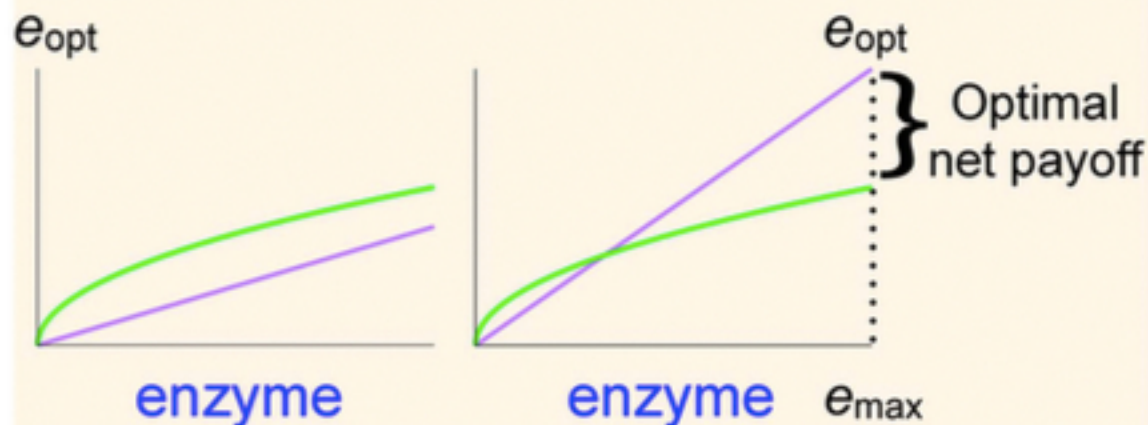


Cost / benefit

low readout

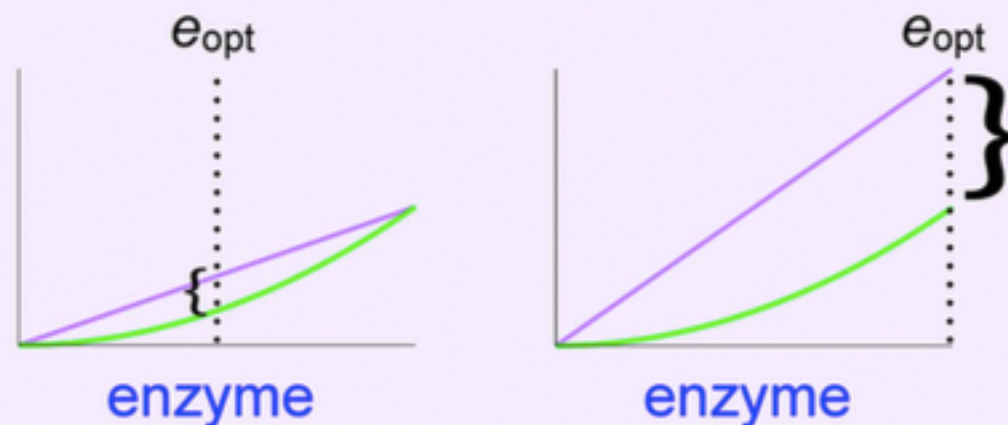
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concave, $n < 1$

low readout

high readout



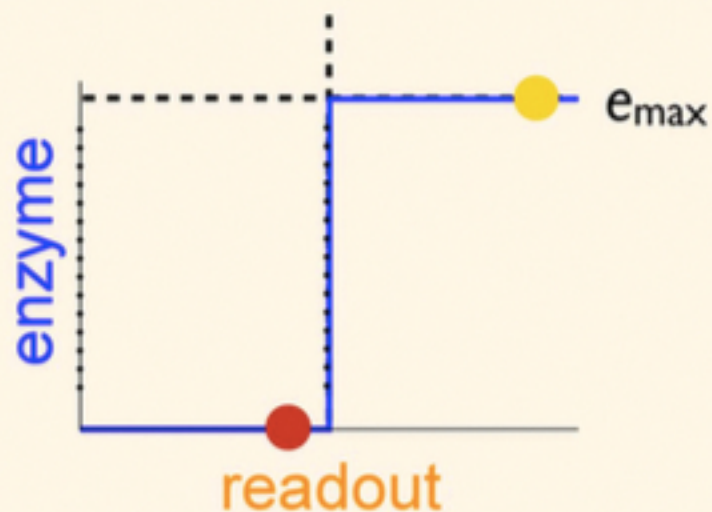
convex, $n > 1$

cost
curvature, n

$n = 1$

Optimal regulatory
strategy

thresholding



graded response

