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# Impact of Interdependent $Ca^{2+}$ and $IP_3$ Dynamics On ATP Regulation in A Fibroblast Model

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#### Abstract

The vital participation of  $Ca^{2+}$  in human organ functions such as muscular contractions, heartbeat, brain functionality, skeletal activity, etc, motivated the scientists to thoroughly research the mechanisms of calcium ( $Ca^{2+}$ ) signalling in distinct human cells.  $Ca^{2+}$ , inositol triphosphate ( $IP_3$ ), and adenosine triphosphate (ATP) play important roles in cell signaling and physiological processes. ATP and its derivatives are hypothesized to be important in the pathogenic process that leads to fibrotic illnesses like fibrosis. Fluctuations in  $Ca^{2+}$  and  $IP_3$  in a fibroblast cell influence ATP production. To date, no evidence of coupled  $Ca^{2+}$  and  $IP_3$  mechanics regulating ATP generation in a fibroblast cell during fibrotic disease has been found. The current work suggests an integrated mechanism for  $Ca^{2+}$  and  $IP_3$  dynamics in a fibroblast cell that regulates ATP generation. Simulation has been carried out using the finite element approach. The mechanics of interdependent systems findings vary dramatically from the results of basic independent system mechanics and give fresh information about the two systems' activities. The numerical results provide new insights into the impacts of disturbances in source influx, the *serca* pump, and buffers on interdependent  $Ca^{2+}$  and  $IP_3$  dynamics and ATP synthesis in a fibroblast cell. According to the findings of this study, fibrotic disorders cannot be attributed solely to disruptions in the processes of calcium signaling mechanics but also to disruptions in  $IP_3$  regulation mechanisms affecting the regulation of calcium in the fibroblast cell and ATP release.

Keywords Reaction-diffusion equations  $\cdot ATP \cdot Ca^{2+}$  dynamics  $\cdot$  Fibroblast cell  $\cdot$  Finite element approach

## Introduction

 $Ca^{2+}$  is an essential signaling ion in many biological processes and activities across various tissues and animals.  $Ca^{2+}$  signaling is crucial for a number of cellular processes in fibroblast cells, including proliferation, migration, myofibroblast differentiation and extracellular matrix (*ECM*) production. Dysregulation of  $Ca^{2+}$  signaling may contribute to the development of fibrotic diseases [1].

G-protein-coupled receptors (GPCRs) are proteins found on the surface of fibroblast cell [2]. When a neurotransmitter or signal molecule connects to a GPCR, the GPCR's shape changes. This modification activates a G protein that is linked to a GPCR. This G protein serves as a

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*ATP* is a molecule that significantly impacts cellular energy metabolism. *ATP* has also been linked to the pathogenesis of fibrotic disorders. Fibrosis is a pathological disease characterized by an abnormal accumulation of *ECM* proteins leading to tissue scarring and dysfunction [6]. In the context of fibrosis and wound healing, the production

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and degradation of ATP play important roles in cellular processes that influence tissue repair and remodeling. During tissue injury or inflammation, cells often experience increased metabolic demands and stress. This can lead to overproduction of ATP through processes like glycolysis and oxidative phosphorylation in mitochondria. Overproduction of ATP can be influenced by factors such as increased cellular activity, inflammation, and hypoxia [7]. ATP is essential for cell migration and proliferation, which are critical for wound healing and tissue repair [8]. ATP acts as a signaling molecule and can attract immune cells to the site of injury or inflammation, aiding in the resolution of tissue damage. Overproduction of ATP can lead to excessive inflammation and oxidative stress, which can contribute to tissue damage and exacerbate fibrosis [9]. High levels of extracellular ATP can activate purinergic receptors on fibroblasts and other cells, promoting fibrosis by stimulating collagen production and fibroblast differentiation [10]. ATP degradation leads to the production of adenosine, which has vasodilatory and anti-inflammatory properties. Adenosine can promote tissue protection and healing by reducing inflammation and enhancing blood flow to the site of injury [11]. Adenosine can modulate immune responses and promote tissue repair by promoting the differentiation of fibroblasts into myofibroblasts, which are important for wound contraction and matrix deposition. Inefficient ATP degradation can result in the accumulation of ATP in the extracellular space, leading to sustained activation of purinergic receptors and perpetuating inflammation and scarring in multiple organs, including the lung, heart, kidney and liver [10-12]. Therefore, a surplus of ATP and inadequate removal of ATP insufficient degradation can leads various illnesses of the fibroblast, including wound healing and fibrosis. As a result, ATP can trigger excitotoxicity, which can harm fibroblasts or even kill them. ATP pathogenic mechanisms and their roles in fibrotic diseases are still unknown. Therefore, it is essential to make models that show the movements of  $Ca^{2+}$  and  $IP_3$  affecting the production of ATP.

Modeling keratinocyte-fibroblast interactions during the normal and abnormal wound recovery process is described by Shakti et al. [13]. Droniou et al. [14] investigated a twodimensional tumor development model with shifting boundaries that were numerically solved. Using the idea of advection-diffusion, Simpson et al. [15] investigated the contributions of directed and random motility in a fibroblast cell migration test induced by an electric field. Michell [16] proposed a link between high intracellular  $Ca^{2+}$  and  $PIP_2$  catabolism. Berridge and Irvine [3] discovered  $IP_3$  to be a second messenger that mobilizes  $Ca^{2+}$  from the *ER*. Regarding cellular transmitter release, Fogelson and Zucker [17] proposed the model of presynaptic diffusion of  $Ca^{2+}$  that includes inflow, cytoplasmic binding and surface pumps. Jafri and Keizer [18] examined  $Ca^{2+}$  transport in the cell cytosol and  $Ca^{2+}$  handling by the *ER* in their study of *IP*<sub>3</sub>-induced  $Ca^{2+}$  wave propagation.

Smith et al. [19] developed a reaction-diffusion model describing  $Ca^{2+}$  transport with diffusion, source influx, and buffer mechanisms. The reaction model for calcium buffering has been described in fibroblast cells [20, 21]. Wagner and Keizer [22] studied the effects of fast buffers on  $Ca^{2+}$  transport and fluctuation. Kotwani and Adlakha [23] developed a reaction-diffusion model to study effect of buffer binding affinity, diffusion and source amplitude in fibroblast cells. Kotwani and Adlakha [24] investigated a computational model of calcium distributions with source fluxes, *serca*, and buffer approximations in a fibroblast cell. Sun et al. [25] constructed a dynamic model for intracellular calcium responses in a fibroblast cell induced by electrical stimulation.

Manhas and Pardasani [26] proposed a probable mechanism for  $Ca^{2+}$  fluctuations based on the interaction of the cell's three  $Ca^{2+}$  stores like mitochondria, cytosol and ER. Manhas and Pardasani [27] created a mathematical model to investigate the  $IP_3$  kinetics-based  $Ca^{2+}$  fluctuations in pancreatic acinar. Jha and Adlakha [28] created a two-dimensional unsteady state model of  $Ca^{2+}$  concentration change in neurons. Joshi and Jha [29] analyze the physiological involvement of calbindin-D28k and VGCC in Parkinson's disease using a mathematical model that incorporates all key factors such as diffusion coefficient and fluxes. Joshi and Jha [30] created a mathematical model based on the Hilfer fractional reaction-diffusion equation to investigate  $Ca^{2+}$  transport in cells. Jha and Adlakha [31] conducted two-dimensional finite element simulations of unsteady state  $Ca^{2+}$  diffusion in neurons with a *ER* leak and a serca pump. Jha and Adlakha [32] sought to investigate the impact of sodium- $Ca^{2+}$  exchangers and source geometry on the dynamics of  $Ca^{2+}$  in a neuron cell. Tewari and Pardasani [33] investigated the oscillations in  $Ca^{2+}$  caused by dynamically changing membrane potential, focusing on the sodium pump. Pathak and Adlakha [34] created a twodimensional model of  $Ca^{2+}$  distribution in myocytes, including excess buffer approximation, diffusion and point source. In a one-dimensional instance, Naik and Pardasani [35] investigated the influence of the serca pump and ryanodine receptor (RvR) on the  $Ca^{2+}$  profile in oocytes. For a one-dimensional unstable state situation, Naik and Pardasani [36] created a finite element model of  $Ca^{2+}$  distribution in oocytes. Naik and Pardasani [37] used a threedimensional finite element model to investigate the spatiotemporal  $Ca^{2+}$  distribution in oocytes. Kotwani et al. [38] created a two-dimensional unsteady state  $Ca^{2+}$  distribution model in fibroblast cells. Kothiya and Adlakha [39] developed a model to investigate the function of  $Ca^{2+}$  signaling in the production of  $IP_3$  and ATP in fibroblast cells. Jha et al. [40] use *FEM* to investigated the cytosolic  $Ca^{2+}$ concentration distribution in astrocytes in a twodimensional steady-state situation with excess buffer. Jagtap and Adlakha [41] used finite volume and Crank Nicolson simulations to investigate the advection-diffusion of  $Ca^{2+}$  in a hepatocyte cell. ATP interacts with  $P_2Y$  purinergic receptors in the cell membrane, activating PLC, which catalyses  $IP_3$  synthesis from  $PIP_2$ .  $IP_3$  interacts synergistically with  $Ca^{2+}$  in receptors on the surface of the endoplasmic reticulum (ER) and opens channels that allow  $Ca^{2+}$  ions to be secreted into the cytoplasm.  $Ca^{2+}$  promotes and inhibits its own release. The huge  $Ca^{2+}$  concentration gradient also causes a  $Ca^{2+}$  leak. An ATP-dependent pump returns  $Ca^{2+}$  to the *ER*. As a result of this cascade, *ATP* is released into the extracellular space. The study of Stamakis and Mantzaris [42] provides two ideas concerning ATP release:  $Ca^{2+}$ -regulated or  $IP_3$ -regulated ATP synthesis.

Let's go further into the physiological dynamics of ATP synthesis, concentrating on the interaction between adenosine generation via de novo purine and salvage pathways, as well as the mitochondrial ETC. De Novo Purine Pathway and Adenosine Synthesis: The de novo purine process entails the progressive synthesis of purine bases from simple precursors such as aspartate, carbon dioxide, glutamine, and glycine. The route begins with the creation of the purine ring structure, which is followed by a series of enzymatic activities that result in the production of inosine monophosphate (IMP). This is subsequently converted into adenosine monophosphate (AMP) through a series of reactions, ultimately leading to ATP synthesis during oxidative phosphorylation [43]. Salvage Pathway for Adenosine Production: Cells use the salvage process to recycle purine bases (adenine and guanine) from nucleotides and nucleosides produced during DNA and RNA degradation. This recycling conserves energy and resources by reusing purine components to build new nucleotides. This enzyme catalyzes the cleavage of nucleosides (e.g., adenosine) into their respective purine bases (adenine). Adenine is then converted into adenosine monophosphate (AMP) through the addition of a phosphoribosyl group. AMP can subsequently undergo phosphorylation to form adenosine diphosphate (ADP) and, ultimately, ATP through the process of oxidative phosphorylation in the mitochondria [44]. Mitochondrial Electron Transport Chain (ETC) and ATP Synthesis: The mitochondrial ETC is a crucial component of ATP synthesis, occurring within the inner mitochondrial membrane. It involves a series of protein complexes that facilitate electron transport and proton pumping. Electrons obtained from molecules like glucose and fatty acids are shuttled through these complexes, leading to the transfer of electrons along the ETC. As electrons move through the complexes, protons (H+ ions) are pumped across the inner mitochondrial membrane, creating a proton gradient. This enzyme complex, also known as Complex V, is embedded in the membrane and harnesses the proton gradient to synthesize *ATP* from *ADP* and inorganic phosphate (*Pi*) through a process called chemiosmotic coupling. As protons flow back into the mitochondrial matrix through *ATP* synthase, the energy generated is used to drive *ATP* synthesis [45].

In mouse fibroblasts, Bryan et al. [46] investigated the dual function of ATP in maintaining volume-regulated chloride channels and in regulating the release of  $Ca^{2+}$ . Miyoshi et al. [47] looked at how cells die as they age and what role ATP plays in apoptosis and necrosis caused by hydrogen peroxide. Astrocytic cells were explored by Stamatakis and Mantzaris [42], who investigated the link between  $Ca^{2+}$ -regulated and  $IP_3$ -regulated ATP production mechanisms. Chen et al. [6] demonstrated that ATP activates the  $P_2Y_2$  receptors in fibroblasts of human cardiac muscle and raises their proliferation via increasing cell cycle progression. It also has the additional effect of increasing the migration of cells. These actions of ATP may assist in modifying the structure of damaged hearts. Kotwal et al. [48] investigated the essential function ATP plays in macrophages as they expedite wound healing and regeneration. One-dimensional mathematical models of T-lymphocyte  $Ca^{2+}$  distribution were constructed by Kumar et al. [49] using a finite element technique. Source inflow, buffers and RyR receptor effects were also acquired for unusual circumstances, and the serca pump effects were found for the temporal case. A one-dimensional fractional reactiondiffusion model for RyR, VGCC and calbindin-D28k was explored by Joshi and Jha [29]. They found analytical answers for Parkinson's brain physiology. Jagtap and Adlakha [50] used the finite volume method to be looked into the cytosolic  $Ca^{2+}$  distribution in hepatocyte cells. Joshi et al. [51] investigated intracellular calcium dynamics in fibroblasts using an exponential kernel rule.

*Glycolysis* is a key metabolic pathway that happens in the cytoplasm of cells and acts as the first step in the breakdown of glucose to create ATP. Glycolysis begins with the activation of glucose, a six-carbon sugar. Two molecules of ATP are initially invested to convert glucose into fructose-1,6-bisphosphate. The six-carbon sugar molecule is split into two three-carbon molecules: glyceraldehyde-3phosphate and dihydroxyacetone phosphate. Only glyceraldehyde-3-phosphate continues through the pathway. Glyceraldehyde-3-phosphate undergoes a series of reactions, leading to the production of two molecules of NADH (a high-energy electron carrier) and four molecules of ATP. However, since two ATP molecules were initially invested, there is a net gain of two ATP molecules per glucose molecule. The final steps of glycolysis convert each glyceraldehyde-3-phosphate into pyruvate, a three-carbon compound. During this process, an additional two molecules of *NADH* are produced [52]. The Tricarboxylic Acid (TCA) Cycle, often known as the citric acid cycle or Krebs cycle, is a major metabolic system that occurs in eukaryotic cell mitochondria and prokaryotic cell cytoplasm. It is an essential component of respiration in cells and helps to generate energy in the form of ATP. The TCA cycle begins when acetyl coenzyme A (Acetyl-CoA) enters the cycle. Acetyl-CoA is derived from various sources. including the breakdown of carbohydrates, fats, and amino acids. The acetyl group from Acetyl-CoA is combined with a four-carbon compound called oxaloacetate to form citrate. Citrate undergoes a series of enzyme-catalyzed reactions, including isomerization and dehydration, leading to the regeneration of isocitrate. It is further oxidized by the enzyme isocitrate dehydrogenase, resulting in the release of carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) and the formation of  $\alpha$ -ketoglutarate. This step also generates reduced nicotinamide adenine dinucleotide (NADH), a carrier molecule that stores highenergy electrons [53].  $\alpha$ -Ketoglutarate is then oxidized by the enzyme  $\alpha$ -ketoglutarate dehydrogenase complex, producing another molecule of  $CO_2$  and another molecule of NADH. The resulting molecule, succinyl-CoA, also captures high-energy electrons. Succinyl-CoA undergoes a series of reactions that ultimately lead to the formation of succinate. This step releases a molecule of guanosine triphosphate (GTP), which is a molecule similar to ATP and can be readily converted into ATP. Succinate is further oxidized by the enzyme succinate dehydrogenase, which is embedded in the inner mitochondrial membrane and also serves as a part of the ETC. This oxidation generates another molecule of FADH2, another carrier molecule storing high-energy electrons. The oxidation of succinate produces fumarate. This step involves the addition of water to the double bond of succinate. Fumarate is then enzymatically converted to malate. Malate is oxidized by the enzyme malate dehydrogenase, producing another molecule of NADH and regenerating oxaloacetate. Oxaloacetate can then combine with another acetyl group from Acetyl-CoA to restart the cycle. The reduced electron carriers, NADH and FADH2, generated during the TCA cycle, play a crucial role in ATP production. These carriers carry high-energy electrons to the ETC located in the inner mitochondrial membrane. As these electrons move through the ETC, they establish a proton gradient across the membrane, which creates a flow of protons (H<sup>+</sup>) back into the mitochondrial matrix through ATP synthase [54]. This flow of protons drives the ATP synthase enzyme to synthesize ATP from inorganic phosphate (Pi) & ADP in a process known as oxidative phosphorylation. The coupling of electron transport and proton pumping in the ETC with ATP synthesis is termed chemiosmotic coupling. The exact number of ATP molecules generated from one round of the TCA cycle varies based on factors such as the availability of oxygen and the efficiency of electron transport. However, in total, one round of the *TCA* cycle can contribute to the production of multiple molecules of *ATP* [55].

Several researchers have investigated the interdependence  $Ca^{2+}$  and  $IP_3$  dynamics in cells, such as hepatocytes [56], myocyte [57], etc. Some one-way feedback models of  $Ca^{2+}$  with other ions like nitric oxide,  $\beta$ amyloid and dopamine are proposed by Pawar and Pardasani [58–60]. The literature contains models of  $Ca^{2+}$ dynamics in fibroblast cells that assume  $IP_3$  as a constant. To make the model more realistic, examine the coupling of  $Ca^{2+}$  with other systems' dynamics.

The role of interdependent  $Ca^{2+}$  and  $IP_3$  kinetics a in the control of distinct signalling molecules such as nitric oxide,  $\beta$ -amyloid and ATP in neurons have been studied by Pawar and Pardasani [61-63]. Recently, feedback model of NO generation is regulated by  $Ca^{2+}$  and  $IP_3$  in fibroblast cells was developed by Kothiya and Adlakha [64]. Singh and Adlakha [65] investigated the influence of source geometry on the system kinetics of calcium and IP3 in myocytes of the heart. Joshi et al. [51] established a model to study the impact of buffer and calcium oscillation in fibroblast cells. The effects of buffer, serca pump and source influx, on coupled calcium and IP<sub>3</sub> dynamics with insulin secretion in beta cells have been studied by Vaishali and Adlakha [66]. Kothiya and Adlakha [67] developed a two-way feedback model of the system kinetics model of *PLC* and  $Ca2^+$ incorporating the buffer mechanism, diffusion parameters, source influx, and serca rate in a fibroblast cell.

There has been no attempt to investigate the influence of coupled calcium and IP<sub>3</sub> kinetics on the control of ATP synthesis. Given the regulatory functions of IP<sub>3</sub>, ATP and  $Ca^{2+}$  ions in fibroblasts and cancer-associated fibroblast (CAF), there is a need for knowledge about the effects of  $IP_3$  and  $Ca^{2+}$  dynamics on ATP synthesis and the cytoprotective and cytotoxic effects of ATP. In the past, no such theoretical investigation in this area has been recorded. The goal of this study is to look at the regulatory and deregulatory effects of system mechanics of calcium and  $IP_3$  in fibroblasts that regulate ATP synthesis. The findings were derived with the use of the FEM. The impact of numerous factors on the paired dynamics of calcium and IP<sub>3</sub>, as well as their impacts on ATP synthesis, have been investigated. A model is provided here that incorporates a two-way coupling between the  $Ca^{2+}$ and  $IP_3$  systems in fibroblast cells to regulate ATP levels. It is simulated to disclose information on changes in ATP synthesis induced by changes in the amounts of  $Ca^{2+}$  and IP<sub>3</sub> in fibroblasts. The coupled dynamics of calcium and IP<sub>3</sub> with a buffer mechanism and ATP release propose to study the role of constitutive processes like buffer, source influx, association rate, etc., in normal and fibrotic conditions.

## Mathematical Formulation

By adding buffer terms to the model of Wagner et al. [68] the  $Ca^{2+}$  transport in fibroblasts in the presence of  $IP_3$  is expressed as

$$\frac{\partial [Ca^{2+}]}{\partial t} = D_c \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial^2 [Ca^{2+}]}{\partial x^2} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} J_{IP_3R} - J_{serca} + J_{leak} \\ F_c \end{bmatrix} - K^+ [B]_\infty \begin{bmatrix} [Ca^{2+}] - [Ca^{2+}]_\infty \end{bmatrix}.$$
(1)

In this case,  $[B]_{\infty}$  represents the steady-state buffer concentration, while  $[Ca^{2+}]_{\infty}$  represents the steady-state  $Ca^{2+}$  ion concentration. The notation  $D_c$  denotes the diffusion coefficient of  $Ca^{2+}$ . The variable for time is denoted by the letter 't', while the variable for the position is denoted by the letter 'x'. The symbol  $K^+$  represents the rate of buffer association. The influx and outflux terms of equation (1) are given by Keizer et al. [69] as given below,

$$J_{IP_{3R}} = V_{IP_{3R}}m^{3}h^{3} [[Ca^{2+}]_{ER} - [Ca^{2+}]], \qquad (2)$$

$$J_{serca} = V_{serca} \left[ \frac{[Ca^{2+}]^2}{[Ca^{2+}]^2 + K_{serca}^2} \right],$$
(3)

$$J_{leak} = V_{leak} [[Ca^{2+}]_{ER} - [Ca^{2+}]].$$
(4)

Where  $J_{IP_3R}$ ,  $J_{leak}$  and  $J_{serca}$  each represent a different flow associated with the  $IP_3$  receptor, the leaking pump and the *serca* pump, respectively.  $V_{leak}$  and  $V_{IP_3R}$  are the flux rate constants for leak and  $IP_3$  respectively. The maximum rate and the Michaelis constant for the *serca* pump are represented by the variables  $V_{leak}$  and  $V_{IP_3R}$ , respectively.

The definitions of m and h can be found in Keizer and Young's work [69].

$$m = \left[\frac{[IP_3]}{[IP_3] + K_{IP_3}}\right] \left[\frac{[Ca^{2+}]}{[Ca^{2+}] + K_{Ac}}\right],\tag{5}$$

$$h = \left[\frac{K_{Inh}}{[Ca^{2+}] + K_{Inh}}\right].$$
(6)

 $K_{IP_3}$ ,  $K_{Ac}$  and  $K_{Inh}$  are the dissociation constants of  $IP_3$  that activate  $Ca^{2+}$  and inhibit  $Ca^{2+}$  successively. Here,  $IP_3$  dynamics in the presence of  $Ca^{2+}$  described by Wagner et al. [68] is used and might be represented in fibroblasts as;

$$\frac{\partial [IP_3]}{\partial t} = D_I \left[ \frac{\partial^2 [IP_3]}{\partial x^2} \right] + \left[ \frac{J_{production} - \lambda (J_{kinase} + J_{phosphates})}{F_c} \right].$$
(7)

Where  $[IP_3]$  shows the cytosolic concentration of  $IP_3$ .  $D_I$  is  $IP_3$  diffusion coefficient. Wagner et al. [68] gives the

$$J_{production} = V_{production} \left[ \frac{[Ca^{2+}]}{[Ca^{2+}] + K_{production}^2} \right],$$
(8)

Where  $K_{production}$  represents the Michaelis constant for calcium activation,  $J_{production}$  represents the flux term for  $IP_3$  production and  $V_{production}$  represents the maximal  $IP_3$  generation rate. Bugrim et al. [70] and Sims and Allbrittont [71], as noted below, supply the additional flux terms, namely the  $IP_3$  degradation by  $J_{Kin}$  and  $J_{phosphatase}$ .

$$J_{kin} = (1 - \theta 1) V_1 \left[ \frac{[IP_3]}{[IP_3] + 2.5} \right] + \theta 1 V_2 \left[ \frac{[IP_3]}{[IP_3] + 1/2} \right],$$
(9)

$$J_{phosphatase} = V_3 \left[ \frac{[IP_3]}{[IP_3] + 30} \right]. \tag{10}$$

$$\theta 1 = \left[ \frac{[Ca^{2+}]}{[Ca^{2+}] + (39/100)} \right]. \tag{11}$$

Where  $V_1$ ,  $V_3$  and  $V_2$  are the maximum rate constants for low calcium (3-kinase), phosphatase and high calcium (3kinase) respectively. A variable parameter ( $\lambda = 30$ ) estimates the degradation rate [68].

The cell calcium level calculates the  $Ca_{ER}^{2+}$  via conversation relationship.

$$[Ca^{2+}]_T = F_E[Ca^{2+}]_{ER} + F_C[Ca^{2+}]_C.$$
 (12)

#### **Initial Conditions**

The following two initial conditions are framed by Brown et al. [72] and Dupont et al. [73] based on the assumption that the cell is initially at rest, having an initial concentration of  $IP_3$  and  $Ca^{2+}$ .

$$[IP_3]_{t=0} = 0.16\,\mu M. \tag{13}$$

$$[Ca^{2+}]_{t=0} = 0.1\,\mu M. \tag{14}$$

#### **Boundary Conditions**

For  $Ca^{2+}$ , the boundary conditions framed by Brown et al. [72] as mentioned below;

$$\left[-D_c \frac{\partial [Ca^{2+}]}{\partial x}\right] \to \sigma, \ as \ x \to 0 \ \mu m, \tag{15}$$

where  $\sigma$  represents the source amplitude.

The furthest border from the source is indicated by [74, 75]

$$\lim_{x \to 10} [Ca^{2+}] = [Ca^{2+}]_{\infty} = 0.1 \,\mu M. \tag{16}$$

Also, for  $IP_3$  kinrtics, the boundary circumstances given by Fink et al. [76] and Brown et al. [72] as given below.

$$\lim_{t \to 0} [IP_3] = 3\,\mu M, t > 0; \tag{17}$$

$$\lim_{x \to 10} [IP_3] = 0.16\,\mu M. \tag{18}$$

## Regulation of $Ca^{2+}$ and $IP_3$ Dependent ATP

The  $Ca^{2+}$  and  $IP_3$  regulated ATP synthesis is given by Stamatakis and Mantzaris [42] as,

$$J_{release} = \beta P([Ca^{2+}])Q([IP_3]).$$
(19)

Where,  $\beta$  is the maximum synthesis rate and  $P([Ca^{2+}])$  and  $Q([IP_3])$  are the *ATP* release dependent on  $Ca^{2+}$  and  $IP_3$  respectively. The  $Ca^{2+}$  and  $IP_3$  dependent *ATP* release can be characterized respectively as given below;

$$P([Ca^{2+}]) = \left[\frac{\left(\frac{a_0}{a_0-1}\right) - 2\left(\frac{[Ca^{2+}]}{[Ca^{2+}]_{max}}\right)}{\left(\frac{1}{a_0-1}\right) - \left(\frac{[Ca^{2+}]}{[Ca^{2+}]_{max}}\right)^2}\right].$$
 (20)

$$Q([IP_3]) = \left[ \frac{\binom{b_0}{b_0 - 1} - 2\binom{[IP_3]}{[IP_3]_{max}}}{\binom{1}{b_0 - 1} - \binom{[IP_3]}{[IP_3]_{max}}^2} \right].$$
 (21)

Where  $a_0$  and  $b_0$  are constants for *ATP* feedback and  $[Ca^{2+}]_{max}$  and  $[IP_3]_{max}$  are the cell's maximum  $Ca^{2+}$  and  $IP_3$  values. The finite element and Crank Nicholson procedure followed for the solution are given in Appendix.

#### **Results and Discussion**

A quantitative solution of the partial differential equations representing the coupled dynamics of  $IP_3$  and  $Ca^{2+}$  was achieved using *MATLAB* software. Graphs are employed to visually represent the numerical findings generated by solving the equations. Table 1 shows the numerical measurements of the various parameters used in this study. Figure 1 depicts the systematic pathways of calcium and IP\_3 dynamics with the regulation of neurotransmitter ATP production.

Figure 2 depicts the geographic and temporal distributions of  $Ca^{2+}$  in fibroblast cells at various periods in time

Table 1 Physiological variables and their values are listed below [58, 59, 61, 62, 68]

Symbol	Values	Symbol	Values
$V_{IP_3R}$	$8.5 \ s^{-1}$	λ	30
V <sub>leak</sub>	$0.01 \ s^{-1}$	$F_{c}$	0.83
$K^+ - EGTA$	$1.5  \mu M^{-1} s^{-1}$	$K_{IP_3}$	$0.15  \mu M$
$K_{Ac}$	$0.8  \mu M$	$V_{leak}$	$0.01 \ s^{-1}$
V <sub>serca</sub>	$0.65 \ \mu M s^{-1}$	K <sub>serca</sub>	$0.4  \mu M$
V <sub>production</sub>	$0.075 \ \mu M s^{-1}$	<b>K</b> <sub>production</sub>	$0.4 \ \mu M$
$V_{Ki1}$	$0.001  \mu M s^{-1}$	$V_{Ki2}$	$0.005  \mu M s^{-1}$
$V_{ph}$	0.02 µM/s	$[Ca^{2+}]_{\infty}$	$0.1  \mu M$
$D_c$	$16  \mu m^2 s^{-1}$	$D_I$	$283  \mu m^2 s^{-1}$

and space. Because the source channel delivers many  $Ca^{2+}$ ions into the cell, there may be a high  $Ca^{2+}$  distribution at the source  $x = 0 \,\mu m$ . The spatial  $Ca^{2+}$  profile lowers from  $x = 0 \,\mu m$  to  $x = 10 \,\mu m$  and eventually convergence occurs to the cellular background  $Ca^{2+}$  profile  $(0.1 \,\mu M)$ . Because the source channel opens, the temporal concentration of  $Ca^{2+}$  rises with time in Fig. 2B and the  $Ca^{2+}$  level rises in the cytosol of fibroblast cells due to increasing intracellular  $Ca^{2+}$  concentration coming from the source. The temporal  $Ca^{2+}$  profile achieved equilibrium within 150 ms regardless of the cell's location.

Figure 3 displays the *ATP* release which is  $Ca^{2+}$ -dependent for the different time points and positions. The impact of  $Ca^{2+}$  concentration on *ATP* release is significant in situations where  $Ca^{2+}$  is high. The *ATP* release is also high wherever  $Ca^{2+}$  profile is high in the fibroblast cell. The  $Ca^{2+}$  distribution is generally high near the source. The *ATP* release is also high at  $x = 0 \ \mu m$ . In Fig. 2B, it has been seen that  $Ca^{2+}$  concentration gets a steady state in 150 ms. In Fig. 3B, the *ATP* release achieves a steady state in 150 ms. This implies that the *ATP* release directly depends on  $Ca^{2+}$  concentration in the cell.

Figure 4 displays the spatiotemporal profile of  $IP_3$  profile at various times and places in fibroblasts. In Fig. 4A, the profile of  $IP_3$  goes down (x = 0 to x = 10) and ends up at a concentration of  $0.16 \,\mu M$  in the cell. The IP<sub>3</sub> particles stick together near the  $IP_3$  receptor and achieve it's border value  $(3 \mu M \text{ at } x = 0 \mu m)$  for time t = 0, 5, 10, 20, 50, 100 and 1000 ms in the fibroblast cell. In Fig. 4A it is observed that IP<sub>3</sub> dynamics is nonlinear initially and approaches a linear behavior after the passage of time reaching a steady state condition. This nonlinearity is due to an imbalance among the various processes of the cell and as these processes achieve equilibrium, the behavior of the profile becomes linear. Figure 4B shows the profile of time of  $IP_3$  distribution which increases with time for various places  $x = 0.25, 0.50, 0.75, 1, 2, 5 \& 10 \,\mu m$  synergetically with the increase in  $Ca^{2+}$  with time in Fig. 2B.



Fig. 1 The schematic diagram reprents the calcium and  $IP_3$  mechanism with ATP release



Fig. 2 The  $Ca^{2+}$  profile in a fibroblasts at different periods and places for  $[B] = 5 \mu m$ ,  $D_c = 16 \mu m^2/s$  and  $\sigma = 15pA$ . A The spatial distribution of calcium and B the temporal distribution of calcium

Figure 5 displays the  $Ca^{2+}$  distribution at  $x = 5 \mu m$  for  $[B] = 400 \mu M$  under fibrotic conditions in cell. The fluctuation in the temporal profile of  $Ca^{2+}$  is observed for greater buffer levels in the cell at the initial time. This damping fluctuation is due to an imbalance among the various processes of the cell and the buffer binds the  $Ca^{2+}$  ions and lowers the level of  $Ca^{2+}$  concentration in the cell. In Fig. 5A, we found substantial differences in the  $Ca^{2+}$  profiles of normal fibroblasts and CAF, though the behavior of the curves is similar in both cases. The oscillation in the  $Ca^{2+}$  profile in Fig. 5A is due to the

substantial imbalances among the regulatory processes that exist up to 20 ms and then achieve equilibrium. Similarly, in Fig. 5B, the synergetic changes in *ATP* level are observed like those in Fig. 5A. The spatiotemporal  $Ca^{2+}$  concentrations are higher (30%) in the case of cystic fibrosis than in normal fibroblasts [77], As a result, an increased level of  $Ca^{2+}$  concentration is hazardous and can lead to fibrosis [78].

Figure 6 shows the  $IP_3$  dependent ATP release for different times and positions. In Fig. 4A, it was seen that  $IP_3$  is highest at  $x = 0 \ \mu m$  and decreases as we move away from



Fig. 3  $Ca^{2+}$  dependent *ATP* release for various position and time for  $\sigma = 15pA$ . A The spatial profile of calcium-dependent ATP release and **B** the temporal profile of calcium-dependent ATP release



Fig. 4  $IP_3$  distribution for various time and position for  $D_c = 16 \mu m^2/s$  and  $\sigma = 15 pA$ . A The spatial distribution of IP<sub>3</sub> and B the temporal distribution of IP<sub>3</sub>

 $x = 0 \mu m$  to  $x = 10 \mu m$ . Similarly in Fig. 6A, we observe that *ATP* release is highest at  $x = 0 \mu m$  and reduces as it departs from the source. We observed that the behavior of

the  $IP_3$  profile changed from nonlinear to linear with the increment of time steps. Also from Fig. 6A, it is observed that the nonlinear behavior of  $IP_3$ -dependent ATP has





Fig. 5  $Ca^{2+}$  concentration and  $Ca^{2+}$  dependent ATP release in a fibroblasts for the buffer concentration  $[B] = 400 \mu M$  at  $x = 5 \mu m$  with the fibrotic conditions. A The temporal distribution of calcium in normal and cystic fibrosis fibroblast and B the temporal distribution of calcium-regulated ATP in normal and cystic fibrosis fibroblast



Fig. 6 *IP*<sub>3</sub> dependent *ATP* release for various position and time for  $D_c = 16 \mu m^2/s$  and  $\sigma = 15pA$ . A The spatial distribution of IP<sub>3</sub>-dependent ATP release and **B** the temporal distribution of IP<sub>3</sub>-dependent ATP release



Fig. 7  $Ca^{2+}$  dependent ATP release for various source influx for  $[B] = 5\mu M$  and  $D_c = 16\mu m^2/s$  A The spatial distribution of calciumdependent ATP release in normal and CF fibroblasts and B the temporal distribution of calcium-dependent ATP release in normal and CF fibroblasts

changed. This is due to an imbalance among the various processes of the cell. The same patterns are observed in Fig. 4B and Fig. 6B for the temporal profile of  $IP_3$  and ATP release. The  $IP_3$  and ATP release profiles reach steady-state simultaneously at 150 ms.

Figure 7 depicts the spatiotemporal  $Ca^{2+}$ -dependent ATP release for the different source amplitude values along with the buffer concentration  $5 \mu M$  and diffusion coefficient  $16 \,\mu m^2/s$  under normal and cystic fibrosis conditions. In Fig. 7, it can be seen that the distribution of  $Ca^{2+}$ -dependent ATP is higher for greater source amplitude values. In Fig. 7A, the ATP concentration is higher at  $x = 0 \mu m$ , reduces along the spatial axis and converges on  $0.1 \,\mu M$  at  $x = 10 \,\mu m$ . From Fig. 7B, it is clear that the ATP level achieves a steady state at time t = 120 ms. Further, there is a substantial difference in ATP levels between normal and cystic fibrosis patients. The spatiotemporal ATP fluxes are greater in cystic fibrosis patients because the  $Ca^{2+}$  concentration is 30% higher in CF fibroblasts than in normal [77]. The excess ATP is dangerous since it can cause fibrotic diseases [9].

The computation has been carried out for  $Ca^{2+}$  concentration with varying buffer concentration values in the range t = 25 ms to t = 100 ms for *ATP* release in fibroblast cells. The consequences of buffer concentration on *ATP* distribution profile in fibroblast cells concerning time for various buffer values, i.e.,  $B = 15, 30, 60, 120 \mu M$ , have

been displayed in Fig. 8. For t = 25, 50, 75 & 100 ms, we observe that the increase in buffering reduces the *ATP* concentration in the cell. Thus, in all cases, the fall in *ATP* is lower for the low buffer and higher for the high buffer. Also, *ATP* concentration converges to a minimum of  $0.1 \mu M$ .

Figure 9 depicts the spatial and temporal  $Ca^{2+}$  dependent ATP release under normal and cystic fibrosis for a range of buffer associations rates 5  $\mu$ M. As seen in Fig. 9, the Ca<sup>2+</sup> dependent ATP decreases as the buffer binding rate increases. Higher binding rates bind higher amounts of free calcium, thereby reducing calcium levels in the cell, which signals the ATP system to reduce the production of ATP in the cell. In Fig. 9A, we observe the alteration in the curves' nonlinear nature. When the association rate of the buffer is high, we observe a fall in ATP production at the source and a steep fall in the ATP production curves near the source from x = 0 to  $x = 2 \mu m$  due to the dominance of calciumreducing mechanisms weakening the calcium signal feedback to the ATP production system and prompting it to reduce ATP production. But when the buffer association rates are low, the ATP production is higher at the source due to a strong calcium signal caused by a reduction in the dominance of calcium-reducing mechanisms leading to more effect of calcium-elevating mechanisms. There is a substantial difference in ATP levels in normal and CF fibroblasts.  $Ca^{2+}$  dependent ATP is 30% higher in CF



Fig. 8  $Ca^{2+}$  dependent *ATP* distribution at the time t = 15, 30, 60, 120 ms with different buffer concentration for  $D_c = 16 \mu m^2/s$  and  $\sigma = 15pA$ . A–D The spatial distribution of calcium-dependent ATP release with different times for the different buffer concentrations. For a better understanding of the spatiotemporal calcium-regulated ATP synthesis profile



Fig. 9  $Ca^{2+}$  dependent *ATP* release for various association rate for  $[B] = 5\mu M$ ,  $D_c = 16 \mu m^2/s$  and  $\sigma = 15 pA$ . A The spatial distribution of calcium-dependent ATP release and B the temporal distribution of calcium-dependent ATP release

**Table 2**  $[Ca^{2+}]$  profile error analysis at  $x = 0 \ \mu m$ 

**Table 3** [*IP*<sub>3</sub>] profile error analysis at  $x = 0.25 \ \mu m$ 

Time ( <i>ms</i> )	30 elements	60 elements	Er	Er%
t = 50	1.511546094	1.514033022	0.002486928	0.164258528%
t = 100	1.565331190	1.567836631	0.002505440	0.159802394%
t = 200	1.539747688	1.572252289	0.002504601	0.159300205%
t = 500	1.569776795	1.572281392	0.002504596	0.159296954%
t = 1000	1 569776795	1 572281392	0.002504596	0 159296954%
T' ( )	20.1	(0.1	5	E #
Time ( <i>ms</i> )	30 elements	60 elements	Er	Er%
$\frac{1}{1} = 1000$ $\frac{1}{1} = 1000$ $\frac{1}{1} = 1000$	30 elements 2.906796826	60 elements	Er 0.025444623	Er% 0.875349221%
Time (ms) $t = 50$ $t = 100$	30 elements 2.906796826 2.905471051	60 elements 2.932241449 2.929648987	Er 0.025444623 0.024177936	Er% 0.875349221% 0.832152003%
Time (ms) t = 50 t = 100 t = 200	30 elements 2.906796826 2.905471051 2.90529478	60 elements 2.932241449 2.929648987 2.929025631	Er 0.025444623 0.024177936 0.023730850	Er% 0.875349221% 0.832152003% 0.816813852%
Time (ms) t = 50 t = 100 t = 200 t = 500	30 elements 2.906796826 2.905471051 2.90529478 2.905289762	60 elements 2.932241449 2.929648987 2.929025631 2.928963807	Er 0.025444623 0.024177936 0.023730850 0.023674045	Er% 0.875349221% 0.832152003% 0.816813852% 0.814860031%

**Table 4** Comparison of  $Ca^{2+}$  profile with Wagner et al. [68] & Pawar and Pardasani [61, 62] at t = 50 s

Position (µm)	$[Ca^{2+}]$ Wagner et al. [68]	[ <i>Ca</i> <sup>2+</sup> ] Pawar [61, 62]	[ <i>Ca</i> <sup>2+</sup> ] (Our results)
x = 0	1.35000000000	1.349818367318	1.3494422979
x = 2	1.19112370933	1.192989368534	1.1298818160
x = 4	1.01615701363	1.016076559106	1.0094515370
x = 6	0.79585798185	0.795809556080	0.8897183280
x = 8	0.50327133155	0.503248604412	0.6533498430
x = 10	0.1000000000	0.100000000000	0.100000000

fibroblasts than in normal. This process occurs if the rate of association is high.

## **Error Estimation**

The absolute comparative error and its percentage in a fibroblast cell have been estimated and shown in Tables 2 and 3. The model's accuracy for  $Ca^{2+}$  and  $IP_3$  is 99.84019761%, 99.84070305%, 99.84070305 and 99.167848%, 99.18513997%, 99.18514701% for the time (t = 50, 100, 200, 500 & 1000) ms respectively. As a result, the absolute worst-case scenario for the error rate of this model is 0.16%, while 99.84% is the utmost best-case scenario for its accuracy. Because the grid sensitivity is essentially nonexistent, this strongly argues that the solution is not grid-reliant.

## Validation

**Table 5** Comparison of  $IP_3$  profile with Wagner et al. [68] & Pawar and Pardasani [61, 62] at t = 50 s

Position µm	[ <i>IP</i> <sub>3</sub> ] Wagner et al. [68]	[ <i>IP</i> <sub>3</sub> ] Pawar [61, 62]	[ <i>IP</i> <sub>3</sub> ] (Our results)
x = 0	0.500000000	0.500000000	0.500000000
x = 2	0.431214742	0.431787350	0.431261675
x = 4	0.345841649	0.363691496	0.345906691
x = 6	0.294906295	0.295702458	0.294963669
x = 8	0.227295867	0.227809393	0.227328888
x = 10	0.160000000	0.160000000	0.160000000

was set at  $0.0 \mu M$ , while the source inflow was set at 2.46 pA. The results of the  $Ca^{2+}$  and  $IP_3$  in the current model for t = 50 s are compared with the findings of Pawar and Pardasani [61, 62] & Wagner et al. [68] as depicts in Tables 4 and 5. It appears that the proposed study's results are very similar to those derived from previous studies.

## **Stability Analysis**

We determined the spectral radius for the stability investigation, and if the radius of the spectrum is equal to or below one, the system is considered stable [79]. In this specific case, the spectral radius was determined to be 0.9853, so it's <1, indicating that the calculated result is stable.

# Conclusion

A model is developed and successfully implemented to explore the consequences of disruptions in coupled  $IP_3$  and  $Ca^{2+}$  dynamics on ATP generation in a fibroblast cell.

Disruptions in the interdependent  $IP_3$  and  $Ca^{2+}$  levels can be induced by the failure of mechanisms such as buffering and the *serca* pump. As a result of some disorder in these processes, high amounts of source input, association rate and higher buffer values were investigated. These perturbations significantly impacted  $Ca^{2+}$  and  $IP_3$  dynamics regulating *ATP* generation. For obtaining numerical solutions under various situations, the finite element and Crank Nicholson were used. In light of the unexpected results, the following conclusions are reached:

- 1. When the source of the inflow is substantial and the *serca* and buffer are low, the calcium concentration rises, resulting in increased  $IP_3$  concentrations in fibroblast cells.
- 2. High buffer levels cause irregularities because of oscillations in the  $Ca^{2+}$  distributions in fibroblast cells.
- 3. An rise in  $Ca^{2+}$  concentration results from an increase in  $IP_3$  levels, which in turn boosts ATP synthesis.

The fundamental findings described above are supported by biological evidence. In addition, the results of the stability analysis, error analysis, and validation procedures used in the current study suggest that the suggested model is appropriate and effective for the inquiry at hand. Furthermore, the following innovative deductions and inferences drawn from the numerical data are provided:

- 1. The large volumes of source input result in higher  $Ca^{2+}$  levels, which boosts the *ATP* release in normal fibroblast and cystic fibrosis fibroblast. These changes in *ATP* signalling can result in fibrotic disorders like fibrosis [46].
- 2. The presence of buffers decreases  $Ca^{2+}$  and  $IP_3$  levels in normal fibroblast and cystic fibrosis fibroblast and lowers the rate of selective death of fibroblasts. insufficient quantities of *EGTA* and calmodulin buffers can lead to cystic fibrosis [77].
- 3. When buffer is low,  $Ca^{2+}$  levels rise, increasing *ATP* release in fibroblasts as well as cystic fibrosis fibroblast. The increase in  $Ca^{2+}$  and  $IP_3$  concentrations within the cell promotes the loss of fibroblast cells, which leads to cancer [80].
- 4. Increased *ATP* production is risky since it might result in fibrotic diseases. One more novelty of the results is the spatiotemporal *ATP* production are greater in cystic fibrosis patients because the  $Ca^{2+}$  concentration is 30% higher in *CF* fibroblasts than in normal fibroblasts [77].

Disruptions in numerous generative processes of  $IP_3$  and  $Ca^{2+}$ dynamics might result in altered *ATP* synthesis, leading to various fibrotic diseases. Lowered buffering capacity,

impaired buffer association performance, high levels of source inflow, and fluctuations in  $IP_3$  levels can induce increases in free  $Ca^{2+}$  levels and ATP generation, which is the cause of cystic fibrosis when there is a discrepancy between adenosine triphosphate production and its metabolism.

The results concur with biological realities. In the current work, the *FEM* technique is extremely successful. The model proposed sheds light on the underlying processes of  $Ca^{2+}$  and  $IP_3$  dynamics that cause an increase in *ATP* production, which has been identified as a factor causing cytotoxicity and contributing to the development of cystic fibrosis. The findings highlight the challenge of determining the correct constitutive procedure of  $IP_3$  and  $Ca^{2+}$  dynamics, crucial in *ATP* production alterations in fibrosis. Although many questions remain unanswered, the results from studying the relationships between the constitutive processes of  $IP_3$  and  $Ca^{2+}$  dynamics and *ATP* synthesis can pave the way to address the aforementioned challenges.

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## Appendix

The shape function is assumed

$$m0^{(e)} = q_1^{(e)} + q_2^{(e)}x.$$
 (A1)

$$n0^{(e)} = r_1^{(e)} + r_2^{(e)}x.$$
 (A2)

$$m0^{(e)} = X^T \times q^{(e)}, \ n0^{(e)} = X^T \times r^{(e)}.$$
 (A3)

Where,

$$S^{T} = [1 \ x], \ q^{(e)^{T}} = [q_{1}^{(e)} \ q_{2}^{(e)}] \ and \ r^{(e)^{T}} = [r_{1}^{(e)} \ r_{2}^{(e)}].$$
 (A4)

In equation (A3), substitute the nodal conditions, we obtain

$$\overline{m}0^{(e)} = X^{(e)} \times q^{(e)}, \text{ and } \overline{n}0^{(e)} = X^{(e)} \times r^{(e)}.$$
(A5)

Where,

$$\overline{m}0^{(e)} = \begin{bmatrix} m0_i \\ m0_j \end{bmatrix}, \ \overline{v}^{(e)} = \begin{bmatrix} n0_i \\ n0_j \end{bmatrix} and \ X^{(e)} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & x_i \\ 1 & x_j \end{bmatrix}.$$
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(A20)

By the equations (A5), we have

$$q^{(e)} = (Y^{(e)}) \times \overline{m} 0^{(e)} \& r^{(e)} = (Y^{(e)}) \times \overline{n} 0^{(e)}.$$
 (A7)

Where,

$$Y^{(e)} = \frac{1}{X^{(e)}}.$$
 (A8)

Substituting the values of  $q^{(e)}$  &  $r^{(e)}$  in equation (A3), we obtained

$$m0^{(e)} = X^T \times Y^{(e)} \overline{m}0^{(e)} \text{ and } n0^{(e)} = X^T \times Y^{(e)} \overline{n}0^{(e)}.$$
(A9)

The partial differential equations (1) and (7) can be written as,

$$I_{1}^{(e)} = I_{ao1}^{(e)} - I_{bo1}^{(e)} + I_{co1}^{(e)} - I_{do1}^{(e)} + I_{eo1}^{(e)} - I_{fo1}^{(e)} - I_{go1}^{(e)}.$$
(A10)

Where

$$I_{ao1}^{(e)} = \int_{x_i}^{x_j} \left[ \left[ \frac{\partial m 0^{(e)}}{\partial x} \right]^2 \right] dx, \tag{A11}$$

$$I_{bo1}^{(e)} = \frac{d}{dx} \int_{x_i}^{x_j} \left[ \frac{m0^{(e)}}{D_c} \right] dx,$$
(A12)

$$I_{co1}^{(e)} = \frac{V_{IP_3R}}{D_c F_c} \int_{x_i}^{x_j} \left[ \alpha m 0^{(e)} + \beta n 0^{(e)} + \gamma \right] dx,$$
(A13)

$$I_{do1}^{(e)} = \frac{V_{serca}}{D_c F_c} \int_{x_i}^{x_j} \left[ km 0^{(e)} - \eta \right] dx,$$
(A14)

$$I_{eo1}^{(e)} = \frac{V_{leak}}{D_c F_c} \int_{x_i}^{x_j} \left[ [Ca^{2+}]_{ER} - m0^{(e)} \right] dx,$$
(A15)

$$I_{fo1}^{(e)} = \frac{K^{-}}{D_c} \int_{x_i}^{x_j} \left[ m 0^{(e)} - [Ca^{2+}]_{\infty} \right] dx,$$
(A16)

$$I_{go1}^{(e)} = f^{(e)} \left[ \frac{\sigma}{D_c} \right]_{x=0}.$$
 (A17)

$$I_2^{(e)} = I_{ao2}^{(e)} - I_{bo2}^{(e)} + I_{co2}^{(e)} - I_{do2}^{(e)}.$$
 (A18)

$$I_{ao2}^{(e)} = \int_{x_i}^{x_j} \left[ \left[ \frac{\partial n 0^{(e)}}{\partial x} \right]^2 \right] dx, \tag{A19}$$

$$I_{bo2}^{(e)} = \frac{d}{dx} \int_{x_i}^{x_j} \left[ \frac{n 0^{(e)}}{D_I} \right] dx,$$

$$I_{co2}^{(e)} = \frac{V_{prod}}{D_I F_c} \int_{x_i}^{x_j} \left[ \mu m 0^{(e)} + \tau \right] dx,$$
(A21)

$$I_{do2}^{(e)} = \frac{\lambda}{D_I F_c} \int_{x_i}^{x_j} \left[ \delta m 0^{(e)} + \zeta n 0^{(e)} + \gamma_2 \right] dx.$$
(A22)

Linearizing  $IP_3$  and  $Ca^{2+}$  dynamics yields the quantity of  $\delta$ ,  $\gamma$ , k,  $\eta$ ,  $\mu$ ,  $\zeta$ ,  $\gamma_2$ ,  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$  and  $\tau$ . The equations after calculation and boundary circumstances are as follows.

$$\frac{dI_1}{d\overline{m}0^{(e)}} = \sum_{e=1}^{N} \left[ \overline{\mathcal{Q}}^{(e)} \frac{dI_1^{(e)}}{d\overline{m}0^{(e)}} \overline{\mathcal{Q}}^{(e)^T} \right] = 0.$$
(A23)

$$\frac{dI_2}{d\overline{n}0^{(e)}} = \sum_{e=1}^{N} \left[ \overline{\mathcal{Q}}^{(e)} \frac{dI_2^{(e)}}{d\overline{n}0^{(e)}} \overline{\mathcal{Q}}^{(e)^T} \right] = 0.$$
(A24)

Where,

$$\frac{dI_{1}^{(e)}}{d\overline{m}0^{(e)}} = \frac{dI_{ao1}^{(e)}}{d\overline{m}0^{(e)}} + \frac{d}{dt} \left[ \frac{dI_{bo1}^{(e)}}{d\overline{m}0^{(e)}} \right] + \frac{dI_{co1}^{(e)}}{d\overline{m}0^{(e)}} + \frac{dI_{do1}^{(e)}}{d\overline{m}0^{(e)}} - \frac{dI_{eo1}^{(e)}}{d\overline{m}0^{(e)}} - \frac{dI_{fo1}^{(e)}}{d\overline{m}0^{(e)}} .$$
(A25)

$$\frac{dI_{2}^{(e)}}{d\overline{n}0^{(e)}} = \frac{dI_{ao2}^{(e)}}{d\overline{n}0^{(e)}} + \frac{d}{dt} \left[ \frac{dI_{bo2}^{(e)}}{d\overline{n}0^{(e)}} \right] + \frac{dI_{co2}^{(e)}}{d\overline{n}0^{(e)}} + \frac{dI_{d2}^{(e)}}{d\overline{n}0^{(e)}} - \frac{dI_{eo2}^{(e)}}{d\overline{n}0^{(e)}}.$$
(A26)

$$\overline{M}^{(el)} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ \cdot & \cdot \\ 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \\ \cdot & \cdot \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \overline{u} = \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ u_3 \\ \cdot \\ \cdot \\ u_{30} \\ u_{31} \end{bmatrix} and \overline{v} = \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ v_3 \\ \cdot \\ \cdot \\ v_{30} \\ v_{31} \end{bmatrix}.$$
(A27)
$$\begin{bmatrix} A_{1_{62\times62}} \begin{bmatrix} \left[ \frac{\partial \overline{u}}{\partial t} \right]_{31\times1} \\ \left[ \frac{\partial \overline{v}}{\partial t} \right]_{31\times1} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} B_{1_{62\times62}} \begin{bmatrix} \left[ \overline{u} \right]_{31\times1} \\ \left[ \overline{v} \right]_{31\times1} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} F_{1_{62\times1}}. \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \lfloor \partial t \rfloor_{31\times 1} \end{bmatrix} \qquad \begin{bmatrix} l \cdot J_{31\times 1} \end{bmatrix}$$
(A28)

We utilize the statistically stable Crank Nicholson Method on the matrices A and B to determine the time derivative using the Finite Element Approach, and the force vector is F. To solve the resultant system of equations, the Gaussian Elimination Method is utilized.

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