

Parameter	Description	Category	When decreased	When increased
$k_1$	Rate constant of calcium leak from ER <sup>1</sup>	$J_{flux}$	Frequency↓ Amplitude↓	Waves stop
$k_2$	Rate constant of calcium release through IP3R <sup>1</sup>		Waves stop	Frequency↑ Speed↑
$K_{Ca^{2+}}$	Half-saturation constant for calcium activation of IP3R <sup>1</sup>		Frequency↑ Amplitude↓	Waves stop
$K_{IP_3}$	Half-saturation constant for IP3 activation of IP3R <sup>1</sup>		Frequency↑ Amplitude↑	Waves stop
$v_{SERCA}$	Maximum rate of calcium pumping into the ER <sup>2</sup>	$J_{SERCA}$	Waves stop	Steady State↓ Amplitude↑
$k_{SERCA}$	Half-saturation constant for calcium pumping into the ER <sup>2</sup>		Amplitude↑ Steady State↓	Waves stop
$v_{leak}$	Rate of calcium leak from medium <sup>1</sup>	$J_{media}$	Frequency↓ Amplitude↑ Speed↓	Waves stop
$k_{leak}$	Rate constant of calcium flux to the medium <sup>1</sup>		Waves stop	Frequency↑ Amplitude↑ Speed↑
$V_{ER}/V$	Volumetric fraction of ER <sup>2</sup>	$[Ca_{ER}^{2+}]$	Frequency↓ Amplitude↑ Speed↓ Width↑	Waves stop
$k_6$	Rate constant of IP3R inactivation <sup>1,2</sup>	$[IP_3R]$	Width↓ Frequency↓ Amplitude↑	No effect
$K_i$	Half-saturation constant for calcium inhibition of IP3R <sup>1,2</sup>		Waves stop	Frequency↓ Amplitude↑
$k_{deg}$	Rate constant of IP3 degradation <sup>1</sup>	$[IP_3]$	Speed↑ Amplitude↑ Frequency↑	Waves stop
$\mu_{PLC}$	Mean rate of IP3 generation		Waves stop	Speed↑ Amplitude↑ Frequency↑
$D_{IP_3}$	Effective diffusivity of IP3 <sup>1,2,3</sup>	Diffusion	Random flashes	Speed↑ Amplitude↑
$D_{Ca^{2+}}$	Effective diffusivity of calcium <sup>1,2,3</sup>		Random flashes	No effect

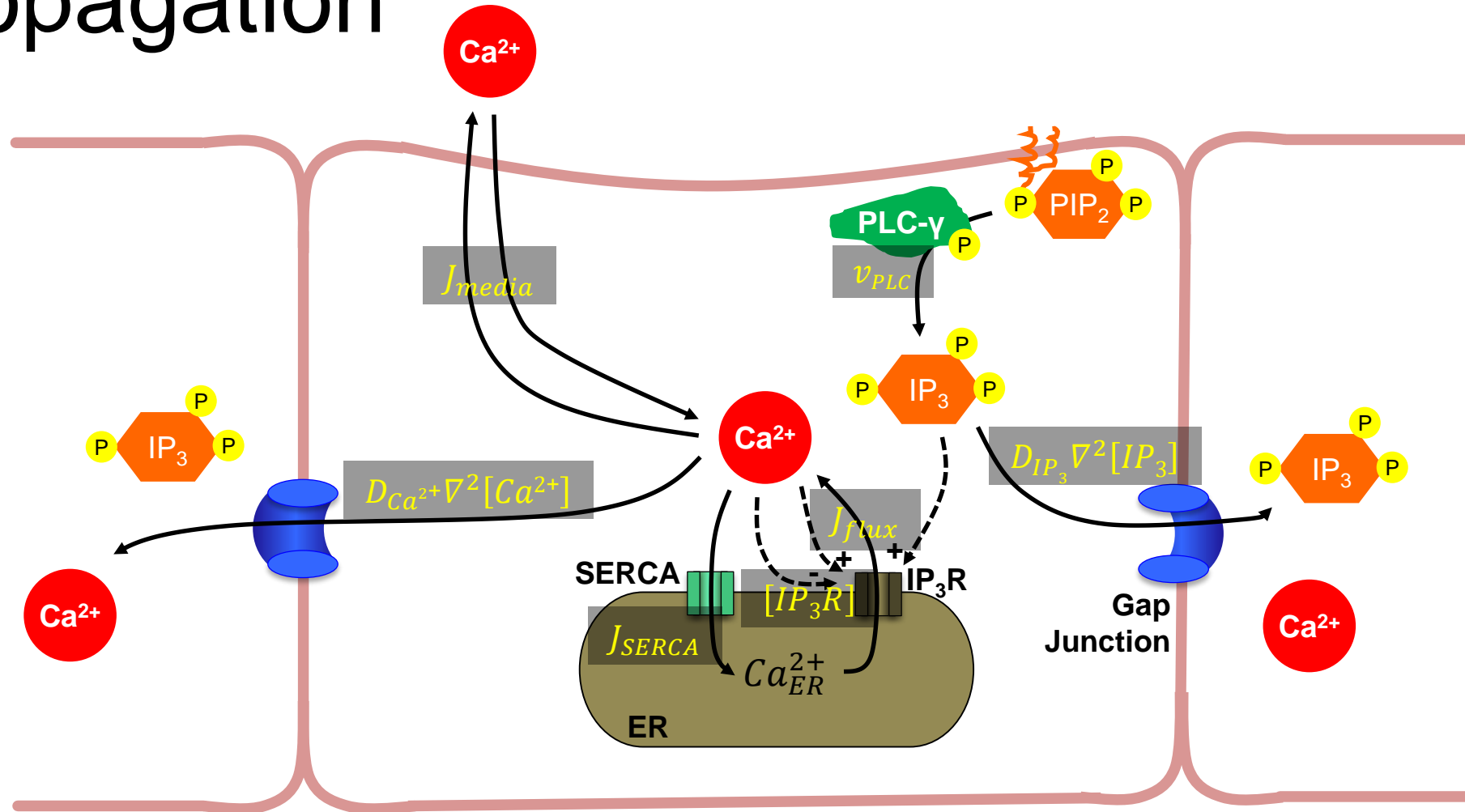
Parameter	Description	Category	Amplitude	Steady state concentration	Frequency	Speed
$k_1$	Rate constant of calcium leak from ER <sup>1</sup>	$J_{flux}$	X	X	-	X
$k_2$	Rate constant of calcium release through IP3R <sup>1</sup>		X	X	-	X
$K_{Ca^{2+}}$	Half-saturation constant for calcium activation of IP3R <sup>1</sup>		X	X	X	-
$K_{IP_3}$	Half-saturation constant for IP3 activation of IP3R <sup>1</sup>		X	X	X	-
$v_{SERCA}$	Maximum rate of calcium pumping into the ER <sup>2</sup>	$J_{SERCA}$	X	X	-	X
$k_{SERCA}$	Half-saturation constant for calcium pumping into the ER <sup>2</sup>		X	X	-	X
$v_{leak}$	Rate of calcium leak from medium <sup>1</sup>	$J_{media}$	X	X	-	X
$k_{leak}$	Rate constant of calcium flux to the medium <sup>1</sup>		-	-	X	X
$V_{ER}/V$	Volumetric fraction of ER <sup>2</sup>	$[Ca_{ER}^{2+}]$	-	-	-	-
$k_6$	Rate constant of IP3R inactivation <sup>1,2</sup>	$[IP_3R]$	-	-	-	-
$K_i$	Half-saturation constant for calcium inhibition of IP3R <sup>1,2</sup>		X	X	-	-
$k_{deg}$	Rate constant of IP3 degradation <sup>1</sup>	$[IP_3]$	X	X	X	X
$\mu_{PLC}$	Mean rate of IP3 generation		-	-	-	X
$D_{IP_3}$	Effective diffusivity of IP3 <sup>1,2,3</sup>	Diffusion	-	-	X	X
$D_{Ca^{2+}}$	Effective diffusivity of calcium <sup>1,2,3</sup>		-	-	-	-

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# Boundary and initial conditions

No-flux boundary conditions:

$$D_{IP_3} \nabla^2 [IP_3] = 0 \text{ at } x = \{0, L\}$$
$$D_{Ca^{2+}} \nabla^2 [Ca^{2+}] = 0 \text{ at } x = \{0, L\}$$

Steady-state initial conditions:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{at } t = 0: \quad [Ca^{2+}] &= 0.05 \mu M \\ [IP_3] &= 0.15 \mu M \\ [Ca_{ER}^{2+}] &= 80 \mu M \\ [IP_3R] &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

# PDE model (Version 1)

$$\frac{\partial [Ca^{2+}]}{\partial t} = \frac{(k_1 + k_2 [IP_3 R] [Ca^{2+}]^2 [IP_3]^2) ([Ca_{ER}^{2+}] - [Ca^{2+}])}{(K_{Ca^{2+}}^2 + [Ca^{2+}]^2) (K_{IP_3}^2 + [IP_3]^2)} - \frac{v_{SERCA} [Ca^{2+}]^2}{k_{SERCA}^2 + [Ca^{2+}]^2} + (v_{leak} - k_{leak} [Ca^{2+}]) + D_{Ca^{2+}} \nabla^2 [Ca^{2+}]$$

$$\frac{d[Ca_{ER}^{2+}]}{dt} = -\frac{V}{V_{ER}} \left( \frac{(k_1 + k_2 [IP_3 R] [Ca^{2+}]^2 [IP_3]^2) ([Ca_{ER}^{2+}] - [Ca^{2+}])}{(K_{Ca^{2+}}^2 + [Ca^{2+}]^2) (K_{IP_3}^2 + [IP_3]^2)} - \frac{v_{SERCA} [Ca^{2+}]^2}{k_{SERCA}^2 + [Ca^{2+}]^2} \right)$$

$$\frac{\partial [IP_3]}{\partial t} = \Gamma(1, \mu_{PLC}) - k_{deg} [IP_3] + D_{IP_3} \nabla^2 [IP_3]$$

$$\frac{d[IP_3 R]}{dt} = k_6 \left( \frac{K_i^2}{K_i^2 + [Ca^{2+}]^2} - [IP_3 R] \right)$$

# PDE model (Version 2)

$$\frac{\partial [Ca^{2+}]}{\partial t} = J_{flux} - J_{SERCA} + J_{media} + D_{Ca^{2+}} \nabla^2 [Ca^{2+}]$$

$$\frac{d[IP_3R]}{dt} = k_6 \left( \frac{K_i^2}{K_i^2 + [Ca^{2+}]^2} - [IP_3R] \right)$$

$$\frac{d[Ca_{ER}^{2+}]}{dt} = -\frac{V}{V_{ER}} (J_{flux} - J_{SERCA})$$

$$\frac{\partial [IP_3]}{\partial t} = v_{PLC} - k_{deg}[IP_3] + D_{IP_3} \nabla^2 [IP_3]$$

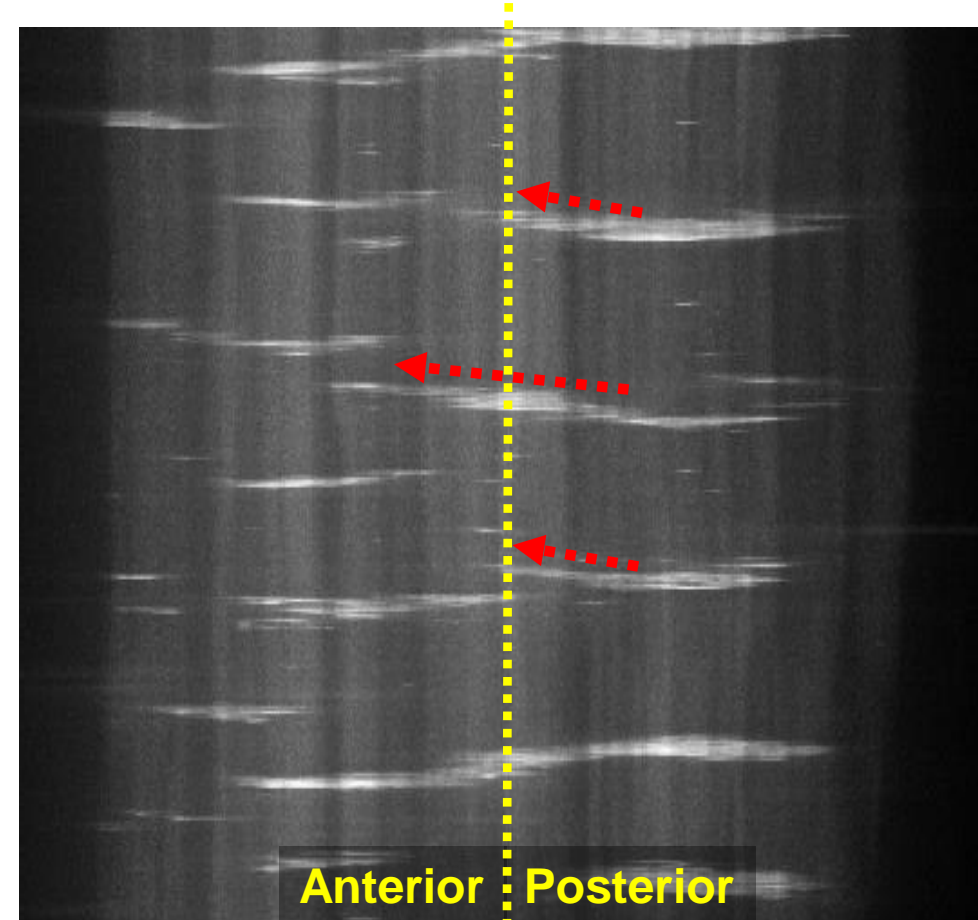
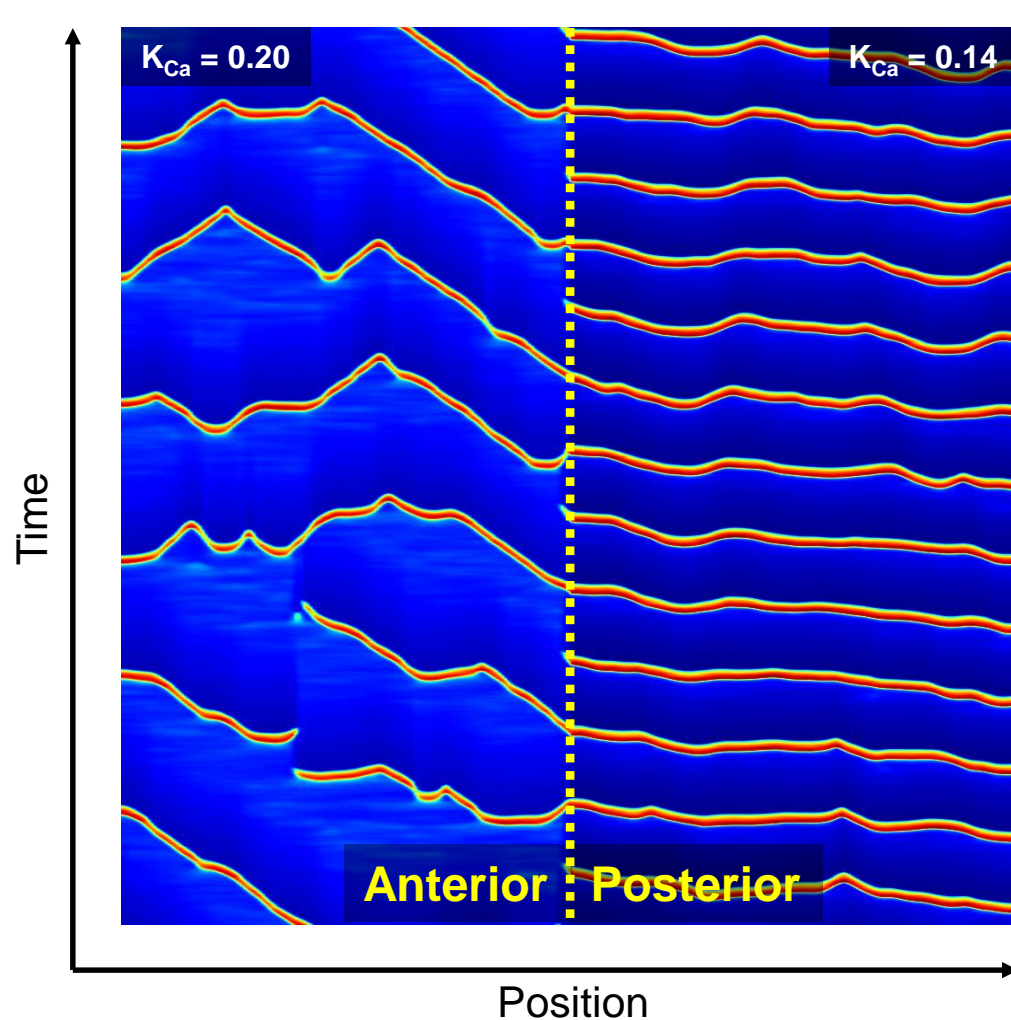
$$J_{flux} = \frac{(k_1 + k_2[IP_3R][Ca^{2+}]^2[IP_3]^2)([Ca_{ER}^{2+}] - [Ca^{2+}])}{(K_{Ca^{2+}}^2 + [Ca^{2+}]^2)(K_{IP_3}^2 + [IP_3]^2)}$$

$$J_{SERCA} = \frac{v_{SERCA}[Ca^{2+}]^2}{k_{SERCA}^2 + [Ca^{2+}]^2}$$

$$J_{media} = v_{leak} - k_{leak}[Ca^{2+}]$$

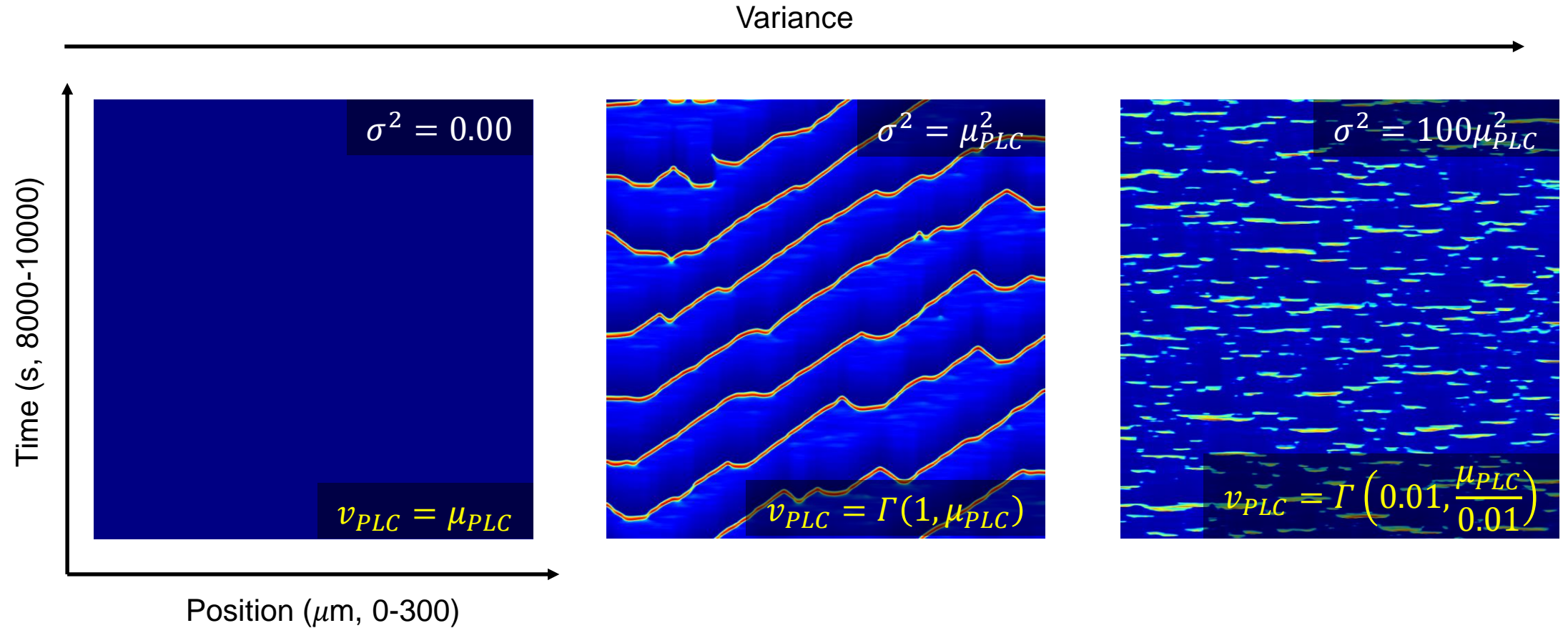
$$v_{PLC} = \Gamma(1, \mu_{PLC})$$

Boundary penetrance may be explained by differential cell properties in compartments





# Signal variance may explain pulse to wave transition



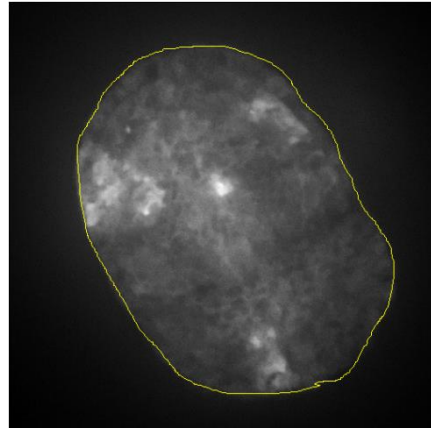
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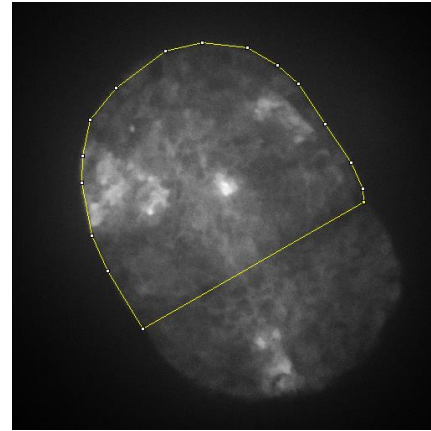
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# Domain specificity of $\text{Ca}^{2+}$ transients

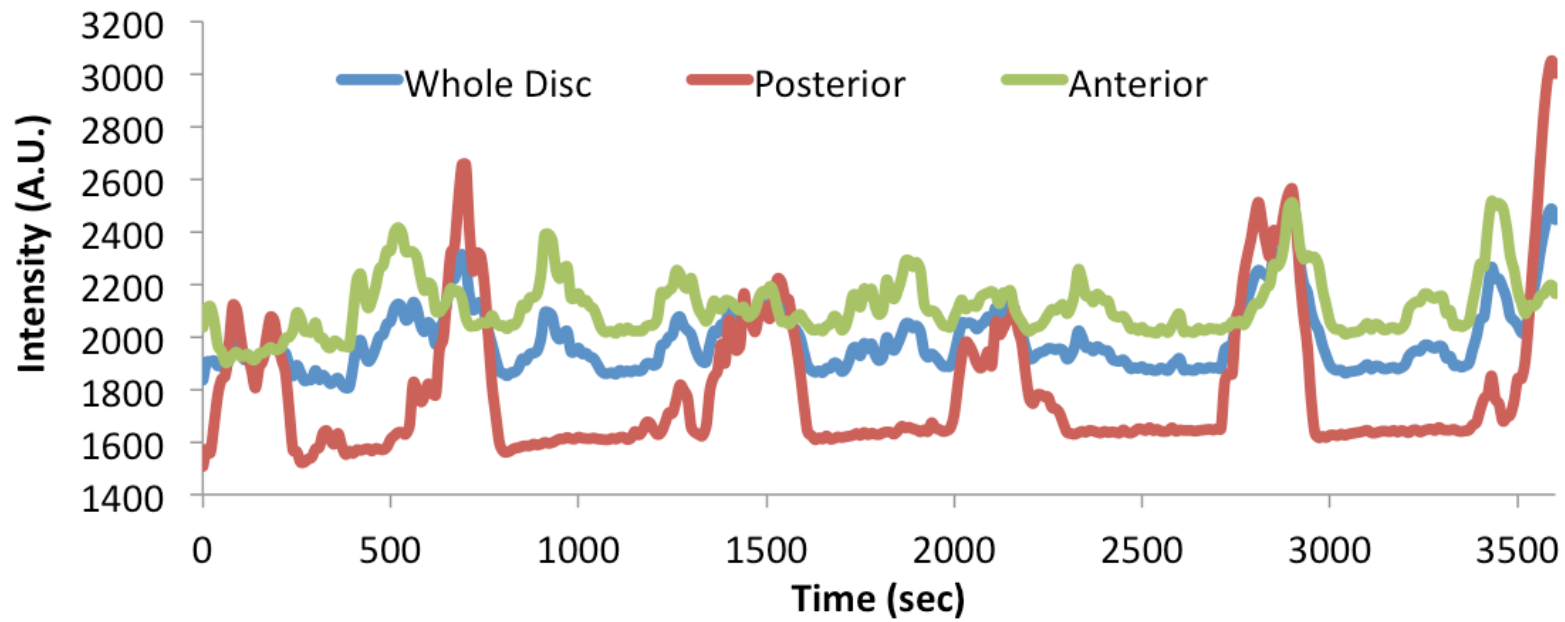
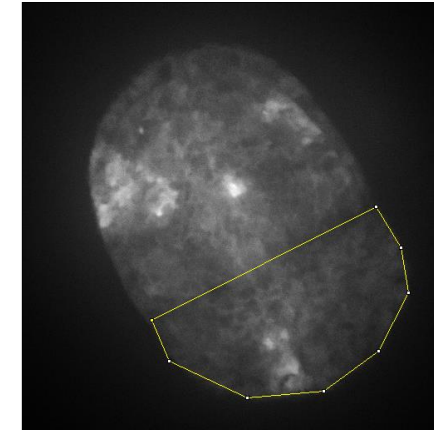
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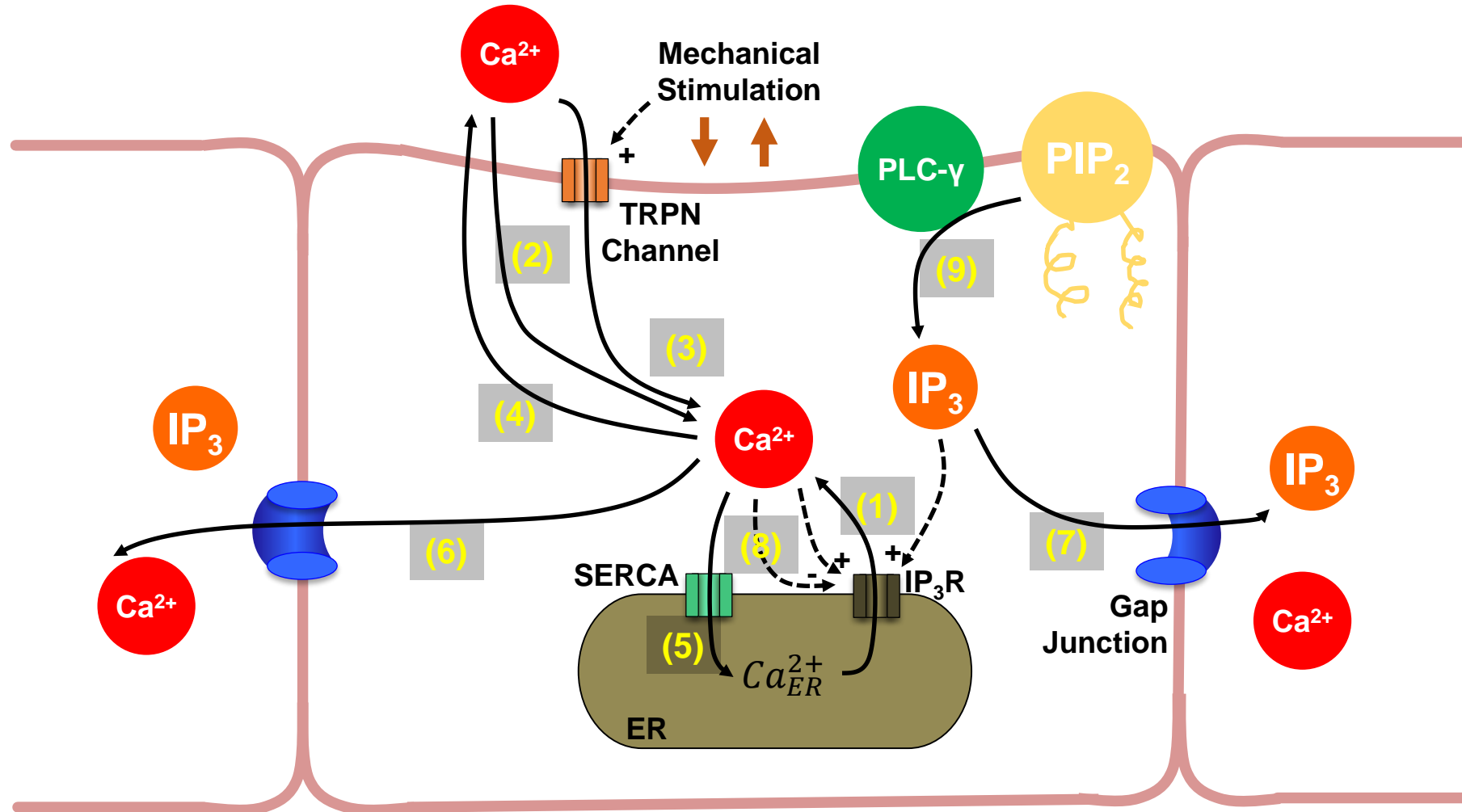
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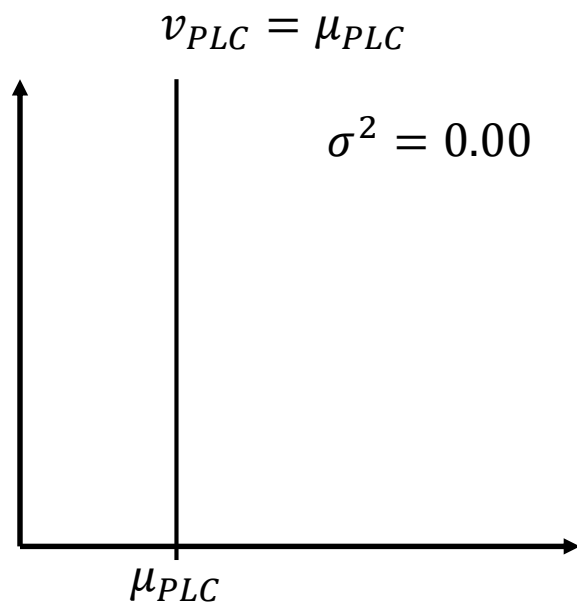
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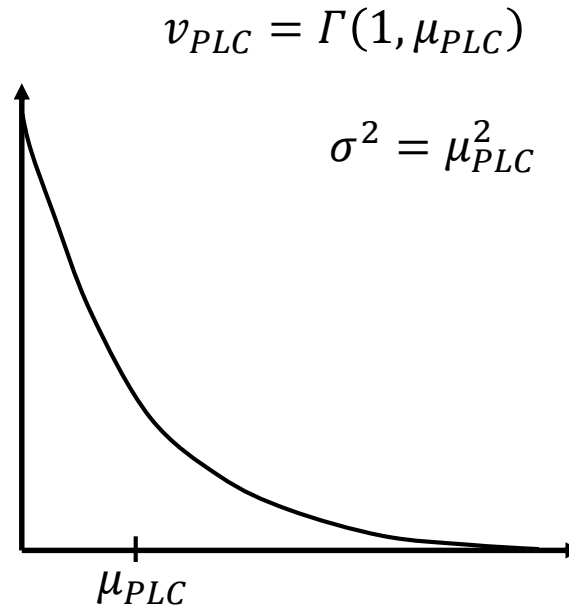
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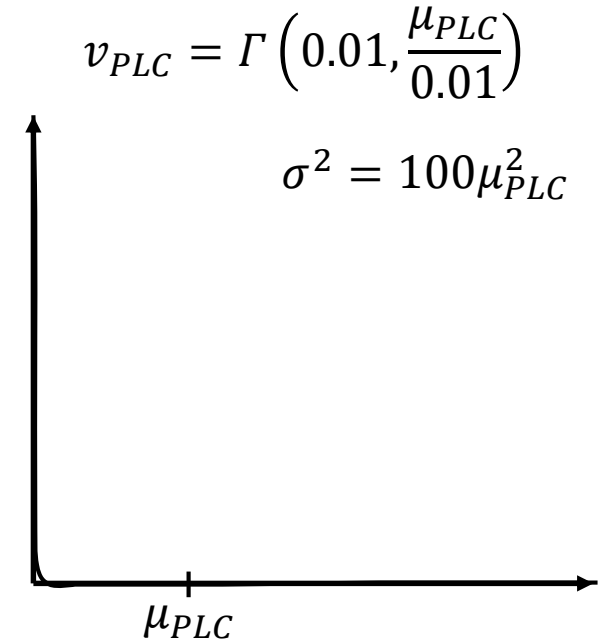
# Probability density functions



Represents an  $IP_3$  generation signal with no noise.



Represents variable  $IP_3$  generation signal where very high production rates can rarely occur, but production on average is the same as in pdf 1.



$IP_3$  signal with even higher variance than pdf 2. Here production rates will generally be very low but a greater frequency of high-rate events results in an average generation equal to pdf 1 and 2.

