delta DP_{\text{max}} + \Delta TP_{\text{min}}} - \frac{\Delta DP_{\text{max}}}{\Delta DP_{\text{max}} + \Delta TP_{\text{min}} + DP_{\text{min}}}\right) \left(\frac{1 + 0.0035/\text{ADP}_{\text{min}}}{1 + 0.0035/\text{ADP}_{\text{min}}}\right)$$

$$v_{\text{P1}} = 15 \times 1.1570167 \cdot (P_{\text{I}_{1}} \cdot H_{1} - P_{\text{Ipmin}} \cdot H_{\text{min}})$$

$$P_{\text{I}_{1}} = P_{\text{Itotal, I}}/(1 + 10^{\text{P1}_{1}} - \delta.8), P_{\text{Ipmin}} \cdot P_{\text{min}}$$

$$P_{\text{I}_{2}} = 15 \times 0.0000000416667 \cdot (e^{0.038} \Delta P - 1)$$

Differential equations
$$dN\Delta DH_{\text{min}} = (v_{\text{D1}} - v_{\text{C1}})/R_{\text{mc}}/S$$

$$dUQH2_{\text{min}} = (v_{\text{C1}} - v_{\text{C3}})/R_{\text{mc}}$$

$$dP_{\text{c1}} = (v_{\text{C3}} - 2 \cdot v_{\text{C4}}) \cdot 2/R_{\text{mc}}$$

$$dP_{\text{min}} = -2 \cdot (2 + 2 \cdot u) \cdot v_{\text{C4}} + (4 - 2 \cdot u) \cdot v_{\text{C3}} + 4 \cdot v_{\text{C1}} - 2.5 \cdot v_{\text{SN}} - u \cdot v_{\text{EX}}$$

$$-(1 - u) \cdot v_{\text{P1}} - v_{\text{EN}})/R_{\text{mc}}$$

$$dATP_{\text{totalmin}} = (v_{\text{EN}} - v_{\text{EN}})/R_{\text{mc}}$$

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$$dP_{\text{total,min}} = A_{\text{total,min}} - A_{\text{TP}} + A_{\text{total,min}} = 16.26 \text{ (mM)}$$

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$$ATP_{\text{total,min}} = A_{\text{Total,min}} - A_{\text{TP}} + A_{\text{total,min}} + A_{\text{Total,min}} = 0.38 \text{ (mM)}$$

$$ATP_{\text{total,min}} = A_{\text{Total,min}$$

 $\Delta G_{\rm C1} = E_{\rm mU} - E_{\rm mN} - \Delta p \times 4/2$ 

#### Table 12 (continued)

$$\begin{split} &\Delta G_{\text{C3}} = E_{\text{mc}} - E_{\text{mU}} - \Delta p \times (4 - 2u)/2 \\ &E_{\text{mN}} = E_{\text{mN0}} + \text{Zett}/2 \times \log \left( \text{NAD}^+/\text{NADH} \right), \quad E_{\text{mN0}} = -320 \quad \text{(mV)} \\ &E_{\text{mU}} = E_{\text{mU0}} + \text{Zett}/2 \times \log \left( \text{UQ/UQH}_2 \right), \quad E_{\text{mU0}} = 85 \quad \text{(mV)} \\ &E_{\text{mc}} = E_{\text{mc0}} + \text{Zett} \times \log \left( c^{3+}/c^{2+} \right), \quad E_{\text{mc0}} = 250 \quad \text{(mV)} \\ &E_{\text{ma}} = E_{\text{mc}} + \Delta p \times (2 + 2u)/2 \\ &A_{3/2} = 10^{(E_{\text{ma}} - E_{\text{ma0}})/\text{Zett}}, \quad E_{\text{ma0}} = 540 \quad \text{mV} \\ &a^{2+} = a_{\text{t}}/(1 + A_{3/2}), \quad a^{3+} = a_{\text{t}} - a^{2+}, \quad a_{\text{t}} = 0.135 \quad \text{mM} \end{split}$$

Table 13 Initial values

Parameter	s	Initial values	Parameters		Initial values
$\overline{V_{ m m}}$		-85.766	$I_{\mathrm{SR}}U$		
$I_{\mathrm{Na}}$				y	0.4530
	RP	0.3553	Contraction		
	AP	$1.746 \times 10^{-5}$		TCa	0.02497
	AI	0.4060		TCa*	0.001397
	y	0.5953		$T^*$	0.0002967
$I_{\mathrm{CaL}}$				X	0.005011
	RP	0.9970		L	0.9647
	AP	$1.574 \times 10^{-6}$	Cytosol		
	AI	0.0008623		$\mathrm{CMDN}_{\mathrm{free}}$	0.04962
	C	0.4298		$[K^+]_i$	141.9
	U	0.1744		$[Na^{\frac{1}{r}}]_i$	4.901
	UCa	0.00006016		[Cai] <sub>i</sub>	$18.25 \times 10^{-6}$
	y	0.9986		$ATP_{total,i}$	6.966
$I_{\mathrm{CaT}}$	•			$ADP_{total,i}$	0.03361
	$y_1$	$1.7468 \times 10^{-5}$		$AMP_i$	$1.3737 \times 10^{-3}$
	$y_2$	0.8552		$PI_i$	2.5934
$I_{\mathrm{K}1}$				Creatine	13.6433
	y	0.6081		PhosphoCreatine	11.3567
$I_{\mathrm{Kr}}$	-			рНі	7.0 (fixed)
	$y_1$	0.001776	SR		
	$y_2$	0.2006		$CSQN_{free}$	2.6985
	<i>y</i> <sub>3</sub>	0.9675		Ca <sub>SR rel</sub>	9.4662
$I_{\mathrm{Ks}}$				Ca <sub>SR up</sub>	2.6106
	$y_1$	0.09331	Mitochondria		
	$y_2$	0.09577		$c^{2+}$	0.05107
$I_{ m to}$				$O_2$	0.24
	$y_1$	0.0008022		UQH2	1.0528
	$y_2$	0.9999		NADH	0.7135
RyR				$pH_{mit}$	7.4140
•	Close	0.1939		PI <sub>mit</sub>	8.5753
	Open	0.0003470		ATP <sub>total,mit</sub>	7.0934
$I_{ m NaCa}$	•			ADP <sub>total,mit</sub>	9.1671
	y	0.9892		to tanjame	
$I_{ m NaK}$	•				
. 1411	y	0.5897			

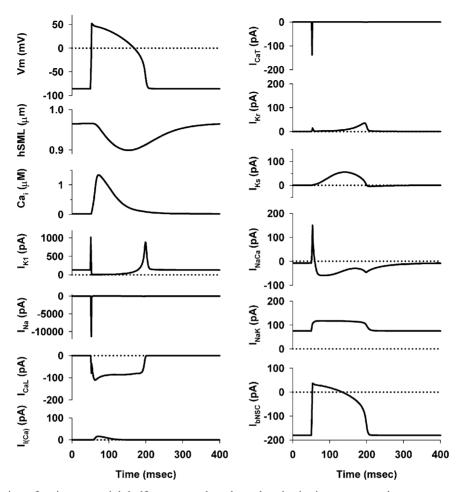


Fig. 1. Simulation of action potential, half sarcomere length, and major ionic currents and transporters. The model cell was stimulated at 2.5 Hz. The simulation results at steady state are shown.

#### 3. Results

### 3.1. Steady-state concentrations of major metabolites

All the variables of this model, including the membrane potential, cytoplasmic ATP concentration, contraction, and ion concentrations in sarcoplasmic reticulum, mitochondria and cytoplasm, could reach steady state. Table 14 compares concentrations of major metabolites at the steady state. The myocyte was stimulated to induce action potential and contraction at 2.5 Hz. The steady-state concentrations of the metabolites are close to the experimental data (Kashiwaya et al., 1994; Dos Santos et al., 2000; Scott et al., 1994). These results suggest that our model is relevant for examining the response of cardiac myocyte to various interventions.

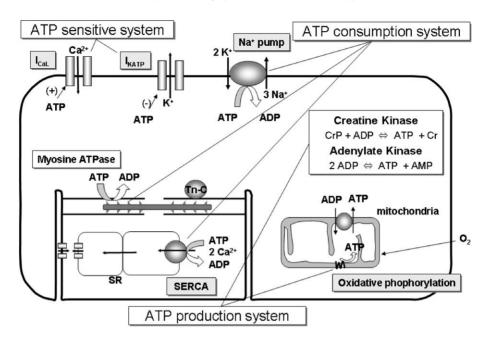


Fig. 2. Overview of ATP network in simulation. Abbreviations: sarcoplasmic reticulum (SR), sarcoplasmic reticulum Ca<sup>2+</sup> pump (SERCA), and troponin C (Tn-C).

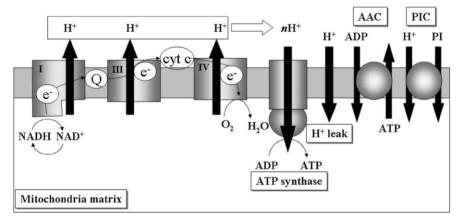


Fig. 3. Scheme of mitochondrial oxidative phosphorylation. This scheme illustrates a model of oxidative phosphorylation in mammalian skeletal muscle (Korzeniewski and Zoladz, 2001). Abbreviations: complex I (I), complex III (III), complex IV (IV), ubiquinone (Q), cytochrome c (cyt C), ATP/ADP exchanger (AAC), and proton–inorganic phosphate cotransporter (PIC).

### 3.2. Fig. 6. Simulation of anoxia

We tested the response of model to anoxia in Fig. 5. The myocyte was stimulated at 2.5 Hz, and the oxygen was completely depleted at time 0. The cessation of oxygen supply stopped the electron transport chain at complex IV, resulting in the depression of ATP synthesis via the decrease in the pH gradient across the inner membrane. However, as demonstrated in Fig. 5A, the intracellular

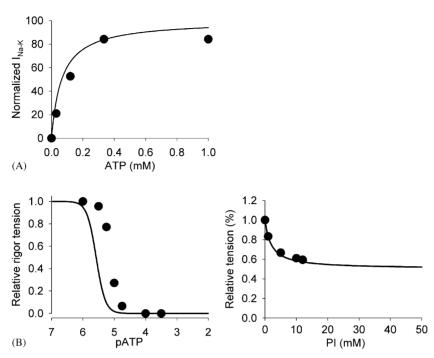


Fig. 4. Data fitting to the models of Na $^+$  pump and contraction. A. ATP dependence of Na $^+$  pump model. ATP dependence of the model (solid curve) and experimental data (circles, Collins et al., 1992) are plotted. B. ATP dependence of contraction (developed tension, right panel). Simulation conditions are  $Ca_i^{2^+} = 1 \text{ nM}$  and PI = 0 mM. Inorganic phosphate dependence of contraction (left panel).  $Ca_i^{2^+} = 1 \text{ \mu M}$  and PI = 0 mM. Data (circles) are from Mekhfi and Ventura-Clapier (1988).

Table 14 Steady-state concentrations of major metabolites

	Rat heart Kashiwaya et al. (1994)	Rat heart Santos et al. (2000)	Glucose perfused rat heart Scott et al. (1994)	Kyoto model
PhosphoCreatine (mM)	7.1	16.7		11.4
Creatine (mM)	13.7	11.7		13.6
Inorganic Phosphate (mM)	4.88	3.7		2.6
ATP (mM)		11.8		6.97
ADP (mM)		0.055		0.0336
ATP/ADP	166	214.5		207
Mitochondria NADH/NAD			0.26	0.32

ATP concentration decreased only after a long delay. This preservation of intracellular ATP concentration at the early stage of anoxia is due to ATP production mainly by creatine kinase. It is evident that the ATP concentration decreases only after the phosphocreatine buffer is largely depleted. These results are in good agreement with P-31 NMR measurement of ischemic heart

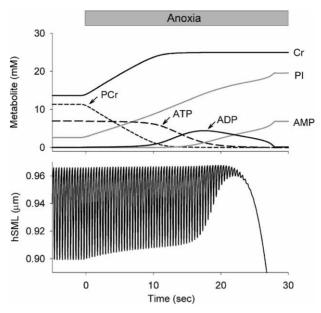


Fig. 5. Simulation of anoxia. Responses of creatine (Cr), phosphocreatine (PCr), ATP, ADP and AMP to anoxia are shown (upper panel). The lower panel shows half sarcomere length.

(Kay et al., 1997). It should be noted that the initial attenuation of contraction is mainly due to accumulation of inorganic phosphate in this model. The ATP-free rigor occurred about 20 s after the start of anoxia.

#### 4. Discussion

In the previous studies (Matsuoka et al., 2003; Sarai et al., 2003), we combined, for the first time, our membrane excitation model with the contraction model (Negroni and Lascano, 1996) and demonstrated that the Kyoto model can simulate many of the important aspects of excitation-contraction coupling of ventricular myocytes. We described here further expansion of the Kyoto model by implementing the ATP metabolism. With regard to the ATP production, we modeled a minimum number of important factors of the ATP-related metabolisms, including mitochondrial oxidative phosphorylation, creatine kinase and adenylate kinase. In consequence, the pattern of changes in the ATP-related substances during anoxia (Fig. 5) is consistent with P-31 NMR measurement of ischemic heart (Kay et al., 1997). The model demonstrated that the initial attenuation of developed tension is mainly due to the increase in inorganic phosphate. The time course of changes during the anoxic intervention is much faster in our simulation than that in the experimental data by Kay et al. (1997). This is probably because the perfusate could not be rapidly changed in the experiment and the removal of oxygen from the whole heart could not be perfect, while in the simulation the oxygen concentration was changed to zero instantaneously. In fact, the response of dissociated cardiac myocyte to anoxia was quite quick when the anoxic perfusion was performed using a special experimental setup (Benndorf et al., 1992).

The present model can well explain the respiratory control theory (Chance and Williams, 1956; Harris and Das, 1991), which asserts that the availability of ADP to ATP synthesis is the limiting factor for mitochondrial ATP production. In the present Kyoto model, mitochondria NADH decreases, if cell workload is increased by increasing the cell pacing rate (result not shown). This is consistent with the respiratory control theory. However, in our preliminary measurement of NADH autofluorescence of single guinea-pig ventricular cells, NADH fluorescence first decreased and then increased as observed in rat trabeculae (Brandes and Bers, 2002). The discrepancy between our simulation and the experimental data may suggest the existence of other mechanisms that regulate mitochondria NADH production. Recently, it was reported that inorganic phosphate (Bose et al., 2003) and Ca<sup>2+</sup> (Brandes and Bers, 2002) control the mitochondrial ATP production. This working hypothesis of additional regulating mechanisms provided from the Kyoto model must be studied further by experiments and also by computer simulations.

Some of the modules in the Kyoto model should be further improved in the future. In the Korzeniewski model (Korzeniewski and Zoladz, 2001), NADH production by the TCA cycle is expressed by a simple equation. The whole TCA cycle should be substituted for the simple equation. Recently Cortassa et al. (2003) published a mitochondria model that includes the whole TCA cycle, mitochondria Ca<sup>2+</sup> regulation and simplified oxidative phosphorylation. However, this model is not yet incorporated into a cardiac excitation–contraction model. Secondly, the glycolysis pathway and also fatty acid pathway should be incorporated to make the model cell dependent on extracellular nutrition. Finally, it should be important to model the intracellular pH regulation, because intracellular pH changes during ischemia or anoxia is associated with many metabolic reactions. The present Kyoto model will serve as a prototype for developing a more comprehensive model of excitation–contraction–metabolism coupling.

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