

Standardization of Anatomy Parts and Wholes – From Function to Location

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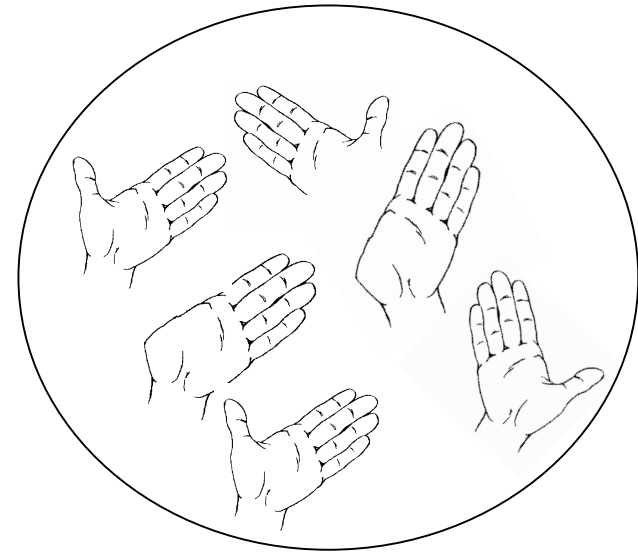
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Part-of between individuals and universals



Hungary *part-of* Europe myThumb *part-of* myHand

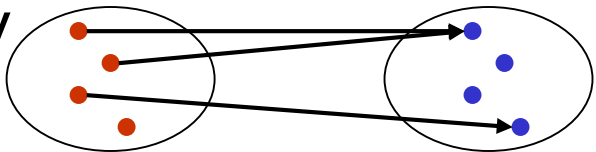
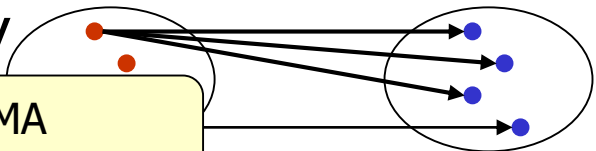
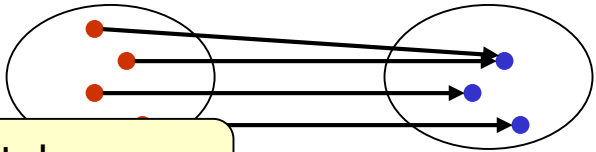
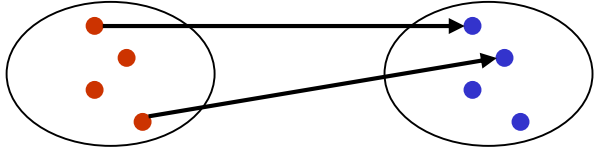


Thumb *part-of* Hand

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Class-level Part-Of : Different Interpretations, Different Names

■ $Part\text{-}For(A, B) =_{def^*}$
 $\forall x: inst\text{-}of(x, A) \rightarrow \exists y: inst\text{-}of(y, B) \wedge part\text{-}of(x, y)$

■ $Has\text{-}Part(B, A) =_{def^*}$
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■ $Part\text{-}Of(A, B) =_{def^*} \overline{Part\text{-}For(A, B)} \wedge \overline{Has\text{-}Part(B, A)}$

■ $Possible\text{-}Part(A, B) =_{def}$
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**cf. Smith & Rosse, MEDINFO 2004*

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Algebraic Properties: *Part-Of / Has-Part vs. part-of / has-part*

■ Instance level :

$part-of(a, b), part-of(b, c) \rightarrow part-of(a, c)$ **Transitivity ?**
 $part-of(a, b) \rightarrow \neg part-of(b, a)$ **Asymmetry**
 $part-of(a, b) \rightarrow a \neq b$ **Irreflexivity ?**
 $part-of(a, b) \rightarrow has-part(b, a)$ **Inverse Relation**

■ Class level*:

$Part-For(A, B), Part-For(B, C) \rightarrow Part-For(A, C)$
 $Part-For(A, B) \rightarrow \neg Part-For(B, A)$
 $Part-For(A, B) \rightarrow \neg Is-A(A, B)$ **?**
 $Part-For(B, A)$ does not necessarily imply $Has-Part(A, B)$
 $Possible-Part(B, A)$ implies $Has-Possible-Part(A, B)$
(...)

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Different notions of part-of

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 - Compositional
 - Functional
 - Topological
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Parts as Components

Parts “build”
the whole

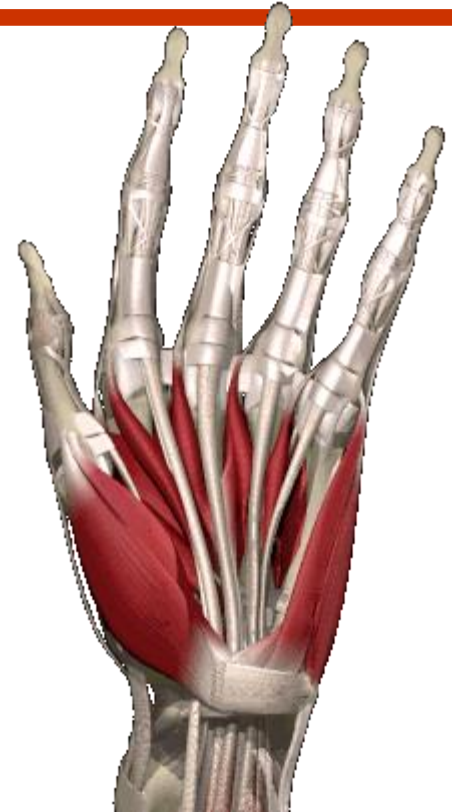
part-of (Finger, Hand)

part-of (Bone Marrow, Bone)

part-of (Sodium Ion, Cytoplasm) ?

part-of (Sarcomer, Muscle)

part-of (Heart, Human Body)



“Intuitive” notion of part. Controversial

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Parts as Functional Components

Part contributes to the function of the whole

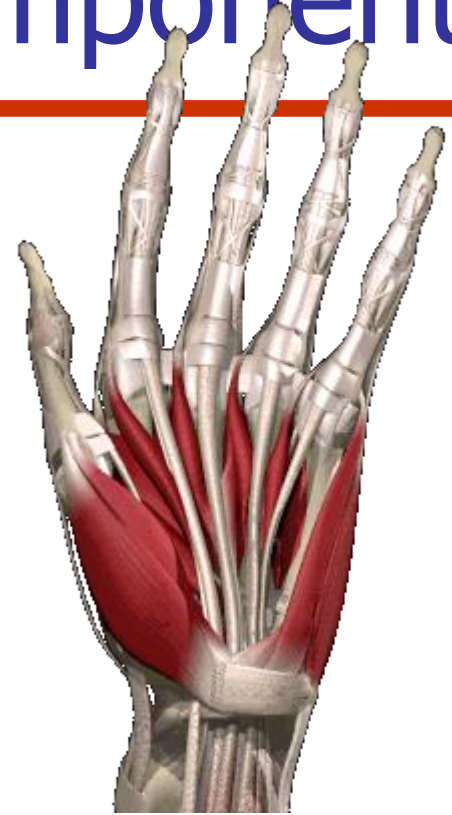
part-of (Finger, Hand)

part-of (Lymph Node, Lymphatic System)

part-of (Cell Nucleus, Cell)

part-of (Tendon, Muscle)

part-of (Tooth, Jaw)



More restricted, may conflict with notions of connection

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no clear distinction !

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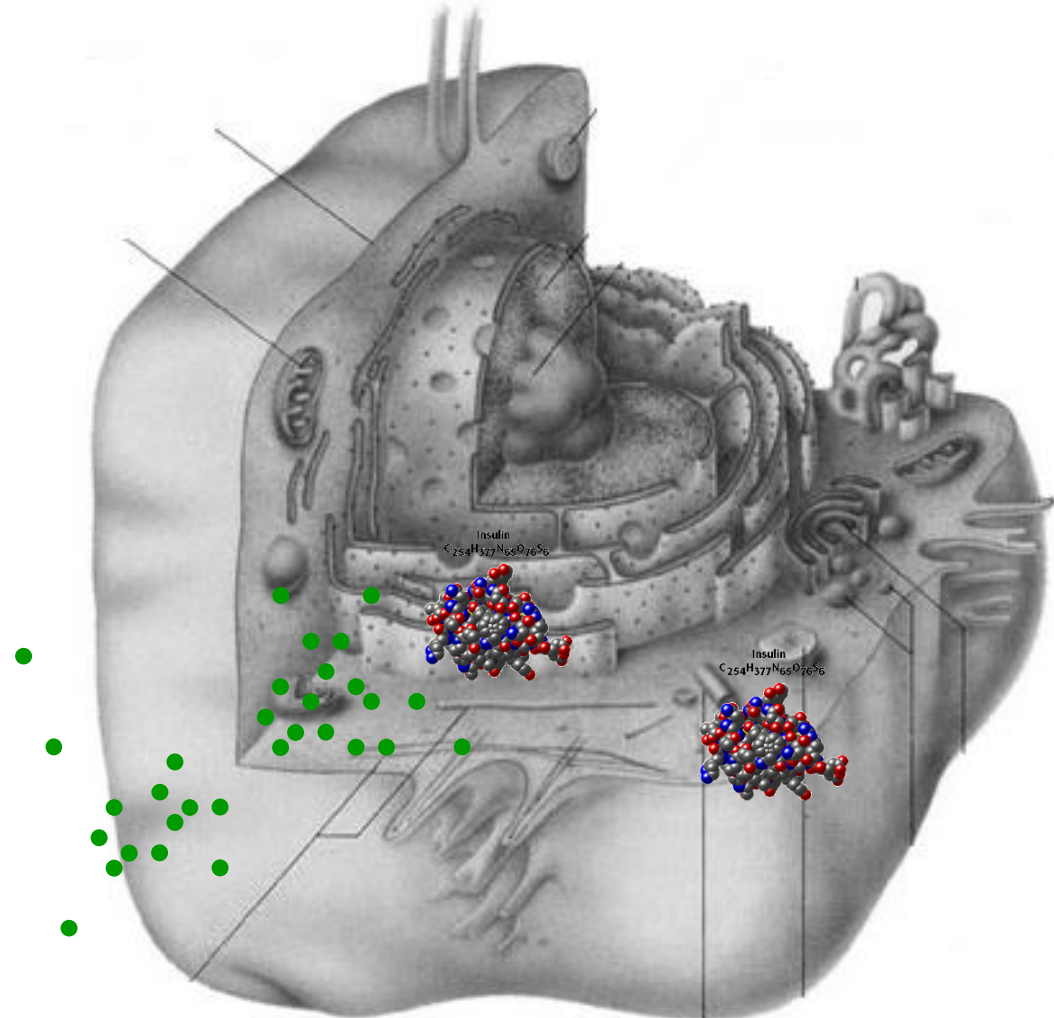
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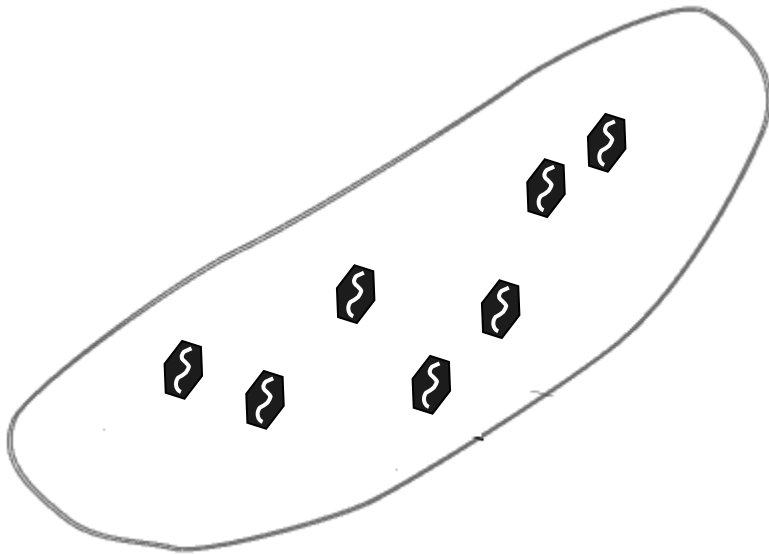
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Continuous exchange of matter

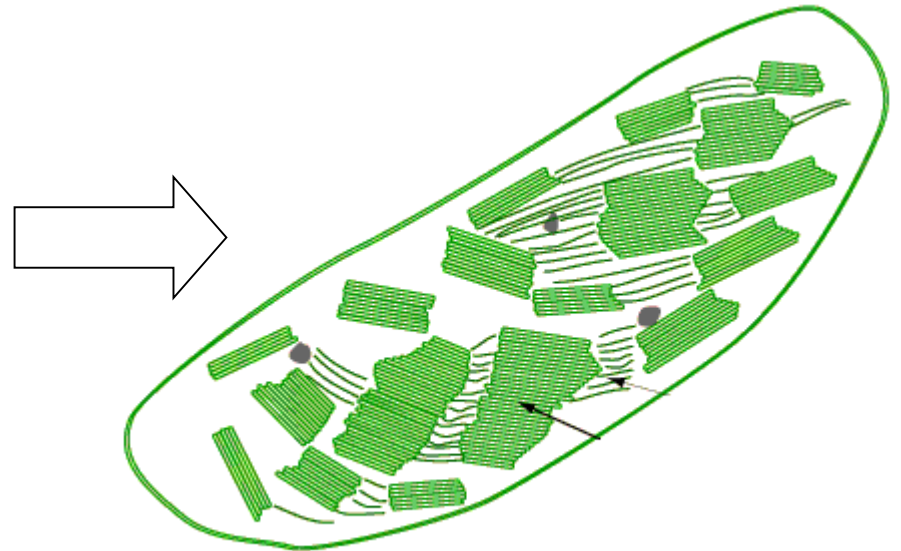


Endosymbiont Hypothesis

2.5 billion years ago:
Primitive cell with
bacterium-like symbionts

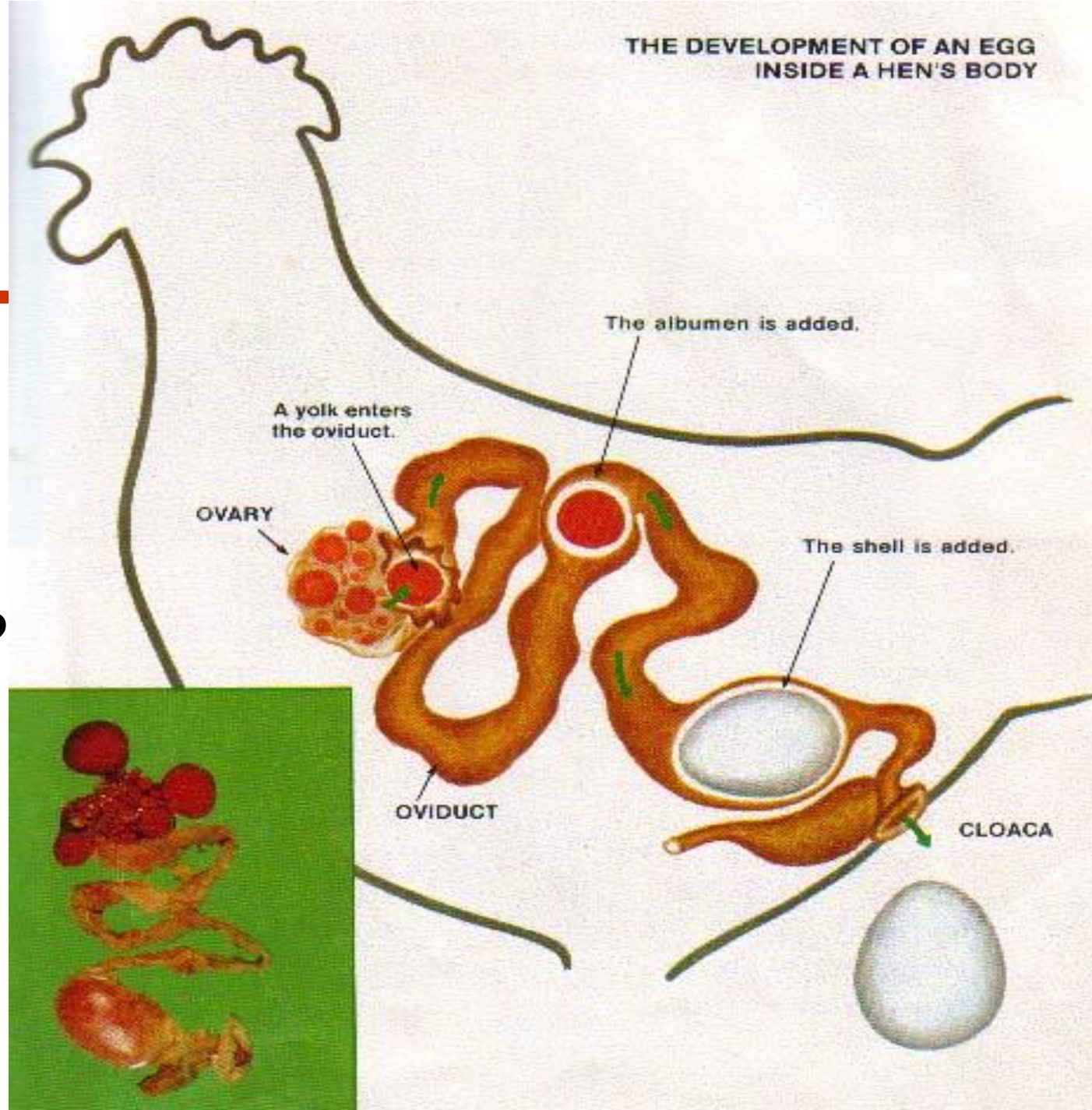


Today:
Chloroplasts (Plants)
Mitochondria



Are the organelles part of the cell

THE DEVELOPMENT OF AN EGG
INSIDE A HEN'S BODY



■ Which eggs are part of the body ?



Topological parts

Located within the boundaries
of an object

part-of (Mitochondrion, Cell)

part-of (Brain, Head)

part-of (Brain, Cranial Cavity) ?

part-of (Ovum, Oviduct) ?

part-of (Finger, Hand)

part-of (Amount of Blood, Right Ventricle) ?

has-location instead of *part-of* ?

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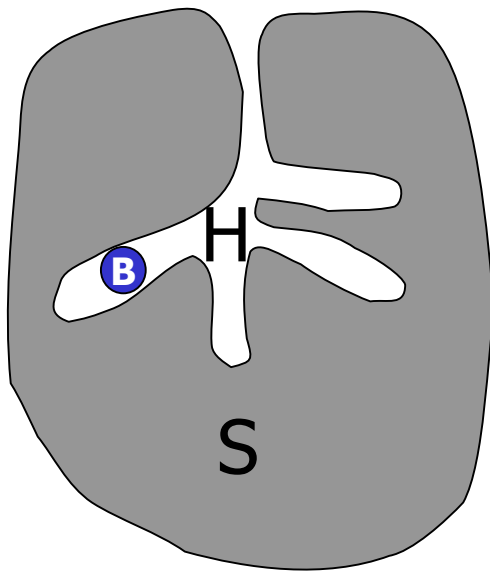
has-location (Finger, Hand)

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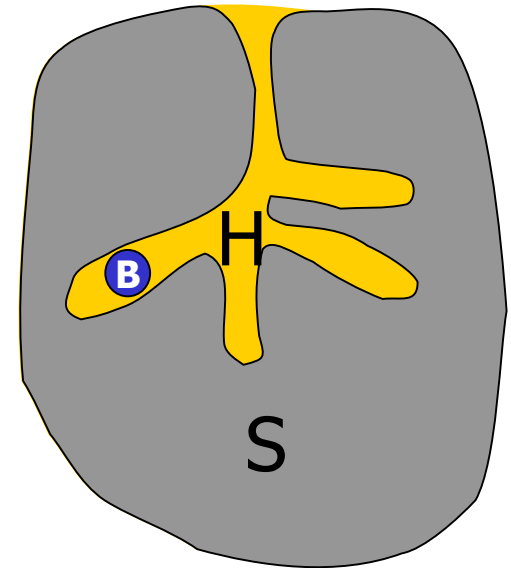
has-location as a mereotopological primitive ?

Topological parts

How to deal with hollow spaces ?



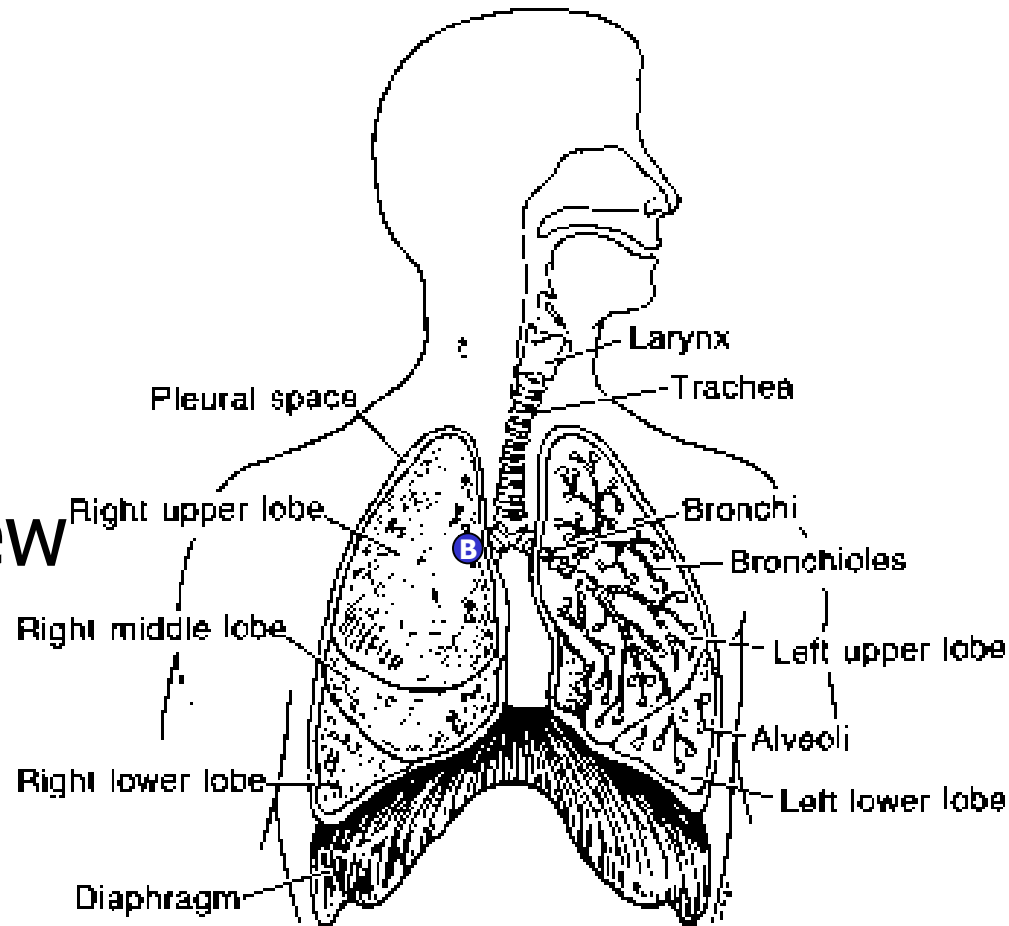
H is part of E, hence B is located **outside** of S



H is part of S, hence B is located **inside** of S

Example

- Inside or outside ?
- Example: Bronchi
A foreign body in a bronchus is in the lung
- Strict topological view conflicts with shared conceptualization



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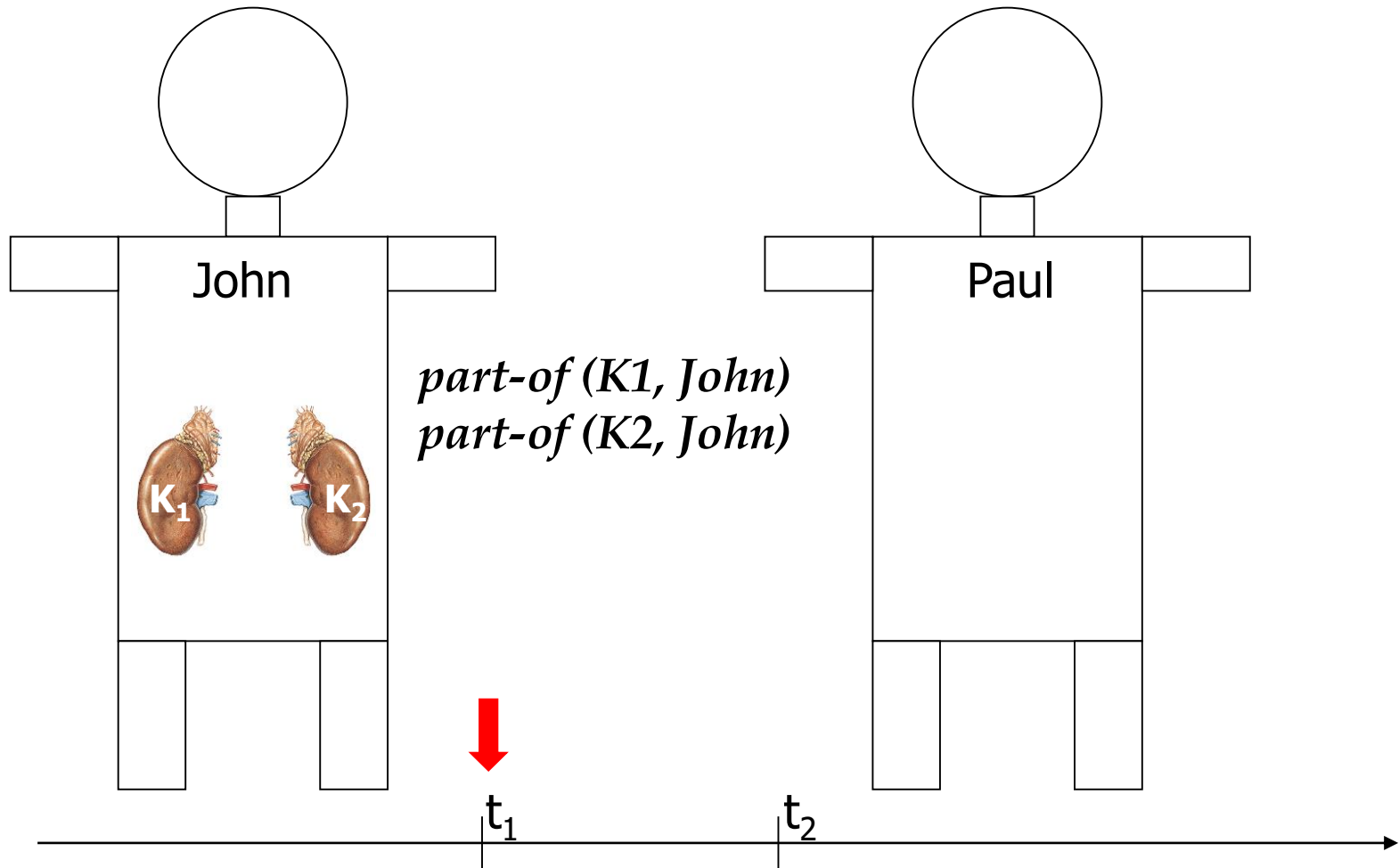
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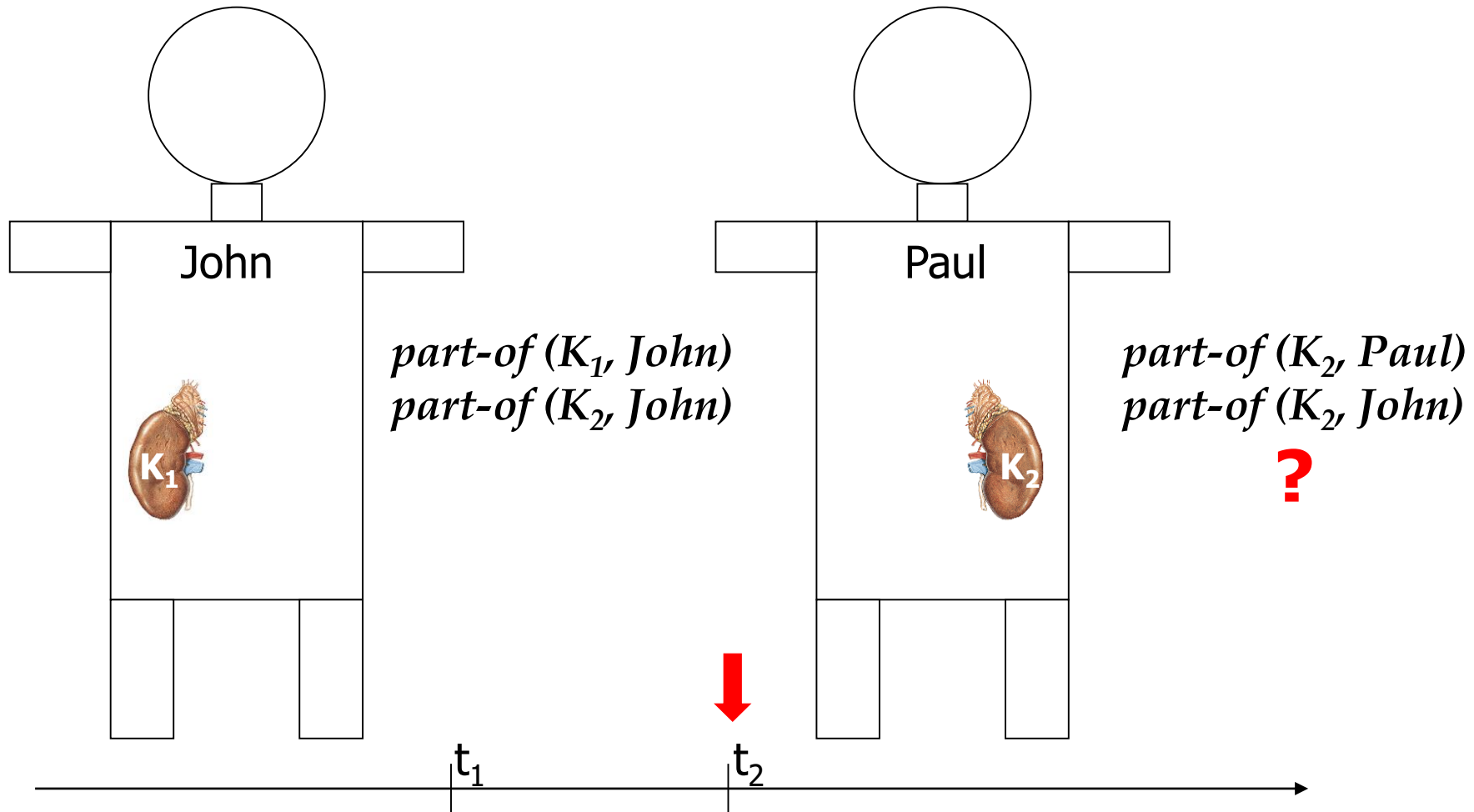
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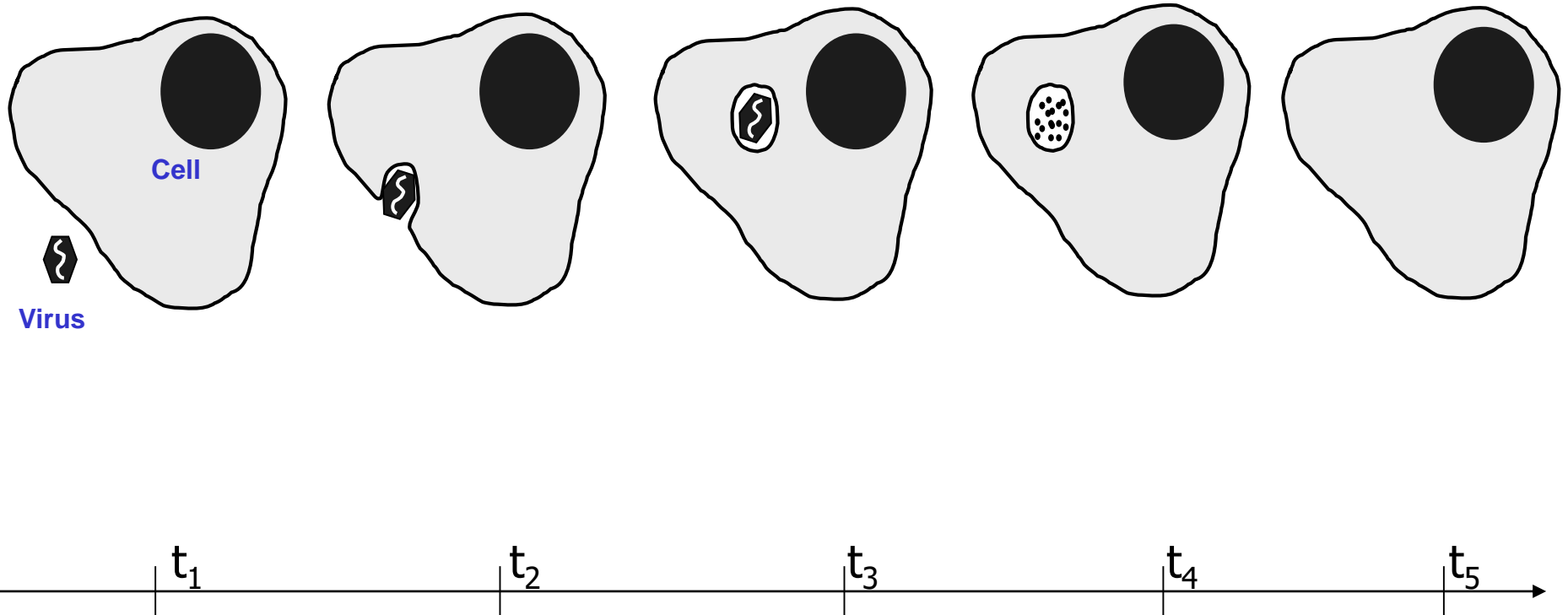
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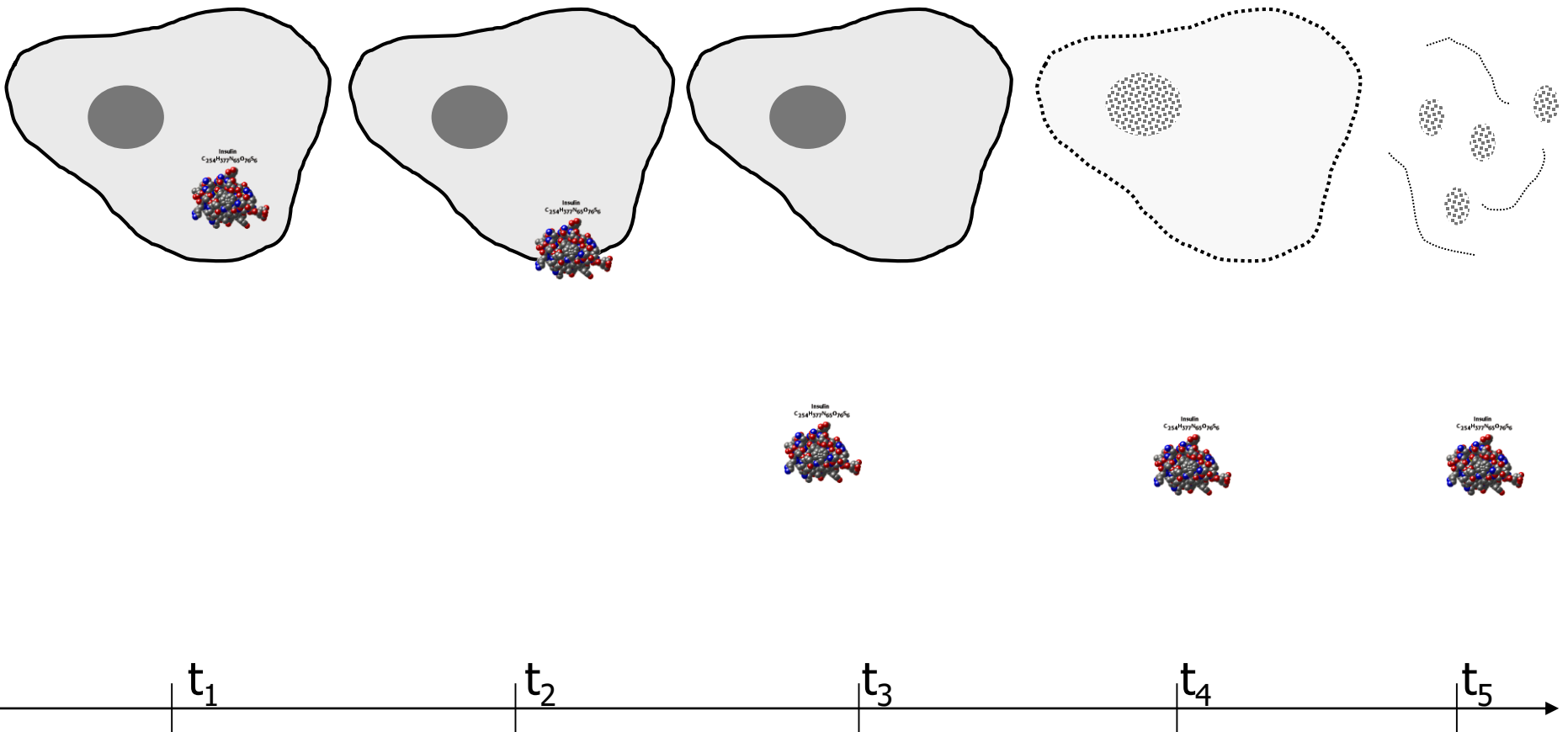
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Phagocytosis / Digestion



Secretion



Conclusion

- Part-of: example, how many different interpretations co-exist
- Standardization: need to eliminate ambiguity by precise characterization of foundational primitives (properties, relations)
- Solid theoretical basis is needed, e.g. mereotopology: Simons, Casati, Smith, Varzi,...

