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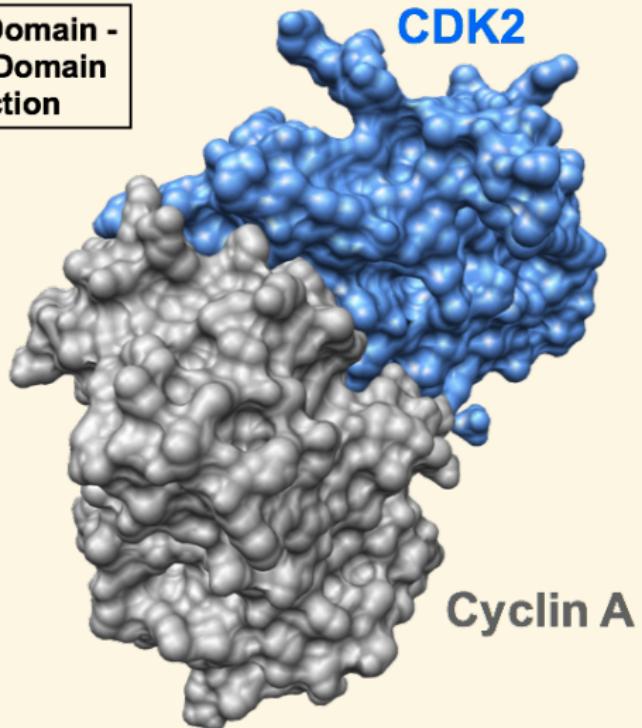
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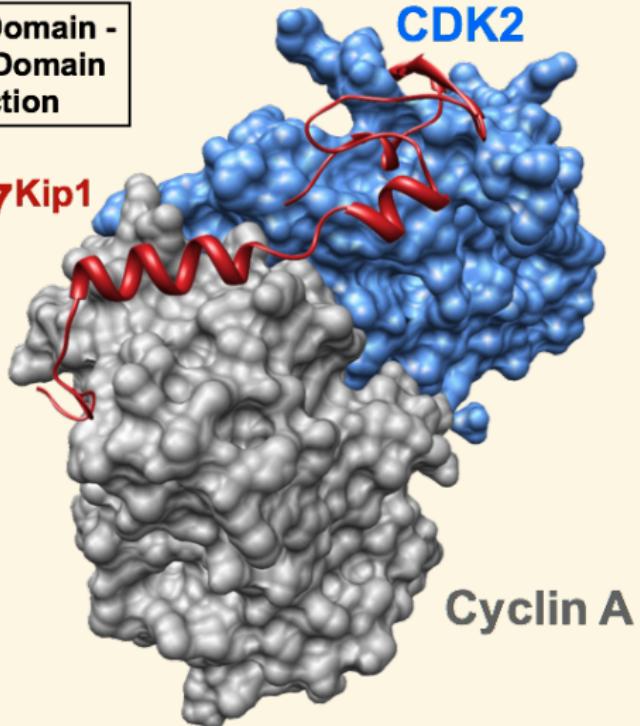


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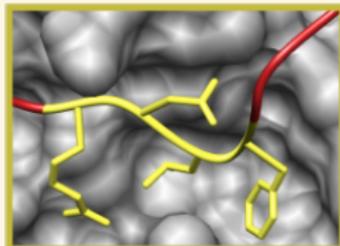
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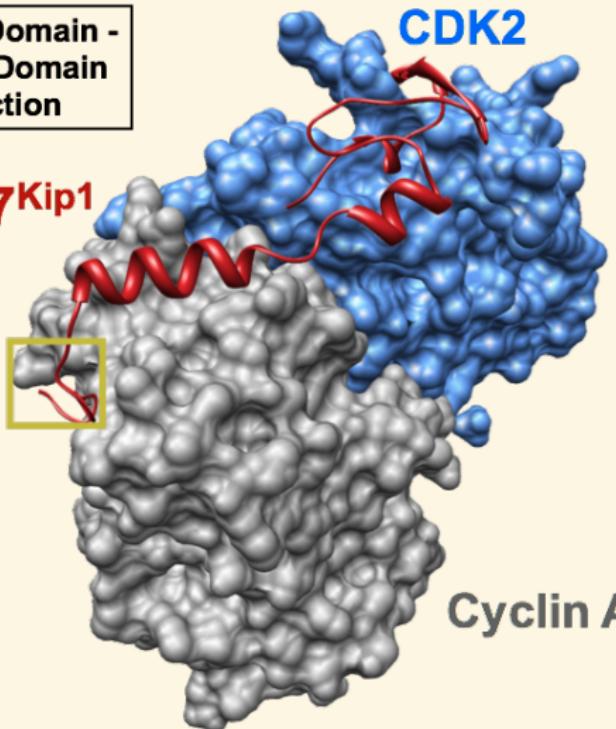
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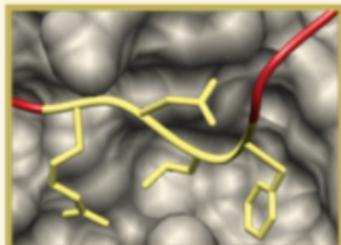
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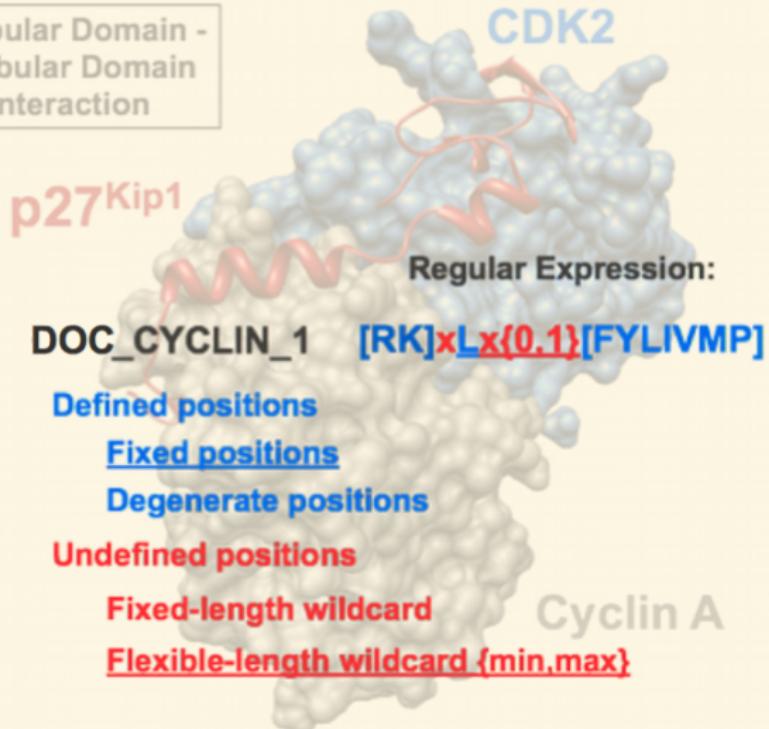
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DOC\_CYCLIN\_1 RegEx: [RK].L.{0,1}[FYLIVMP]

## Character Meaning

- . Any amino acid allowed
- [xy] Amino acids **listed** are allowed
- [^xy] Amino acids listed are **not** allowed
- {min,max} **Min** required, **max** allowed
- ^ Matches the **amino** terminal
- \$ Matches the **carboxy** terminal
- ab||cd Matches **either** expression it separates
- (xy) Used to mark positions of specific interest (amino acid being covalently modified) or to group parts of the expression

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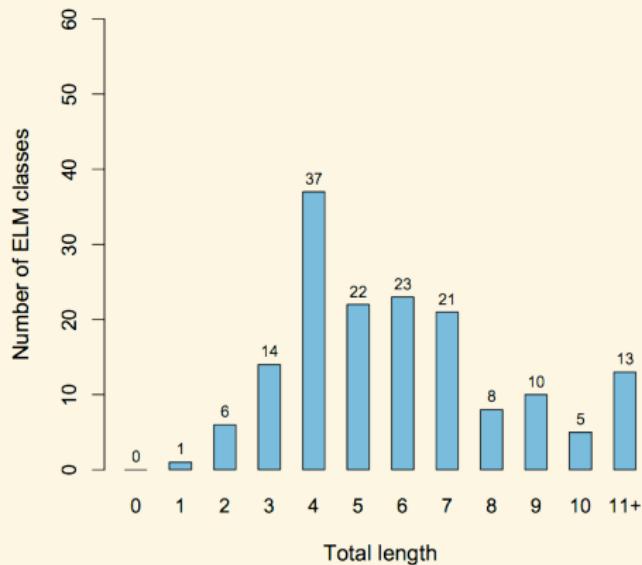
has been replaced by the more specific one DOC\_CYCLIN\_RxL\_1:

$$(.||([KRH].\{0,3\}))[^EDWNSG][^D]L.\{0,1\}[FLMP].\{0,3\}[EDST]$$

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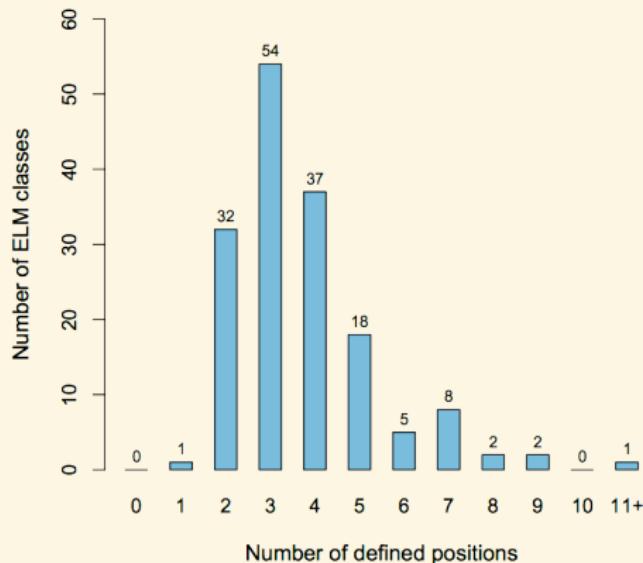
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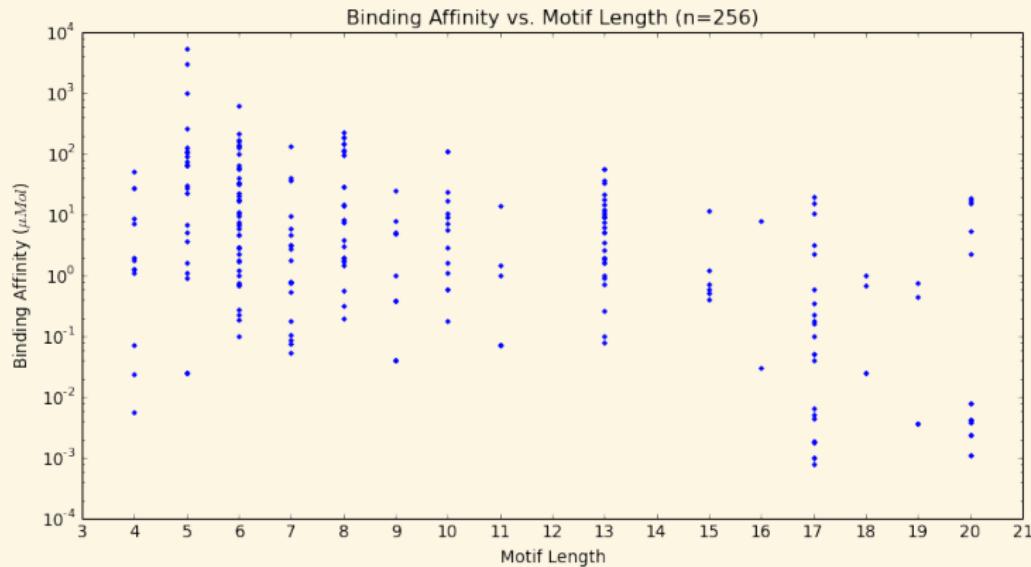
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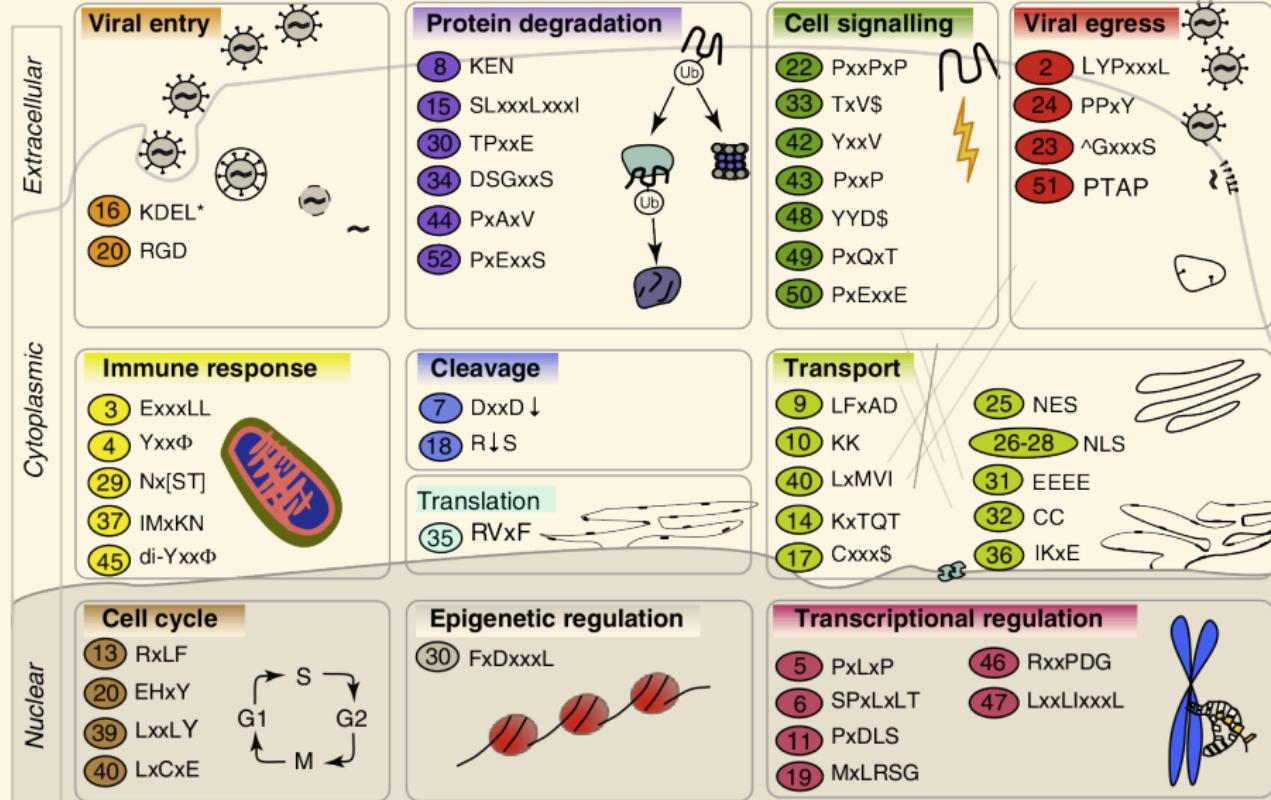
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# IMPORTANCE OF SHORT LINEAR MOTIFS: VIRUSES



"How viruses hijack cell regulation"; DAVEY, TRAVÉ & GIBSON; (TIBS 2010)

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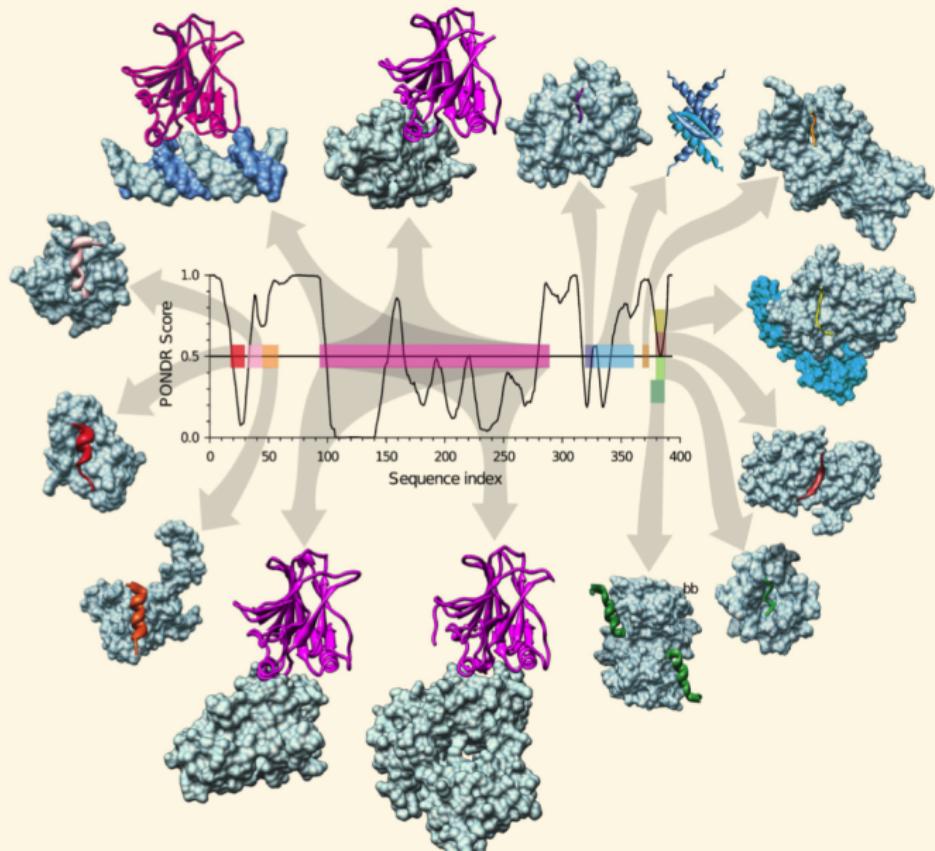
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## BACILLUS ANTHRACIS “LETHAL FACTOR”

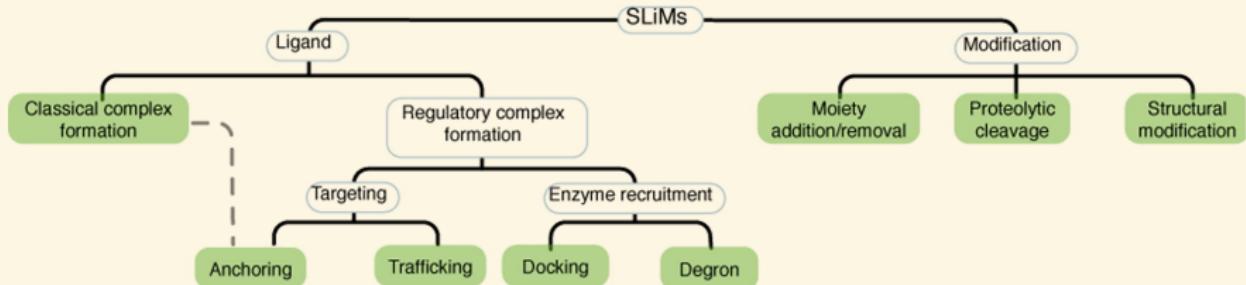
The protein LEF\_BACAN is a metalloprotease (one of the three proteins composing the anthrax toxin) that specifically targets mitogen-activated protein kinase kinases (MKKs). which are important regulators of signal transduction as they phosphorylate and thus activate specific MAPKs (such as ERK1, ERK2, p38 or JNK). Bacillus anthracis’ “lethal factor” cleaves its MKK substrates within or close to the MAPK docking sites, thus effectively preventing the MKK to dock to its MAPK.

# IMPORTANCE OF SHORT LINEAR MOTIFS: P53



"Understanding protein non-folding"; UVERSKY & DUNKER; (BIOCHIMICA ET BIOPHYSICA ACTA 2010)

# CLASSIFICATION OF MOTIFS



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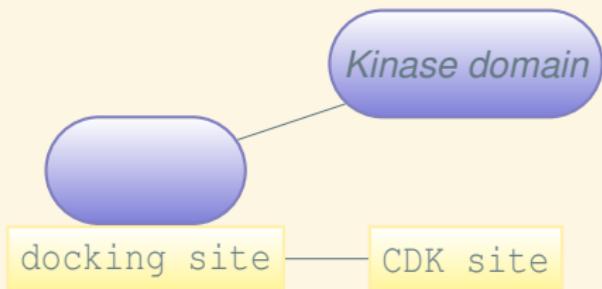
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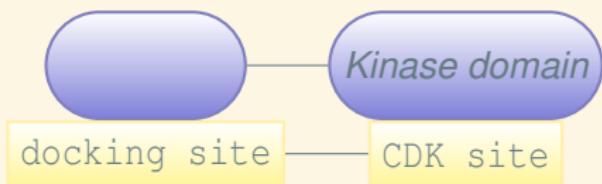
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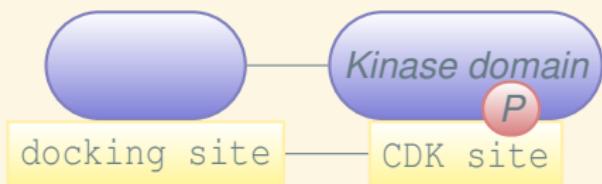
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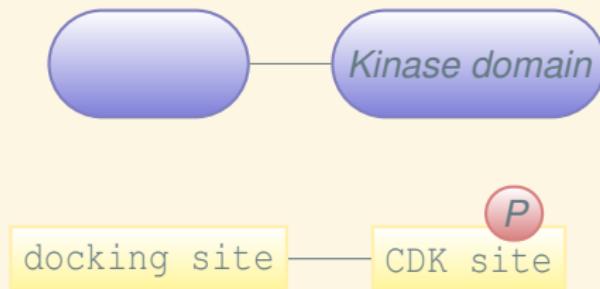
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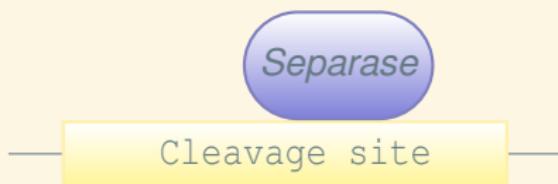
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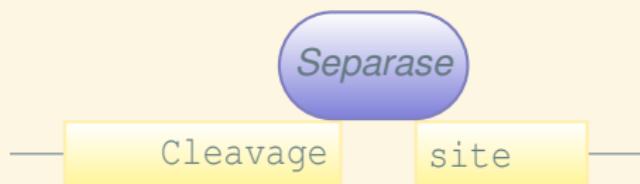
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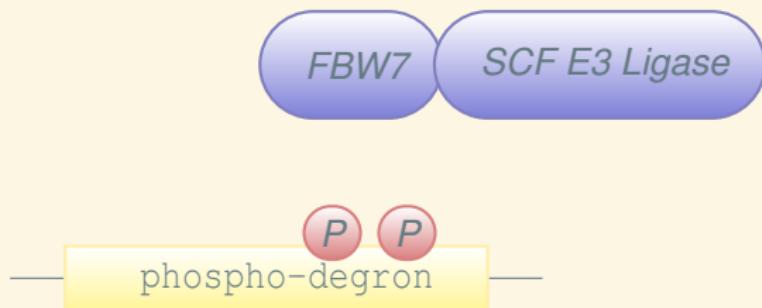
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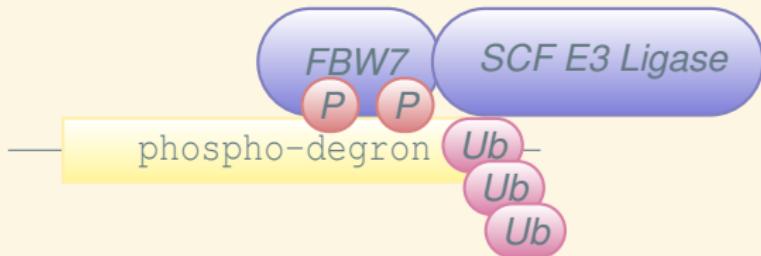
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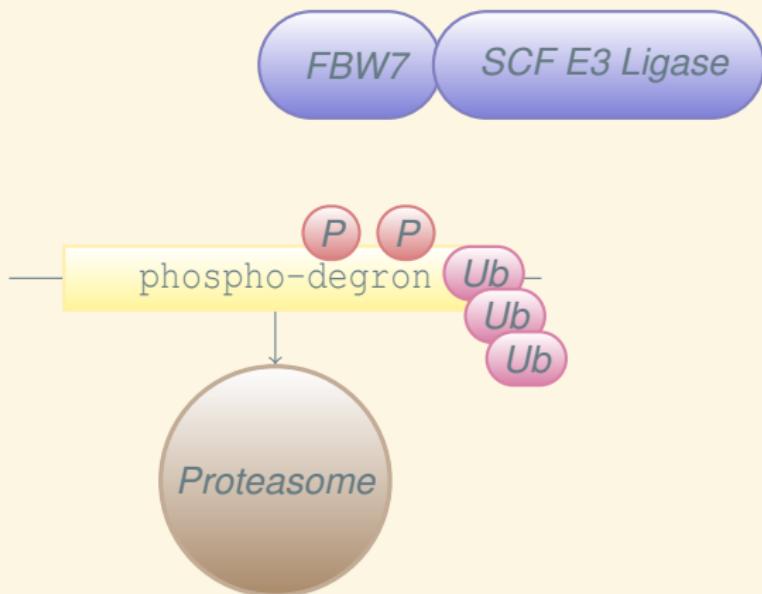
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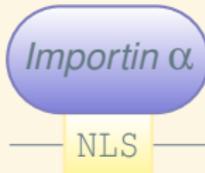
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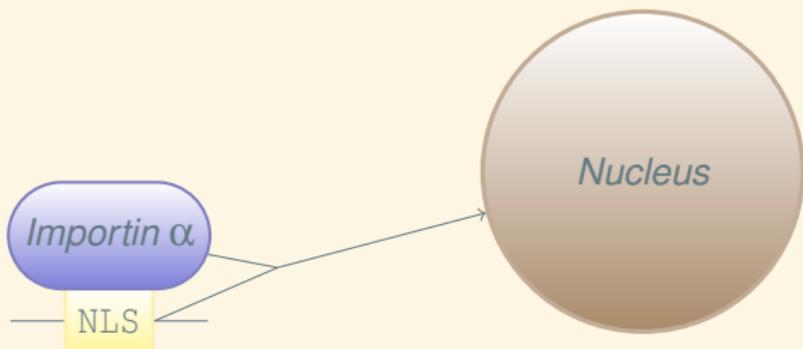
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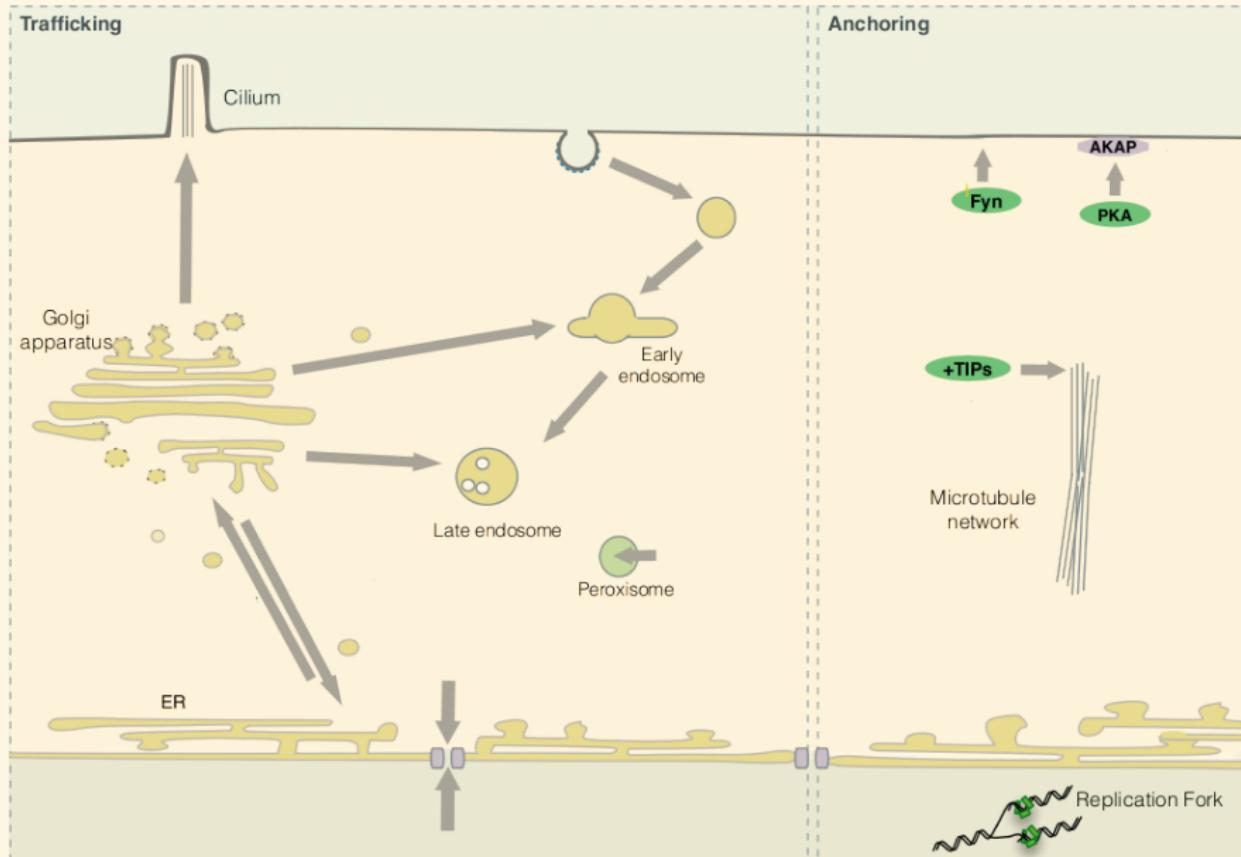
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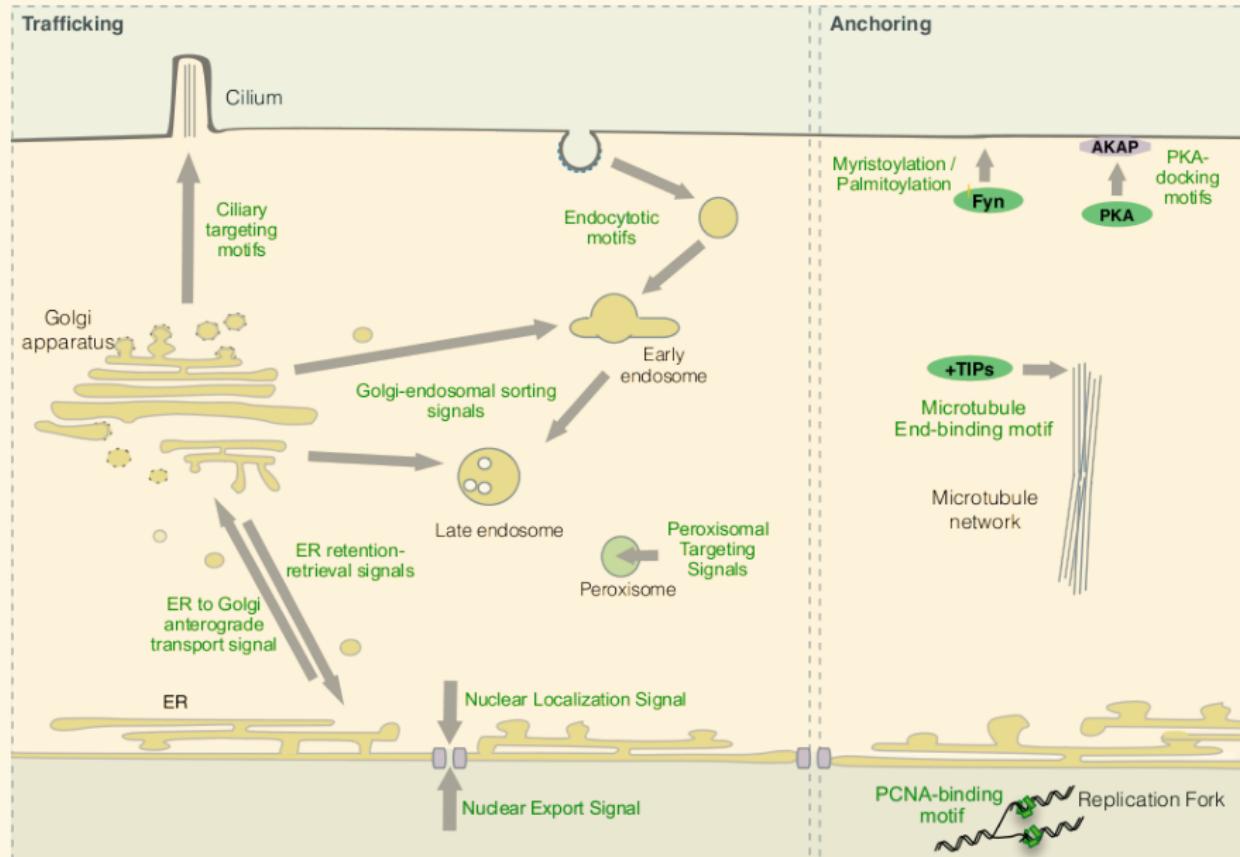


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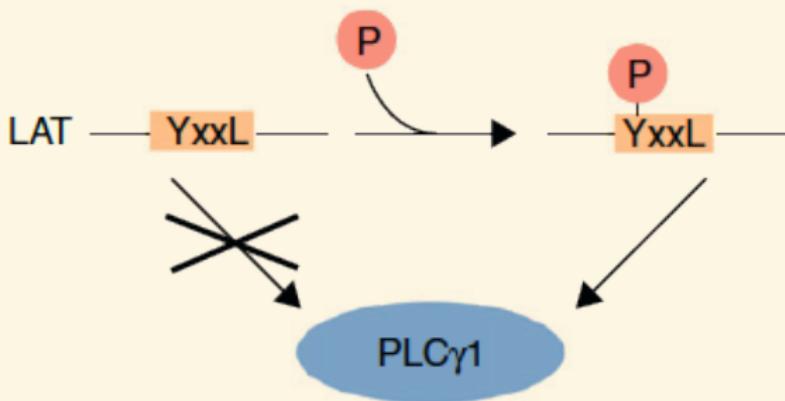
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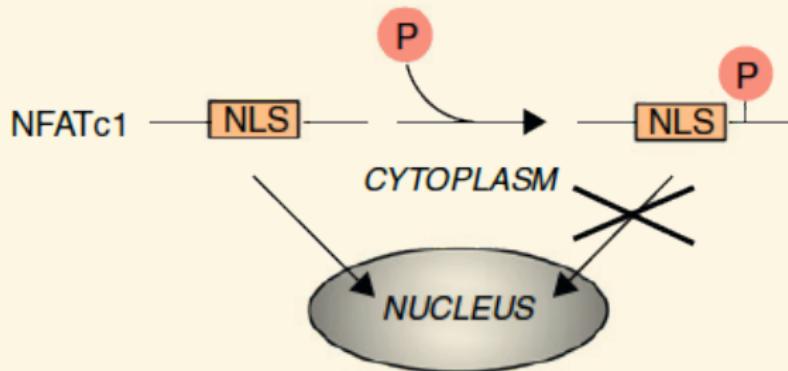
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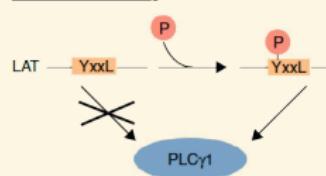
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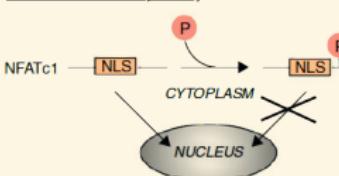
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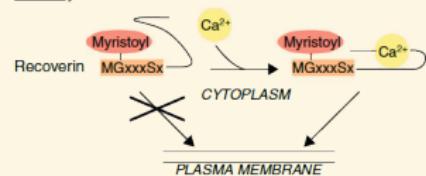
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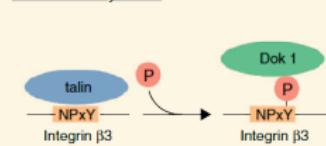


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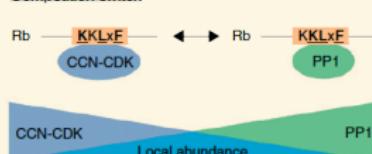


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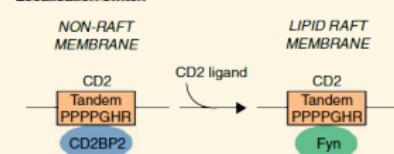
### Intrinsic affinity switch



### Competition switch

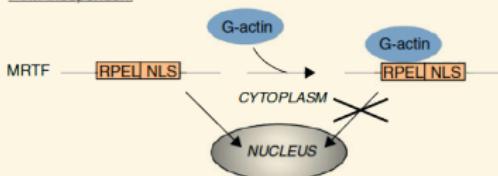


### Localisation switch

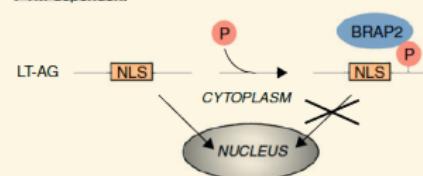


## (c) Motif hiding

### PTM-independent



### PTM-dependent



## Figure legend



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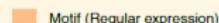
Protein



Small molecule



Post-translational modification



Motif (Regular expression)

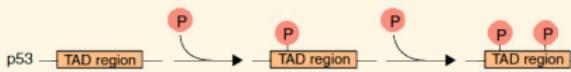


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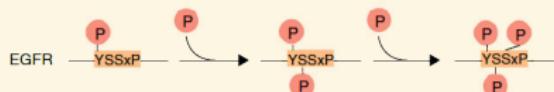
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Positive rheostat



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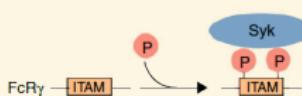


Affinity of p53 for CBP/p300

Affinity of EGFR for c-Cbl

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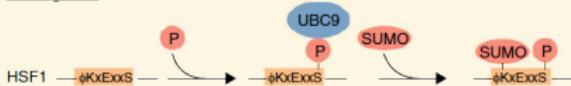


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## (c) Sequential switch

Priming PTM



Sequential specificity switch

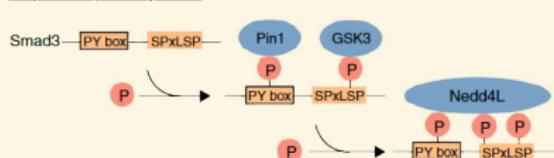


Figure legend

- Protein
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- Small molecule
- Post-translational modification
- Motif (Regular expression)
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Switch type:	Binary

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- Participants:**  
(1) *Steroidogenic factor 1 (Nr5a1)*  
(2) *Peptidyl-prolyl cis-trans isomerase NIMA-interacting 1 (Pin1)*

## Interactions

### Interaction #1 Nr5a1 - Pin1

- Interfaces**  
(1) *LIG\_WW\_Pin1\_4* motif (200PYASPP<sub>205</sub>) in *Steroidogenic factor 1 (Nr5a1)*  
(2) WW domain (7-37) in *Peptidyl-prolyl cis-trans isomerase NIMA-interacting 1 (Pin1)*

### Interaction Regulation

PTM-dependent Induction (Phosphorylation of S203 on *Steroidogenic factor 1 (Nr5a1)*) of the *Steroidogenic factor 1 (Nr5a1)* *LIG\_WW\_Pin1\_4* motif - *Peptidyl-prolyl cis-trans isomerase NIMA-interacting 1 (Pin1)* WW domain interaction

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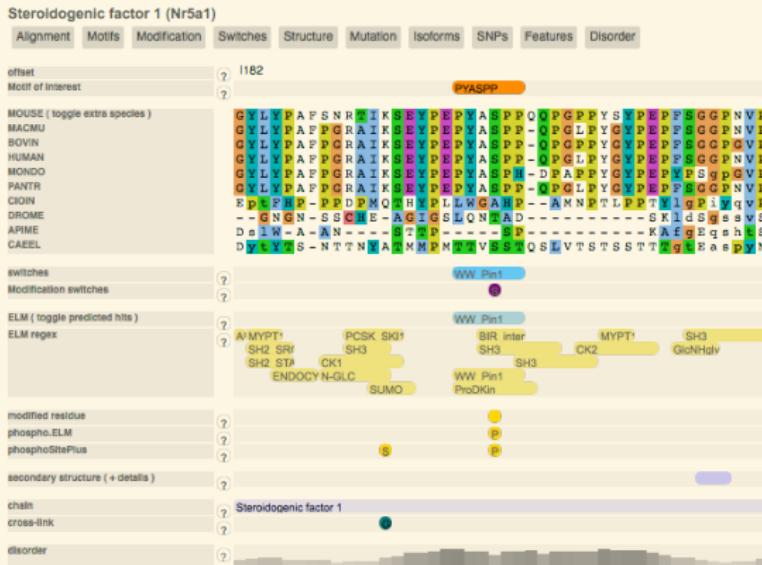
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## See also

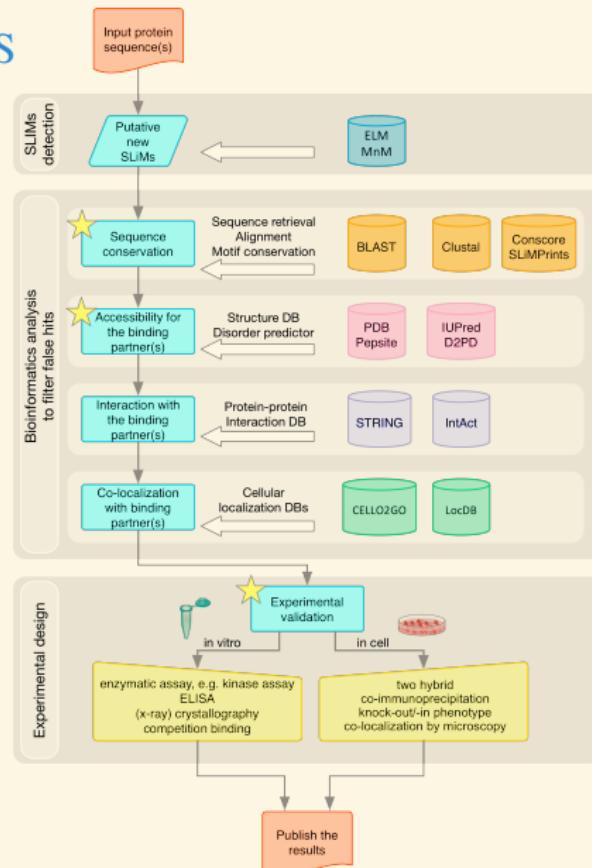
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*Peptidyl-prolyl cis-trans isomerase NIMA-interacting 1 (Pin1)* - 28 more (view)

Other switches involving interfaces  
*LIG\_WW\_Pin1\_4* - 89 more (view)  
WW domain - 102 more (view)

*"The switches.ELM resource: a compendium of conditional regulatory interaction interfaces."*; VAN ROEY, DINKEL, WEATHERITT, GIBSON & DAVEY; (*Sci. SIGNAL.* 2013)

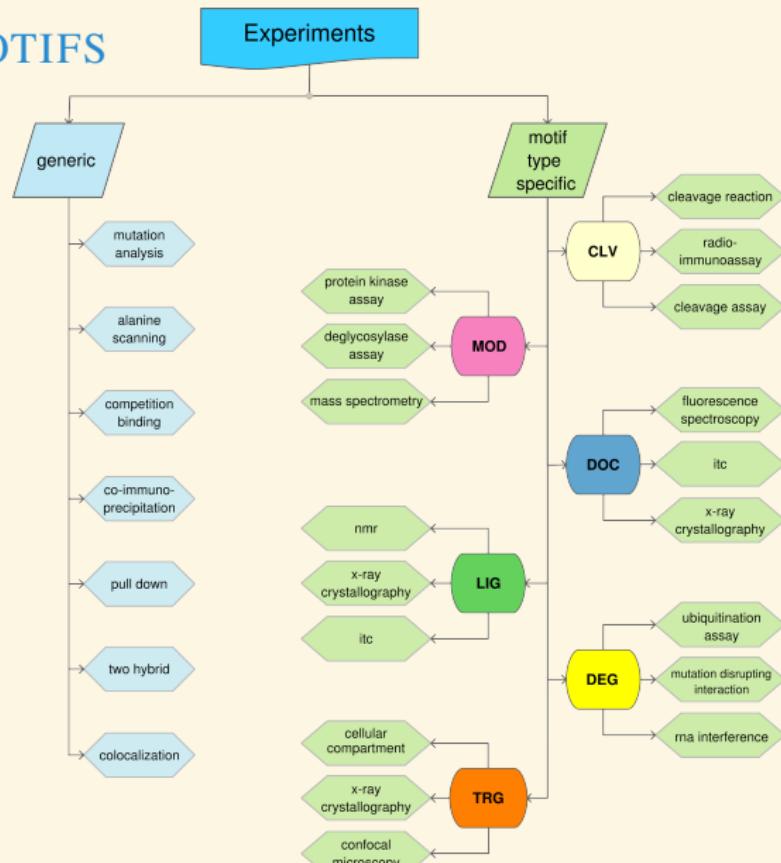


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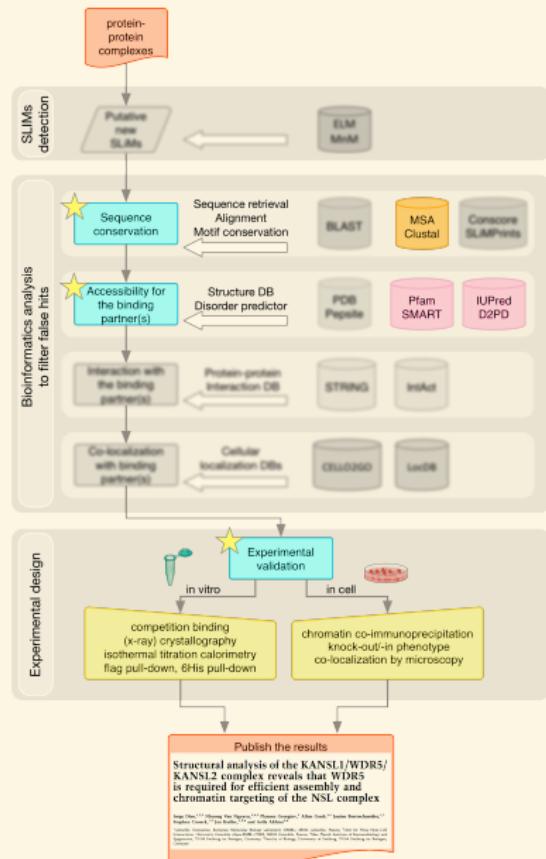
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# SUMMARY

## SHORT LINEAR MOTIFS

- small, versatile modules which mediate transient interactions
- important regulators of cellular processes.
- “kidnapped” by viruses
- play an important role in diseases
- collected in the Eukaryotic Linear Motif Resource (ELM)

# QUESTIONS?



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Question

BUT I'M SHAVING IT  
for later.