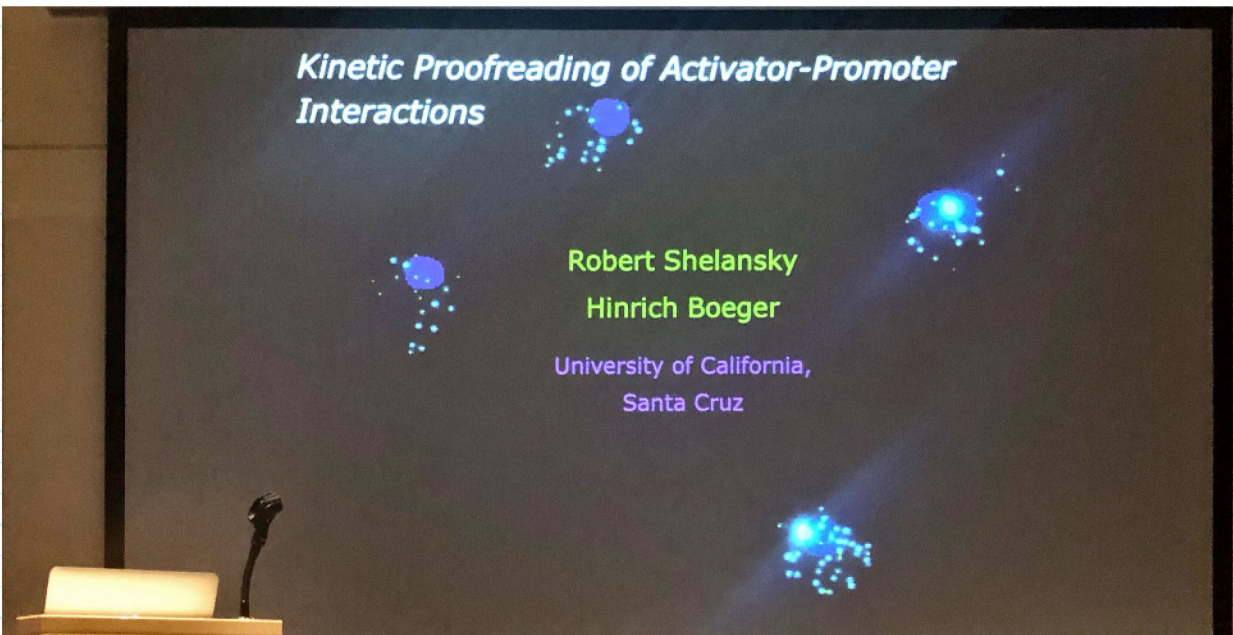


$$\frac{\sigma^2}{\langle m^1 \rangle} = 1 + \langle m^1 \rangle \frac{k^-}{k^+} \frac{\gamma}{k^+ + k^- + \gamma}.$$

$$= 1 + \frac{r}{\gamma} \frac{k_{\text{off}}}{k_{\text{on}}} \frac{\gamma}{k_{\text{off}} + k_{\text{on}} + \gamma}$$

Hinrich Boeger



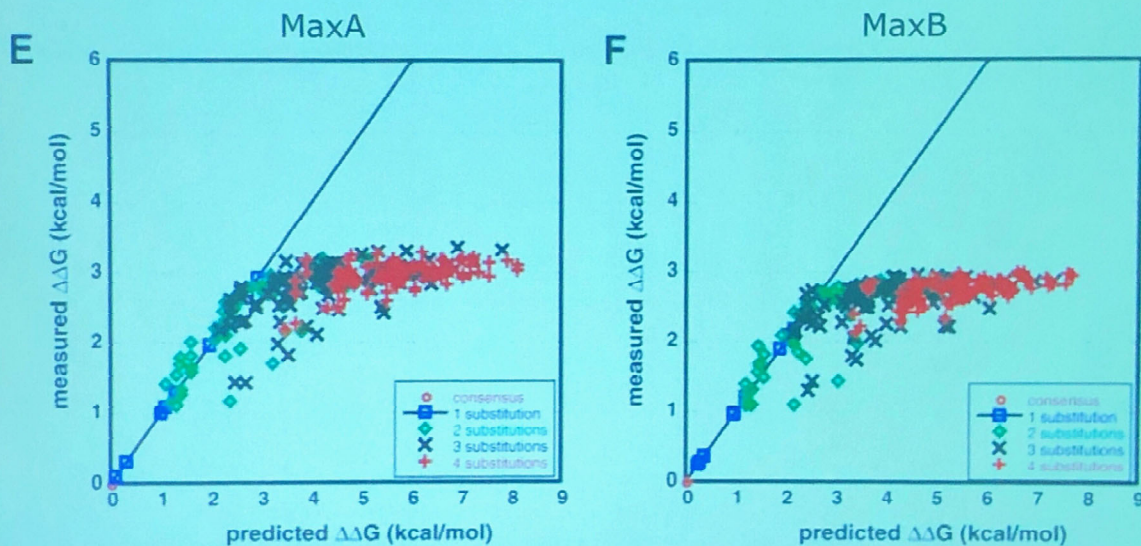
↳ Binding of correct and

→ ...
incorrect activator for o.
promoter

Energetics of Activator-DNA Binding

(Maerkl and Quake, 2007)

$$\Delta\Delta G^\circ = RT \ln f_0$$

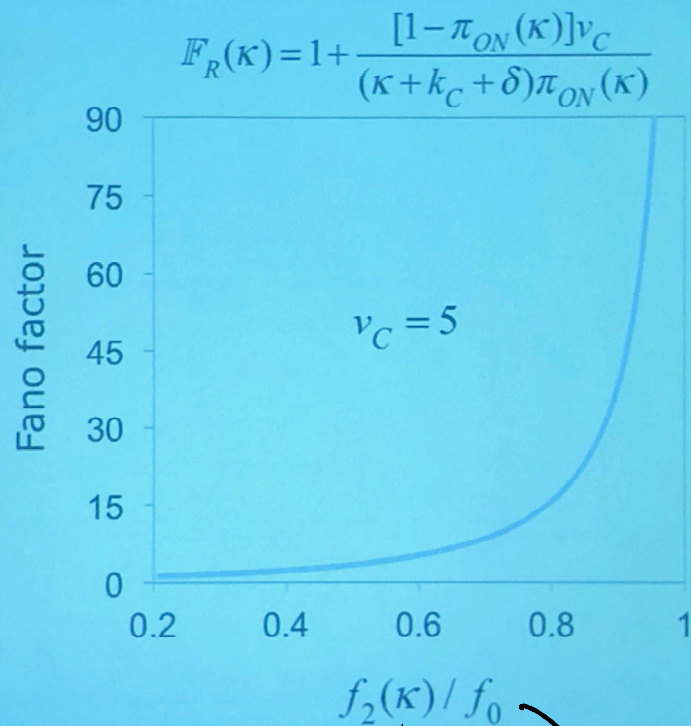


$$f_0 \approx 100$$

$(w/k_{on} \rightarrow 0) \rightarrow$ in the context
of a 2-state
model

model

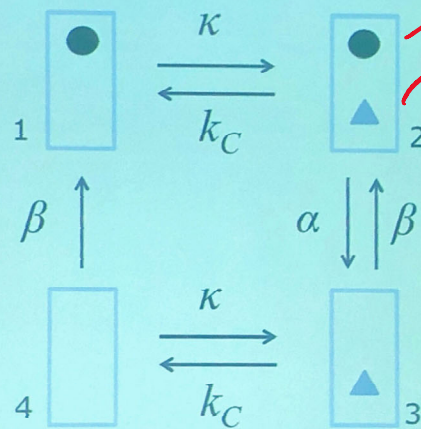
Noise Catastrophe



kon

thermodynamic
limit

Four-State Promoter Model



nucleosome
activator

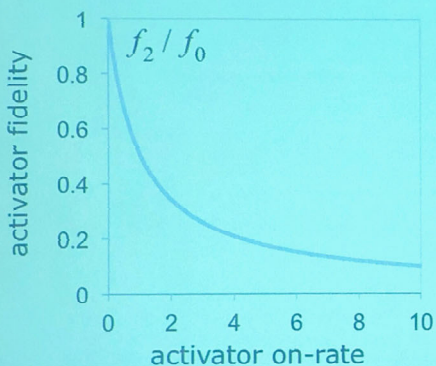
nucleosome can only be removed by activator

transcription

Kinetic Proofreading Allows for Activator Fidelities Beyond f_0

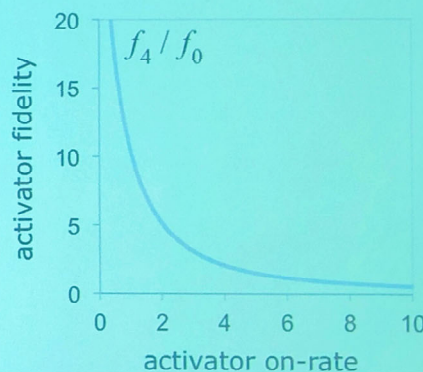
Two-state

$$\max f_2 = f_0$$

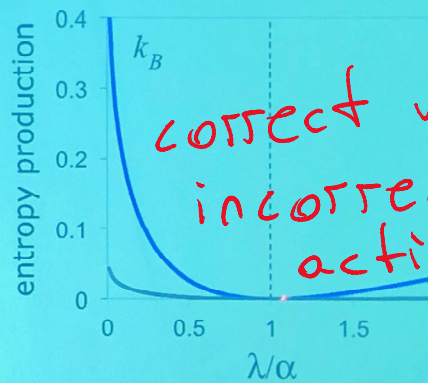
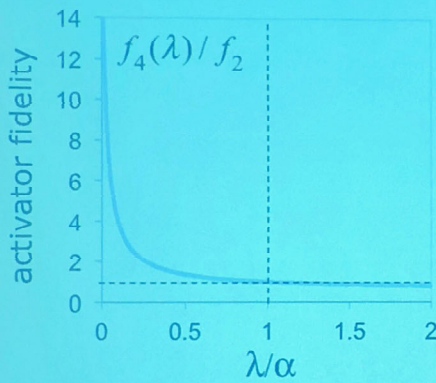


Four-state

$$\max f_4 = f_0^2$$

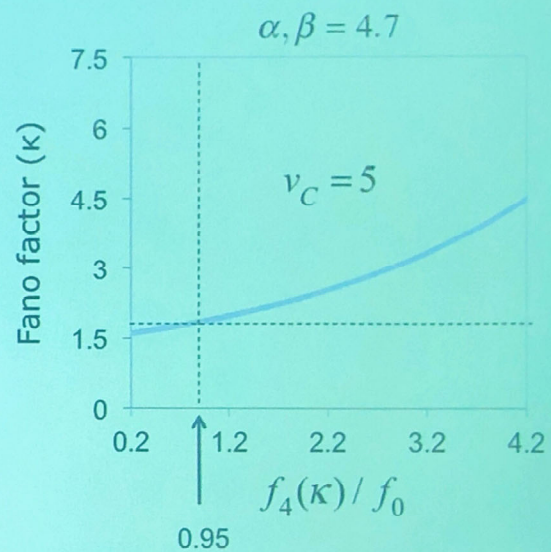
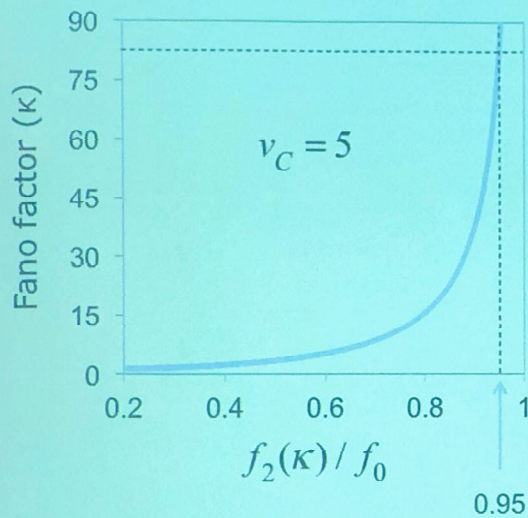


Kinetic Proofreading Requires Entropy Production



correct vs.
incorrect
activator
binding

Kinetic Proofreading Avoids Noise Catastrophe



Examples: Sample Paths

$$f / f_0 = 0.95$$

