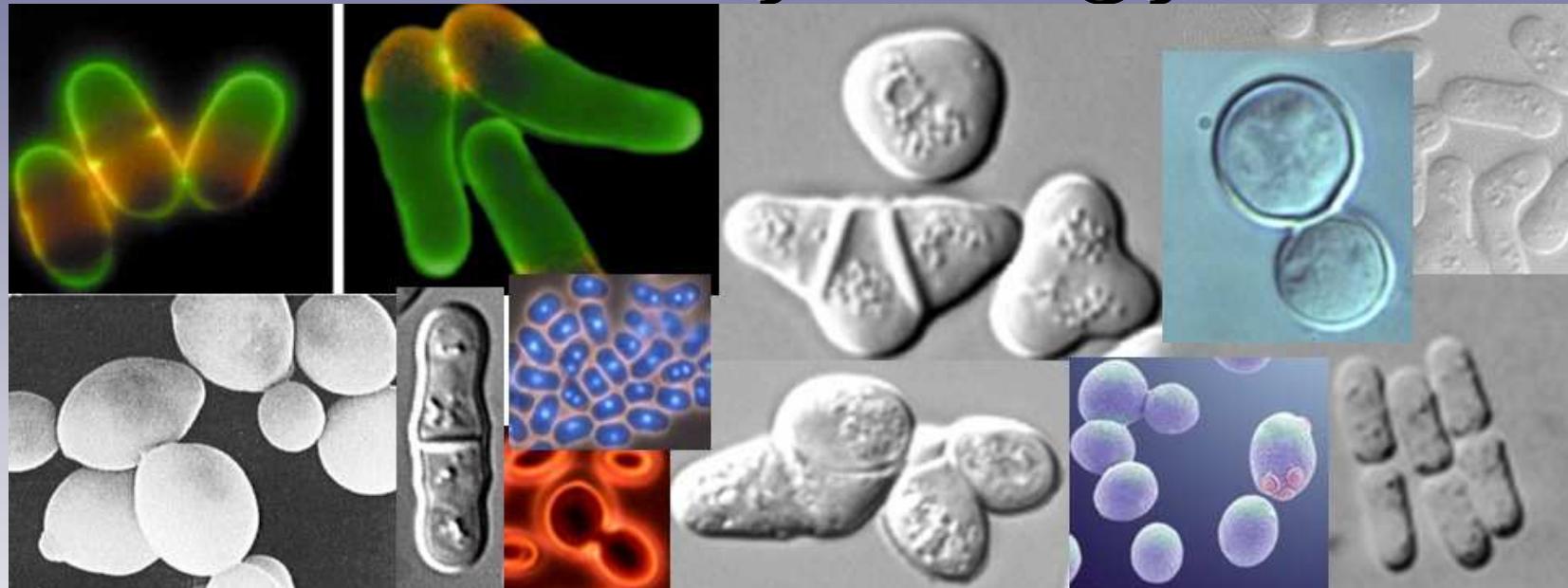


# Network Dynamics and Cell Physiology



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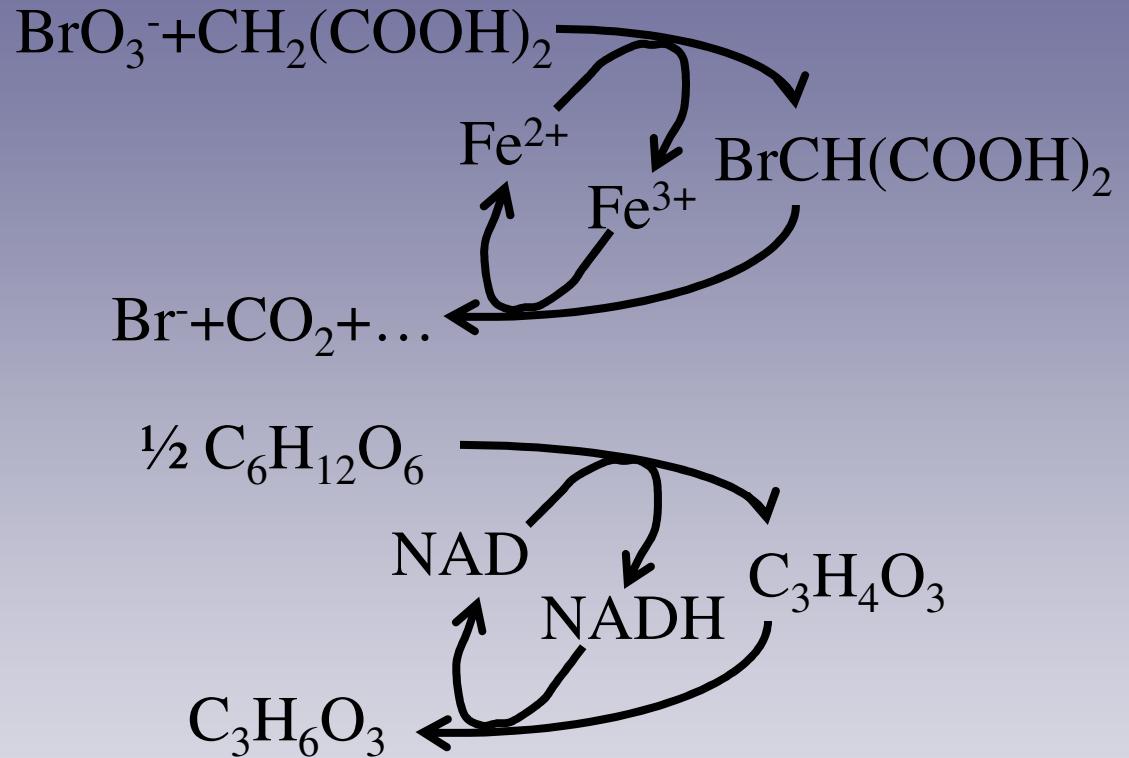
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# A little history...

1970's

Belousov-Zhabotinsky

Yeast Glycolysis



Higgins, Prigogine ... general principles of kinetics & thermo.

Hess, Noyes ... specific mechanisms of oscillations

## Grundschaltungen von flüssigen Automaten und Relaxationssystemen

Basic Circuits of Fluid Automata and Relaxation Systems

Otto E. RÖSSLER

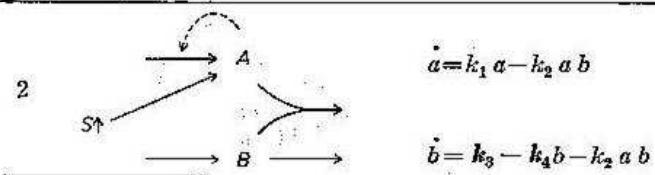
Lehrstuhl für Theoretische Chemie der Universität Tübingen (Prof. Dr. F. F. SEELIG)

(Z. Naturforsch. 27 b, 333--343 [1972]; eingegangen am 21. Dezember 1971)

Homogeneous reaction systems showing automatic dropping-down behaviour have become known only recently. A synopsis of the so far devised basic circuits (i. e. prototype reaction systems) is presented. It is observed that the abstract design of these systems follows especially simple rules. They can be composed after the building-block principle from simple units in accordance with the mathematical theory of switching networks. The present paper is a synthesis of the presented class of reaction systems.

In this manner, the class of chemical switching networks will be promising candidates for a possible new technology of chemical reaction systems.

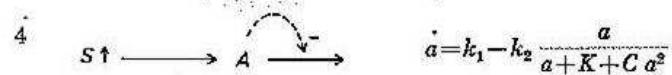
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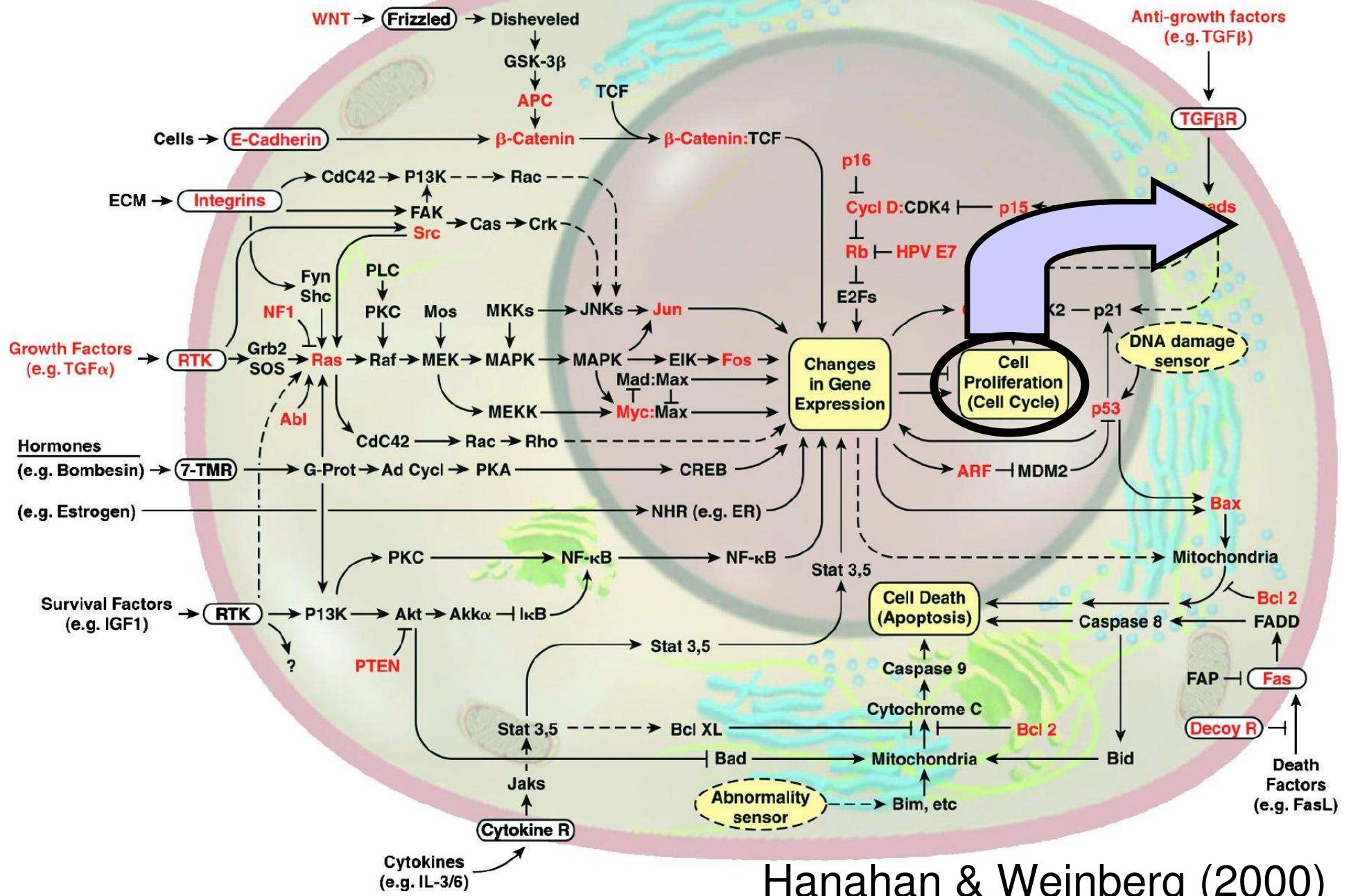


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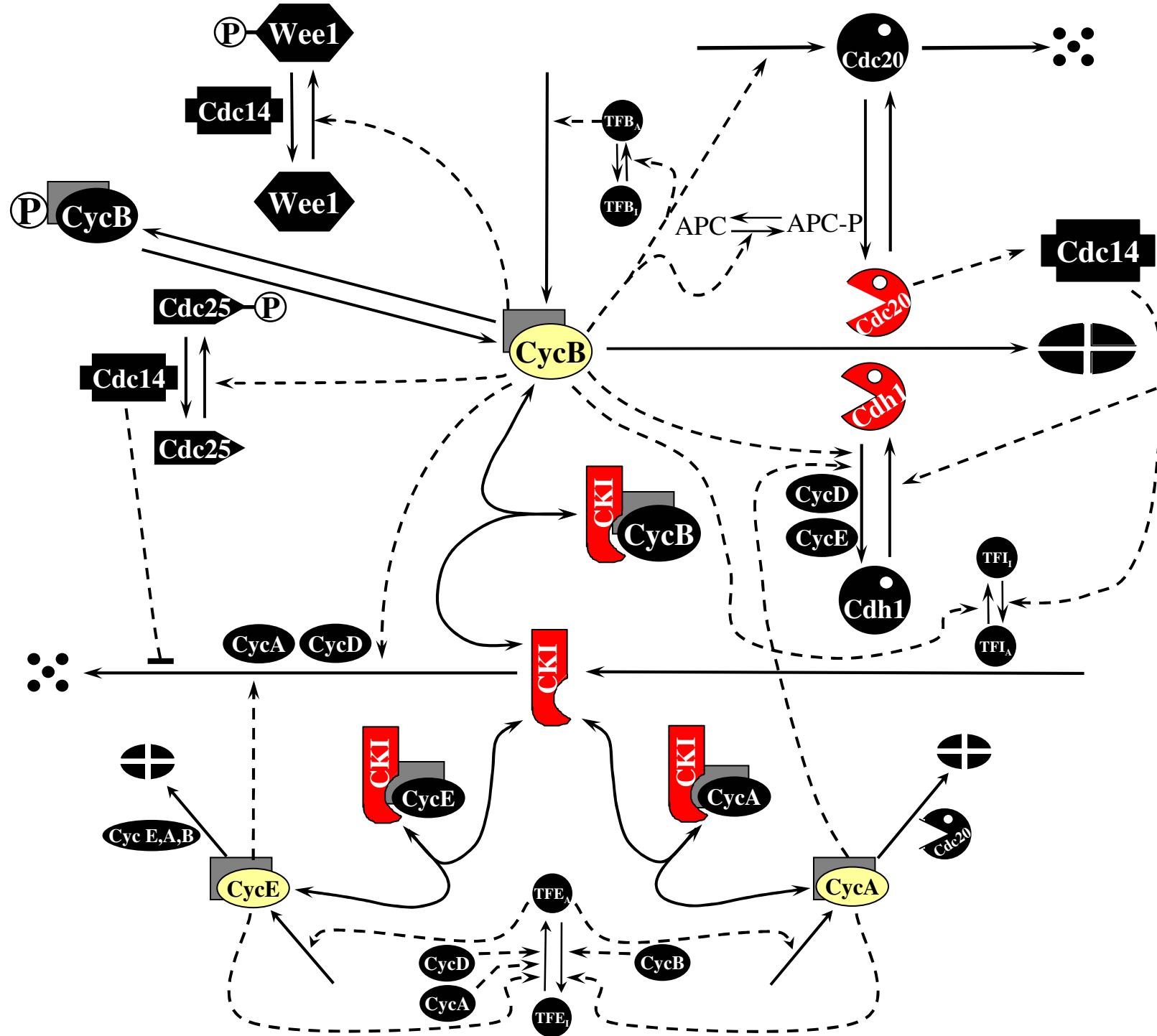


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# The Cell's Computer...



Hanahan & Weinberg (2000)

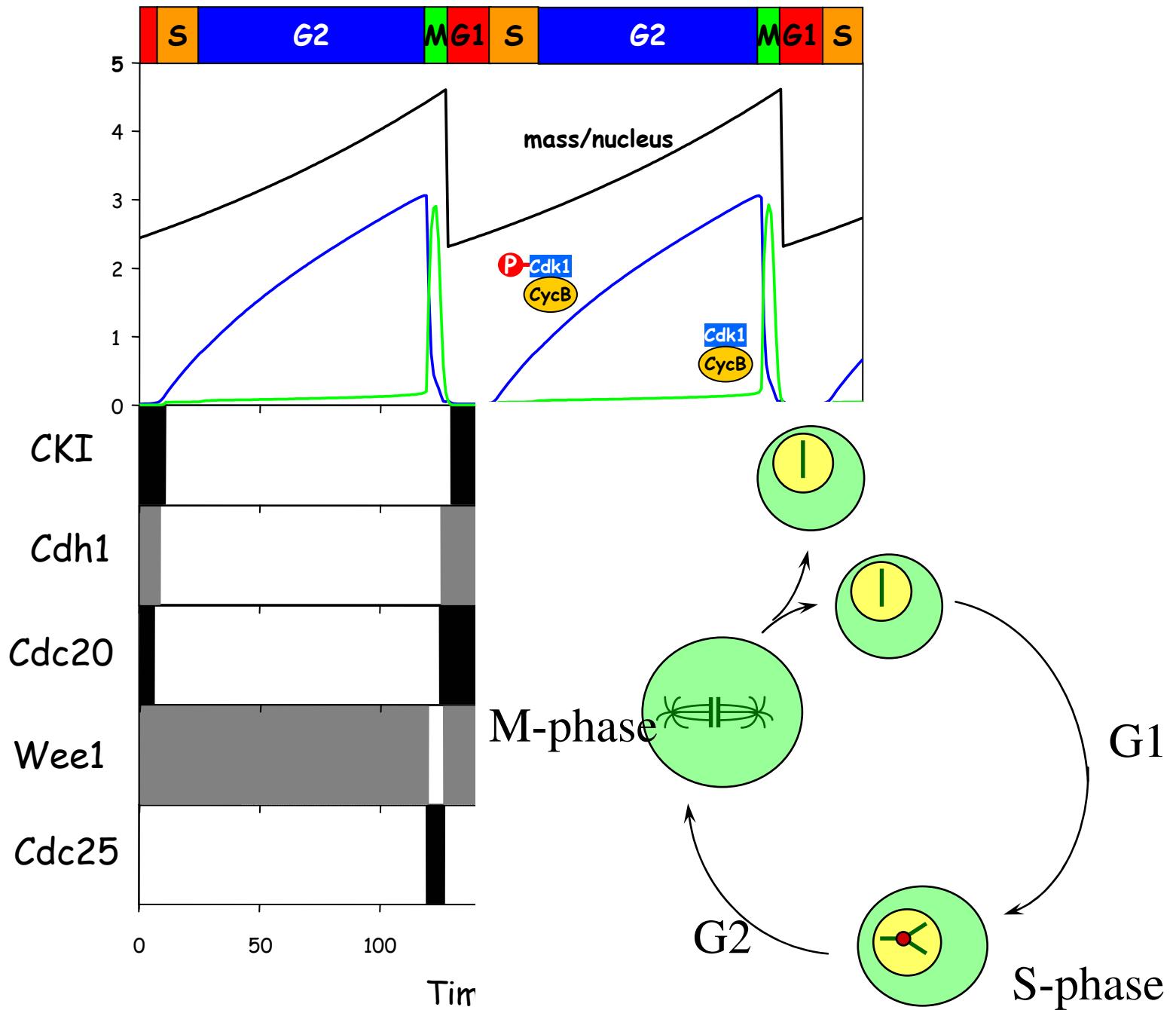


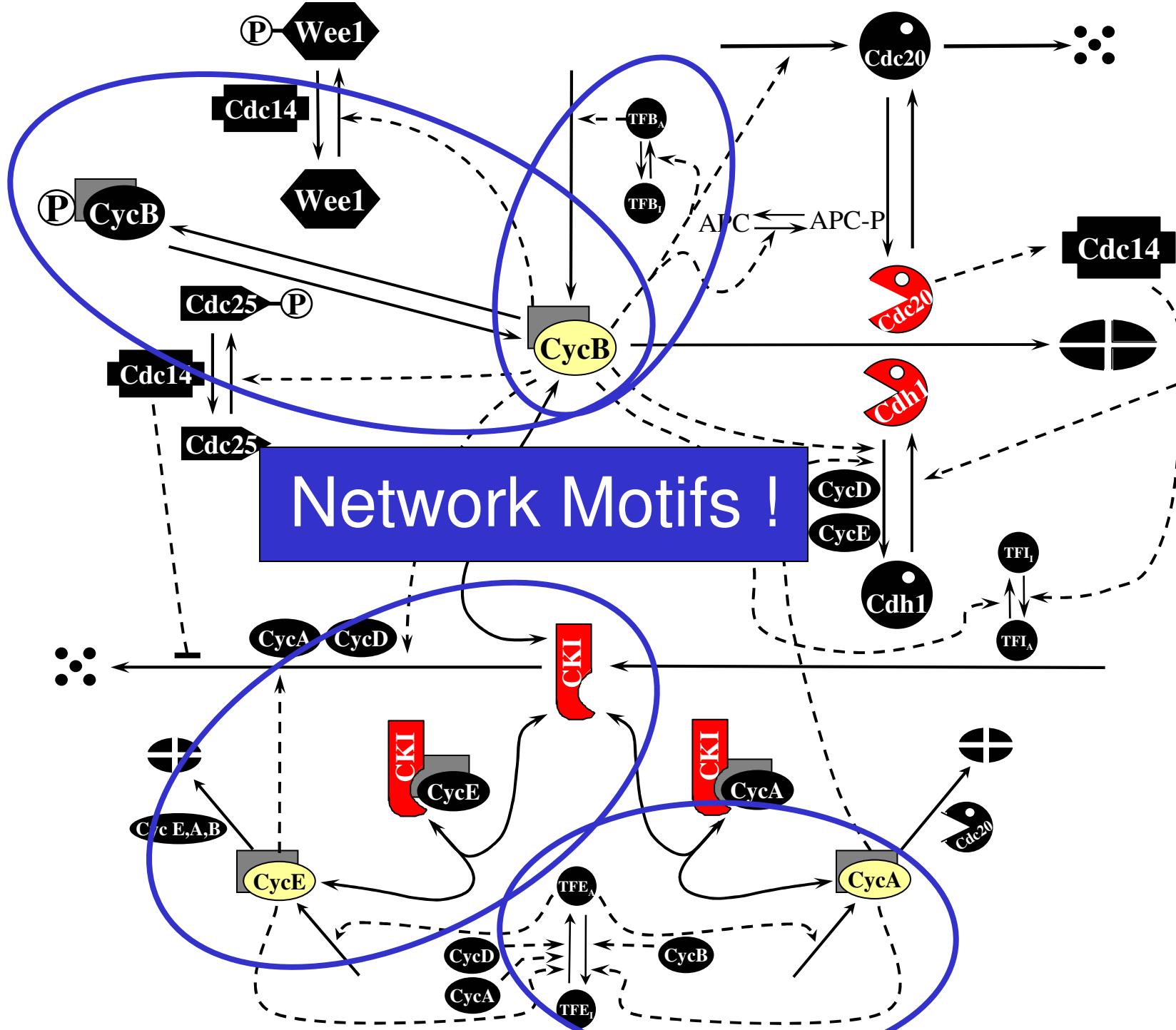
## “Machine-readable” form...

$$\frac{d[CycB]}{dt} = \underbrace{k_1 + k_1'[TFB]}_{\text{synthesis}} - \underbrace{(k_2 + k_2'[Cdh1])[CycB]}_{\text{degradation}} - \underbrace{k_3[CKI][CycB]}_{\text{binding}}$$

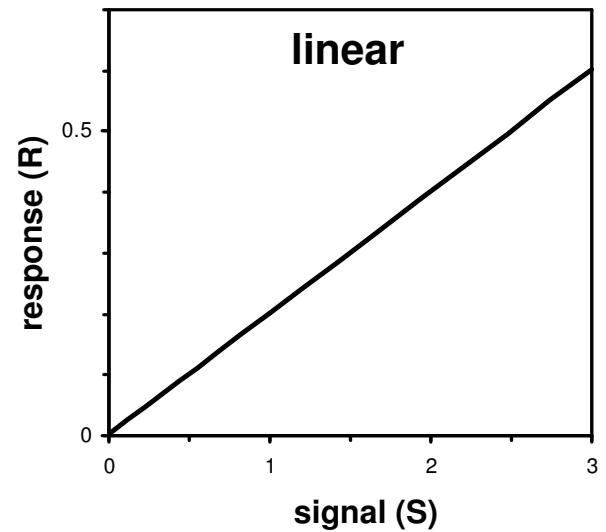
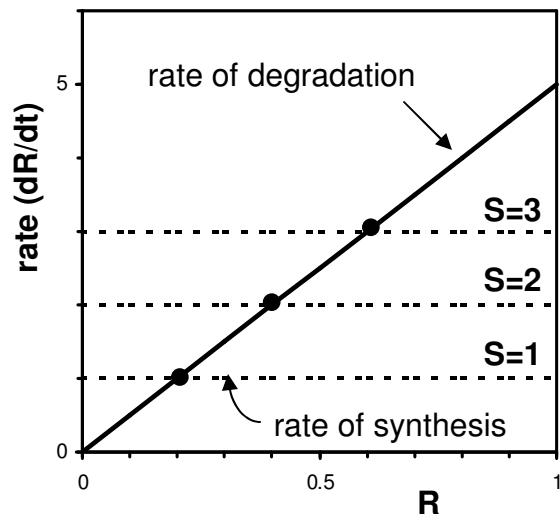
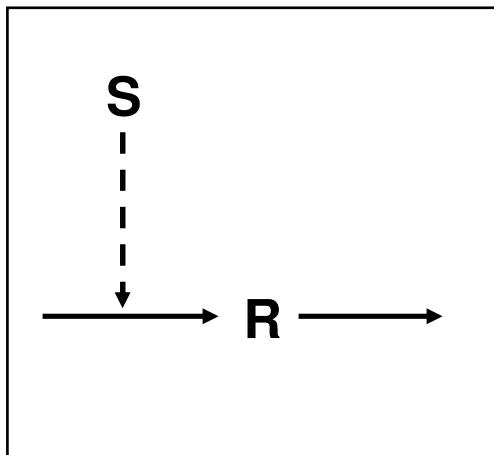
$$- \underbrace{k_4[Wee1][CycB]}_{\text{phosphorylation}} + \underbrace{k_5[Cdc25][CycB \sim P]}_{\text{dephosphorylation}}$$

$$\frac{d[Cdc25]}{dt} = \frac{(k_6 + k_6'[CycB])([Cdc25]_T - [Cdc25])}{J_6 + [Cdc25]_T - [Cdc25]} - \frac{k_7[PPase][Cdc25]}{J_7 + [Cdc25]}$$
$$\underbrace{\quad\quad\quad}_{\text{activation}} \quad \underbrace{\quad\quad\quad}_{\text{inactivation}}$$





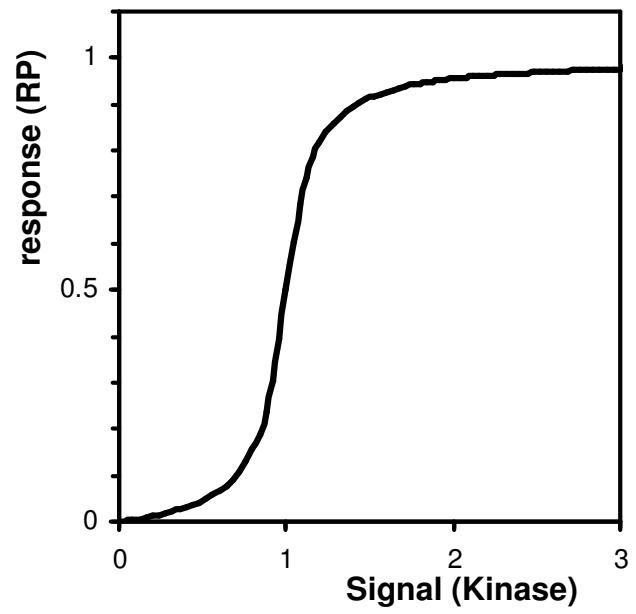
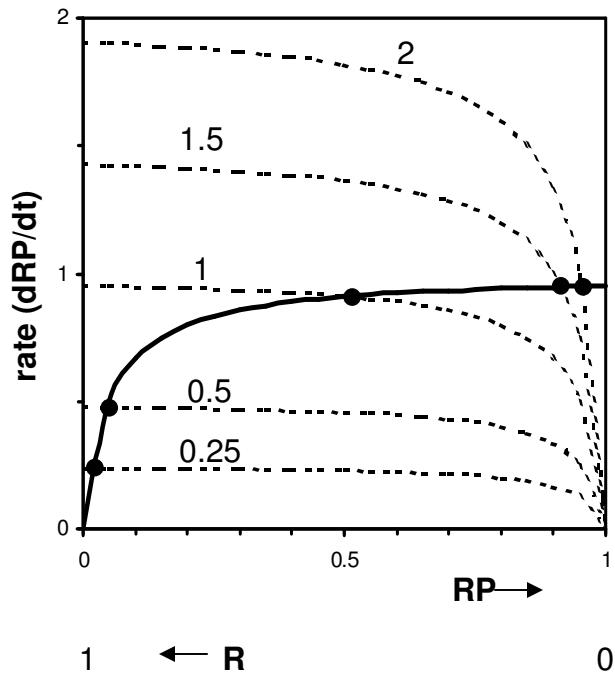
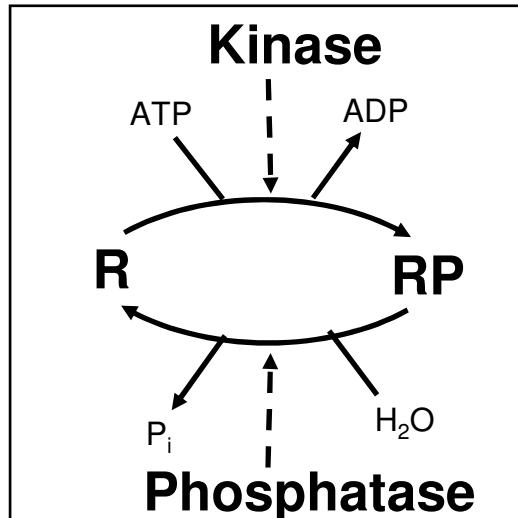
# Gene Expression



$$\frac{dR}{dt} = k_1 S - k_2 R, \quad R_{ss} = \frac{k_1 S}{k_2}$$

Signal-Response  
Curve

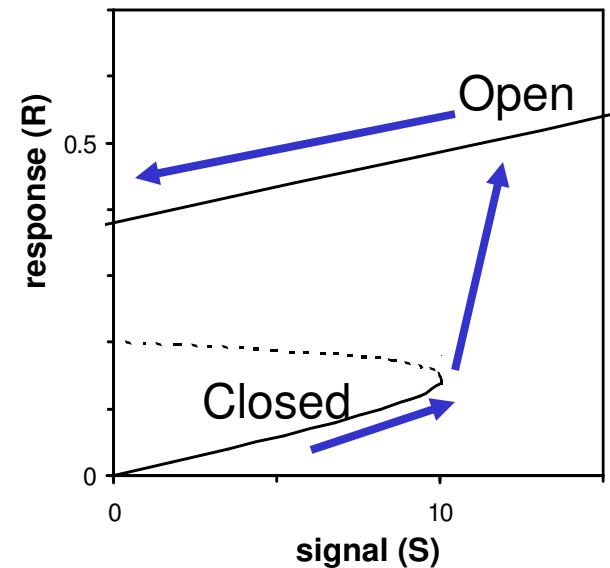
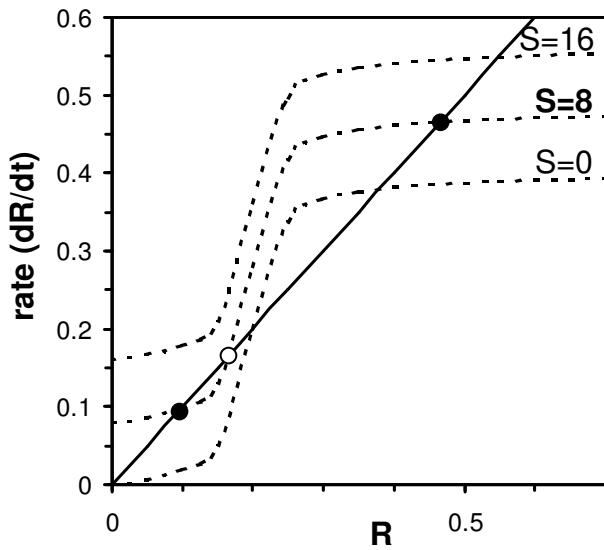
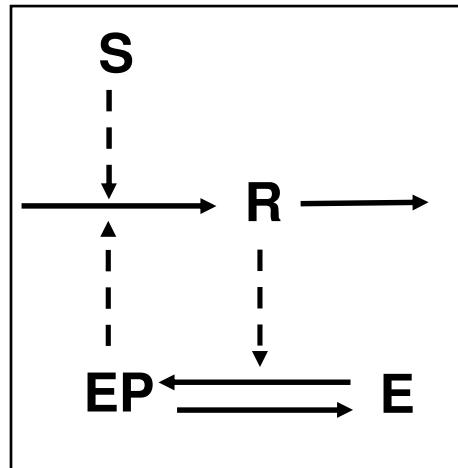
# Protein Phosphorylation



“Buzzer”

Goldbeter & Koshland, 1981

# Protein Synthesis: Positive Feedback

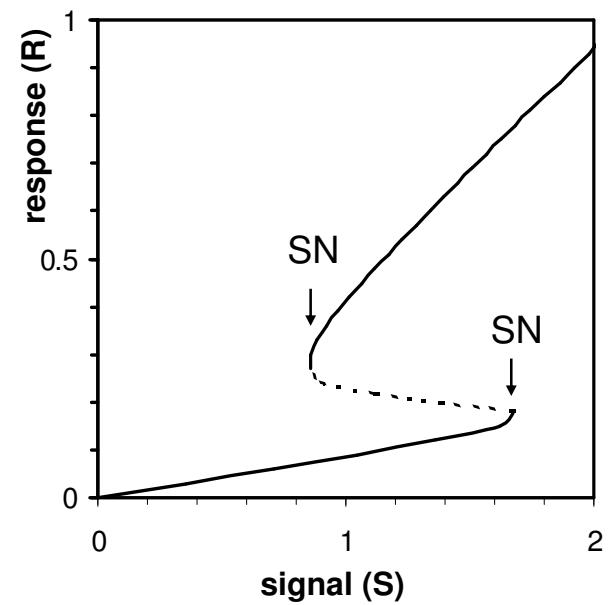
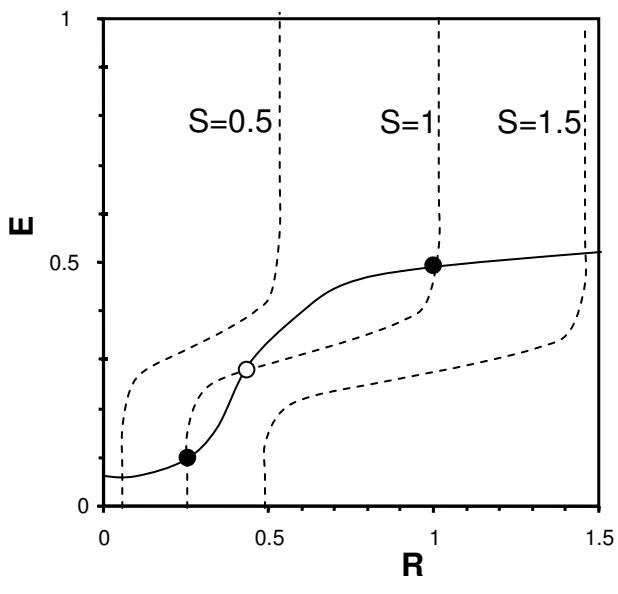
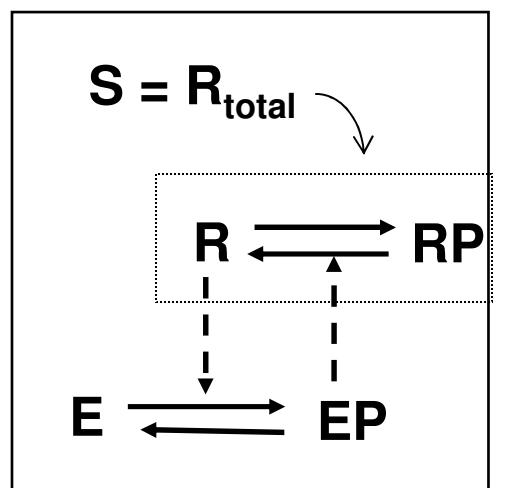


Bistability

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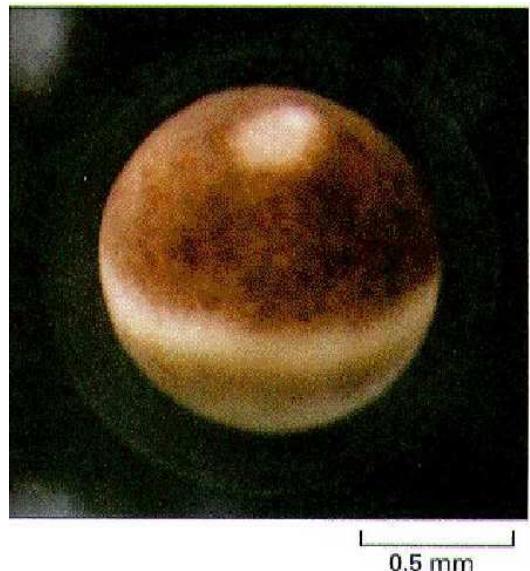
Griffith, 1968

# Coupled Buzzers



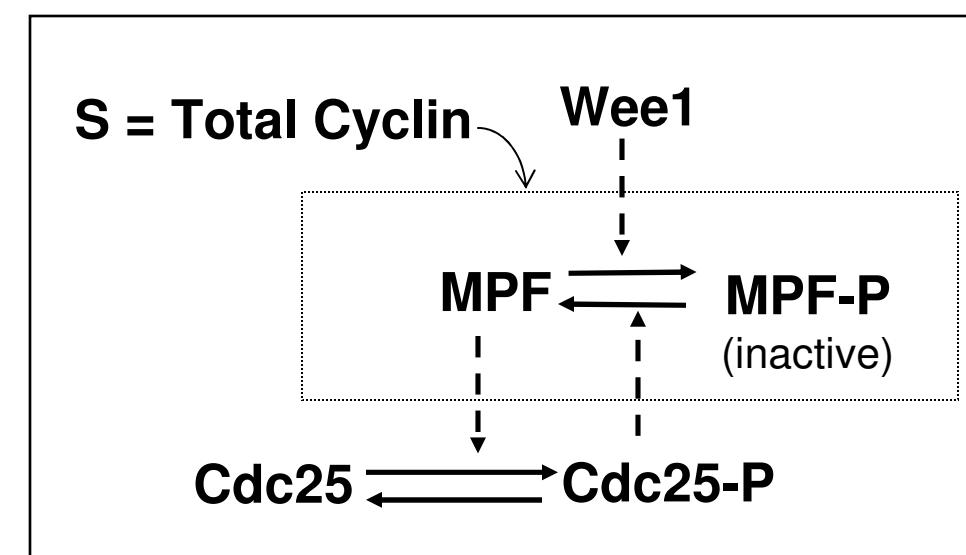
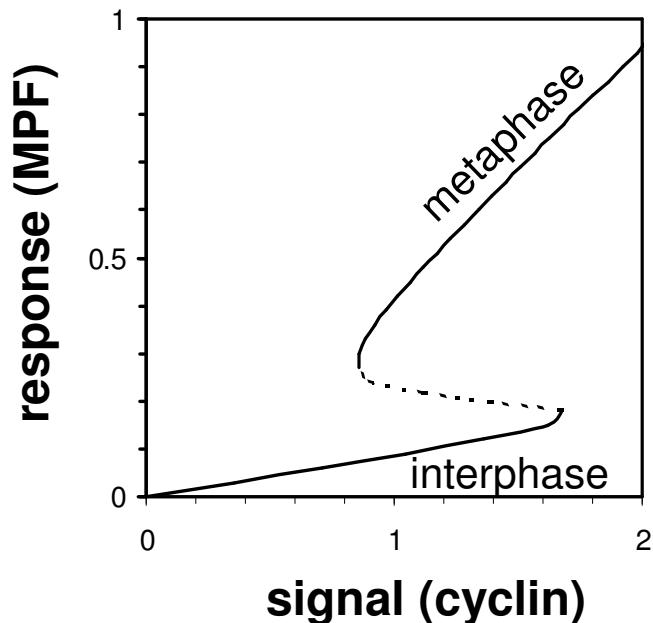
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“Toggle”



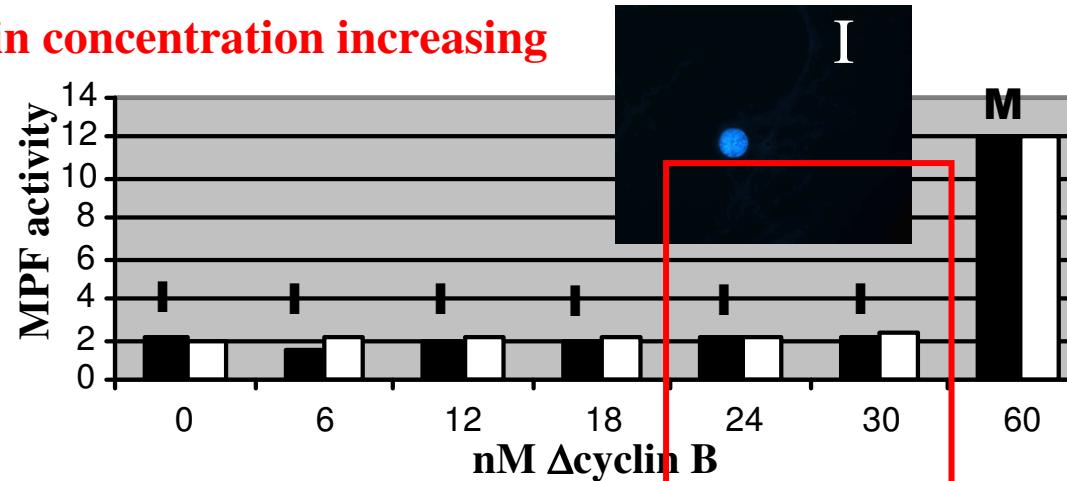
Frog egg

$$\text{MPF} = \boxed{\text{CycB}}$$

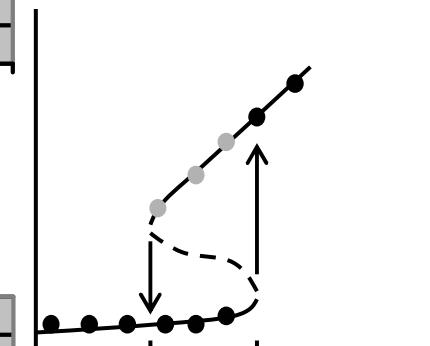
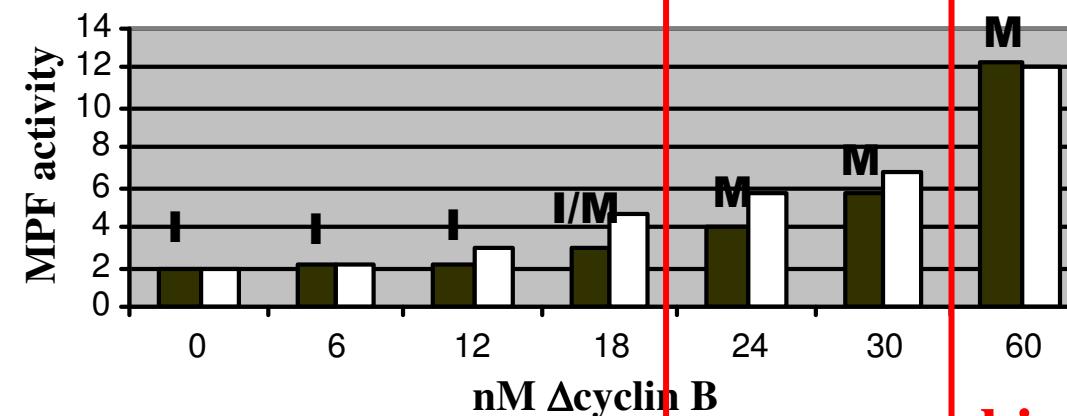


# MPF activity depends on total cyclin concentration and on the history of the extract

Cyclin concentration increasing



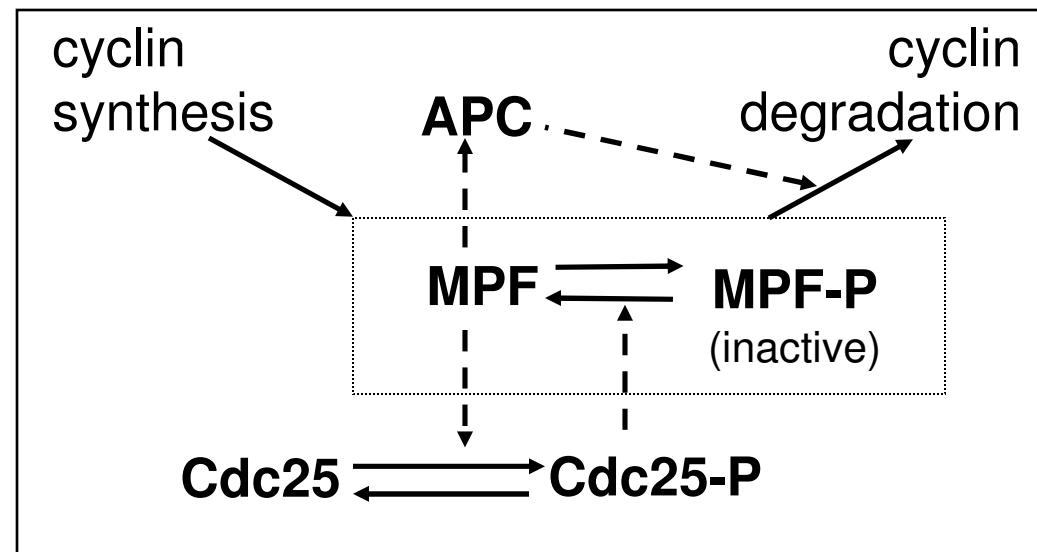
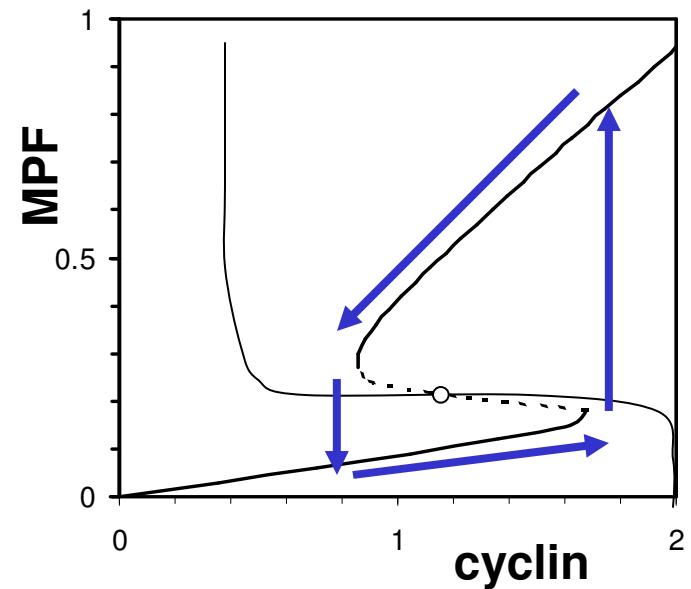
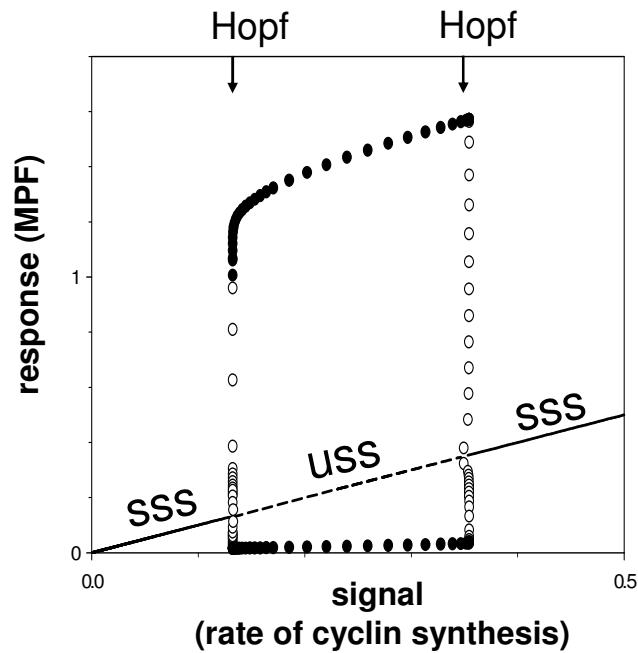
Cyclin concentration decreasing



Wei Sha & Jill Sible (2003)

bistability

# Oscillations



# Pomerening, Kim & Ferrell Cell (2005)

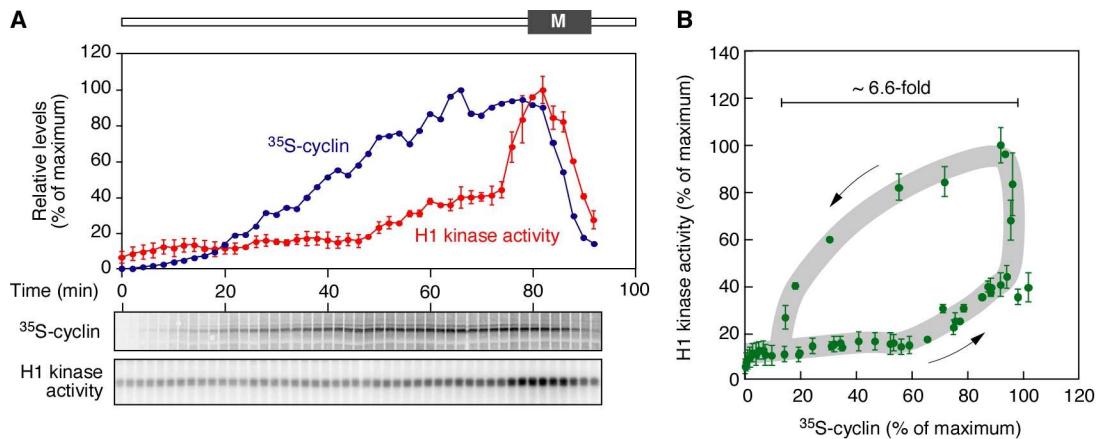
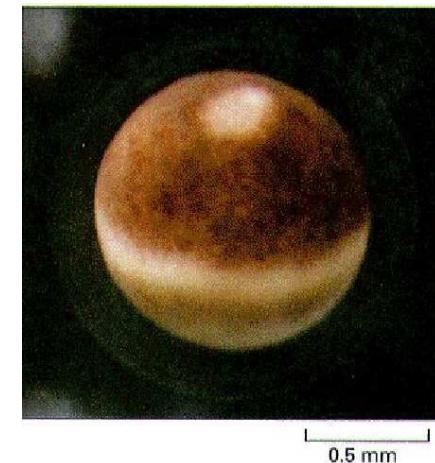


Figure 3  
Pomerening, Kim and Ferrell



If knock-out positive feedback loop,  
then oscillations become faster and  
smaller amplitude...

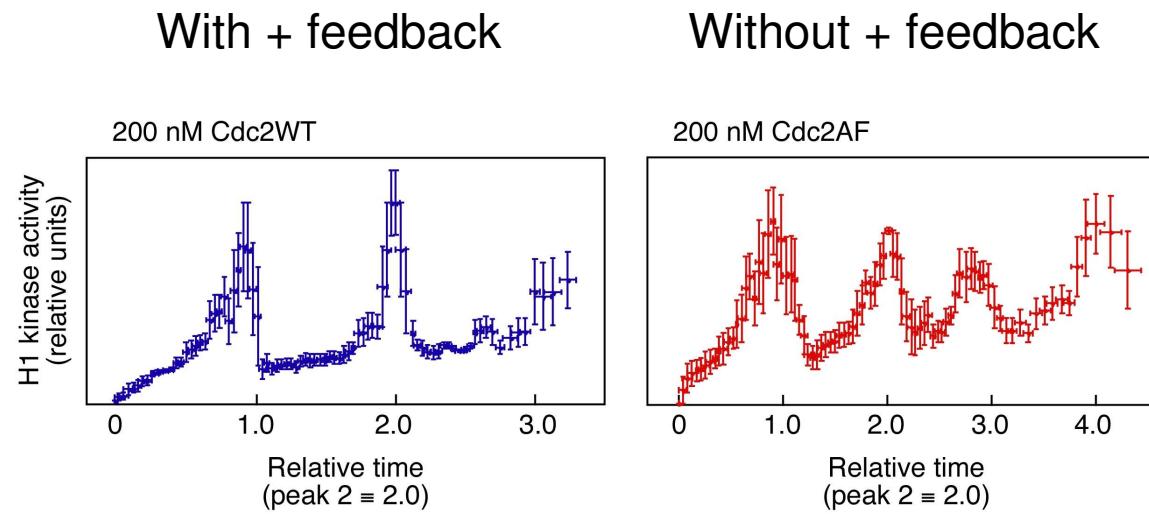
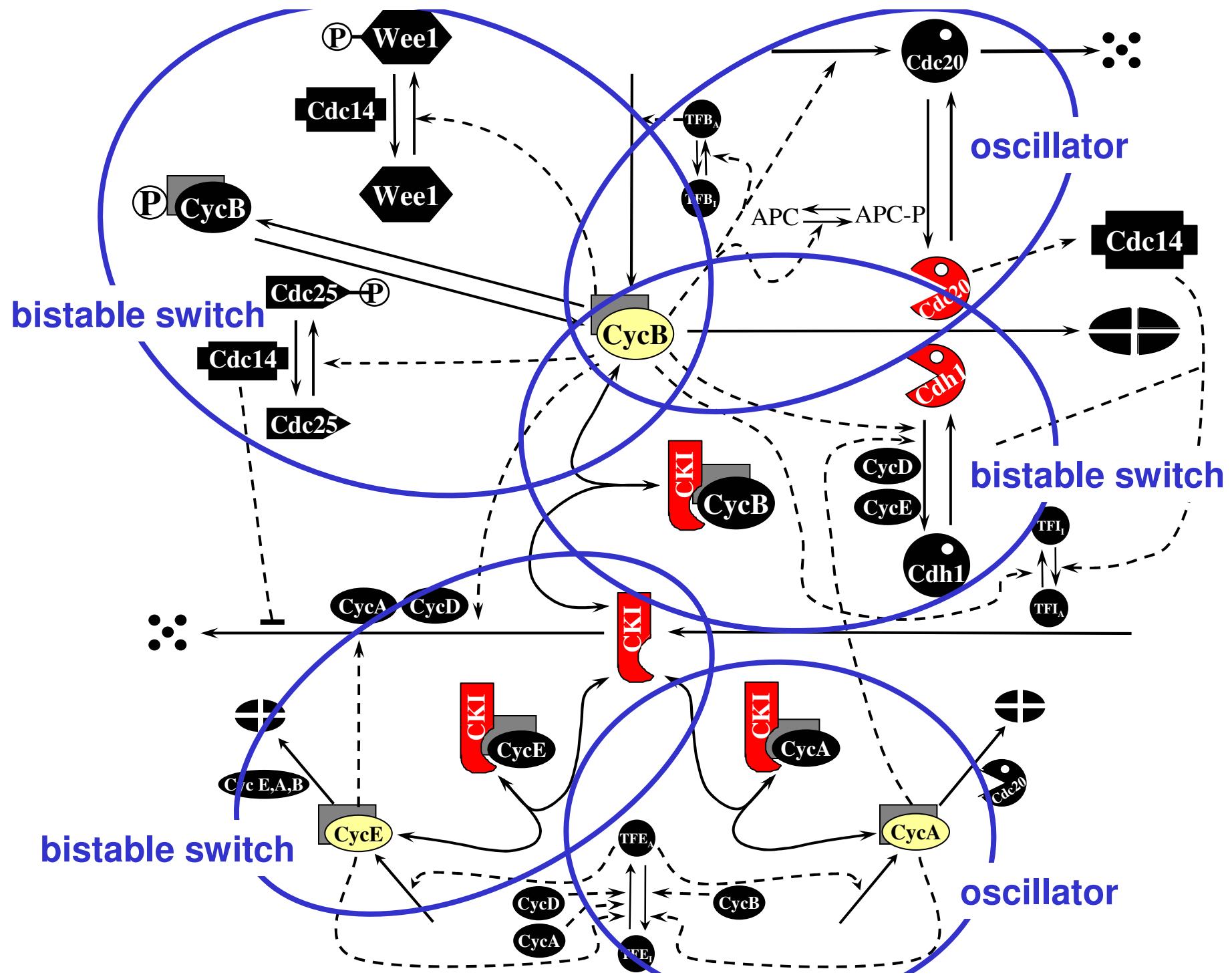
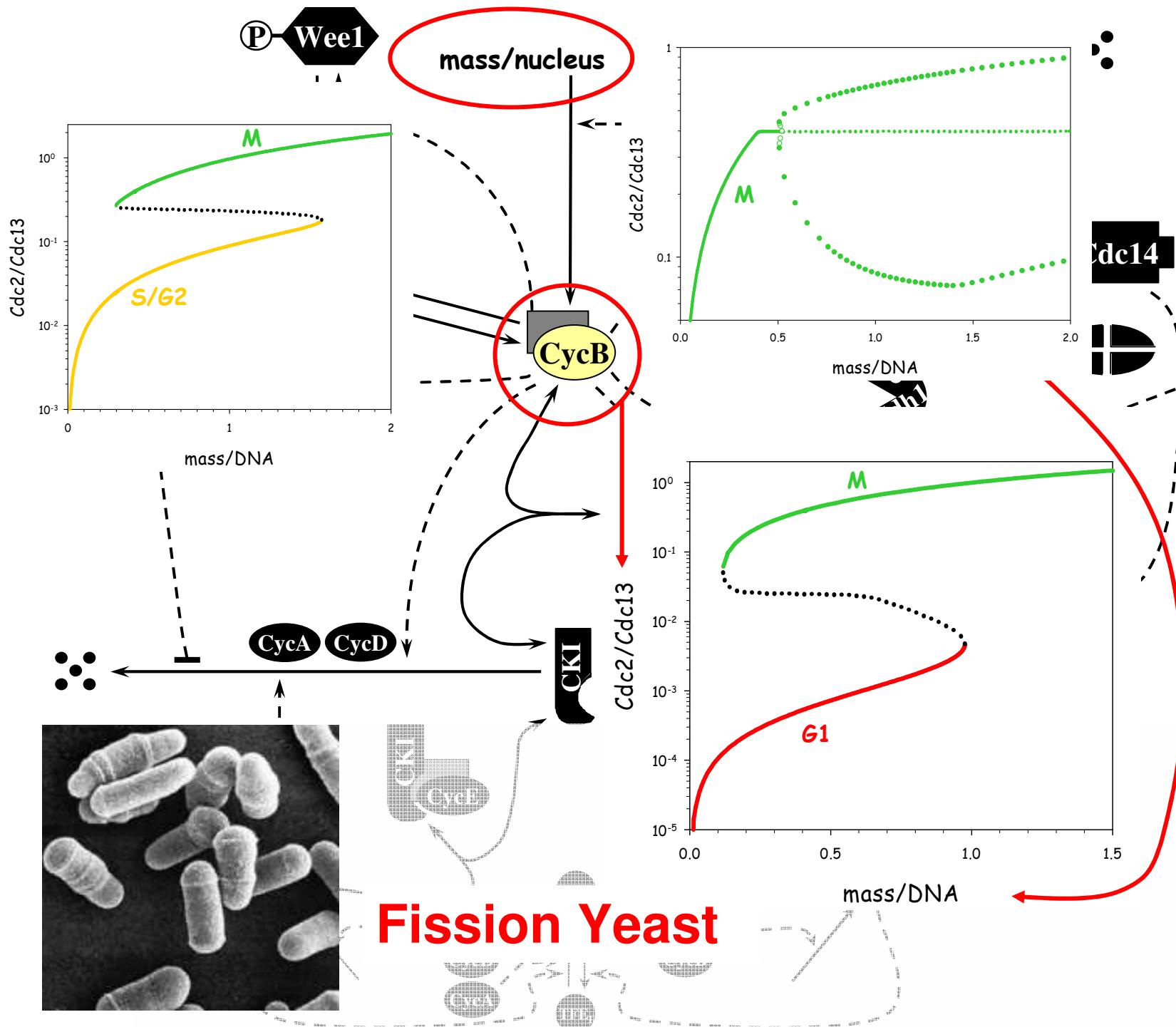
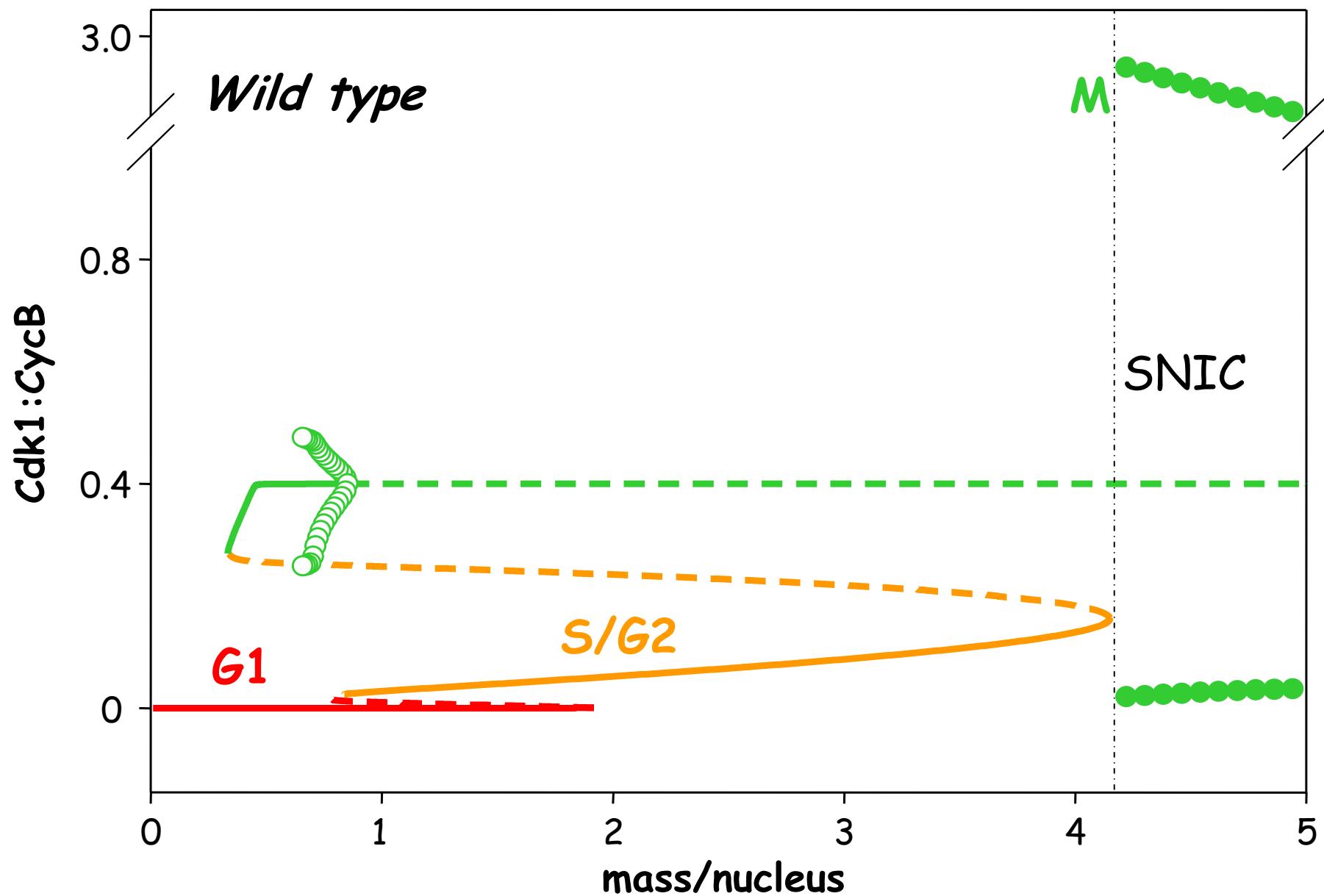


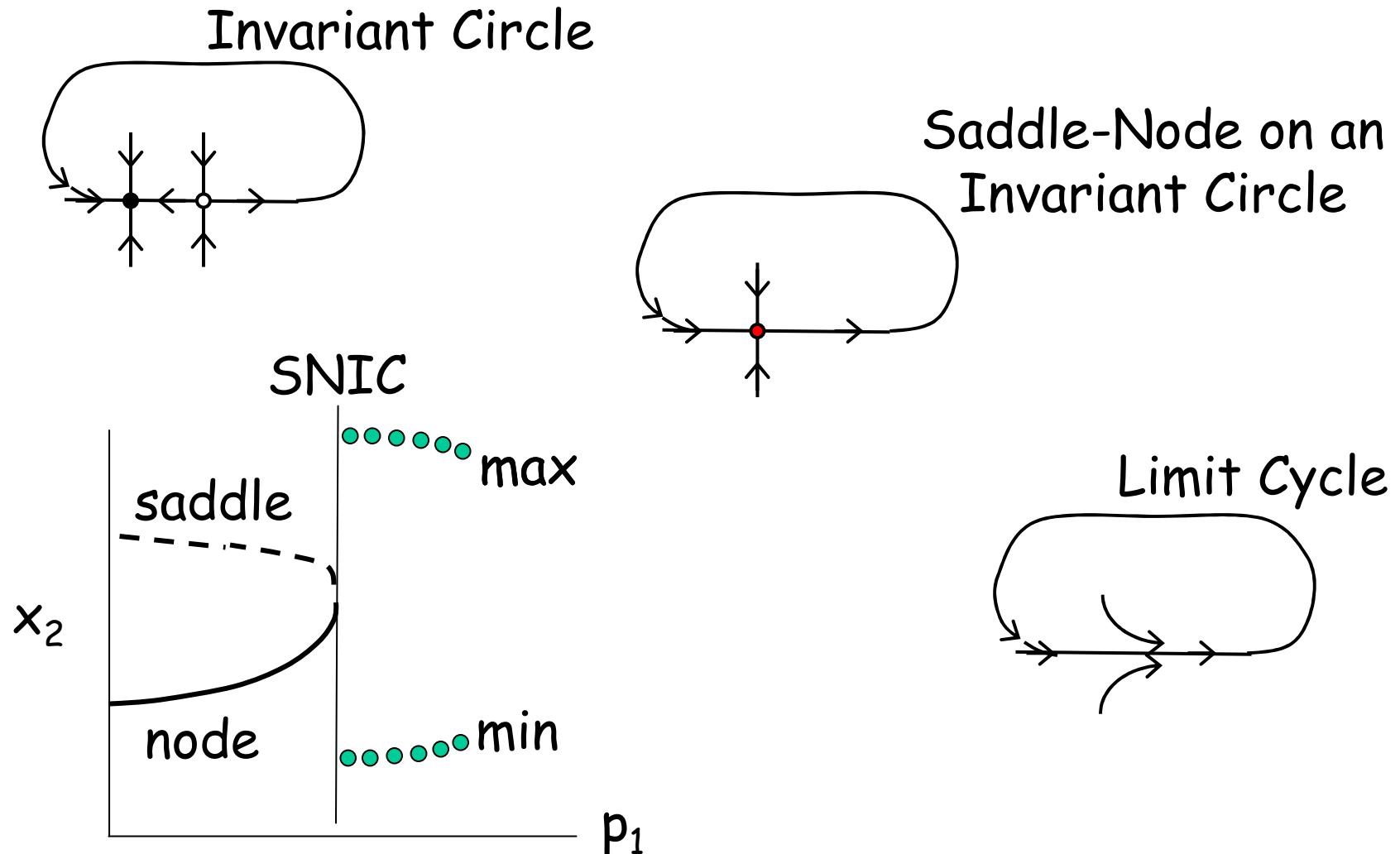
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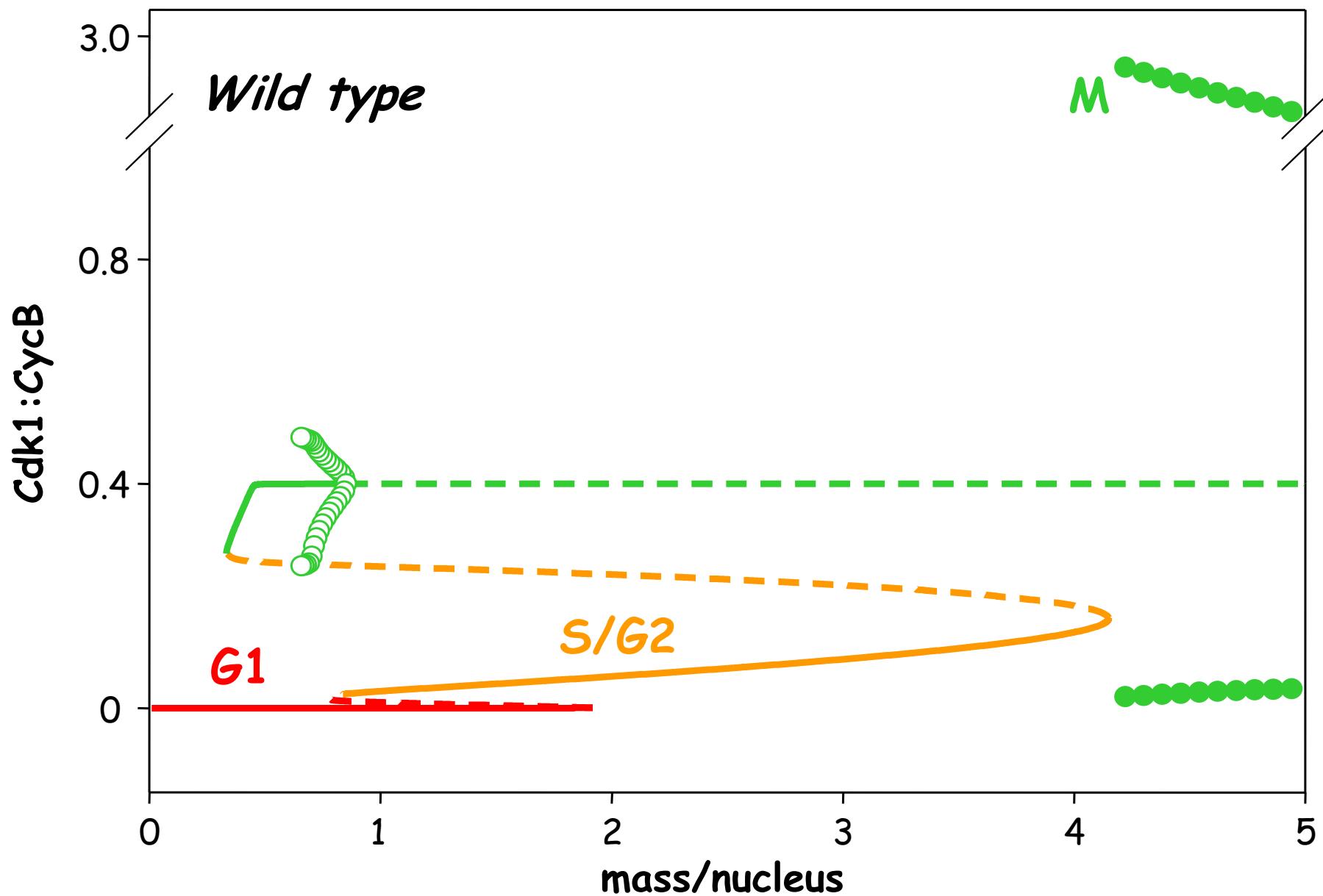


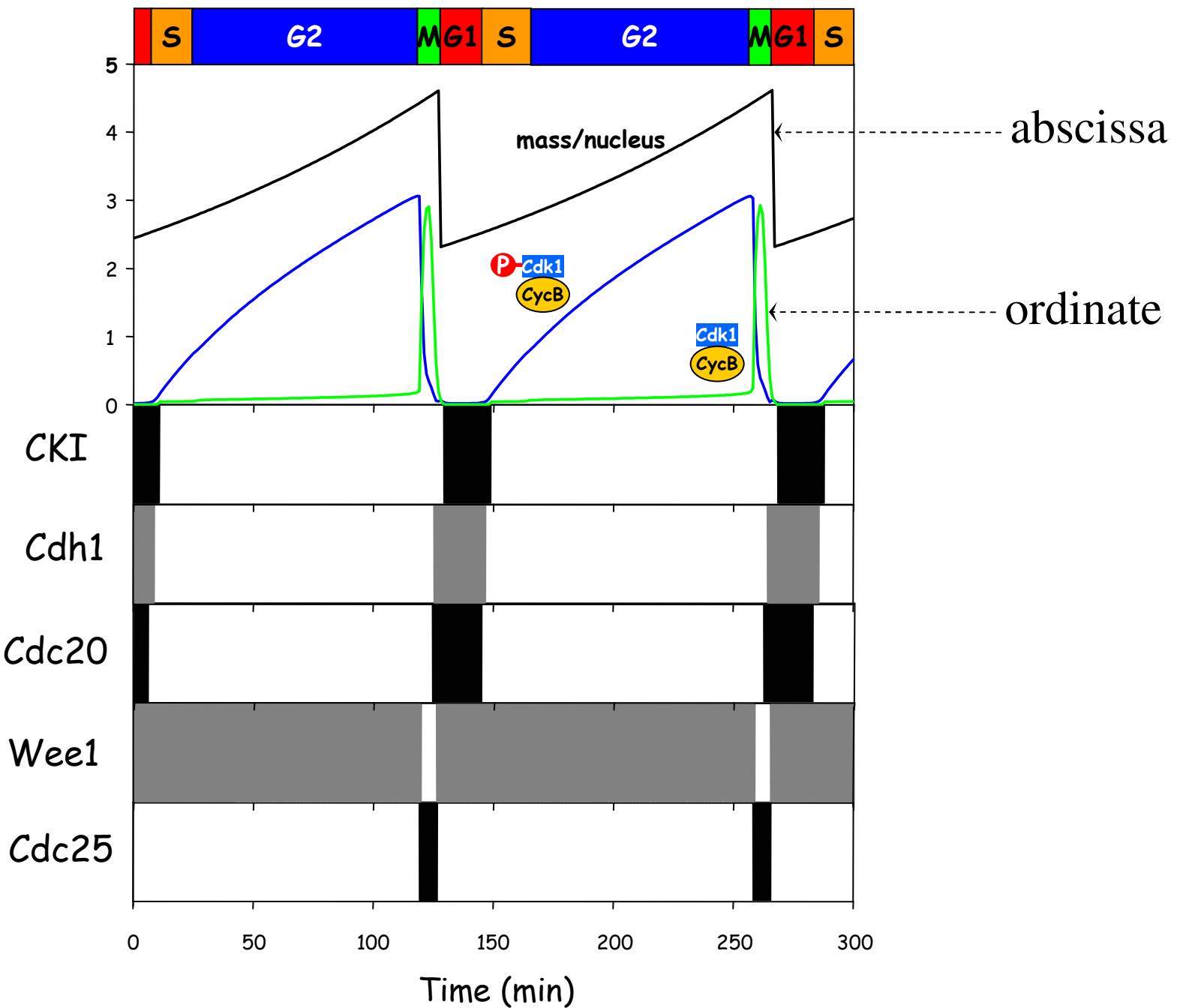


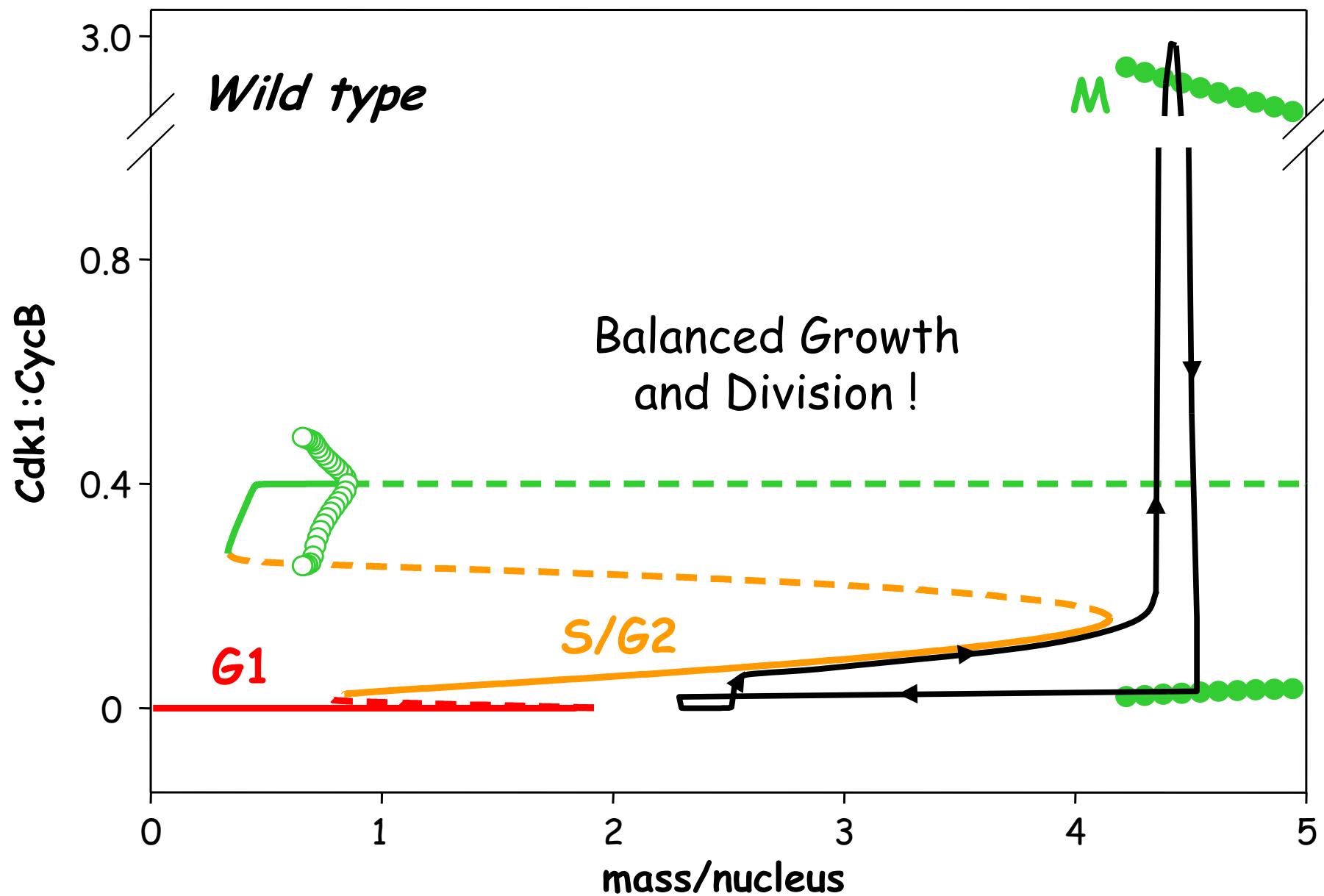


# SNIC Bifurcation







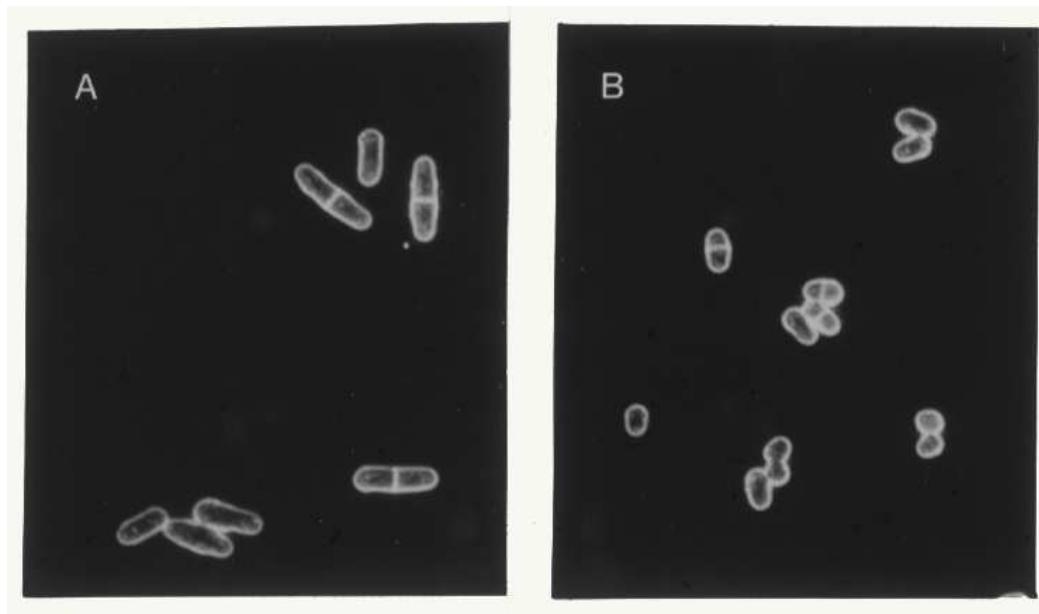


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# Genetic control of cell size at cell division in yeast

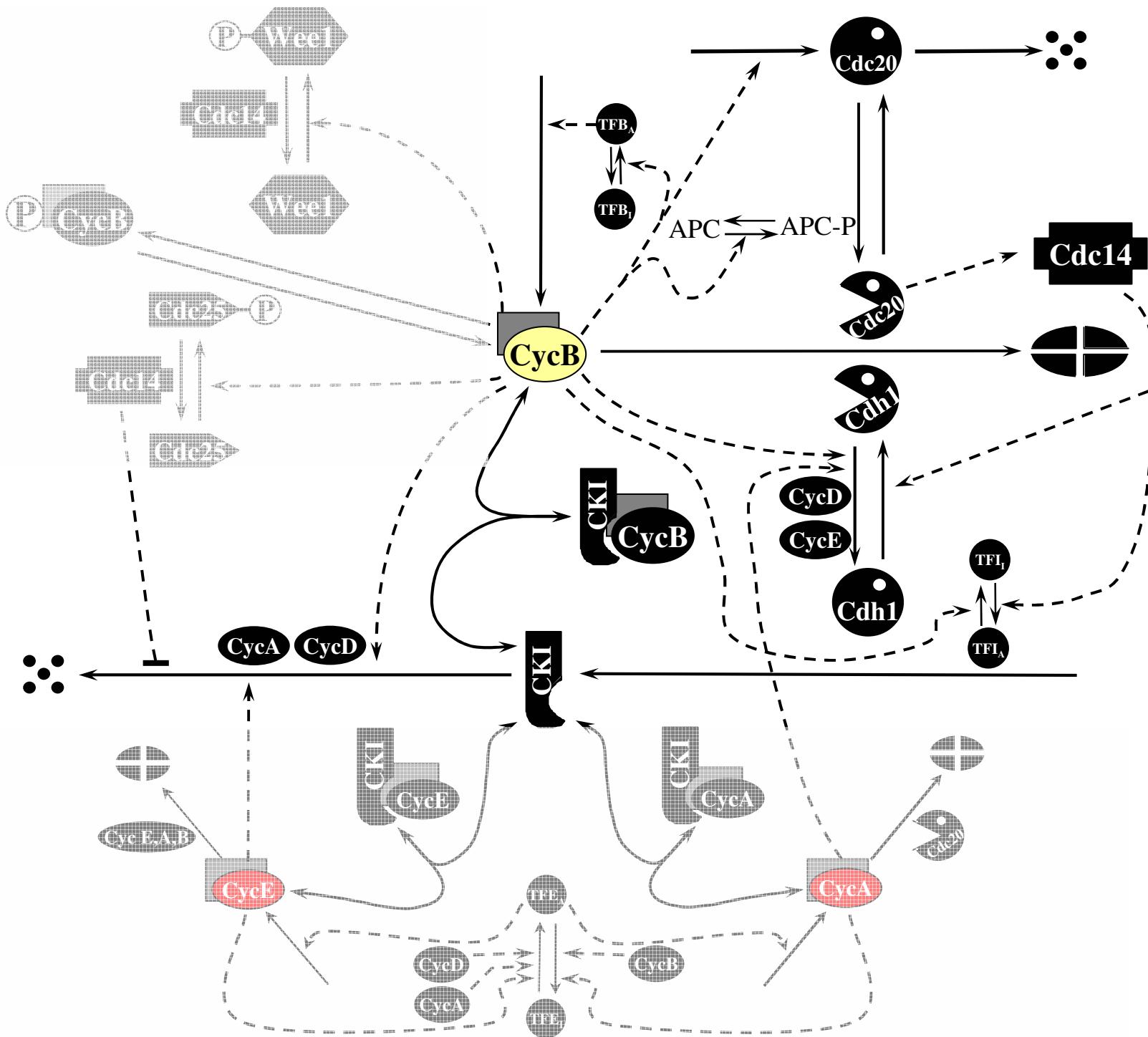
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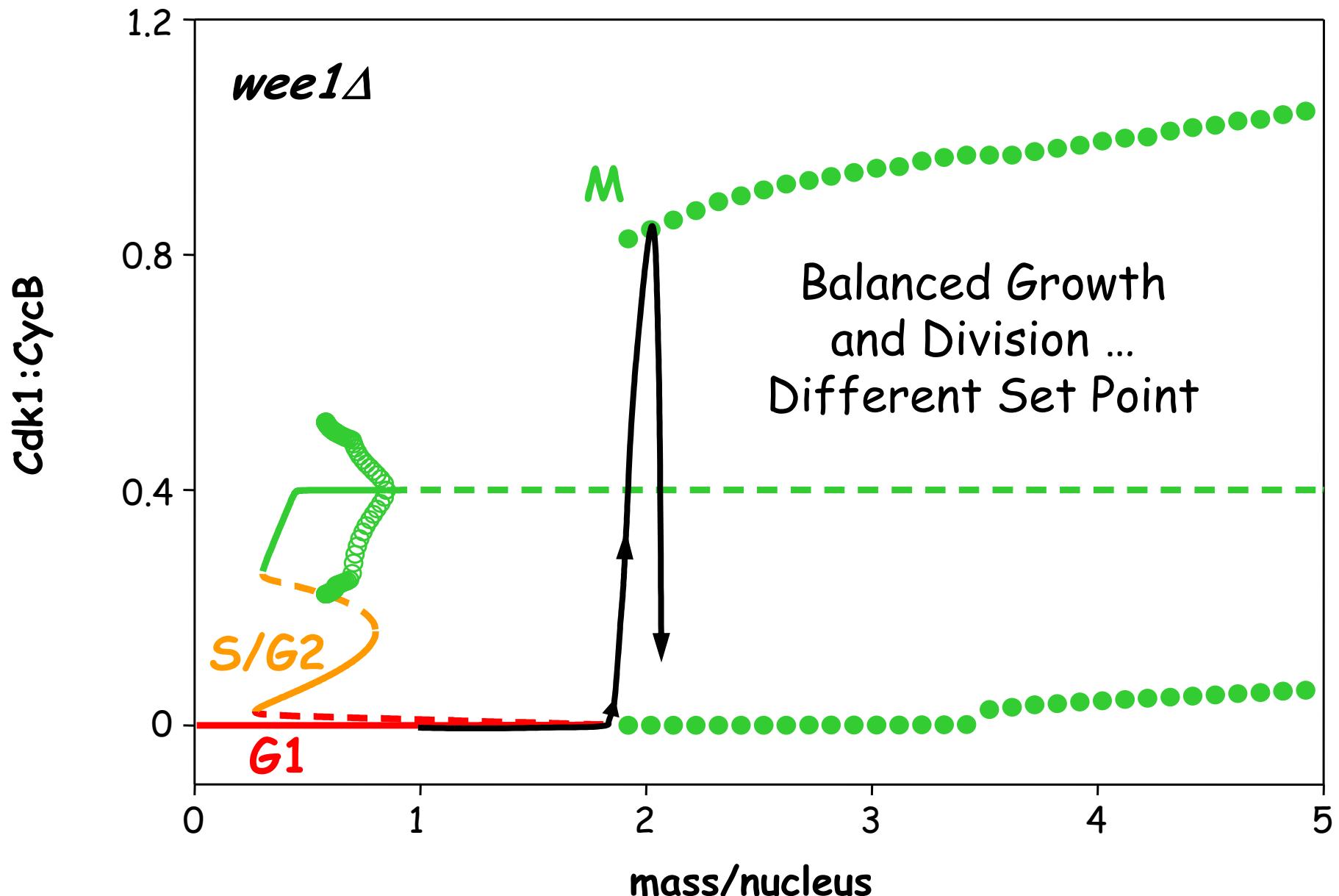


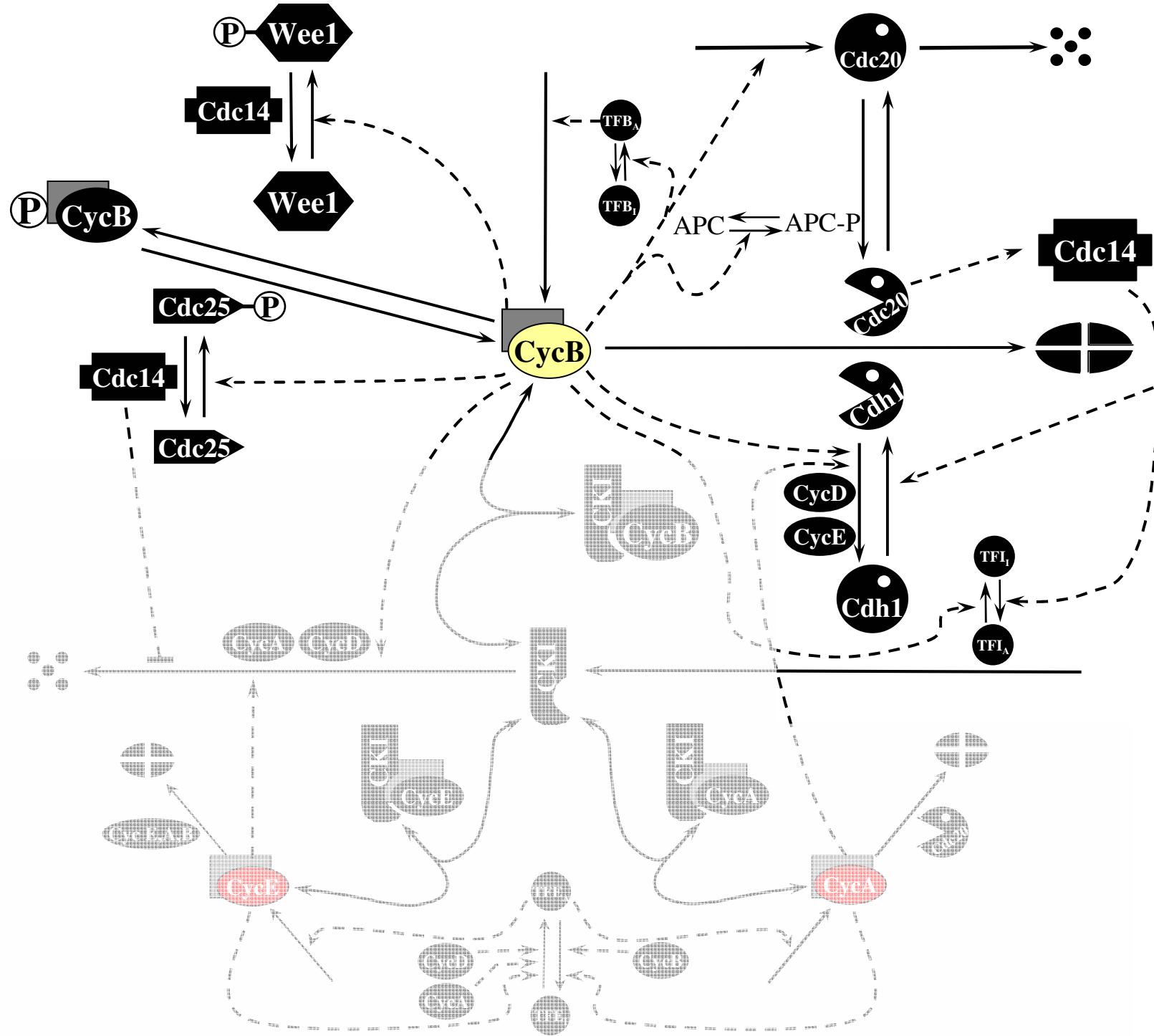
wild-type

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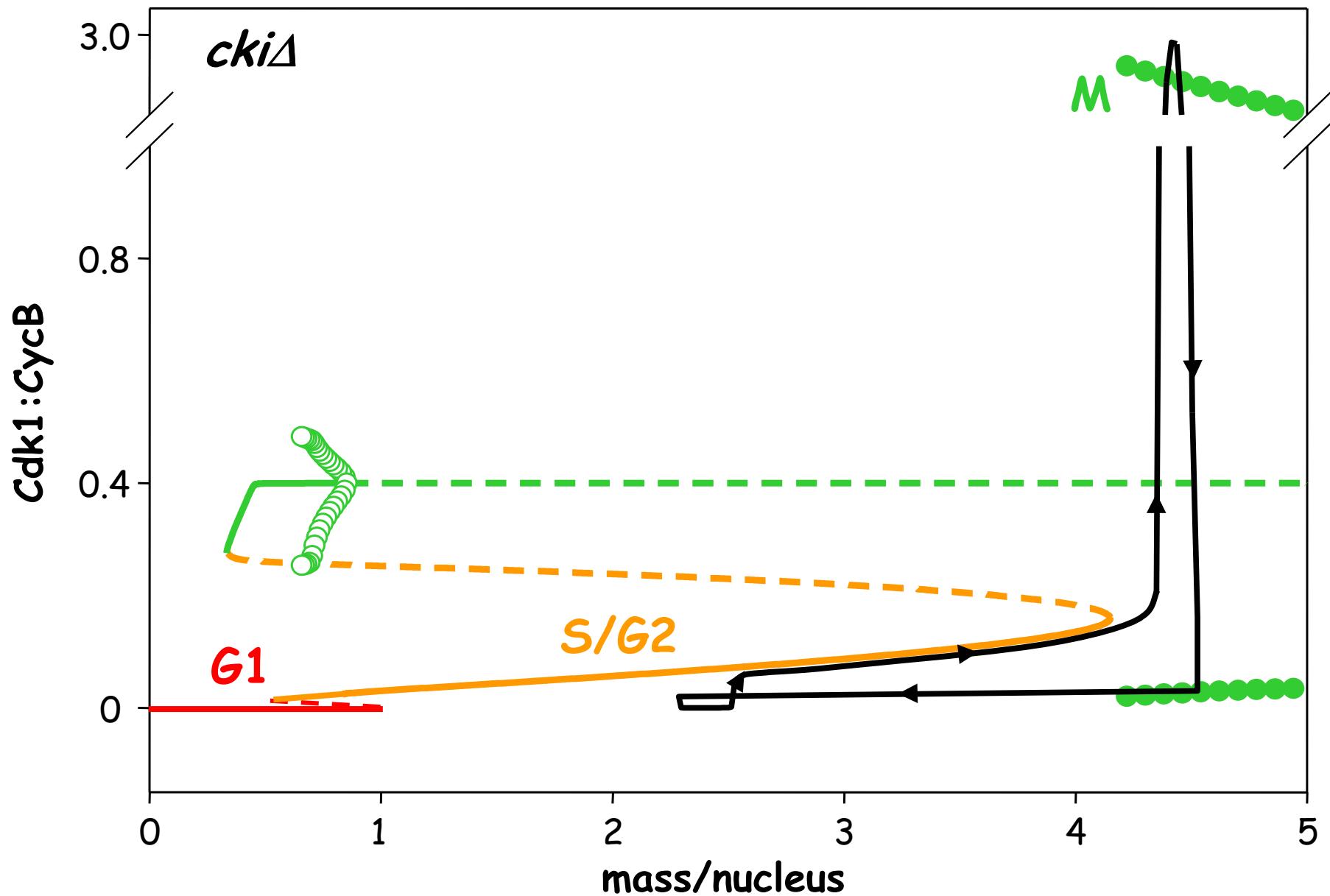


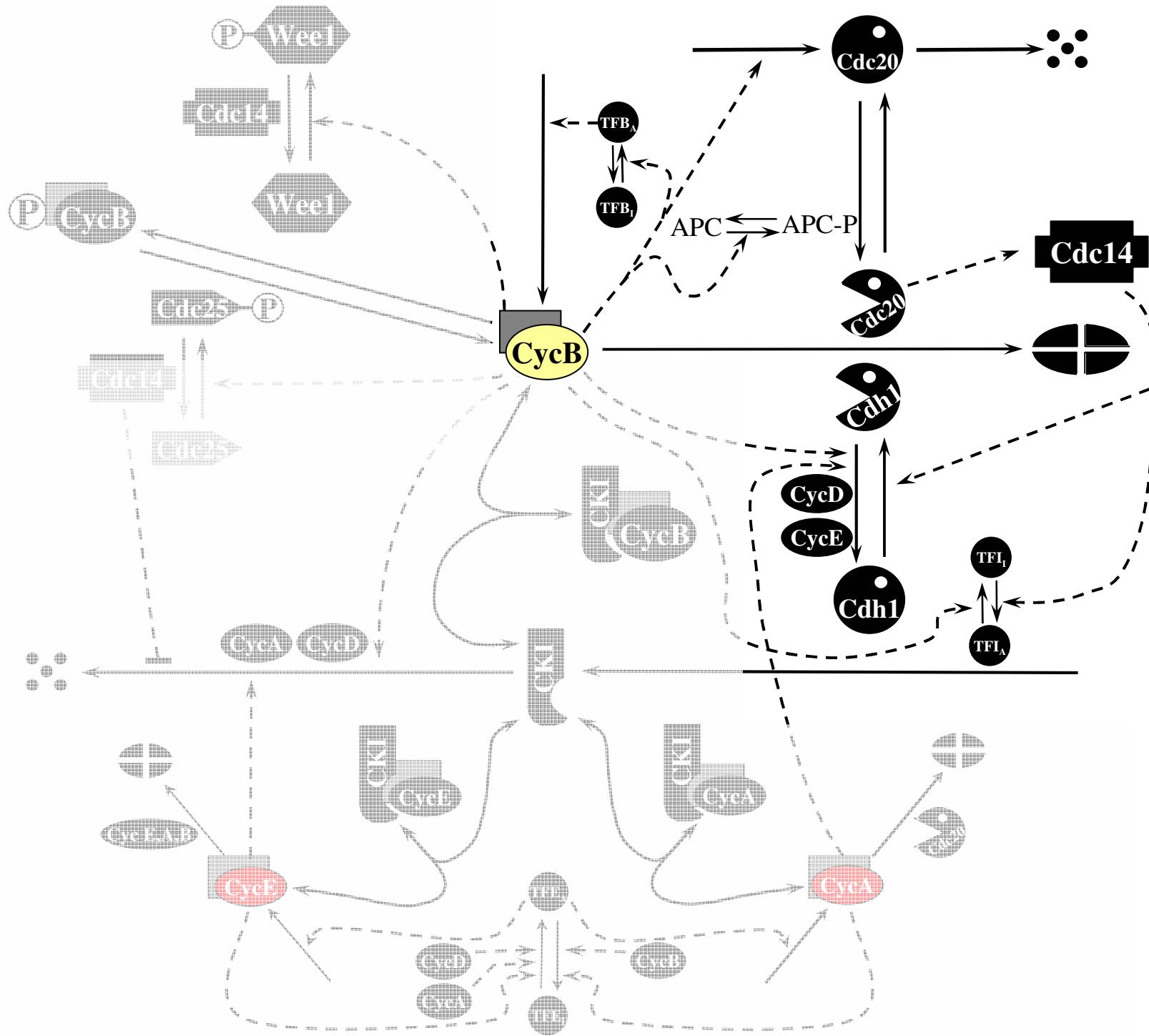
*wee1Δ* cells are about one-half the size of wild type



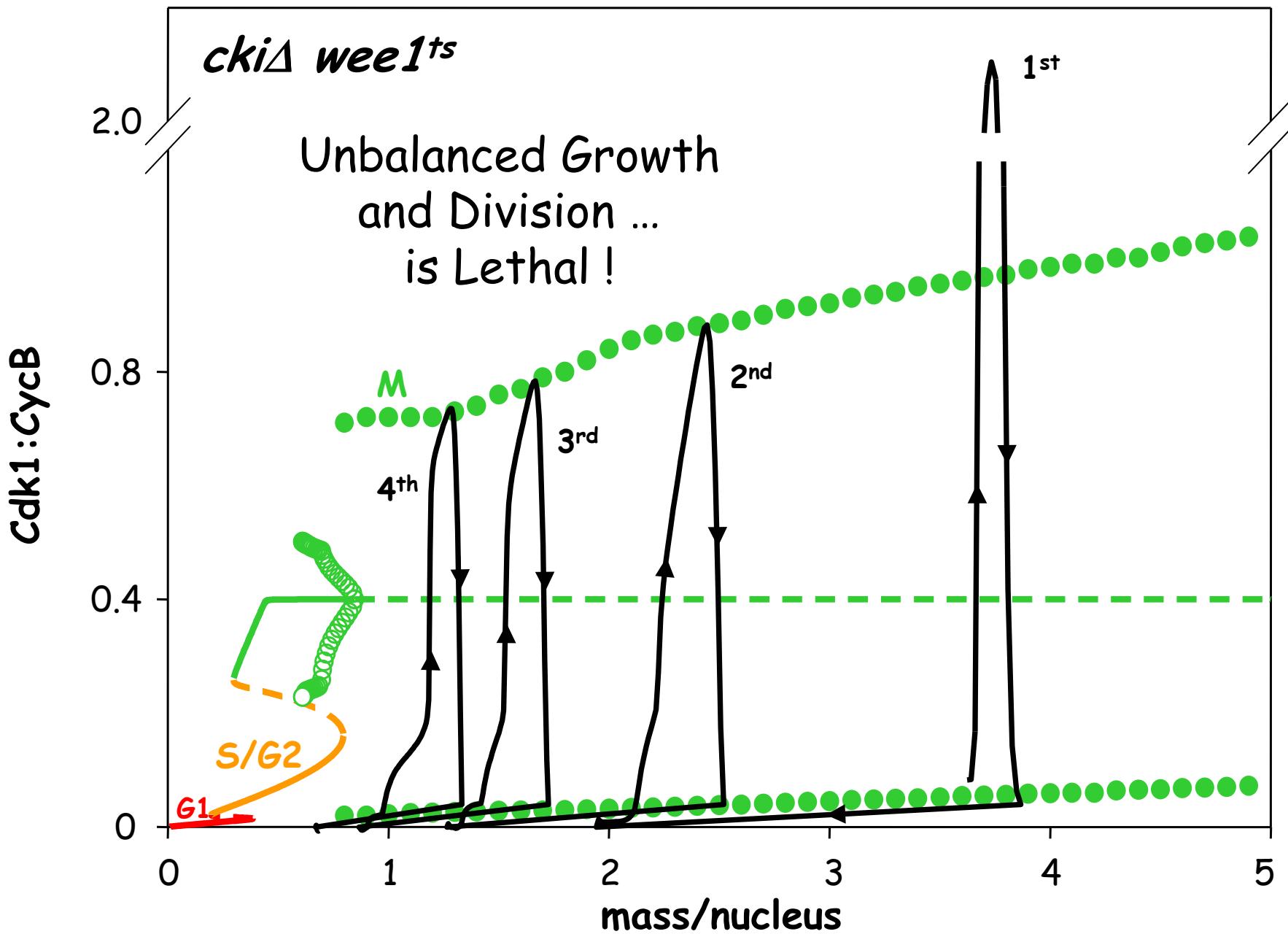


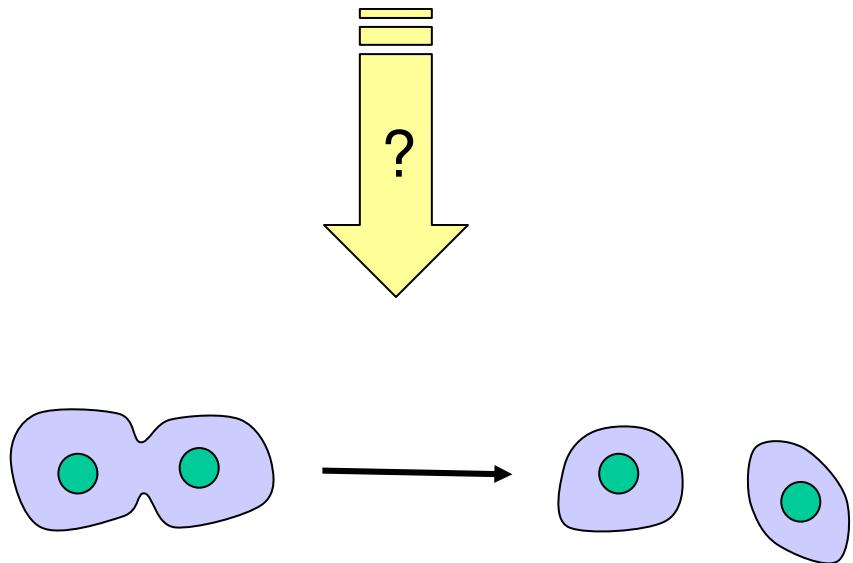
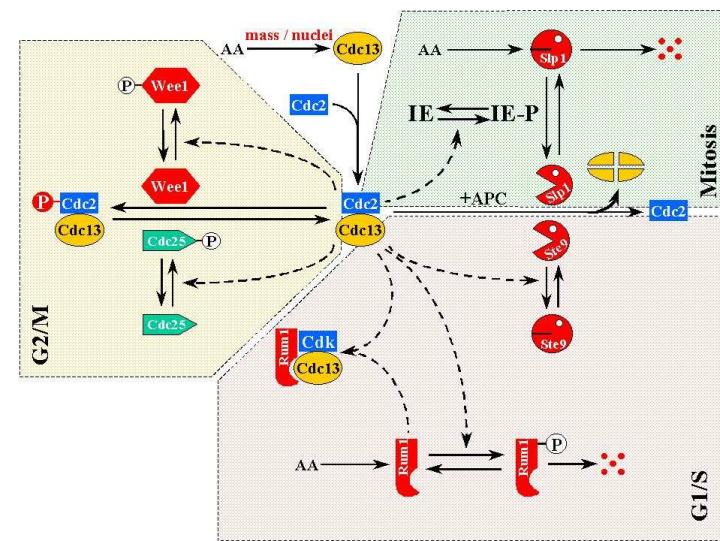
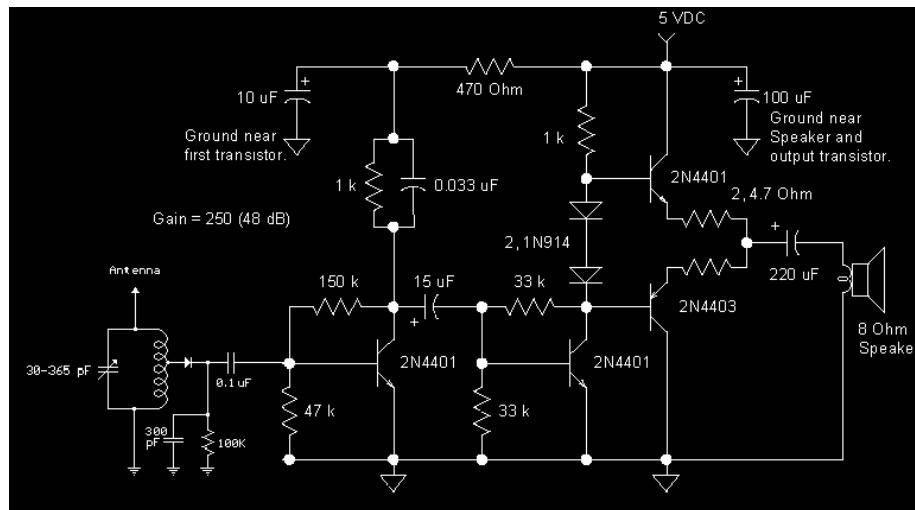
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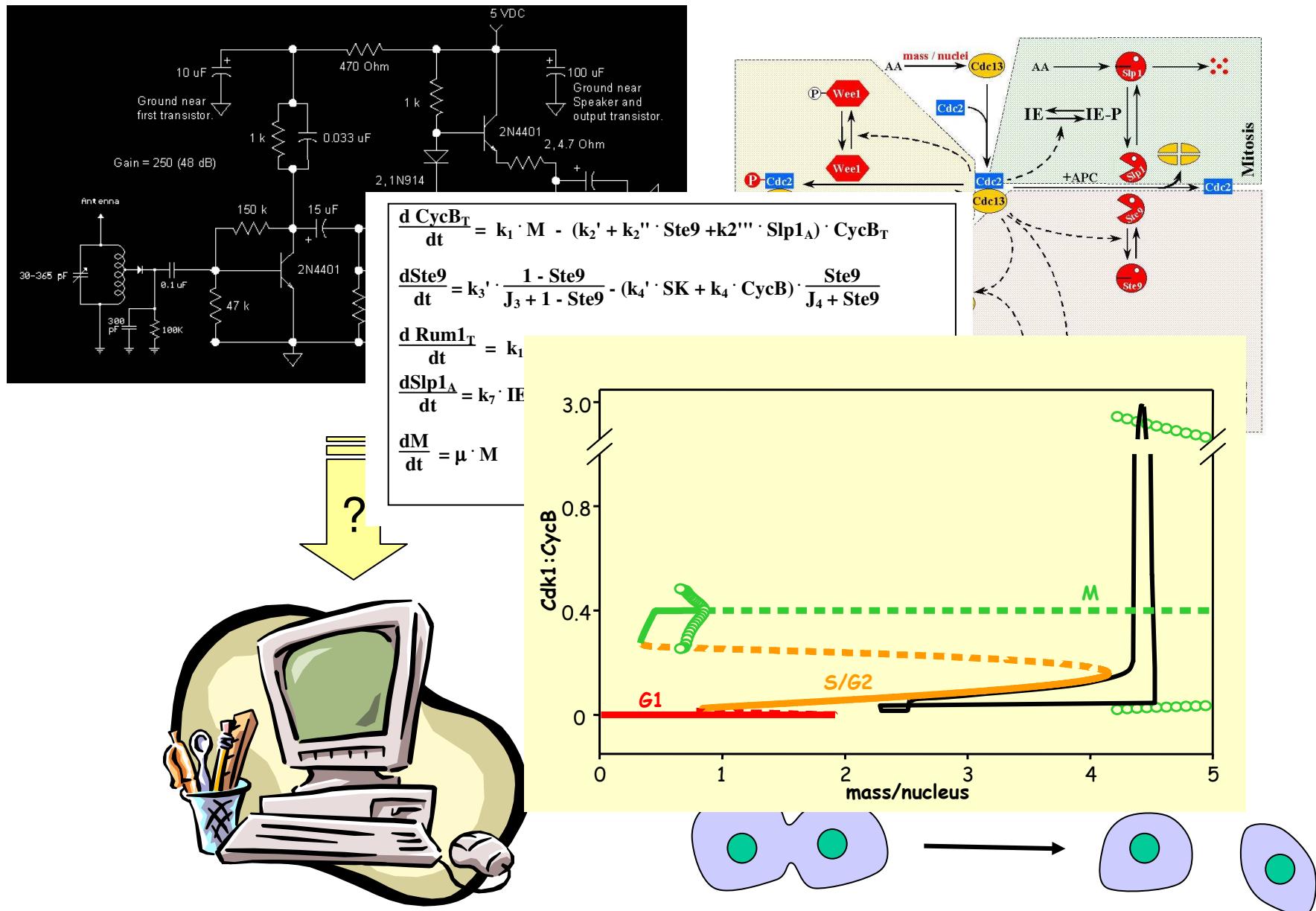




# Cells become progressively smaller without size control







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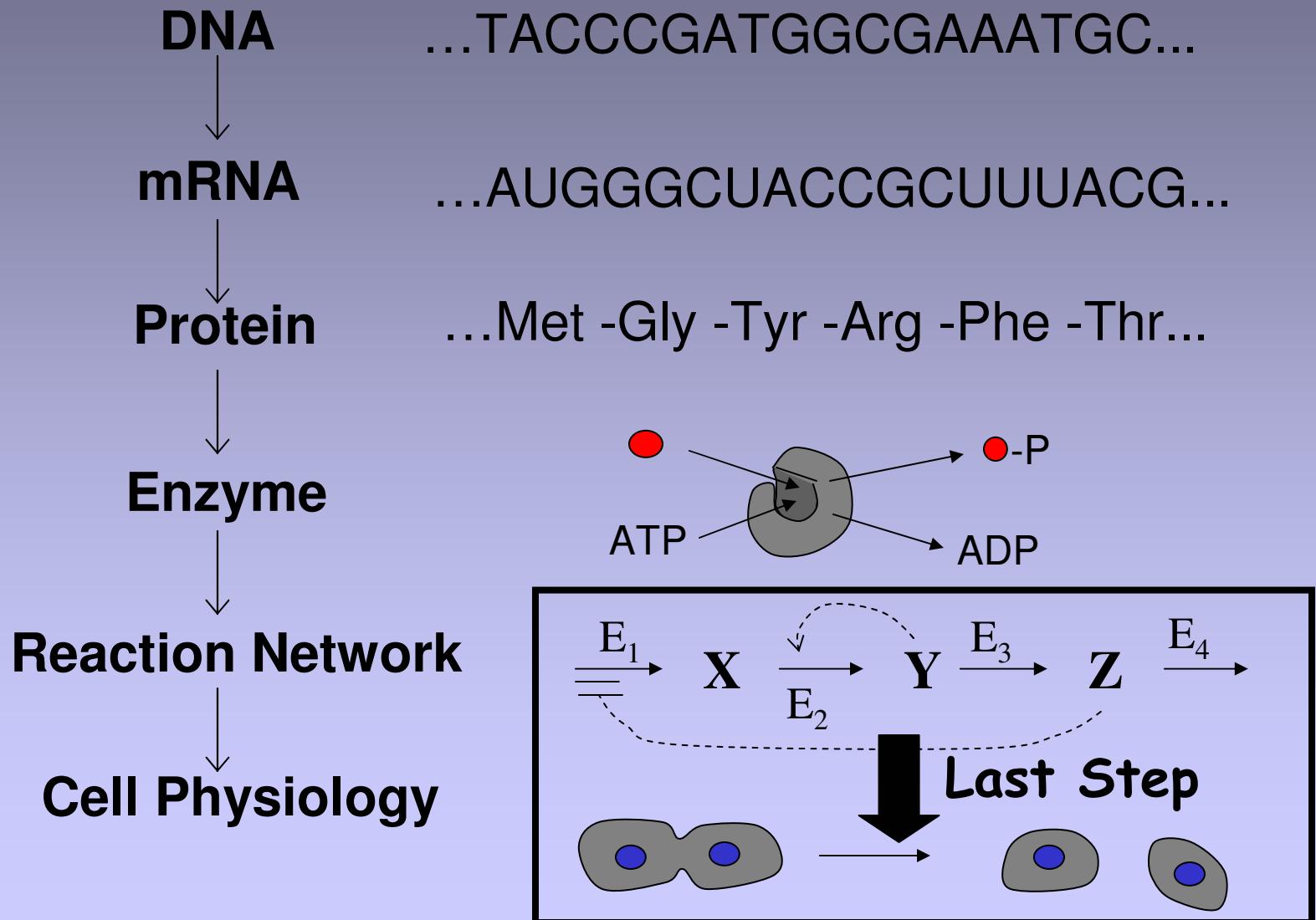
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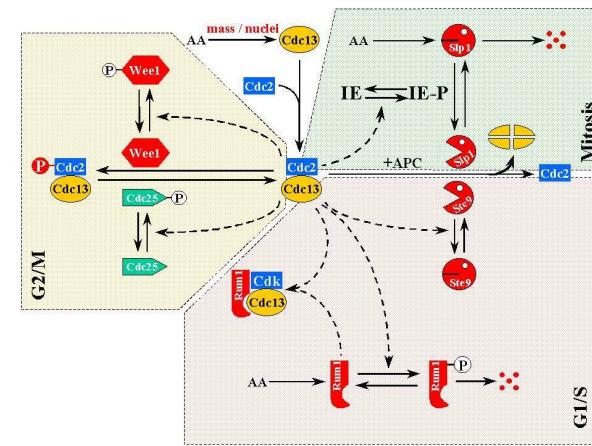
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# The Dynamical Perspective

## Molecular Mechanism



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Kinetic Equations



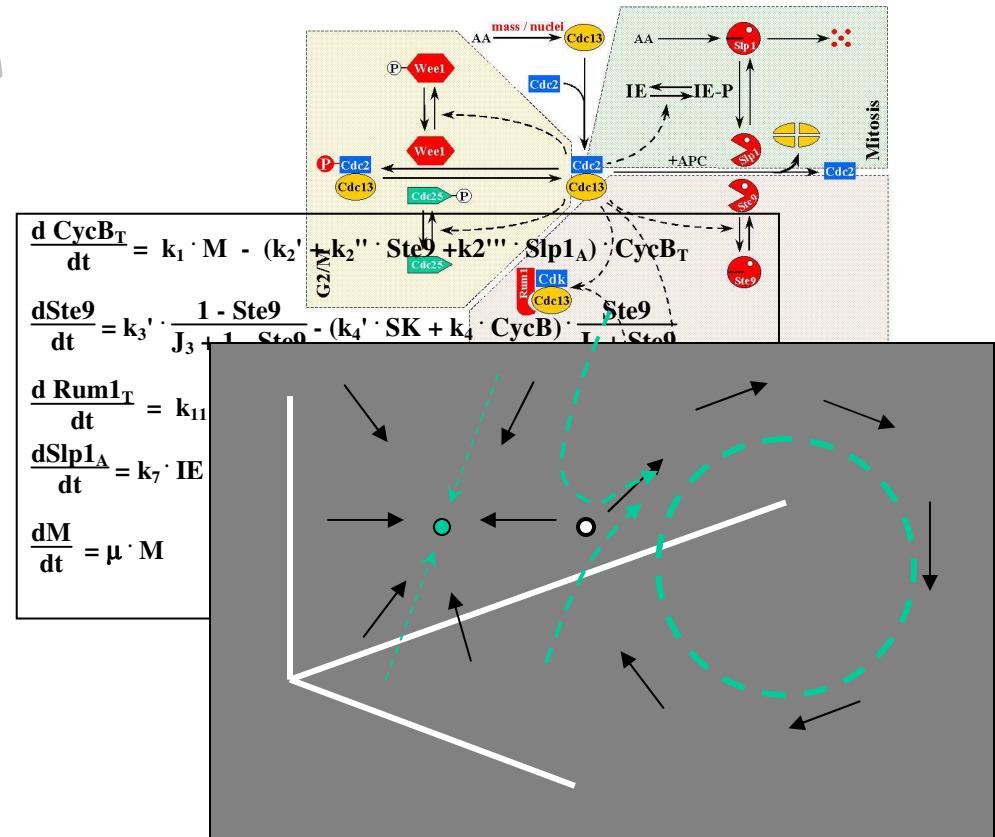
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Stable Attractors



Physiological Properties



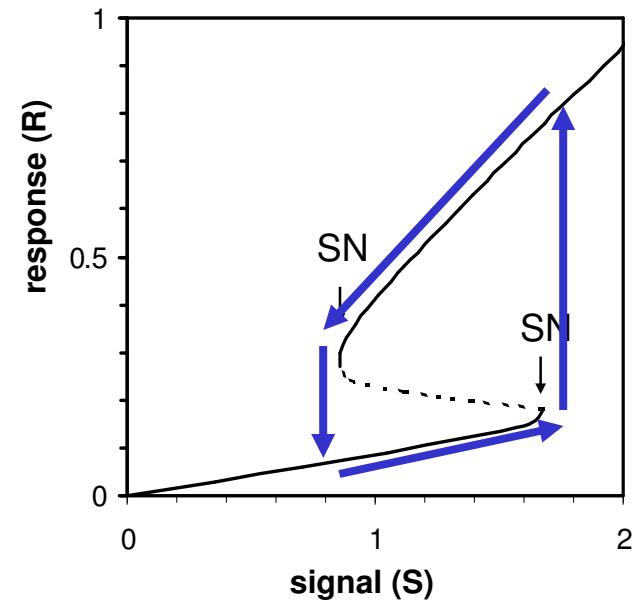
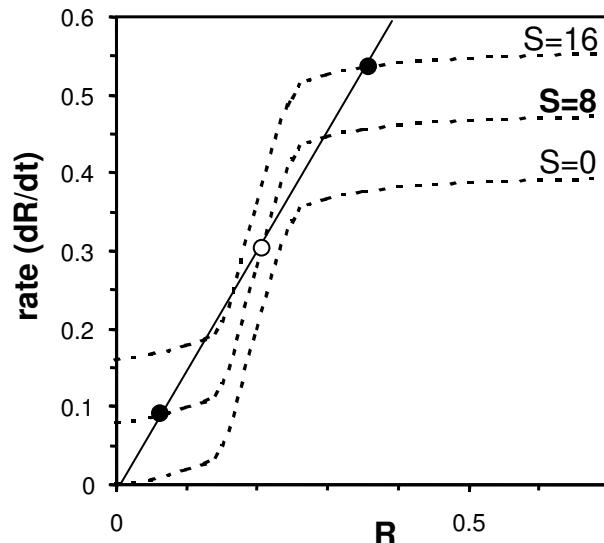
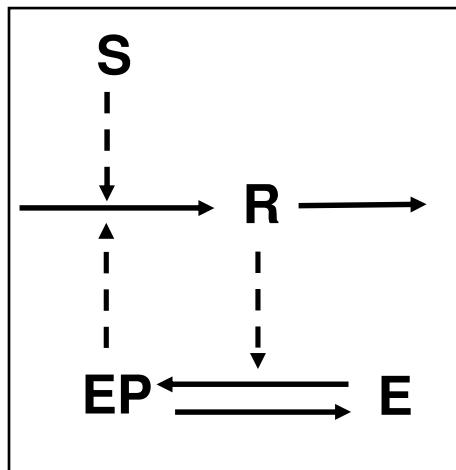
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$$\frac{d[\text{CycB}]}{dt} = k_3 + k_3'[\text{TFB}] - (k_4 + k_4'[\text{Cdh1}])[\text{CycB}] - k_5[\text{CKI}][\text{CycB}]$$

synthesis
degradation
binding

# Change parameters...



“Toggle”

Griffith, 1968