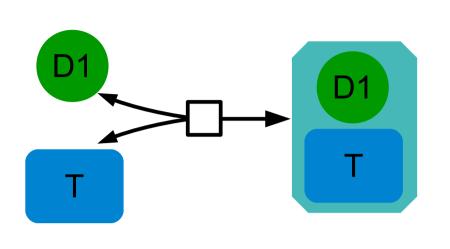


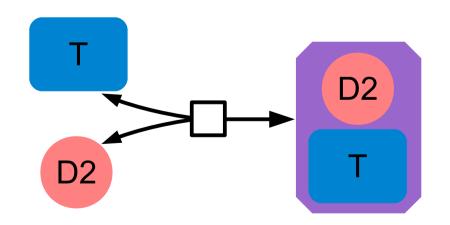


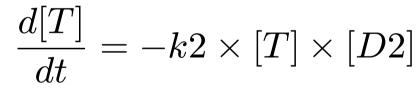
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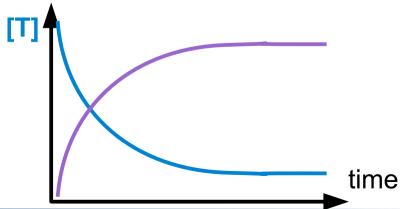


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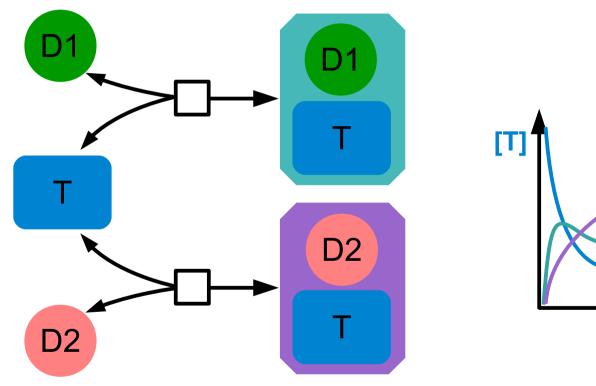


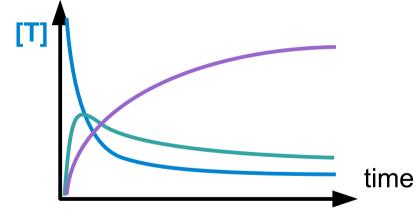




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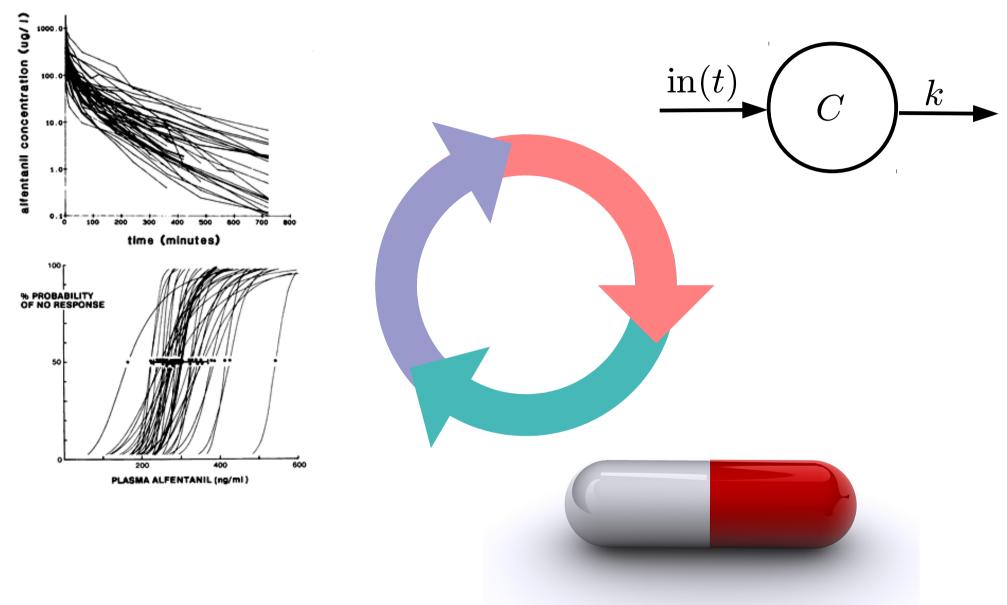
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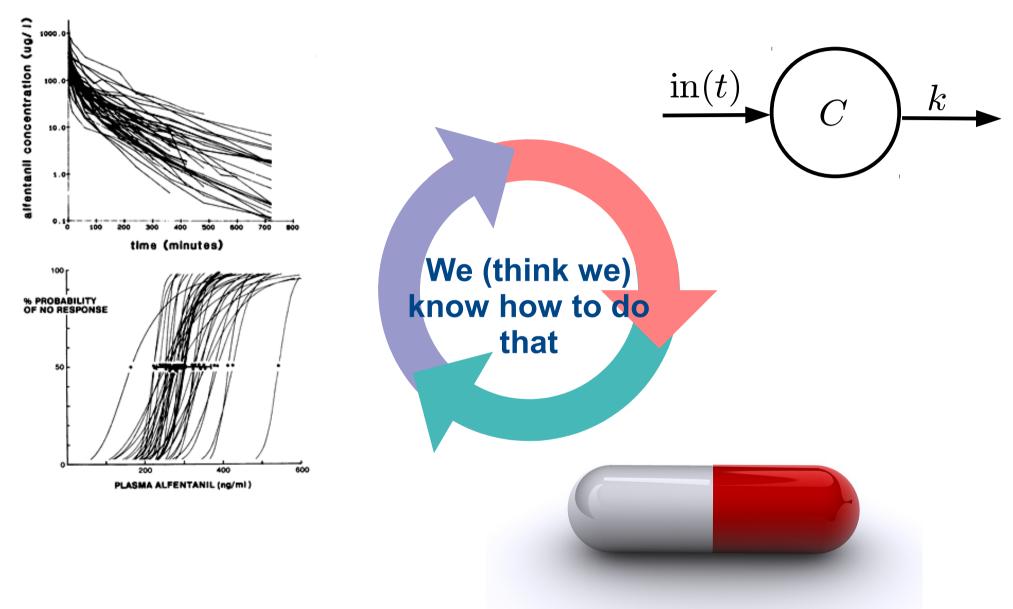


## Drug discovery and pharmacometrics models



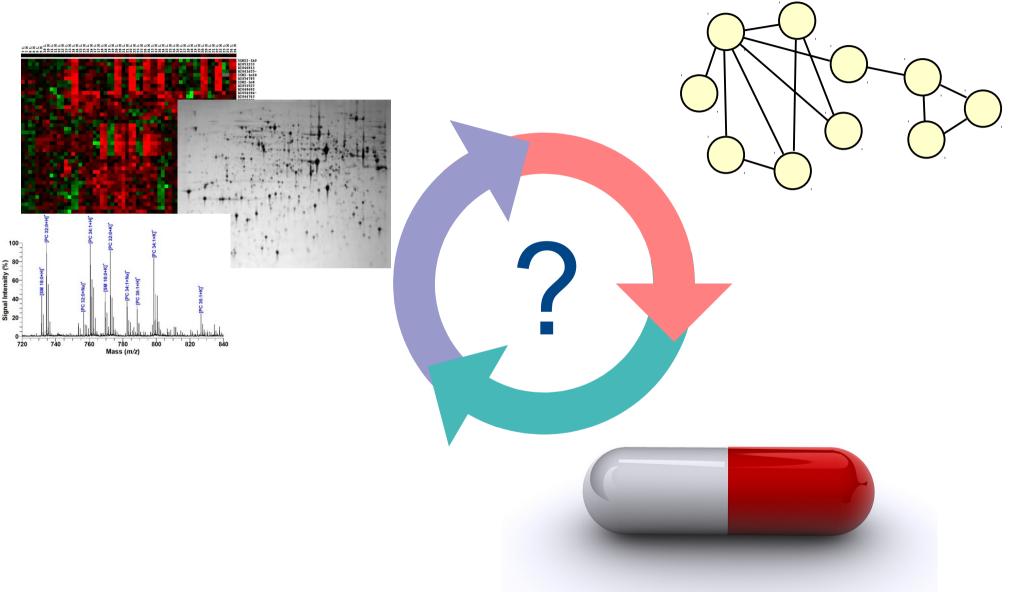


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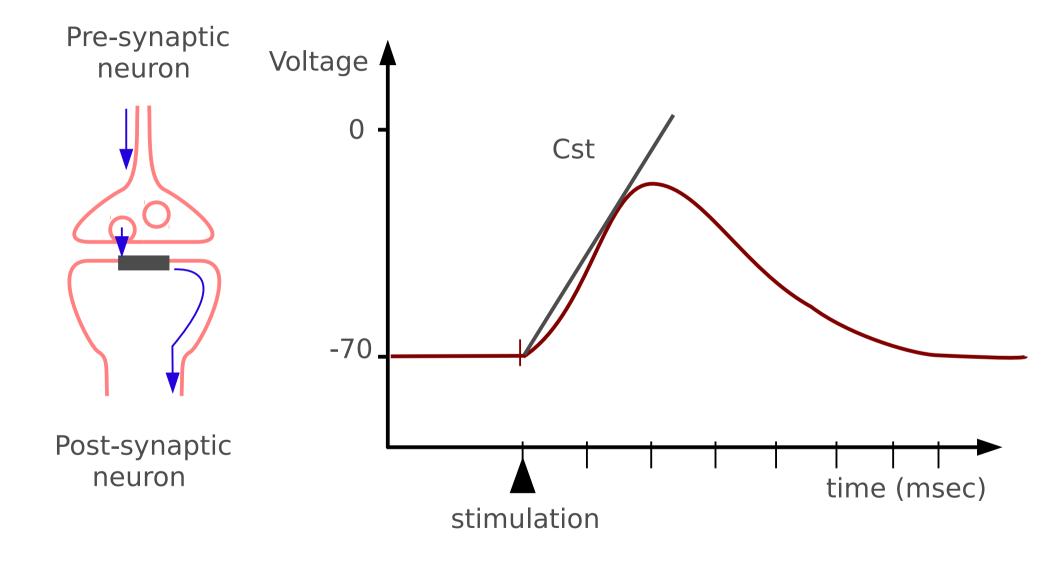


# Allosteric calcium sensors in synaptic plasticity

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## **Excitatory post-synaptic potential**



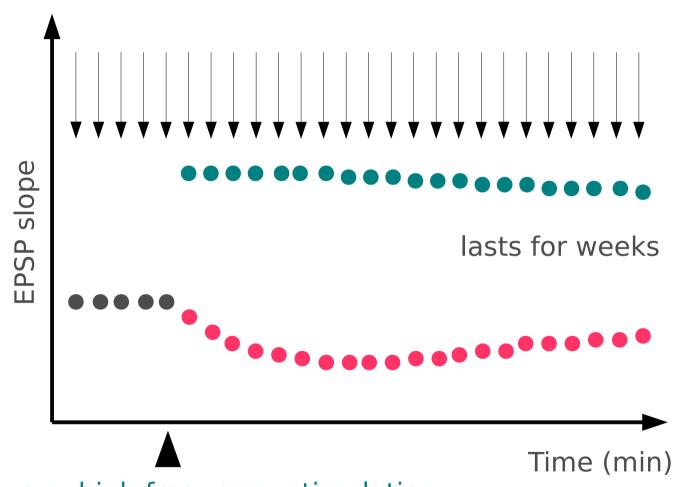


### **Bidirectional synaptic plasticity**





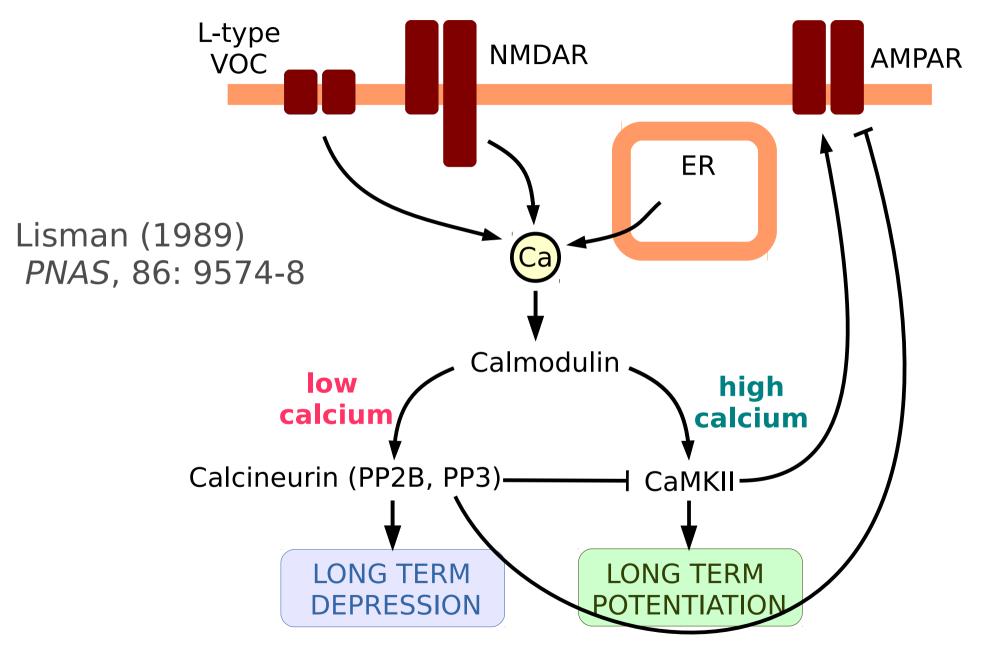
Post-synaptic neuron



e.g. high frequency stimulation e.g. low frequency stimulation

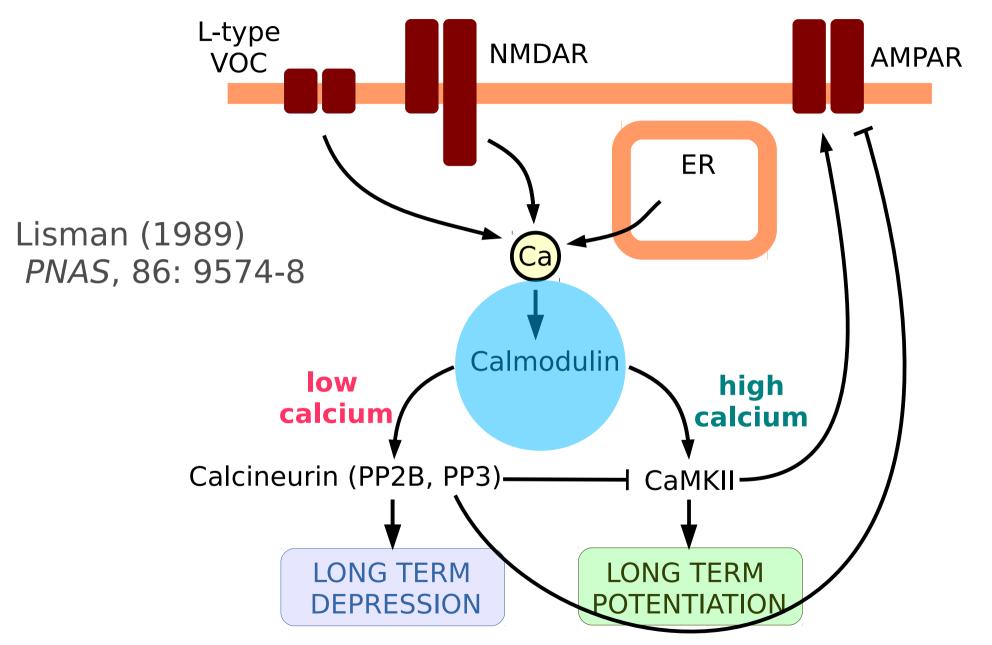


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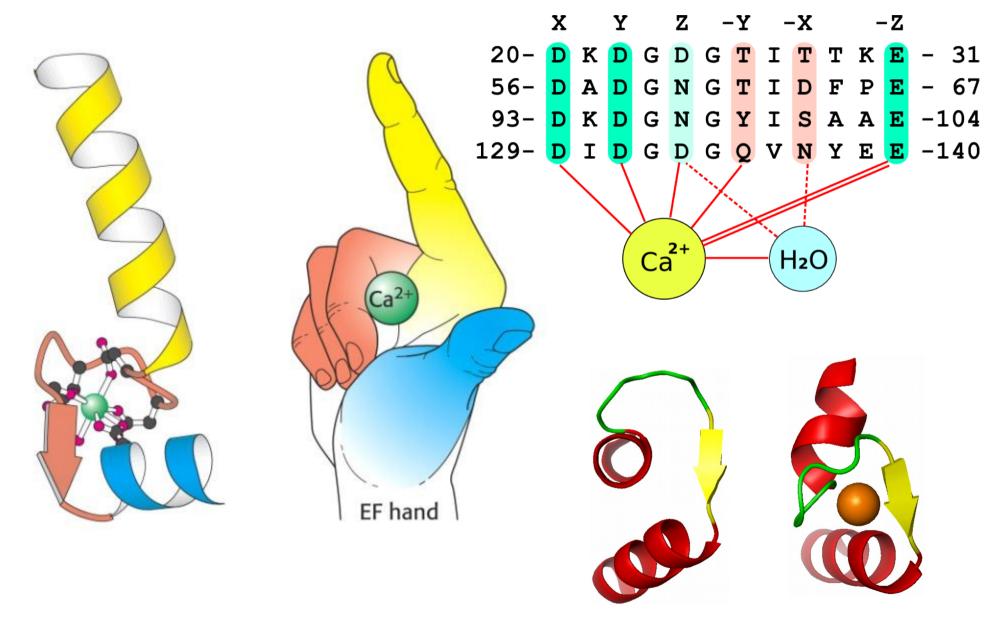


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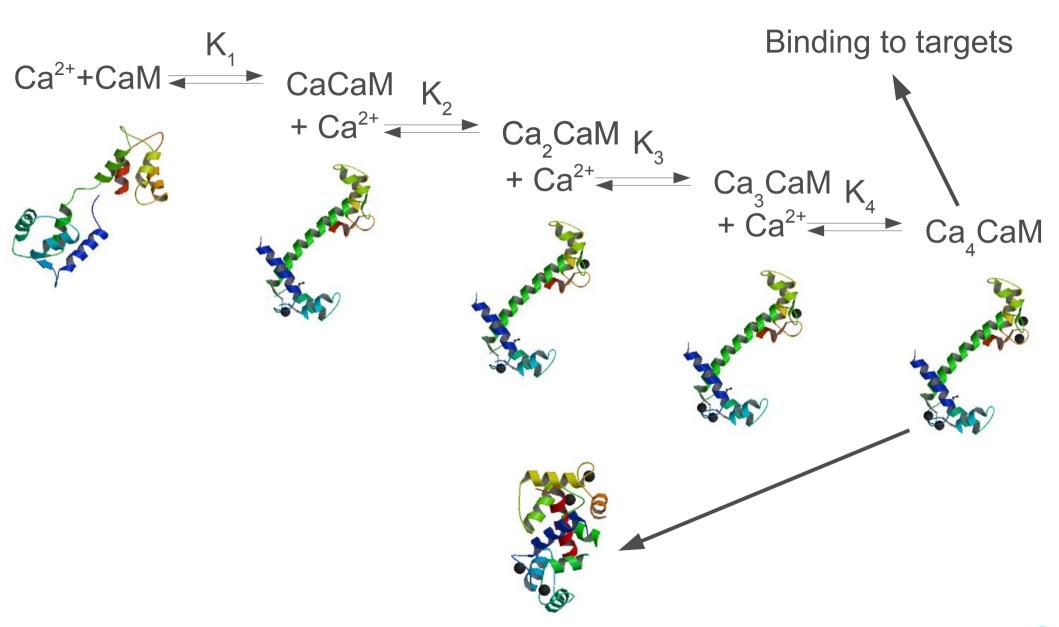


## Structure of a Calmodulin Ca<sup>2+</sup> binding domain



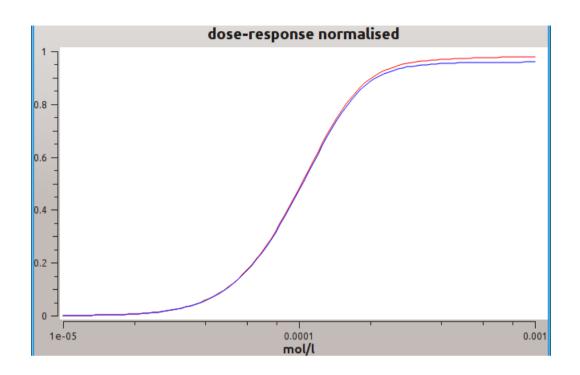


## Corresponding induced-fit model





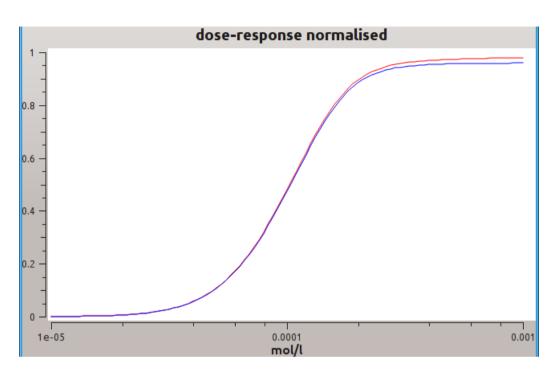
### That does not work ....



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[CaN]=[CamKII]=[CaM]/10;
Kd_CaMKII = 10xKd_CaN;
Software COPASI
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#### We knew it would not work



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- Calmodulin can activate calcineurin with 3 Ca<sup>2+</sup> (Kincaid and Vaughan (1986). PNAS, 83: 1193-1197)
- Calmodulin can bind CaMKII with 2 Ca<sup>2+</sup> (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

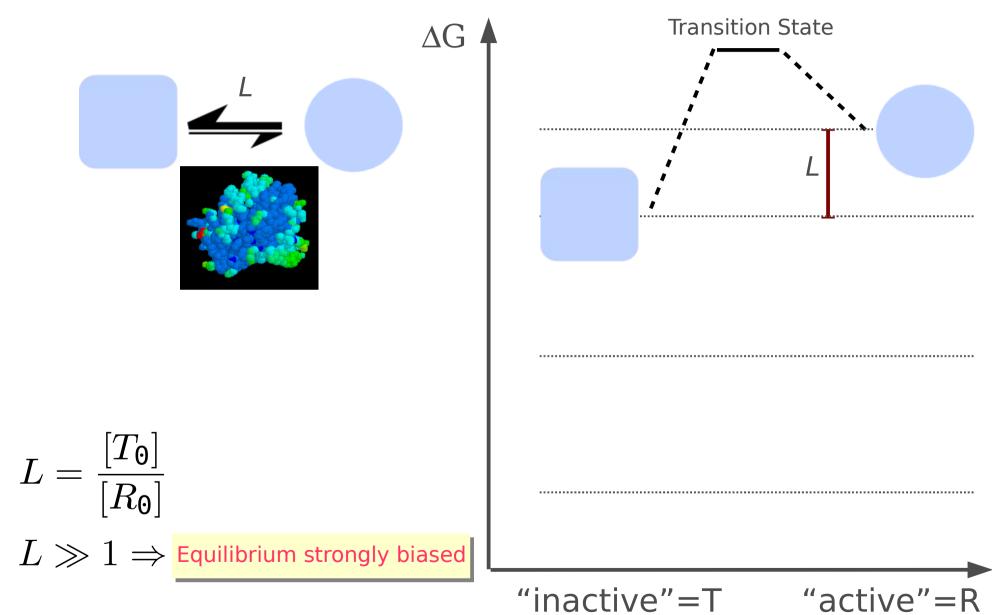




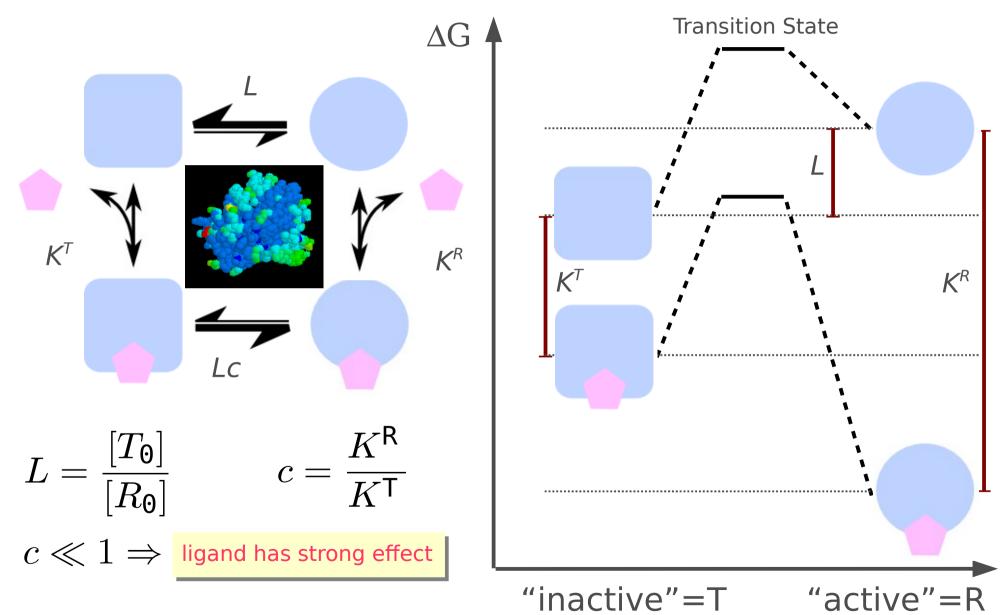




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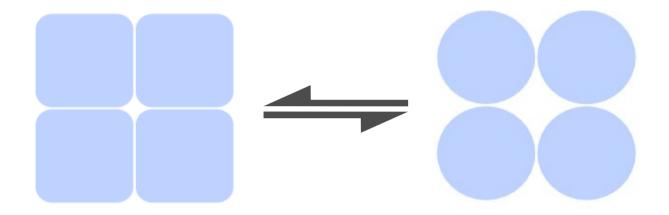


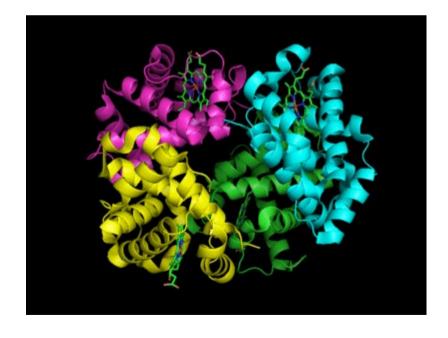
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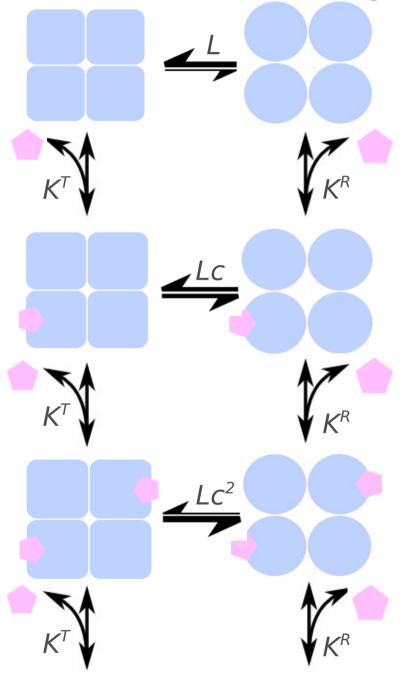
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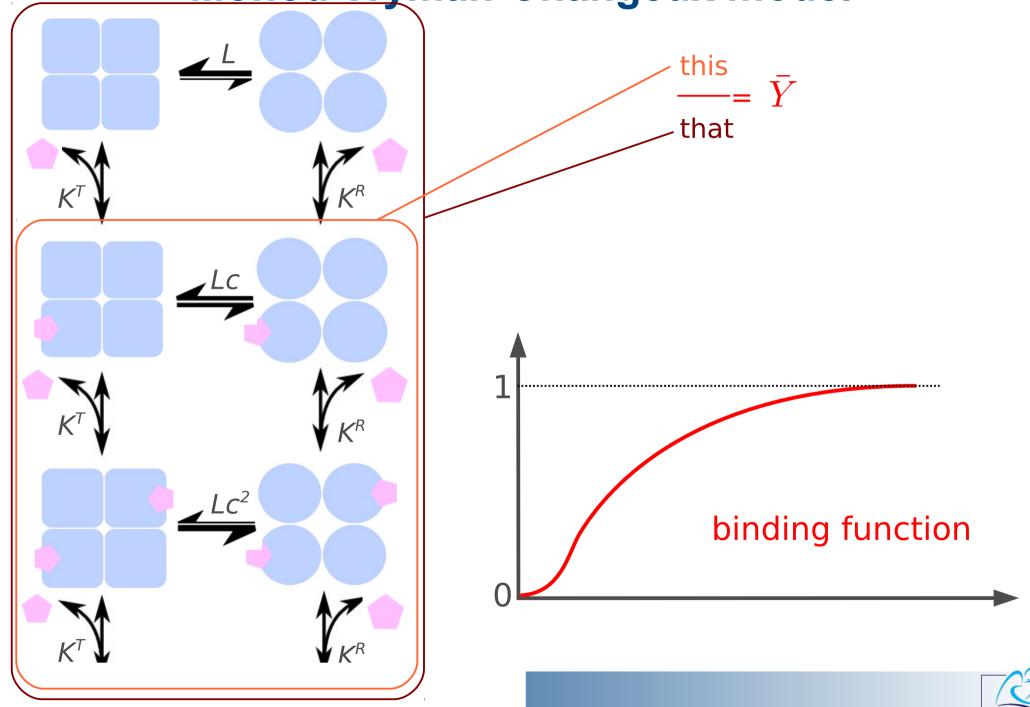


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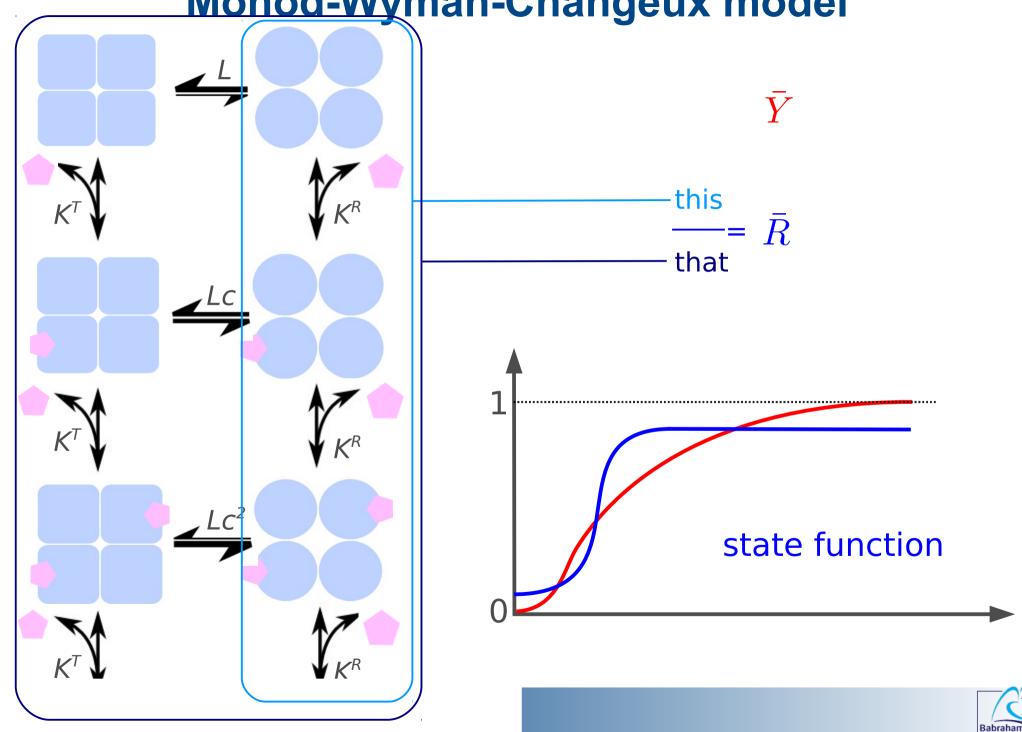


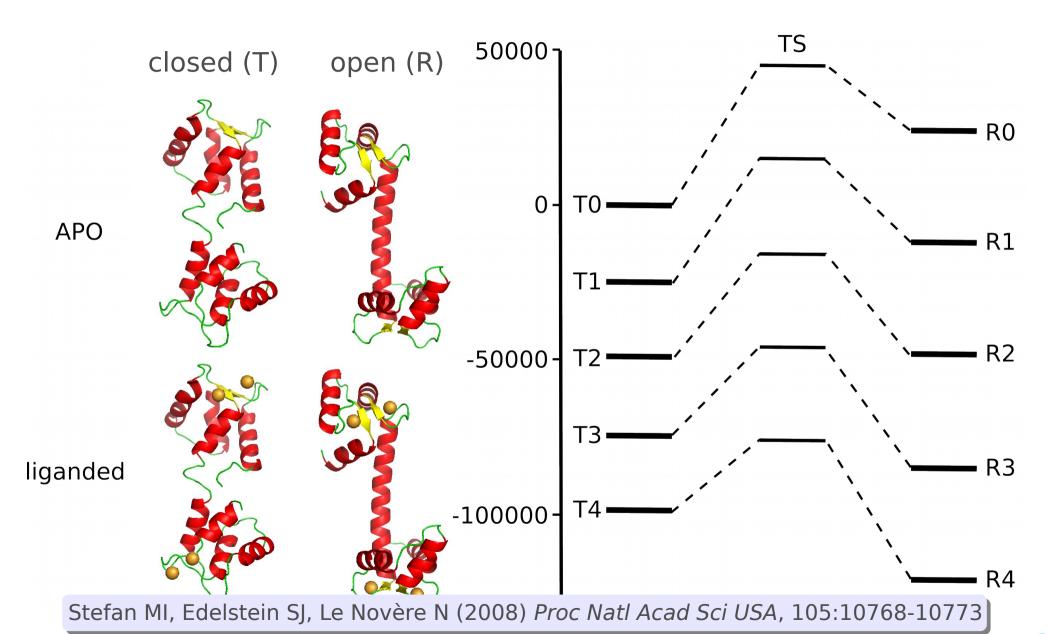


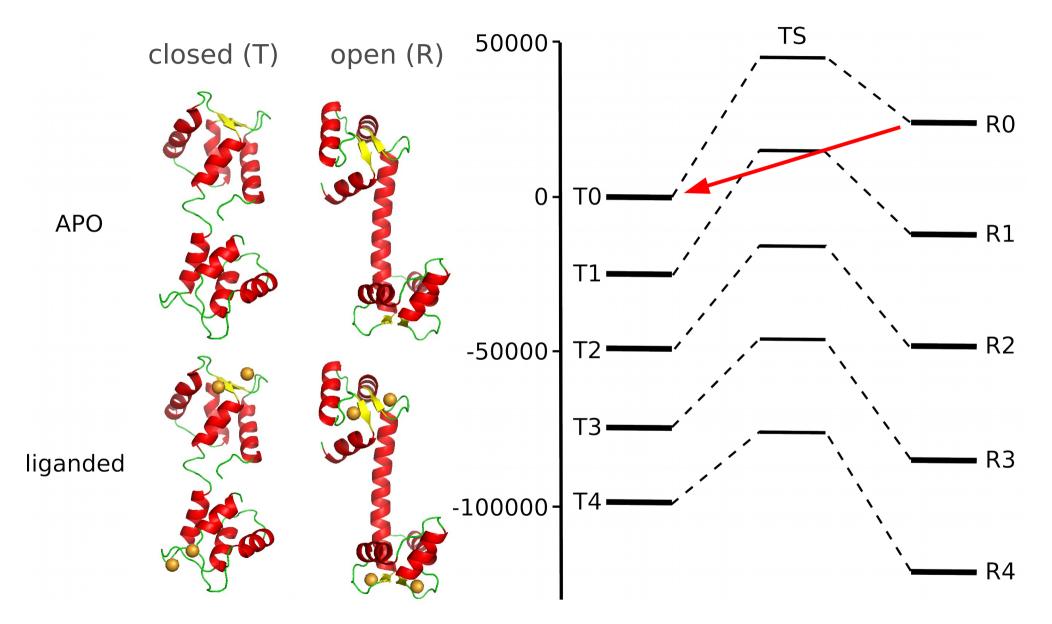
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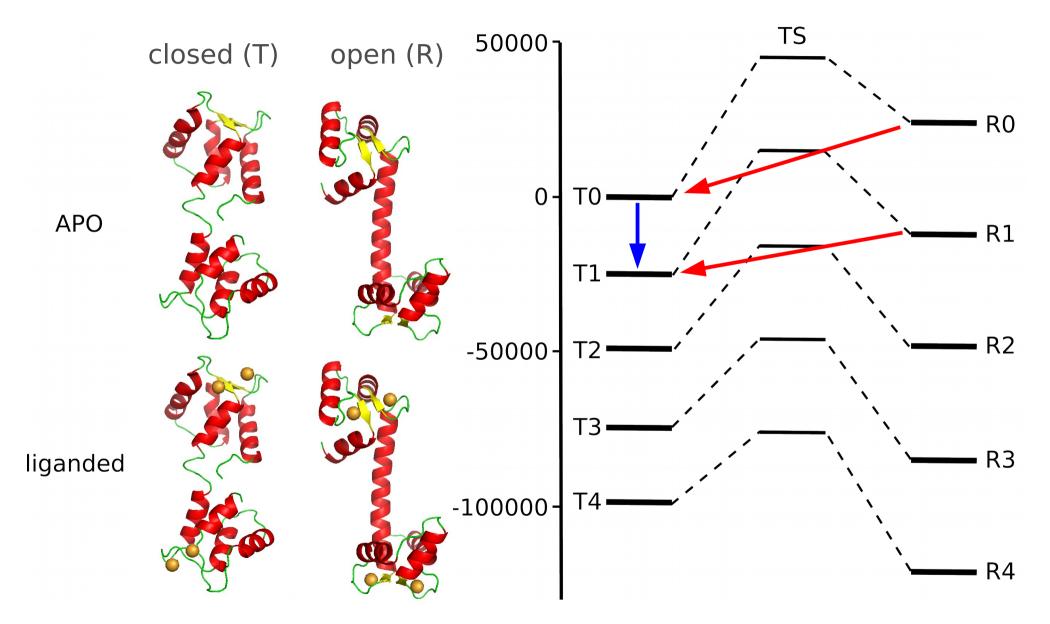
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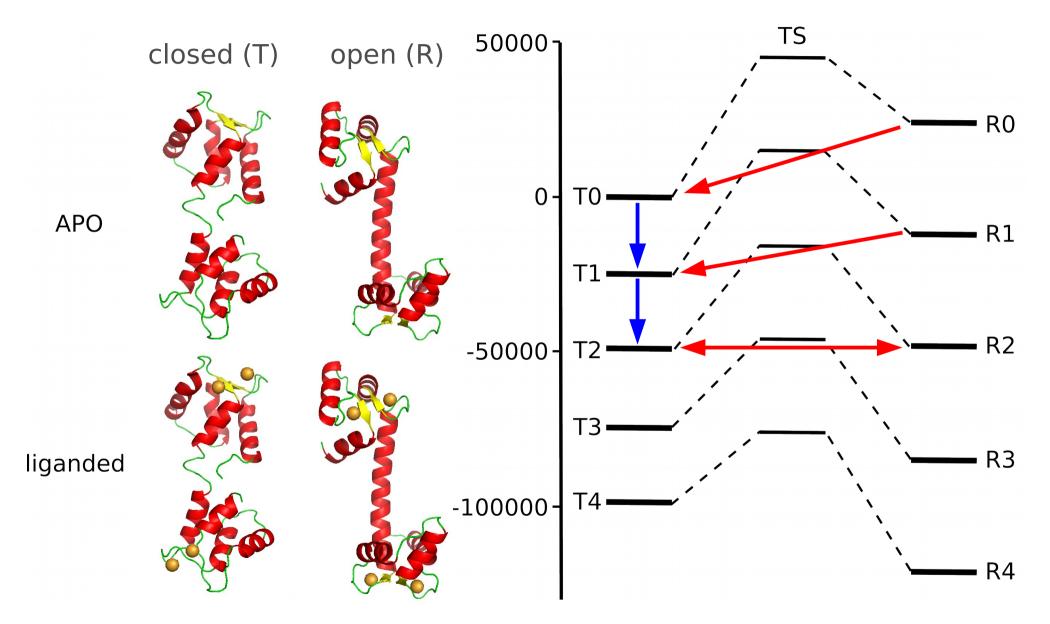




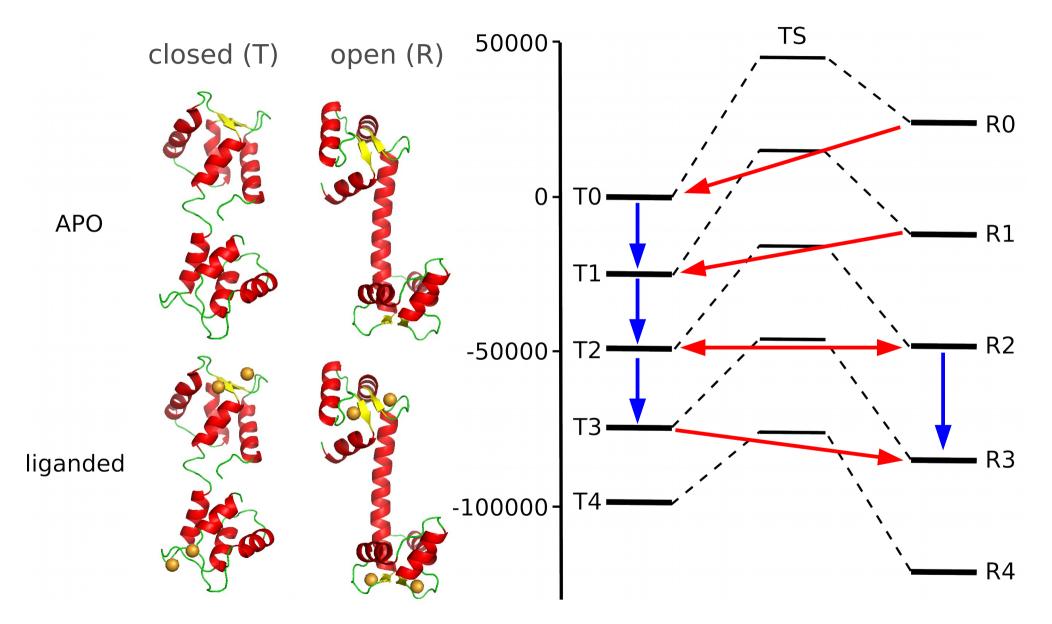




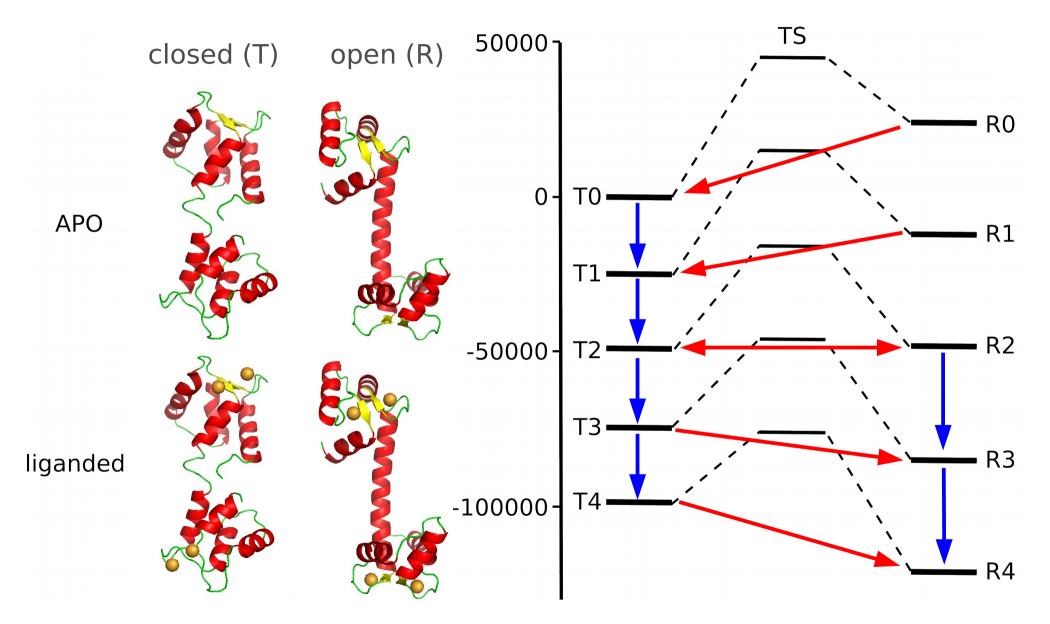














## Parameterisation using accurate measurements

- 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



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

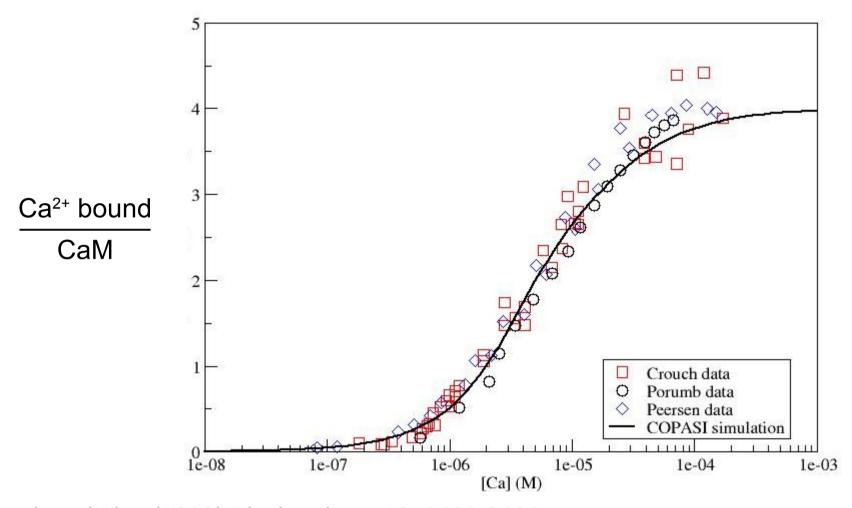
Affinity of Ca<sup>2+</sup> for "open state" 250 times higher than for "closed state"

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

2 high, 2 low, as expected



## 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)

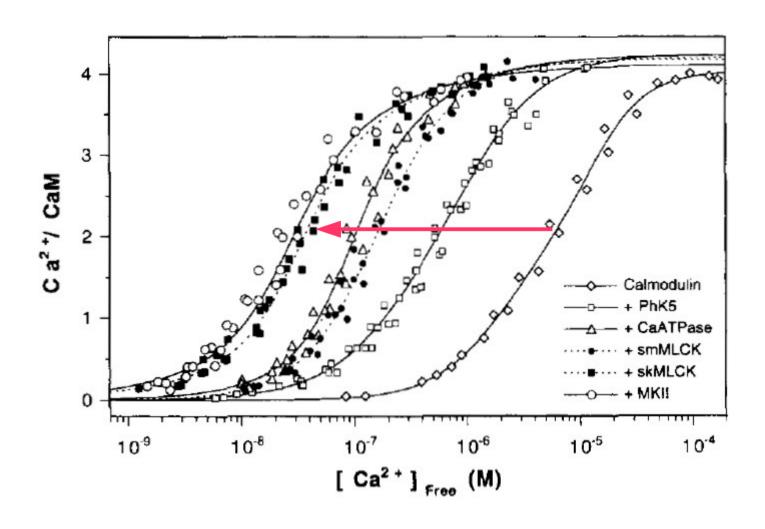
Fractional activity depends on the number of calcium ions bound

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

- $R_0/T_0 = 1/20000 (1/L)$
- $R_1/T_1 = 1/170$
- $R_4/T_4 = 10000$



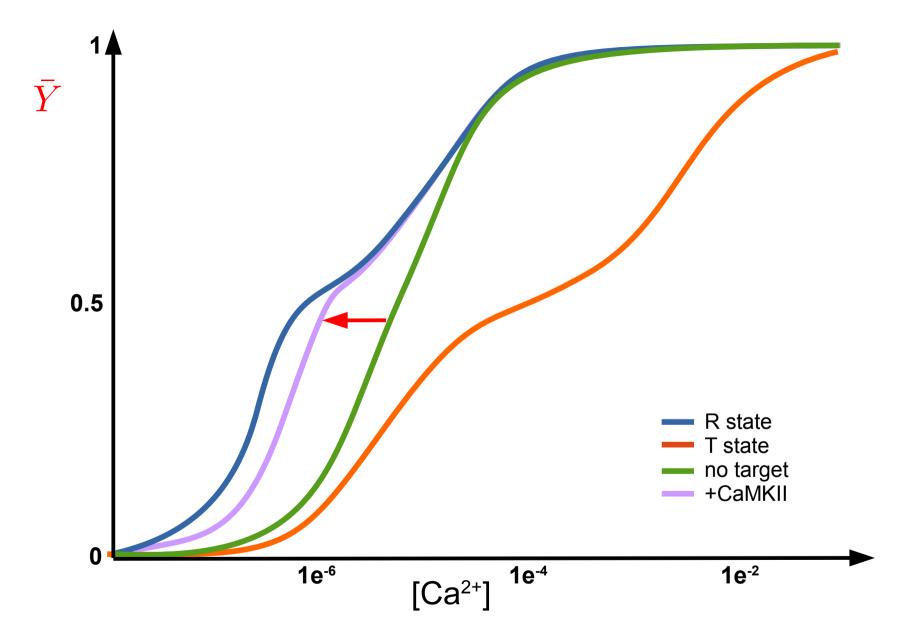
## Targets as allosteric effectors



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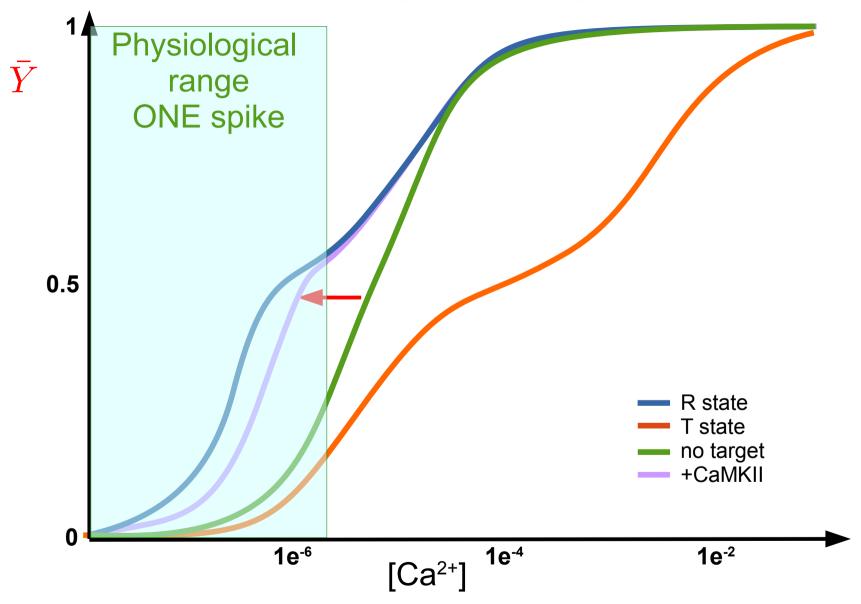


# Binding to target increases the affinity for Ca<sup>2+</sup>



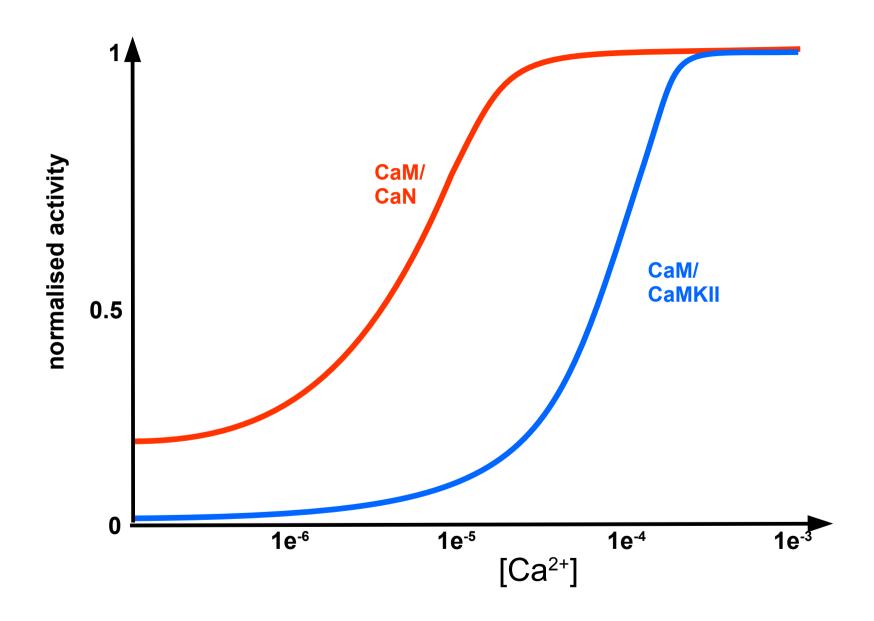


# Targets stabilises Ca<sup>2+</sup> binding into the physiological range





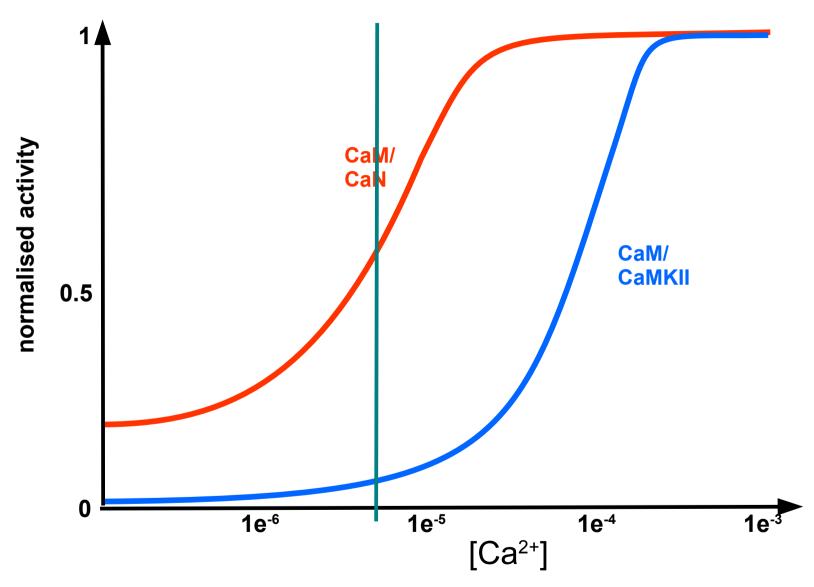
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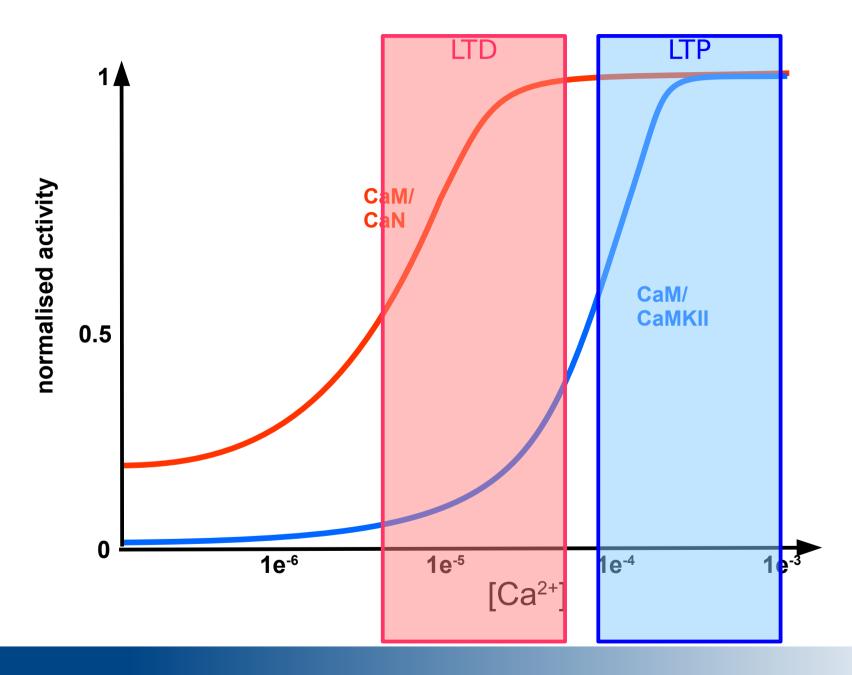
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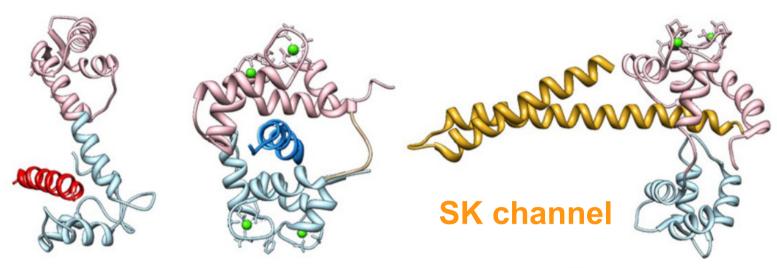


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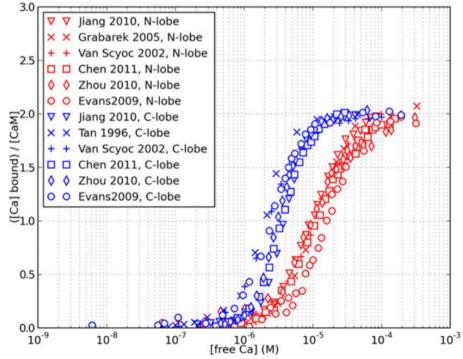
# Different binding to different targets



**Neurogranin** 

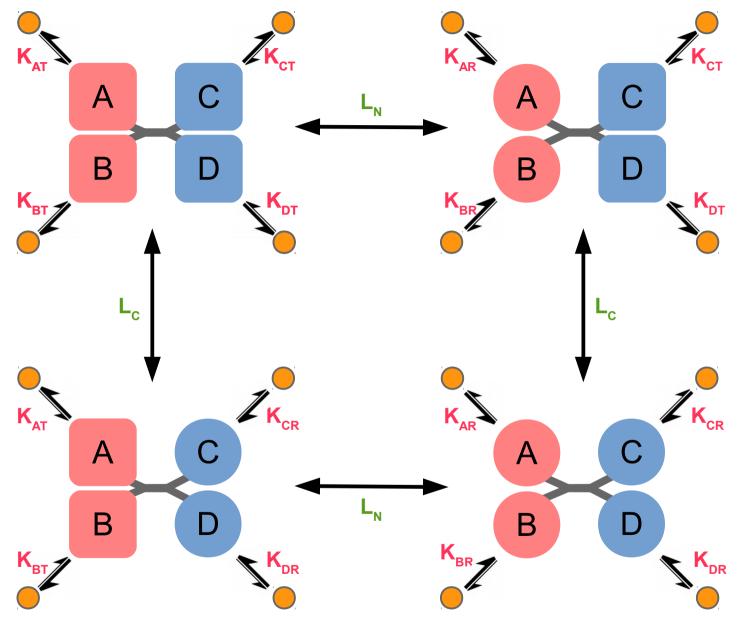
**MLCK** 

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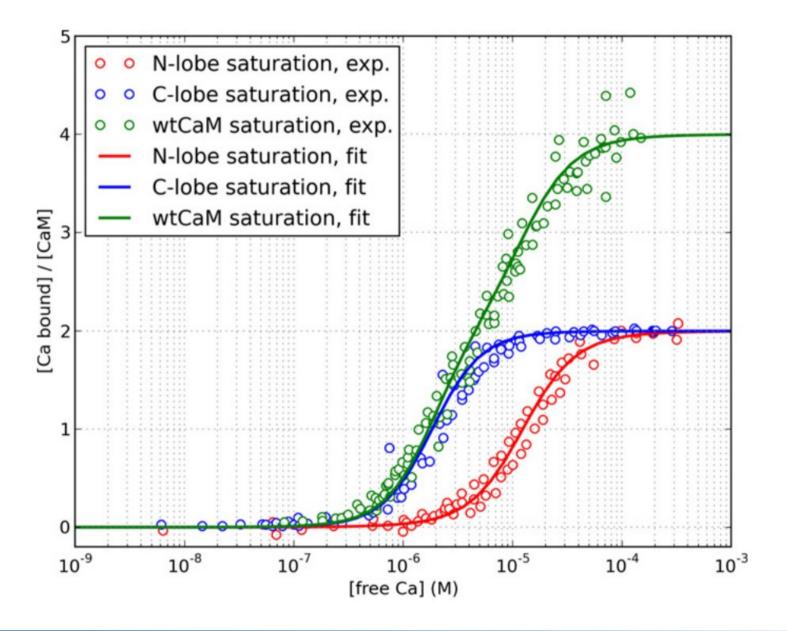
## Hemiconcerted model of calmodulin



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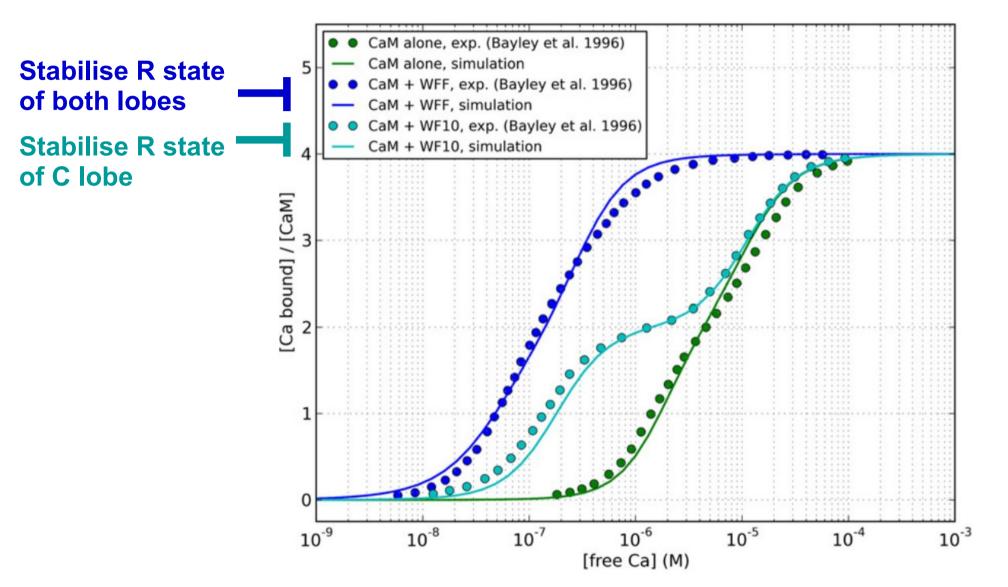


# Calcium binding to lobes and whole CaM



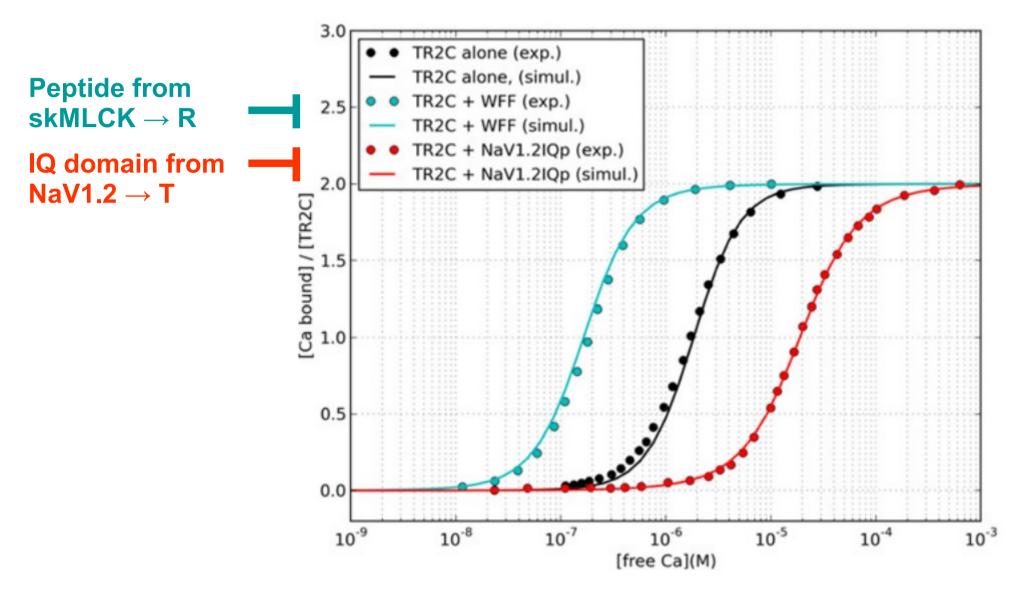


# **Effect of R-stabilising targets**





# Effect of R and T stabilising targets





# **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<sup>2+</sup> bound.

CaM bind its targets with less than 4 Ca<sup>2+</sup> bounds.

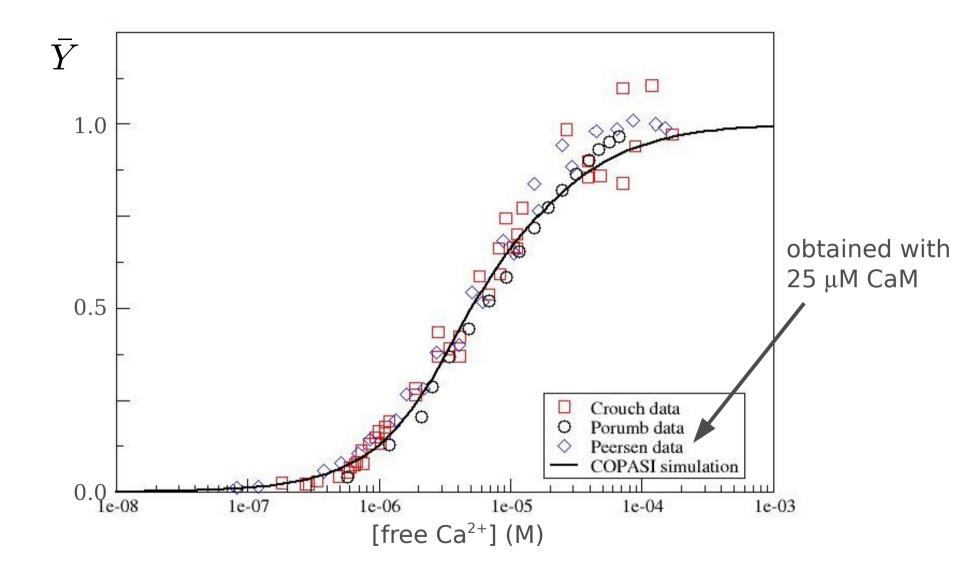
The model displays an activation of the sole CaN at low concentration of calcium, while high concentrations activate both CaN and CaMKII.



# Digression: on ligand depletion

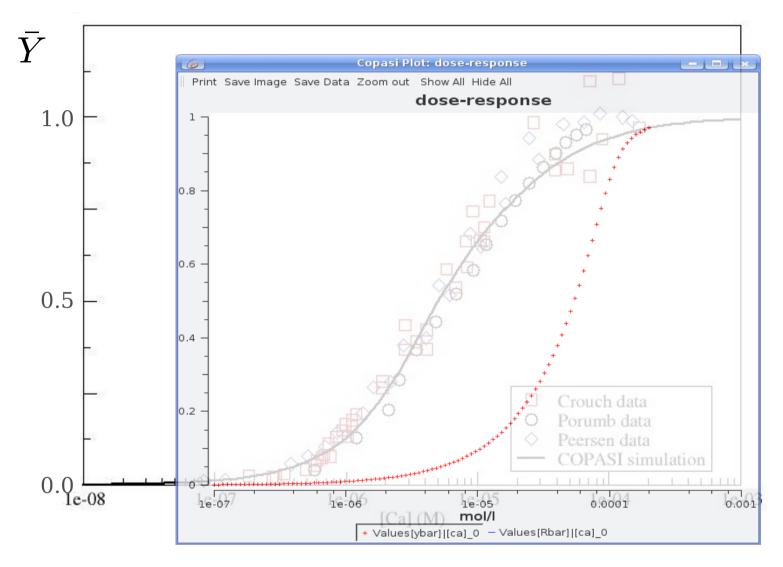


### Allosteric model of Calmodulin function





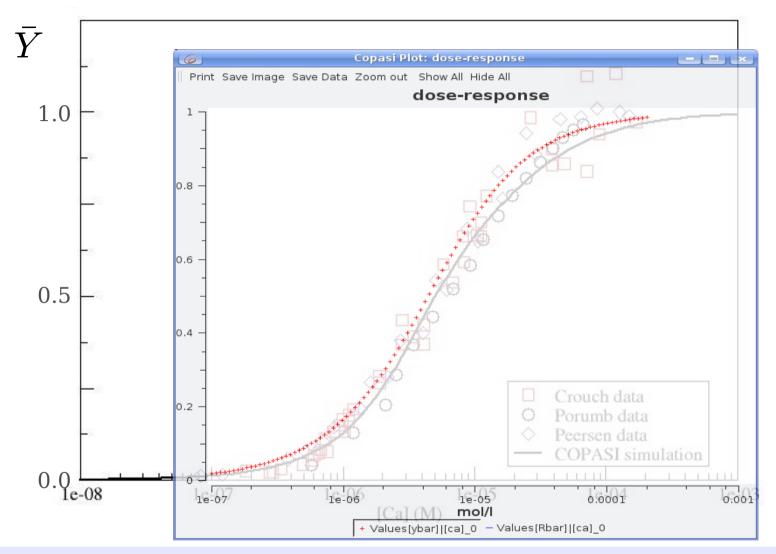
# Calcium dose-response on 25 µM Calmodulin



Numerical simulation with COPASI (http://www.copasi.org)

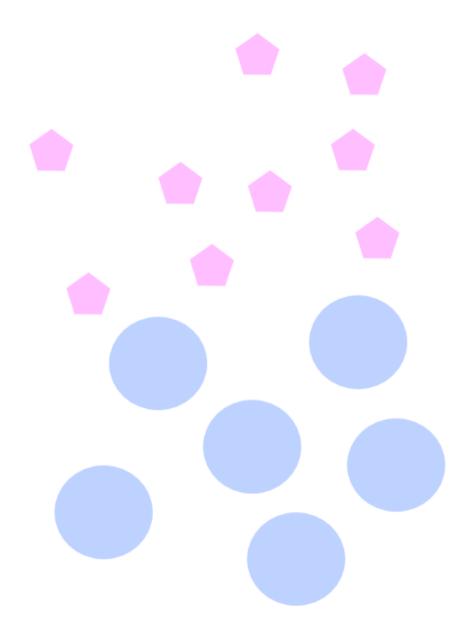


# Calcium dose-response on 0.1 µM Calmodulin

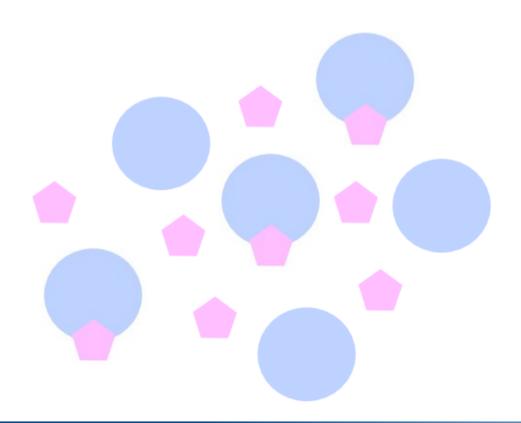


Edelstein S.J., Stefan M.I, Le Novère N. Ligand depletion in vivo modulates the dynamic range and cooperativity of signal transduction. PLoS One (2010), 5(1): e8449



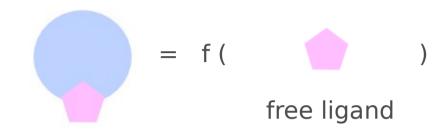


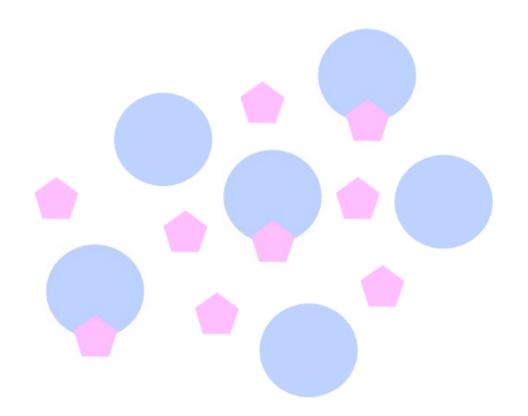






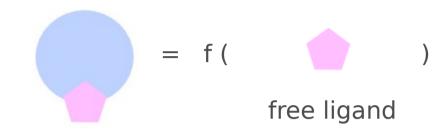
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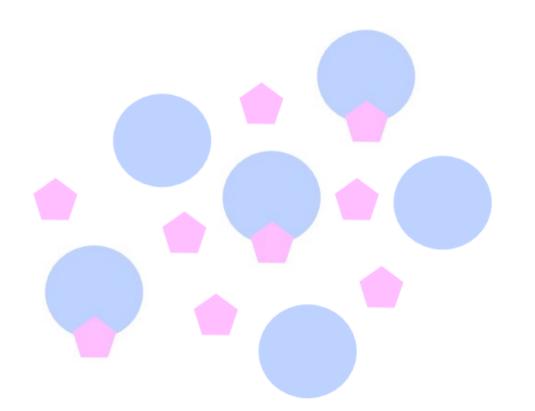






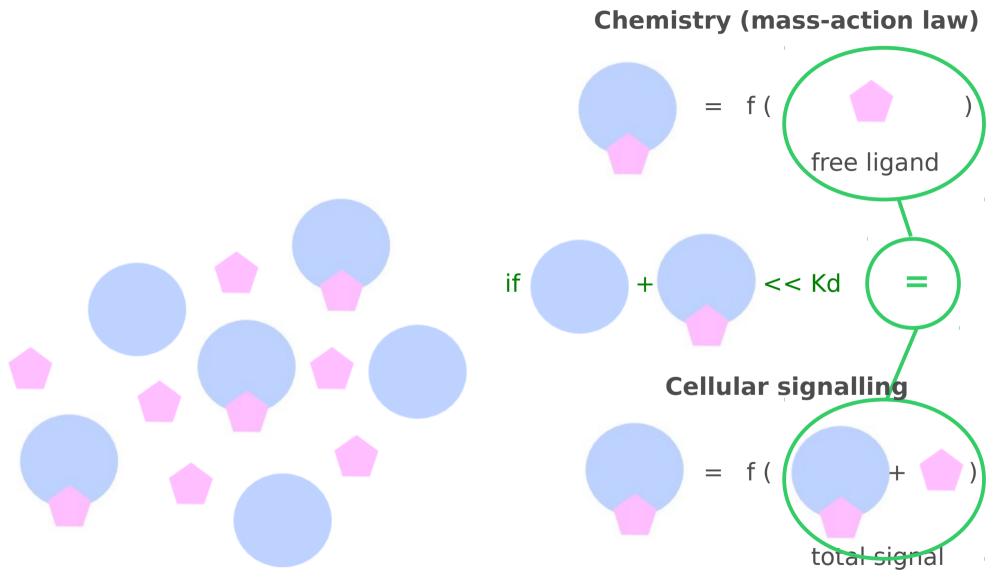
#### **Chemistry (mass-action law)**





#### **Cellular signalling**



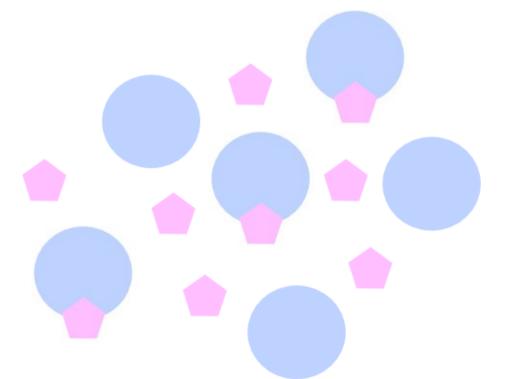


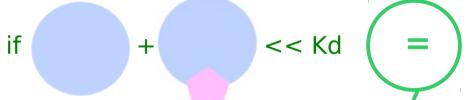


This is generally not the case in signalling: Concentrations of sensors are in micromolar range, as are the dissociation constants.

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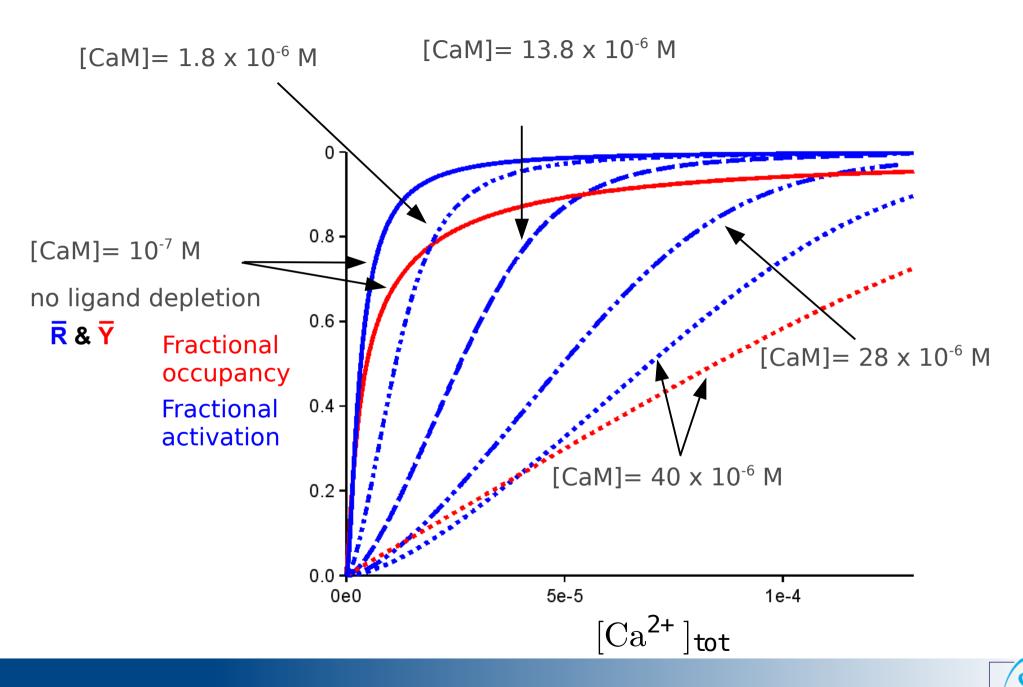




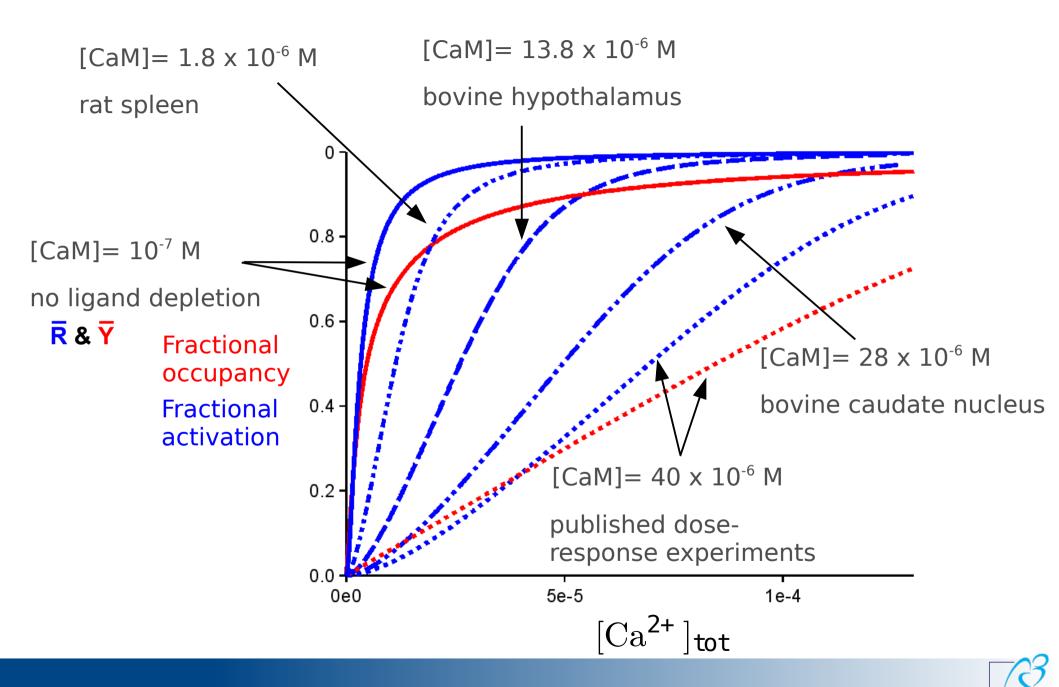
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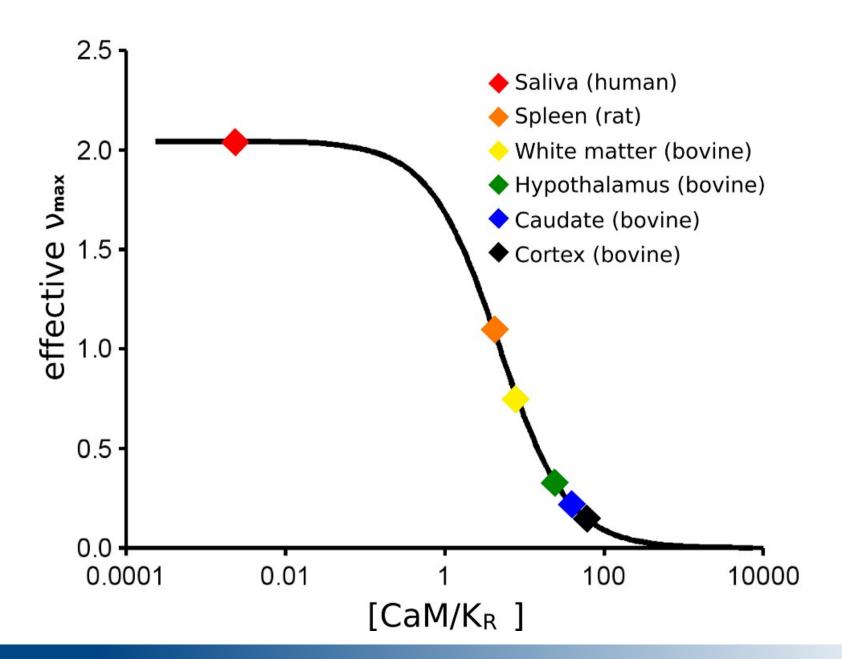


### Ligand-depletion modifies sensitivity

 $[CaM] = 28 \times 10^{-6} M$  $[CaM] = 1.8 \times 10^{-6} M$ bovine caudate nucleus rat spleen  ${\sim}5~\mu\text{M}$  to 120  $\mu\text{M}$  $\sim 1~\mu M$  to 45  $\mu M$  $[CaM] = 10^{-7} M$ 8.0 no ligand depletion 0.6  $\sim$ 100 nM to 25  $\mu$ M 0.4 0.2 5e-5 1e-4 0e0

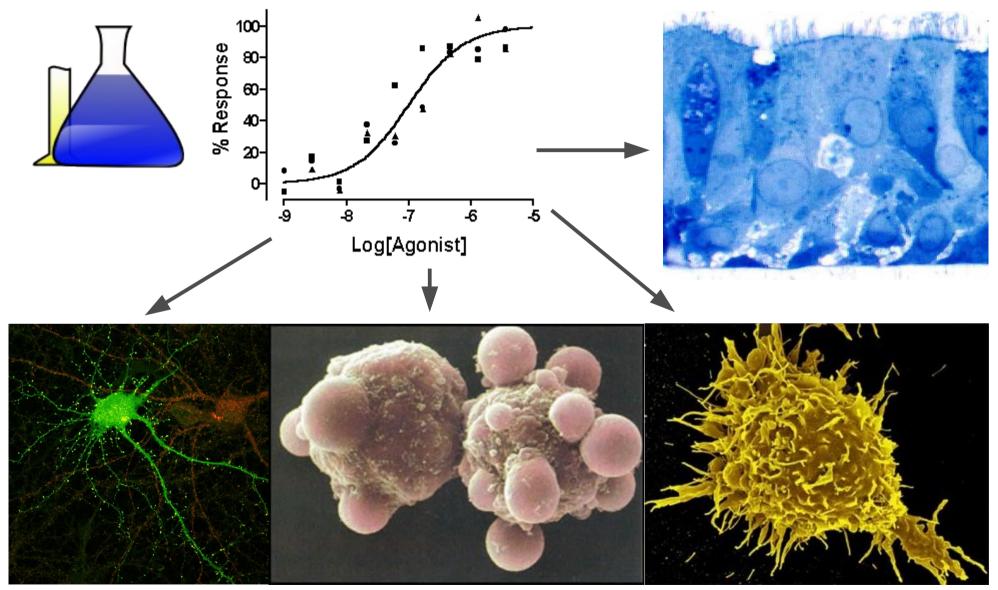


### Ligand-depletion decreases effective cooperativity

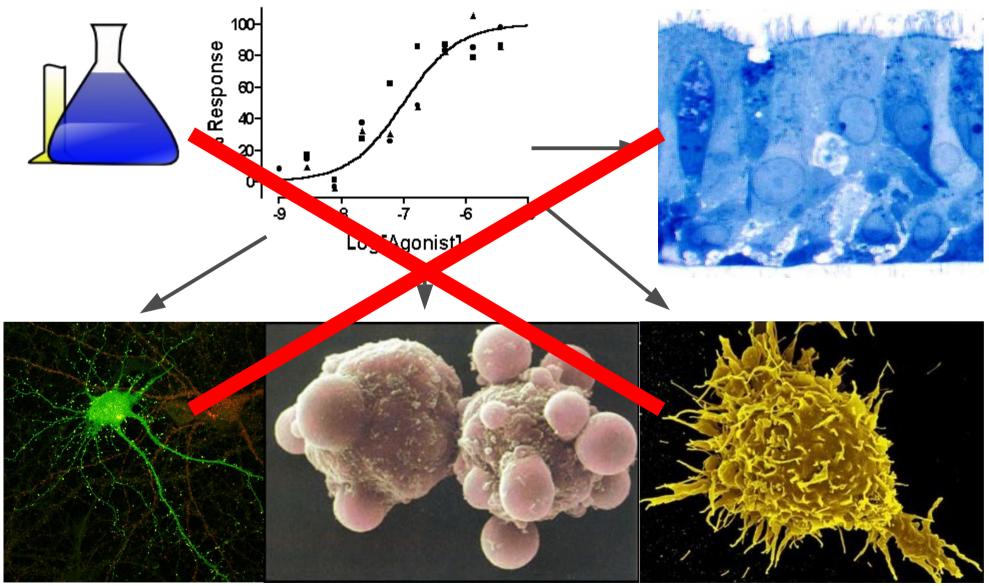




# How general is a dose-response?



## A "dose-response" cannot be reused directly!



# **End of digression**



# 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

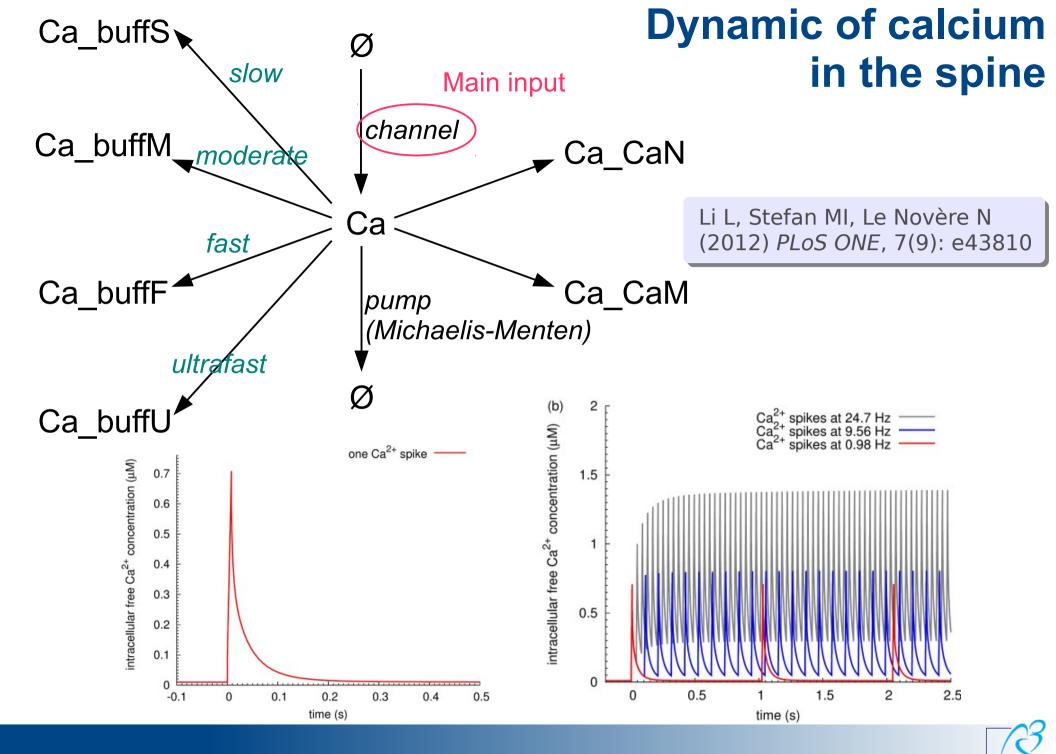
autophosphorylation of CaMKII (kon=6): 100 ms



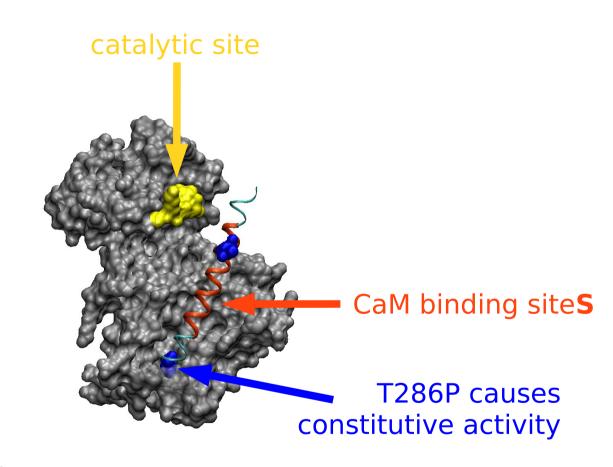








### Calcium/calmodulin kinase II

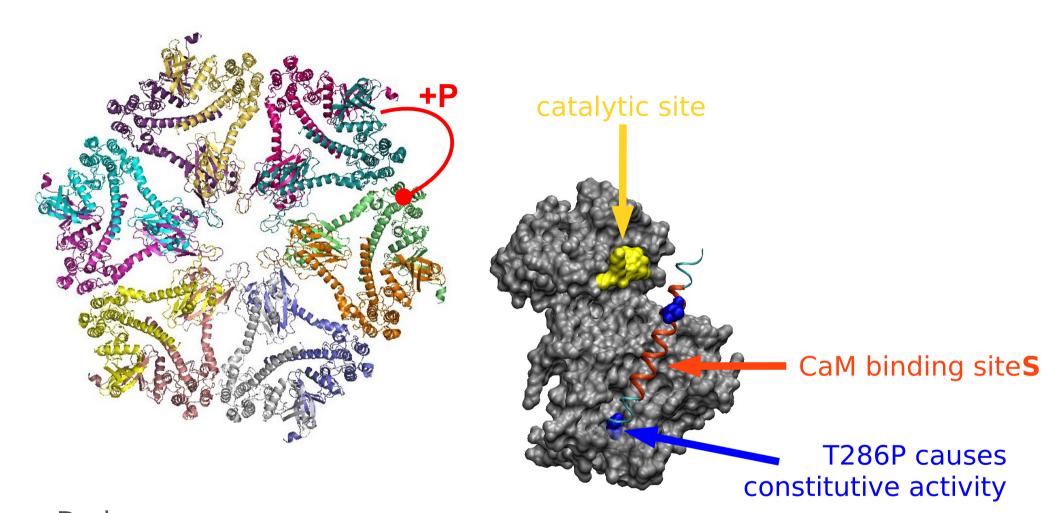


Calmodulin trapping is an apparent increase of affinity of CaMKII for CaM when T286 is phosphorylated

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

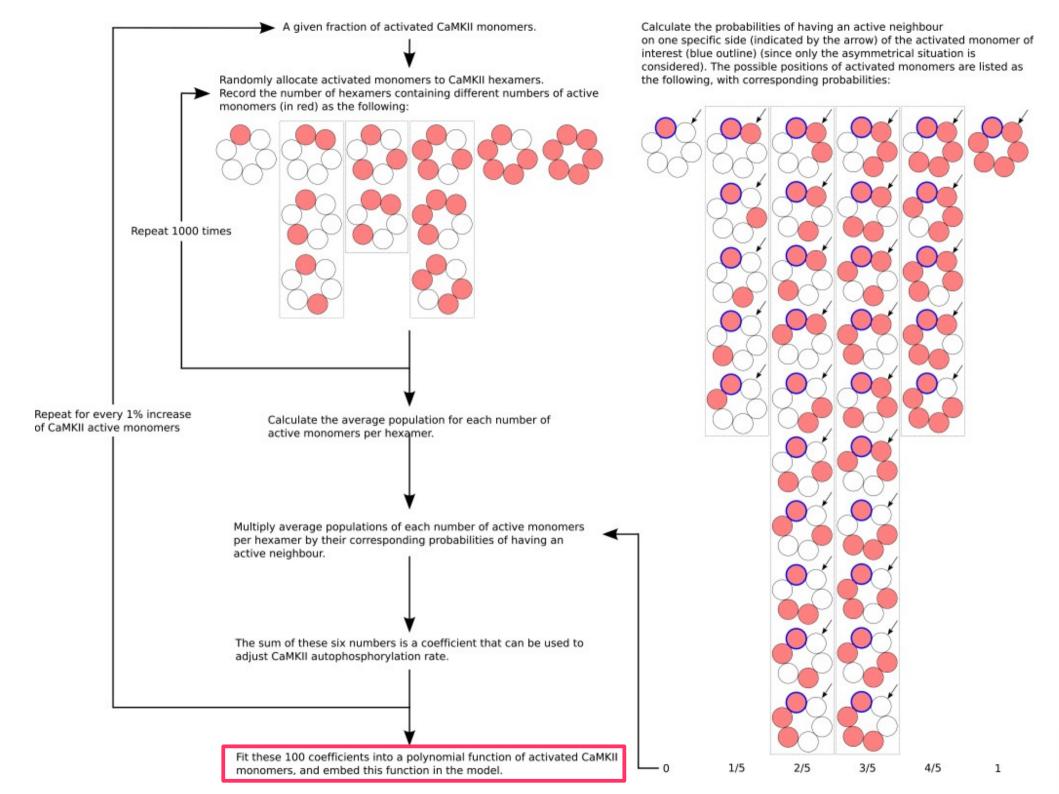


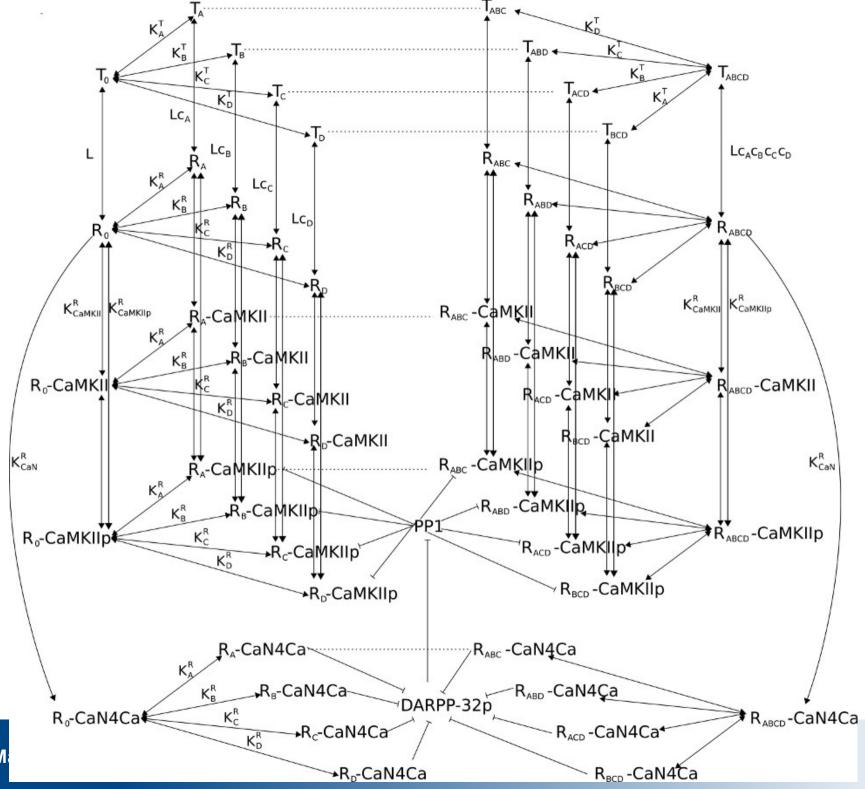
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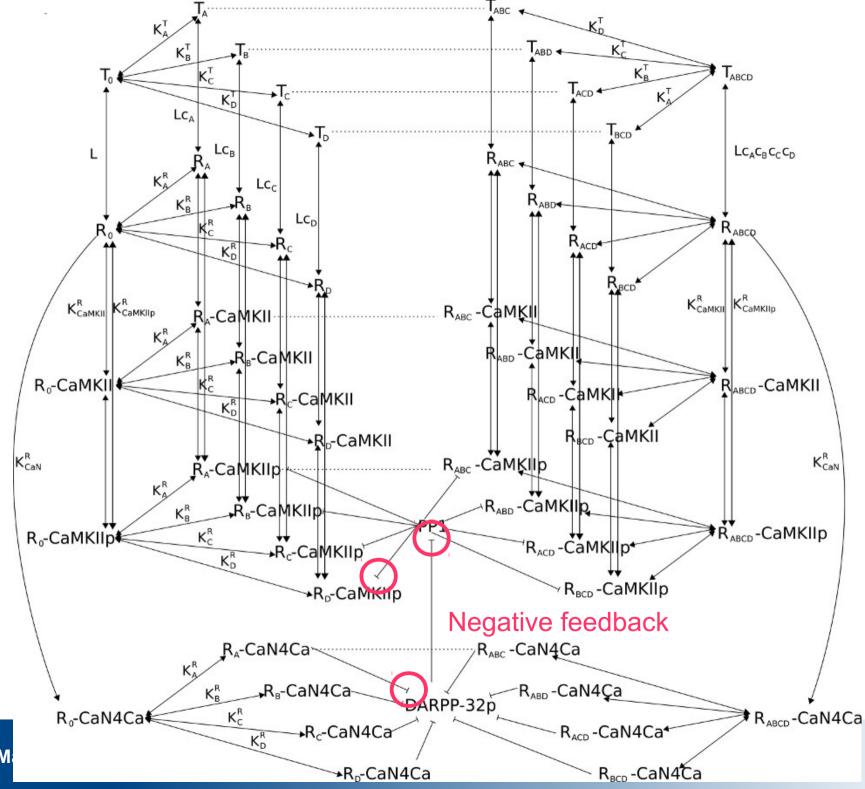
Dodecamer; Trans-phosphorylation of T286 by neighbouring subunits





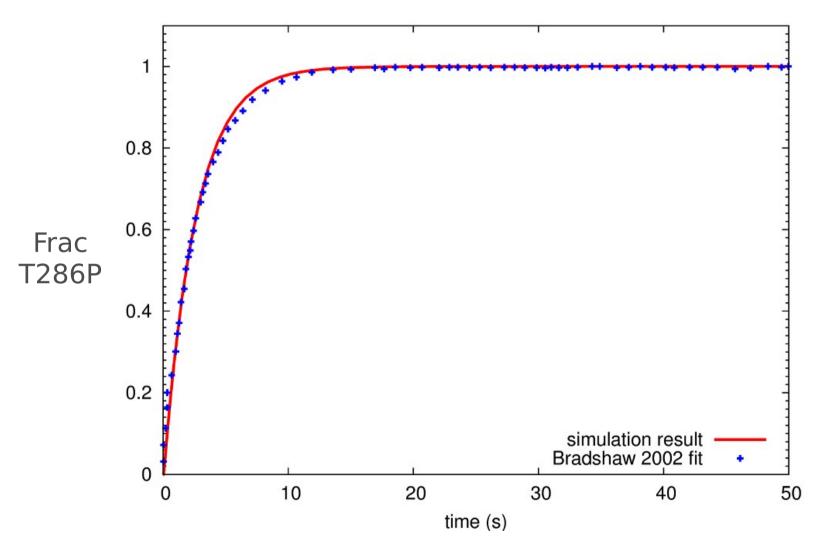








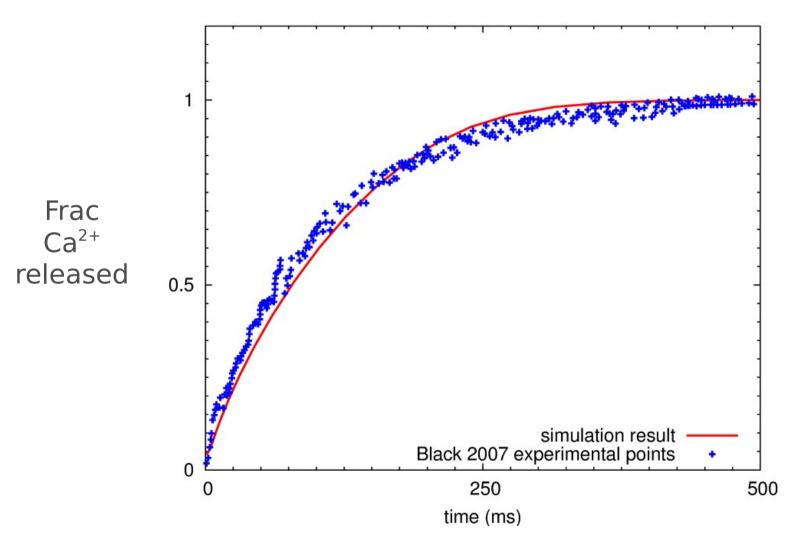
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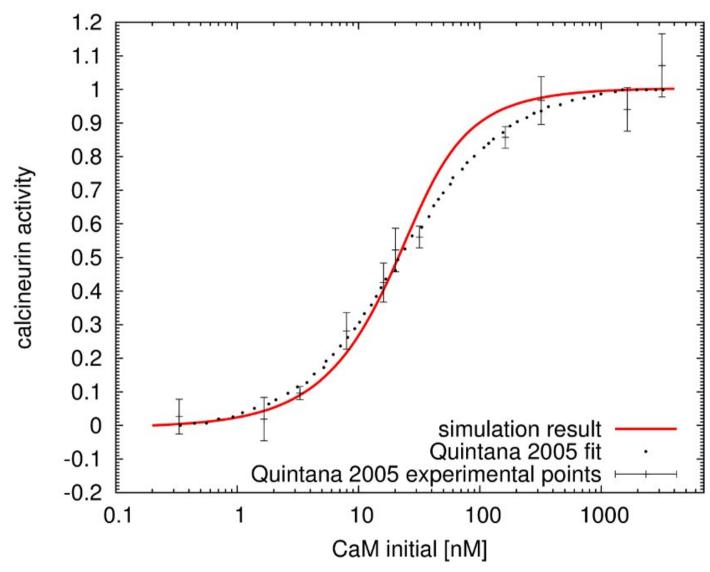
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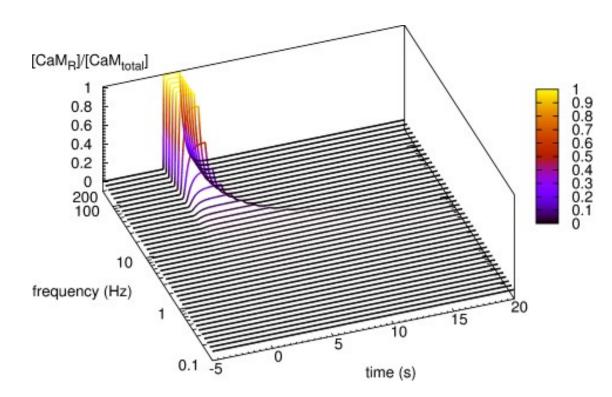


### Validation of calcium-activation of CaN



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

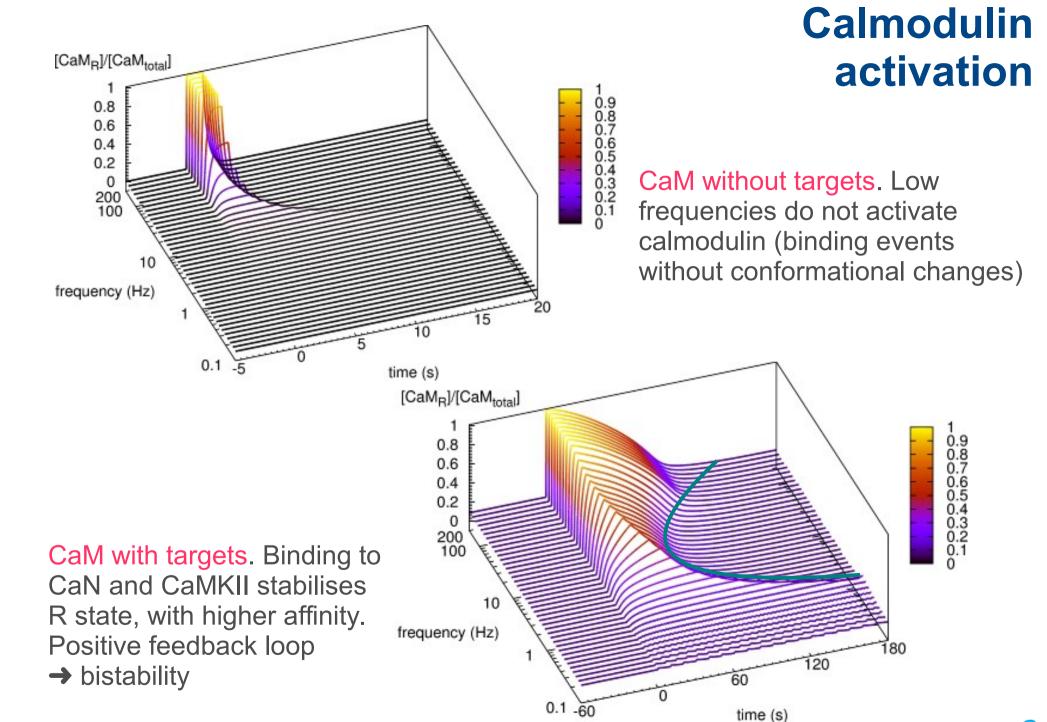


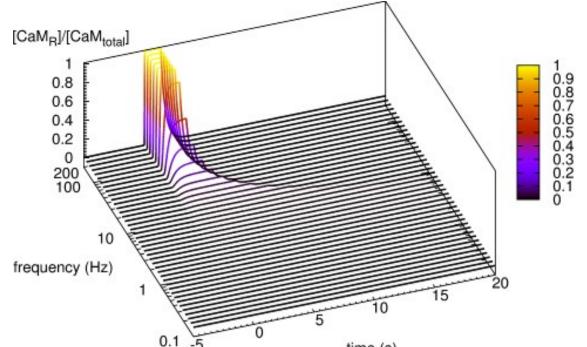


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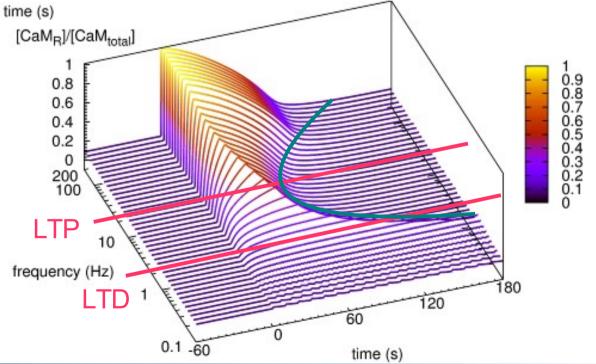
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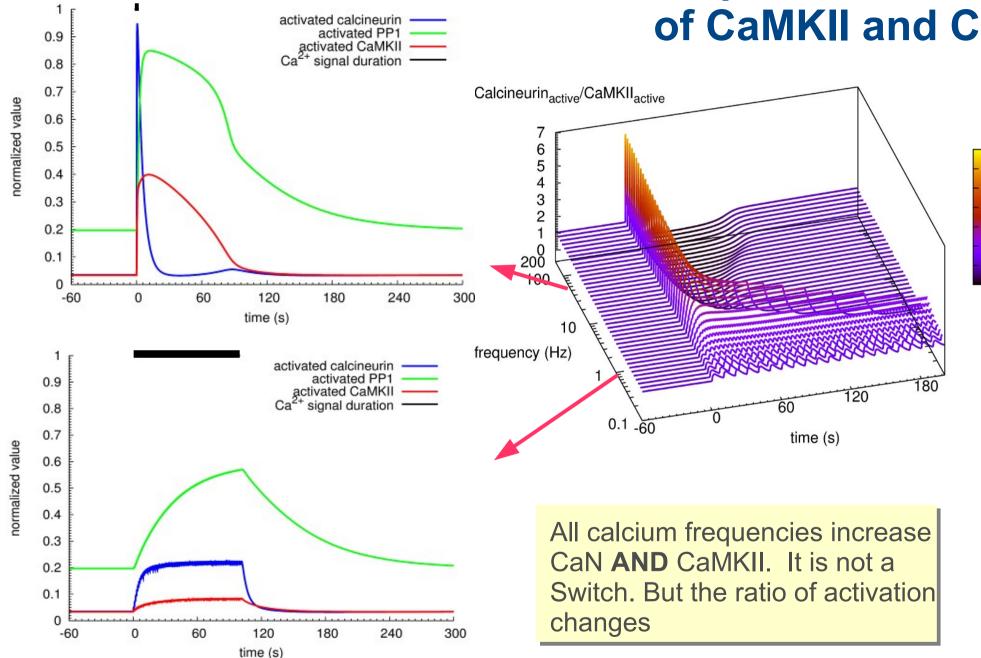
At high frequency, effects of calcium signals last much longer than the signal itself

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

→ bistability



# Temporal activation of CaMKII and CaN

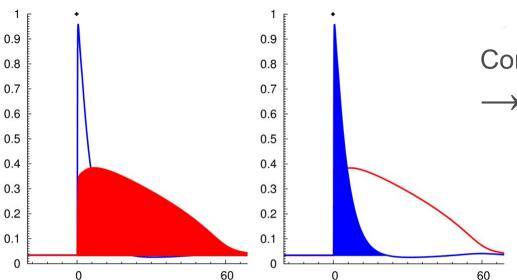




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# **Bidirectional plasticity**



Constant catalytic rates of active enzyme

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



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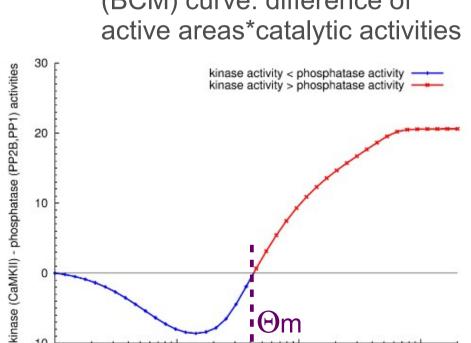


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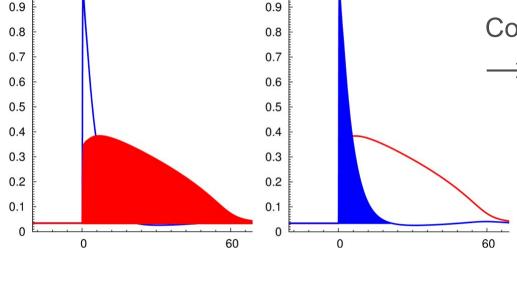
Bienestock-Cooper-Munro (BCM) curve: difference of active areas\*catalytic activities

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Frequency (Hz)



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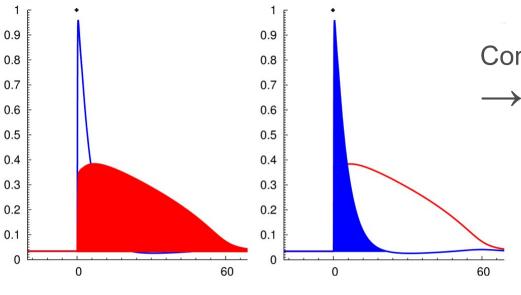
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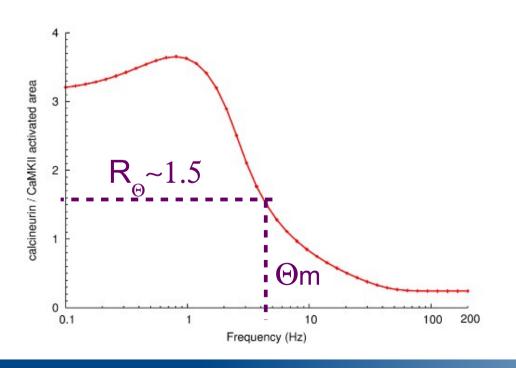
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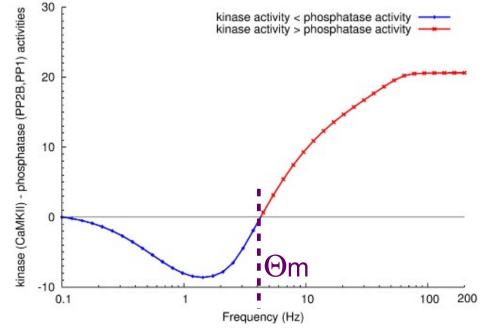
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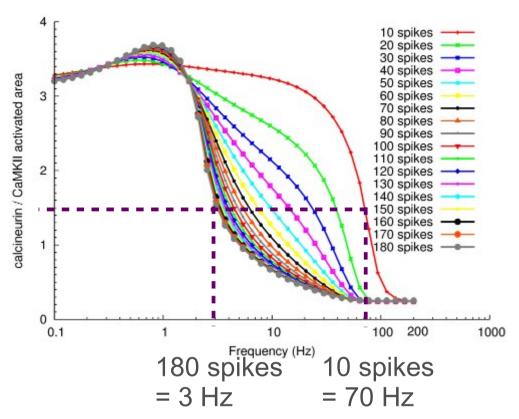




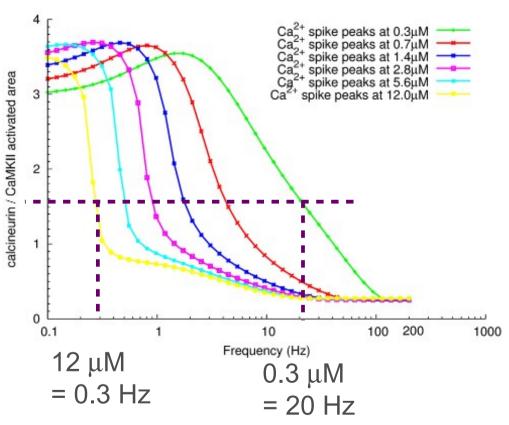




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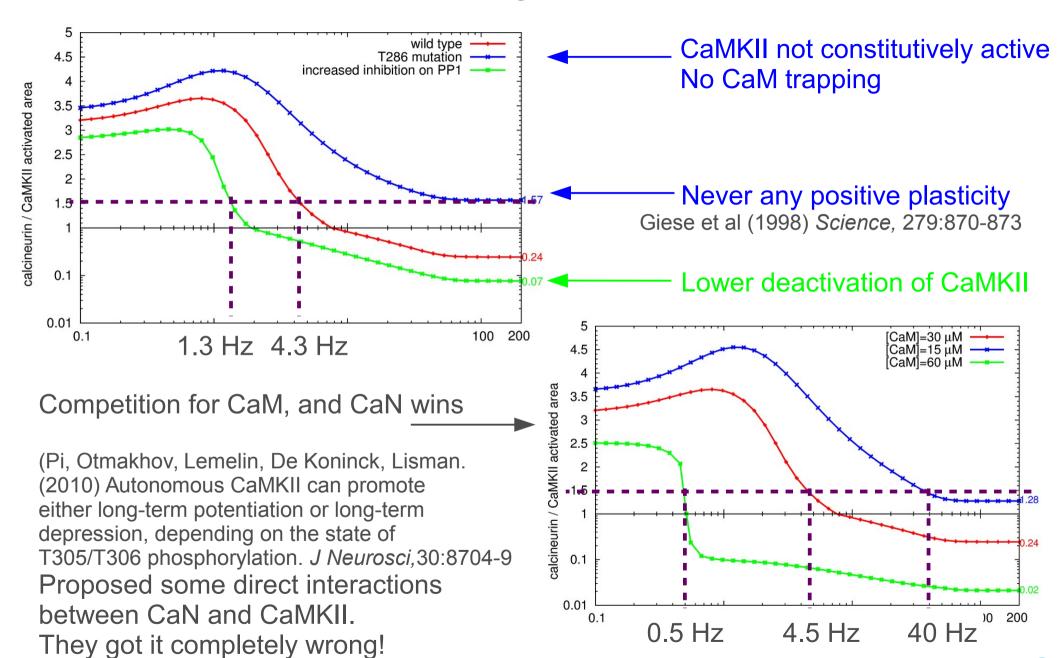


Prolonged or intense signals decrease Θm: It is not an intrinsic property of the synapse





## Effect of intrinsic system perturbations



## **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



Developers of ECell3, COPASI, Scilab











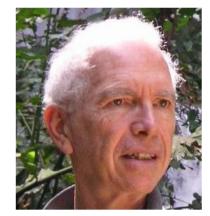








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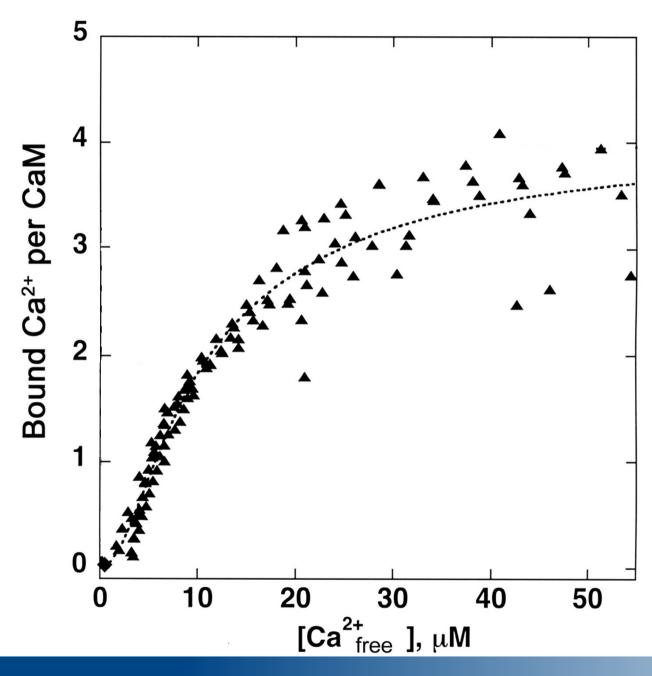








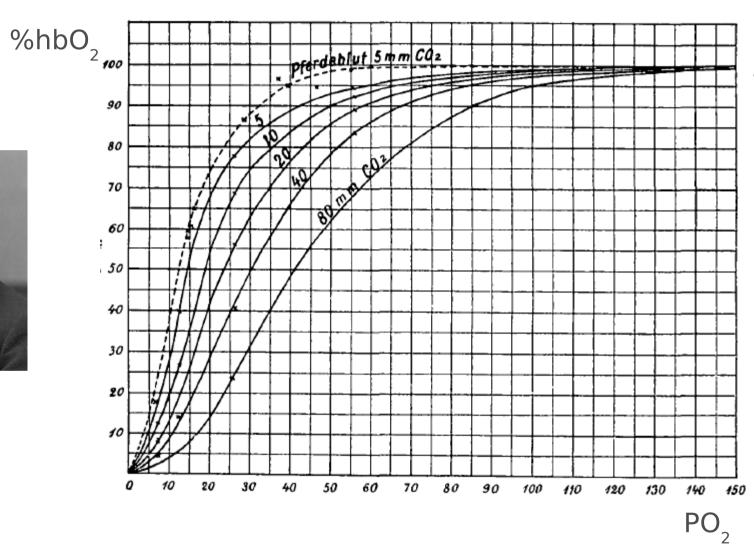
### Calmodulin is ultra-sensitive



Shifman et al (2006) *PNAS*, 103: 13968-13973



### Origins of cooperativity: Bohr



Bohr C (1903) Theoretische behandlung der quantitativen verhältnisse bei der sauerstoff aufnahme des hämoglobins *Zentralbl Physiol* 17: 682



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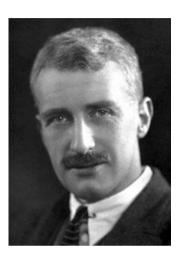
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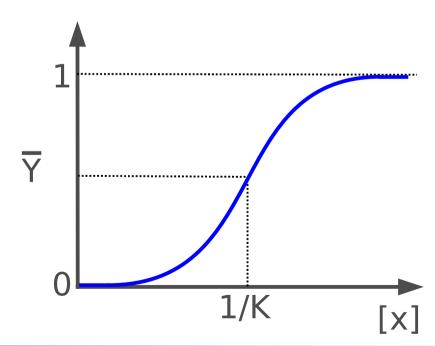
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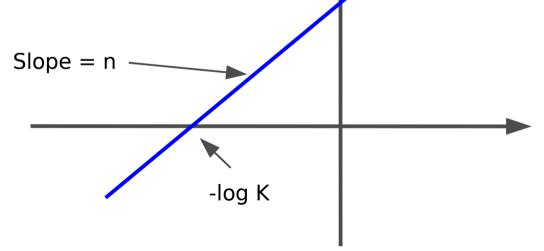
$$\bar{Y} = \frac{K^{\mathsf{n}}[X]^{\mathsf{n}}}{1 + K^{\mathsf{n}}[X]^{\mathsf{n}}}$$

Hill equation

$$\log \frac{\bar{Y}}{1 - \bar{Y}} = n \log K + n \log[x] \quad \text{Hill plot}$$

Effect increases in function of the signal to the power of n: n>1, ultra-sensitive n<1, infra-sensitive

BUT cooperativity of ligand, not of binding sites: unique affinity





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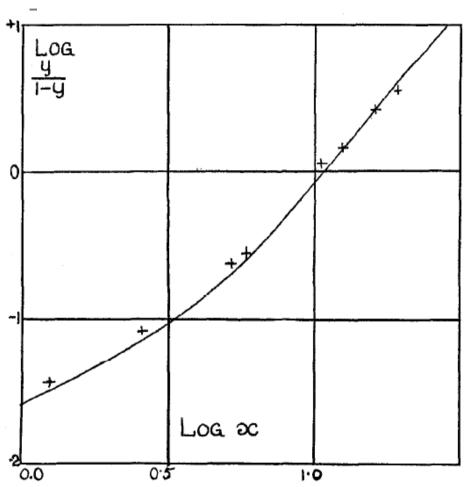


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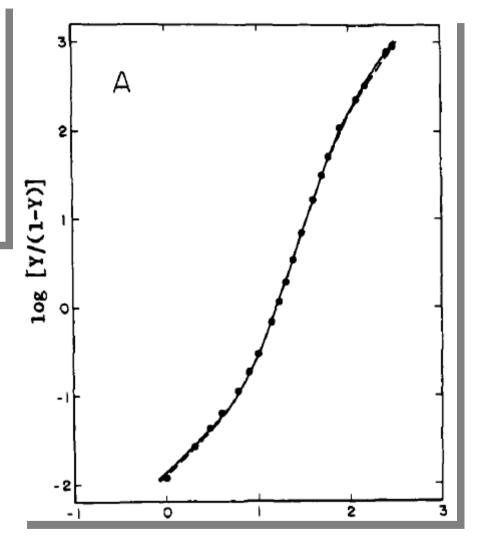
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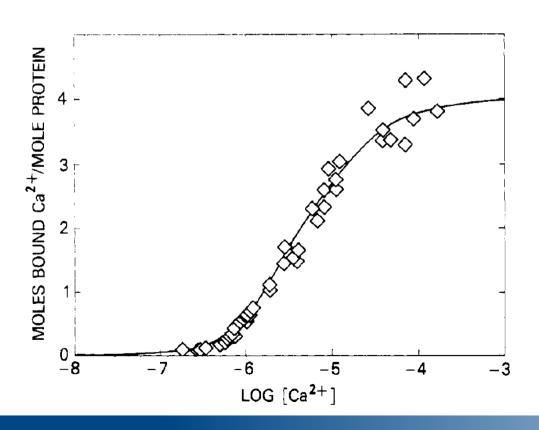


### Adair-Klotz model applied to Calmodulin

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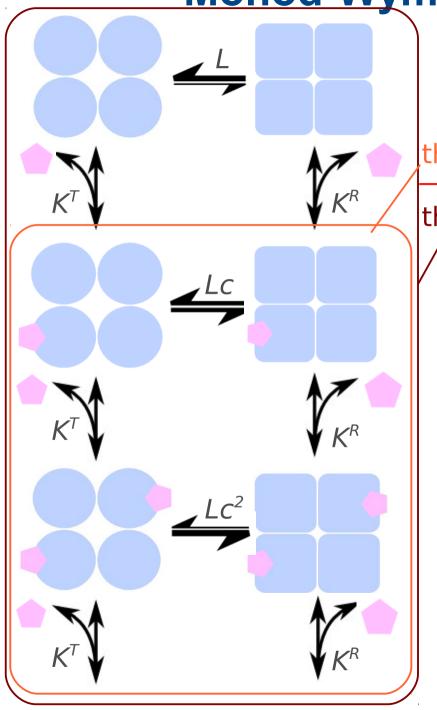
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Crouch and Klee (1980) Biochemistry, 19: 3692-3698b

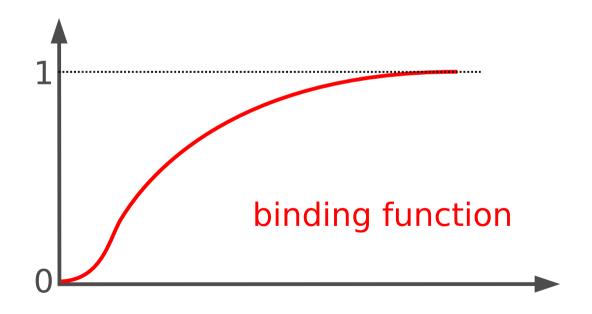


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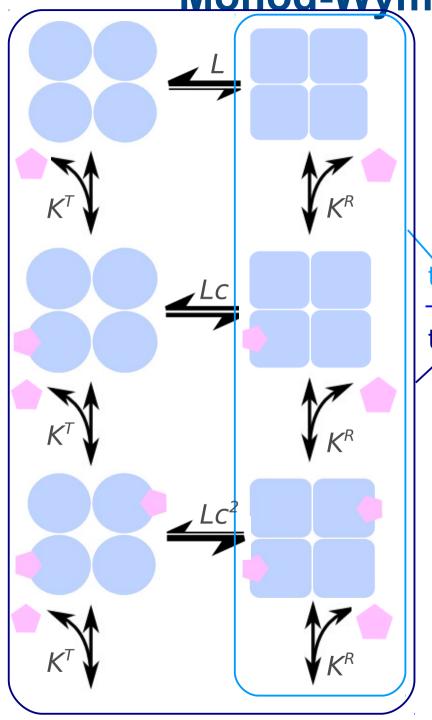
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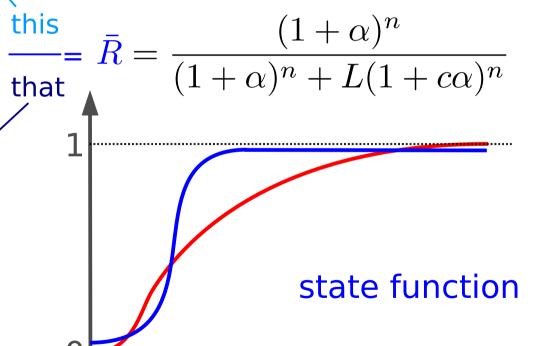


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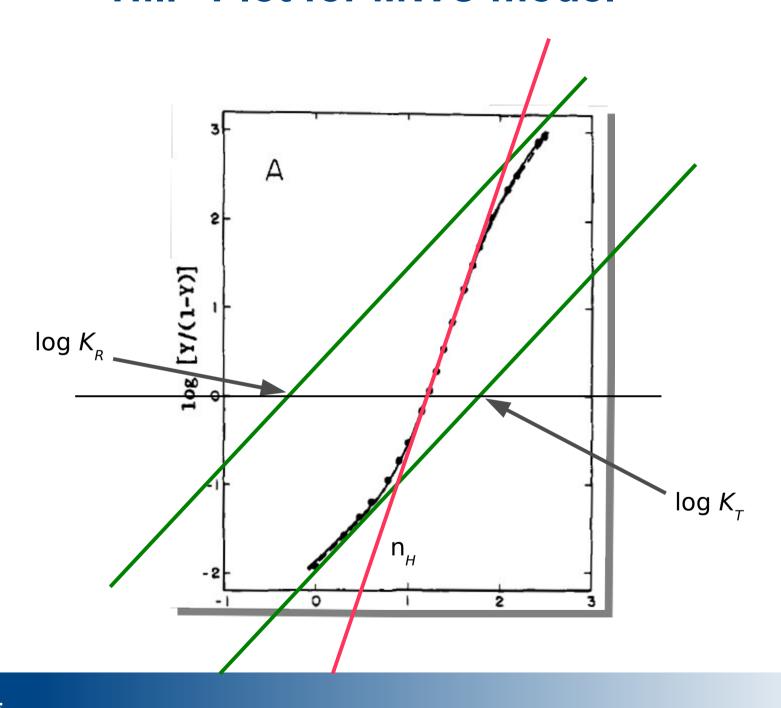
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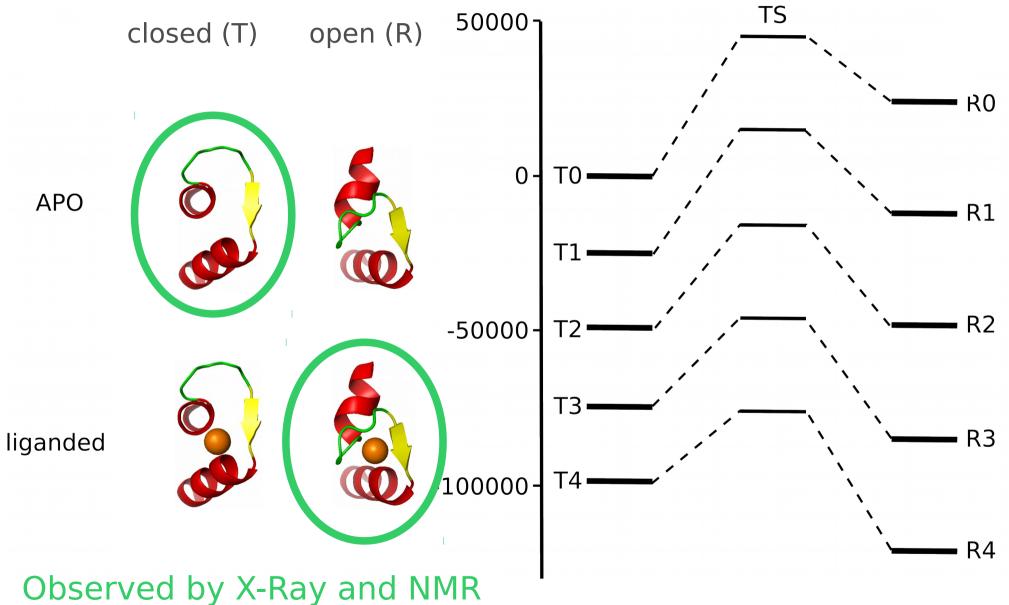


### "Hill" Plot for MWC model



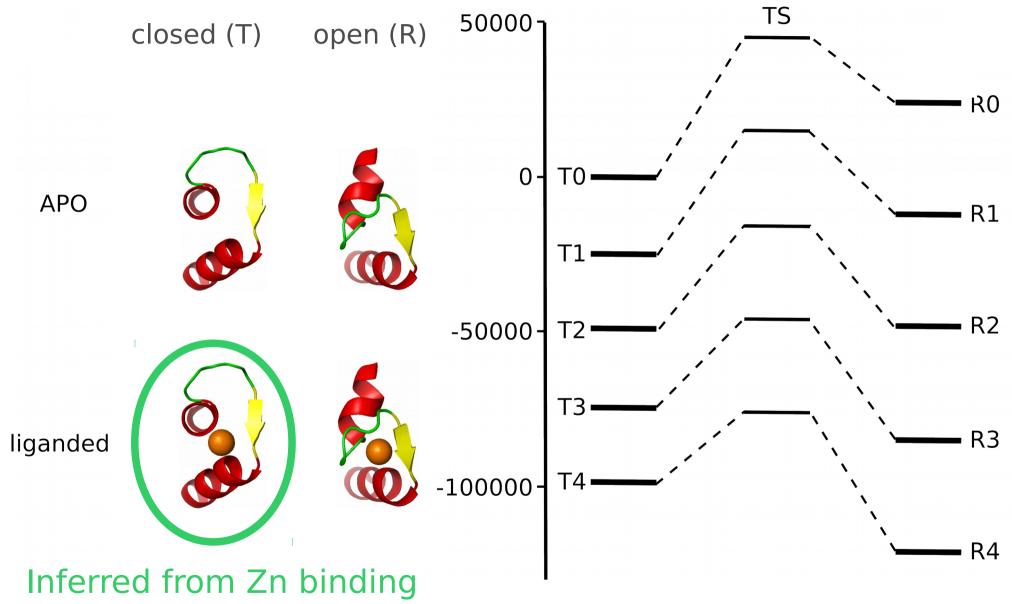


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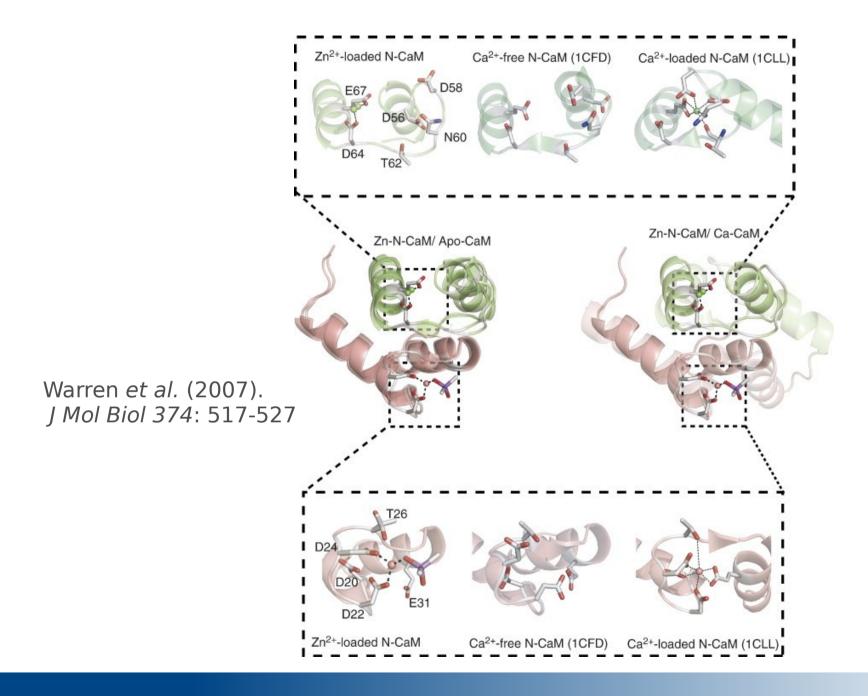




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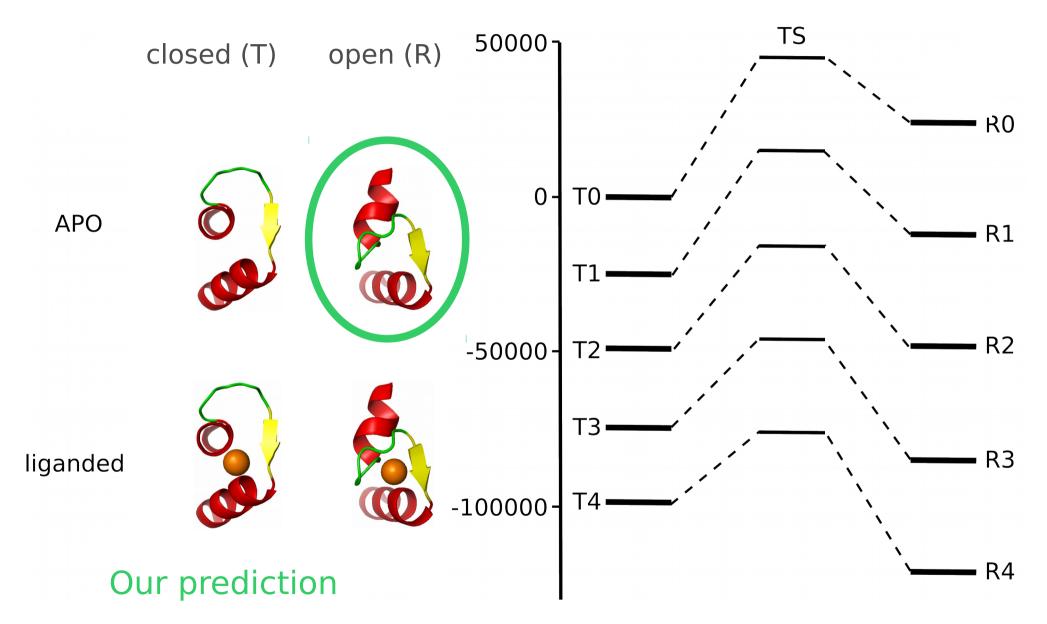






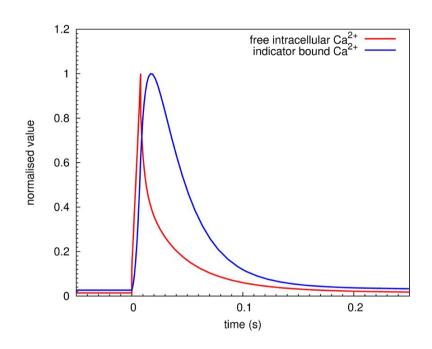


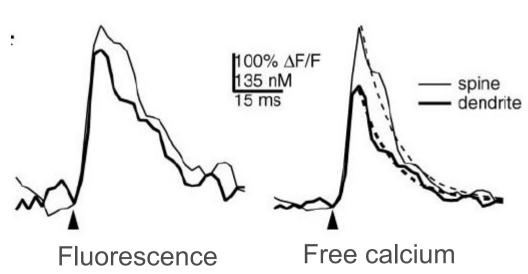
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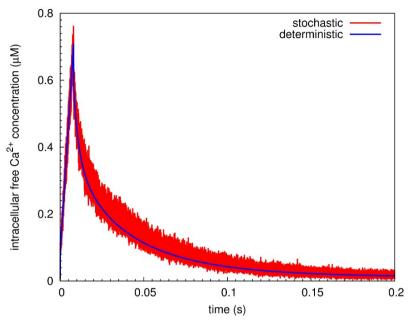




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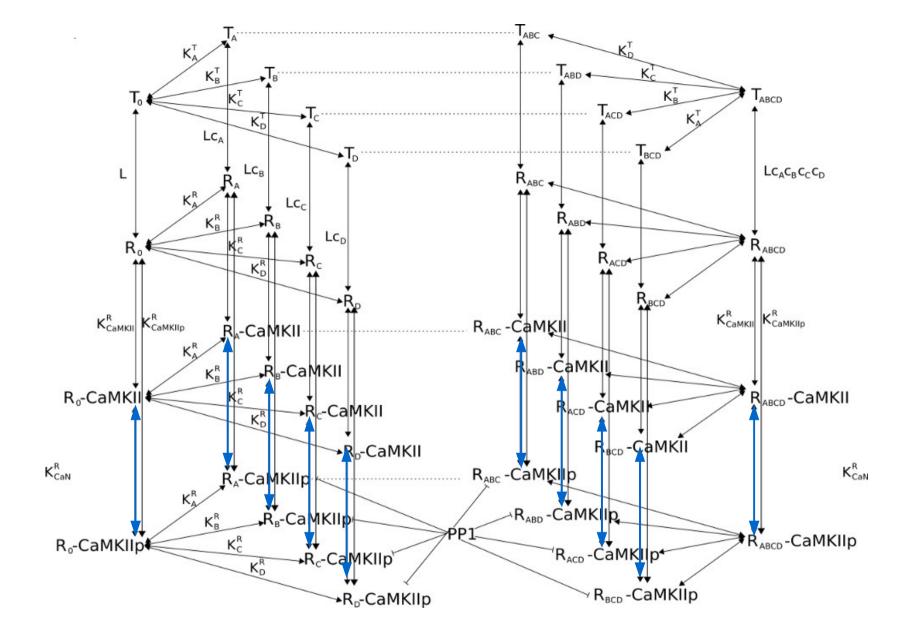




Relative uncertainty increases when concentration decreases, both in concentration and time, but no difference in dynamics.

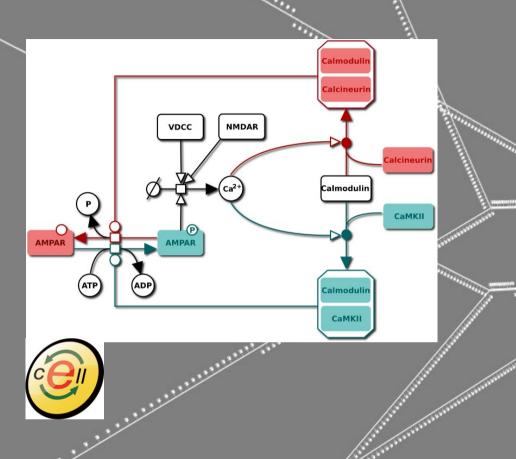
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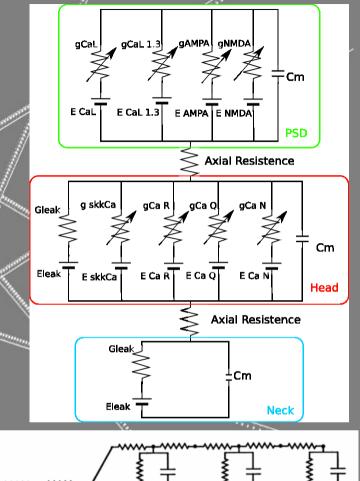






# Whole cell: electro-biochemical models





**NEURON** 

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Mattioni M, Cohen U, Le Novère N (2012) Frontiers Neuroinfo, 6:20

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