

# Calcium signalling in health and disease



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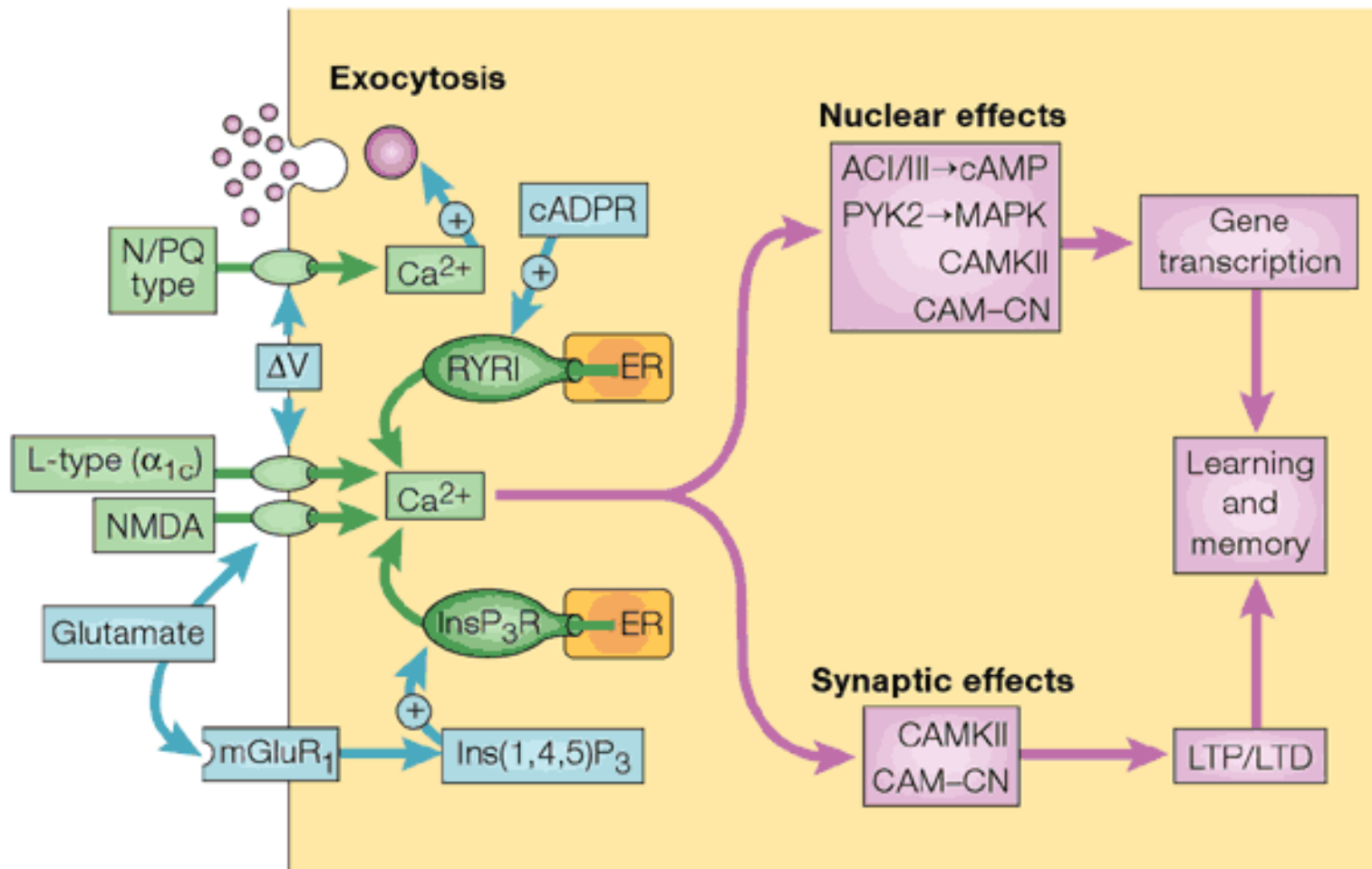
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# Calcium in biology

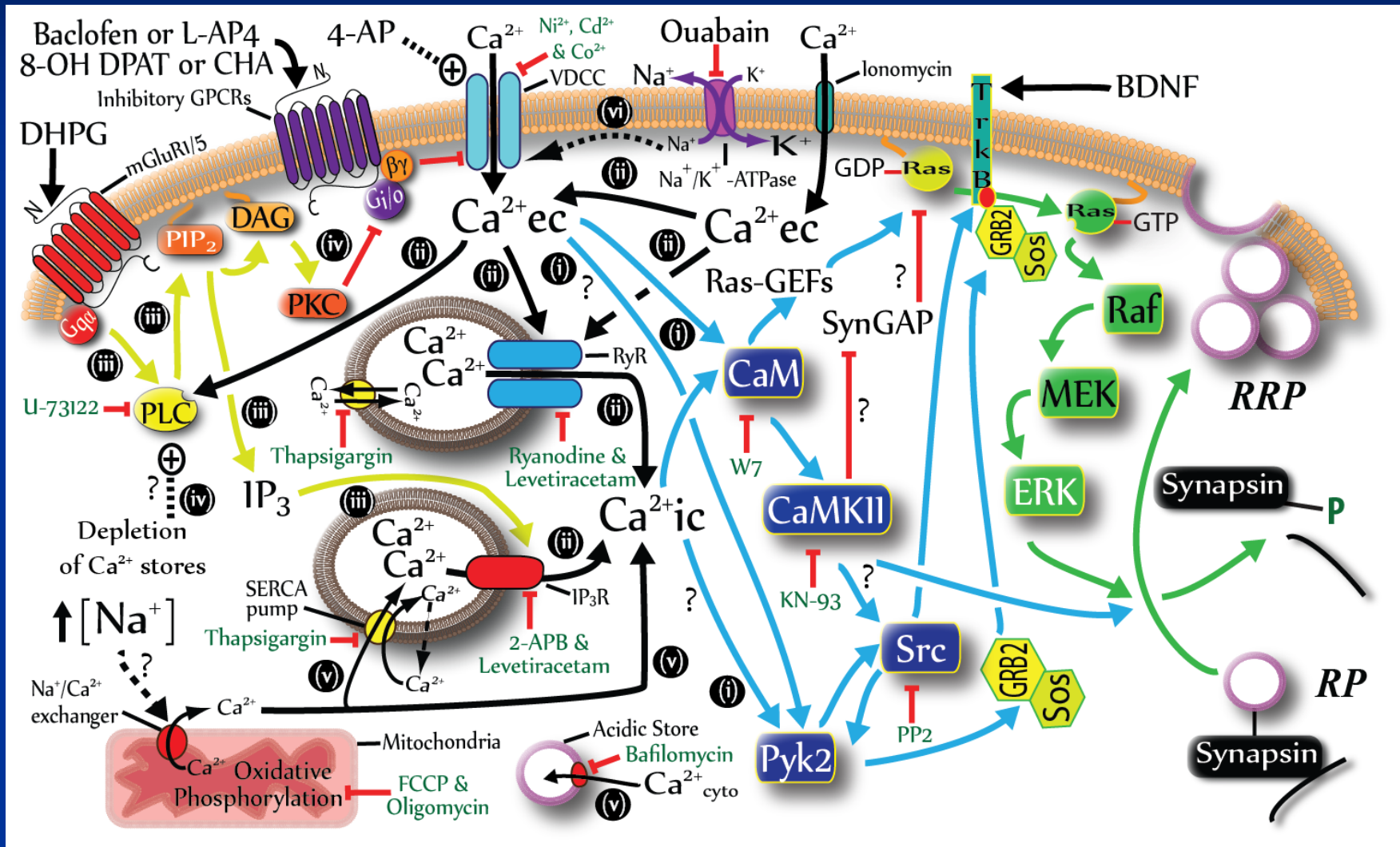
Information transfer by intracellular  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$

# Bio-functions of calcium

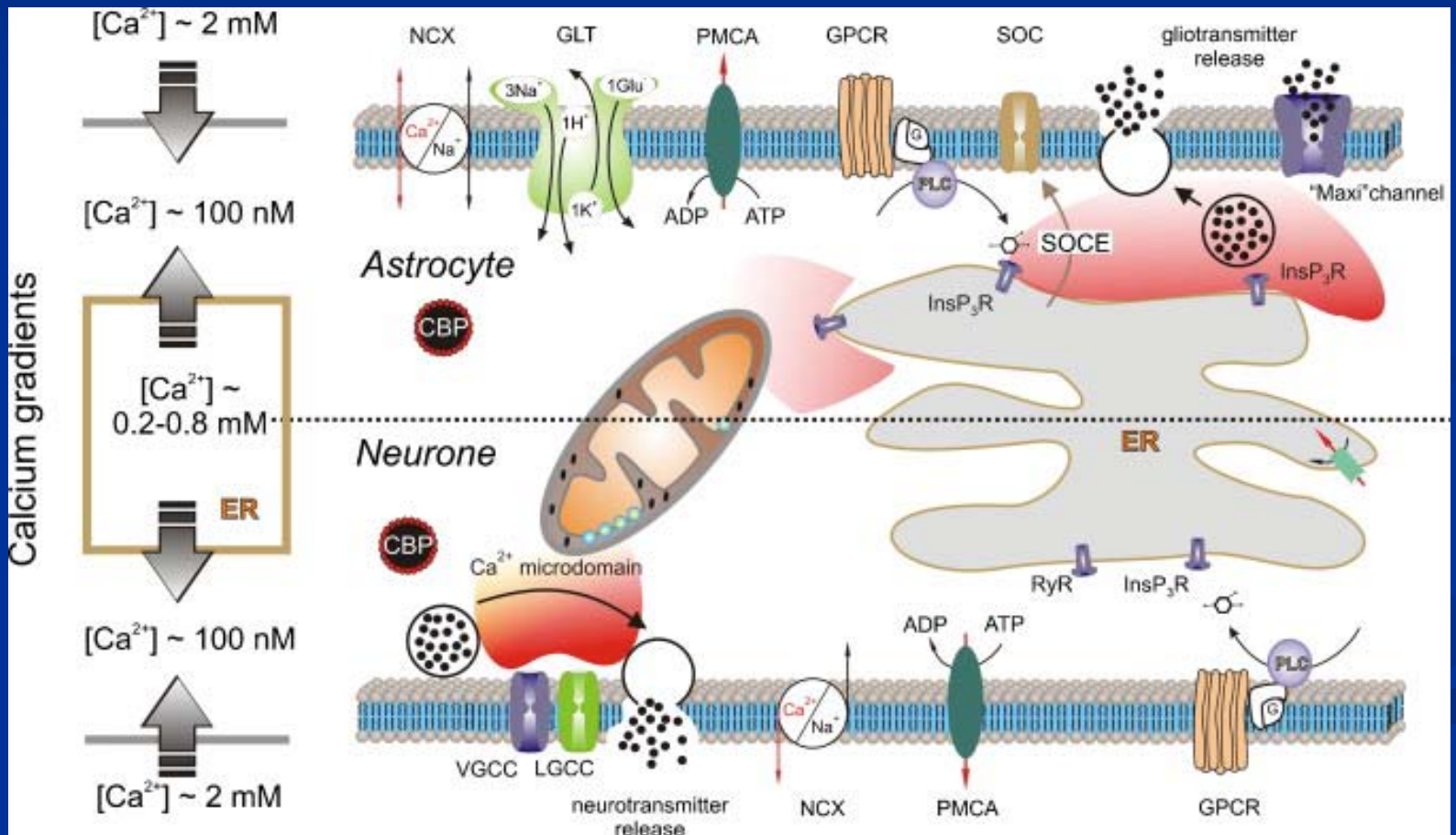
*“on the path from plasma membrane to store”*



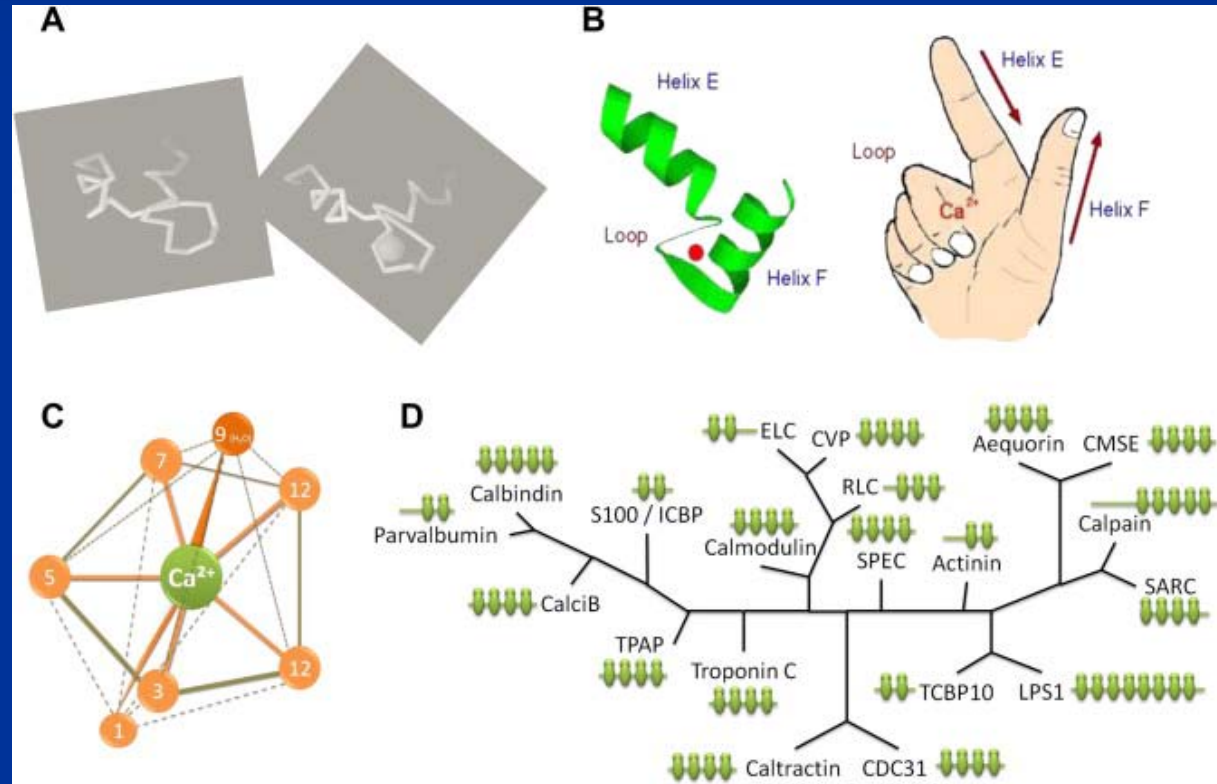
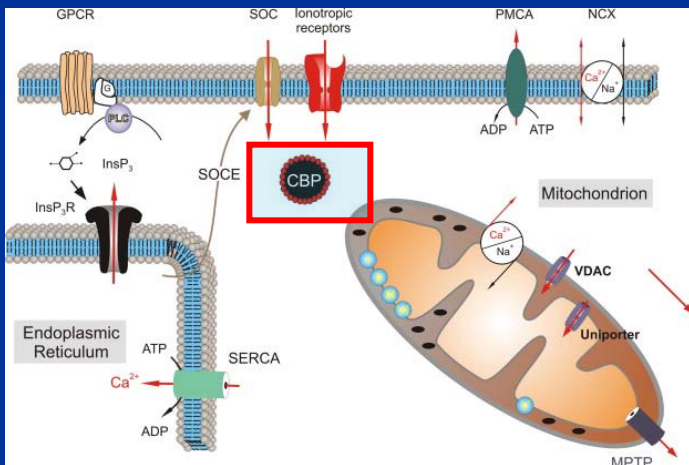
# Ca<sup>2+</sup> - the main “secondary messenger”



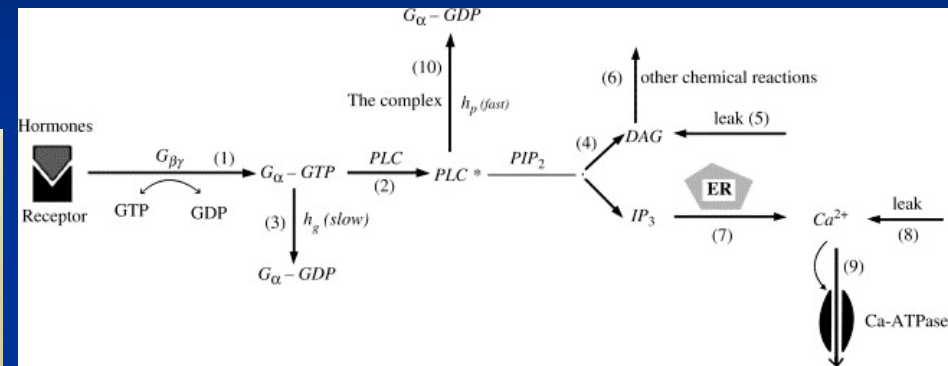
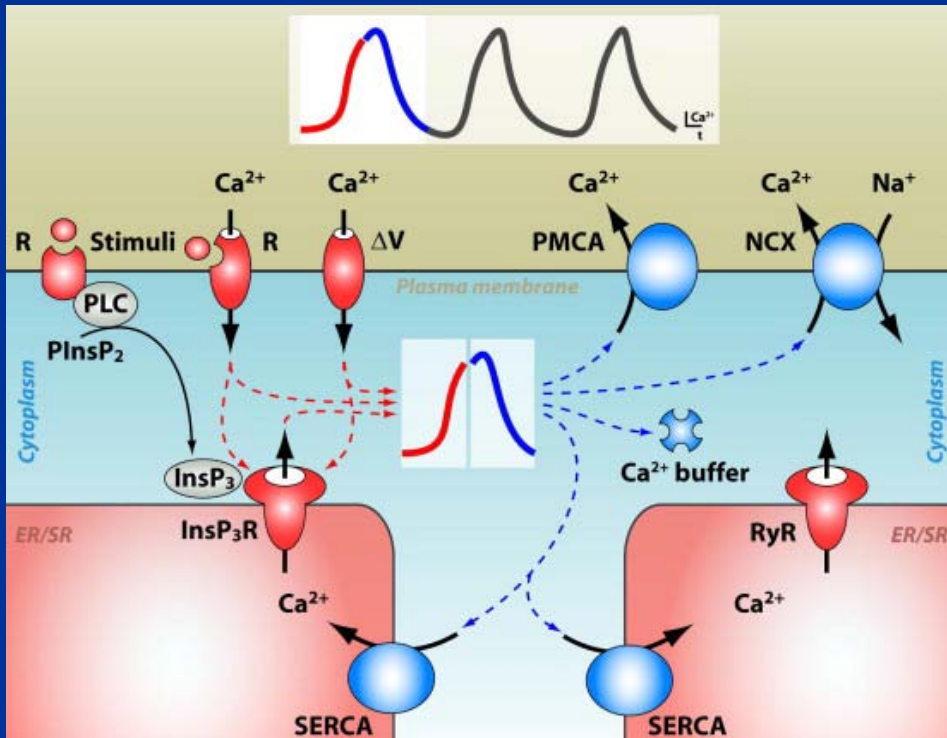
# Cell signaling by calcium (neurona & glia)



# Calcium binding proteins



# Secondary messengers and $\text{Ca}^{2+}$ - oscillations / *cross-talk* of the plasma membrane and $\text{Ca}^{2+}$ stores



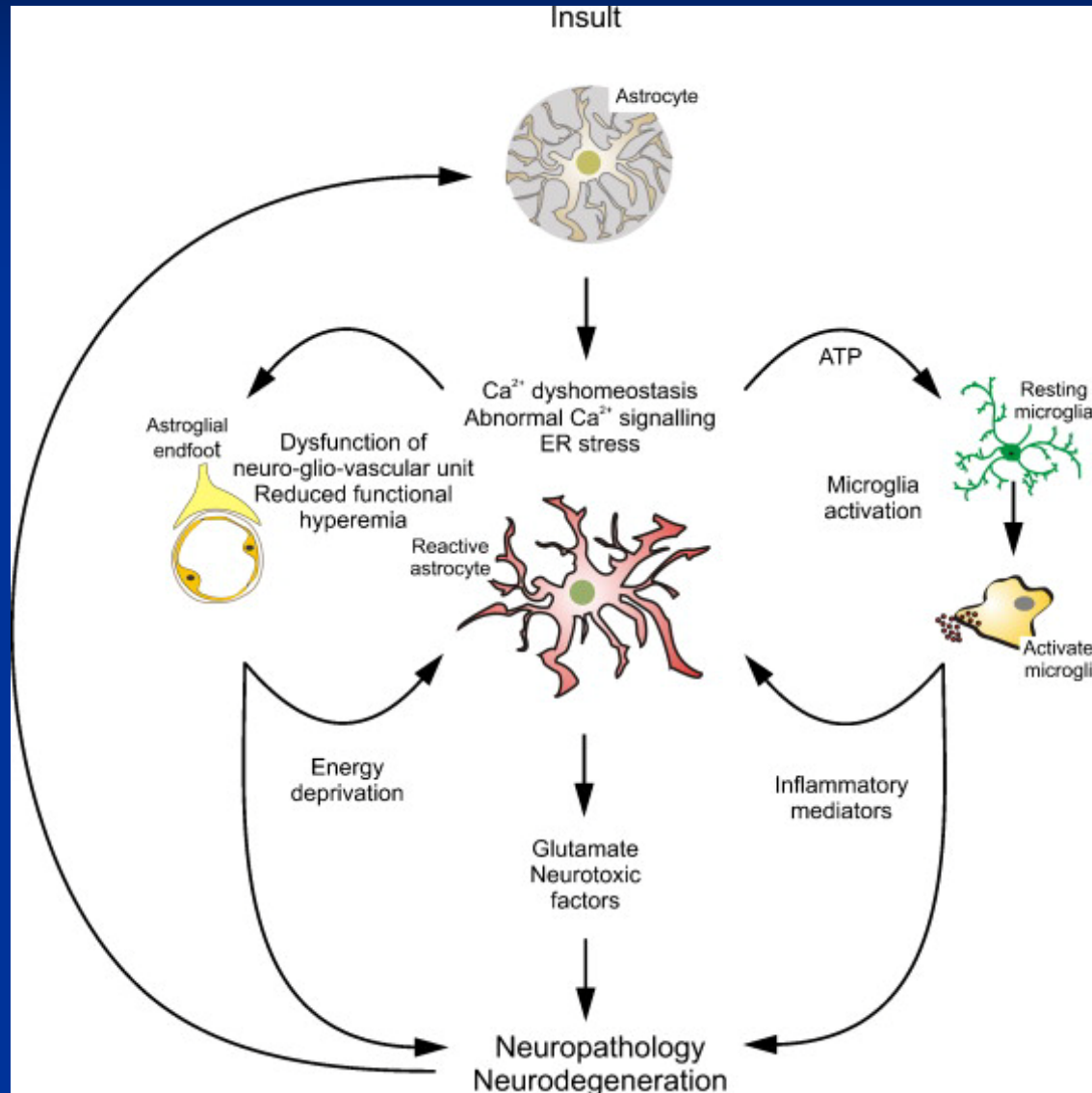
$$\frac{d[G_{\alpha} - \text{GTP}]}{dt} = k_g [G_{\alpha} - \text{GDP}] - 4k_p [G_{\alpha} - \text{GTP}]^4 [\text{PLC}] - h_g [G_{\alpha} - \text{GTP}],$$

$$\frac{d[\text{DAG}]}{dt} = k_d [\text{PLC}^*] - h_d [\text{DAG}] + l_d,$$

$$\frac{d[\text{Ca}^{2+}]_i}{dt} = \rho \left\{ k_c \frac{[\text{IP}_3]^3}{K_S^3 + [\text{IP}_3]^3} - h_c [\text{Ca}^{2+}]_i + l_c \right\},$$

$$\frac{d[\text{PLC}^*]}{dt} = k_p [G_{\alpha} - \text{GTP}]^4 [\text{PLC}] - h_p [\text{PLC}^*],$$

# Calcium & neurodegeneration

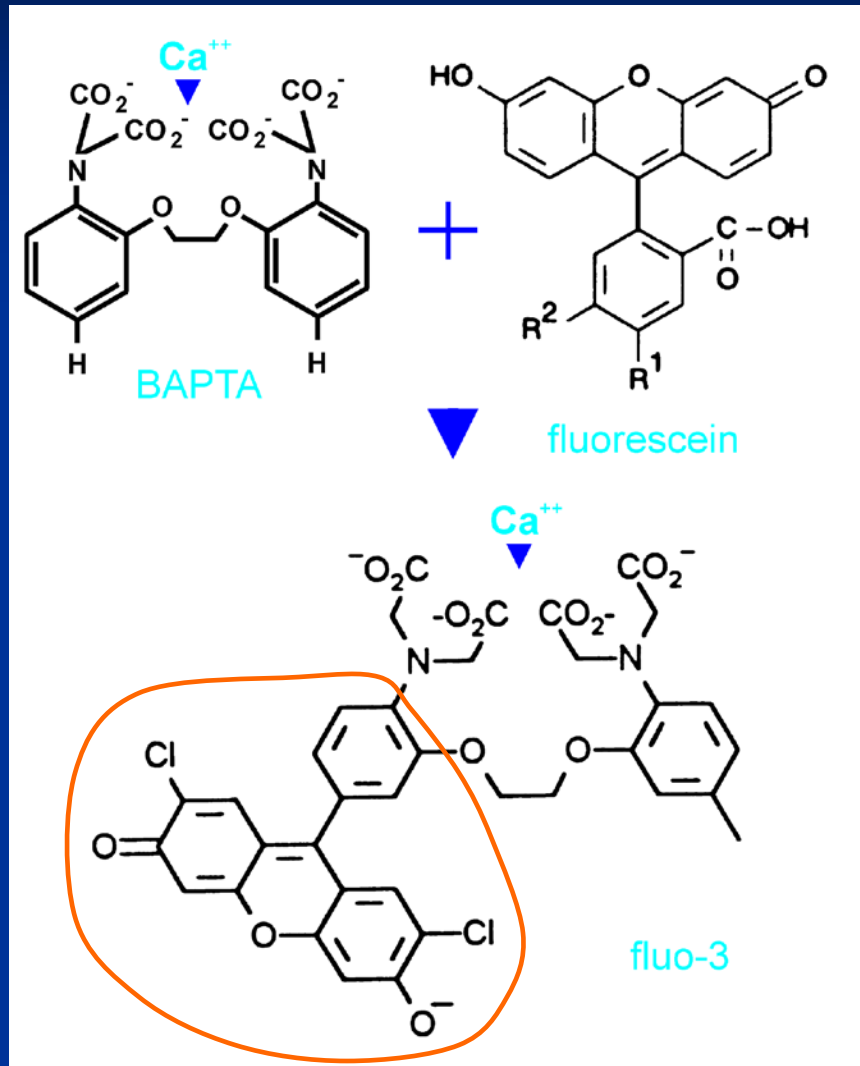




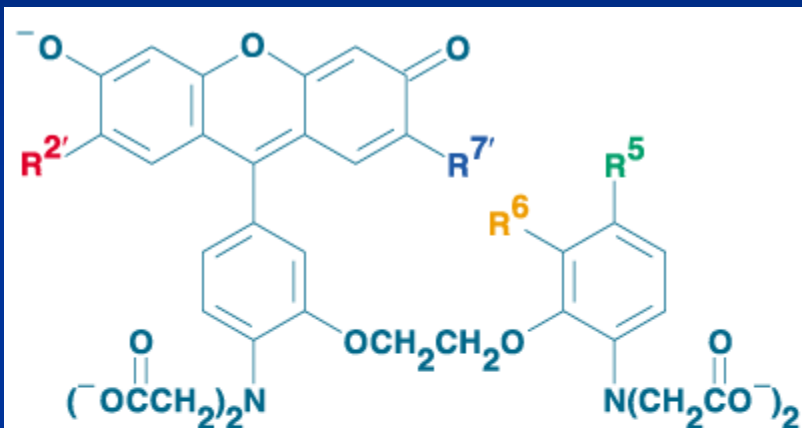
# Calcium fluorescent probe

Measurement of intracellular  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$

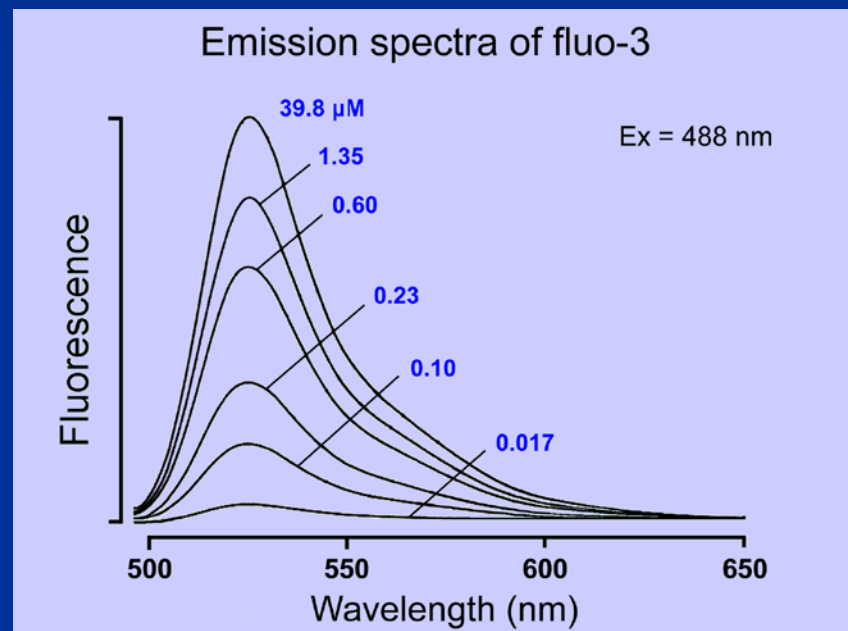
# From $\text{Ca}^{2+}$ bufer to $\text{Ca}^{2+}$ indicator (sintesis of fluo-3)



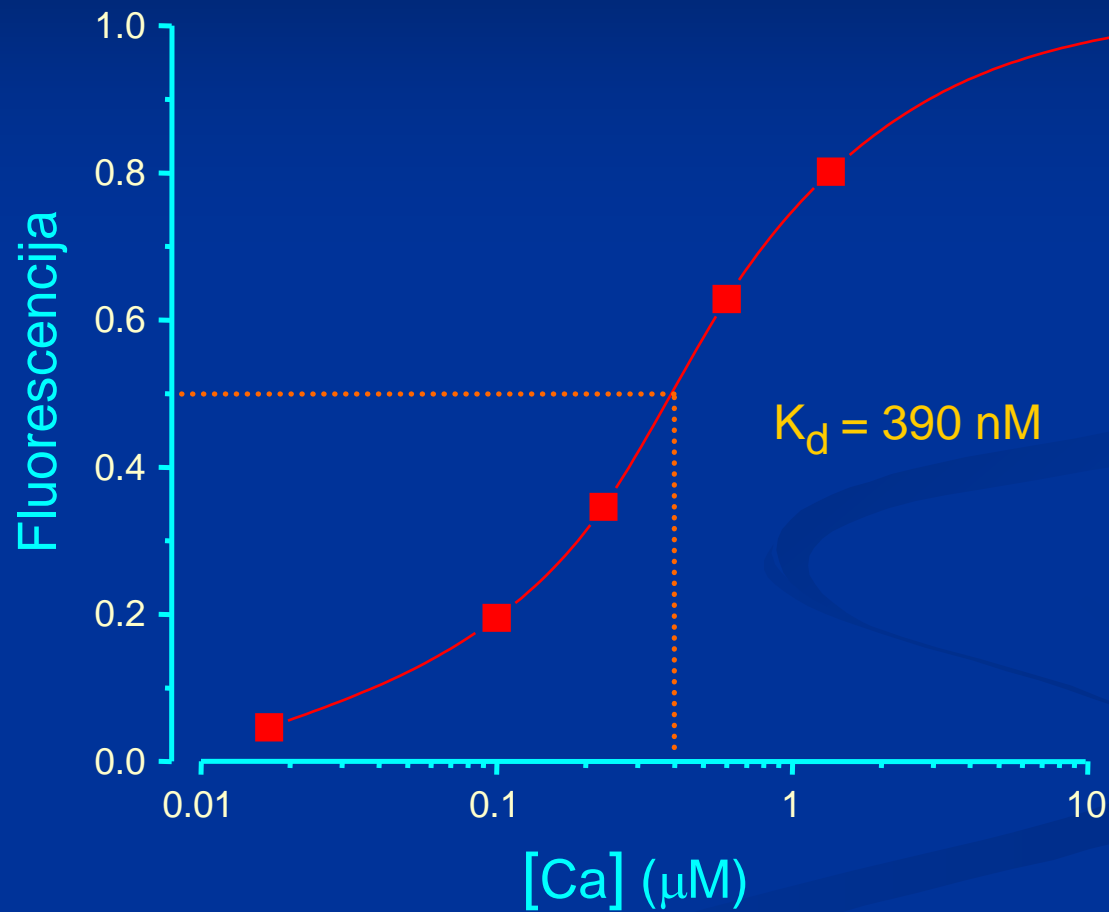
# Family of Fluo-indicators



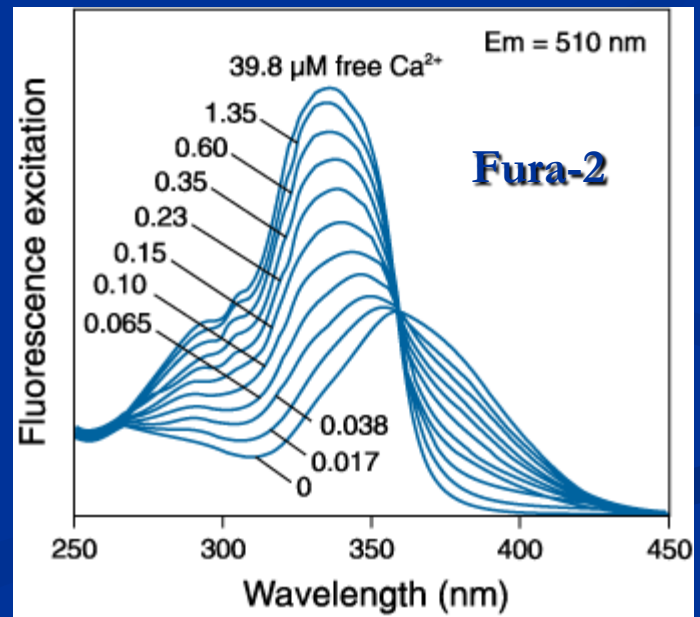
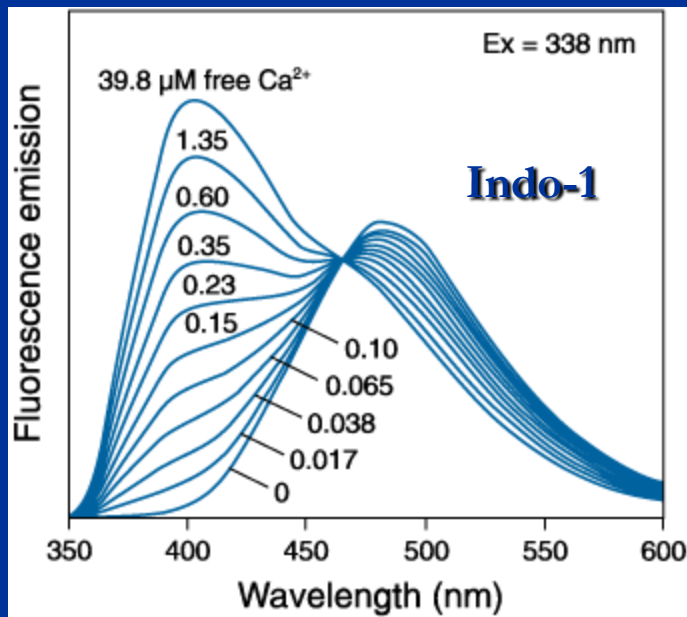
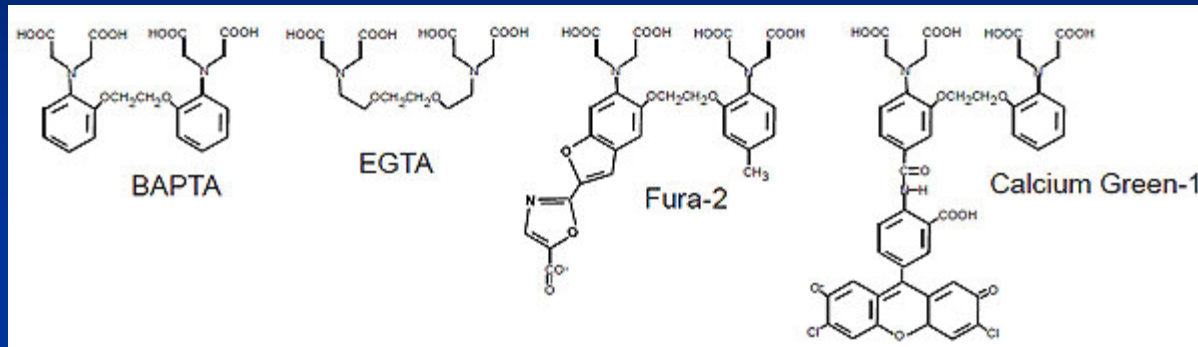
Indicator	$K_d(\text{Ca}^{2+})$	$R^{2'}$	$R^{7'}$	$R^5$	$R^6$
Fluo-3	0.39 $\mu\text{M}$	Cl	Cl	$\text{CH}_3$	H
Fluo-4	0.35 $\mu\text{M}$	F	F	$\text{CH}_3$	H
Fluo-5F	2.3 $\mu\text{M}$	F	F	F	H
Fluo-5N	90 $\mu\text{M}$	F	F	$\text{NO}_2$	H
Fluo-4FF	9.7 $\mu\text{M}$	F	F	F	F



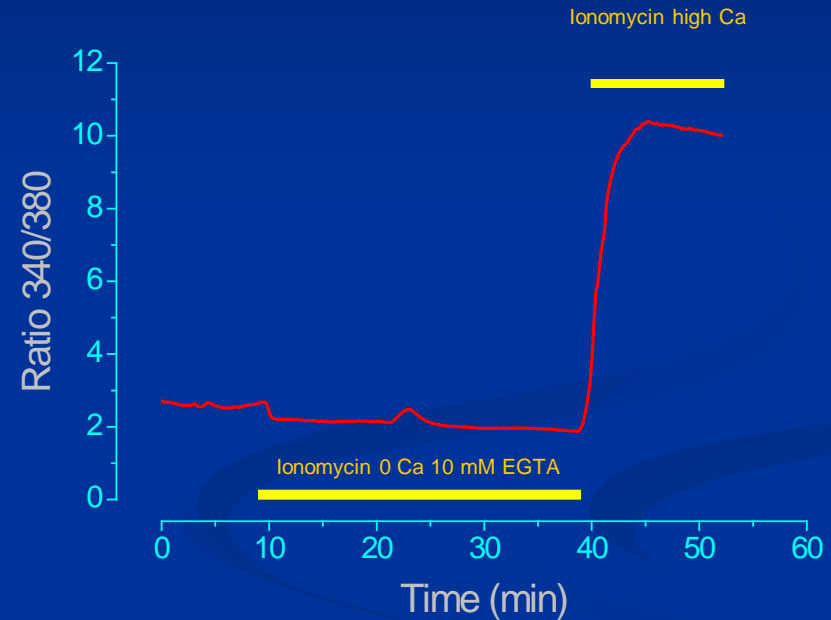
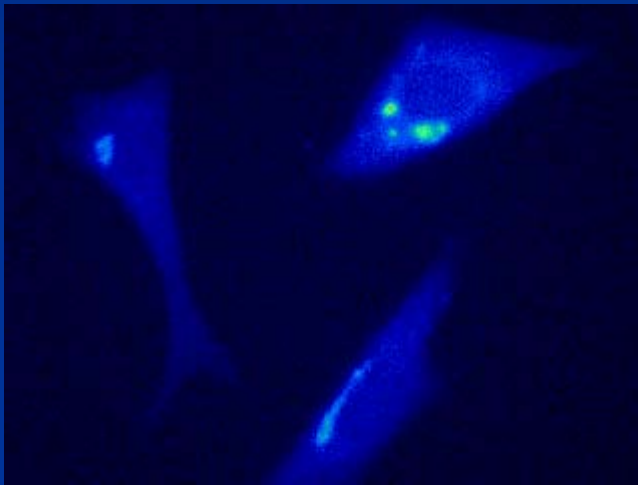
# Intensity of fluo-3 fluorescence vs. $\text{Ca}^{2+}$ concentration



# Raciometric dyes

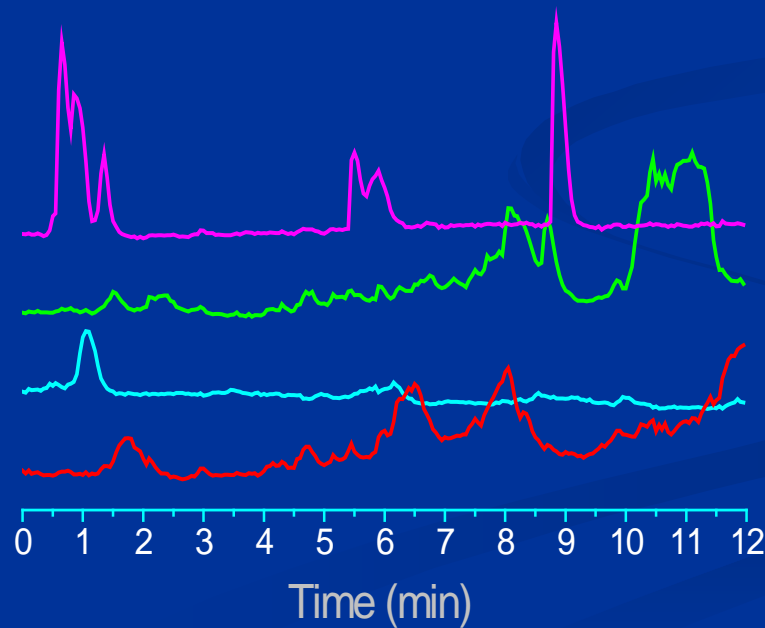
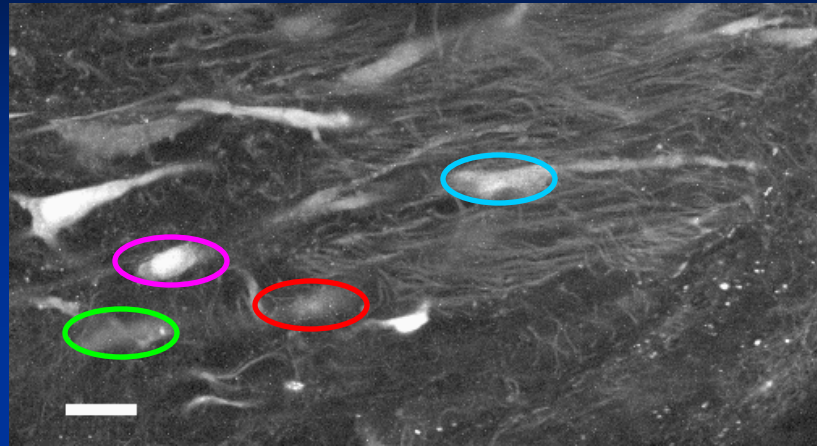


# *In vivo* calibration of the $\text{Ca}^{2+}$ signal



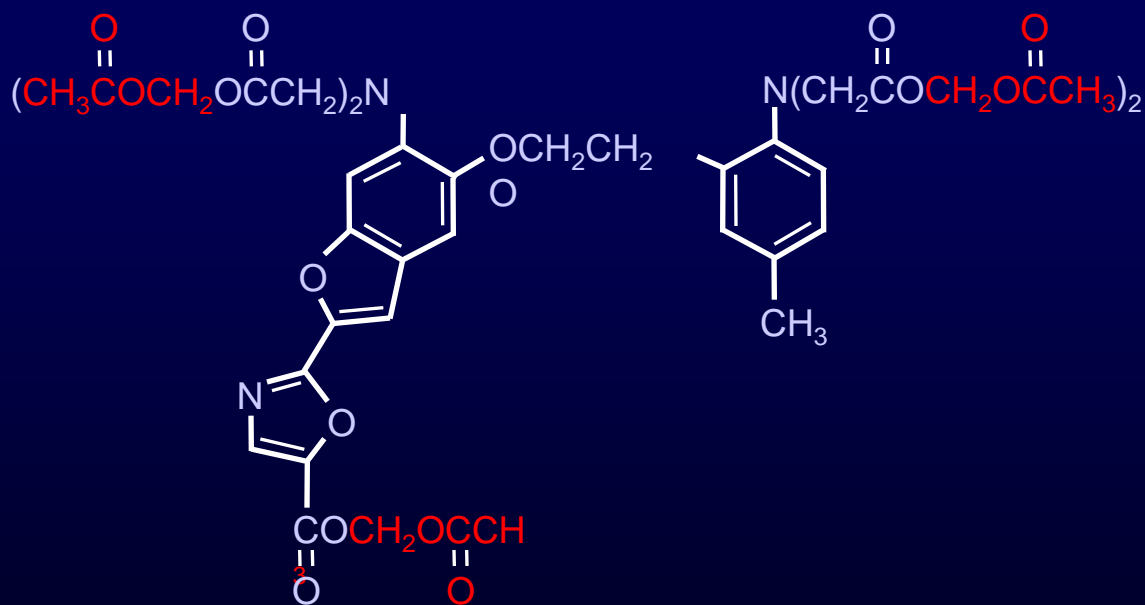
$$[Ca]_{in}(t) = K_d \frac{F_0^{380}}{F_{max}^{380}} \cdot \frac{R(t) - R_{min}}{R_{max} - R(t)}$$

# Space & time dynamics of $\text{Ca}^{2+}$ in a multicellular system



# Probe entrance into the cell (1)

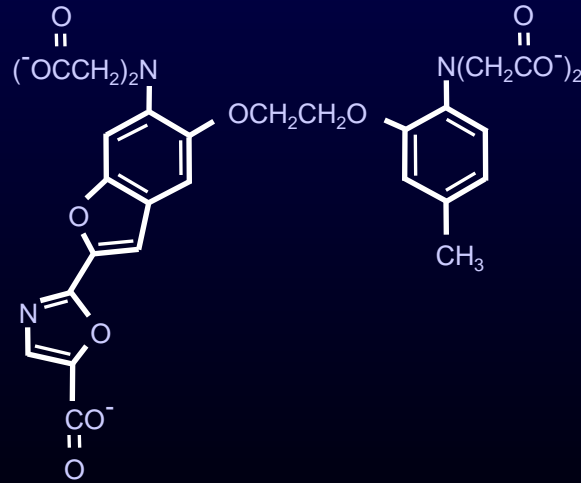
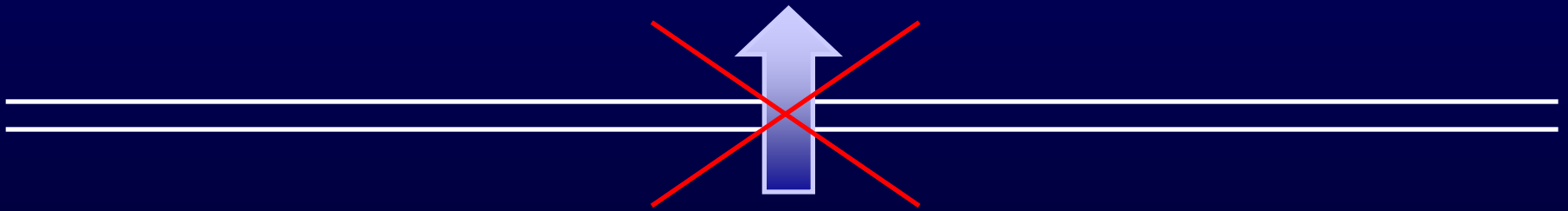
*(Roger Y. Tsien)*





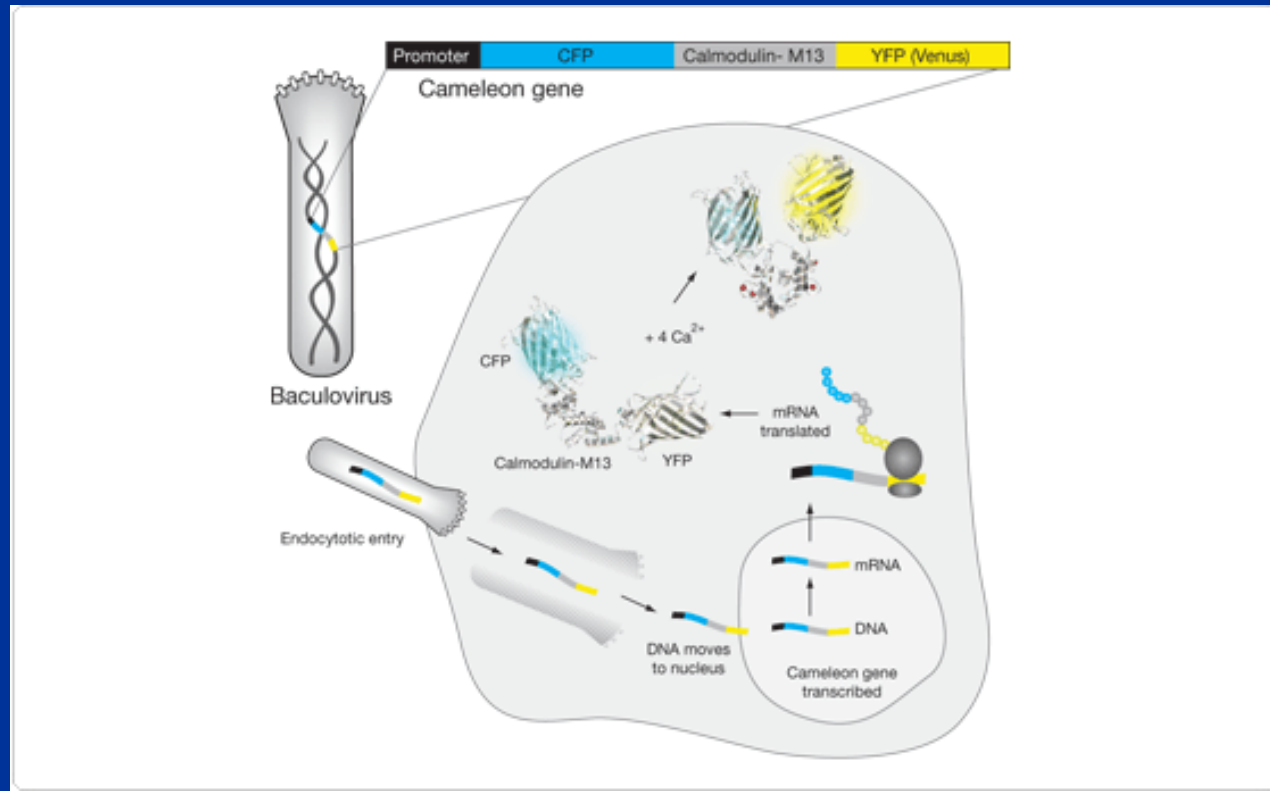
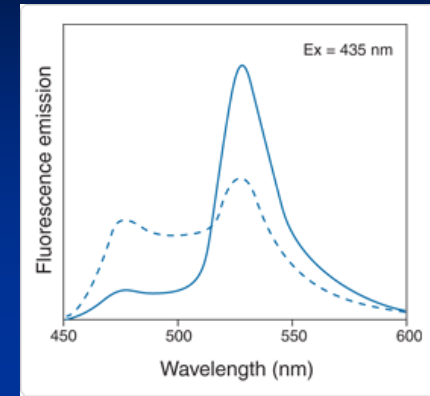
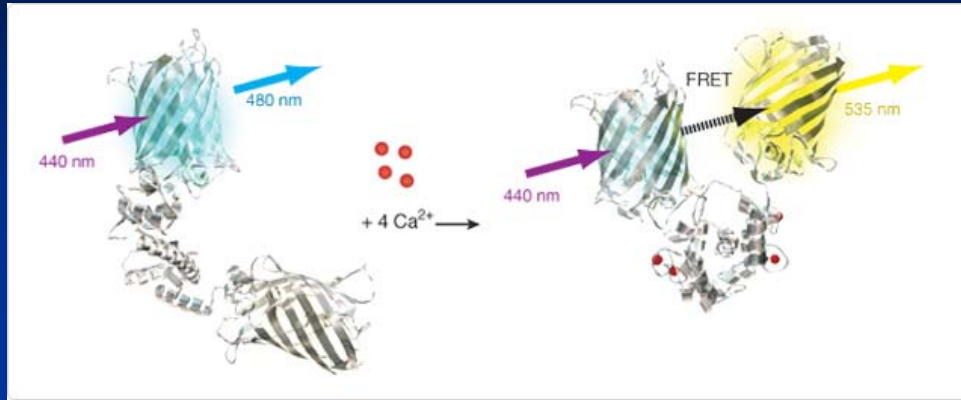
# Probe entrance into the cell (2)

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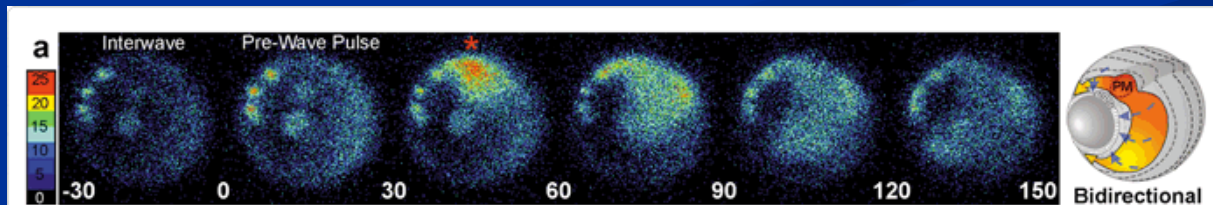
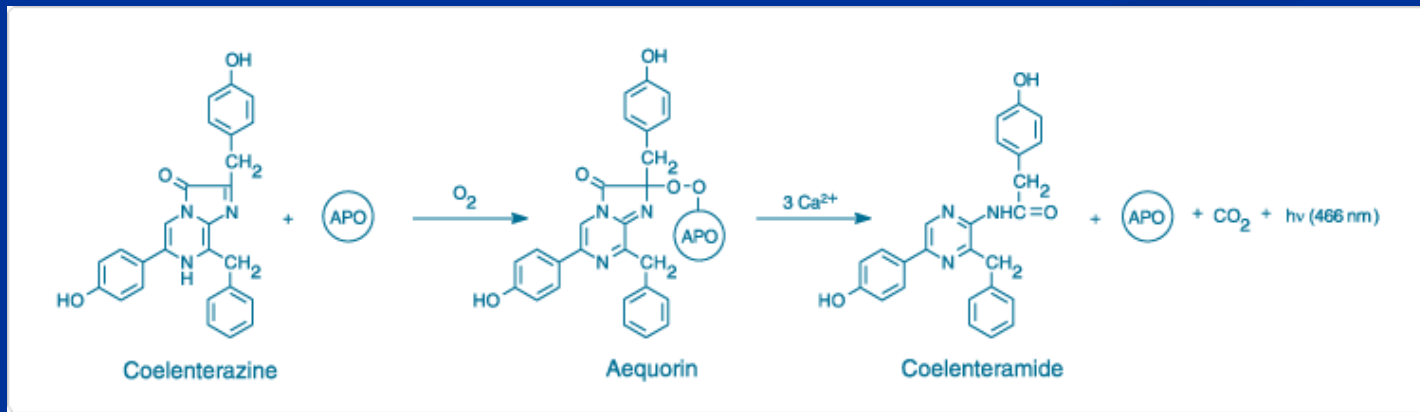
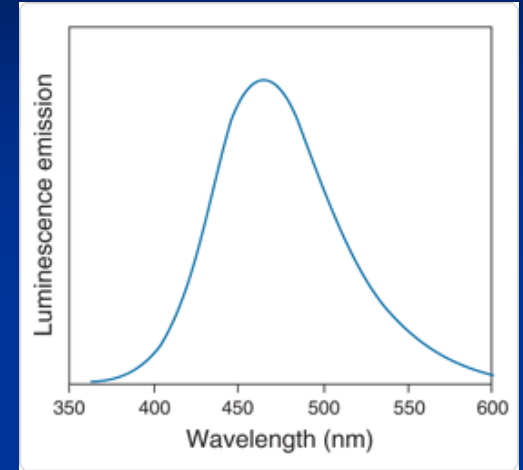
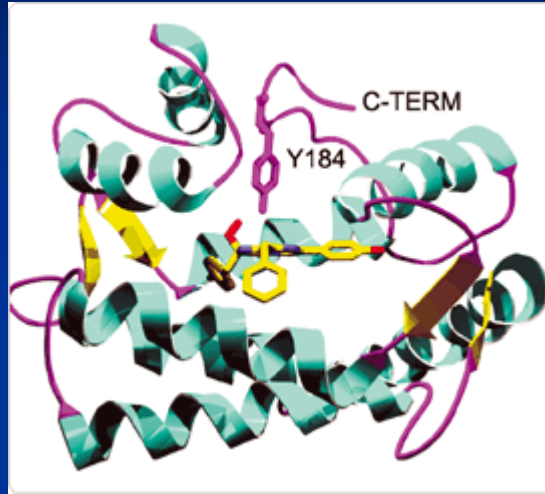
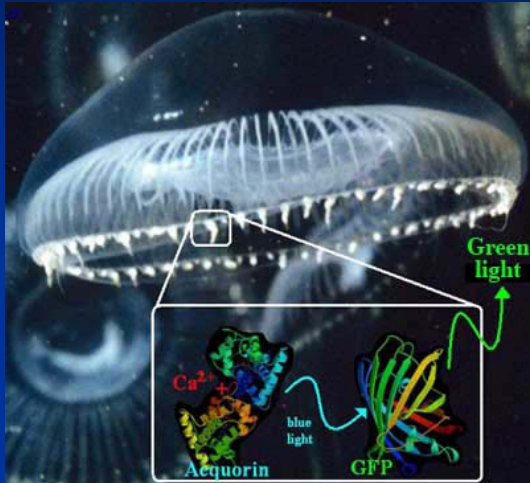


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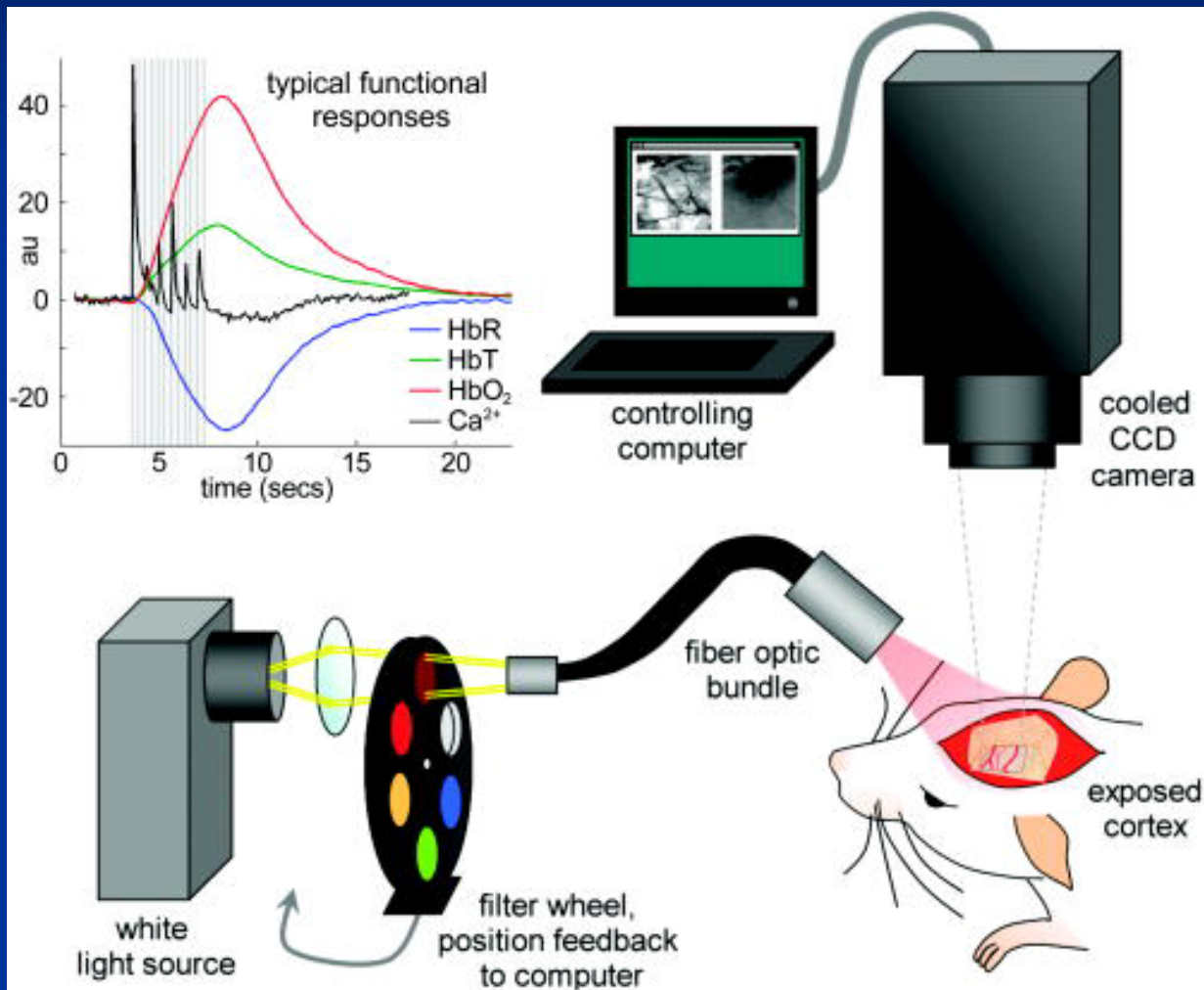
# Ca<sup>2+</sup>-sensitive proteins



# Aequorin



# Videomicroscopy *in vivo*



# Experimental study cases

# Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS)



Lou Gehrig  
(1903-1941)

- Late-onset neuromuscular disorder
- Death of large motor neurons in spinal cord and brainstem
- **sALS** - sporadic and **fALS** - familial (5-10%) forms.
- 15-20% familial ALS -> mutant form of  $\text{Cu}^{+2}/\text{Zn}^{+2}$  SOD (SOD1)
- Transgenic animal models – mice and rat with mutant hSOD1



# Effect of ALS IgGs on astrocytes in culture

CASE 1

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# Humoralna imunost u ALS – poznati efekti ALS IgG

- Transfer to mouse induces degeneration of motor neurons, increase in calcium containing organelles (*Pullen et al. 2004*)
- Apoptotic cell death in hybrid motor neuron cell line (*Alexianu et al. 1994*) and human neuroblastoma cells (*Yi et al. 2000*)
- Activates caspase-3 pathway and induces selective apoptosis of neurons in rat mixed primary spinal cord cultures whereas astrocytes are less susceptible (*Demestre et al. 2005*)
- Increased P/Q type  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  currents in Purkinje cells (*Llinas et al., 1993*), or decreased  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  currents of cultured granule cells (*Zhainazarov et al., 1994*).
- Cultured hippocampal neurons: increased frequency, but not amplitude of the spontaneous and miniature glutamatergic currents; partly independent of external  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  (*Andjus et al. 1997*)
- Modulate calcium transients (*Andjus et al., 1996*)
- Enhance mobility of acidic vesicles in cultured astrocytes (*Stenovac et al., 2011*) by affecting calcium homeostasis

# M&M

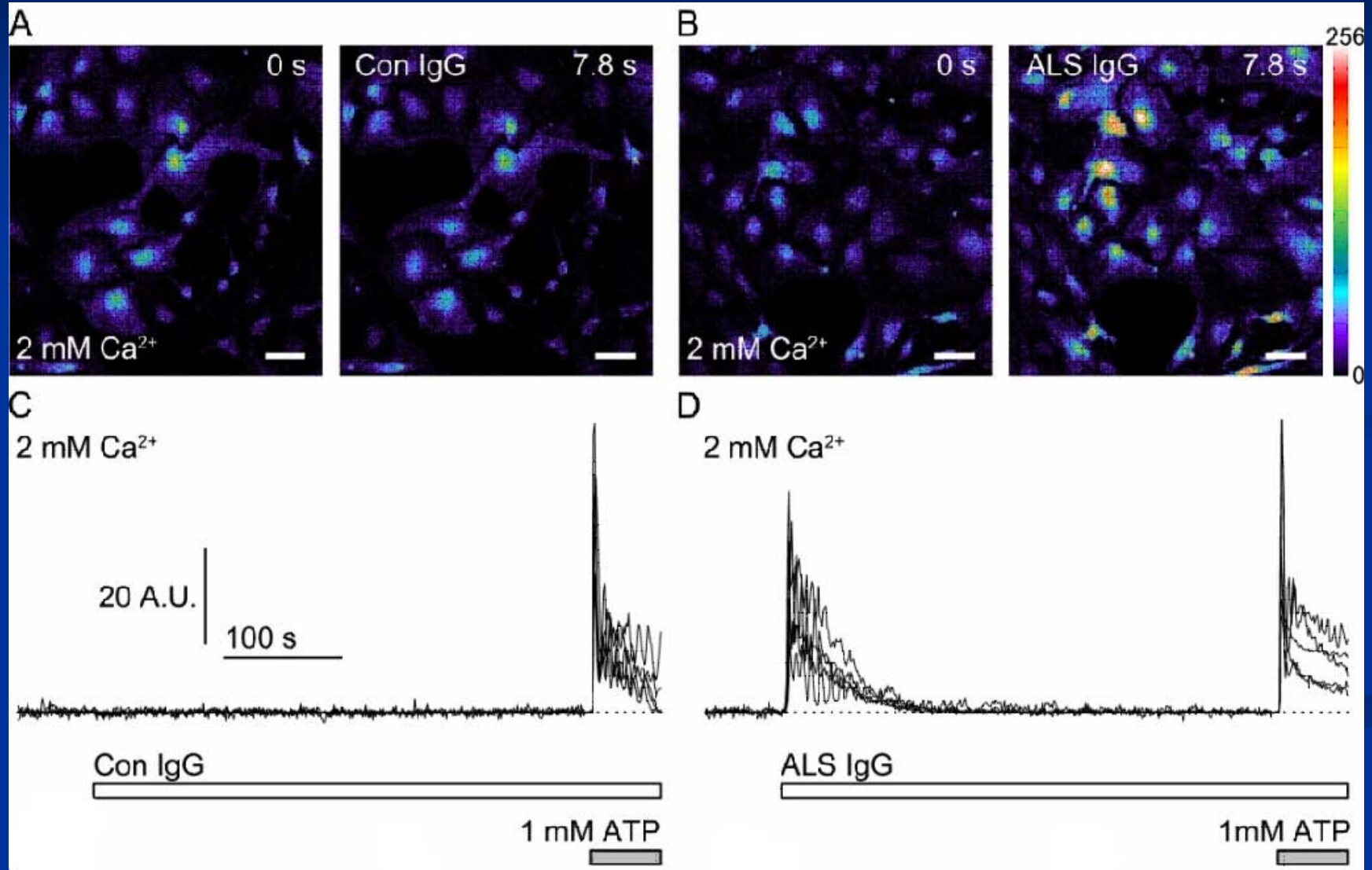
- Primary cortical astrocytic culture from Wistar P2
- Laser scanning confocal microscopy of astrocytes loaded with fluo-calcium indicators Fluo-3 AM and Fluo-4 AM
- Relative change in intracellular calcium concentration calculated from the absolute change in the indicator's intensity normalized by the basal fluorescence:

$$I_t = \frac{\Delta F}{F_0} = \frac{F_t - F_0}{F_0}$$

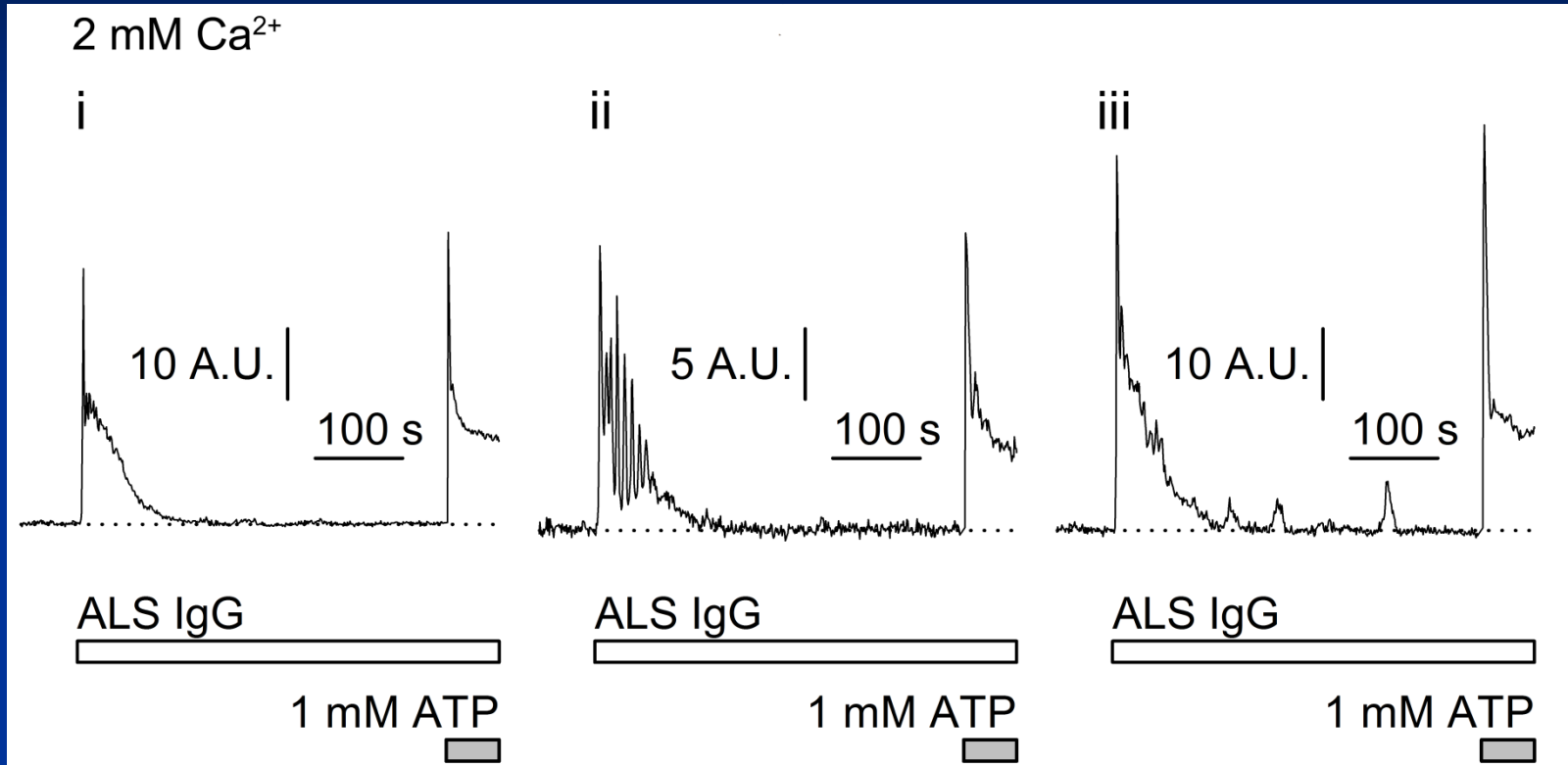
- Signal parameters: peak amplitude, time to peak, and time integral

$$SIgG = \sum_{i=s}^e (I_i \times \Delta t)$$

# ALS IgGs evoke calcium transients in cultured rat astrocytes

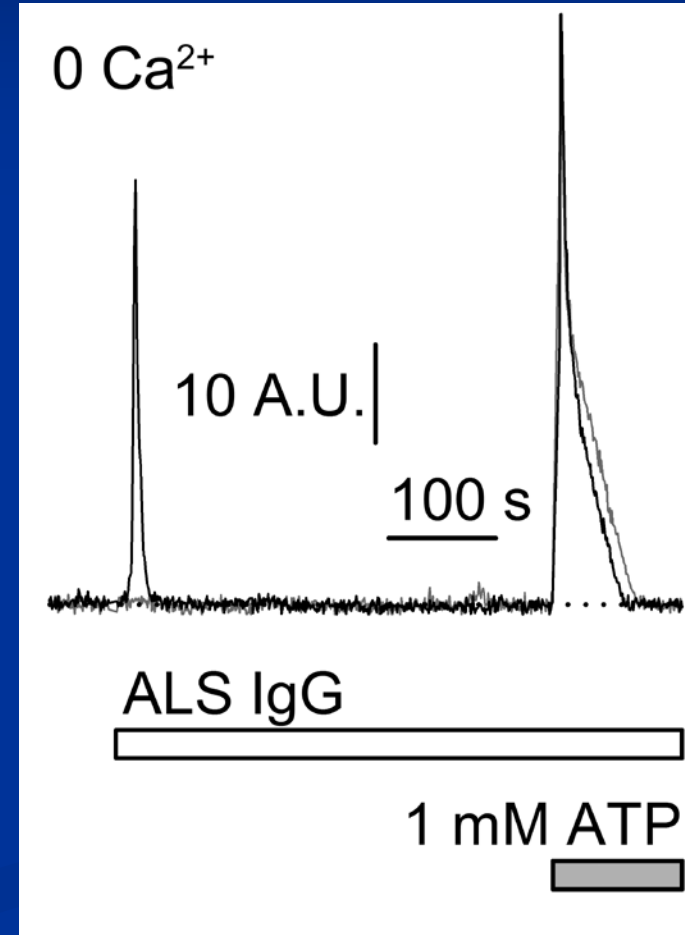
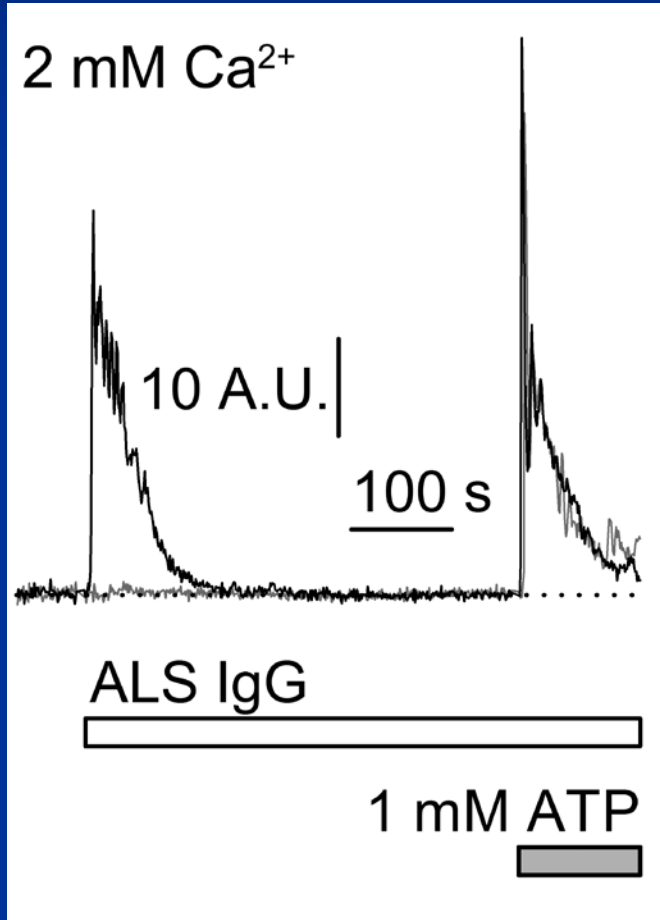


# Various types of transients

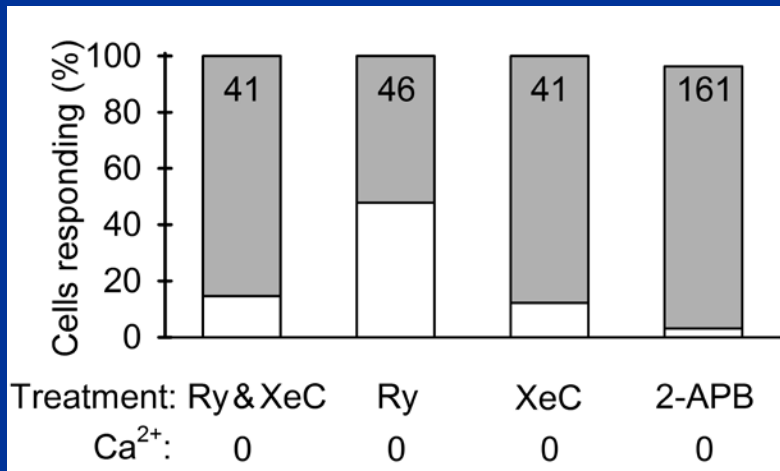
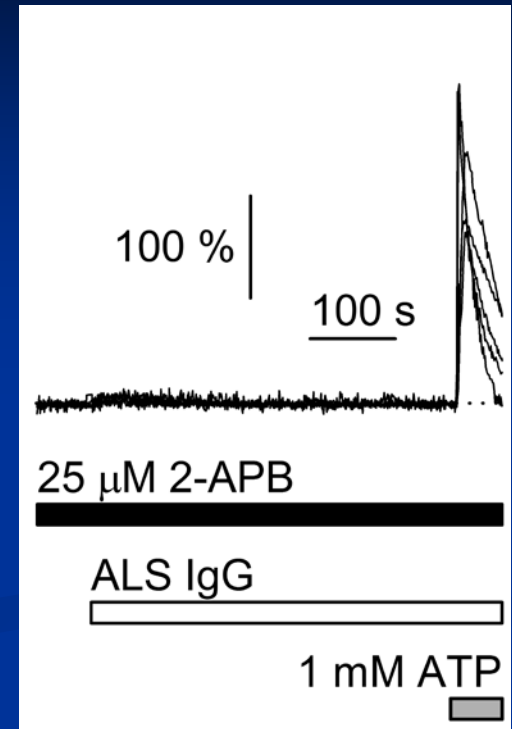
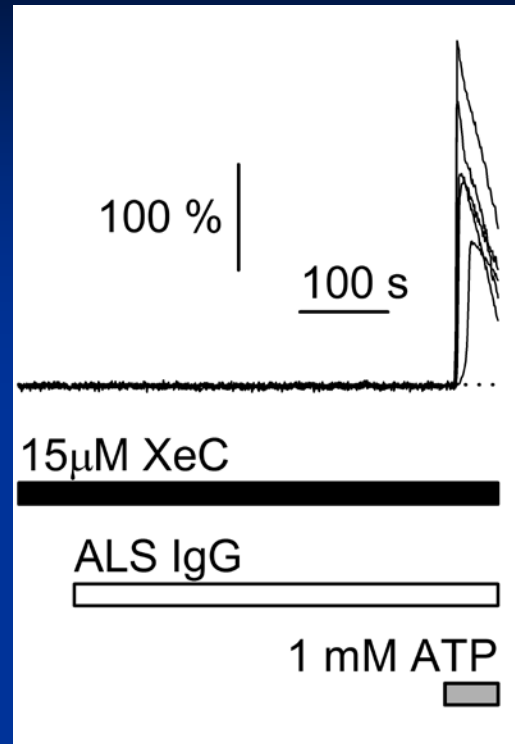
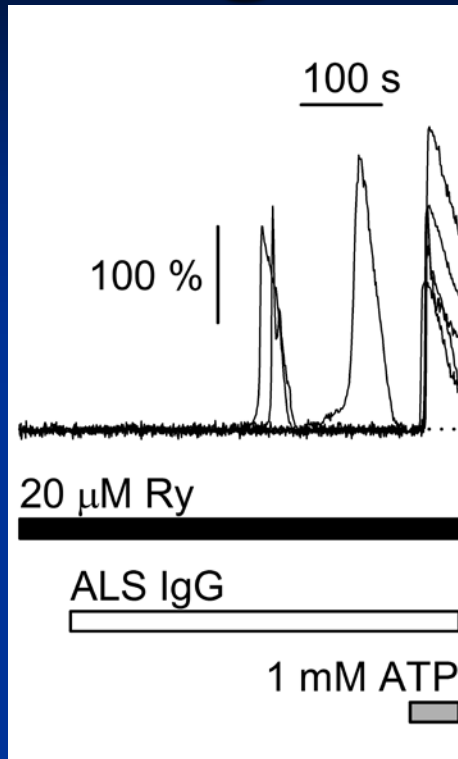


- (i) single transients
- (ii) high frequency bursts
- (iii) repetitive calcium transients with variable peak amplitude

# Extracellular $\text{Ca}^{2+}$ shapes calcium transients

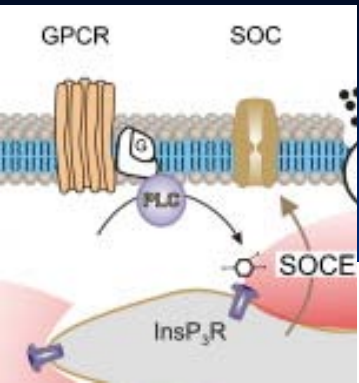


# Uloga intracelularnih depoa $\text{Ca}^{2+}$

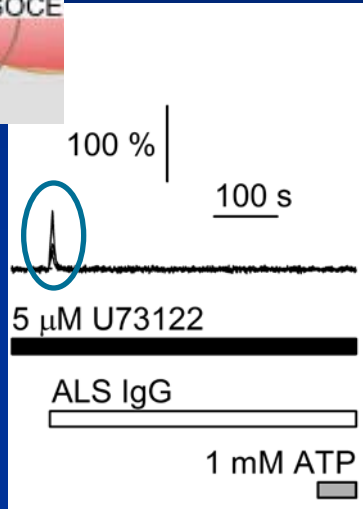


Calcium transients are abolished by selective blockers of **IP<sub>3</sub>**-sensitive but not of **Ryanodine**-sensitive receptors on the endoplasmic reticulum membrane

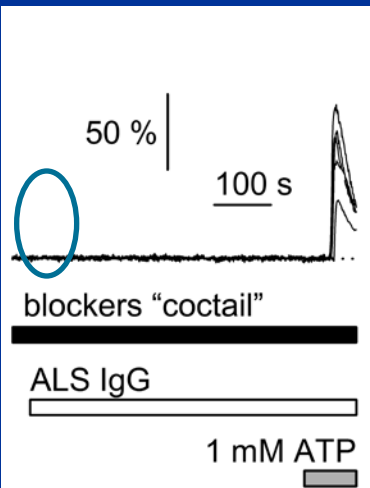
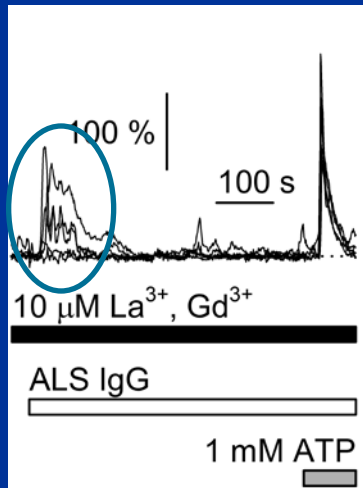
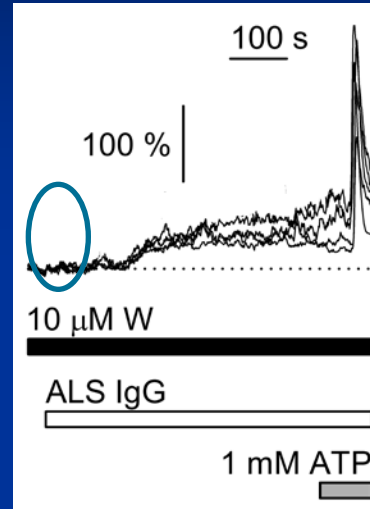
# Enzymes and/or plasma membrane structures involved in ALS IgG-evoked calcium transients



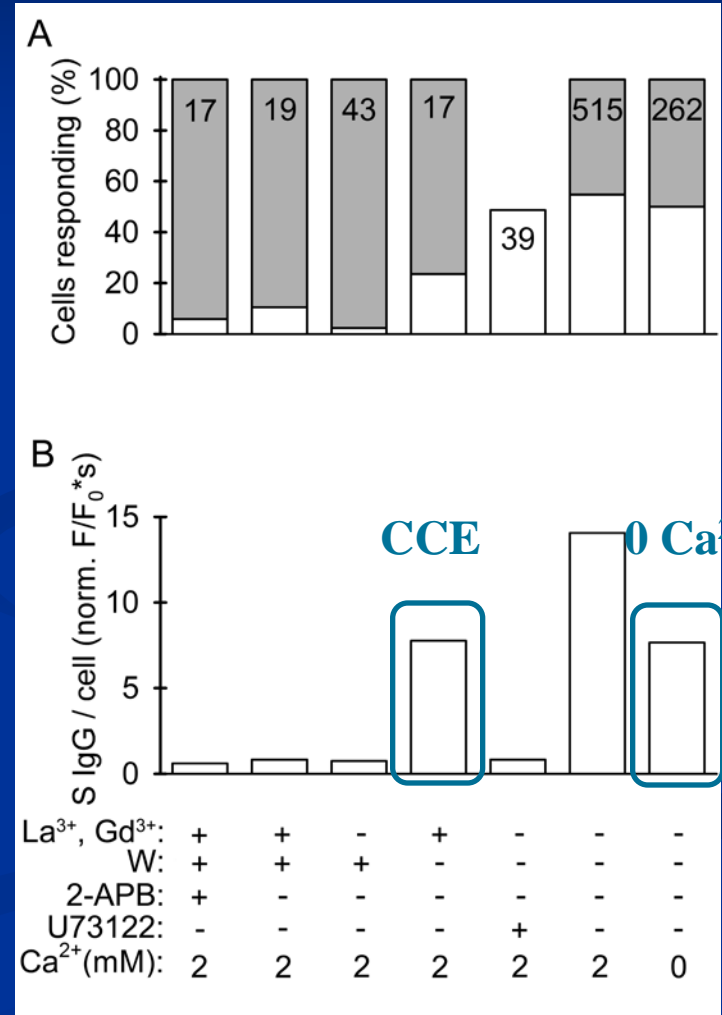
@PLipazaC



@IP3Kinase



@SOCE-memb. ch.



# CONCLUSION 1

- IgG from sALS patients, but not from non-ALS controls, evoked complex calcium transients in ~50% of treated astrocytes
- The probability to evoke calcium transients by ALS IgG did not depend on extracellular calcium
- ~60% of calcium involved in these responses originates from intracellular organelles, while the remaining ~40% of calcium originates from the extracellular space
- ALS IgG-evoked  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  transients depend on  $\text{IP}_3\text{R}$ , while RyR is not involved
- The influx of extracellular calcium through SOCE channels prolongs the responses.
- Inhibition of PLC diminishes, while the inhibition of PI3K completely prevents ALS IgG evoked calcium response.

**ALS IgG affect calcium homeostatic system in astrocytes by  $\text{IP}_3$  mediated calcium release from the endoplasmic reticulum and entry of extracellular calcium through SOCE channels, with the activation of PI3K upstream of PLC.**

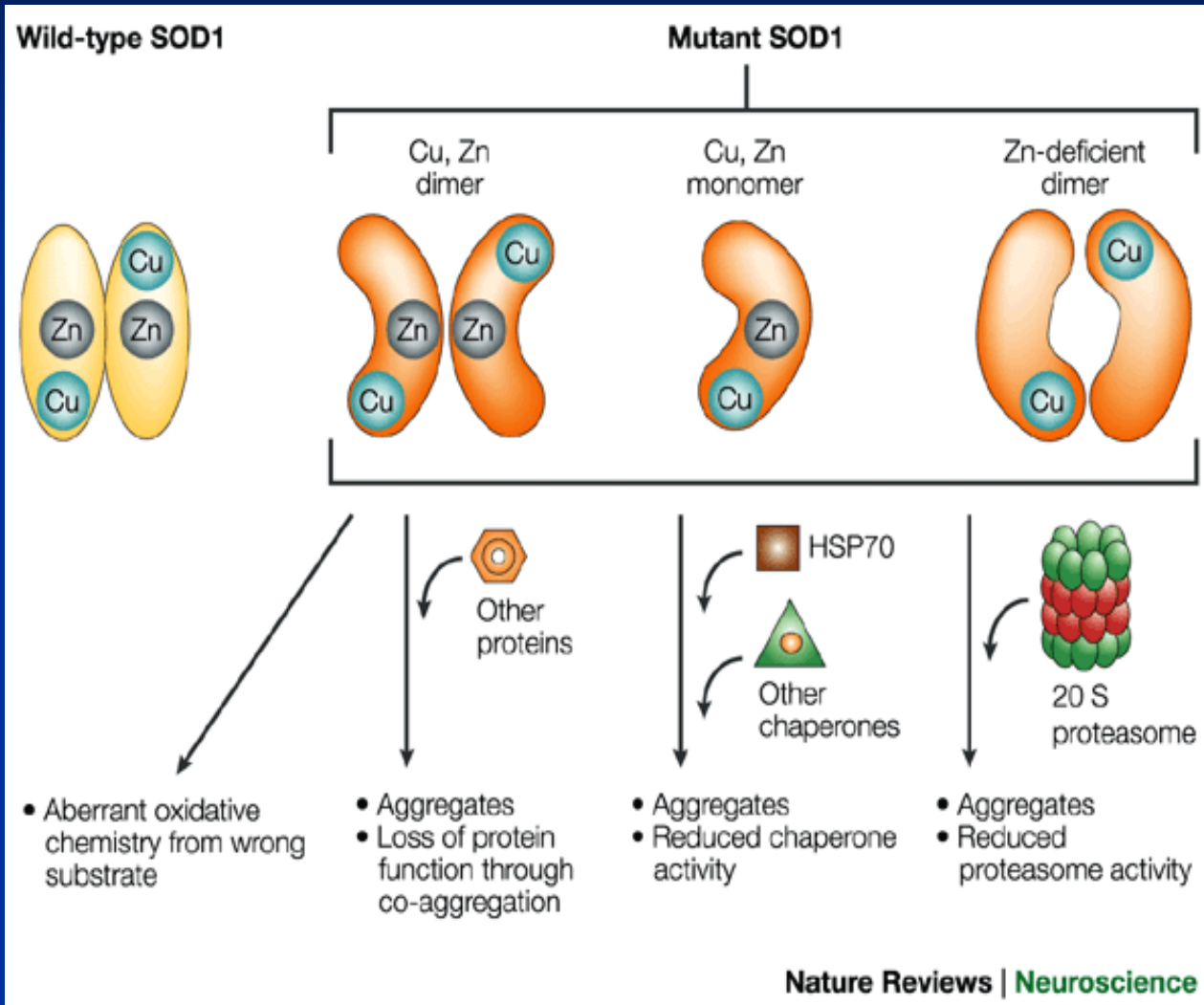


# Effects exogenous mutant SOD1

CASE 2

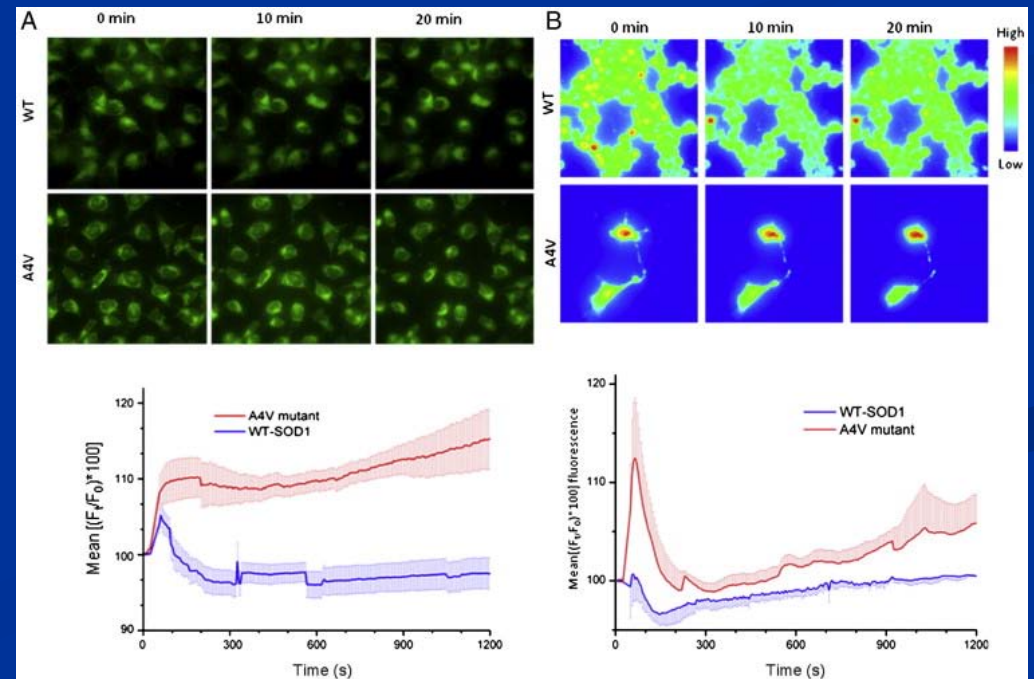
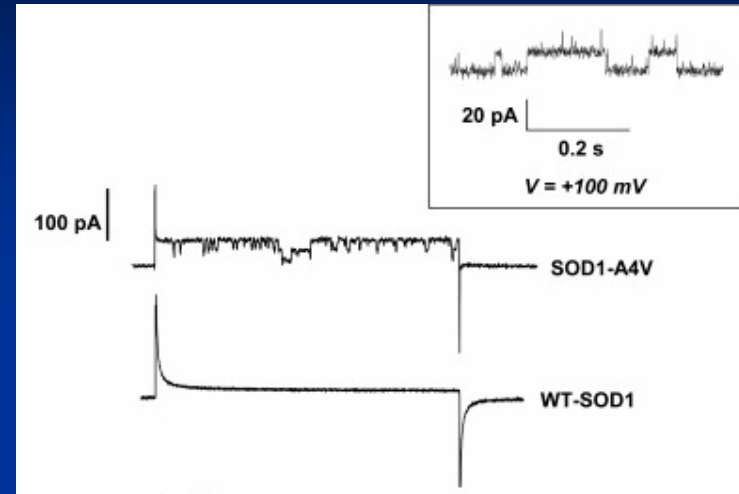
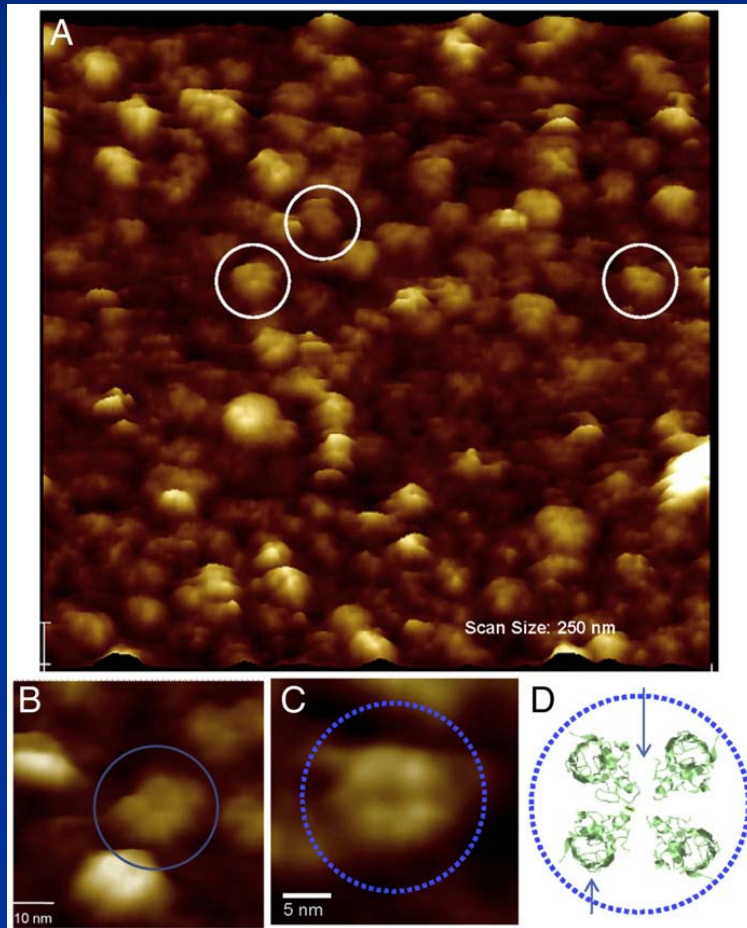
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# Mutant SOD1



# Exogenous mSOD forms tetrameric structures that are incorporated in lipid bilayers and from pores

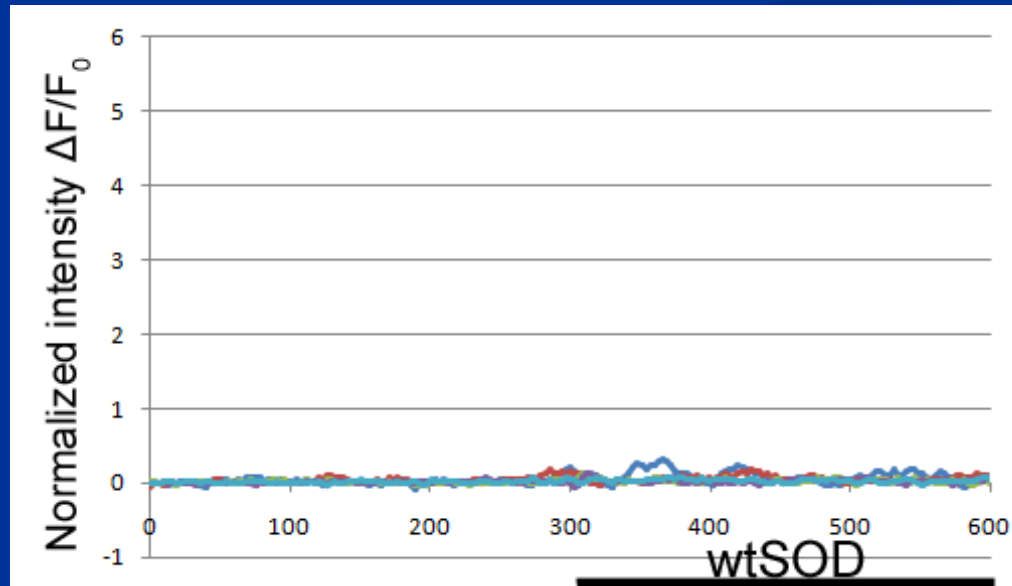
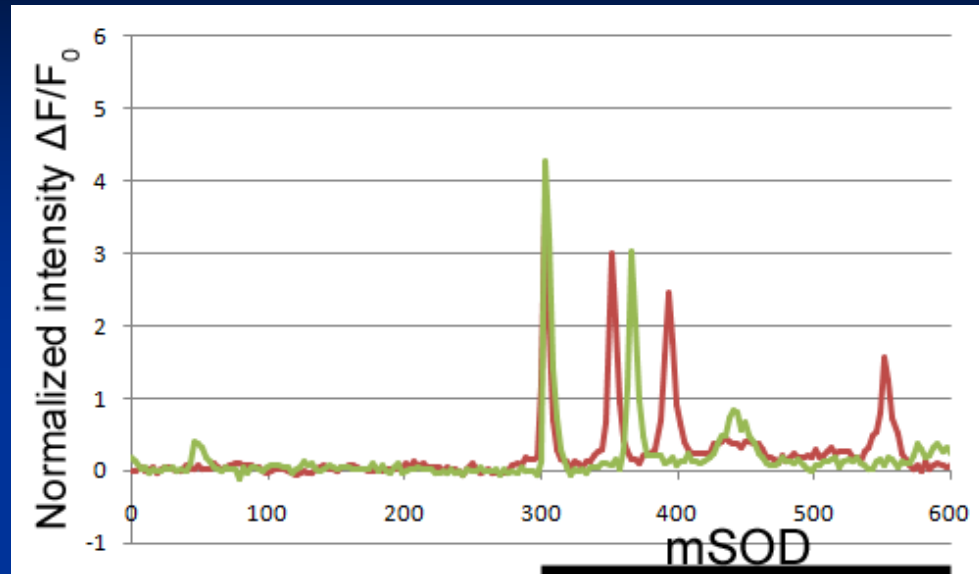
Allen et al. 2011



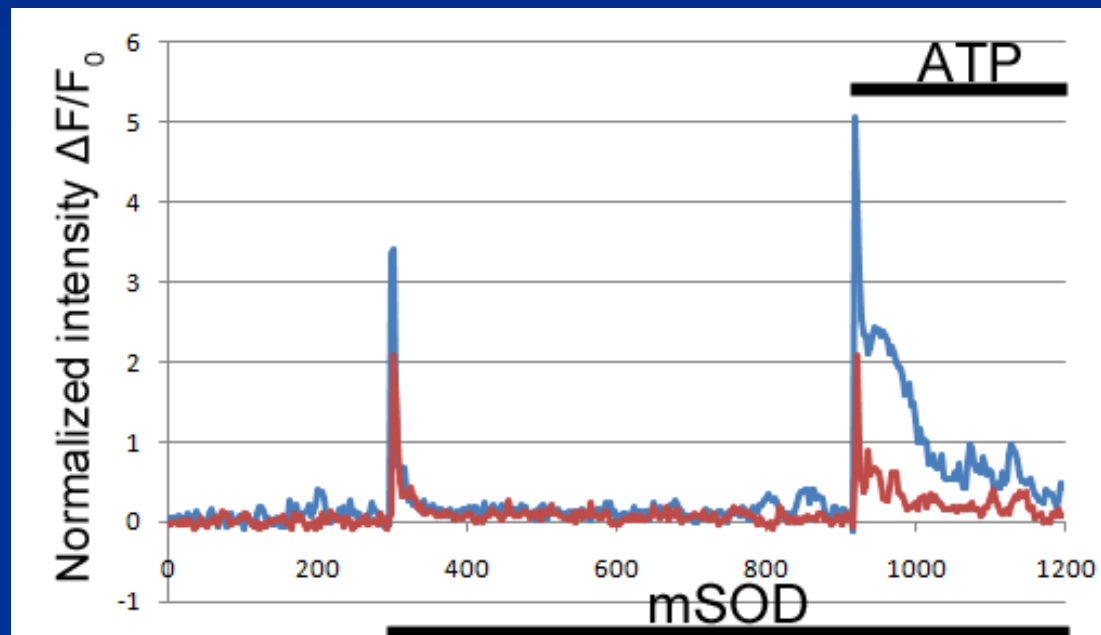
# M&M

- Astrocyte cultures from postnatal 2d Wistar rats
- Laser scanning confocal microscopy with **Fluo-4 AM**
- Application of metalised (Cu, Zn) recombinant mSOD1 i wtSOD1 (Jean Pierre Julien, Université Laval, Quebec)
- Measured parameters: percent of cells with change in intracellular calcium and time integral of transients

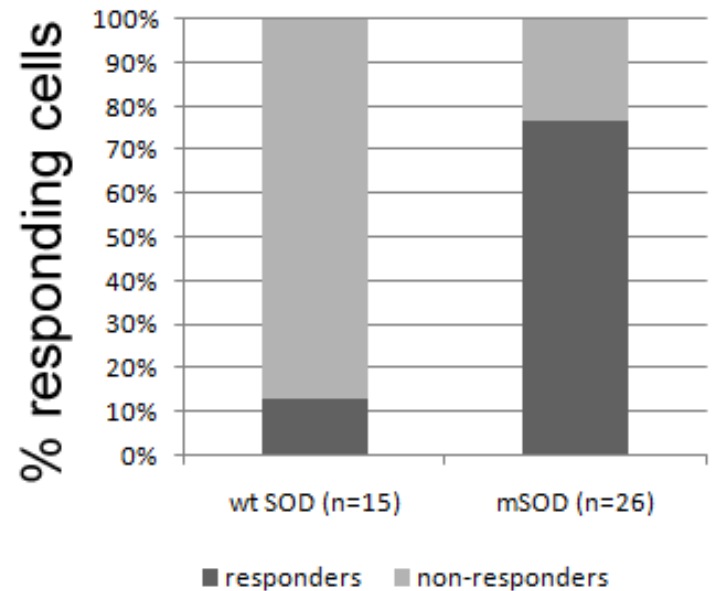
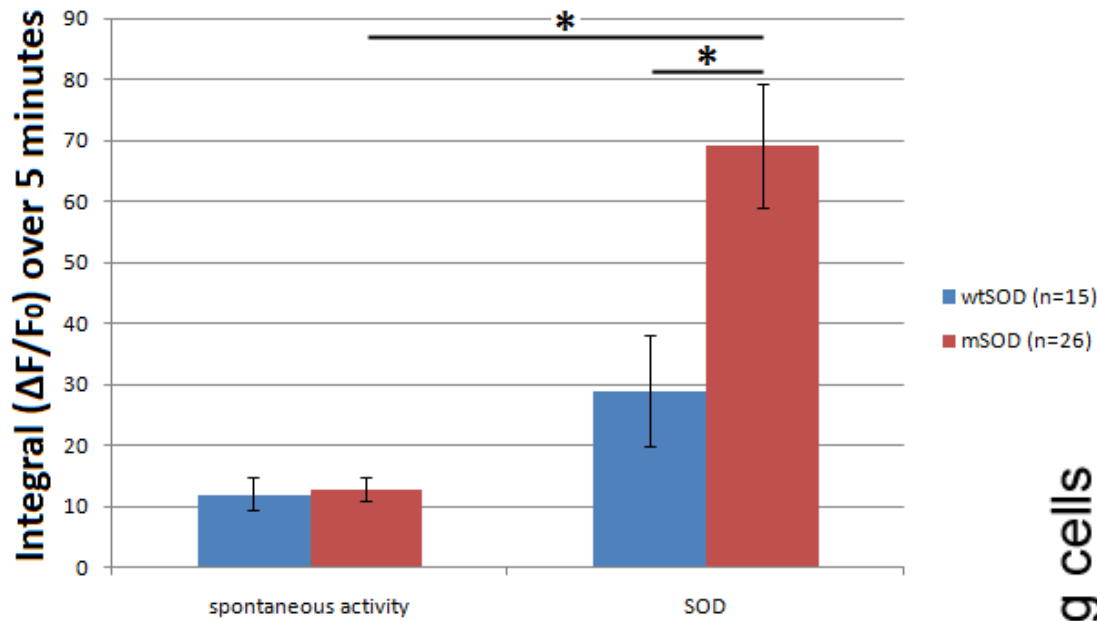
# mSOD vs wtSOD – $\text{Ca}^{2+}$ oscillations



# Acute $\text{Ca}^{2+}$ response

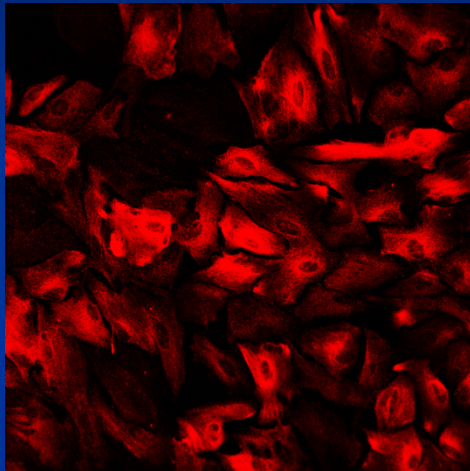


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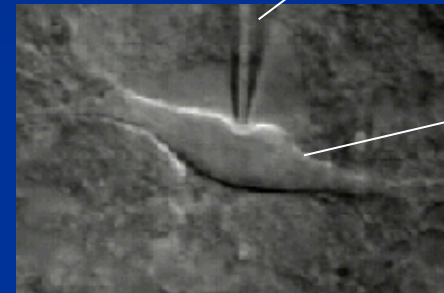




# Electrophysiological exploration of SOD1 effect on astrocytes

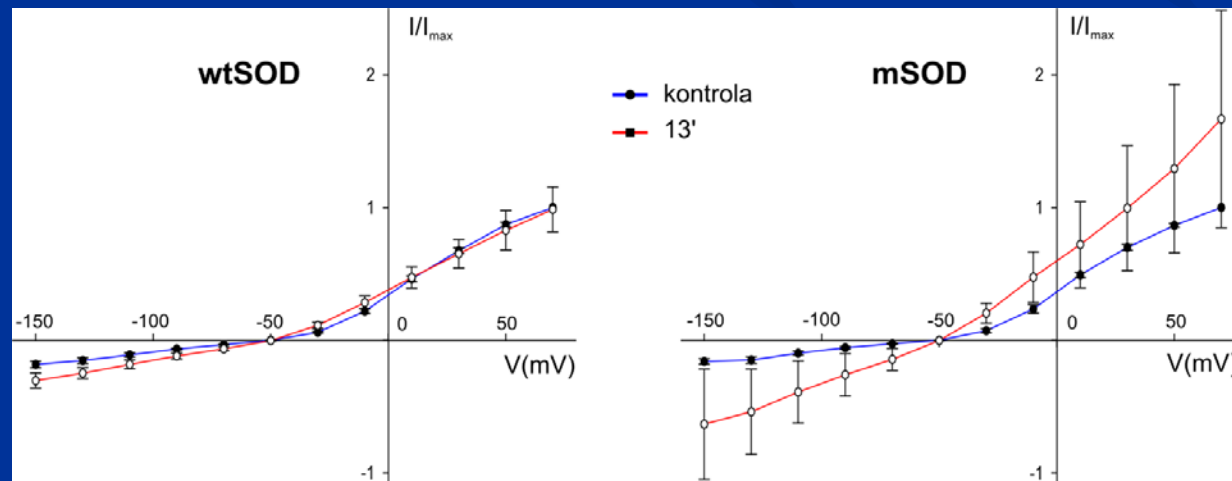
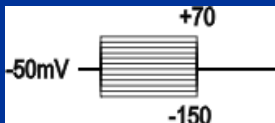


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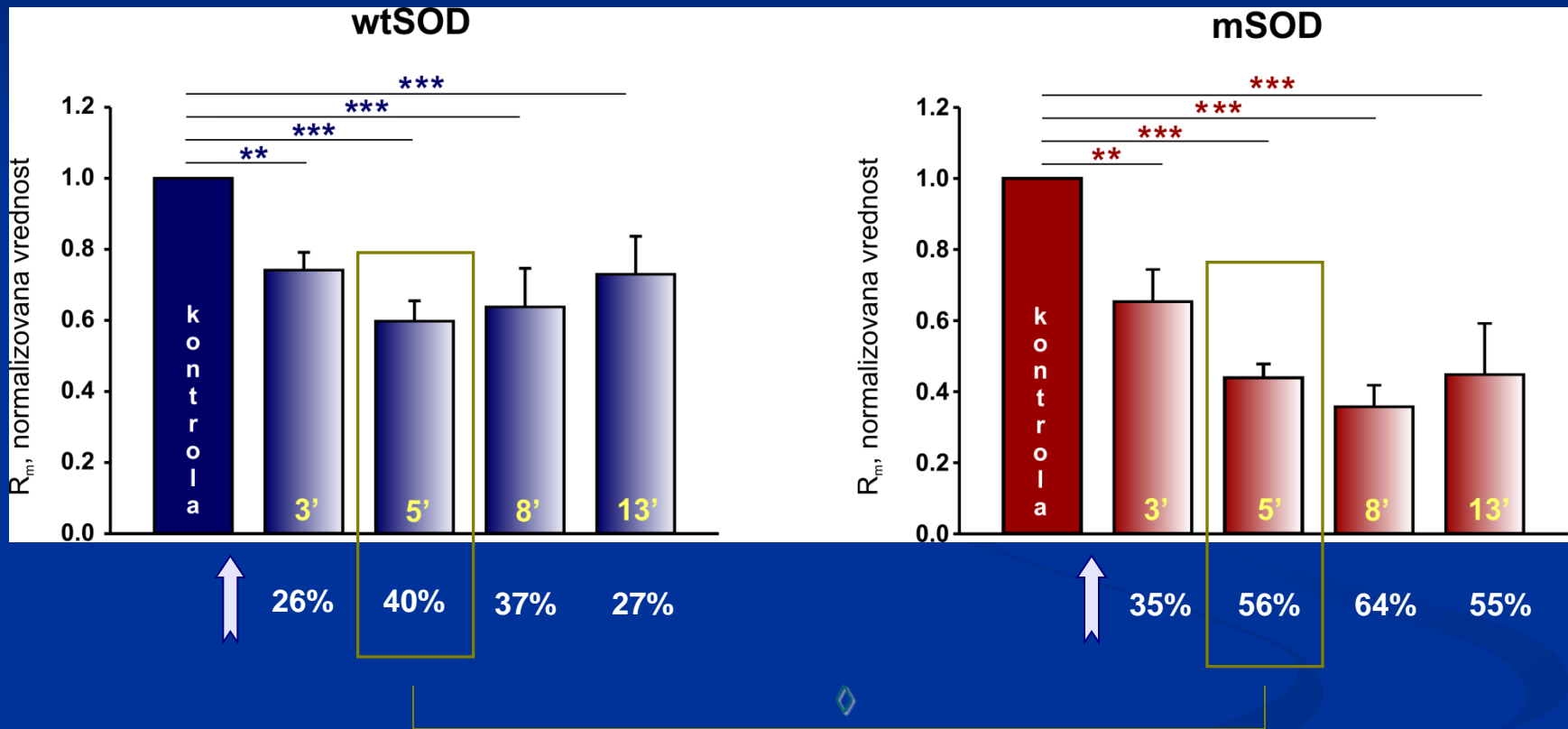


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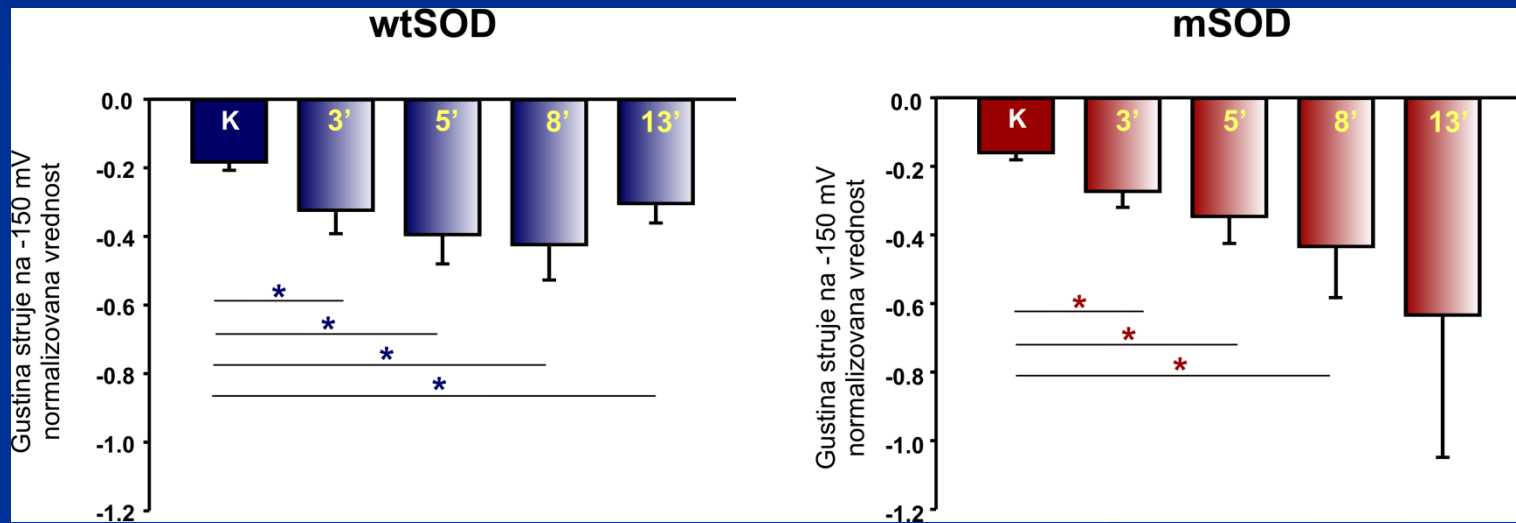
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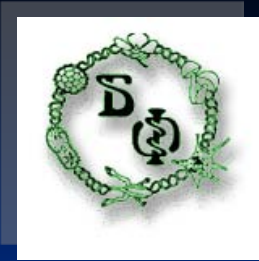


# Change in membrane resistance, $R_m$



# Change in current density at -150 mV





# Thanx!



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