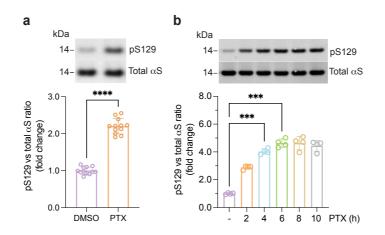
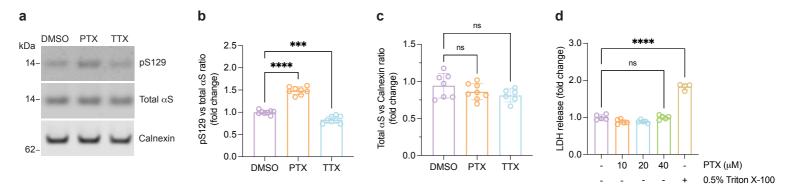


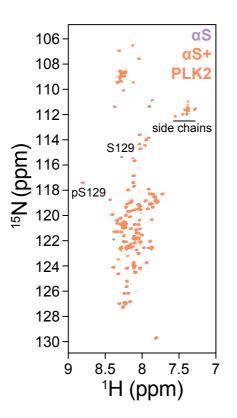
**Supplementary Figure 1. PTX stimulates neuronal activity.** Multiple Electrode Assay to monitor the activity of DIV18 rat cortical neurons under control conditions (a) and upon 20  $\mu$ M PTX stimulation (b). Top: The array-wide spike detection rate (ASDR) across 64 electrodes in response to PTX. X-axis: electrodes from 1 to 64 (left to right); Y-axis: ASDR. Bottom: network activity from individual electrodes (64 in total) over a 4-5 min recording. X-axis and Y-axis represent time (min) and channel numbers = electrodes, respectively. **c**, 20  $\mu$ M PTX stimulation of DIV18 rat cortical neurons for 2 h. WB for C-fos and calnexin (loading control). N=4 independent sample preparations. \*\*\*\*, p<0.0001. Mean +/- SD. Unpaired t-test; two-tailed.



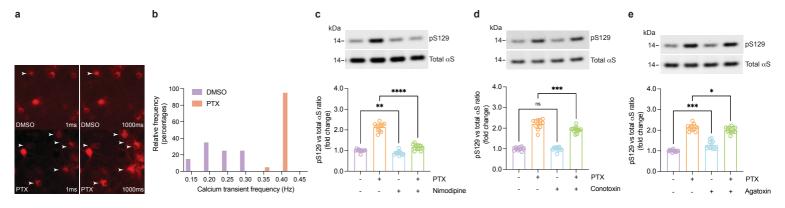
Supplementary Figure 2. Activity-dependent pS129 persists for hours and plateaus eventually. DIV17-21 cortical neurons treated with 20  $\mu$ M PTX. **a**, Neurons treated with PTX 24h. WB for total  $\alpha$ S and pS129 (D1R1R). N=3 independent experiments on different days, n=12 biological replicates total; p<0.0001. Mean +/- SD. Unpaired t-test; two-tailed. **b**, Neurons treated with PTX for durations as indicated. WB for total  $\alpha$ S and pS129. N=4 independent sample preparations. \*\*\*, p<0.0003; Mean +/- SD. Brown-Forsythe and Welch ANOVA with *post hoc* Dunnett's T3 multiple comparisons test.



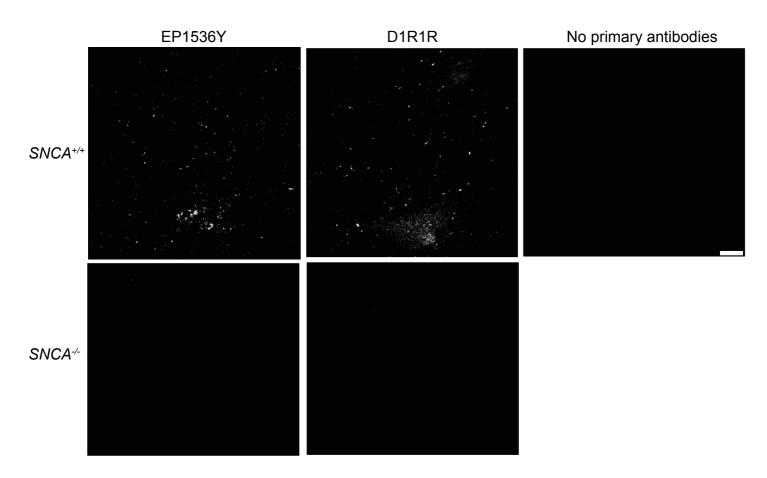
Supplementary Figure 3. 24 h PTX stimulation does alter total  $\alpha$ S levels; brief PTX stimulation is not toxic to neurons. DIV17-21 rat cortical neurons treated with 20  $\mu$ M PTX or 1  $\mu$ M TTX for 24 h. **a**, WB for total  $\alpha$ S, pS129 and calnexin. **b**, Quantification of pS129 vs total  $\alpha$ S. **c**, Quantification of total  $\alpha$ S vs. Calnexin (loading control). N=8 independent sample preparations. ns, not significant; \*\*\*, p<0.0006; \*\*\*\*, p<0.0001; Mean +/- SD. Brown-Forsythe and Welch ANOVA with Dunnett's T3 *post hoc* test for multiple comparisons. **d**, DIV17-21 rat cortical neurons treated with indicated concentration of PTX for 2h followed by LDH release assay; ns, not significant; \*\*\*\*, p<0.0001; Mean +/- SD. Brown-Forsythe and Welch ANOVA with ANOVA with Dunnett's T3 *post hoc* test for multiple comparisons.



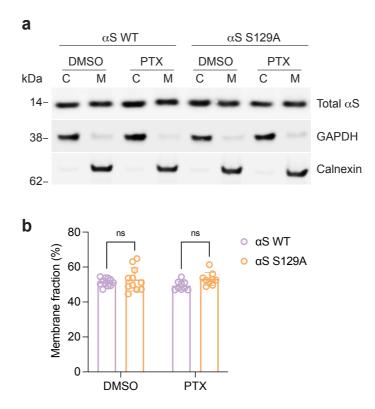
Supplementary Figure 4. NMR spectrum of recombinant human  $\alpha$ S in the presence or absence of recombinant Plk2. This is related to Fig. 3b. 2D <sup>1</sup>H-<sup>15</sup>N HSQC NMR spectrum of recombinant human  $\alpha$ S (about 100  $\mu$ M) in the presence (orange) or absence (purple) of 2  $\mu$ M recombinant Plk2.



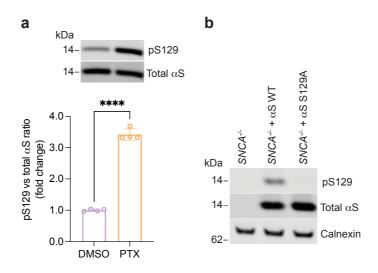
Supplementary Figure 5. Blocking of calcium channels differentially inhibits activity-dependent pS129. a, Representative images of calcium transients of neurons transduced with jRGECO1a AAV in DIV18-20 rat cortical neurons. Arrowheads represent cells undergoing calcium transients in a presented frame. b, Relative frequency distribution of calcium transients. N=95 individual events for DMSO, N=74 individual events for PTX. c, DIV17-21 rat cortical neurons treated with 20 µM PTX, 2 µM nimodipine (L-type calcium channel blocker) or PTX+nimodipine for 2 h. WB for total  $\alpha$ S and pS129. N=3 independent experiments on different days, n=12 biological replicates total; \*\*p<0.001; \*\*\*\*, p<0.0001. Mean +/- SD. RM oneway ANOVA with post hoc Sidak's multiple comparison test. d, DIV17-21 rat cortical neurons treated with 20 µM PTX, 1 µM conotoxin (N-type calcium channel blocker) or PTX+conotoxin for 2 h. WB for total  $\alpha$ S and pS129. N=3 independent experiments on different days, n=12 biological replicates total; ns, not significant; \*\*\*, p<0.0001. Mean +/- SD. RM one-way ANOVA with post hoc Sidak's multiple comparison test. e, DIV17-21 rat cortical neurons treated with 20 µM PTX, 40 nM agatoxin (P/Q-type calcium channel blocker) or PTX+agatoxin for 2 h. WB for total  $\alpha$ S and pS129. N=3 independent experiments on different days, n=12 biological replicates total; \*, p<0.05; \*\*\*, p<0.0005. Mean +/- SD. RM one-way ANOVA with post hoc Sidak's multiple comparison test.



Supplementary Figure 6. Validation of presynaptic pS129 distribution. DIV18-21 cortical neurons from WT (*SNCA*<sup>+/+</sup>) or *SNCA*<sup>-/-</sup> rats were subjected to immunofluorescence using EP1536Y and D1R1R, two different pS129-specific antibodies. All visualized images represent maximized 3D projection of 0.9 µm thick z-stacks. Scale bar, 10 µm.



Supplementary Figure 7. pS129 does not affect the solubility of  $\alpha$ S under both basal and stimulated conditions. a, DIV18-21 rat cortical neurons from *SNCA*-/- re-expressing WT  $\alpha$ S or phospho-deficient S129A  $\alpha$ S by lentiviral transduction. Neurons treated with either DMSO or 20  $\mu$ M PTX for 2h and subjected to sequential extraction to generate cytosol (C) vs. membrane (M) protein lysates. WB for total  $\alpha$ S, pS129, GAPDH and calnexin. b, Quantification of total  $\alpha$ S in membrane fractions. N=3 independent experiments on different days, n=11 biological replicates total. ns, not significant. Mean +/- SD. 2-way ANOVA with *post hoc* Sidak's multiple comparisons test.

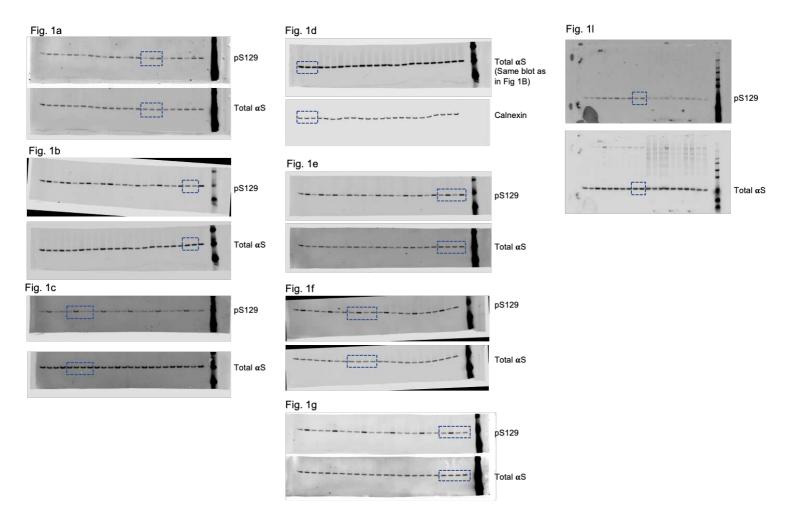


Supplementary Figure 8. Activity-dependent pS129 in rat hippocampal neurons. a, DIV18 rat hippocampal neurons treated with DMSO or 20  $\mu$ M PTX for 2h. WB to total  $\alpha$ S and pS129. N=4 independent sample preparations. \*\*\*\*, p<0.0001; Mean +/- SD. Unpaired t-test; two-tailed. b, DIV18 rat hippocampal neurons from *SNCA*<sup>-/-</sup> re-expressing  $\alpha$ S WT or phospho-deficient  $\alpha$ S S129A by lentiviral transduction. WB for total  $\alpha$ S, pS129 and calnexin.

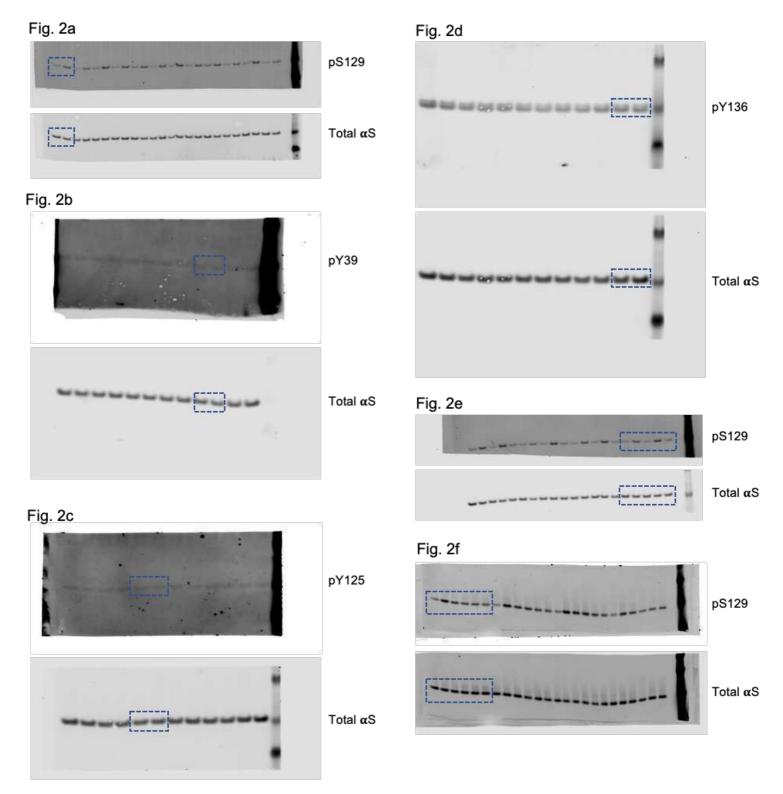
**Supplementary Movie 1.** A time-lapse video of mice training in an enriched environment cage (related to Fig. 1i-k).

**Supplementary Movie 2.** Calcium transients in control neurons (related to Fig. 1h and Supplementary Figure 5a,b).

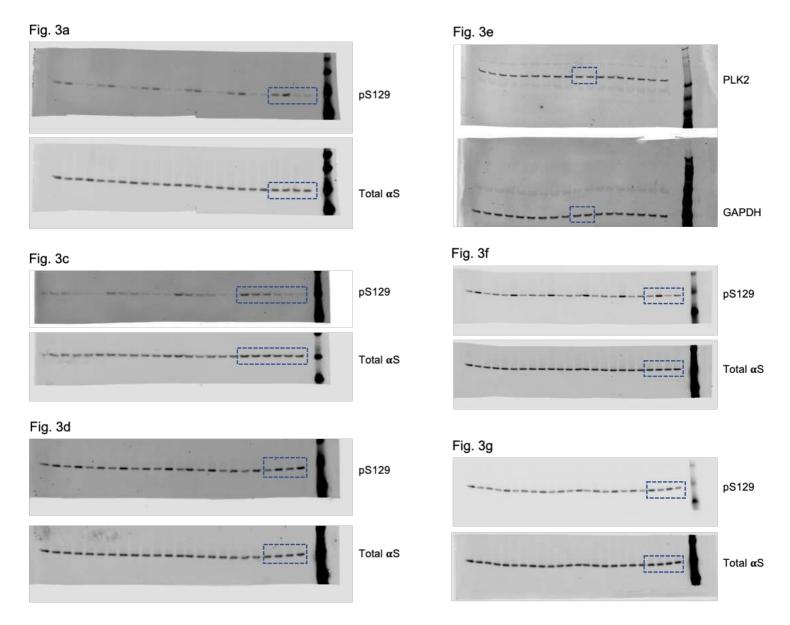
**Supplementary Movie 3.** Calcium transients in PTX-treated neurons (related to Fig. 1h and Supplementary Figure 5a,b).



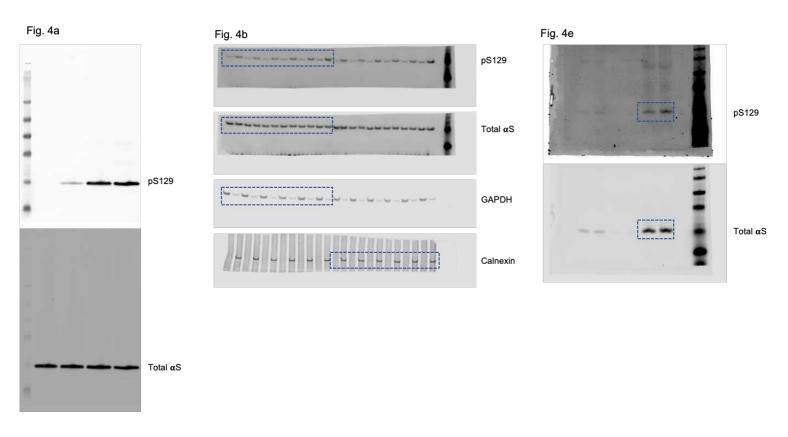
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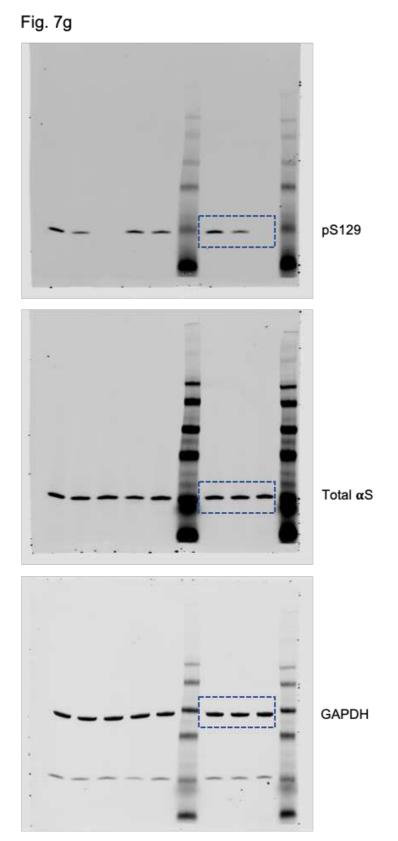
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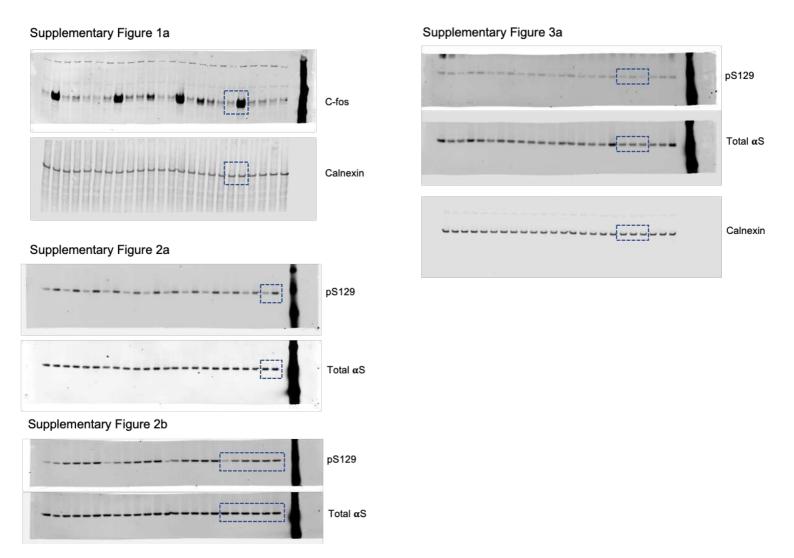
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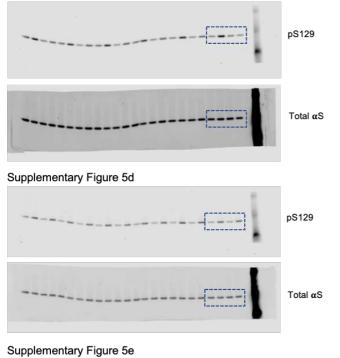


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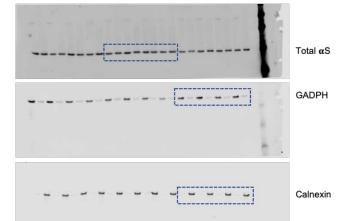


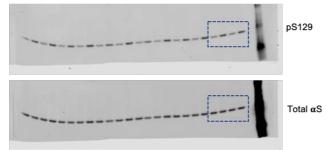
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Supplementary Figure 5c

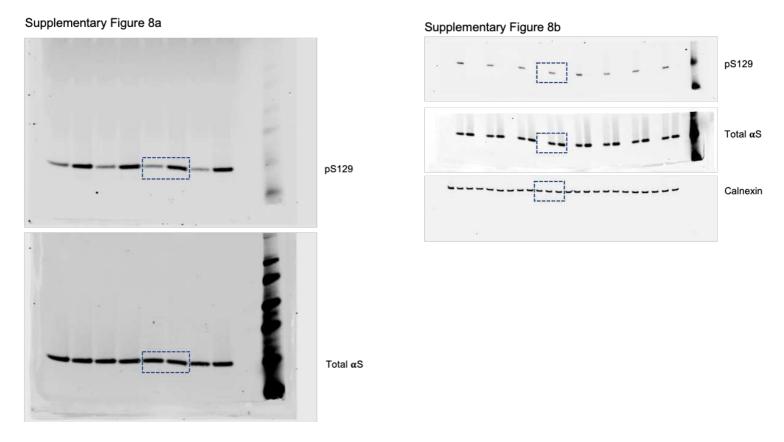


Supplementary Figure 7a





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