



***In silico* prediction of the emergent effects of drugs on cardiac electrical activity**

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*“In few specialties of medicine are new promising drugs shown to be so much inferior to placebo, and even worse, to increase mortality.”*

*-Sanderson, 1996 [Editorial on SWORD and CAST trials]*

...But this doesn't mean that these drugs can't be useful in **some** situations

*There is currently no reliable method to predict when antiarrhythmic drugs will **succeed** or **fail**.*

**NEW technologies for pharmacology**

**PatchExpress and Ionworks**

**NMR Screening**

**Synthetic biology**

**Novel Reagents**

**Biosensors**

**Patient-derived pluripotent stem (iPS) cells**

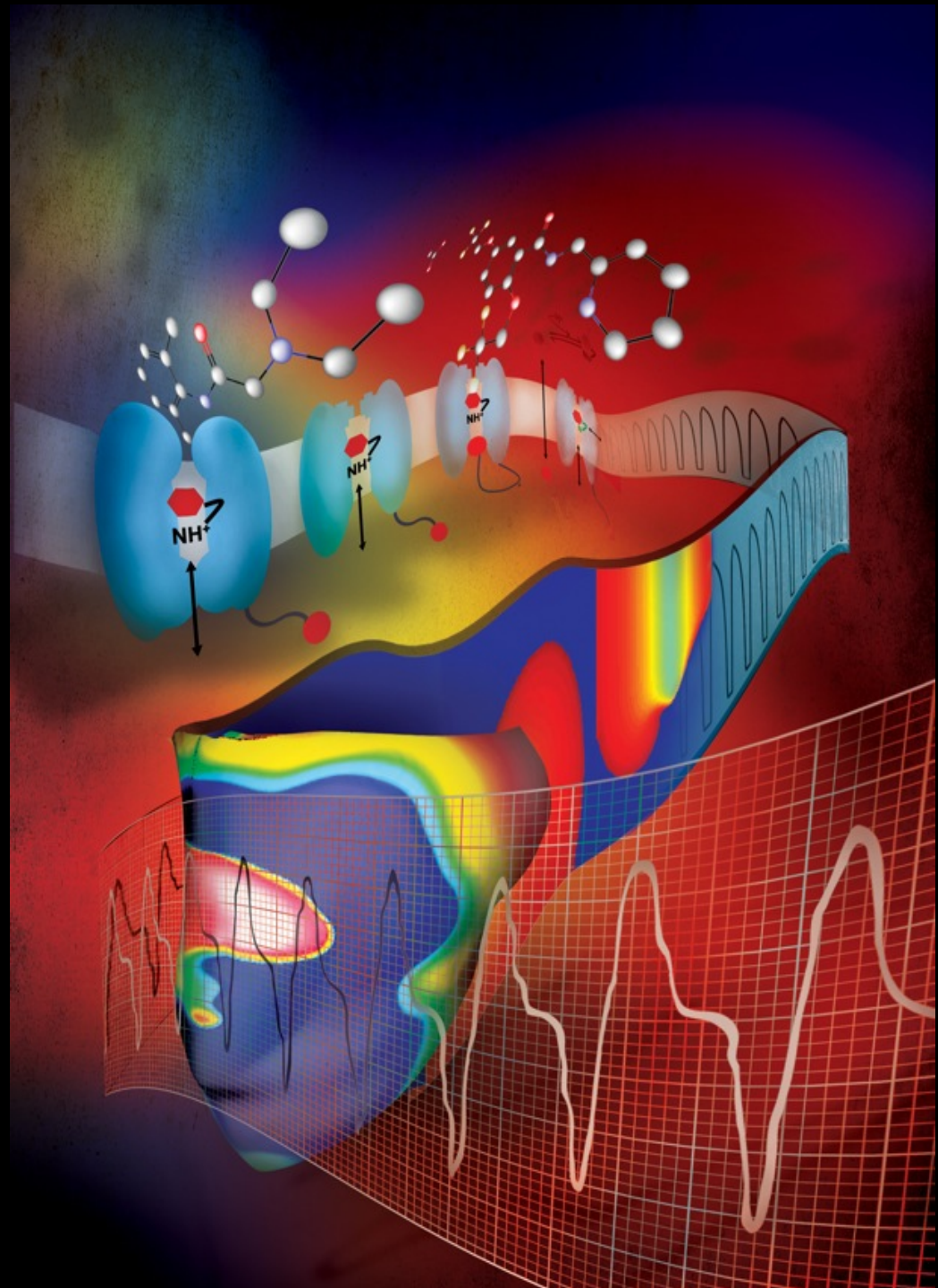
**It's EXCITING!**

# ***BUT.....***

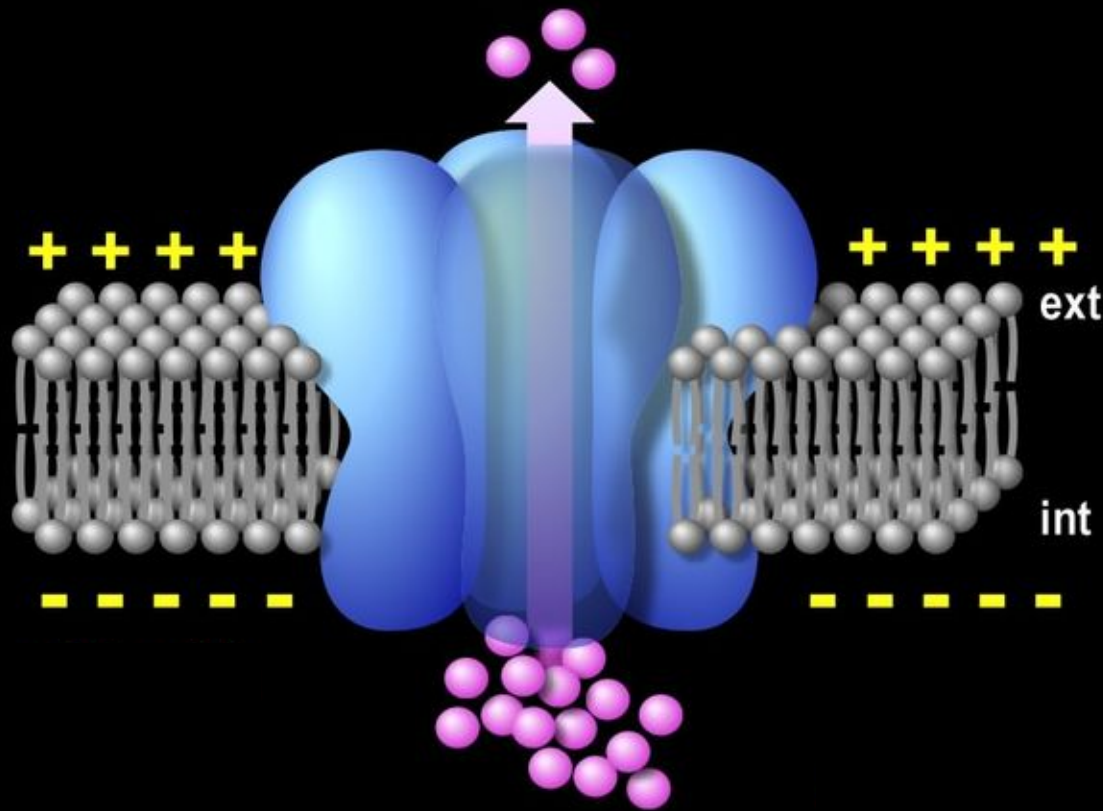
While all of these developing technologies are innovative and needed, they ***focus only on constituent elements*** of the system. They can't each alone solve the fundamental problem – that the effects of multifaceted drug interactions are ***emergent***.

# *Our goal*

Develop a  
*computational*  
*processes* for  
**SCREENING** for  
drug and disease,  
determination of  
**MECHANISMS** of  
success and  
failure and  
prediction of  
**THERAPY**

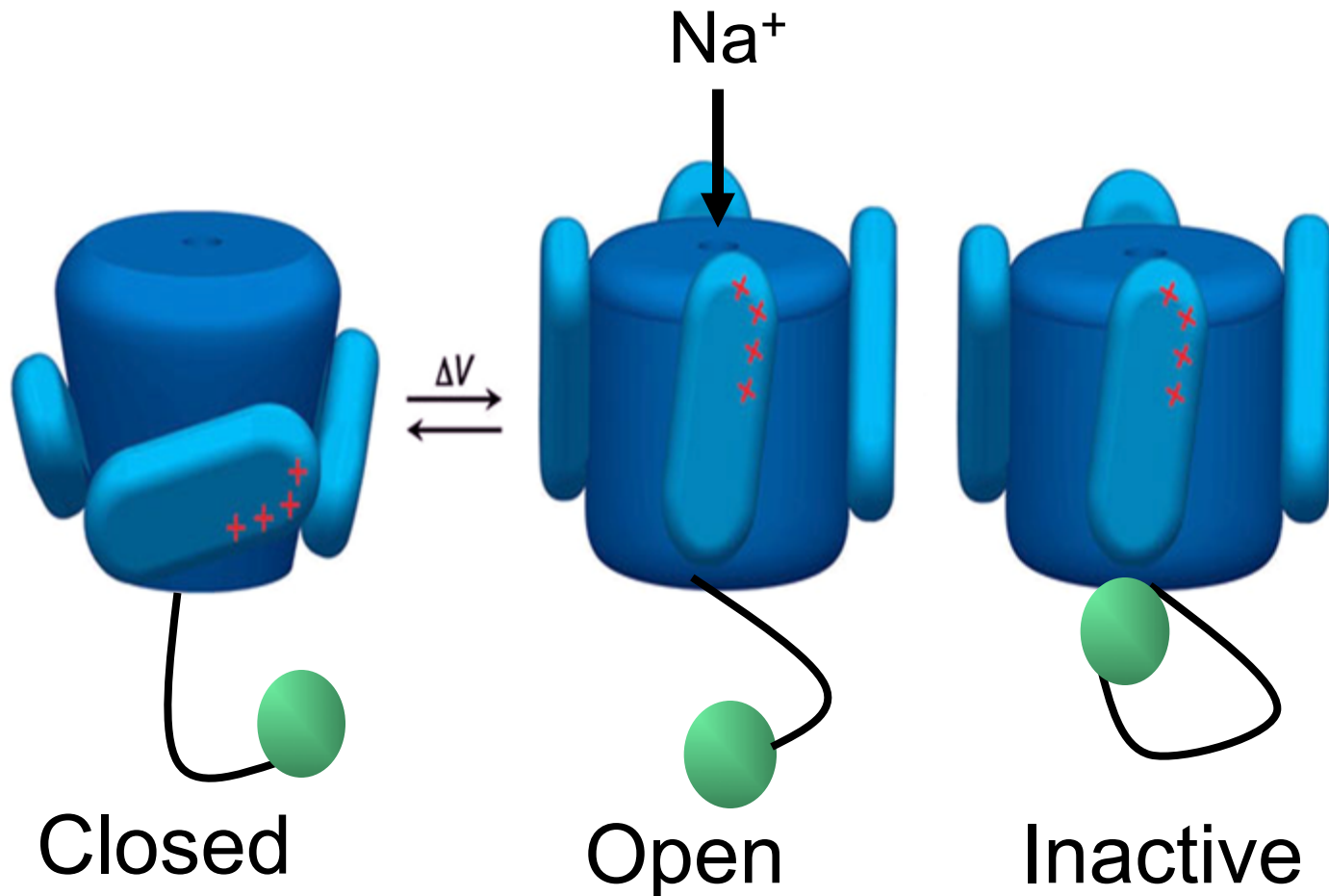


Most drugs intended to treat cardiac arrhythmia block voltage gated ion channels



# Modeling drug free cardiac $I_{Na}$ (encoded by *SCN5A*)

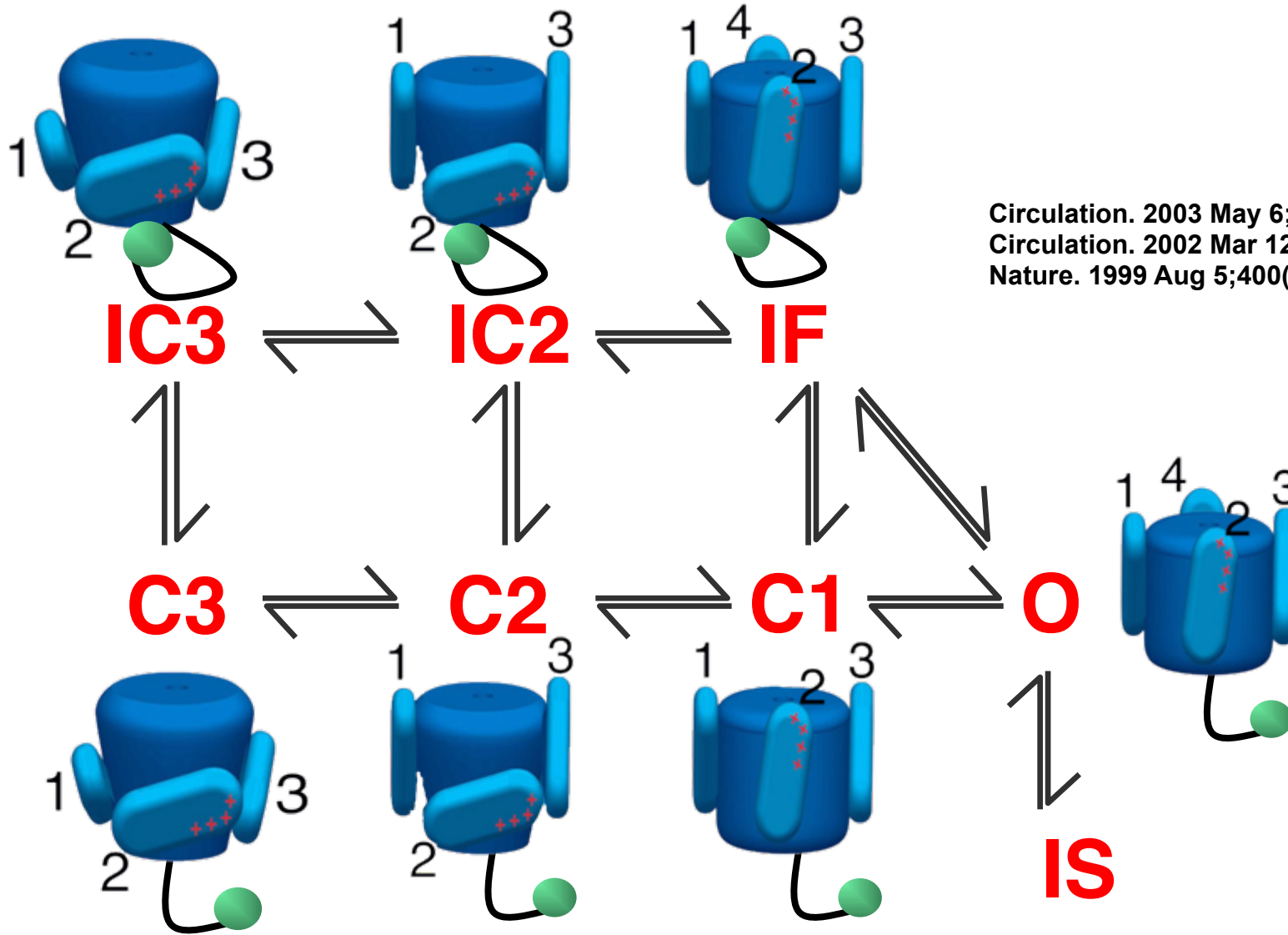
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# A computational model that predicts Na<sup>+</sup> channel kinetics

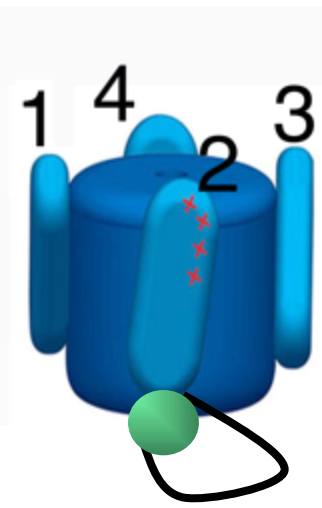
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# *Extracting model parameters from experimental data*

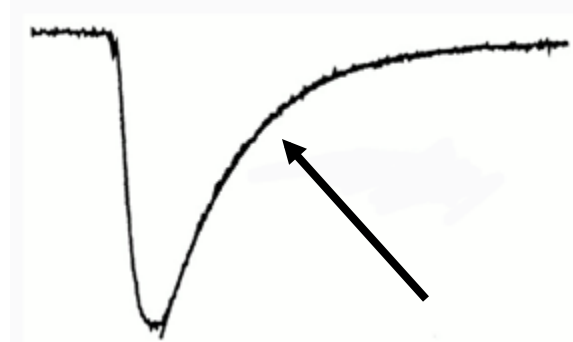
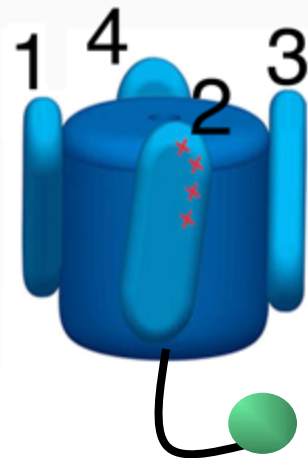
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**IF**

$\alpha$

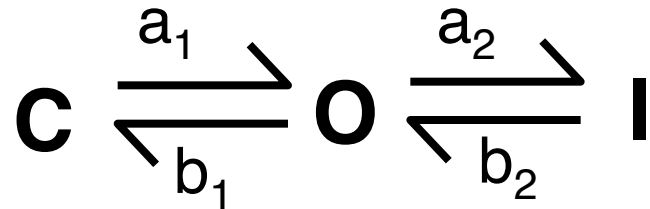
**O**



$\tau_{decay}$

$$\tau_{decay} = 1 / \alpha$$

# Computation of state probabilities



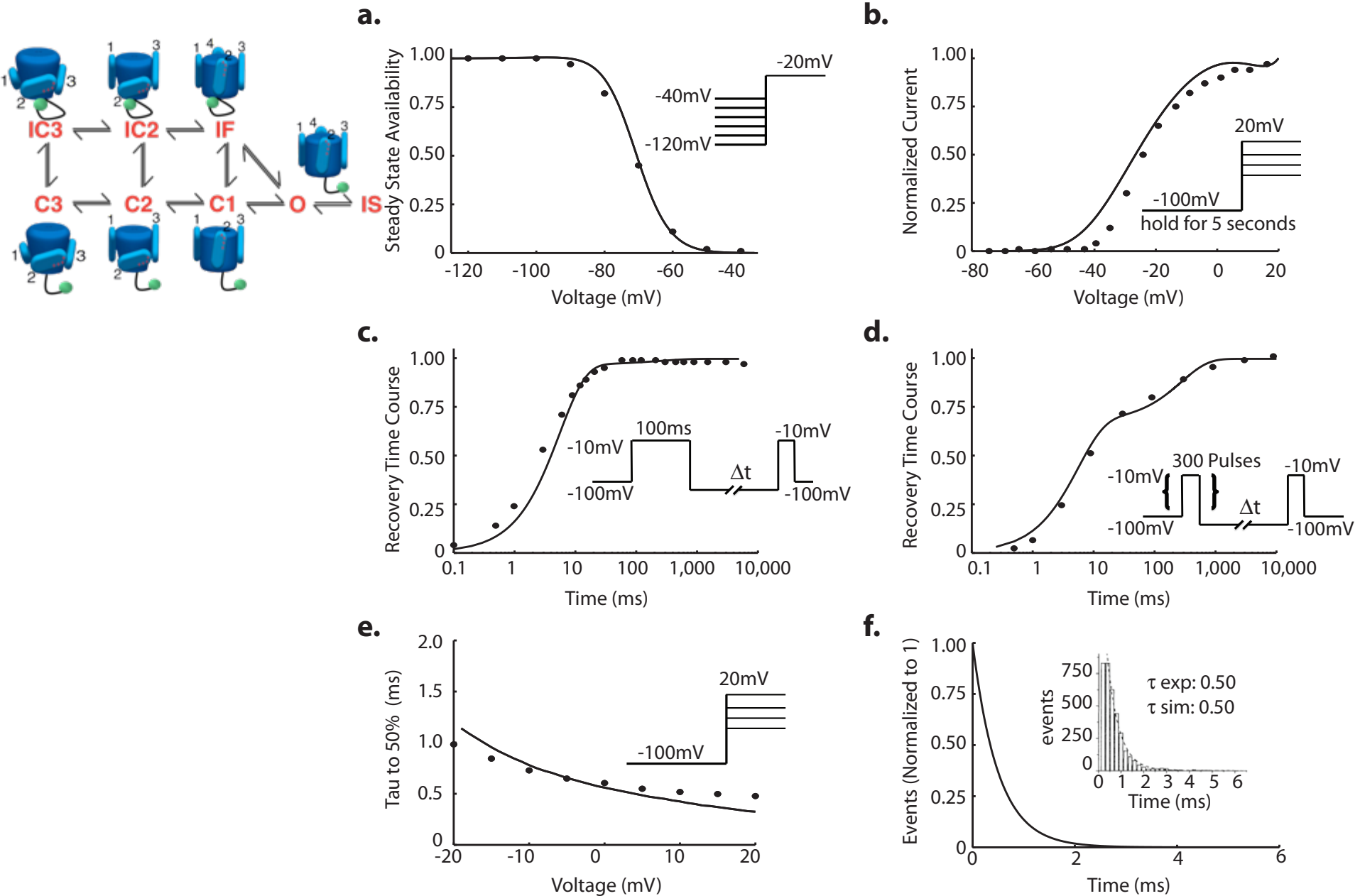
$$\frac{dP_i}{dt} = \sum_{j=1}^N [k_{ji} \cdot P_j(t, V_m)] - \sum_{j=1}^N [k_{ij} \cdot P_i(t, V_m)]$$

$$dC/dt = P(O) \cdot b_1 - P(C) \cdot a_1$$

$$dO/dt = P(C) \cdot b_1 + P(I) \cdot b_2 - (P(O) \cdot (a_2 + b_1))$$

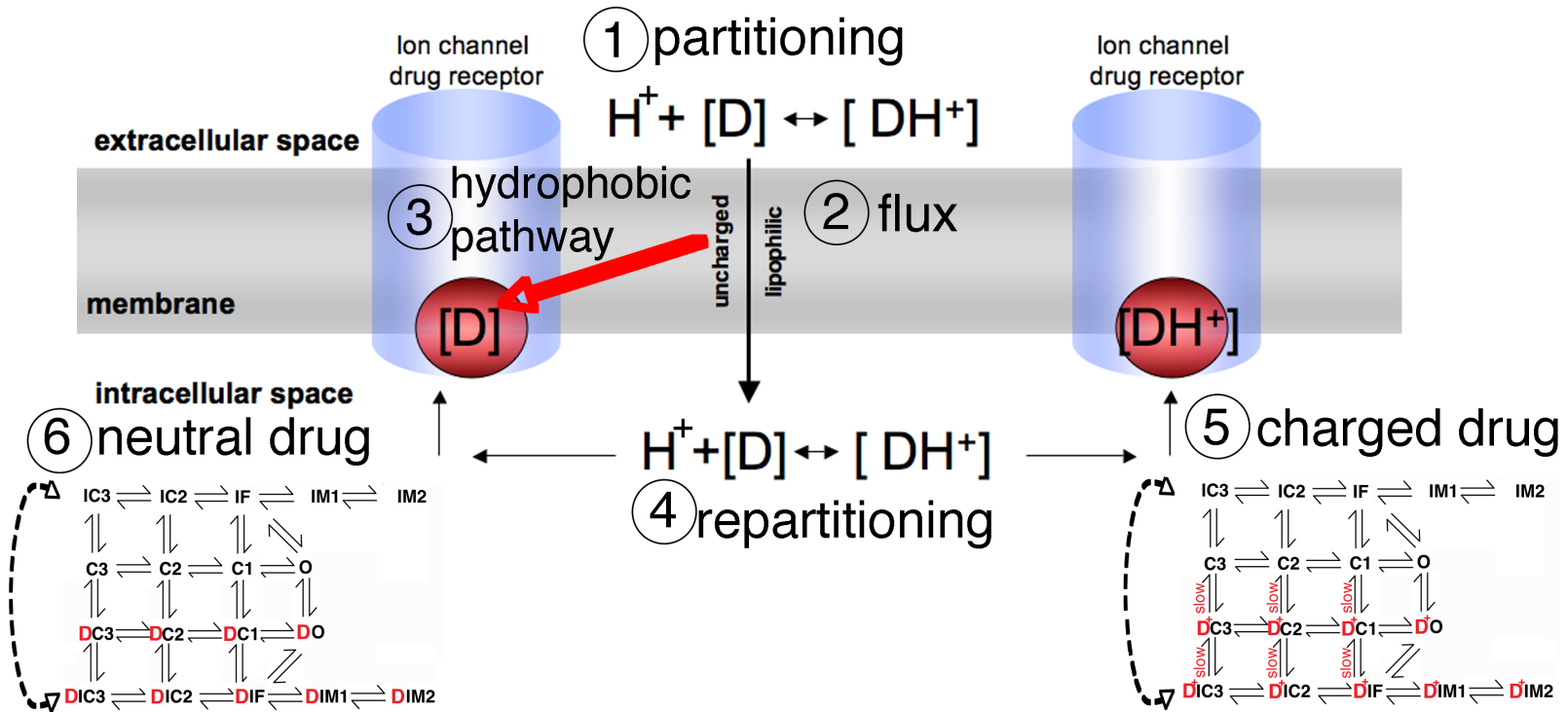
$$dI/dt = P(O) \cdot a_2 - P(I) \cdot b_2$$

# Wild-type Drug Free Model - *Postoptimization*

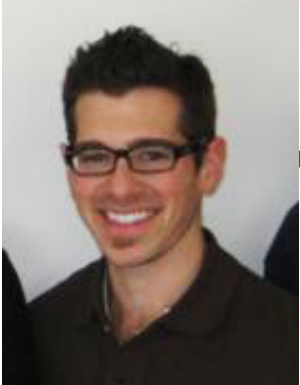


# Pharmacodynamics is Complex

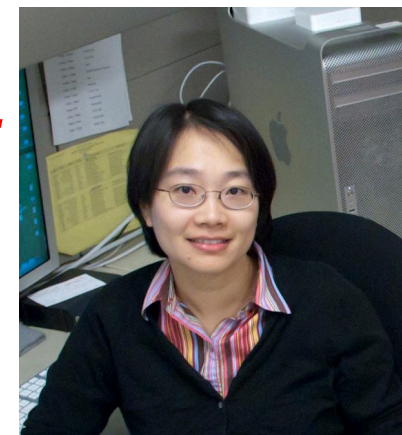
and determined by numerous factors including:



If we consider these properties in our model, can we begin to make predictions about functional effects of drug in higher dimensions?



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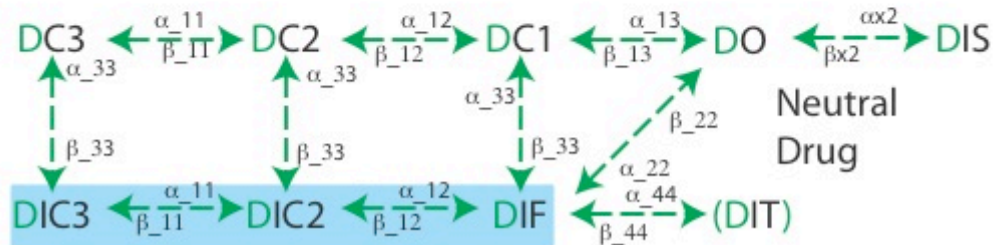
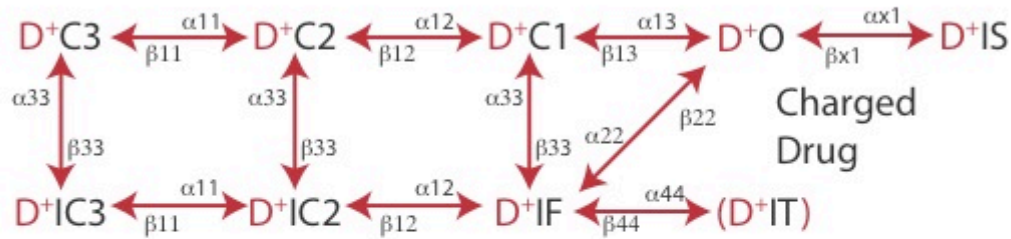
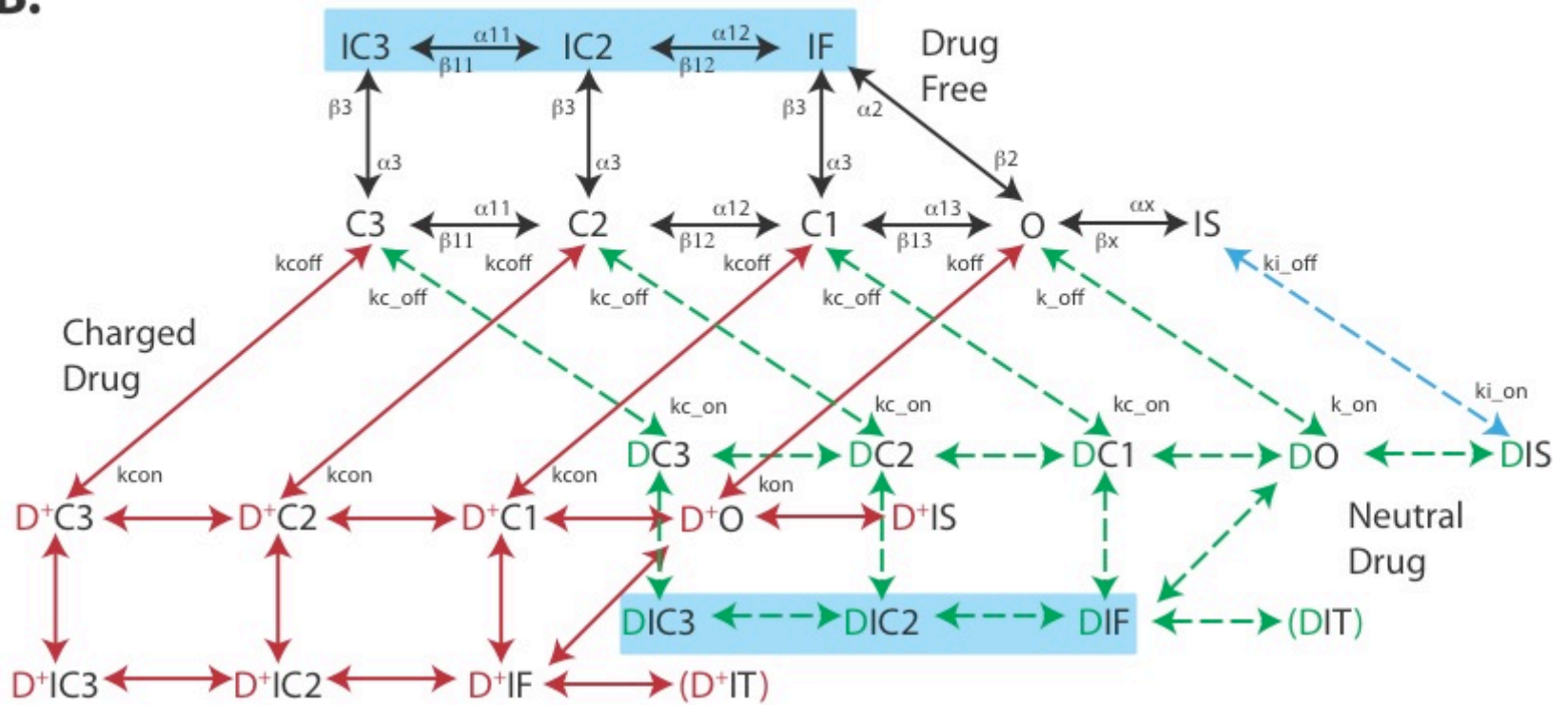
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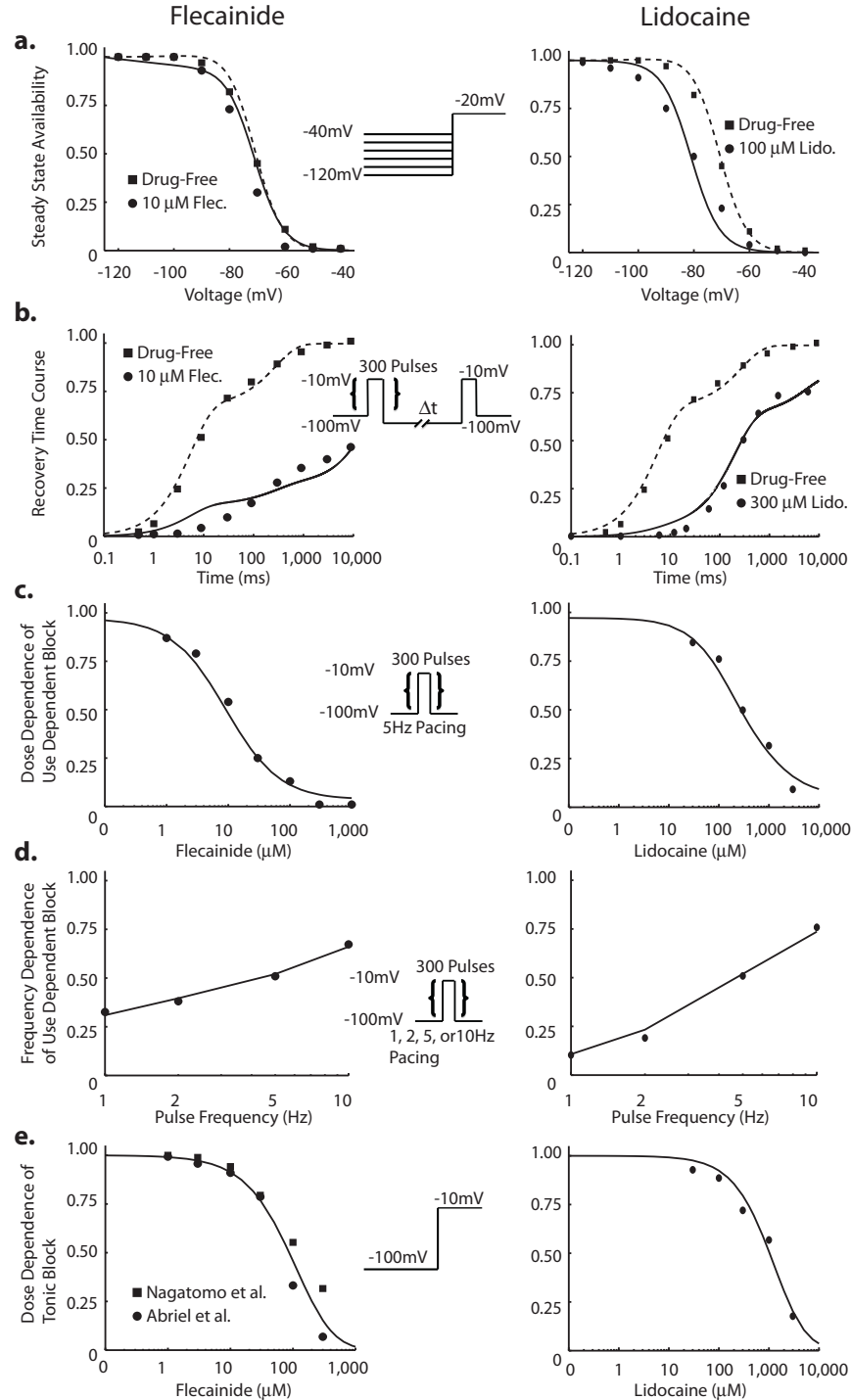
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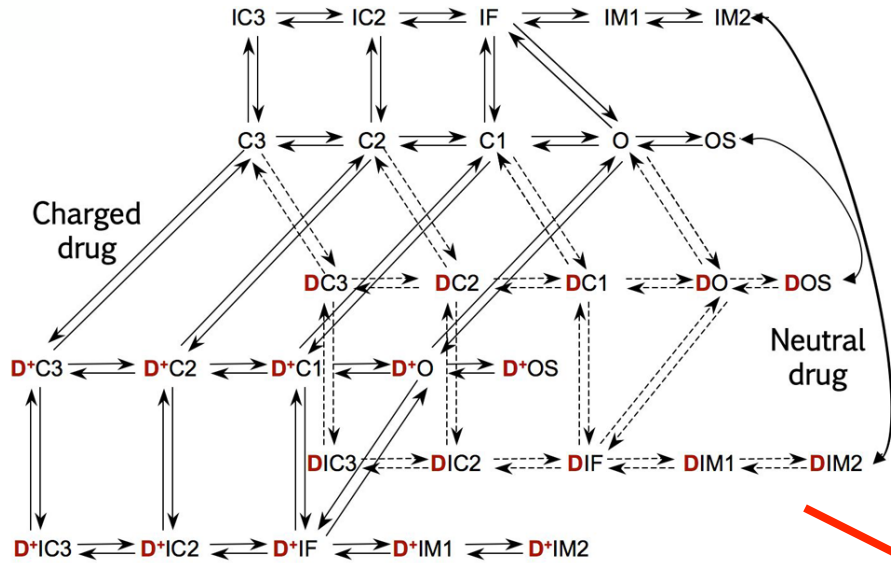


# Model fits to drug bound channel data



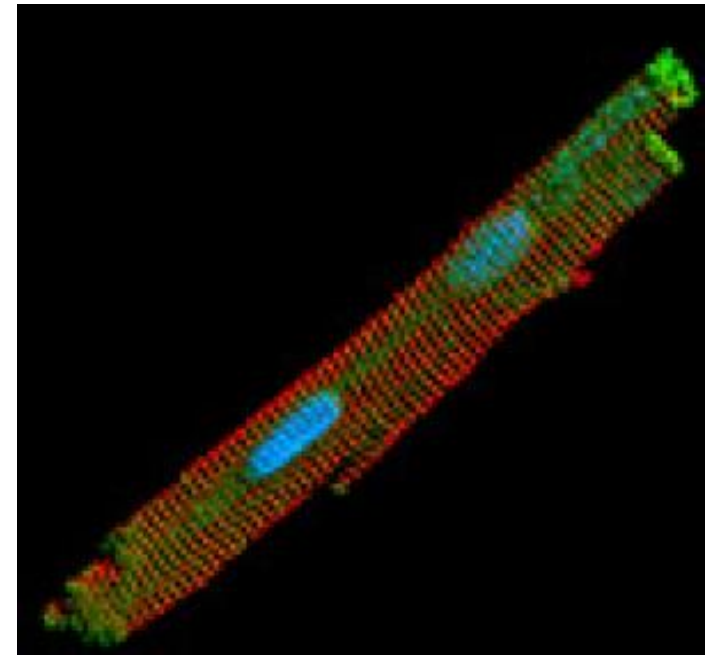
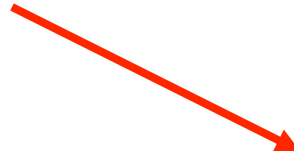


# Drug Bound Channel



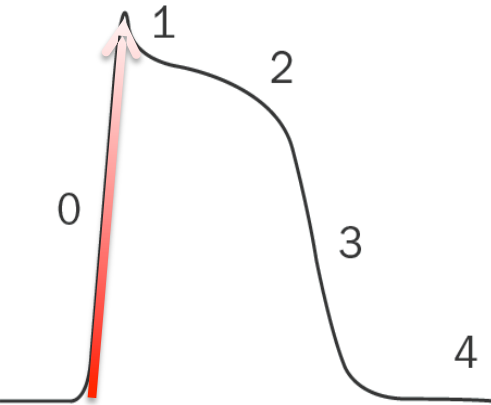
# Simulations

## Cardiac Cell Model

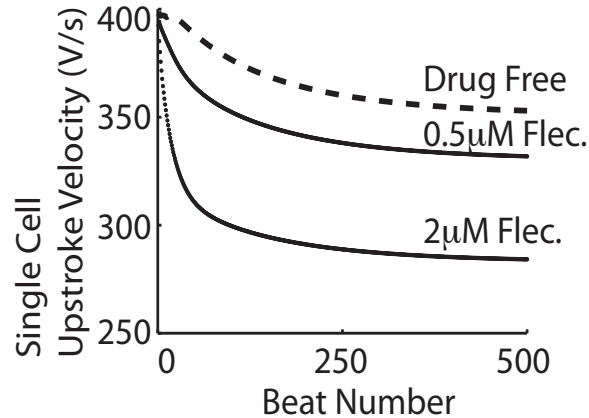


# Predictions

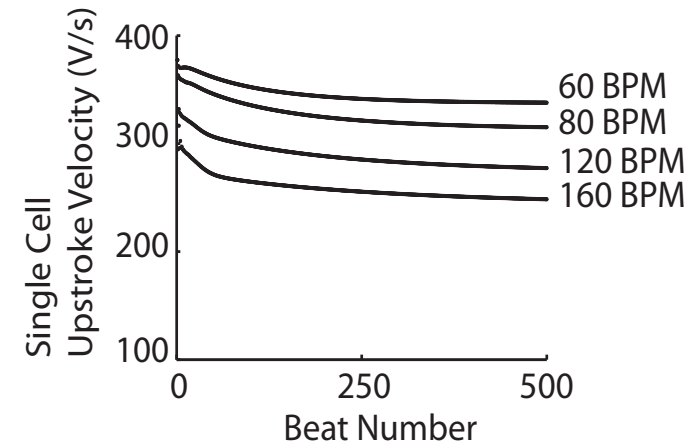
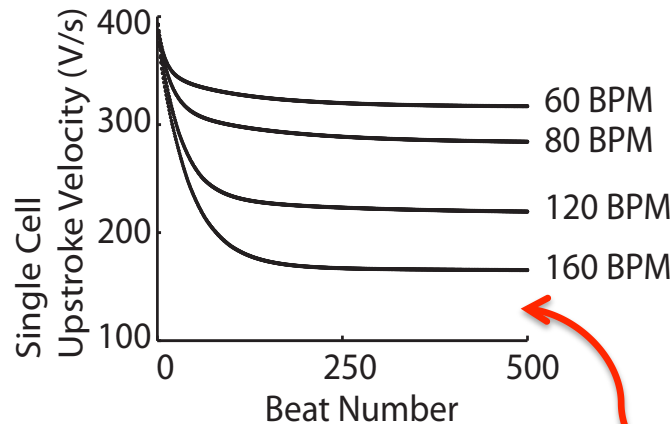
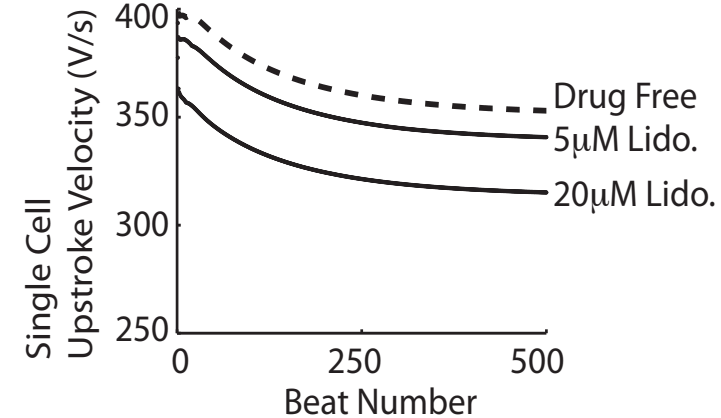
# Effects of drugs on **cell** excitability



## Flecainide

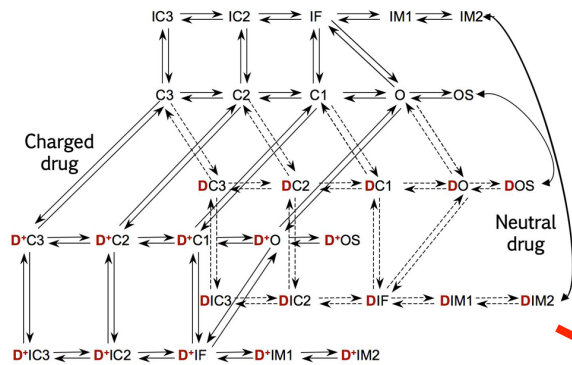


## Lidocaine

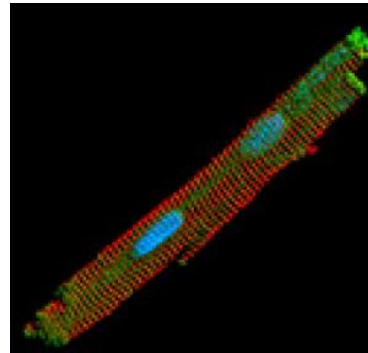


**Increased Use-Dependent Block**

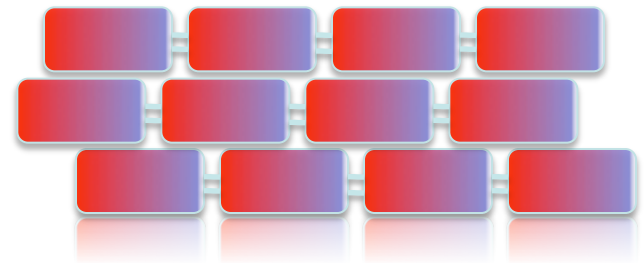
# Drug Bound Channel



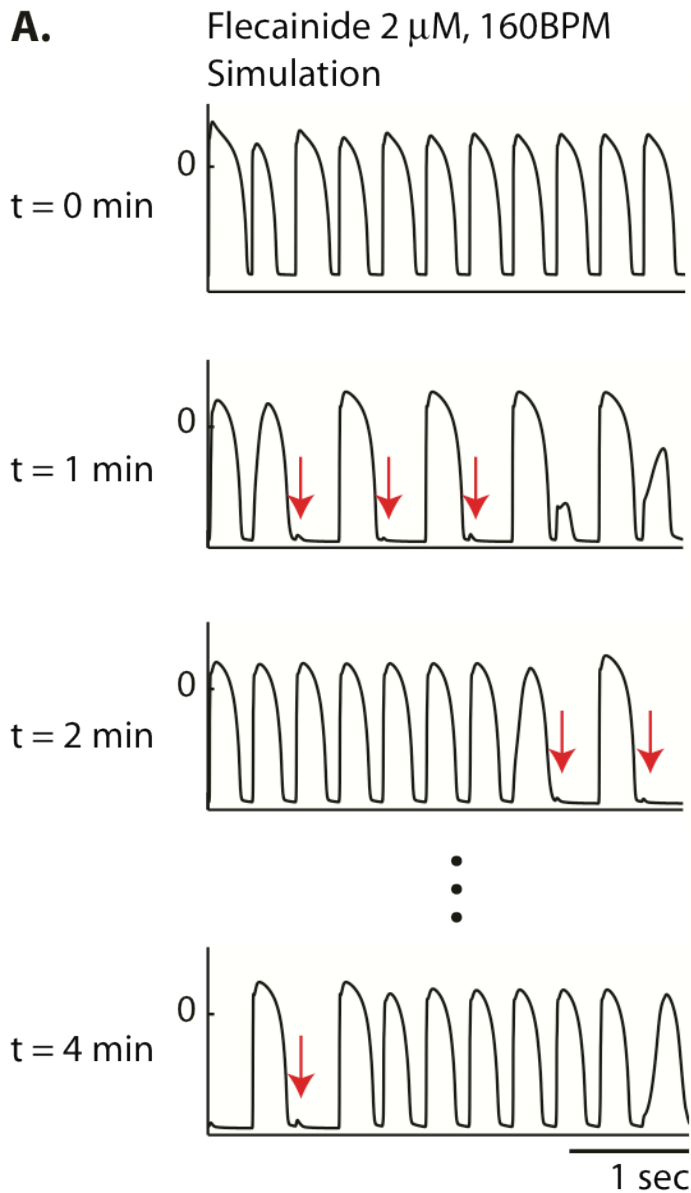
## Cardiac Cell Model



## Multicellular Tissue



# Tissue level proarrhythmic conduction blocks: prediction and validation



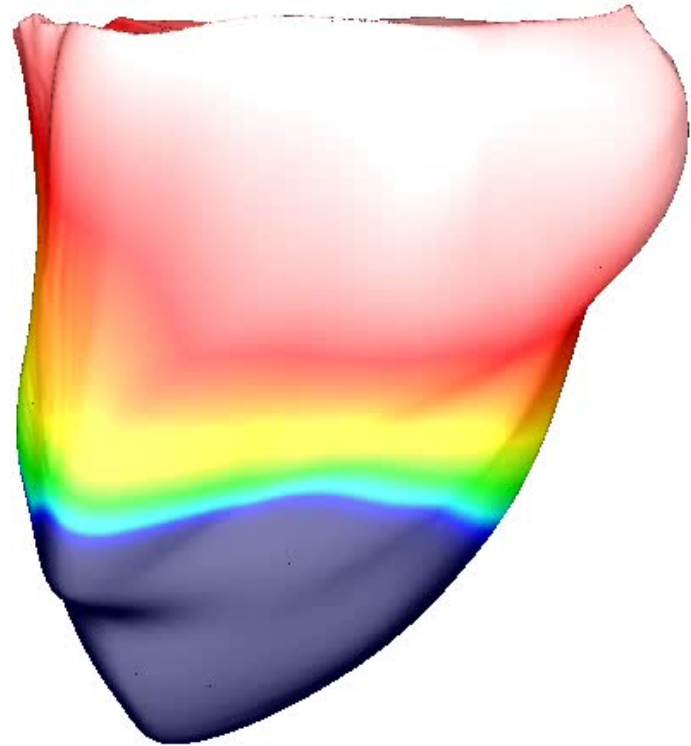
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# Drug effects on tissue dynamics

**Persistent reentry  
with flecainide**



**No reentry with  
lidocaine**

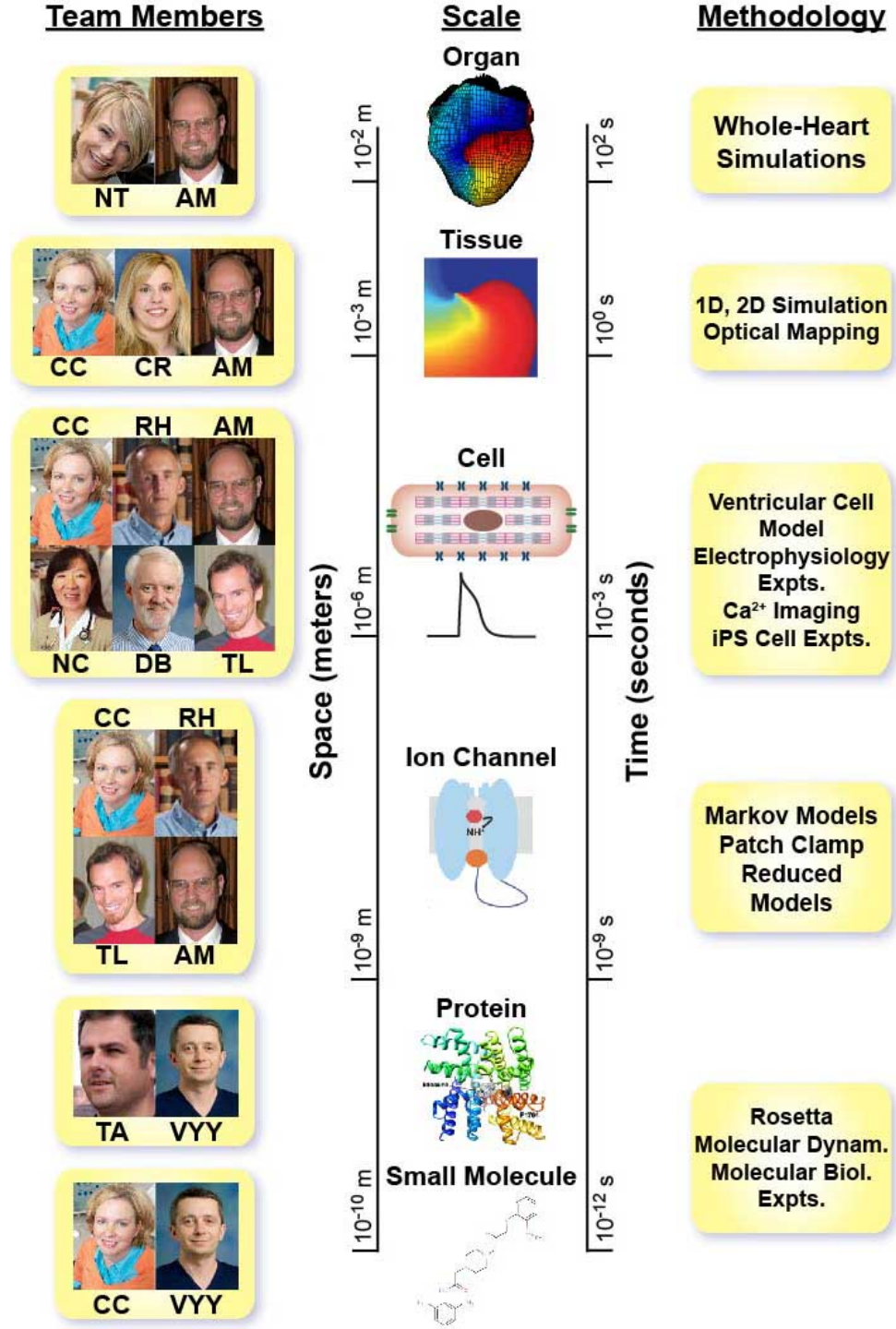


What's next?

Predictive multiscale computational pharmacology

Atomic to Organ

Computational EXPERIMENTS



What's next?

Development of a computational pharmacology working group as part of the MSM consortium.

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