

Kinetic and Dynamic Aspect in Class A GPCR Activation and Implications therein

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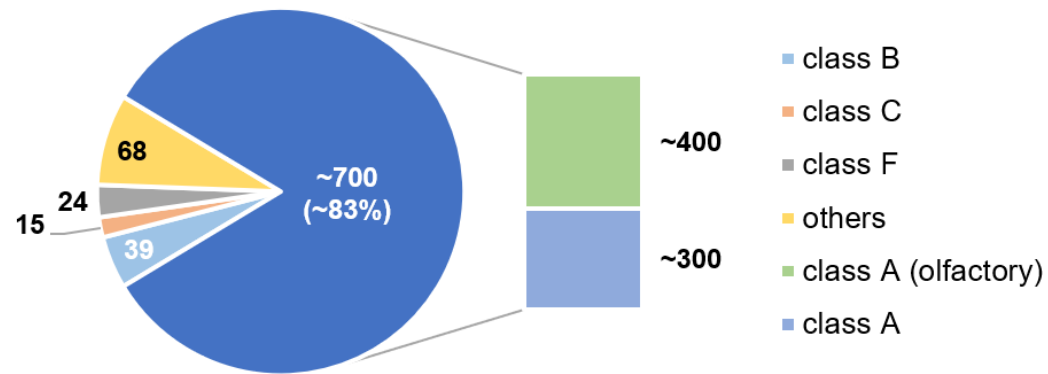
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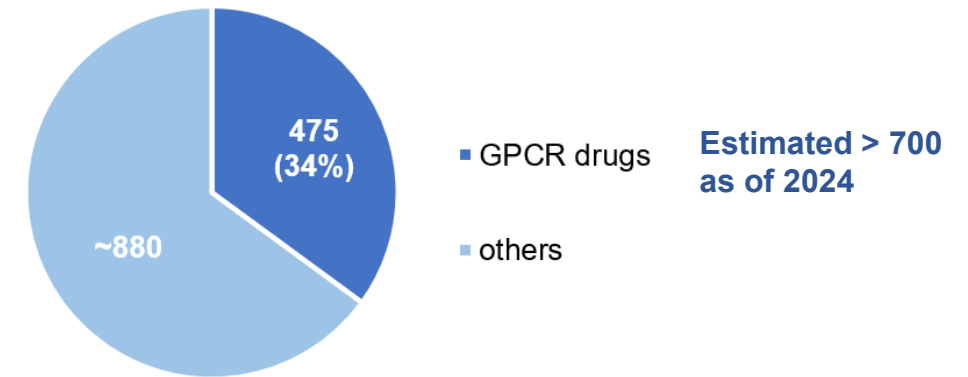
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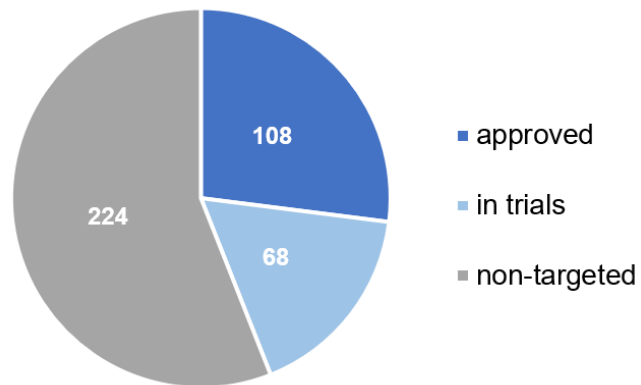
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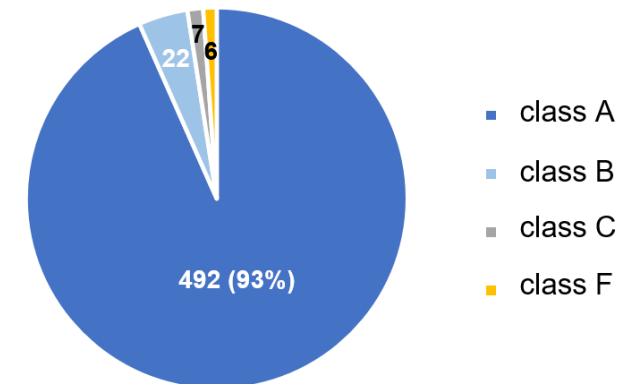
FDA approved drugs (as of July, 2017)



Targeted GPCR (as of July, 2017)



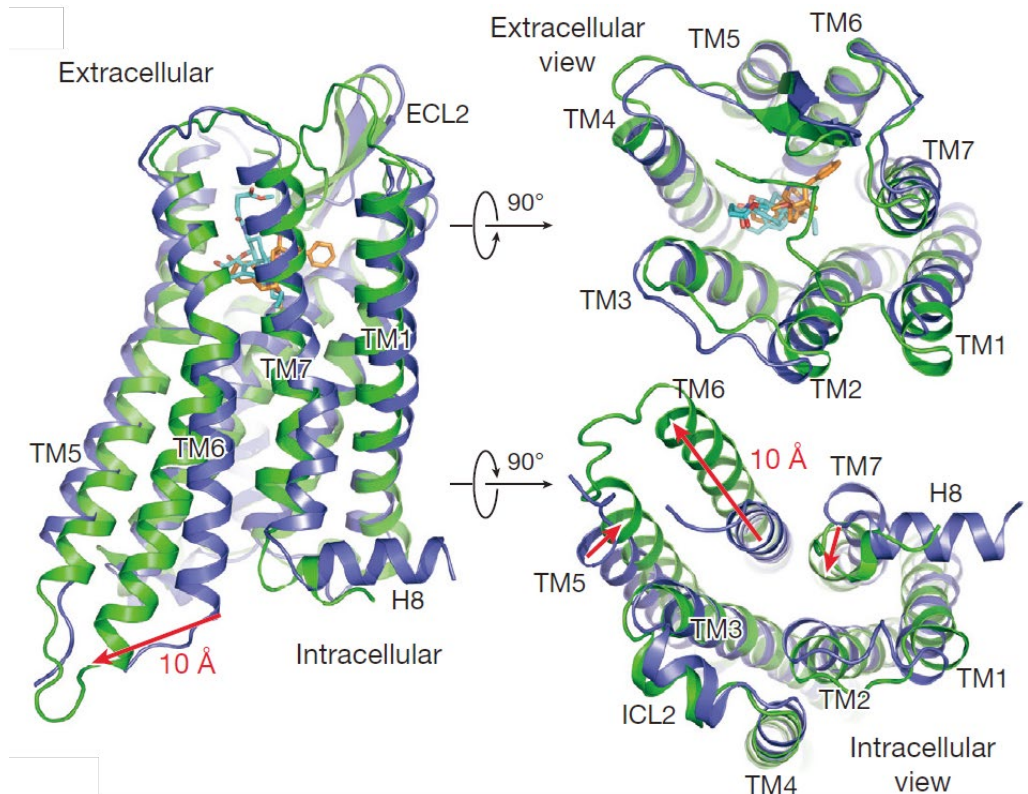
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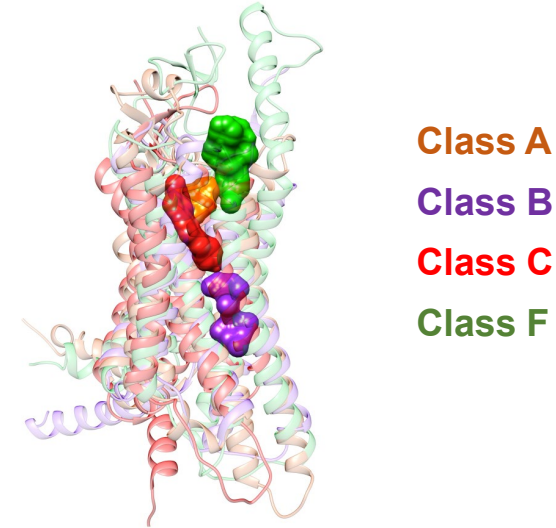
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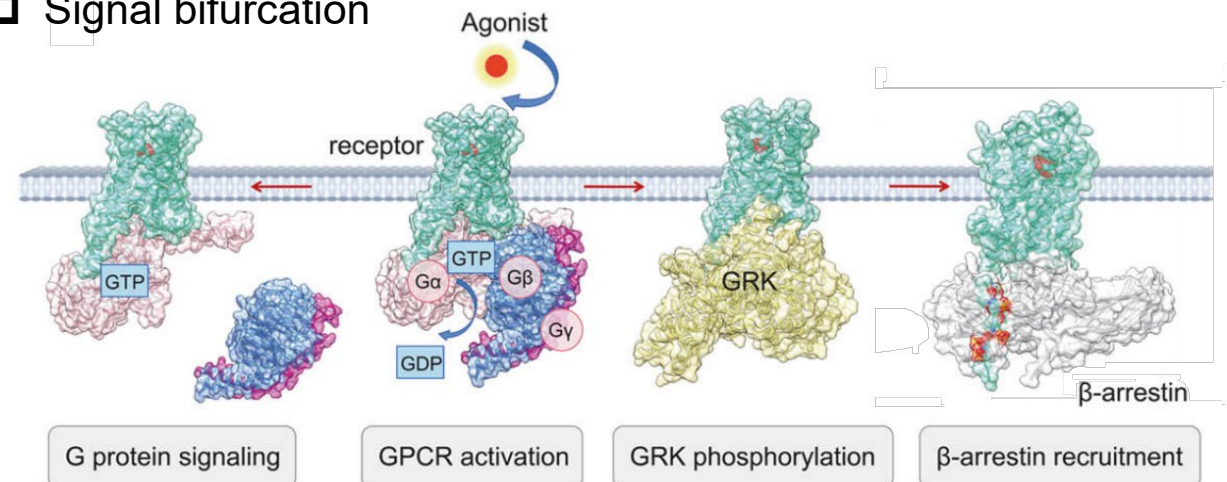
- A 10 Å outward movement of TM6
- A slight inward movement of TM7



□ Differences



□ Signal bifurcation



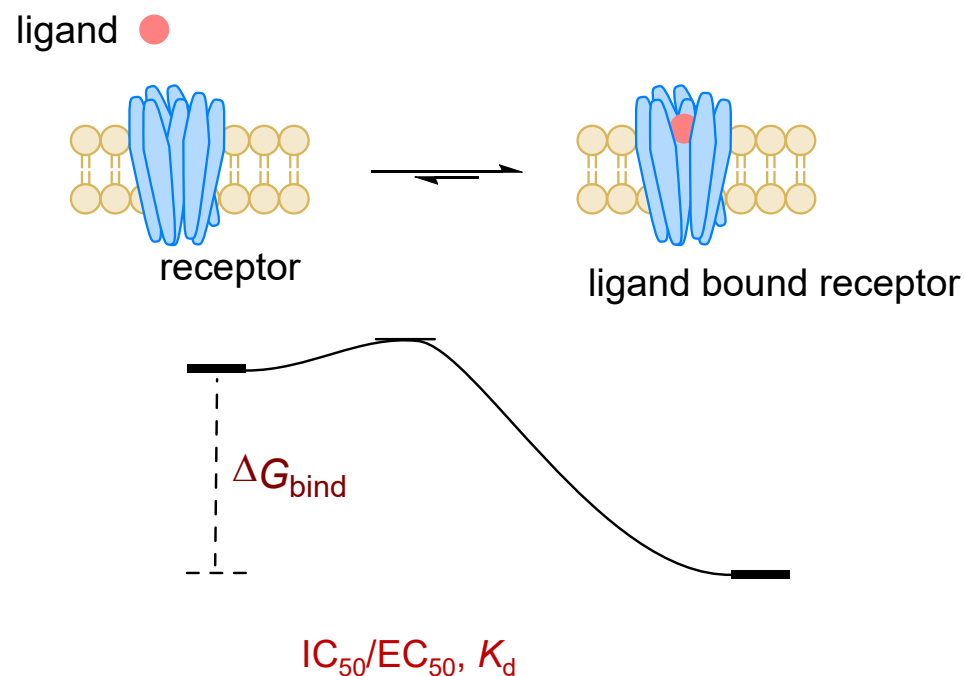
The Ligand Binding Event

Corpora non agunt nisi fixata
(Agent only works when it is bound)

— Dr. Paul Ehrlich

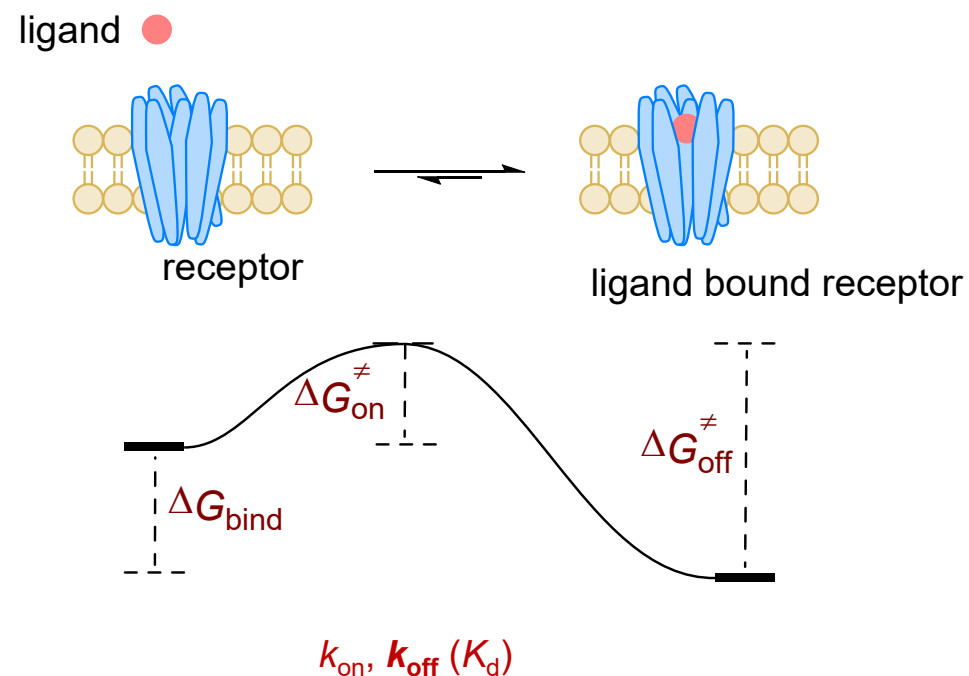
Equilibrium vs. Kinetic Parameters

- much of early-phase drug discovery has been focused on the optimization of target **affinity** and **selectivity**.
- Ligand binding rate **was** considered **diffusion-controlled**



- Typical *in vitro* affinity measurements are performed under **closed-system conditions**, in which the target is exposed to an **invariant concentration** of the compound.

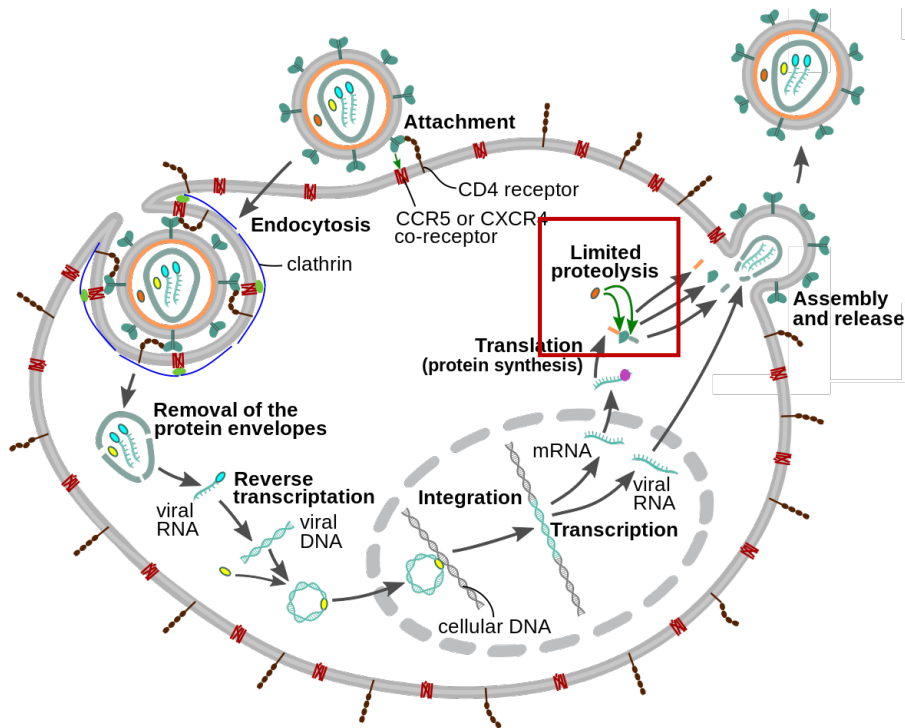
- Copeland *et al.* suggested that **kinetic parameters**, especially k_{off} being taken into considerations.
- Binding rates are mostly **not** (99.6%) **diffusion-controlled**



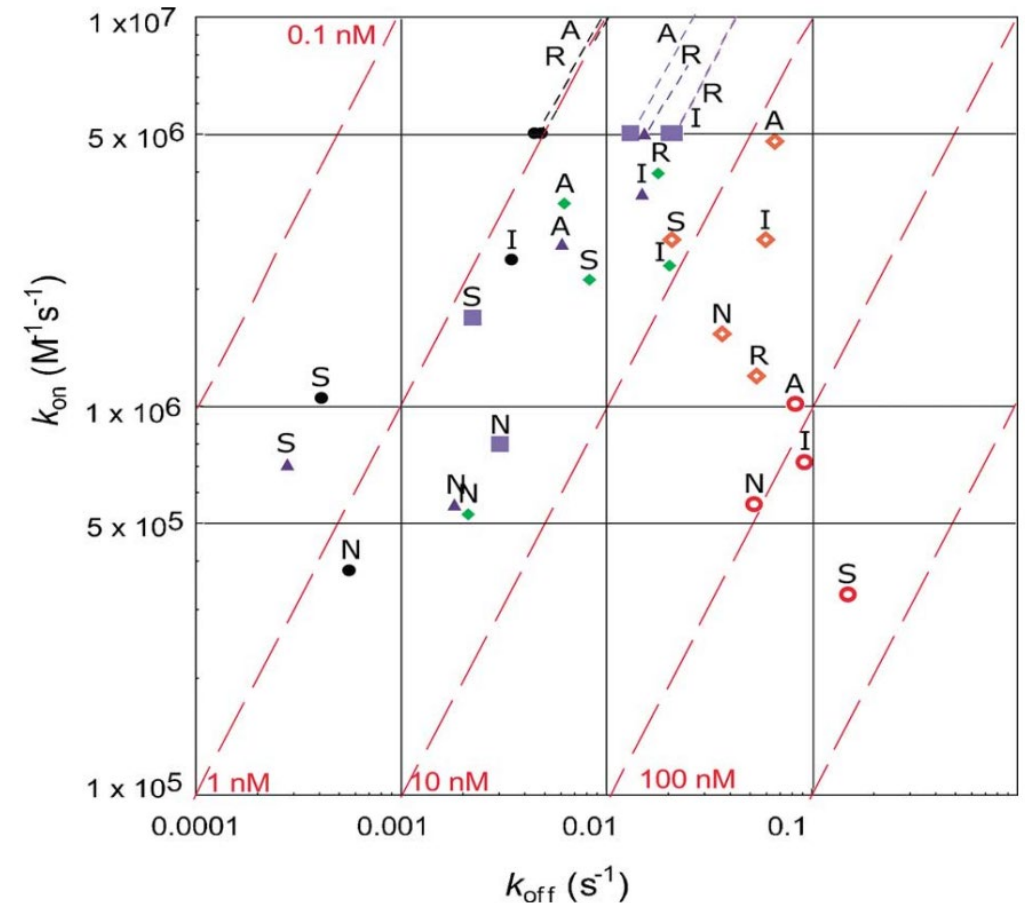
- In the **open system** of *in vivo* experiments, the concentration of ligand to which a receptor is exposed **varies with time**.
- **Drug residence time**

Preliminary Discoveries

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- Inhibition of HIV-1 protease prevents virus maturation, and mutations at protease confer resistance to drugs.

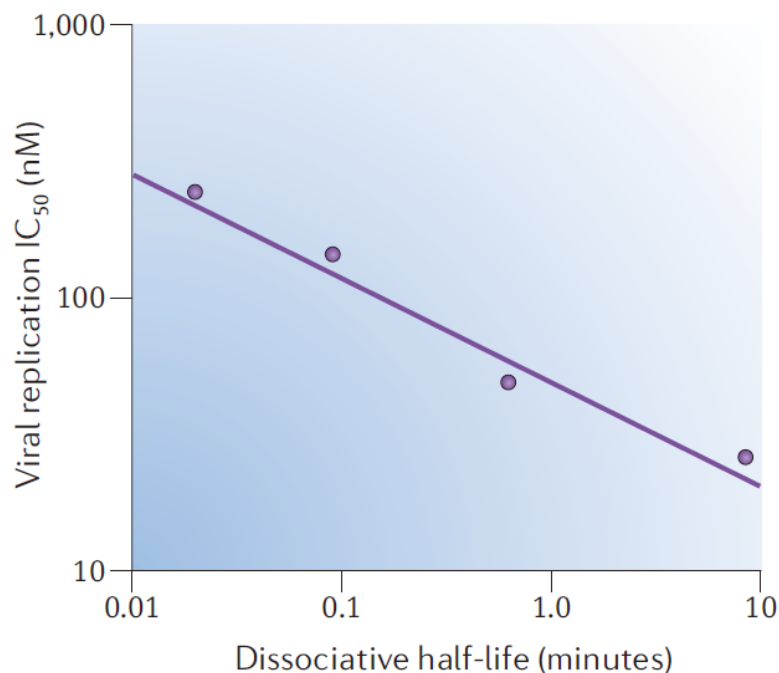


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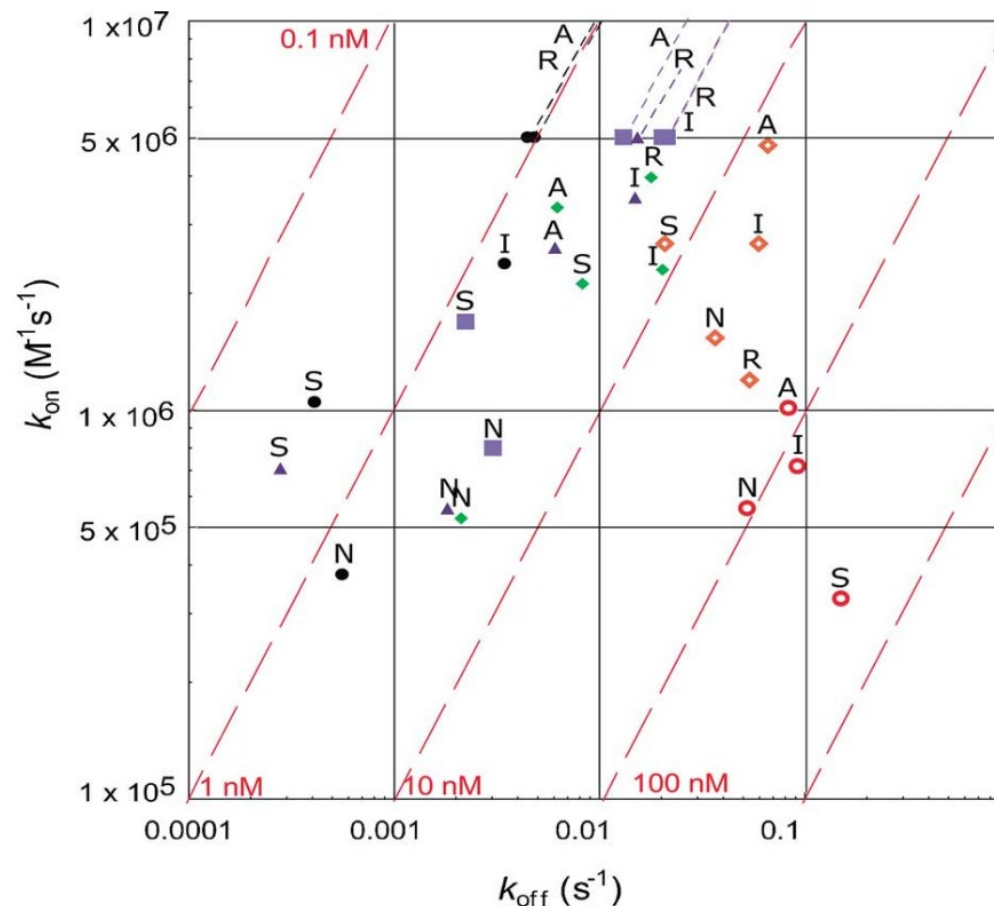
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$$[E] = -\frac{[I]_{\text{tot}} - [E]_{\text{tot}} + \frac{k_{\text{off}}}{k_{\text{on}}}}{2} + \sqrt{\left(\frac{[I]_{\text{tot}} - [E]_{\text{tot}} + \frac{k_{\text{off}}}{k_{\text{on}}}}{2}\right)^2 + \frac{k_{\text{off}}}{k_{\text{on}}} \times [E]_{\text{tot}}}$$

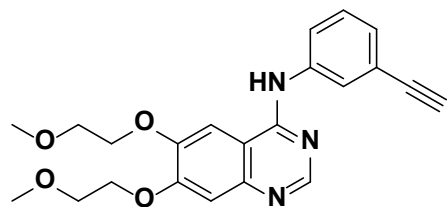


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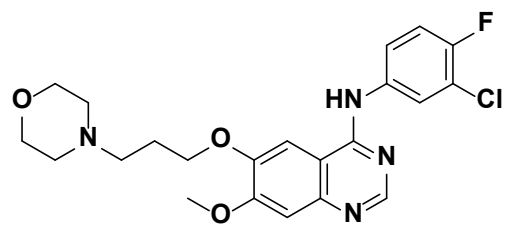
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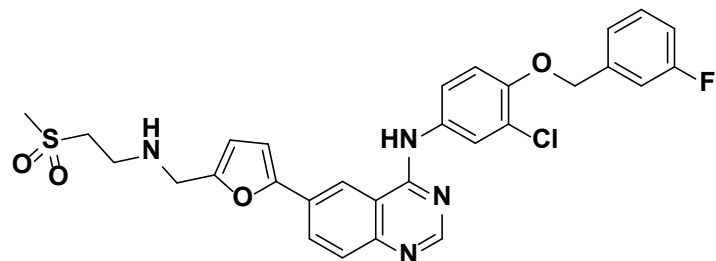
- Pronounced kinetic-activity relationship in an **open-system** assay



OSI-774

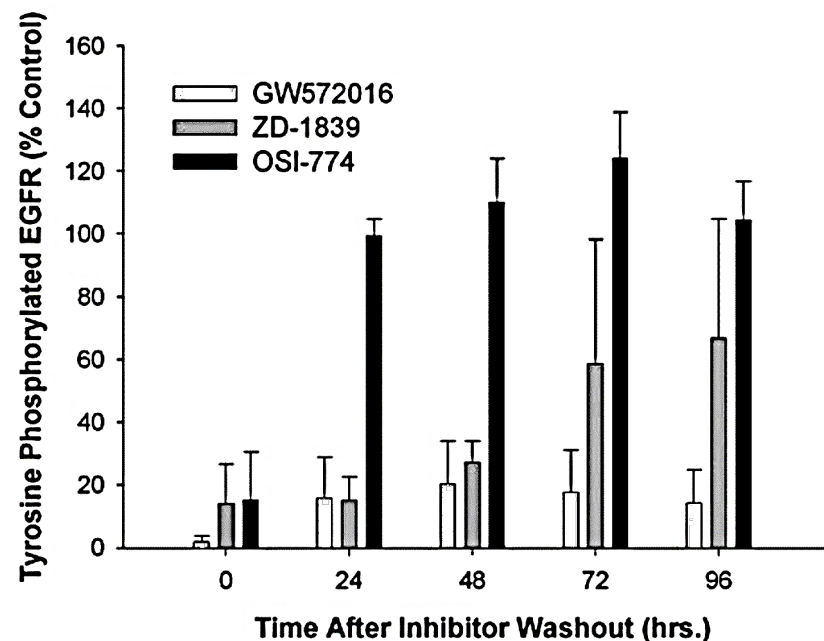


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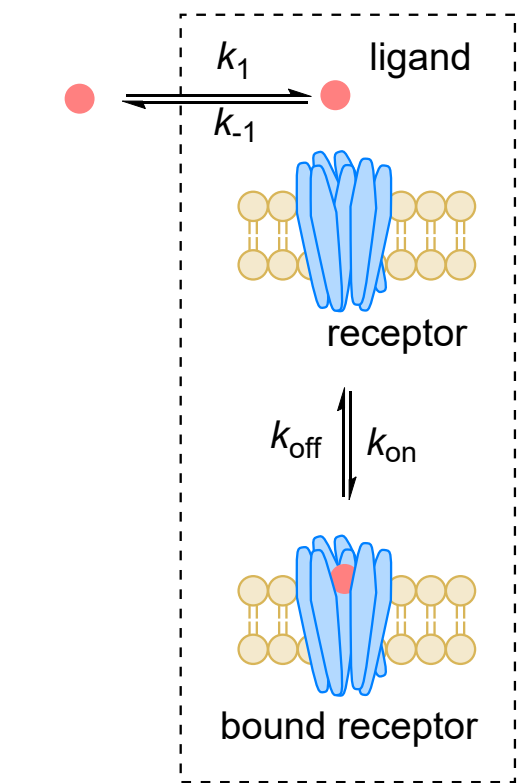


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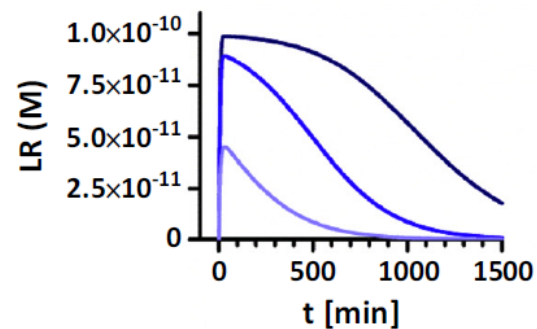
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K_i	0.7 nM	0.4 nM	3.0 nM
Dissociation $t_{1/2}$	< 10 min	< 10 min	~ 300 min



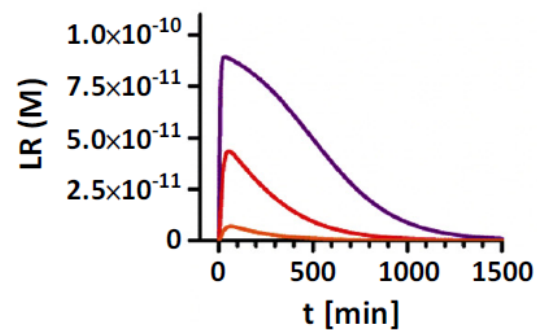
Hypothetical Models in Two-state Open System



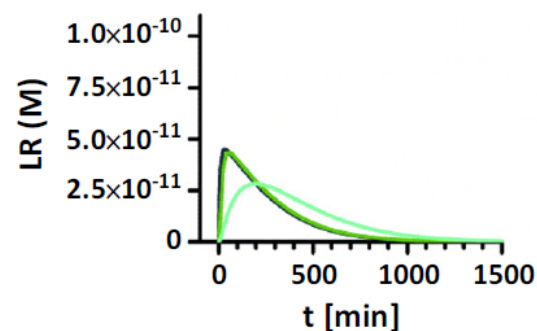
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$k_{on} \text{ (nM}^{-1} \text{ min}^{-1})$	$k_{off} \text{ (min}^{-1})$	$\tau \text{ (min)}$	$K_i \text{ (nM)}$	AVG $c \text{ (pM)}$
0.1	0.005	200	0.05	11
0.1	0.05	20	0.5	5.1
0.1	0.5	2	5	1.4

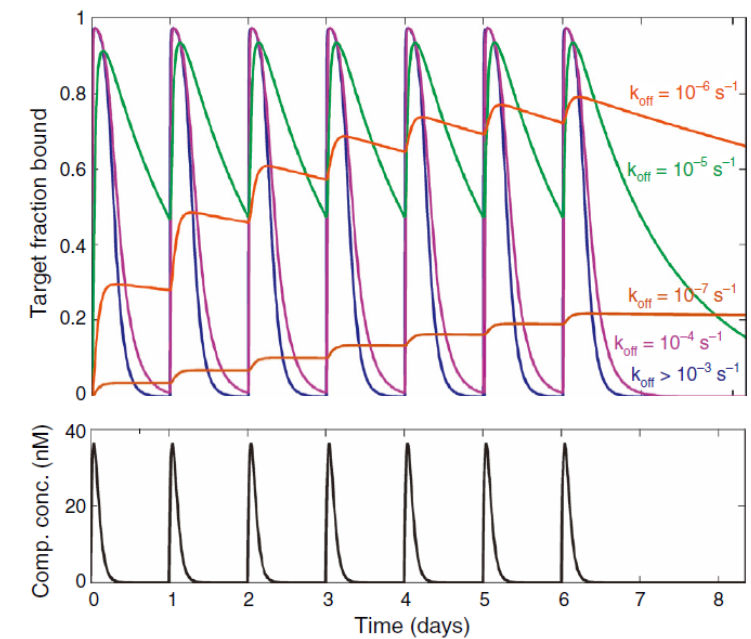
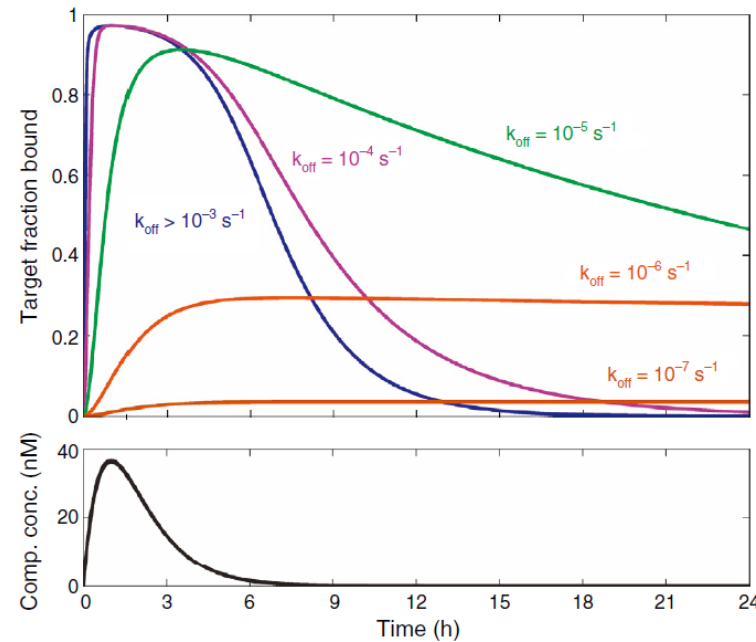
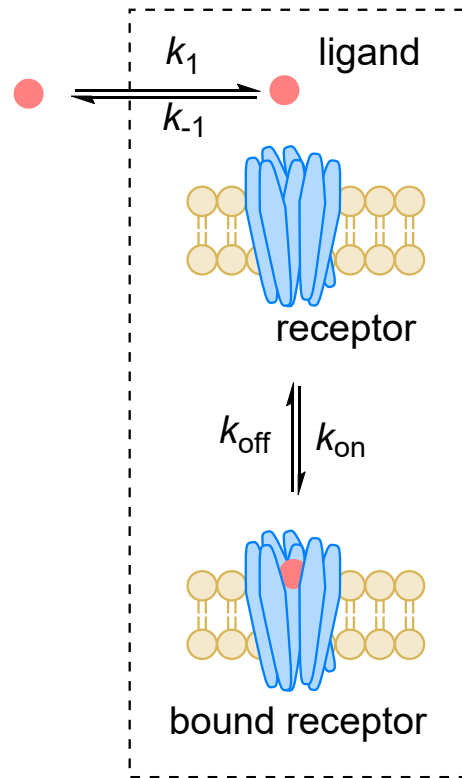


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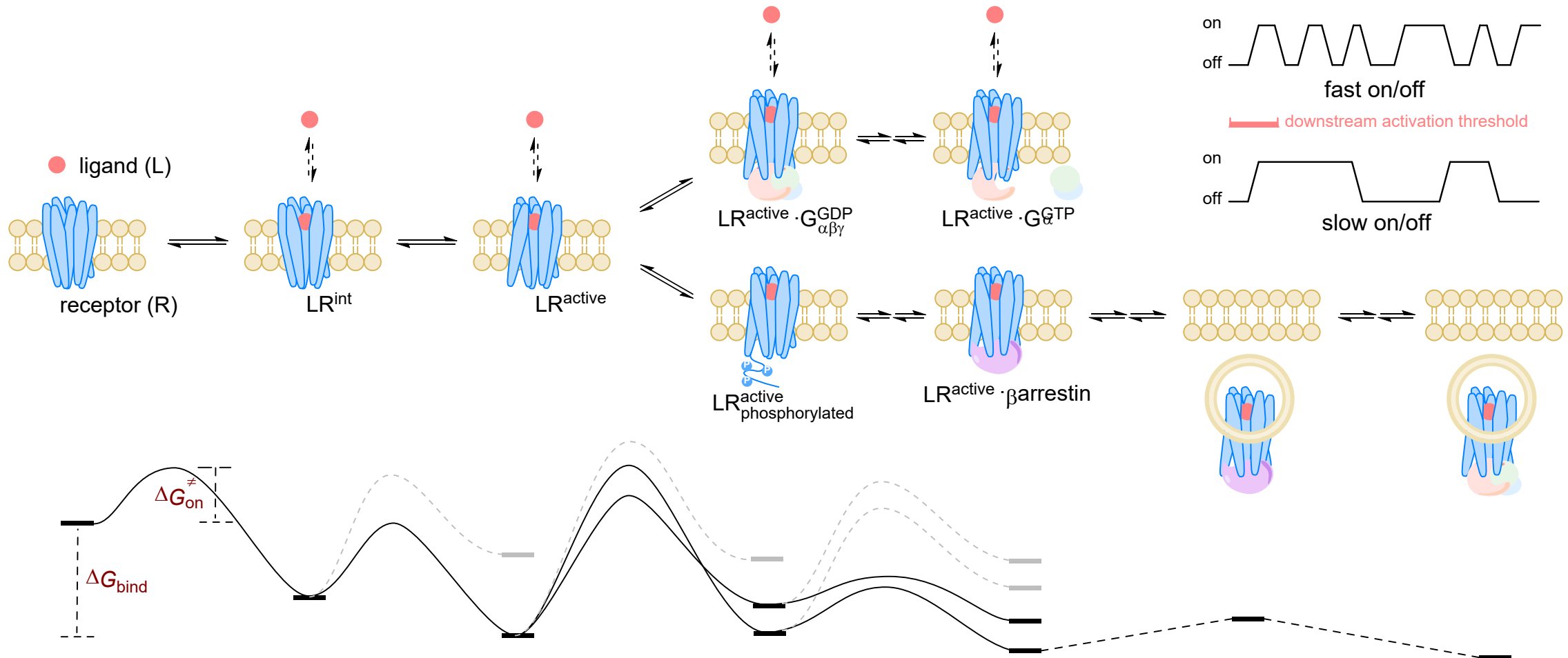
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Spatiotemporal Signaling at GPCRs

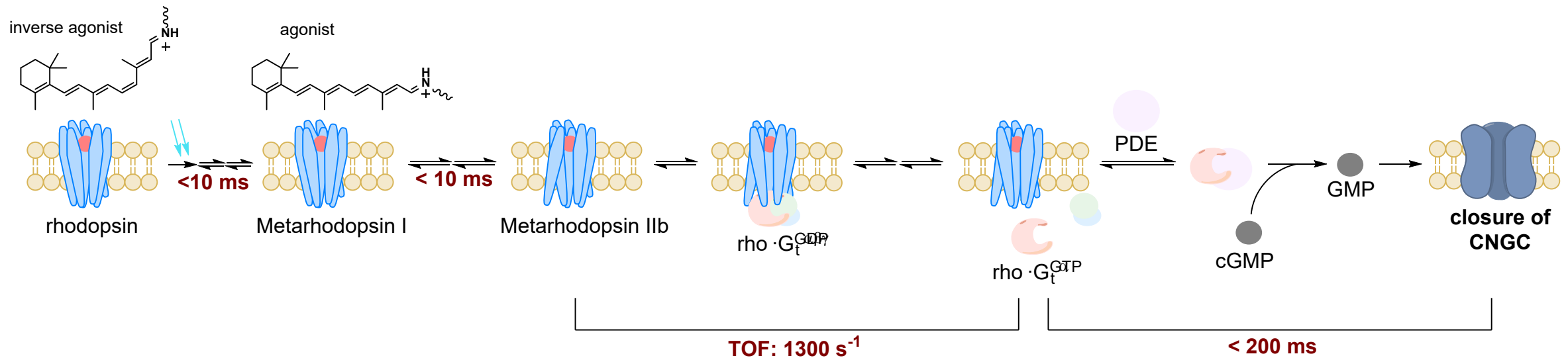
□ Spatiotemporal signaling complicated kinetic analysis at GPCRs

■ Spatiotemporal “barcode”



Kinetics at the Prototypical “Light Receptor”

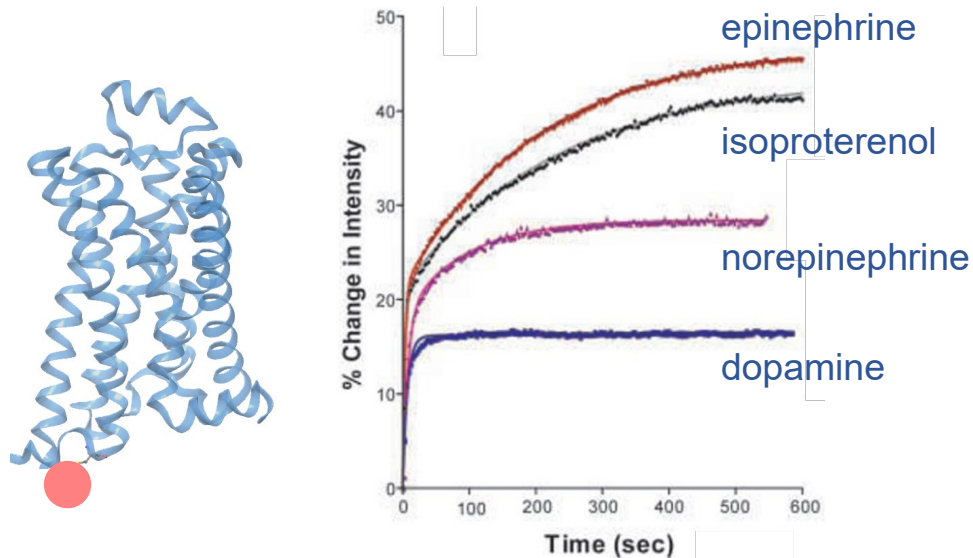
- Rhodopsin mediates signal transduction of **high-fidelity**, **high-speed** and **high-amplification ratio**.



Non-rhodopsin Receptors

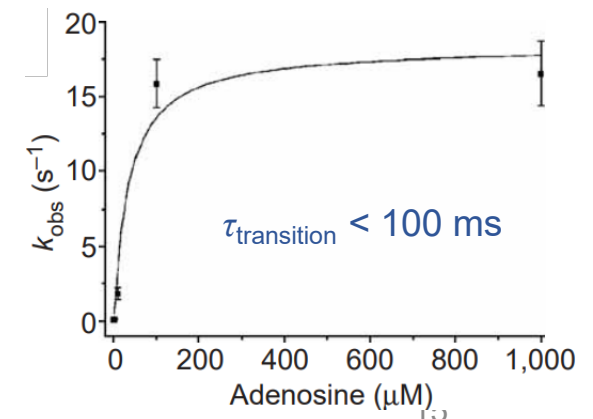
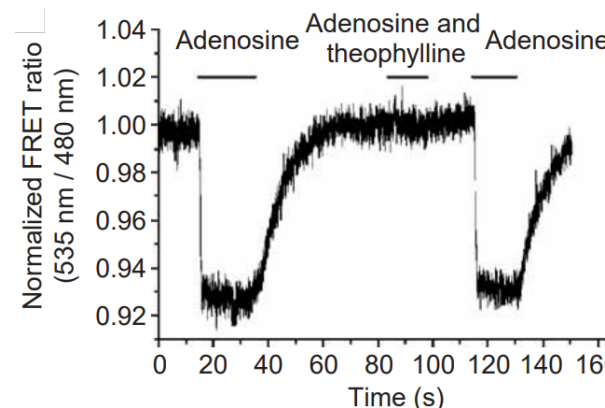
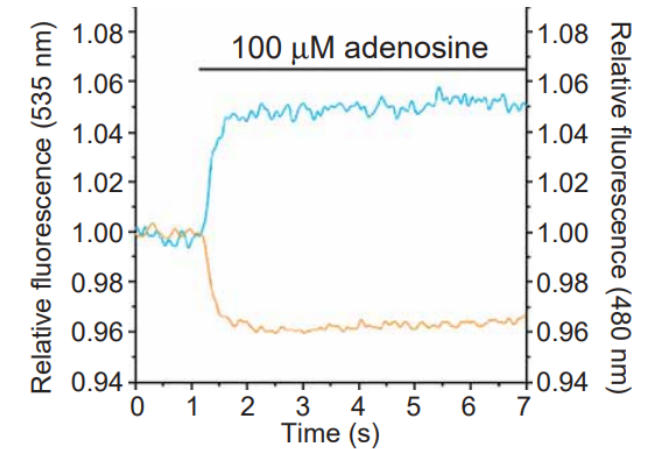
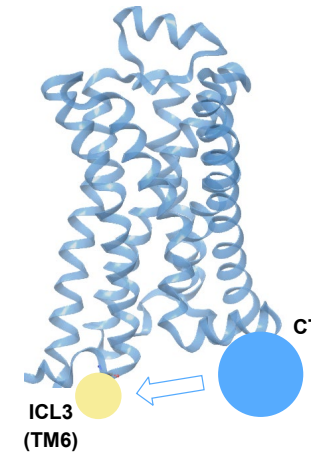
□ Conformational activation of GPCR

- An environmentally sensitive FL probe was attached to C²⁶⁵ at the end of TM6 (β_2 AR)



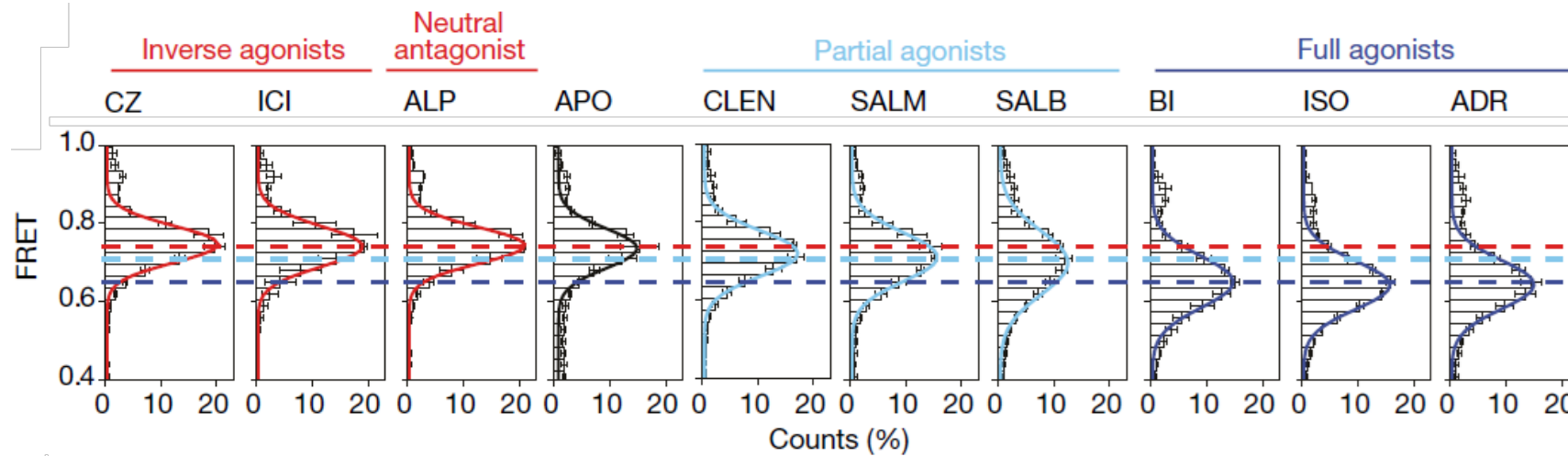
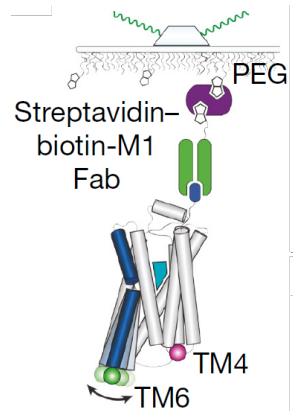
Drugs	Fast component, $t_{1/2}$	Slow component, $t_{1/2}$
	s	s
Isoproterenol	2.6 ± 0.2	147 ± 10
Epinephrine	4.5 ± 0.6	164 ± 20
Norepinephrine	2.8 ± 0.4	70.2 ± 6.1
Dopamine	4.2 ± 0.3	

- For living cell analysis, FRET/BRET based methods are usually used.

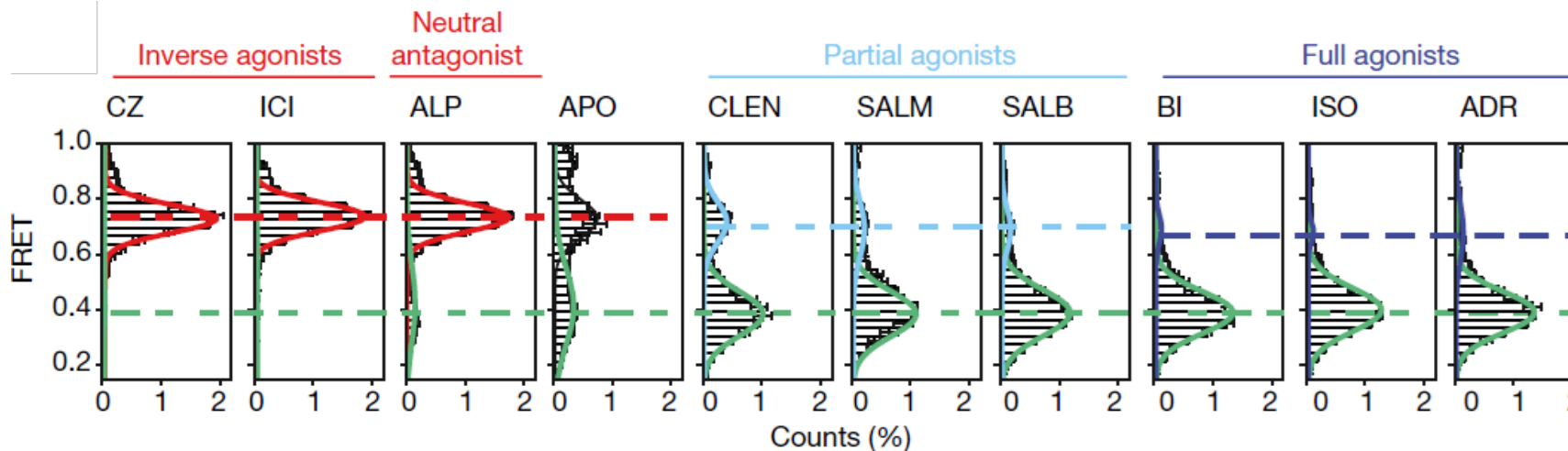
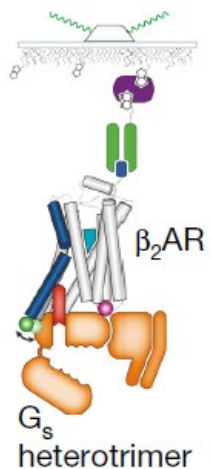


smFRET Analysis of GPCR Dynamics

□ Conformational activation and G protein binding



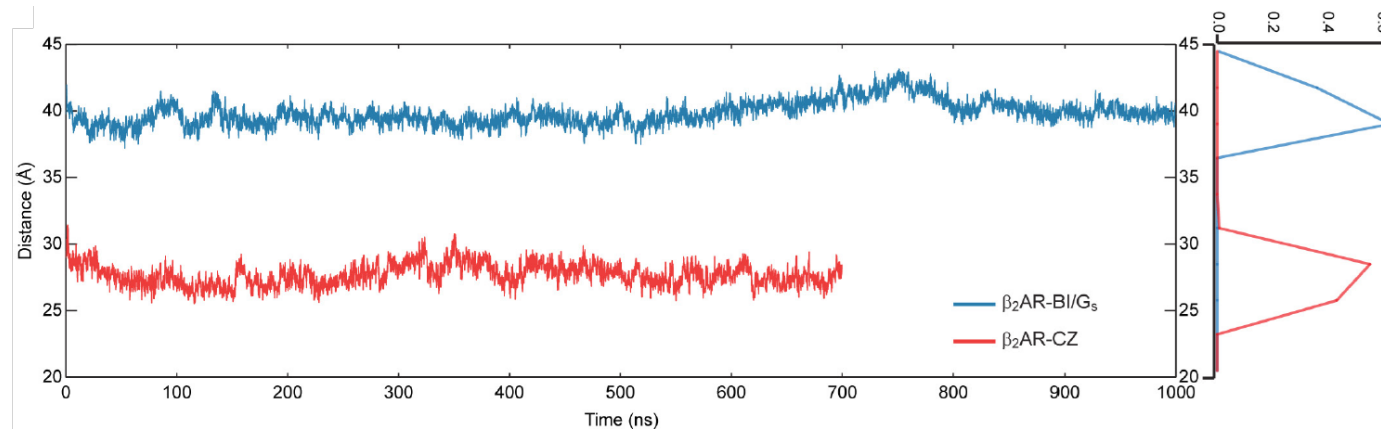
$\tau_{\text{transition}} \sim 2-10 \text{ ms}$



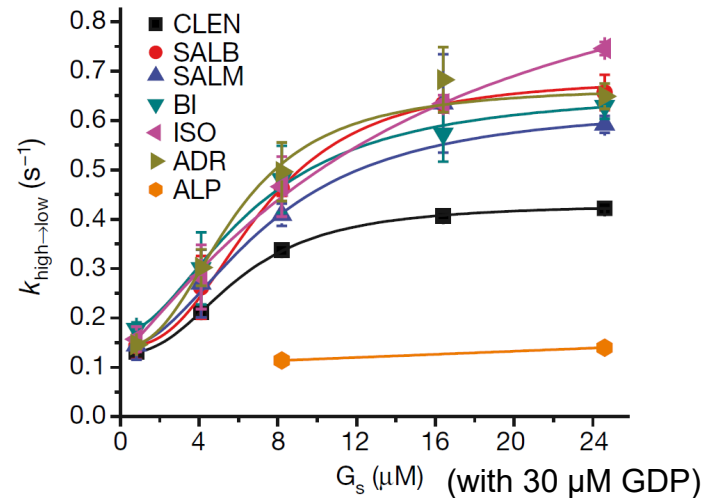
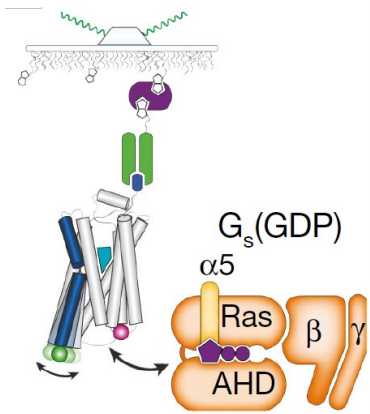
G Protein Association

□ G protein binding

- FRET reflects similar inter-dye distance with MD simulation



■ G_s titration



Apparent $k_{\text{on}} \sim 0.03\text{-}0.05 \mu\text{M}^{-1} \text{s}^{-1}$

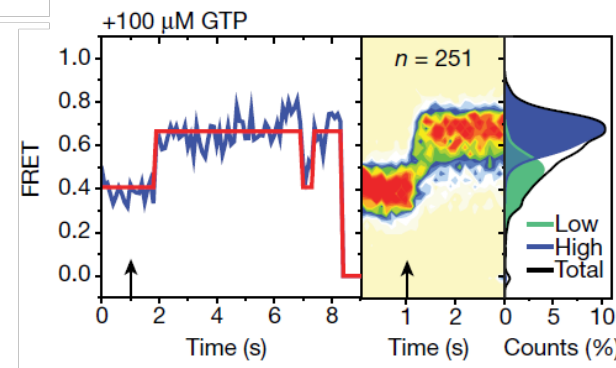
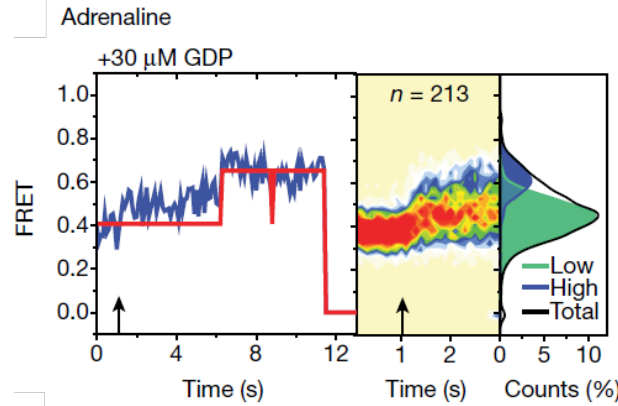
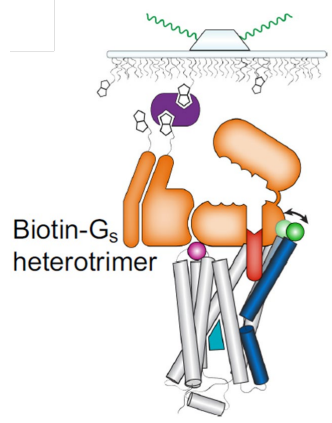
[G protein] $\sim 0.2\text{-}3 \mu\text{M}$

$k_{\text{on}} \sim 0.05 \text{s}^{-1}$, $k_{\text{on}, \text{max}} \sim 0.4\text{-}1.1 \text{s}^{-1}$

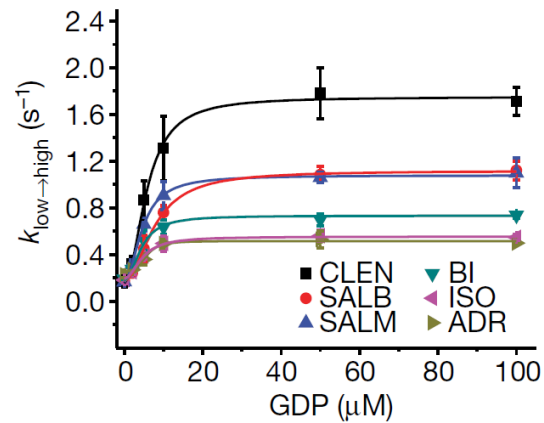
- A rate limiting conformational change was postulated to precede G_s binding

G Protein Dissociation

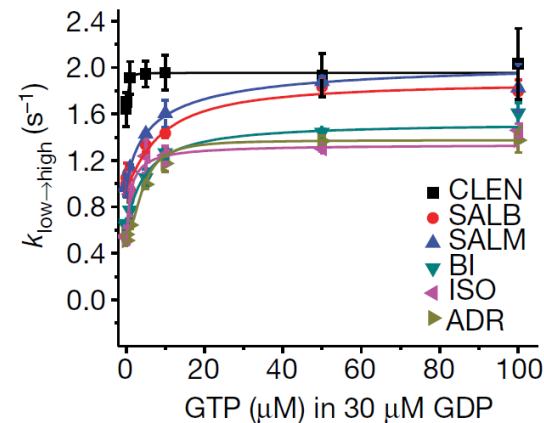
□ GDP/GTP association and G_s (GDP/GTP) dissociation



$k_{\text{on(GDP/GTP)}} \sim \text{diffusion controlled}$

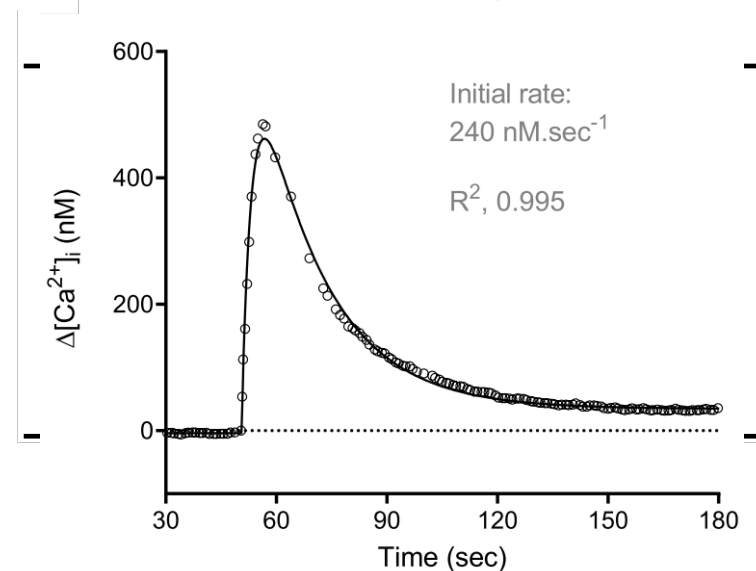


$\tau_{\text{transition}} \sim 0.6\text{-}2 \text{ s}$

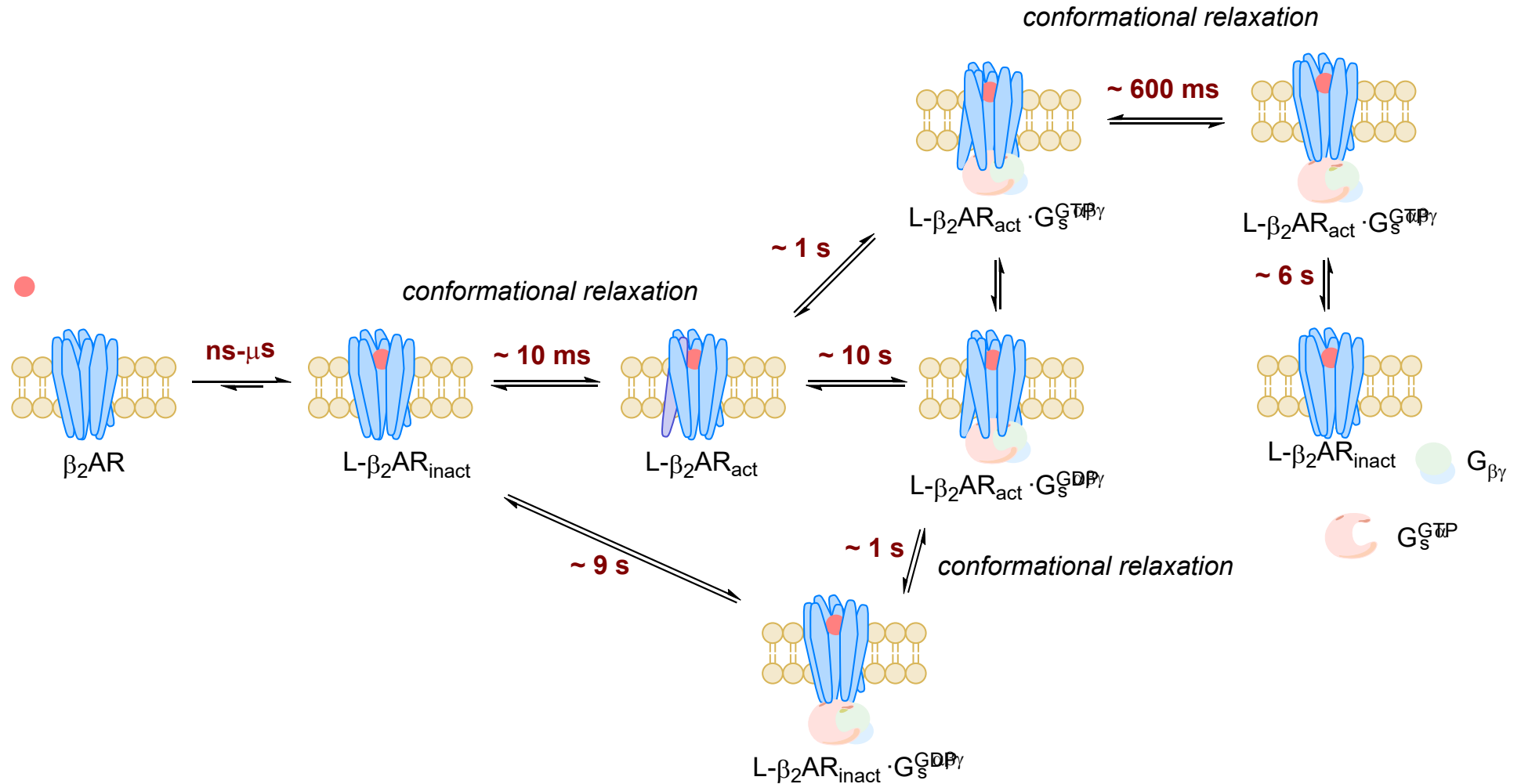


$\tau_{\text{transition}} \sim 0.5\text{-}0.8 \text{ s}$

Ca^{2+} mobilization, GnRH₁ receptor, GnRH

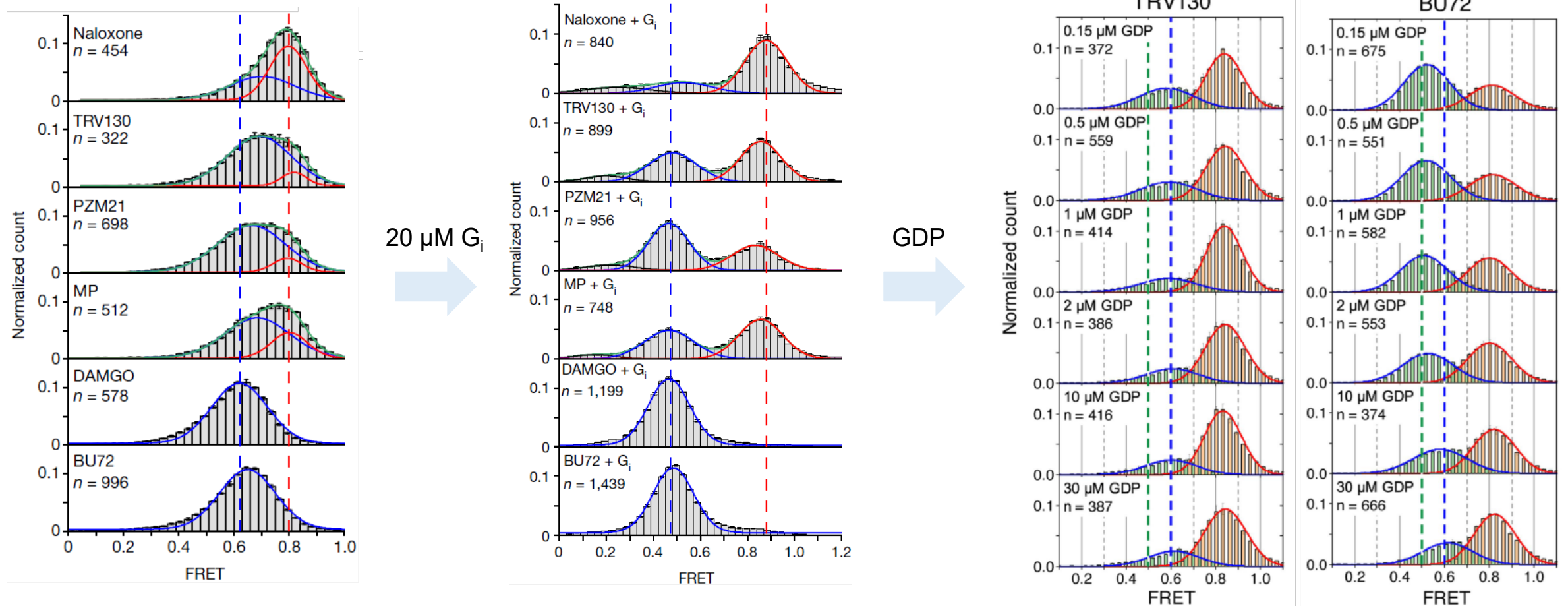


Overall Kinetic Model at β_2 AR



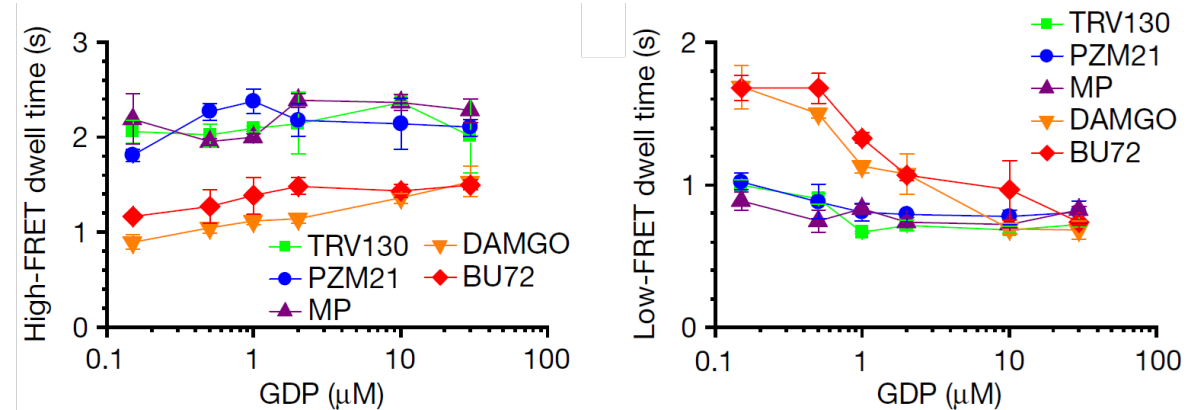
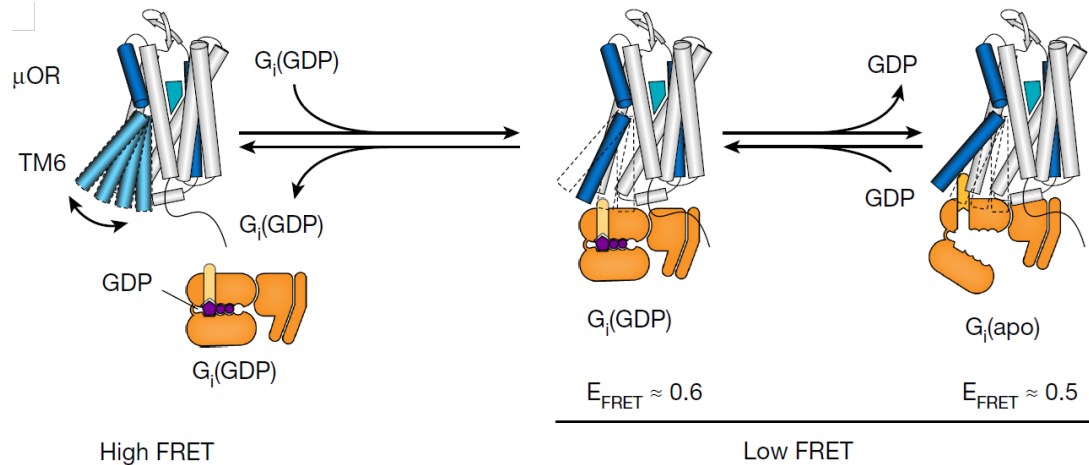
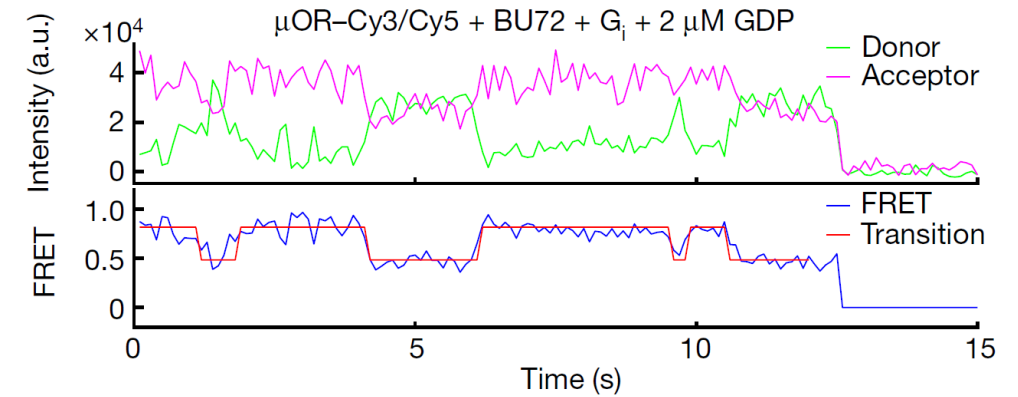
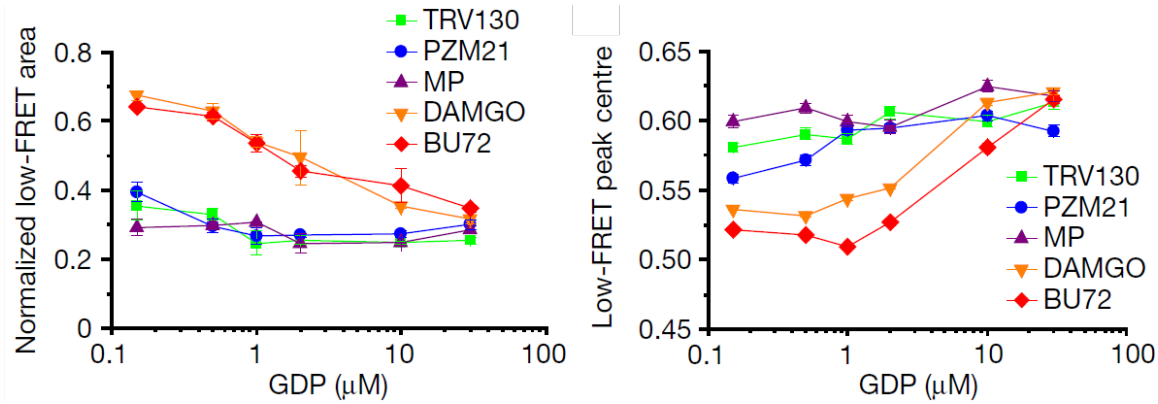
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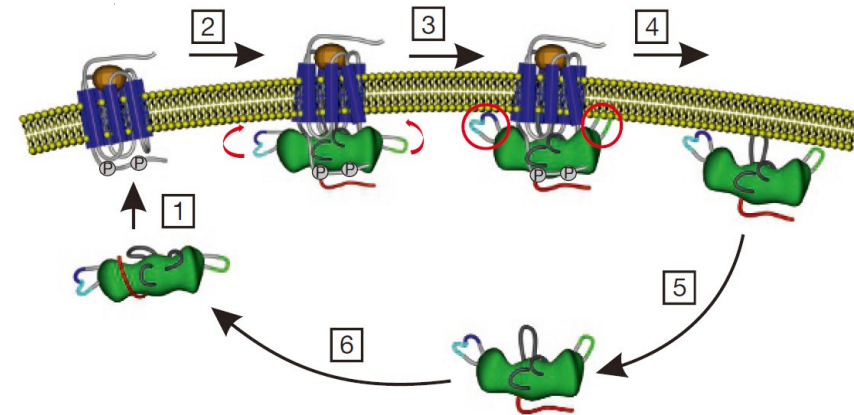
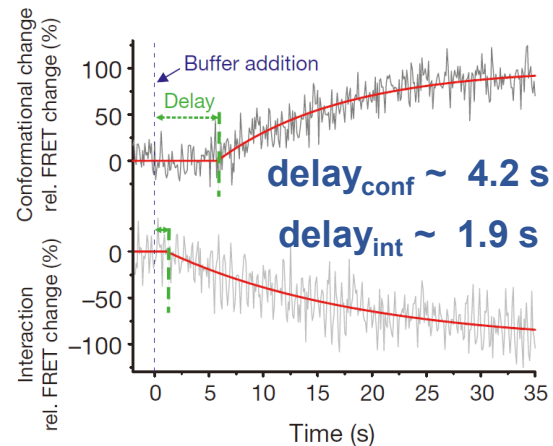
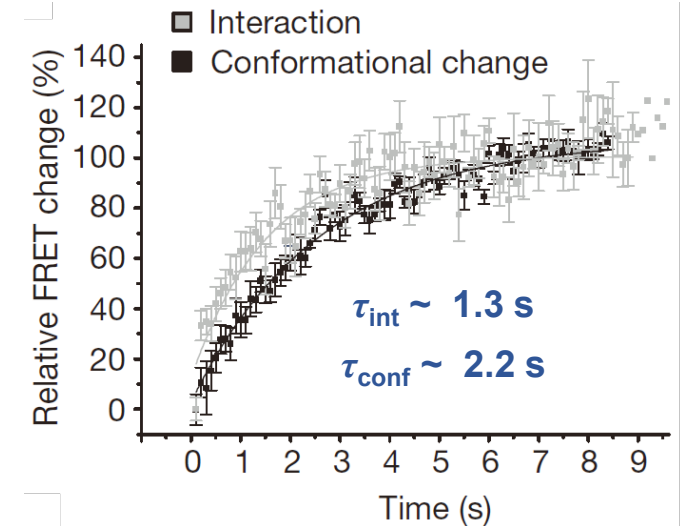
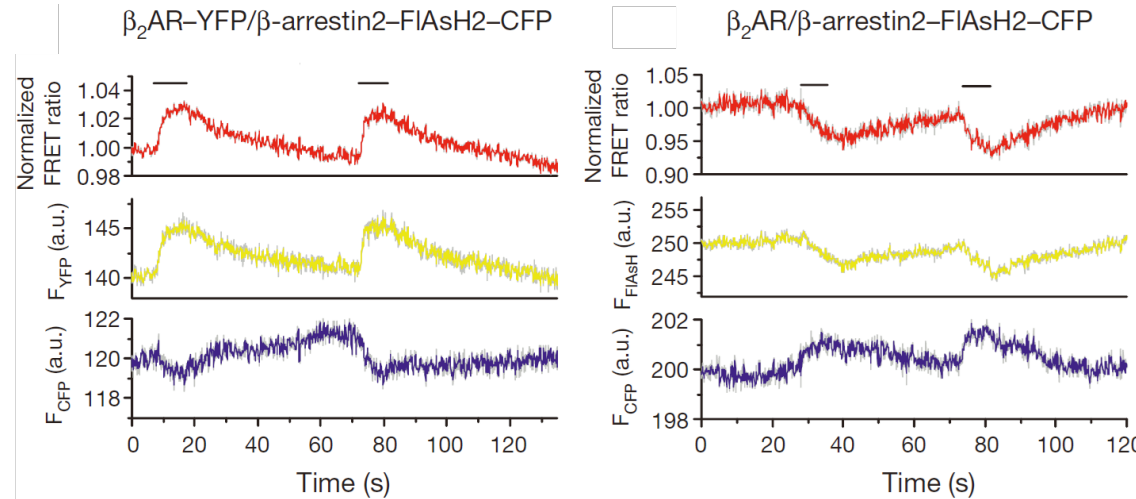
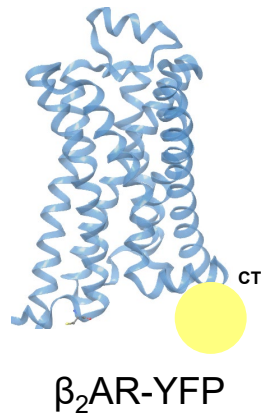
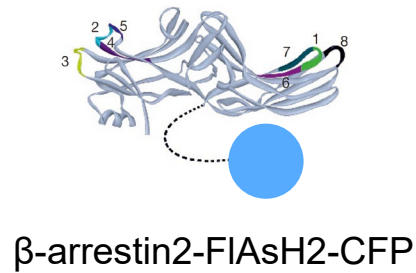


$$k_{\text{on}} \sim 0.5\text{-}1 \text{ s}^{-1}$$

$$\tau_{\mu\text{OR-Gi}(\text{GDP})} \sim 1 \text{ s} ?$$

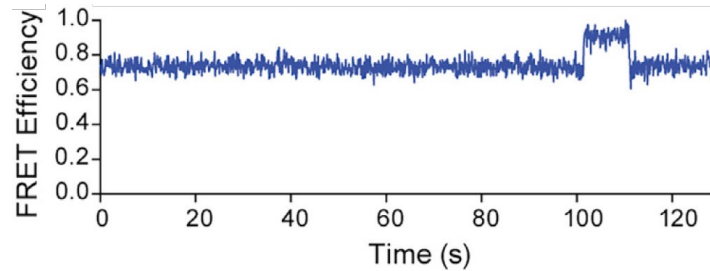
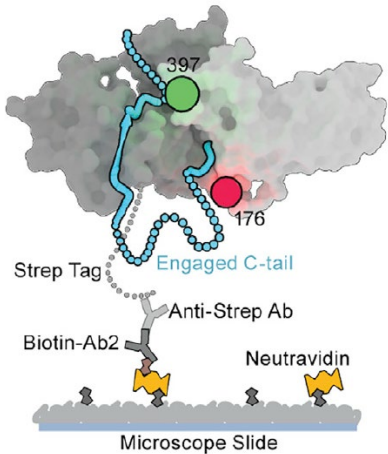
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□ Binding kinetics of β -arrestin at β_2 AR

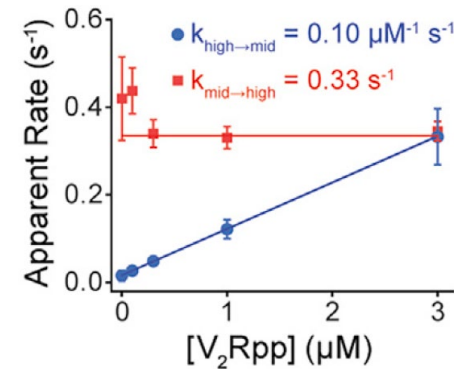
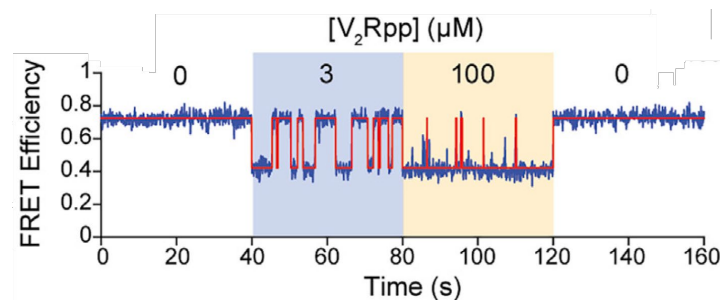
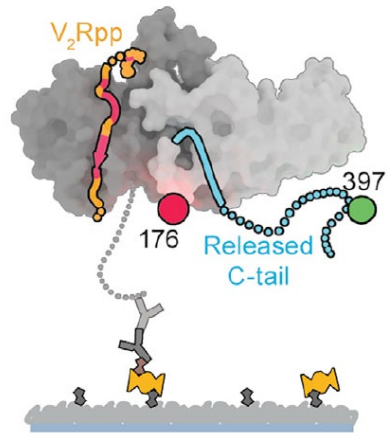


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□ Autoinhibition of β -arrestin 1 and β_2 AR by C-terminal tail



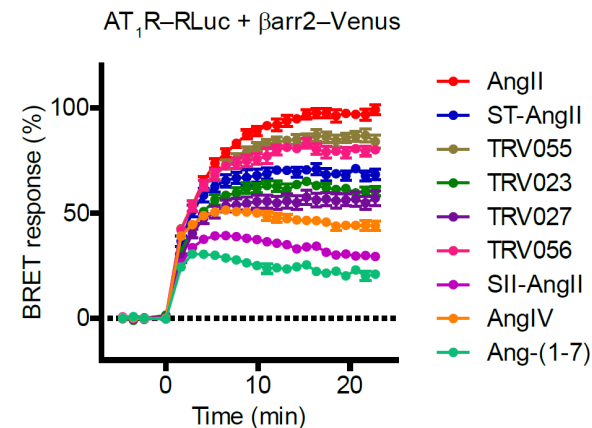
V_2Rpp



$[\beta_{arr}] \sim 80 \text{ nM}$

$\tau_{on} \sim 100 \text{ s}$

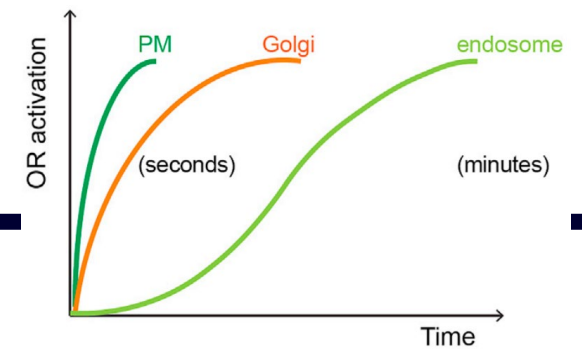
$\tau_{off} \sim 2 \text{ s}$



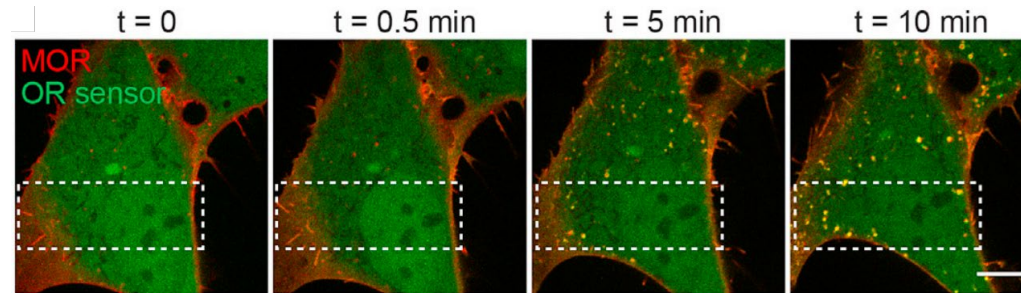
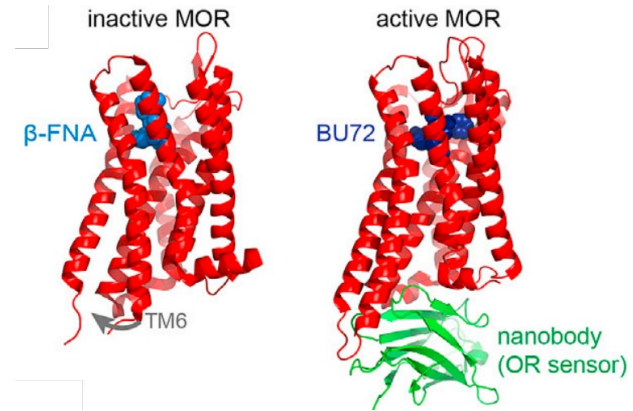
Correlates with the response time scale in most assays

Receptor Endocytosis

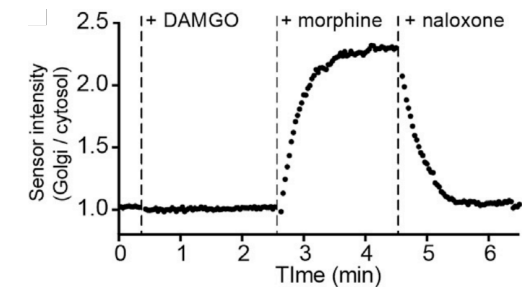
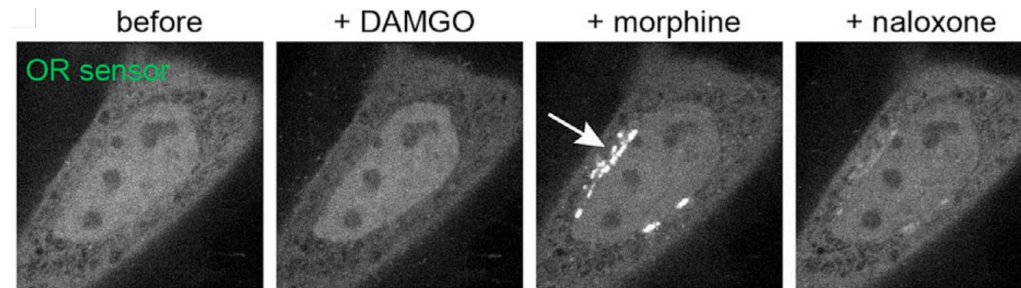
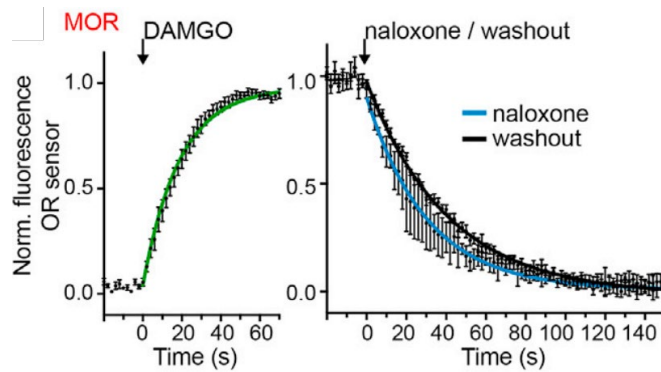
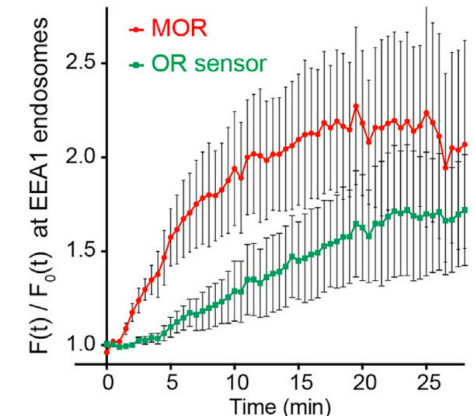
- Spatiotemporally resolved OR activation by conformation-sensitive luminescent nanobody



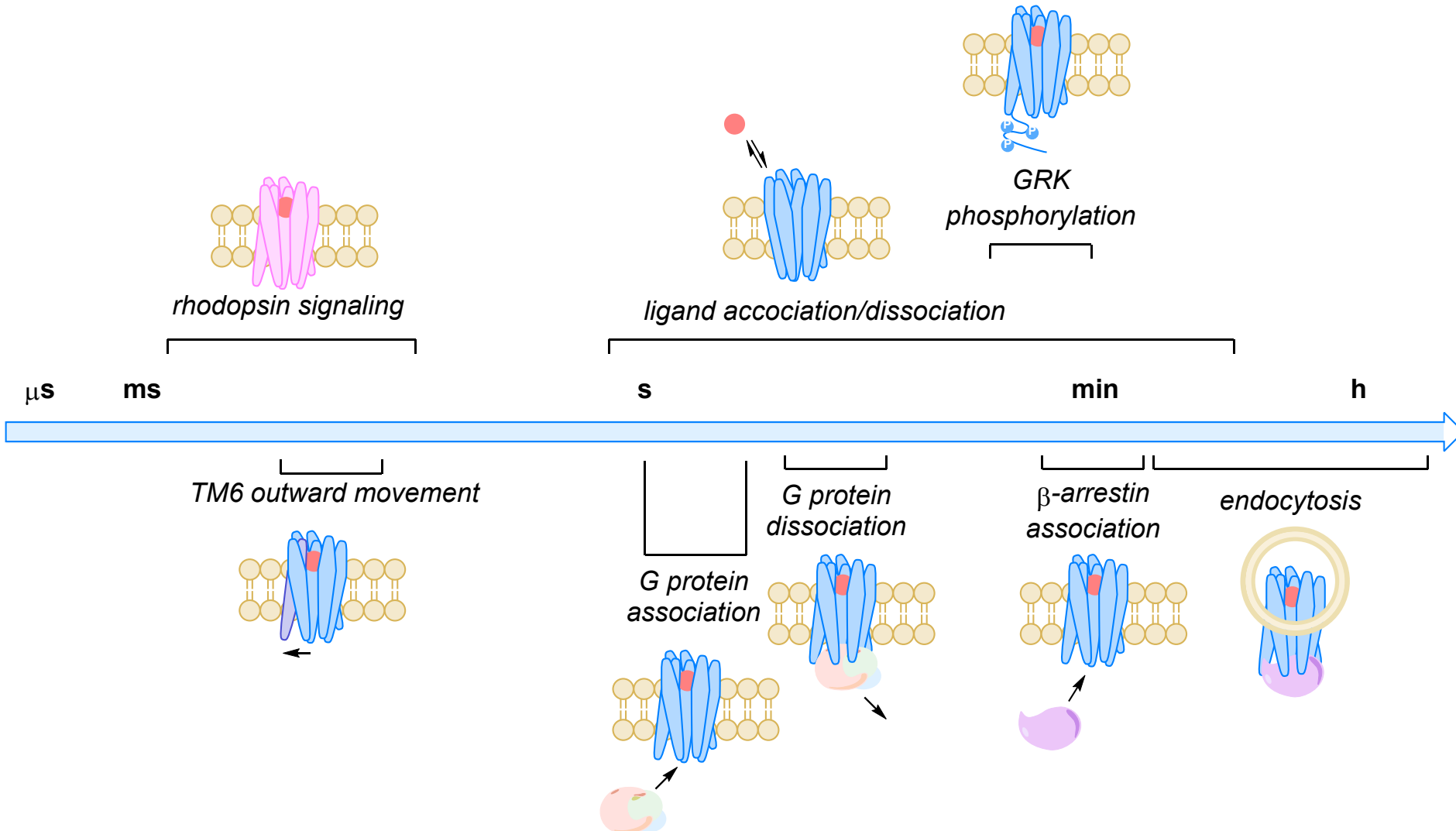
Labeling μ OR at PM, then + DAMGO



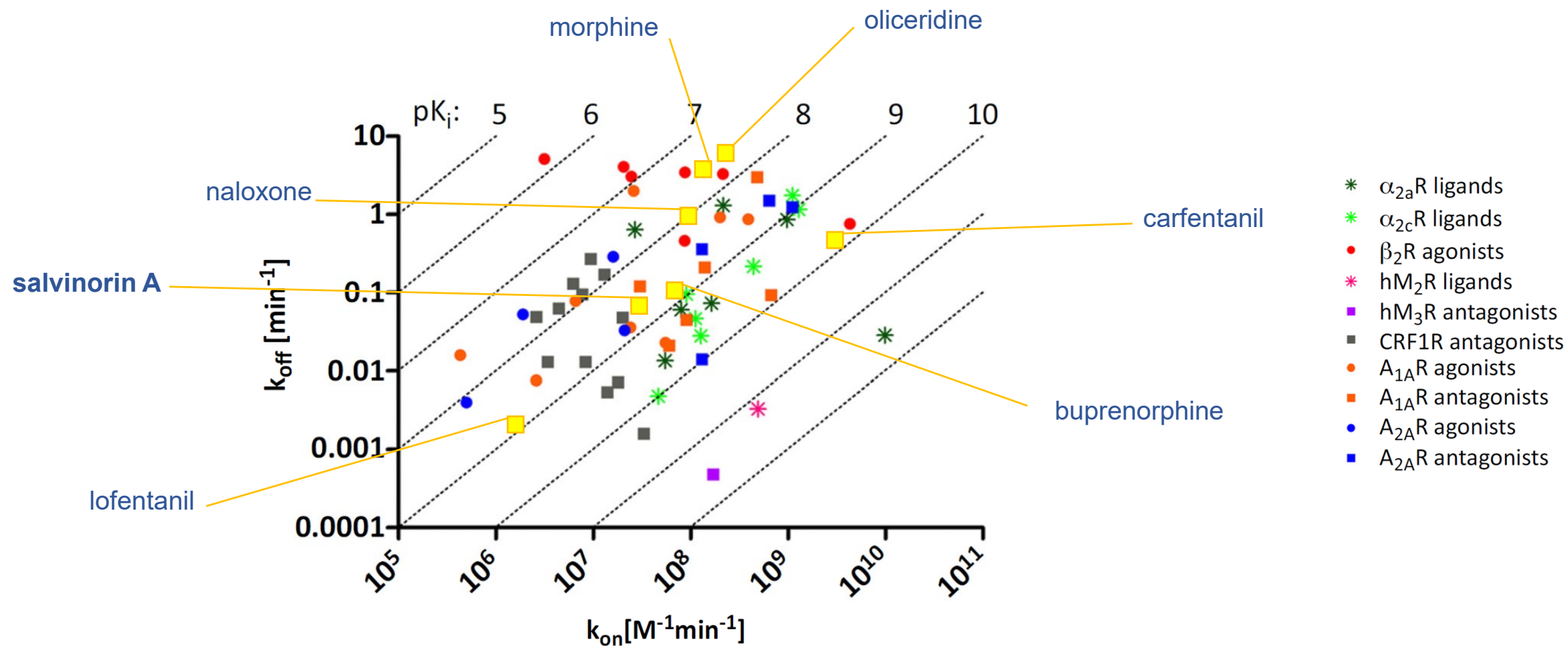
$t_{1/2} \sim 10$ min



Time Scale Overview

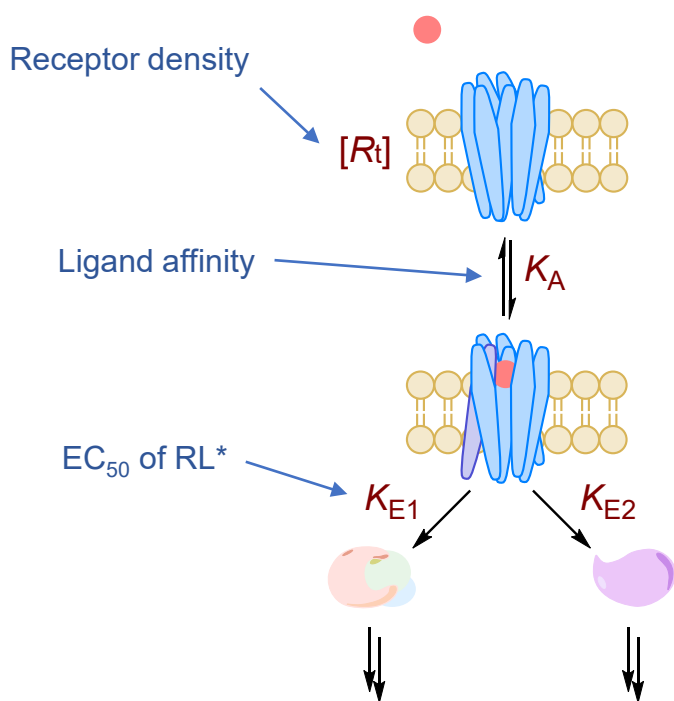


Kinetic Parameters for GPCR Drugs



Interplay of Ligand Binding and GPCR Signaling Kinetics

- The role of kinetic context in **apparent biased agonism** at GPCRs
- The Black–Leff operational model in quantifying bias



Define: $\tau = [R_t]/K_E$

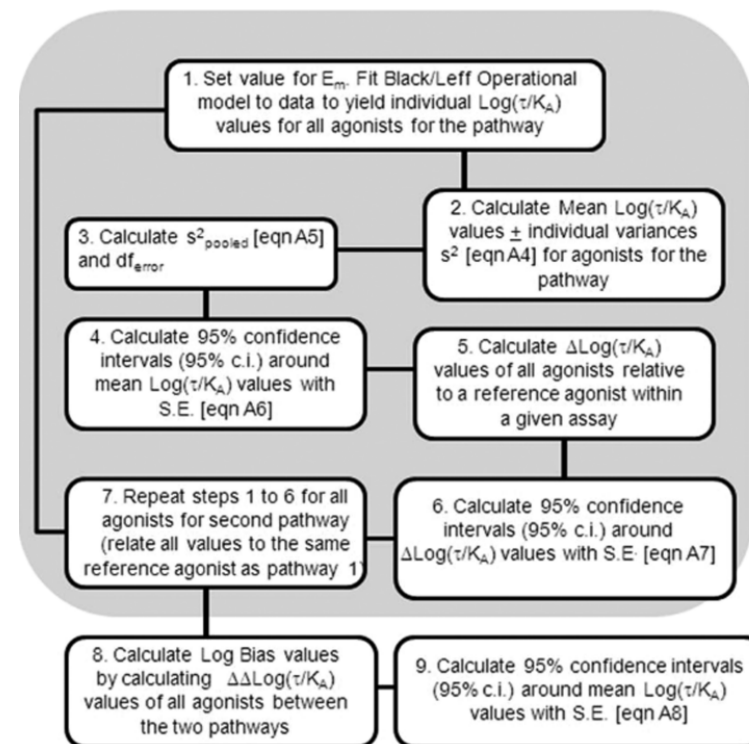
Define: Transduction coefficient = $\log[\tau/K_A]$

Intra-pathway: $\Delta\log[\tau/K_A] = \log[K_{E1} K_{A1}/K_{E, \text{std}} K_{A, \text{std}}]$

Inter-pathway: $\Delta\Delta\log[\tau/K_A]$

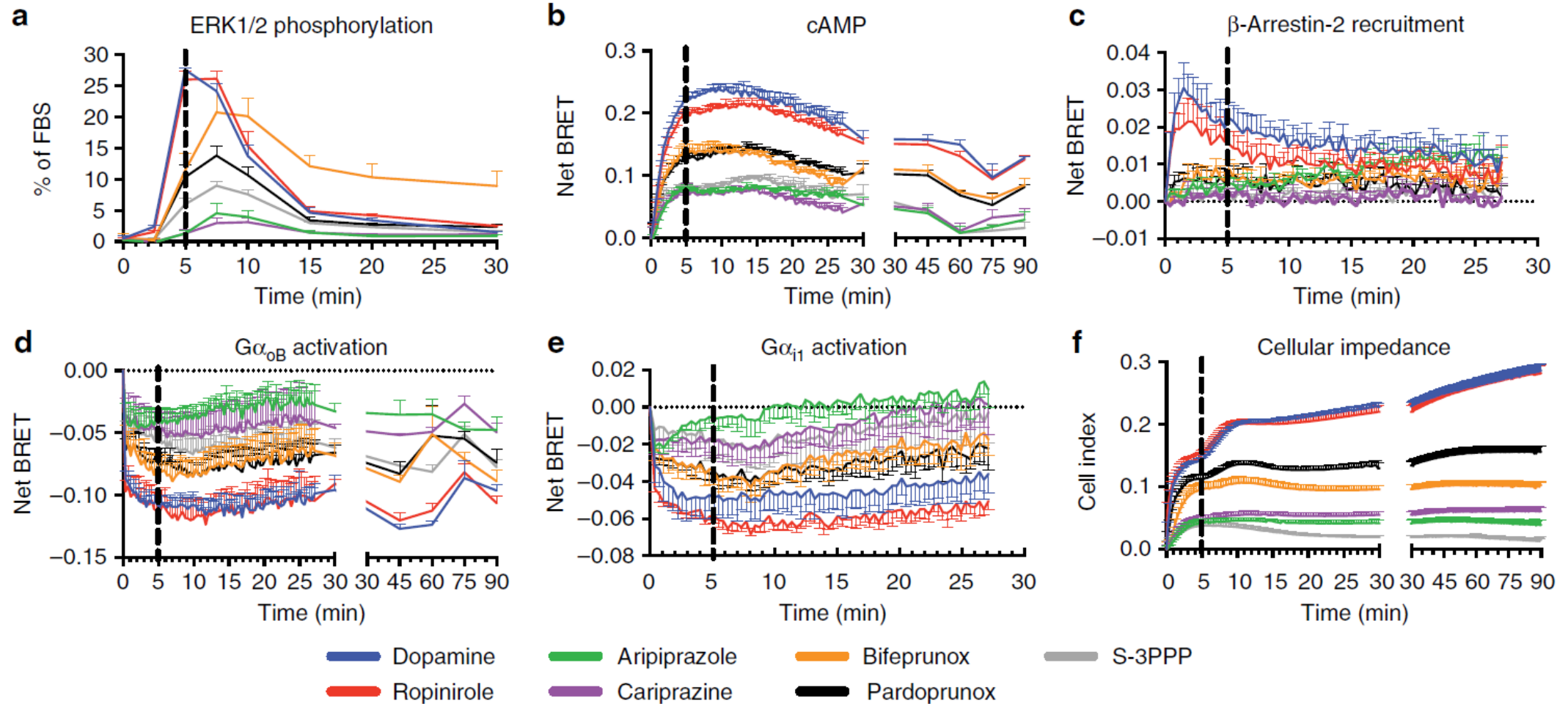
bias: $10^{(\Delta\Delta\log[\tau/K_A])}$

$$\text{response} = \frac{E_m [A]^n \tau^n}{[A]^n \tau^n + ([A] + K_A)^n}$$



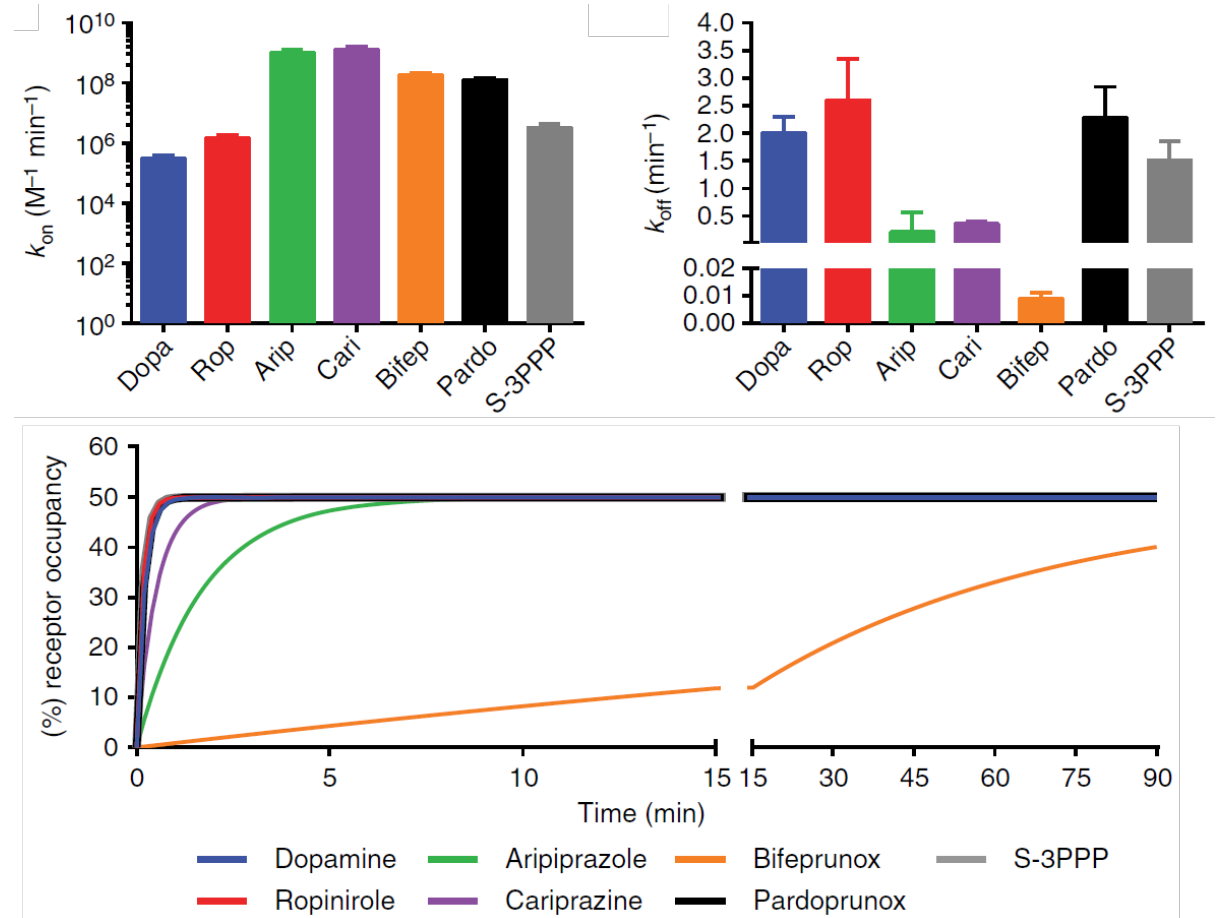
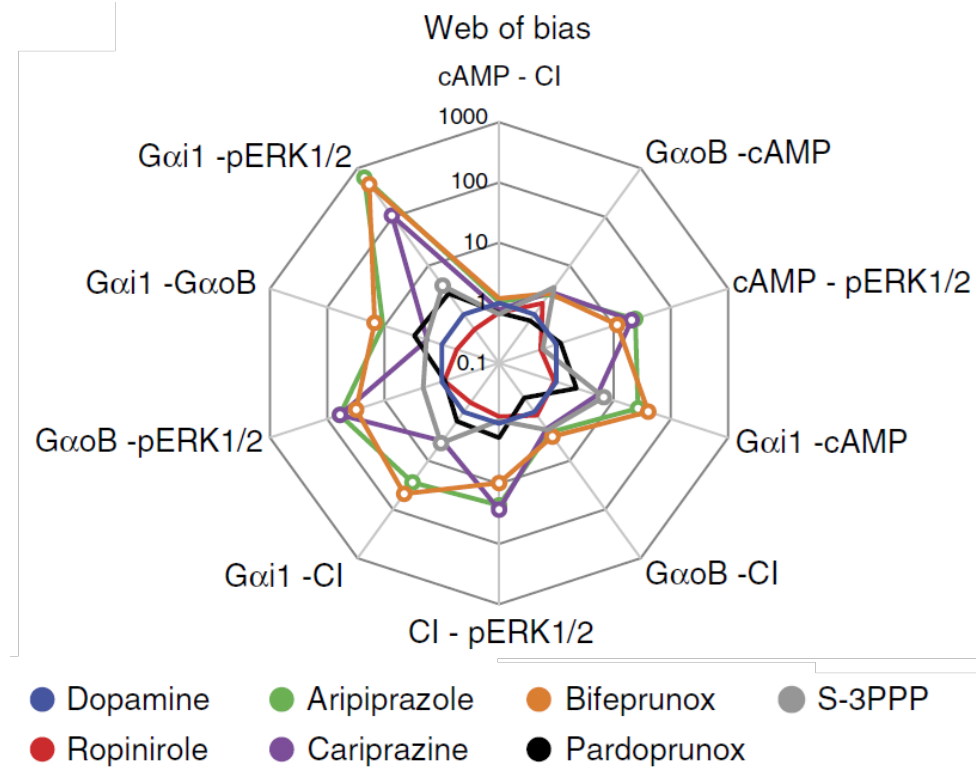
Time as an Additional Dimension

□ Time-dependent measurement of response over 7 agonists and 6 assays at D₂R



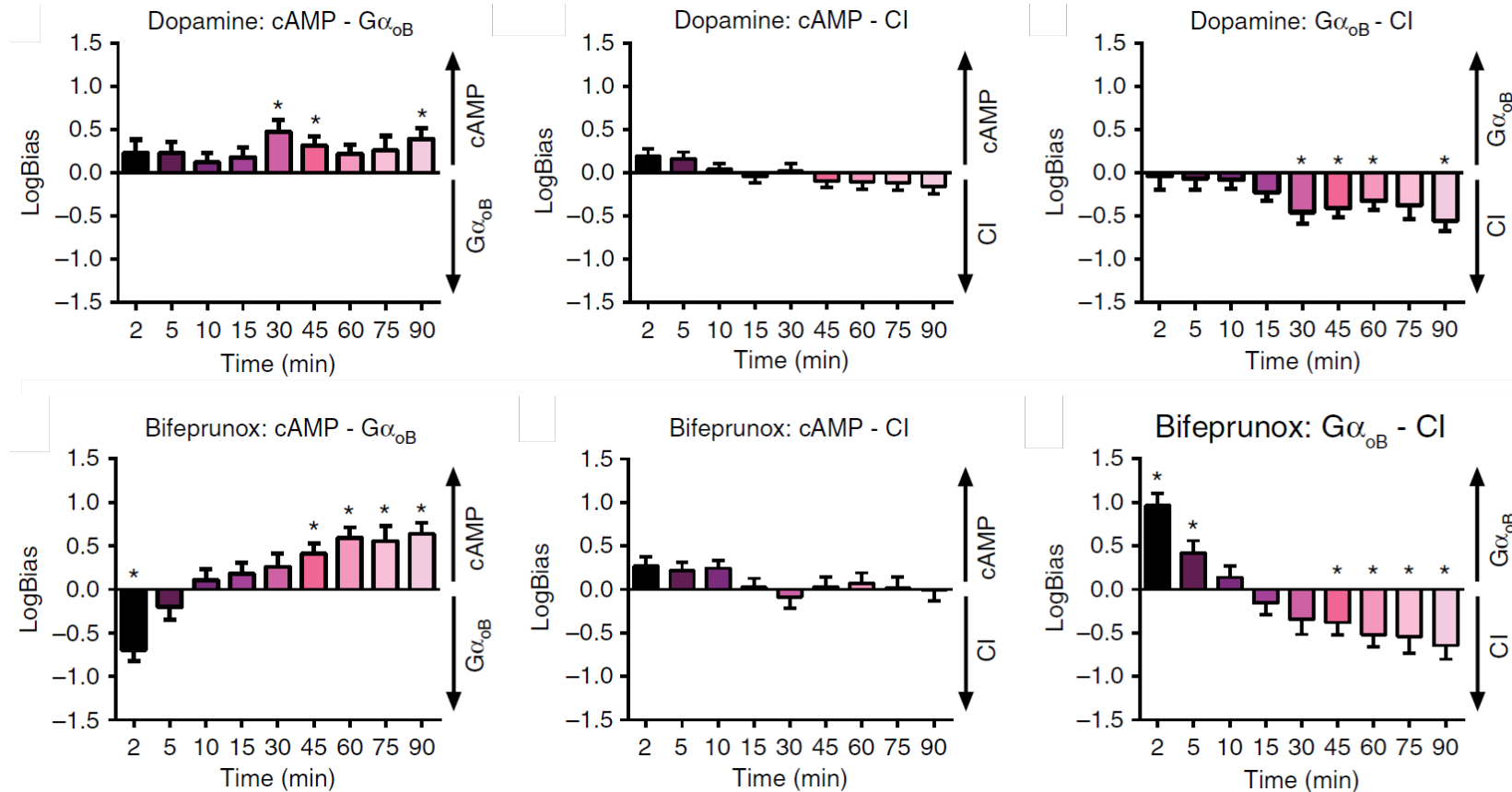
Time as an Additional Dimension

□ Distinct kinetic profiles of agonists



Time as an Additional Dimension for Apparent Bias

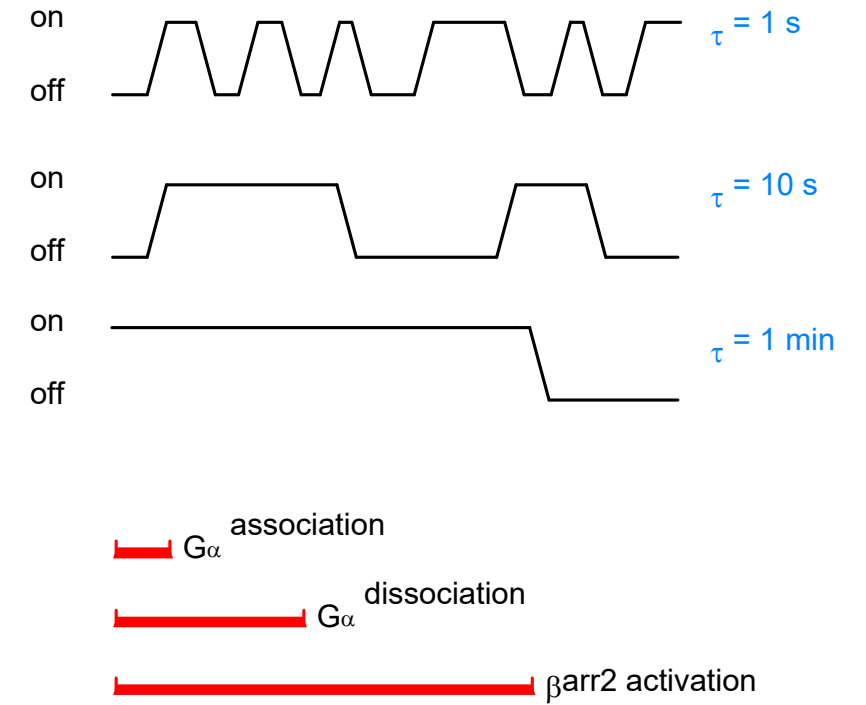
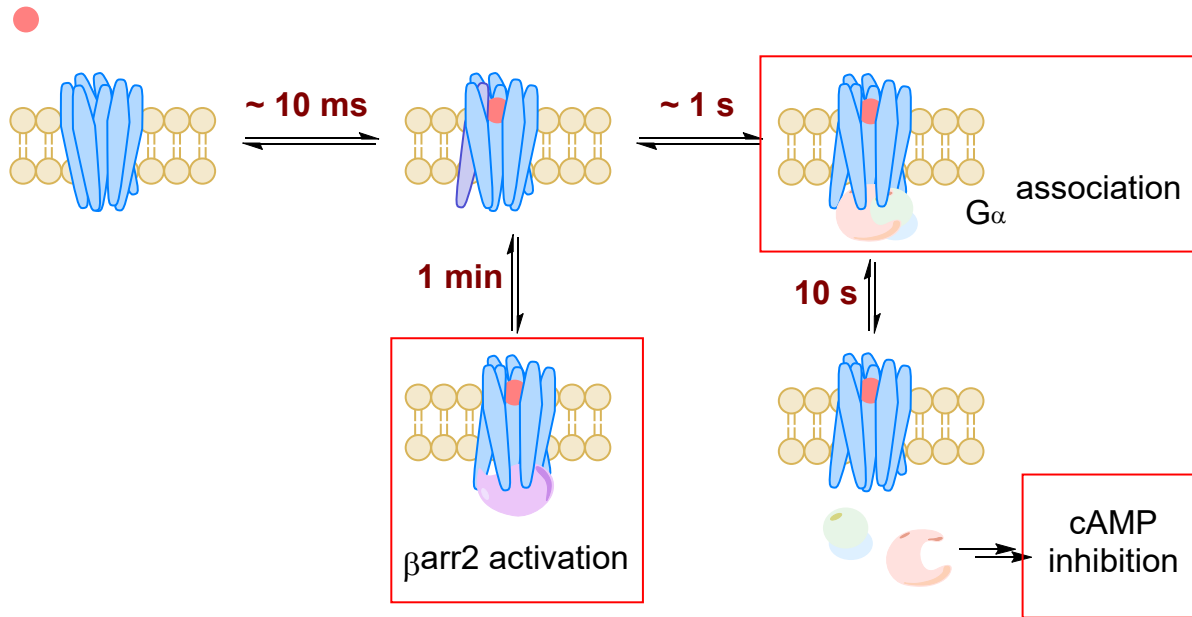
- Bias evolves with time for slow-dissociating agonists



- Is kinetics a “confounding factor” or an important component in bias signaling?

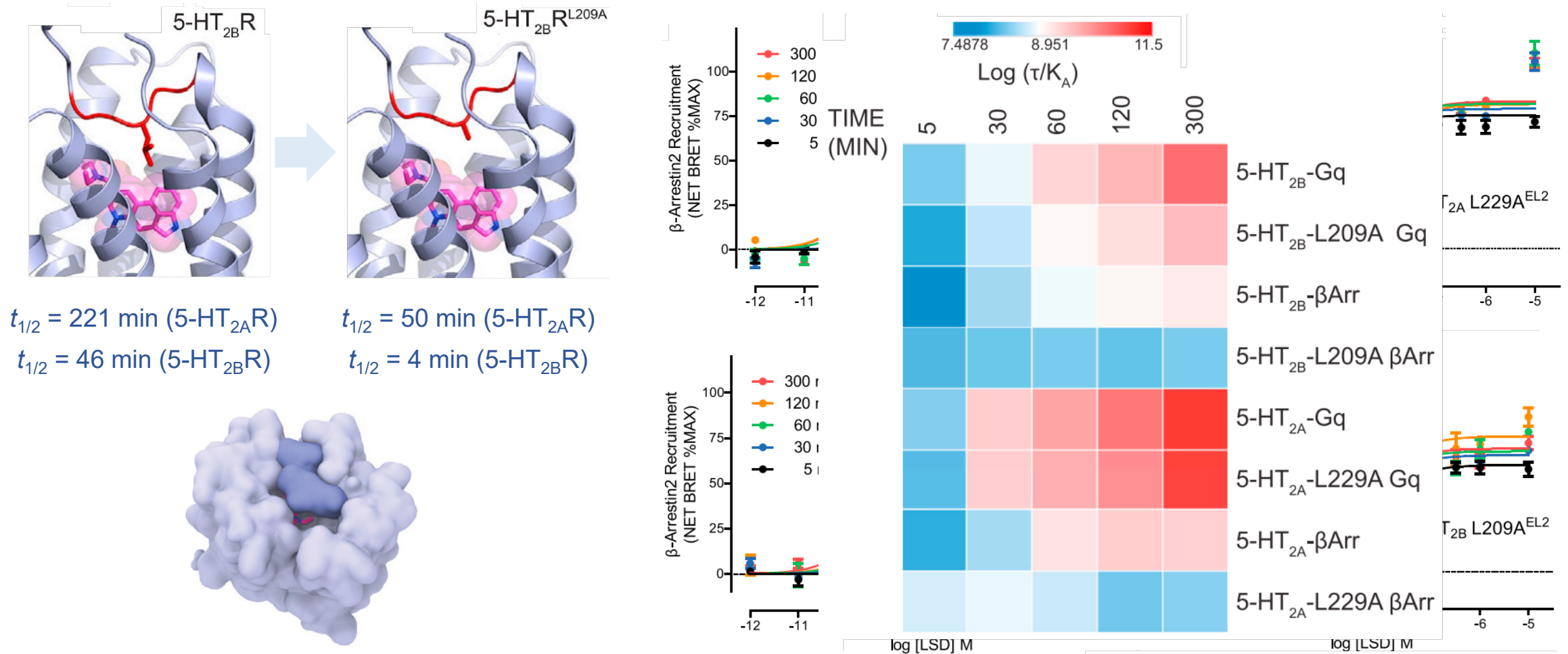
Binding Kinetics and the Intrinsic Bias

□ Proofreading by temporal waveform



Binding Kinetics and the Intrinsic Bias

- ❑ Slow-off kinetics of LSD at 5-HT_{2A/B}R endows β -arrestin bias

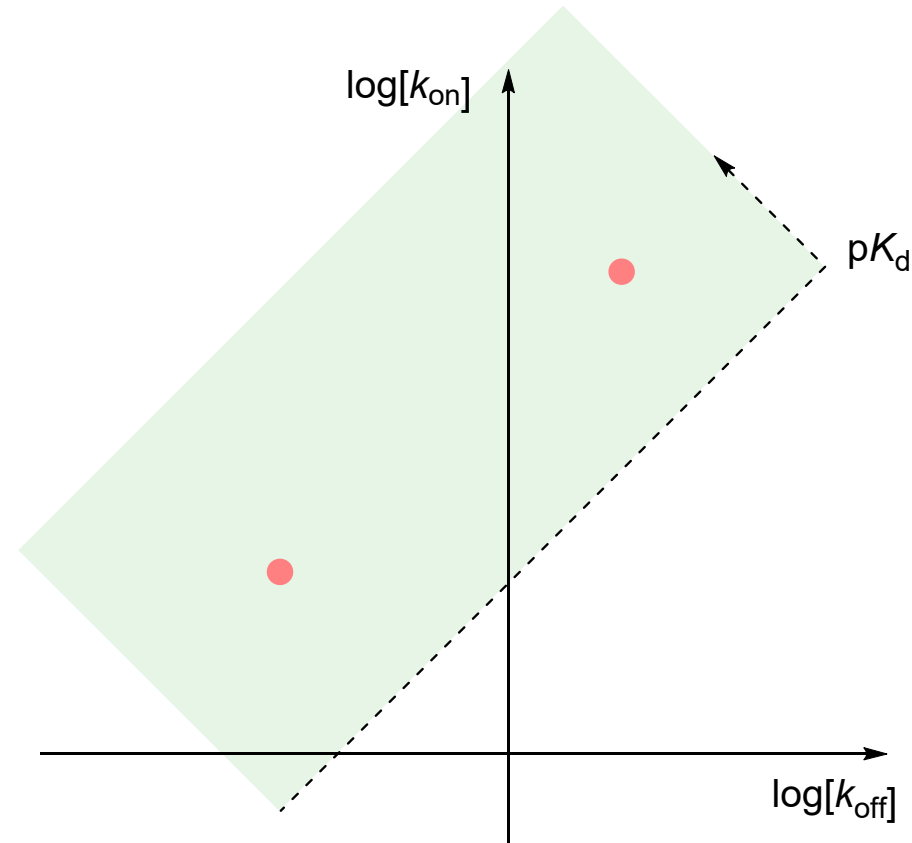


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Revisiting the Drug-target Interaction Kinetics

- Which one should dominate?
- Fast-off / slow-off / fast-on / slow-on



Advantages of Fast-off Kinetics

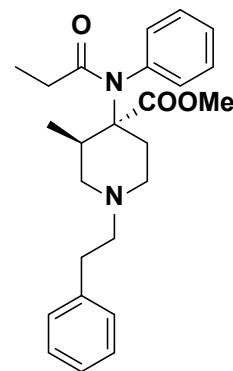
❑ **Fast-off** / slow-off / fast-on / slow-on

■ **Reduce on-target toxicity**

Cmpd ^a	Affinity (K_i , nM) [□]	Dissociation half-life
Haloperidol	1.8	72.4 sec
Nemonapride	0.025 (rat)	355 min (rat)
Spiperone	0.1 (rat)	200 min (rat)
Sertindole	1.2 (rat)	47 min (rat)
Chlorpromazine	1.3 (rat)	35 min (rat)
Raclopride	1.6 (rat)	28 min (rat)
Olanzapine	6.4 (rat)	18 min (rat)
Clozapine	137	14.5 sec
Quetiapine	67.6 (rat)	23 sec (rat)
JNJ-37822681	158	6.5 sec

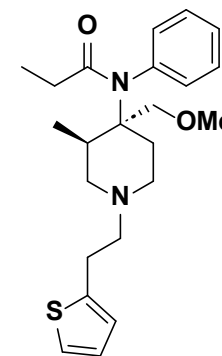
- D₂R antagonist, antipsychotics
- Risk of extrapyramidal symptoms (EPS) is reduced (the receptors can still sense dopamine level burst)
- **Surmountable antagonism**

■ **Enable fast reversal of overdose**



Lofentanil

$\tau_{\text{off}} \sim 260$ min



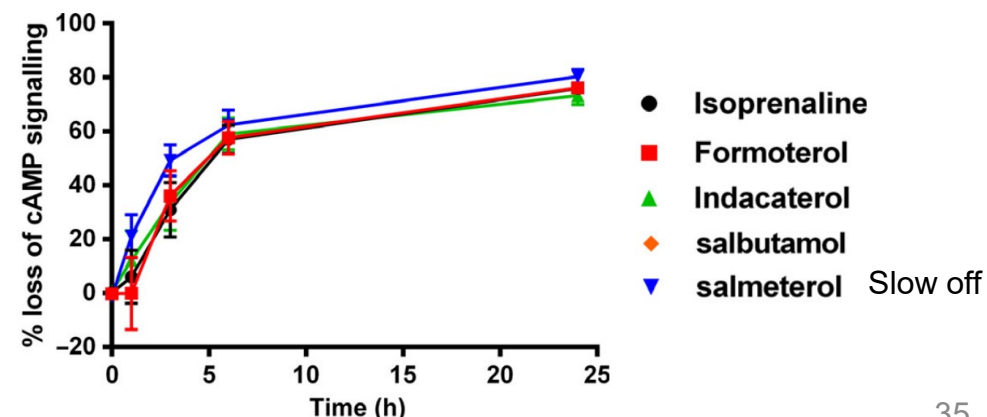
Sufentanil

$\tau_{\text{off}} \sim 16$ s

recommended

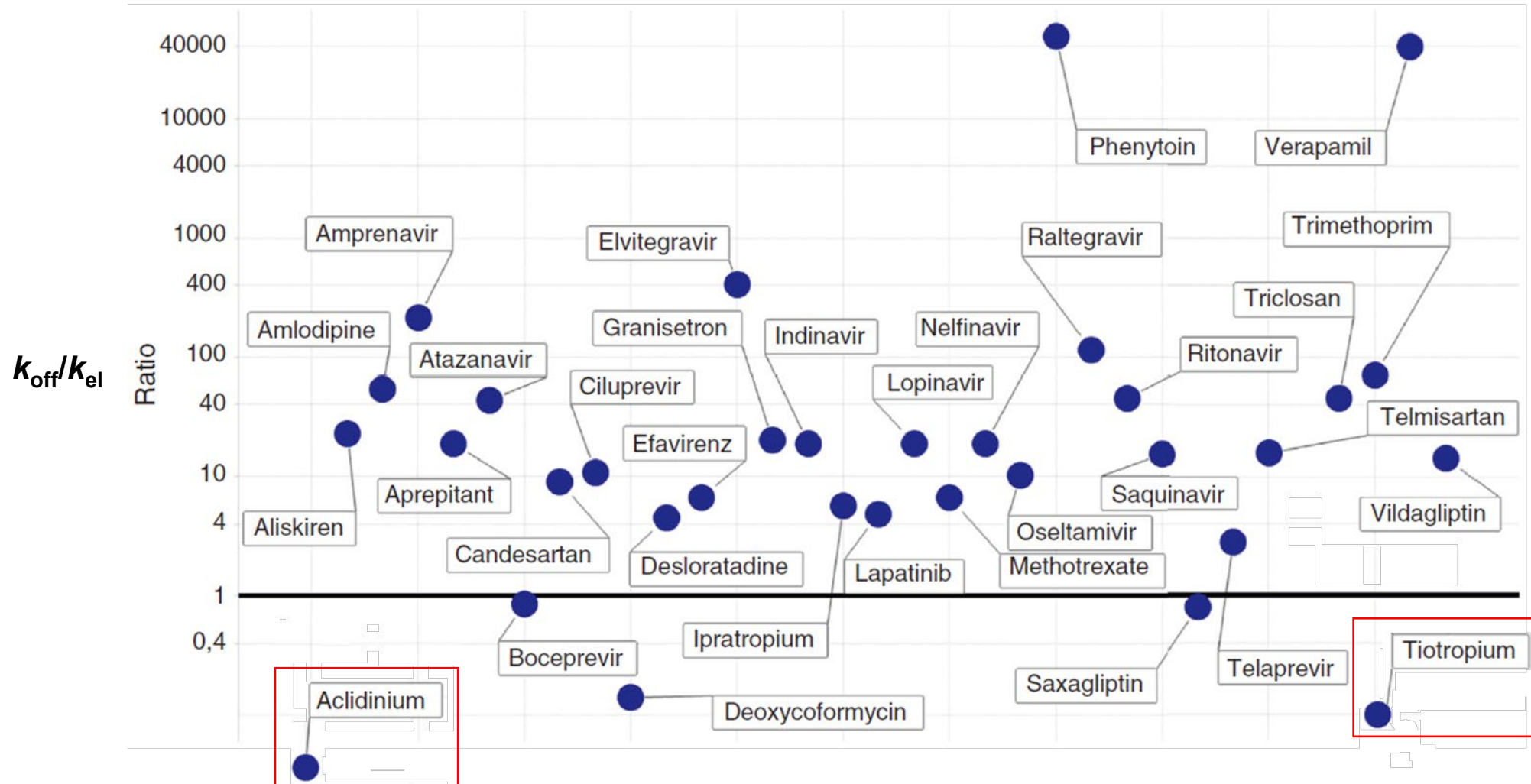
■ **Reduce receptor desensitization?**

■ In most research, reduced desensitization/internalization seems to correlate with prolonged incubation time.



Advantages of Slow-off Kinetics

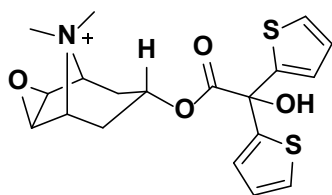
□ Fast-off / **slow-off** / fast-on / slow-on



Advantages of Slow-off Kinetics

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■ **Kinetic selectivity**



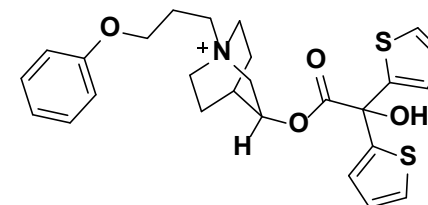
tiotropium

	K_D (nM)	$t_{1/2}$ (h)
M_1	0.041	14.6
M_2	0.021	3.6
M_3	0.014	34.7

■ Long-lasting M_3R antagonist, anticholinergic bronchodilator for COPD.

■ Low risk of side effects related to M_2R activation.

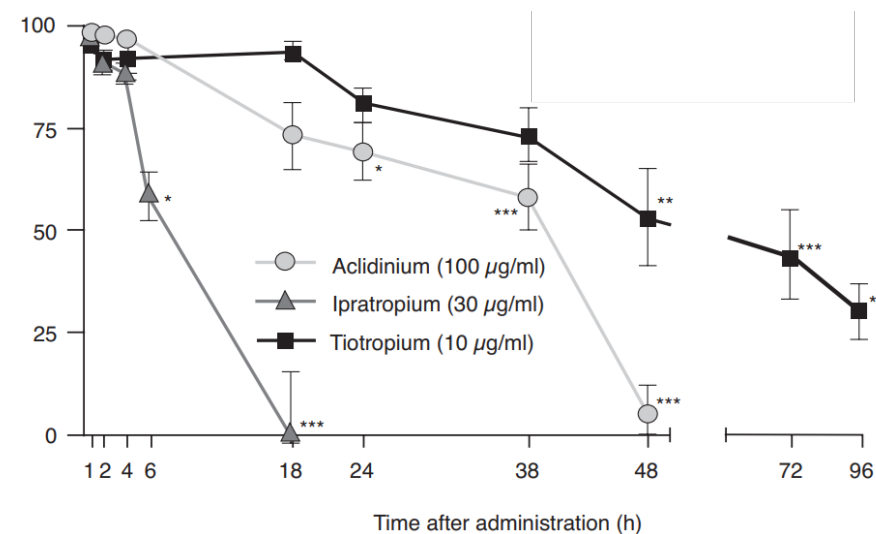
■ **Elongate duration of action**



aclidinium

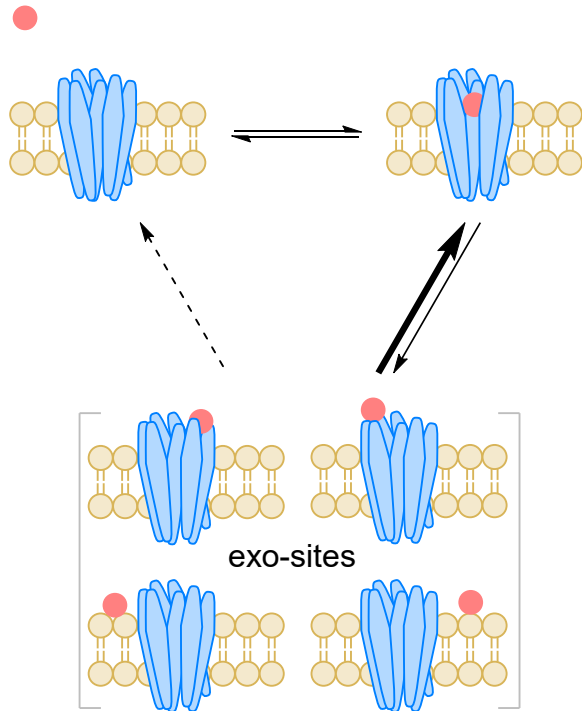
■ Designed for **shorter** plasma half-life. ($t_{1/2} \sim 3$ min!)

■ Lower risk of **off-target side effects** while maintaining long half-life.

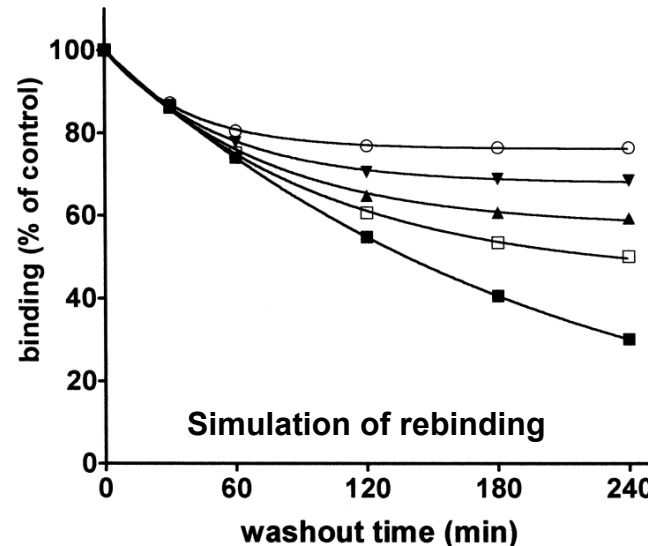
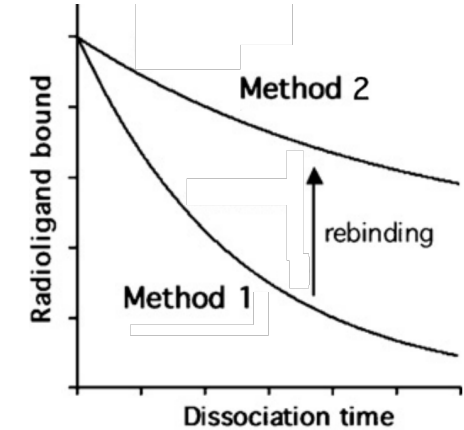
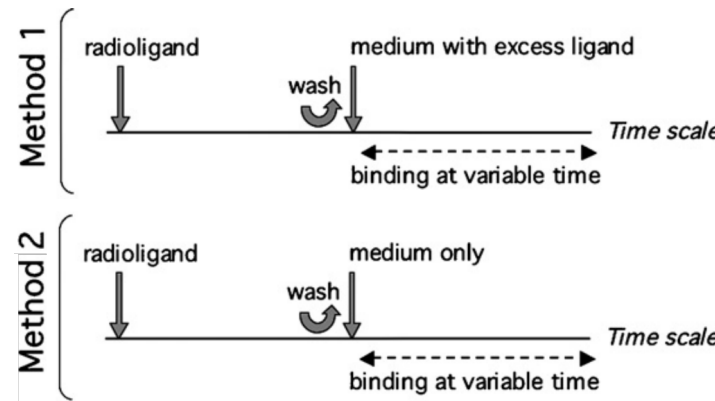


Advantages of Fast-on Kinetics

- Fast-off / slow-off / **fast-on** / slow-on
- **Fast onset**
- **Elongate duration of action!**



- Ligand rebinding mechanism prolongs drug residence time, especially for **fast-on** drugs.



accumulation-rebinding ($c_{local} = 8c_{overall}$) ~ Experimental
 accumulation-rebinding ($c_{local} = 4c_{overall}$)
 accumulation-rebinding ($c_{local} = 2c_{overall}$)
 with rebinding
 no rebinding

(Candesartan @ angiotensin II AT₁ receptor, CHO cell)

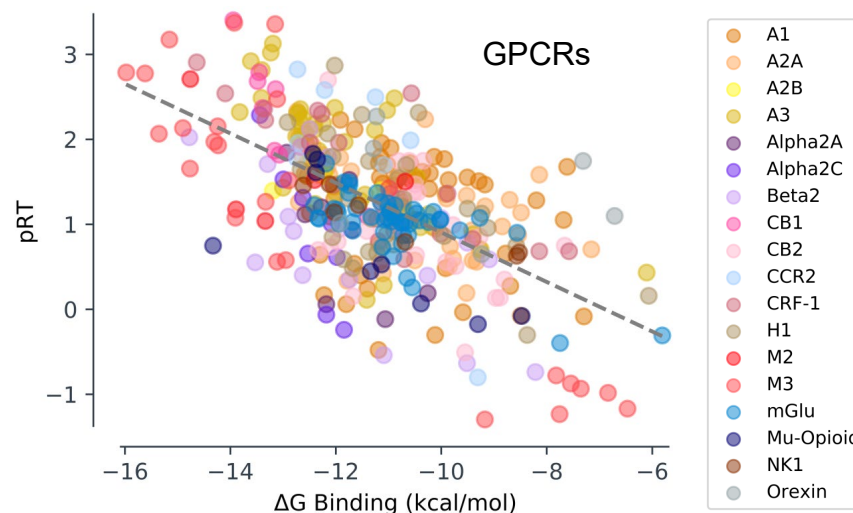
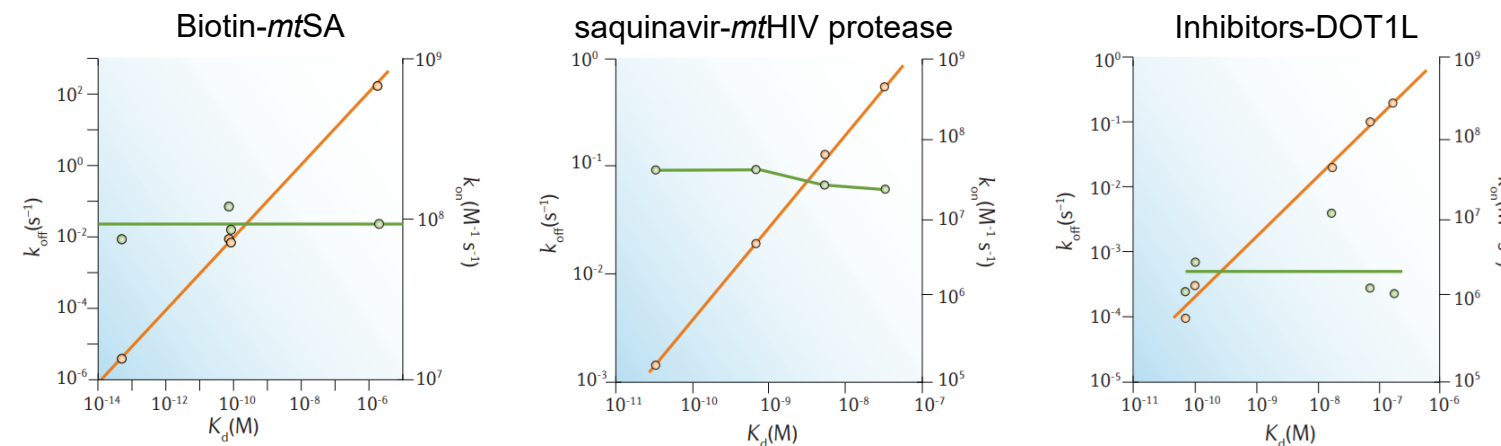
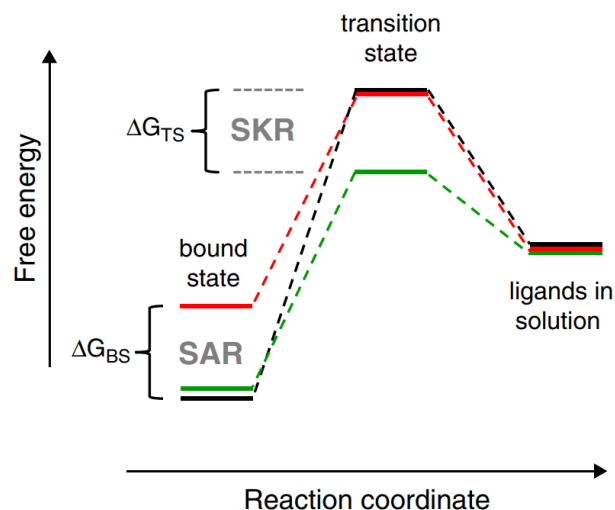
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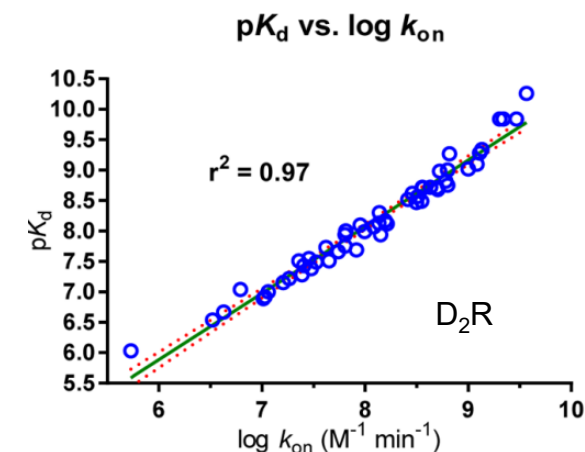
Structure-Kinetic Relationship

□ Factors governing binding kinetics

■ k_{off} seems to correlate better with K_d



■ with exceptions



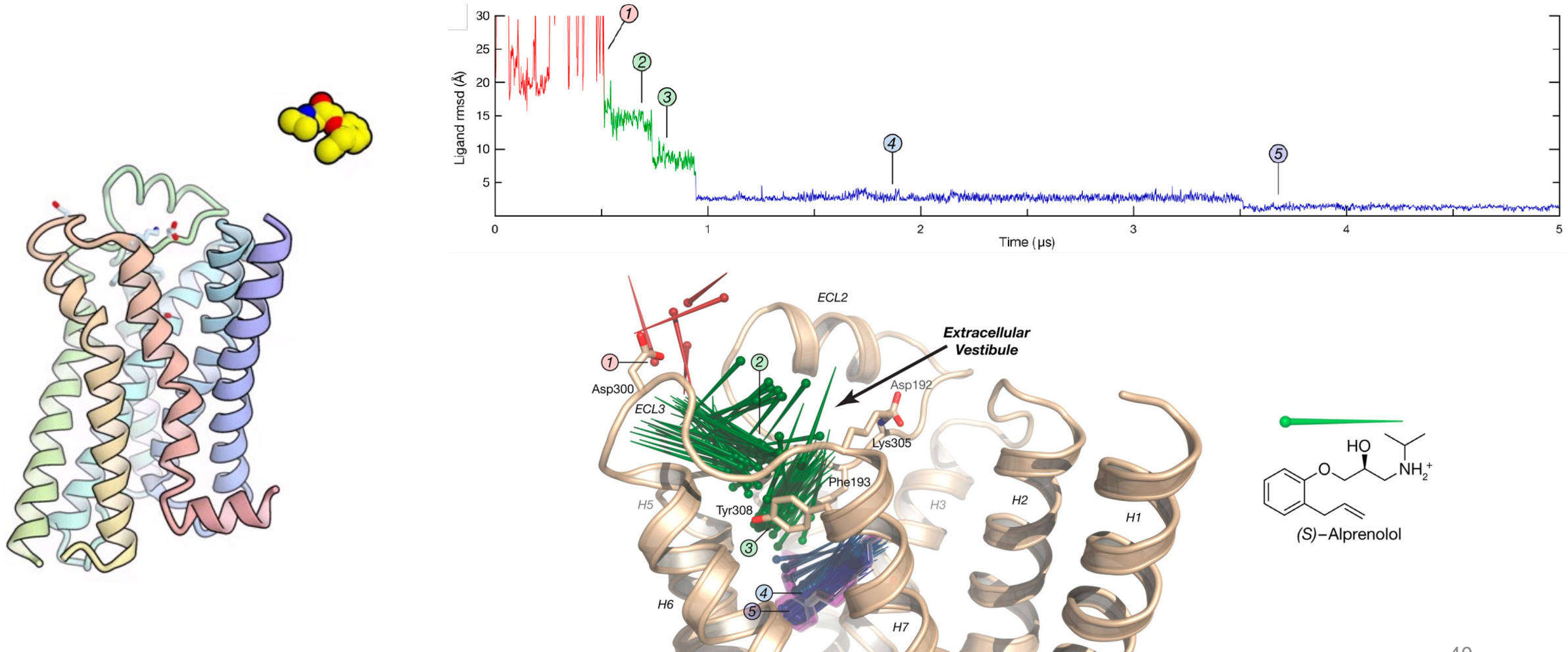
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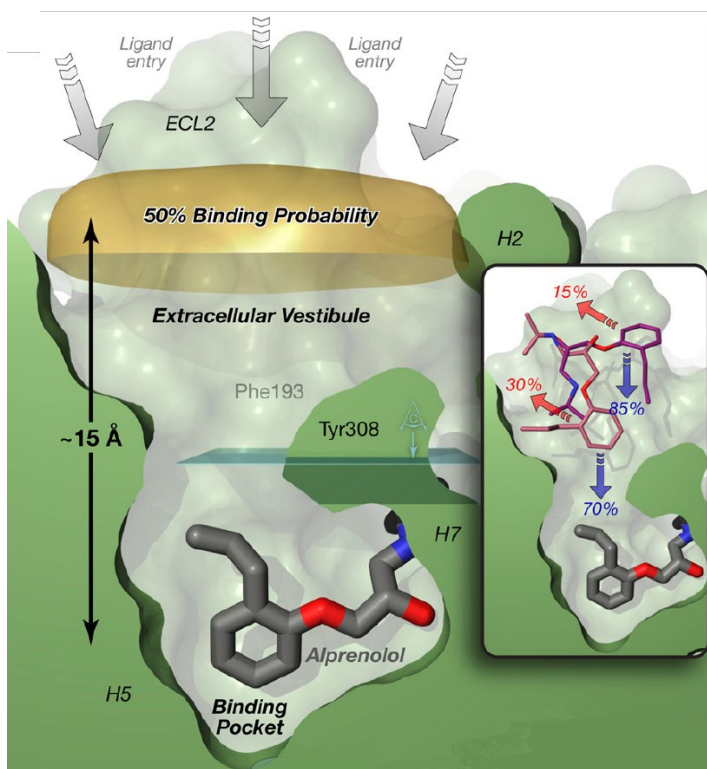
- The pathway of ligand binding to β_2 AR by MD simulation



A Two-step Binding of Ligands at β_2 AR

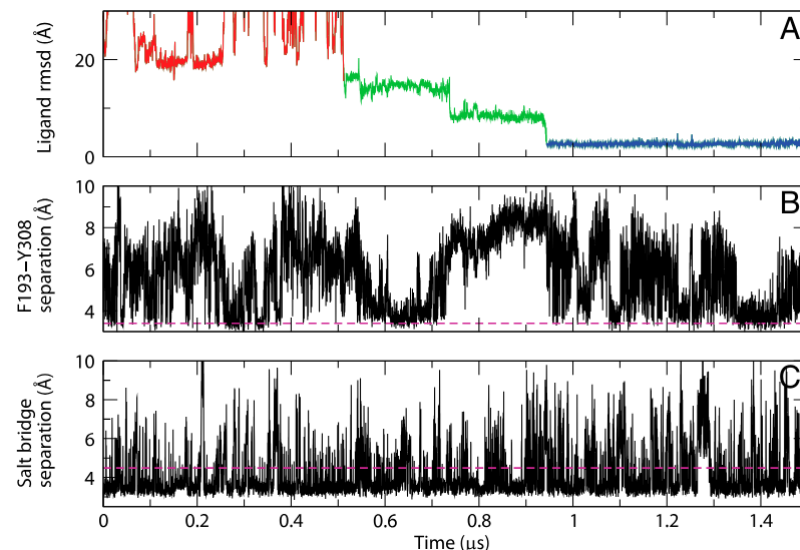
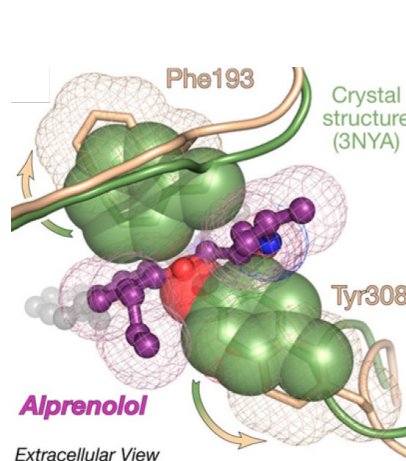
□ The 1st barrier: dehydration

- Conformational change, electrostatic interaction



- 63% ligand dehydration
- +500 Å² of hydrophobic surface area

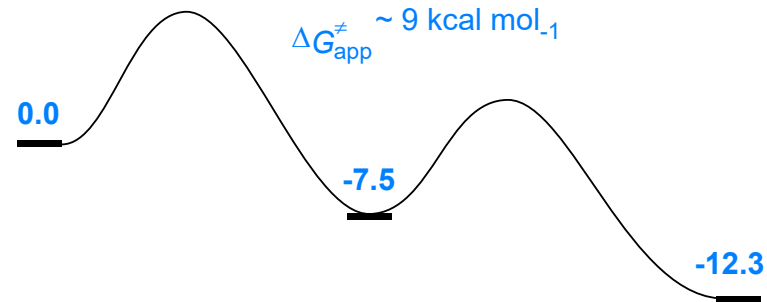
□ The 2nd barrier: dehydration ?



- Most water molecule evacuates upon binding.

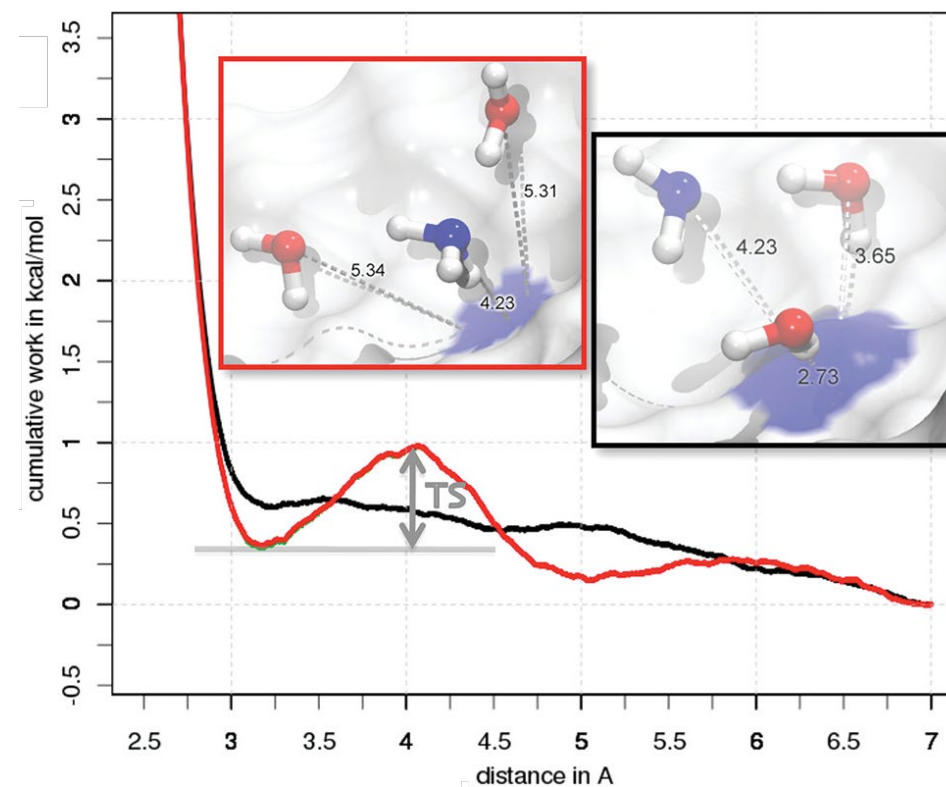
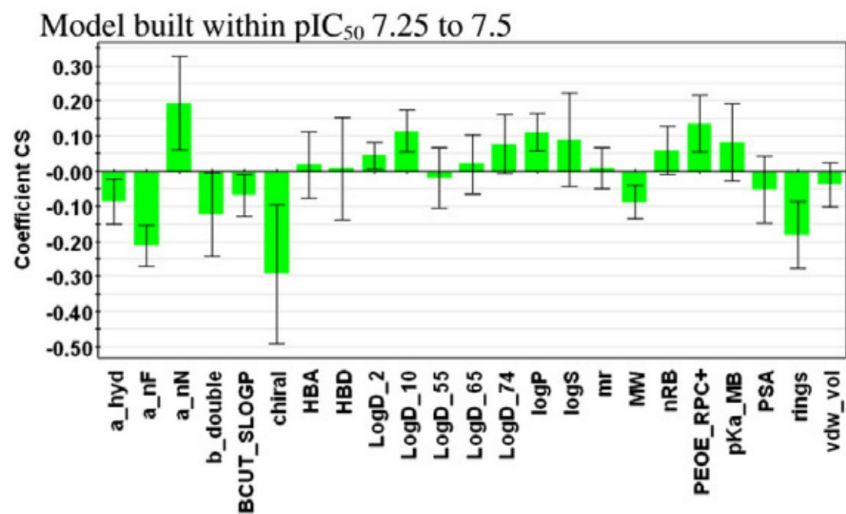
Dihydro Alprenolol- β_1 AR dissociation:
 $\Delta H^\circ = -3.5 \text{ kcal mol}^{-1}$, $-T\Delta S^\circ = -8.8 \text{ kcal mol}^{-1}$

□ Overall



Structure-Kinetic Relationship

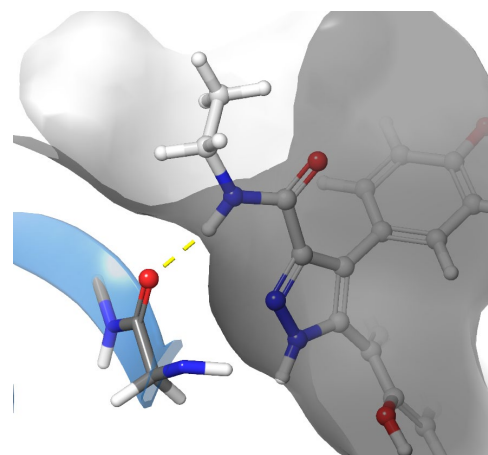
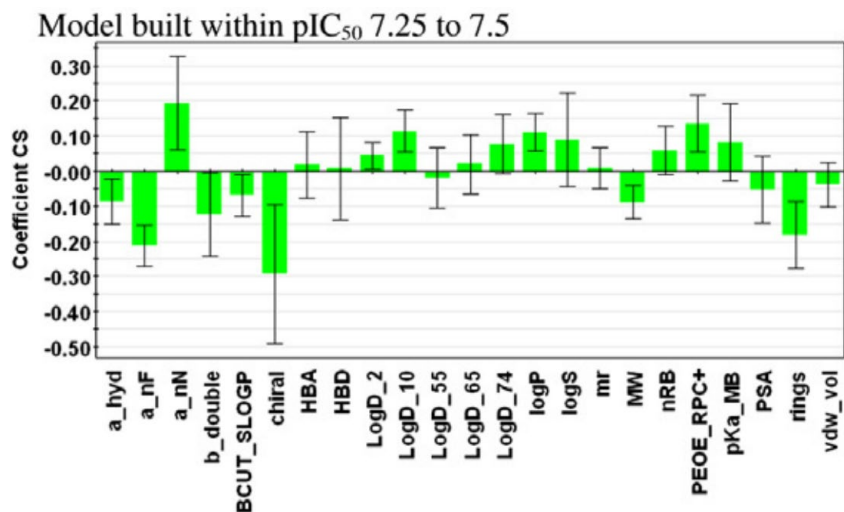
- Lipophilicity, MW., charge, rigidity
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- Solvent-inaccessible hydrogen bonds
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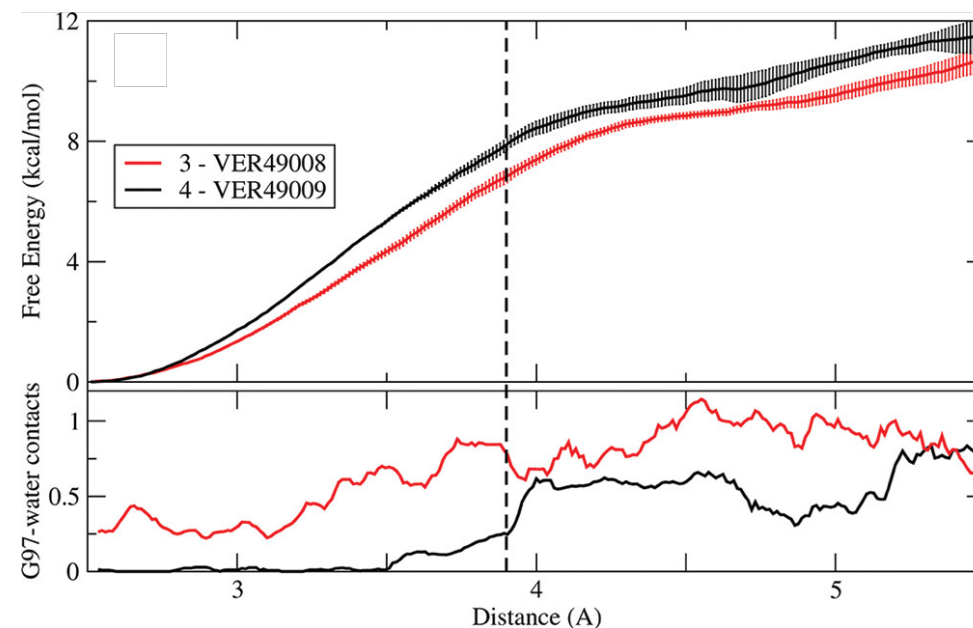
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Hsp90-VER9008/9009



~ 0.3 kcal mol⁻¹ decrease in ΔG
 ~ 0.3 kcal mol⁻¹ increase in $\Delta G^\ddagger$
 1.3/0.7 in case of w or w/o

Structure-Kinetic Relationship

□ Receptor-wise

Mechanisms that modulate the life-time of the drug–target complex

Target	Mechanism	Compound
<i>S. aureus</i> FabI	Ordering of the substrate binding loop (SBL).	Alkyl diphenyl ether PT119 , t_R 12.5 h, 20 °C [15].
<i>M. tuberculosis</i> FabI	Steric clash in the TS between SBL helix-6 and 7 [16].	Triazole diphenyl ether PT504 , t_R 10 h, 25 °C [17].
Thermolysin	Interaction with Asn112 prevents conformational change required for ligand release [18].	Phosphonopeptide 18 , t_R 168 days.
Purine nucleoside phosphorylase	Gating mechanism involving rotation of Val260 [19].	DADMe-immucillin-H , t_R 12 min 37 °C [20*].
Hsp90	Entropically driven binding affects on and off rates [21].	Phenyl-triazole-benzamide 20 t_R 51 min.
IDH2/R140Q	Loop motion associated with an allosteric binding site [22].	AGI-6780 , t_R 120 min.
DOT1L	Occupancy of binding pocket adjacent to SAM binding site [23].	EPZ004777 , t_R 55 min, 25 °C.
Soluble epoxide hydrolase	Interactions with Tyr153 and Met189 control TS stability. [24].	TPPU t_R 11 min.
Heat shock protein 90	Ligand desolvation: polar substituents decrease k_{on} [25].	Indazole 3c , t_R 57 min, 25 °C.
CDK2/9	Type I. Conformational change in DFG loop.	Roniciclib , t_R 400 min [26].
CDK8/CycC	Type II. H-bonds with hinge and hydrophobic contacts with front pocket.	Pyrazole 2 , t_R 32 h [27].
p38aMAP kinase	Type 1.5. Disruption of the R-spine.	Dibenzosuberone 6g , t_R 32 h [28].
RIP1 kinase	Type II/III. Increase in cLogP reduced k_{off} .	Benzoxazepine 22 , t_R 5 h [29].
Btk	Reversible covalent. Steric hindrance of α -proton abstraction [30**].	Pyrazolopyrimidine 9 , t_R 167 h.
Btk	Irreversible. Reduced electrophilicity increases selectivity.	Acalabrutinib [31].
CCR5	Allosteric ligand with alternative receptor conformation.	873140 , t_R > 136 h, RT [32].
Muscarinic M3 receptor	Coulomb repulsion between ligand and Lys523 [33*].	Tiotropium , t_R 39 h.
β_2 adrenergic receptor	Ligand desolvation [34].	Alprenolol , t_R 4 min, 37 °C.
Adenosine A_{2A} receptor	ETH triad forms a lid preventing ligand dissociation [35].	ZM241358 , t_R 84 min.

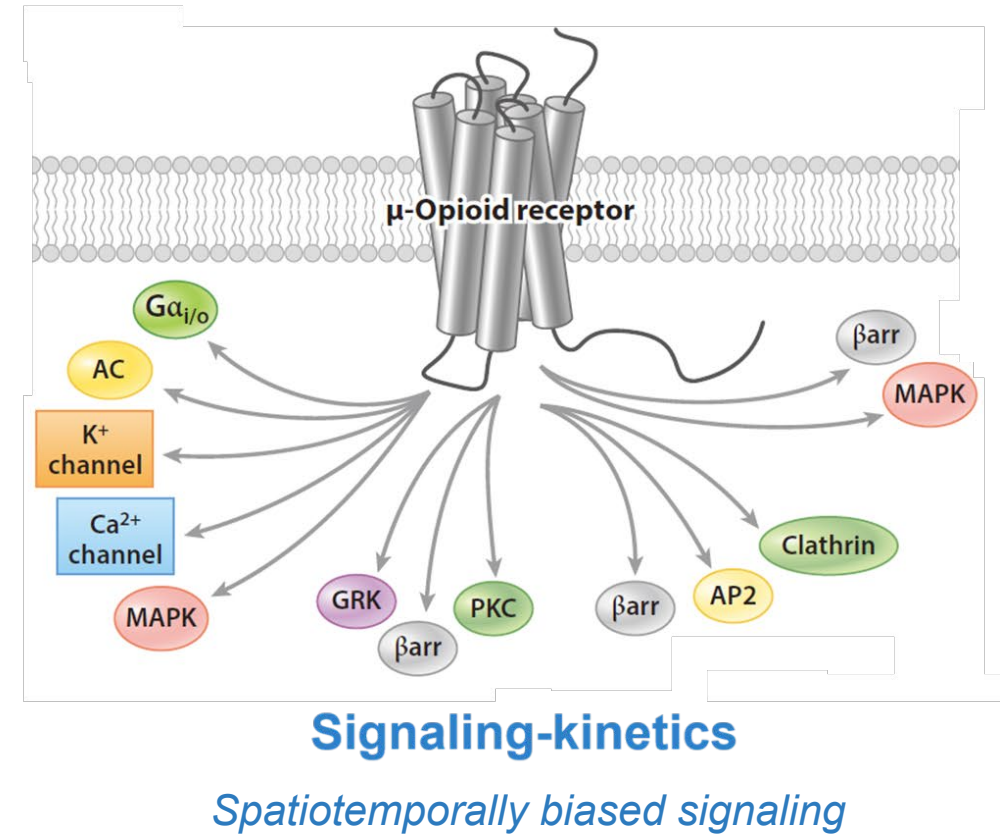
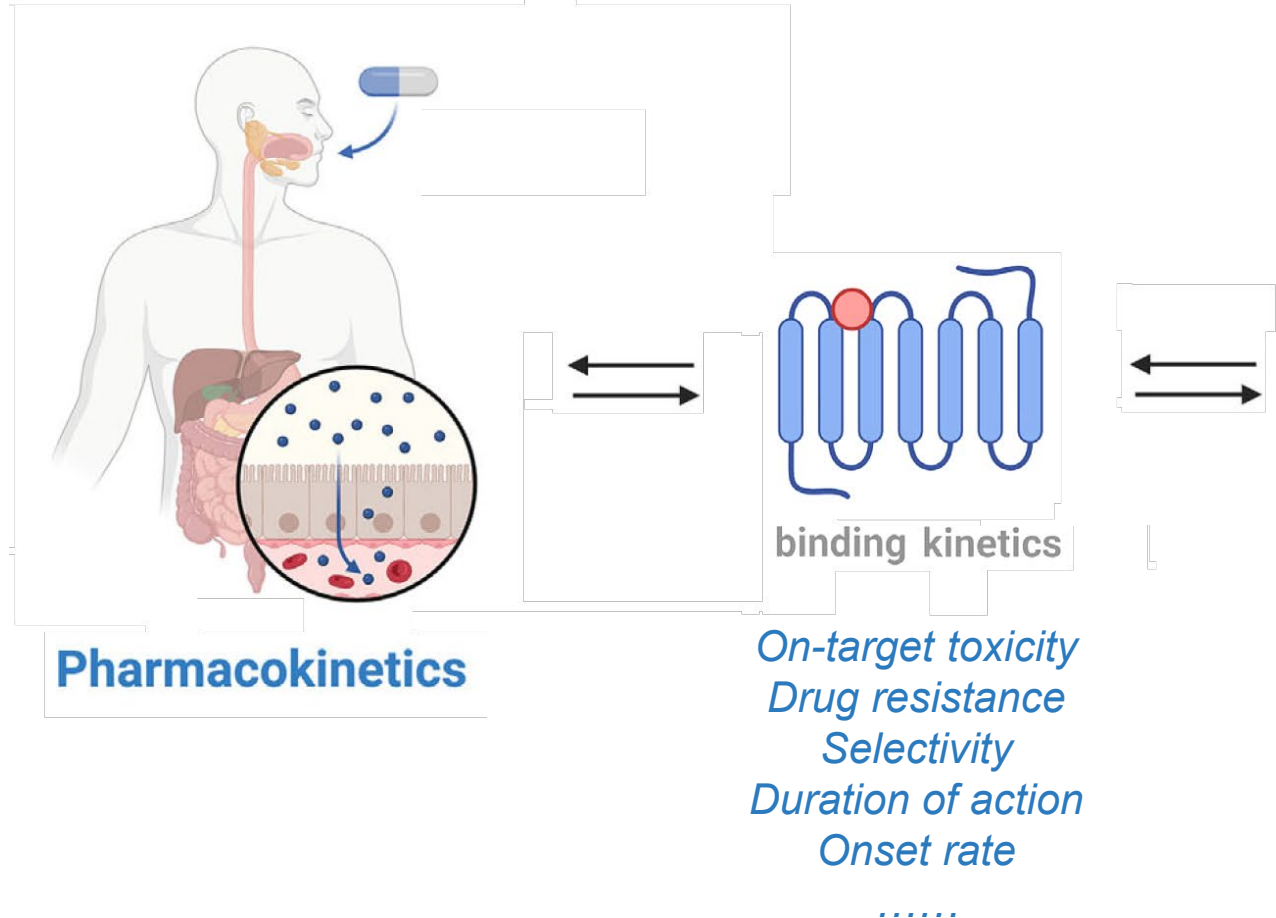
□ Computation-aided

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- On the macro-and micro level



- A reproducible approach for **bias** determination is needed
- QSKR