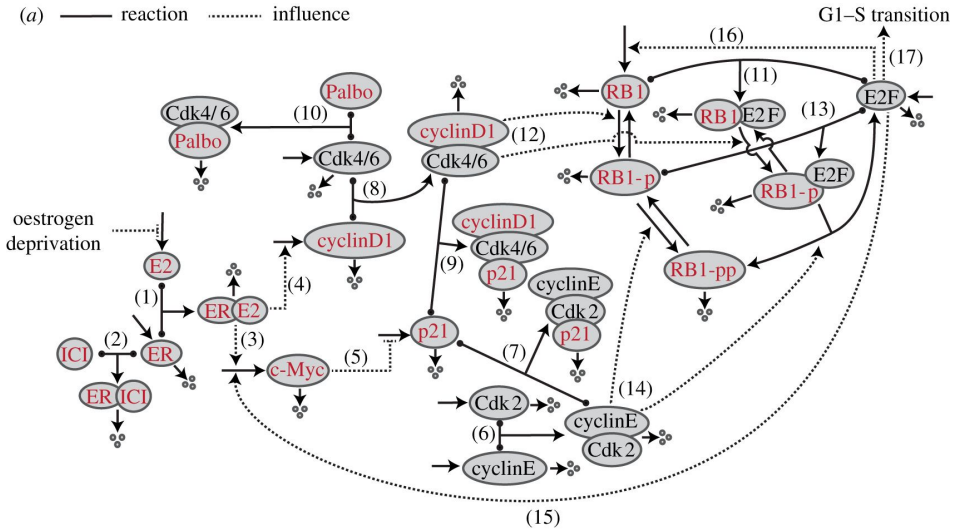
# Mathematical Modeling of breast cancer cells in response to endocrine therapy and Cdk4/6 inhibition

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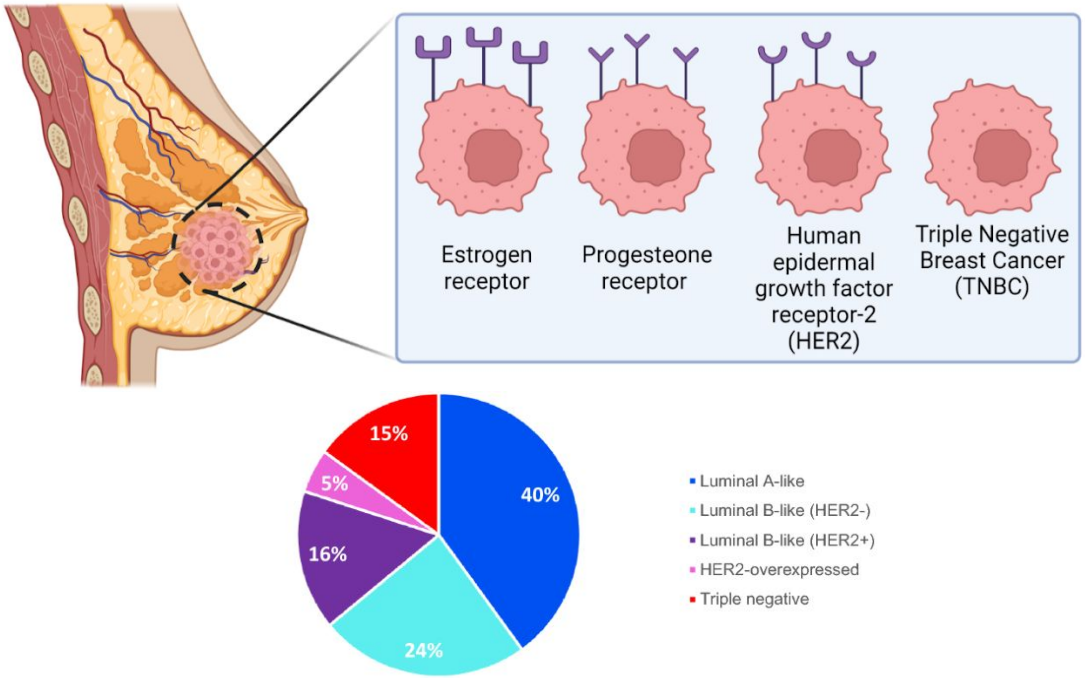
# Introduction

- Breast cancer
  - General overview
- Endocrine therapies and Cdk4/6 inhibition
  - Cyclin-dependent kinases Cdk4/6 and Palbociclib
  - Endocrine therapies

# Breast cancer

- One of the most common cancer of this generation

- Divided into 5 main subtypes based on gene expression
  - Luminal A and Luminal B are ER-positive (aberrant proliferation)

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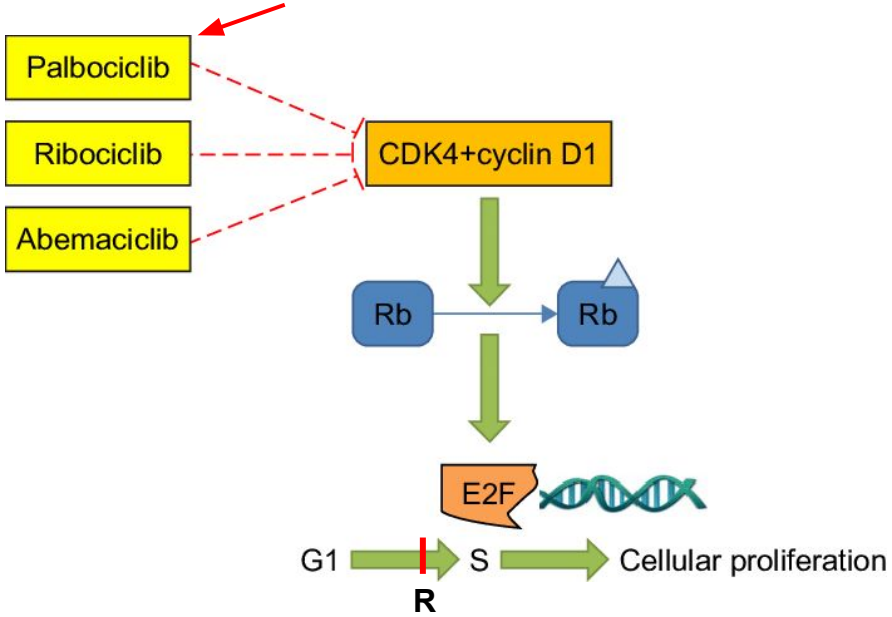
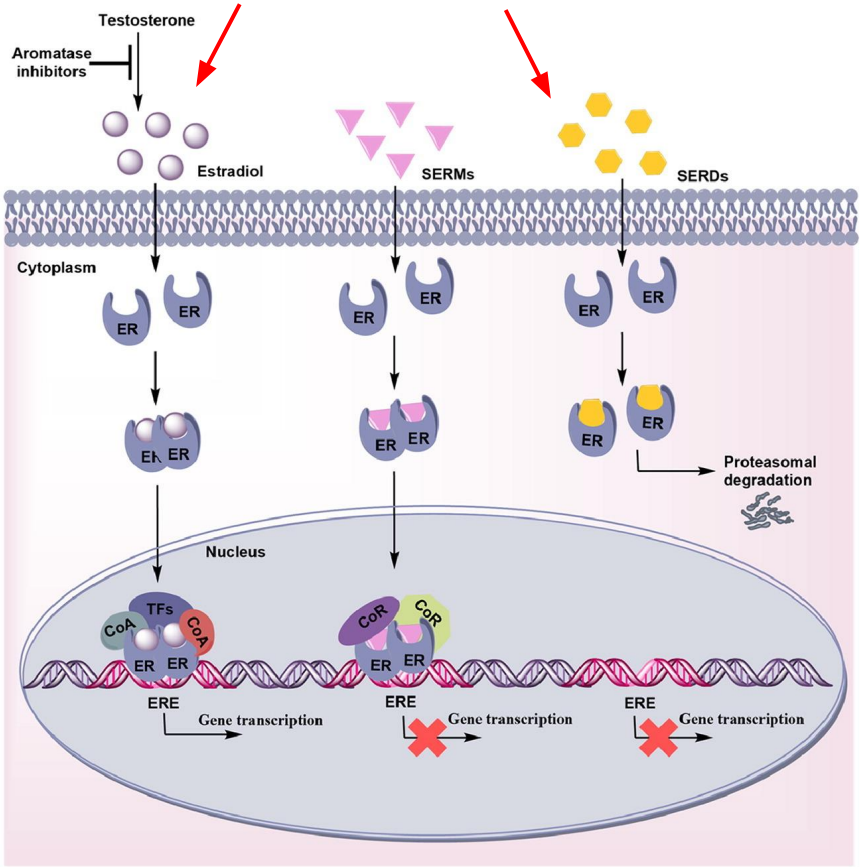
# Therapies

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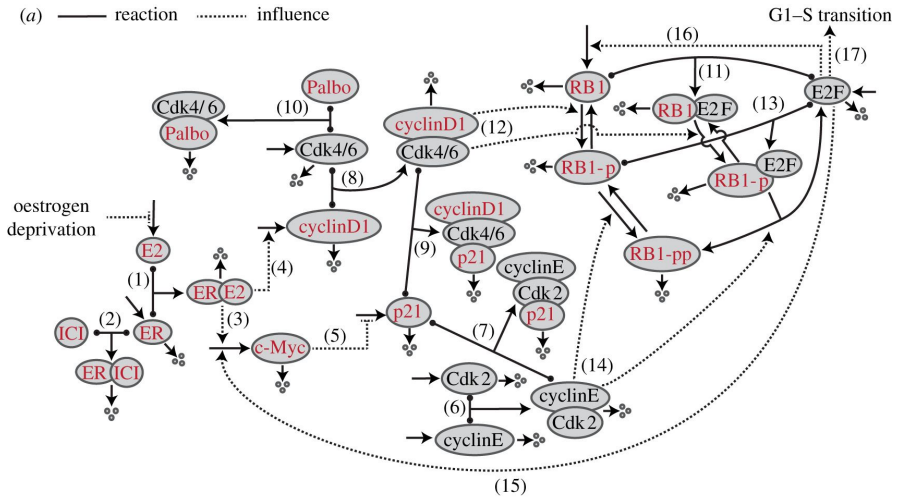
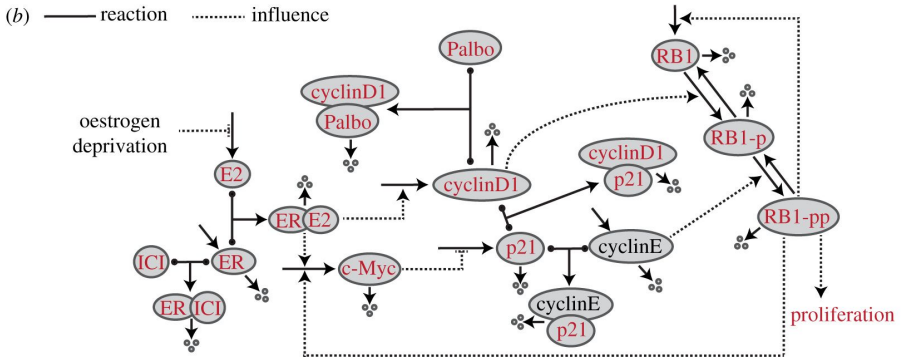
# Model structure




Model description: 14 ODE of first order, 16 variables, 62 parameters

# Our implementation

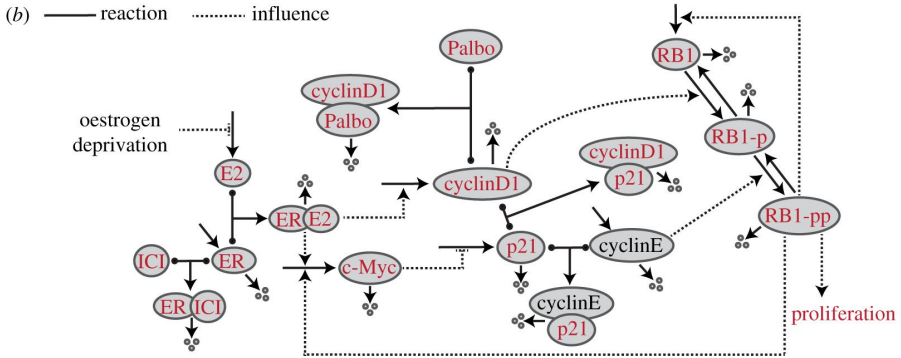
Deterministic approach

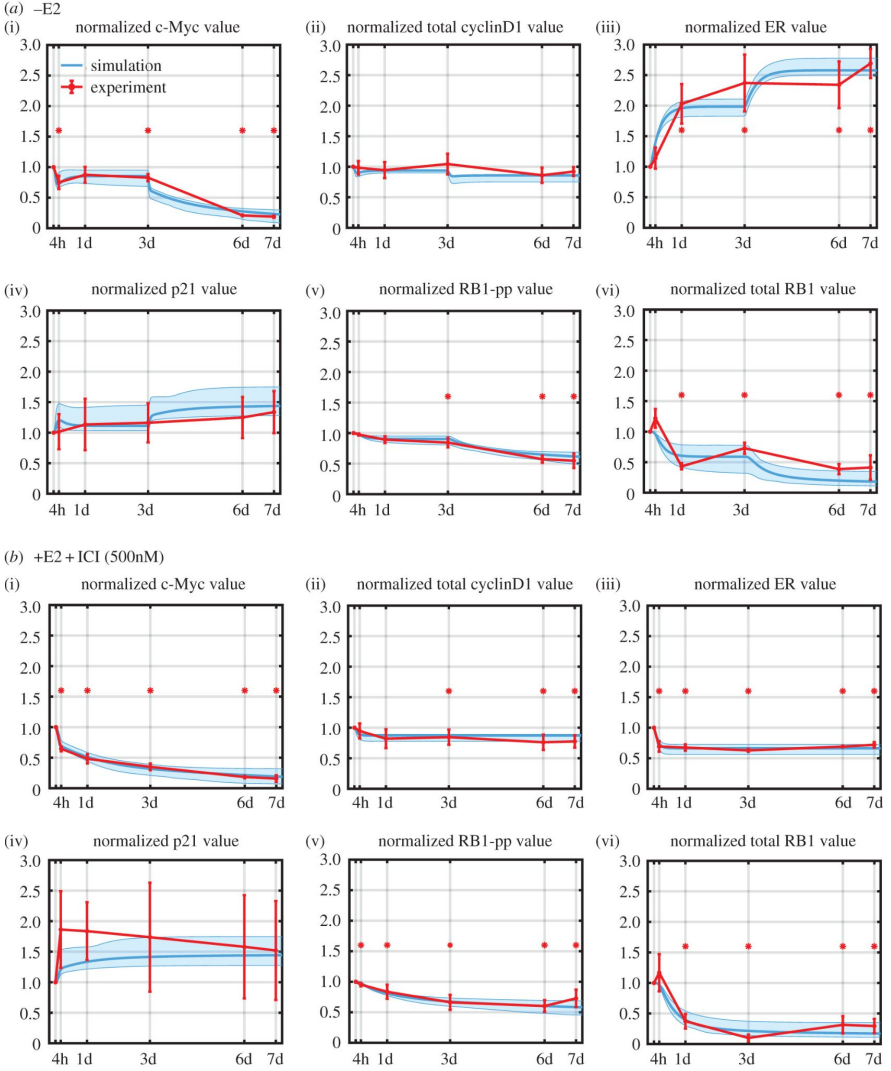
- ODE solver: ode23s
- Initial states and parameters were obtain from the original paper

Stochastic approach

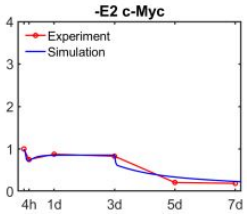
- ODE were converted into a set of reactions
- Deterministic rates converted into stochastic rates
- RSSA

# **Results 1:** The proposed model structure can largely explain the experimental data



# Our results

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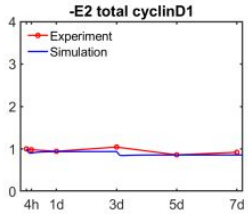
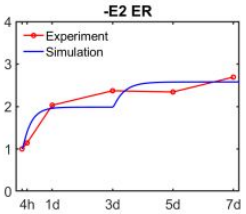
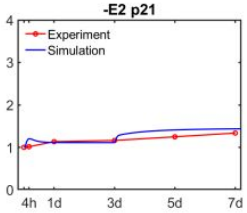



(b) *normalized total cyclinD1 value*




(c) *normalized ER value*

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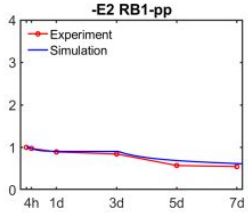


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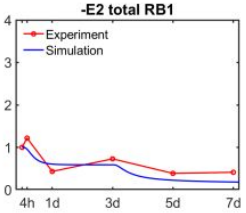


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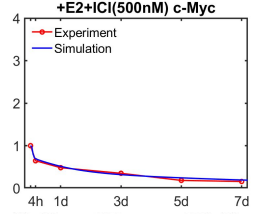


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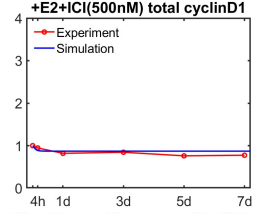


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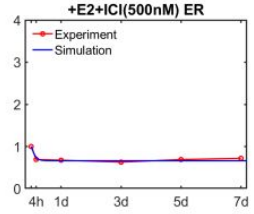


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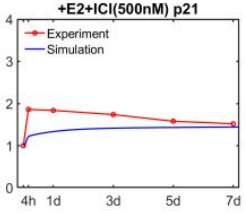


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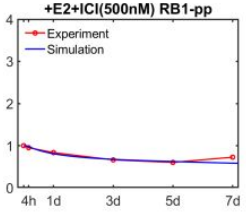
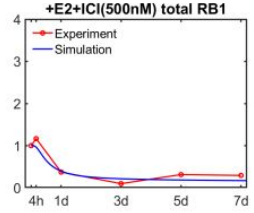
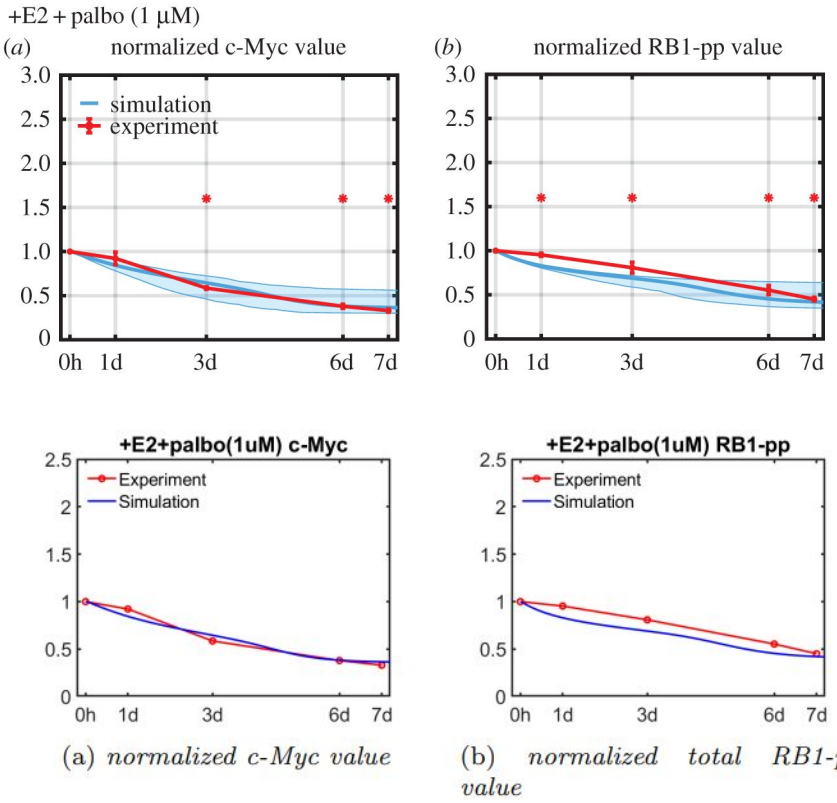



(k) normalized RB1-pp value




(l) normalized total RB1 value

# **Results 2:** Adding a new drug to the model requires limited new data

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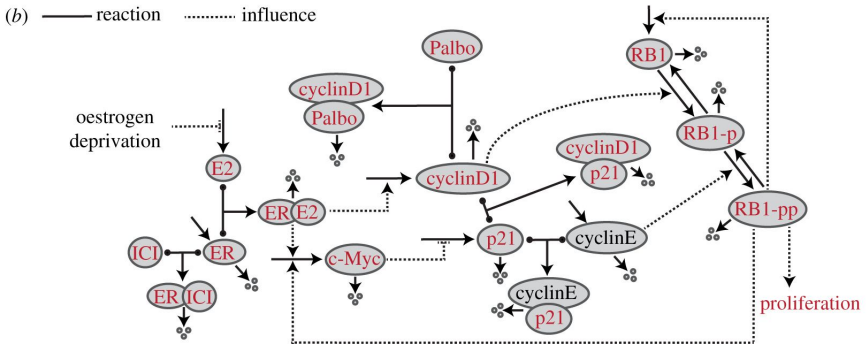
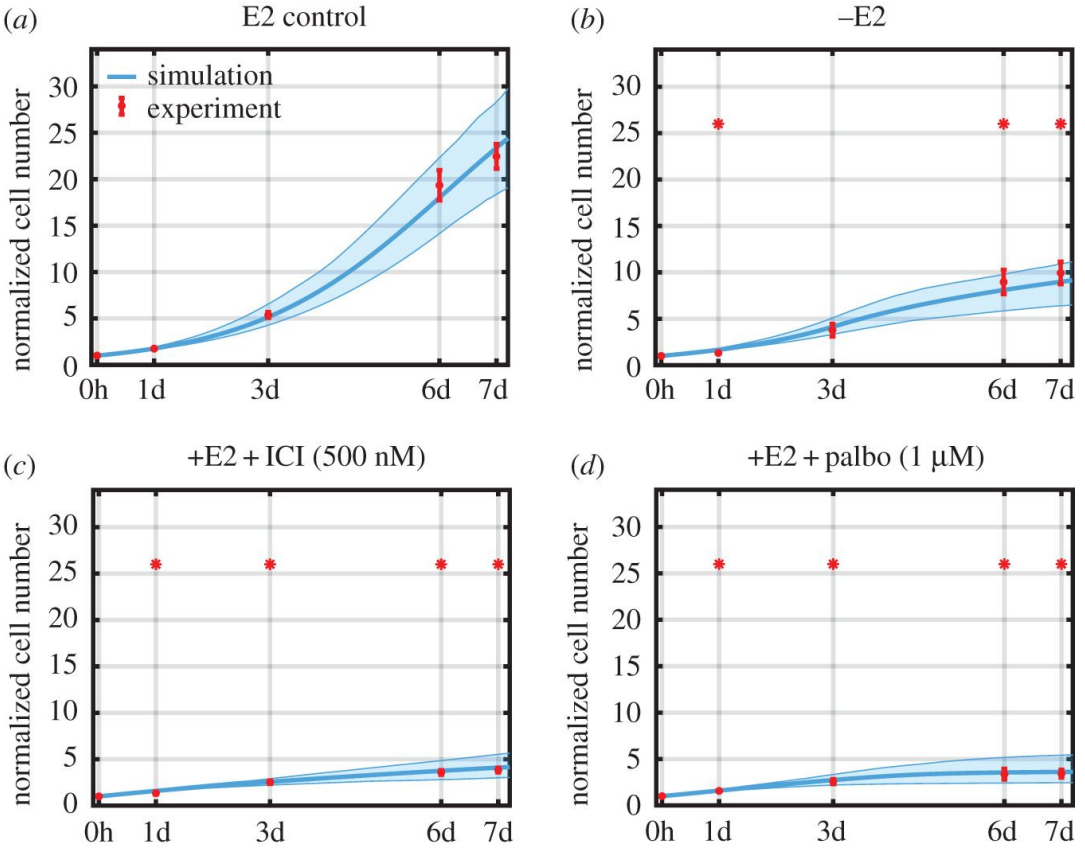


**Results 3:** The proliferation results can be explained by the RB1-pp level



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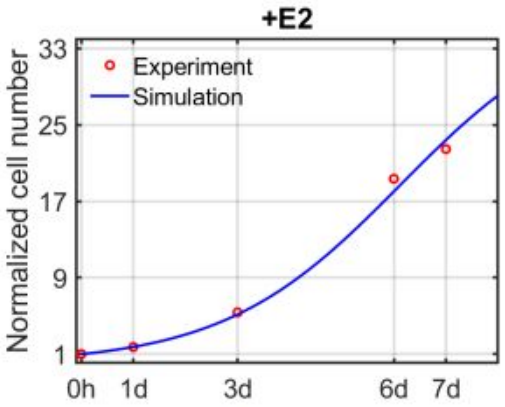
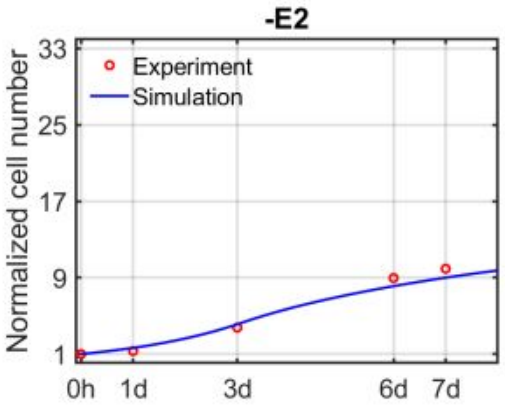



(a) *E2 control*

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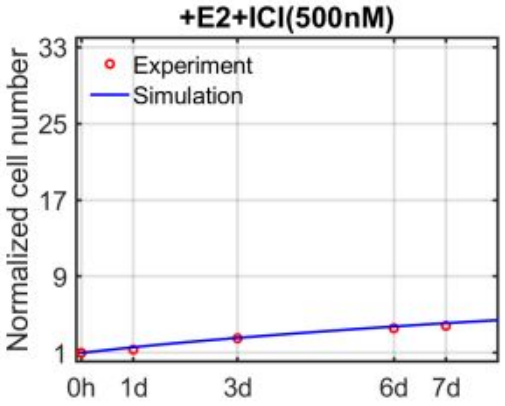
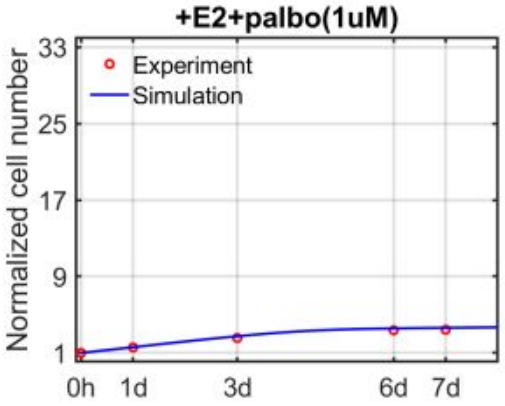



(c) *+E2+ICI*




(d) *+E2+palbo*

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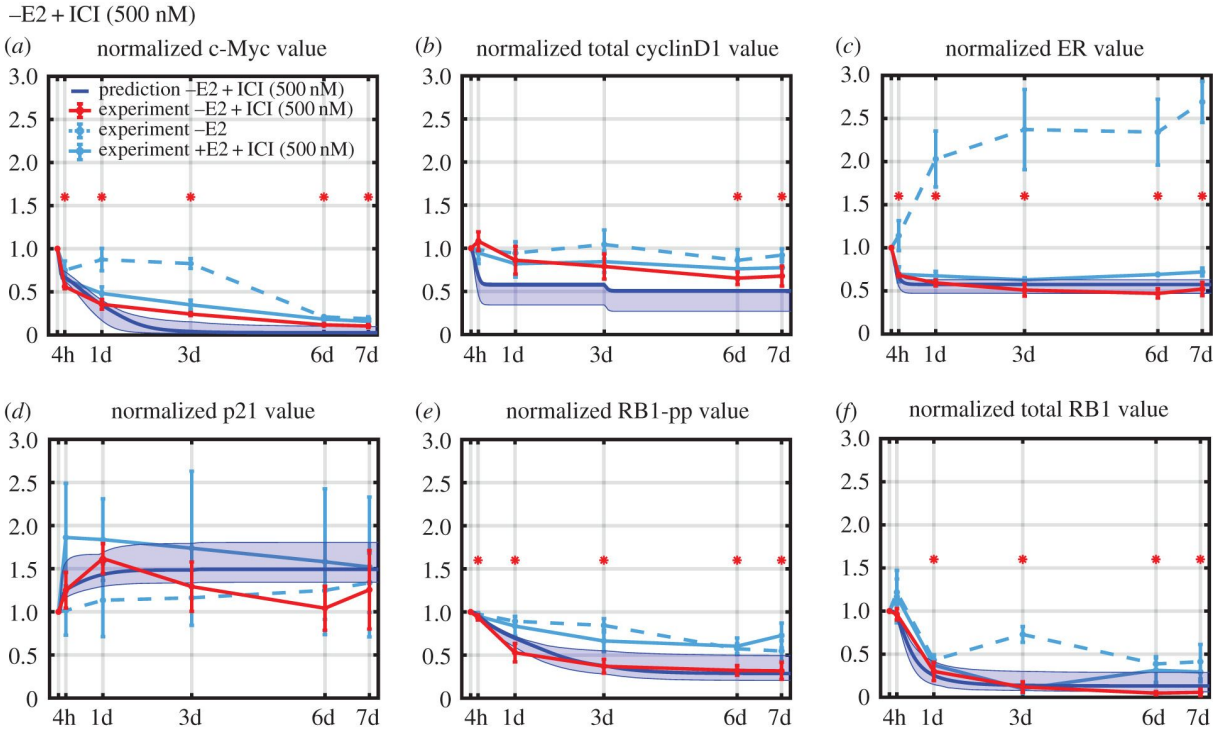
The model can predict the effect of combination treatment



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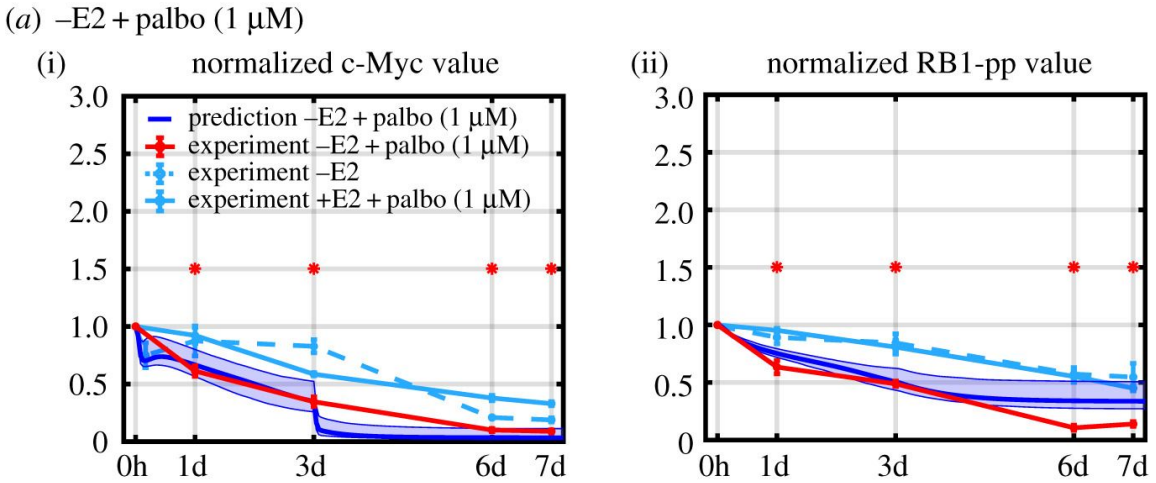
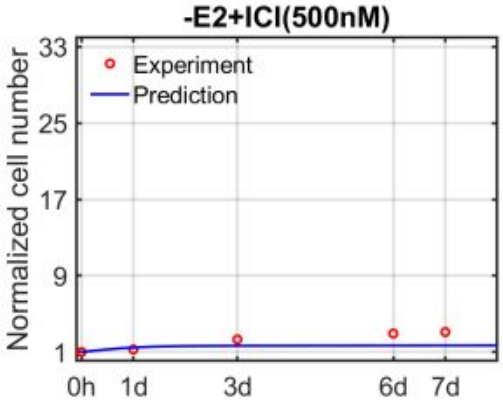


# Our result:

On proliferation levels with combination of therapies

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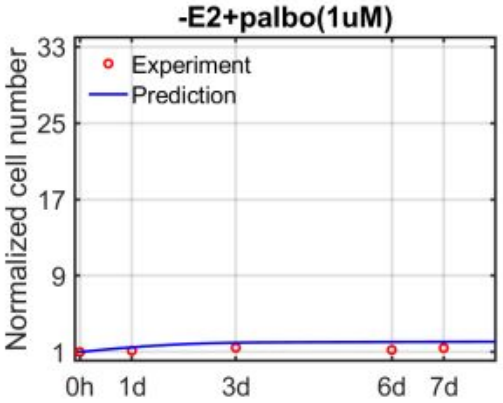


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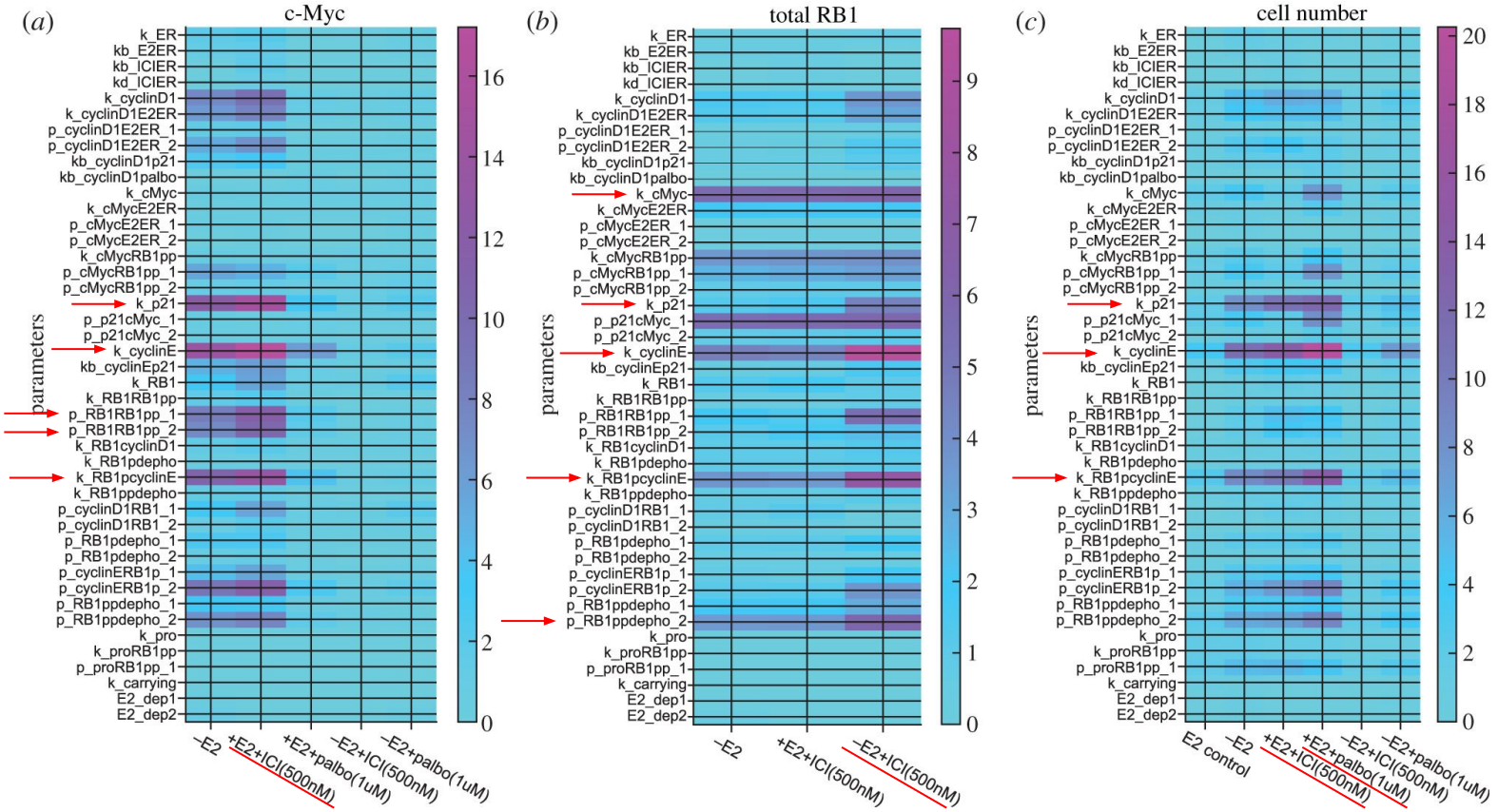
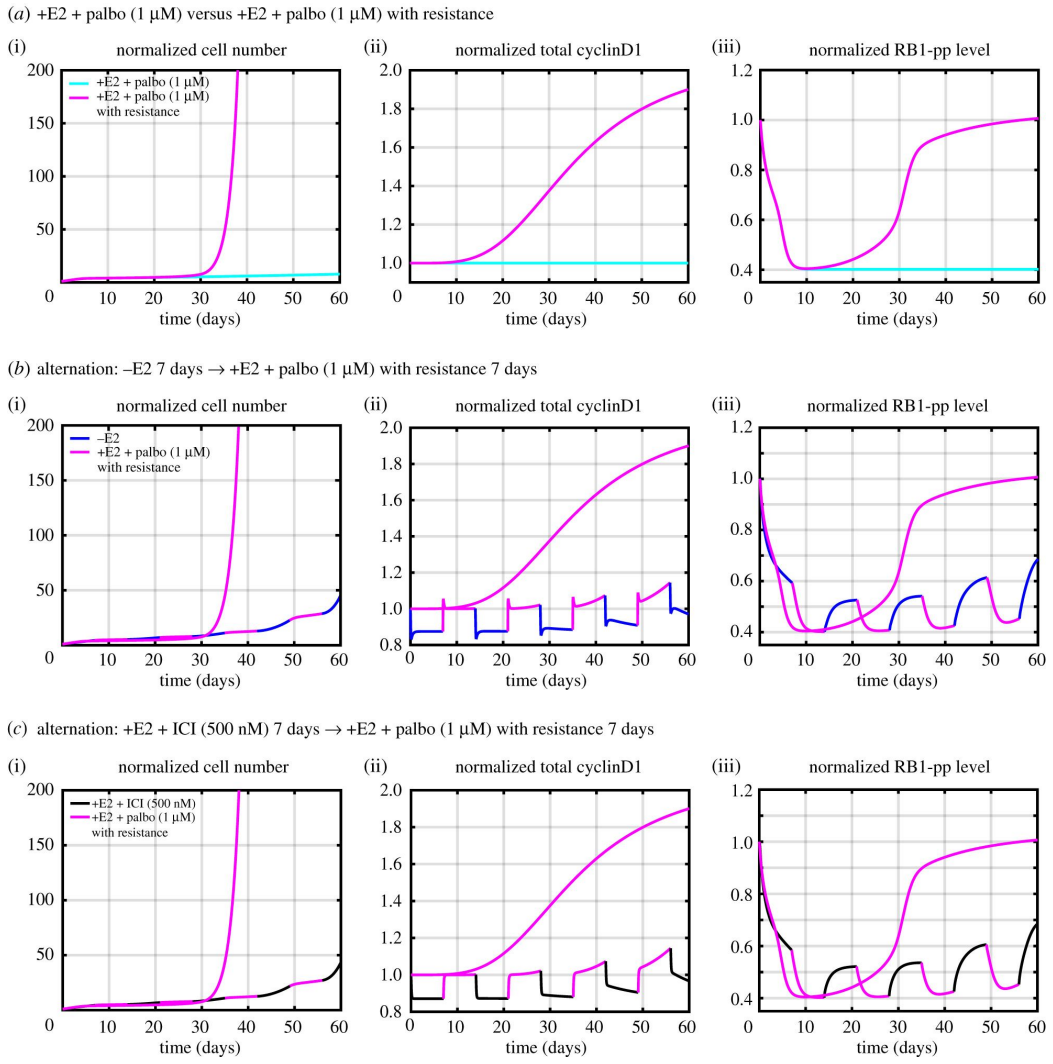
# **Results 5:** Local sensitivity analysis of protein levels and proliferation



# **Results 6:** The model can be used to explore the effect of sequential therapies

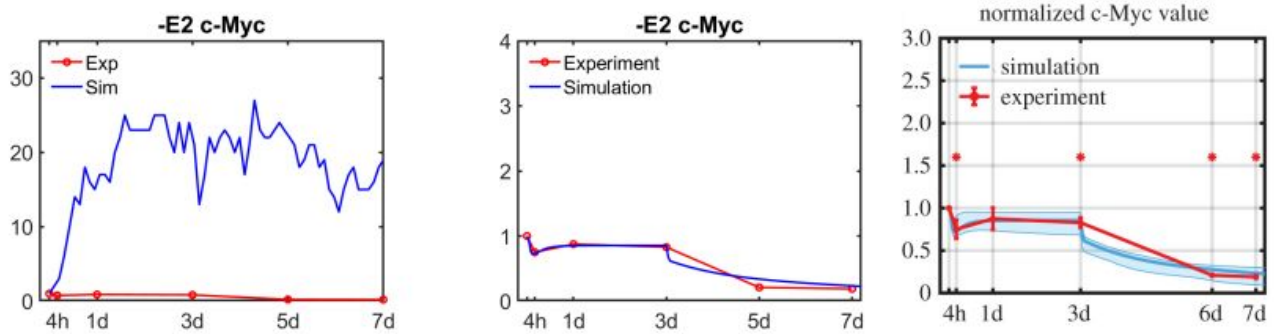


# Discussion:

- Mathematical model is able to describe the aberrant ER signaling that takes place in these cancer cells

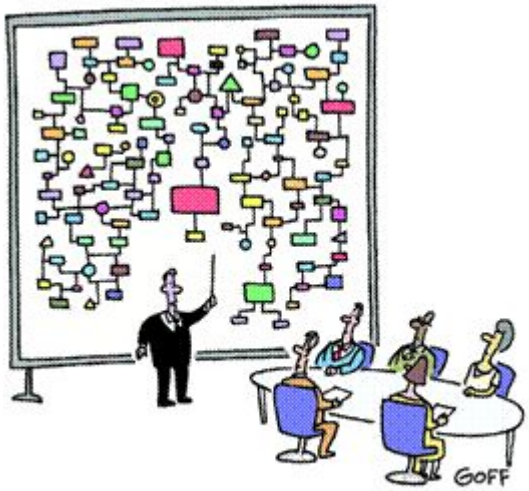
- The model was found to be predictive for cell proliferation and protein levels regulating ER signaling, both in terms of monotherapies and combined therapies

- Make assumptions on the predictive ability of the model regarding the utilization of cycle therapies in the context of resistance onset




(a) *Stochastic simulation* (b) *Deterministic simulation* (c) *Original paper*

Figure 14: Comparison between the results of the stochastic simulation, the deterministic simulation, and the original paper in terms of the levels of the proteins c-Myc.




"And that's why we need a computer."

# Thank you!