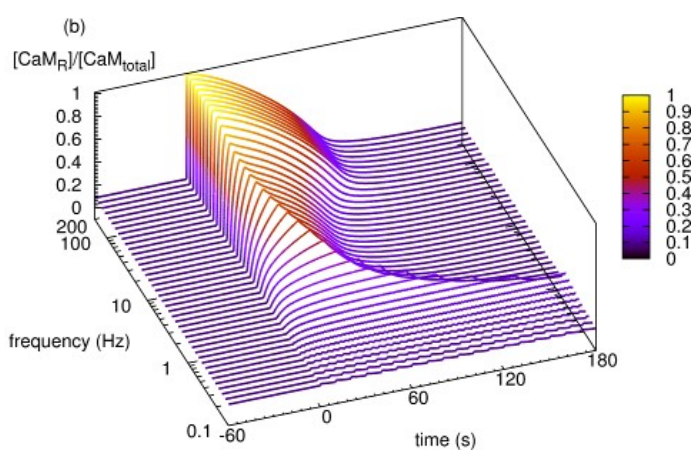




Regulation of synaptic plasticity

by allosteric calcium sensors

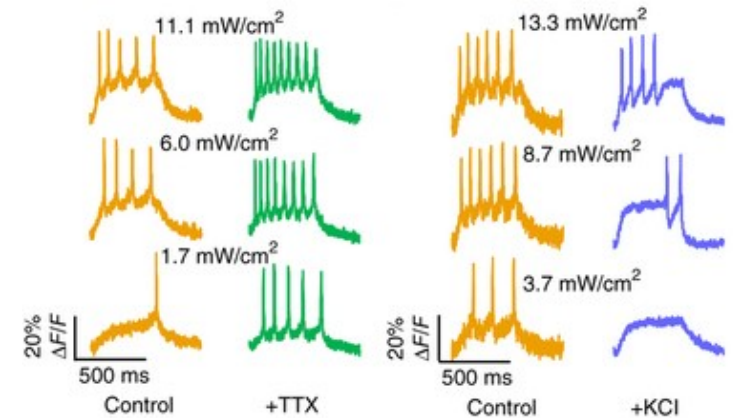
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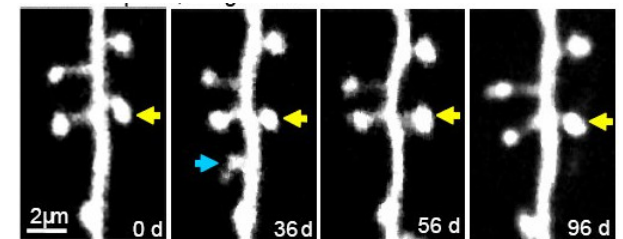
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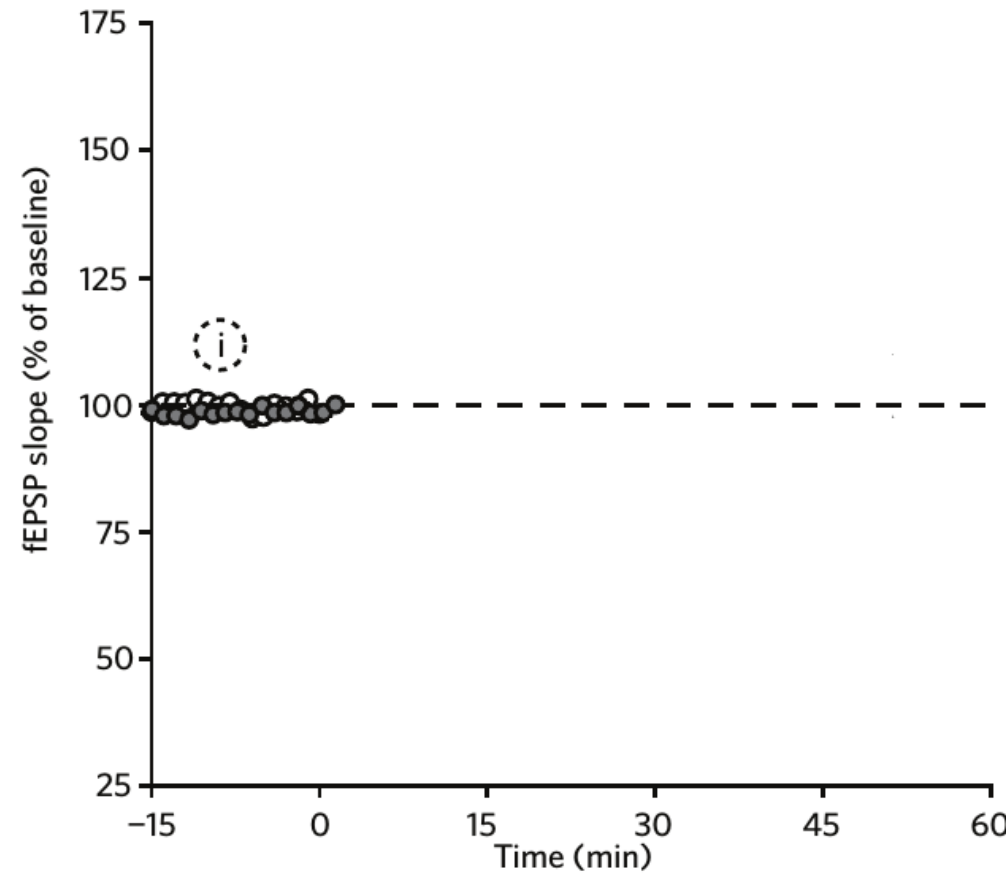
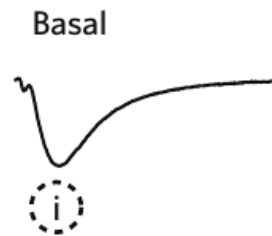
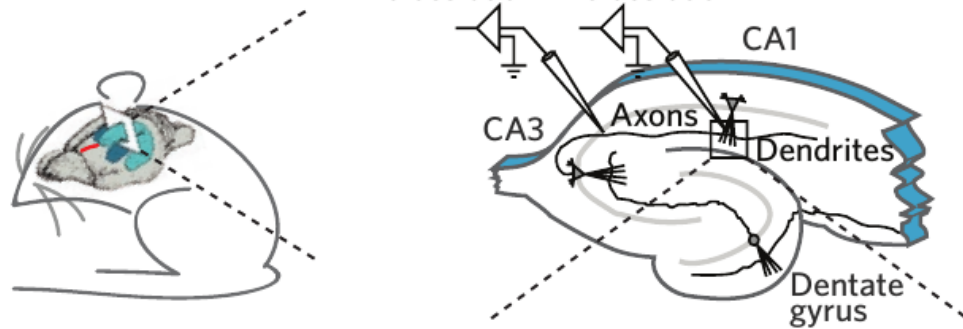
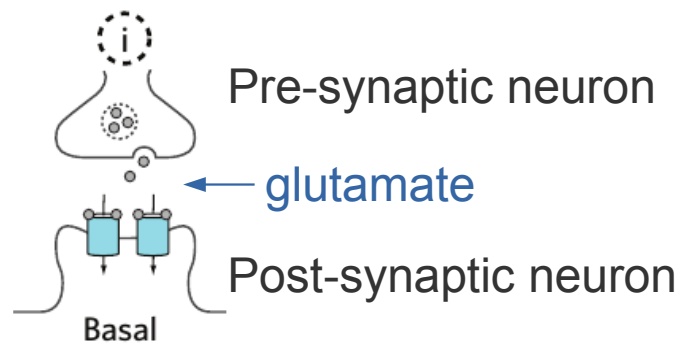
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Intrinsic plasticity – e.g. neuronal excitability
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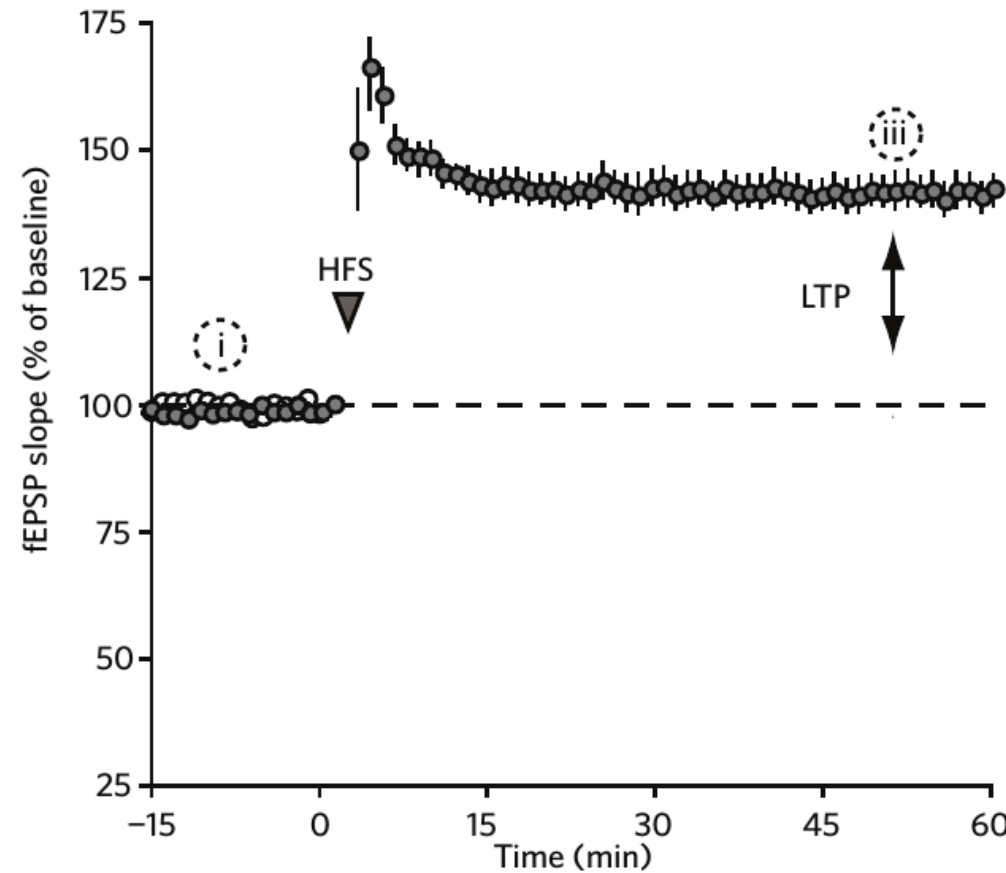
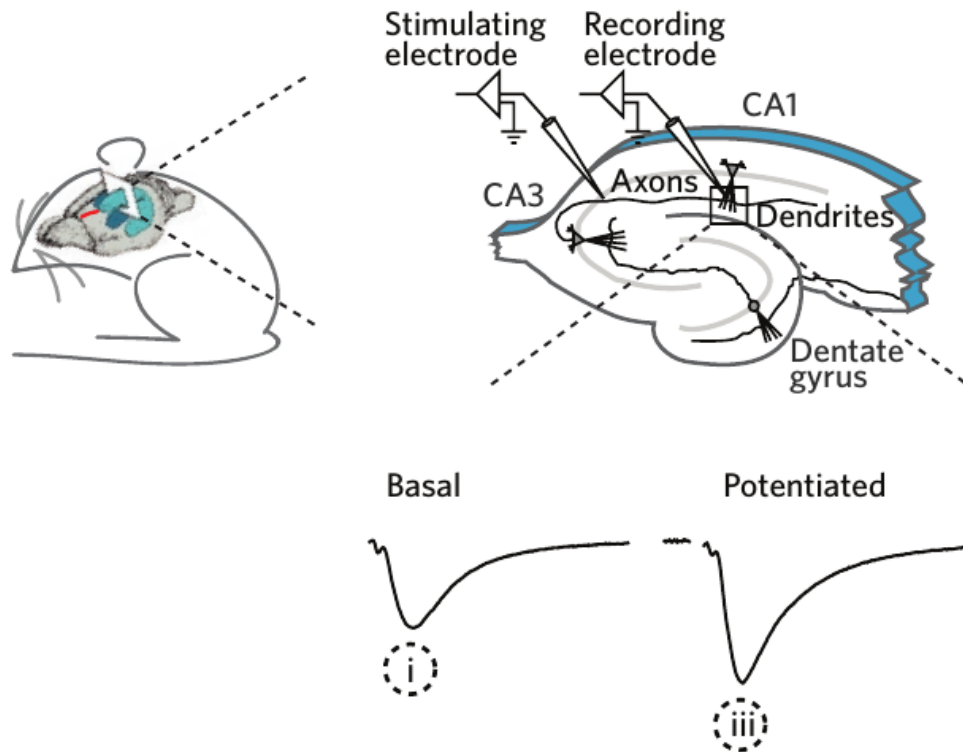
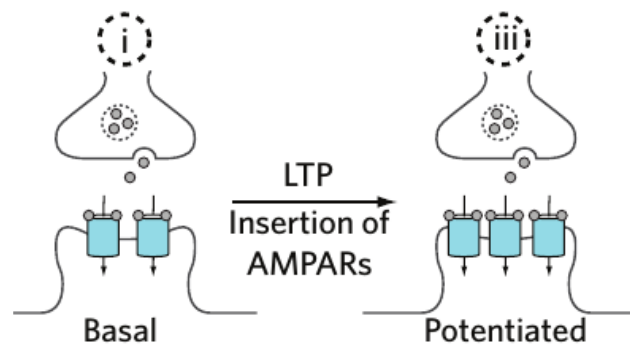
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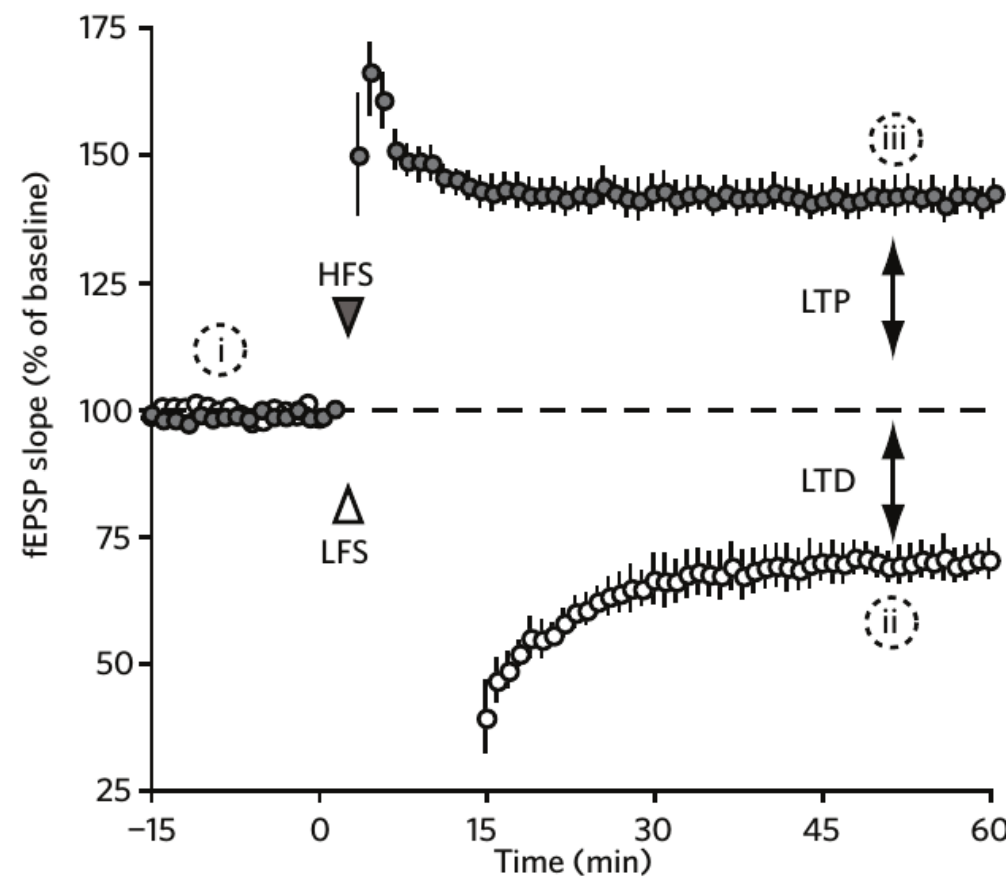
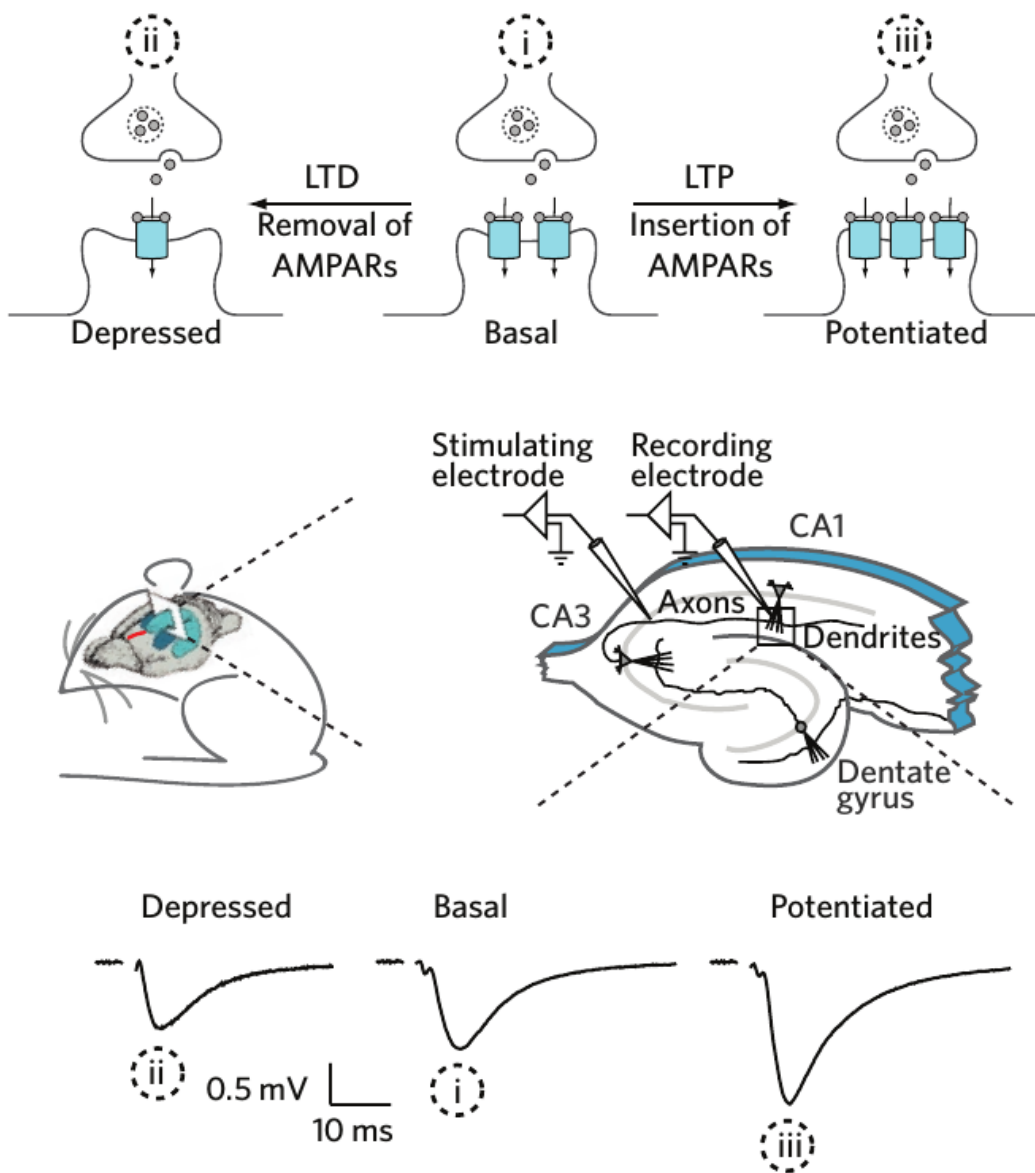
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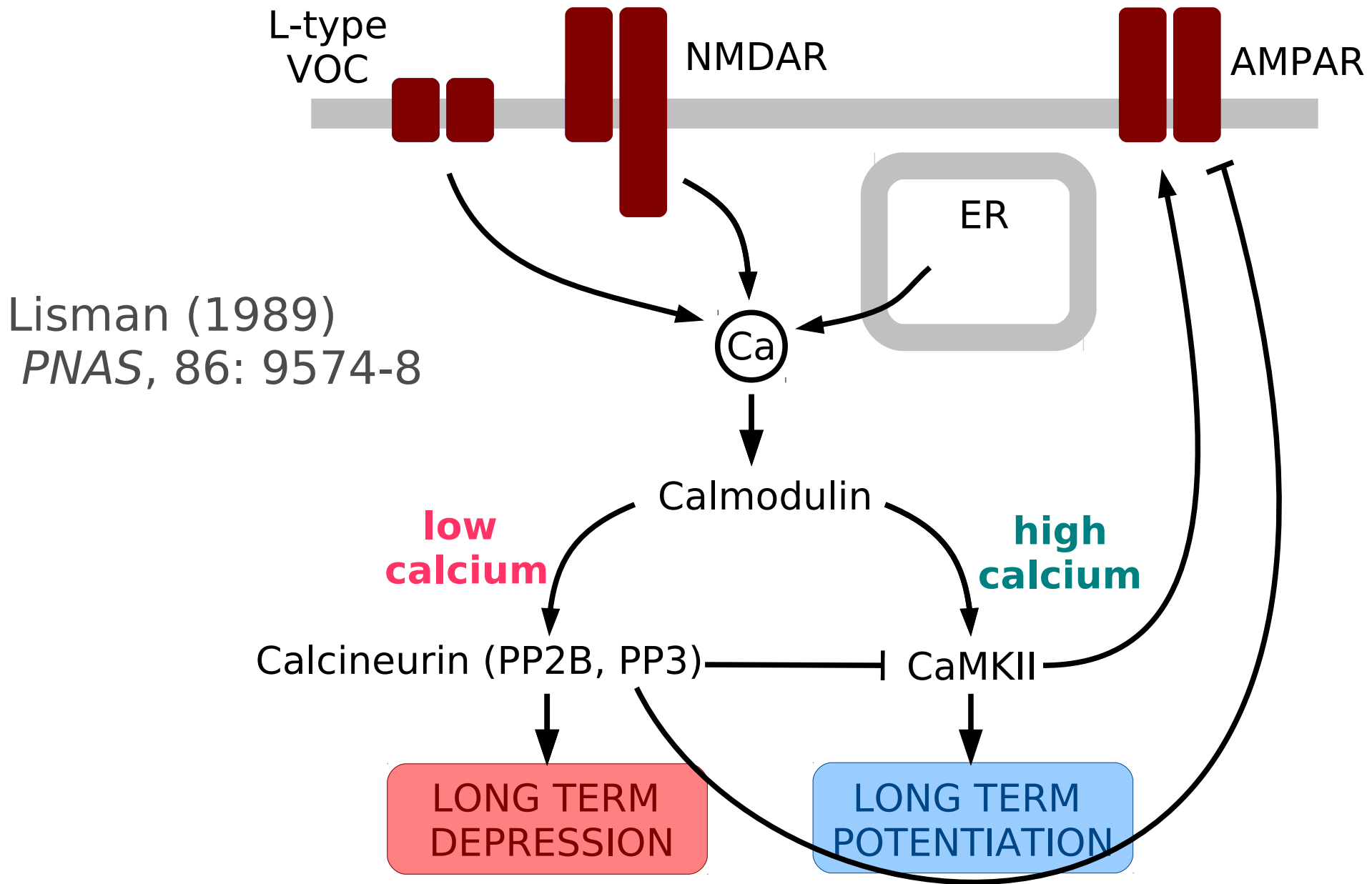
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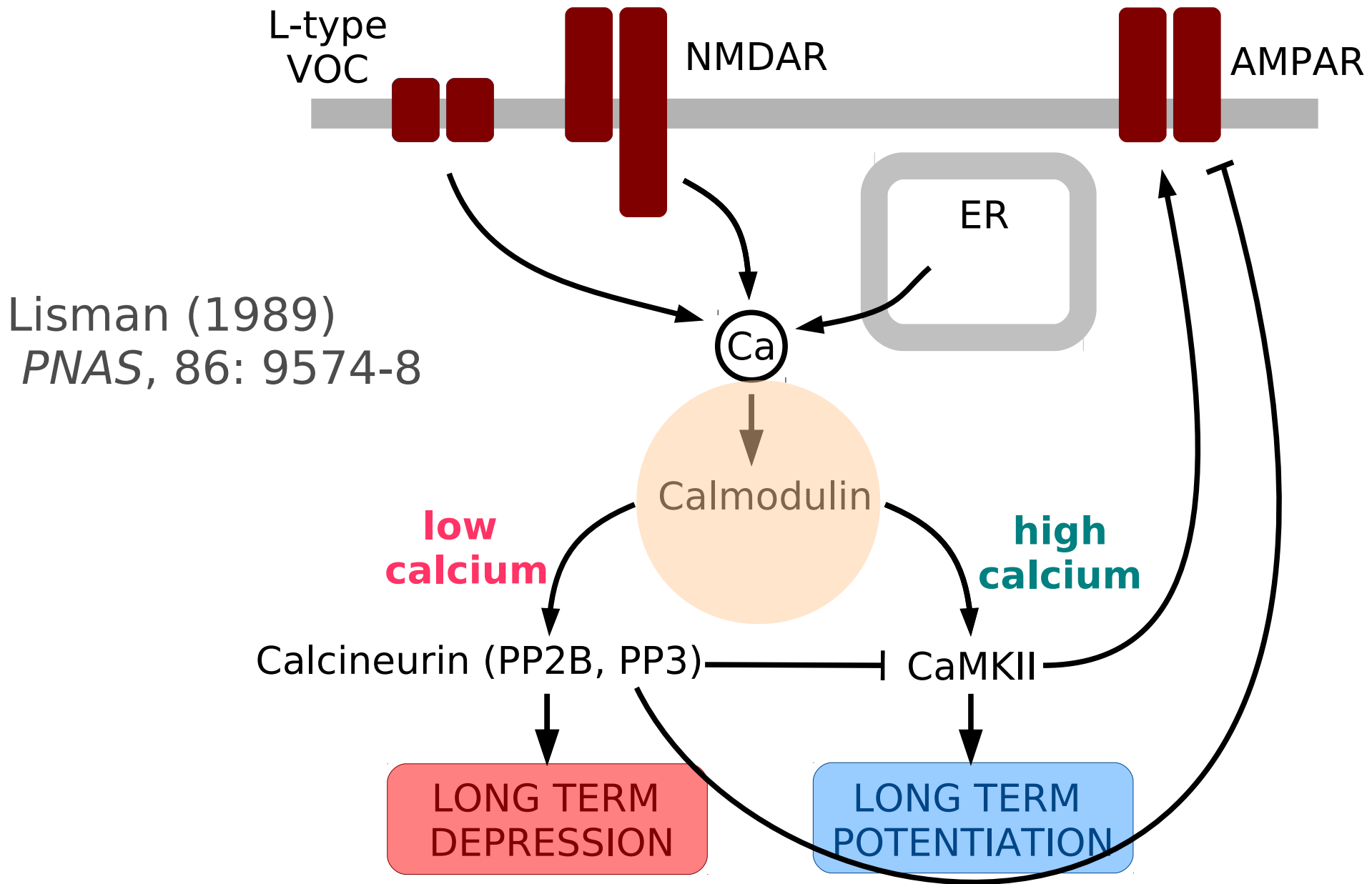
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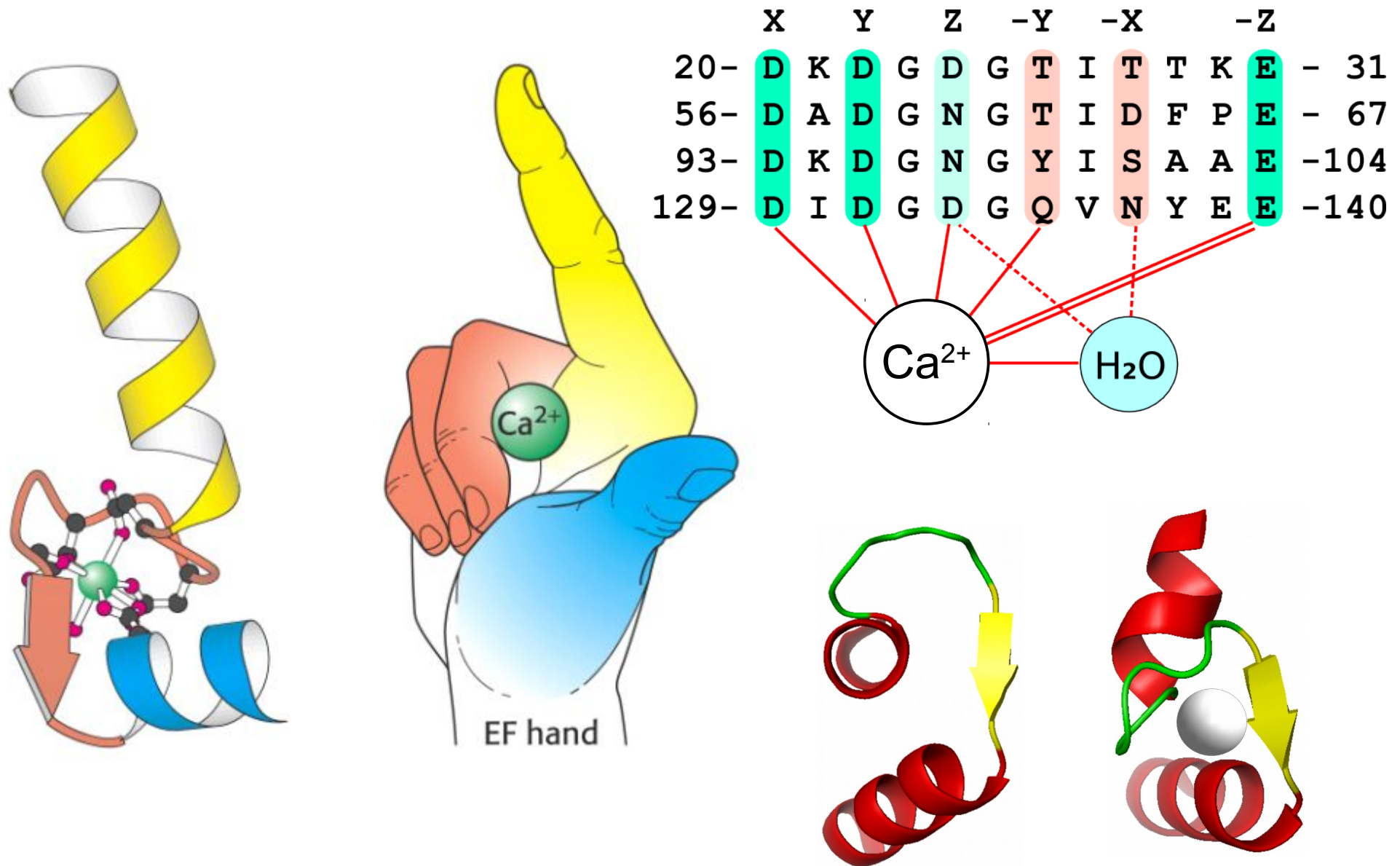
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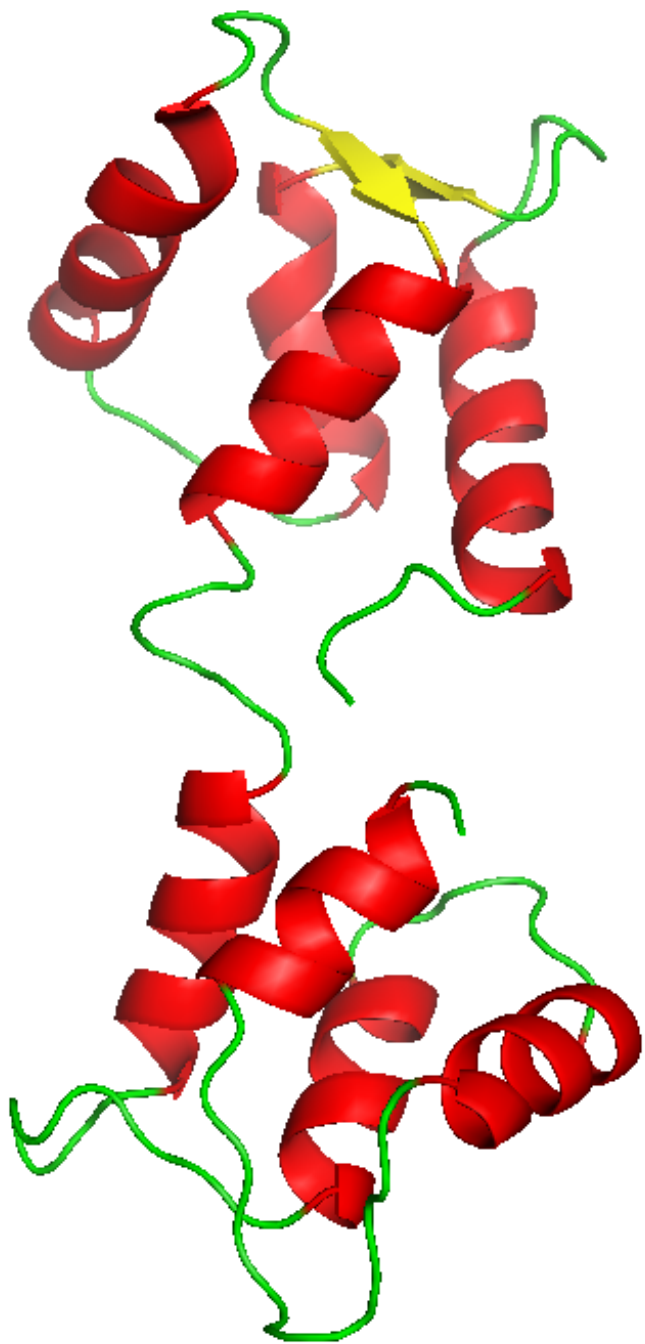


Calmodulin, the memory switchboard

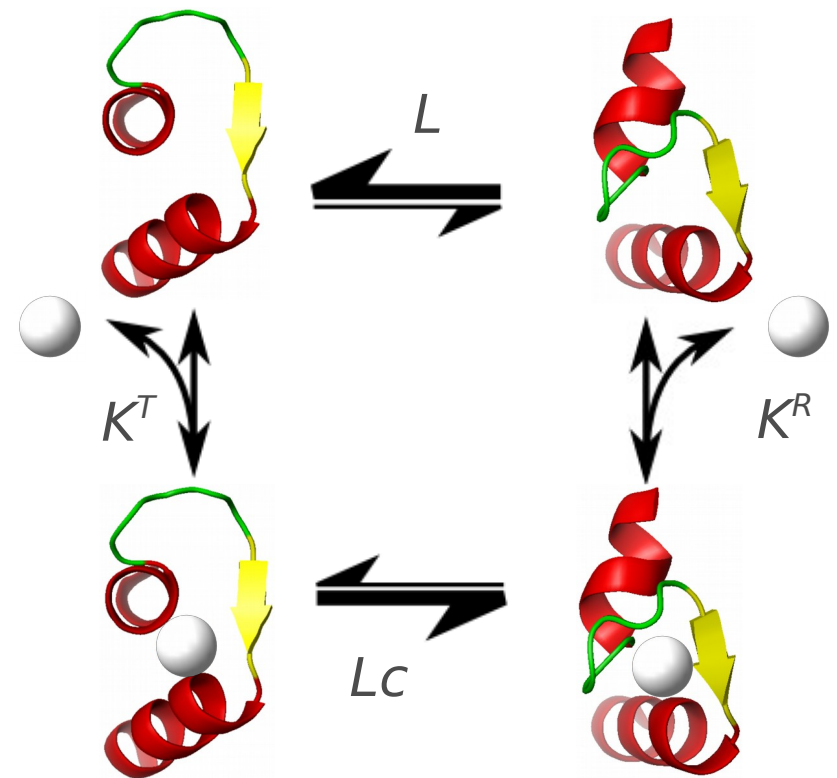


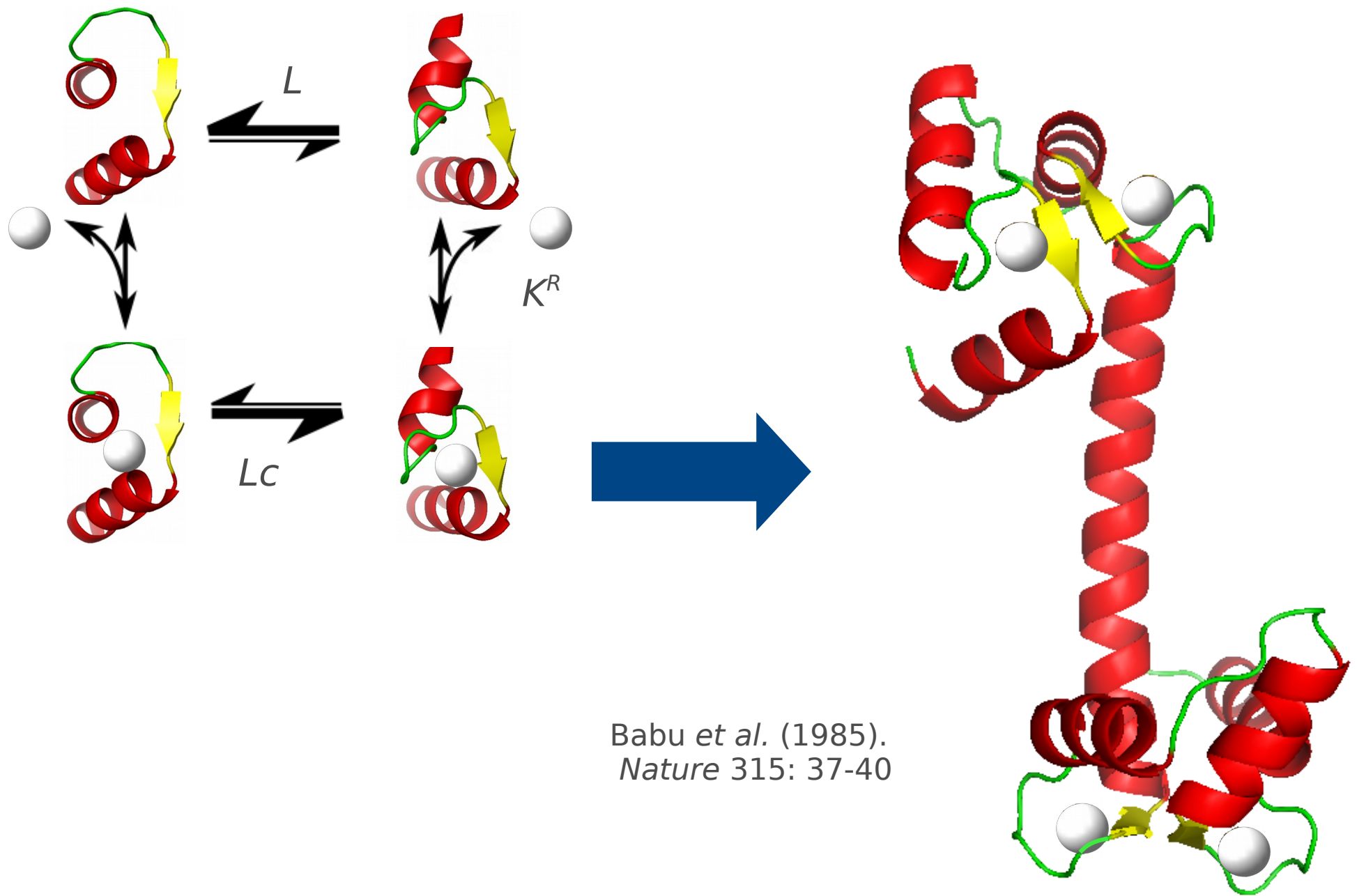
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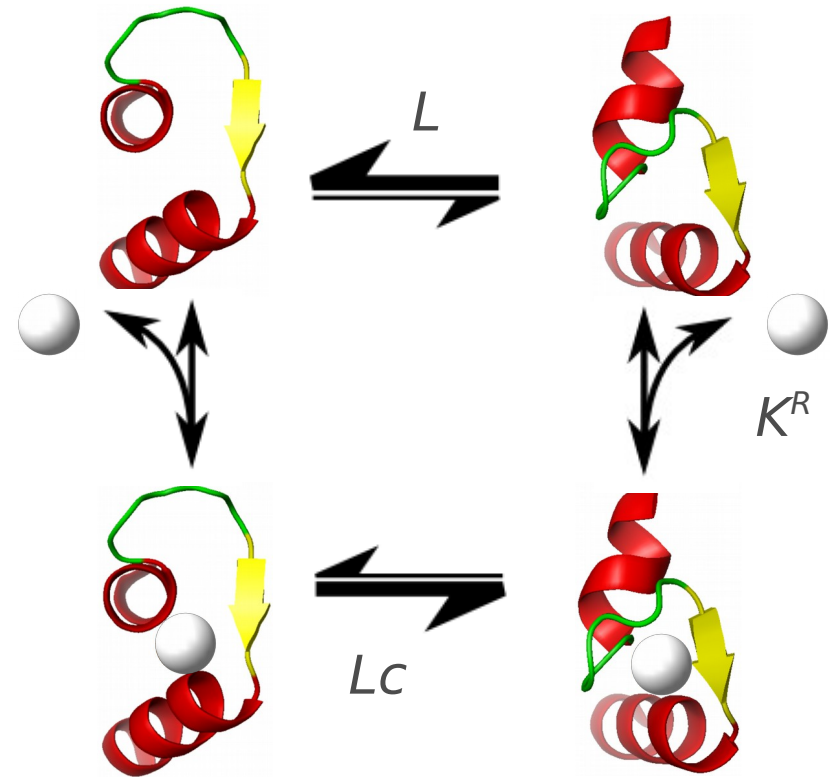
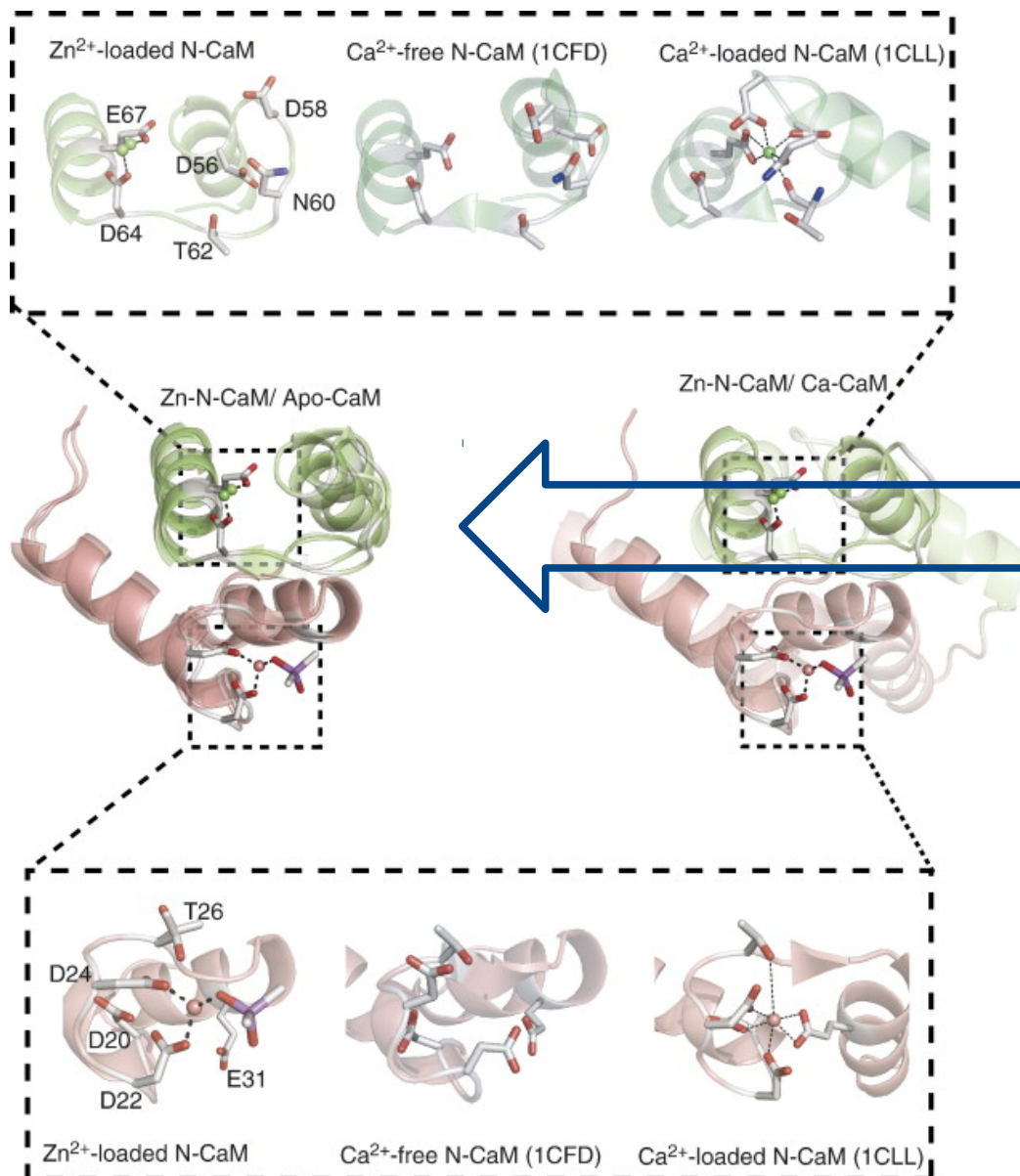




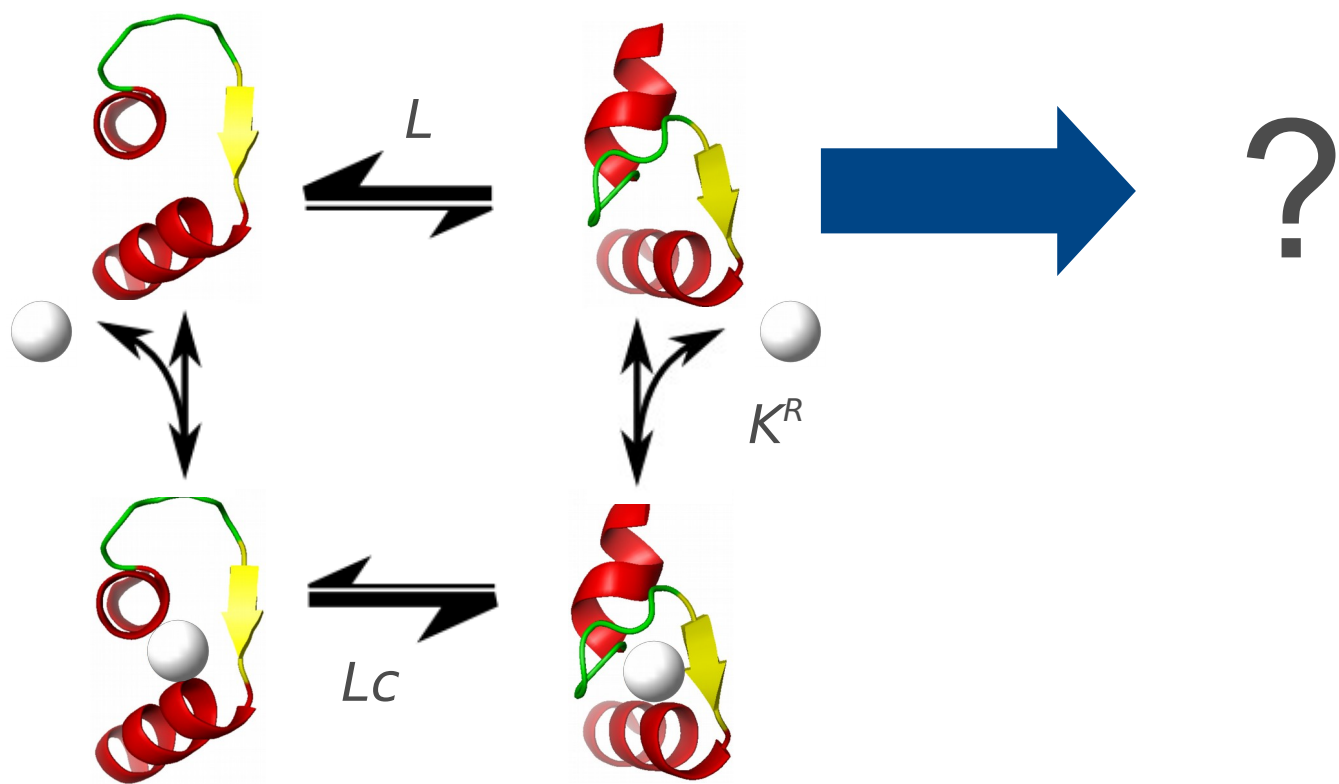
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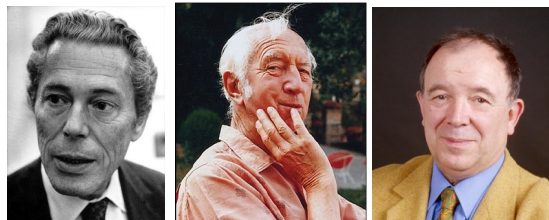
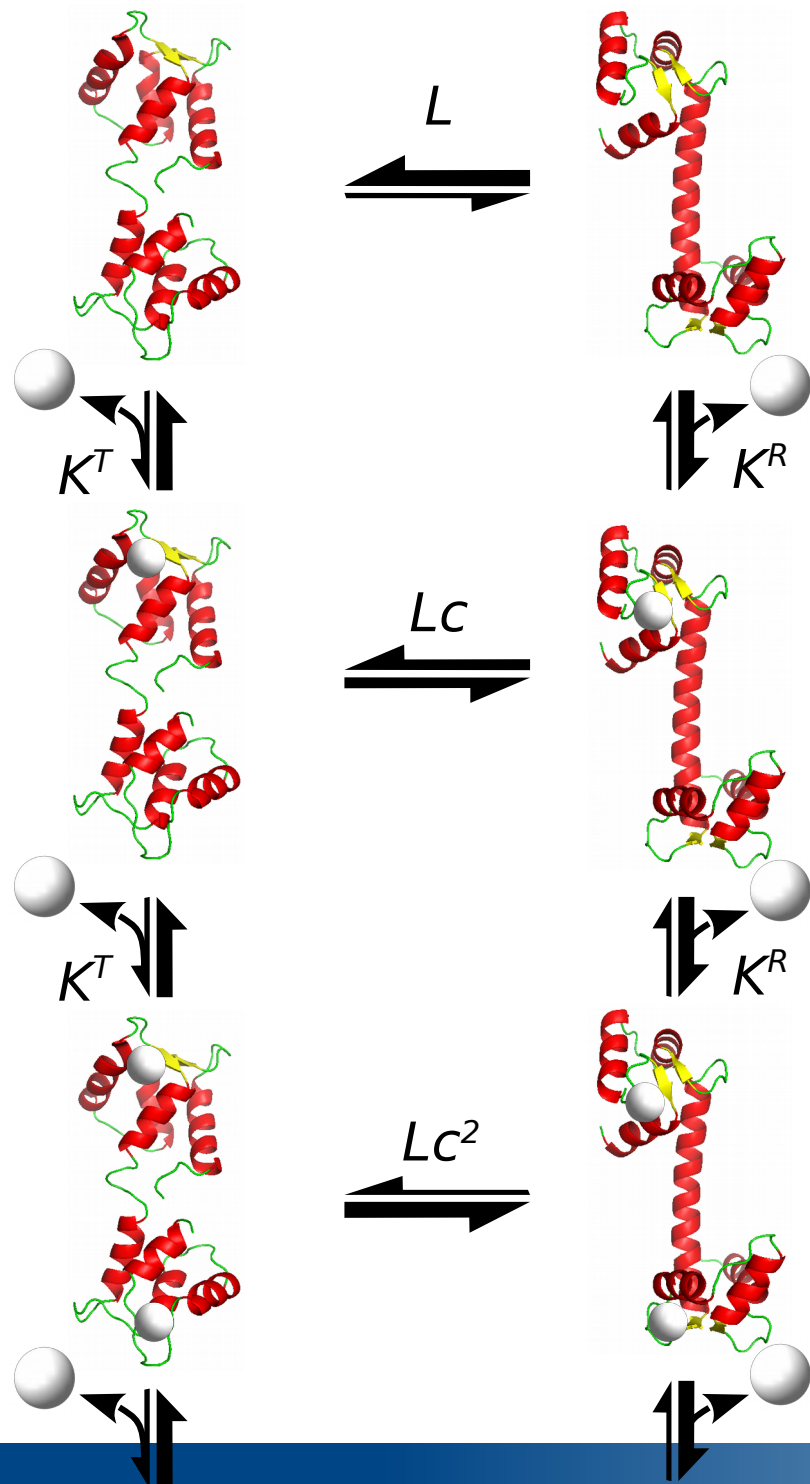




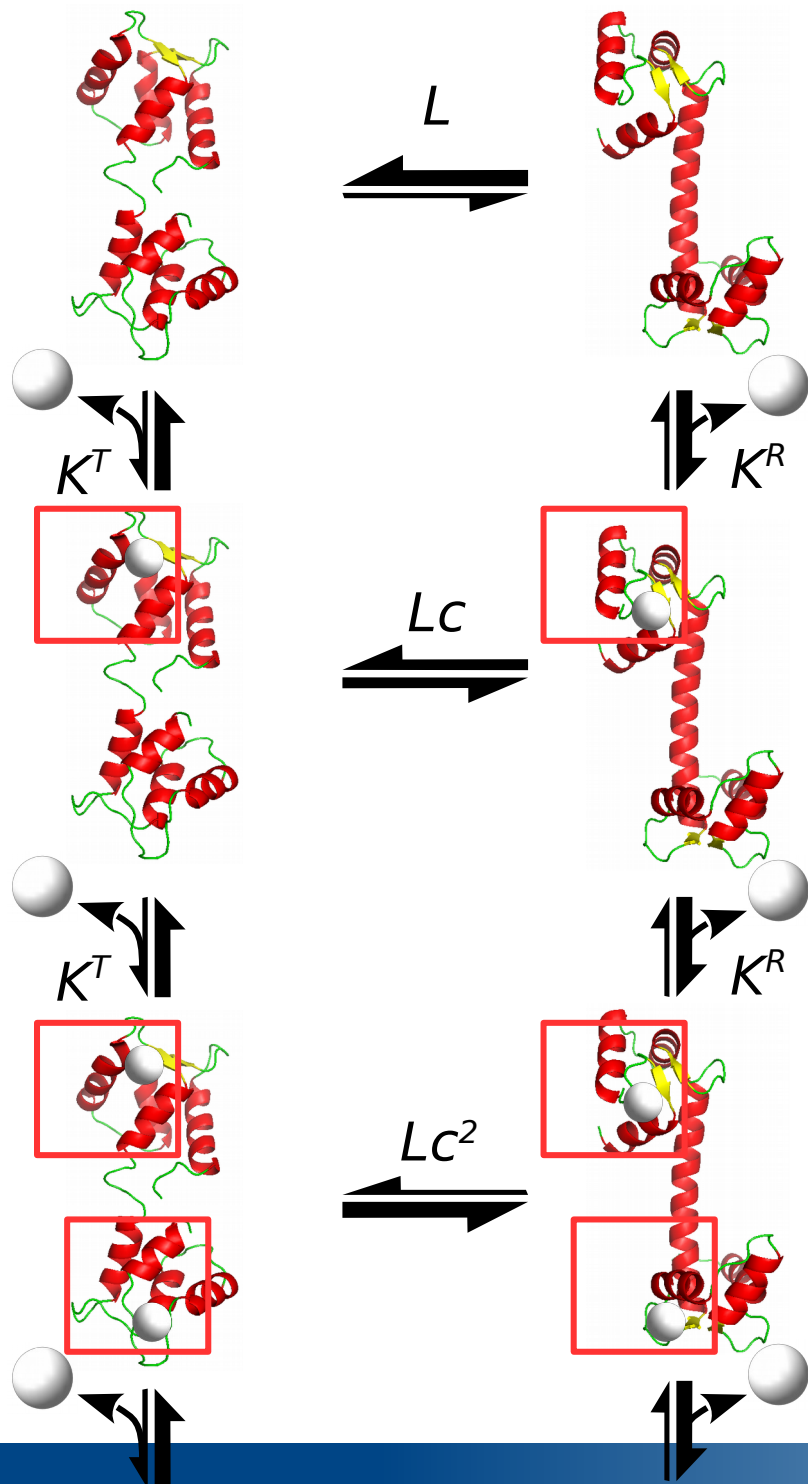


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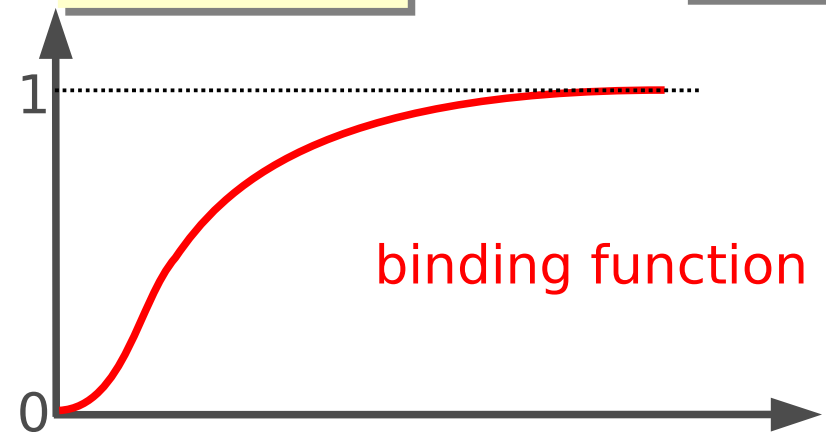
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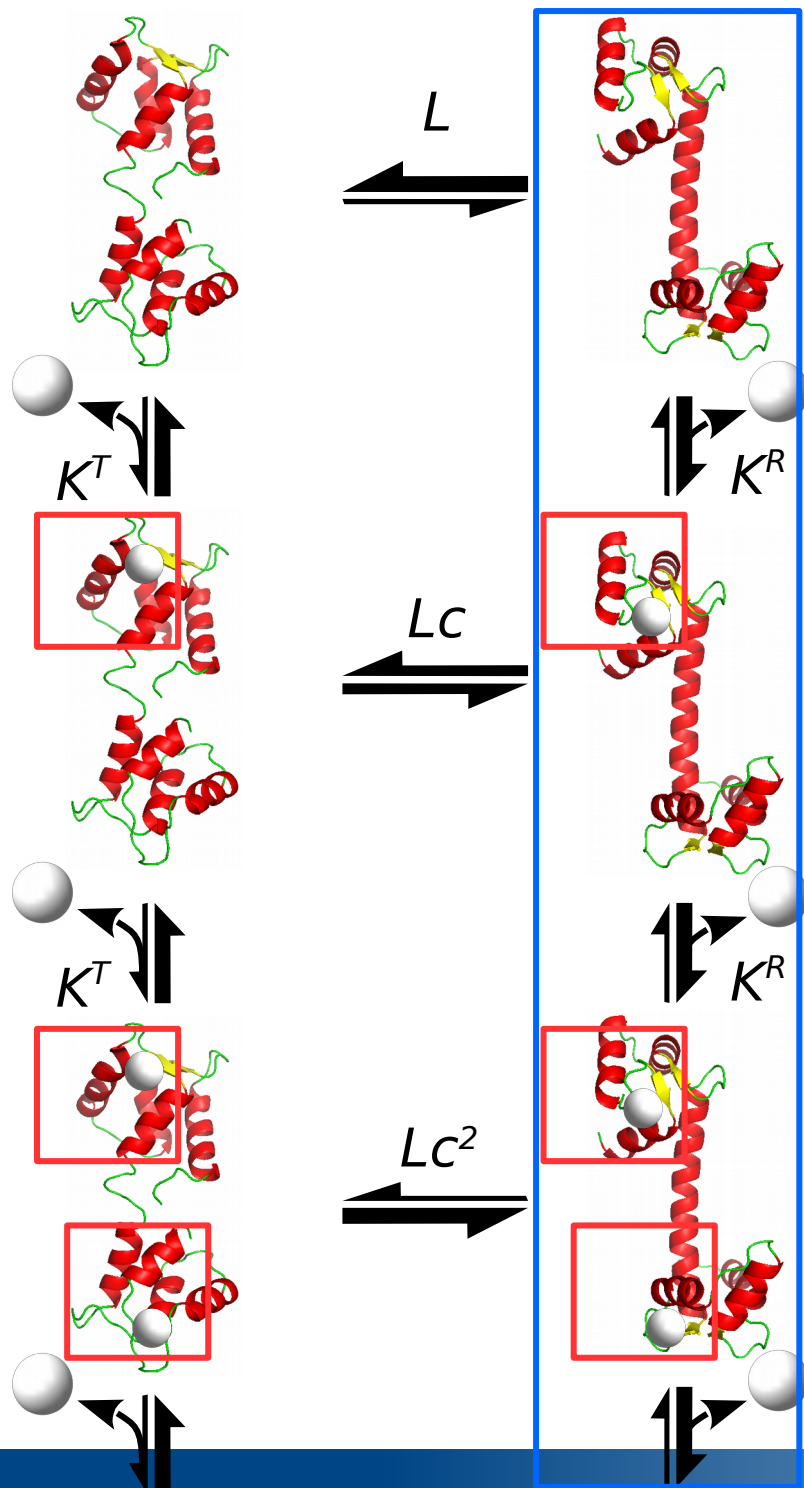
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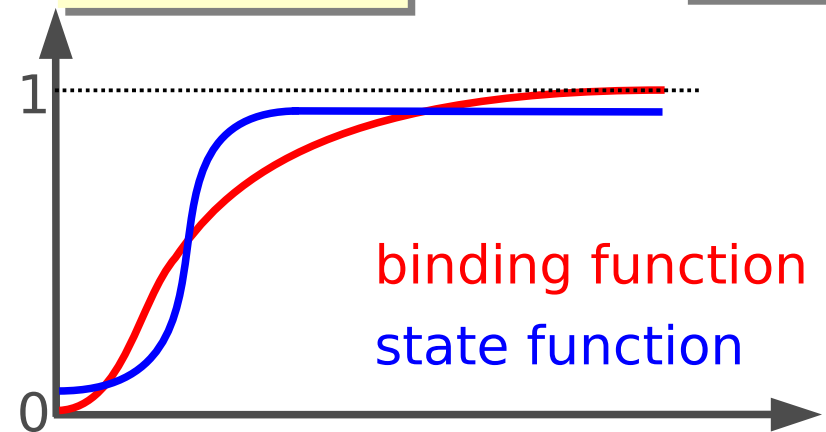


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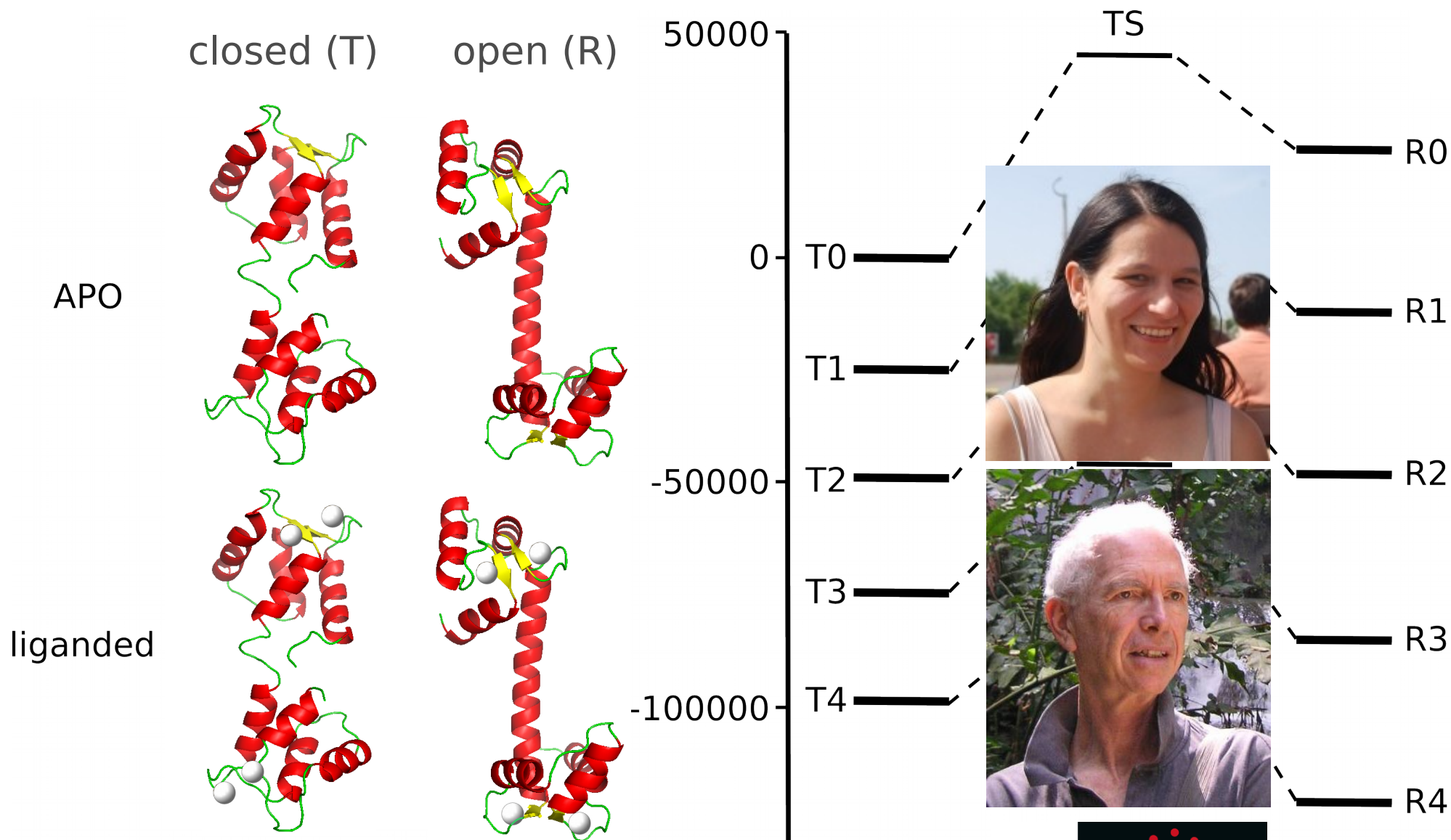
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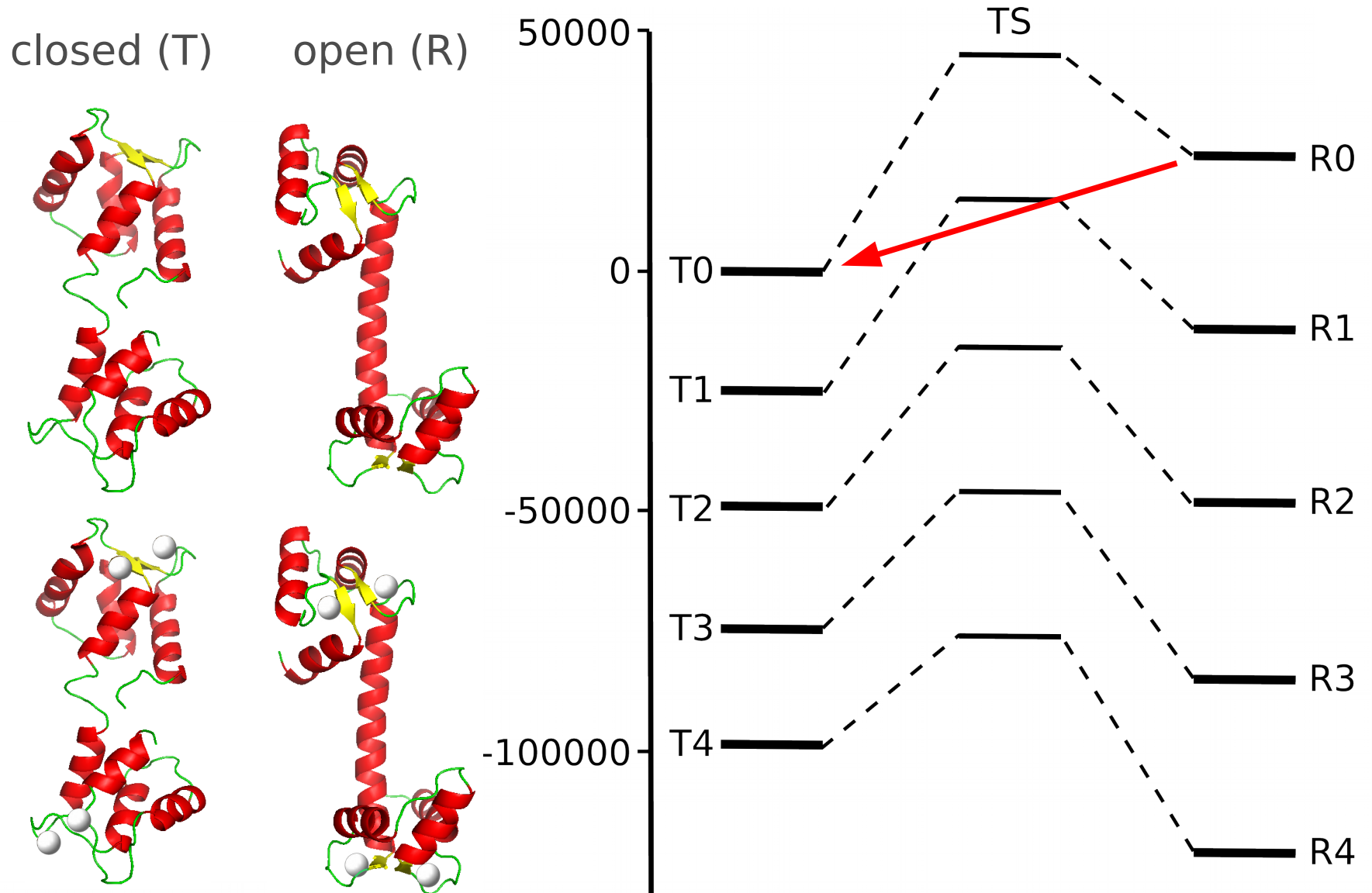


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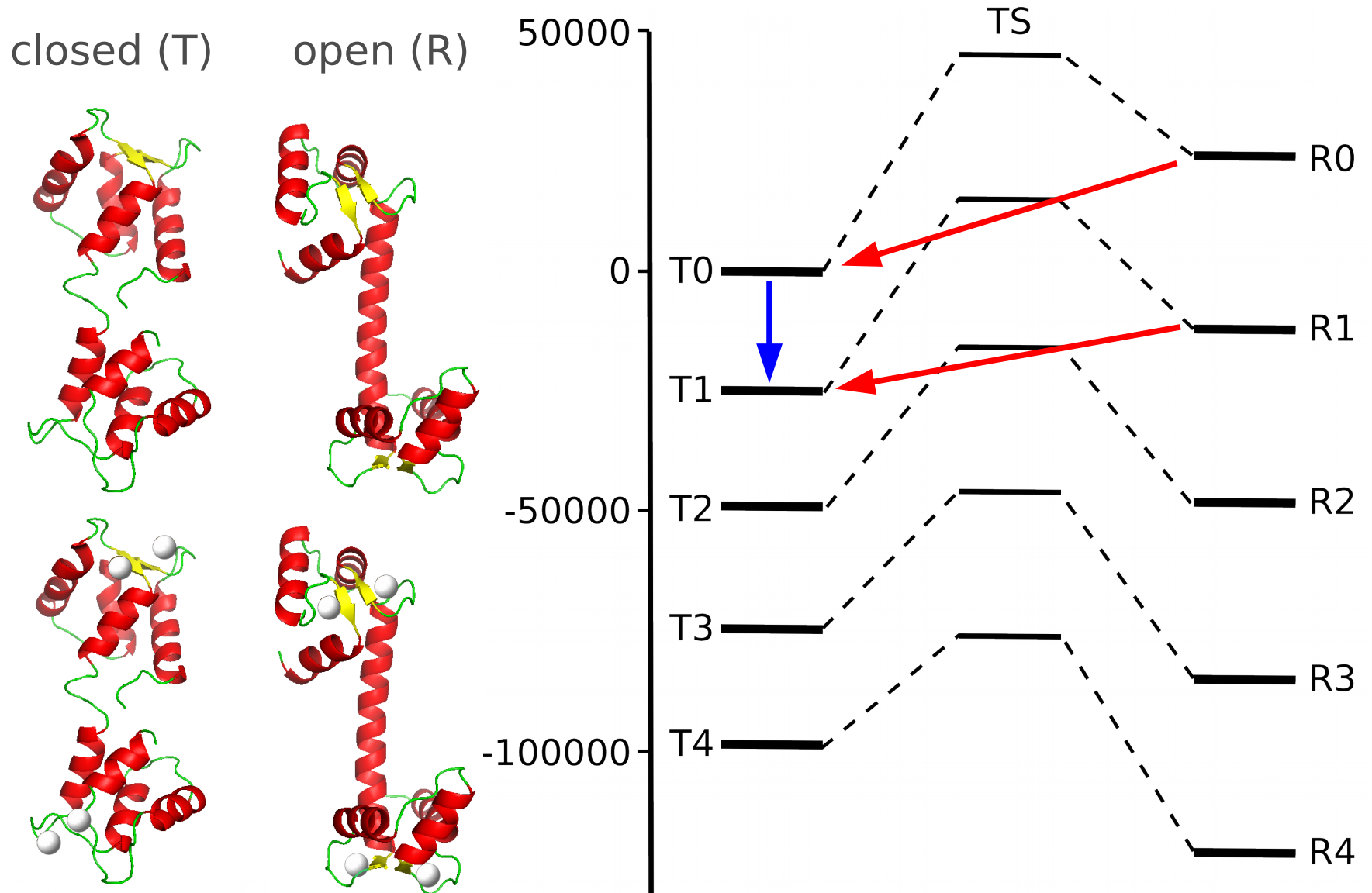


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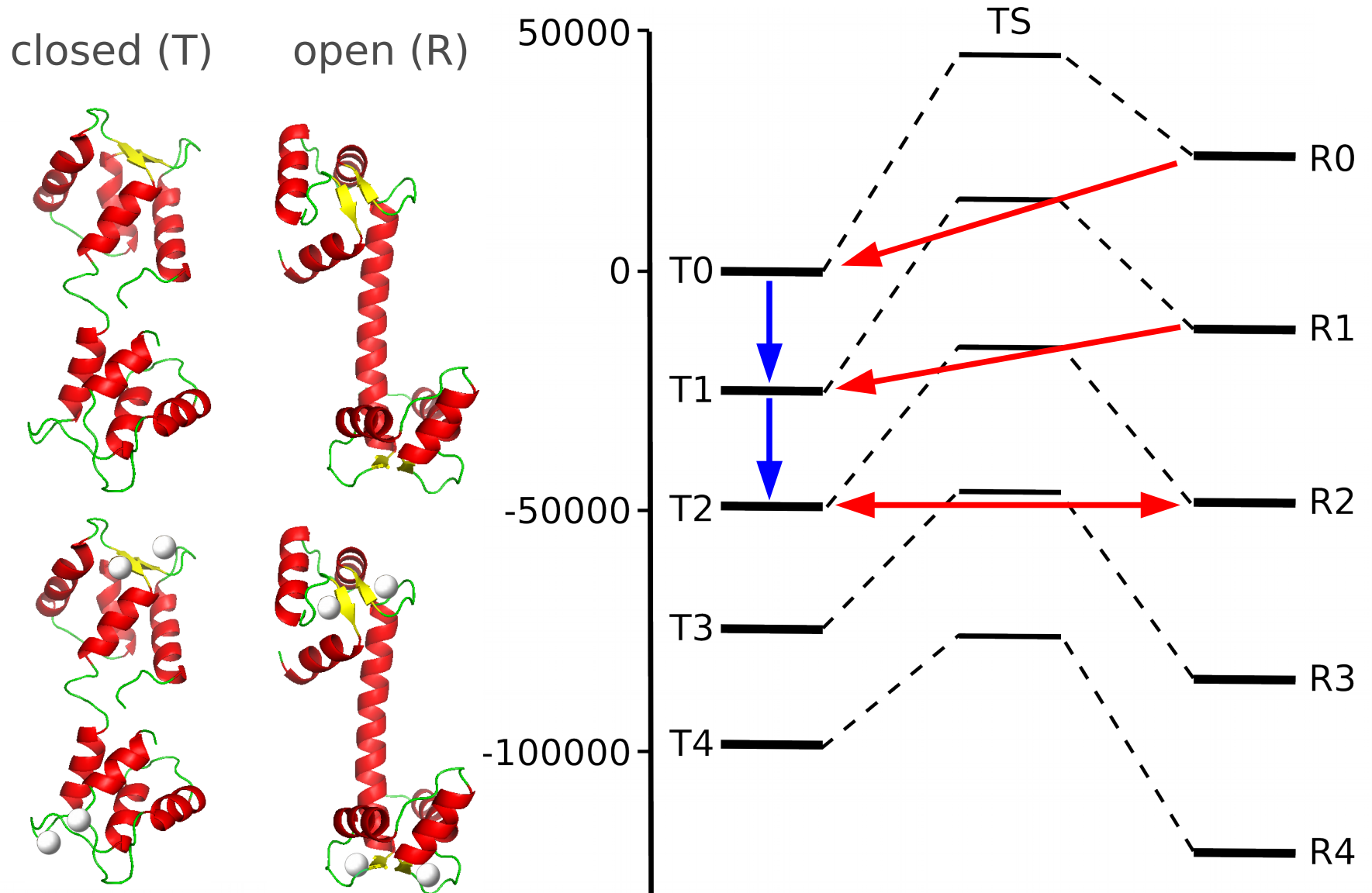




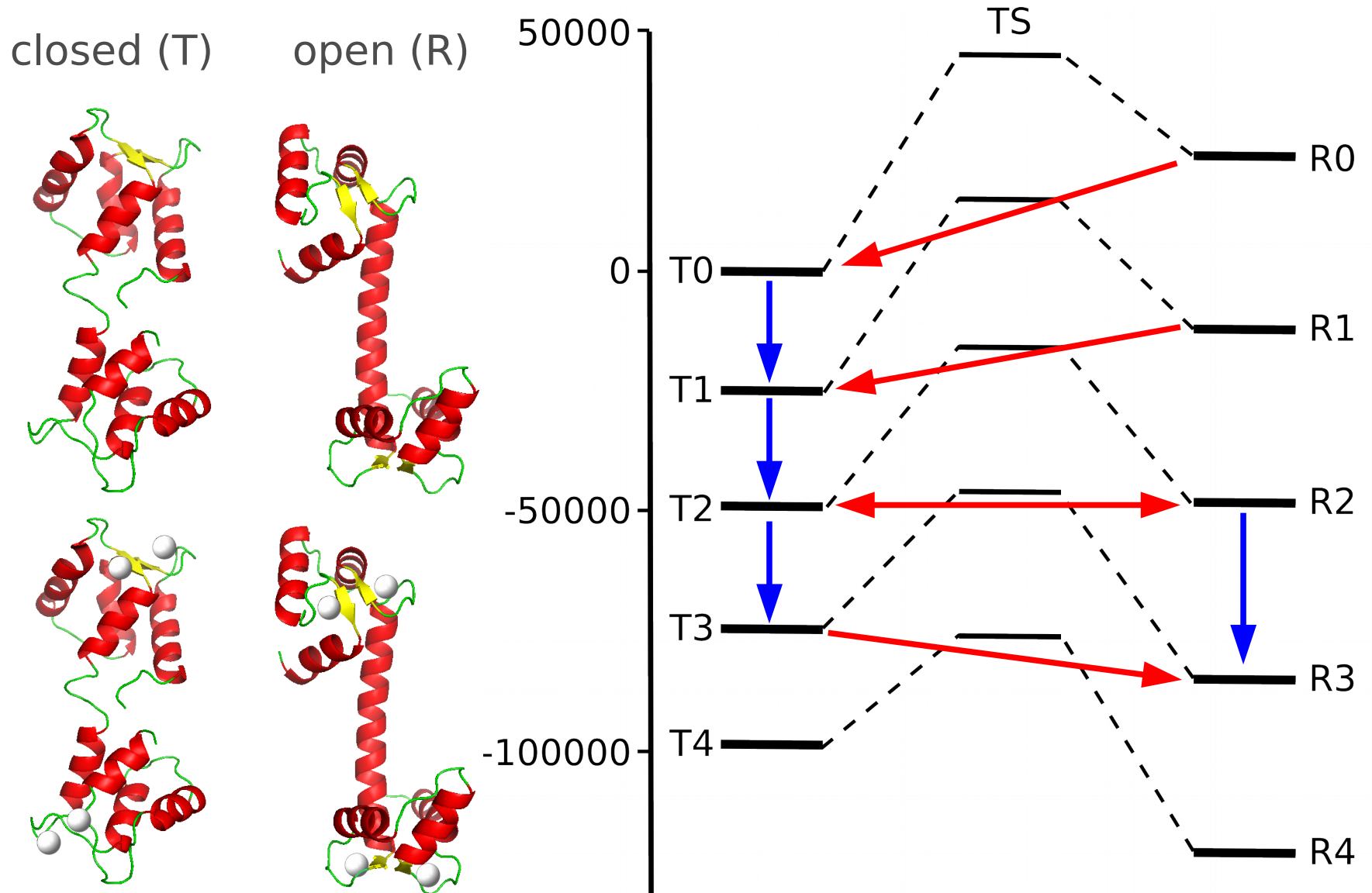
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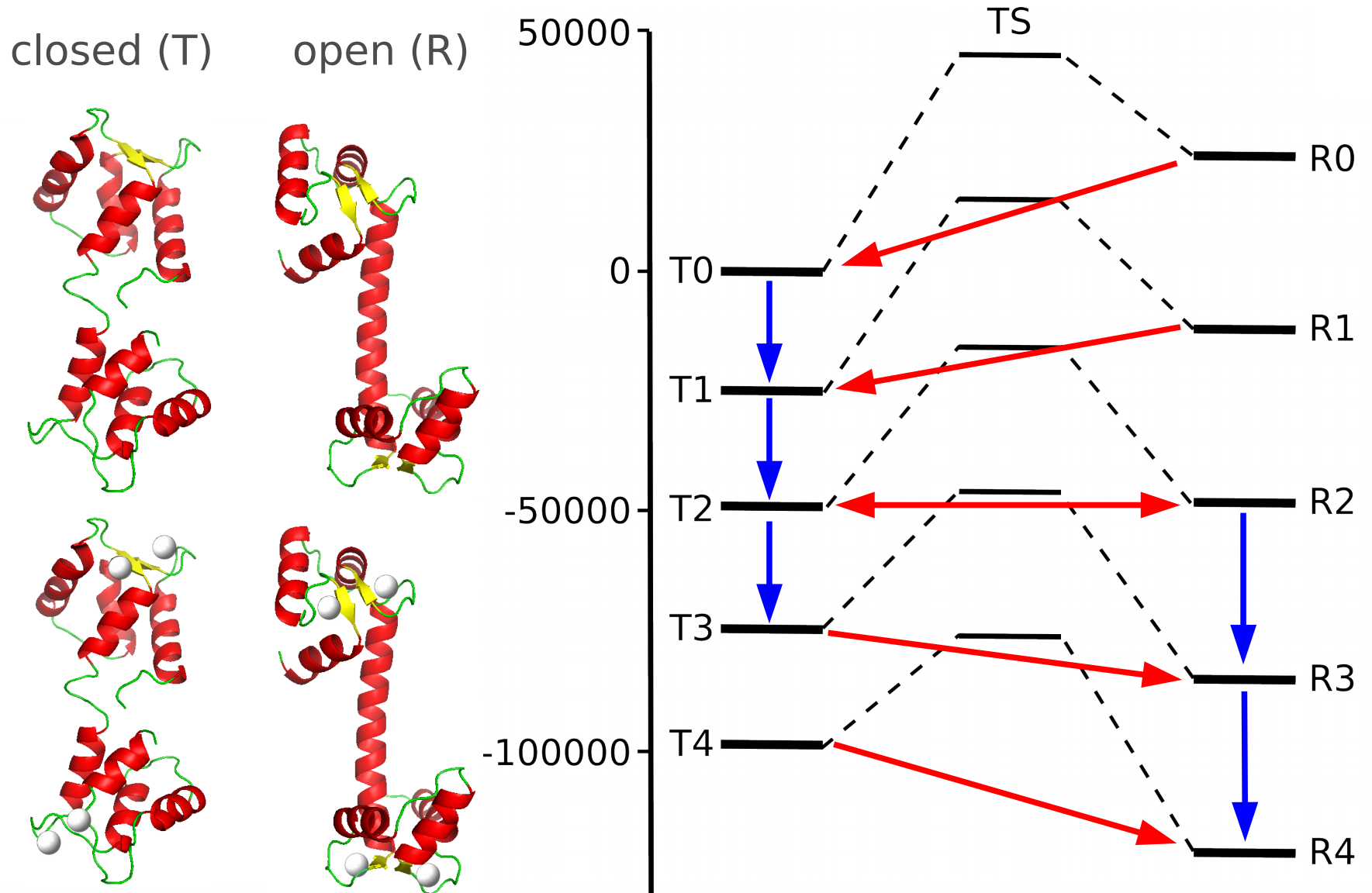
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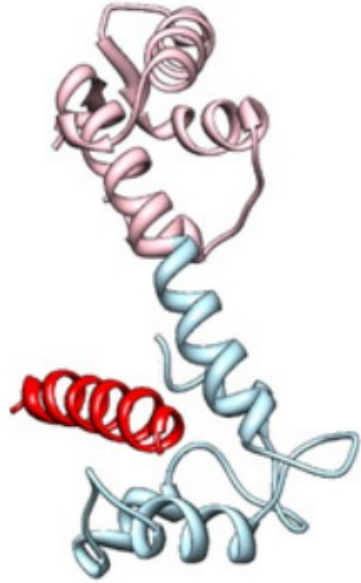


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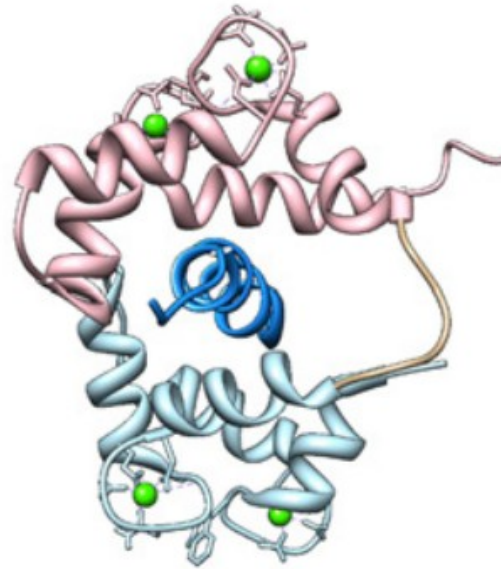


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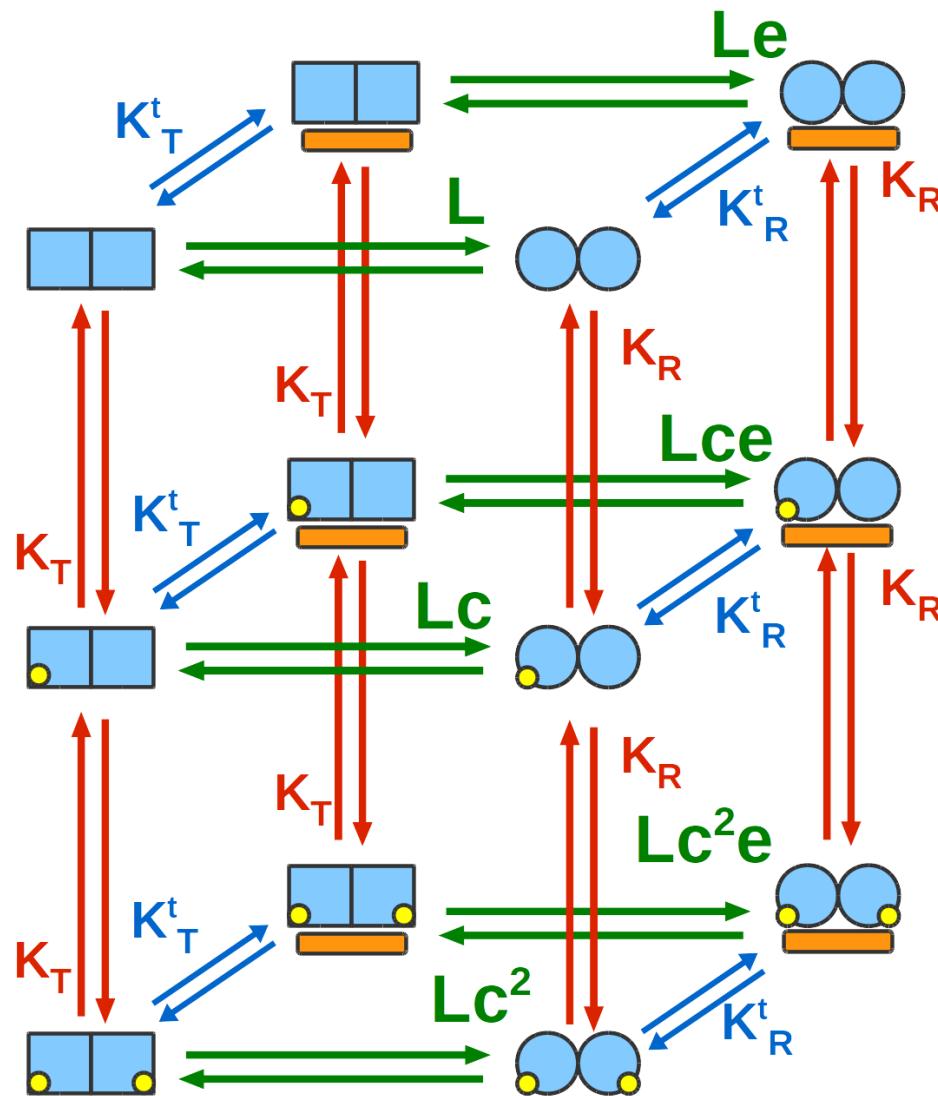


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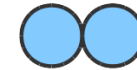


MLCK

Bindings of calcium and targets



T-state



R-state



Calcium



Target



Conf. transition



Calcium binding



Target binding

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

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

Targets as allosteric effectors: theory

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

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

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

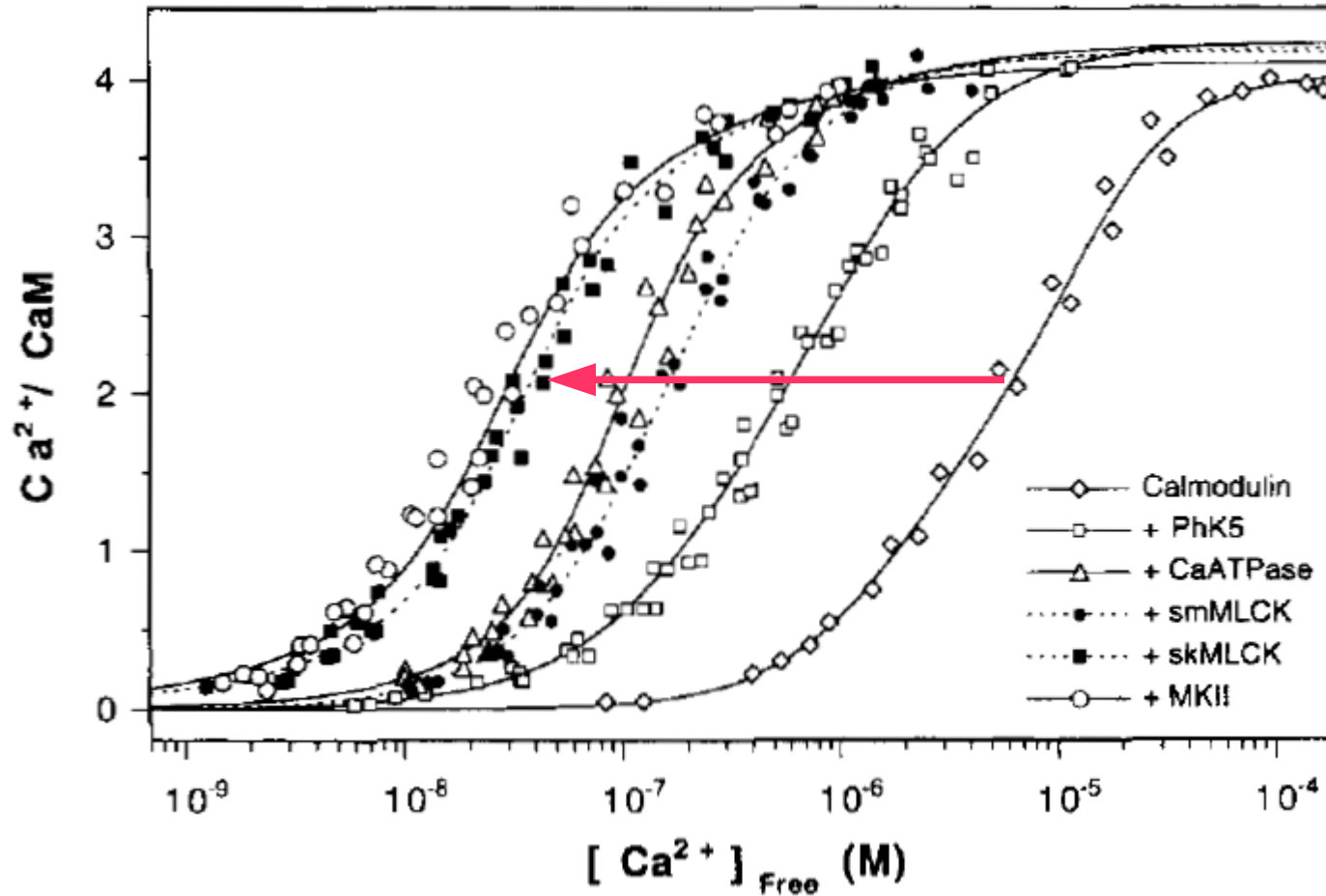
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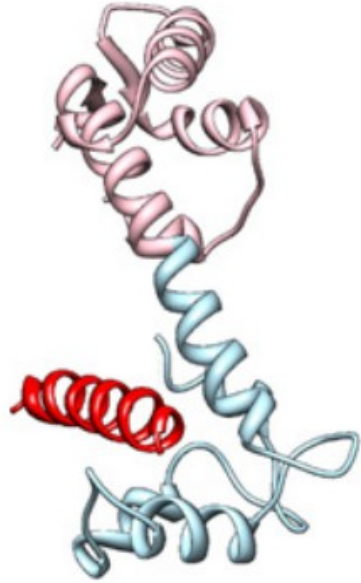
$$\gamma = \frac{[Target]}{[K_t^R g]}$$

Targets as allosteric effectors: experiments

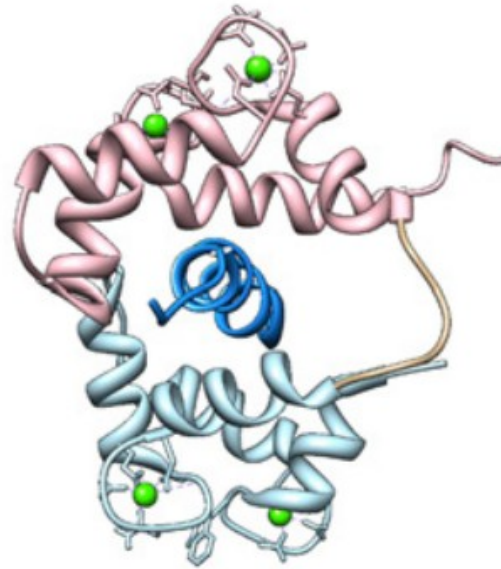


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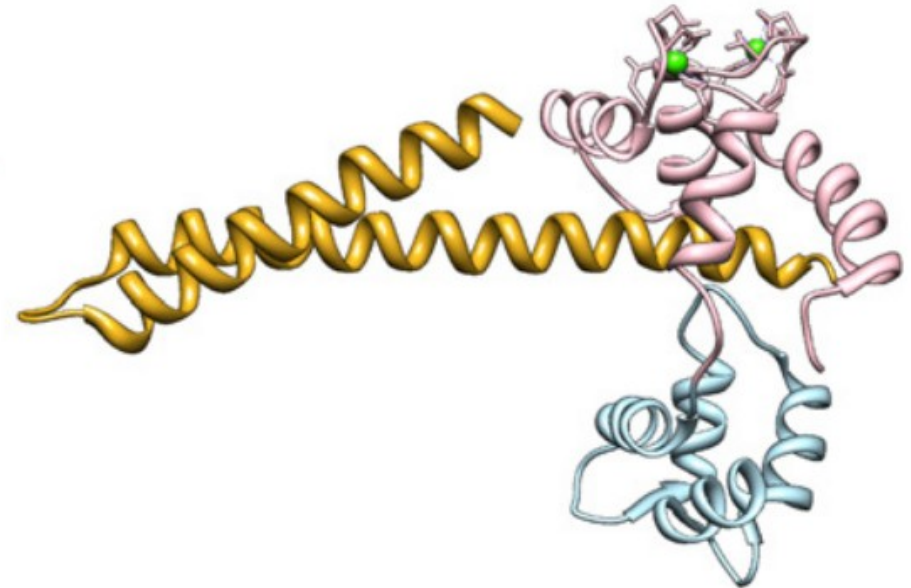
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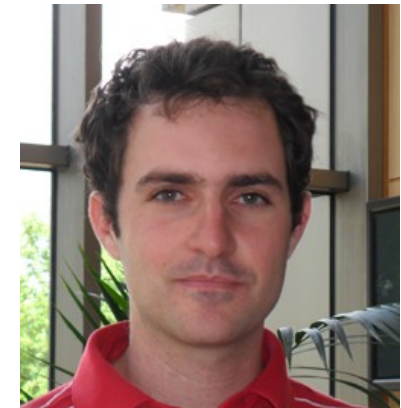


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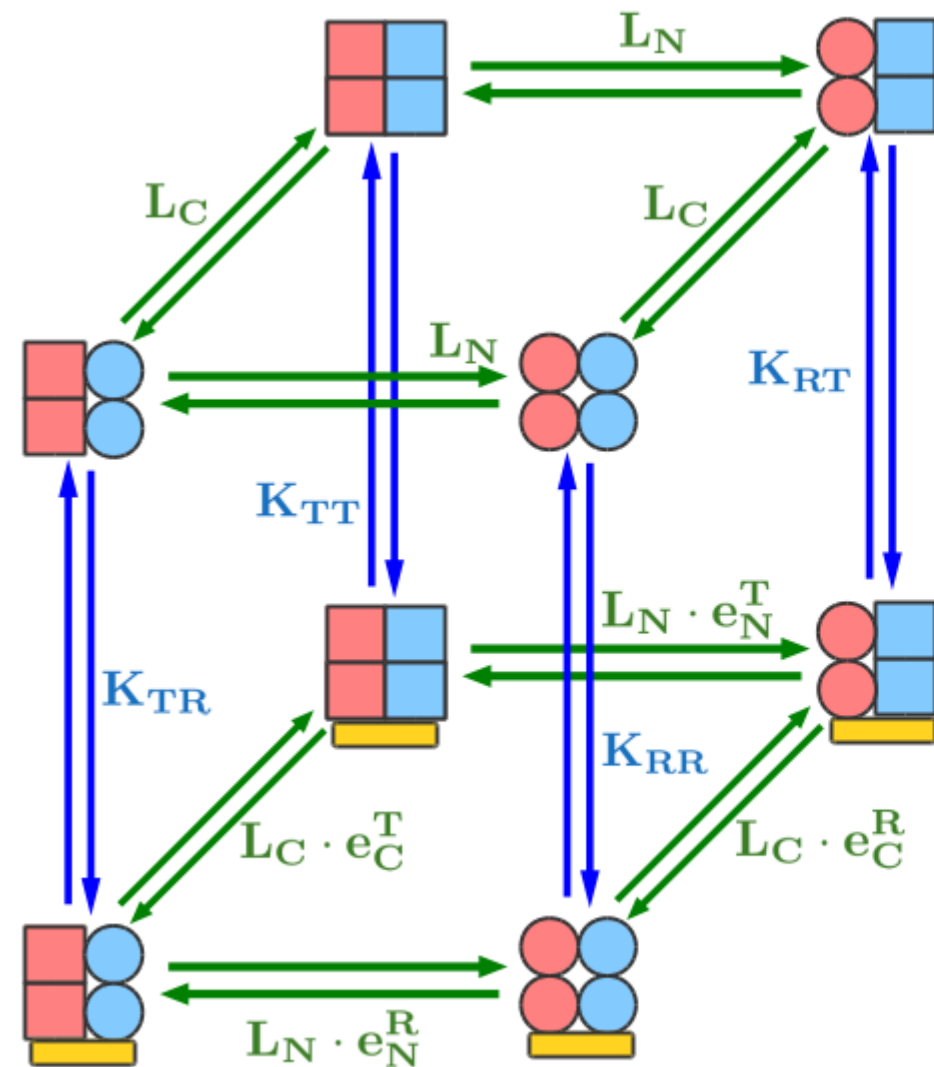


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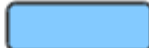
Lai M, Brun D, Edelstein SJ, Le Novère N (2015)
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Hemiconcerted model of calmodulin



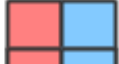
 = N-lobe

 = C-lobe

 = T-state

 = R-state

 = target

 = TT conformation

 = RT conformation

 = TR conformation

 = RR conformation

$$L_N = \frac{[TT]}{[RT]} = \frac{[TR]}{[RR]}$$

$$L_C = \frac{[TT]}{[TR]} = \frac{[RT]}{[RR]}$$

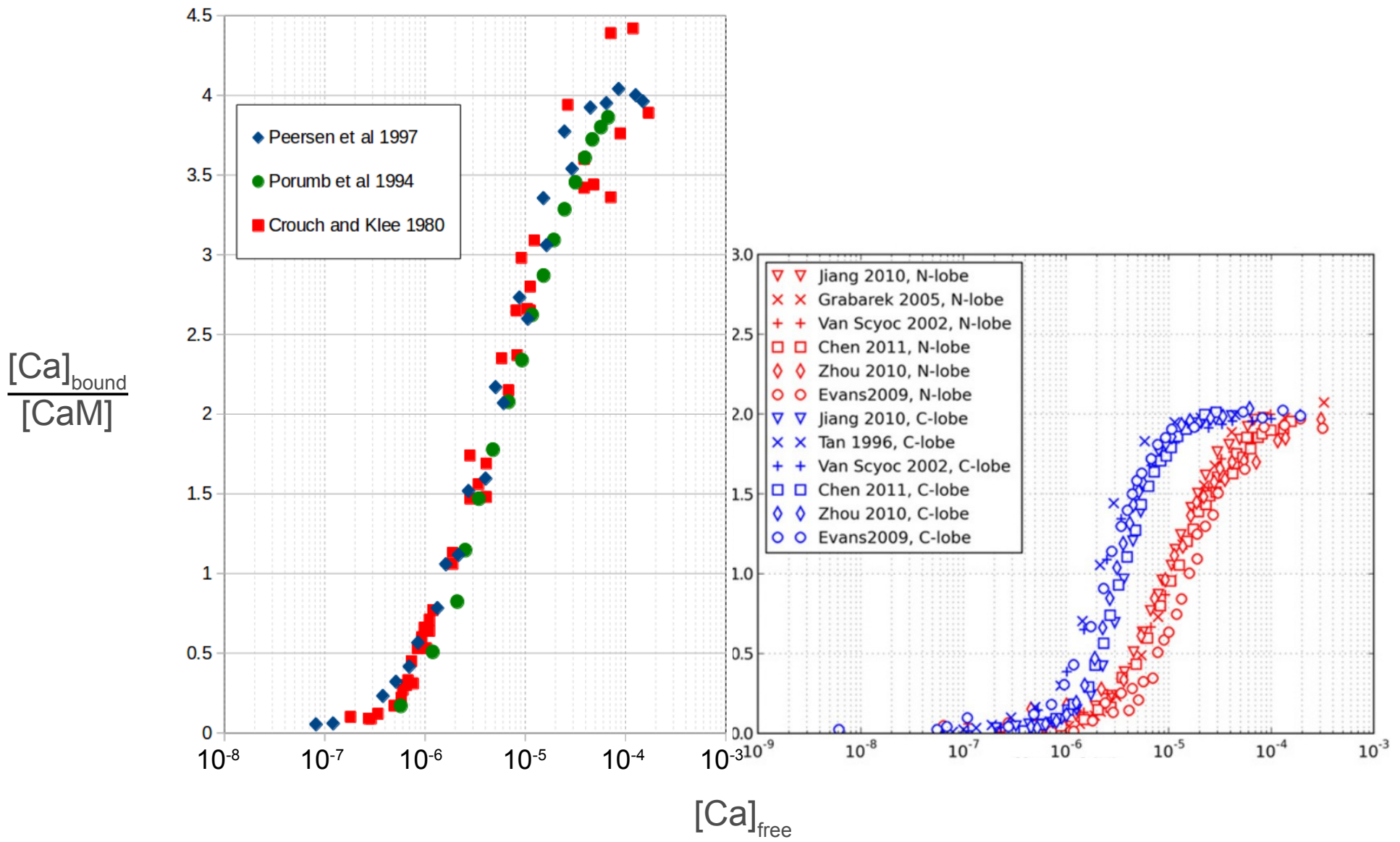
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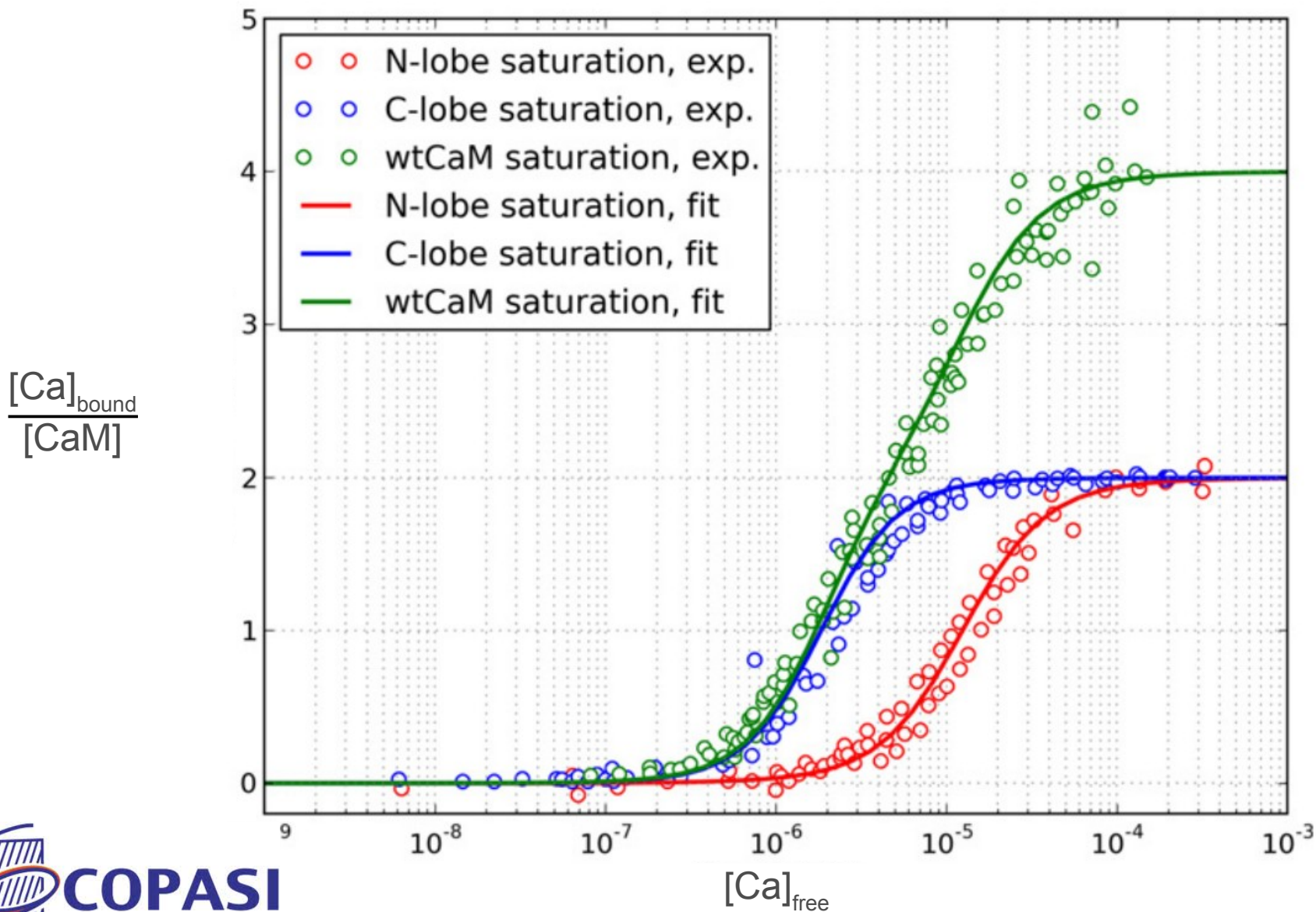
$$e_N^T = \frac{K_{RT}}{K_{TT}}$$

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Calcium binding to lobes and whole CaM (exp)



Calcium binding to lobes and whole CaM (sim)



Parametrisation using accurate measurements

- 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

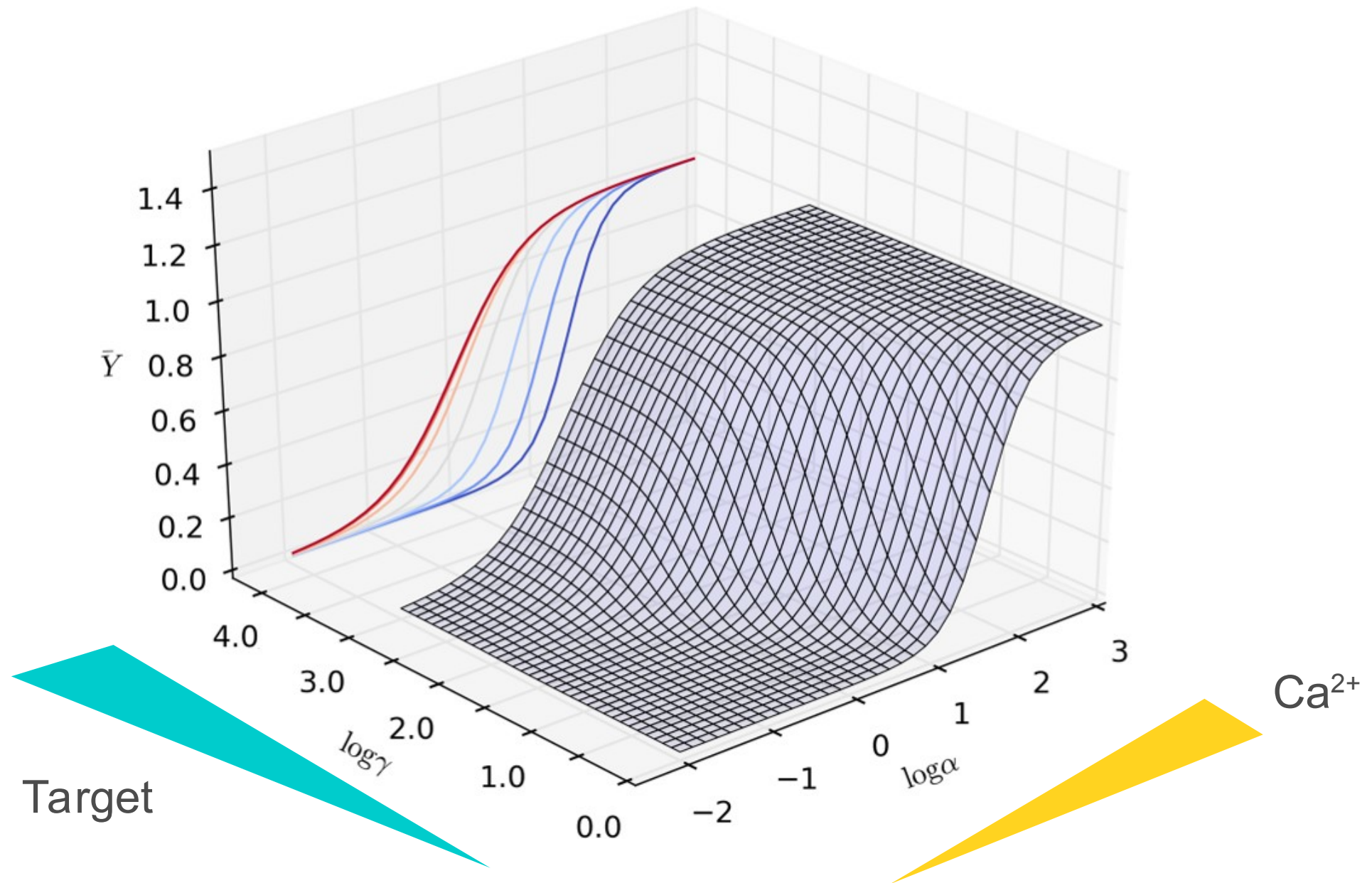
Activity of unsaturated calmodulin (state function)

- 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
- $R_4/T_4 = 10000$

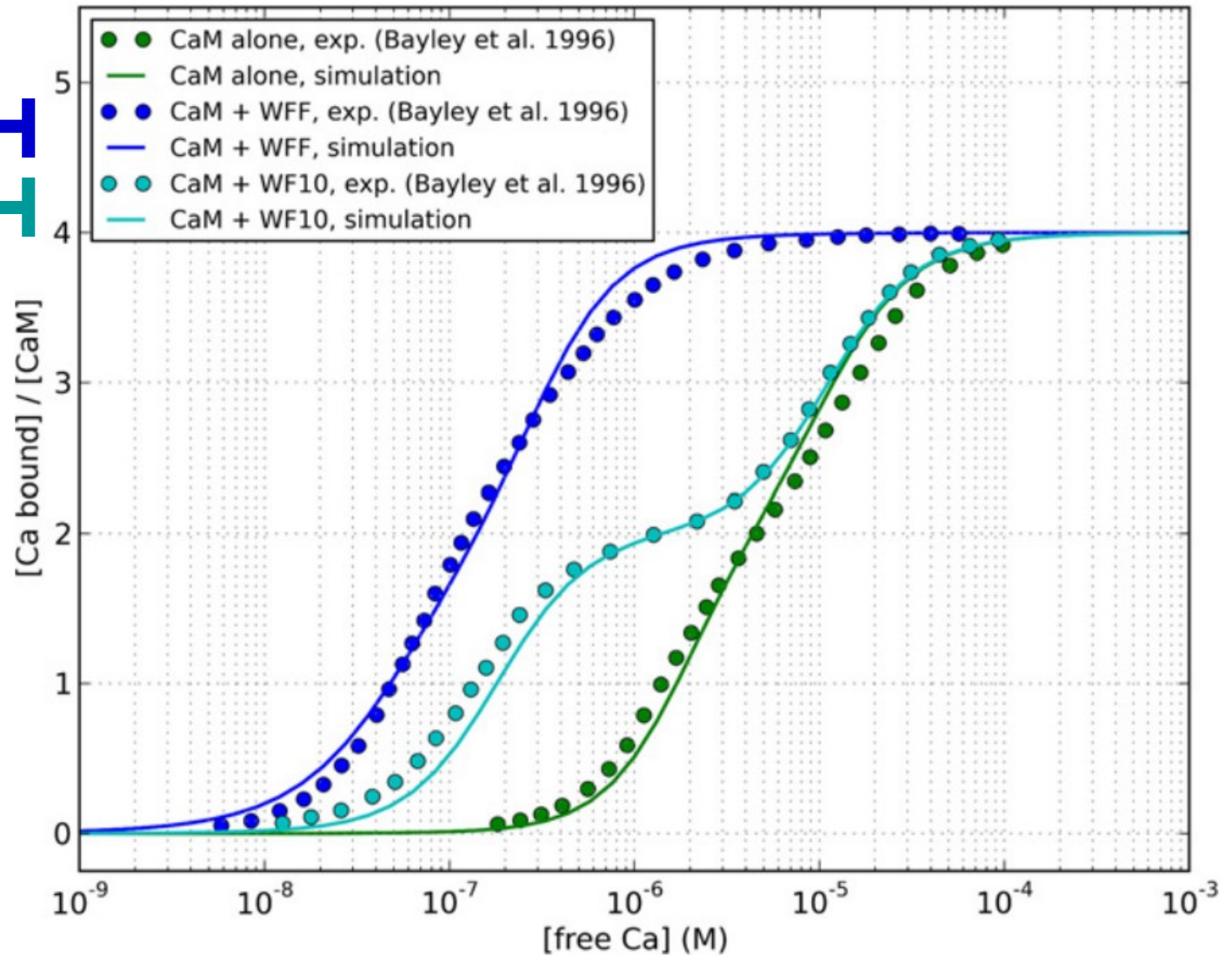
Effect of an R-stabilizing target on Ca^{2+} affinity



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

Stabilise R state
of both lobes

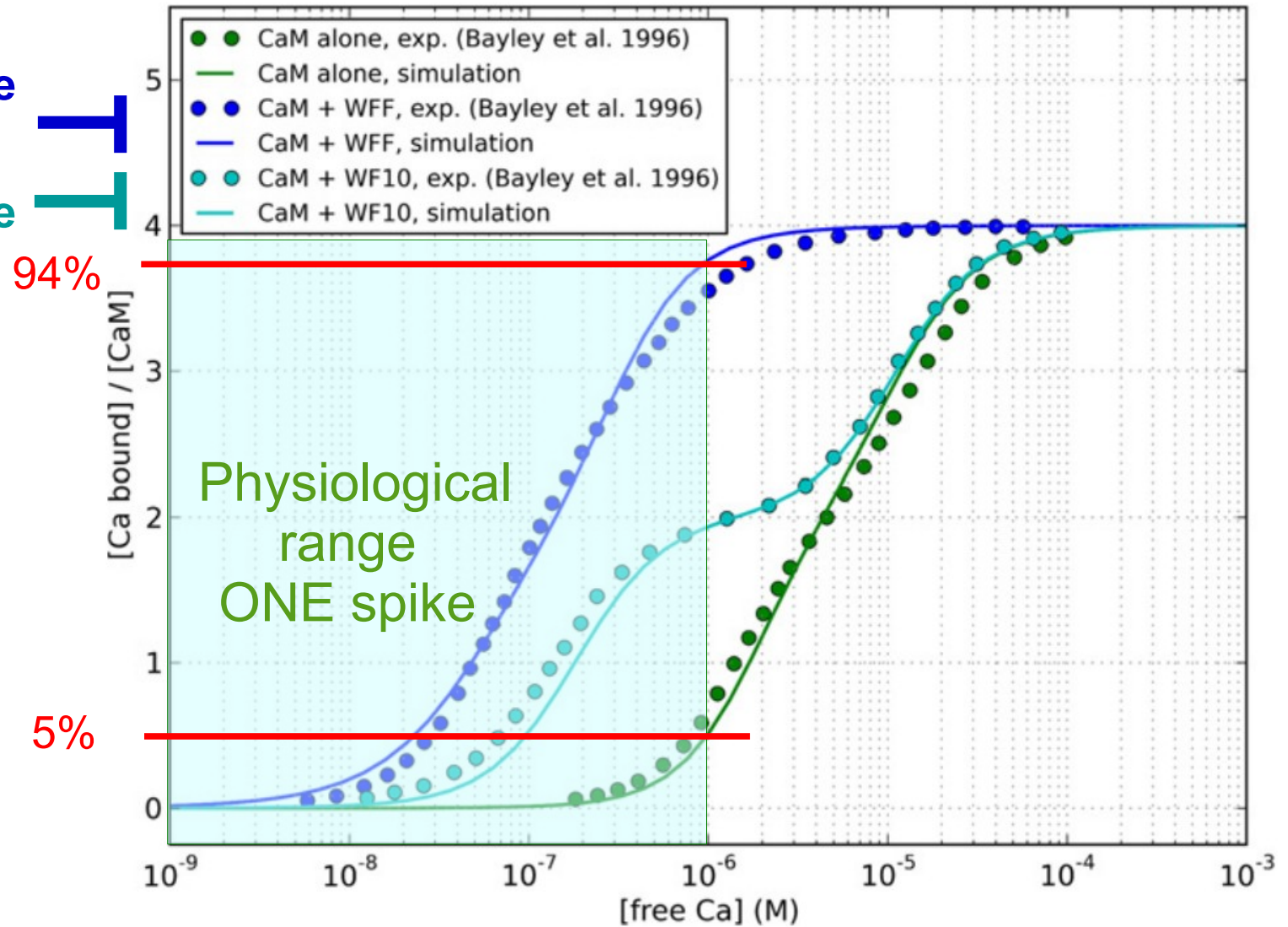
Stabilise R state
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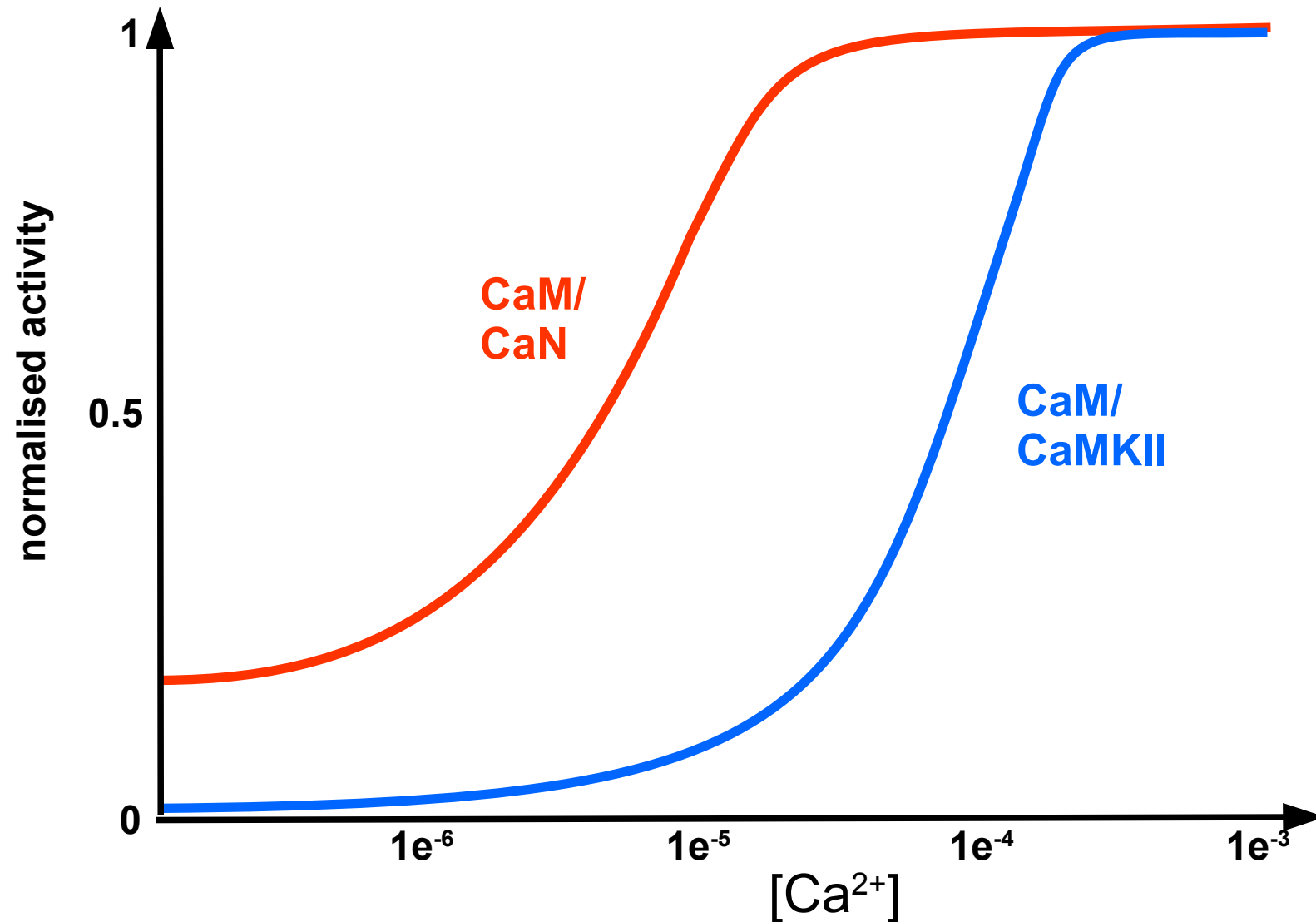
Targets stabilises Ca^{2+} binding into the physiological range

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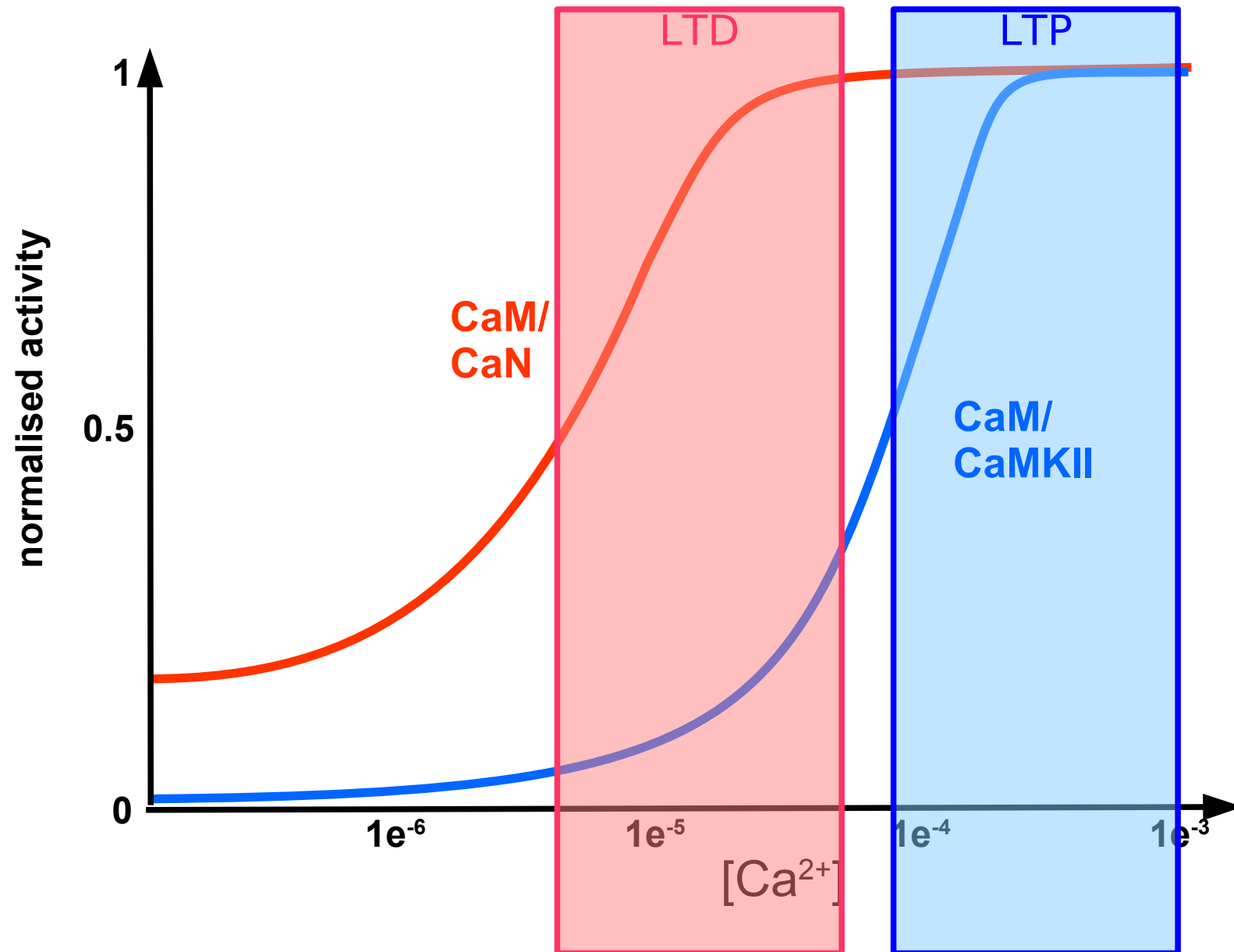
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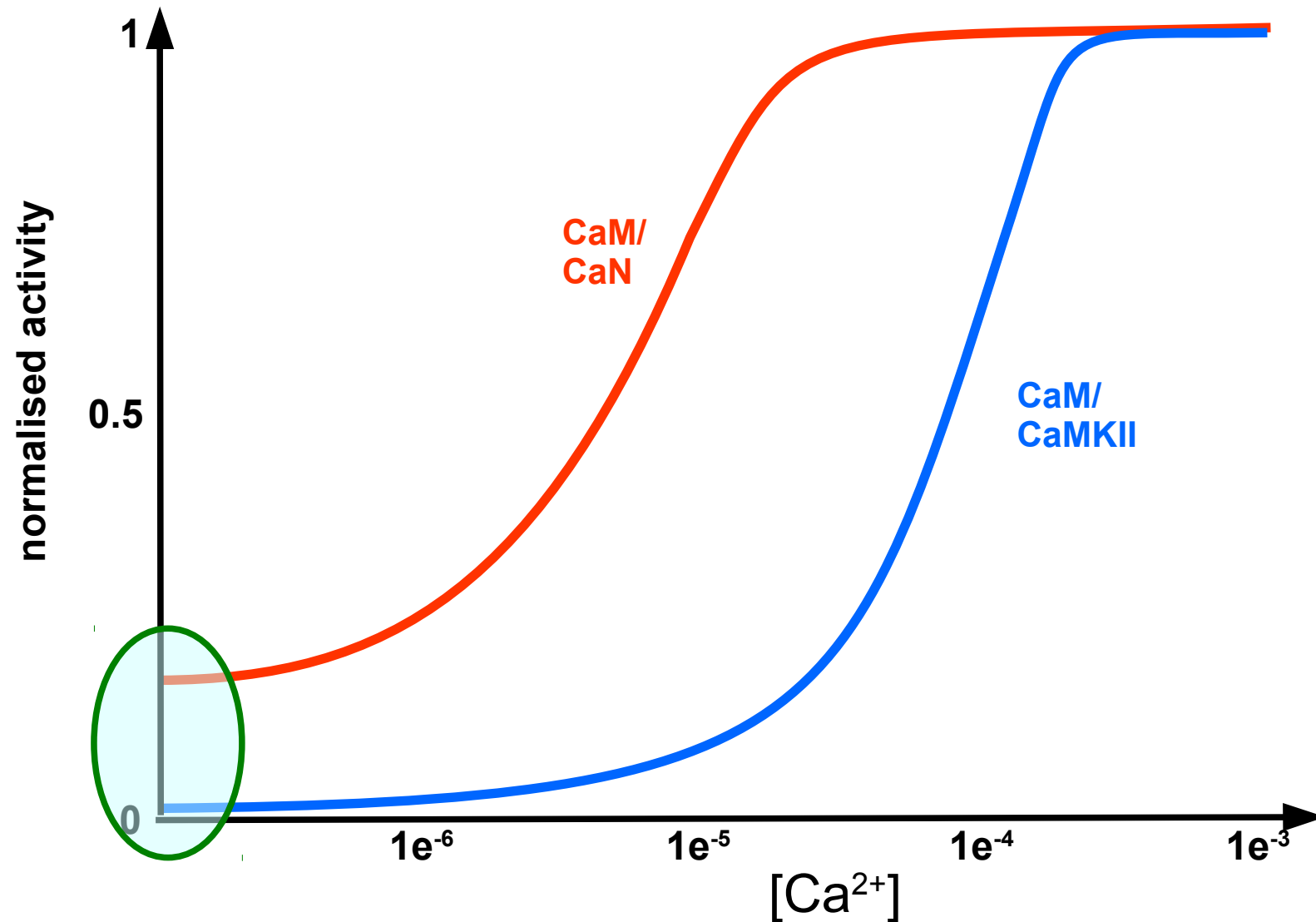
Calmodulin, its ligand and its targets



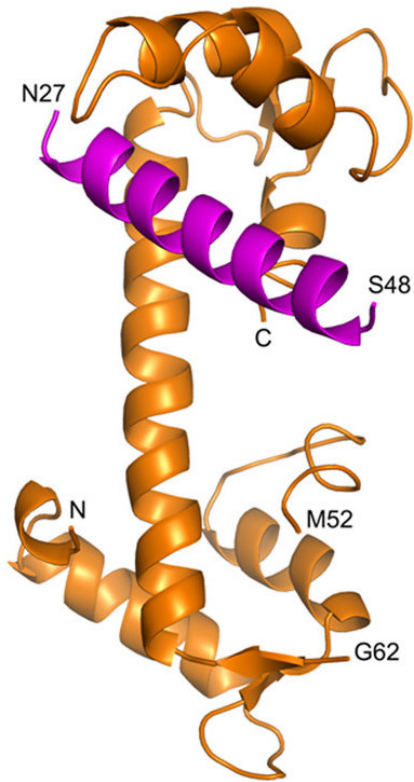
Bidirectional synaptic plasticity



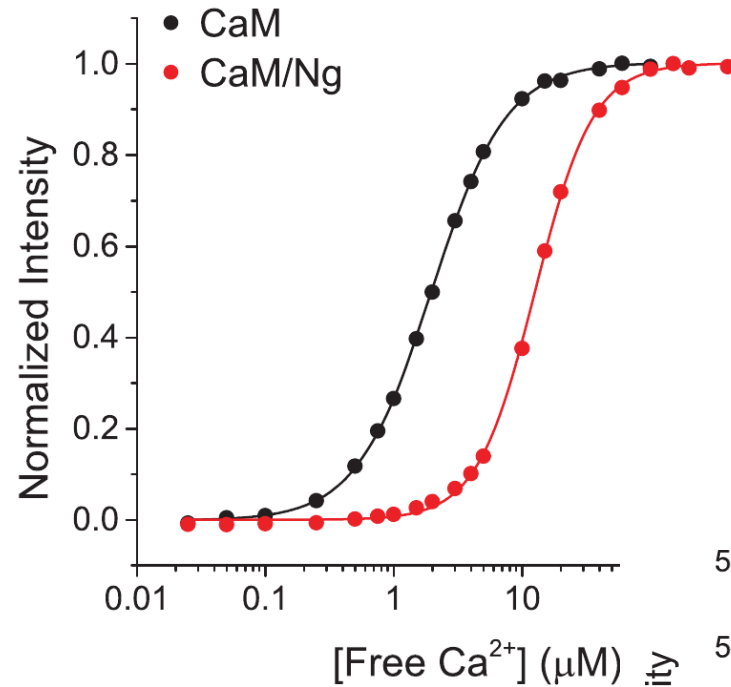
Calcineurin stabilises CaM R → no deactivation



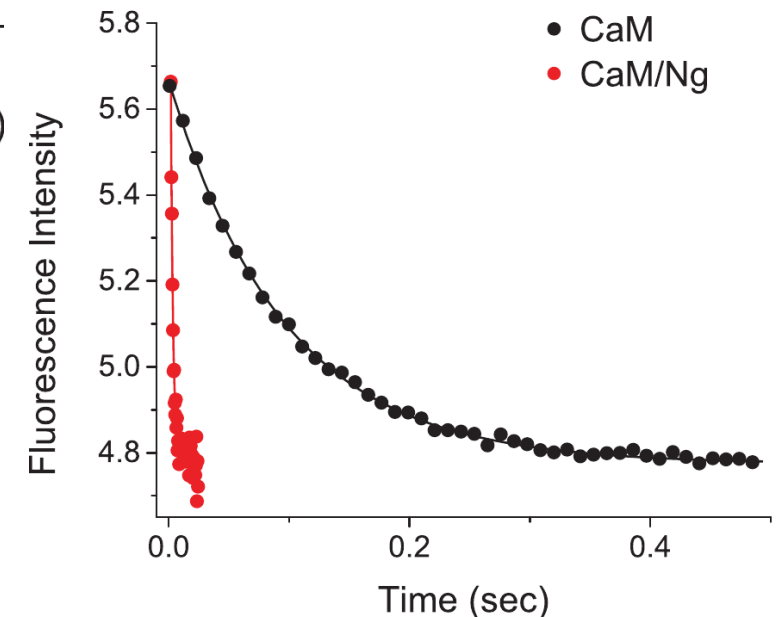
Neurogranin binds apo-CaM, decreases affinity for $[Ca^{2+}]$ and increases dissociation rate



Kumar *et al* (2013)



Hoffman *et al* (2014)



Effect of R and T stabilising targets on CaM affinity

Bayley *et al* (1996)

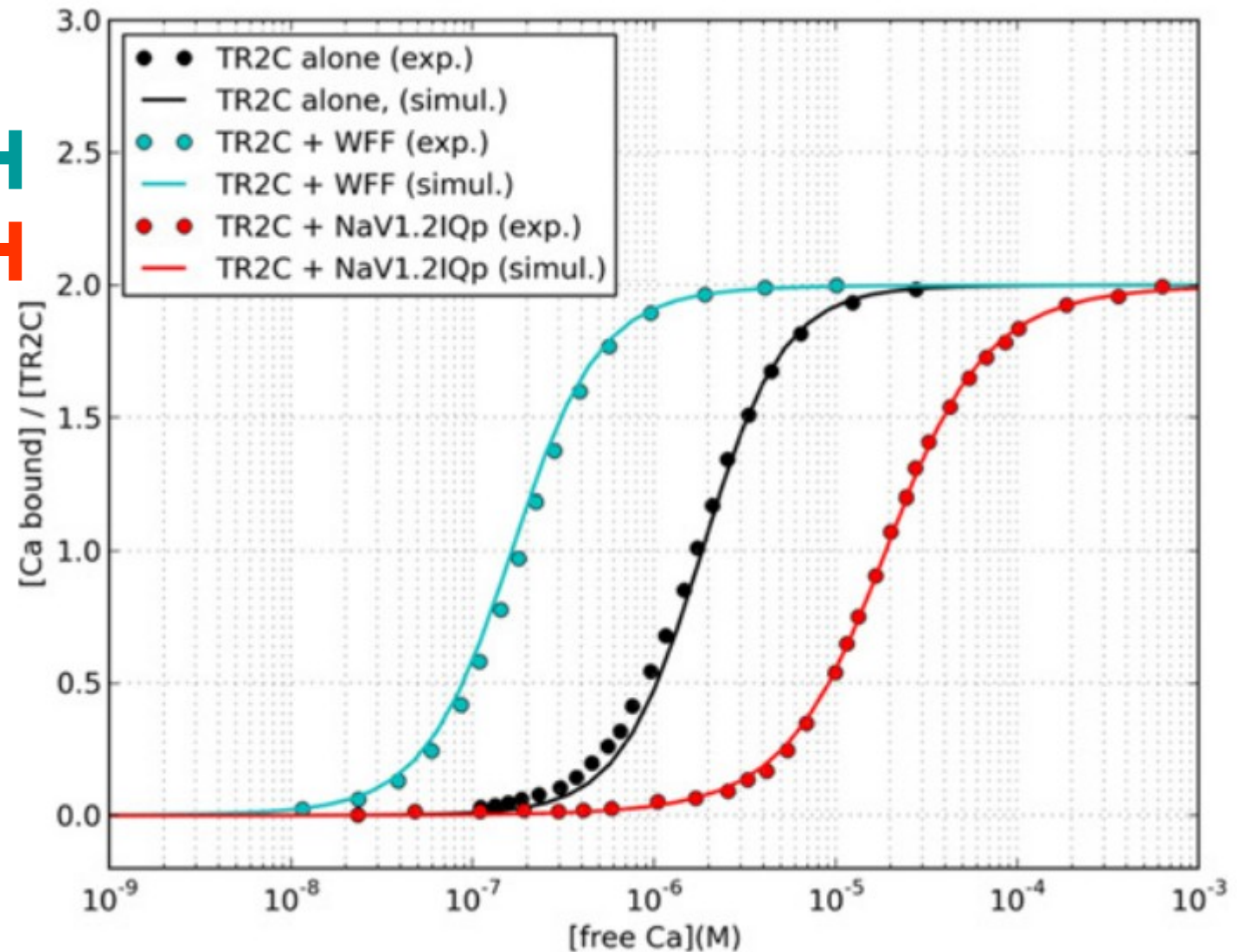
R stabilising
peptide

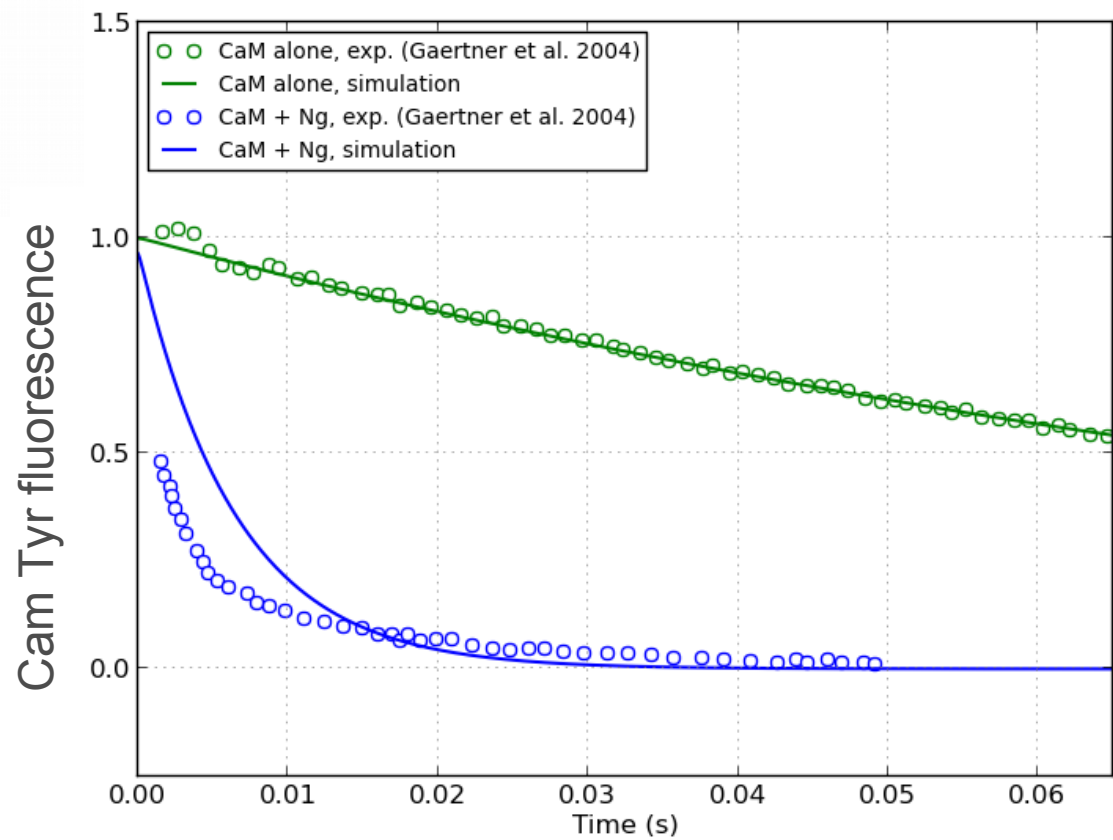
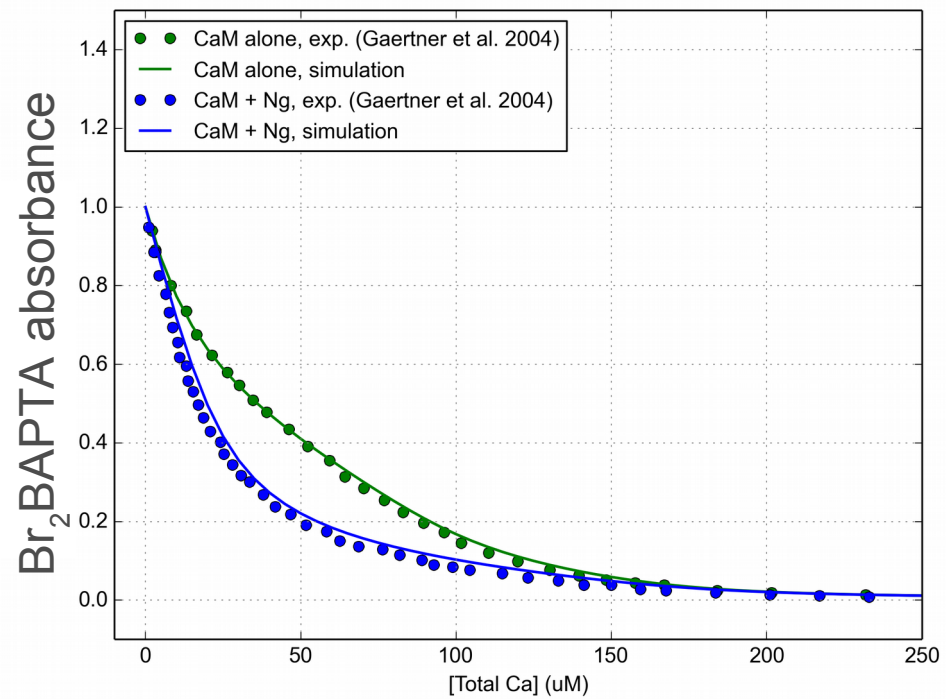


T stabilising
Peptide (IQ domain)

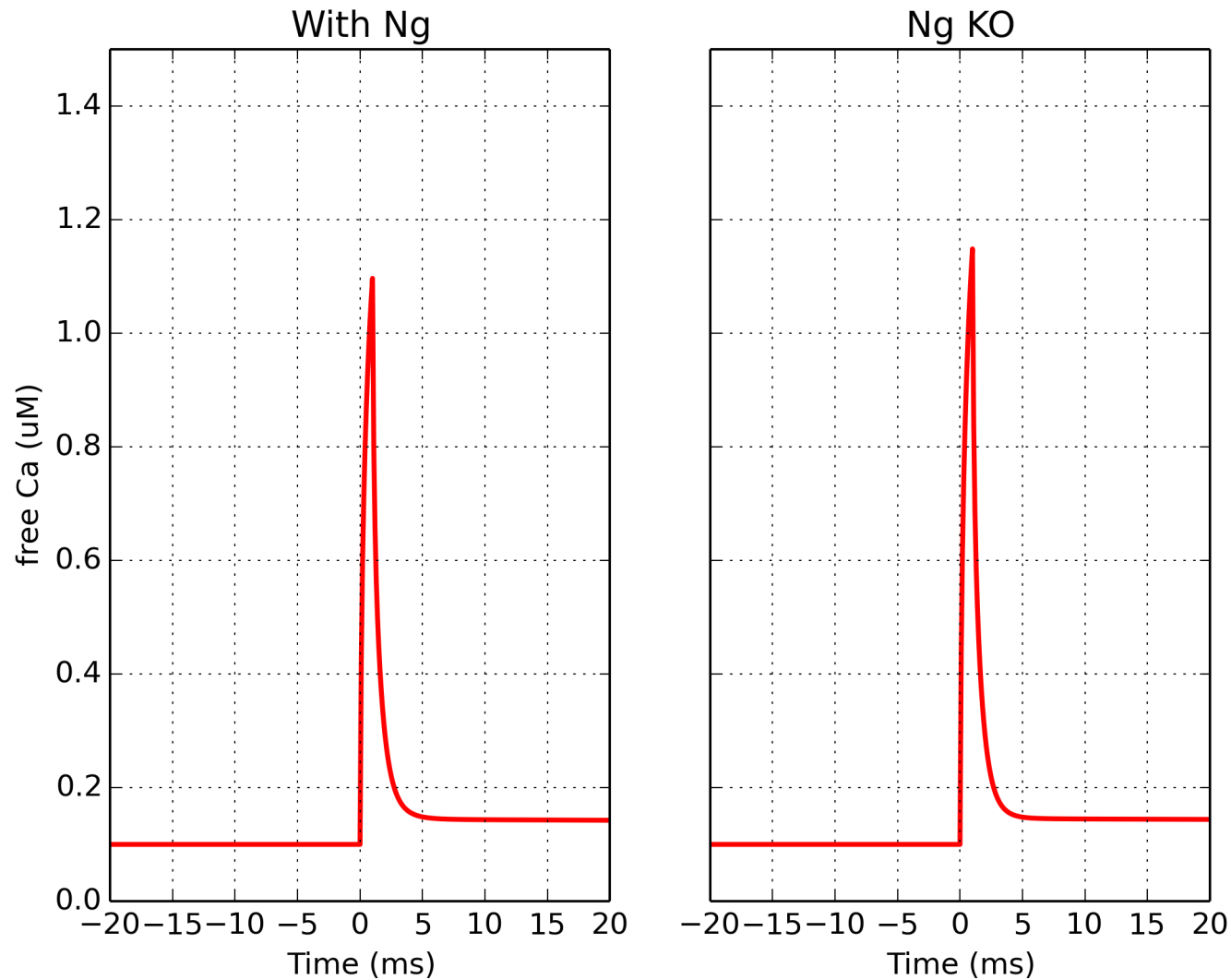


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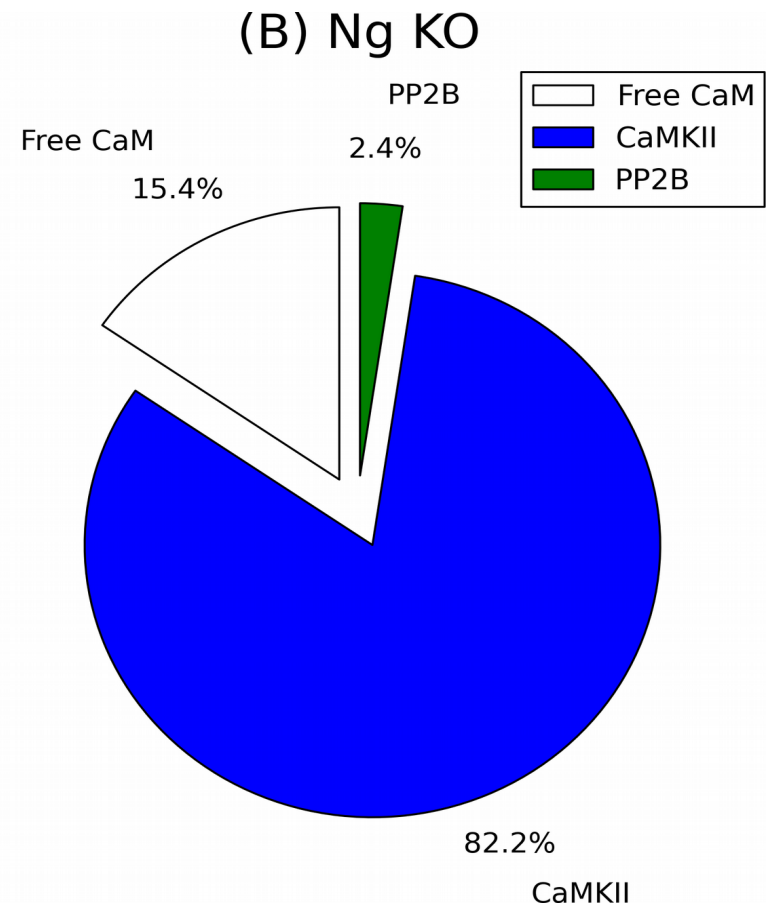
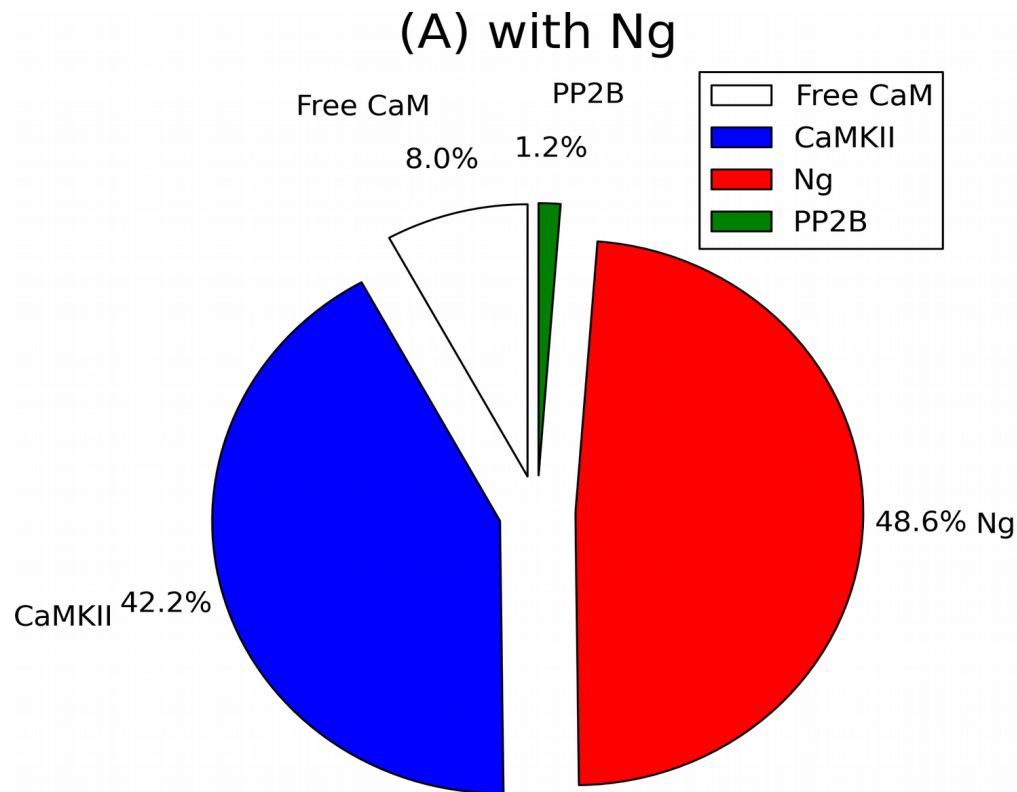




No large effect of Neurogranin on $[Ca^{2+}]_{free}$



Ng affects the distribution of CaM



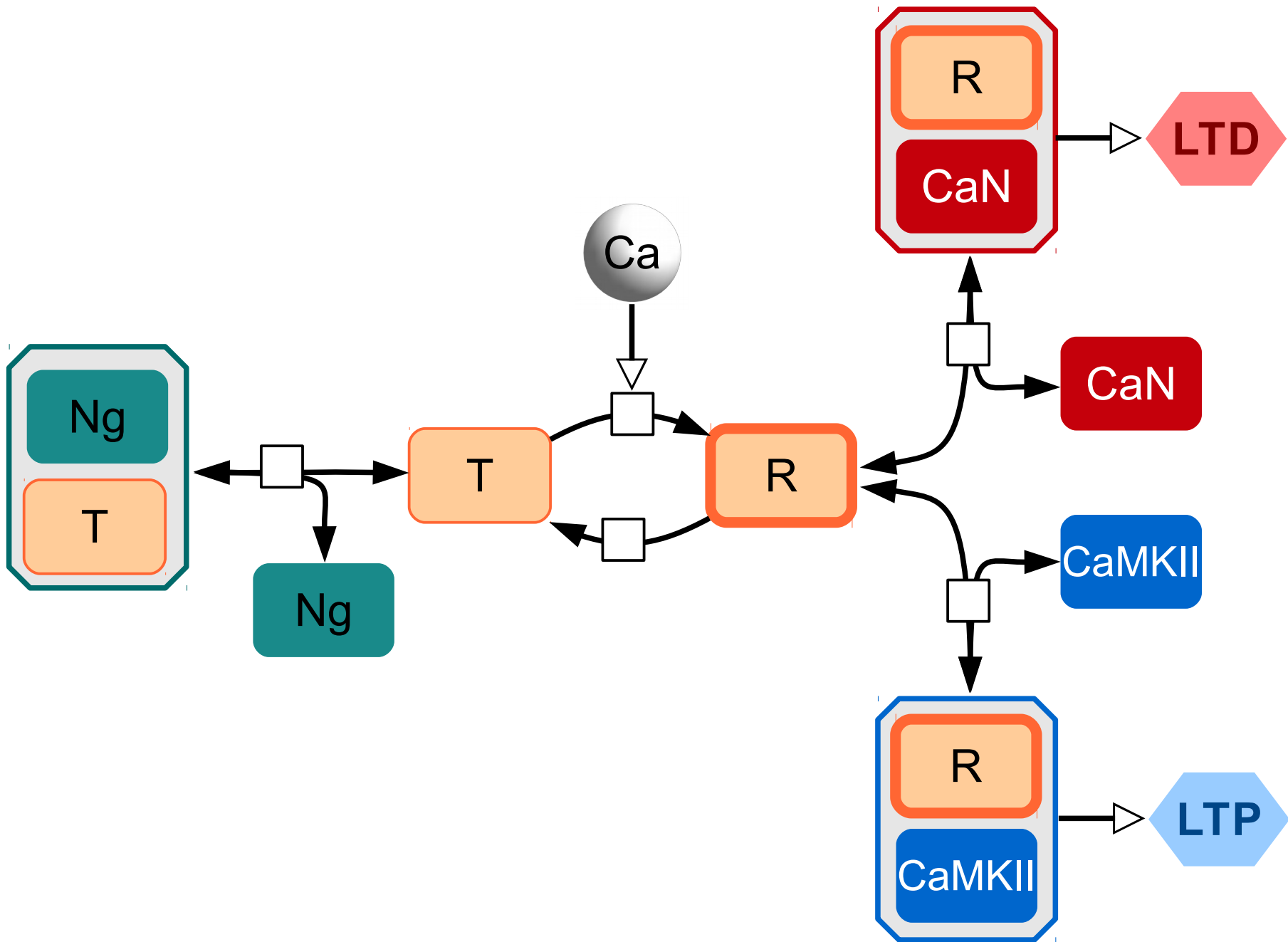
Hemi-concerted model of Calmodulin, 2 states for EF hands, binding Ca^{2+} with different affinities

Apparent **affinity for Ca^{2+} increases** when bound to target

CaM able to **bind targets with less than 4 Ca^{2+}** bound

CaN can bind calmodulin at low Ca^{2+} concentration while **both CaN and CaMKII** bind CaM at high Ca^{2+} 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 ($k_{on}=1.5e6$, $k_{off}=100$):	5 ms
Relaxation between calmodulin states:	1 ms
autophosphorylation of CaMKII ($k_{on}=6$):	100 ms

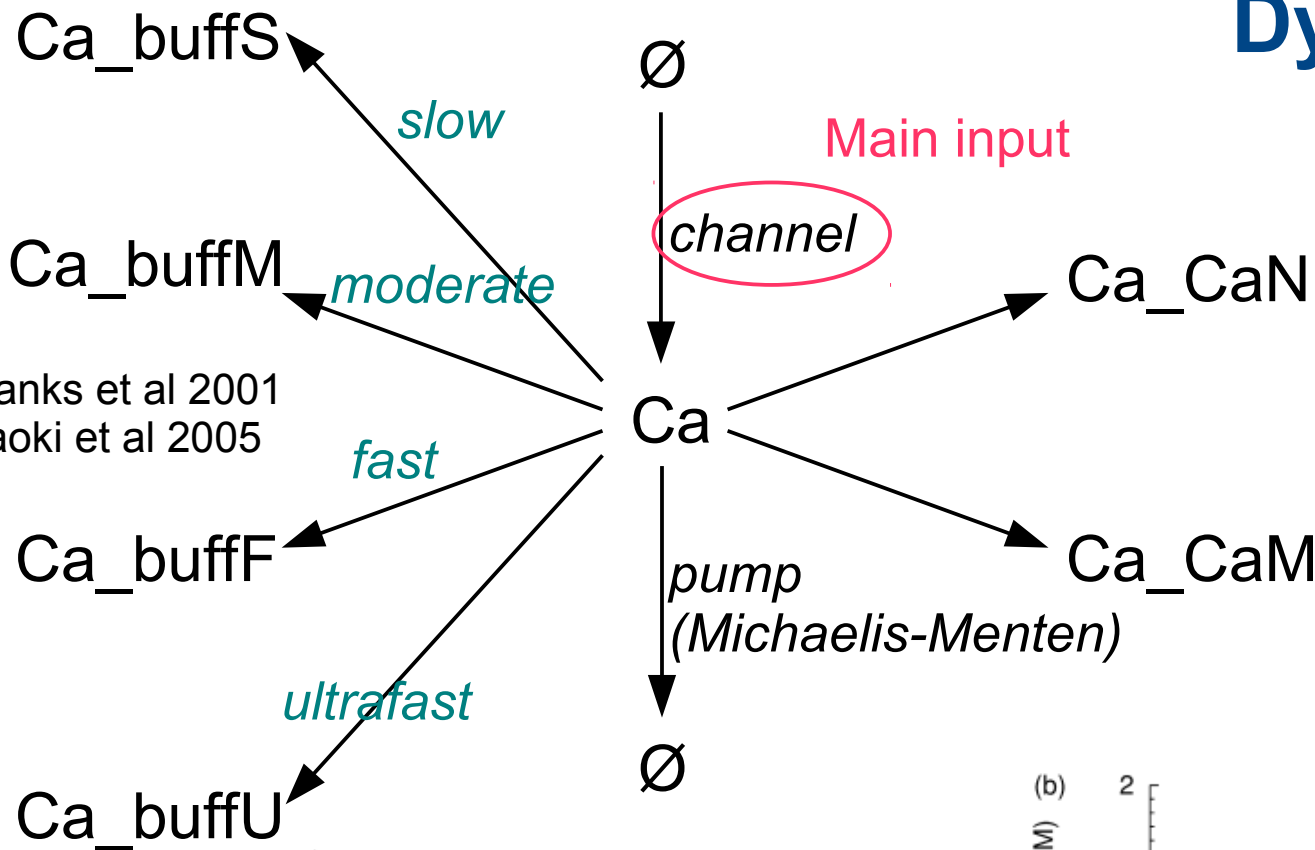


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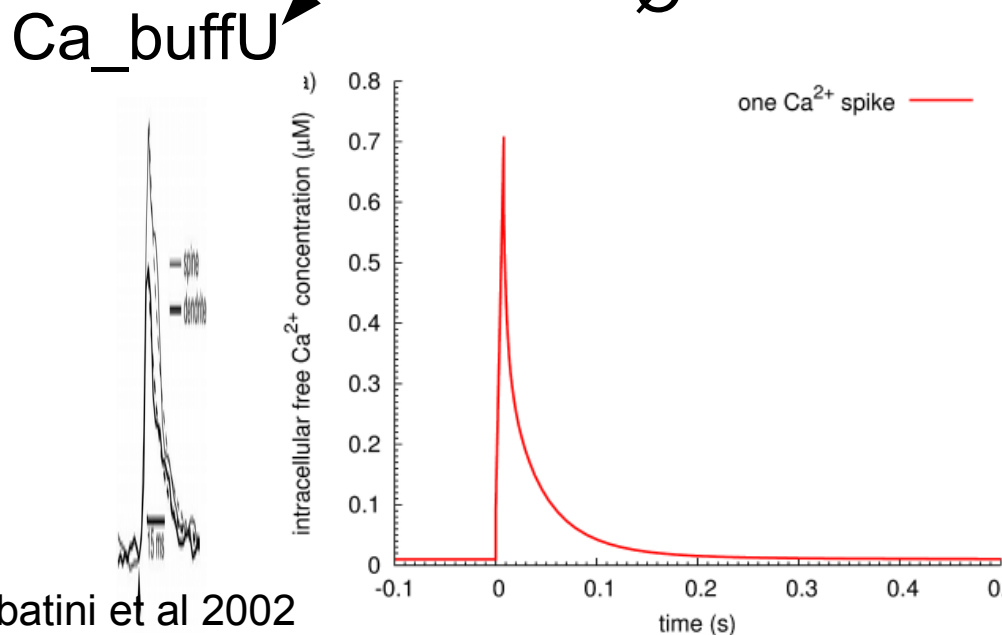


Dynamic of calcium in the spine

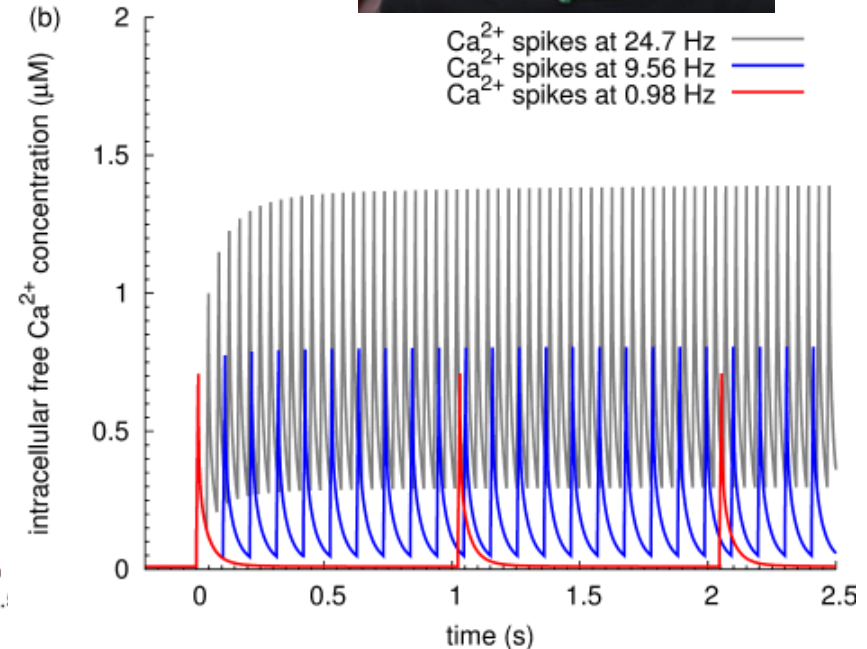
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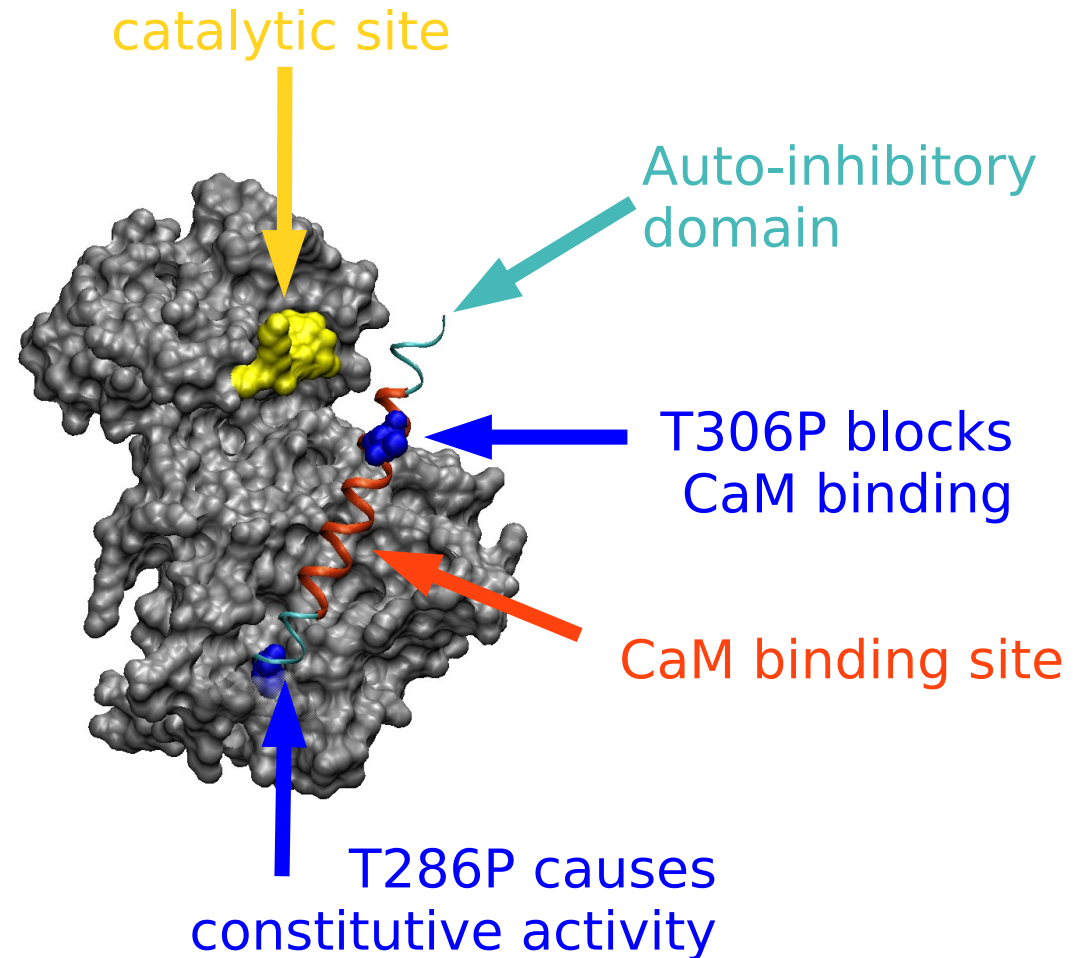
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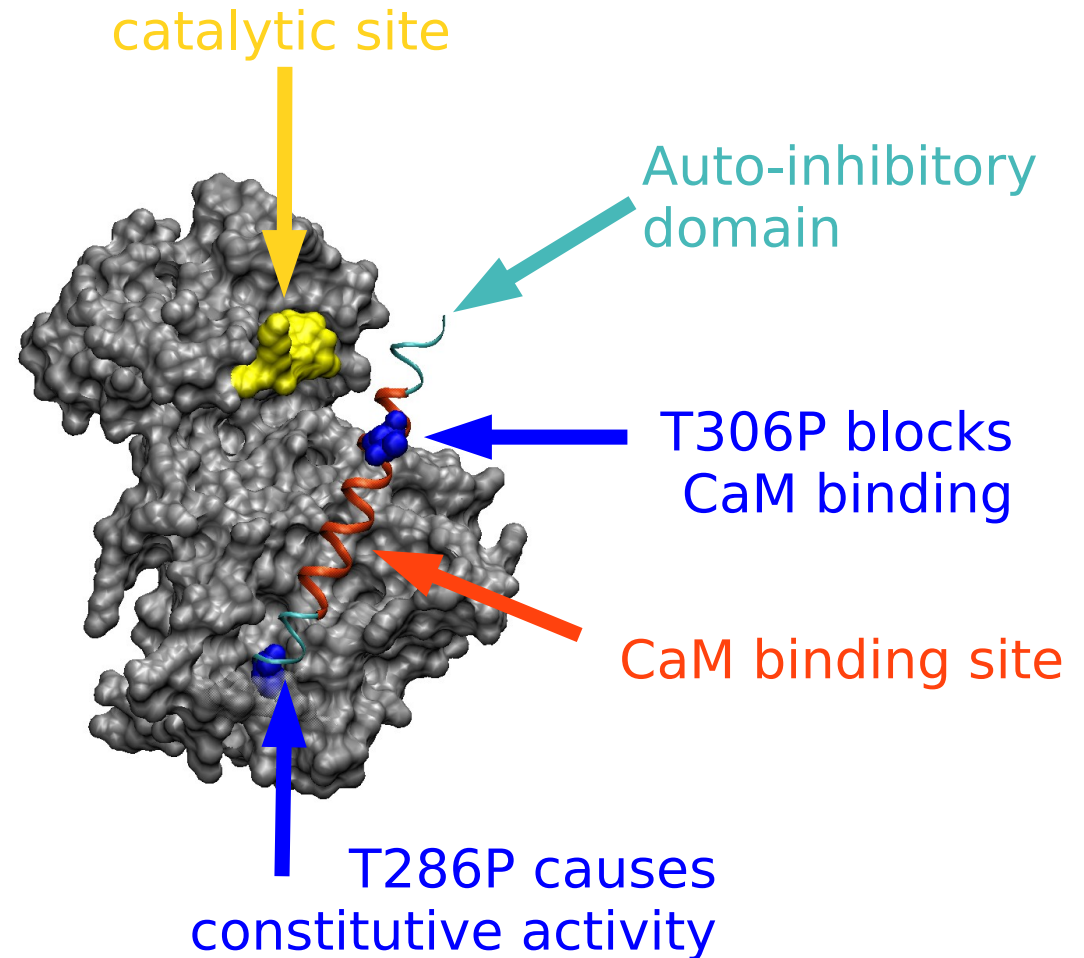
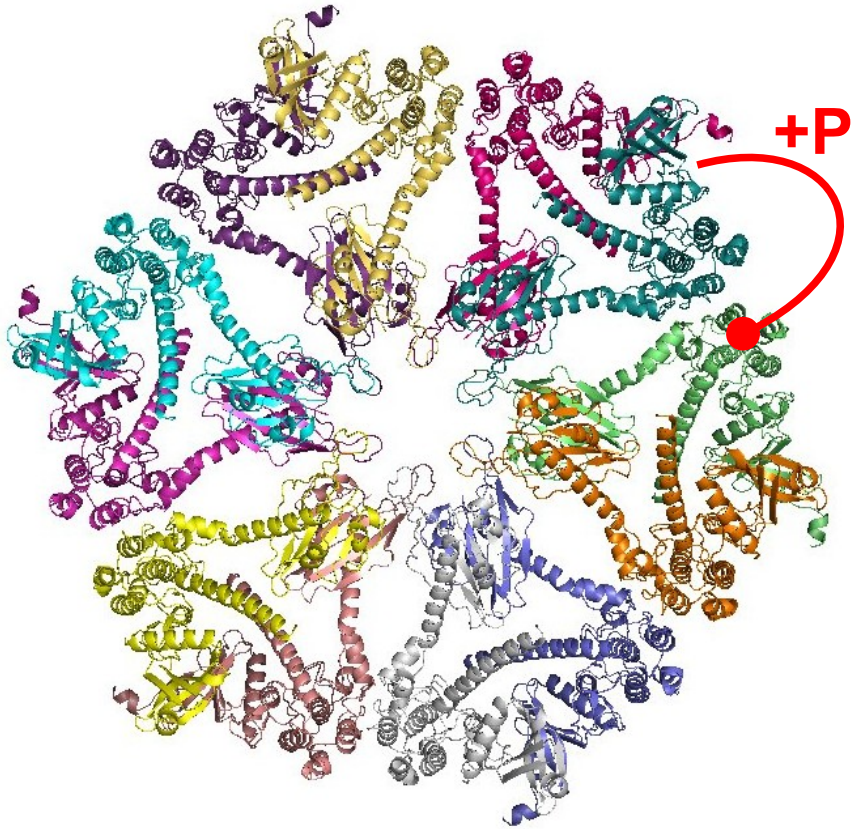
Calcium/calmodulin kinase II



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

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

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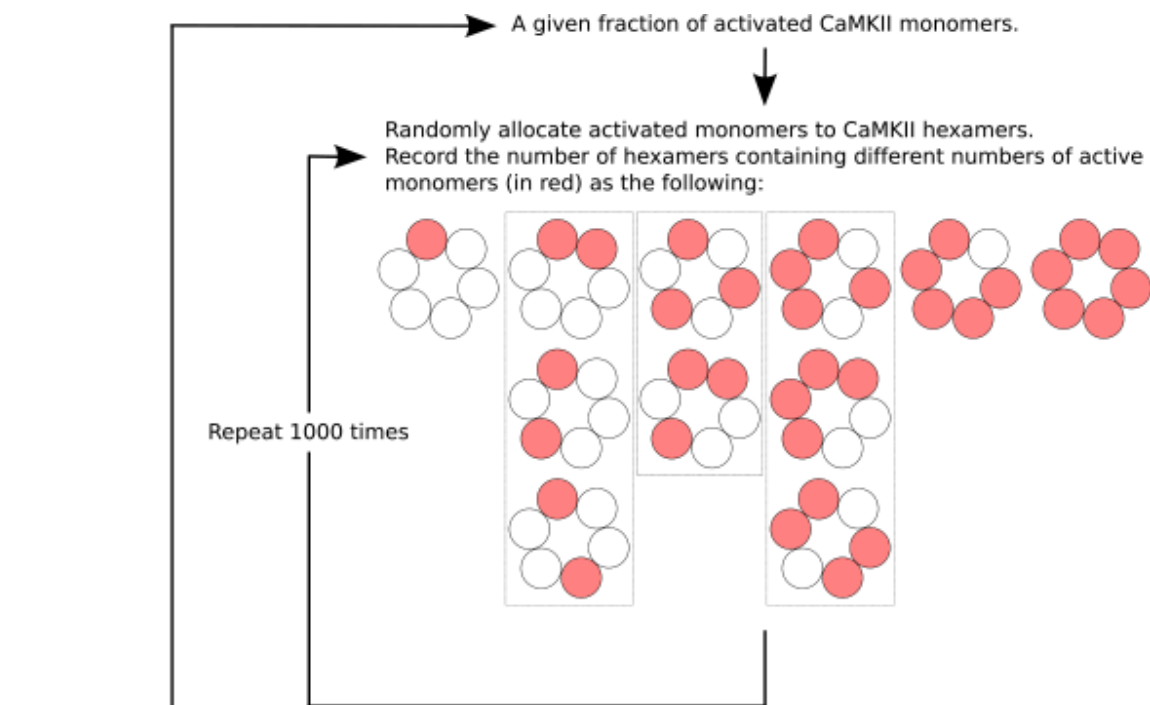


Dodecamer:

Trans-phosphorylation of T286
by neighbouring subunits

Cis-phosphorylation of T306

Most quantitative measurements made on monomers ...



Repeat for every 1% increase of CaMKII active monomers

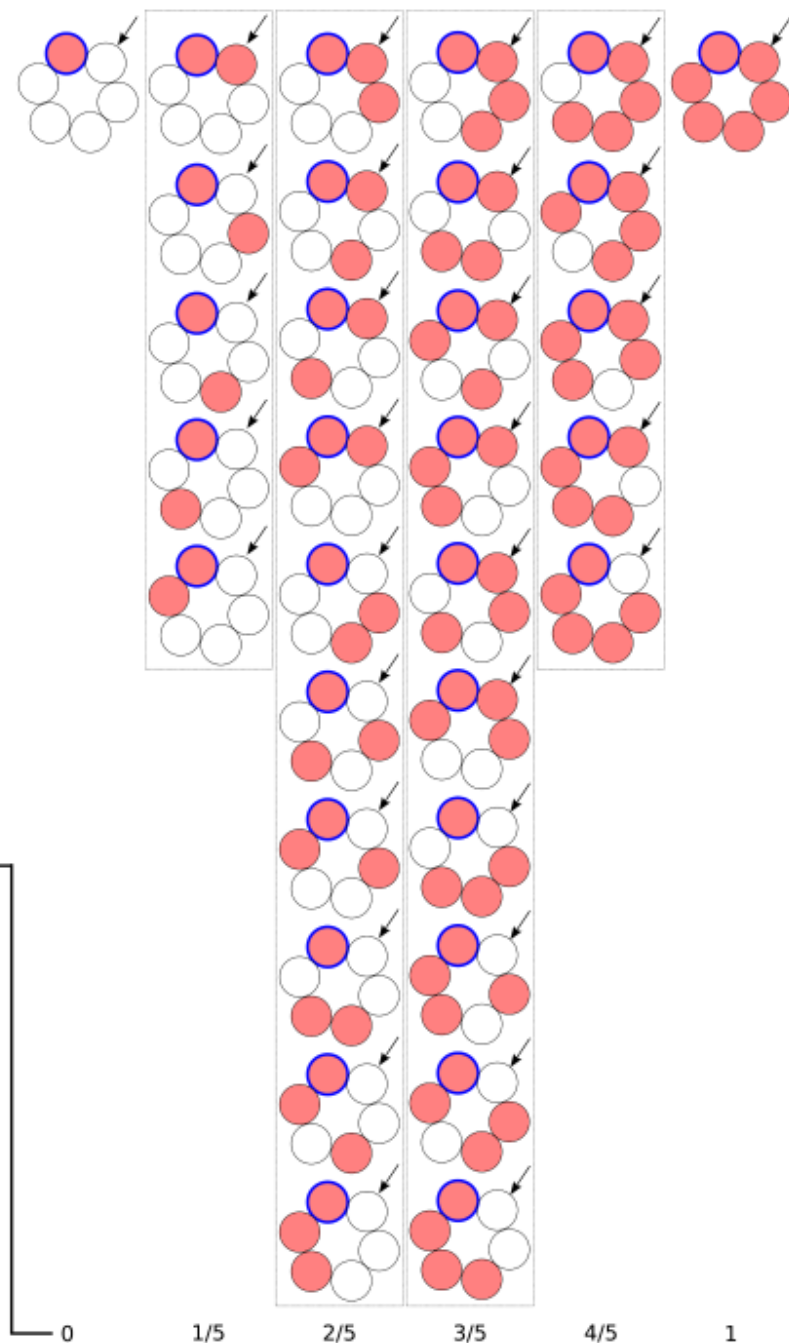
Calculate the average population for each number of active monomers per hexamer.

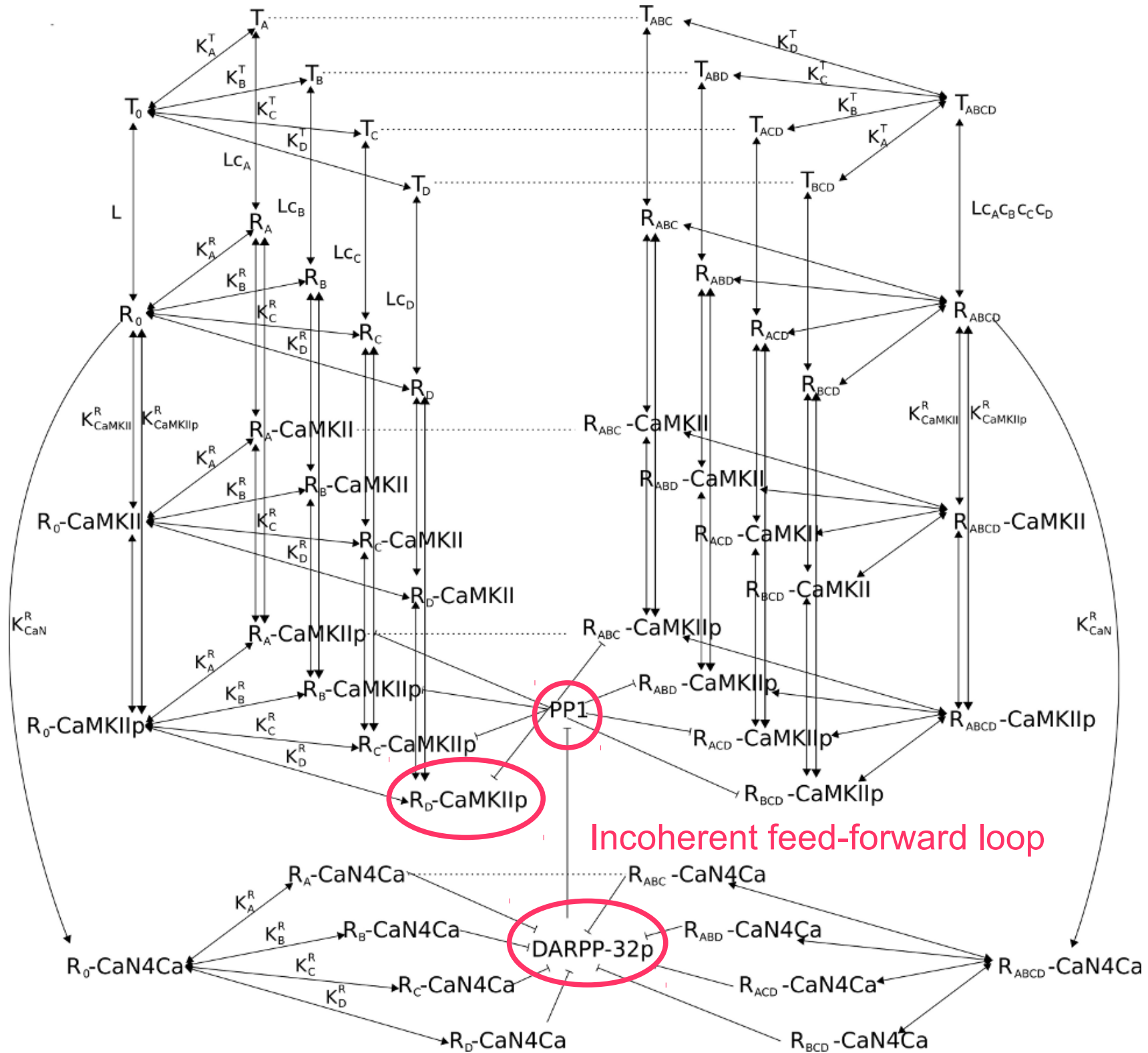
Multiply average populations of each number of active monomers per hexamer by their corresponding probabilities of having an active neighbour.

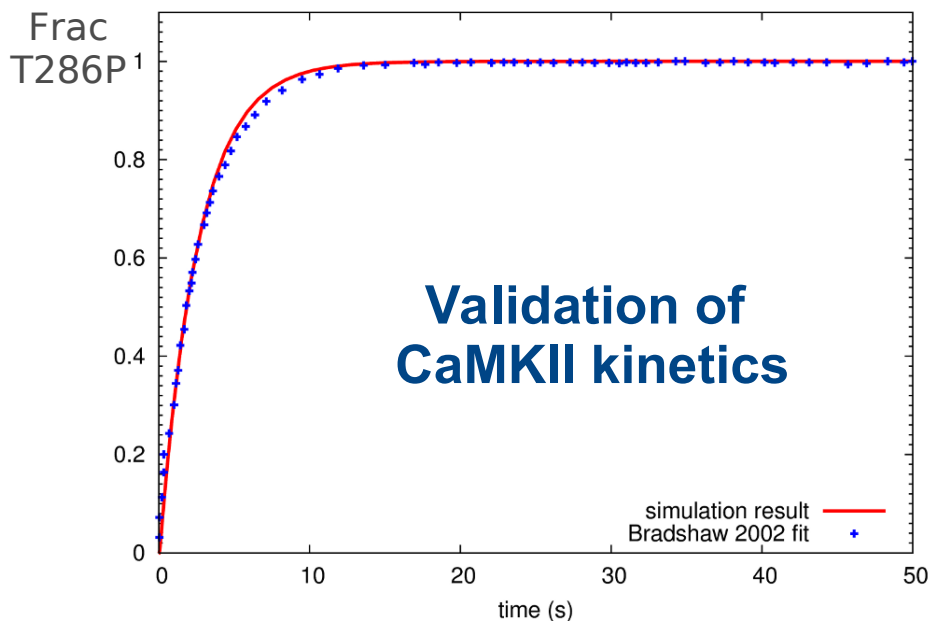
The sum of these six numbers is a coefficient that can be used to adjust CaMKII autophosphorylation rate.

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

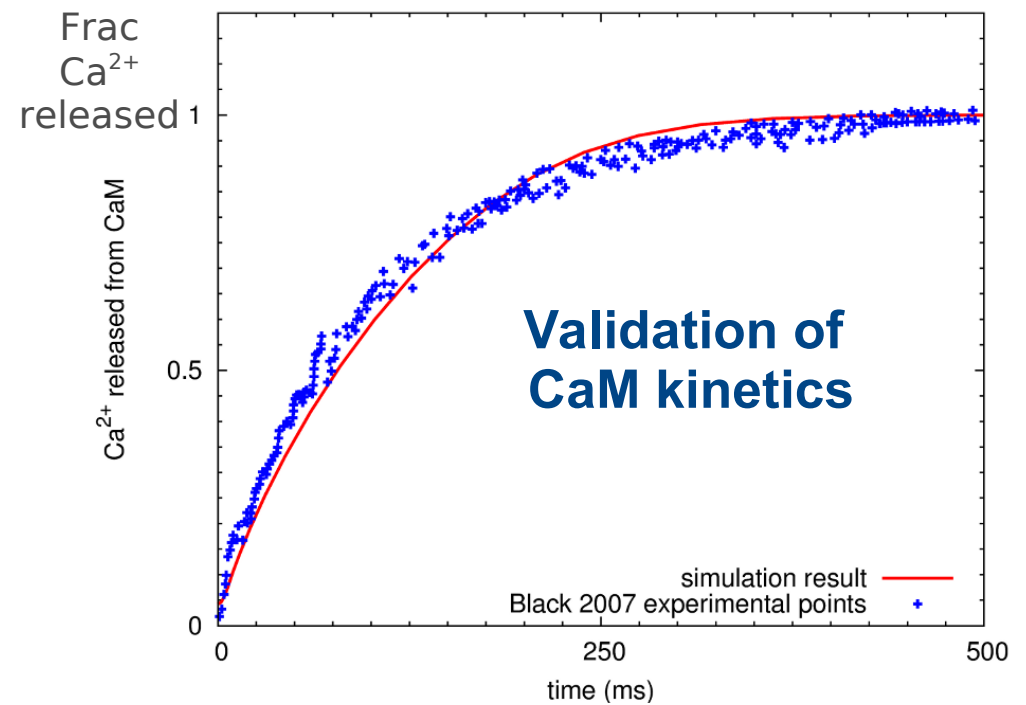
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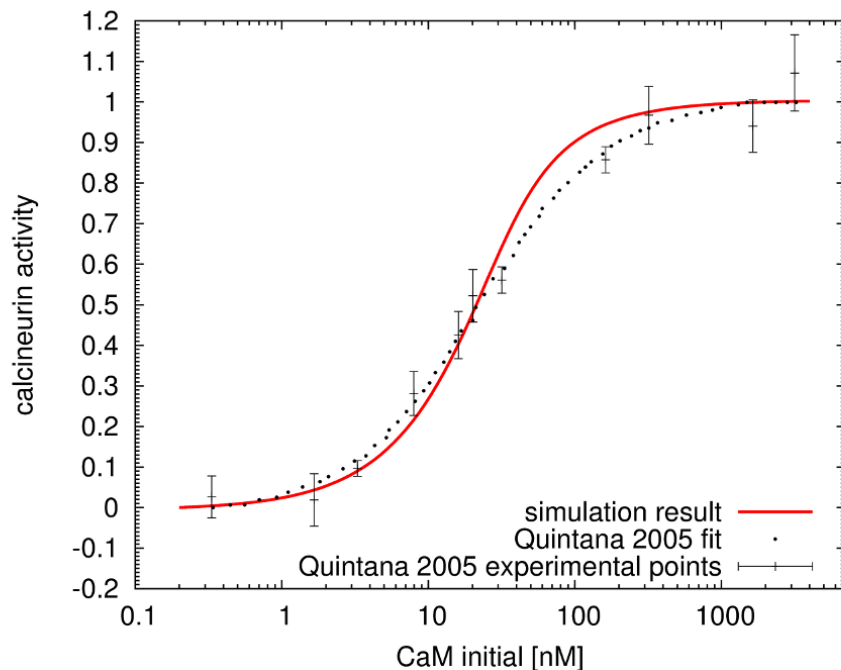




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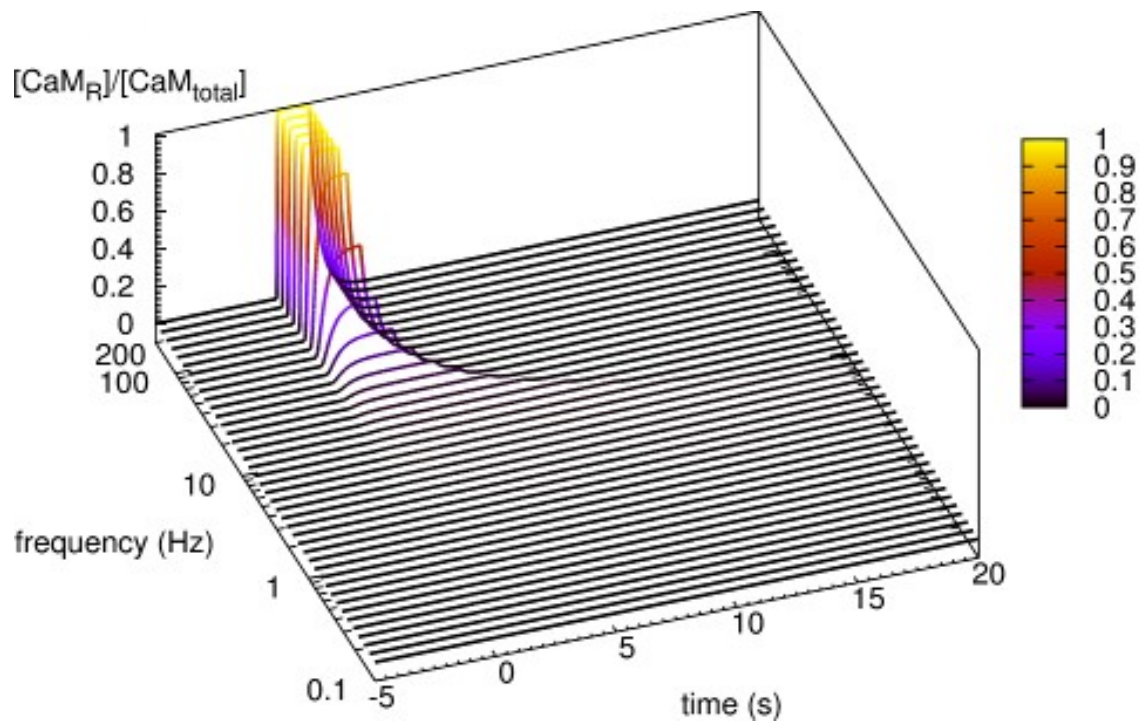
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Validation of calcium-activation of CaN

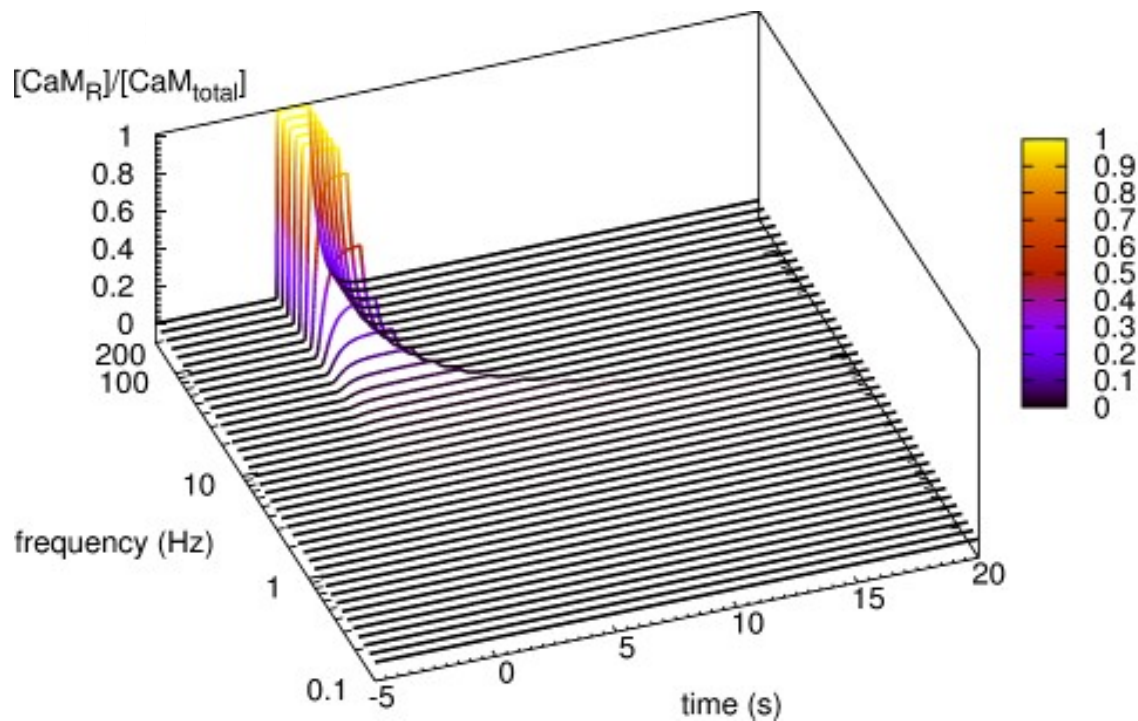
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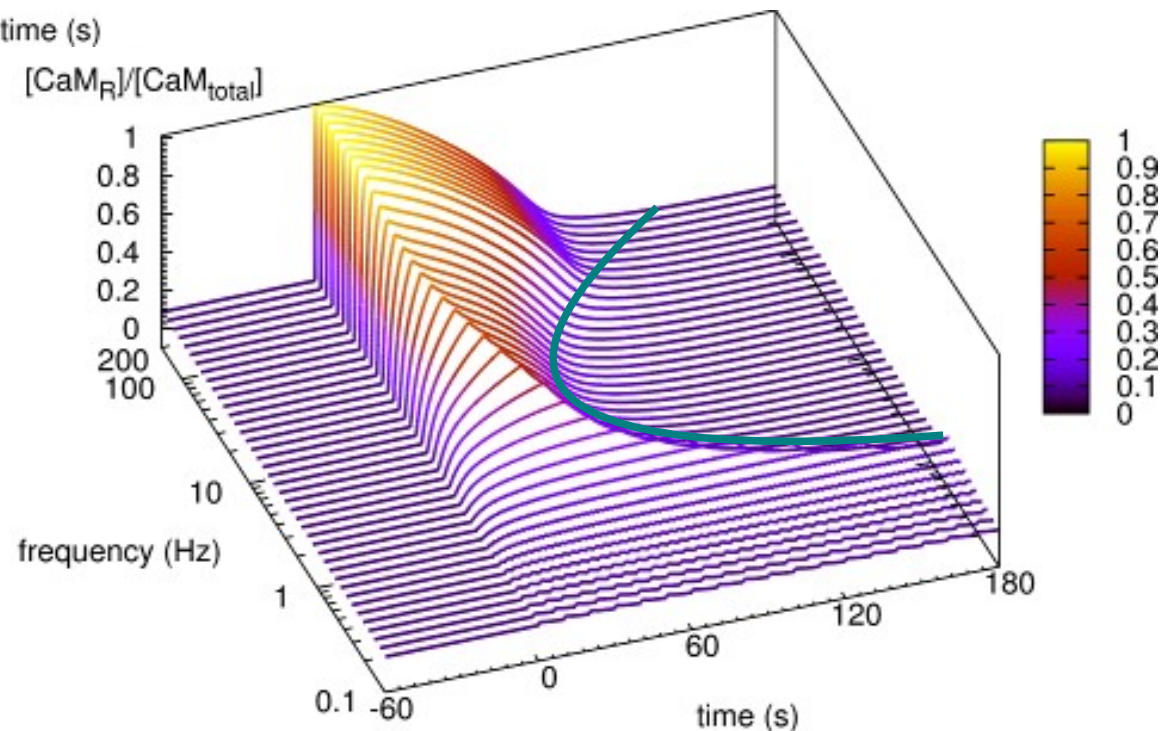
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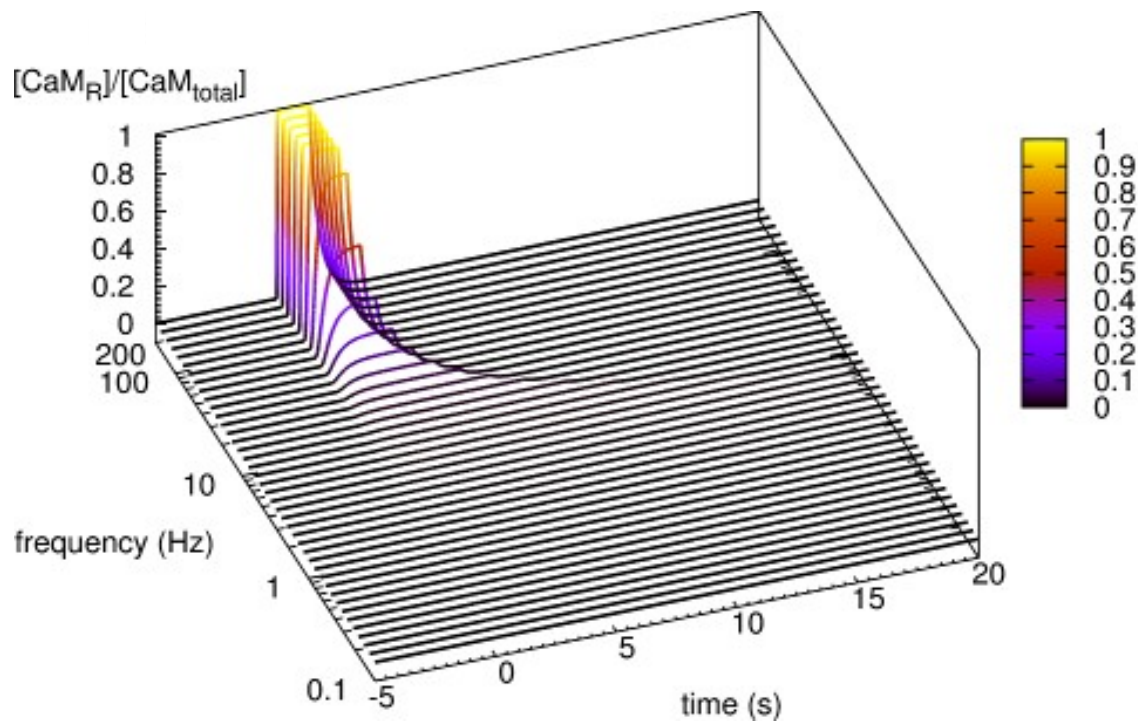


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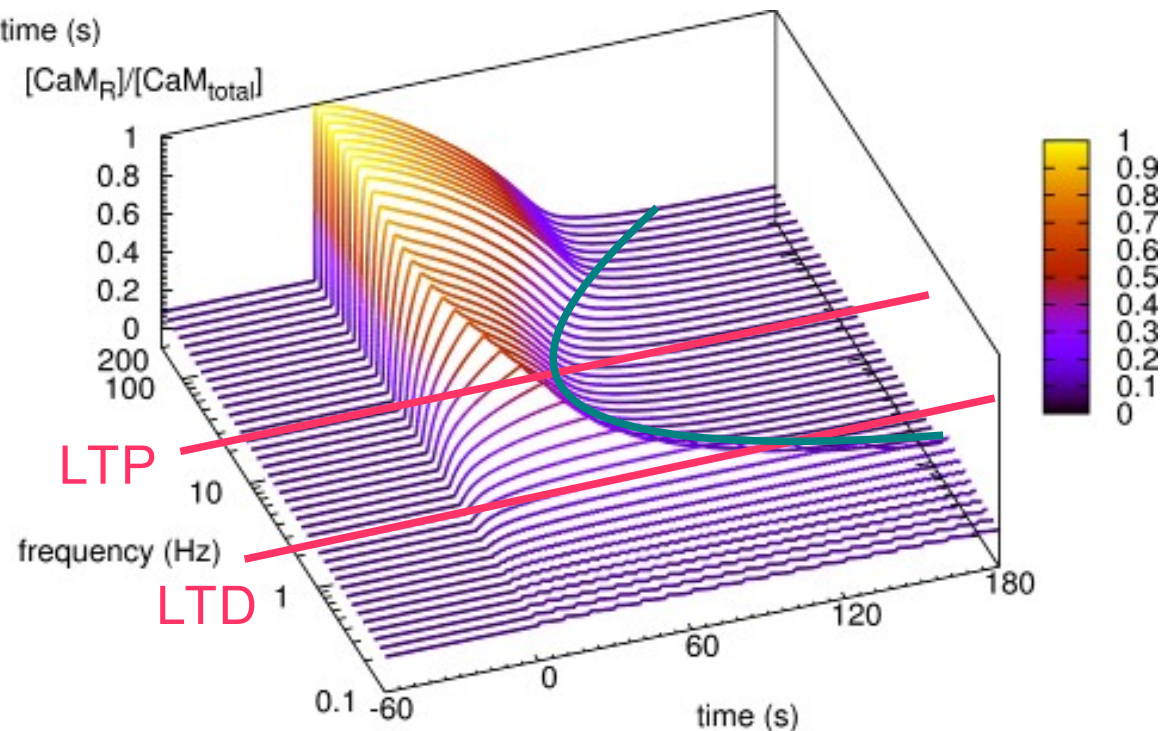
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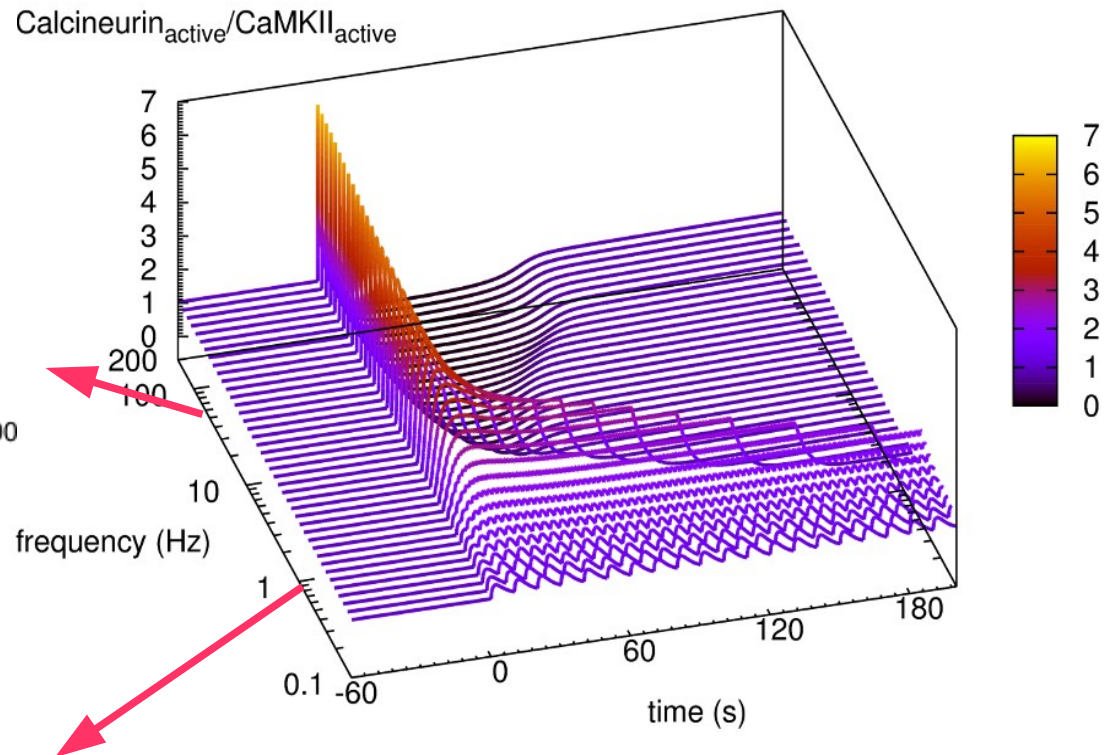
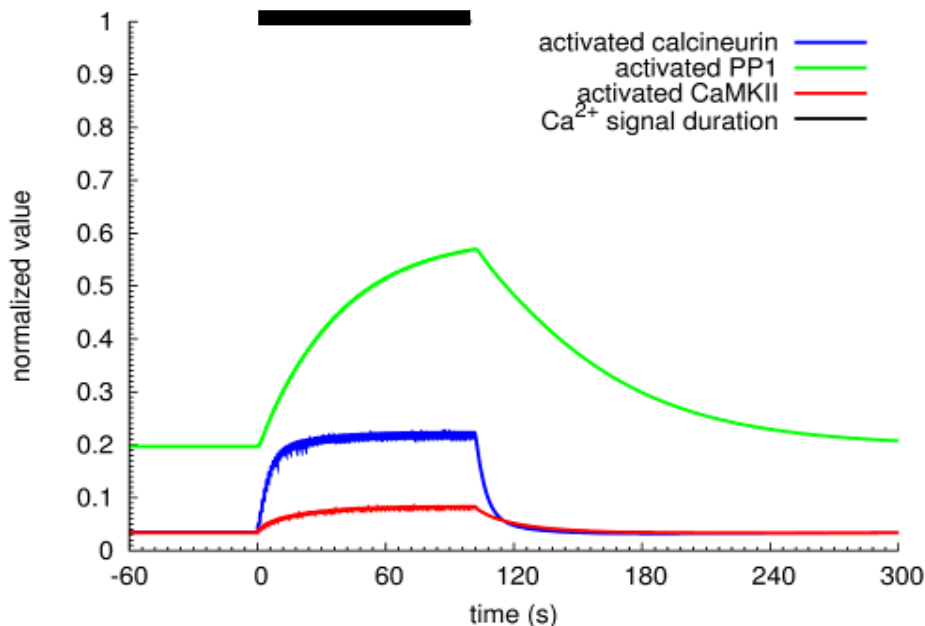
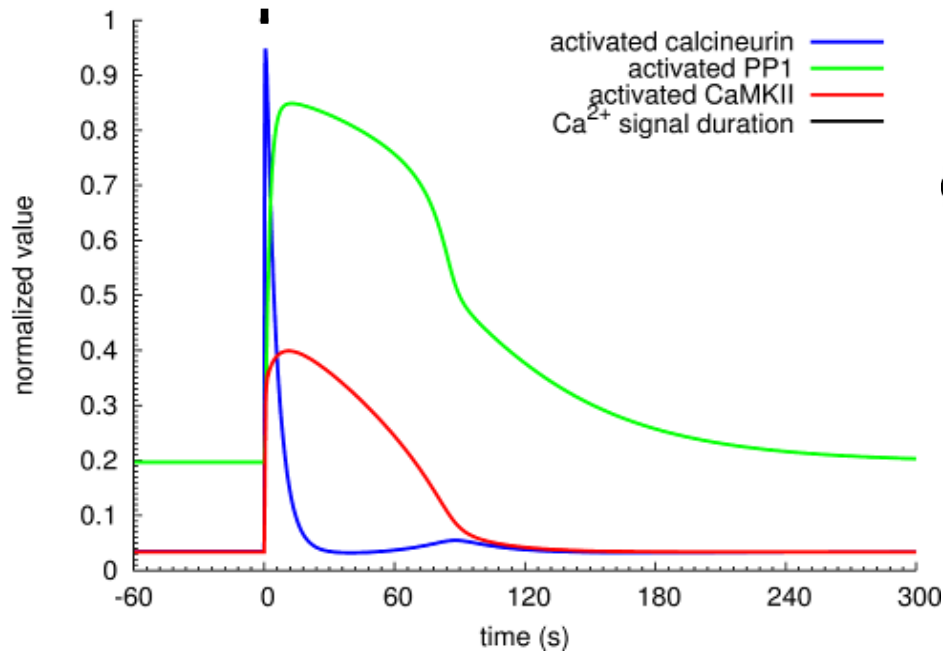
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At high frequency, effects of calcium signals last much longer than the signal itself

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Temporal activation of CaMKII and CaN

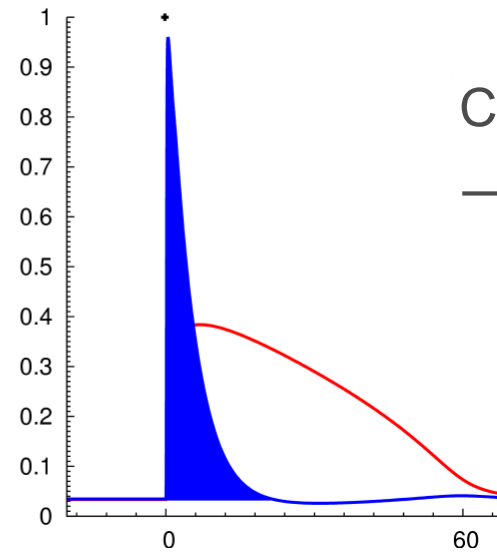
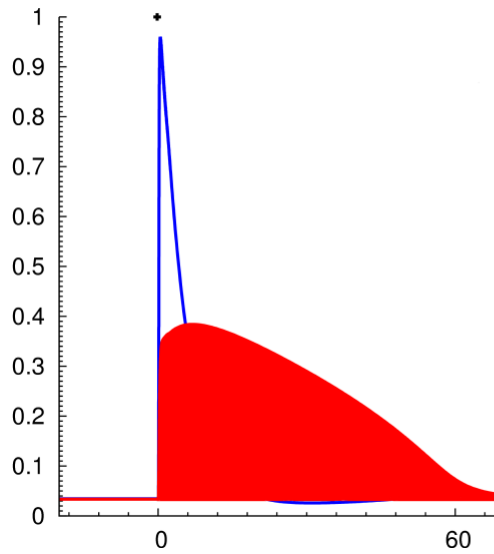


All calcium frequencies increase CaN **AND** CaMKII. It is not a Switch. But the ratio of activation changes

Bidirectional plasticity

Constant catalytic rates of active enzyme

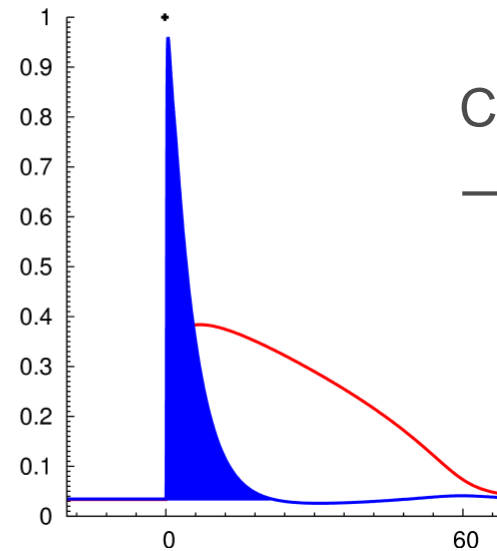
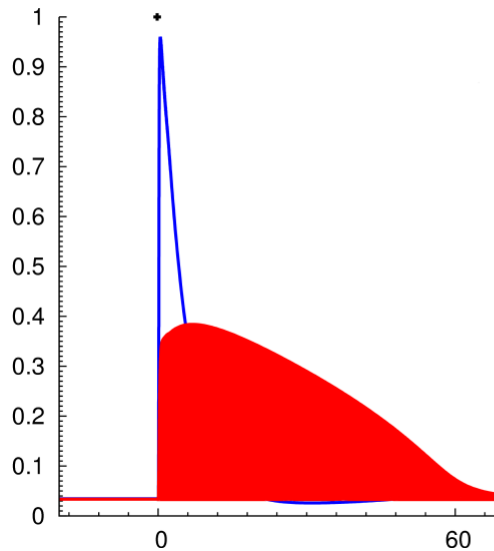
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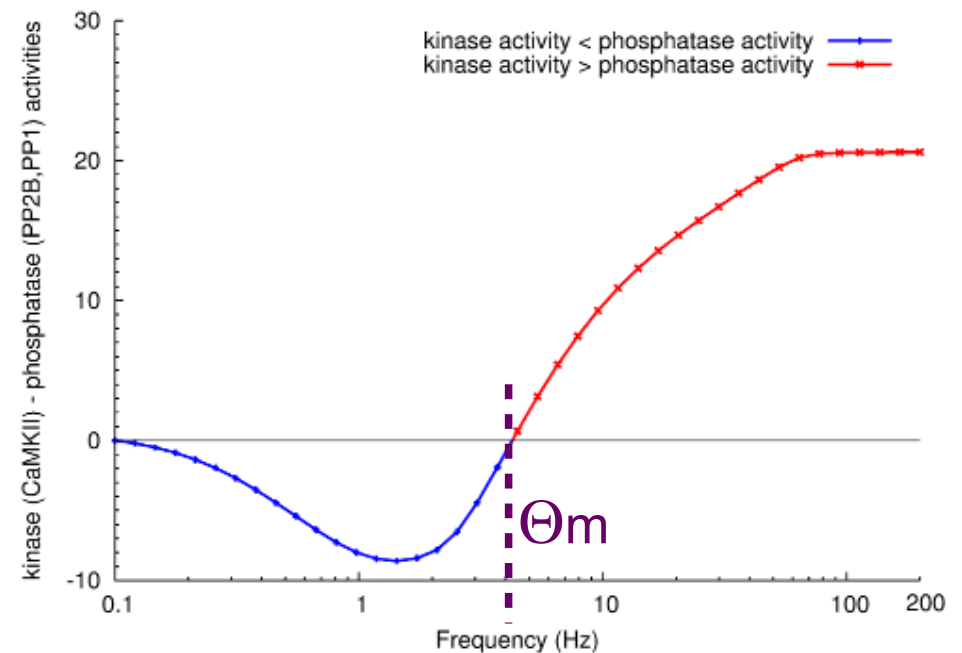
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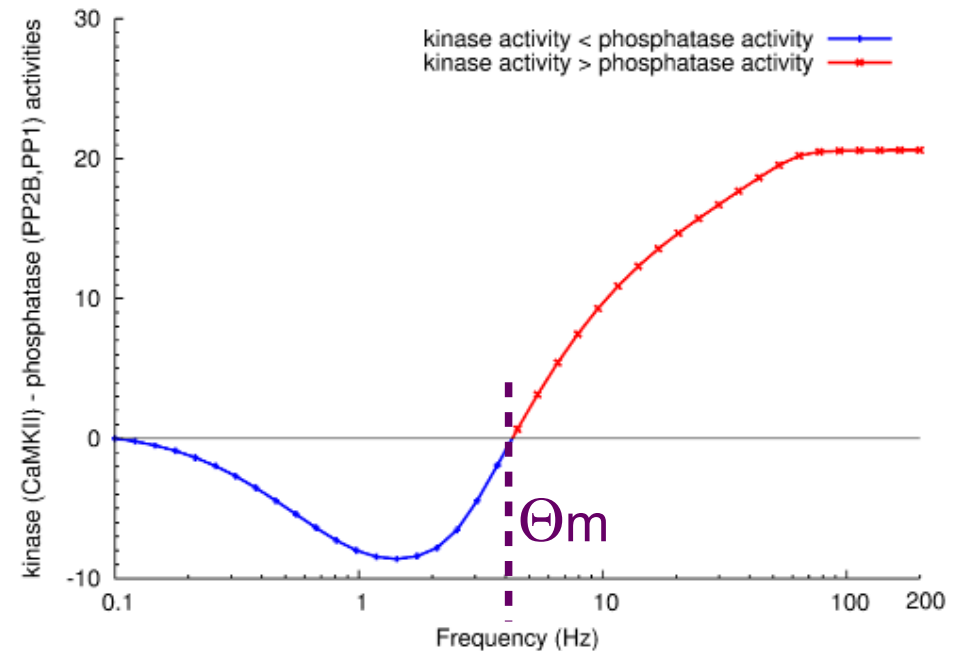
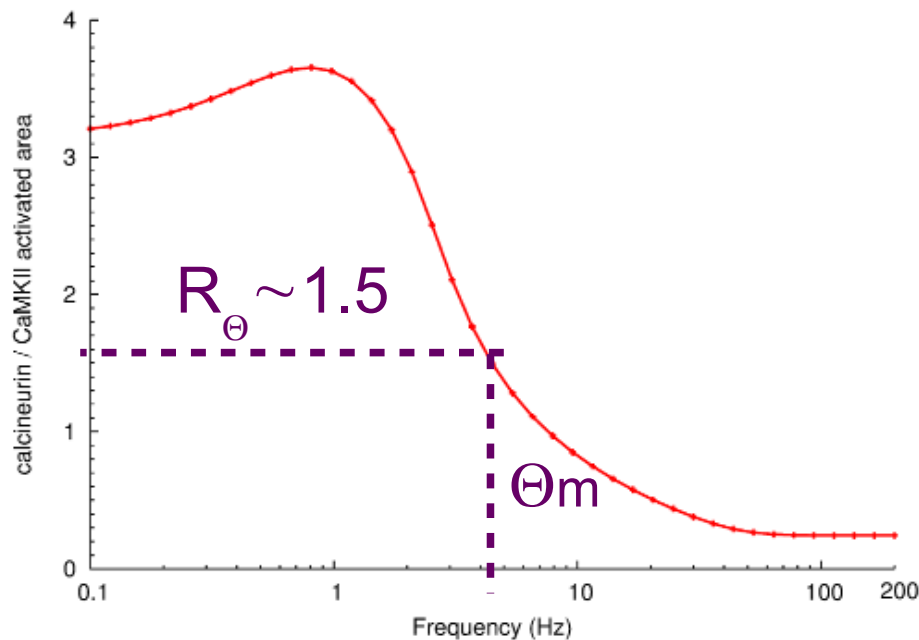
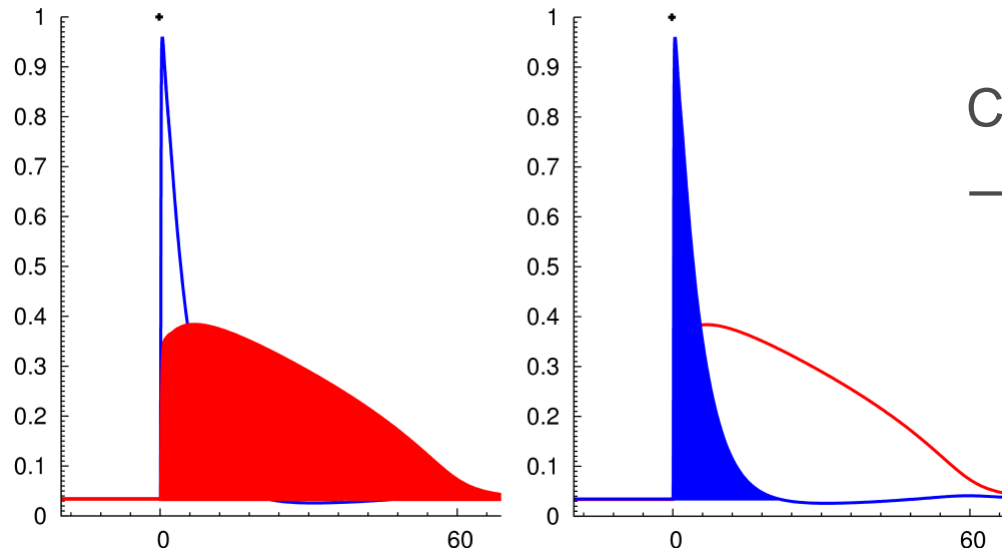
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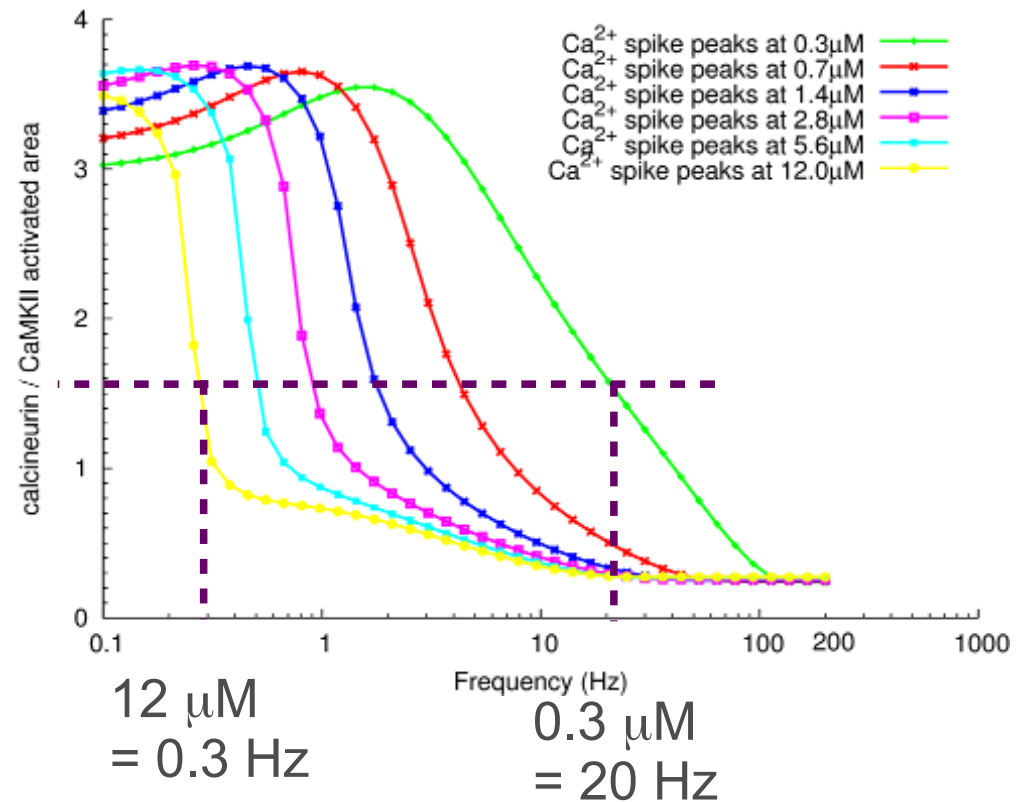
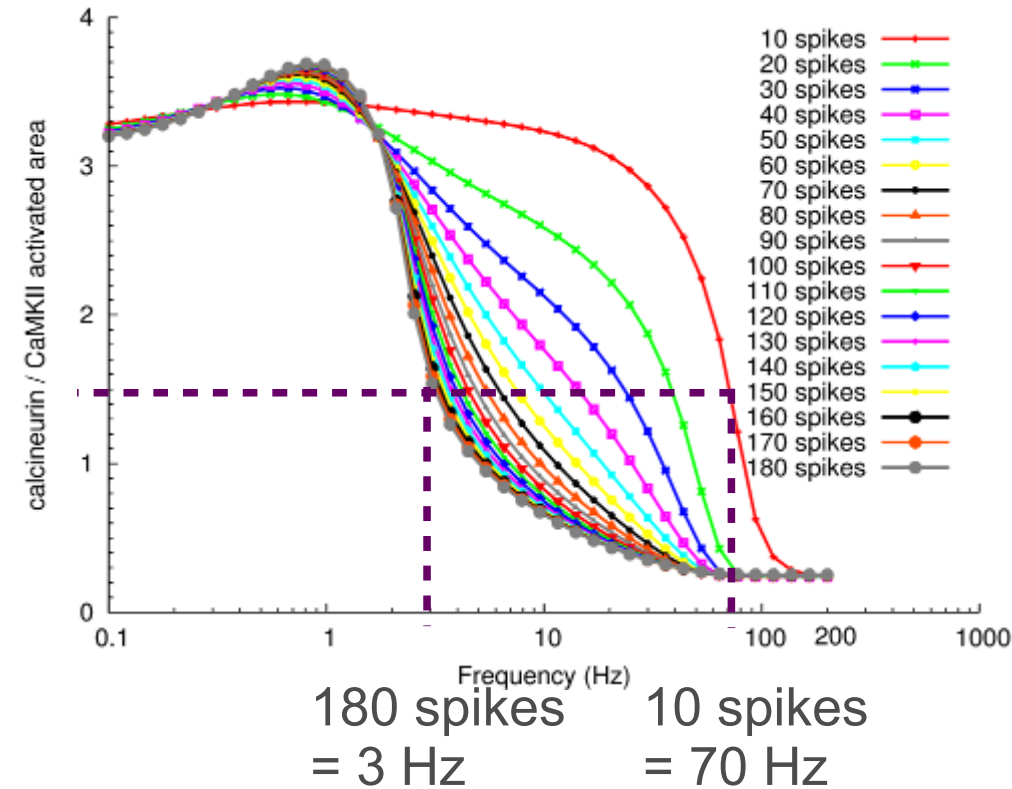
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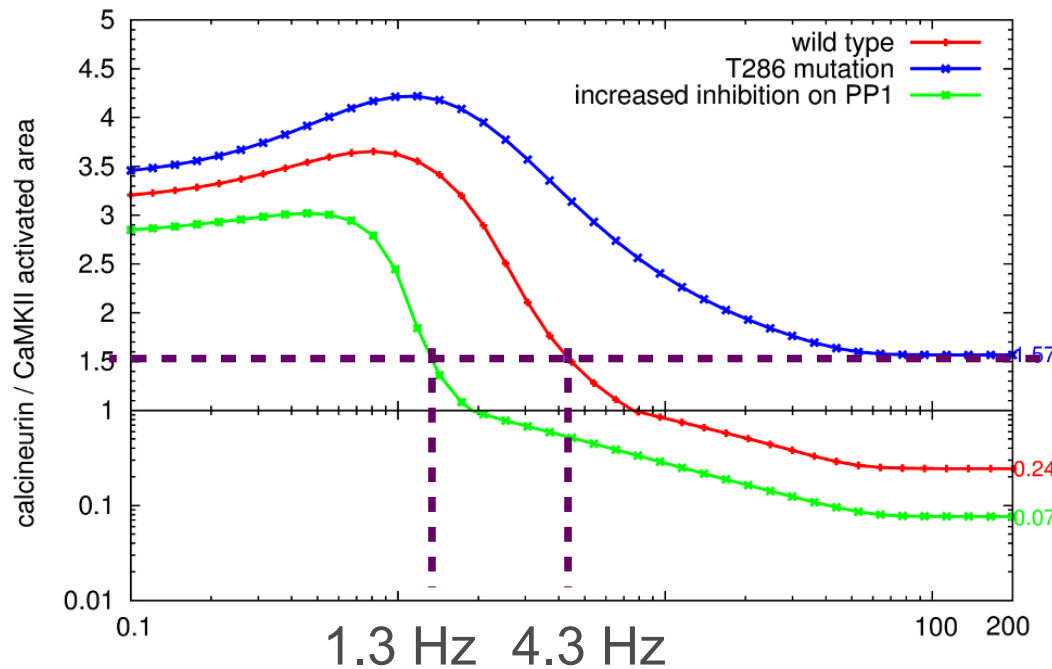


Effect of calcium duration and amount



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

Effect of intrinsic system perturbations

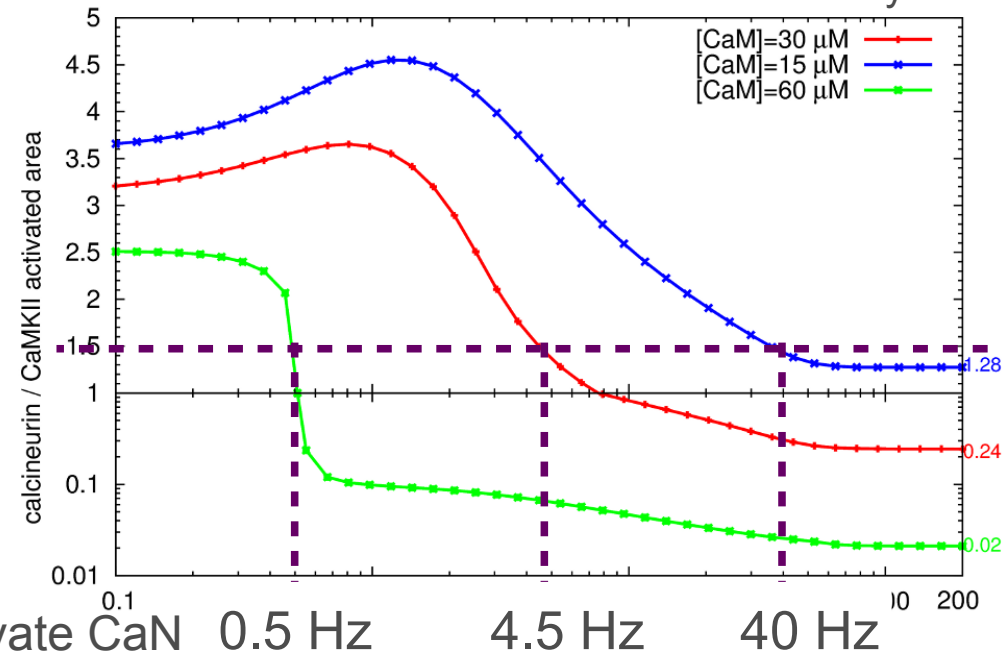


CaMKII not constitutively active
No CaM trapping

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

Lower deactivation of CaMKII

Effect of I1 and DARPP-32 activation by cAMP



Competition for CaM, CaN wins

Effect of $Ng^{-/-}$ (Huang *et al* 2004).
Better performance at low frequencies.

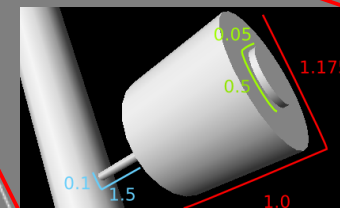
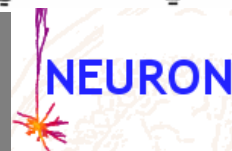
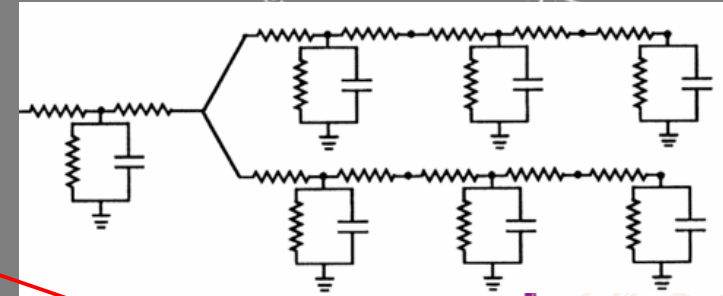
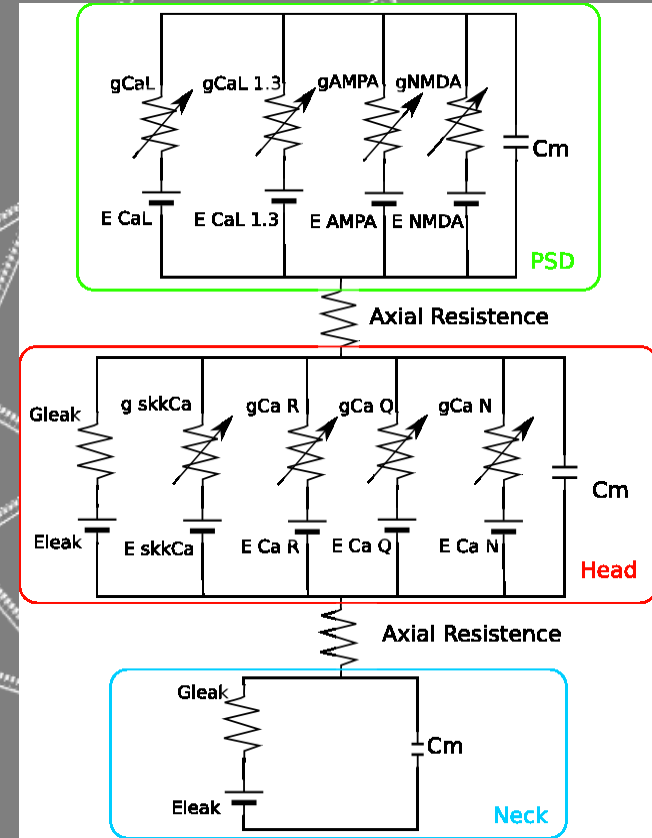
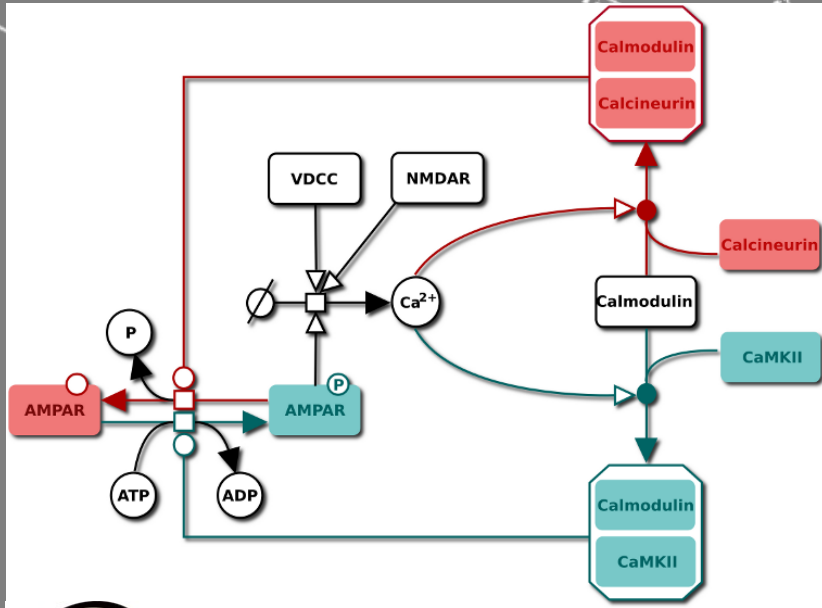
NB: No need of direct interactions between
CaN and CaMKII to explain paradoxical effects
of T306 phosphorylation (Pi *et al* 2010) on CaN.
T206P releases limiting CaM, that can then activate CaN

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

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

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



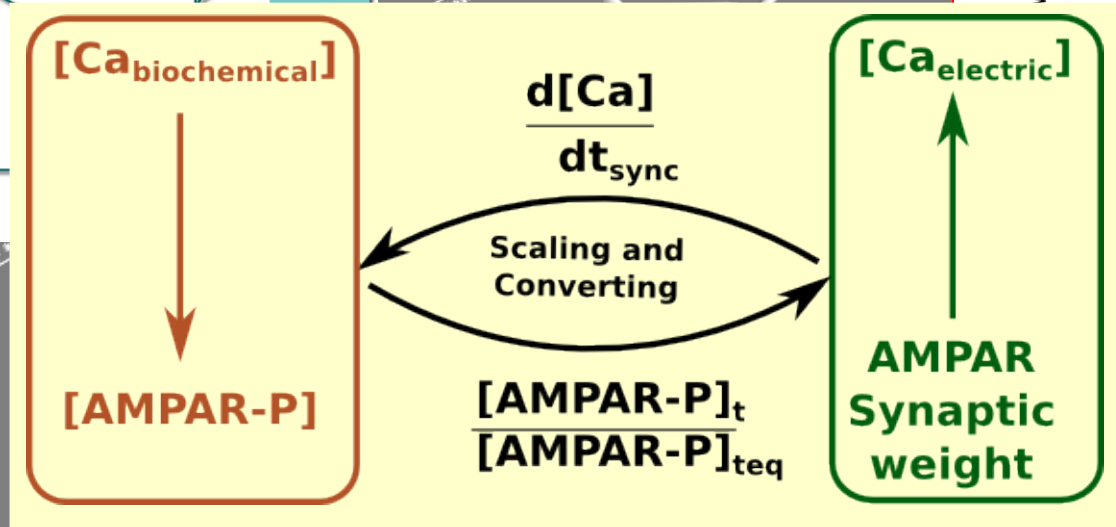
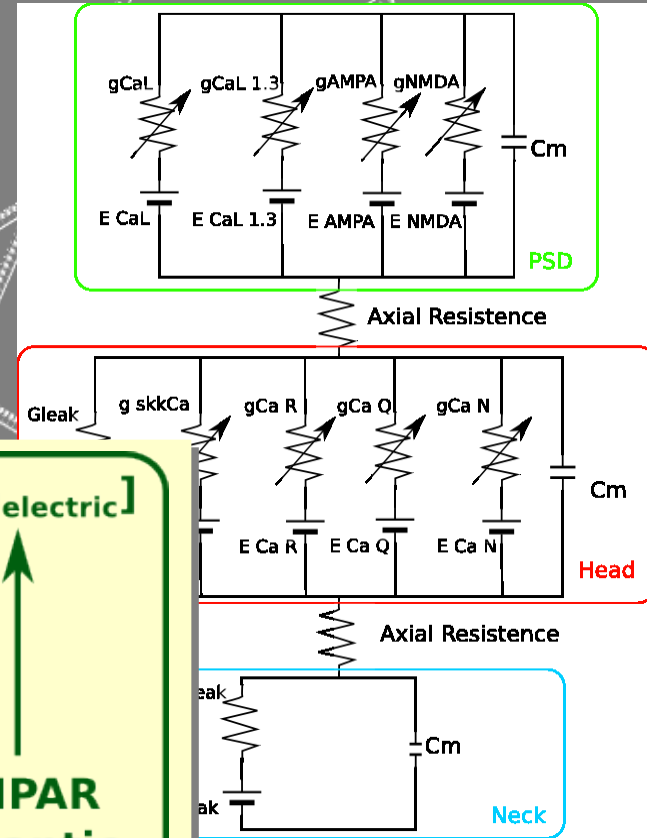
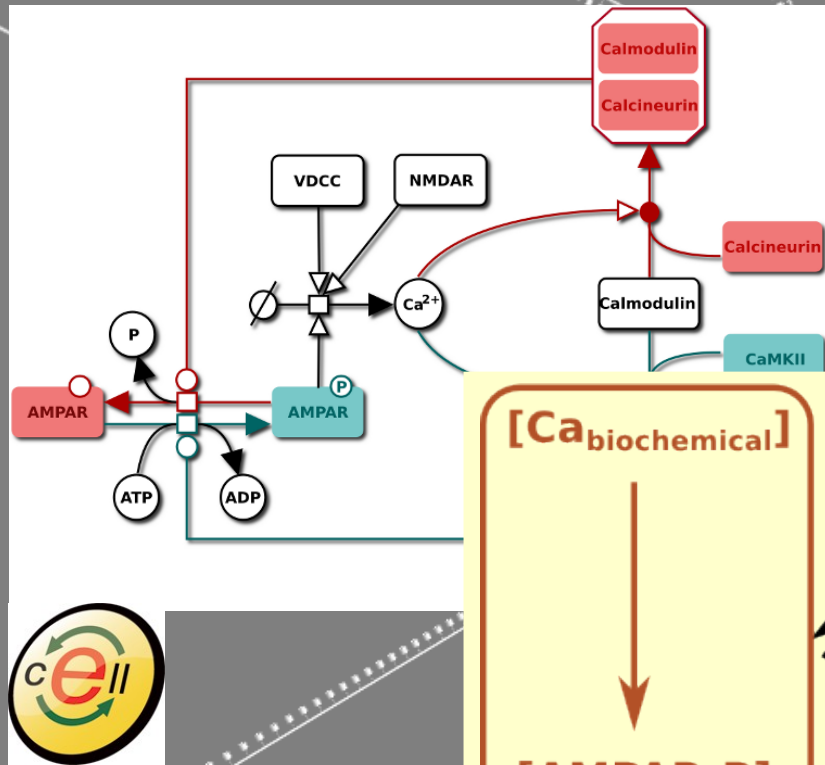
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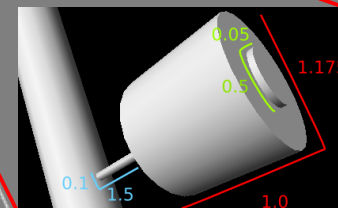
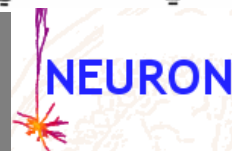
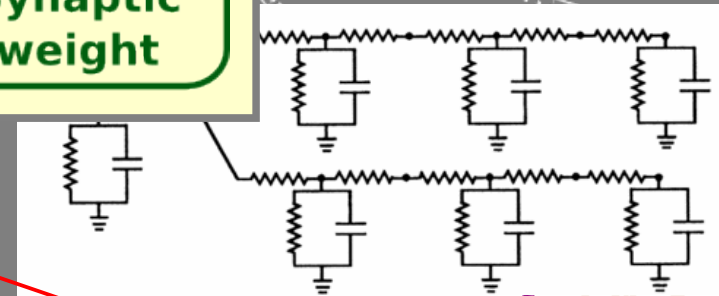
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Whole cell: electro-biochemical models



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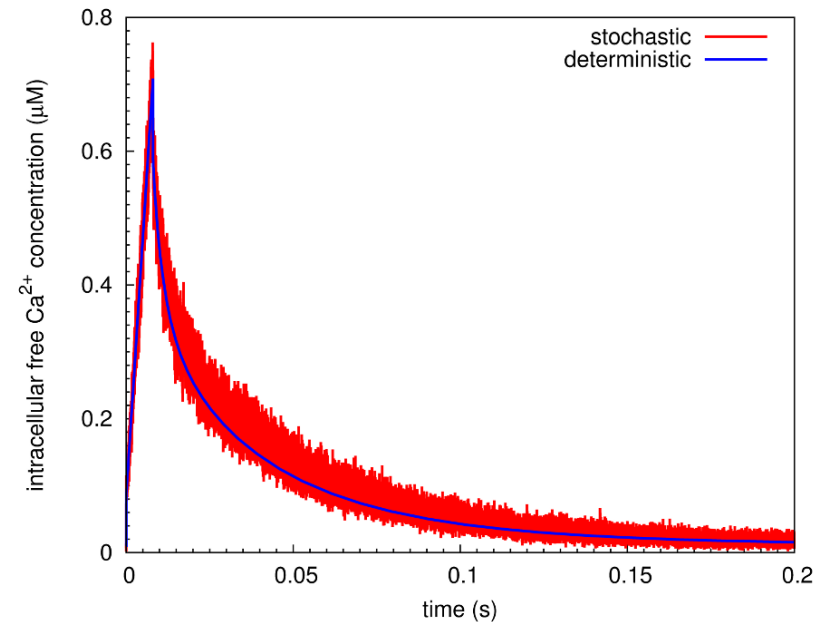
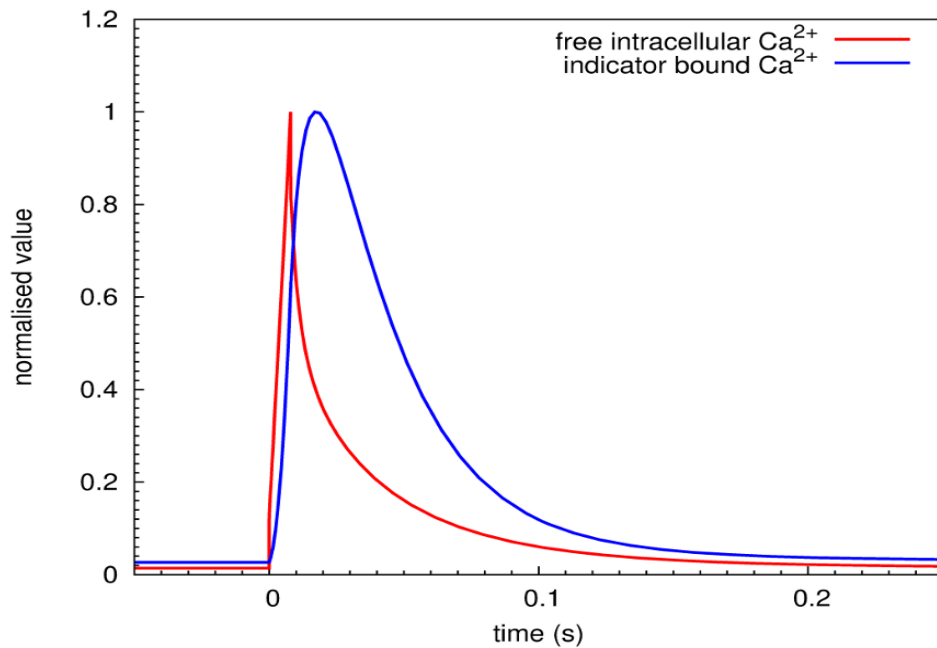
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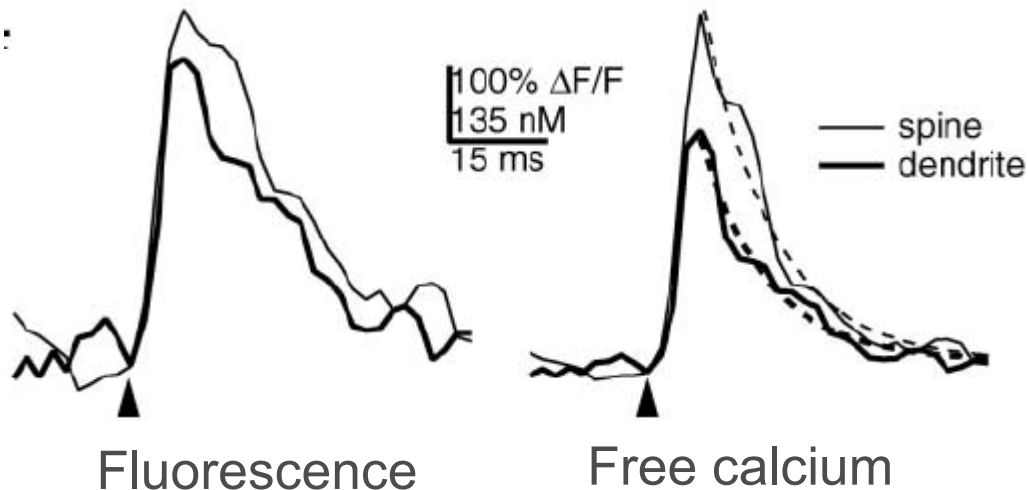
Pecunia est nervus belli



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.