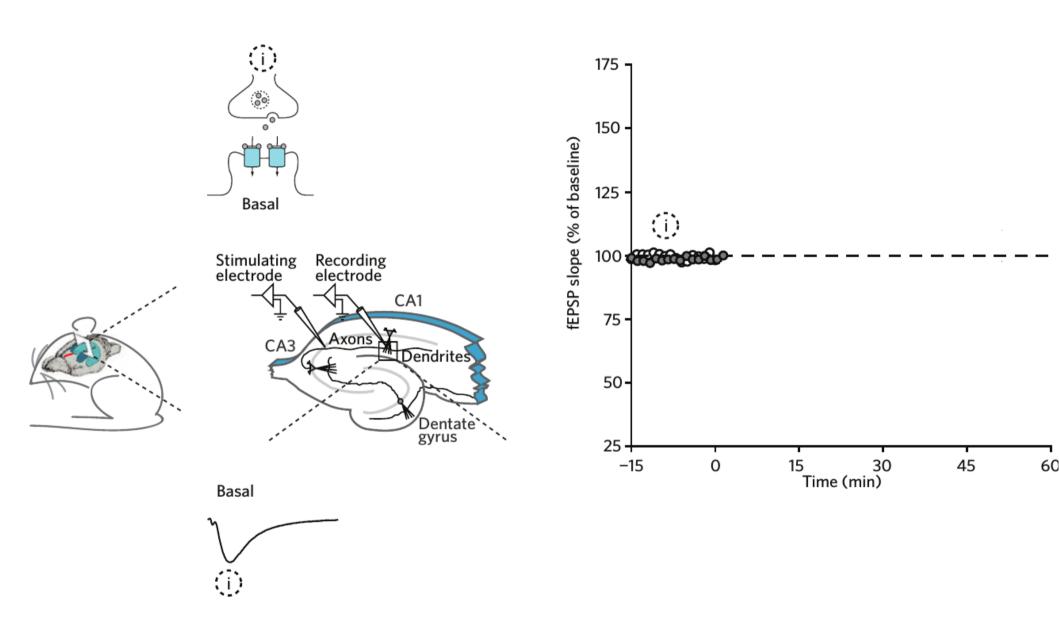


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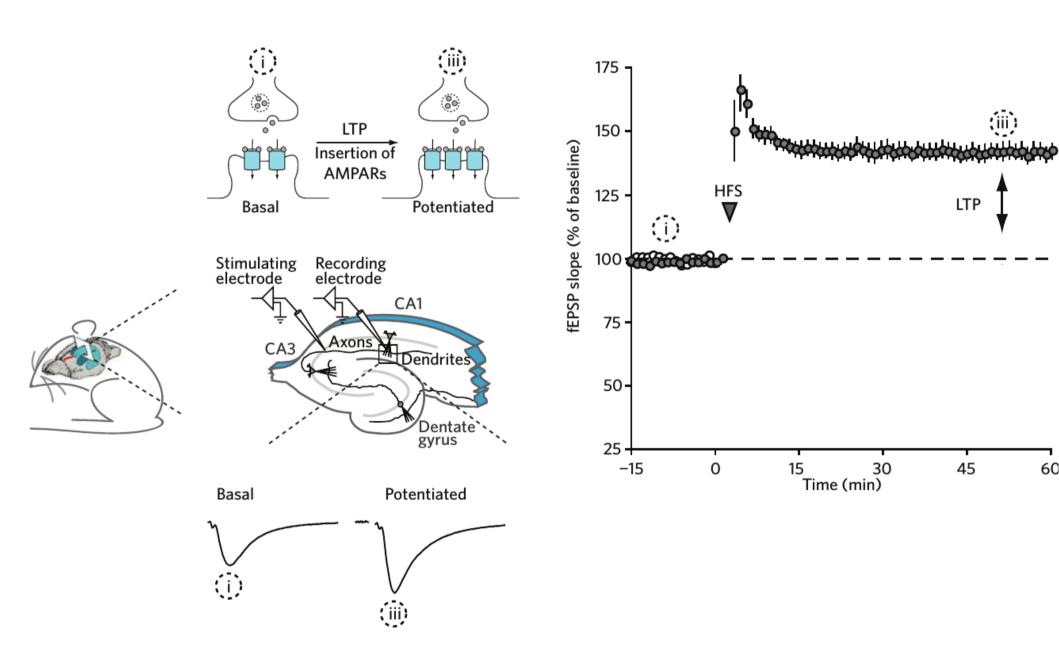
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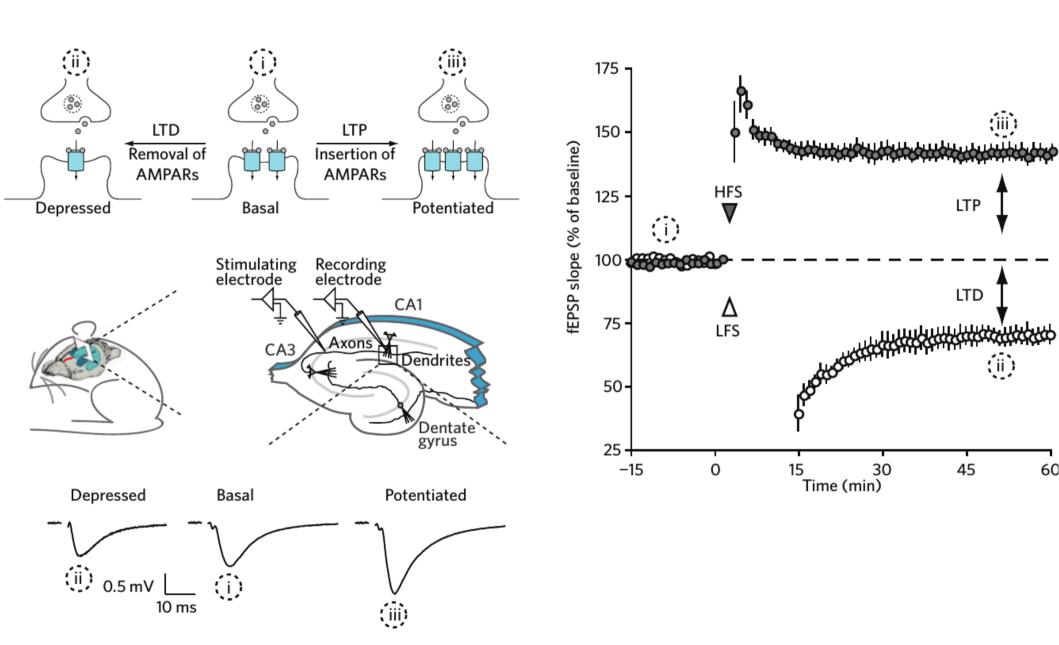
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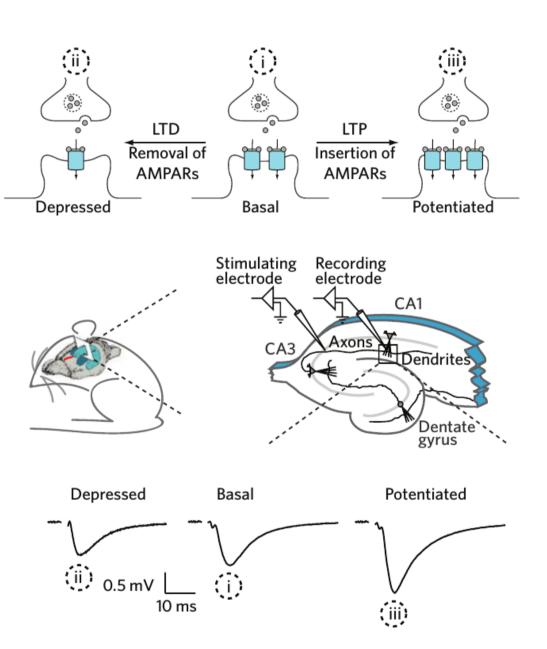
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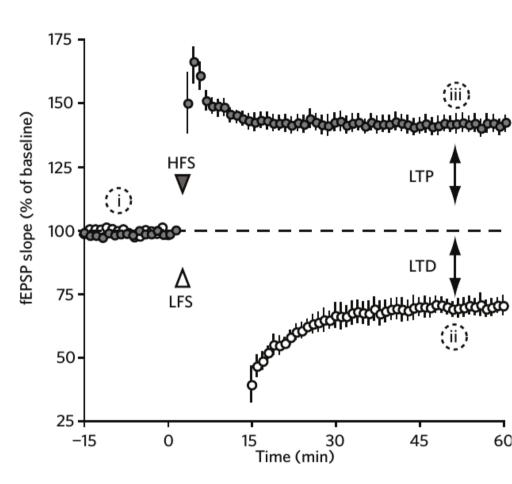




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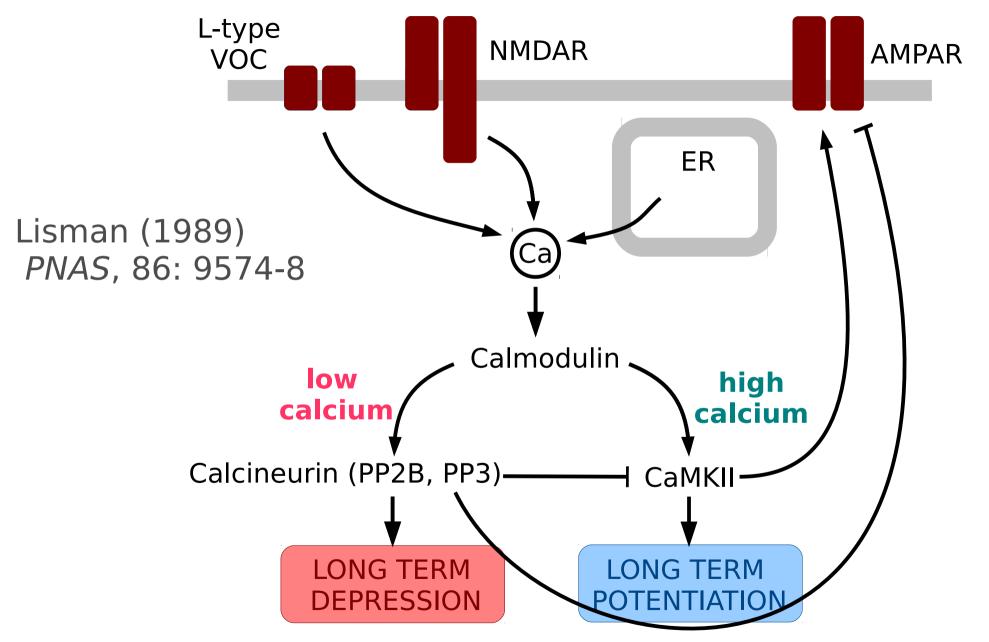


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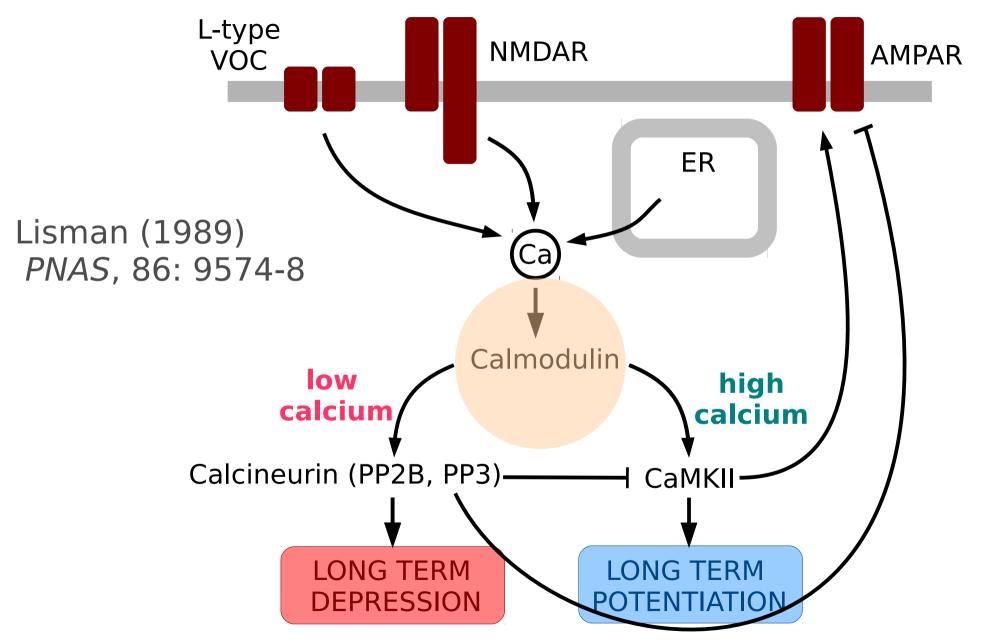


#### The calcium theory of synaptic plasticity



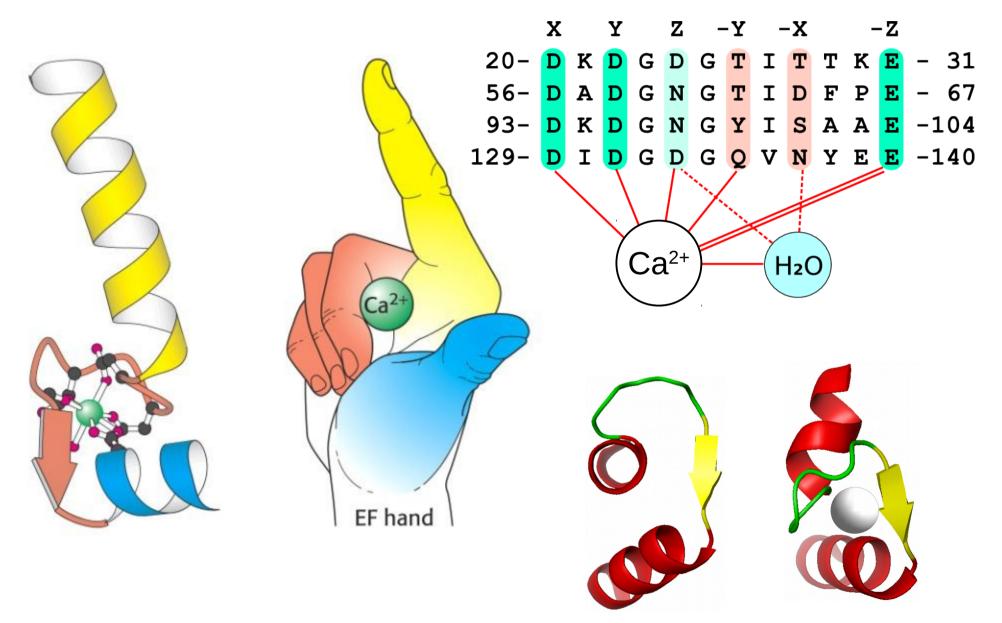


#### Calmodulin, the memory switchboard

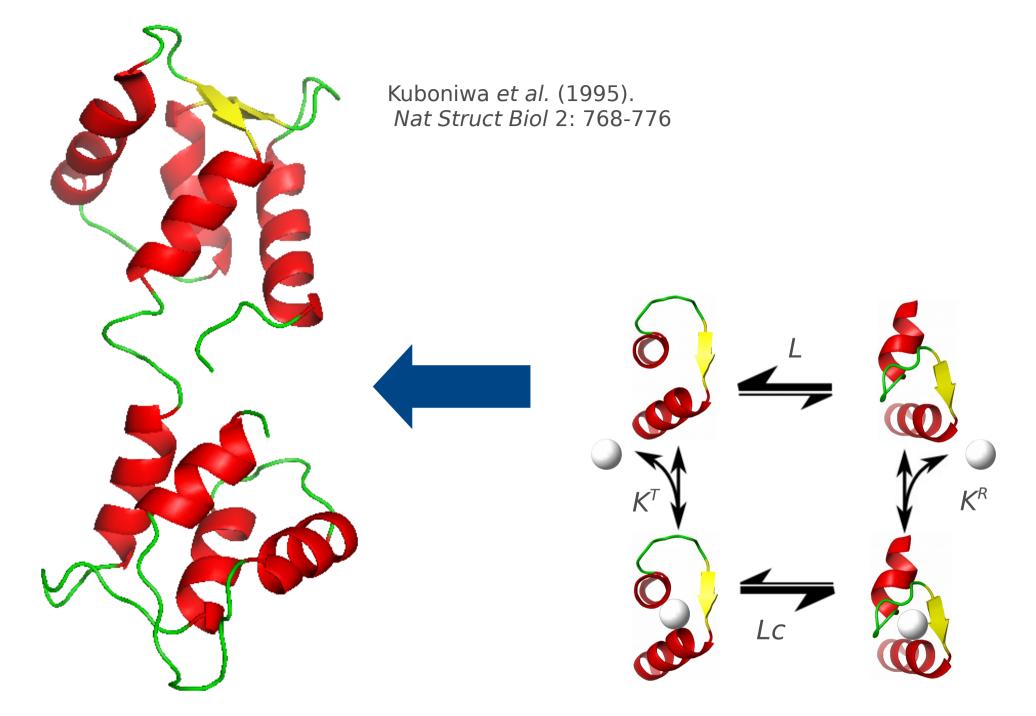




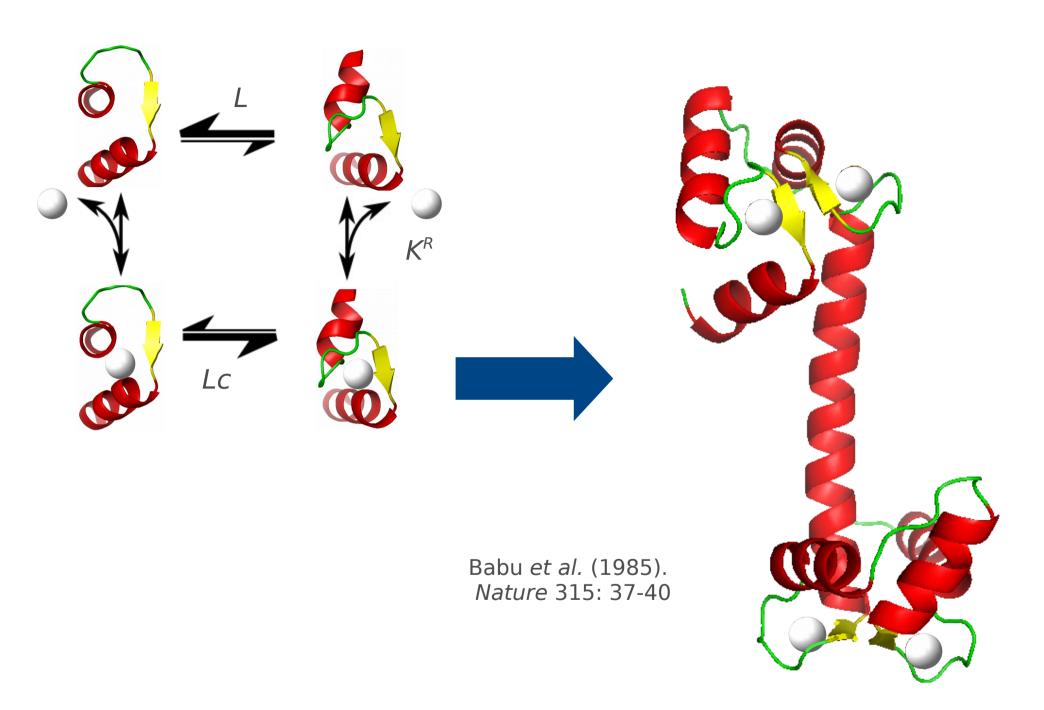
#### Calmodulin carries 4 Ca<sup>2+</sup> binding domains



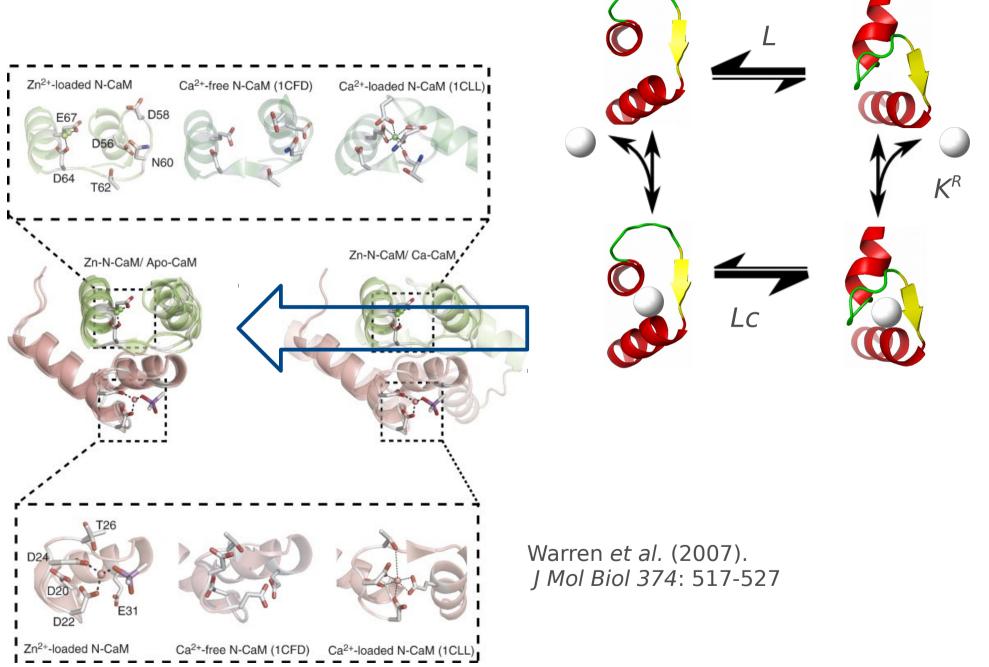




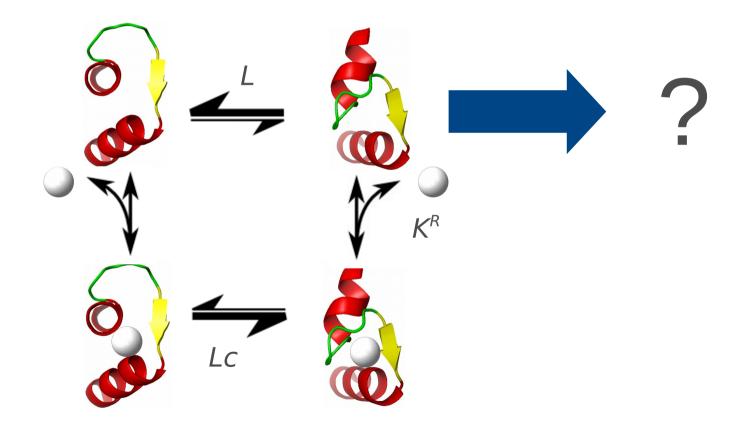




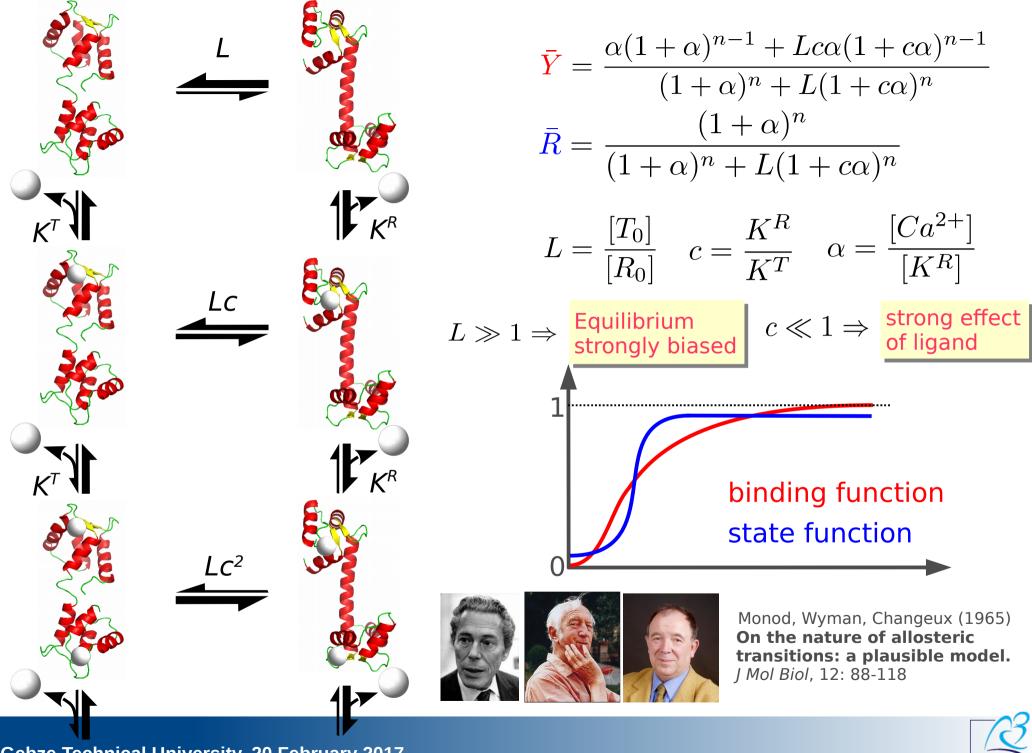




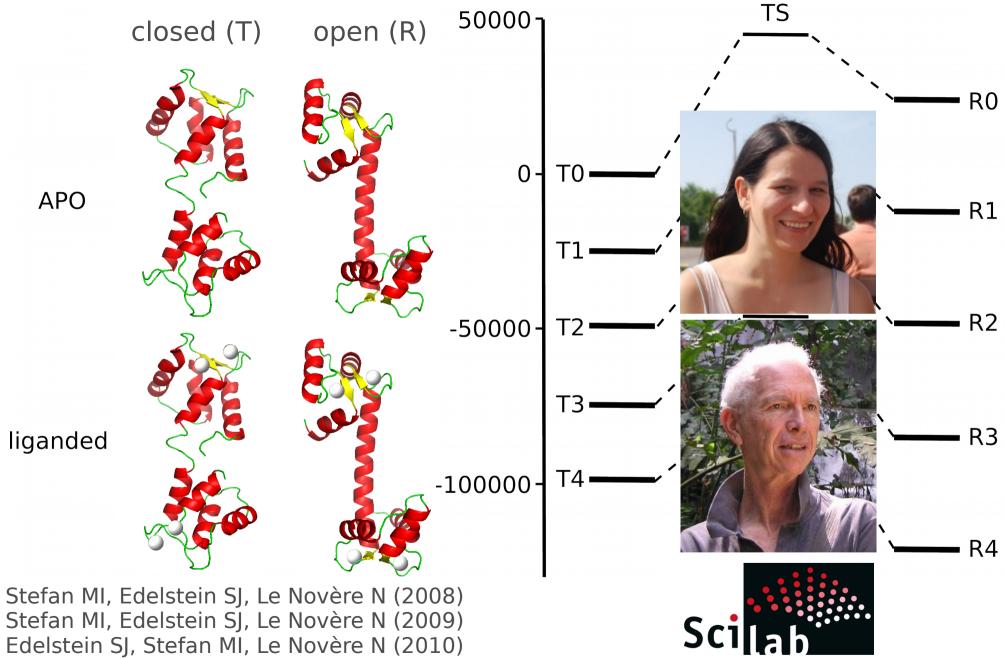




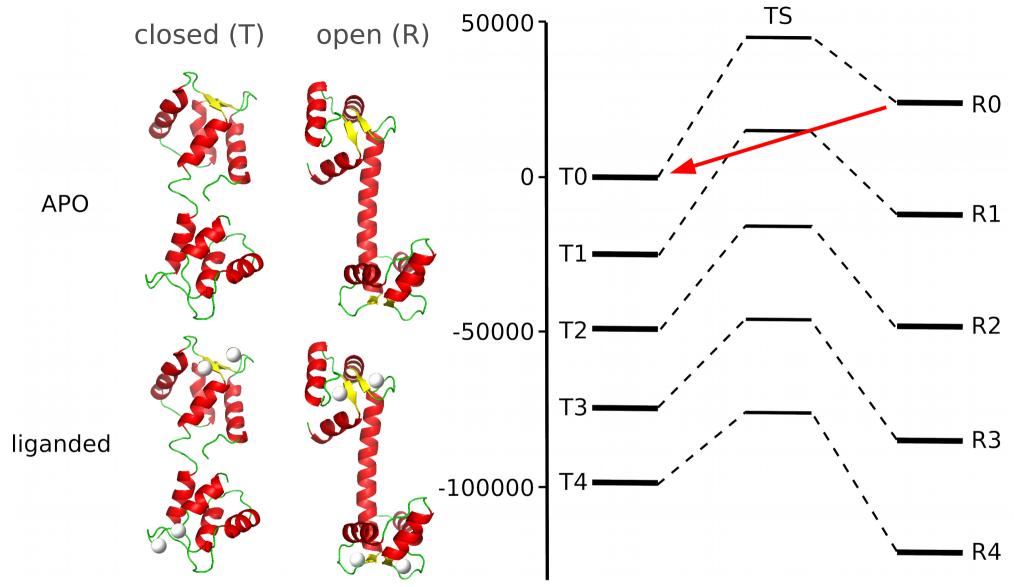






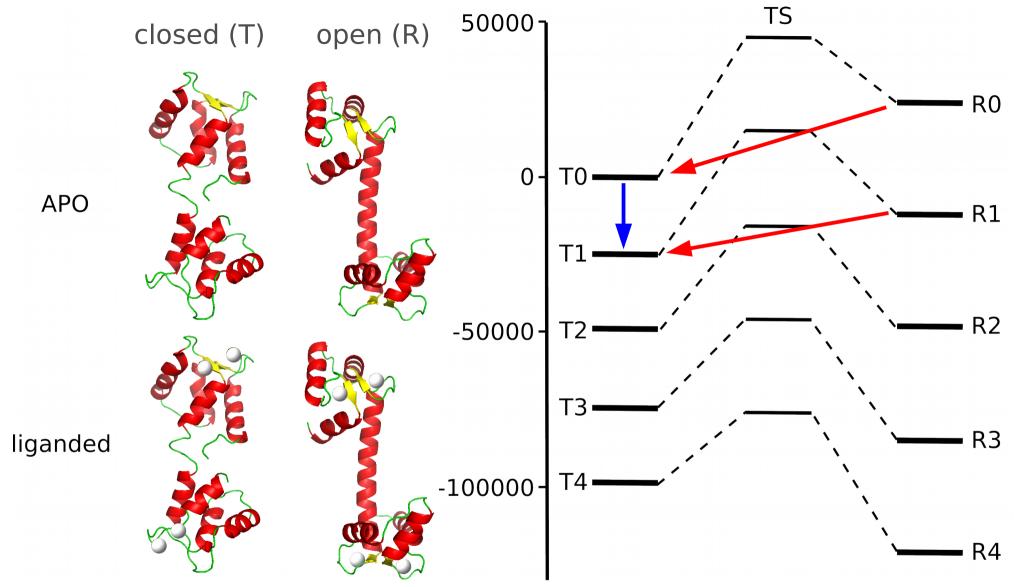






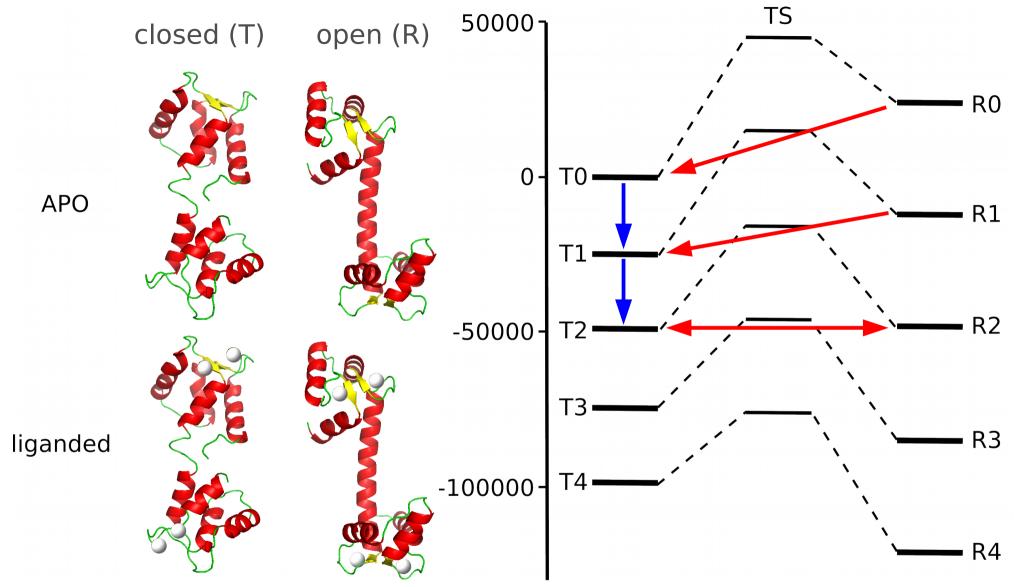
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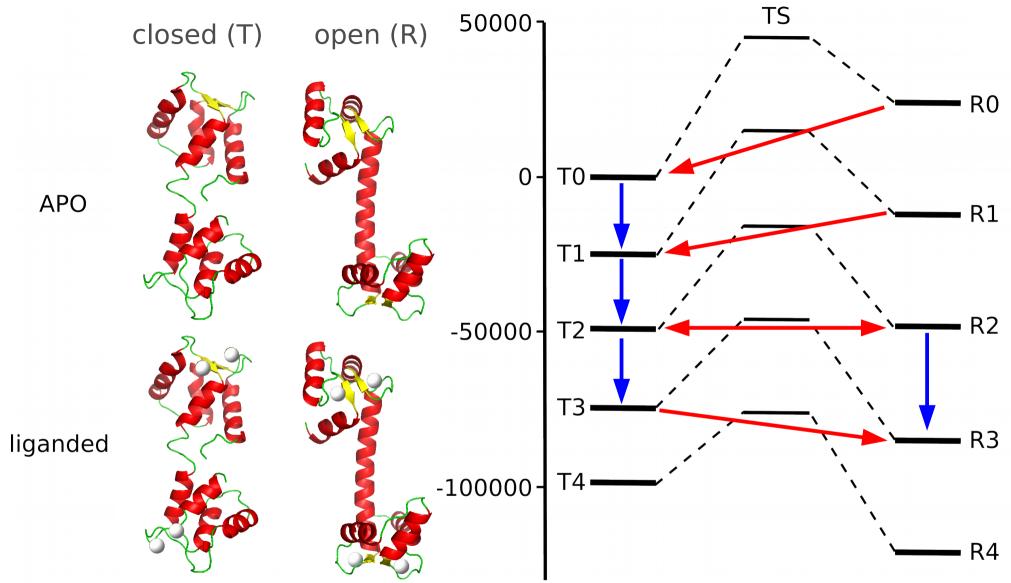
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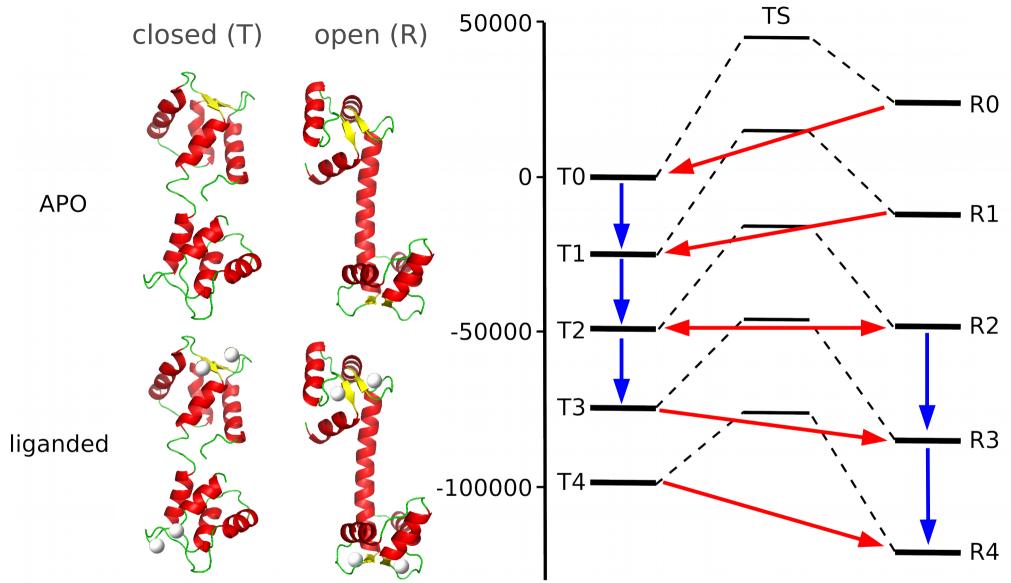
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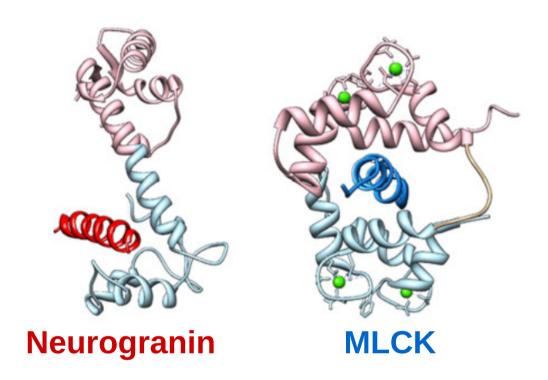




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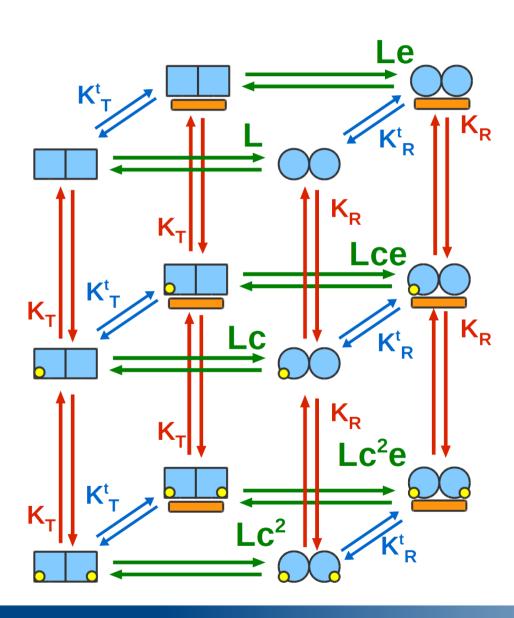


### Different targets stabilise lobes in different states





### **Bindings of calcium and targets**







Calcium

Conf. transition

Calcium binding

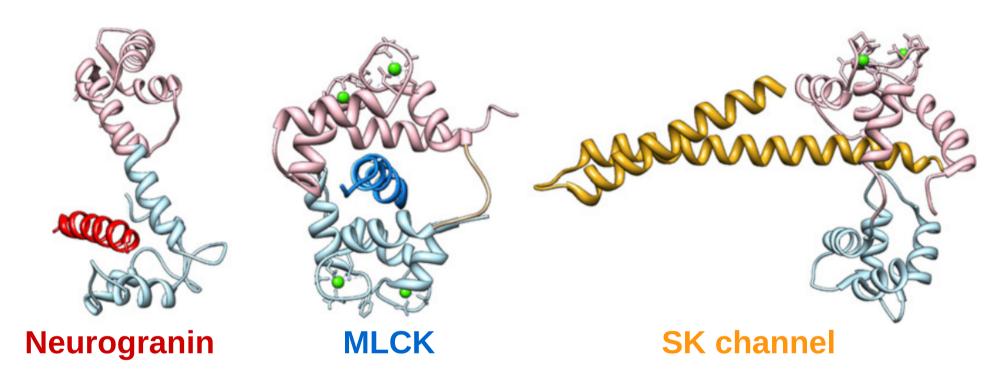
Target binding

$$c = \frac{K_R}{K_T}$$

$$e = \frac{K_R^t}{K_T^t}$$



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Lai M, Brun D, Edelstein SJ, Le Novère N (2015) Lai M, Edelstein SJ, Le Novère N (in preparation)

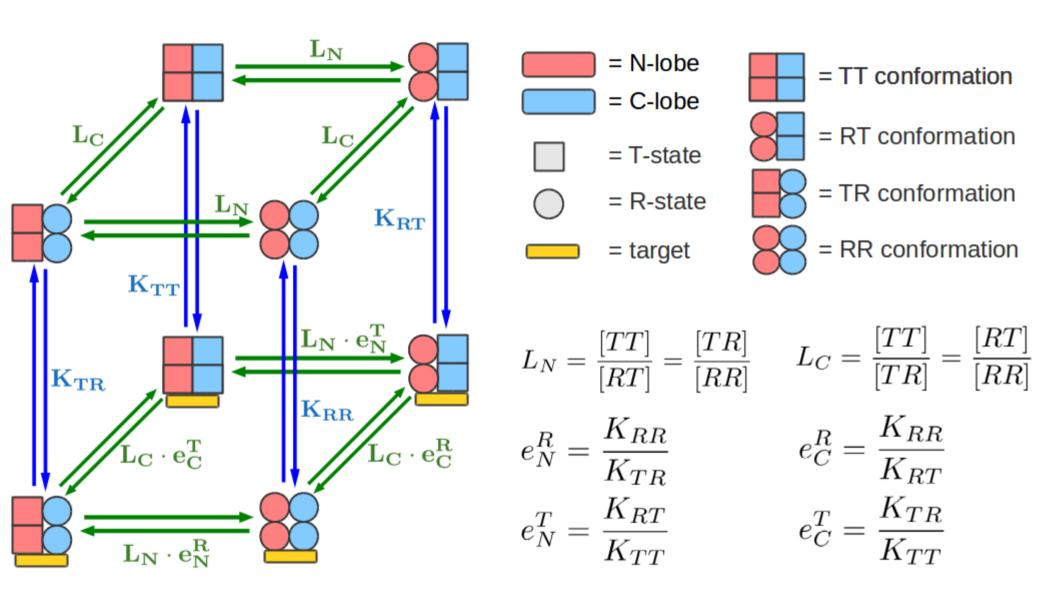






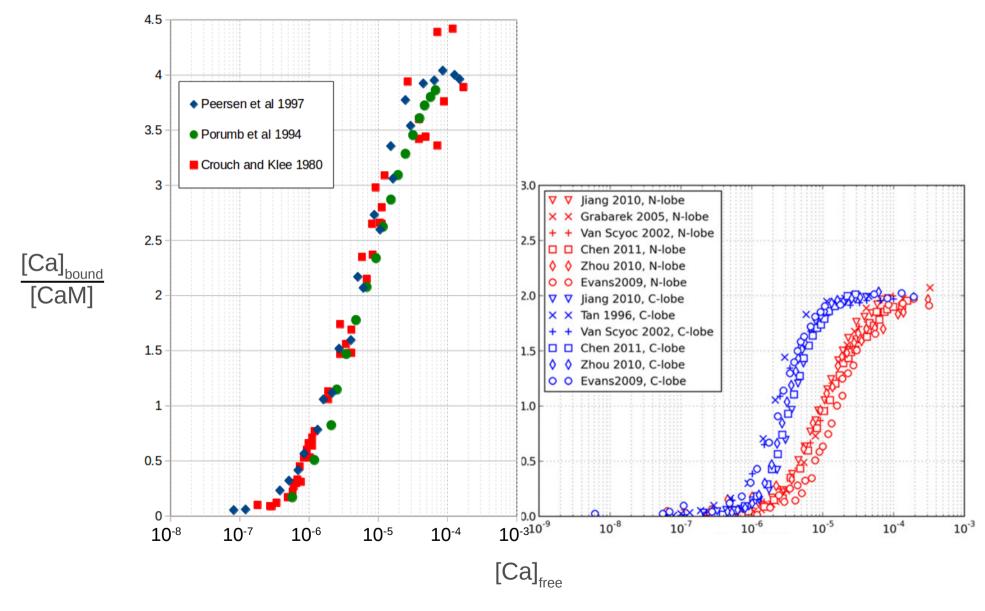


#### Hemiconcerted model of calmodulin



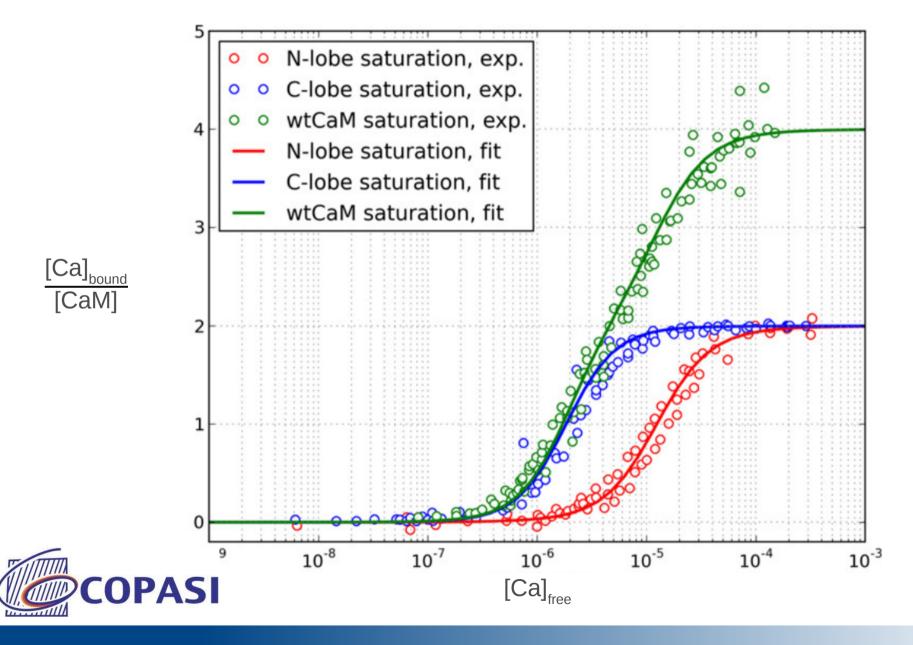


### Calcium binding to lobes and whole CaM (exp)





### Calcium binding to lobes and whole CaM (sim)



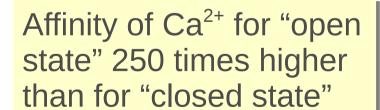


#### Parametrisation using accurate measurements

- Ca<sup>2+</sup> binding in presence of targets: none, skMLCK, PhK5, CaATPase
- Ca<sup>2+</sup> dissociation constants for complete calmodulin and N and C term mutants



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



$$K_A^R = 8.32 \ 10^{-6}$$
  
 $K_B^R = 1.66 \ 10^{-8}$   
 $K_C^R = 1.74 \ 10^{-5}$   
 $K_D^R = 1.45 \ 10^{-8}$ 

2 high, 2 low, as expected



## Activity of unsaturated calmodulin (state function)

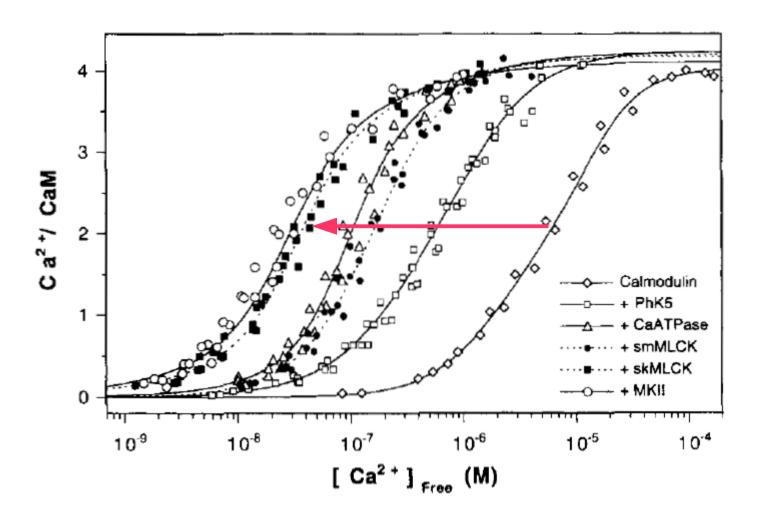
Fractional activity depends on the number of calcium ions bound

$$\frac{R_i}{T_i} = \frac{1}{L \cdot c^i}$$

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



#### Targets as allosteric effectors: experiments



Peersen et al. (1997)



### Targets as allosteric effectors: theory

$$\bar{Y}_{\text{Ca}^{2+}} = \frac{\alpha(1+\alpha)^{n-1} + L'c\alpha(1+c\alpha)^{n-1}}{(1+\alpha)^n + L'(1+c\alpha)^n}$$

$$L = \frac{[T_0]}{[R_0]}$$

$$L' = L\left(\frac{1+\gamma e}{1+\gamma}\right)^n$$

$$c = \frac{K^R}{K^T}$$

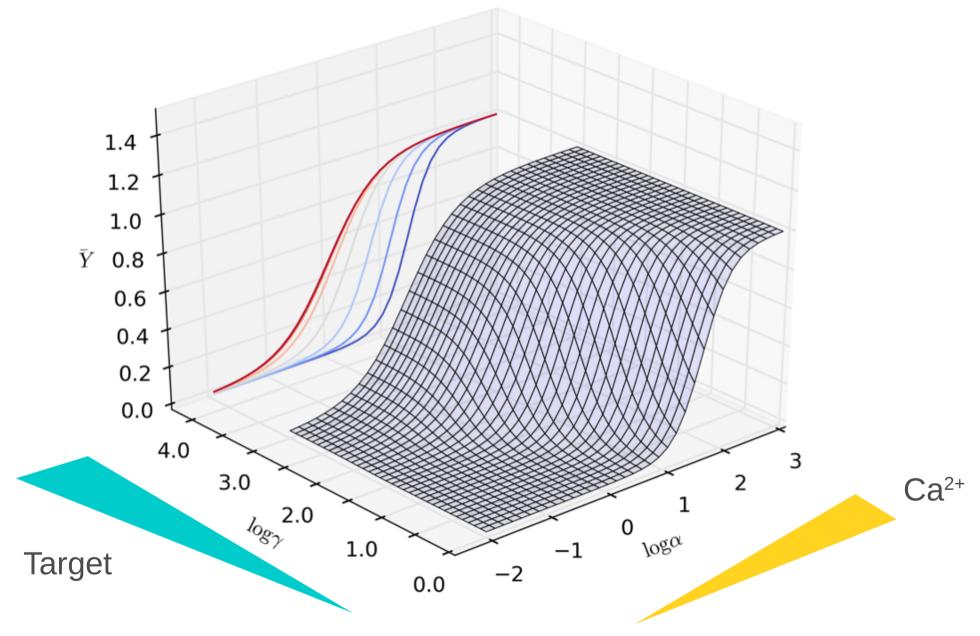
$$e = \frac{K_t^R g}{K_t^T g}$$

$$\alpha = \frac{[Ca^{2+}]}{[K^R]}$$

$$\gamma = \frac{[Target]}{[K_t^R g]}$$

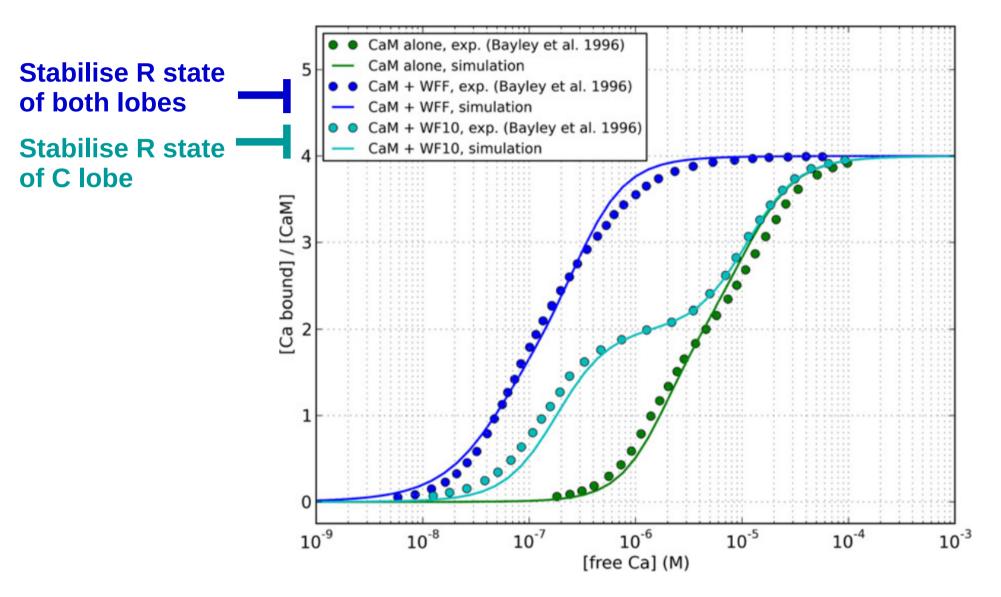


### Effect of an R-stabilizing target on Ca<sup>2+</sup> affinity



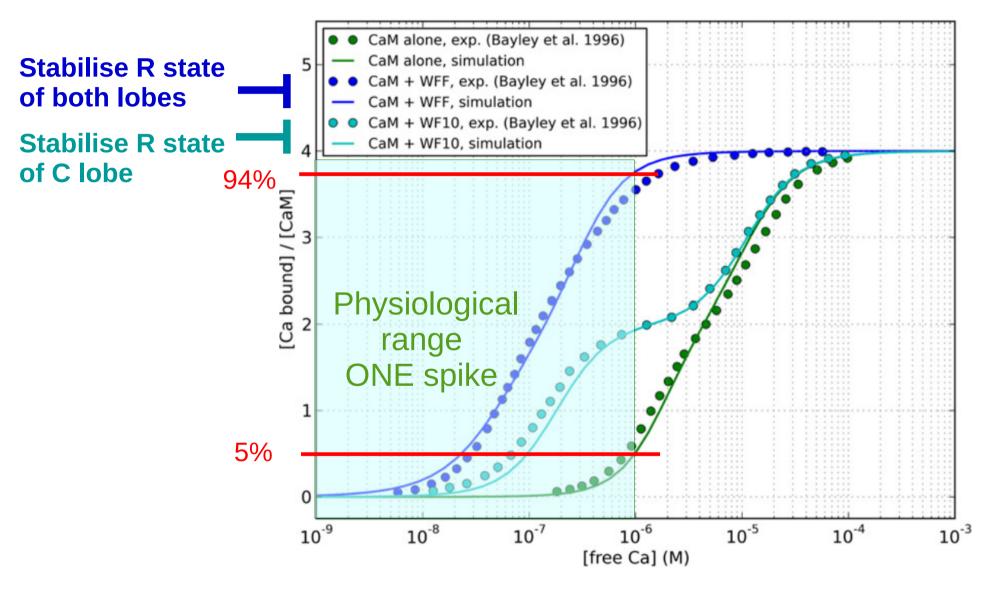


### Binding to target increases the affinity for Ca<sup>2+</sup>



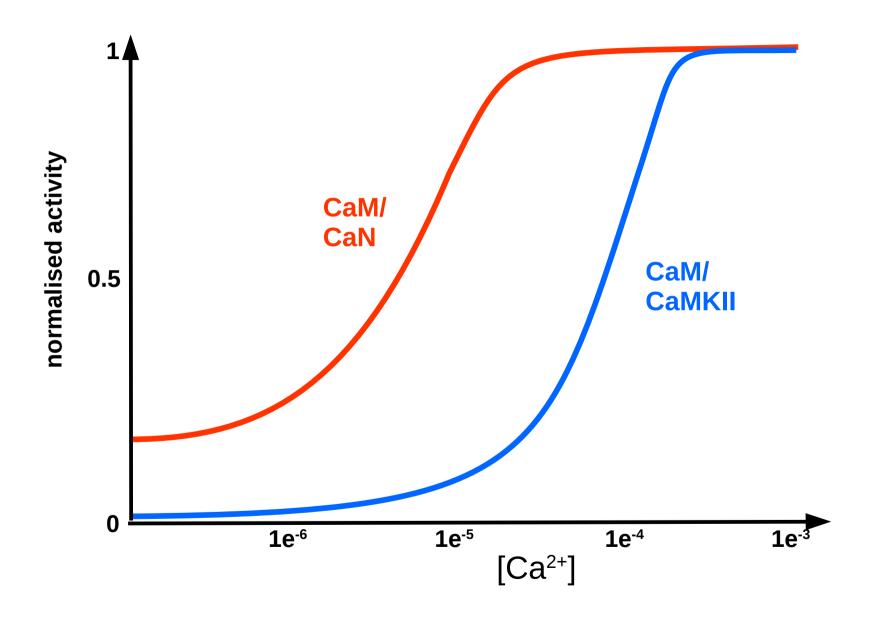


# Targets stabilises Ca<sup>2+</sup> binding into the physiological range



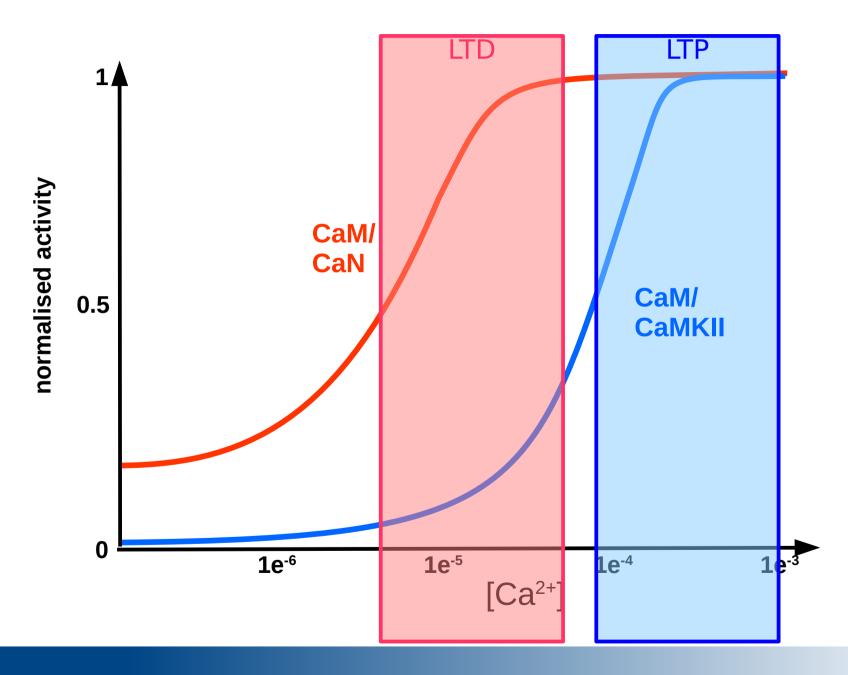


### Calmodulin, its ligand and its targets



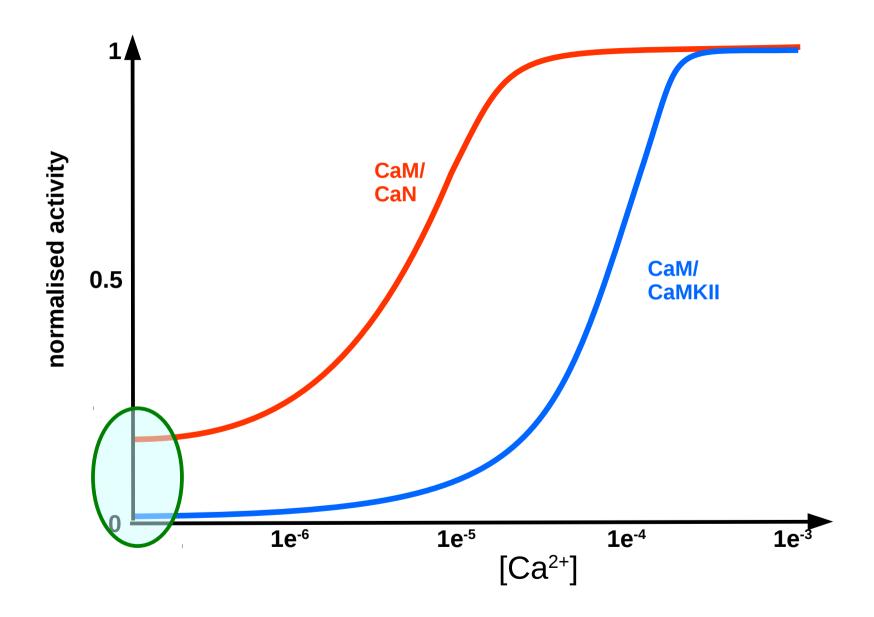


### **Bidirectional synaptic plasticity**



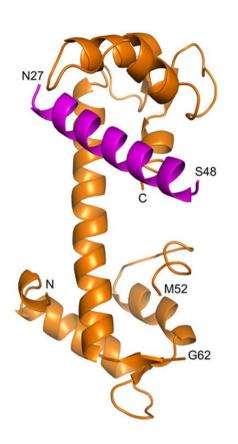


#### **Calcineurin stabilises CaM R** → no deactivation

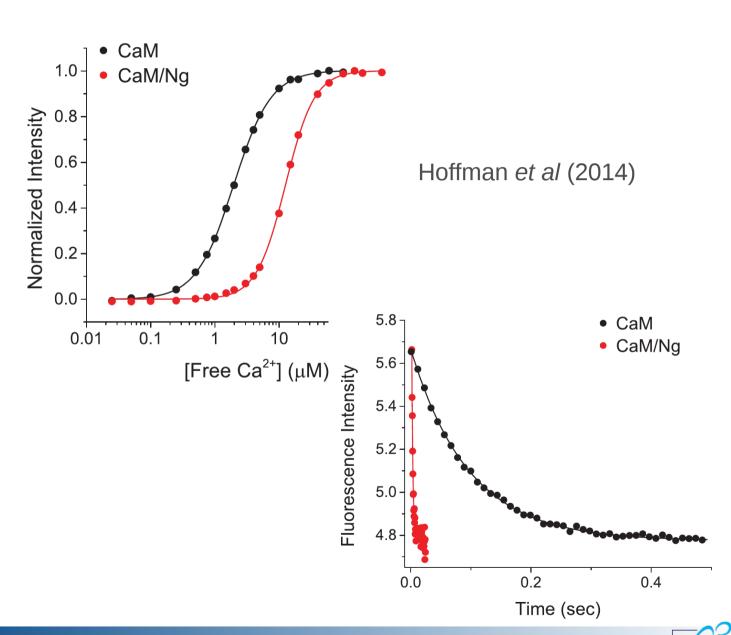




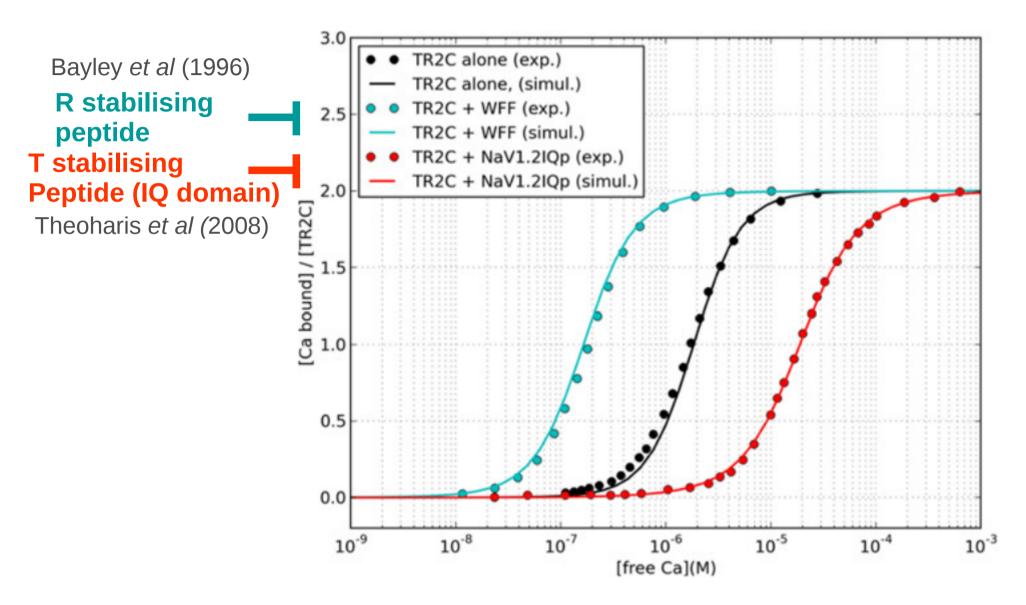
## Neurogranin binds apo-CaM, decreases affinity for [Ca<sup>2+</sup>] and increases dissociation rate



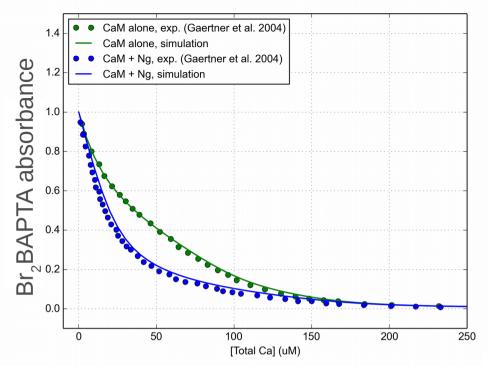
Kumar *et al* (2013)

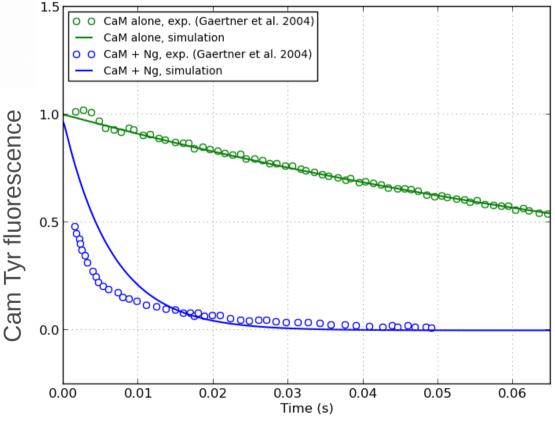


### Effect of R and T stabilising targets on CaM affinity



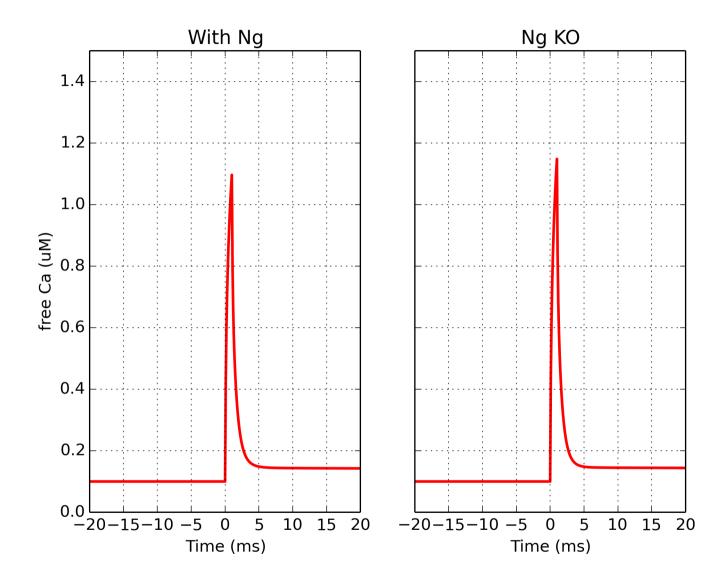






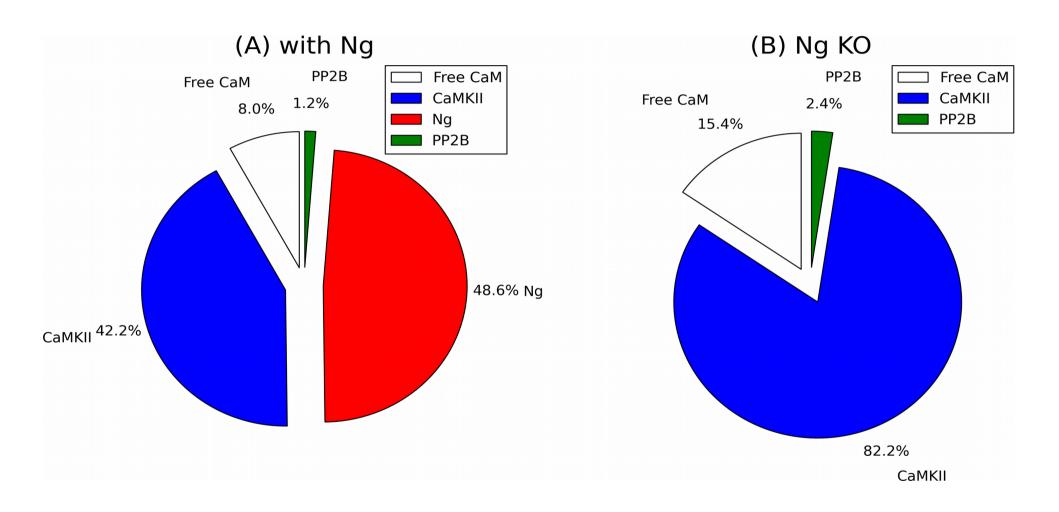


### No large effect of Neurogranin on [Ca2+free]





## Ng affects the distribution of CaM





## **Hemi-concerted** model of Calmodulin, 2 states for EF hands, binding Ca<sup>2+</sup> with different affinities

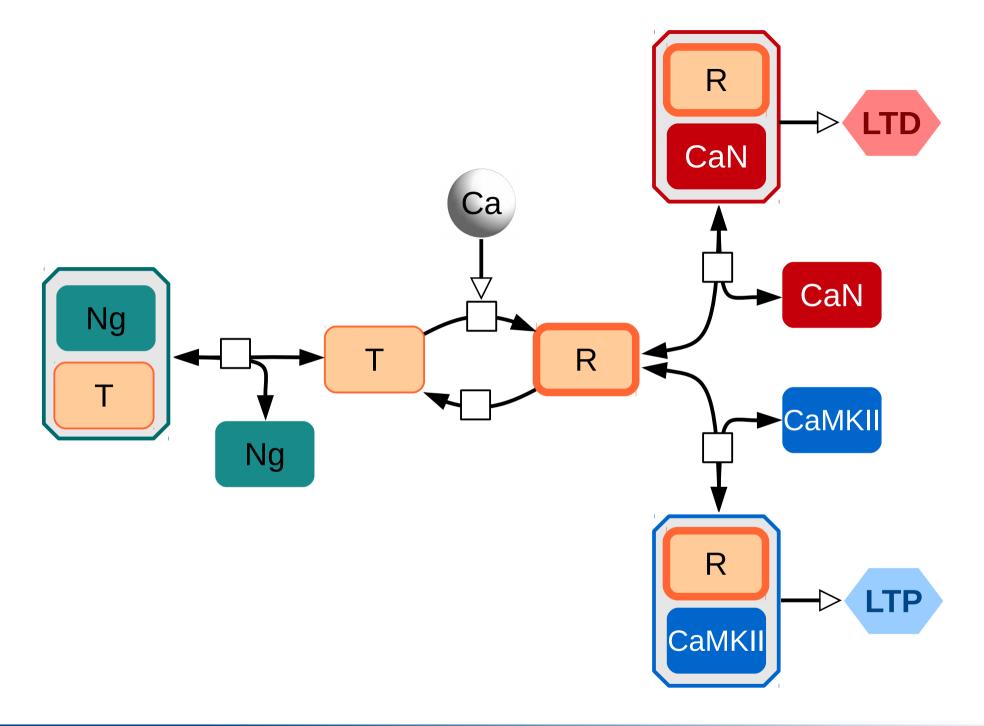
Apparent **affinity for Ca<sup>2+</sup> increases** when bound to target

CaM able to bind targets with less than 4 Ca2+ bound

CaN can bind calmodulin at low Ca<sup>2+</sup> concentration while **both CaN and CaMKII** bind CaM at high Ca<sup>2+</sup> concentrations

Neurogranin **stabilises Calmodulin in the T state**, resetting the system and acting as a Calmodulin reservoir







# Wait a minute! Signal transduction is not at equilibrium!

AMPAR post-synaptic potential: 5 ms

Calcium spike: 50 ms

Half saturation calmodulin (kon=1.5e6, koff=100): 5 ms

Relaxation between calmodulin states: 1 ms

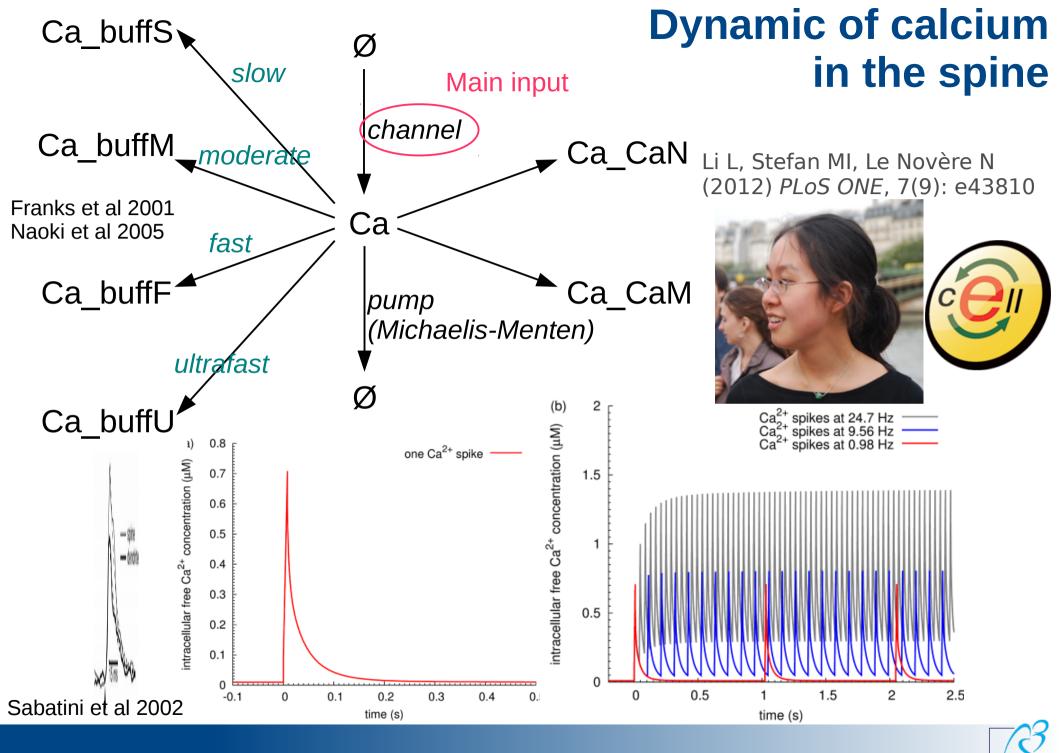
autophosphorylation of CaMKII (kon=6): 100 ms











#### Calcium/calmodulin kinase II

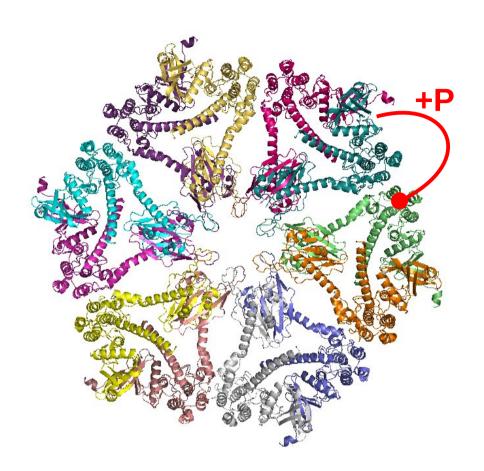
catalytic site **Auto-inhibitory** domain T306P blocks CaM binding CaM binding site T286P causes constitutive activity

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

Stefan MI, Marshall D, Le Novère N (2012)



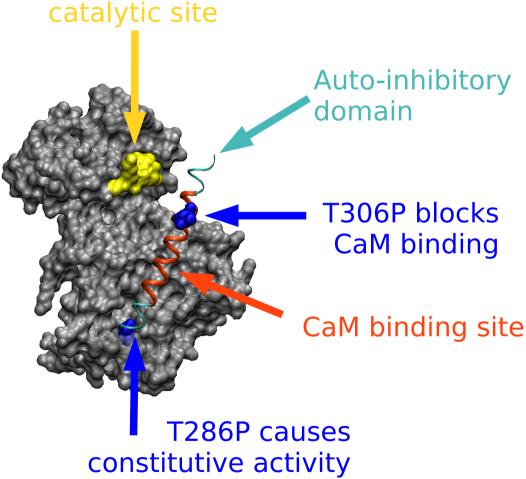
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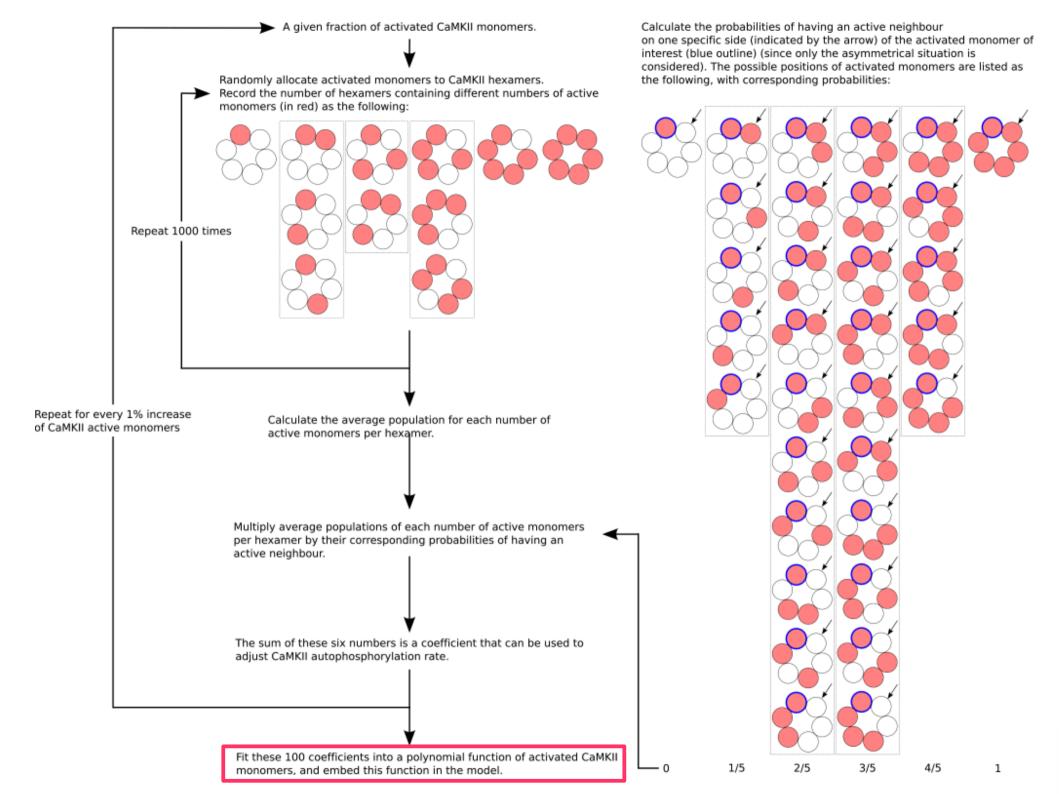


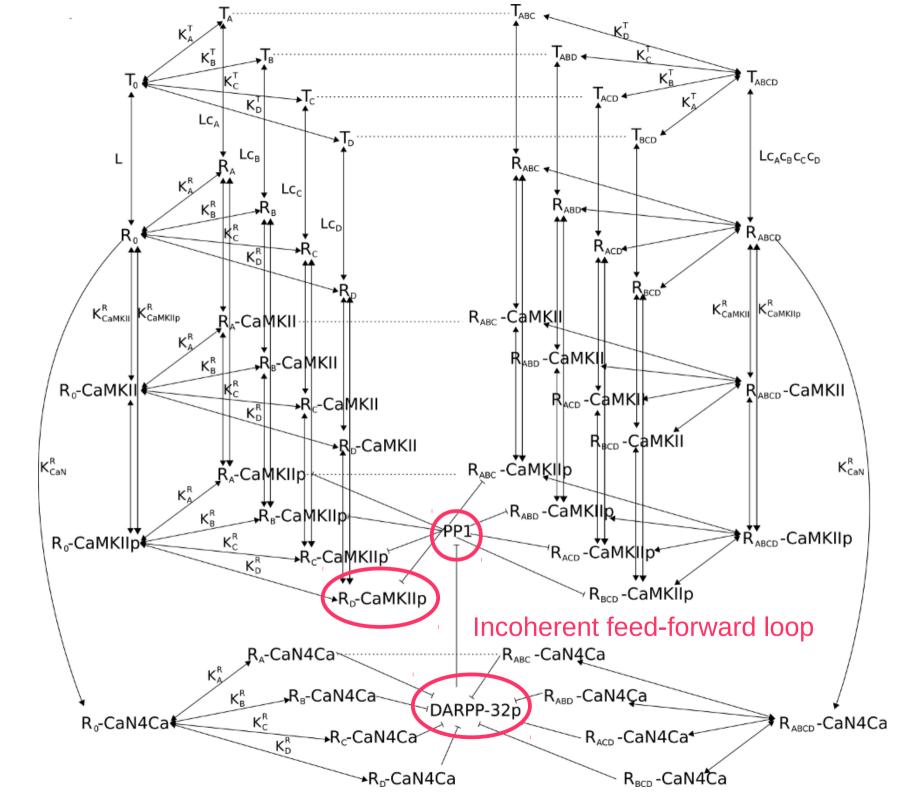
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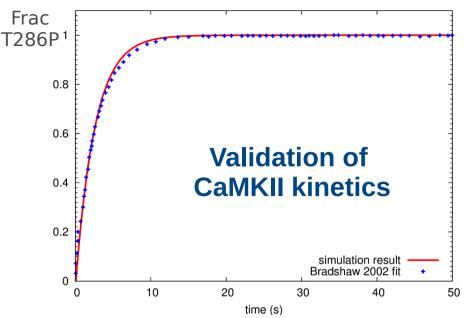
Trans-phosphorylation of T286 by neighbouring subunits Cis-phosphorylation of T306

Most quantitative measurements made on monomers ...

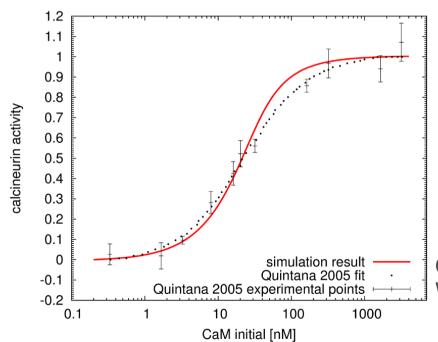


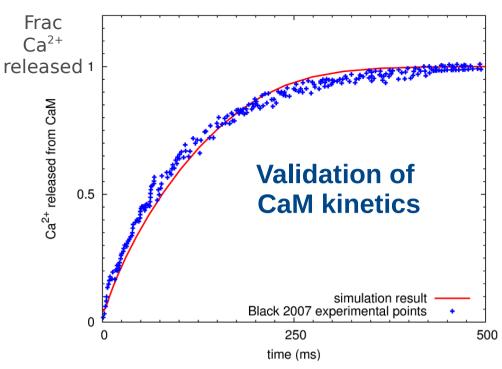






Bradshaw JM, Kubota Y, Meyer T, Schulman H (2003). *PNAS* 100: 10512–10517.



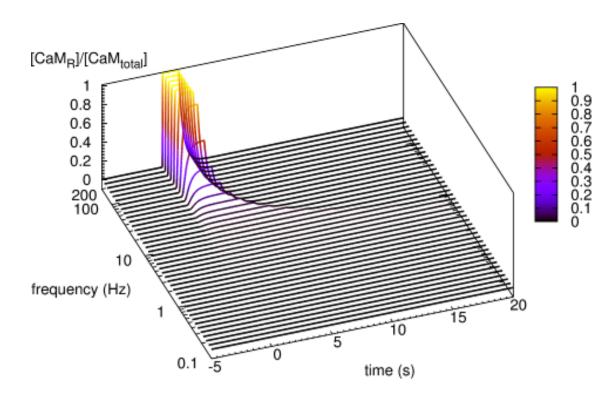


Black DJ, Selfridge JE, Persechini A (2007). *Biochemistry* 46: 13415–13424.

#### Validation of calciumactivation of CaN

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

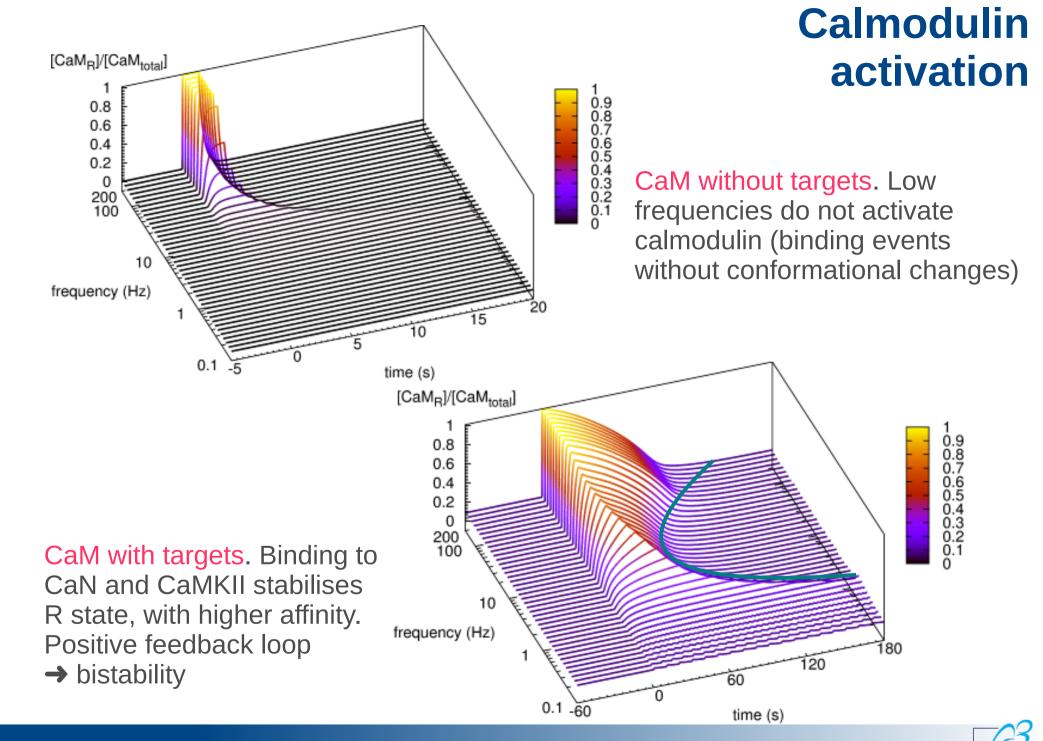


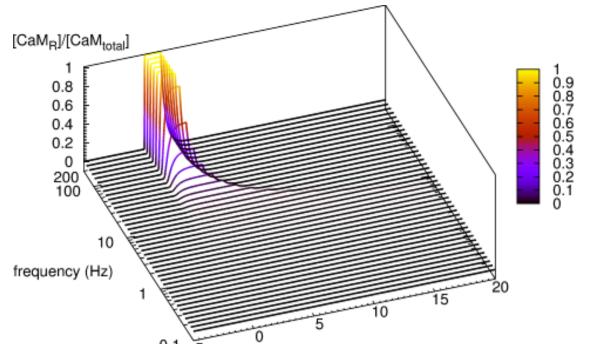


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CaM without targets. Low frequencies do not activate calmodulin (binding events without conformational changes)







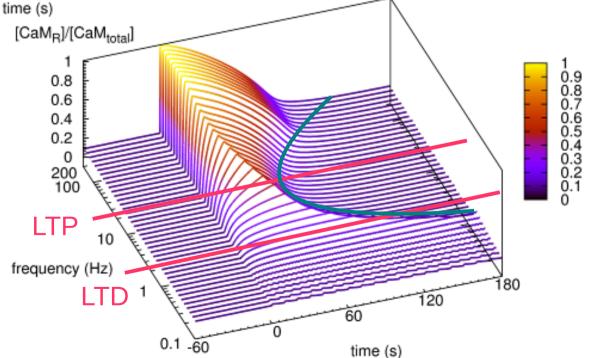
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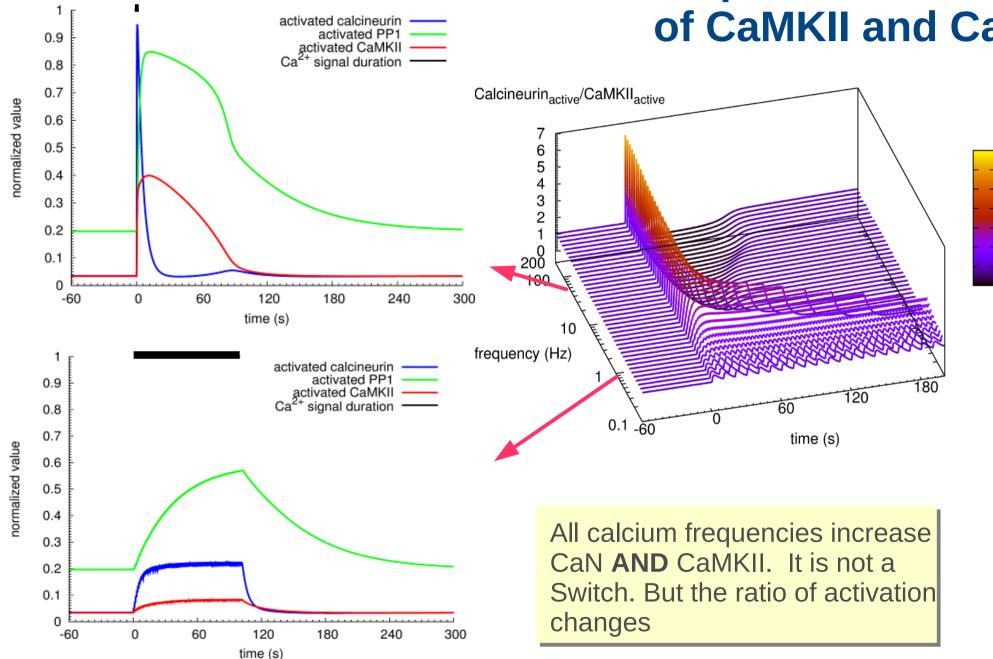
At high frequency, effects of calcium signals last much longer than the signal itself

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

→ bistability



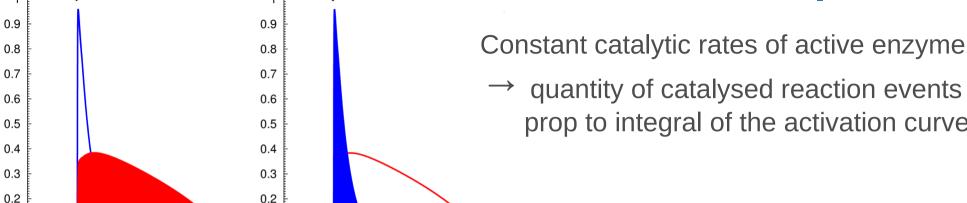
## Temporal activation of CaMKII and CaN





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## **Bidirectional plasticity**



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→ quantity of catalysed reaction events prop to integral of the activation curve



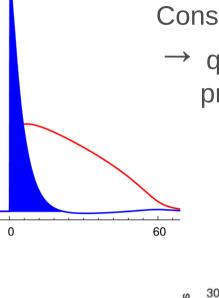
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## **Bidirectional plasticity**



→ quantity of catalysed reaction events prop to integral of the activation curve

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



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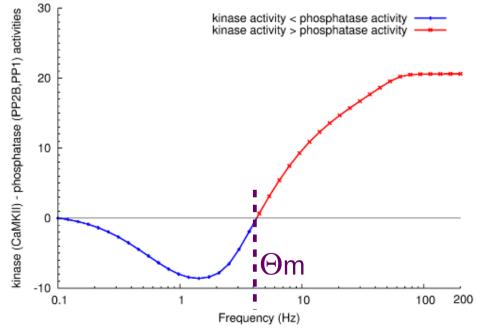
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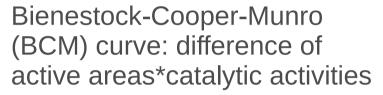
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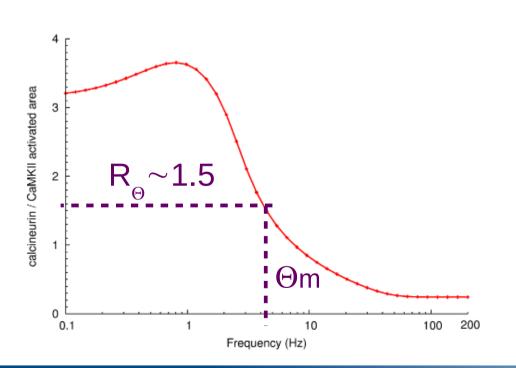
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## **Bidirectional plasticity**

Constant catalytic rates of active enzyme

→ quantity of catalysed reaction events prop to integral of the activation curve





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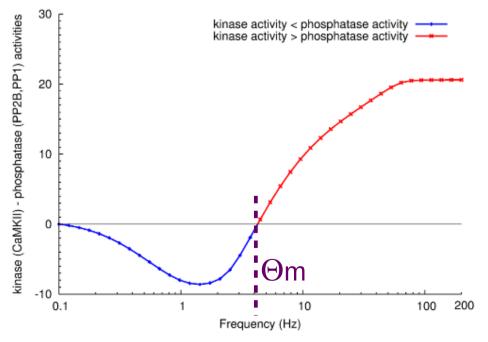
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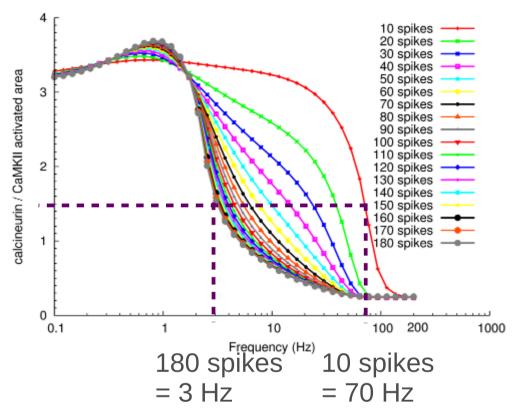
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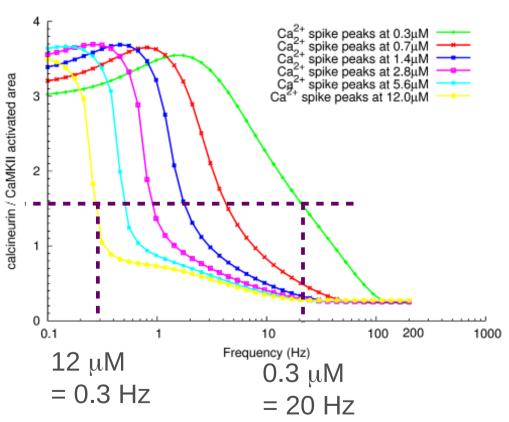
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### Effect of calcium duration and amount

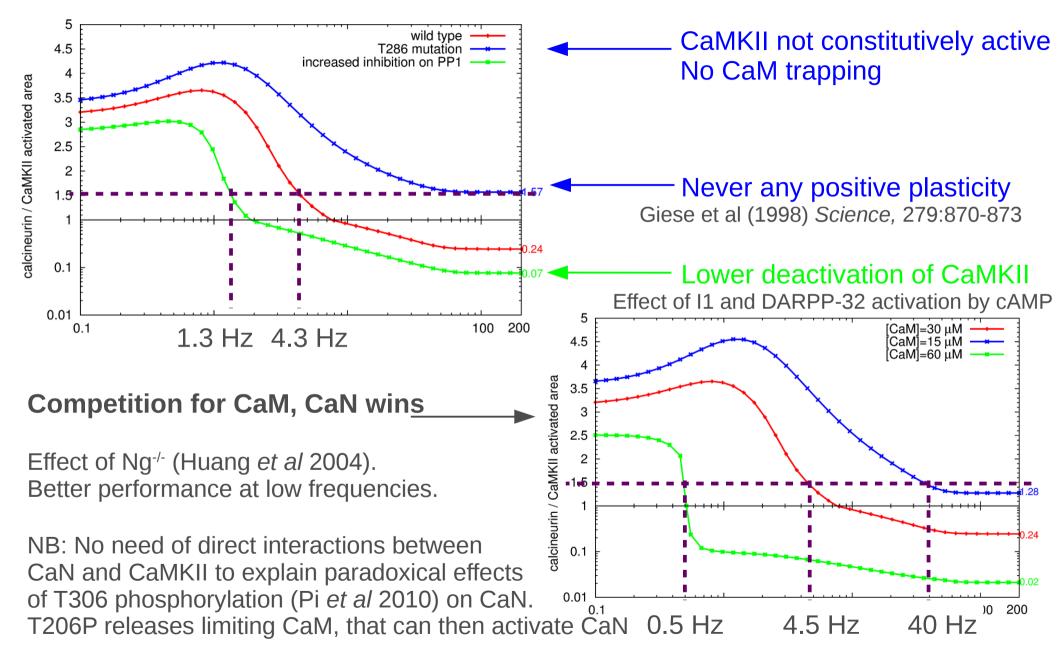


Prolonged or intense signals decrease  $\Theta$ m: It is not an intrinsic property of the synapse





### Effect of intrinsic system perturbations





Allosteric stabilisation triggers **bistable CaM response** > certain freq, CaM activation longer than initial signal

Calcium signals **activate both CaN and CaMKII** at *ALL* frequencies. The ratio of activity changes

Om is not an **intrinsic property of the synapse**, but a dynamical one that depends on the length and amplitude of stimulations

Om and intensity affected by reactions, parameters and initial conditions. **[CaM] decides** the balance CaN/CaMKII



#### Pecunia est nervus belli



















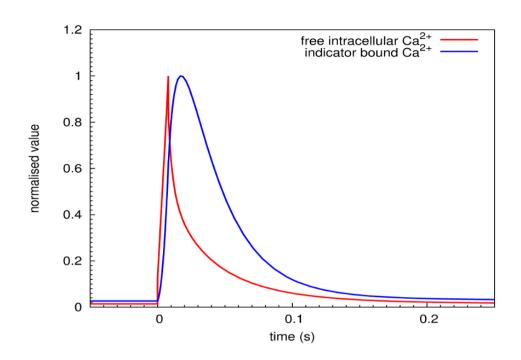


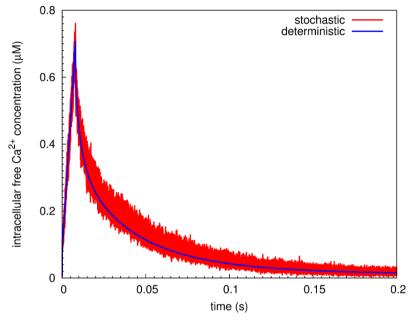


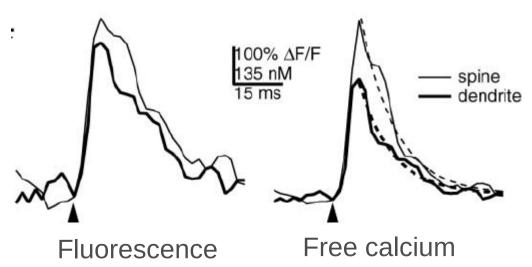




## Are those spikes realistic?







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

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

