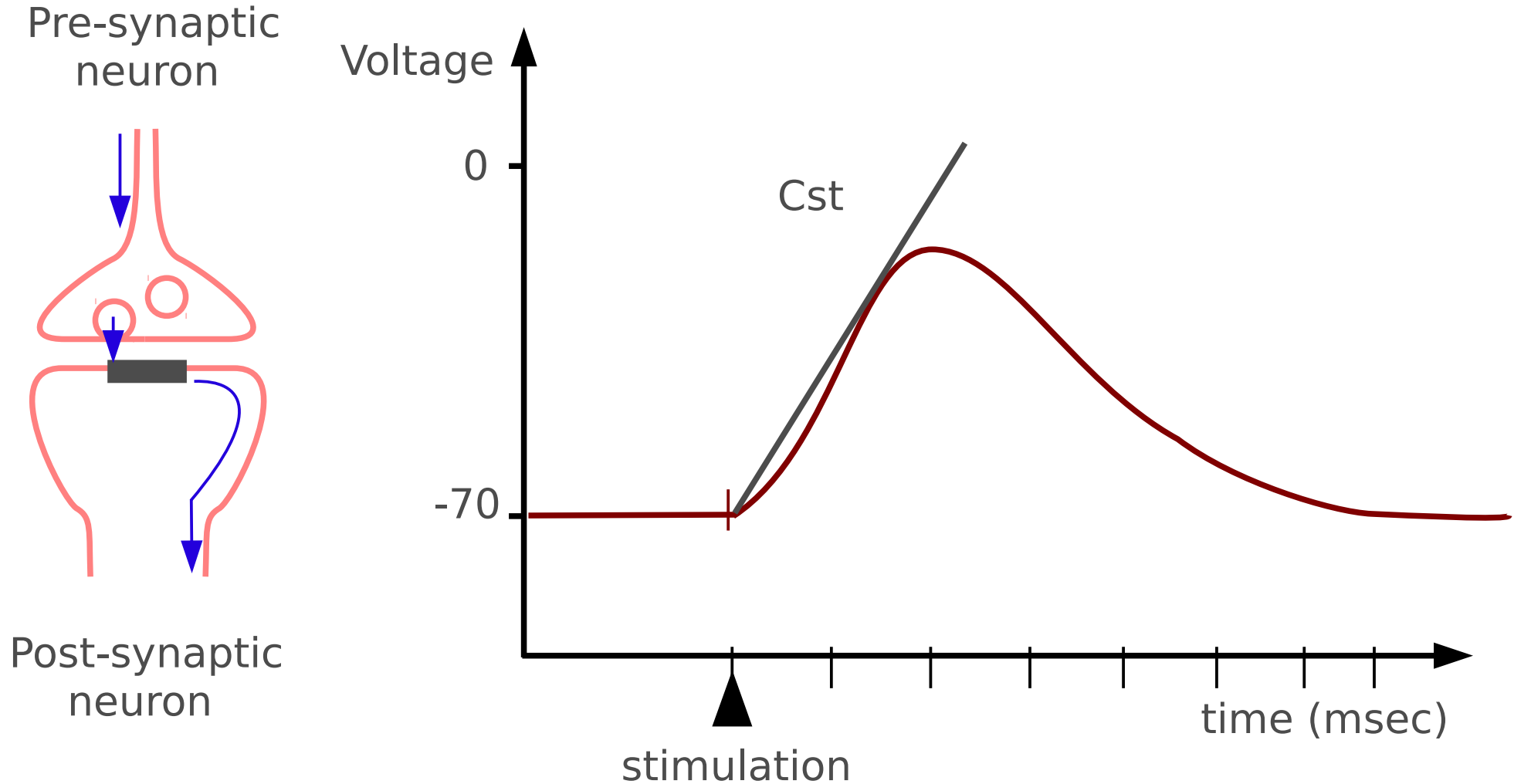


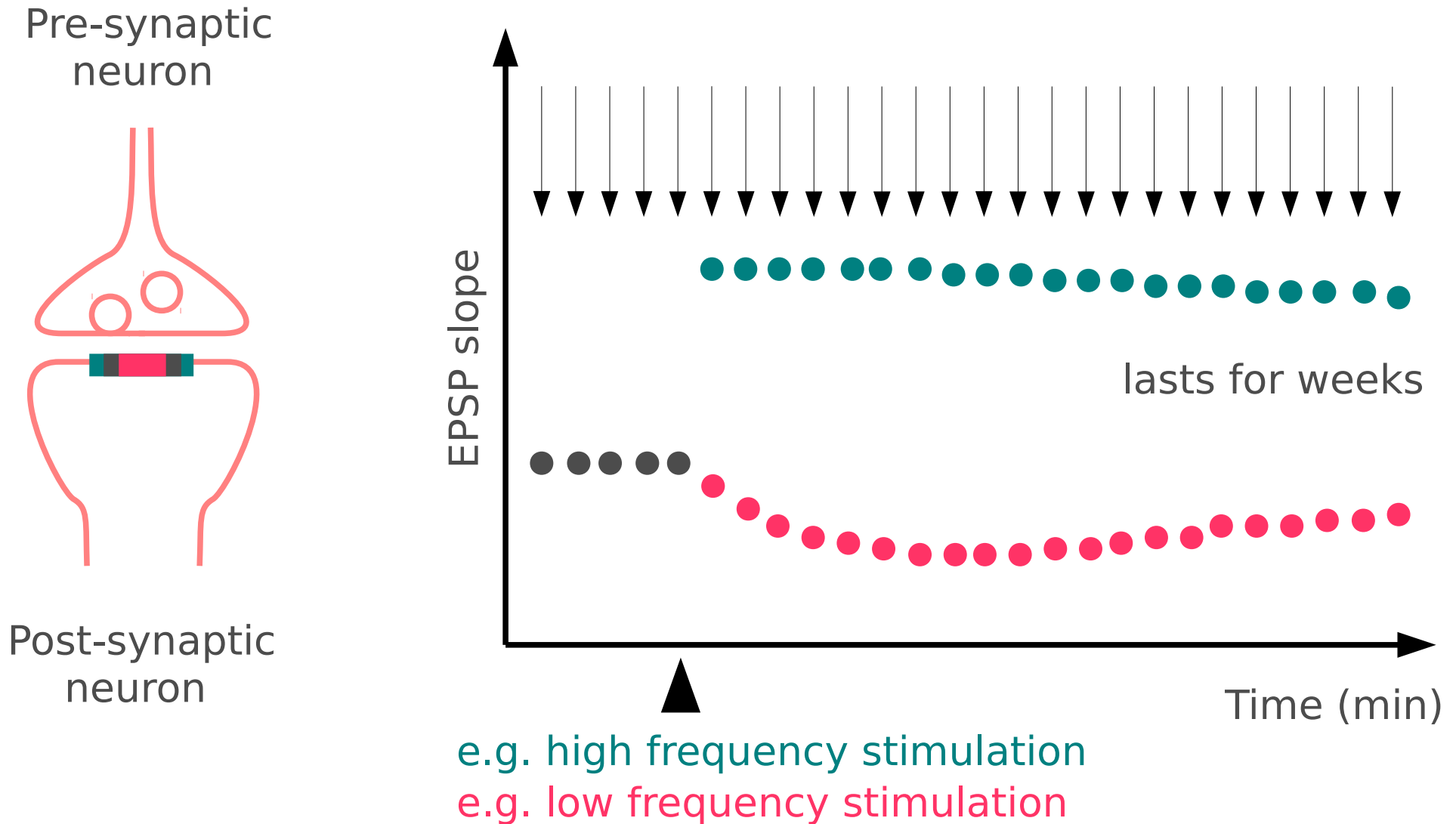
Allosteric calcium sensors in synaptic plasticity

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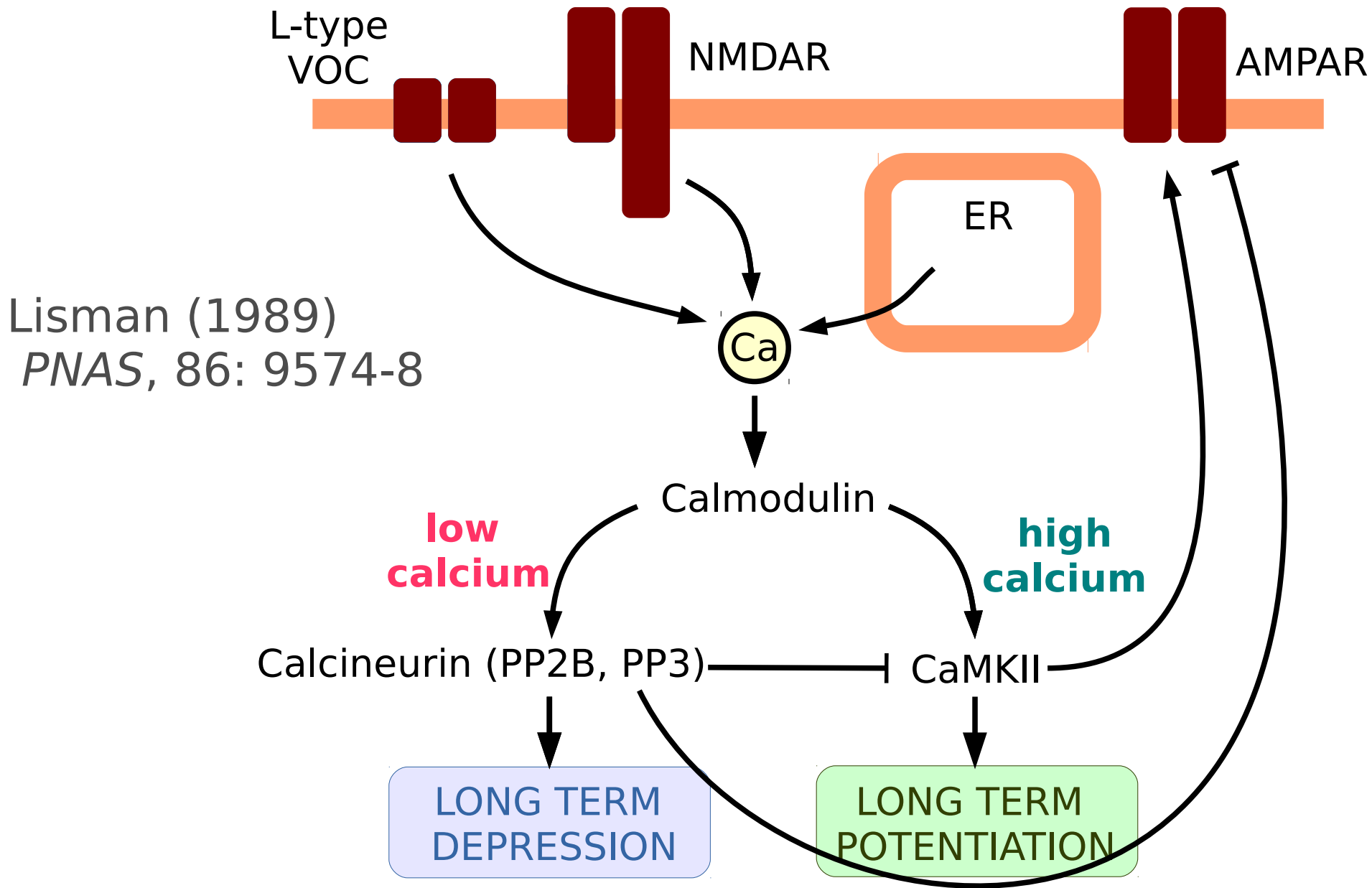
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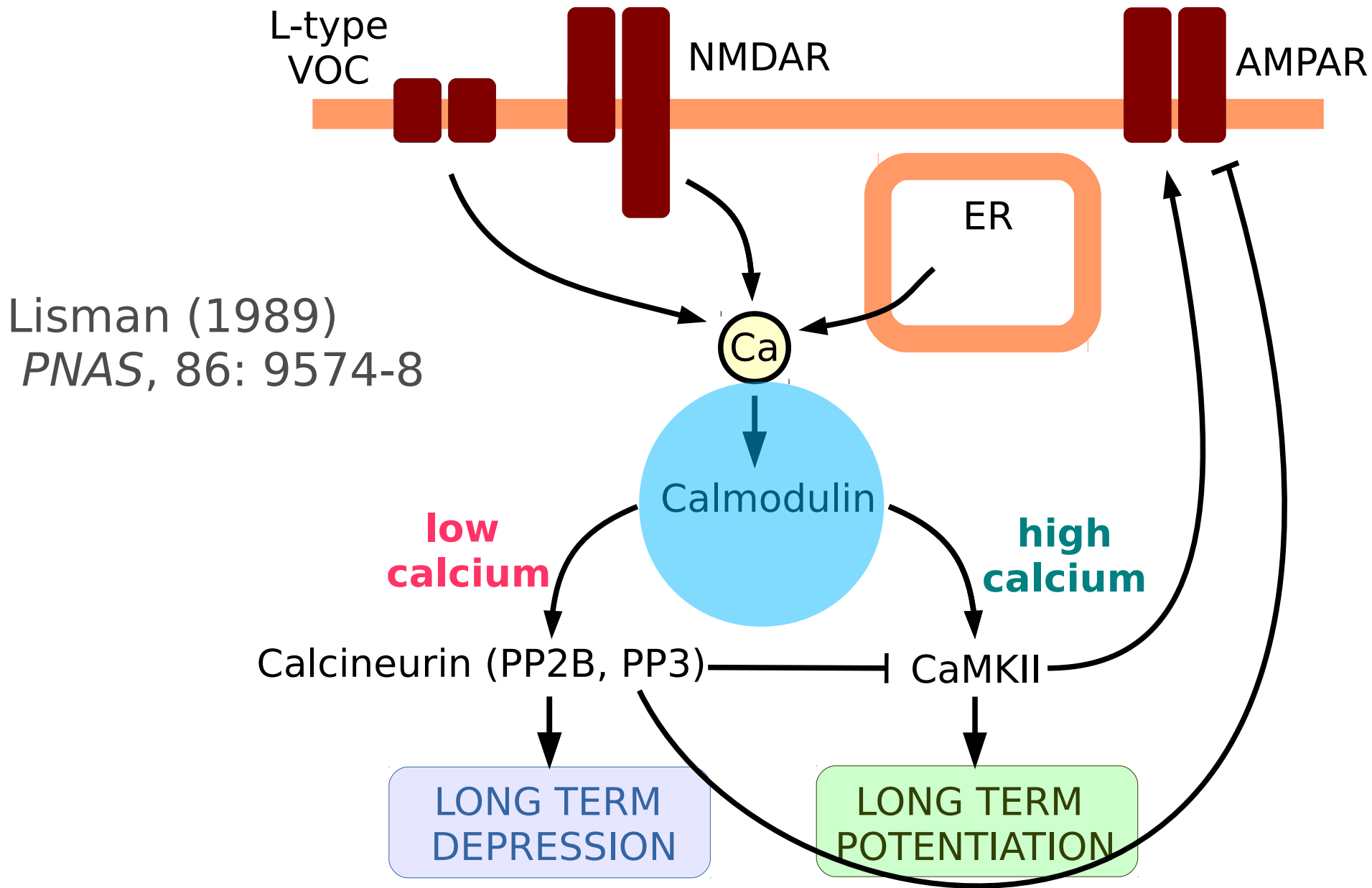
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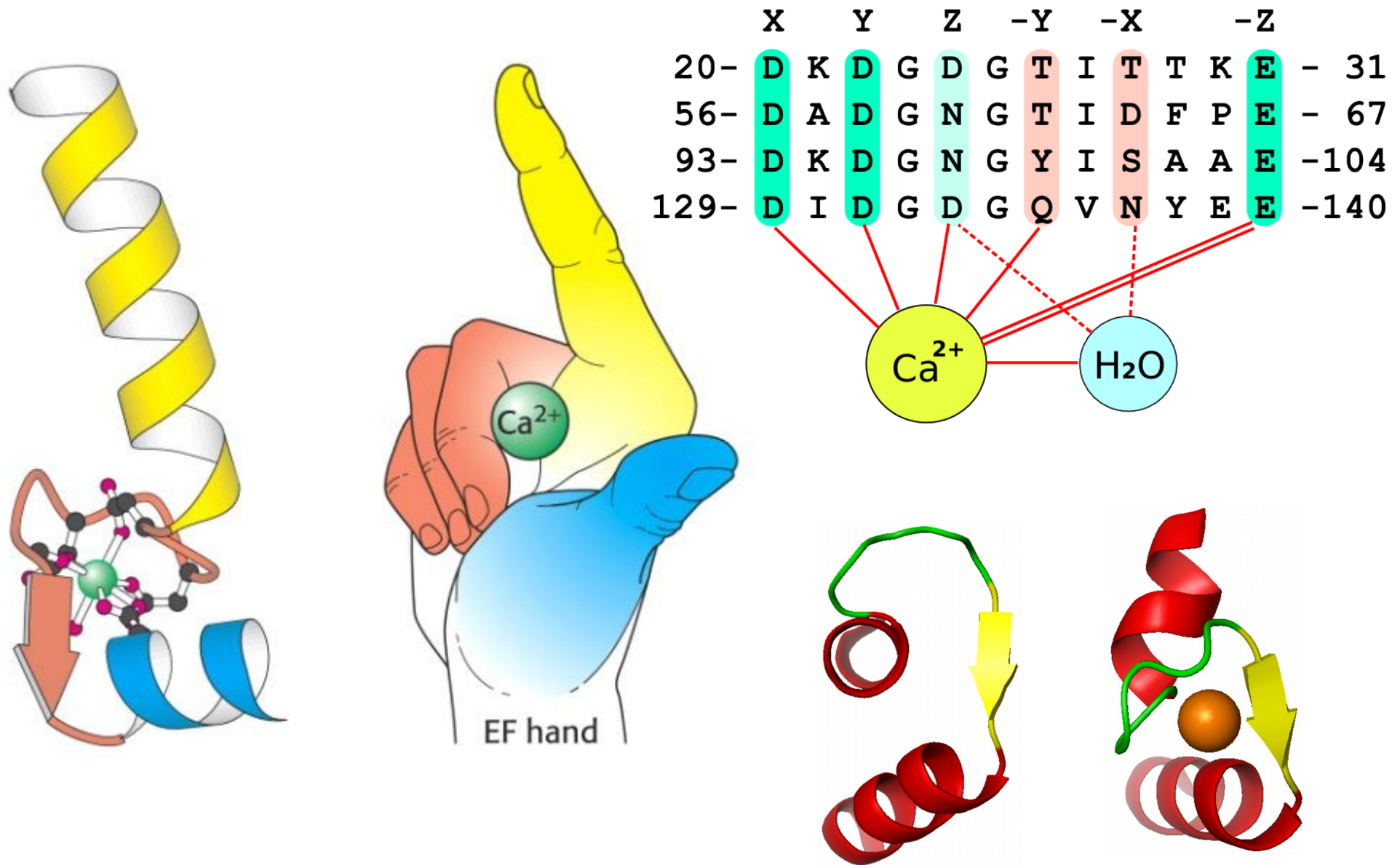


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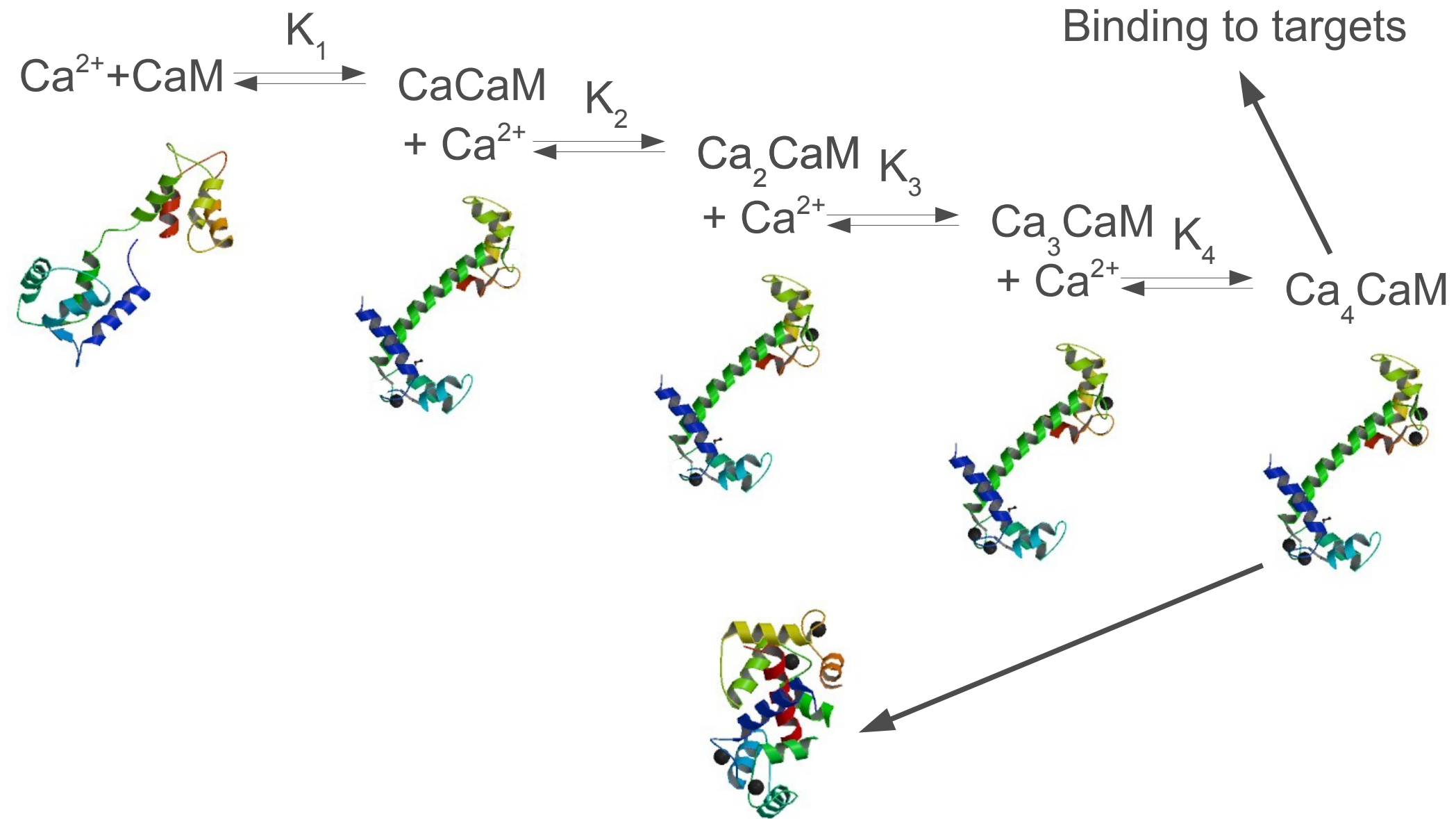
Modelling the behaviour of
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Modelling the behaviour of a cell

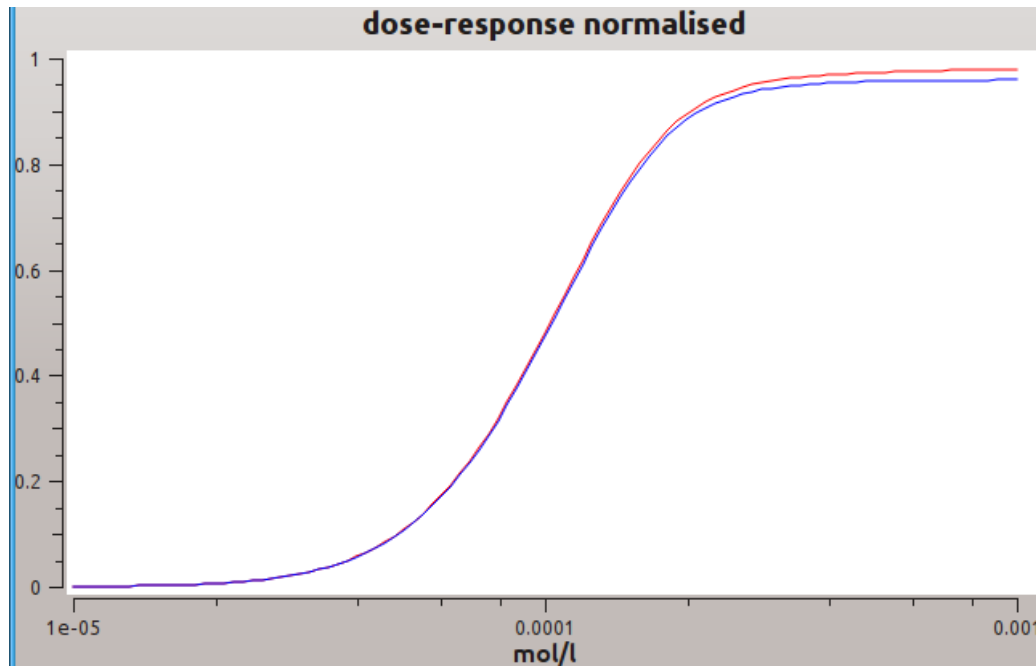
Structure of a Calmodulin Ca^{2+} binding domain



The naive view

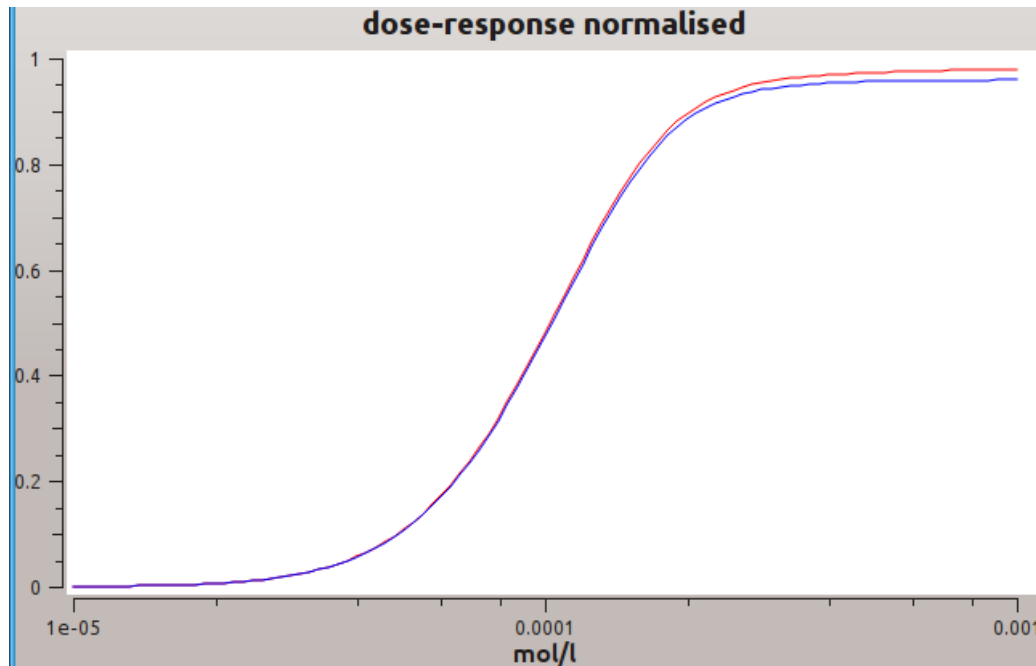


That does not work ...



[CaN]=[CamKII]=[CaM]/10 ;
Kd_CaMKII = 10xKd_CaN;
Software COPASI

We knew it would not work



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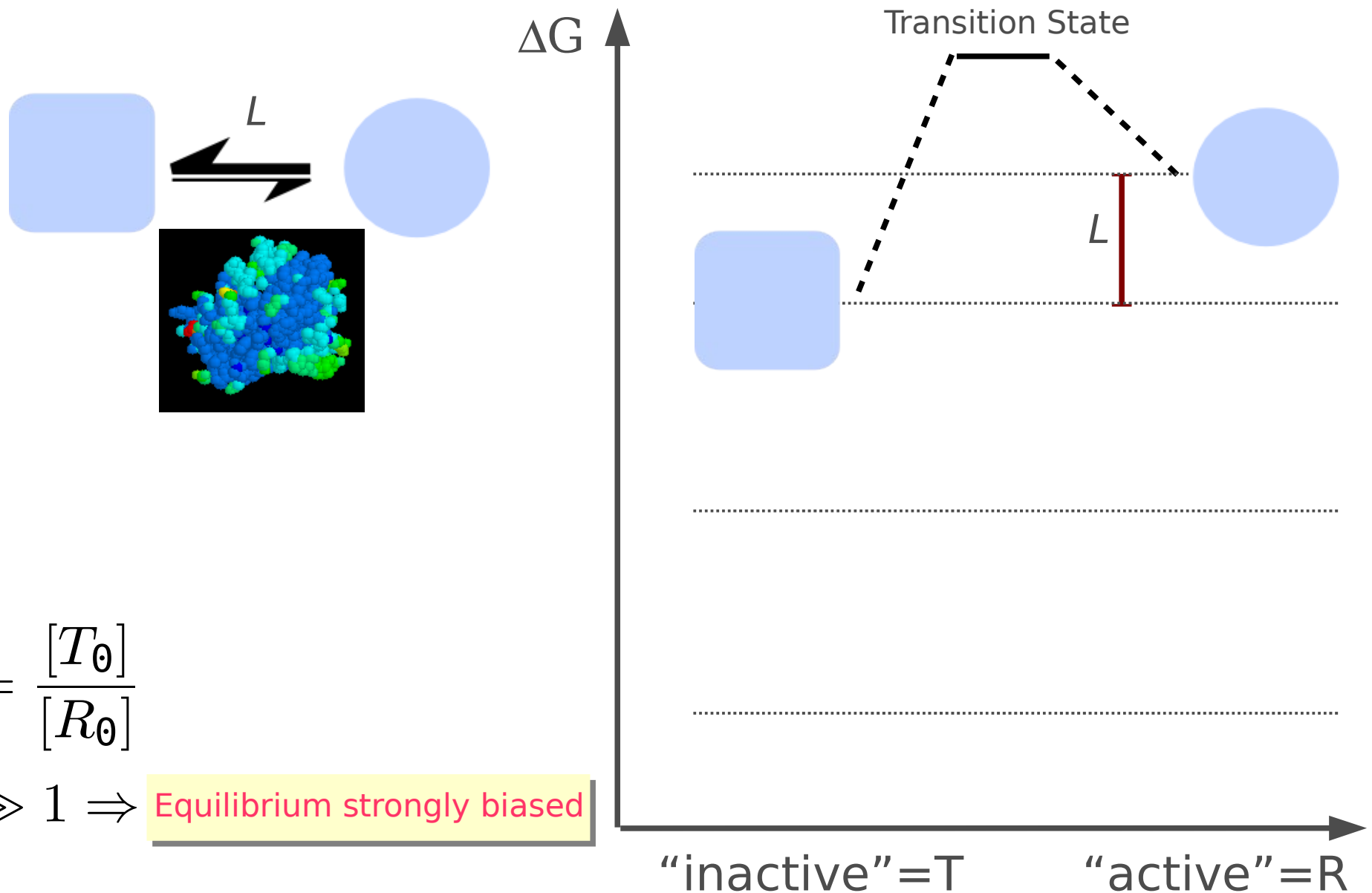
- Calmodulin can activate calcineurin with 3 Ca^{2+} (Kincaid and Vaughan (1986). *PNAS*, 83: 1193-1197)
- Calmodulin can bind CaMKII with 2 Ca^{2+} (Shifman et al (2006). *PNAS*, 103: 13968-13973)
- Calmodulin affinity for calcium increases once bound to CaMKII (Shifman et al (2006) [but many previous reports on other targets: e.g. Burger et al (1983). *JBC*, 258: 14733-14739 ; Olwin et (1984). *JBC* 259: 10949-10955])

Monod, Wyman, Changeux (1965)

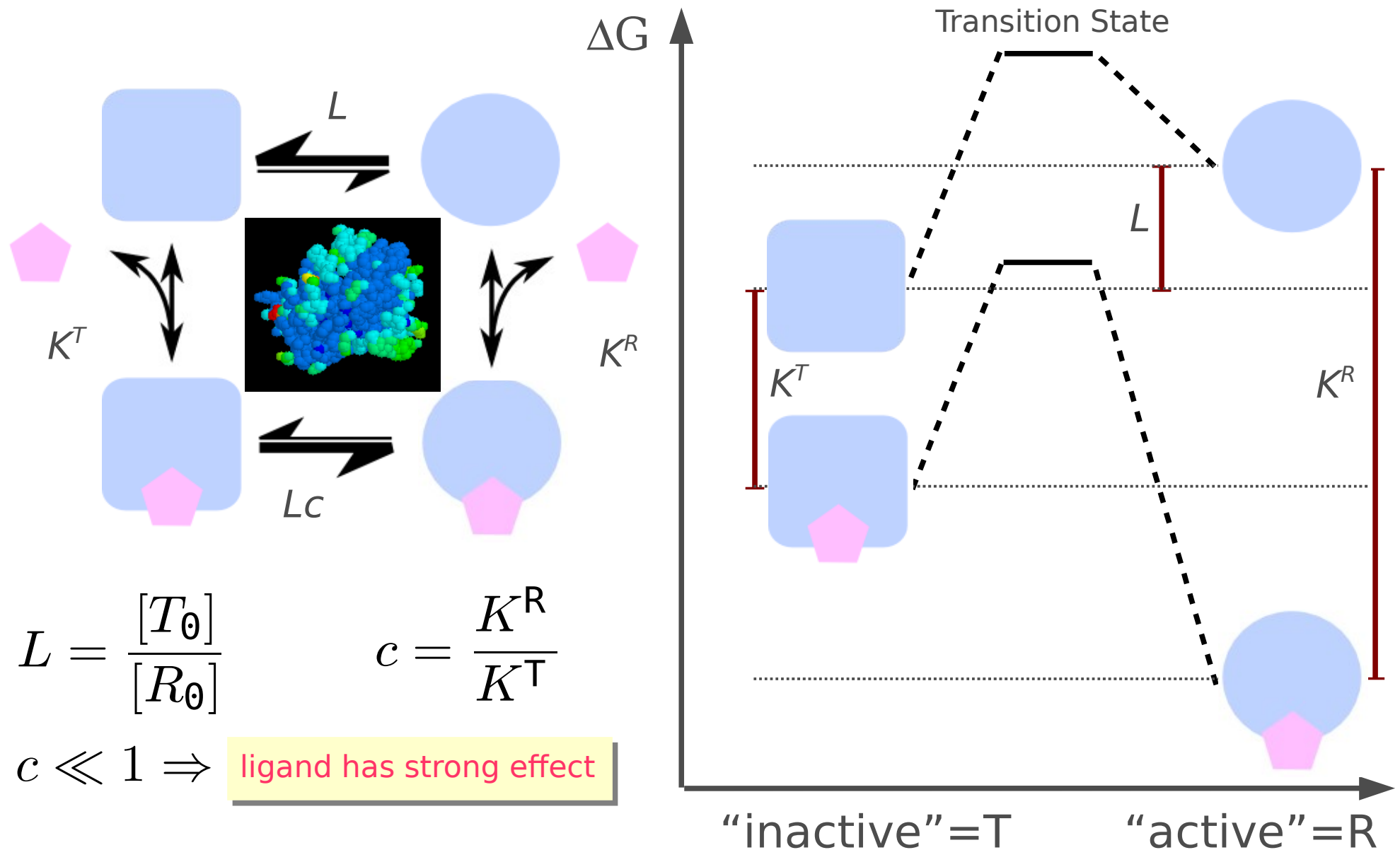
**On the nature of allosteric transitions:
a plausible model**

J Mol Biol, 12: 88-118

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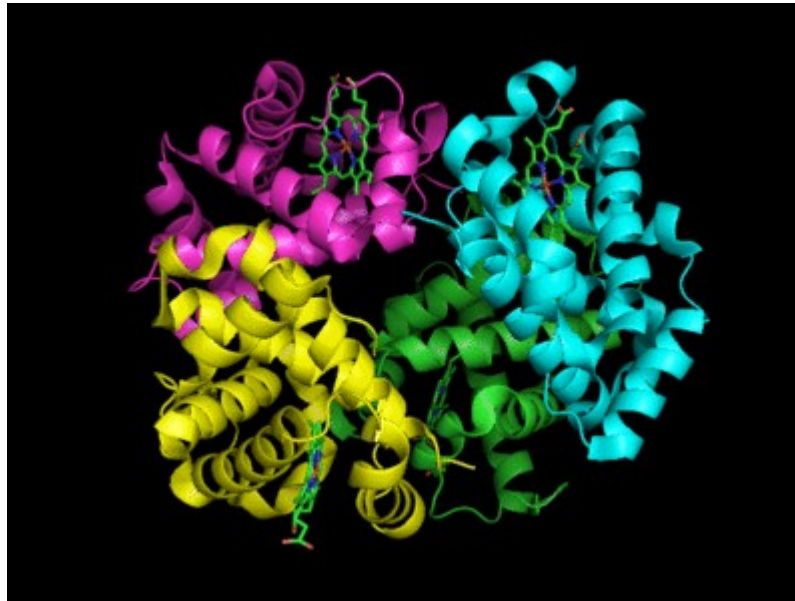
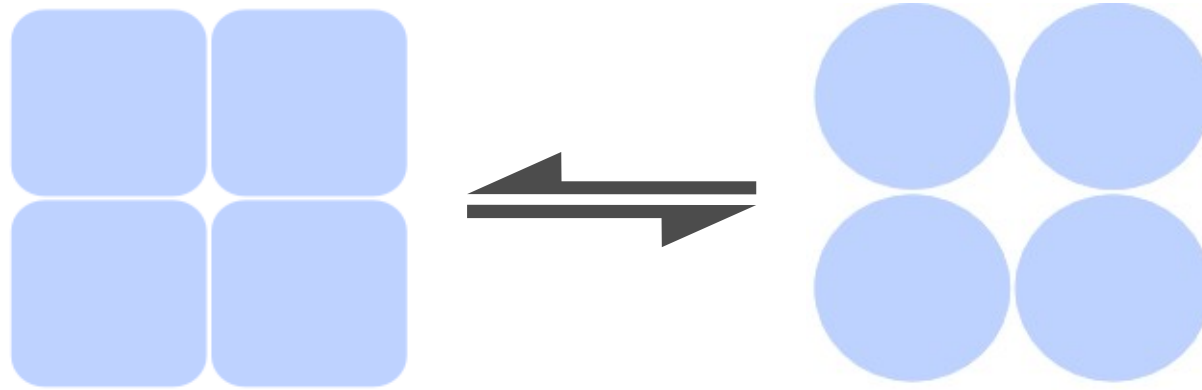


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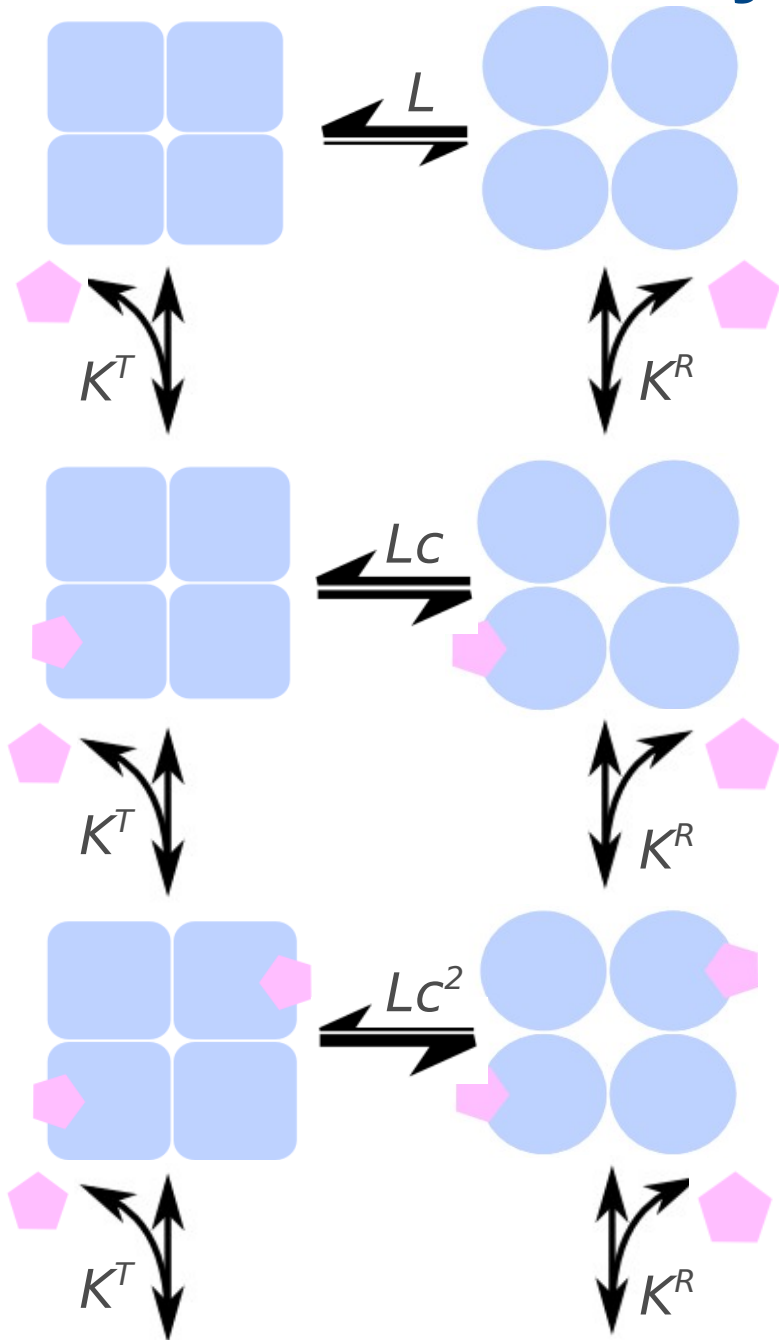


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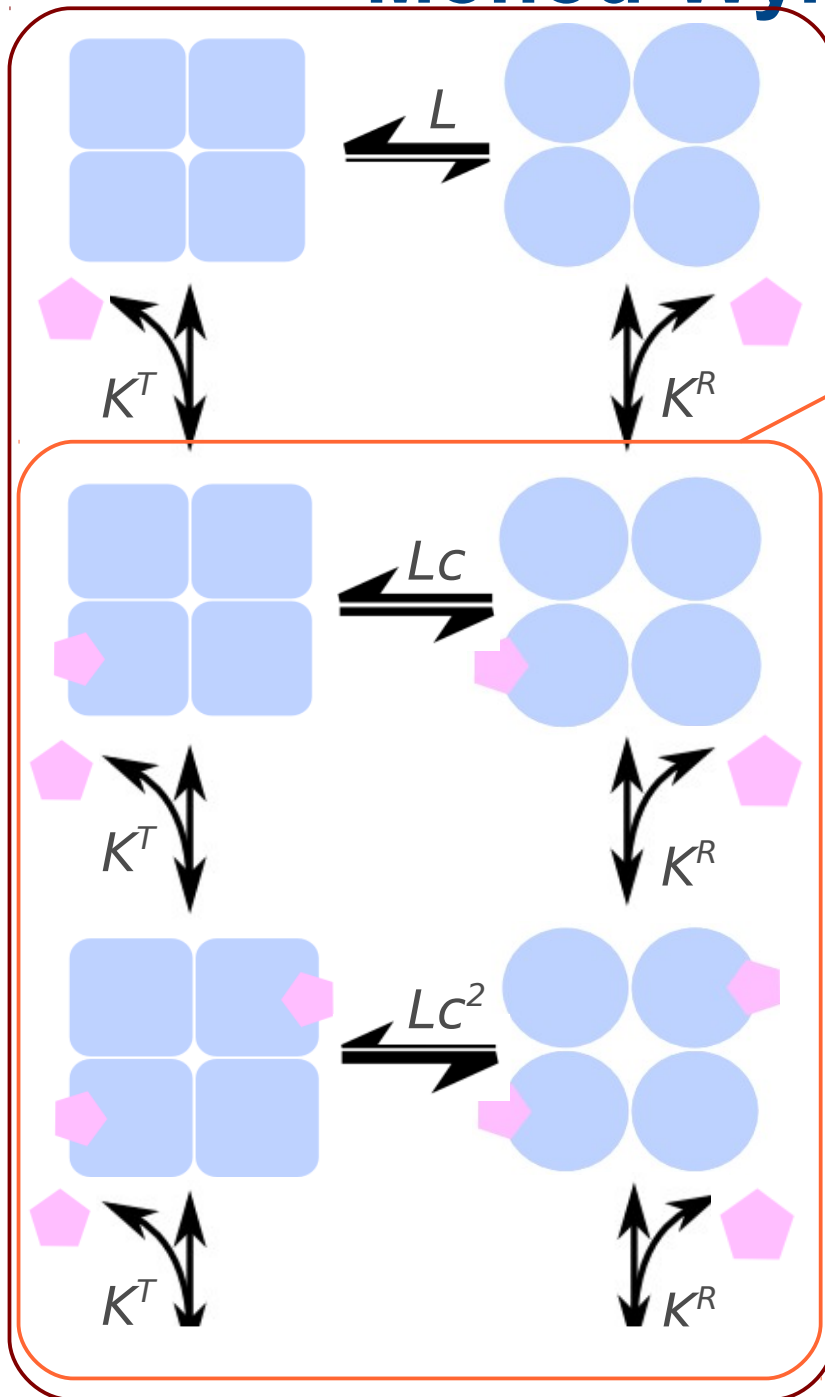
Concerted transitions $\neq$ sequential model



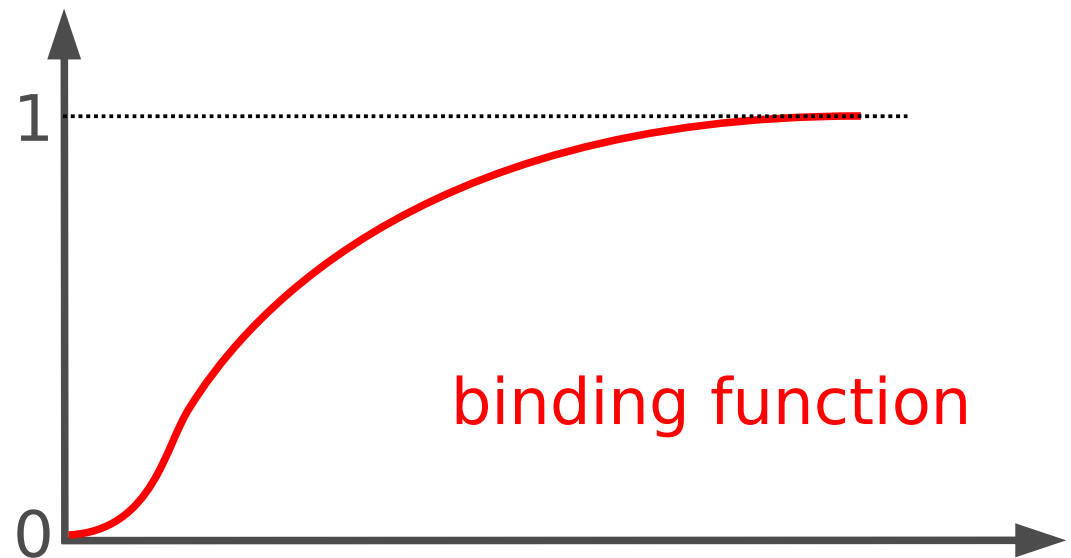
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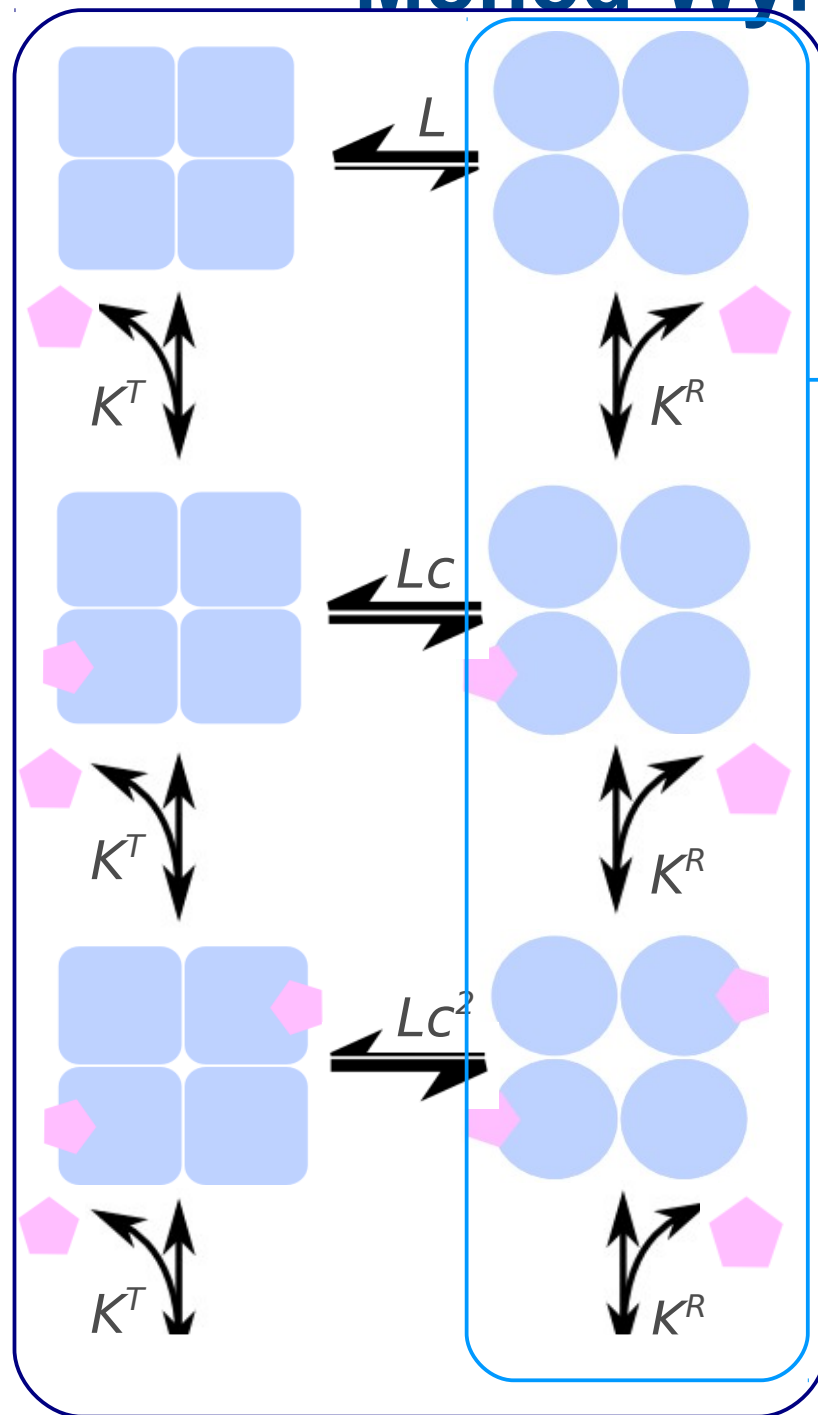
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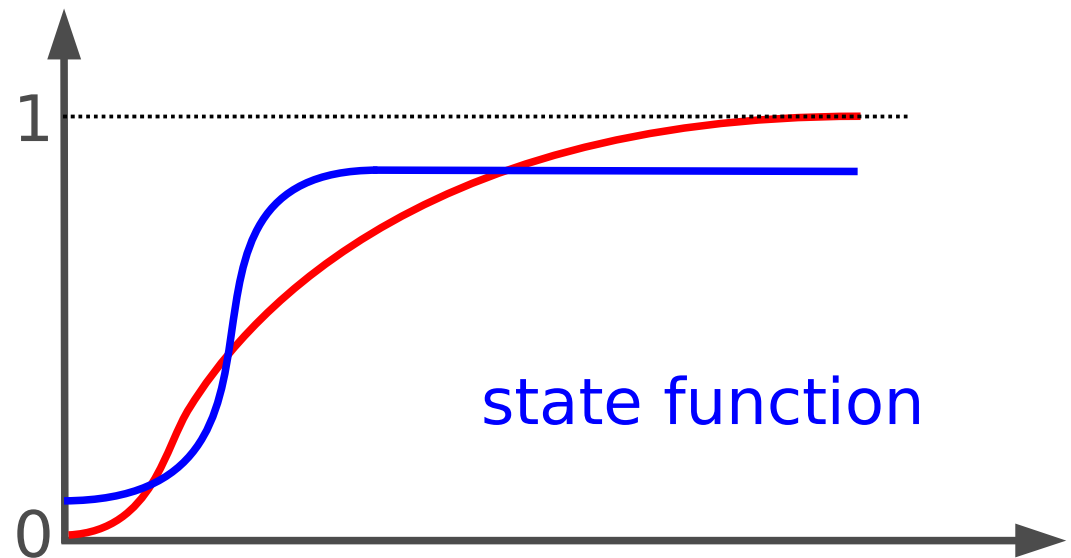


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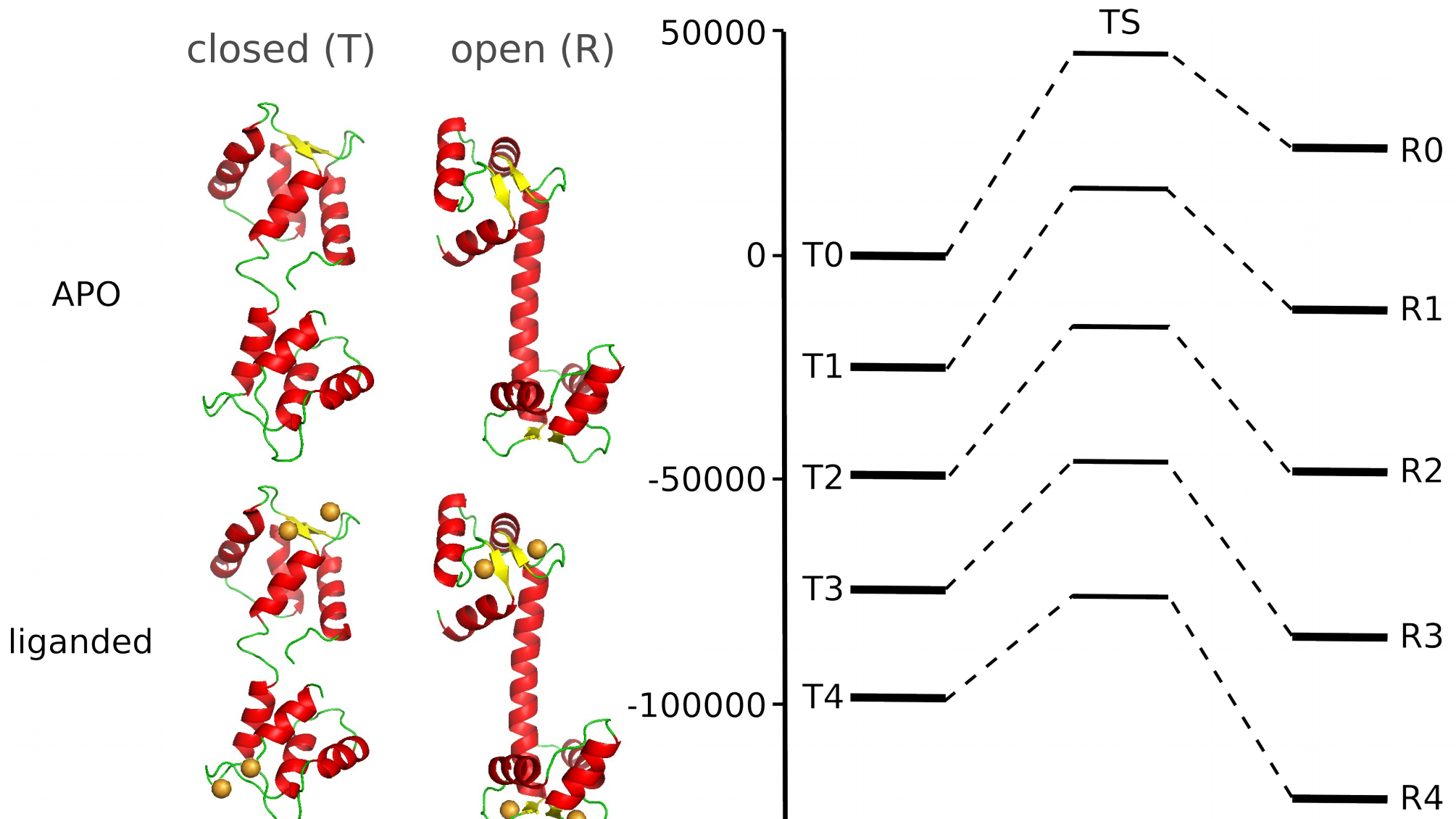


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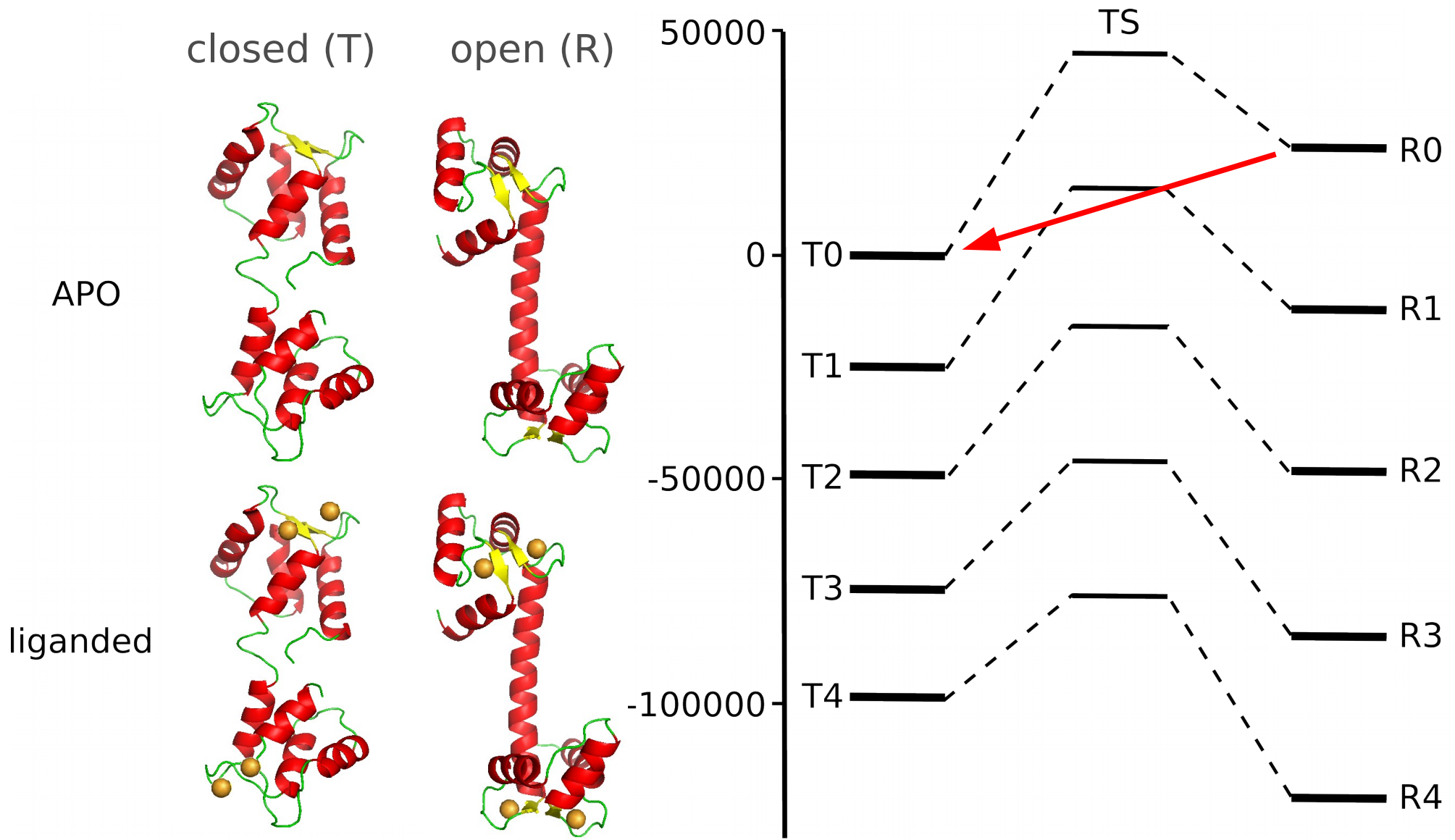


Allosteric model of Calmodulin activation

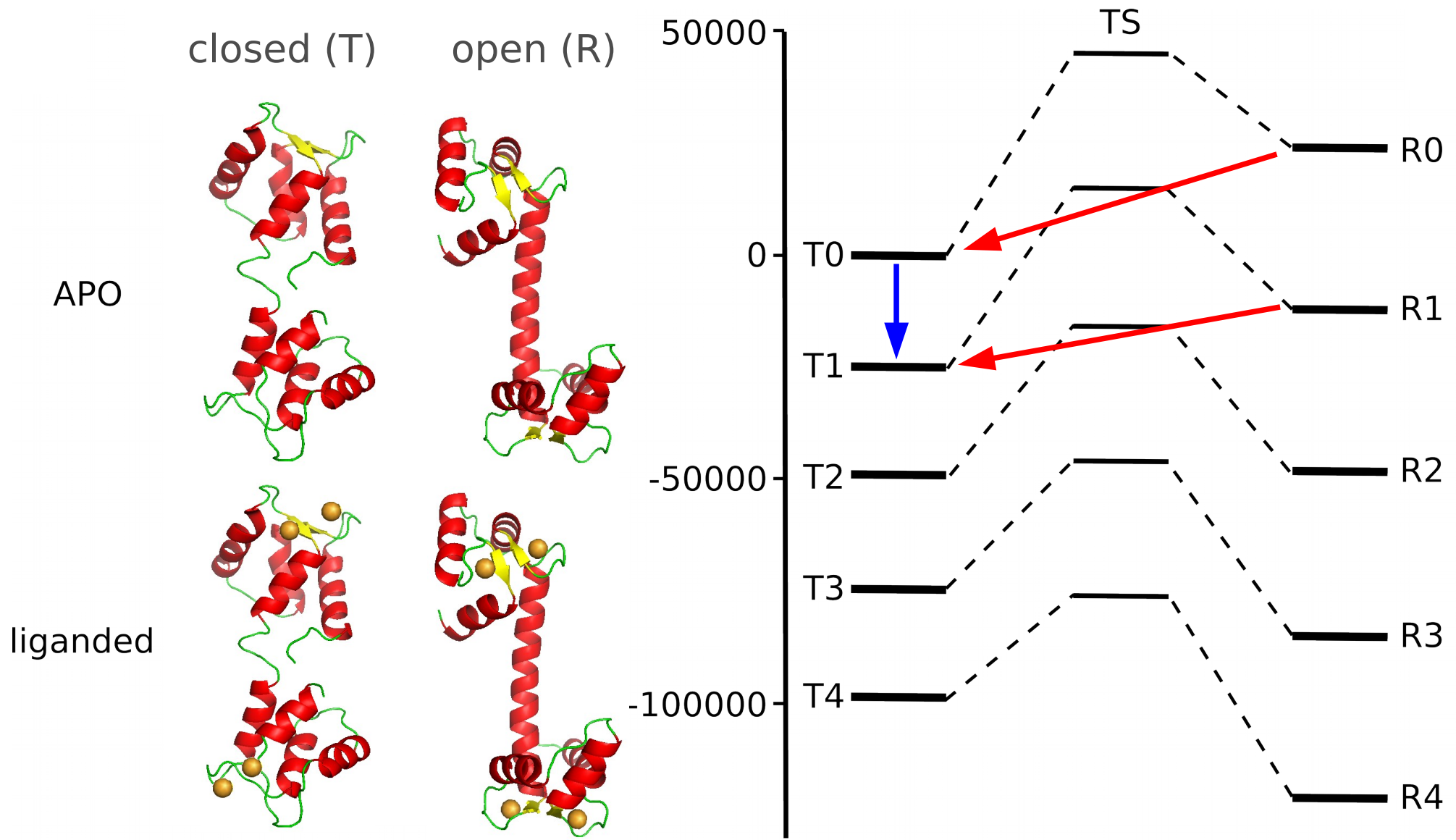


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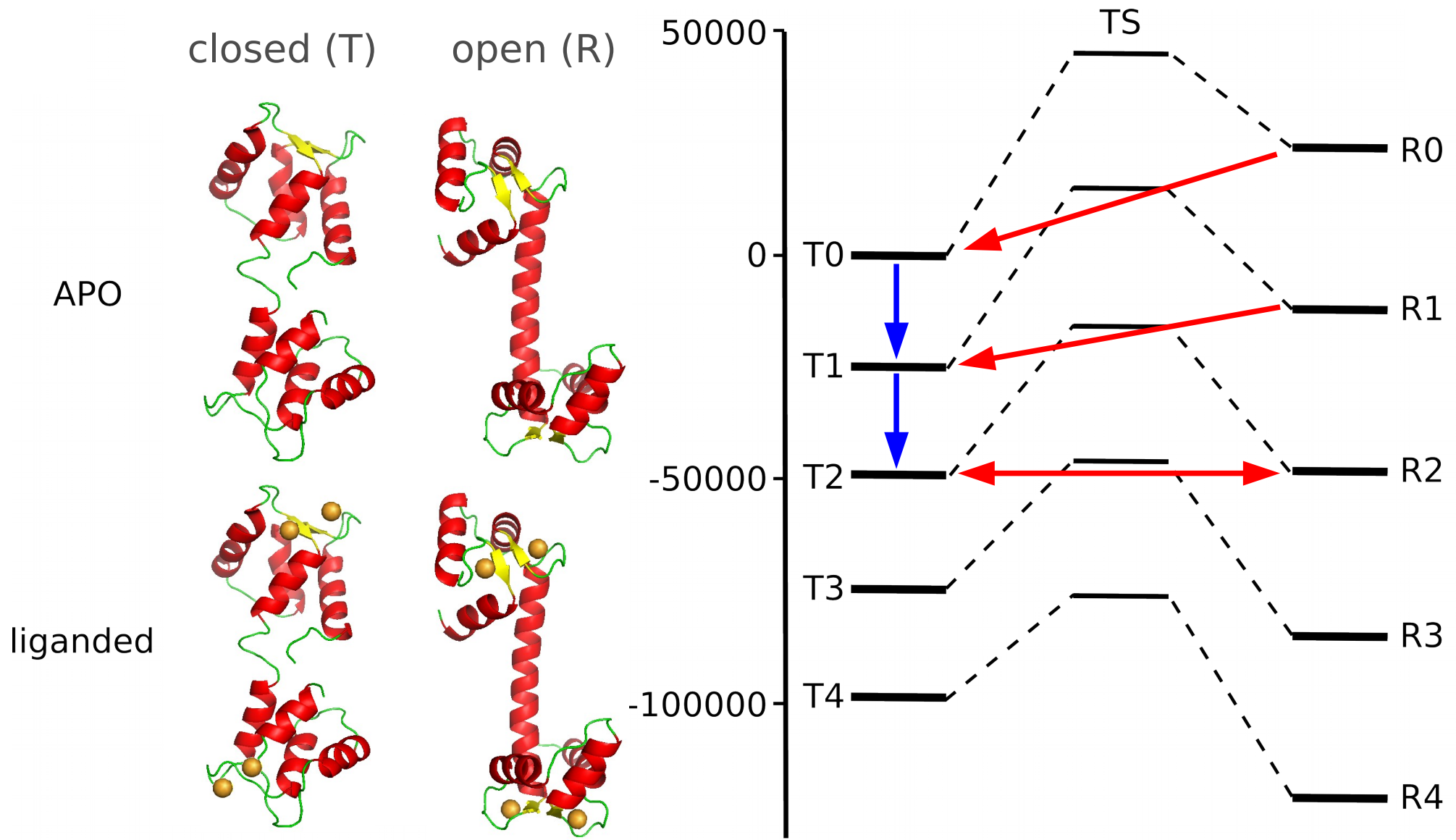
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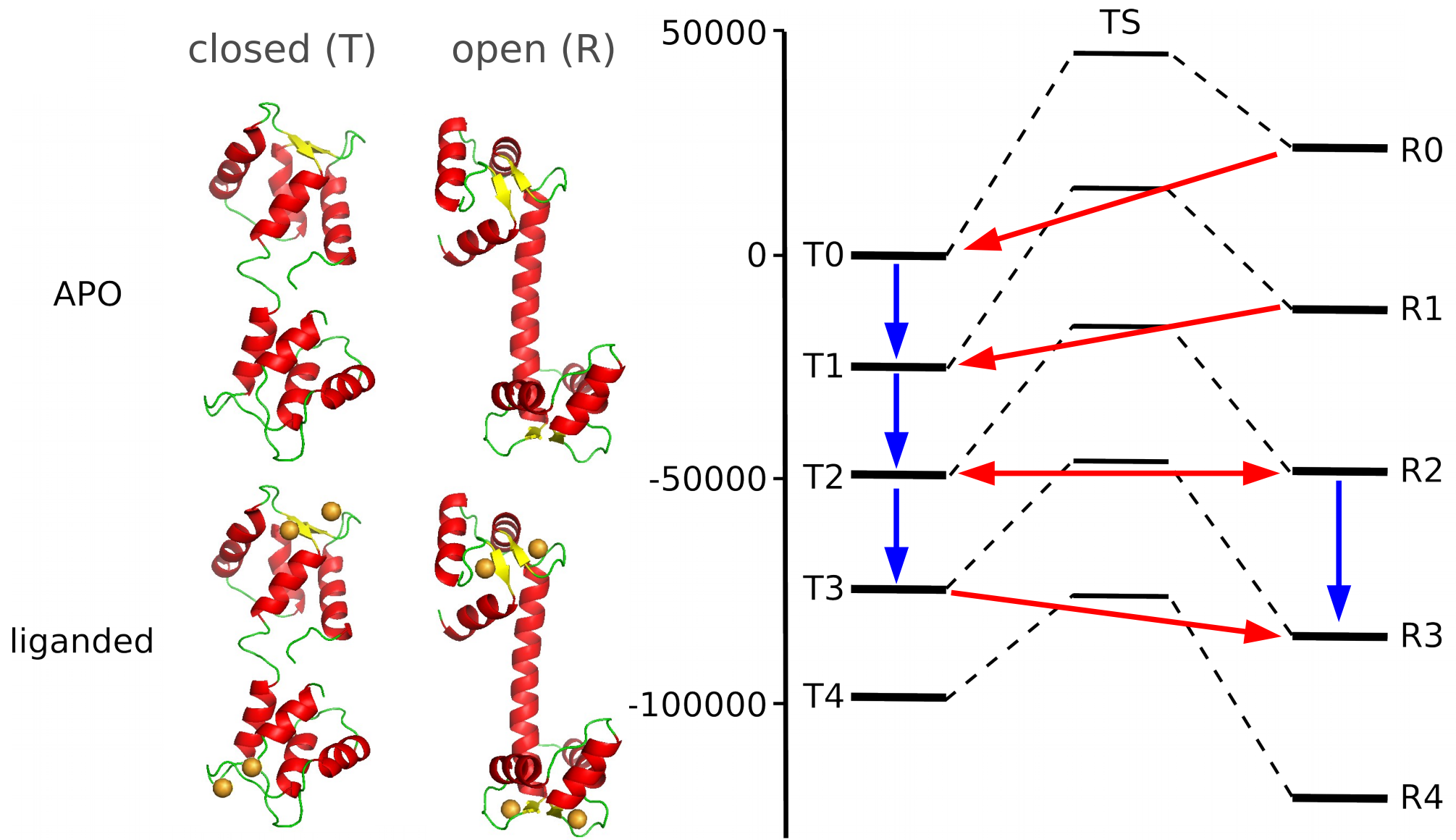
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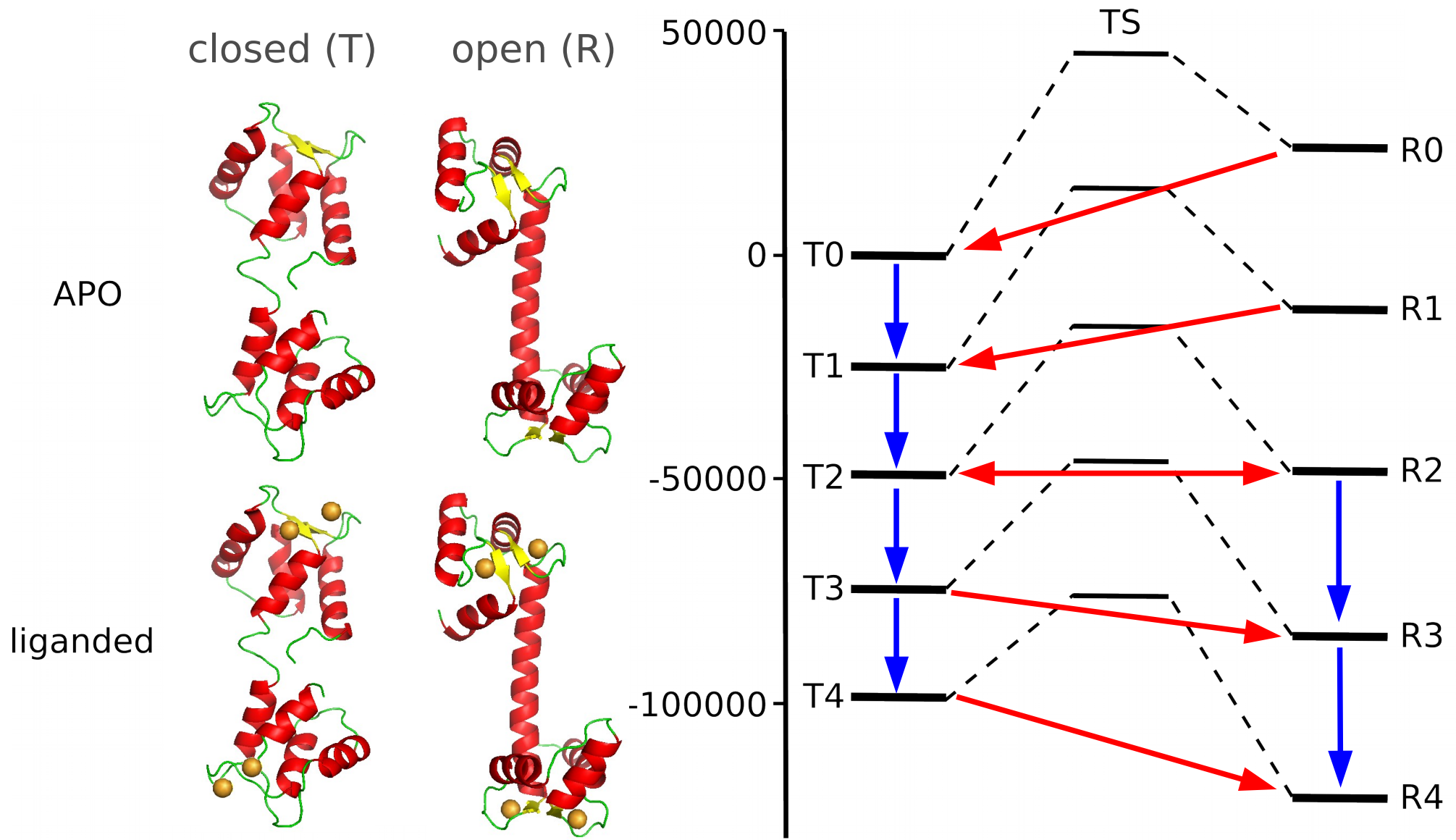
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Allosteric model of Calmodulin activation



Parameter estimation using:

- Ca^{2+} binding in presence of targets: none, skMLCK, PhK5, CaATPase
- Ca^{2+} dissociation constants for complete calmodulin and N and C term mutants

1 in 20000 active w/o Ca^{2+}

$$L=20670$$

$$C=3.96 \cdot 10^{-3}$$

Affinity of Ca^{2+} for “open state” 250 times higher than for “closed state”

$$K_A^R = 8.32 \cdot 10^{-6}$$

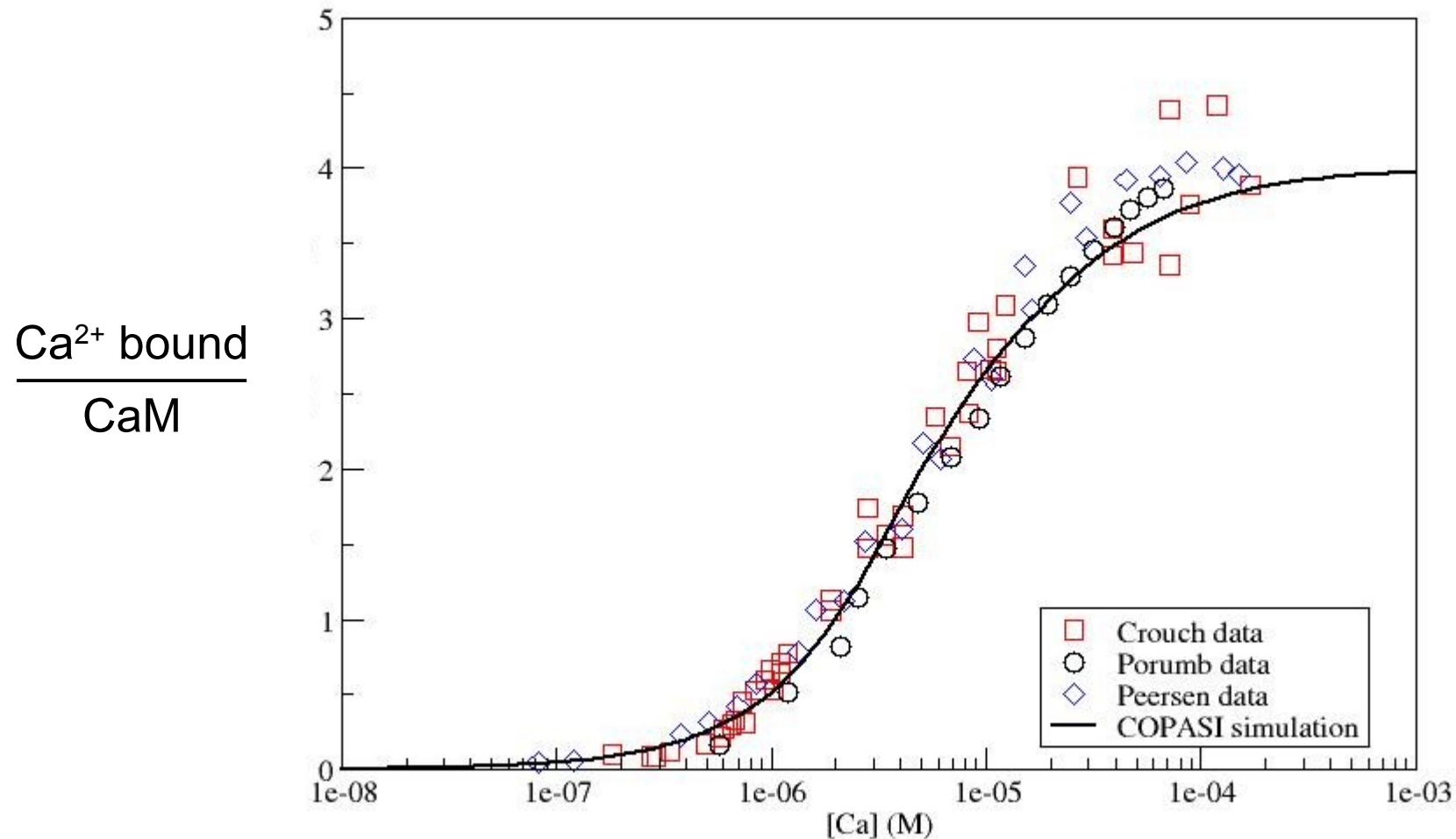
$$K_B^R = 1.66 \cdot 10^{-8}$$

$$K_C^R = 1.74 \cdot 10^{-5}$$

$$K_D^R = 1.45 \cdot 10^{-8}$$

2 high, 2 low, as expected

Comparison with experiments (binding function)



Crouch and Klee (1980) *Biochemistry*, 19: 3692-3698c

Porumb et al (1994) *Anal Biochem* 220: 227-237

Peersen et al (1997) *Prot Sci* 6: 794-807

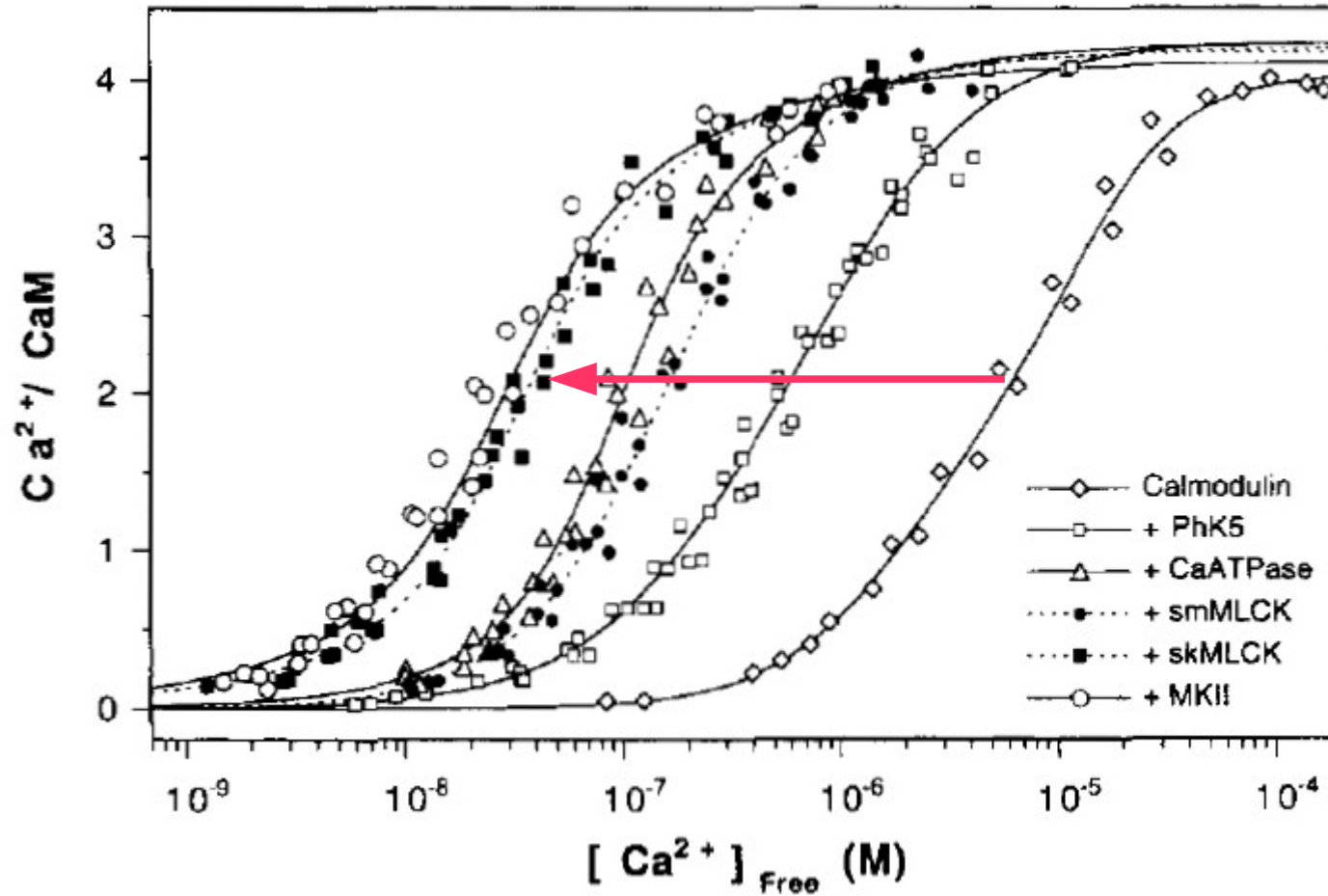
Activity of unsaturated calmodulin (state function)

- Fractional activity depends on the number of calcium ions bound

$$\frac{R_2}{T_2} = \frac{1}{L \cdot c^2}$$

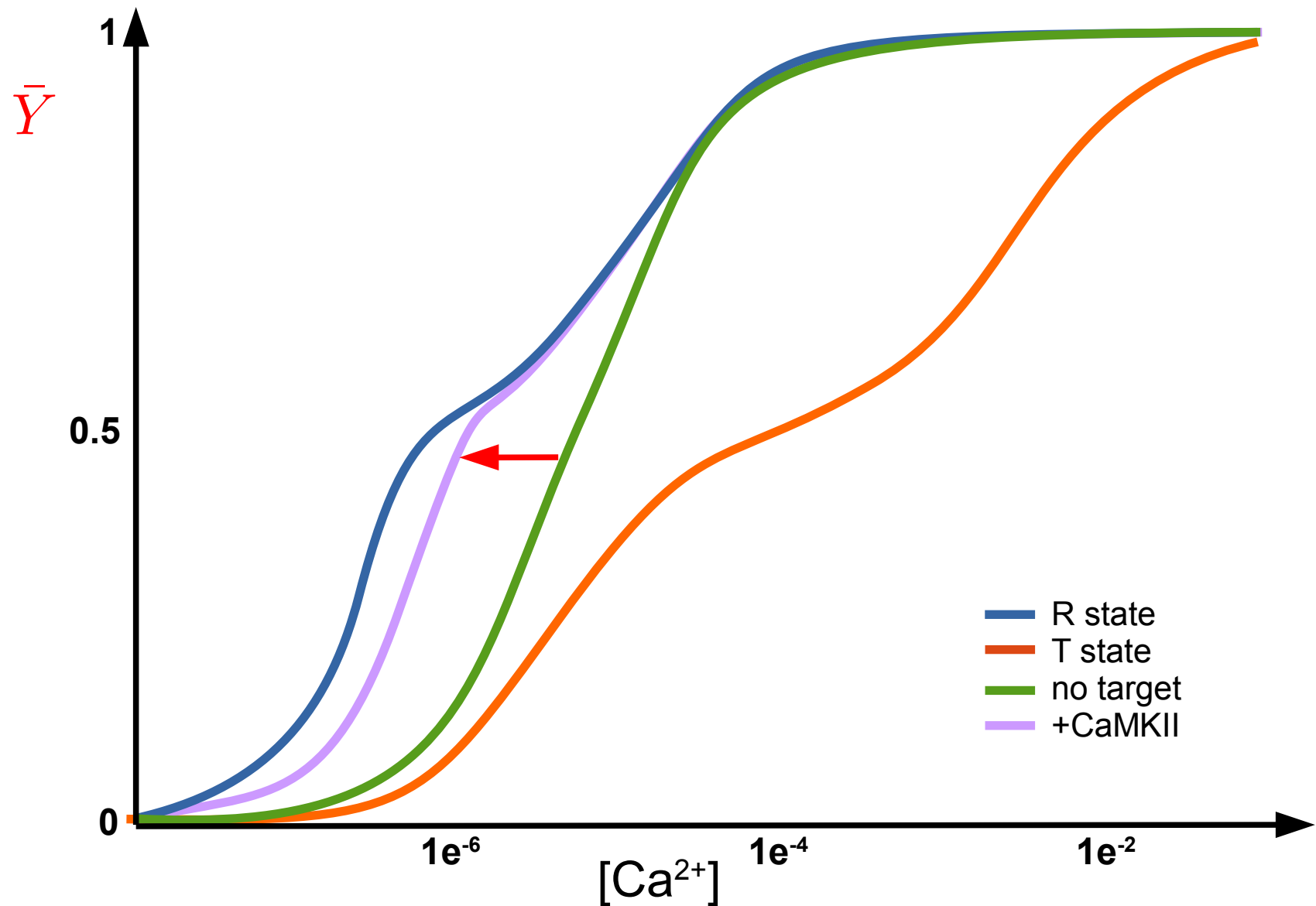
- $R_0/T_0 = 1/20000$ (1/L)
- $R_1/T_1 = 1/170$
- $R_2/T_2 = 0.69$ → half-saturation $\approx$ equi-probability
- $R_4/T_4 = 10000$

Targets as allosteric effectors

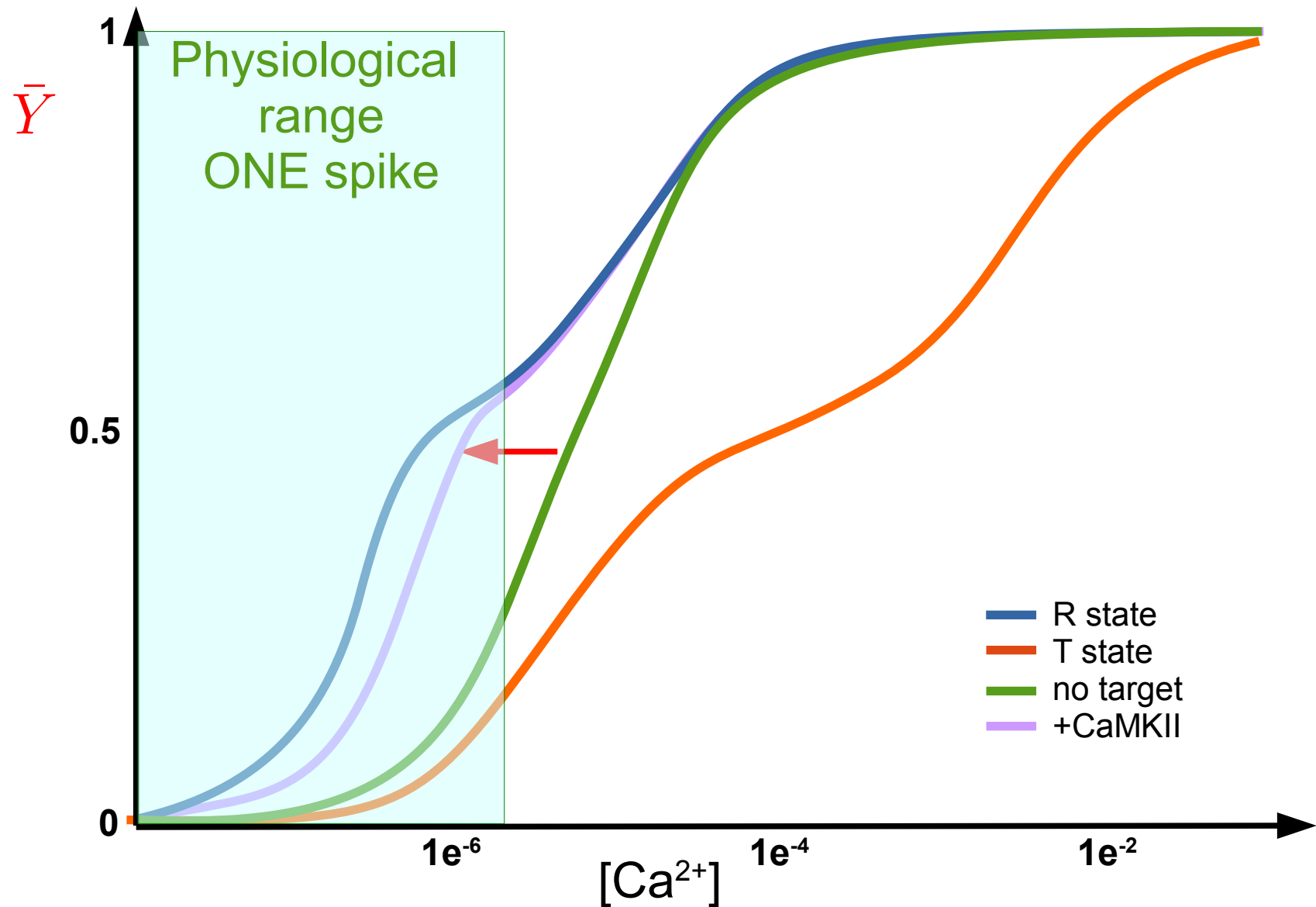


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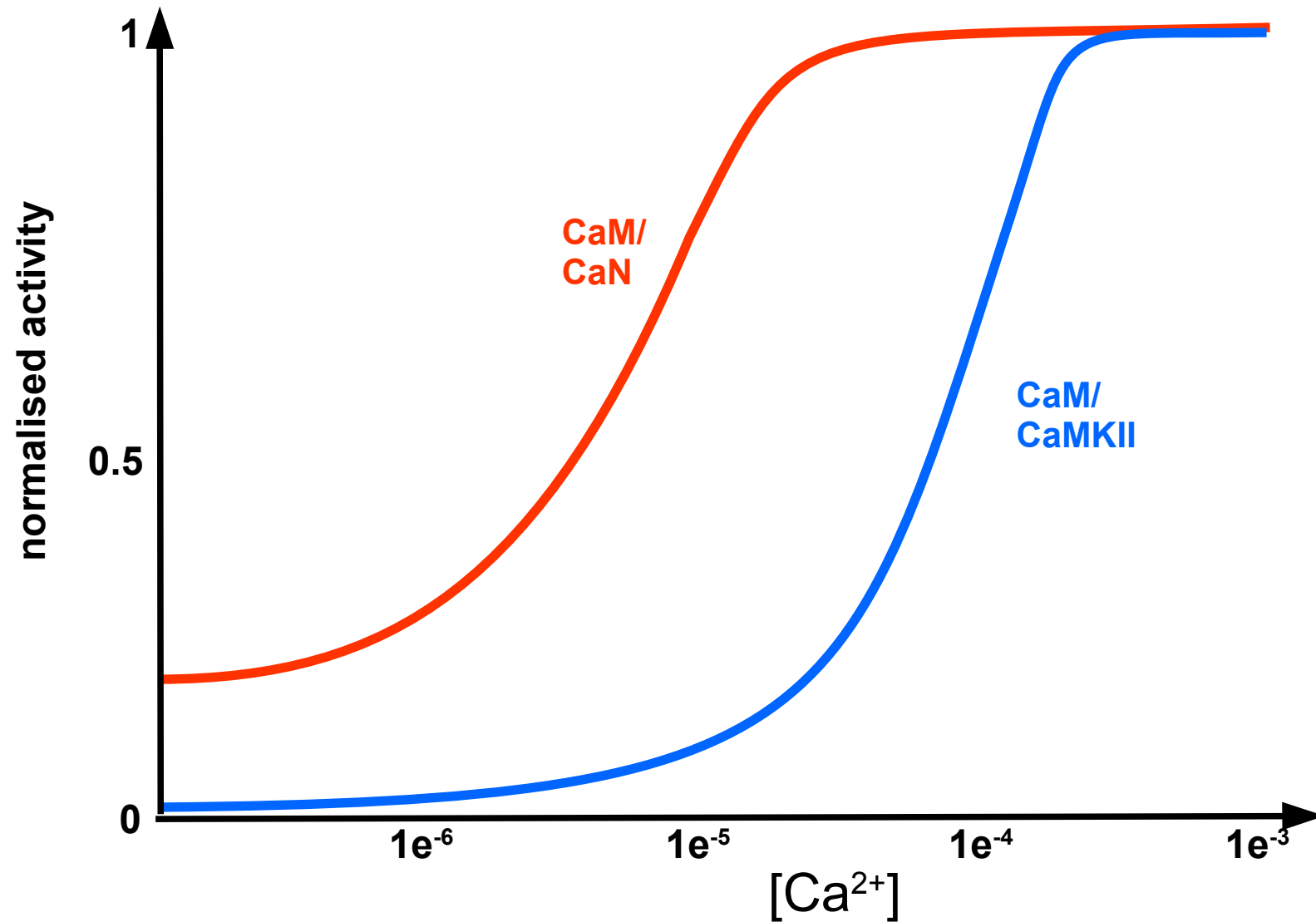
Binding to target increases the affinity for Ca^{2+}



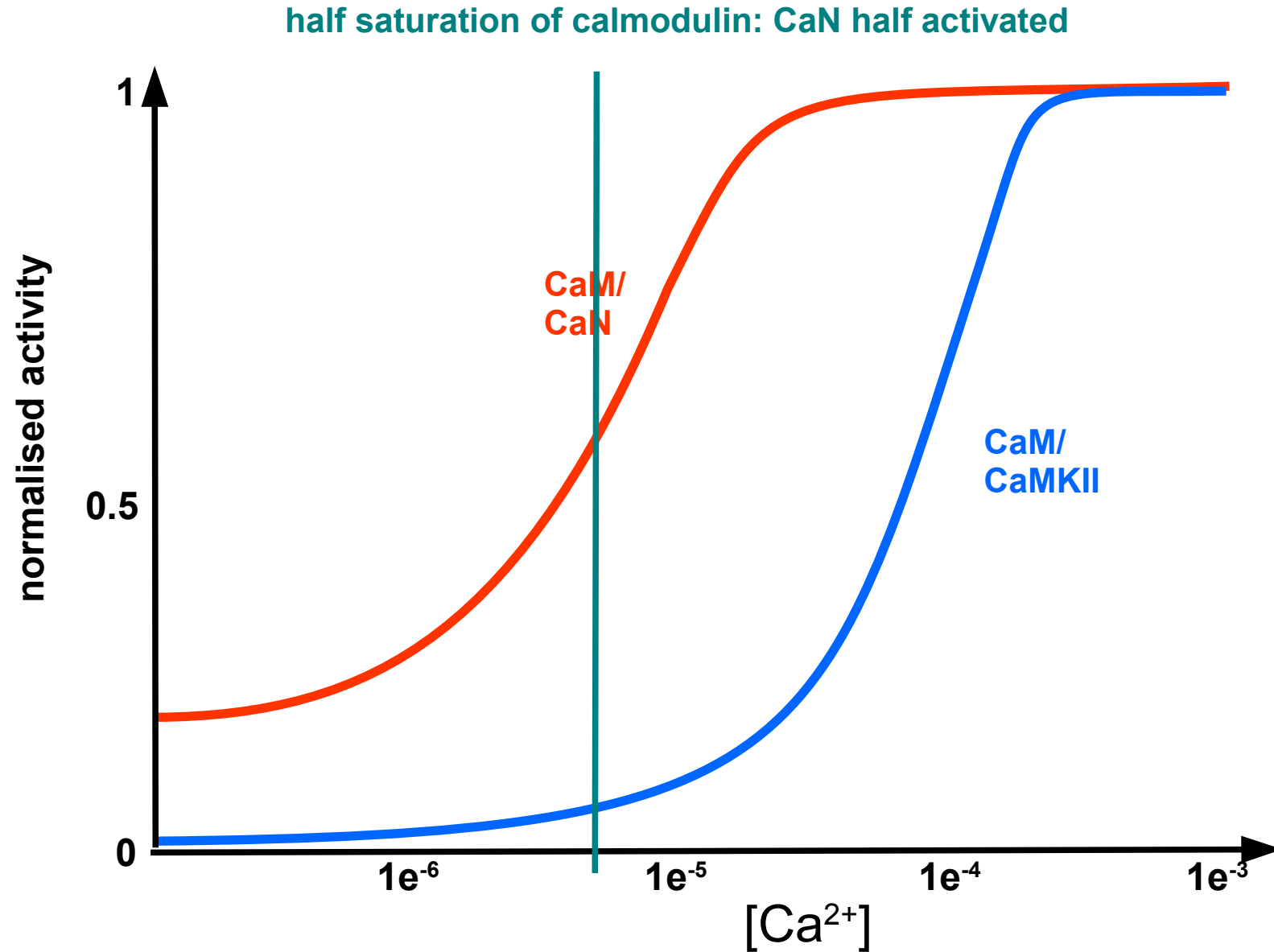
Targets stabilises Ca^{2+} binding into the physiological range



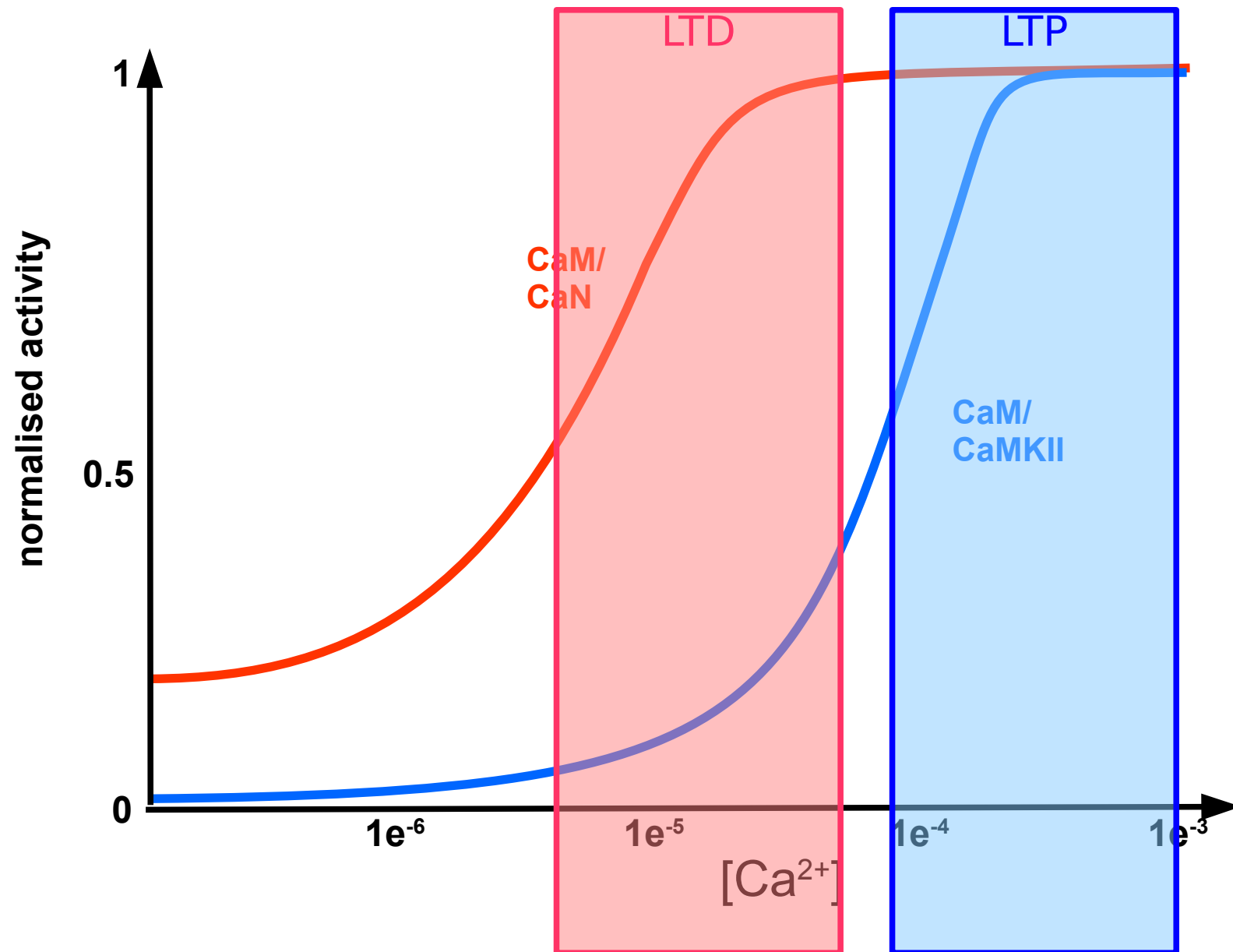
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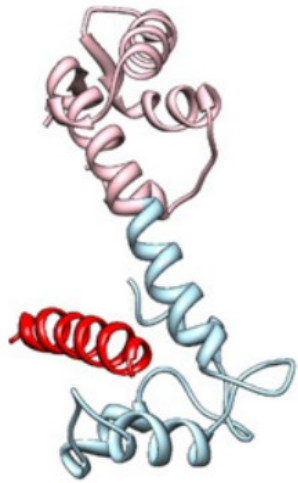
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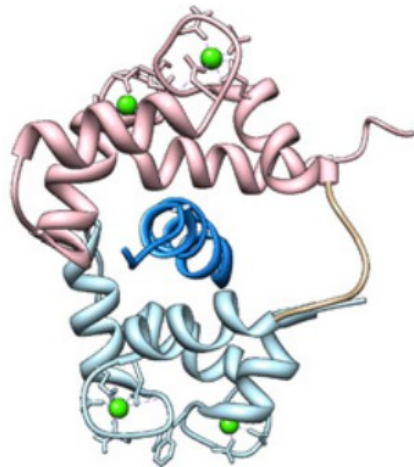
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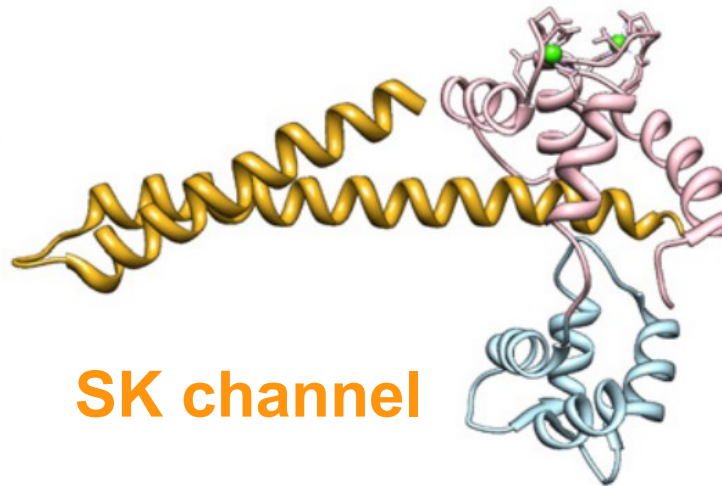
Different binding to different targets



Neurogranin

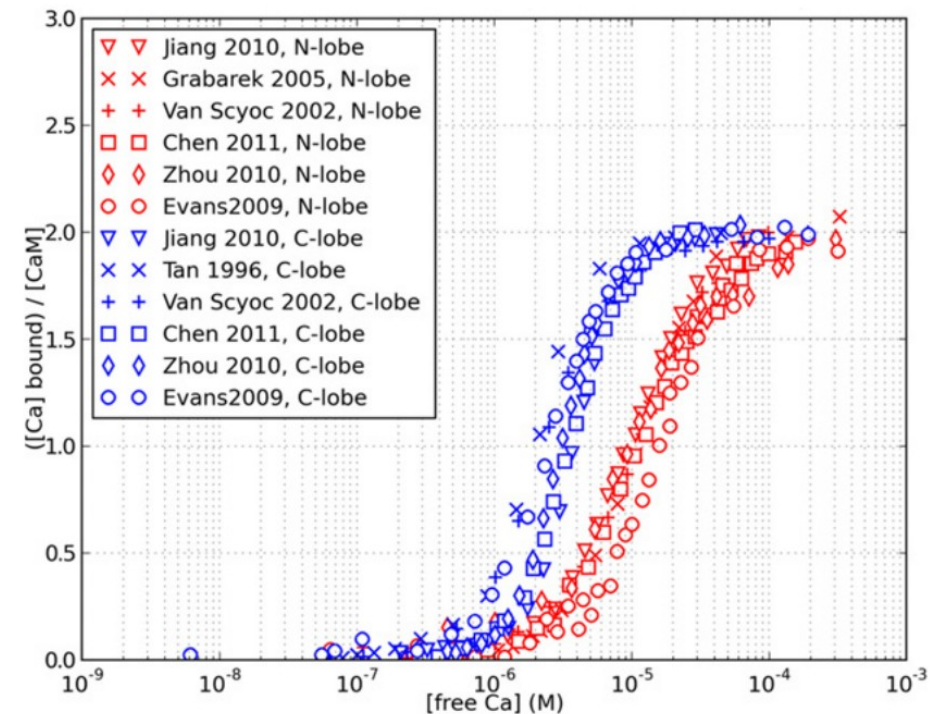


MLCK

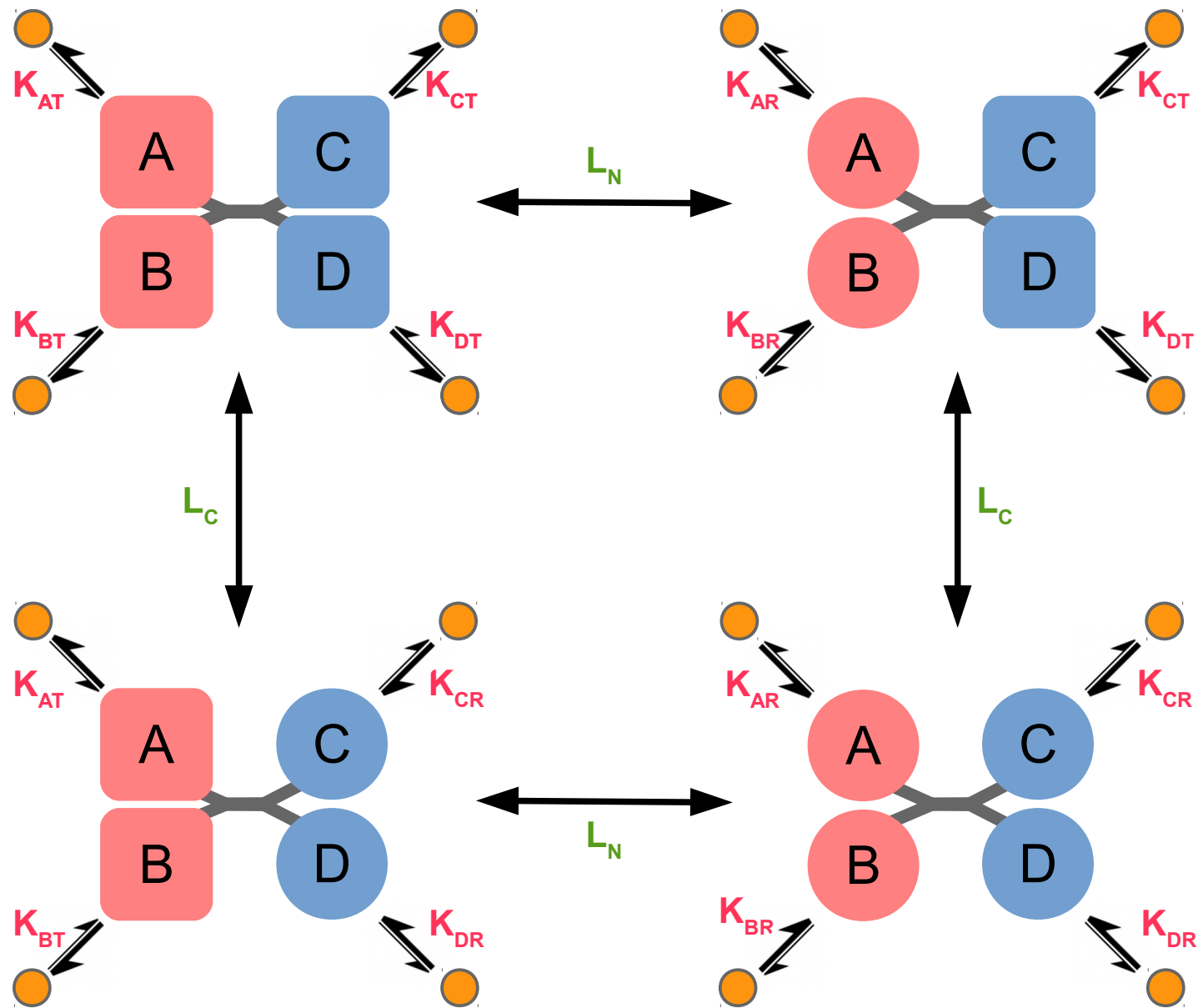


SK channel

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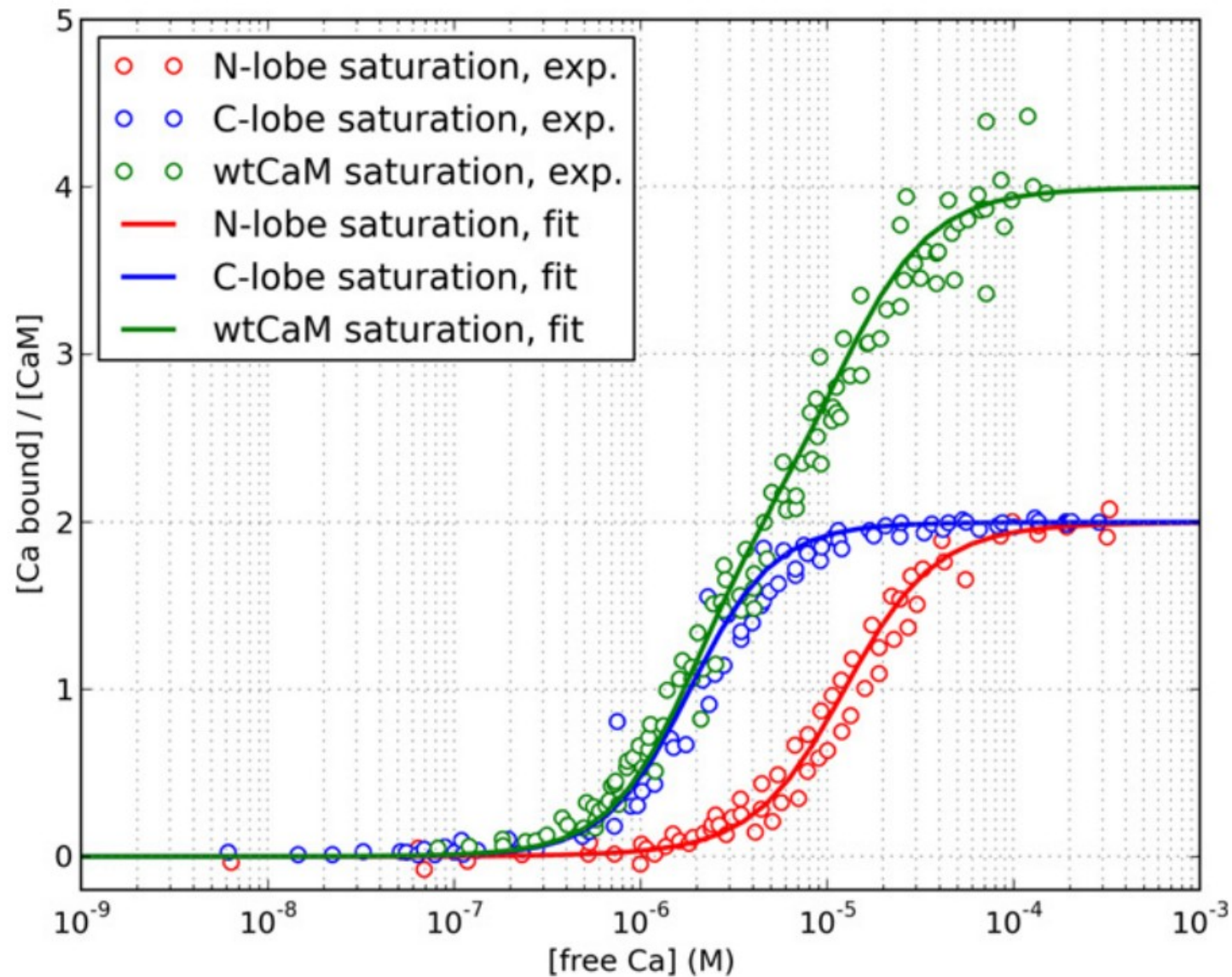


Hemiconcerted model of calmodulin



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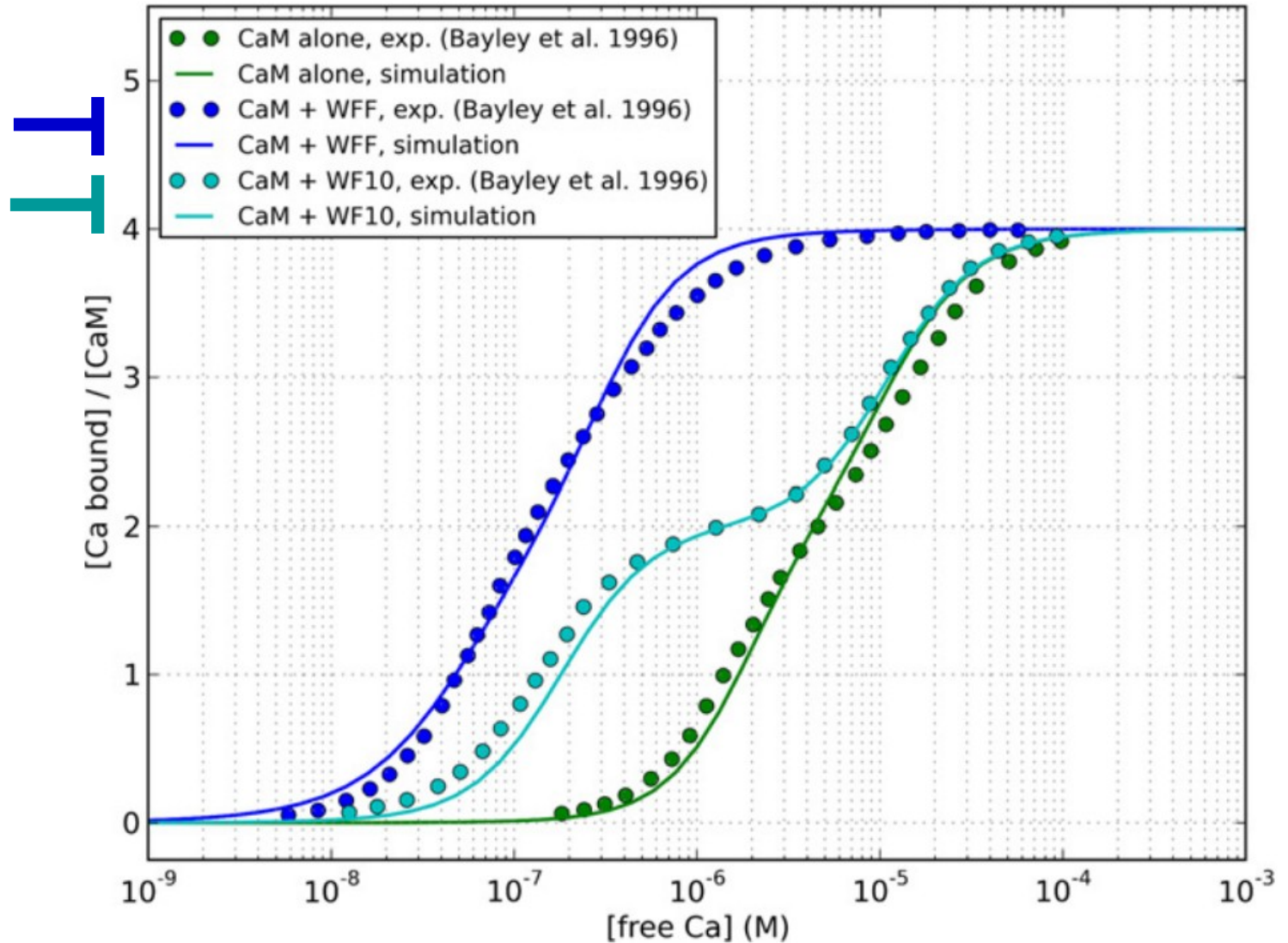
Calcium binding to lobes and whole CaM



Effect of R-stabilising targets

Stabilise R state
of both lobes

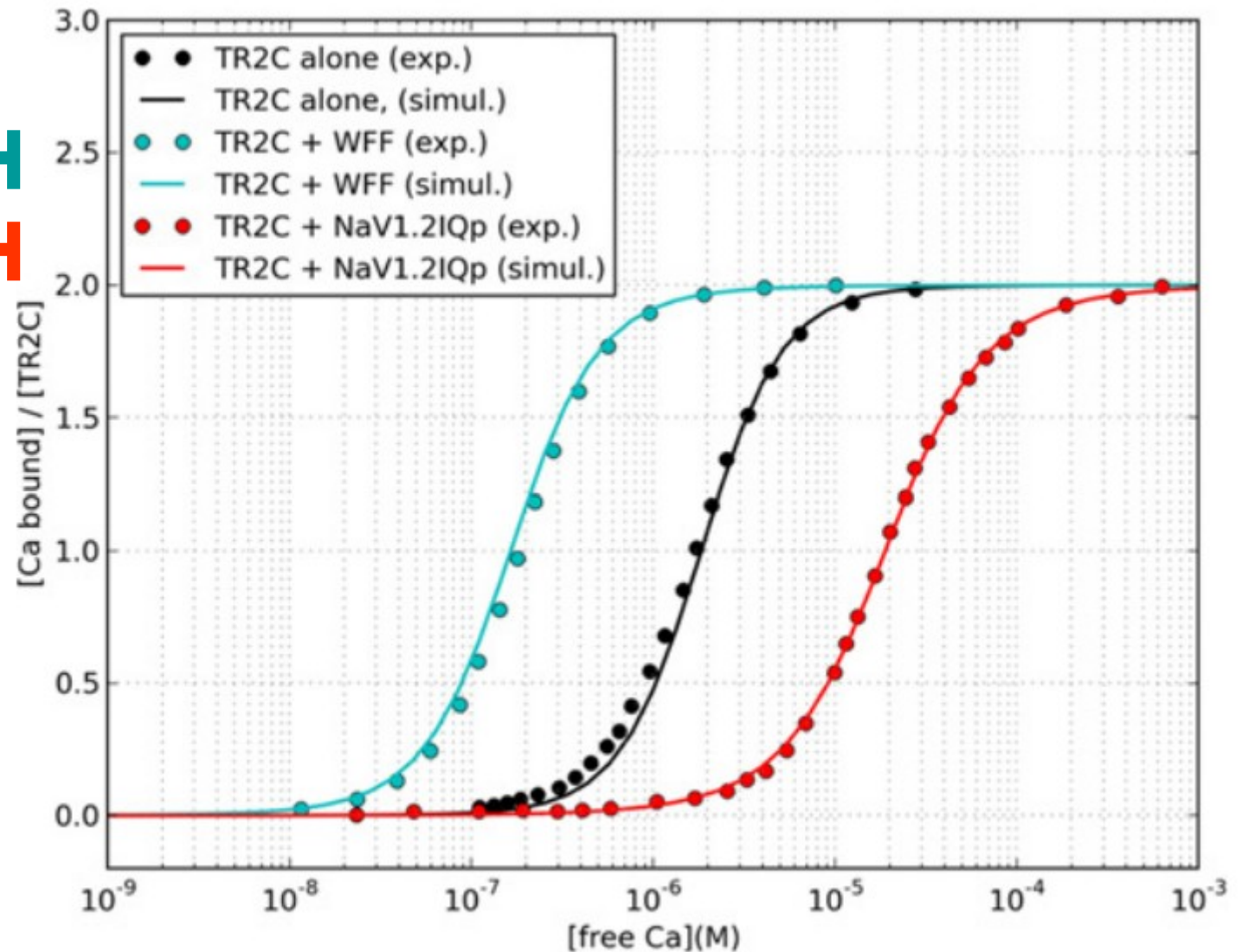
Stabilise R state
of C lobe



Effect of R and T stabilising targets

Peptide from
skMLCK $\rightarrow$ R

IQ domain from
NaV1.2 $\rightarrow$ T



Conclusions of part 1

Allosteric model of Calmodulin, with only two states for the EF hands, binding calcium with different affinities, and concerted transitions of the EF hands. Parameters estimated from experimental data-sets.

Model fits independent experimental datasets.

Affinity for calcium increases upon binding of the target.

CaM significantly “**active**” with **less than 4 Ca^{2+}** bound.

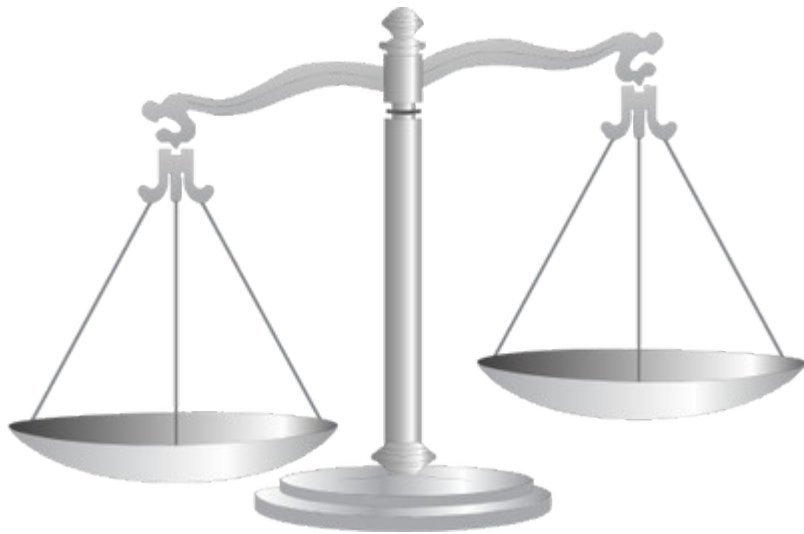
CaM **bind its targets with less than 4 Ca^{2+}** bounds.

The model displays an activation of the sole **CaN at low concentration** of calcium, while **high concentrations** activate both CaN and CaMKII.

Wait a minute!

Signal transduction is not at equilibrium!

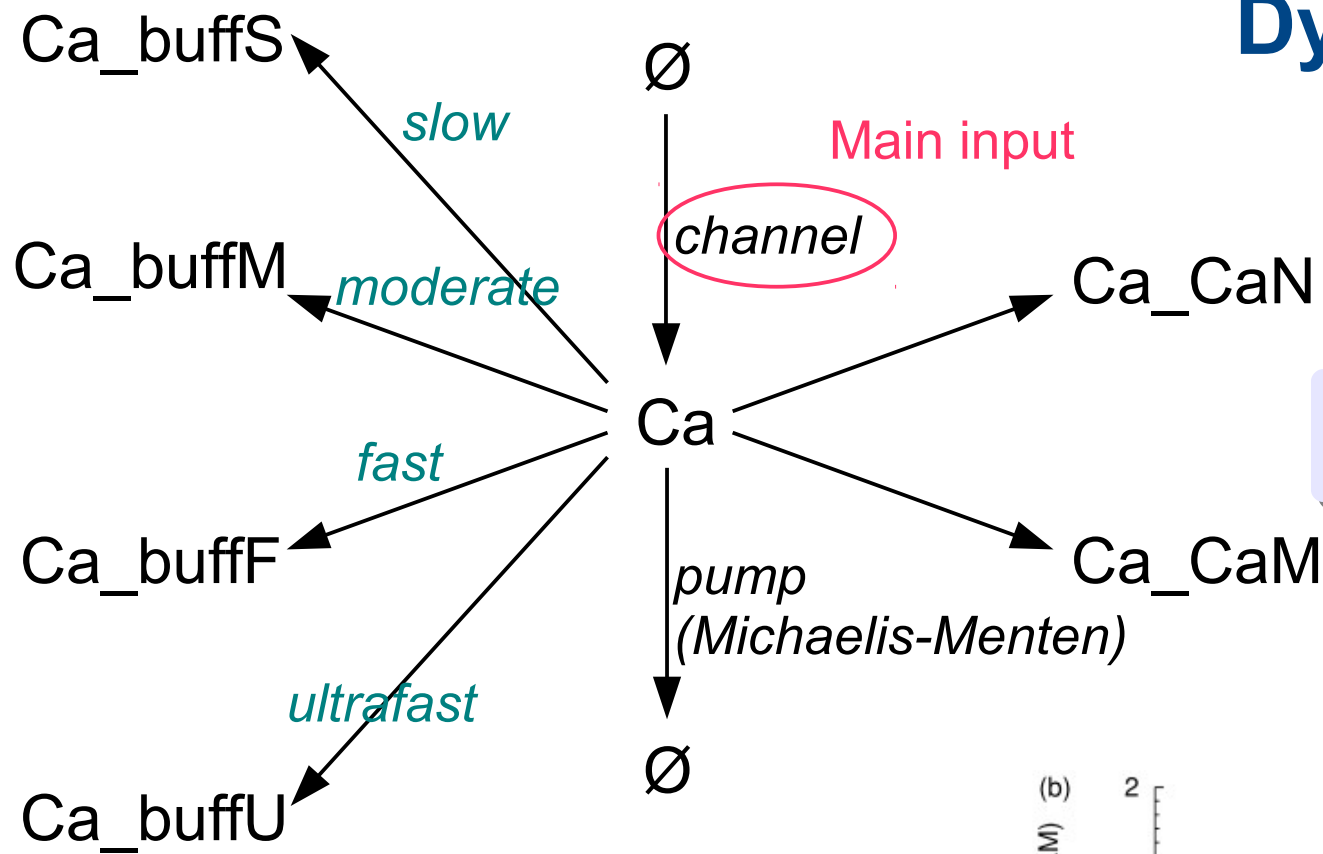
AMPAR post-synaptic potential:	5 ms
Calcium spike:	50 ms
Half saturation calmodulin ($k_{on}=1.5e6$, $k_{off}=100$):	5 ms
Relaxation between calmodulin states:	1 ms
autophosphorylation of CaMKII ($k_{on}=6$):	100 ms



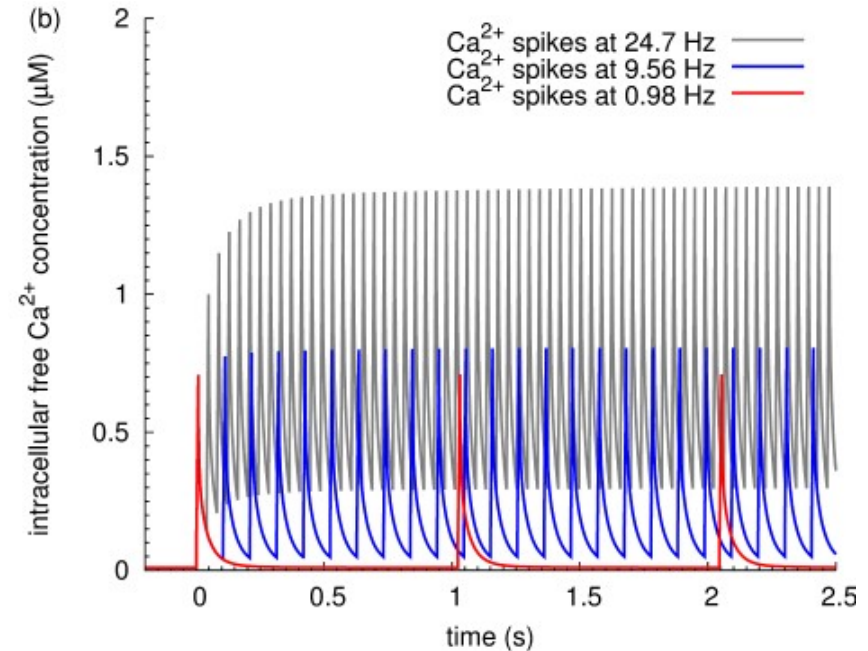
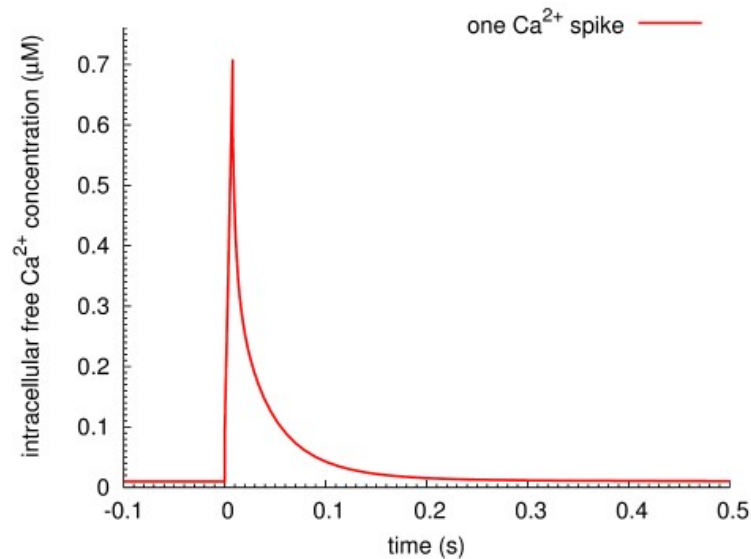
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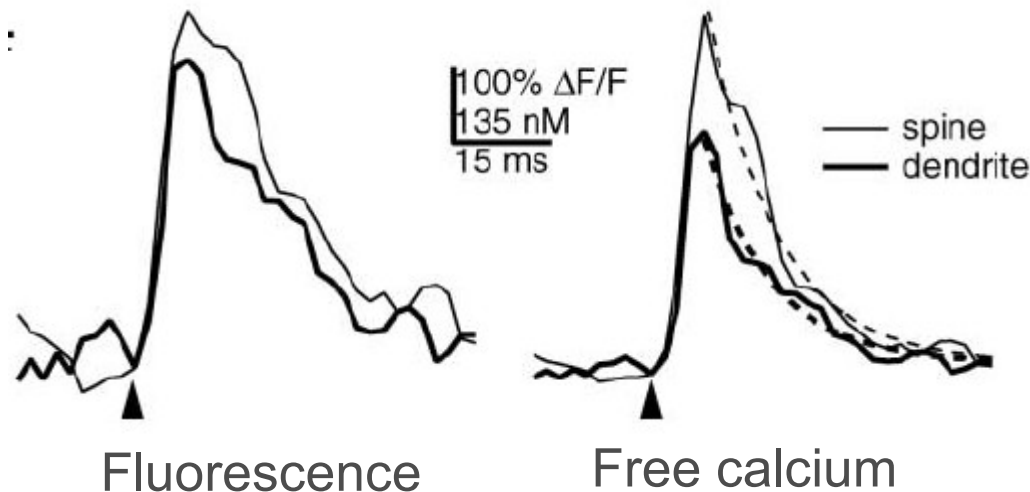
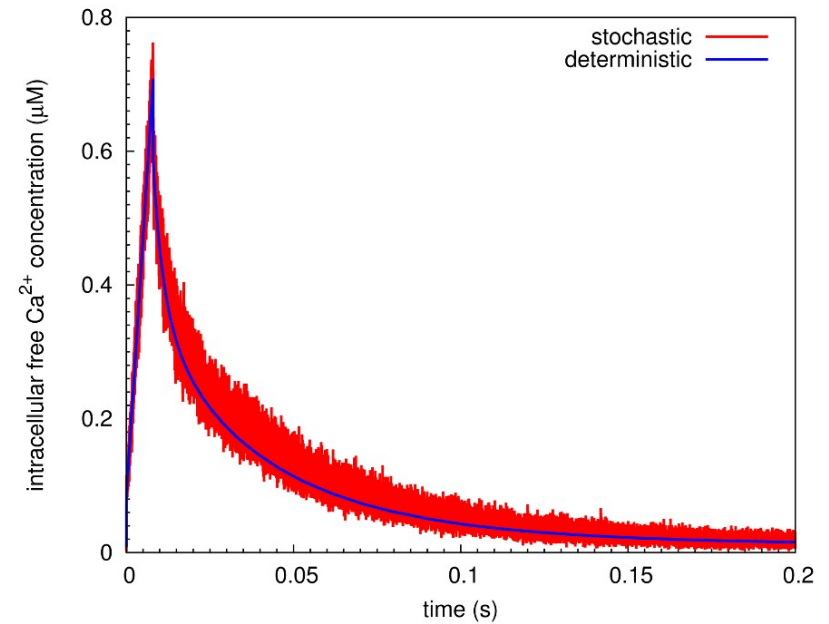
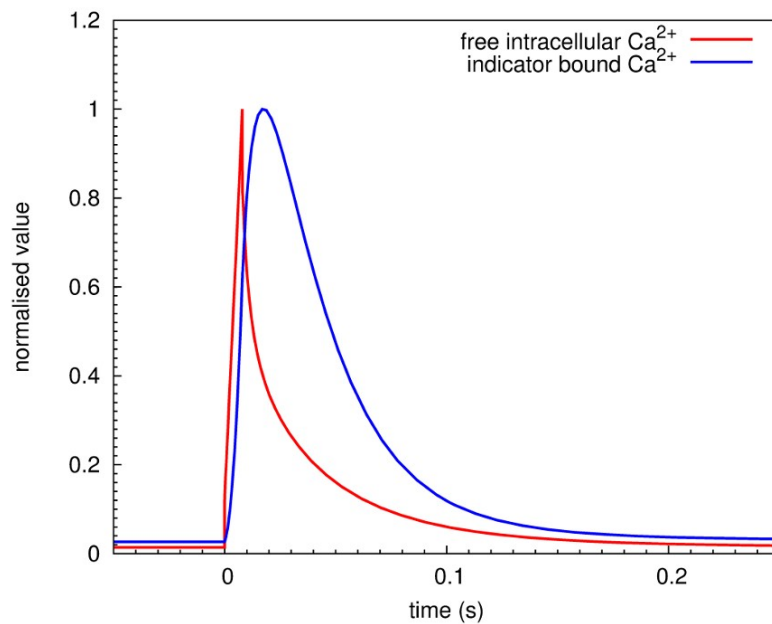
Dynamic of calcium in the spine



Li L, Stefan MI, Le Novère N
(2012) *PLoS ONE*, 7(9): e43810



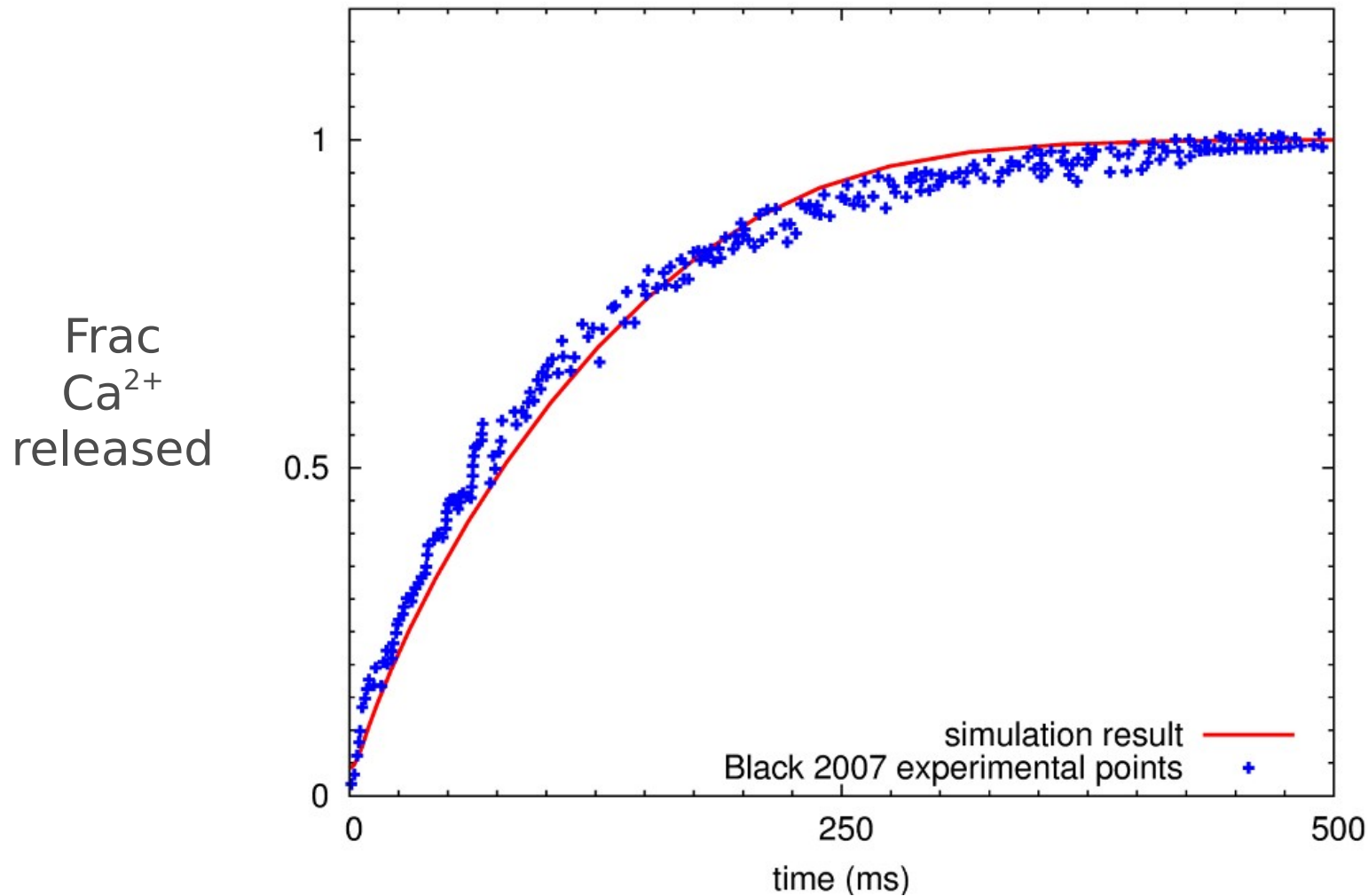
Are those spikes realistic?



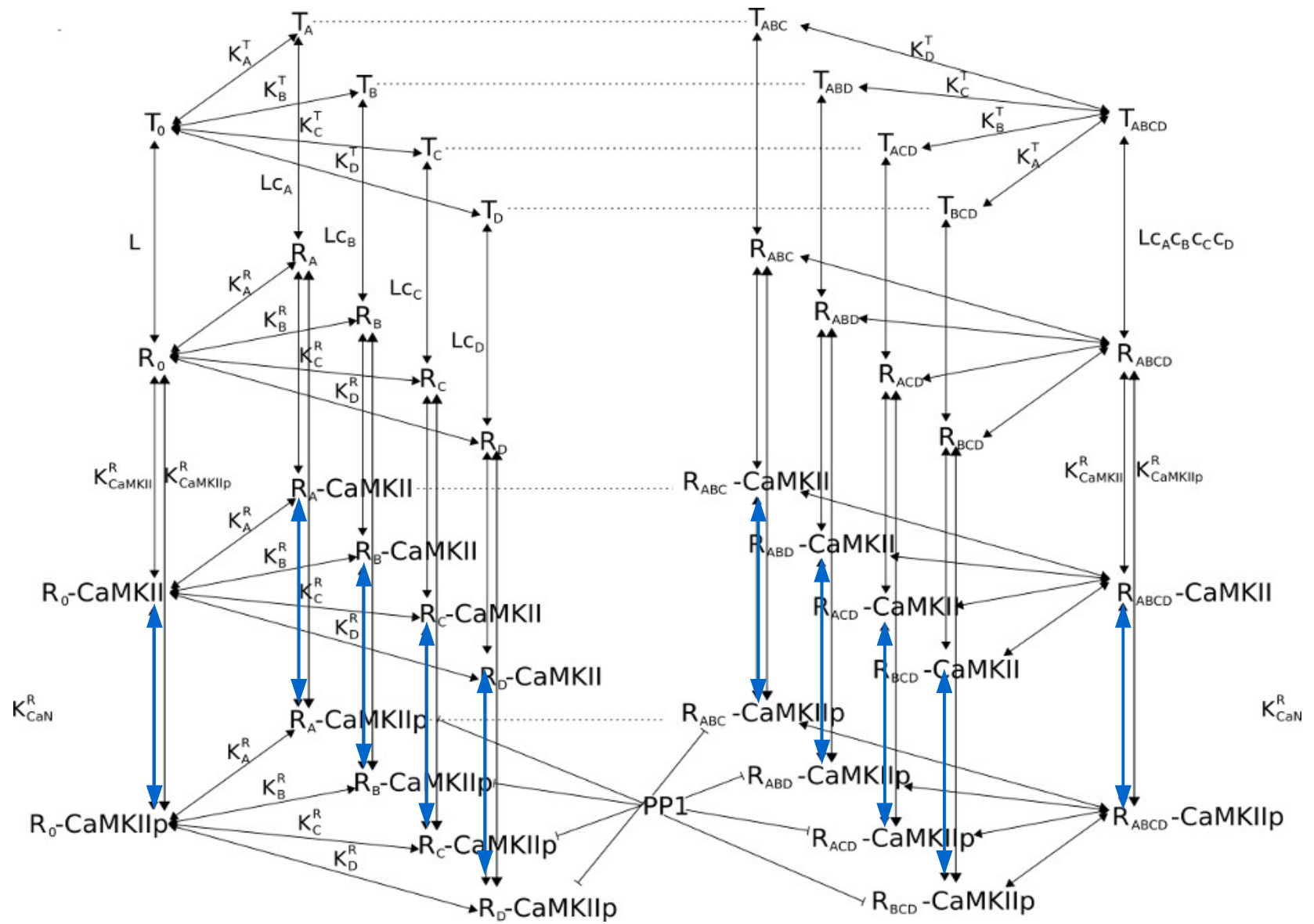
Relative uncertainty increases when concentration decreases, both in concentration and time, but no difference in dynamics.

Sabatini et al (2002)
Neuron 33: 439–452.

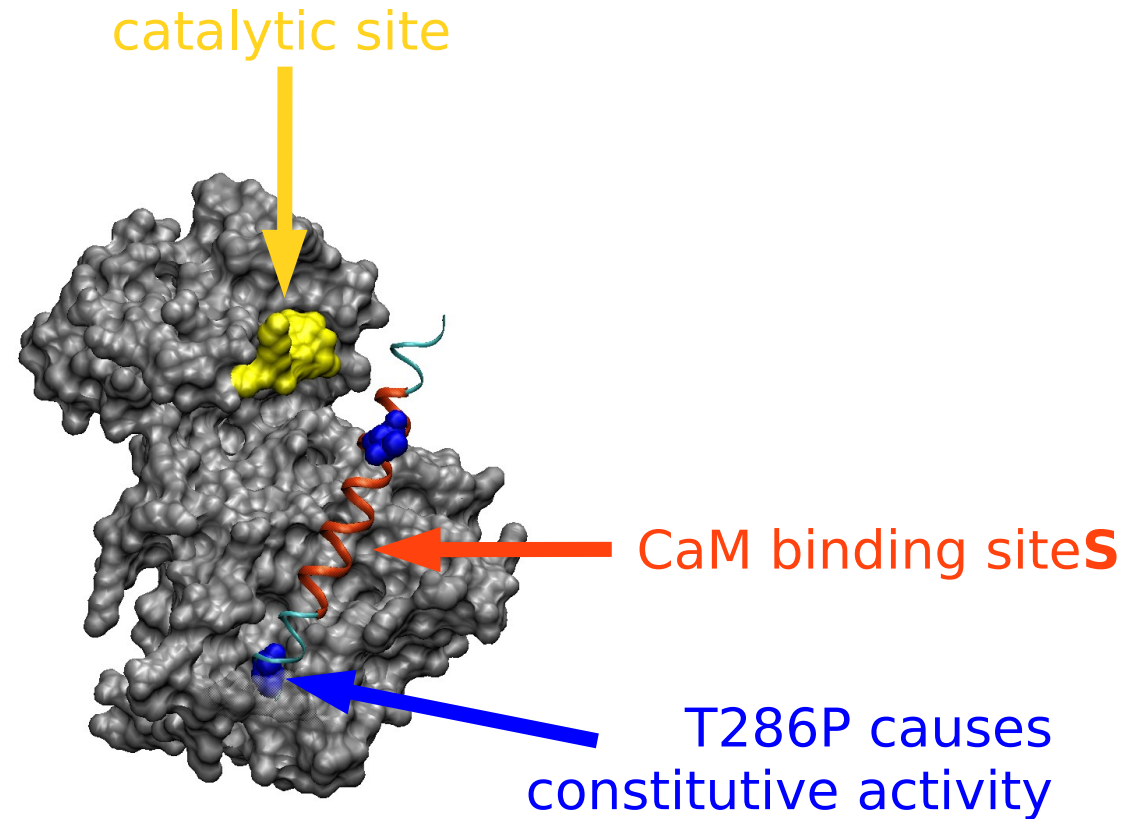
Validation of CaM kinetics



Black DJ, Selfridge JE, Persechini A (2007). *Biochemistry* 46: 13415–13424.



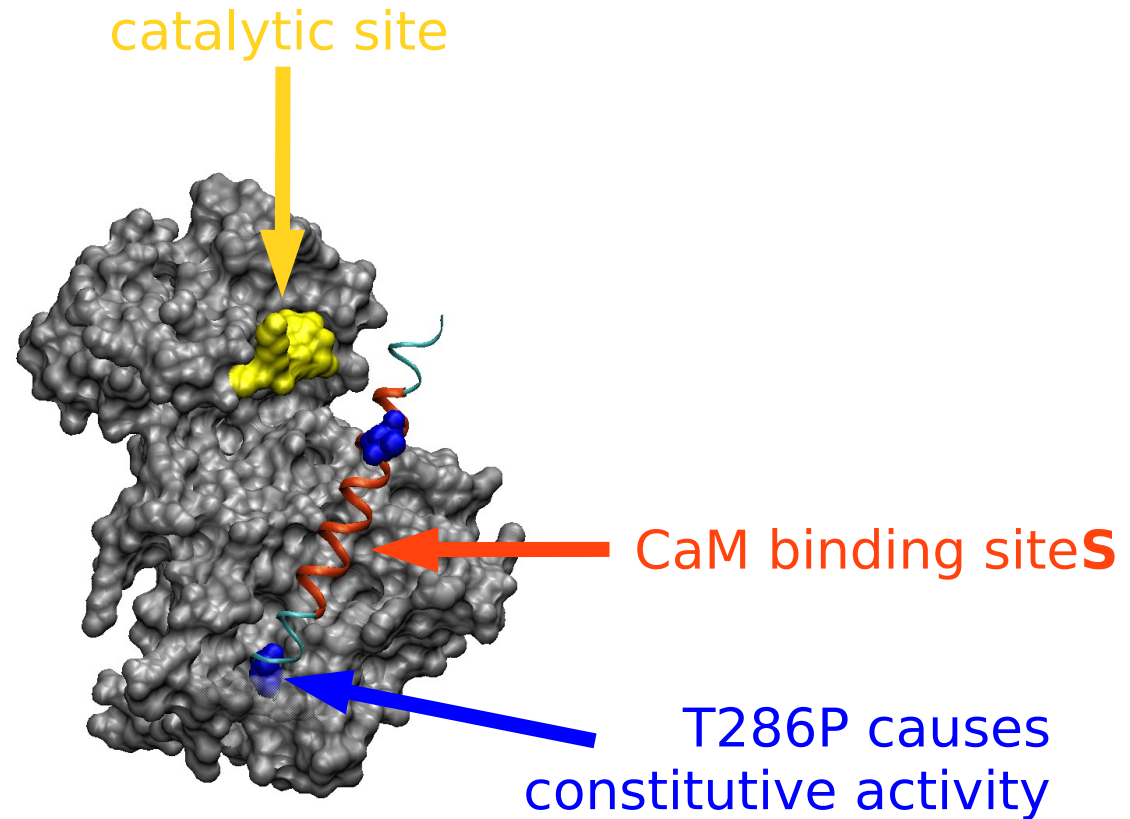
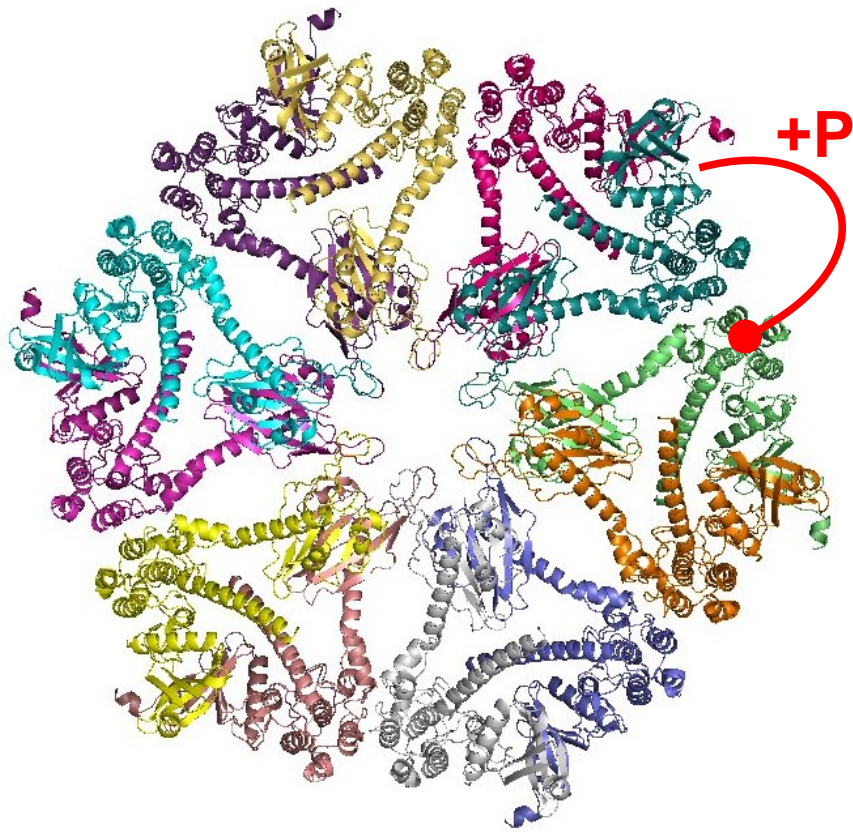
Calcium/calmodulin kinase II



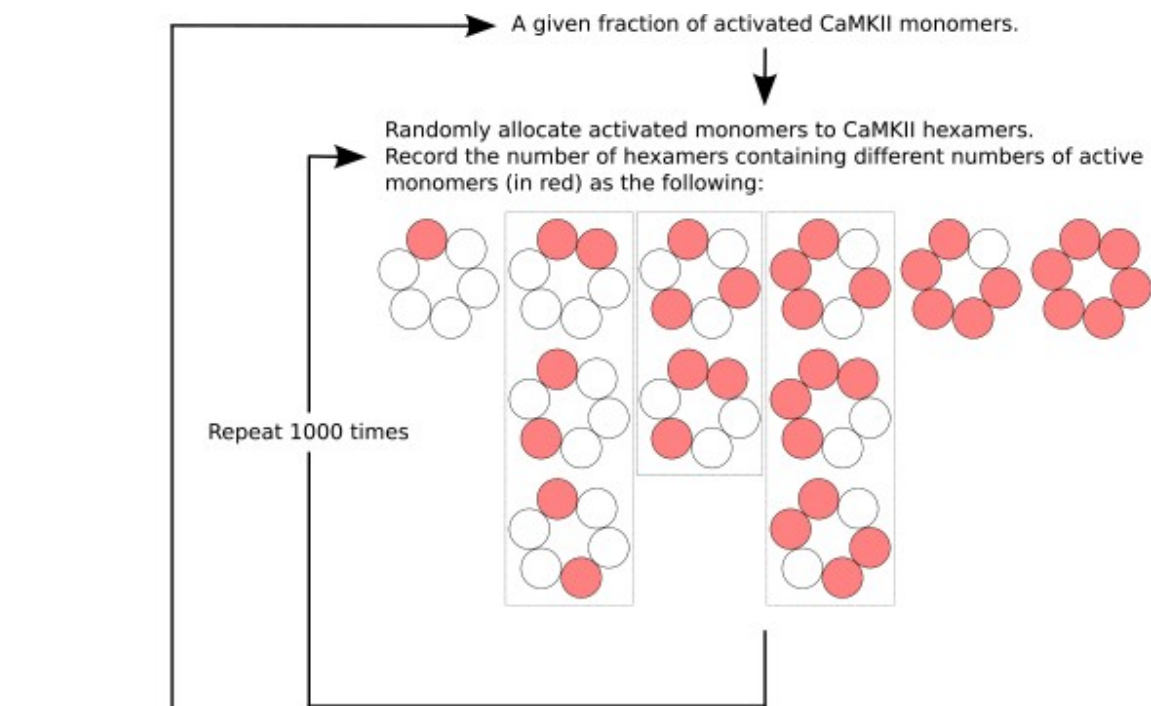
Calmodulin trapping is an apparent increase of affinity of CaMKII for CaM when T286 is phosphorylated

Stefan MI, Marshall D, Le Novère N (2012) *PLoS ONE*, 7(1): e29406

Calcium/calmodulin kinase II



Dodecamer;
Trans-phosphorylation of T286
by neighbouring subunits



Repeat for every 1% increase of CaMKII active monomers

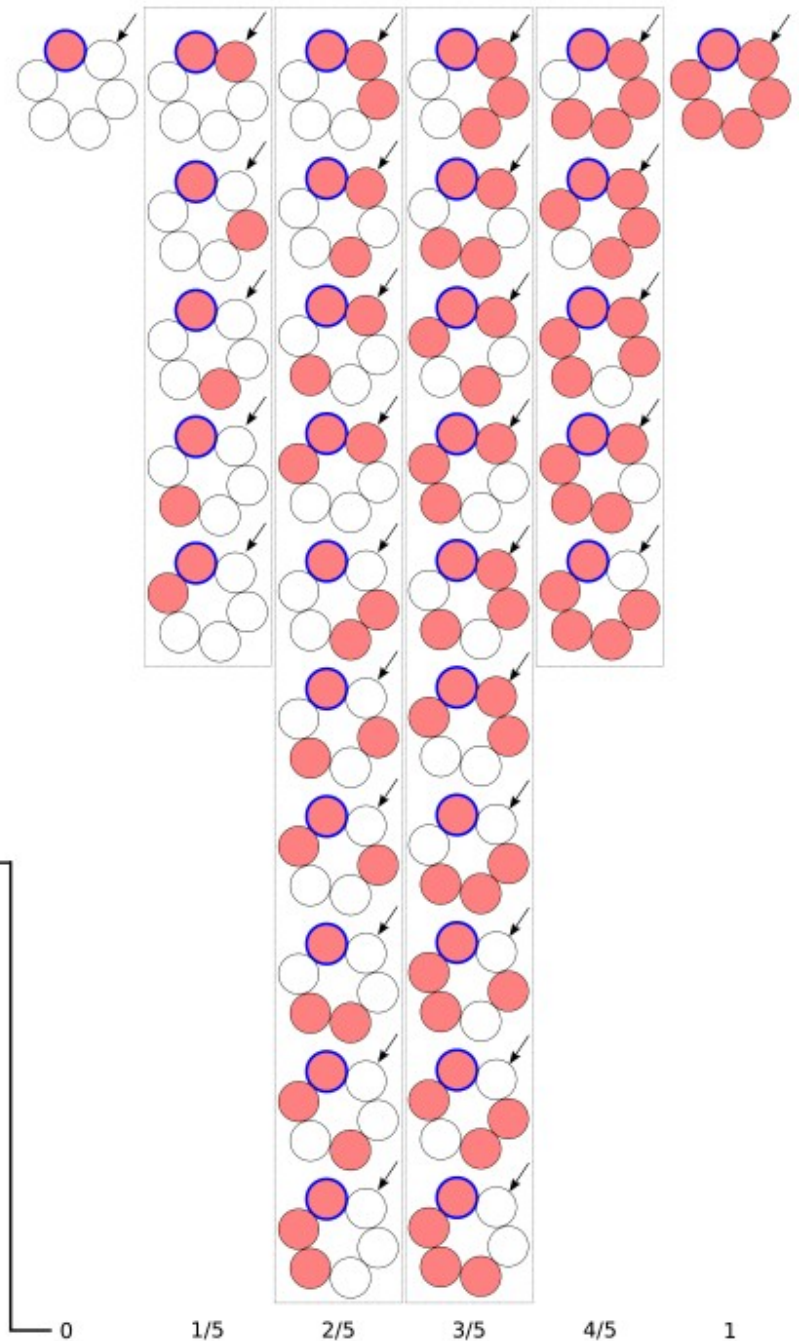
Calculate the average population for each number of active monomers per hexamer.

Multiply average populations of each number of active monomers per hexamer by their corresponding probabilities of having an active neighbour.

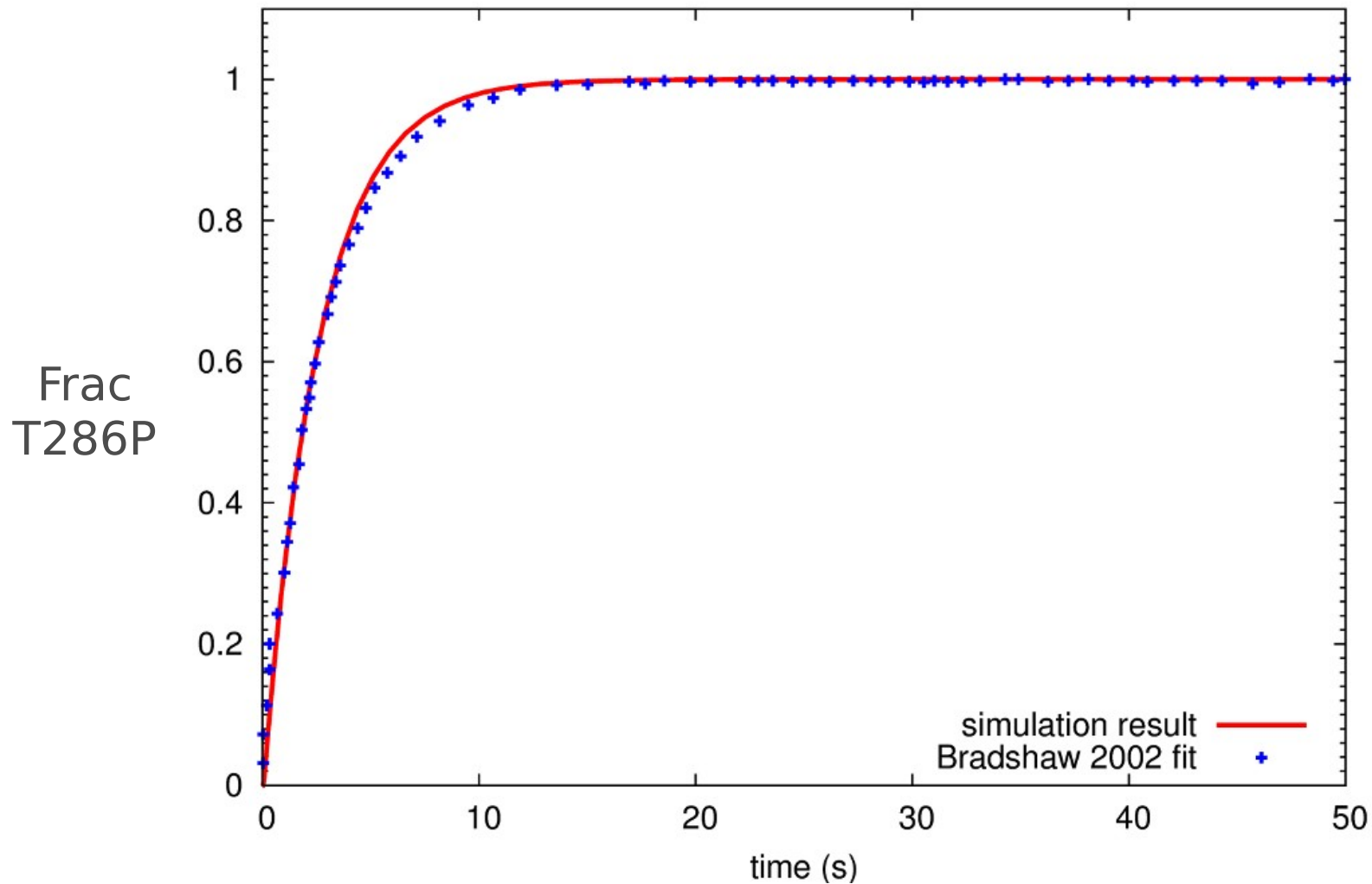
The sum of these six numbers is a coefficient that can be used to adjust CaMKII autophosphorylation rate.

Fit these 100 coefficients into a polynomial function of activated CaMKII monomers, and embed this function in the model.

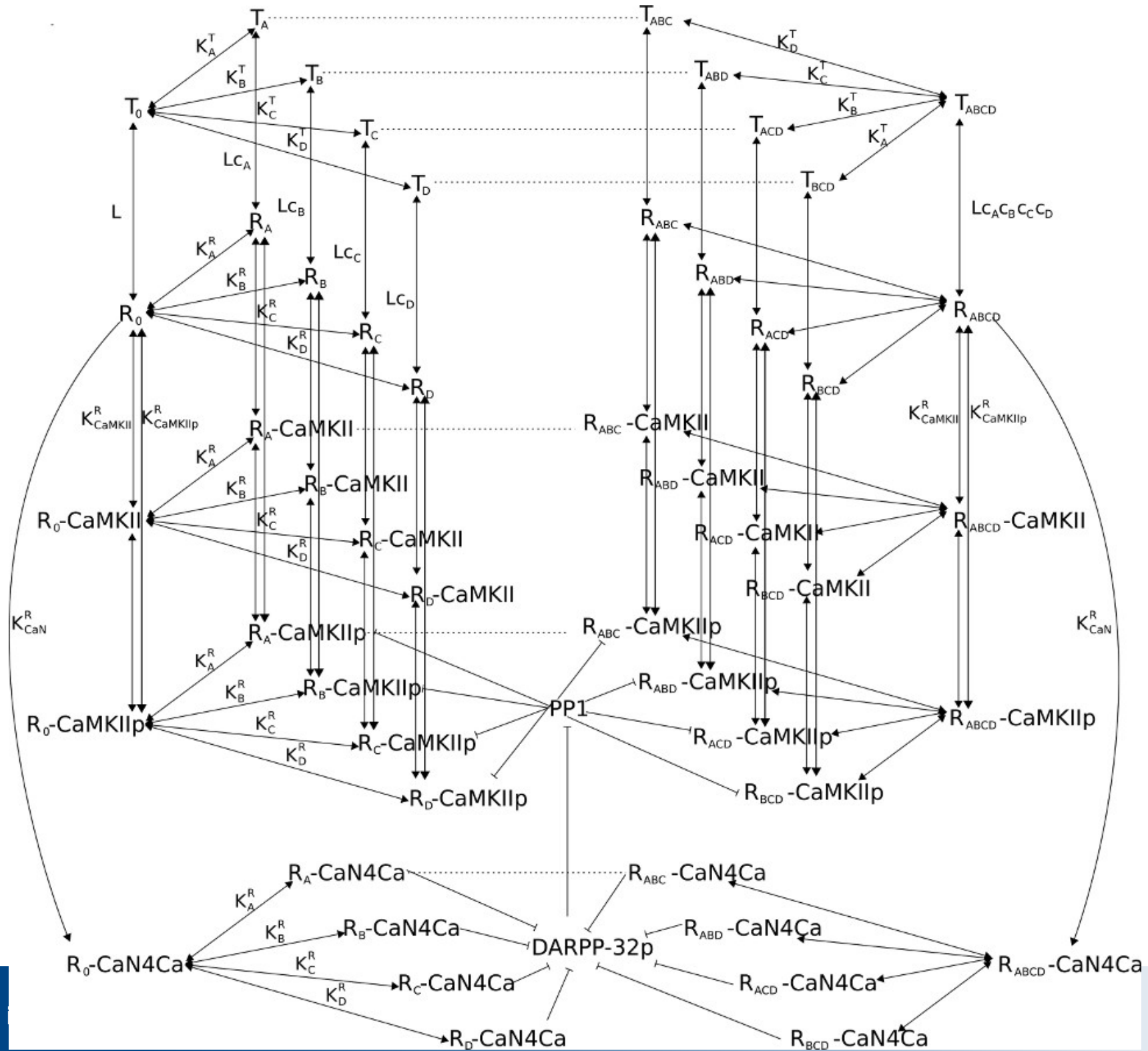
Calculate the probabilities of having an active neighbour on one specific side (indicated by the arrow) of the activated monomer of interest (blue outline) (since only the asymmetrical situation is considered). The possible positions of activated monomers are listed as the following, with corresponding probabilities:

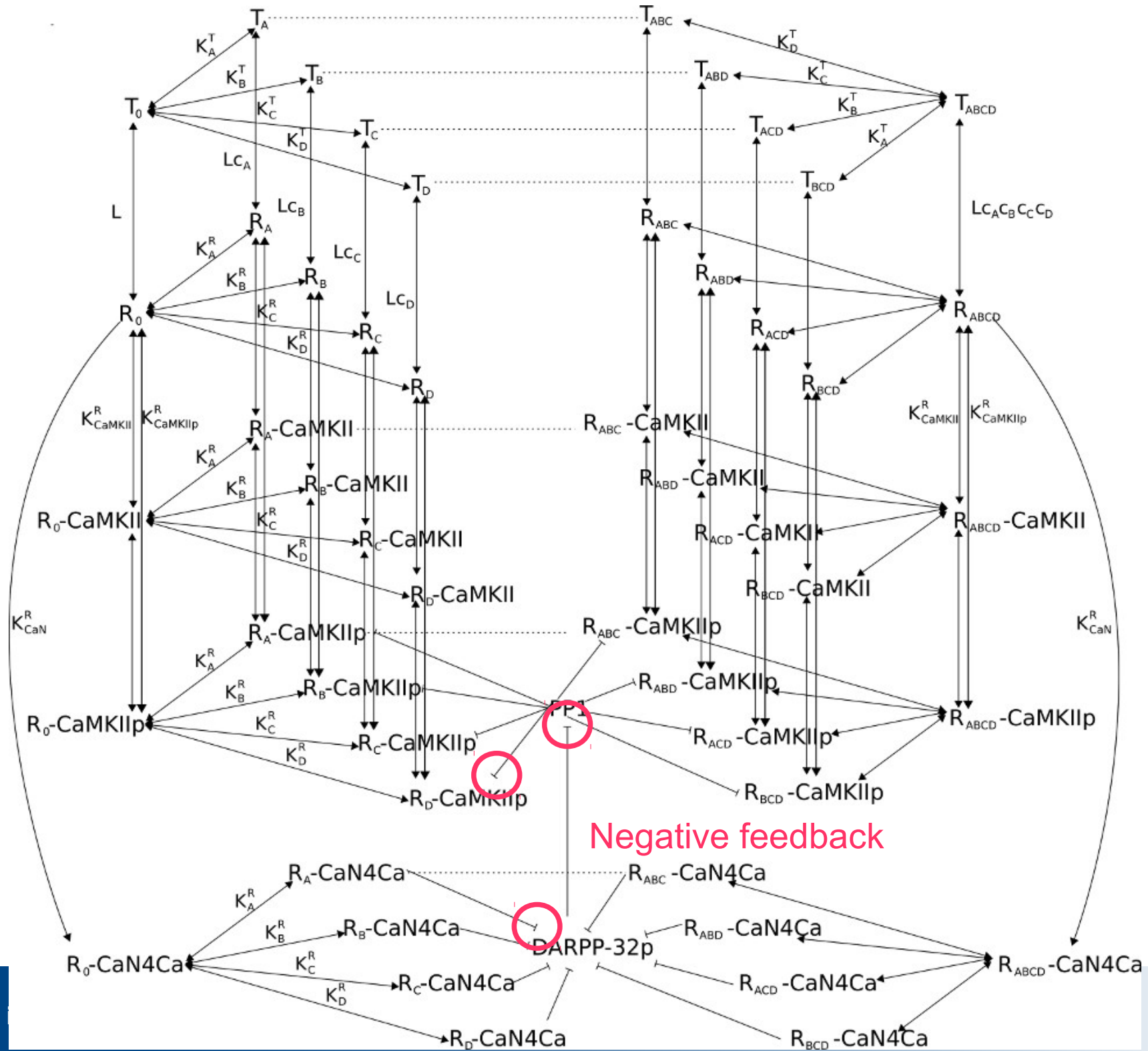


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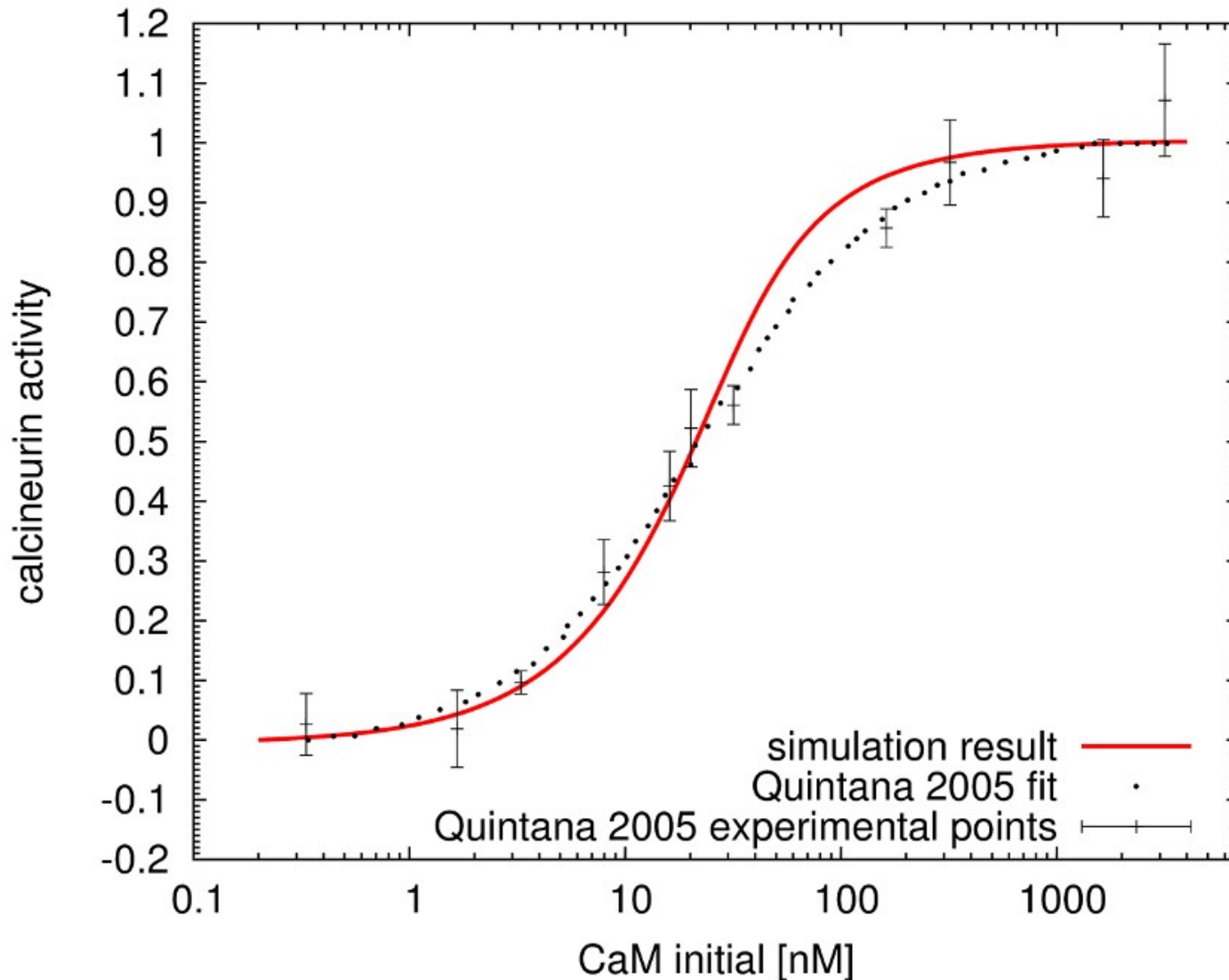


Bradshaw JM, Kubota Y, Meyer T, Schulman H (2003). *PNAS* 100: 10512–10517.



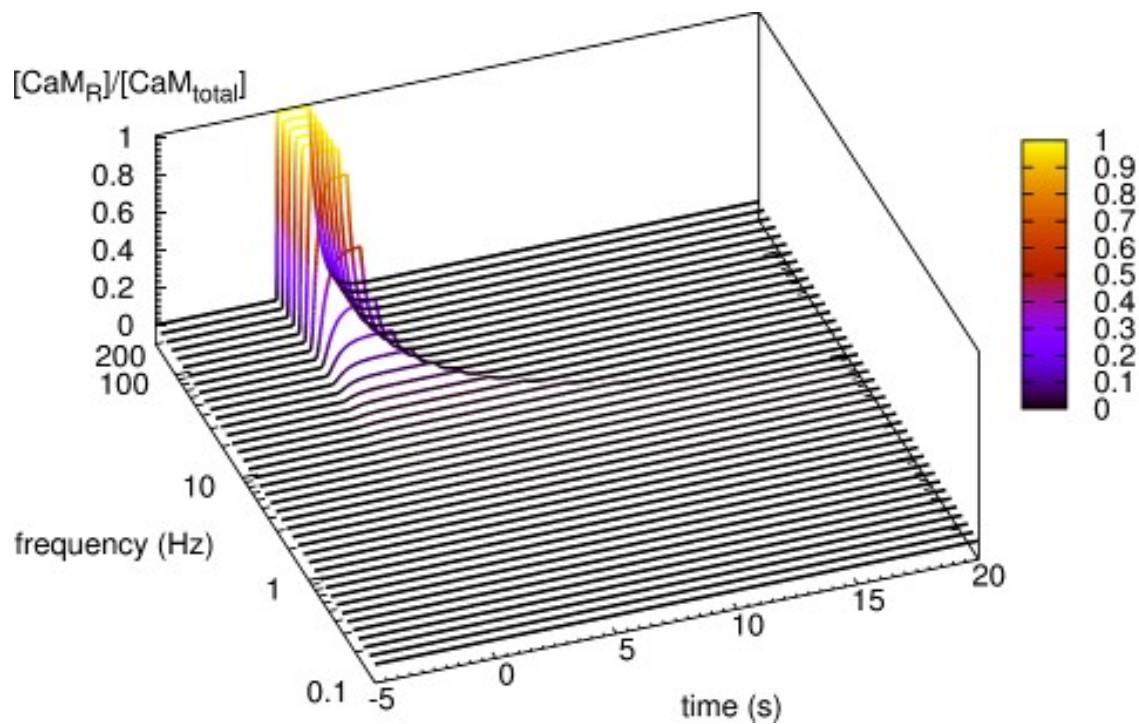


Validation of calcium-activation of CaN



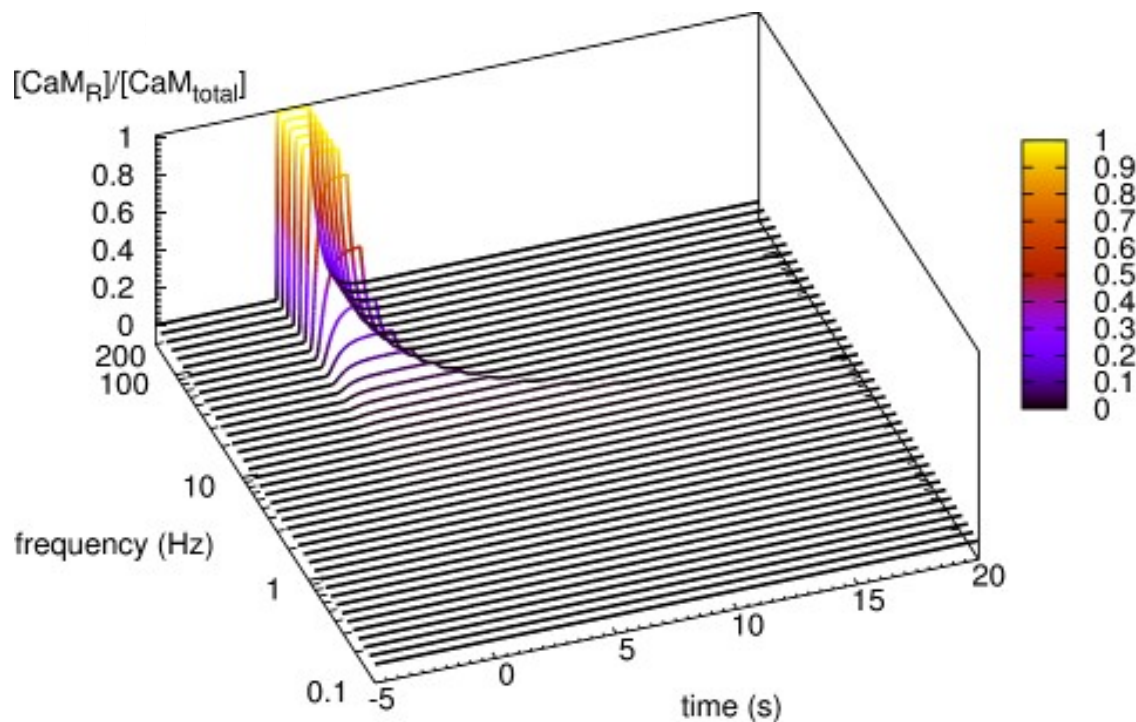
Quintana AR, Wang D, Forbes JE, Waxham MN (2005). *BBRC* 334: 674–680.

Calmodulin activation



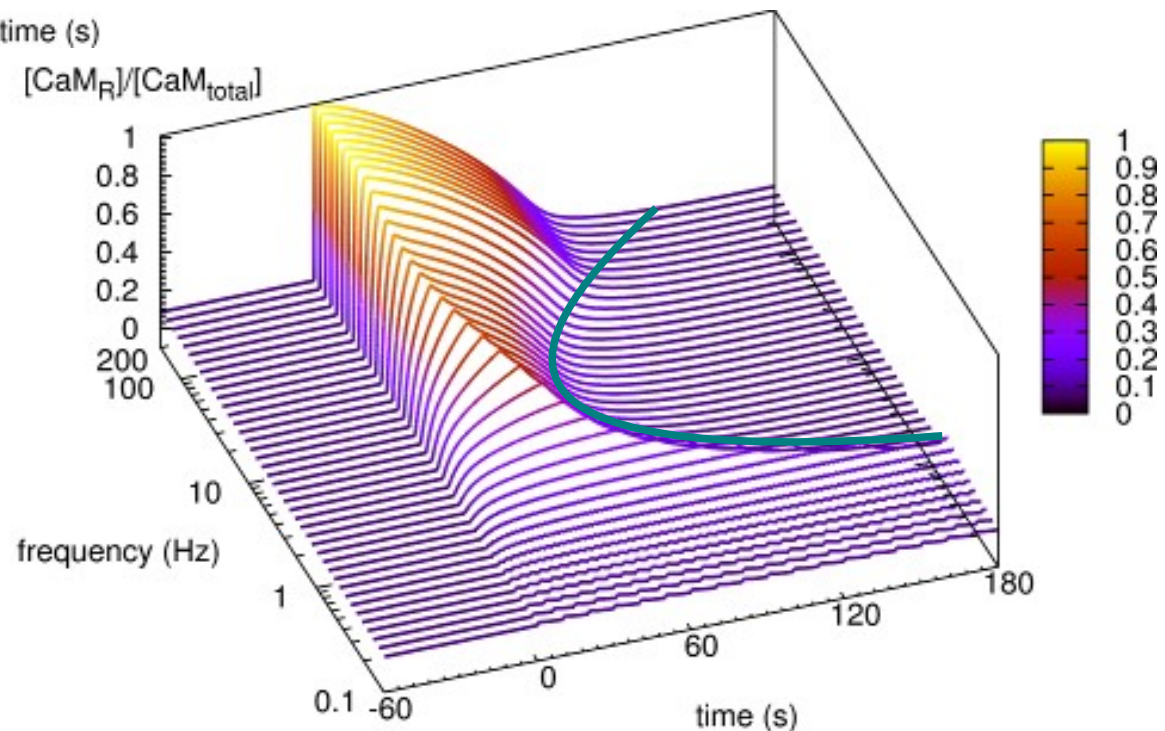
CaM without targets. Low frequencies do not activate calmodulin (binding events without conformational changes)

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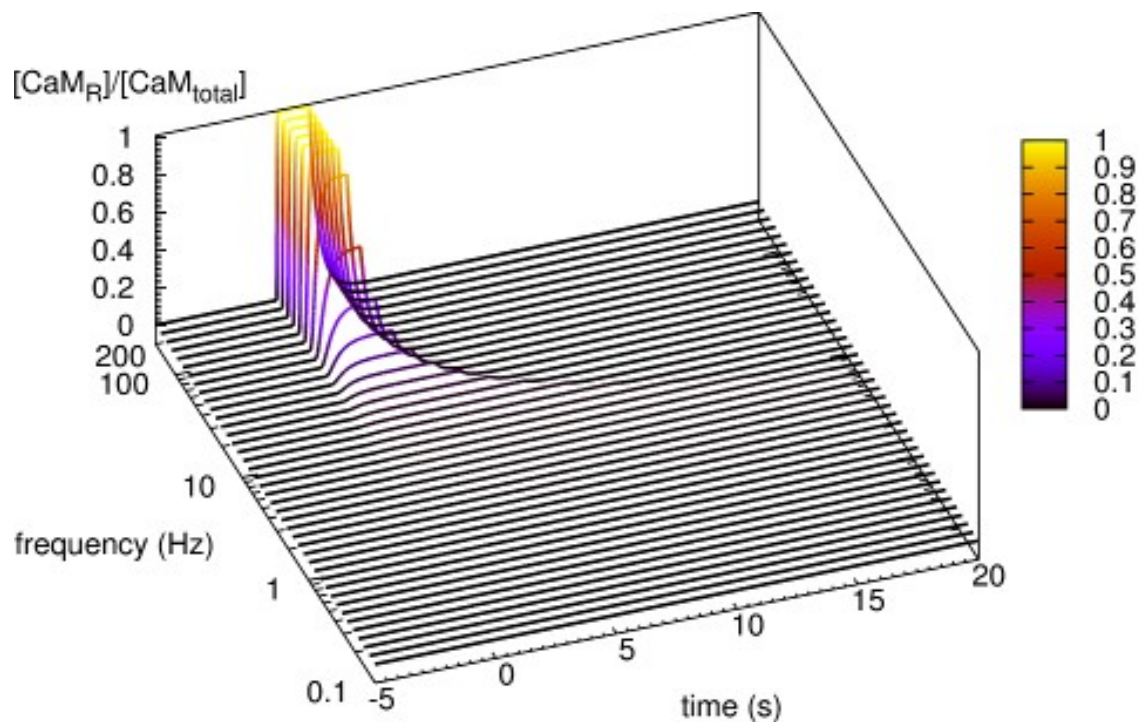


CaM without targets. Low frequencies do not activate calmodulin (binding events without conformational changes)

CaM with targets. Binding to CaN and CaMKII stabilises R state, with higher affinity. Positive feedback loop
→ bistability



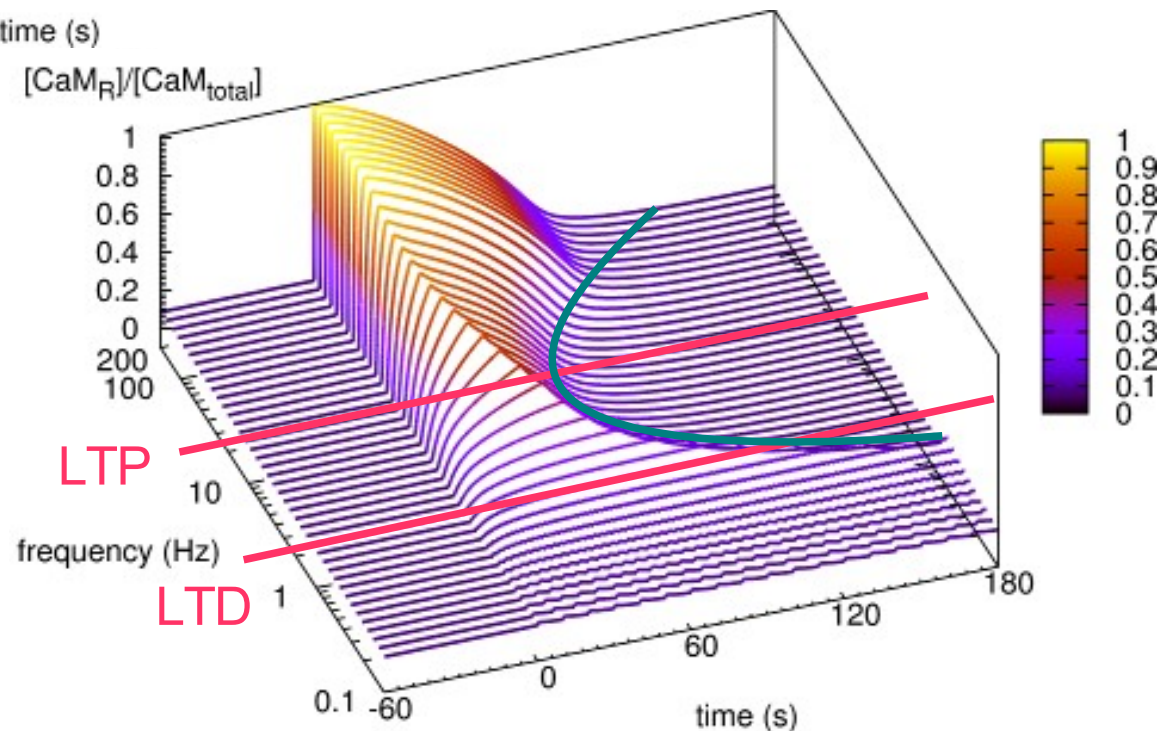
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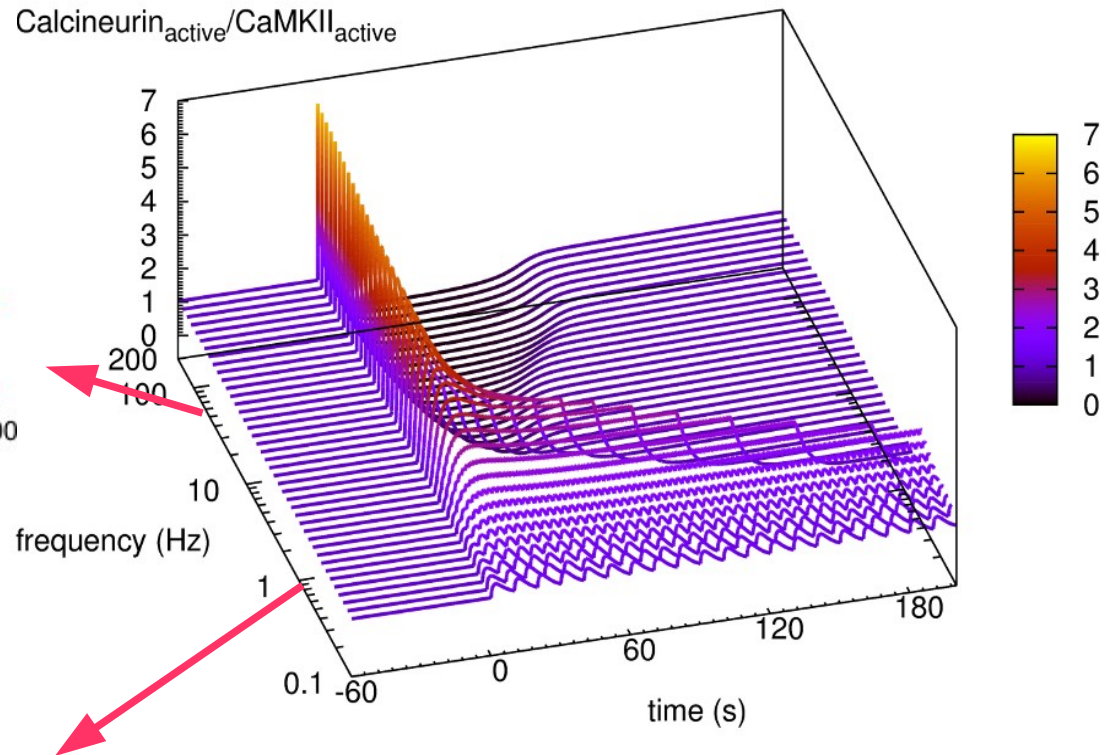
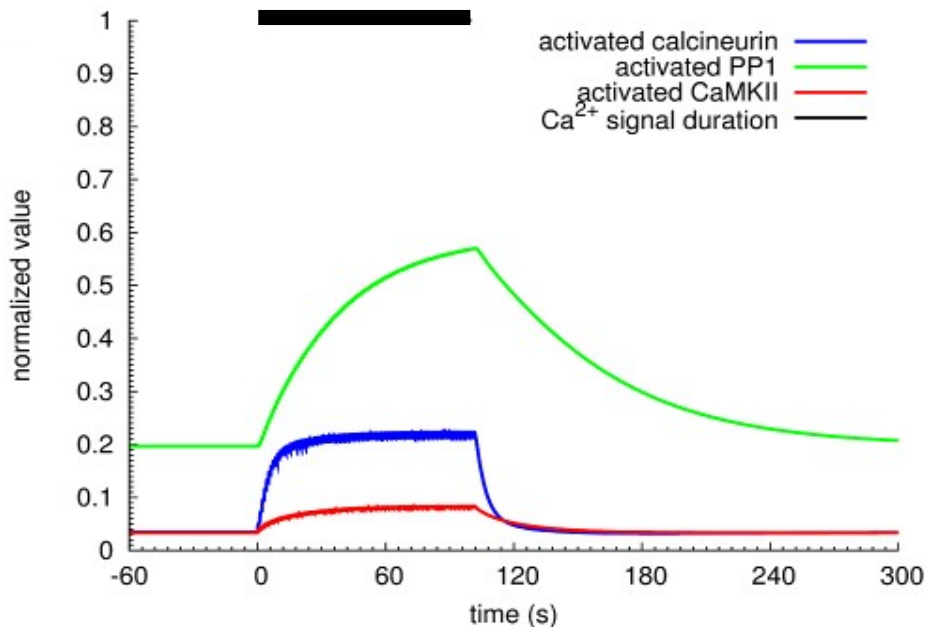
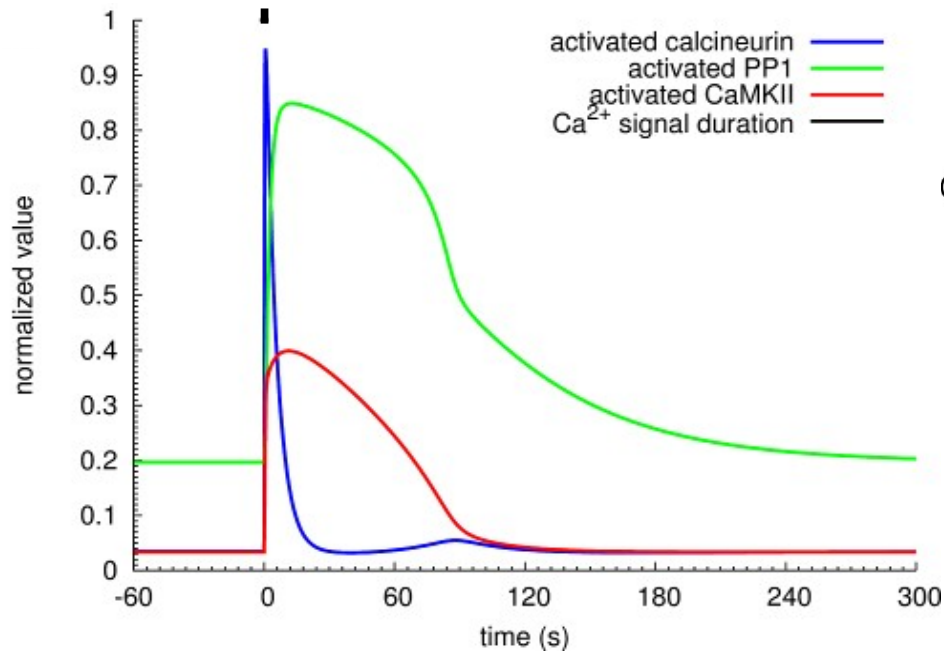
CaM without targets. Low frequencies do not activate calmodulin (binding events without conformational changes)

At high frequency, effects of calcium signals last much longer than the signal itself

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Temporal activation of CaMKII and CaN



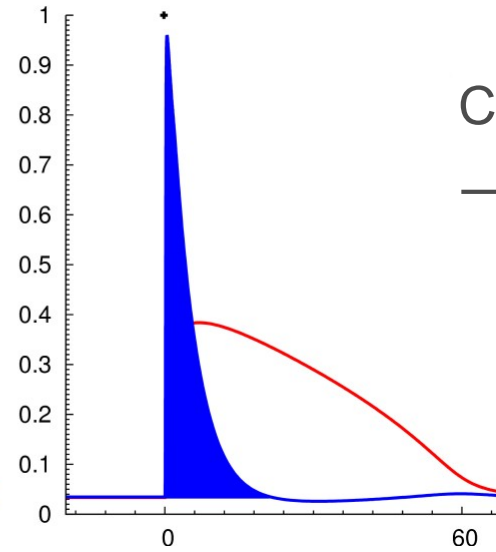
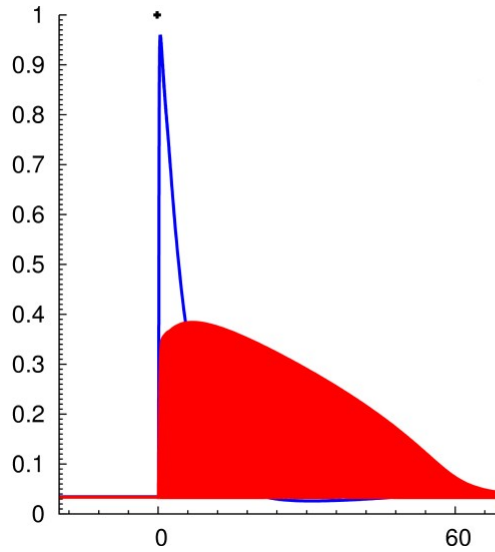
All calcium frequencies increase CaN **AND** CaMKII. It is not a Switch. But the ratio of activation changes

Bidirectional plasticity

Constant catalytic rates of active enzyme

→ quantity of catalysed reaction events

μ integral of the activation curve

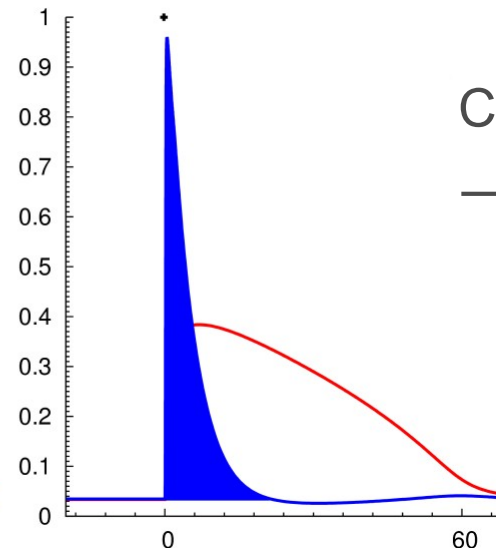
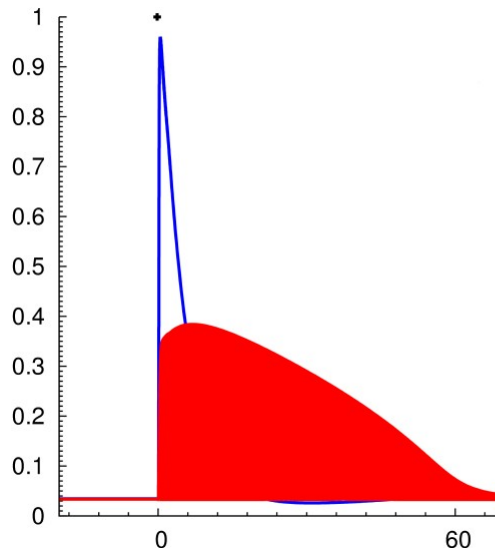


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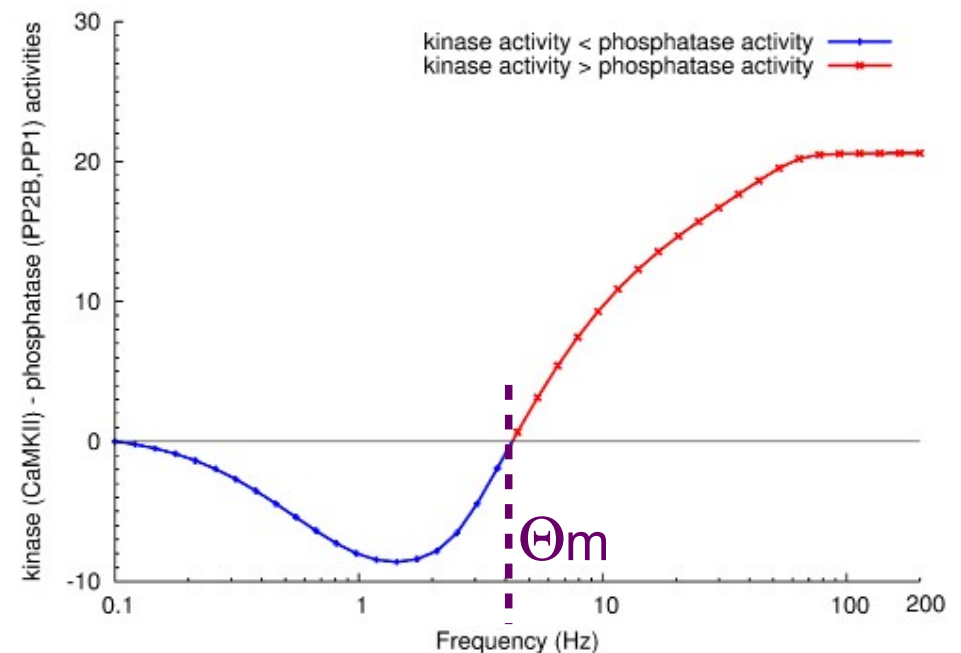
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Bienestock-Cooper-Munro (BCM) curve: difference of active areas* catalytic activities

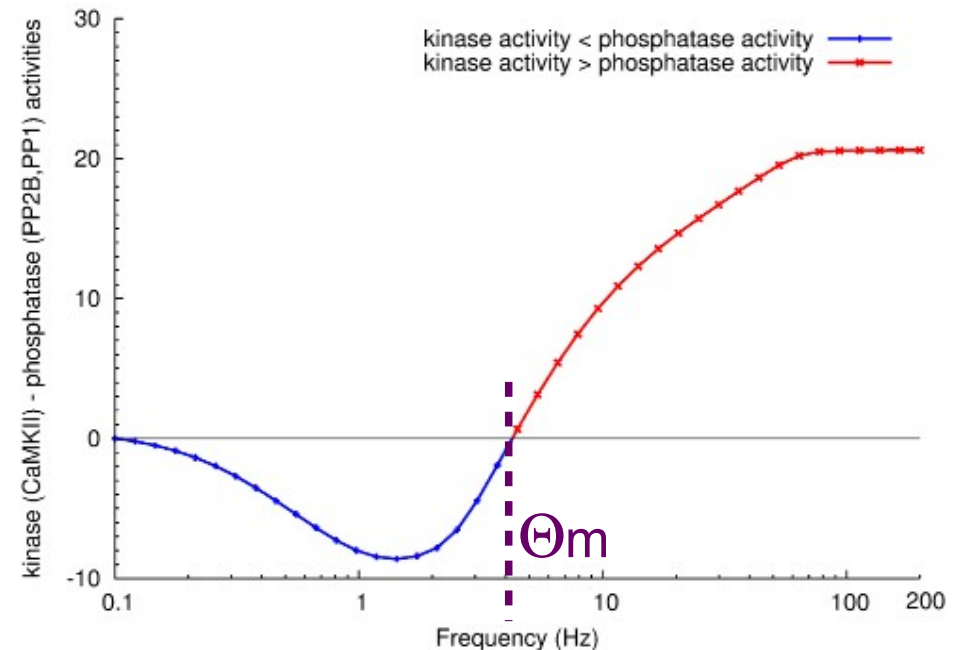
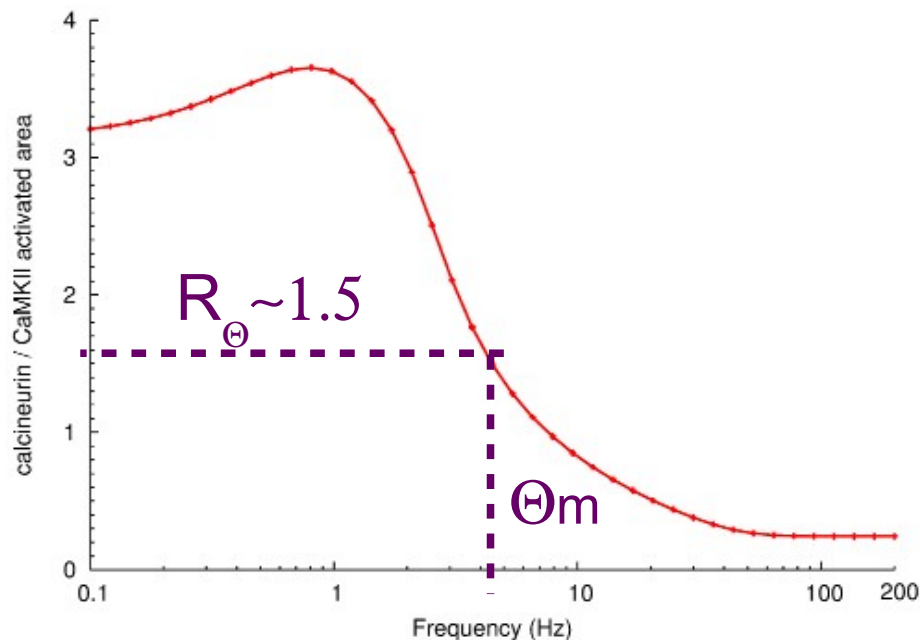
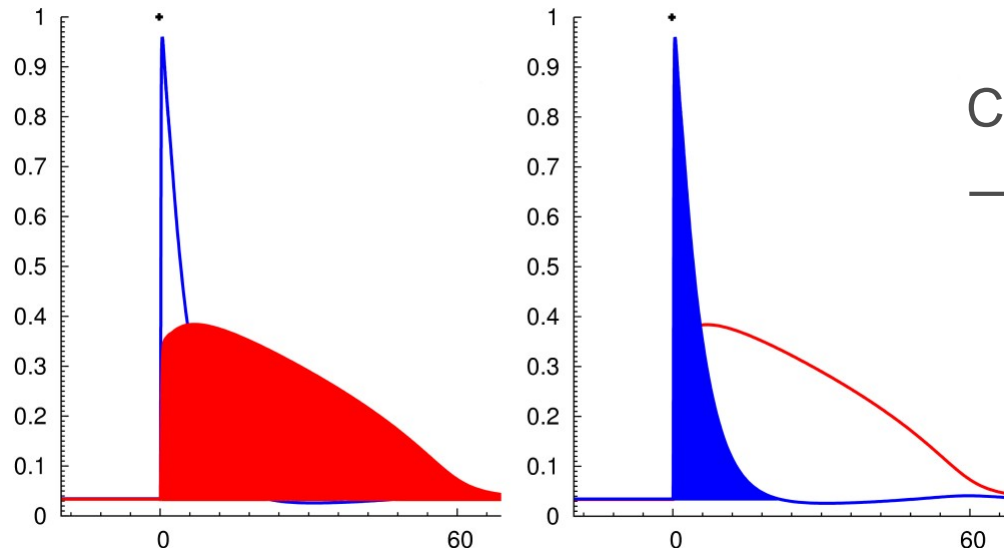


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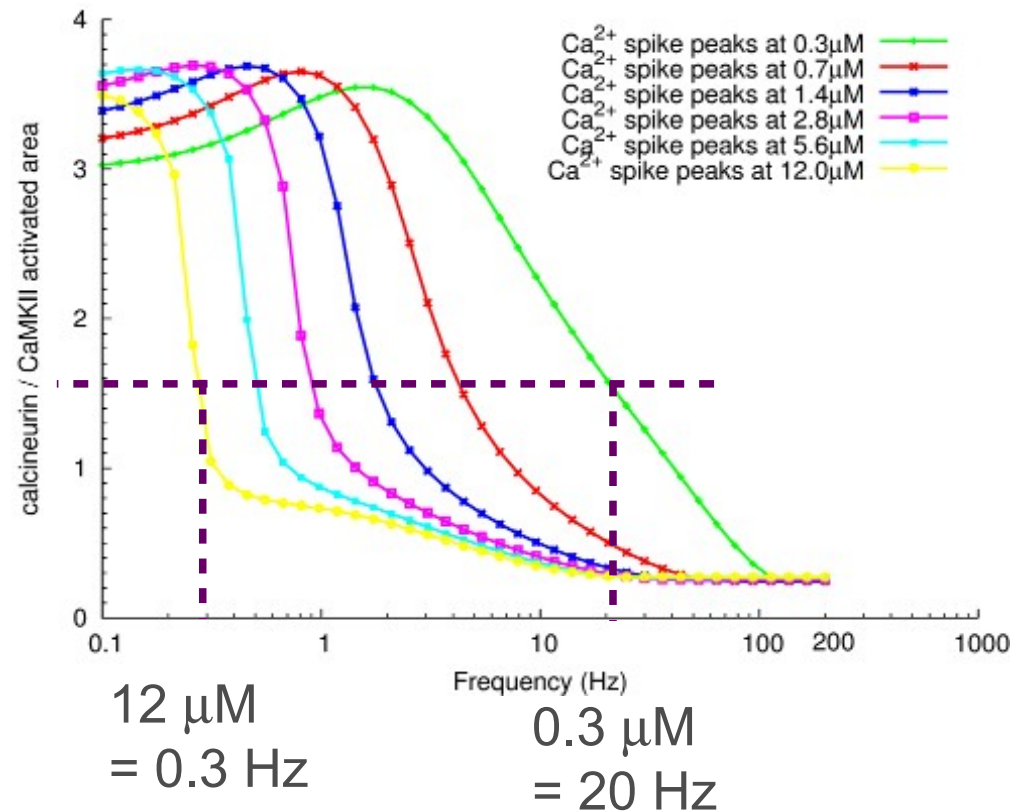
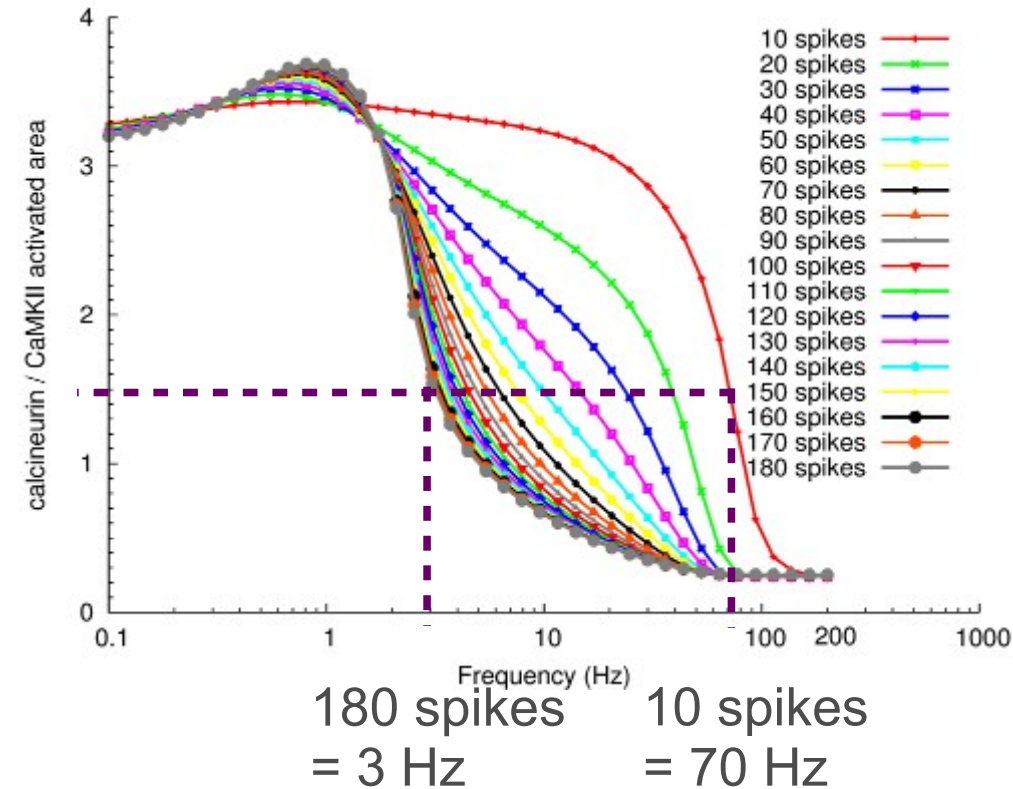
Constant catalytic rates of active enzyme
 → quantity of catalysed reaction events

μ integral of the activation curve

Bienestock-Cooper-Munro (BCM) curve: difference of active areas* catalytic activities

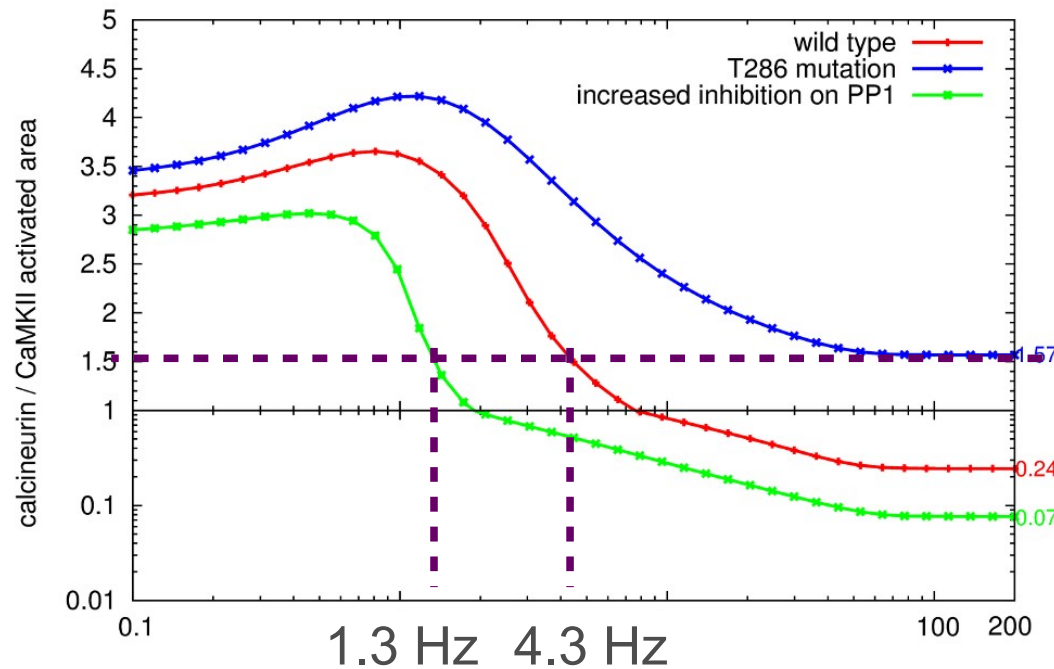


Effect of calcium duration and amount



Prolonged or intense signals decrease Θ_m : It is not an intrinsic property of the synapse

Effect of intrinsic system perturbations



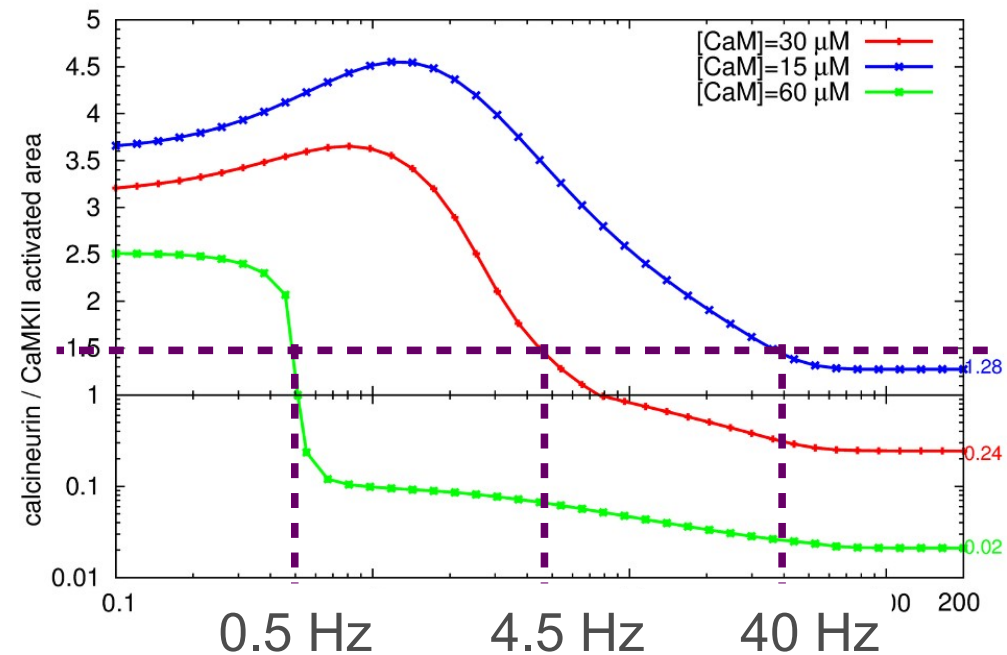
CaMKII not constitutively active
No CaM trapping

Never any positive plasticity
Giese et al (1998) *Science*, 279:870-873

Lower deactivation of CaMKII

Competition for CaM, and CaN wins

(Pi, Otmakhov, Lemelin, De Koninck, Lisman. (2010) Autonomous CaMKII can promote either long-term potentiation or long-term depression, depending on the state of T305/T306 phosphorylation. *J Neurosci*, 30:8704-9
Proposed some direct interactions between CaN and CaMKII.
They got it completely wrong!



Summary of part 2

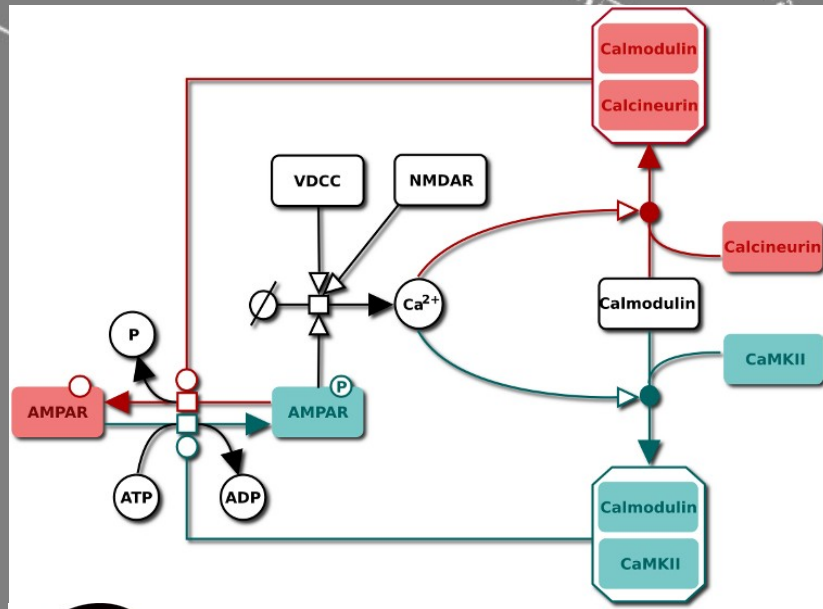
Allosteric stabilisation by targets triggers bistable CaM response to calcium. Above a certain frequency, CaM activation lasts longer than the initial signal.

Calcium signals do not choose between CaN and CaMKII, *BOTH* enzymes are activated at *ALL* frequencies. The ratio of activity changes.

The frequency at which a synapse switches from a depression to a potentiation mode is not an intrinsic property of the synapse, but a dynamical one that depends on the length and amplitude of stimulations.

Modifications of topology, parameters and initial conditions affect both response intensity and threshold frequency. Some mutants can't have positive plasticity for any stimulation. [CaM] decides of the balance CaN/KII

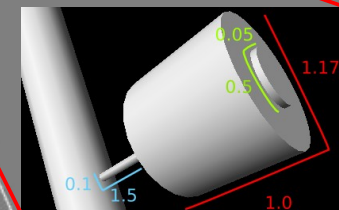
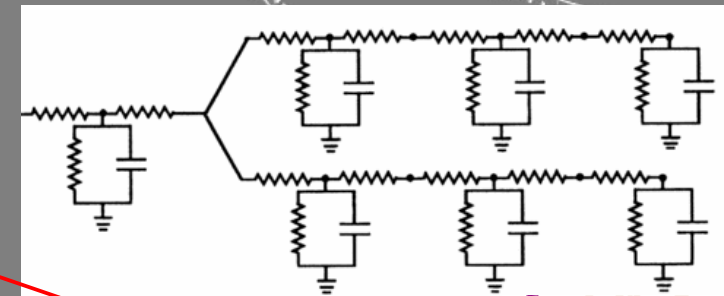
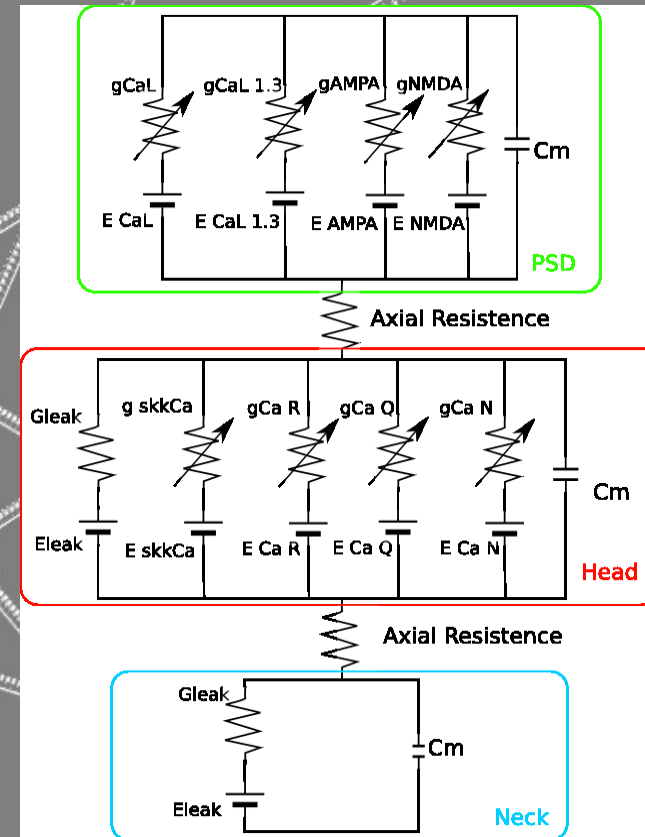
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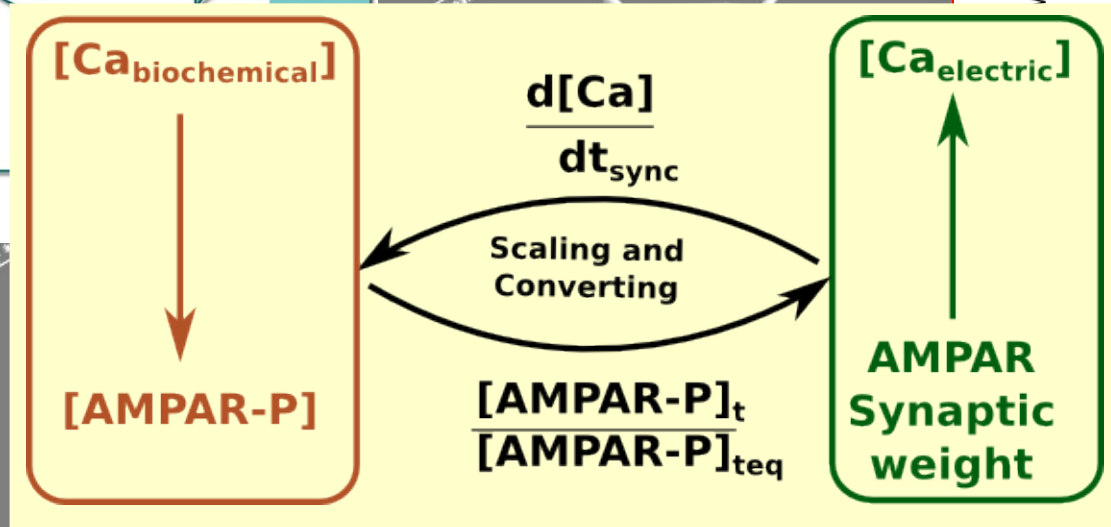
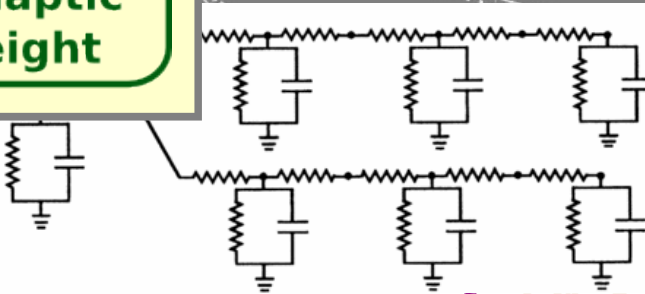
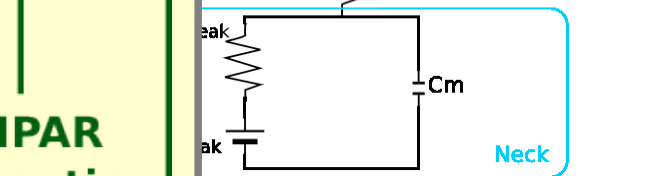
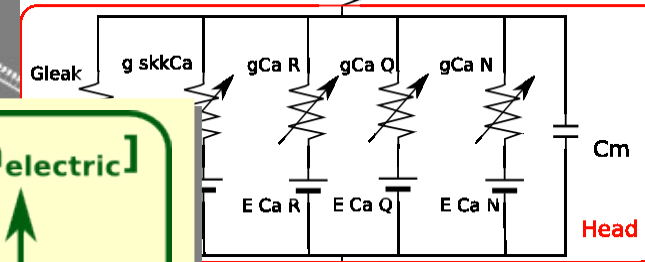
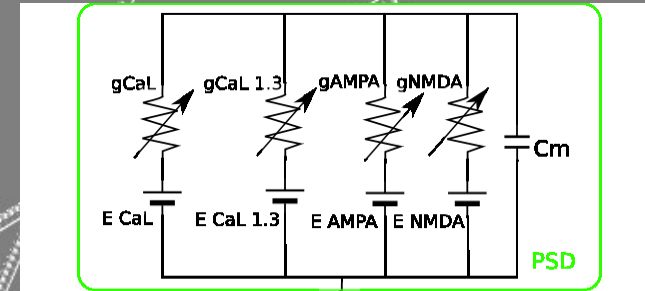
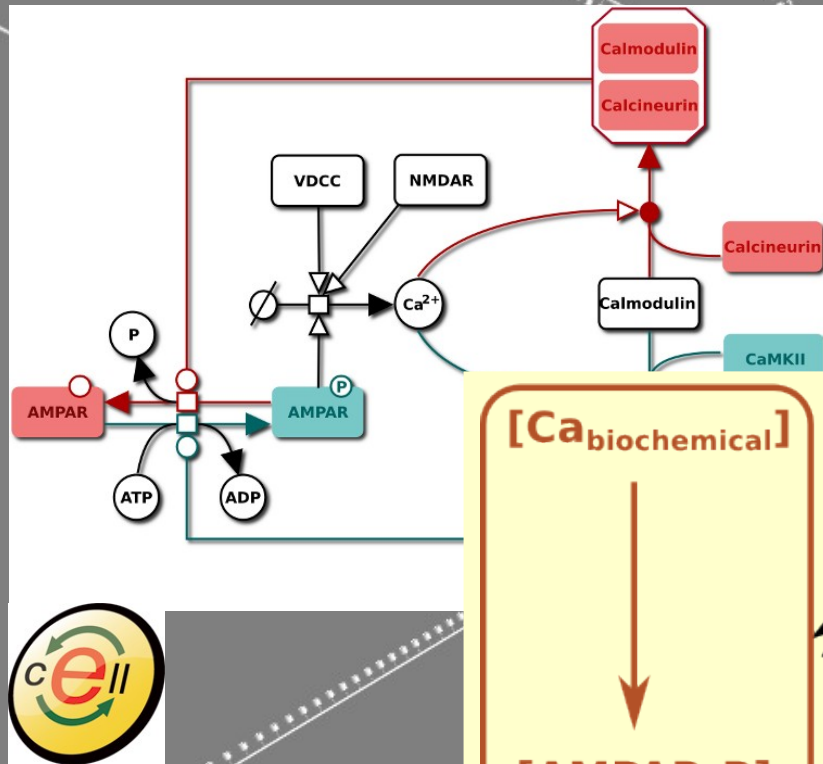
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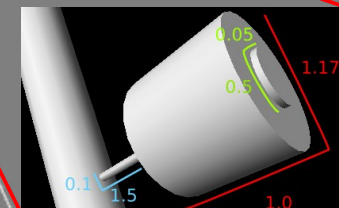
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