

SHORT LINEAR MOTIFS

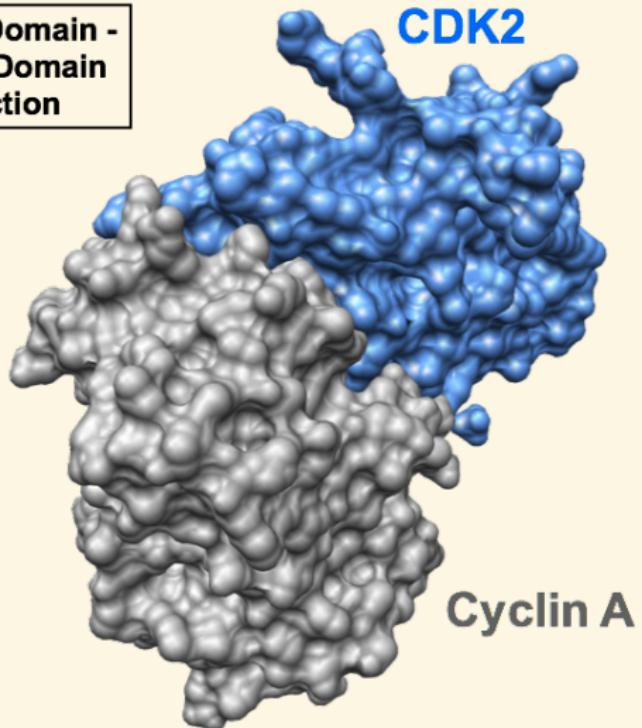
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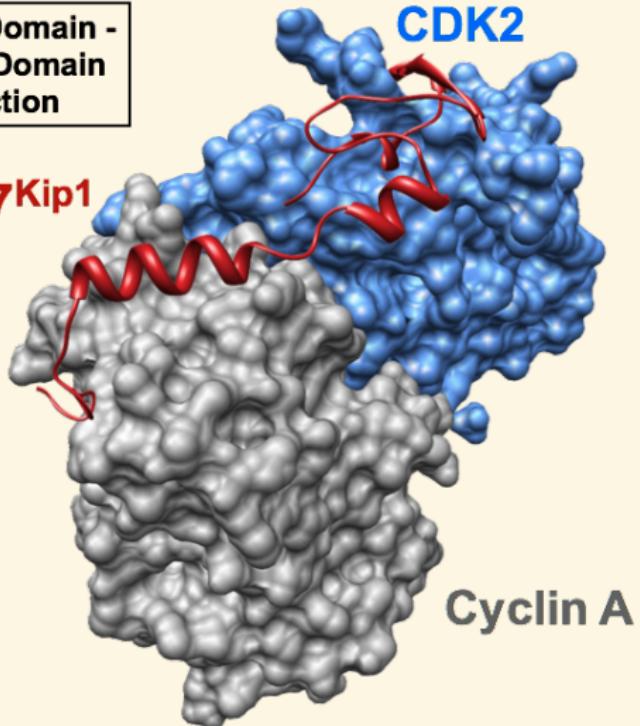


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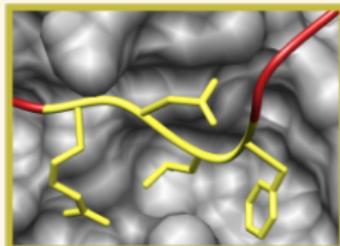
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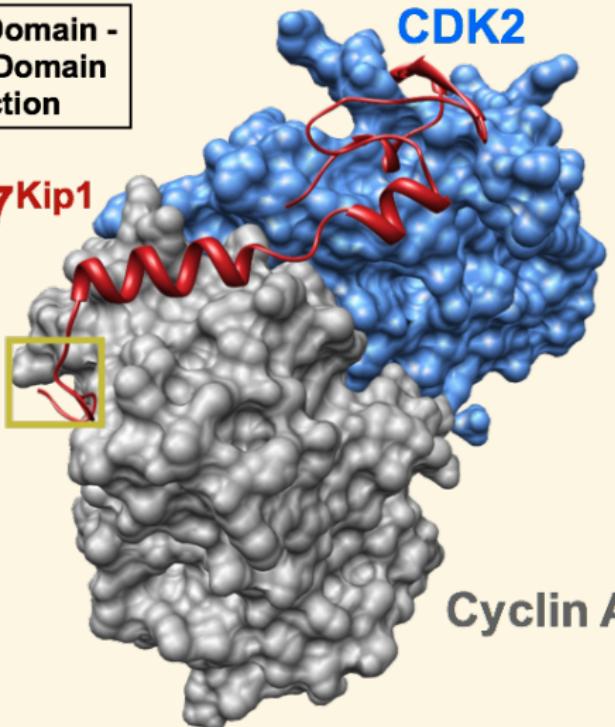
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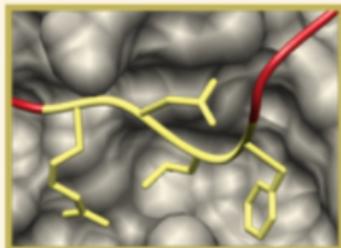
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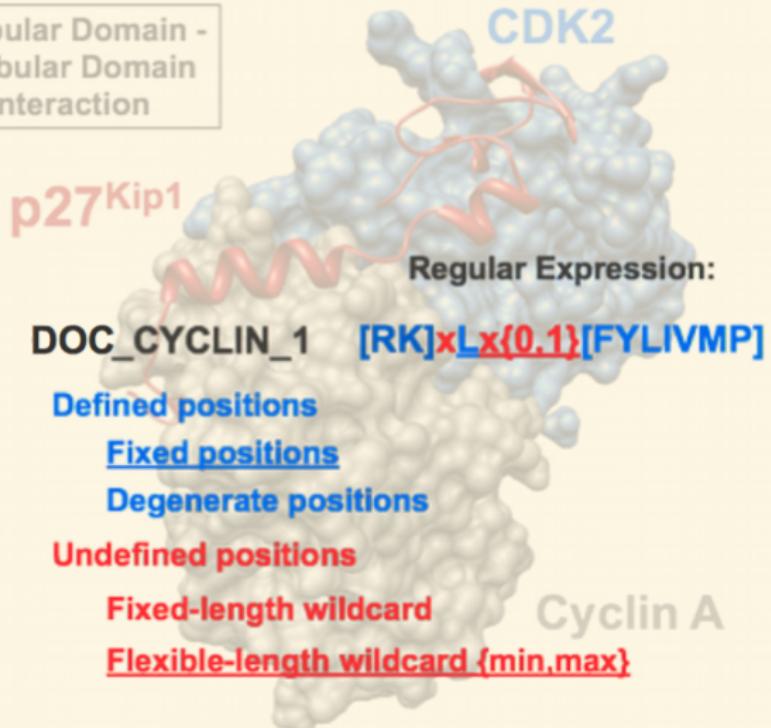
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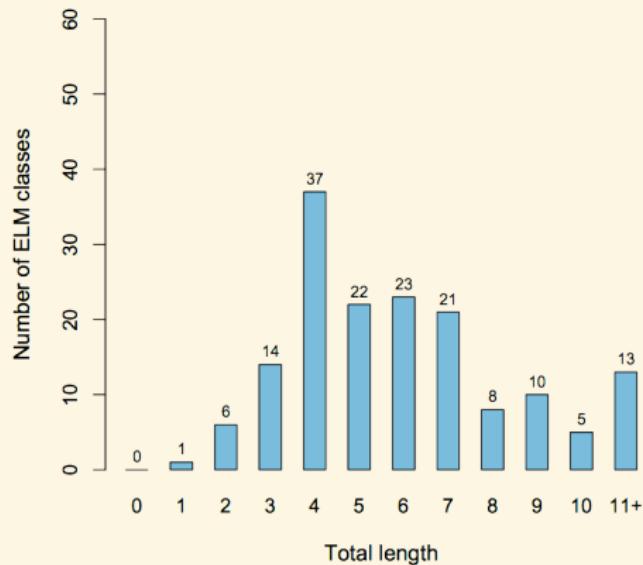
has been replaced by the more specific DOC_CYCLIN_RxL_1:

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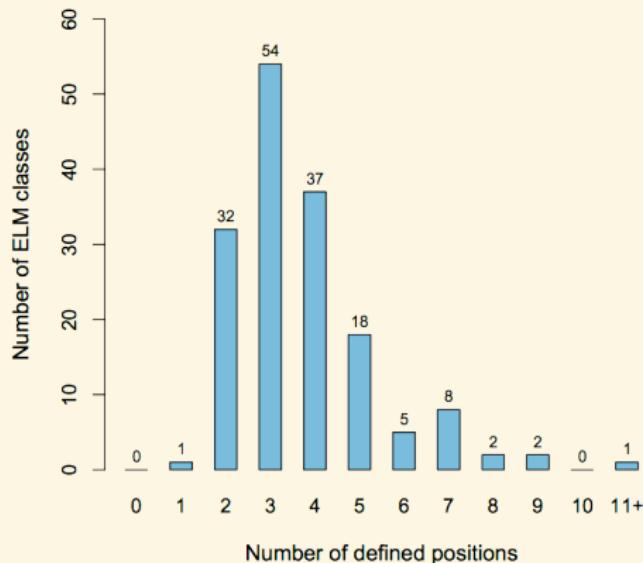
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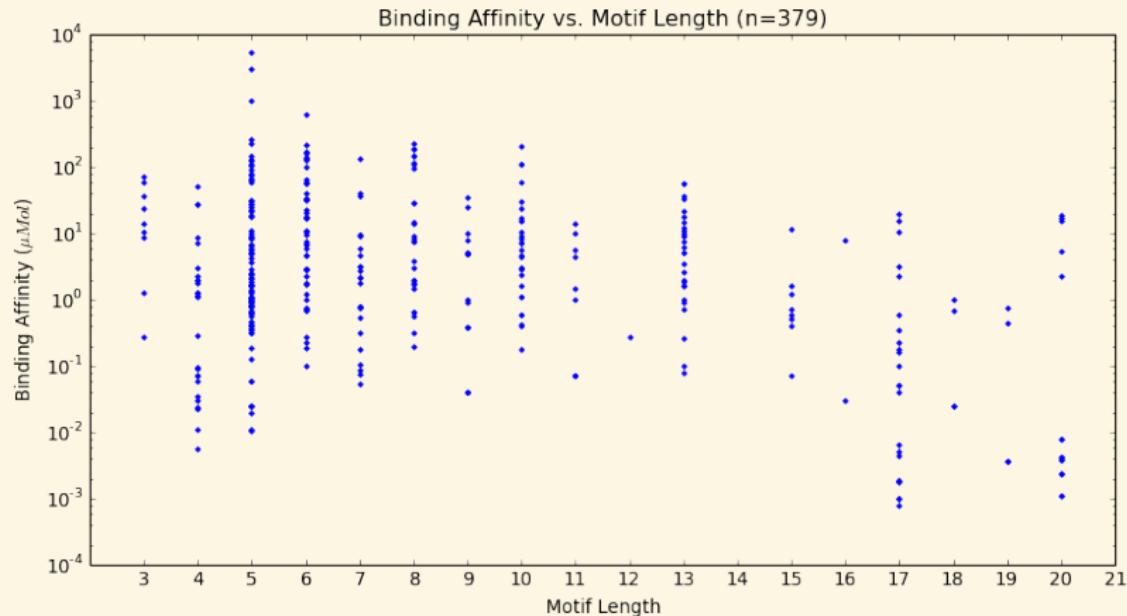
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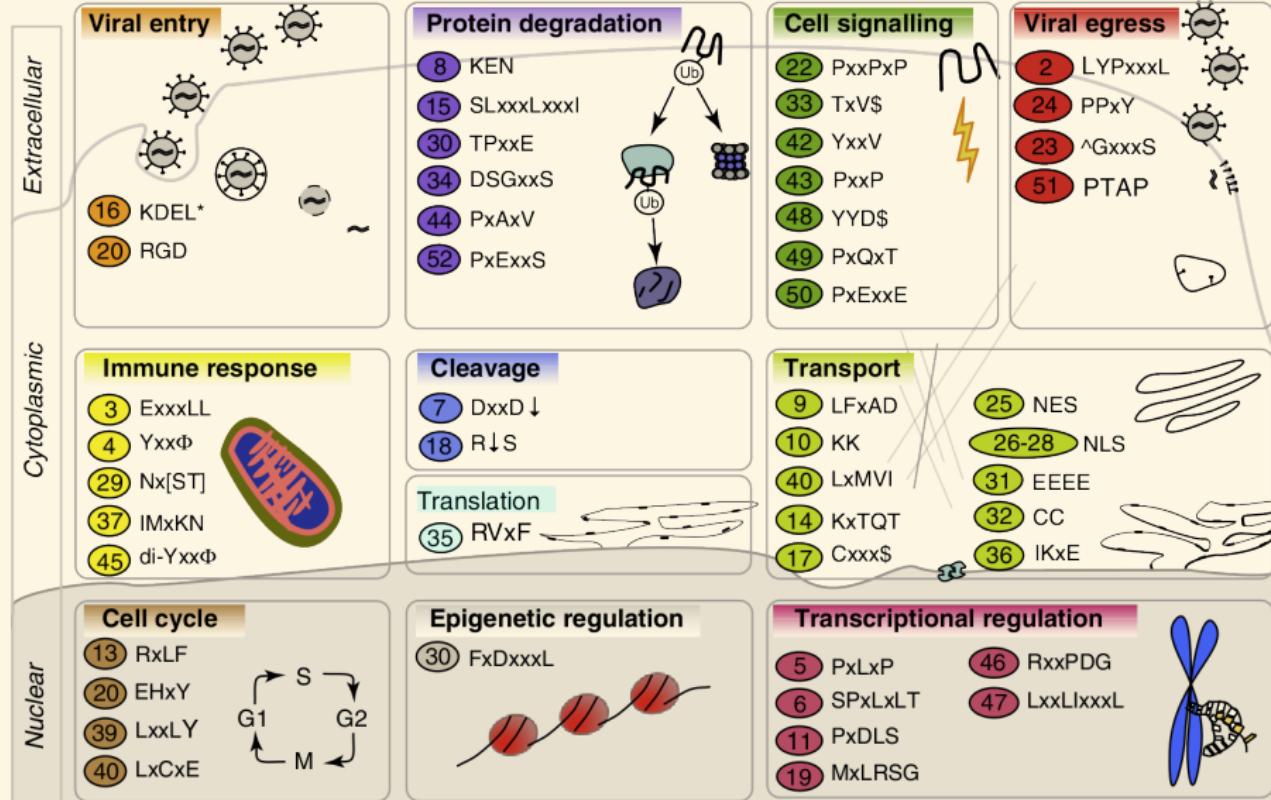
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IMPORTANCE OF SHORT LINEAR MOTIFS: VIRUSES



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

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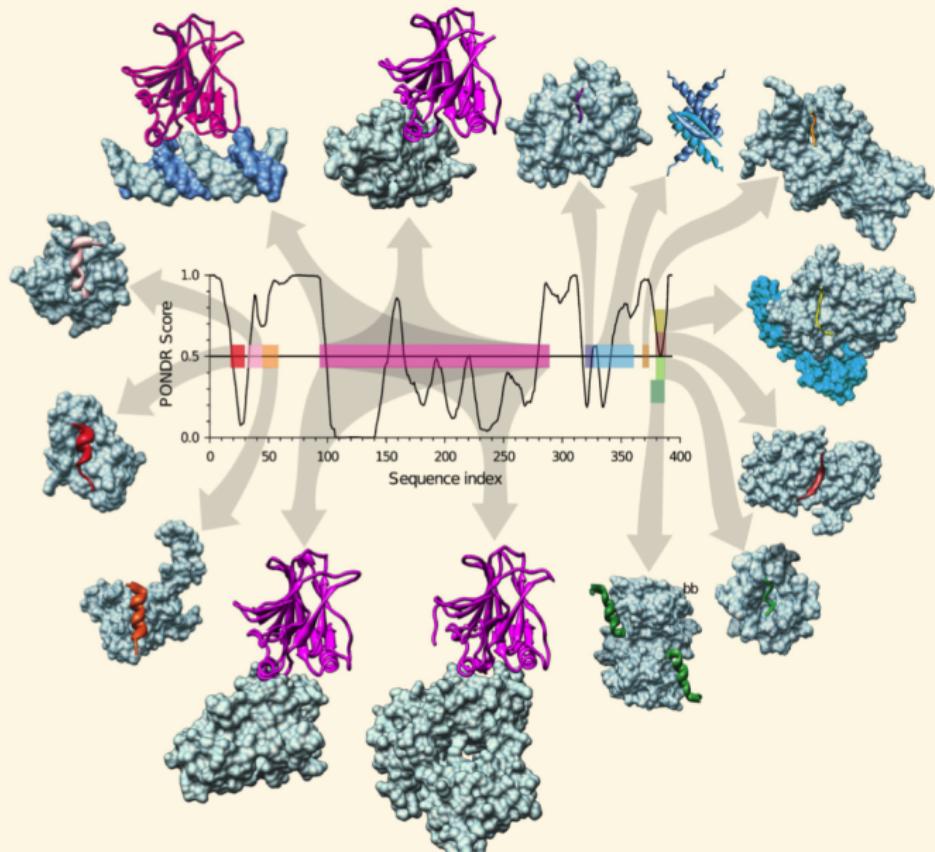
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BACILLUS ANTHRACIS “LETHAL FACTOR”

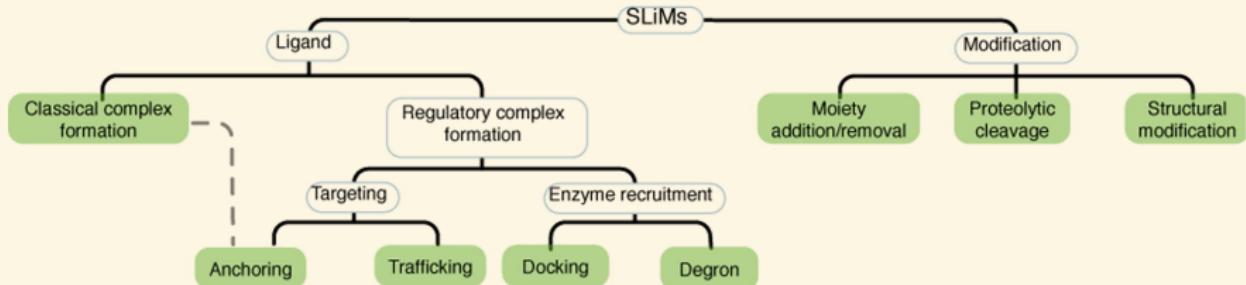
The protein LEF_BACAN is a metalloprotease (one of the three proteins composing the anthrax toxin) that specifically targets mitogen-activated protein kinase kinases (MKKs), which are important regulators of signal transduction as they phosphorylate and thus activate specific MAPKs (such as ERK1, ERK2, 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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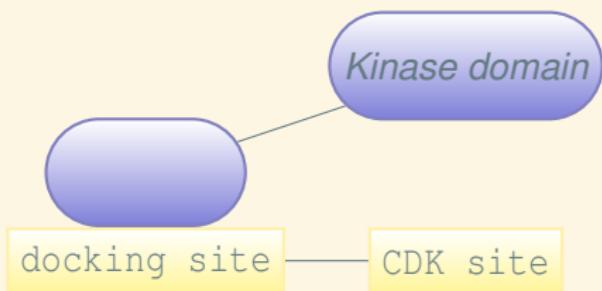
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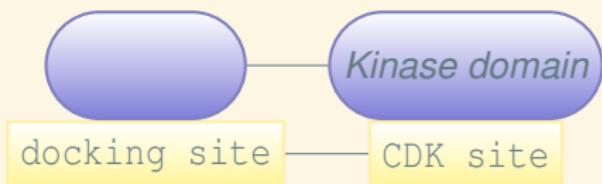
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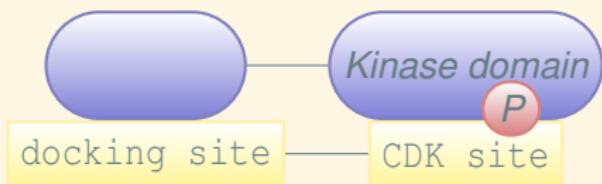
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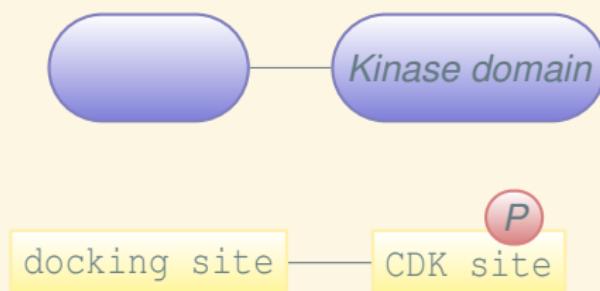
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— Cleavage site —

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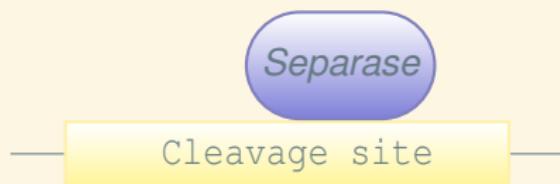
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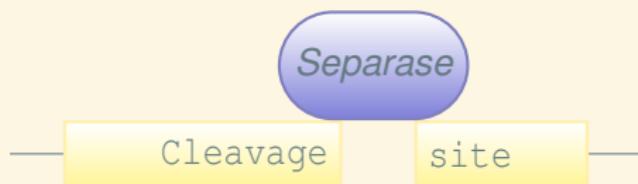
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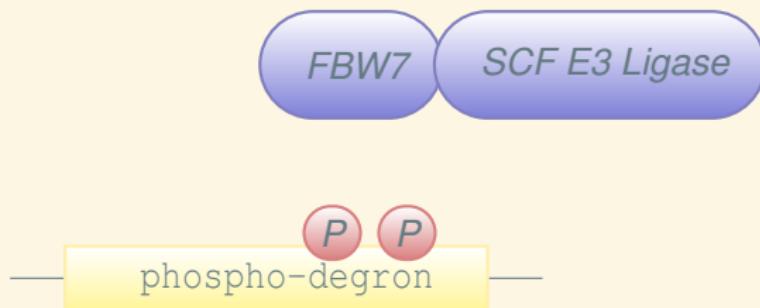
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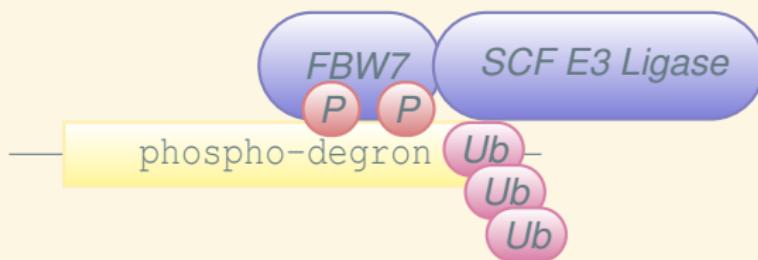
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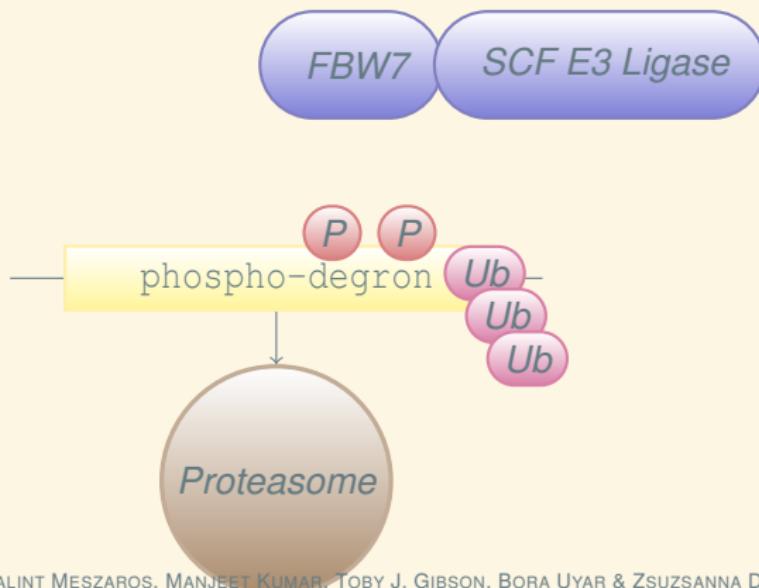
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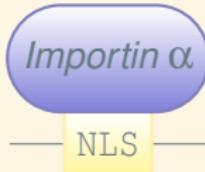
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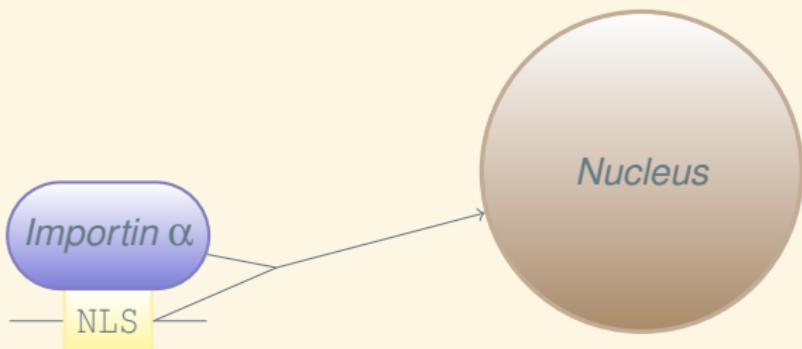
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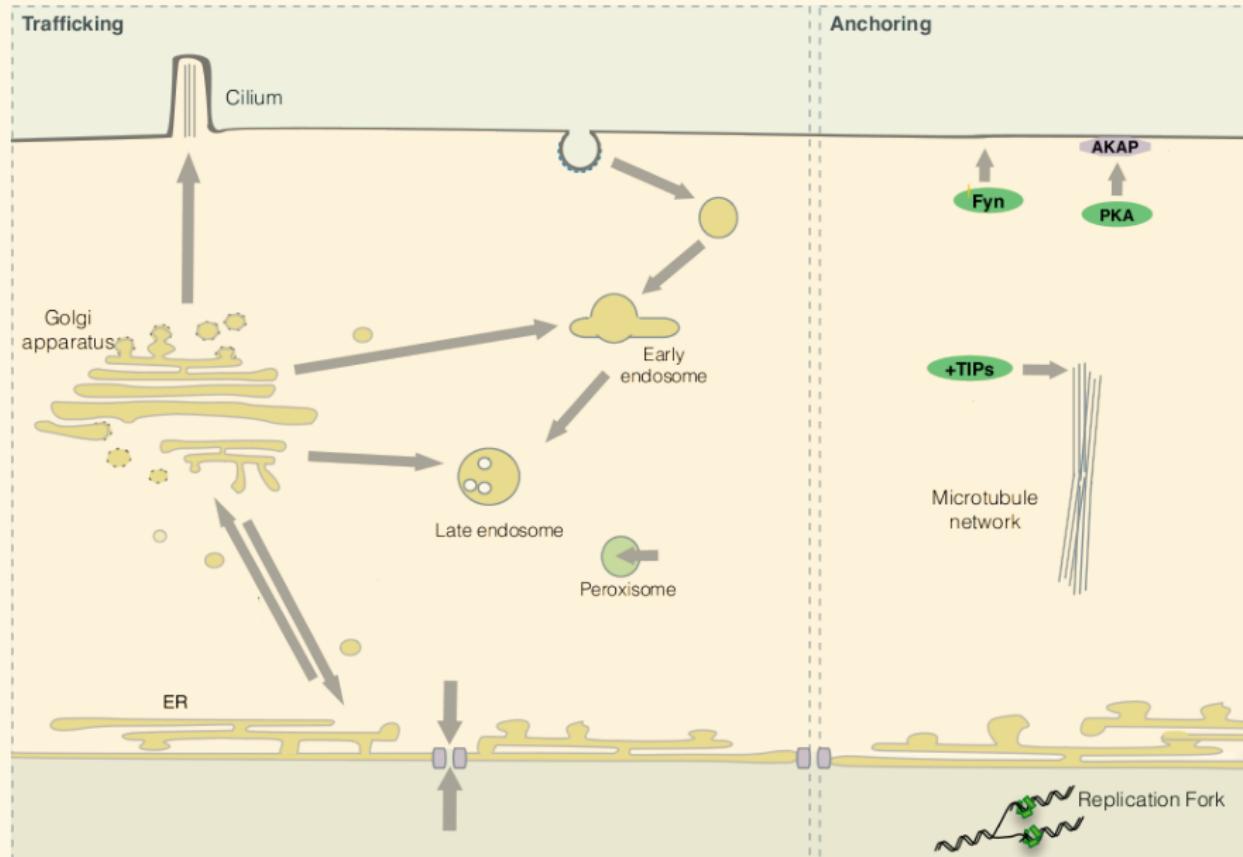
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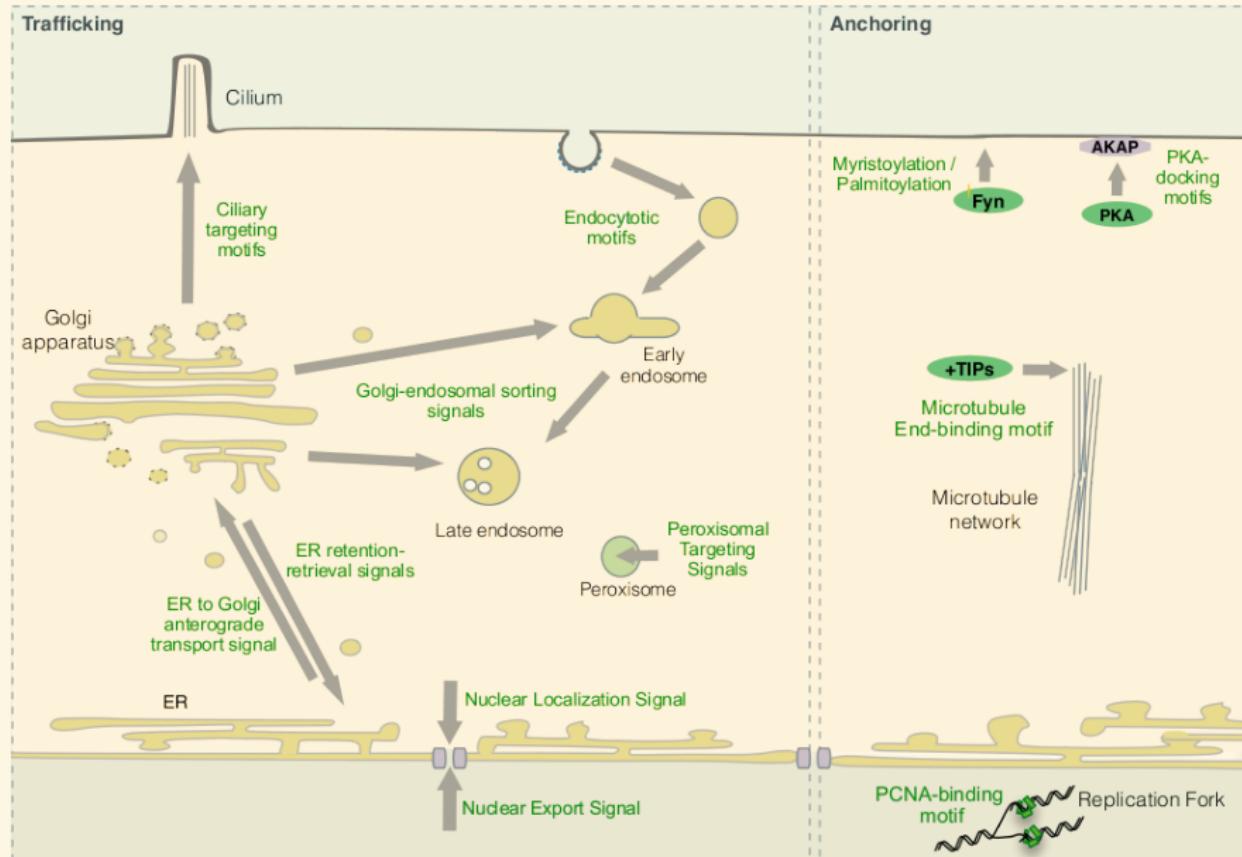


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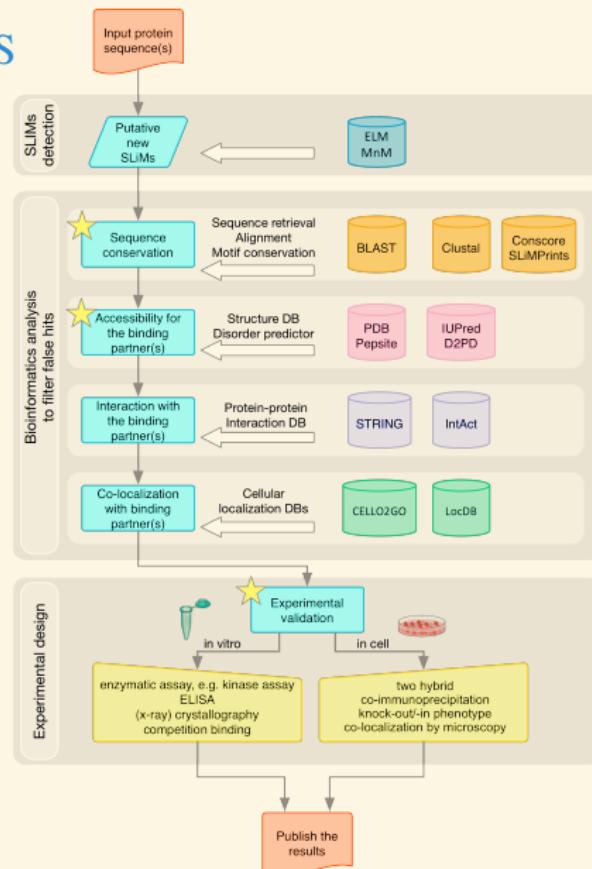
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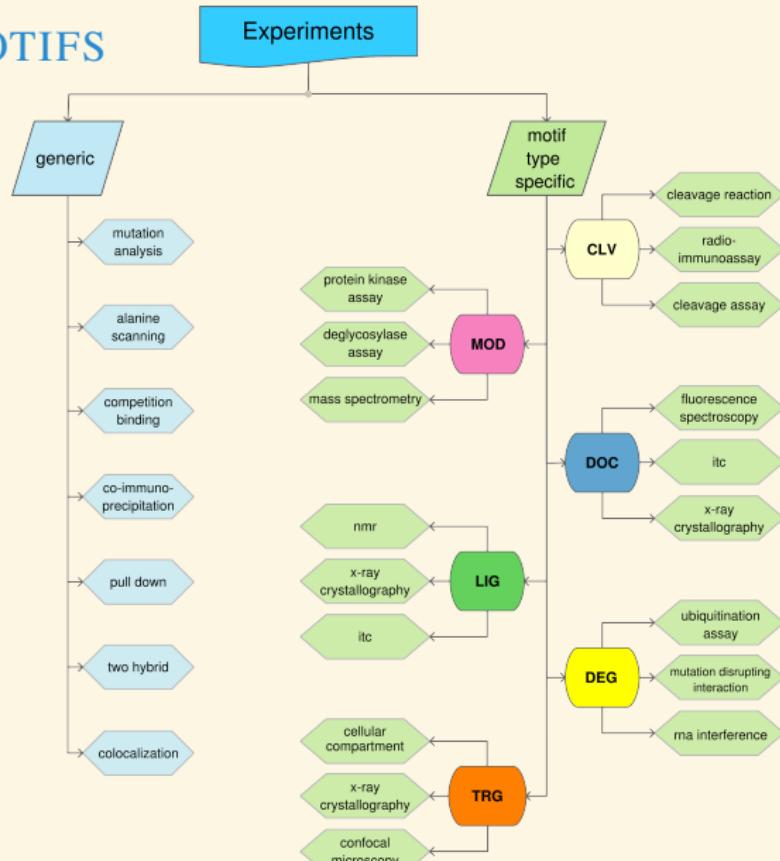
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SUMMARY

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- 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?



I mustache you a
Question

BUT I'M SHAVING IT
for later.