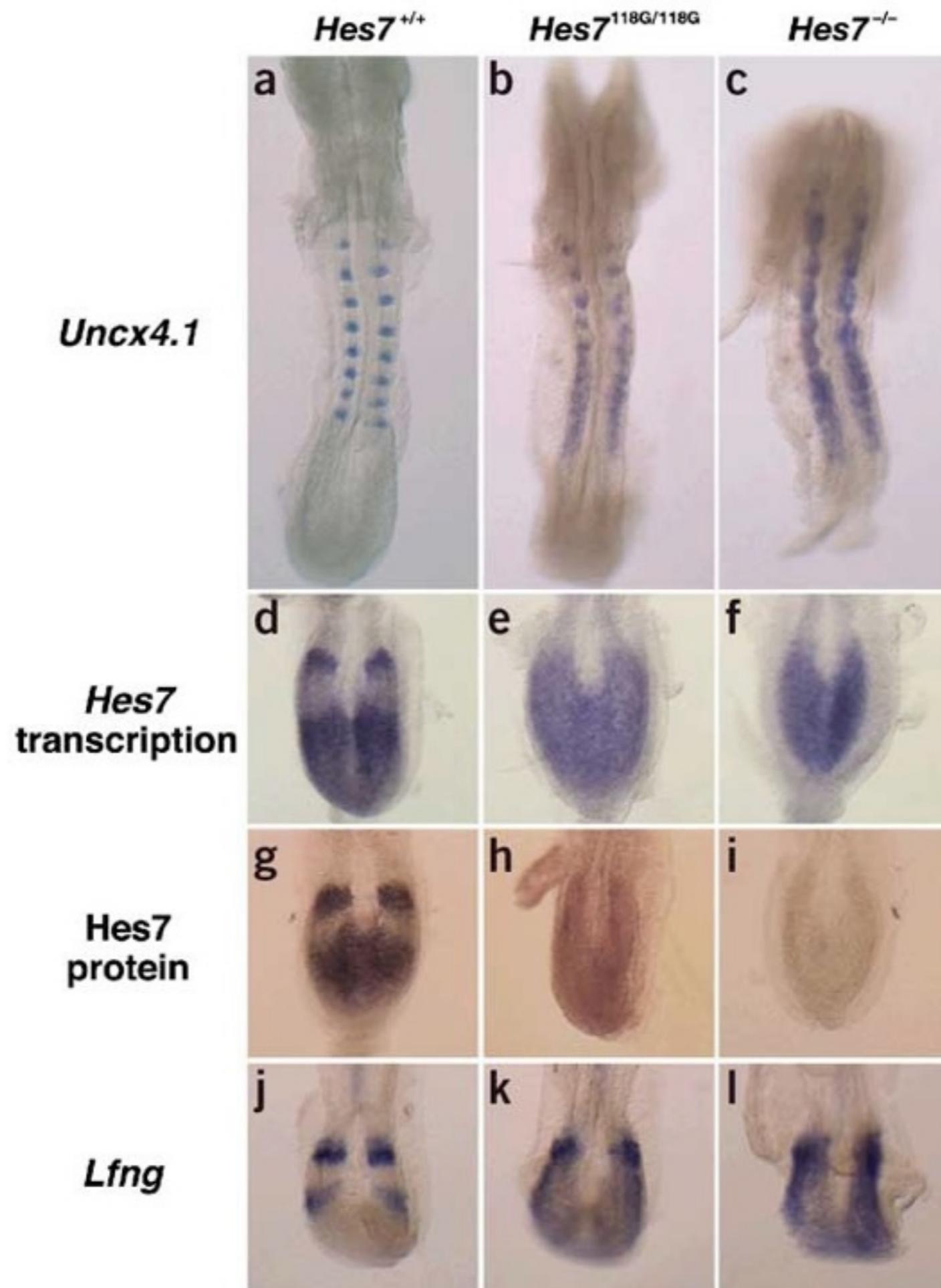
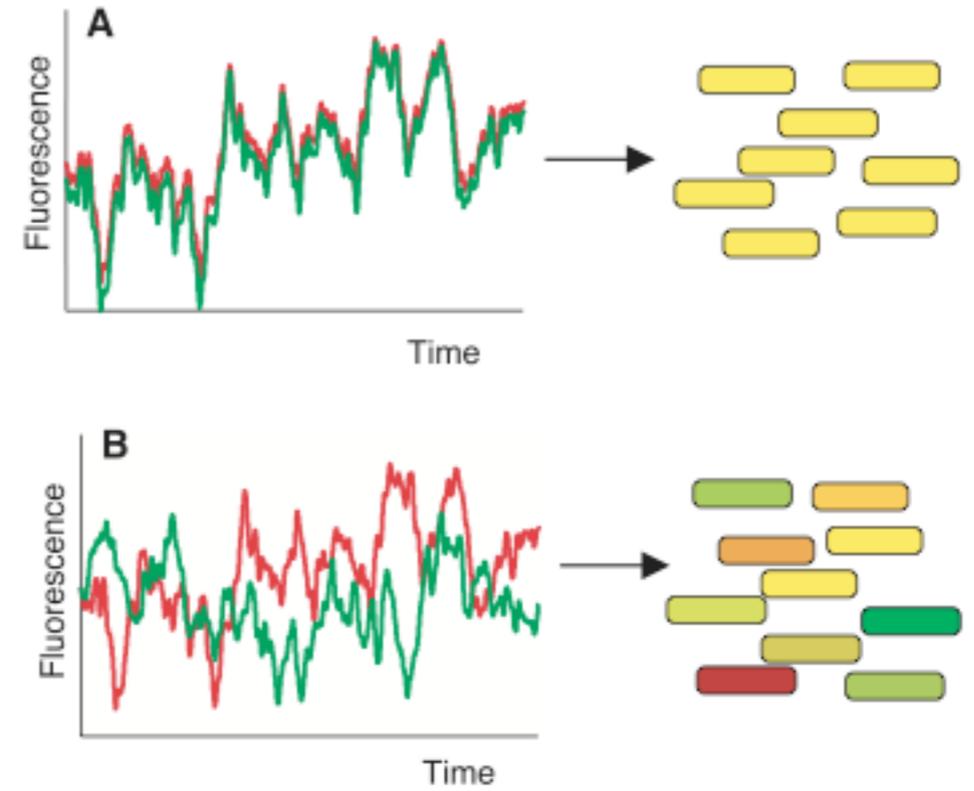
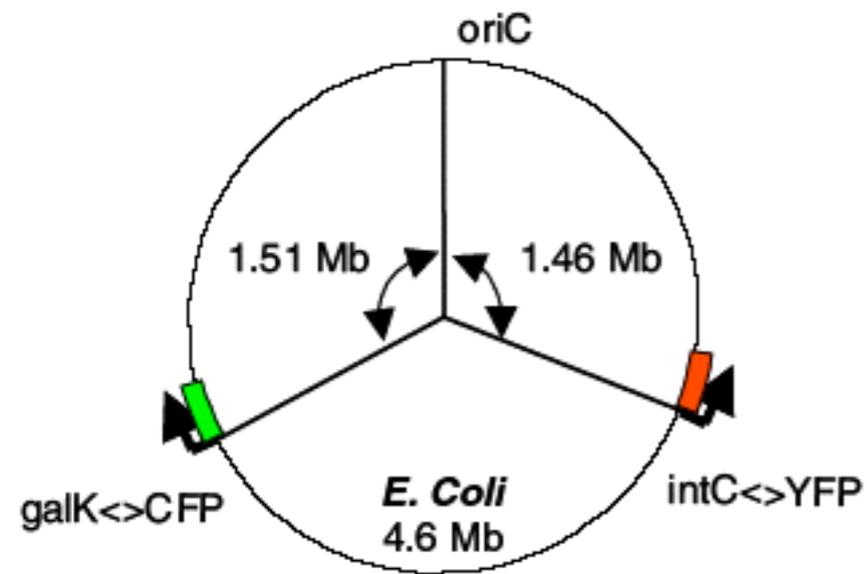
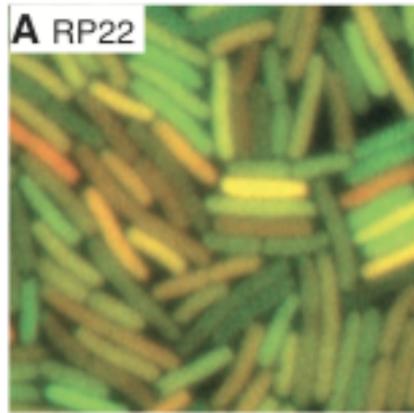


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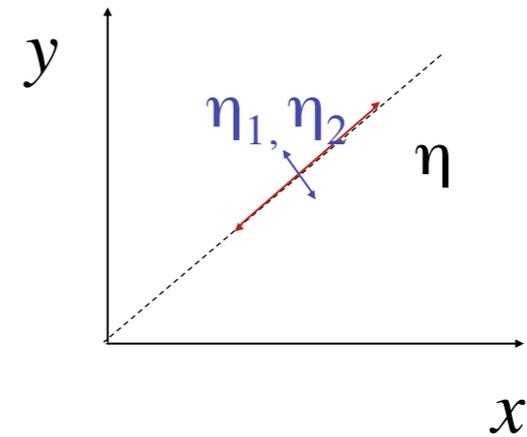
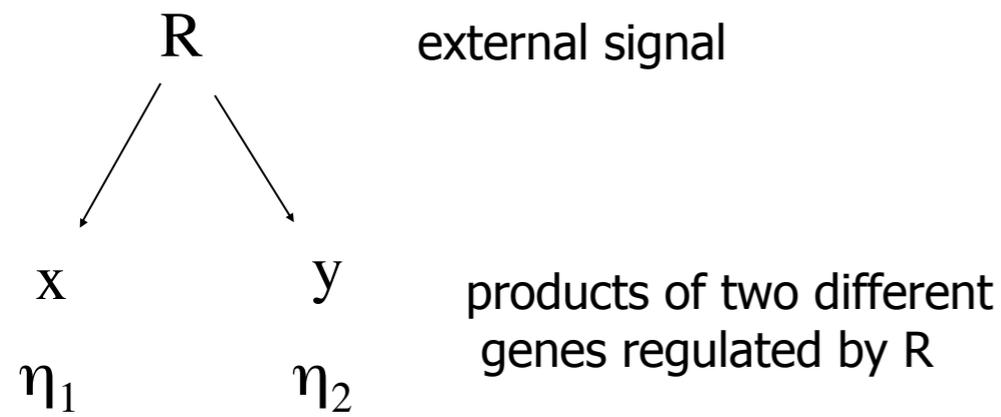
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- two colours of GFP controlled by identical regulatory sequences in the same cell
- if deterministic one colour
- if stochastic mixed colours

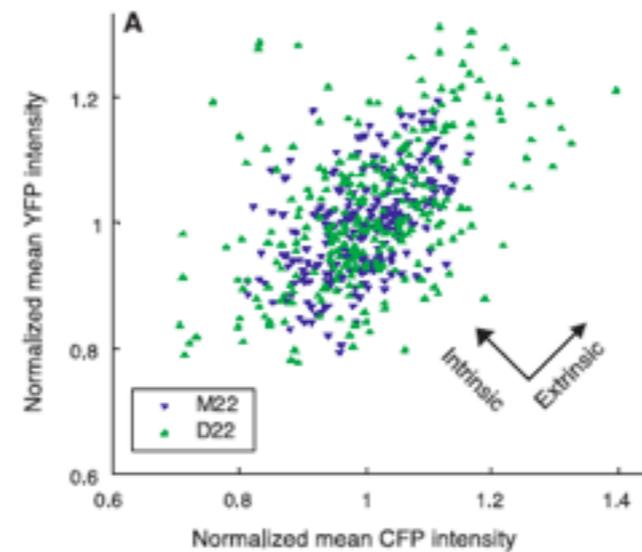
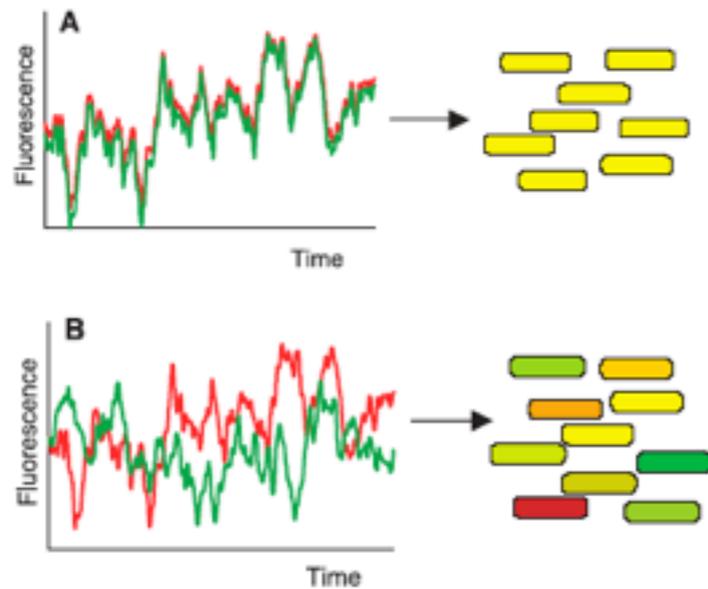
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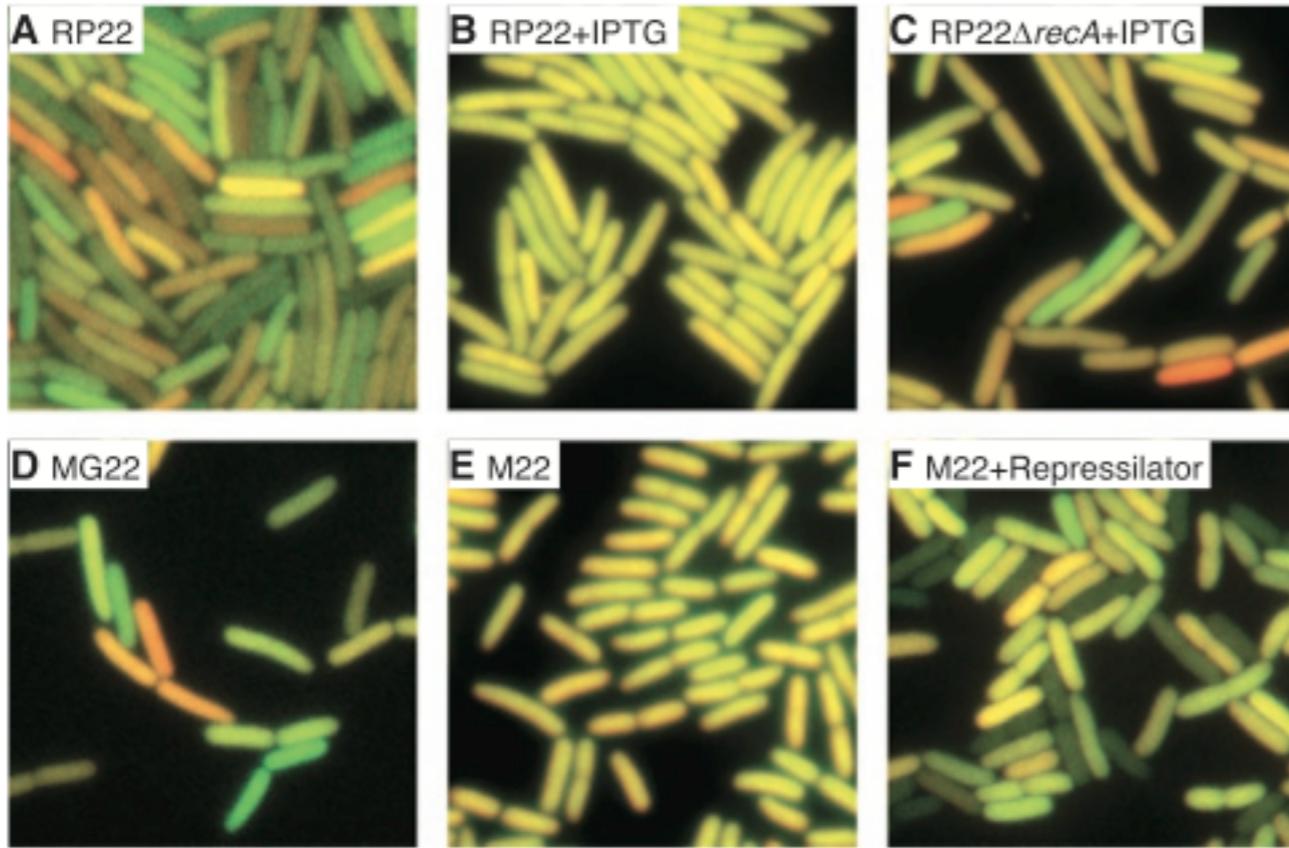
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- not all noise extrinsic
- some intrinsic (why?)

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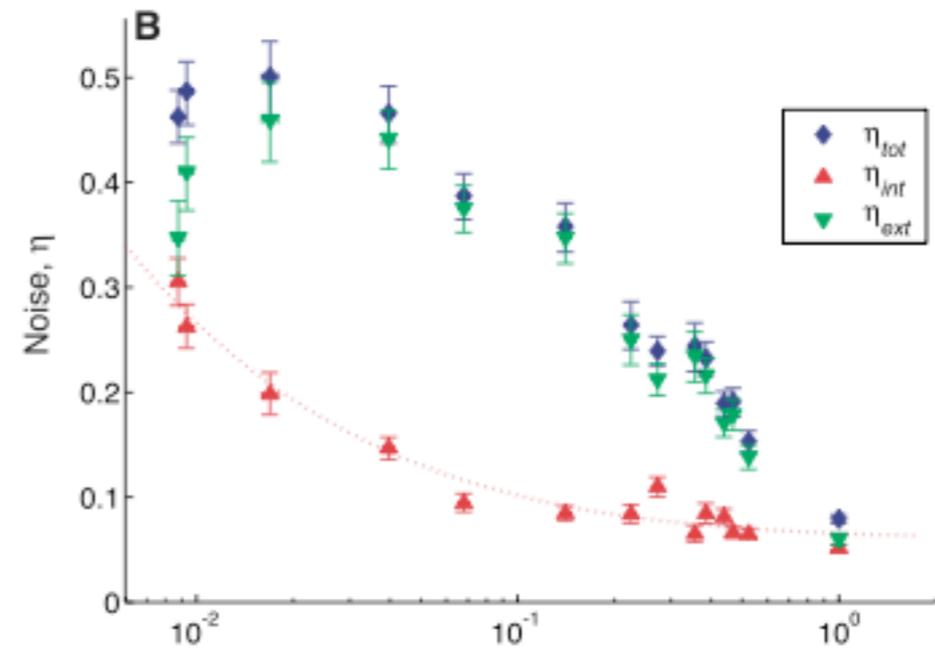
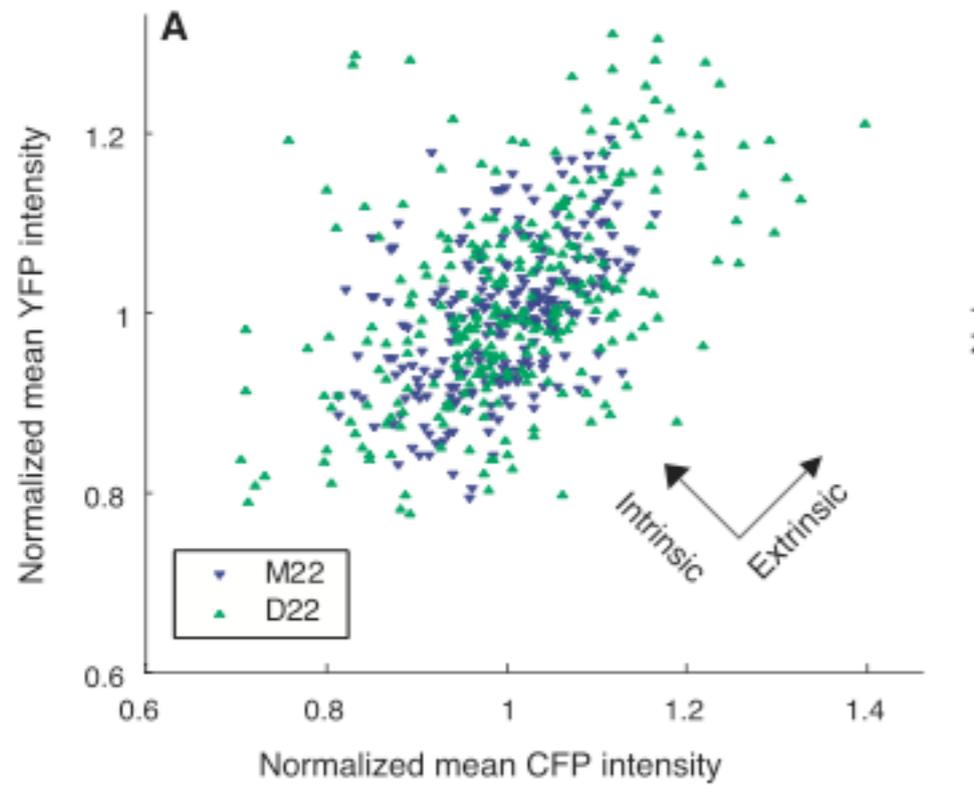
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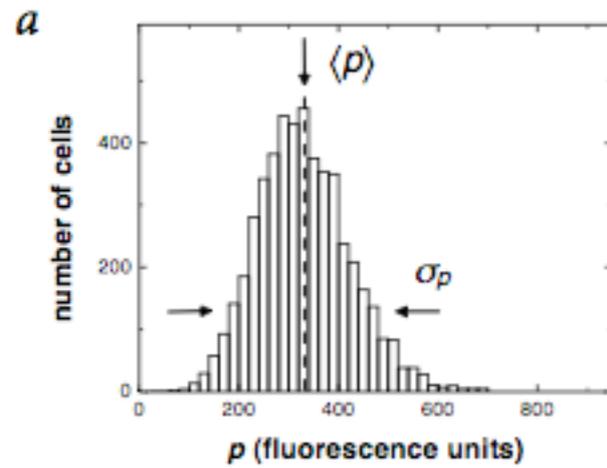
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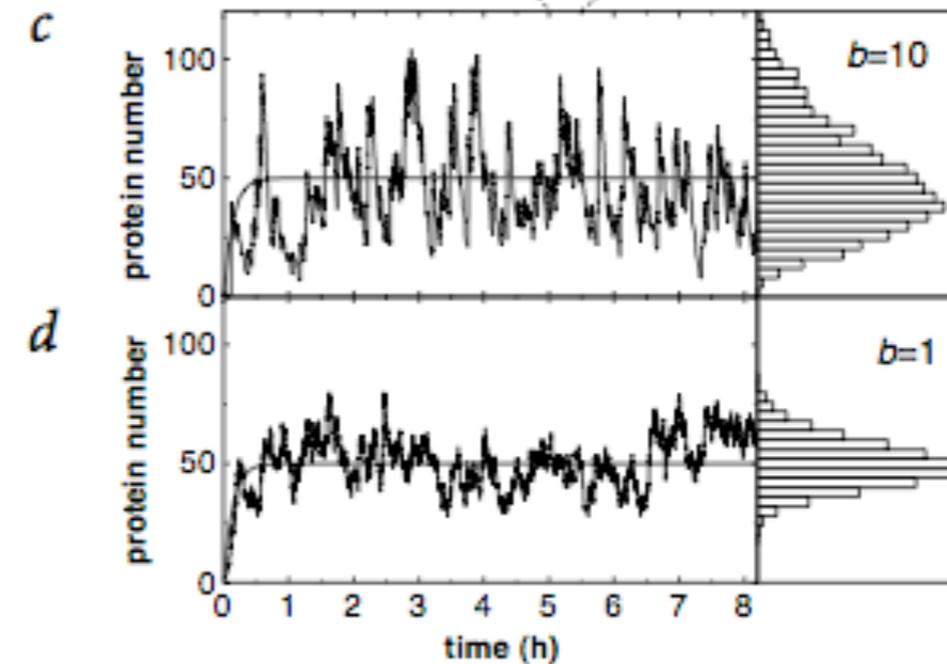
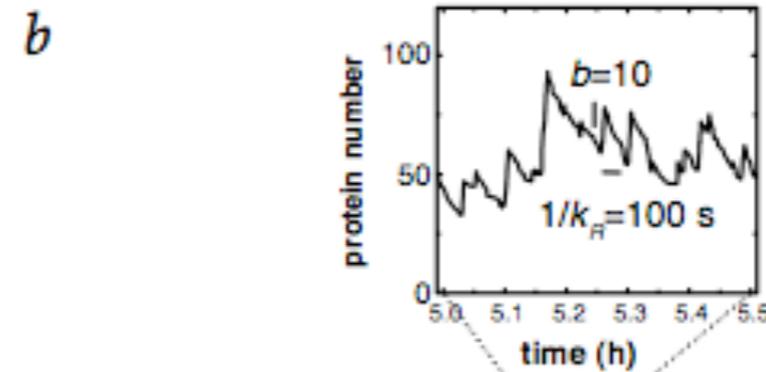
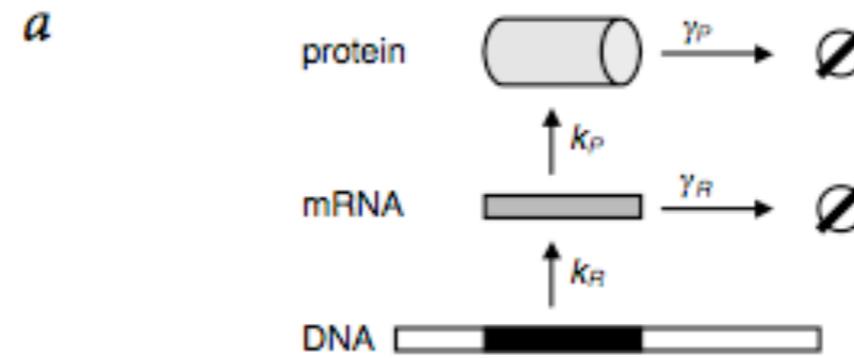
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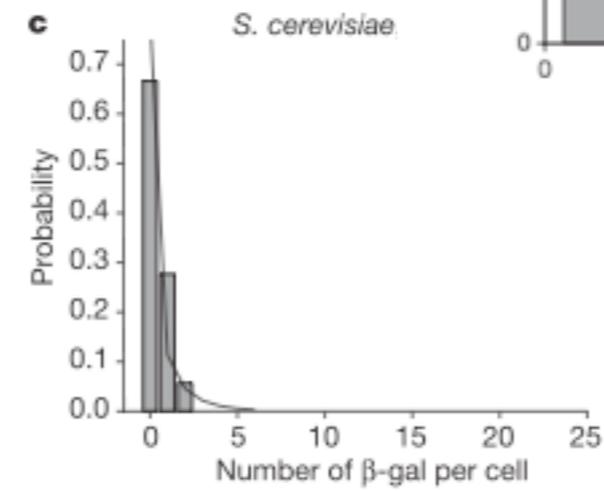
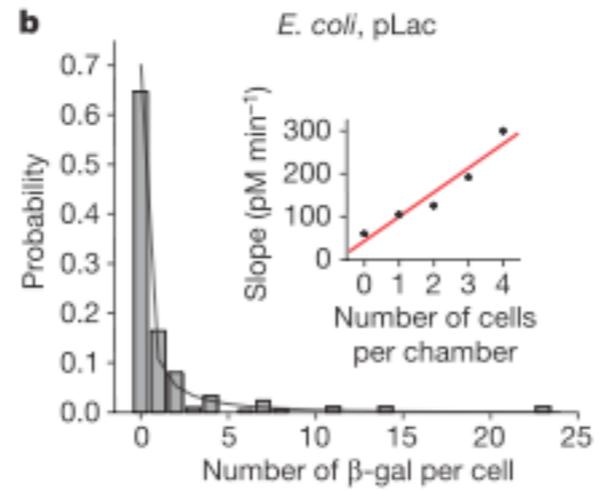
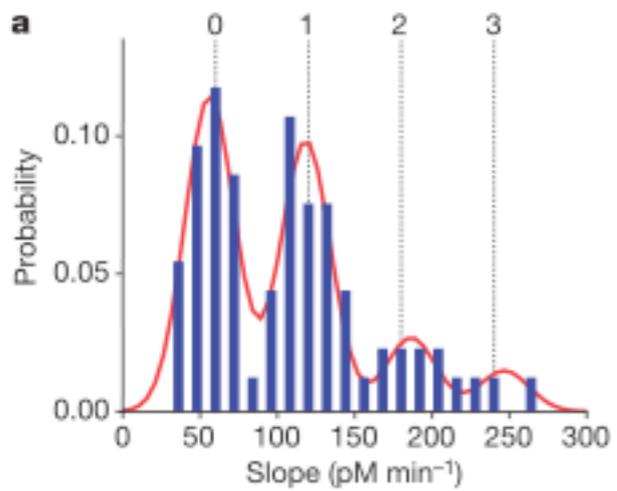
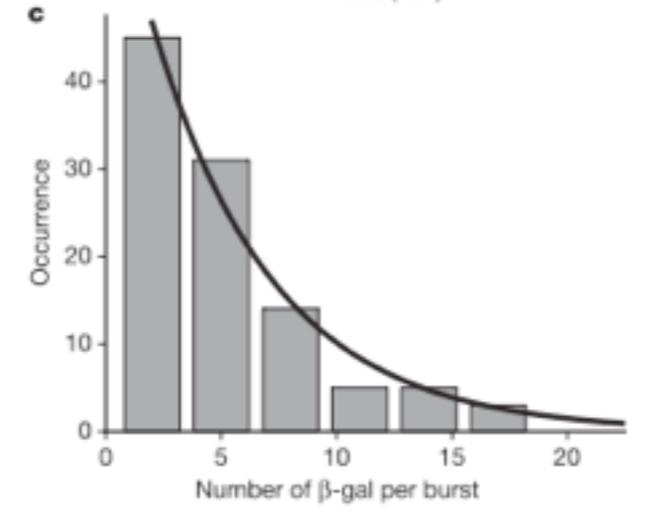
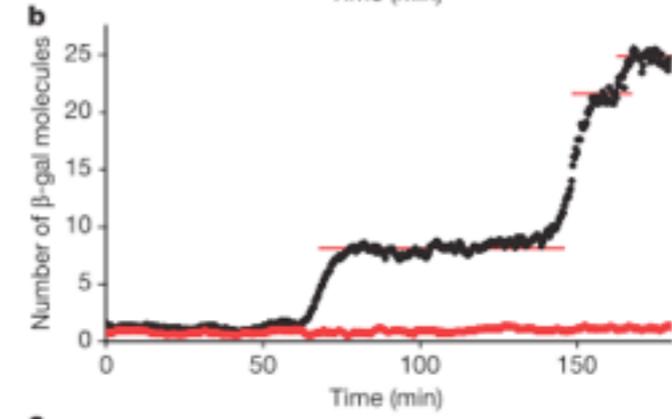
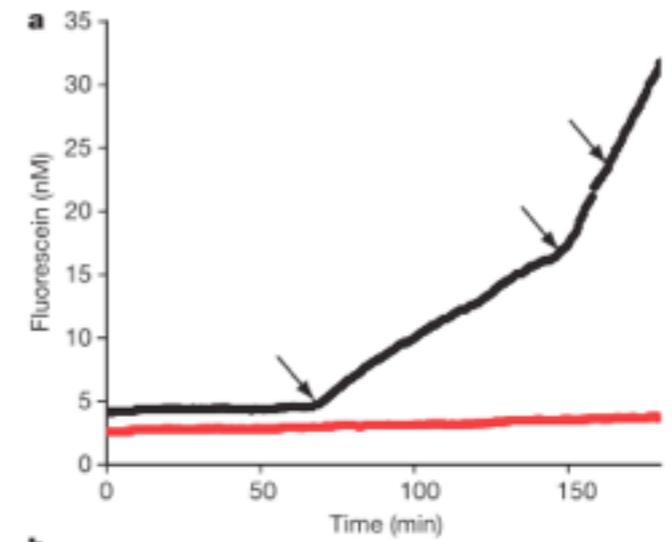
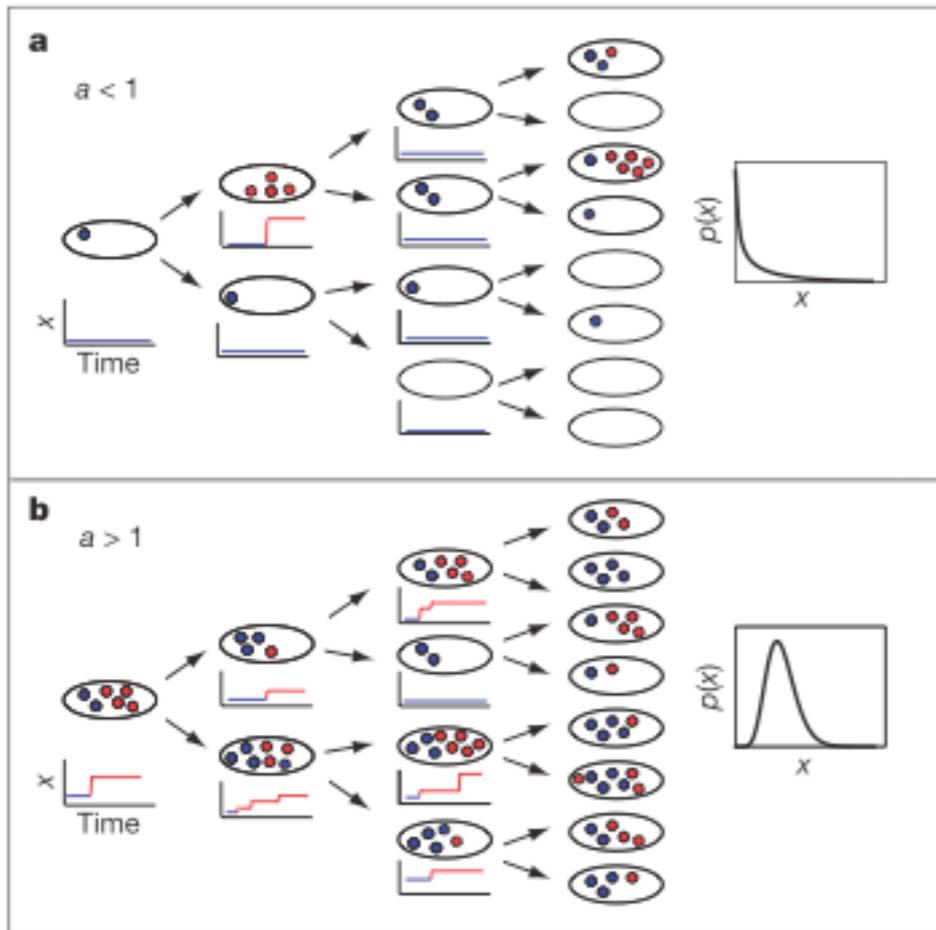
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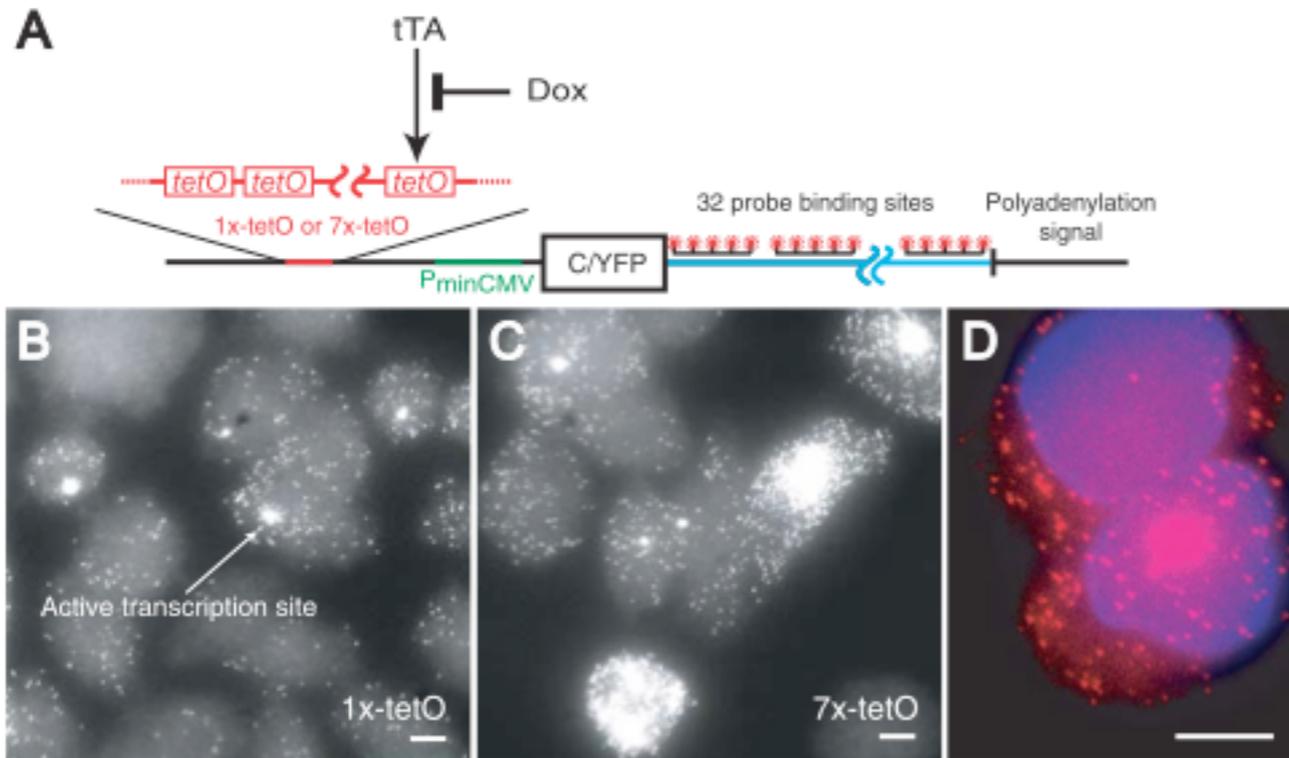


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- translational bursts
- explain this result

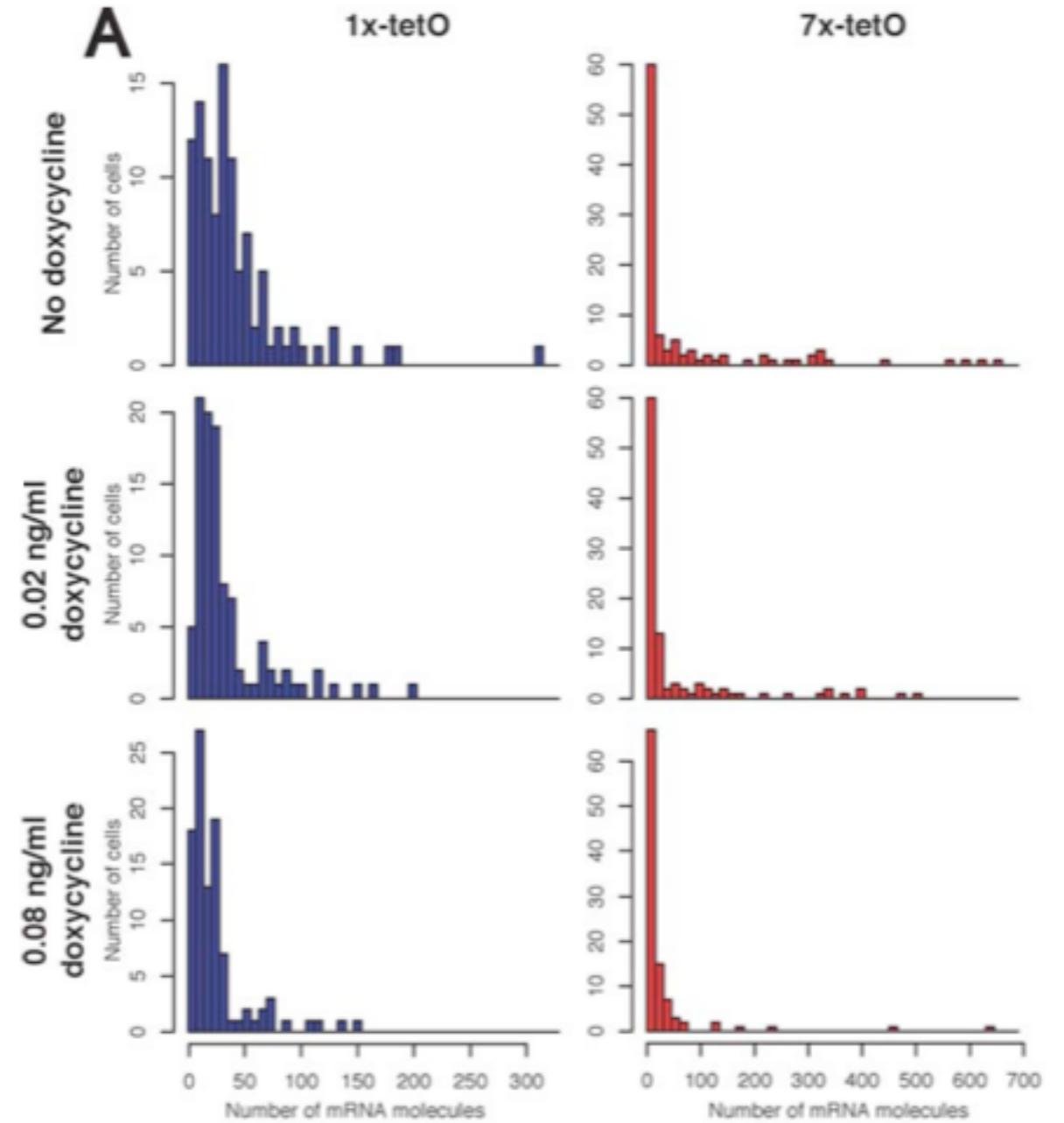
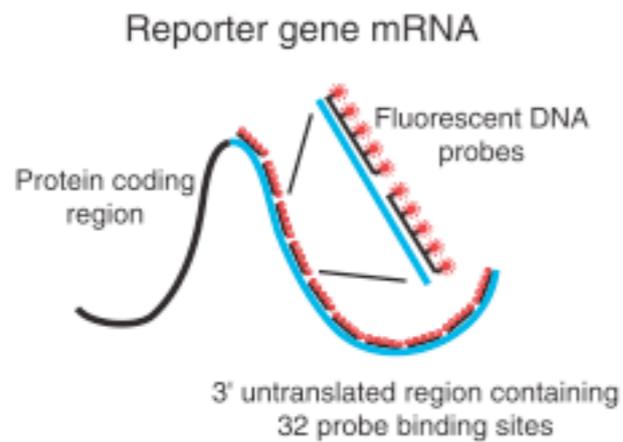






chinese hamster  
ovary cells

- no longer Poisson-like
- transcriptional bursts



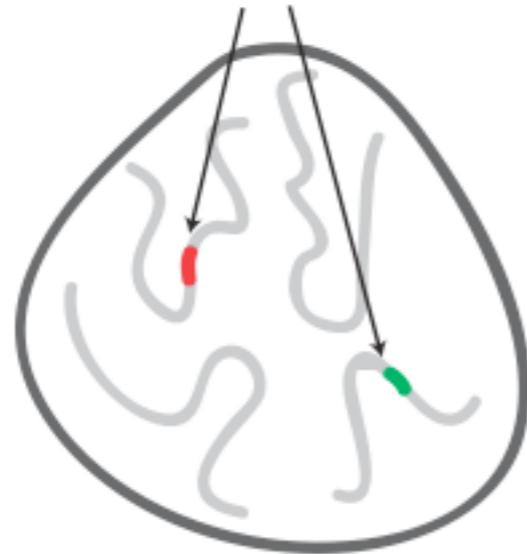
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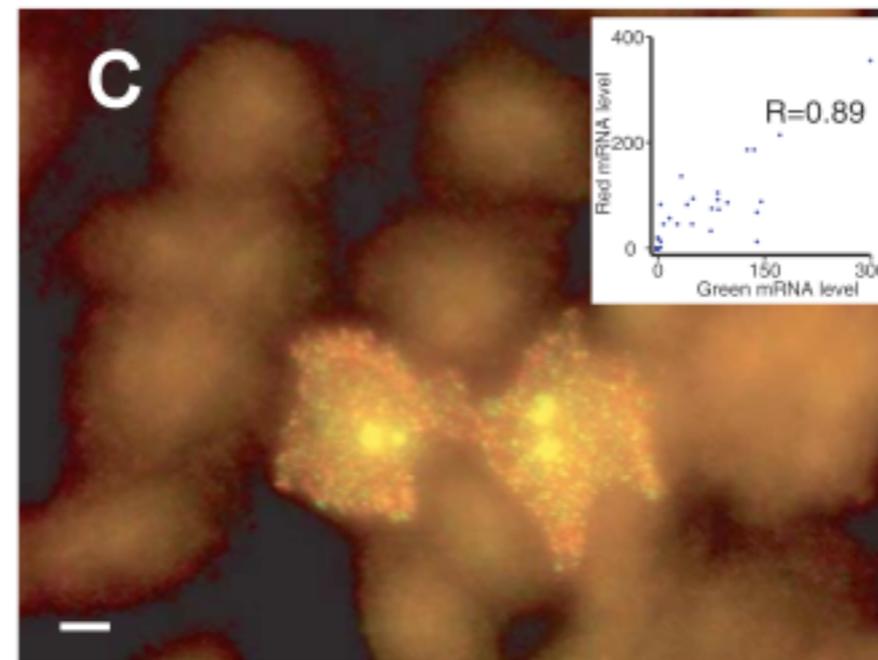
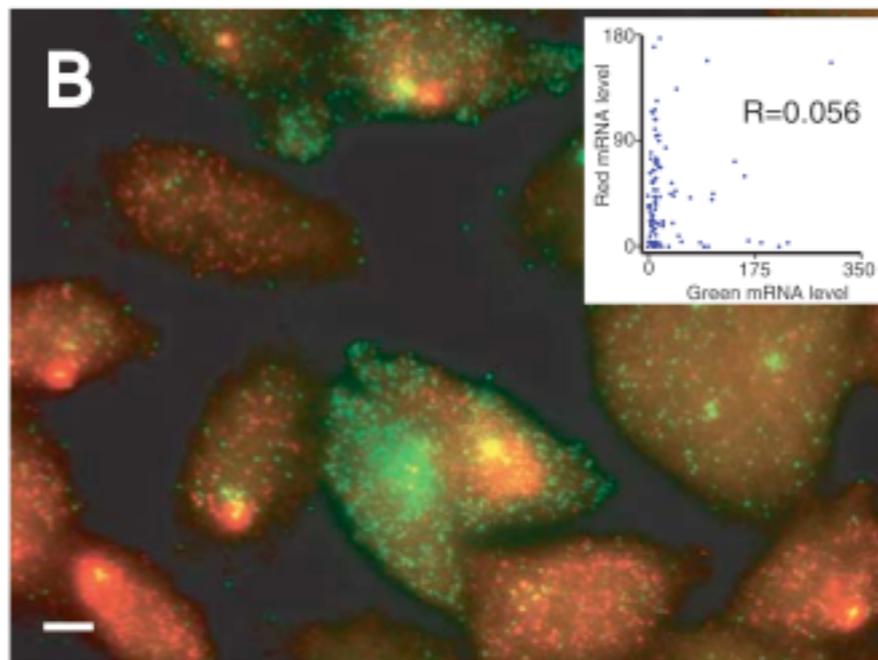
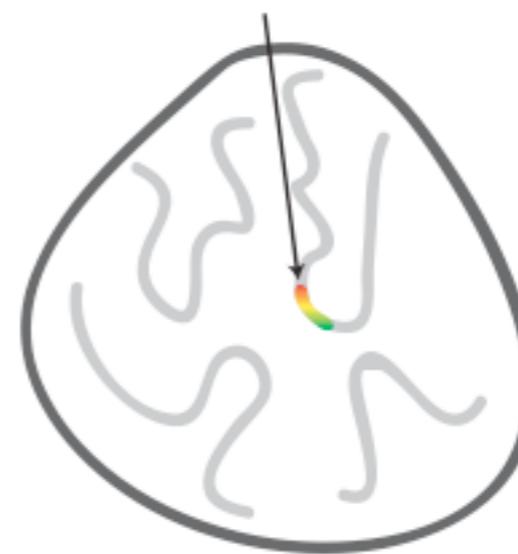
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- mechanisms from quantification

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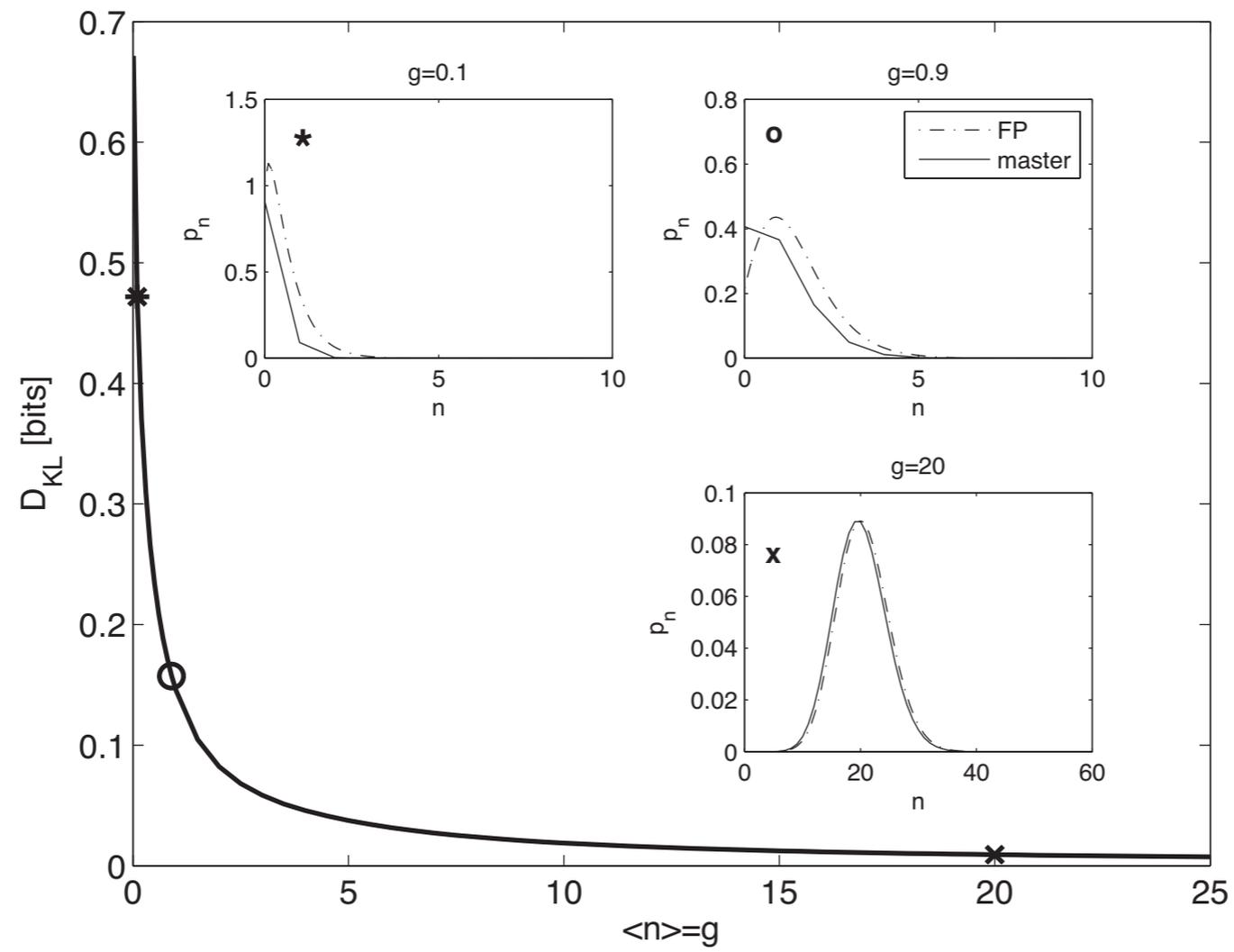
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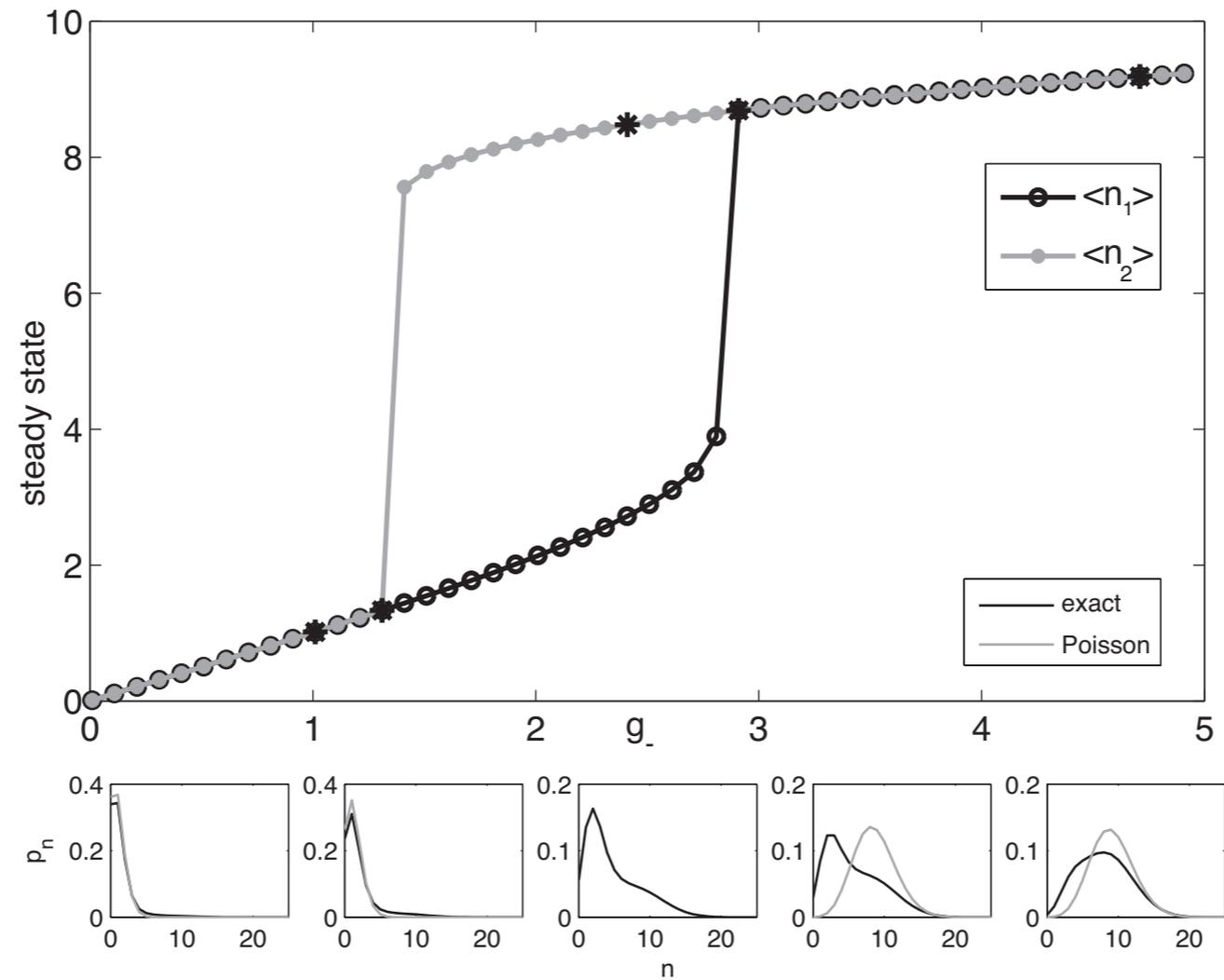
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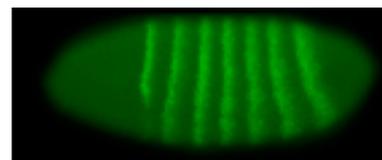
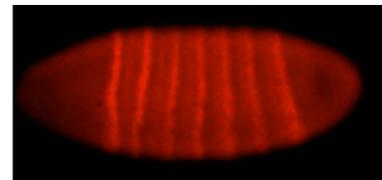
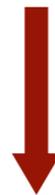
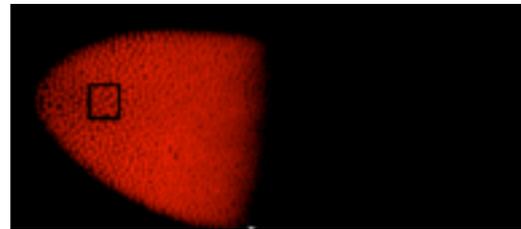
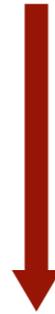
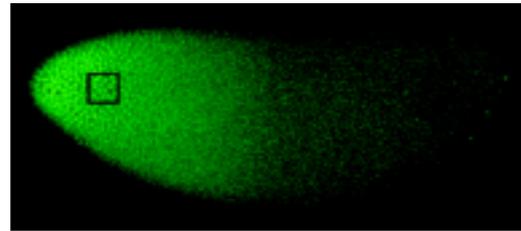
- comparison of FP and master eqn solution for simple birth death process



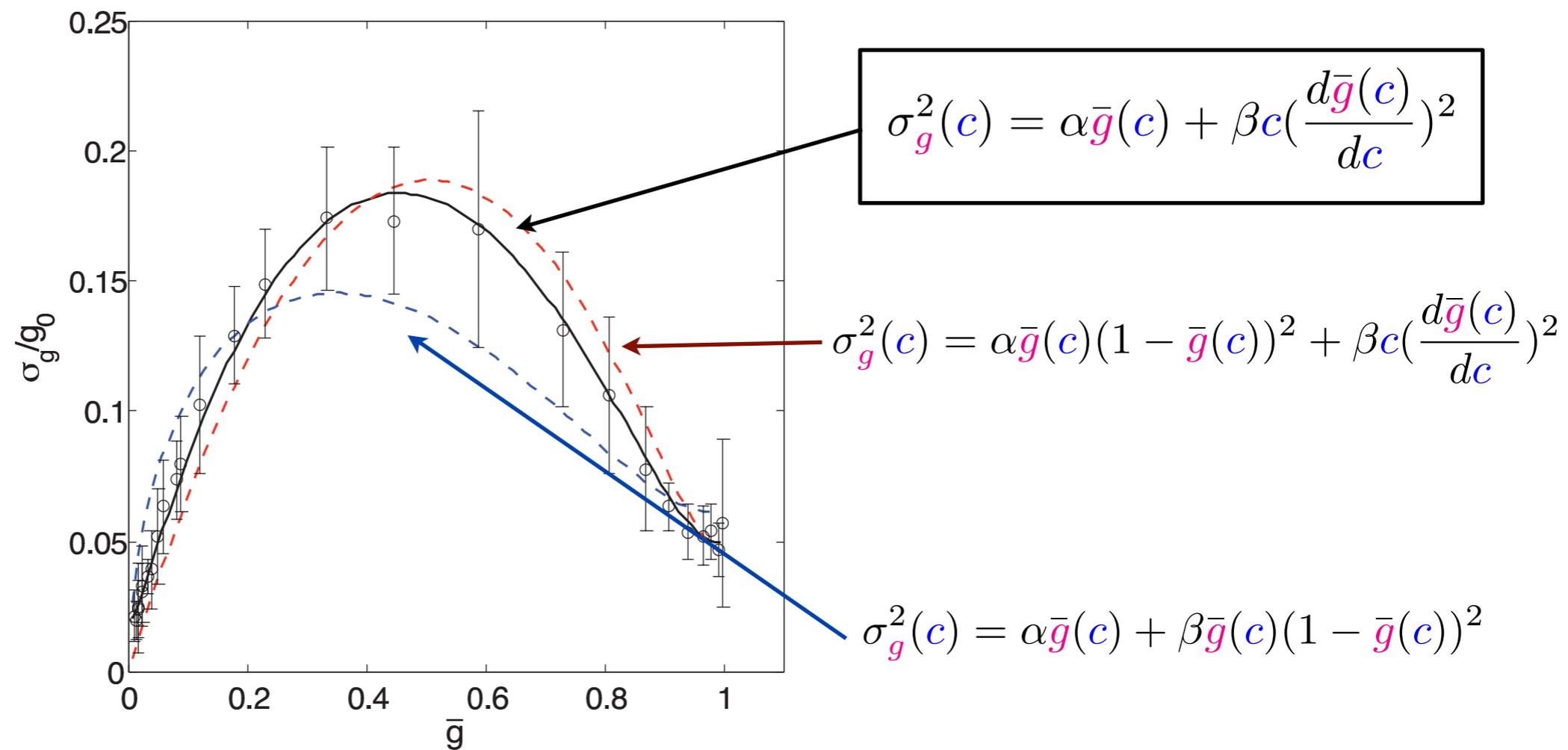
- bimodal distributions - mean is not informative
- small noise approximation fails
- self- activation - super-poissonian statistics
- self- repression - sub-poissonian statistics

# Example: fruit fly development

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# Comparison of different noise models in the fly

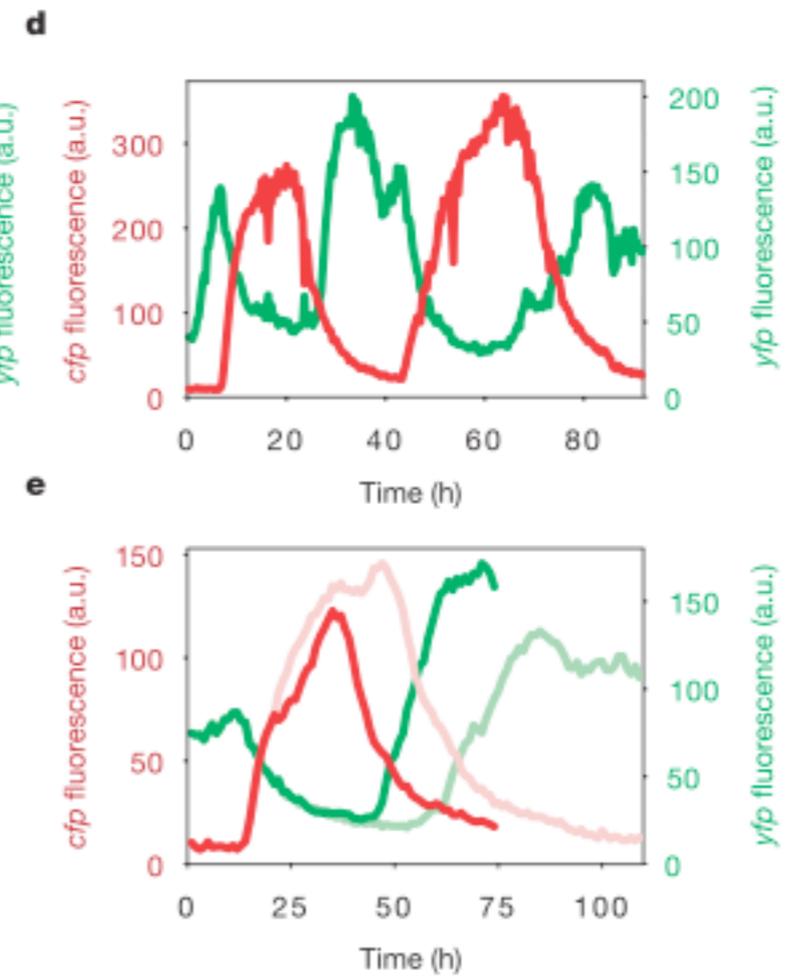
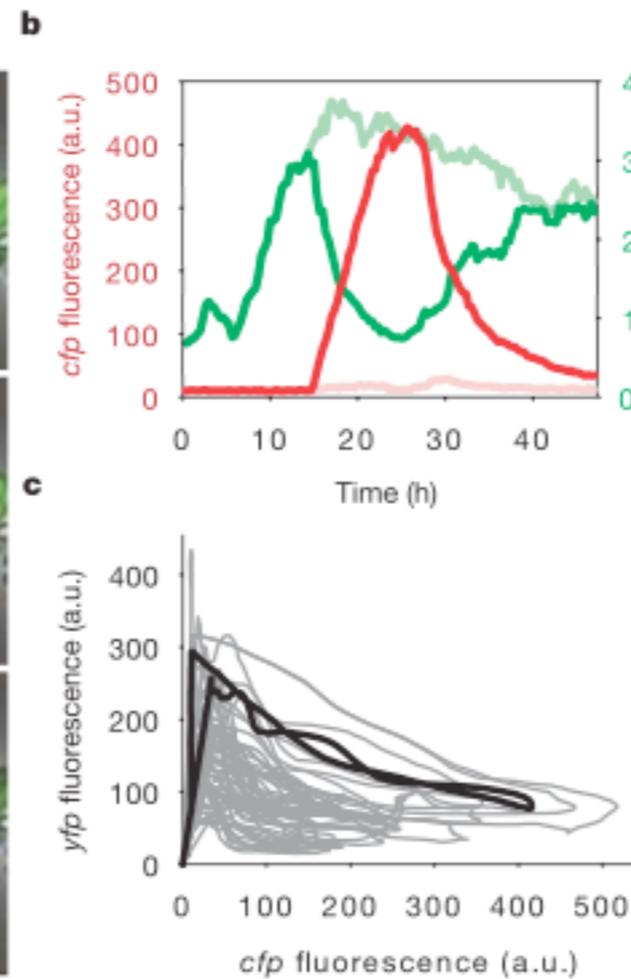
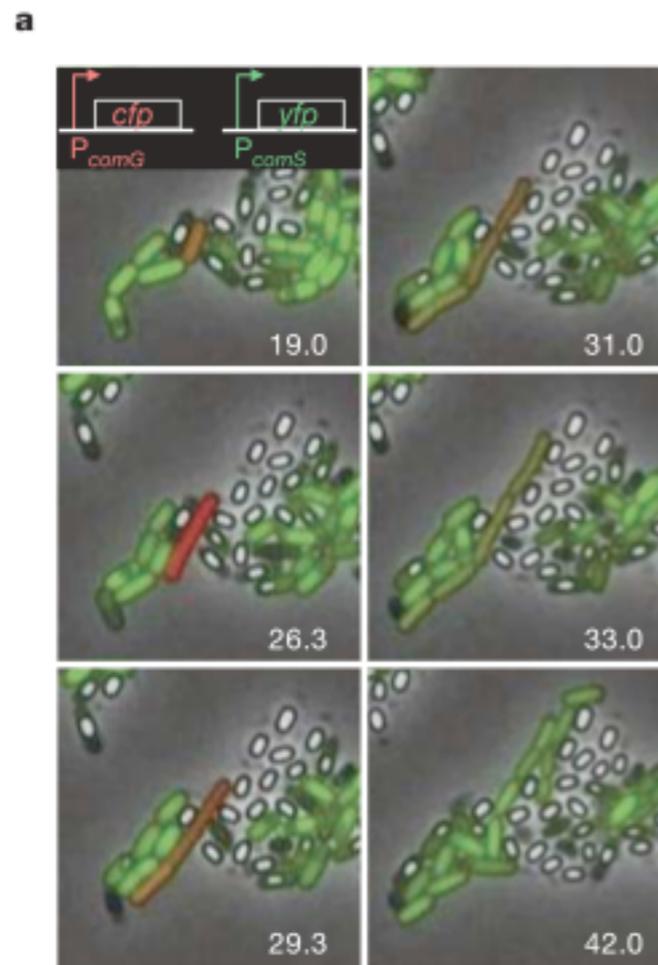
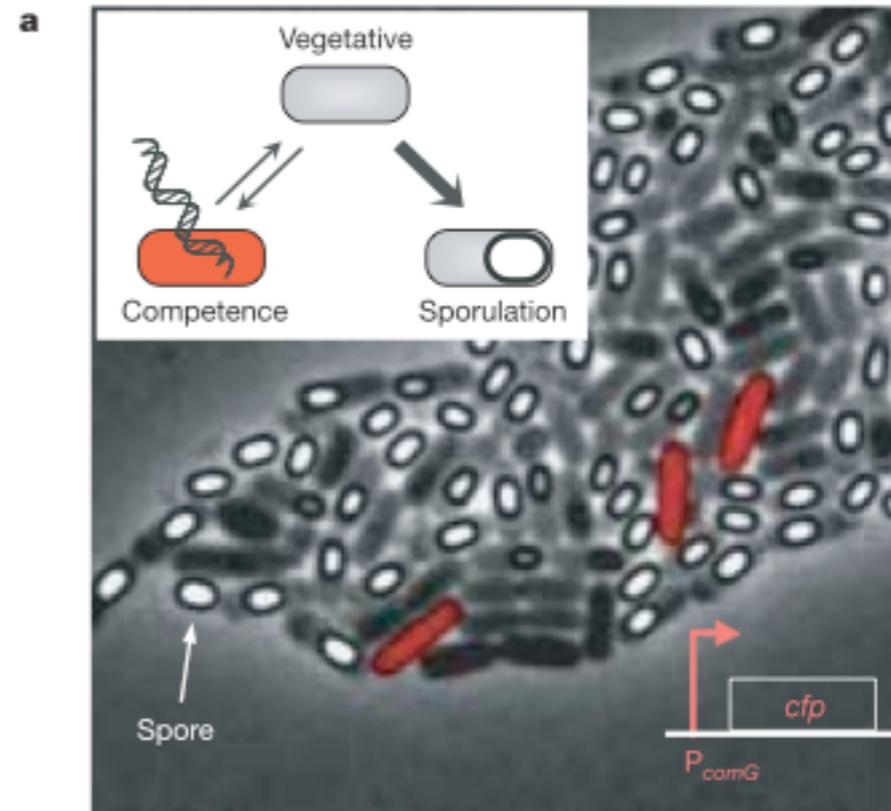


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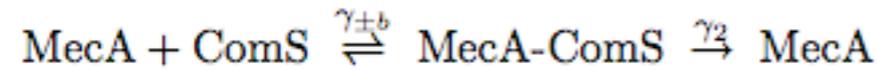
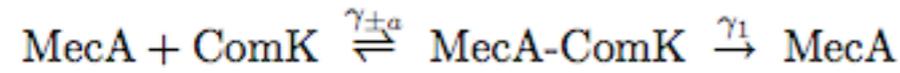
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$$\frac{dK}{dt} = \alpha_k + \frac{\beta_k K^n}{k_k^n + K^n} - \gamma_a M_f K + \gamma_{-a} M_K$$

$$\frac{dS}{dt} = \frac{\beta_s}{1 + (K/k_s)^p} - \gamma_b M_f S + \gamma_{-b} M_S$$

$$\frac{dM_K}{dt} = -(\gamma_{-a} + \gamma_1) M_K + \gamma_a M_f K$$

$$\frac{dM_S}{dt} = -(\gamma_{-b} + \gamma_2) M_S + \gamma_b M_f K$$

$$M_f + M_K + M_S = M_{\text{total}} = \text{constant}$$

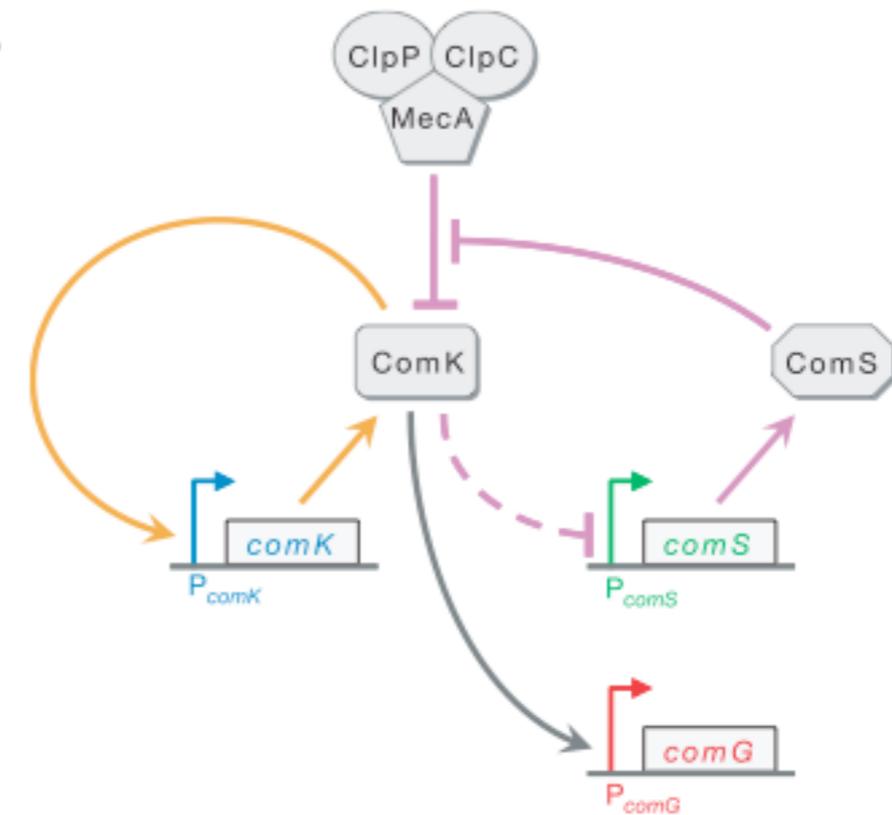


$$\frac{dK}{dt} = a_k + \frac{b_k K^n}{k_0^n + K^n} - \frac{K}{1 + K + S}$$

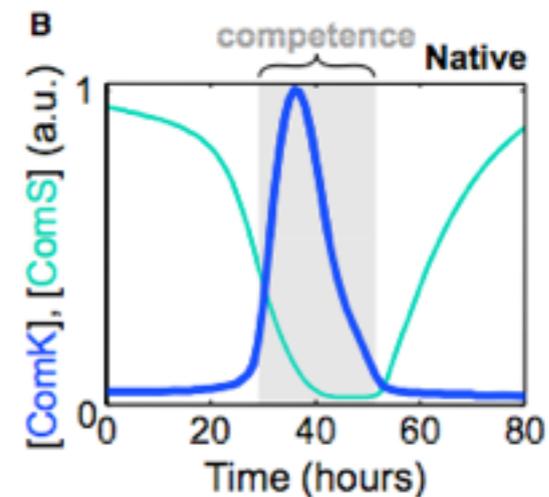
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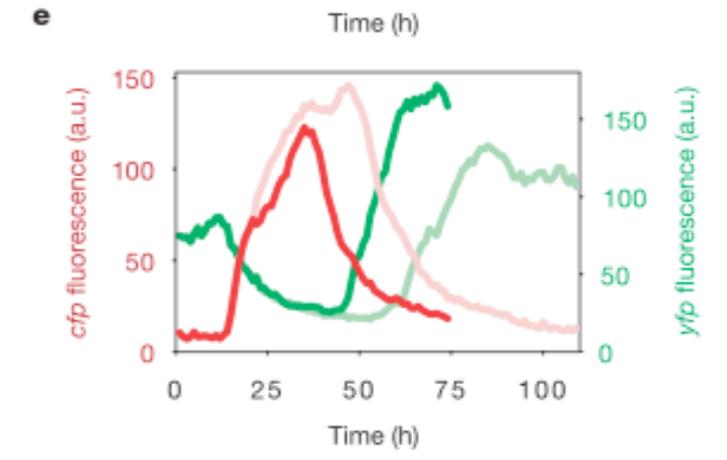
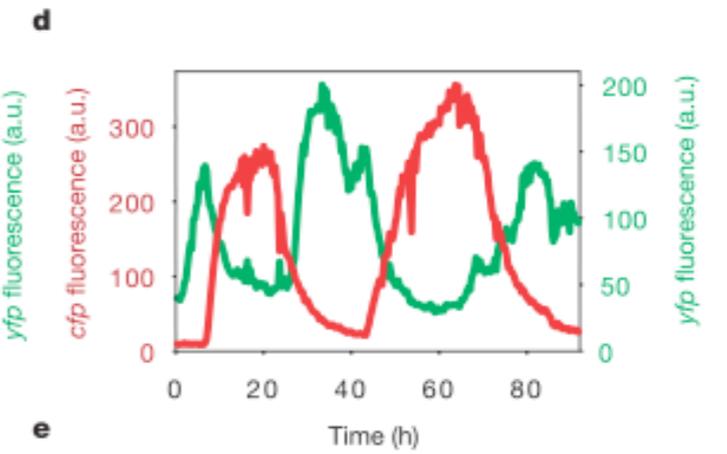
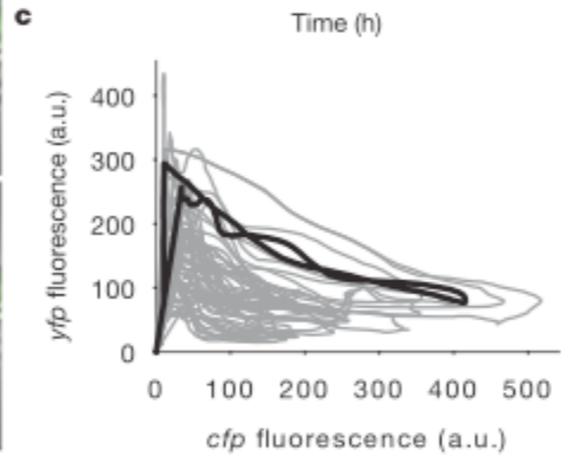
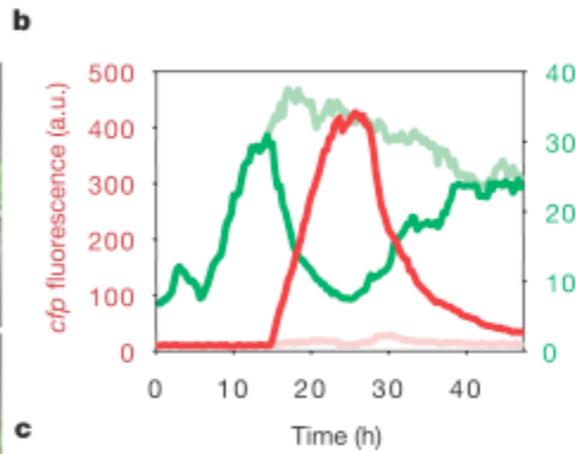
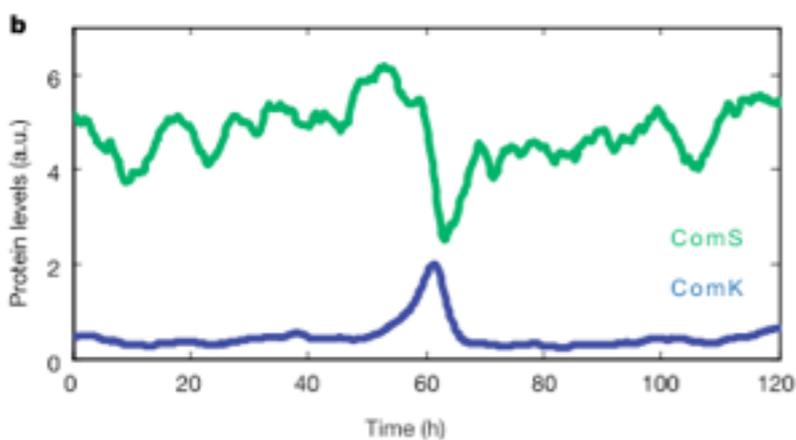
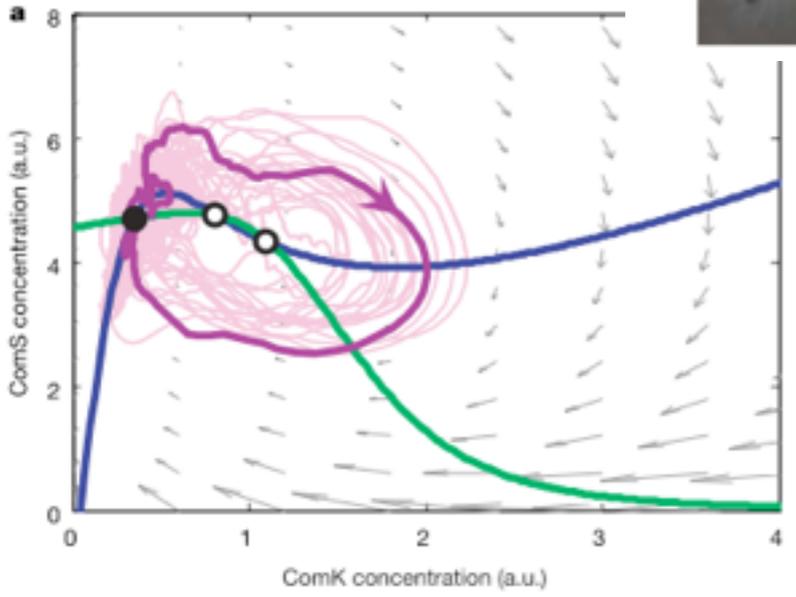
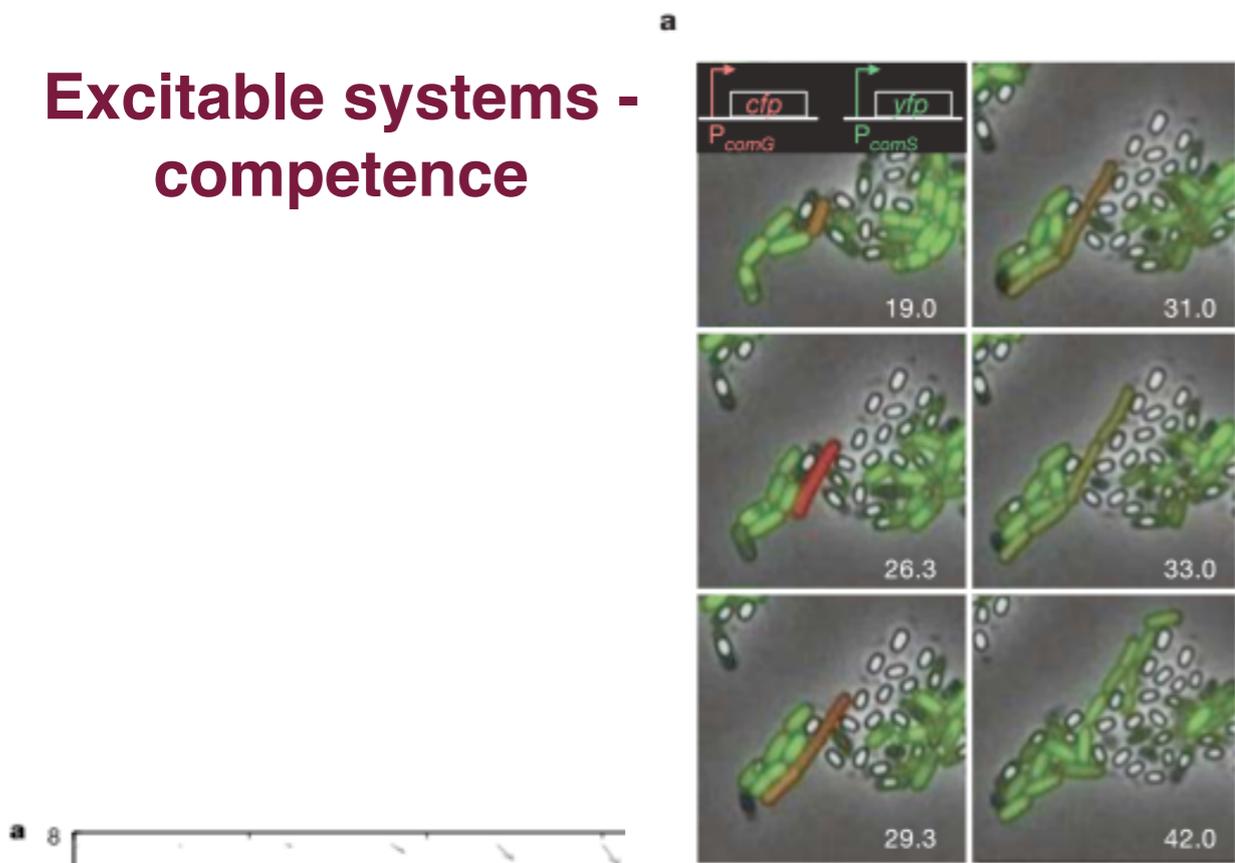
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A  
 Native circuit



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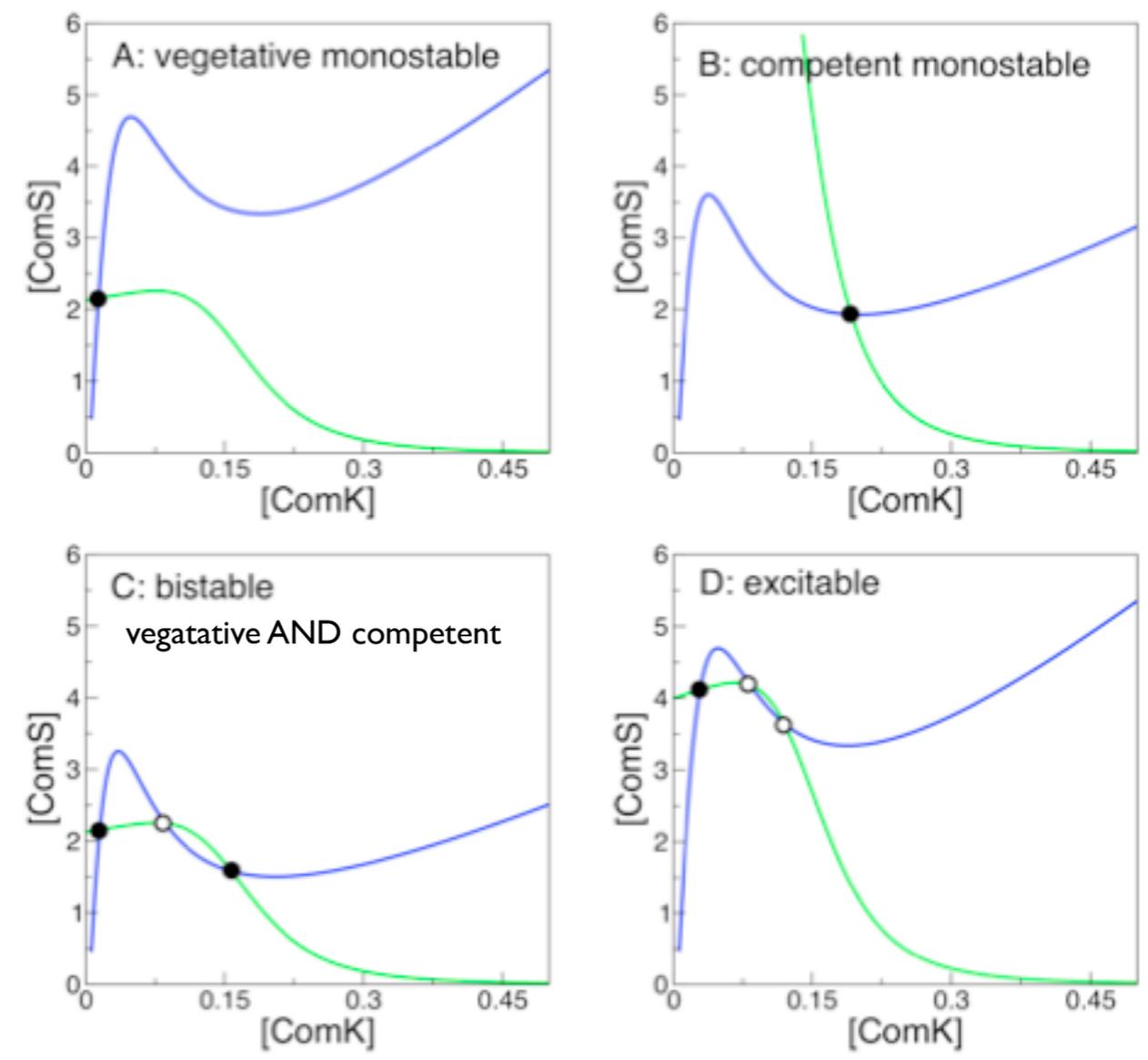
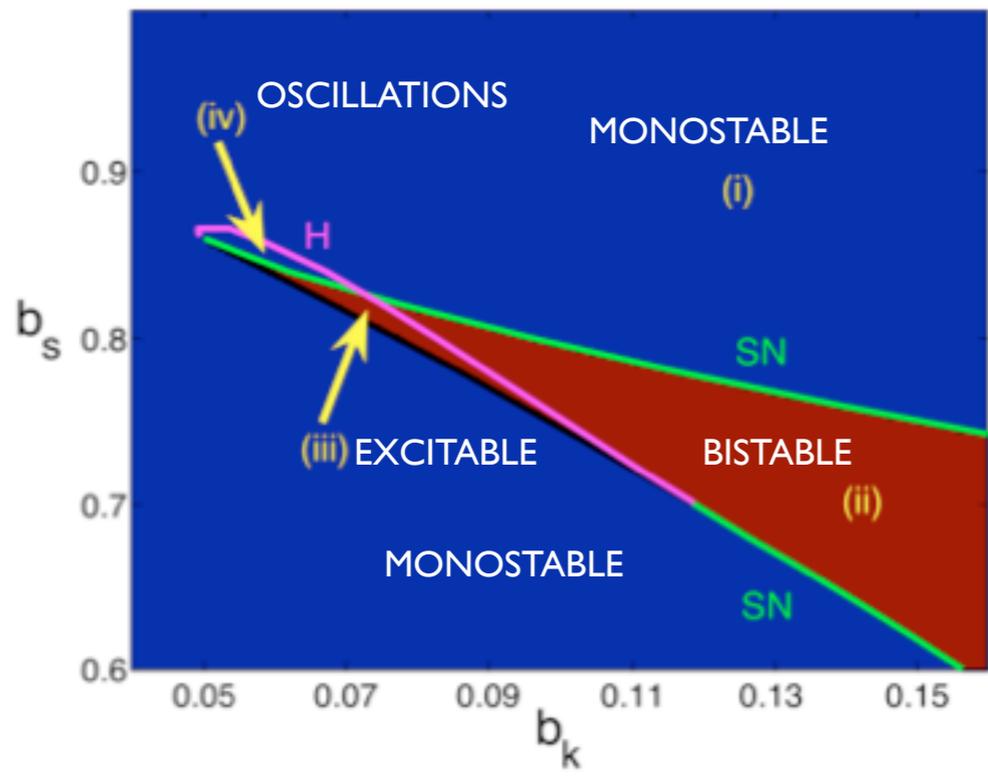
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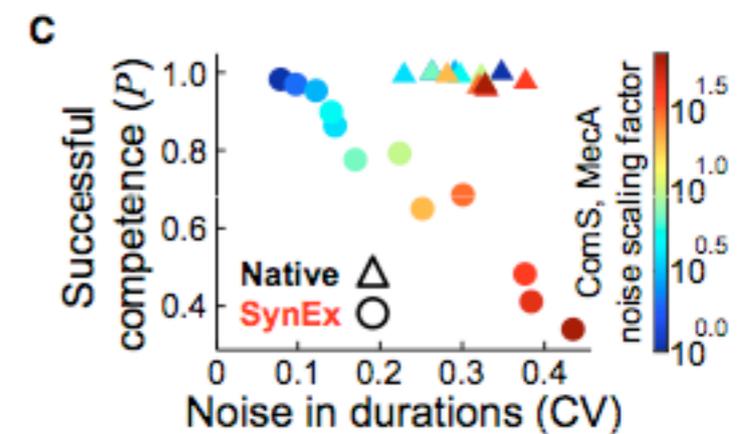
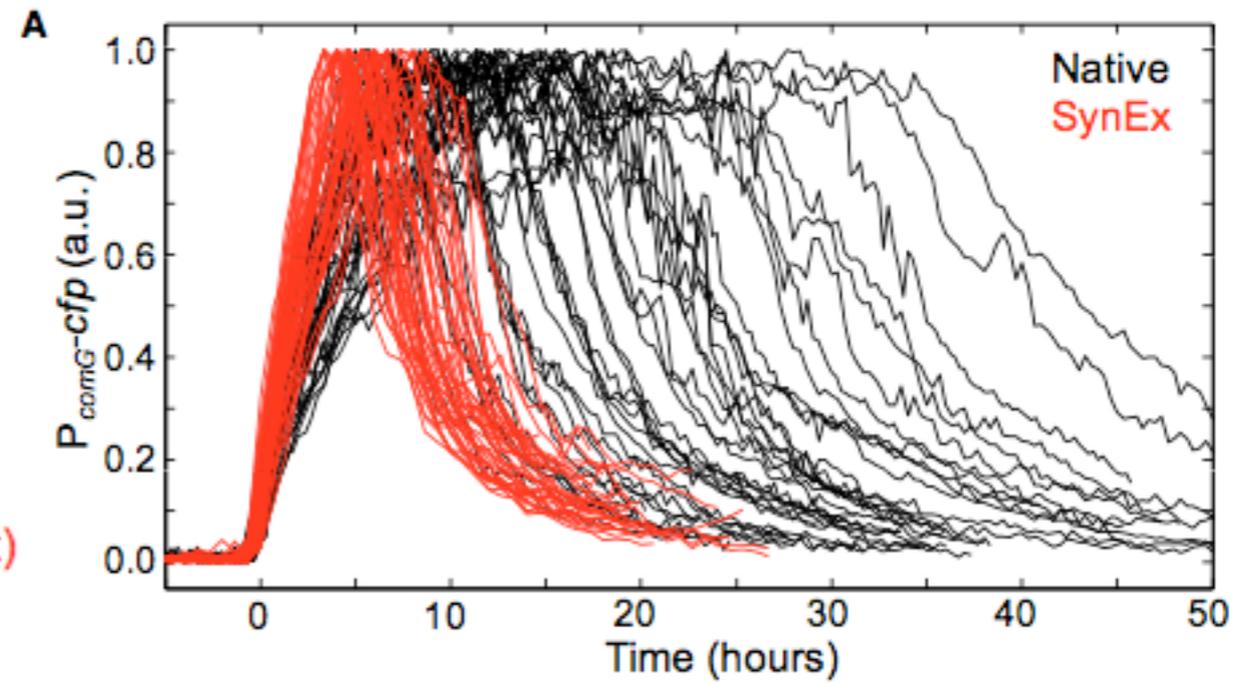
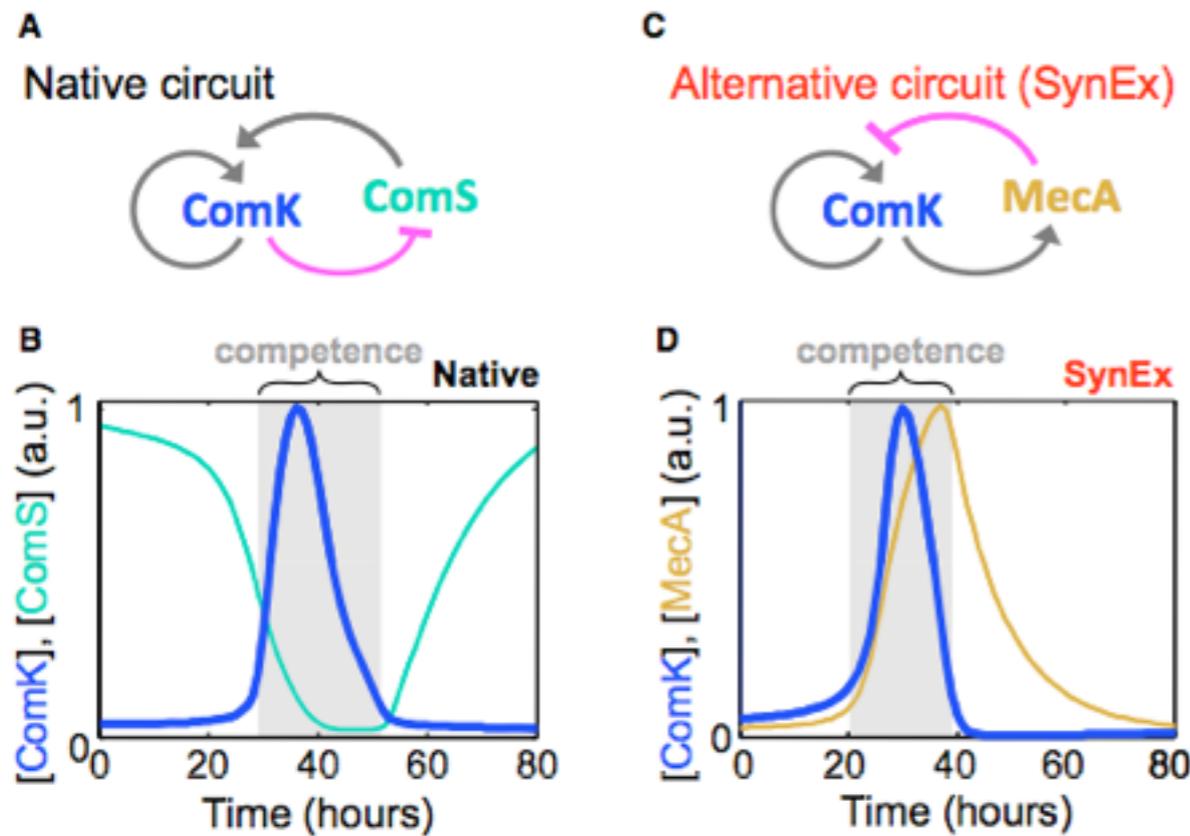
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