

The potential impact of inter-individual genomic variations on  
disease susceptibility and treatment response

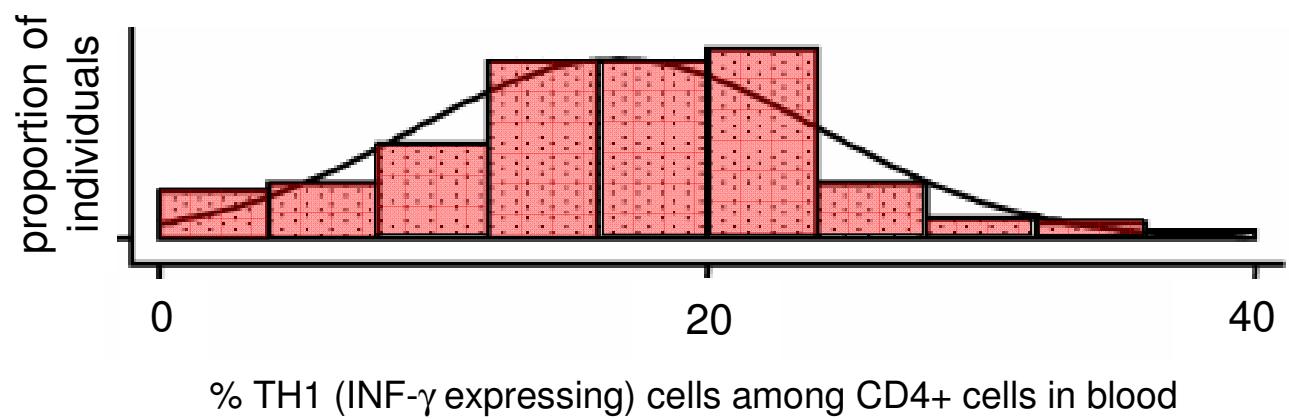
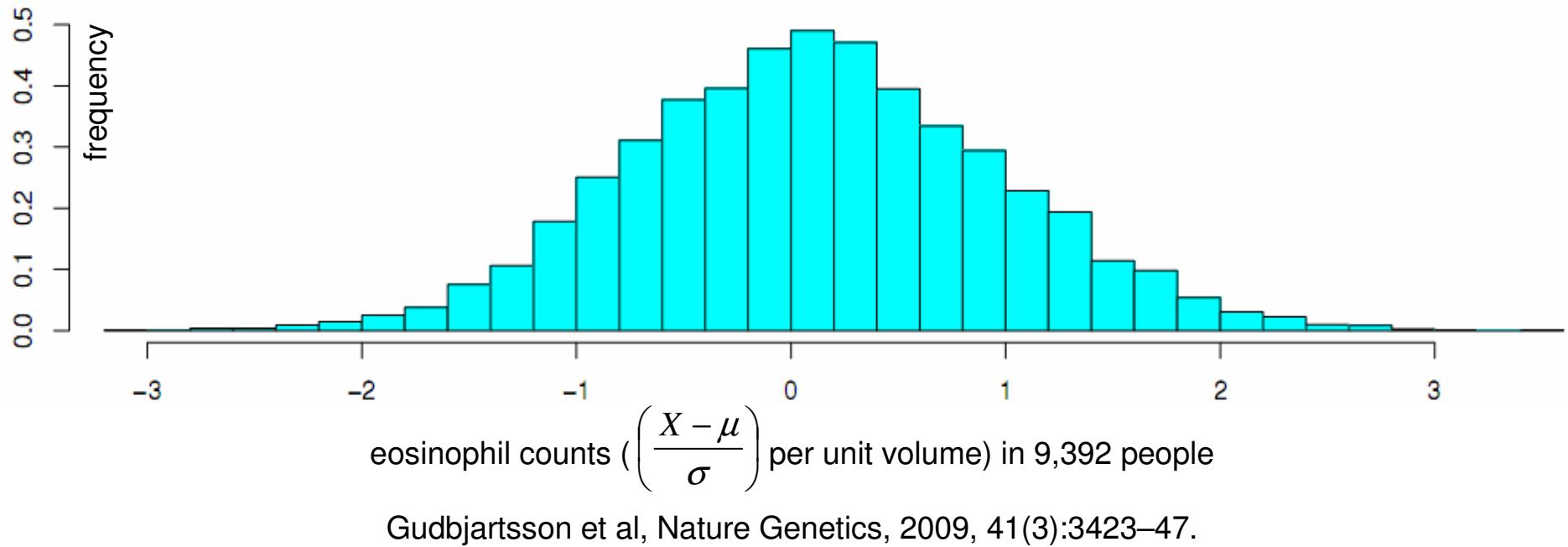
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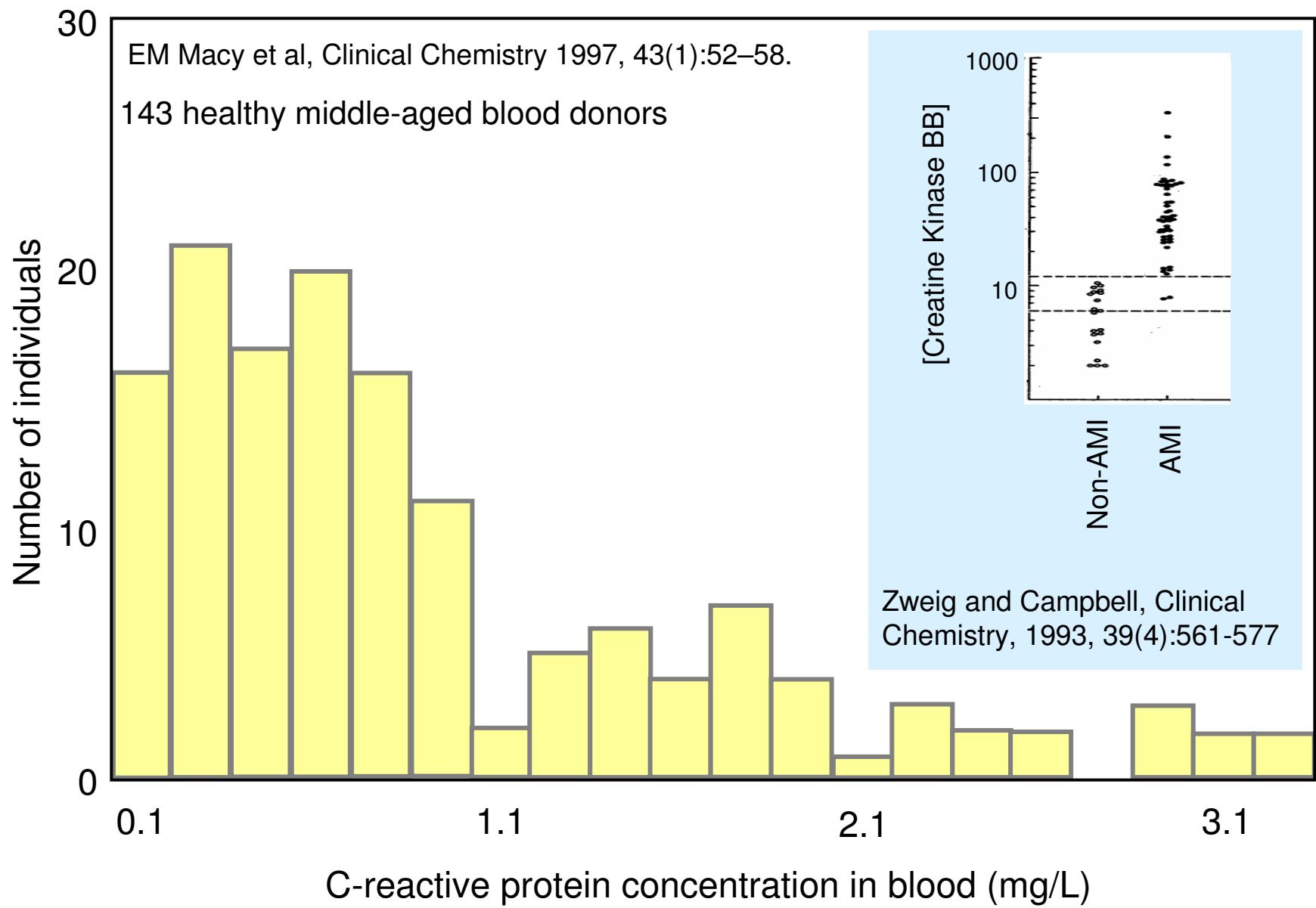
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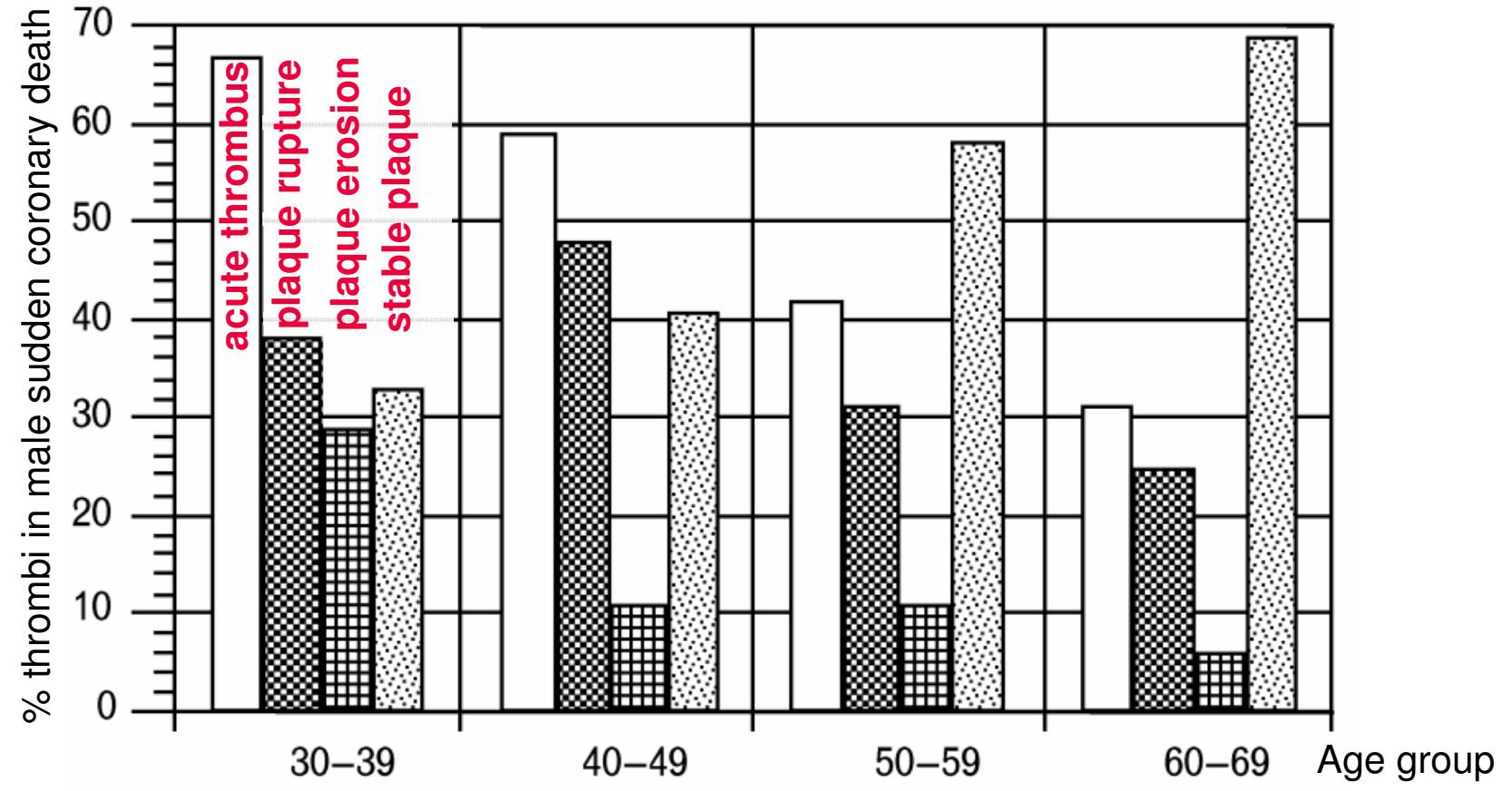
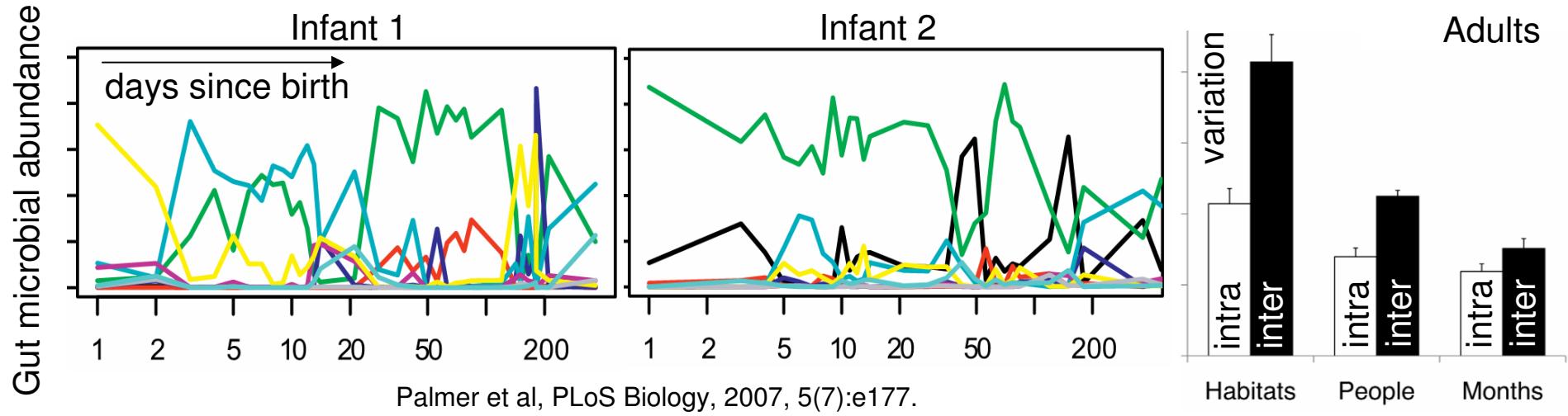
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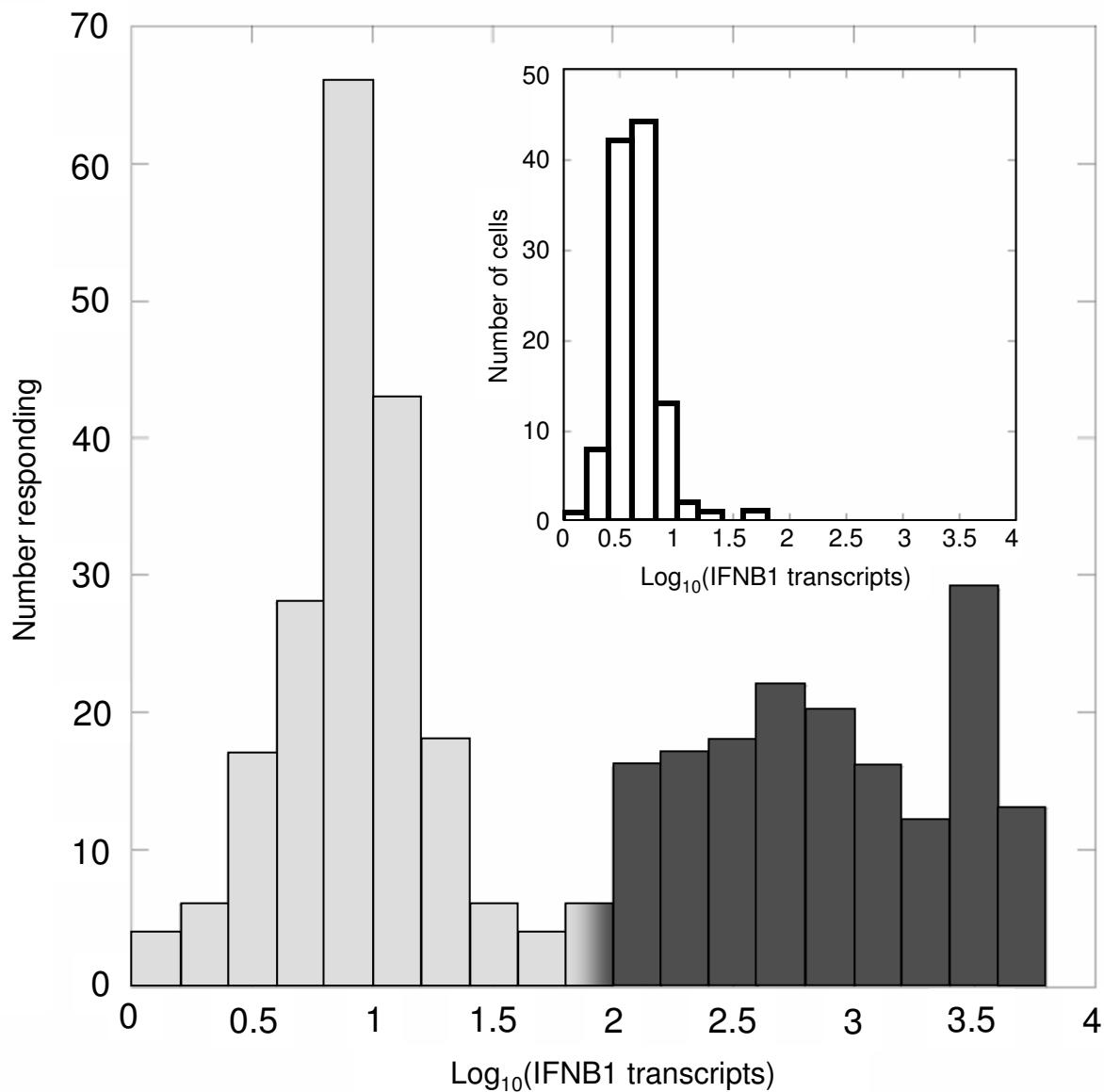


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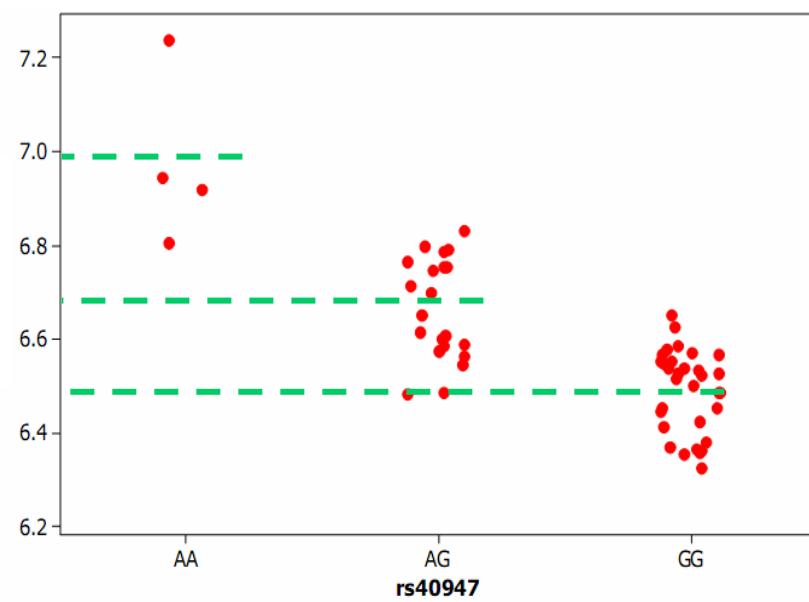
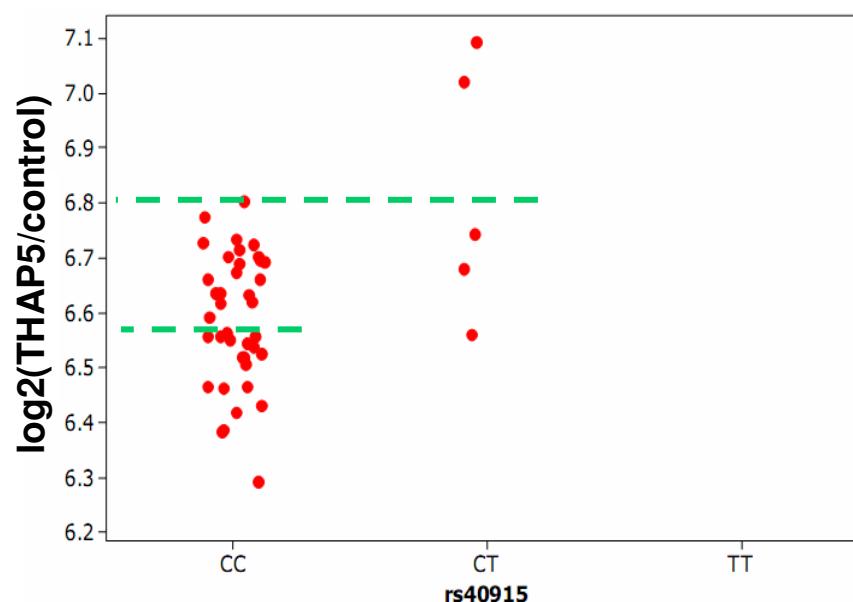
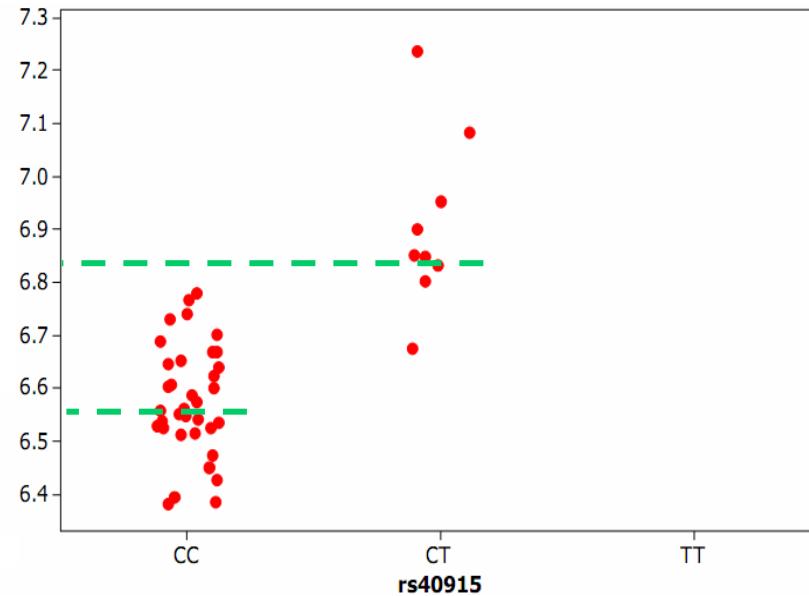
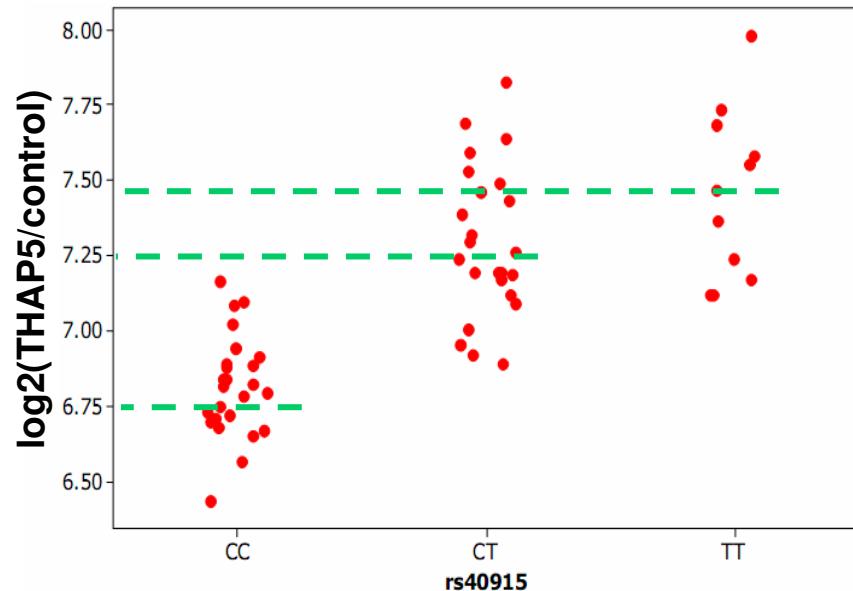




## Primary DCs from 1 individual responding to in-vitro viral infection



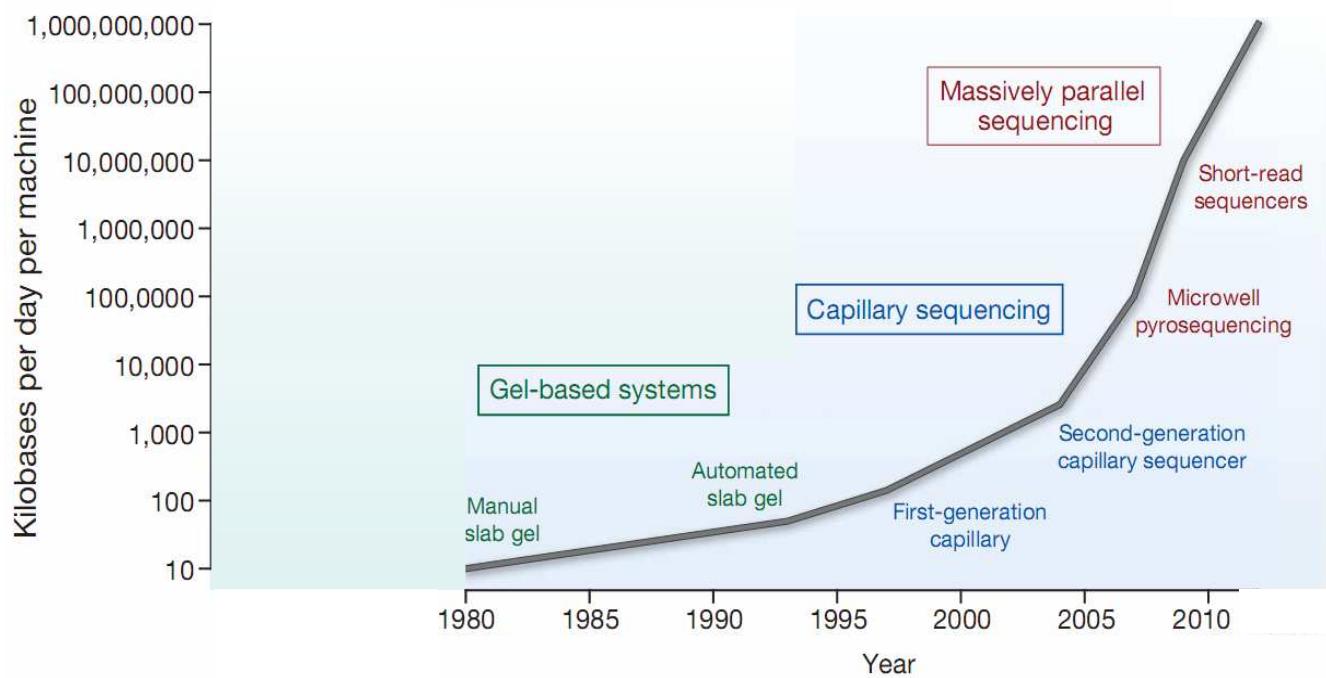
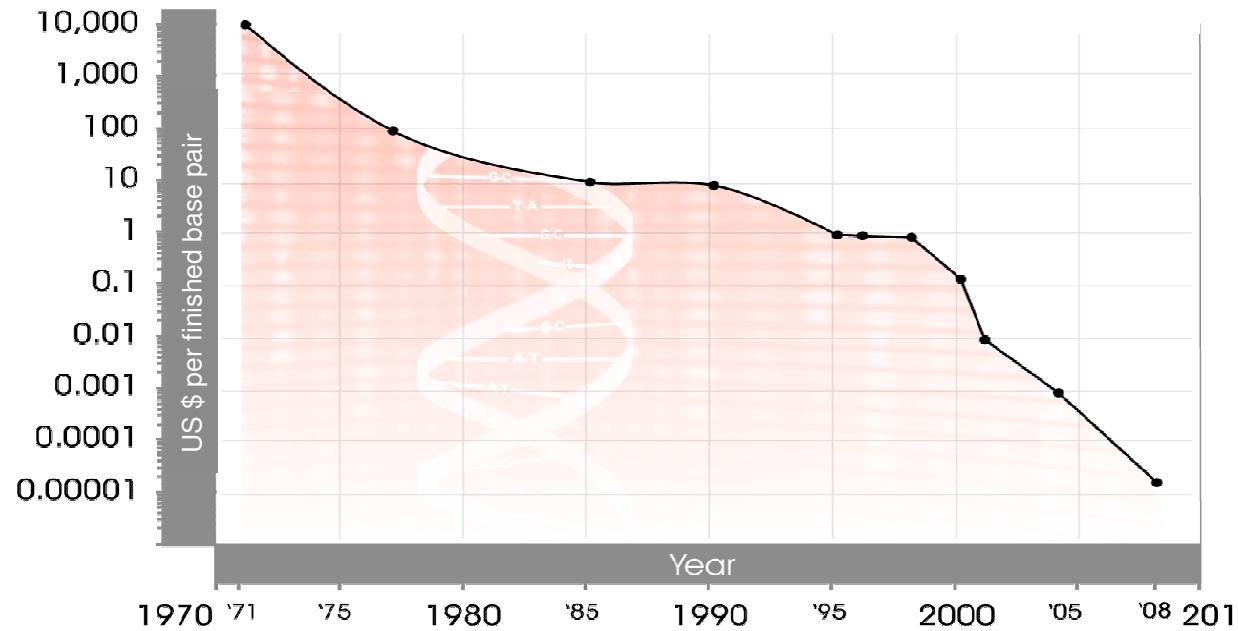
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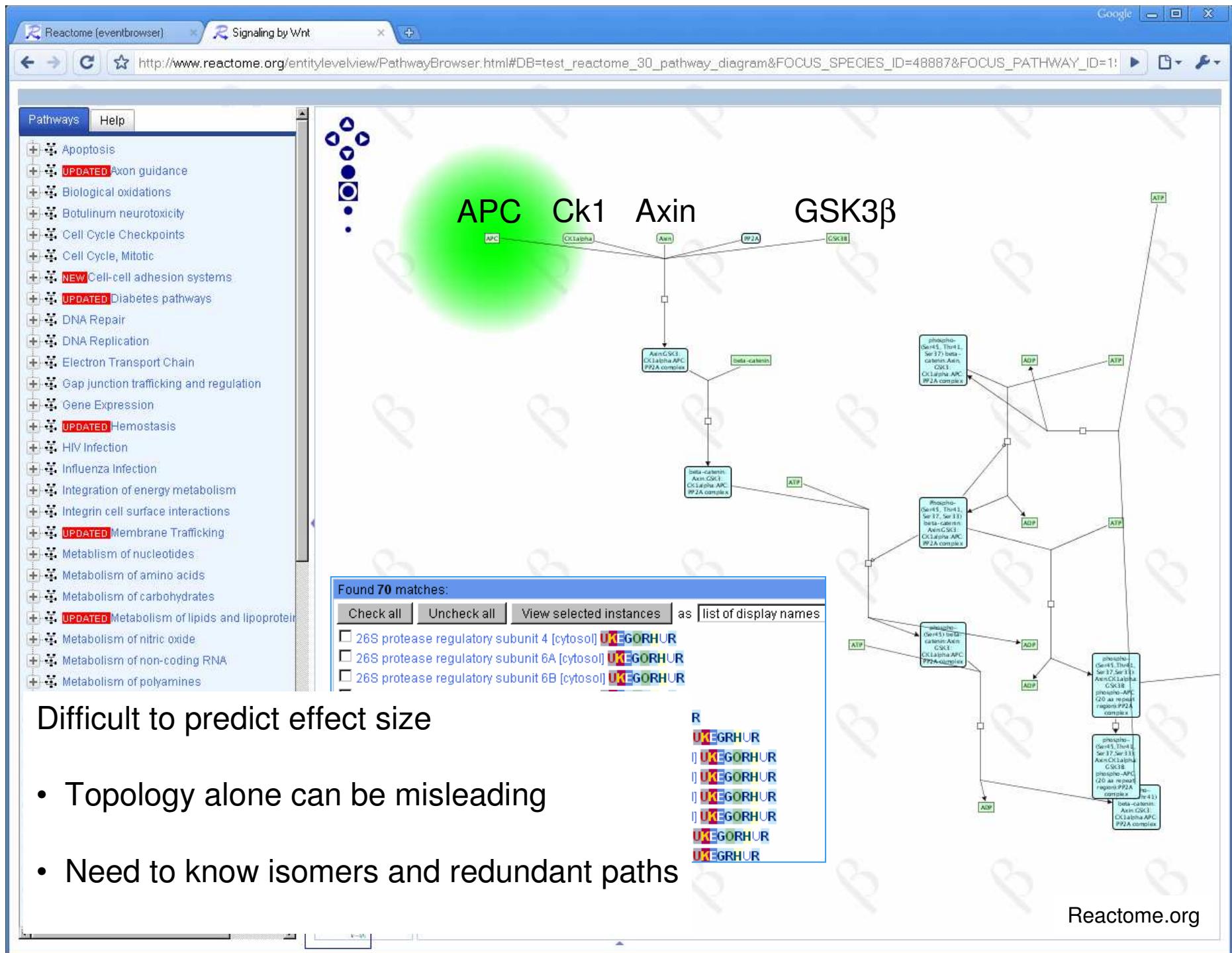


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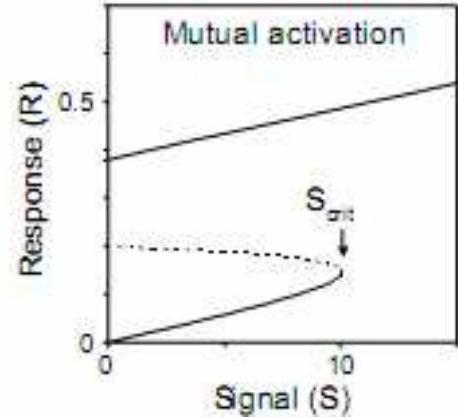
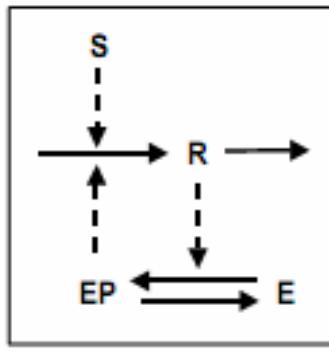
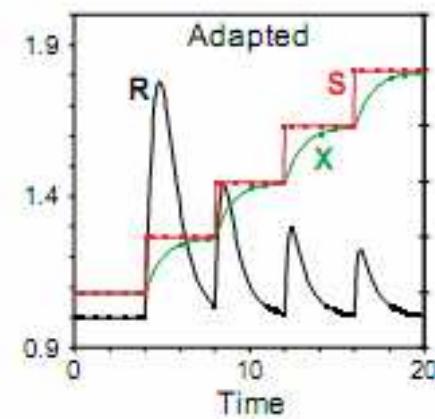
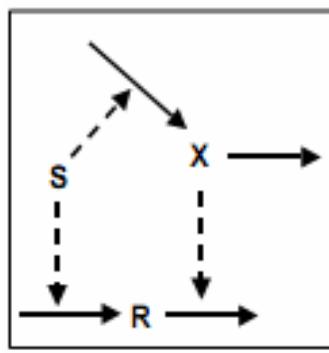
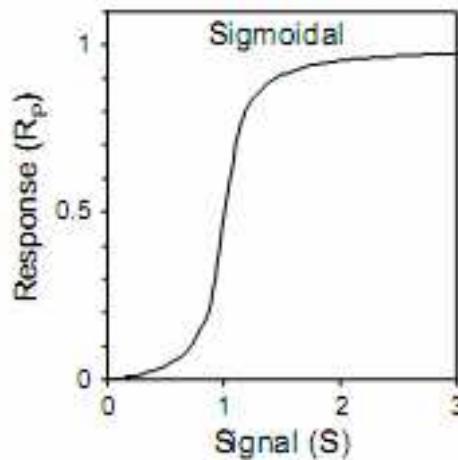
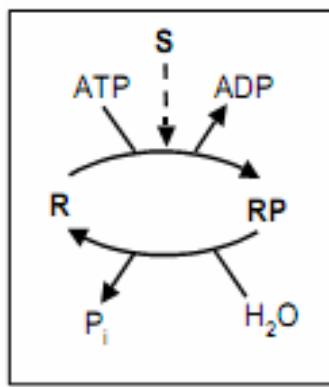
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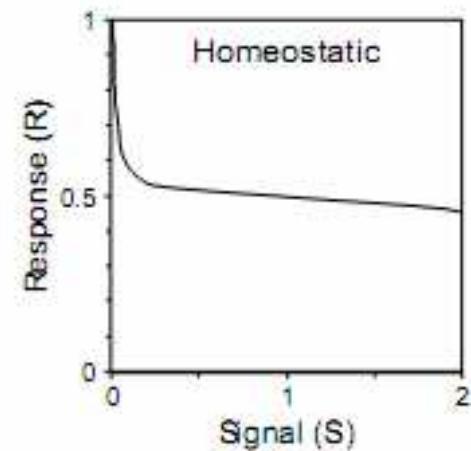
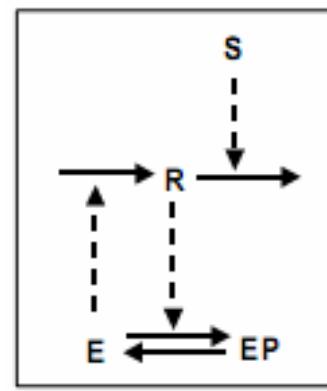
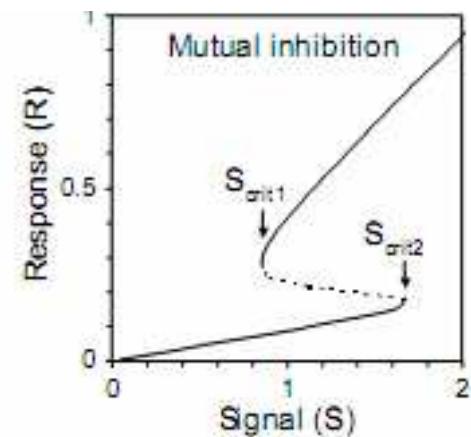
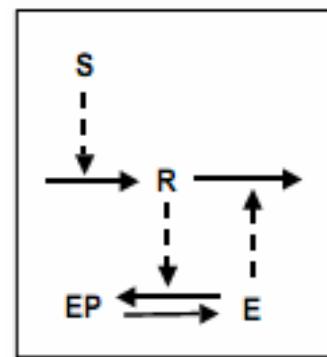


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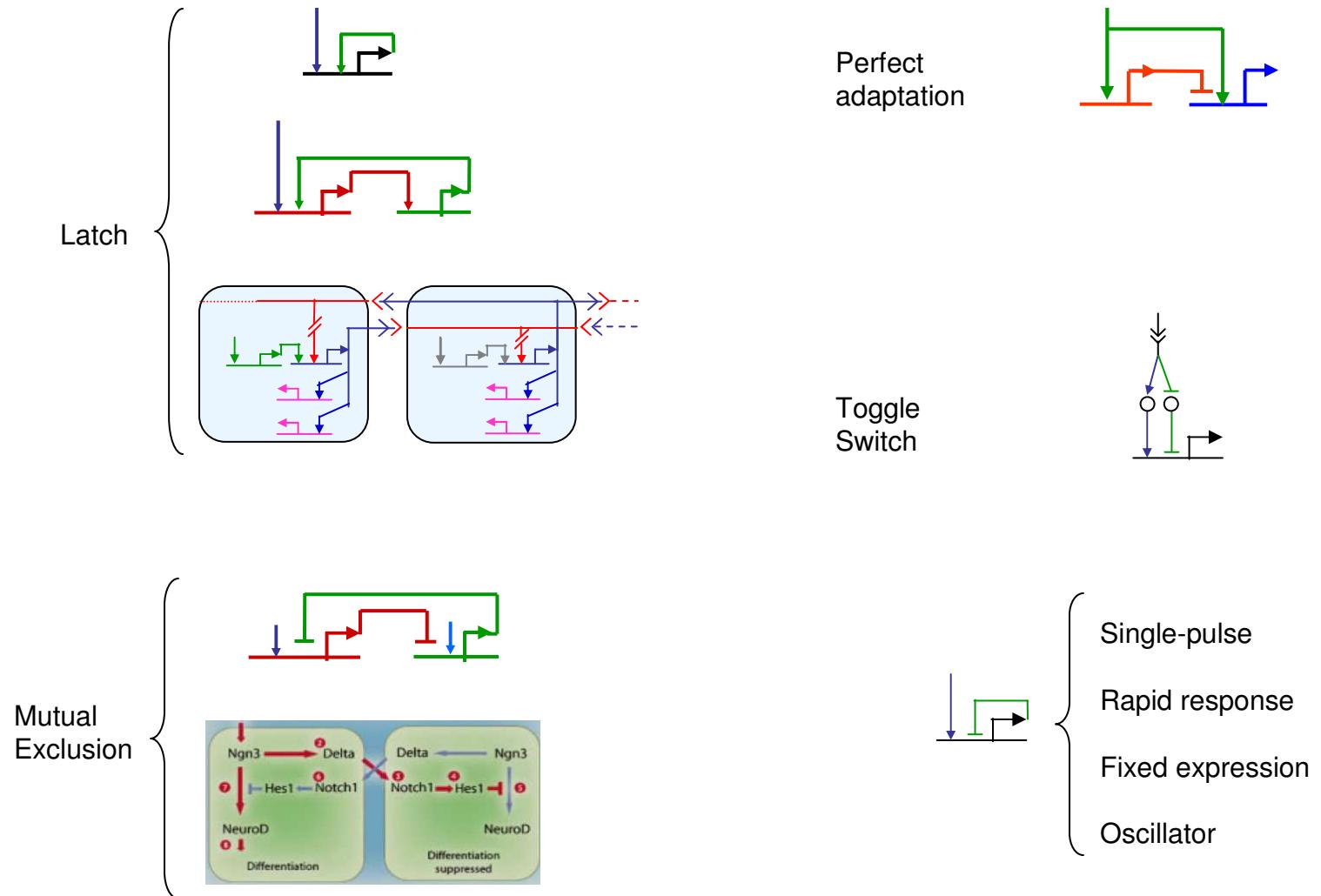
- Topology alone can be misleading
- Need to know isomers and redundant paths



## Pathway building blocks



# Gene regulatory building blocks



Bolouri & Davidson, BioEssays, 2002  
Longabaugh & Bolouri, Current Genomics, 2006

# DNA sequence variations affecting cellular signaling genes in two individuals

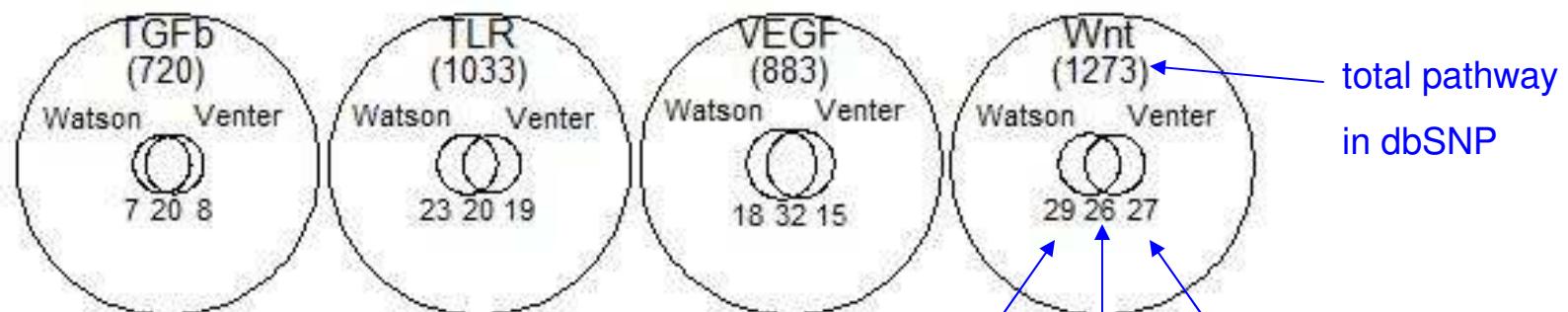
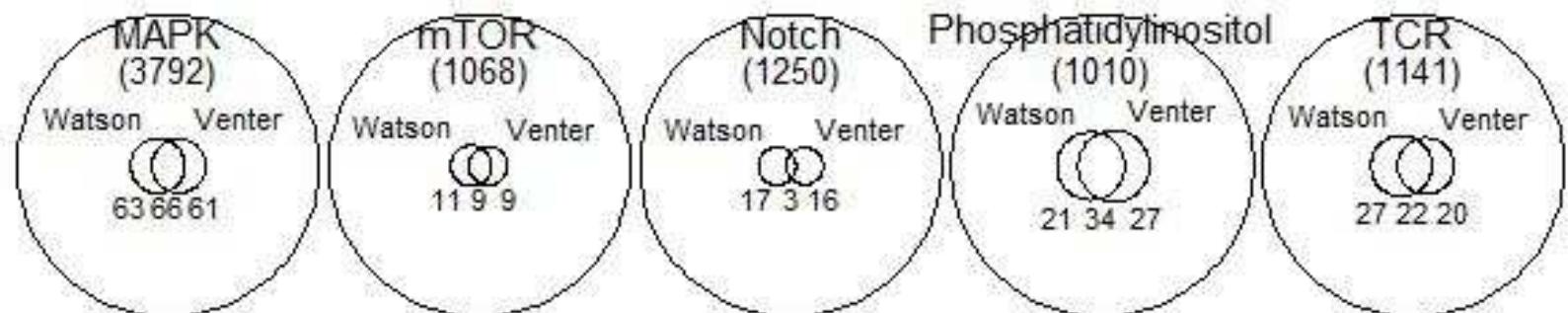
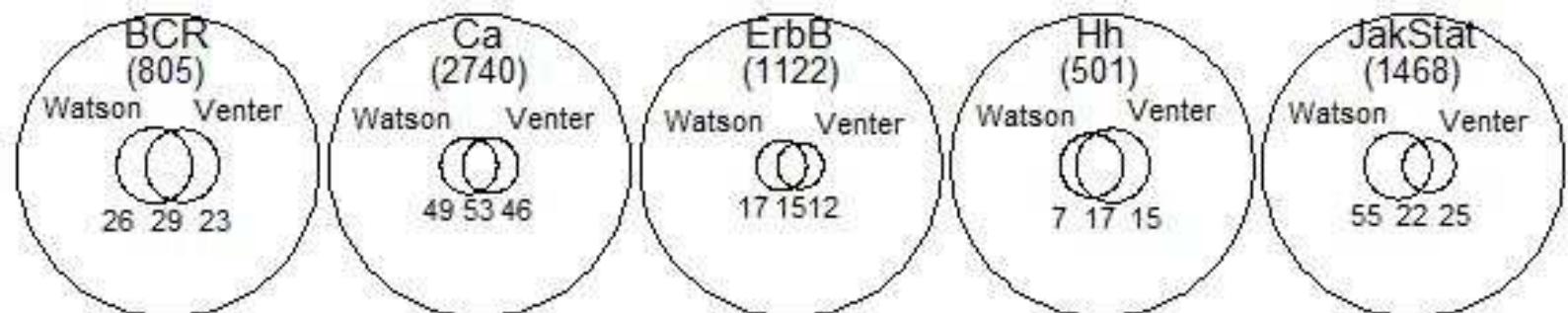
(W=Watson, V=Venter)

	frameshiftW	frameshiftV	nonsynonymousW	nonsynonymousV	UTR_W	UTR_V	splice_siteW	splice_siteV	No. genes
BCR	0	0	55	52	120	117	2	2	75
Ca	3	3	99	96	327	325	1	1	178
ErbB	3	3	29	24	161	187	0	1	87
Hh	0	0	24	32	74	83	1	3	56
JakStat	0	0	77	47	228	228	0	2	155
MAPK	1	0	128	127	436	451	9	3	269
mTOR	0	0	20	18	94	110	0	4	52
Notch	0	0	20	19	56	61	1	1	47
PI	0	0	55	61	159	175	0	0	76
TCR	0	0	49	42	153	163	1	0	108
TGFβ	0	0	27	28	85	139	0	1	87
TLR	0	0	43	39	126	139	12	8	101
VEGF	0	0	50	47	114	117	1	0	76
Wnt	0	2	55	51	279	246	1	2	163

## Abbreviations:

BCR=B-cell receptor, Ca=Calcium, ErbB=the v-erb-b2 erythroblastic leukemia viral oncogene family (Receptor Tyrosine Kinases), Hh=Hedgehog, PI=Phosphatidylinositol, TCR=T-cell receptor, TLR=Toll-like receptor.

## DNA sequence variations affecting cellular signaling genes in two individuals



total pathway entries  
in dbSNP

overlap

Watson total  
(non-synonymous + frameshift)

Venter total

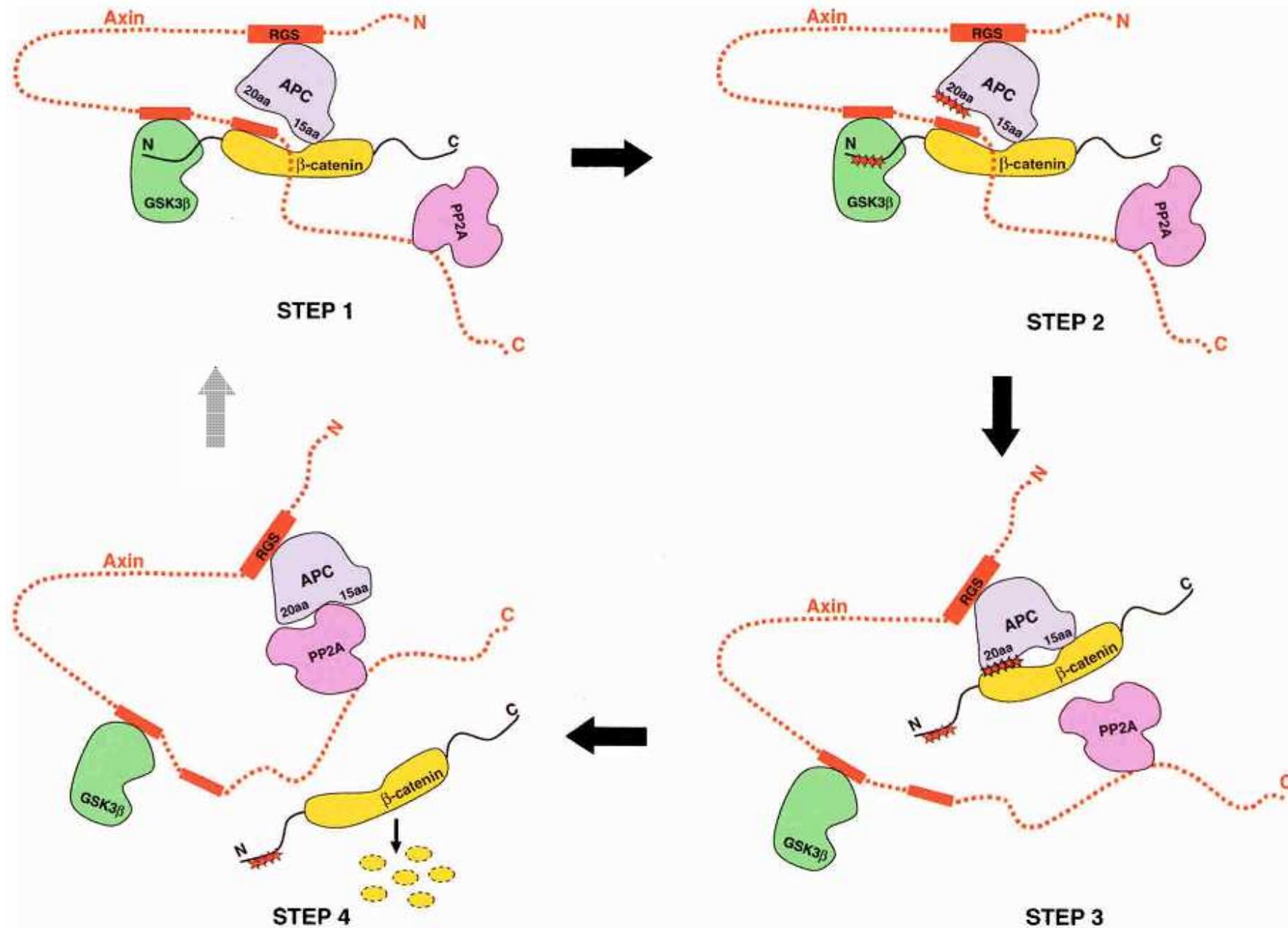
**Table 1. Human Diseases Associated with Mutations of the Wnt Signaling Components**

Gene	Function	Human Disease	References
PORCN	+ Wnt lipid modification/processing	LOF X-linked Focal dermal hypoplasia	Grzeschik et al., 2007; Wang et al., 2007
WNT3	+ Ligand for Wnt/β-catenin signaling	LOF tetra-amelia	Niemann et al., 2004
WNT4	+ Ligand for Wnt/β-catenin signaling	LOF Mullerian-duct regression and virilization	Biason-Lauber et al., 2004
WNT5B	+ Ligand for Wnt/β-catenin signaling	(?) type II diabetes	Kanazawa et al., 2004
WNT7A	+ Ligand for Wnt/β-catenin signaling	LOF Fuhrmann syndrome	Woods et al., 2006
WNT10A	+ Ligand for Wnt/β-catenin signaling	LOF odonto-onchyo-dermal hypoplasia	Adaimy et al., 2007
WNT10B	+ Ligand for Wnt/β-catenin signaling	LOF obesity	Christodoulides et al., 2006
RSPO1	+ Wnt agonist	LOF XX sex reversal with palmoplantar hyperkeratosis	Parma et al., 2006
RSPO4	+ Wnt agonist	LOF autosomal recessive anonychia and hyponychia congenita	Bergmann et al., 2006; Blaydon et al., 2006
SOST	- LRP5/6 antagonist predominantly expressed in osteocytes	LOF high bone mass, sclerosteosis, Van Buchem disease	Balemans et al., 2001; Balemans et al., 2002; Brunkow et al., 2001
Norrin (NDP)	+ Specific ligand for FZD4 and LRP5 during eye development	LOF familial exudative vitreoretinopathy	Xu et al., 2004
LRP5	+ Wnt coreceptor	GOF hyperparathyroid tumors (alt. splicing), GOF high bone mass, LOF osteoporosis-pseudoglioma, LOF FEVR eye vascular defects	Bjorklund et al., 2007; Boyden et al., 2002; Gong et al., 2001; Little et al., 2002; Toomes et al., 2004
LRP6	+ Wnt coreceptor	LOF early coronary disease and osteoporosis	Mani et al., 2007
FZD4	+ Wnt receptor	LOF familial exudative vitreoretinopathy	Robitaille et al., 2002
Axin1	- facilitates β-catenin degradation; acts as a tumor suppressor	LOF caudal duplication, cancer	Oates et al., 2006; Satoh et al., 2000
Axin2	- facilitates β-catenin degradation; acts as a tumor suppressor	LOF tooth agenesis, cancer	Lammi et al., 2004; Liu et al., 2000
APC	- facilitates β-catenin degradation; acts as a tumor suppressor	LOF familial adenomatous polyposis, cancer	Kinzler et al., 1991; Nishisho et al., 1991
WTX	- facilitates β-catenin degradation; acts as a tumor suppressor	LOF Wilms tumor	Major et al., 2007; Rivera et al., 2007
β-catenin (CTNNB1)	+ primary Wnt effector; acts as an oncogene	GOF cancer	Korinek et al., 1997; Morin et al., 1997
TCF4 (TCF7L2)	+ β-catenin transcriptional partner	(?) type II diabetes	Florez et al., 2006; Grant et al., 2006

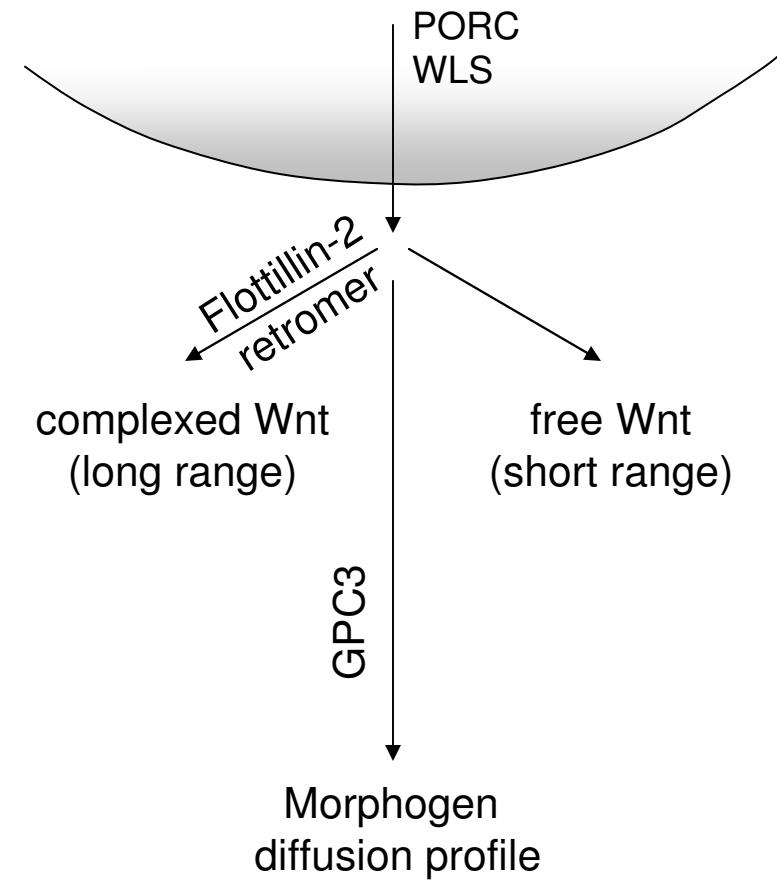
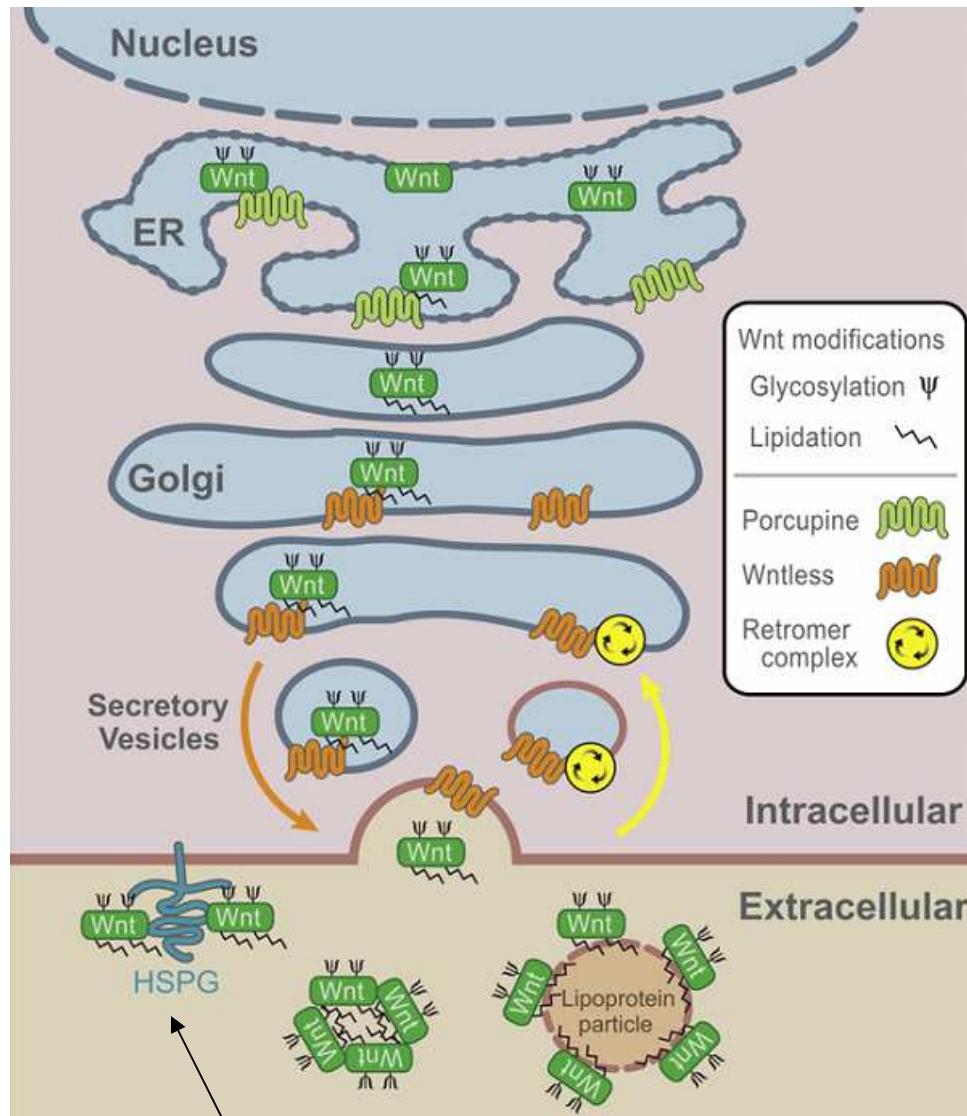
▼ signal lost

▲ signal gained

## In the absence of Wnt, $\beta$ -catenin is degraded auto-catalytically

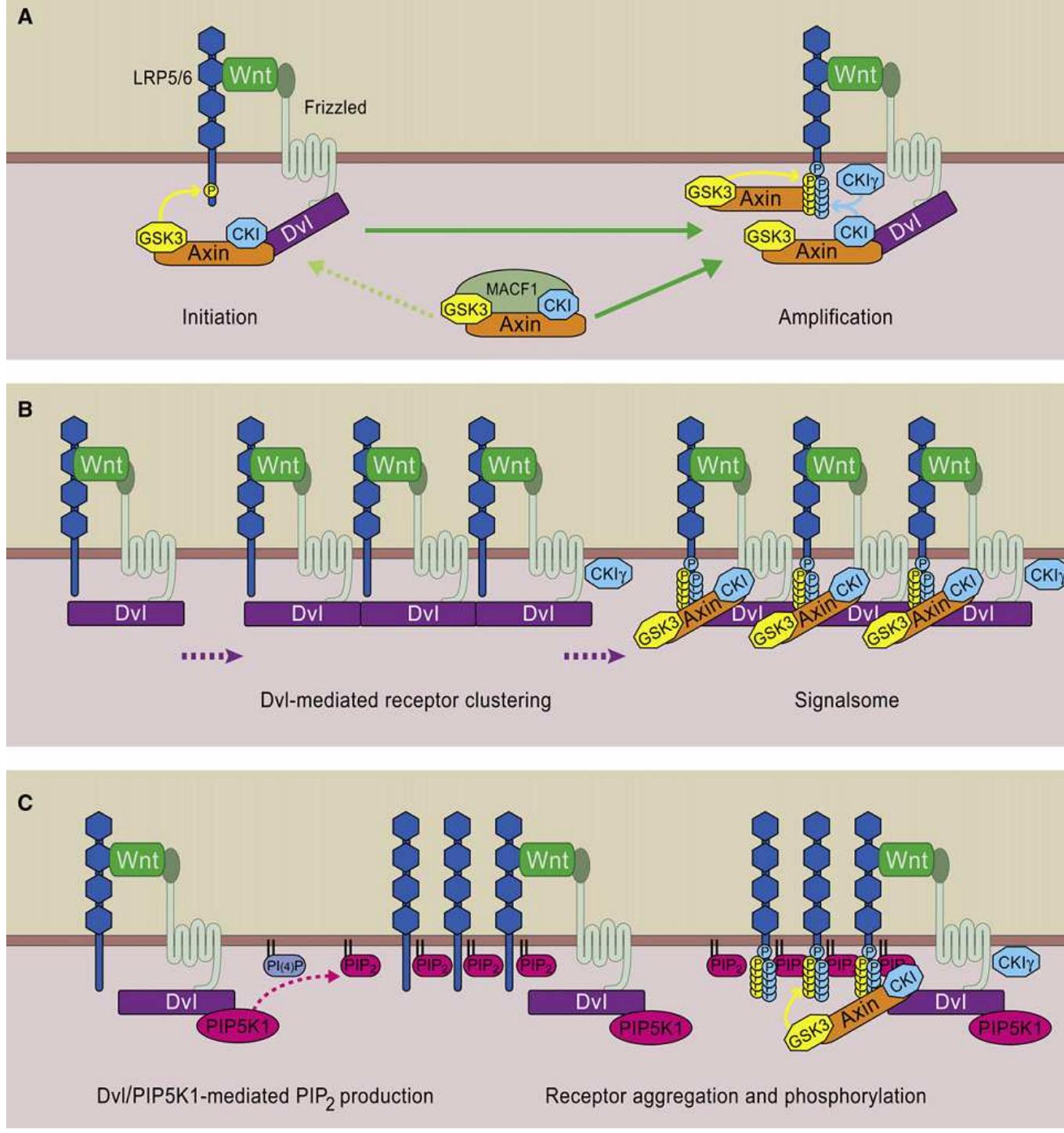


# Wnt ligand processing and secretion



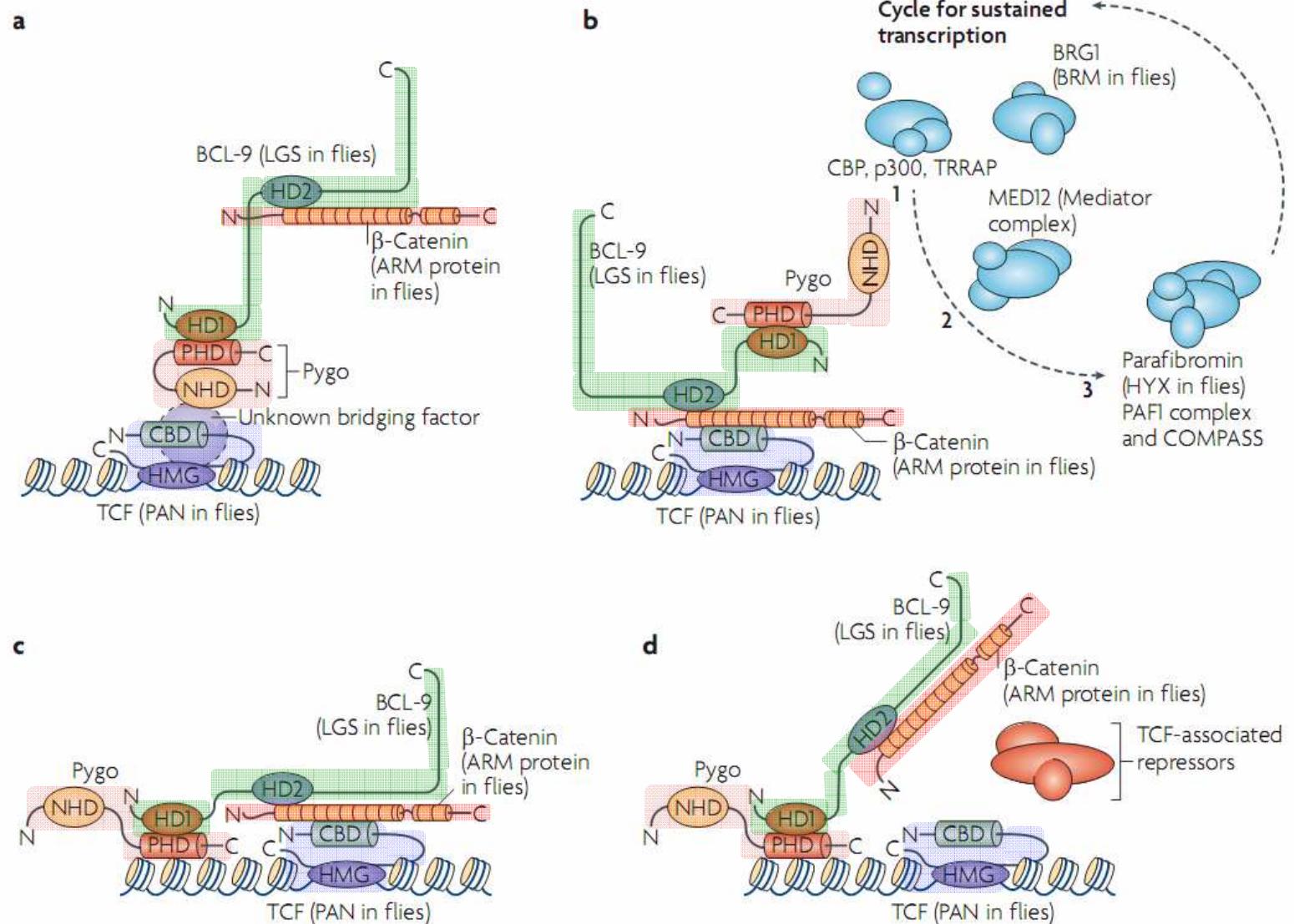
heparan sulfate proteoglycans:  
GPC3

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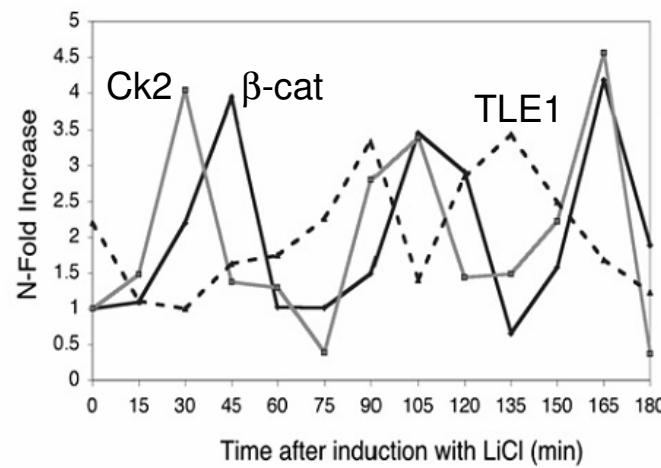
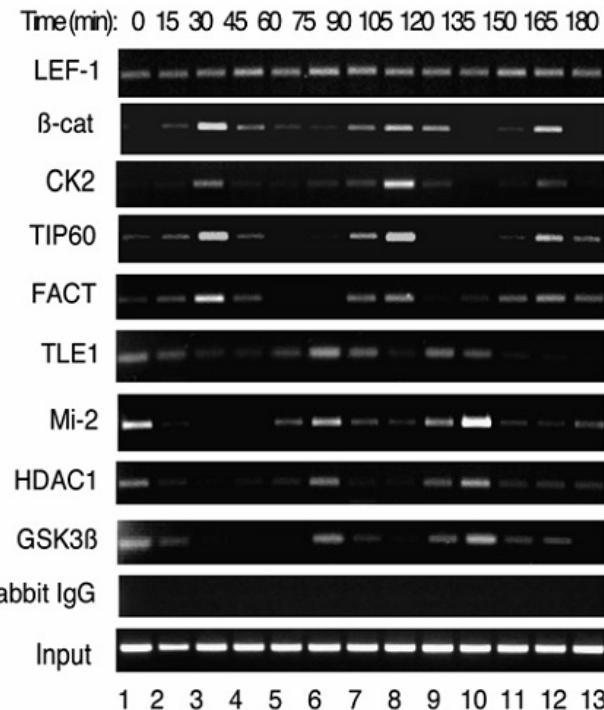
Bryan T. MacDonald,<sup>1</sup> Keiko Tamai,<sup>2</sup> and Xi He  
*Developmental Cell* 17, July 21, 2009

# In the nucleus



# Oscillations in C2C12 mouse myoblast nuclei

## c-Myc Enhancer



## SNPs and potential environmental factors impacting Craig Venter's genome

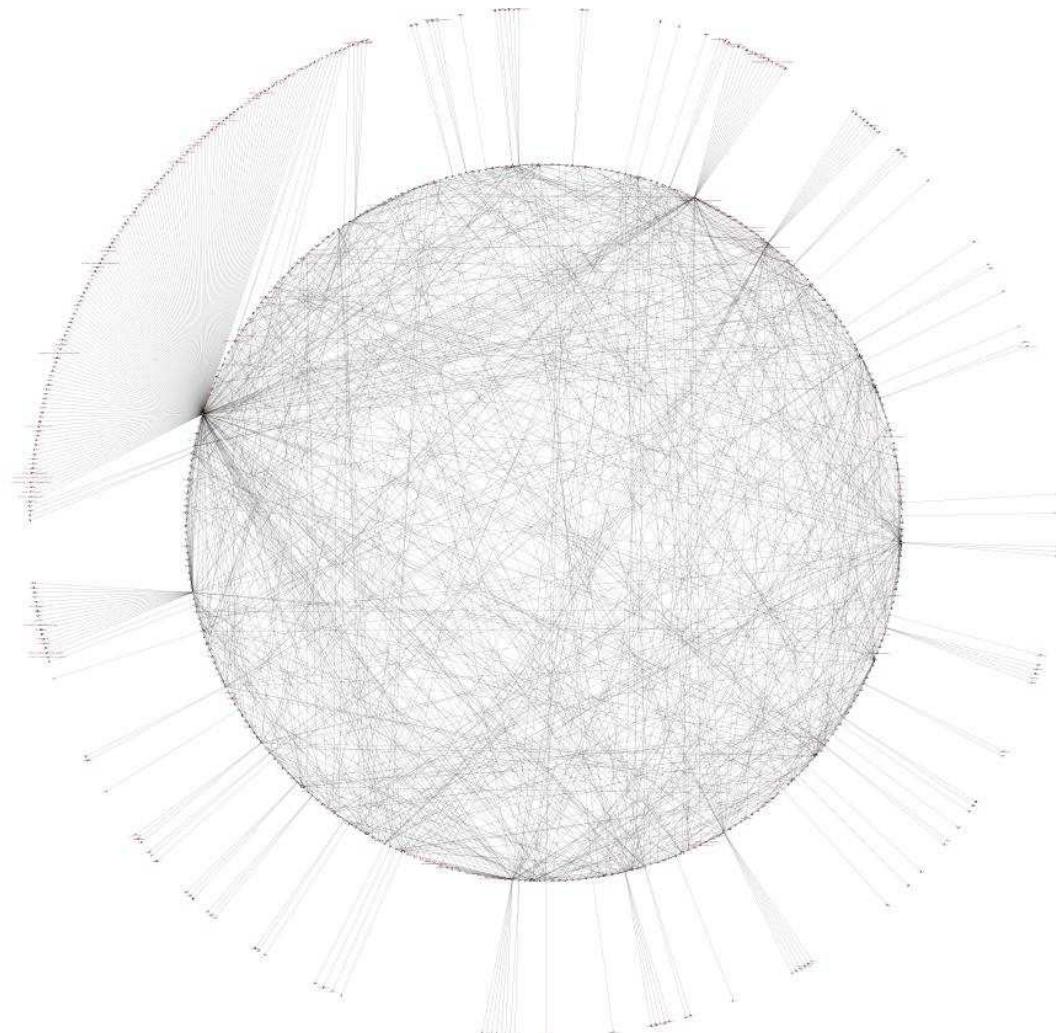
- ns      non synonymous protein coding SNP
- p      SNP in PreMod predicted cis-regulatory module  
[\(http://genomequebec.mcgill.ca/PReMod/\)](http://genomequebec.mcgill.ca/PReMod/)
- sp      splice site SNP
- fs      frame shift indel

# TCD lists 2896 interactions affecting 151 out of 165 of Wnt-pathway genes

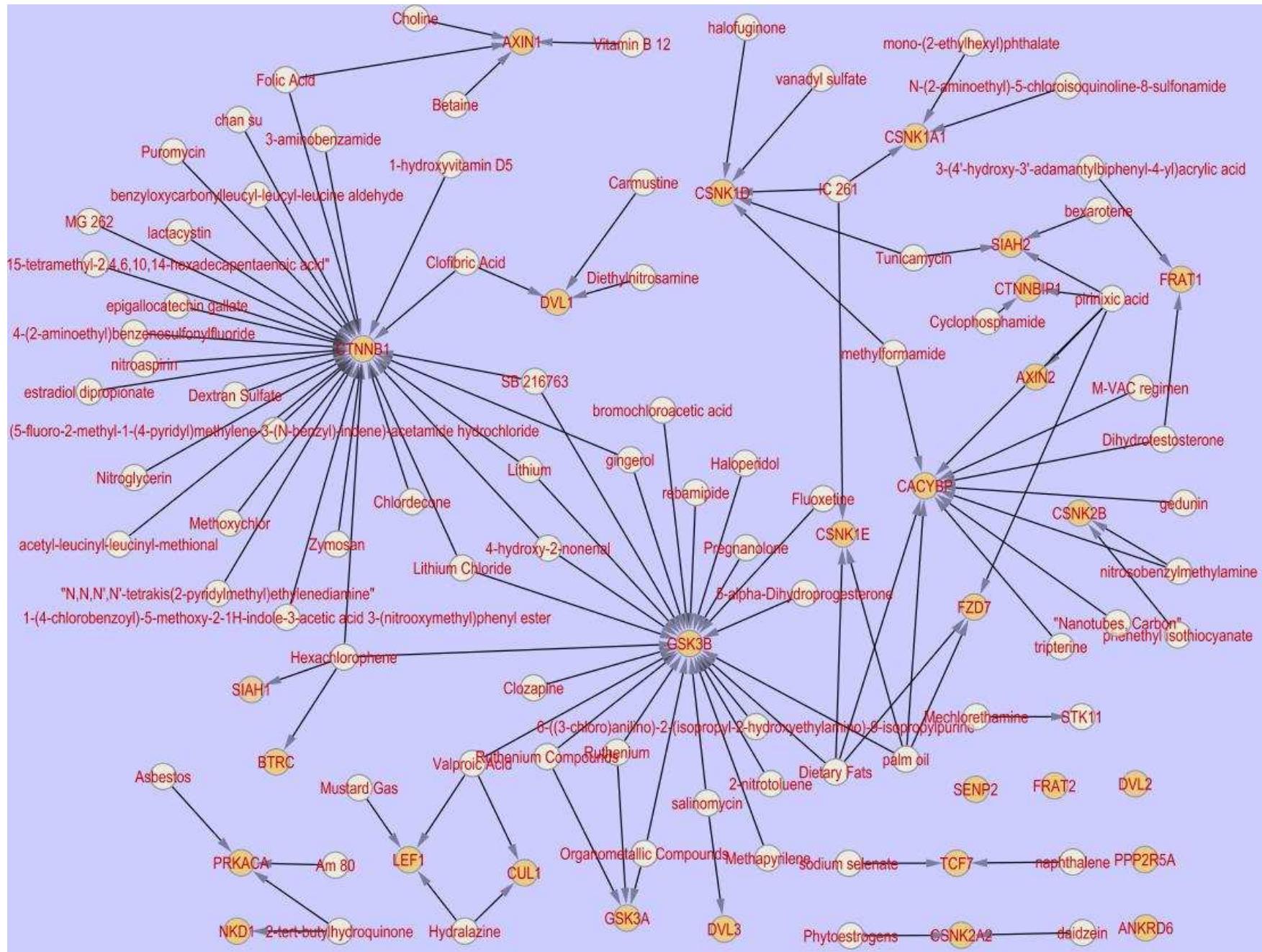
(395 substances affect Akt1 expression. The graph below excludes Akt1 and the substances that affect it & other genes.)

Of 165 Wnt-pathway associated genes,  
only 14 have no associations in TCD:

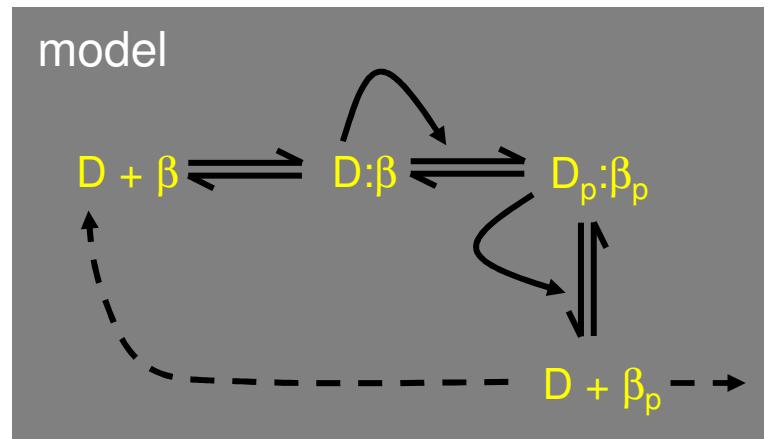
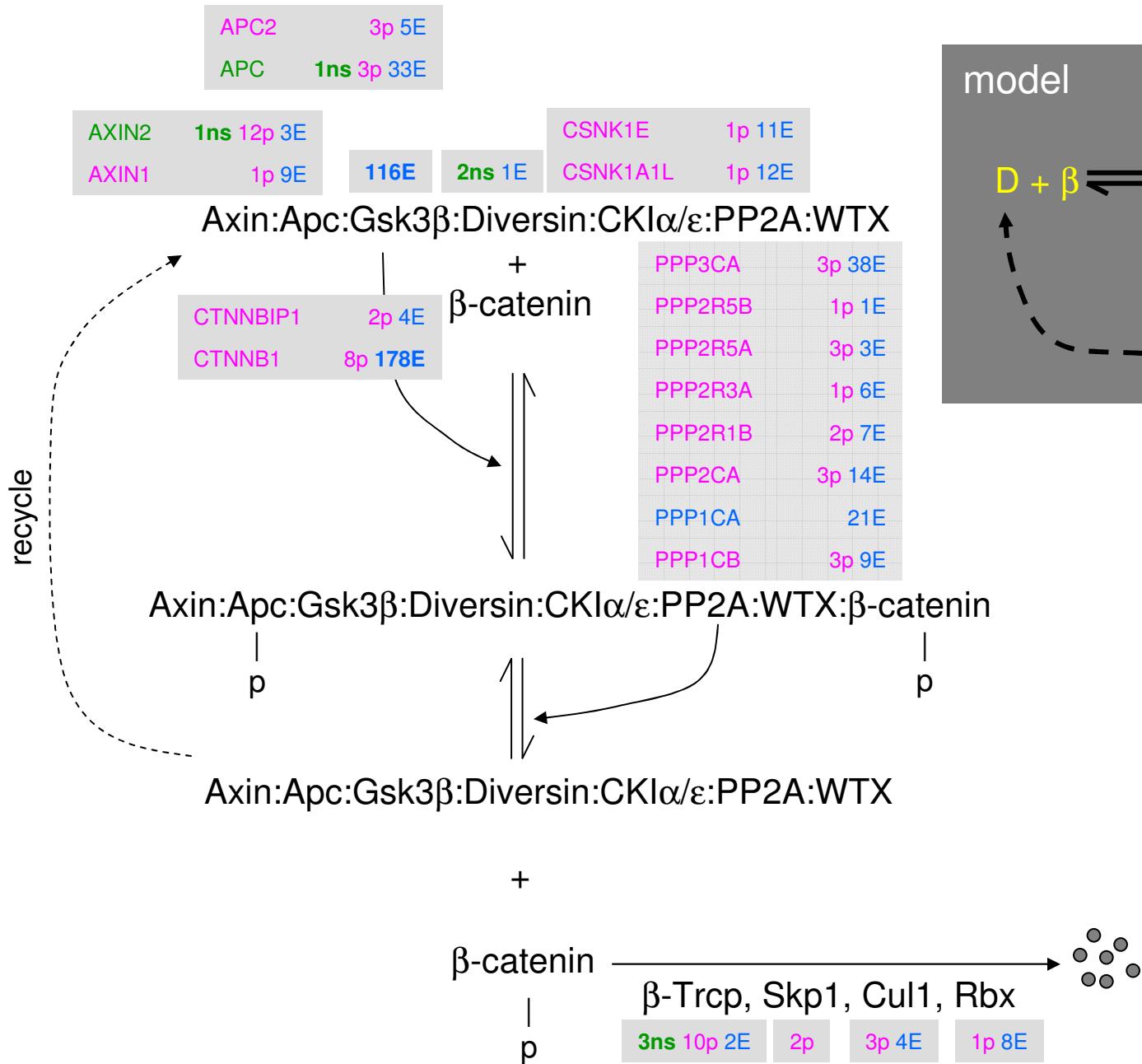
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- shisa2
- shisa3
- shisa6
- shisa7
- shisa8
- shisa9
- skp1
- trappc5
- trappc6b
- wls
- wnt8a
- wnt8b
- wnt9b



# Wnt pathway targets of environmental exposures (CTD Wnt genes ≡ KEGG+Reactome)

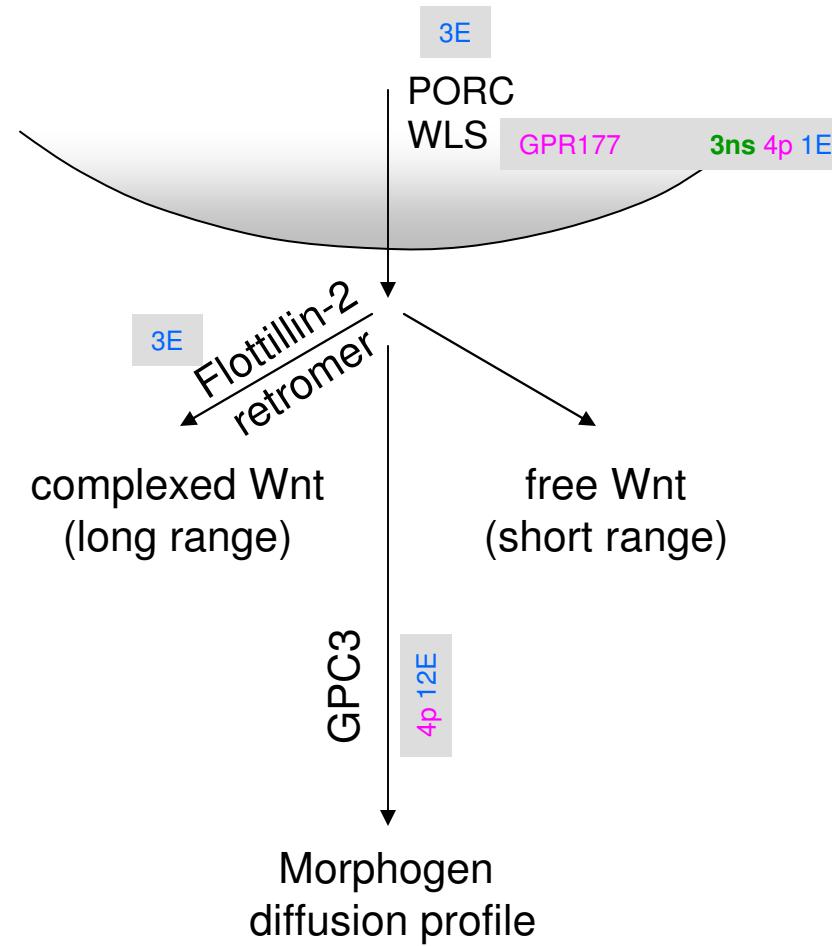


## No Wnt signaling: $\beta$ -catenin degradation

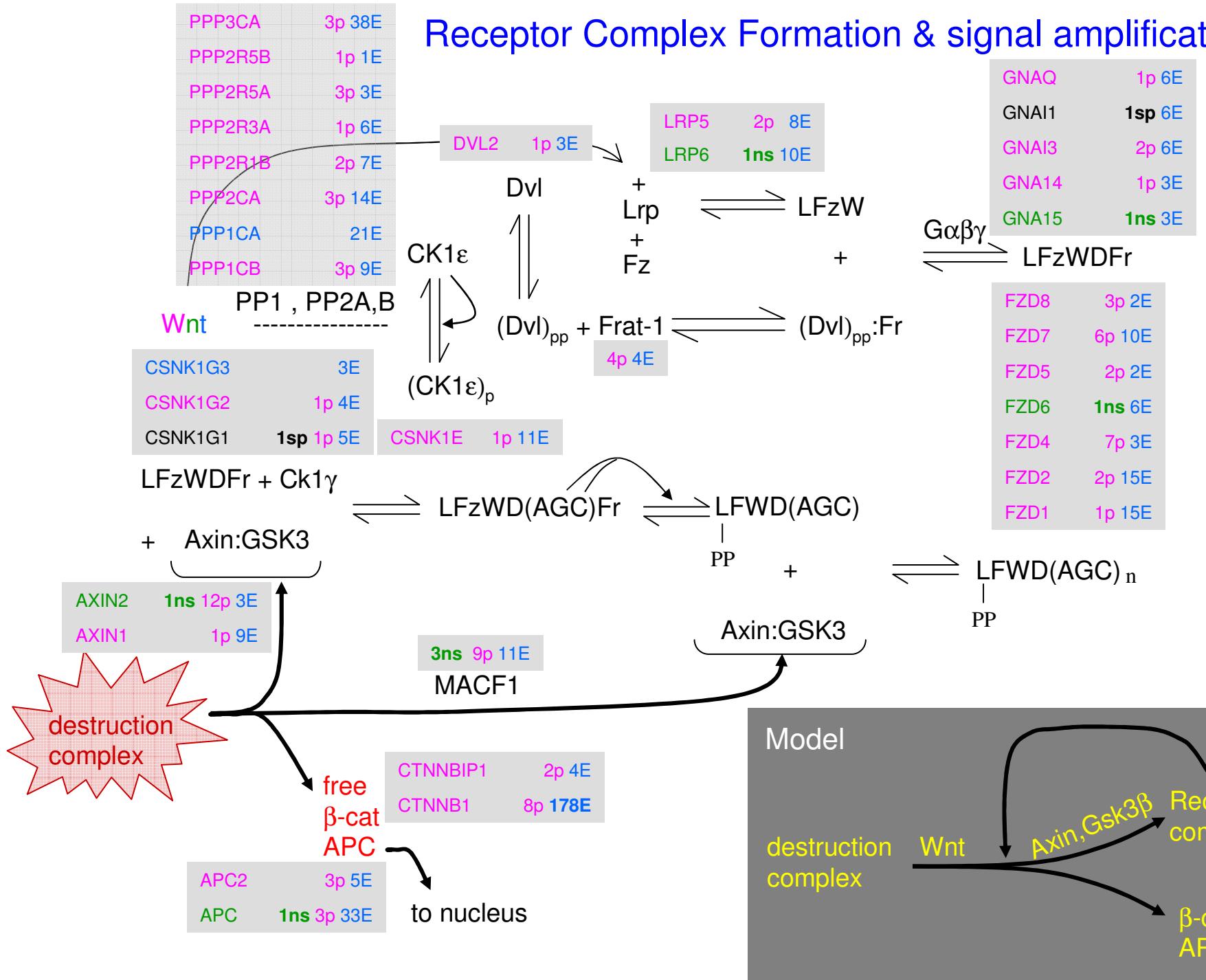


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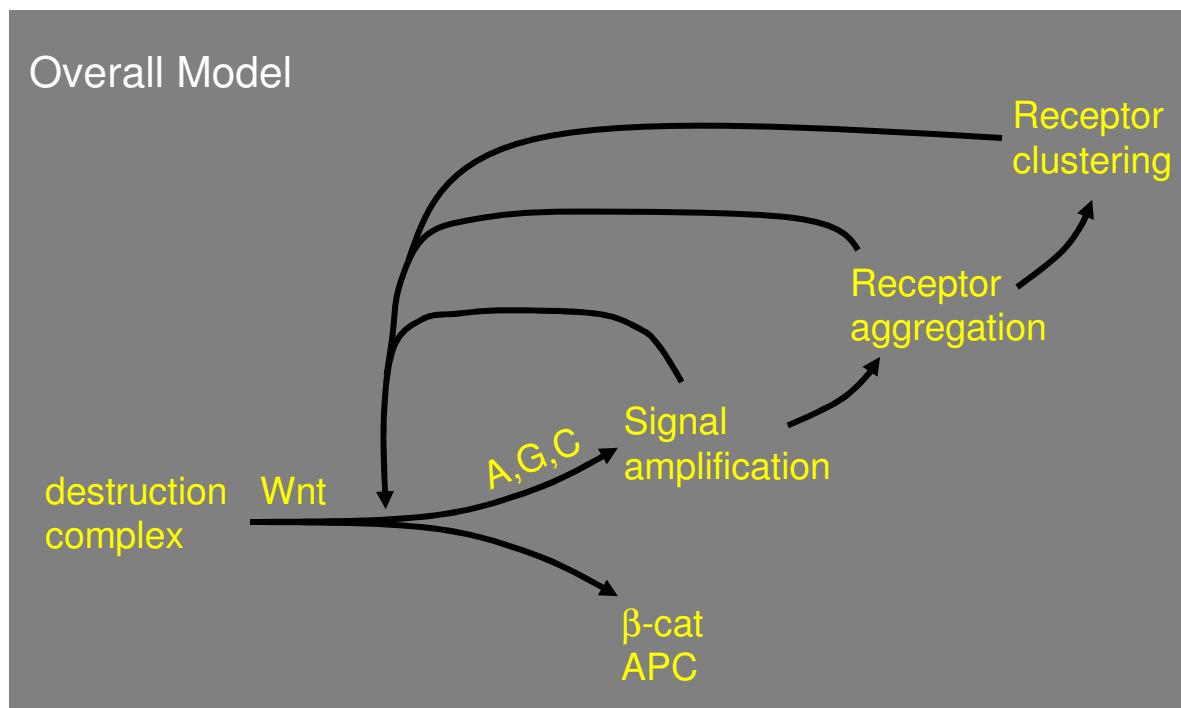
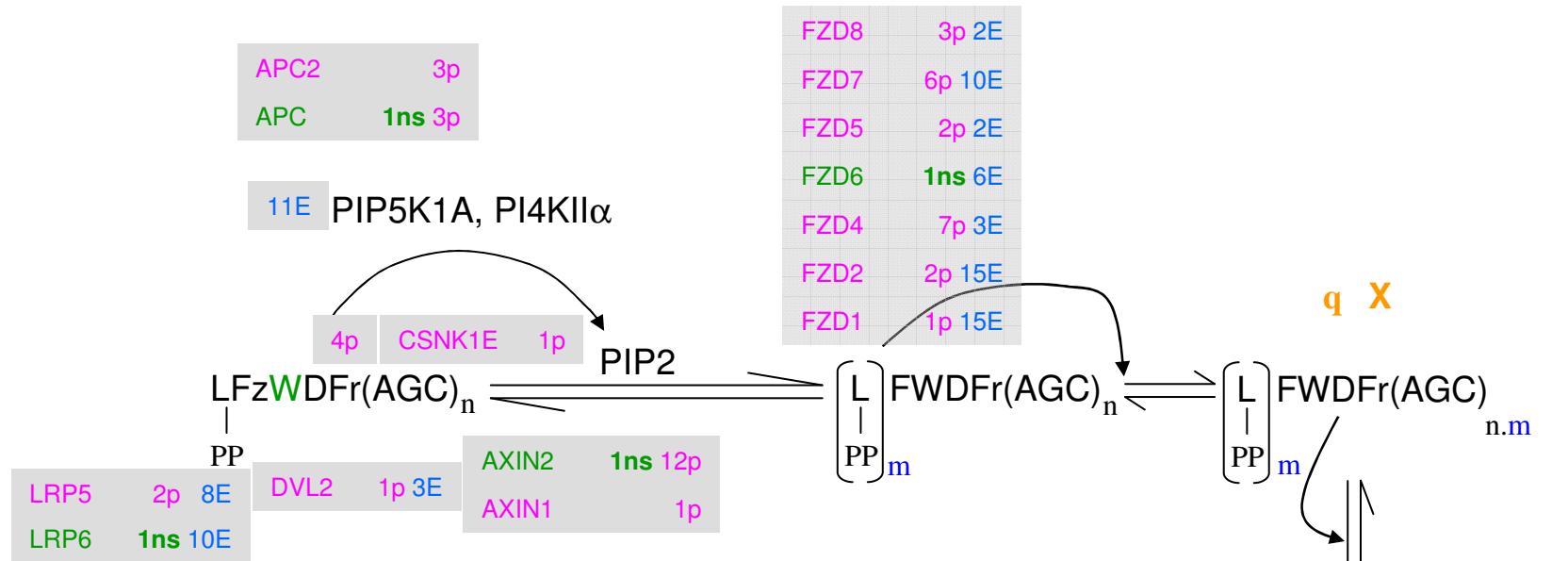
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WNT9B	1ns
WNT8B	1p
WNT7A	20E
WNT7B	8E
WNT6	1E
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WNT5A	10p 26E
WNT4	1sp 1ns 1p 15E
WNT3	1p 1E
WNT3A	6E
WNT2	9p 12E
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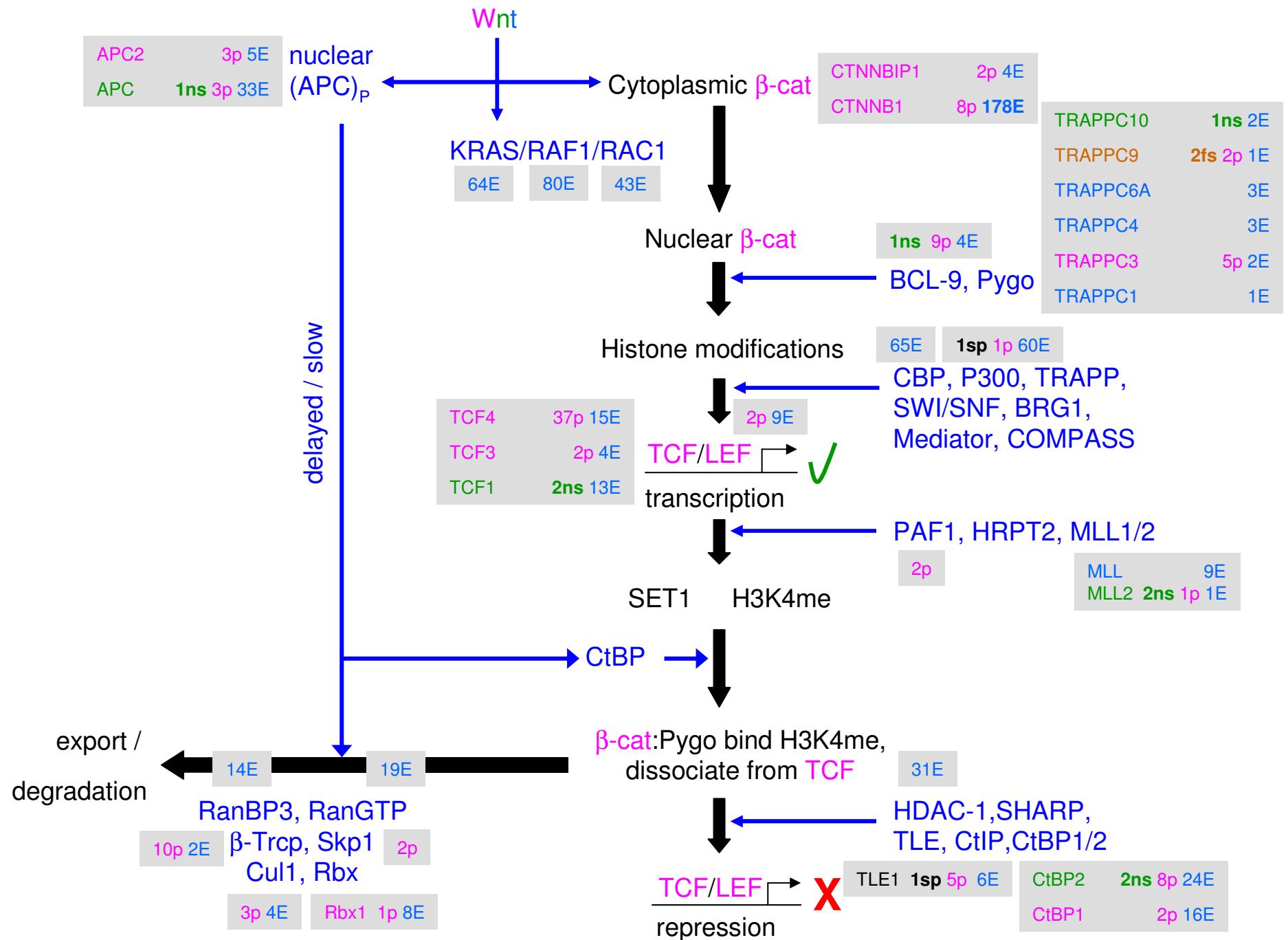


# Receptor Complex Formation & signal amplification



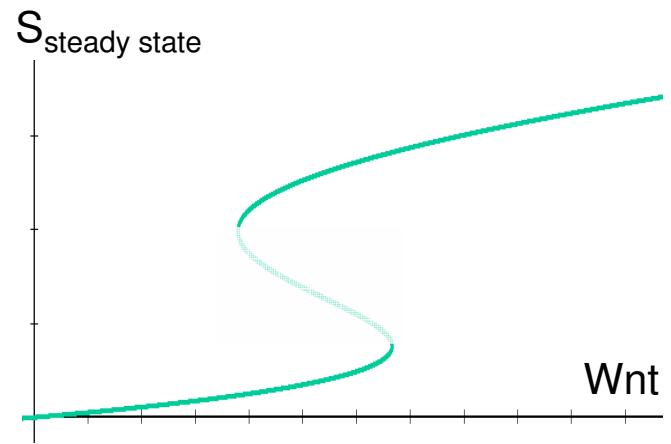
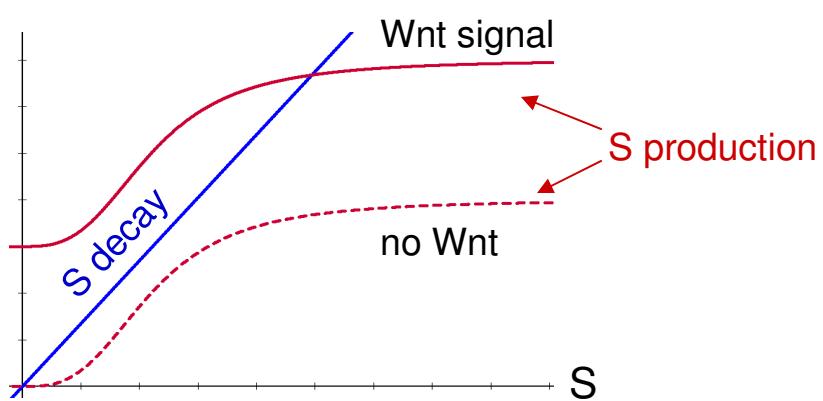
## Wnt signaling – (2) Receptor Aggregation & Clustering





$S$  = total signalosome activity

$$S' = \left( k_1 \cdot Wnt + \frac{k_s \cdot S^H}{K_{MS} + S^H} \right) - k_{ds} \cdot S$$



Let  $A$  = membrane-bound Axin

$A_T$  = total Axin

$A_{\text{destruction complex}} = A_T - A$

$B$  = free  $\beta$ -catenin

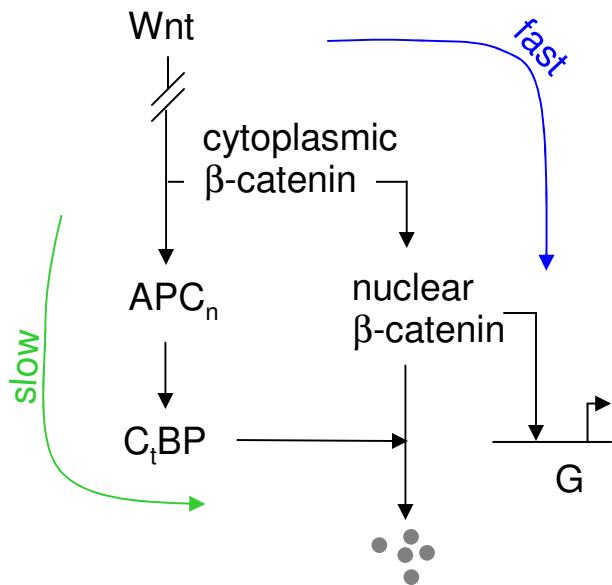
$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} A' = \left( k_W \cdot \frac{Wnt}{1 + Wnt} + \frac{k_A \cdot A^H}{K_{MA} + A^H} \right) - k_{dA} \cdot A \\ B' = k_{B1} - k_{B2} \cdot (A_T - A) \cdot B - k_{B3} \cdot B \end{array} \right.$$

At steady state:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{Wnt}{1 + Wnt} = \frac{k_{dA}}{k_W} \cdot A - \frac{\left( \frac{k_A}{k_W} \right) \cdot A^H}{K_{MA} + A^H} \quad A = f(Wnt) \\ B = \frac{k_{B1}}{k_{B2} \cdot (A_T - A) + k_{B3}} \quad B = f(A) = f(Wnt) \end{array} \right.$$

( $A \leq A_T$ )

## Model for nuclear events following Wnt signaling

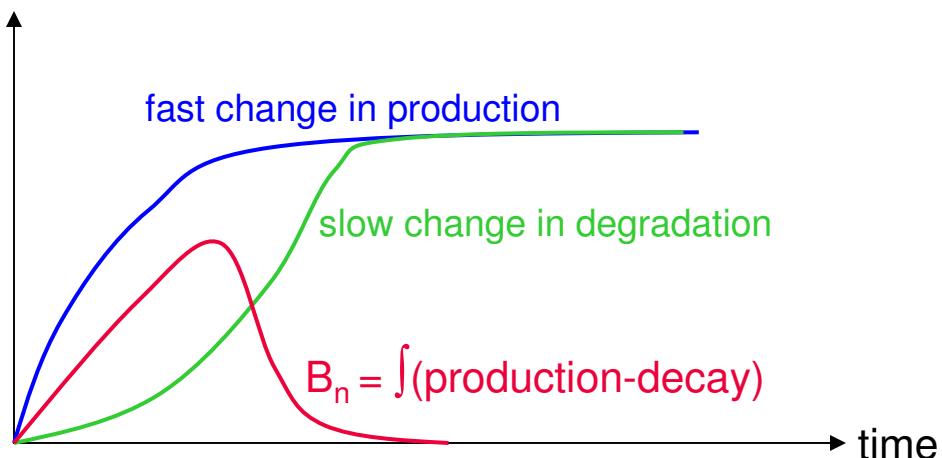


$$\dot{B}_n = k_{n1} \cdot B - k_{n2} \cdot (k_{nc} \cdot C_t + 1) \cdot B_n$$

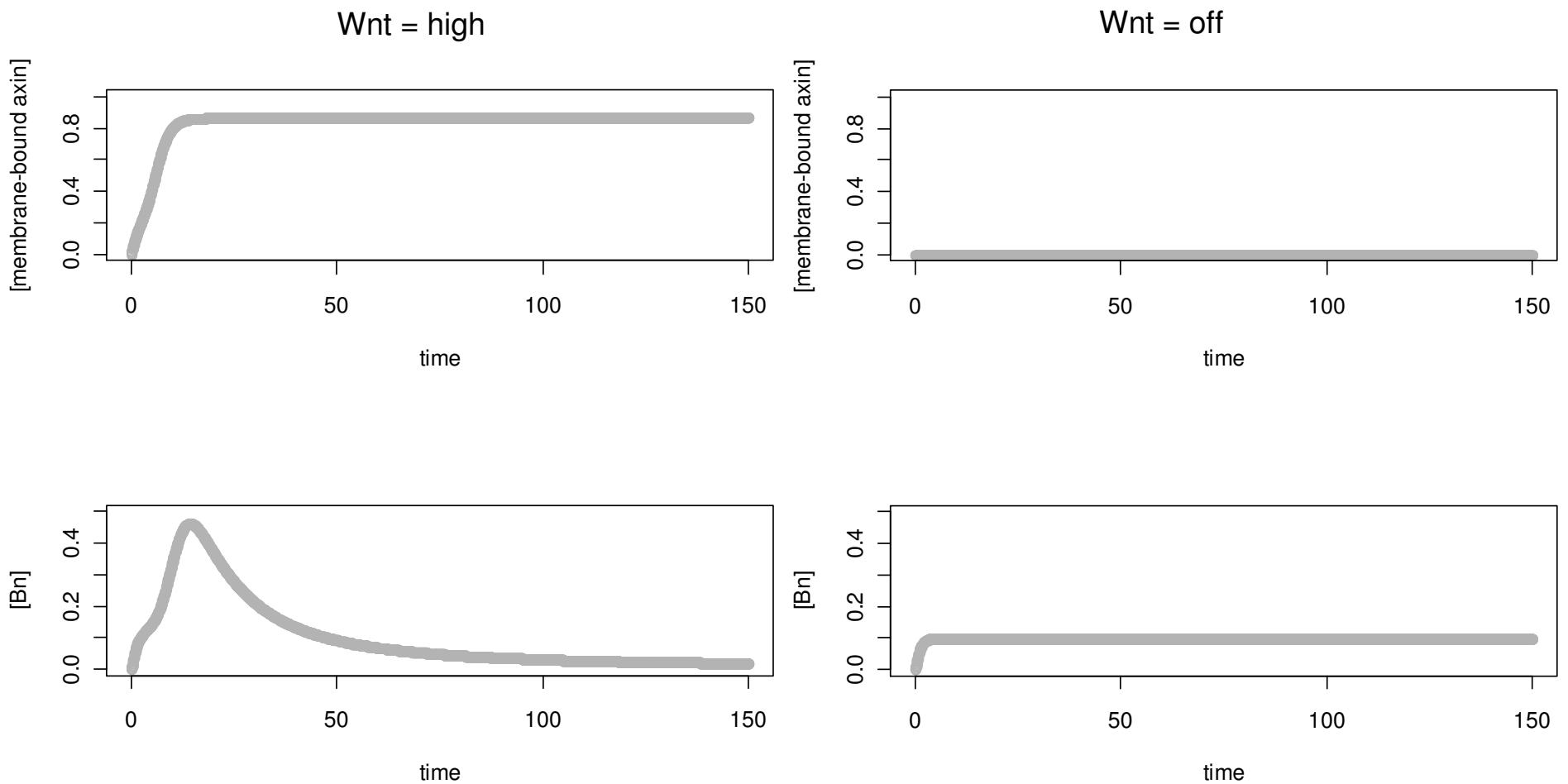
$$\dot{A}_p = k_{p1} \cdot A - k_{p2} \cdot A_p$$

$$\dot{C}_t = k_{p1} \cdot A_p - k_{p2} \cdot C_t$$

$$k_{p1}, k_{p2} < k_{n1}, k_{n2}, k_{nc}$$

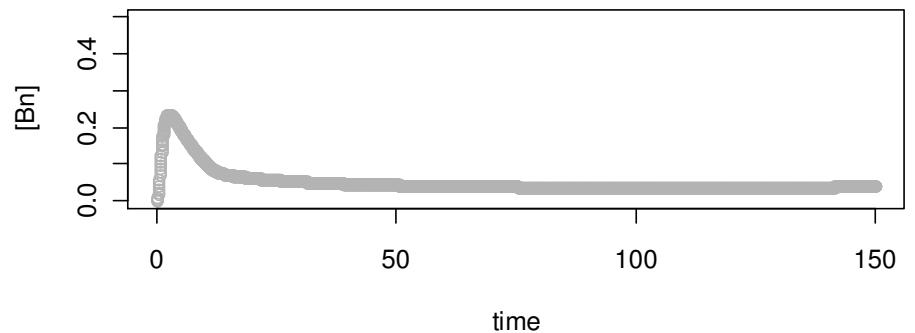
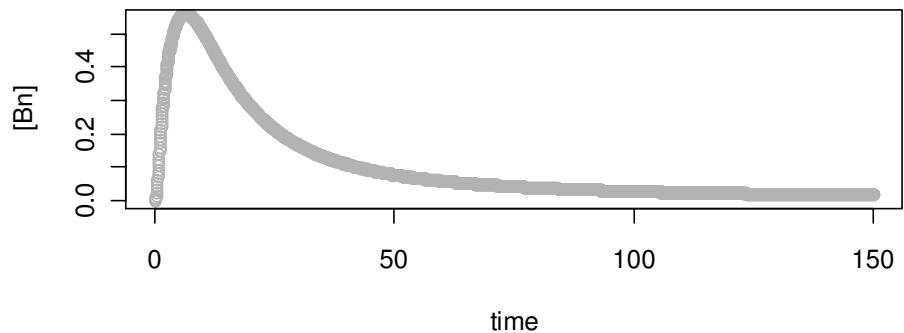
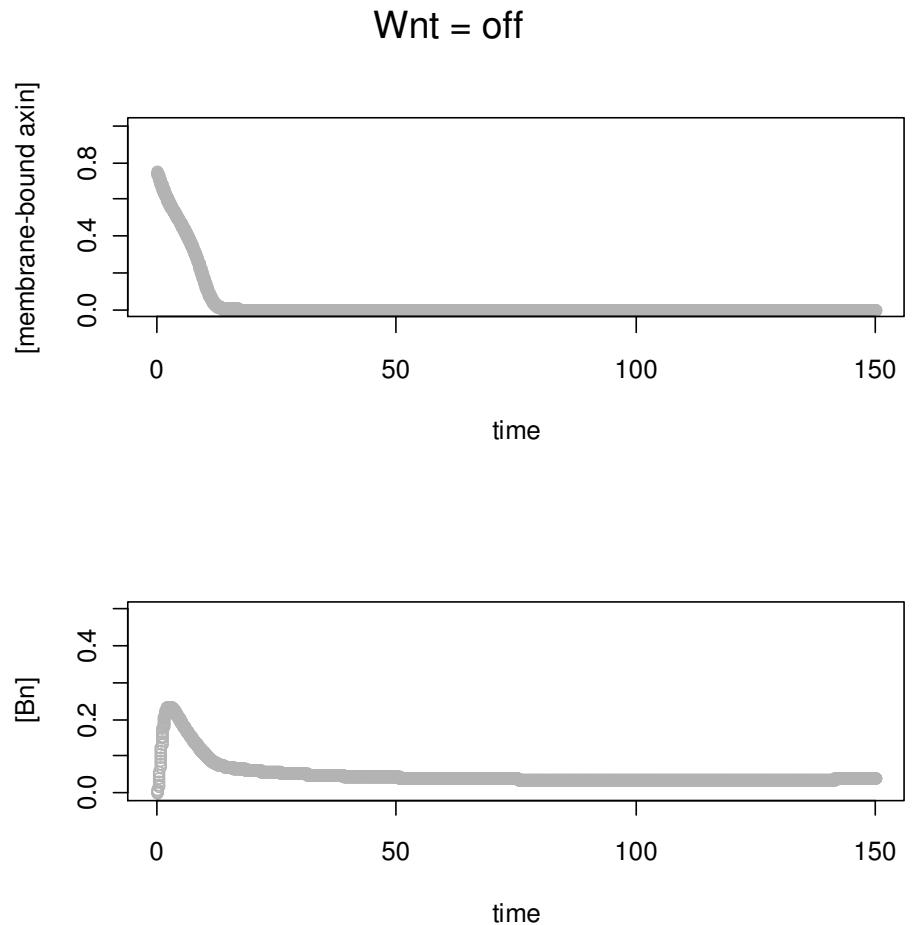
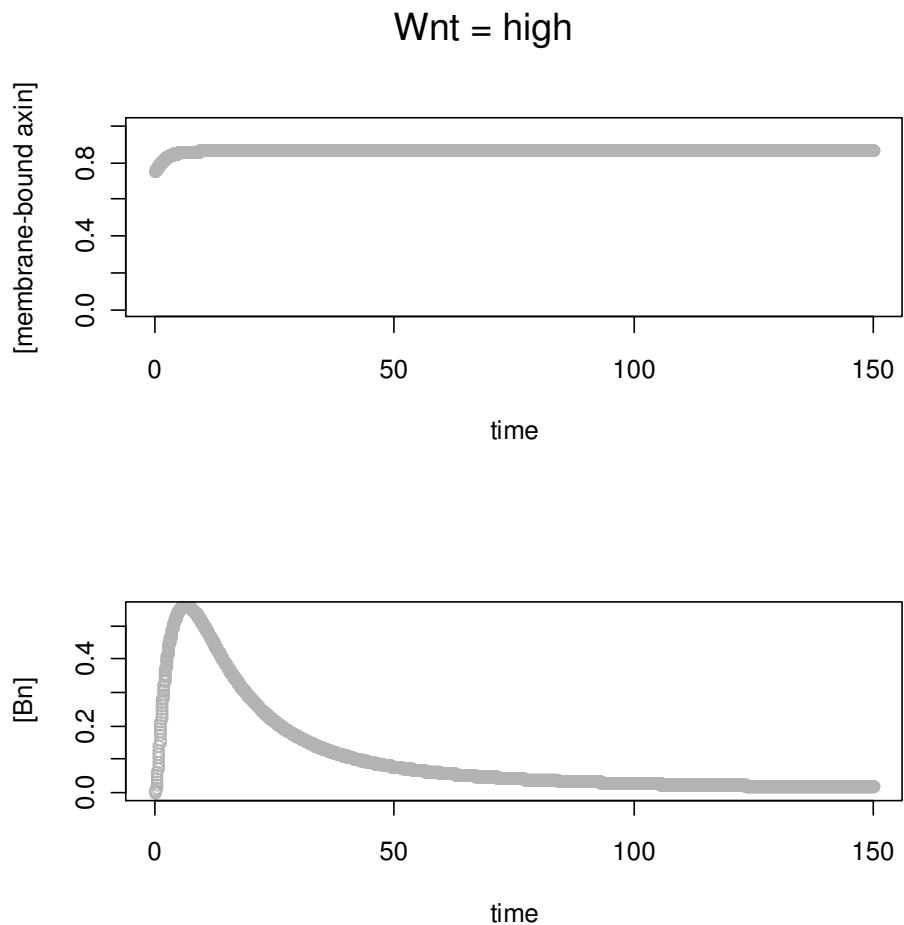


## Time-course behavior of the model with nominal parameter values



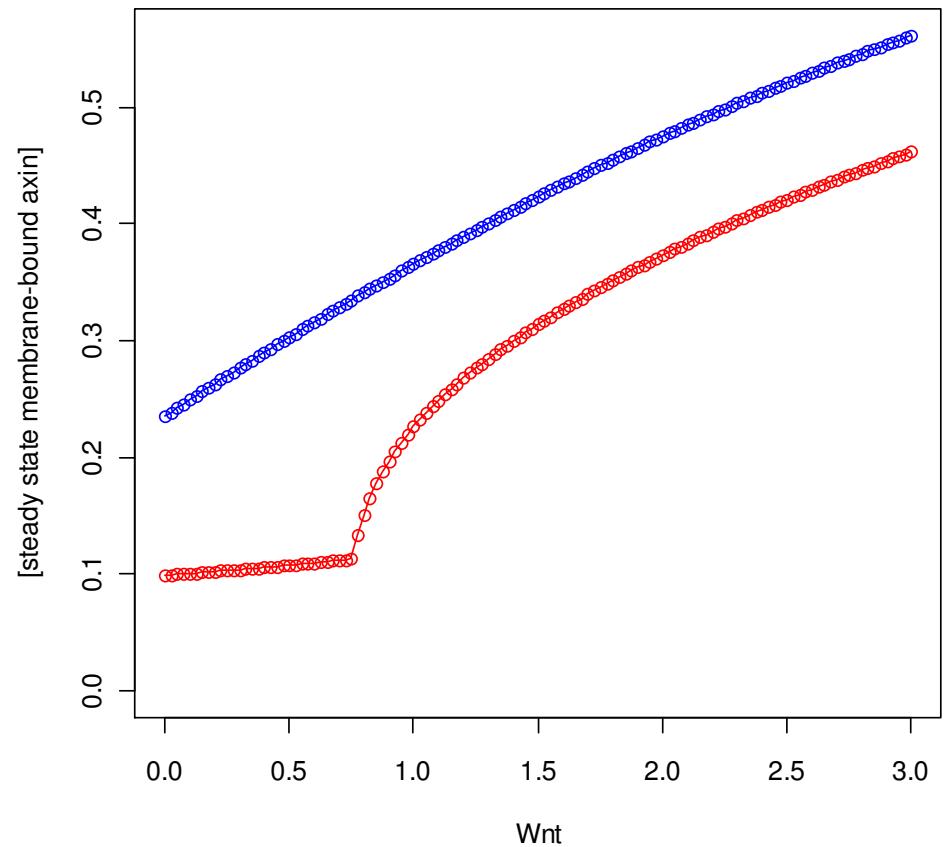
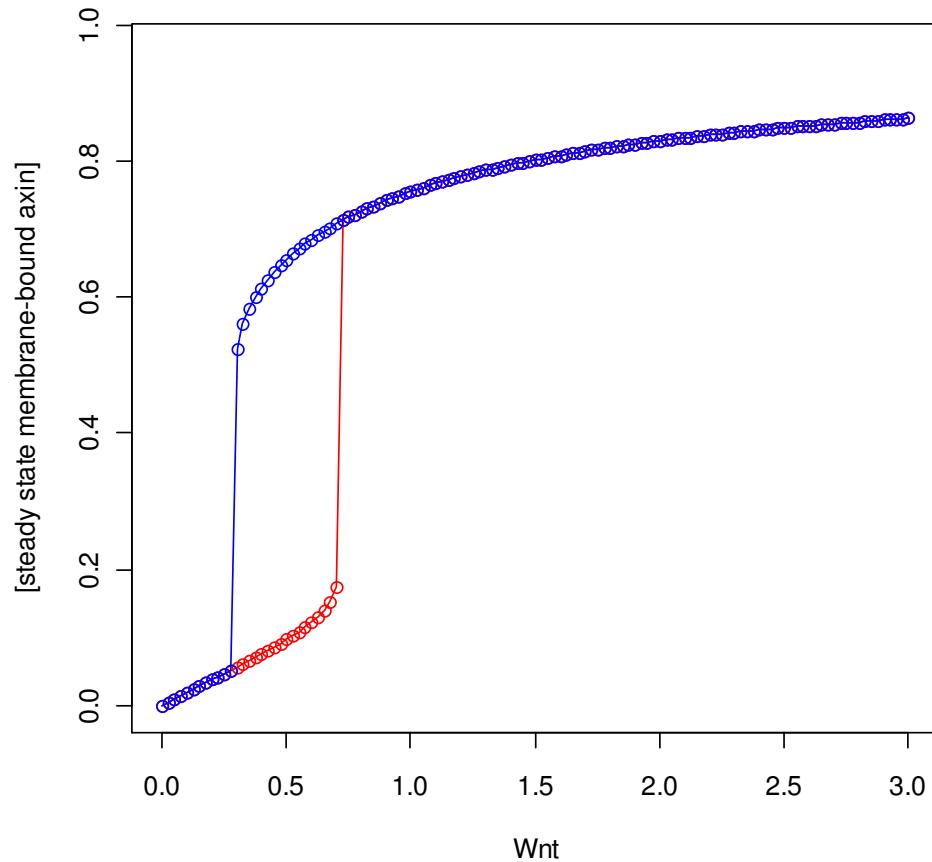
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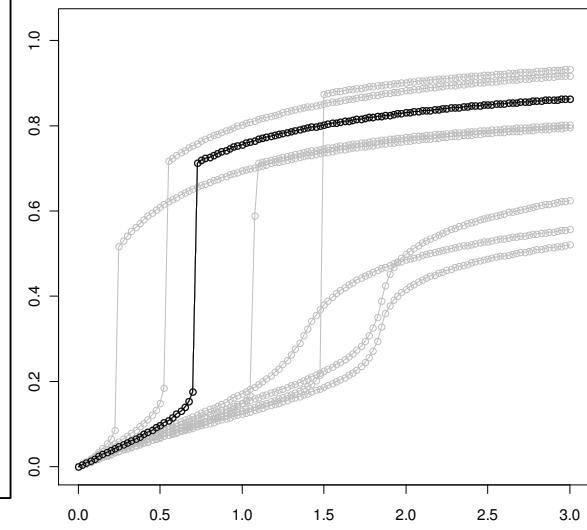
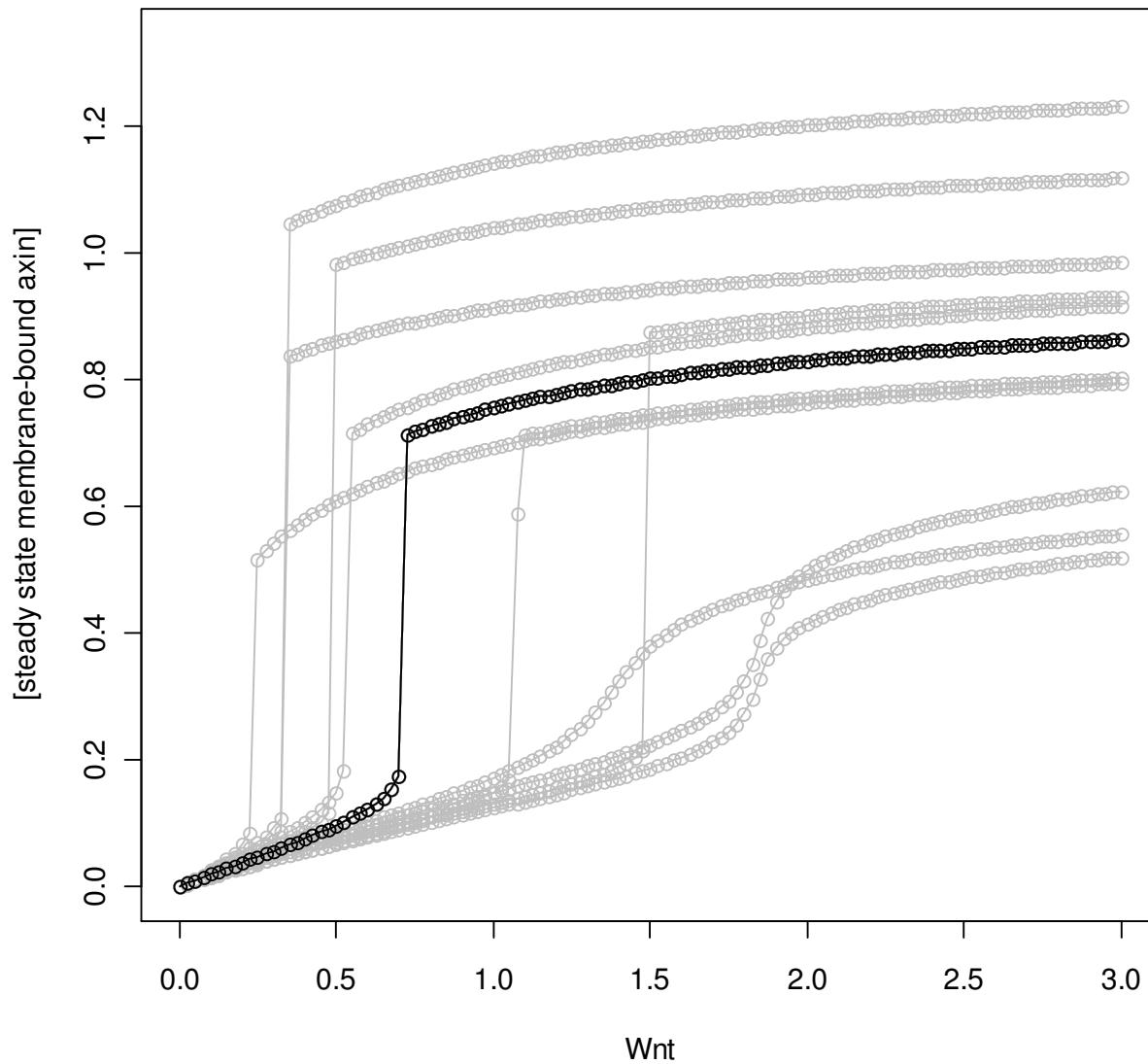


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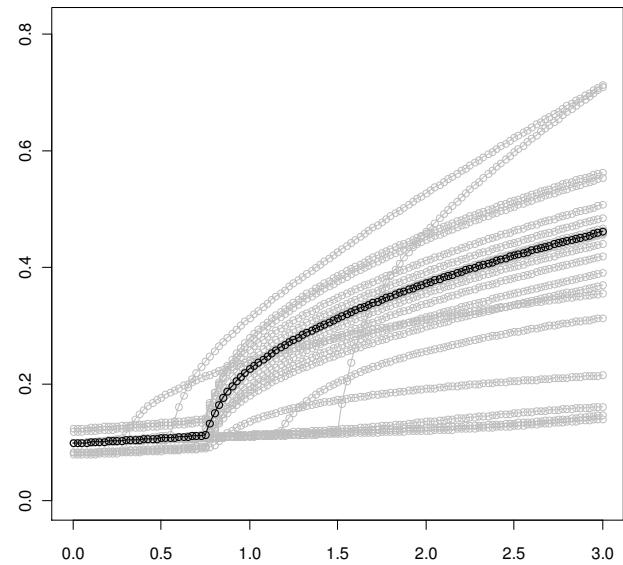
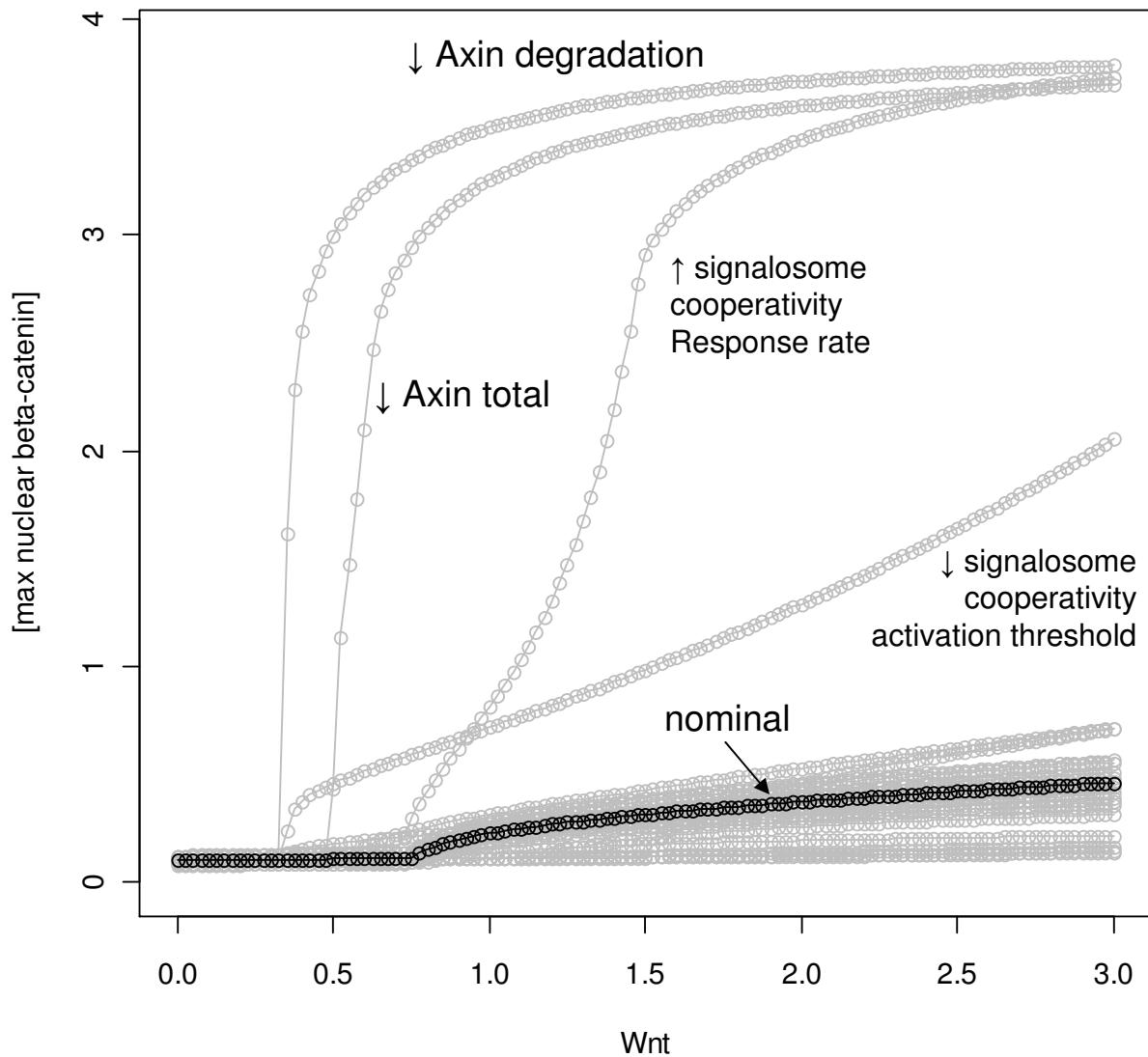
## Steady-state behavior of the model with nominal parameter values



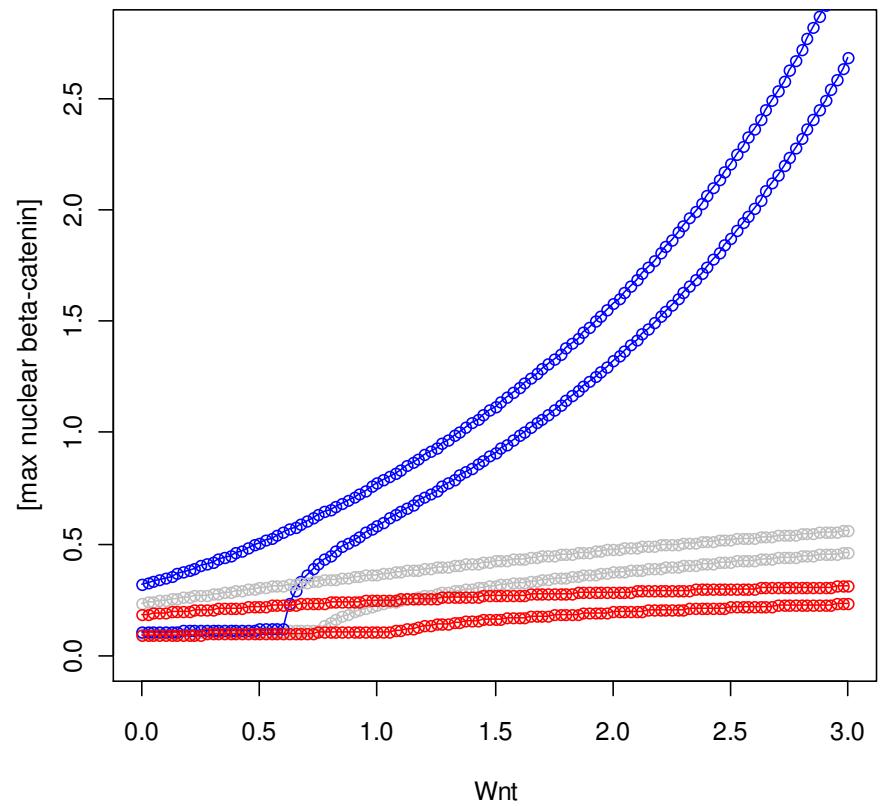
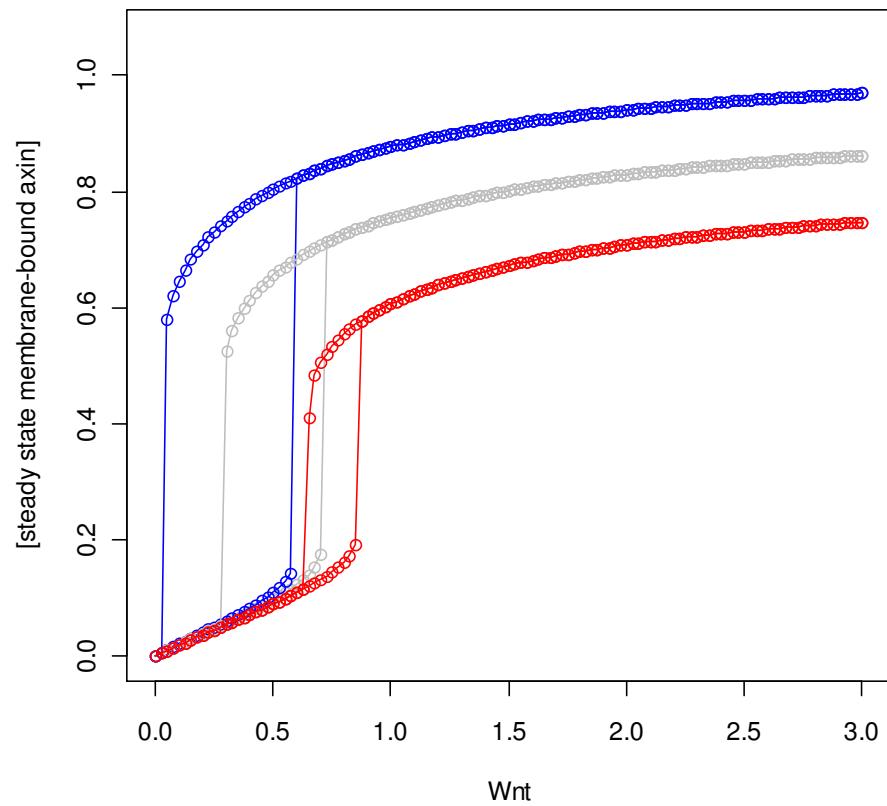
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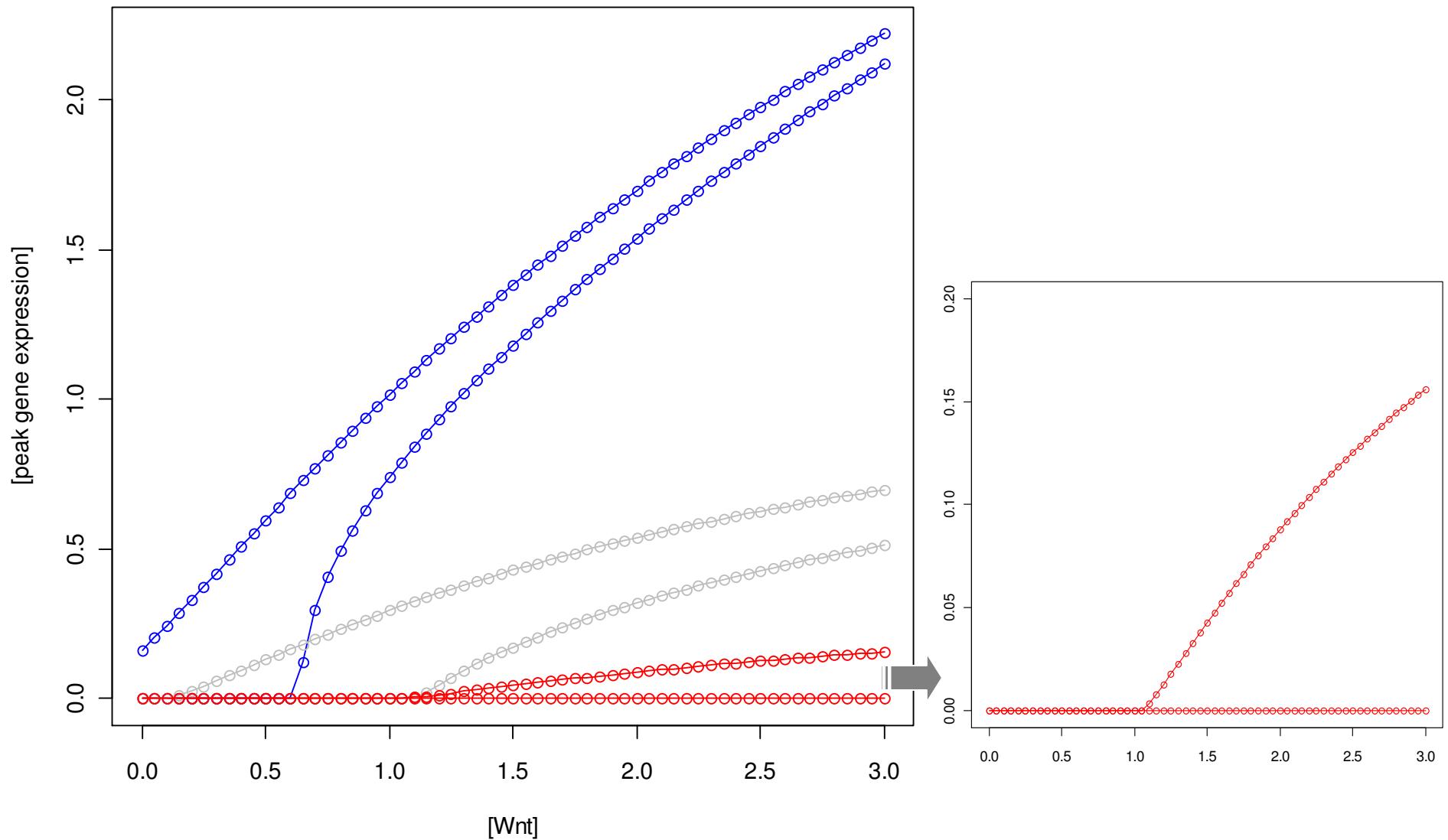
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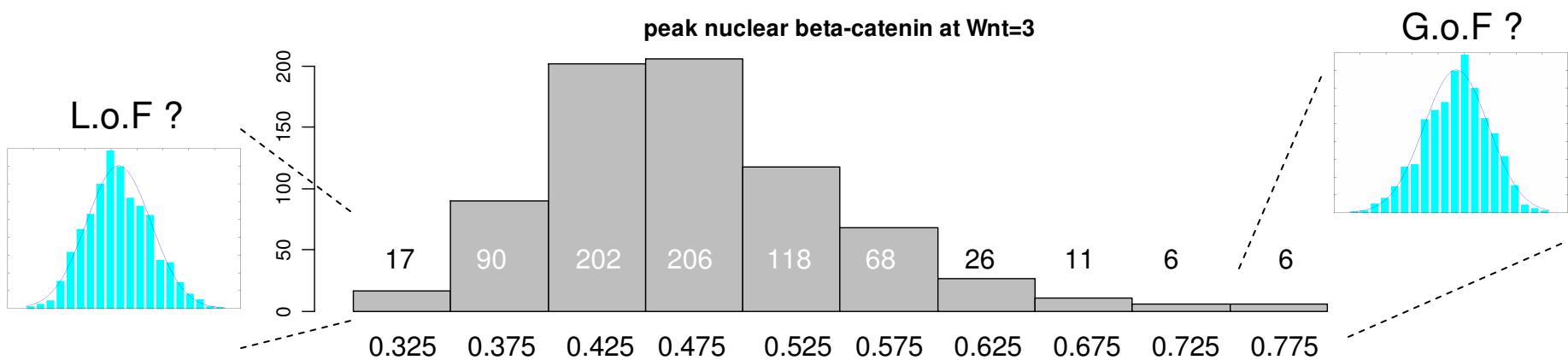
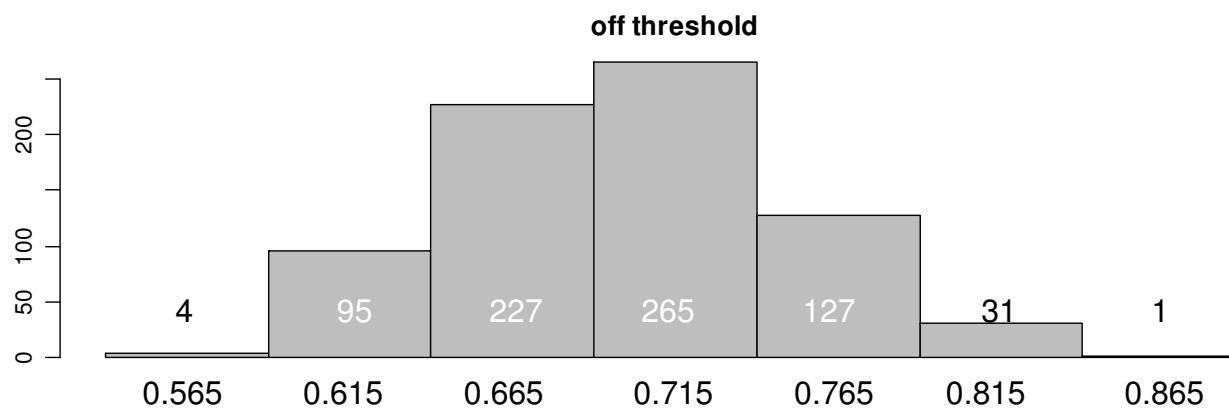
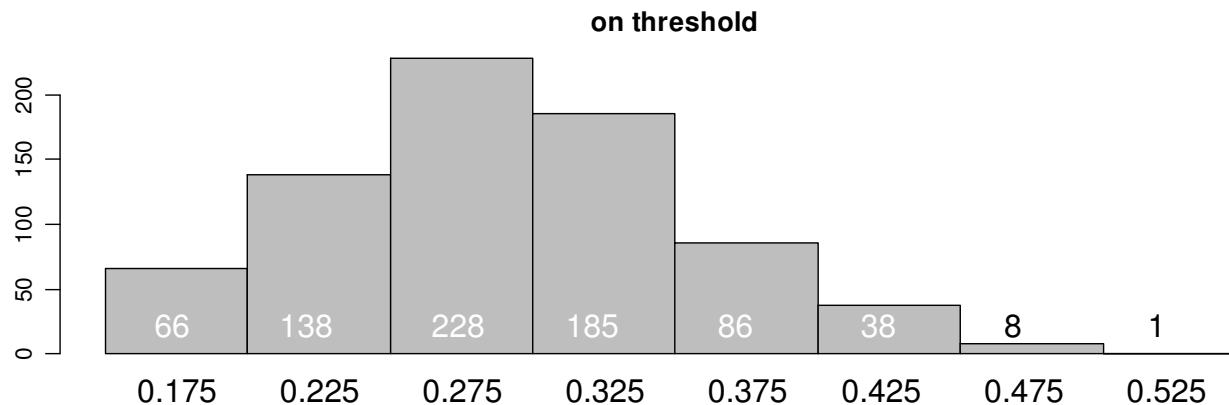
Co-varying all parameters by  $\pm 2.5\%$



## Co-varying all parameters by $\pm 2.5\%$ : effect on target gene expression

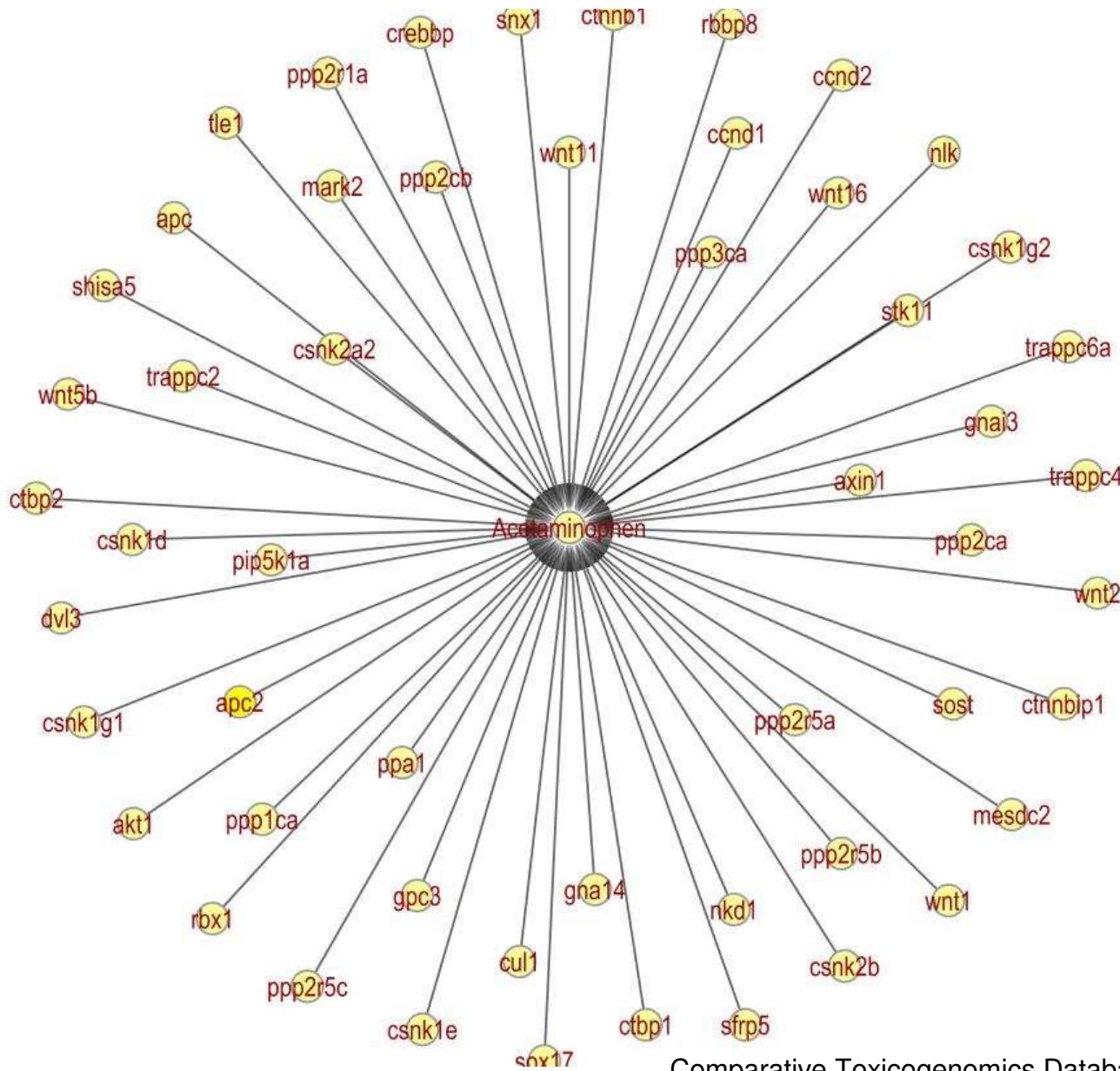


750 runs; all parameters Normally distributed with  $\sigma = 1\%$  of  $\mu$

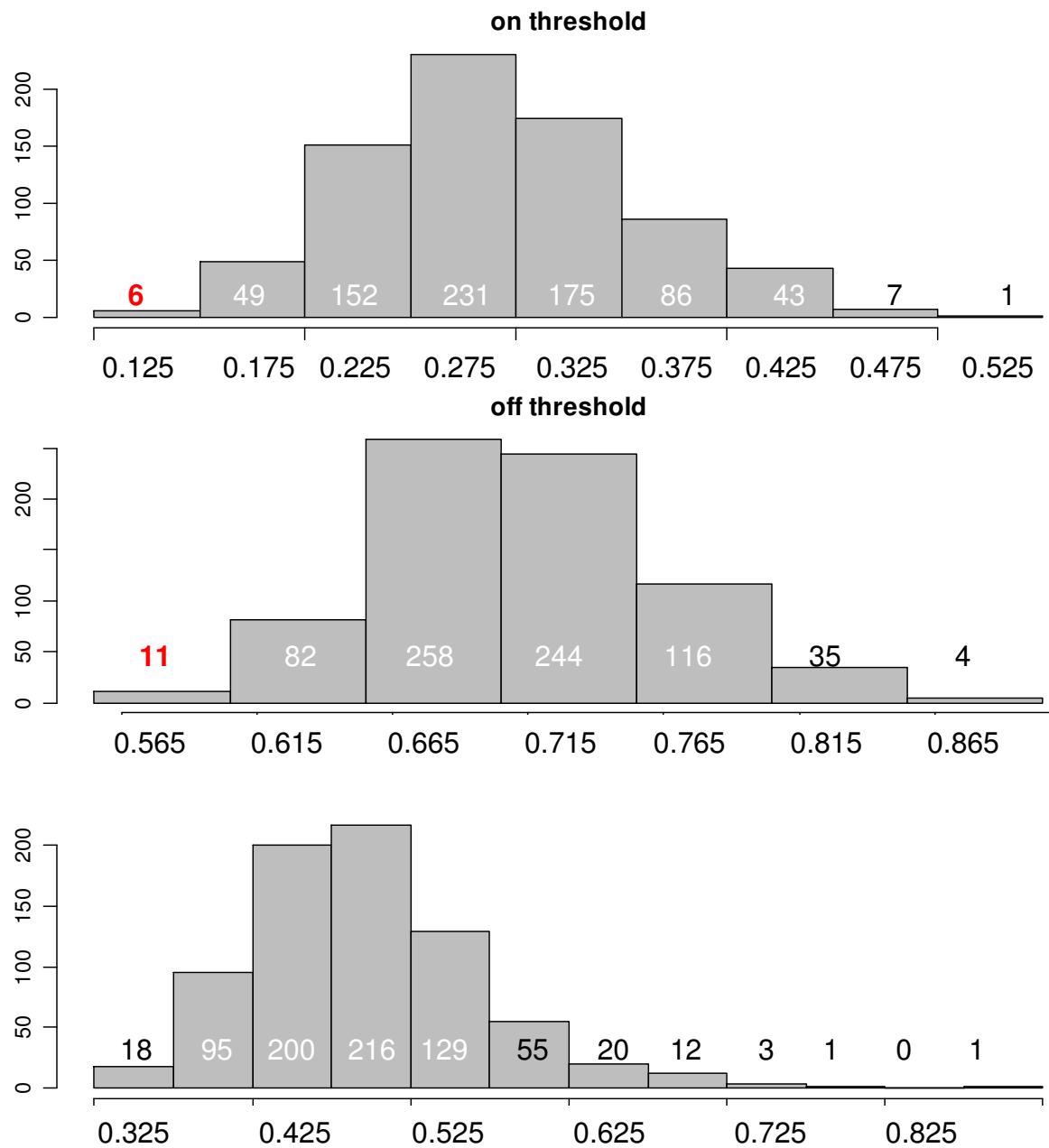


# Acetaminophen (@ ~30X Tylenol) affects 53 (i.e. ~ 1/3) Wnt-pathway genes

(Measured in mouse livers. All Acetaminophen interactions = 6341. 3735 genes respond within 6 hours.)

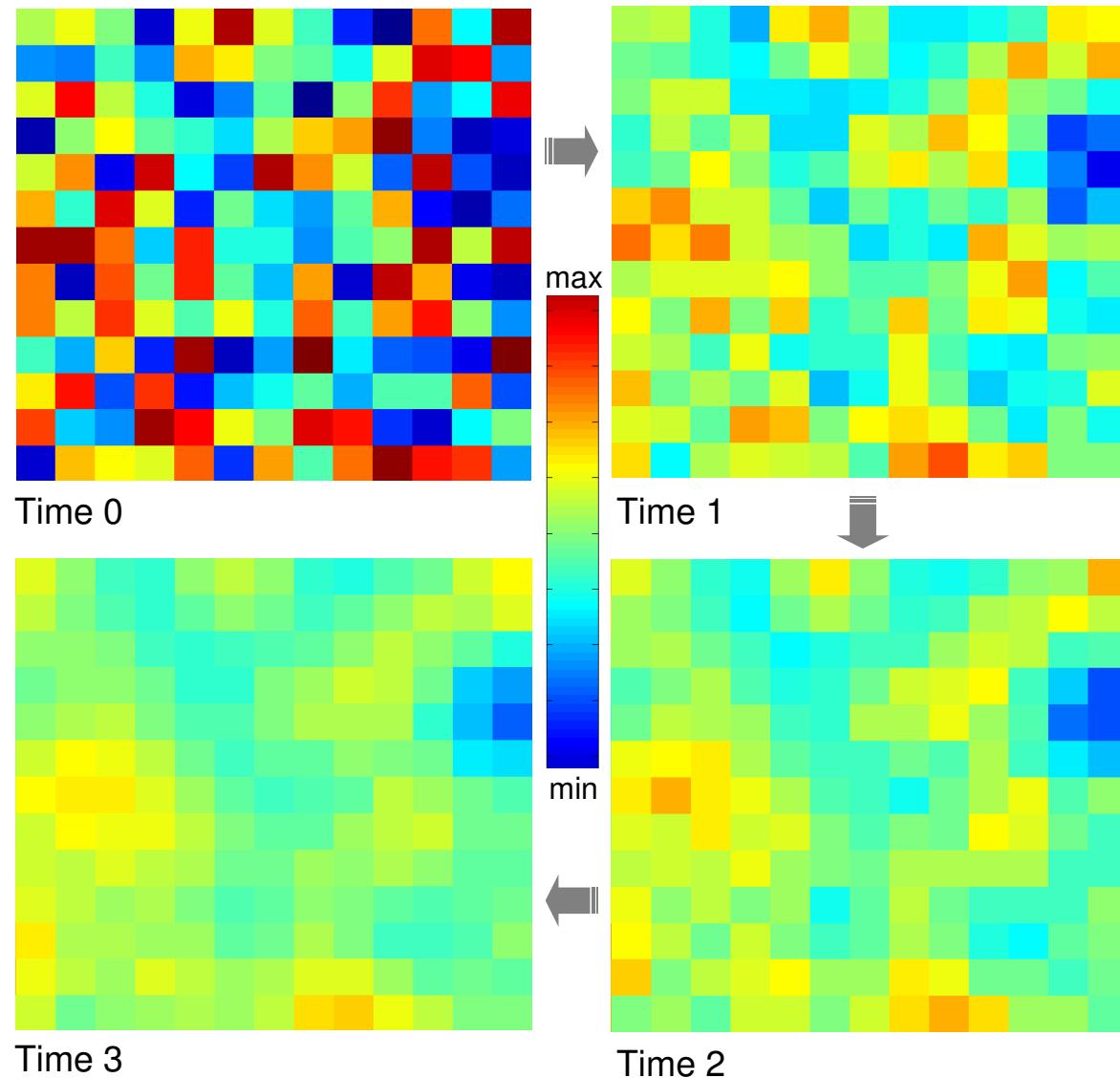
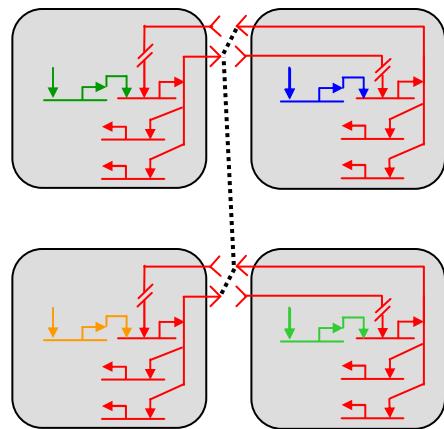


750 runs; all parameters LogNormally distributed with  $\sigma = 1\%$  of  $\mu$



# The Community Effect: robust Wnt signaling in early sea urchin development

Ligand sharing – each cell receives  $\frac{1}{4}$  of its ligands auto-catalytically,  $\frac{3}{4}$  from its neighbors



Bolouri & Davidson, BioEssays, 2002  
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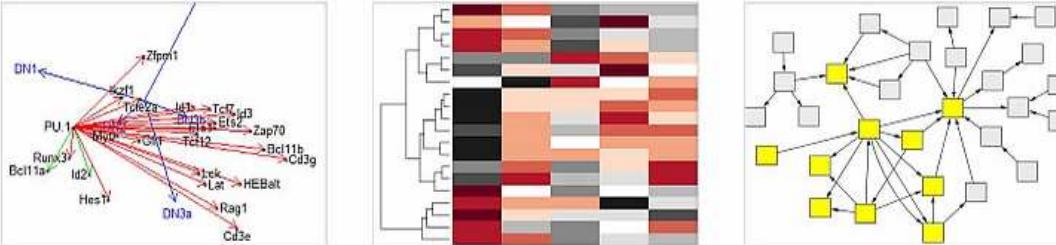
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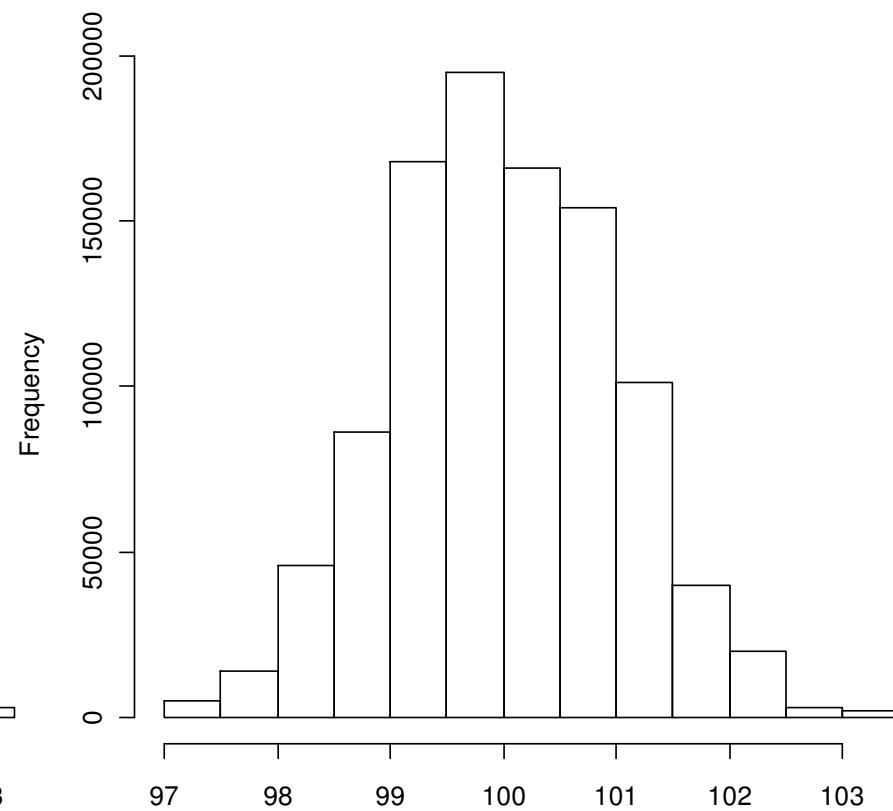
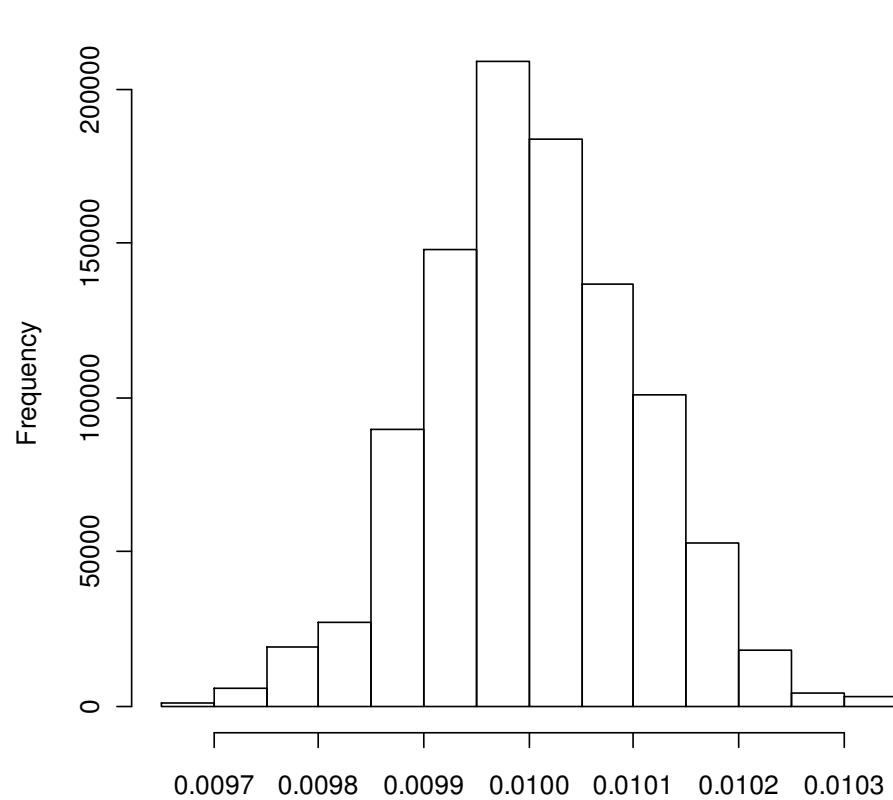
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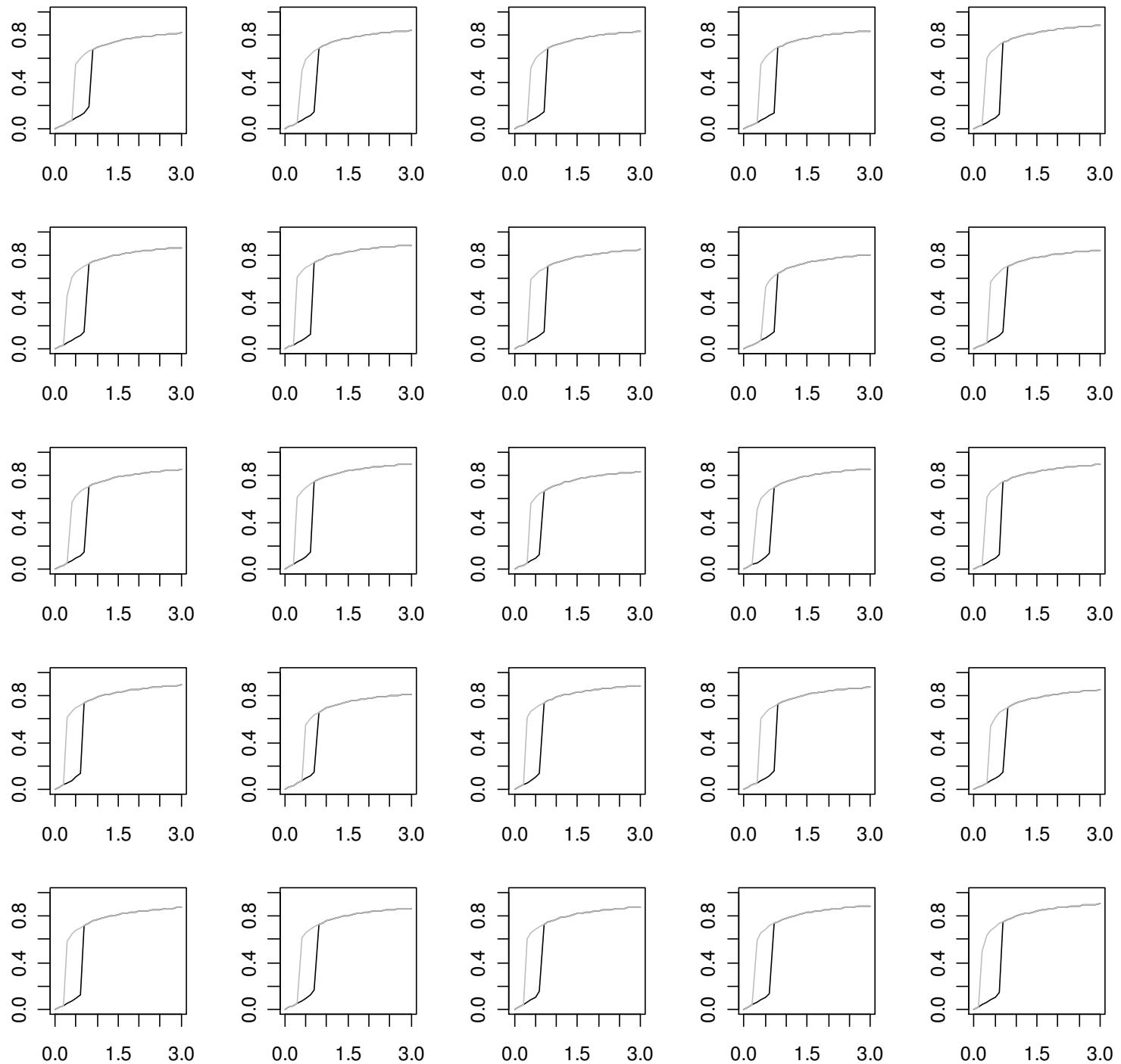


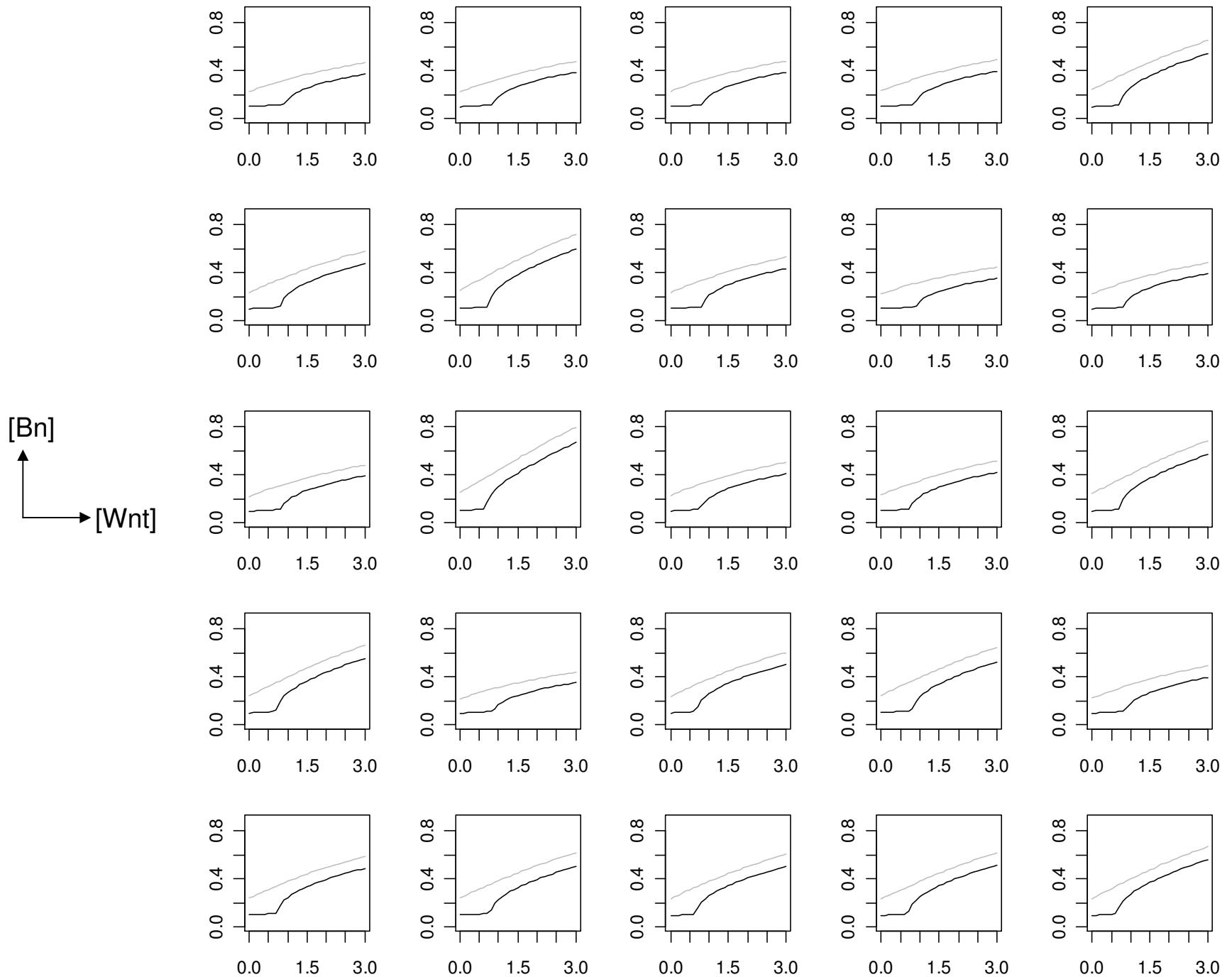
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## Example logNormal parameter distributions generated for MC simulations



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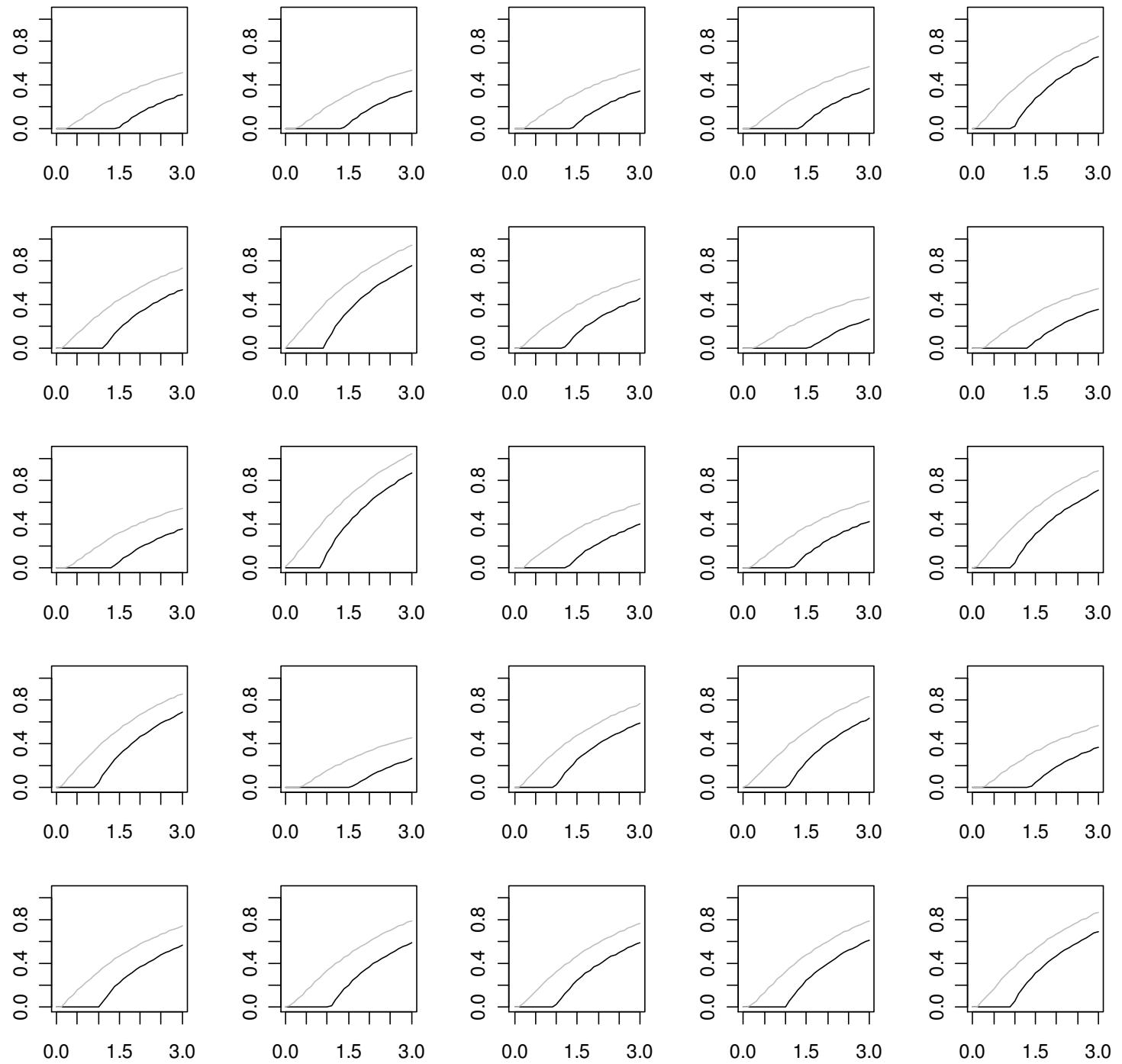


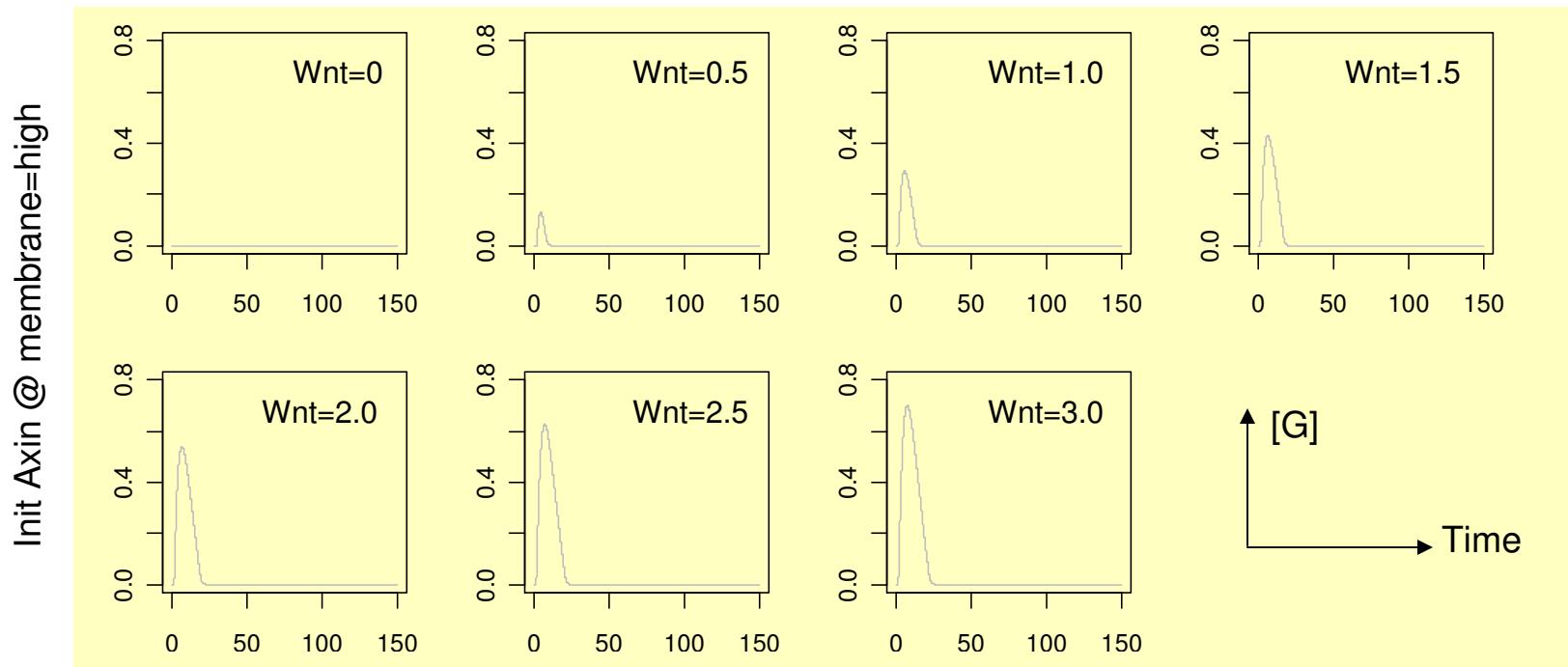
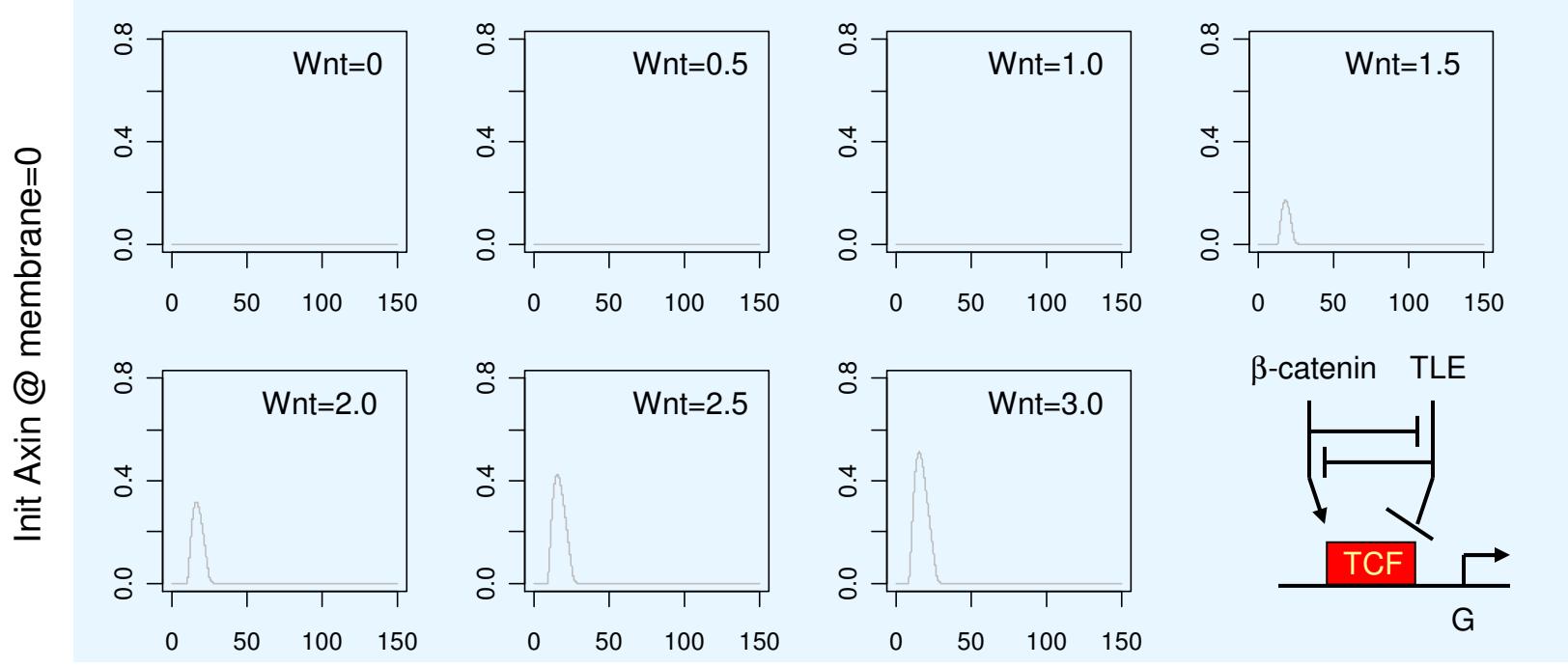


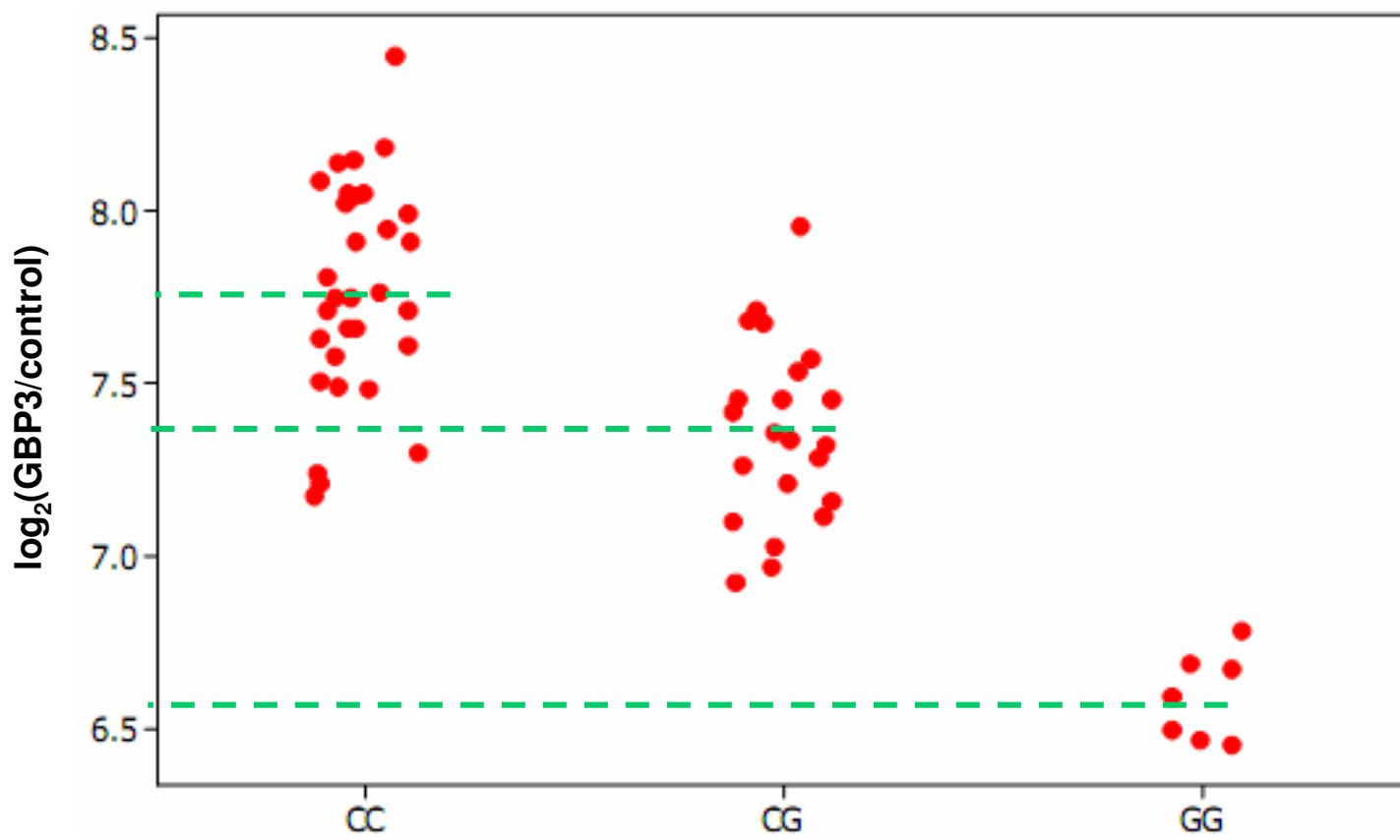
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