Short Linear Motifs

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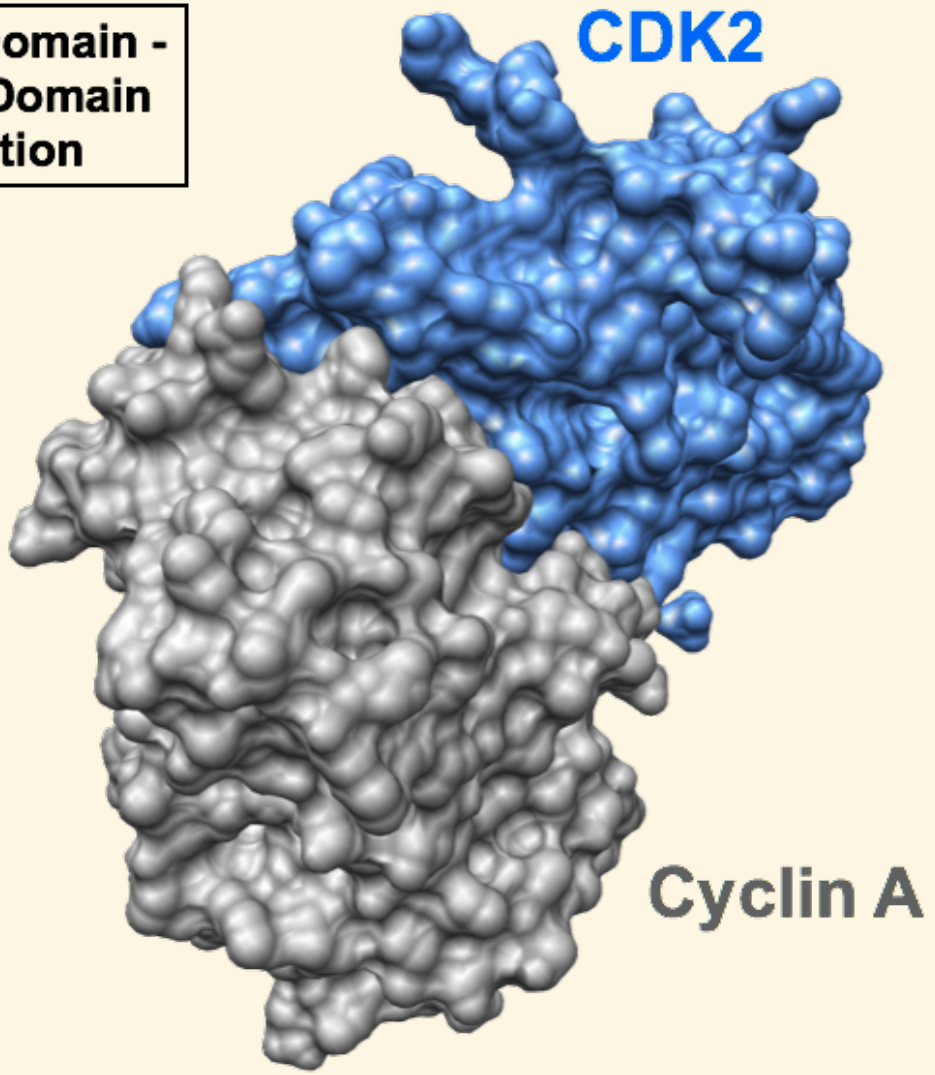

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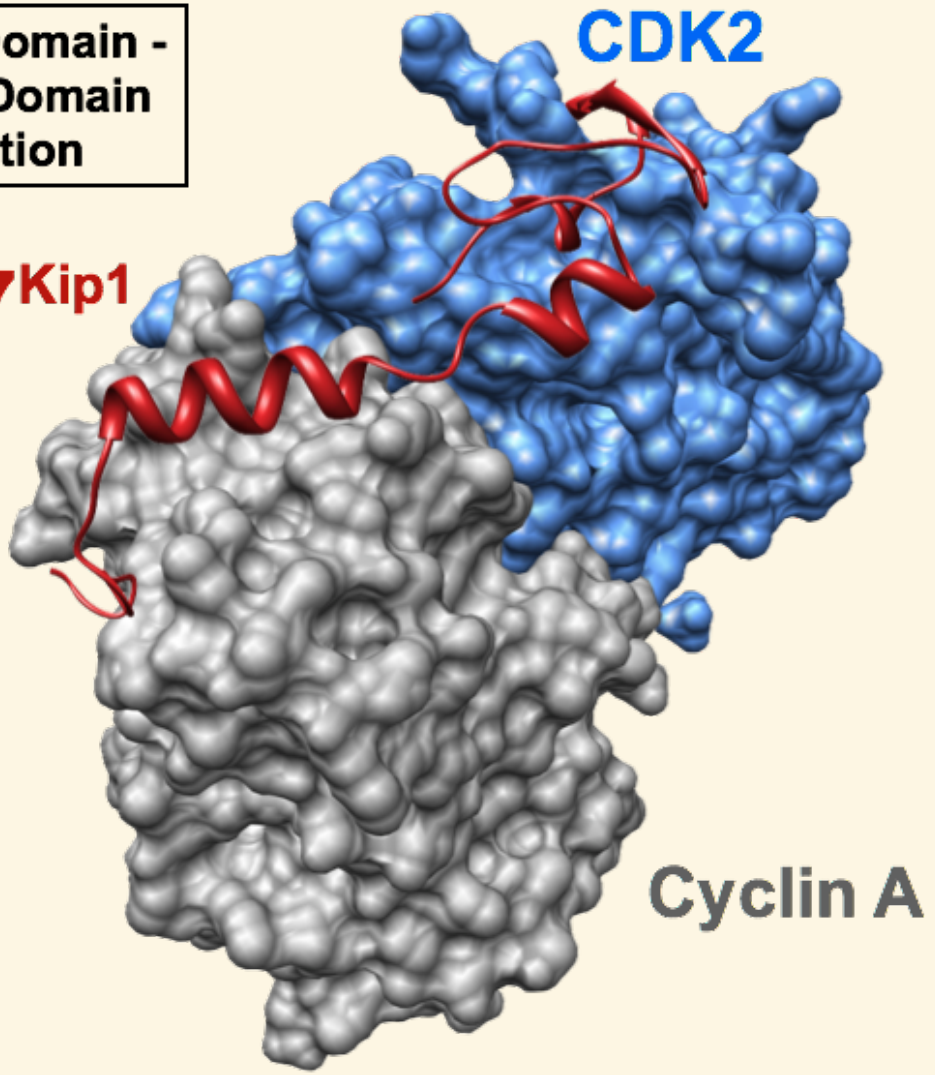

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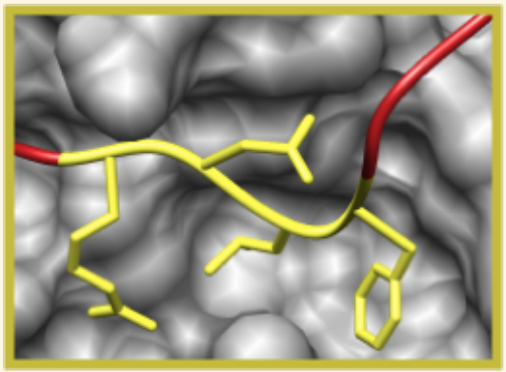

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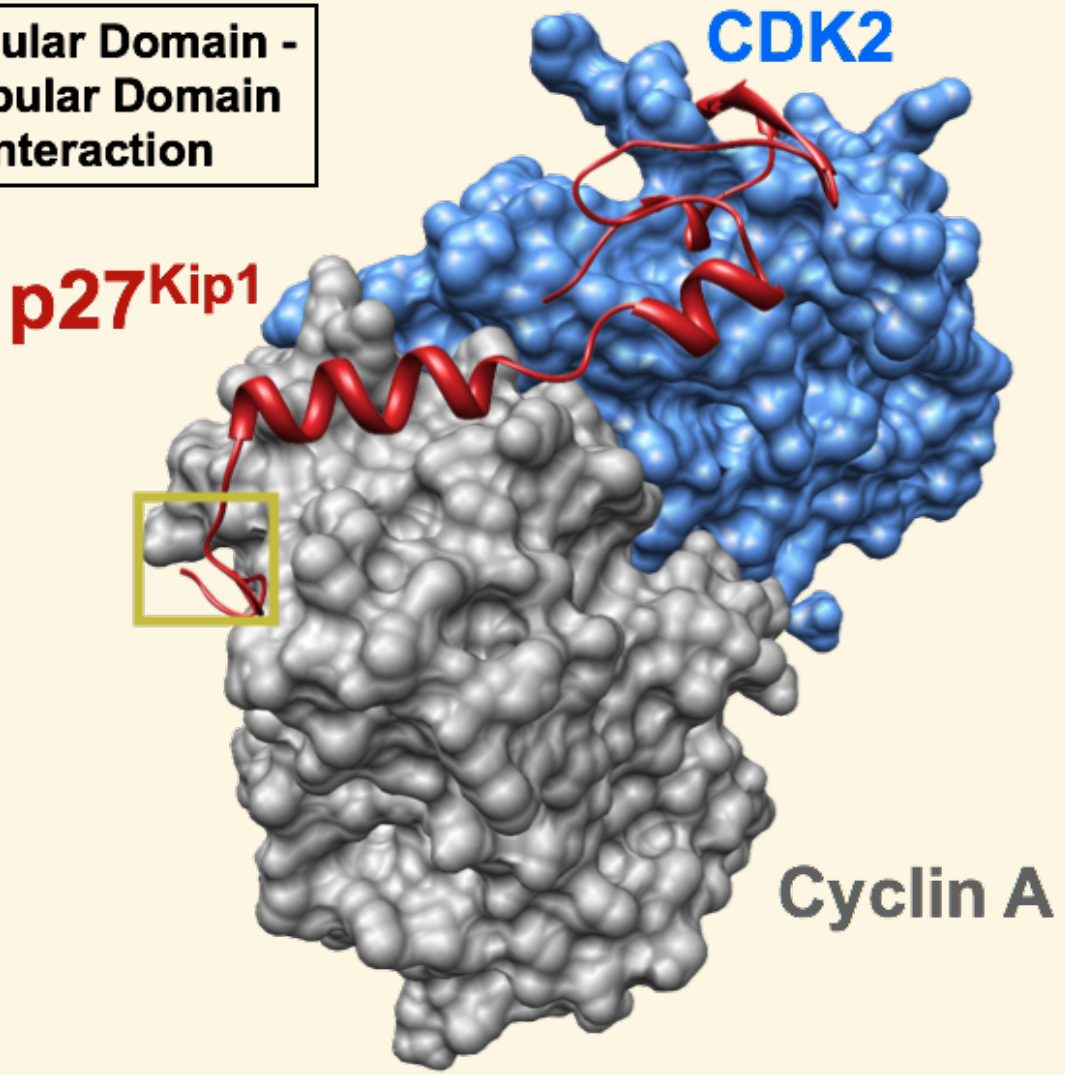

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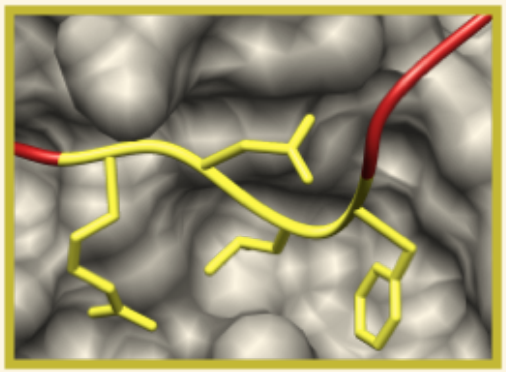

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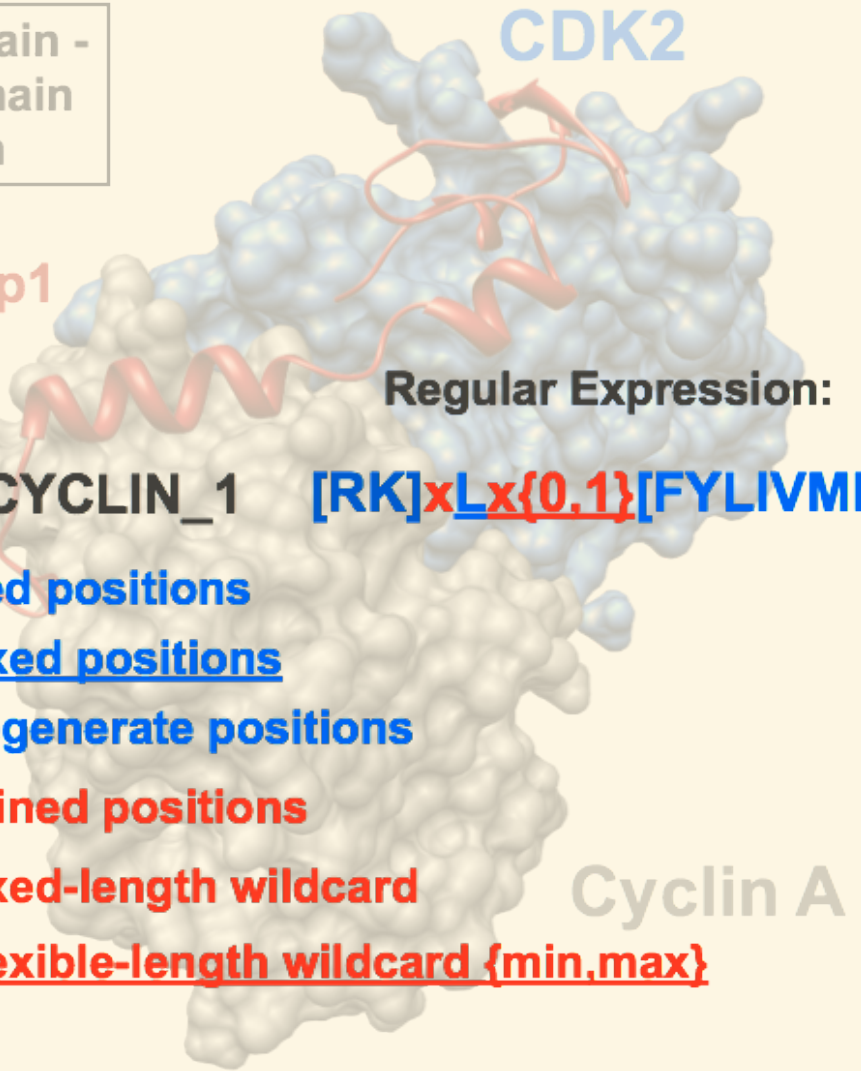

Regular Expression:

LIG_CYCLIN_1 **[RK]xLx{0,1}[FYLIVMP]**

Defined positions

Fixed positions

Degenerate positions

Undefined positions

Fixed-length wildcard

Flexible-length wildcard {min,max}

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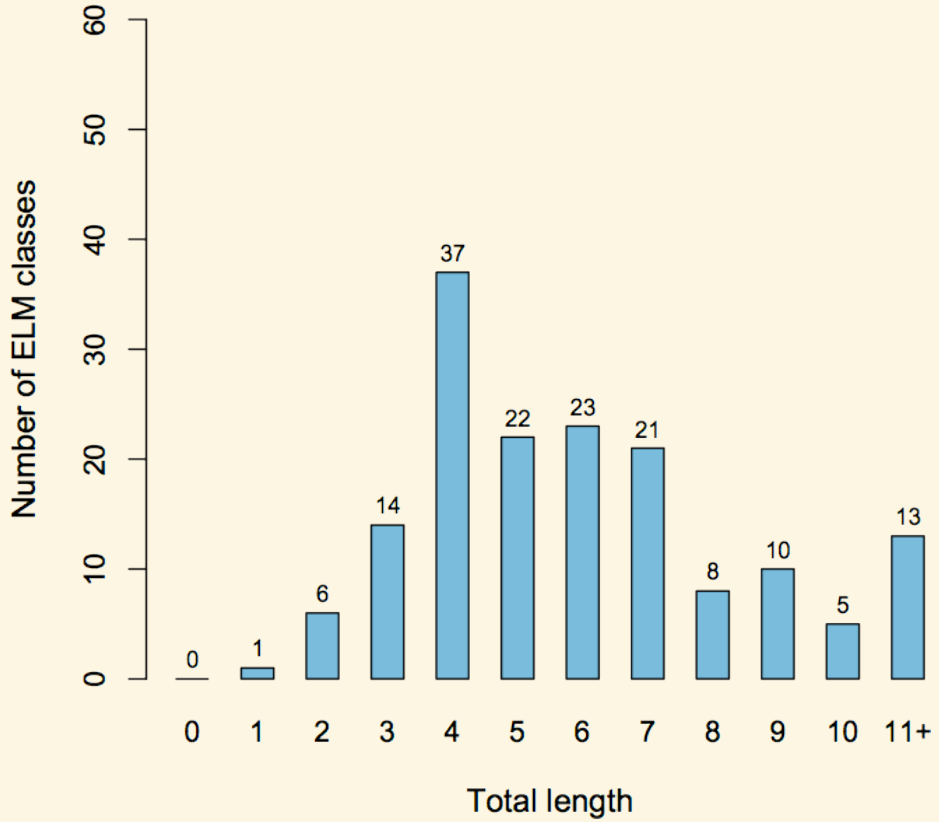

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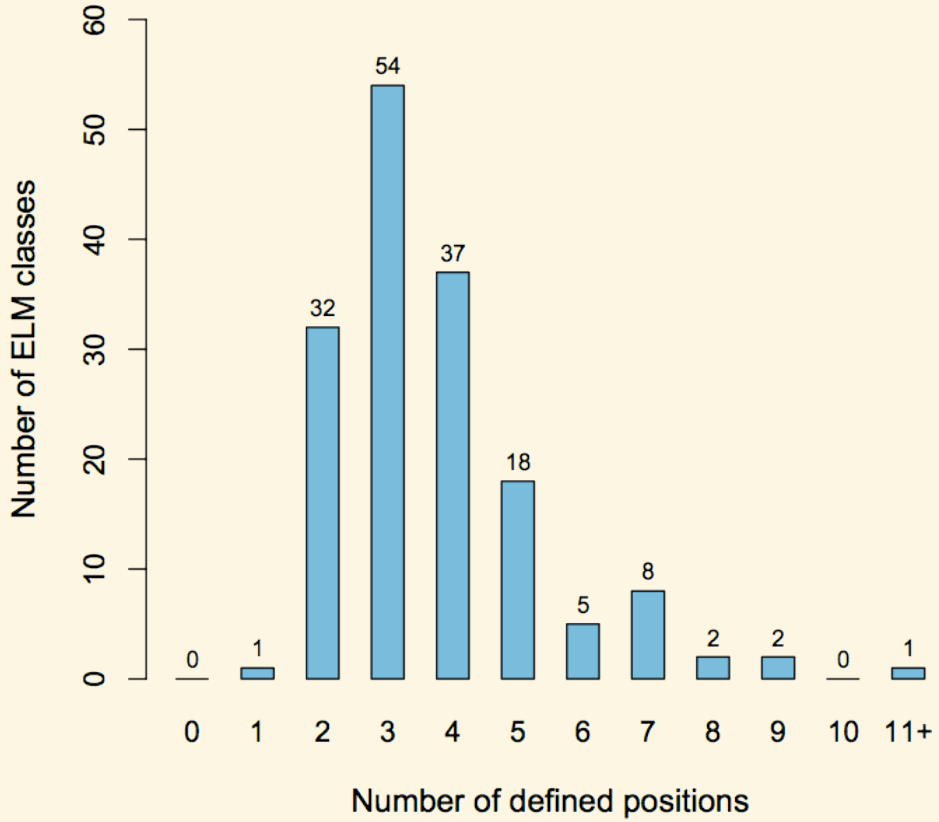

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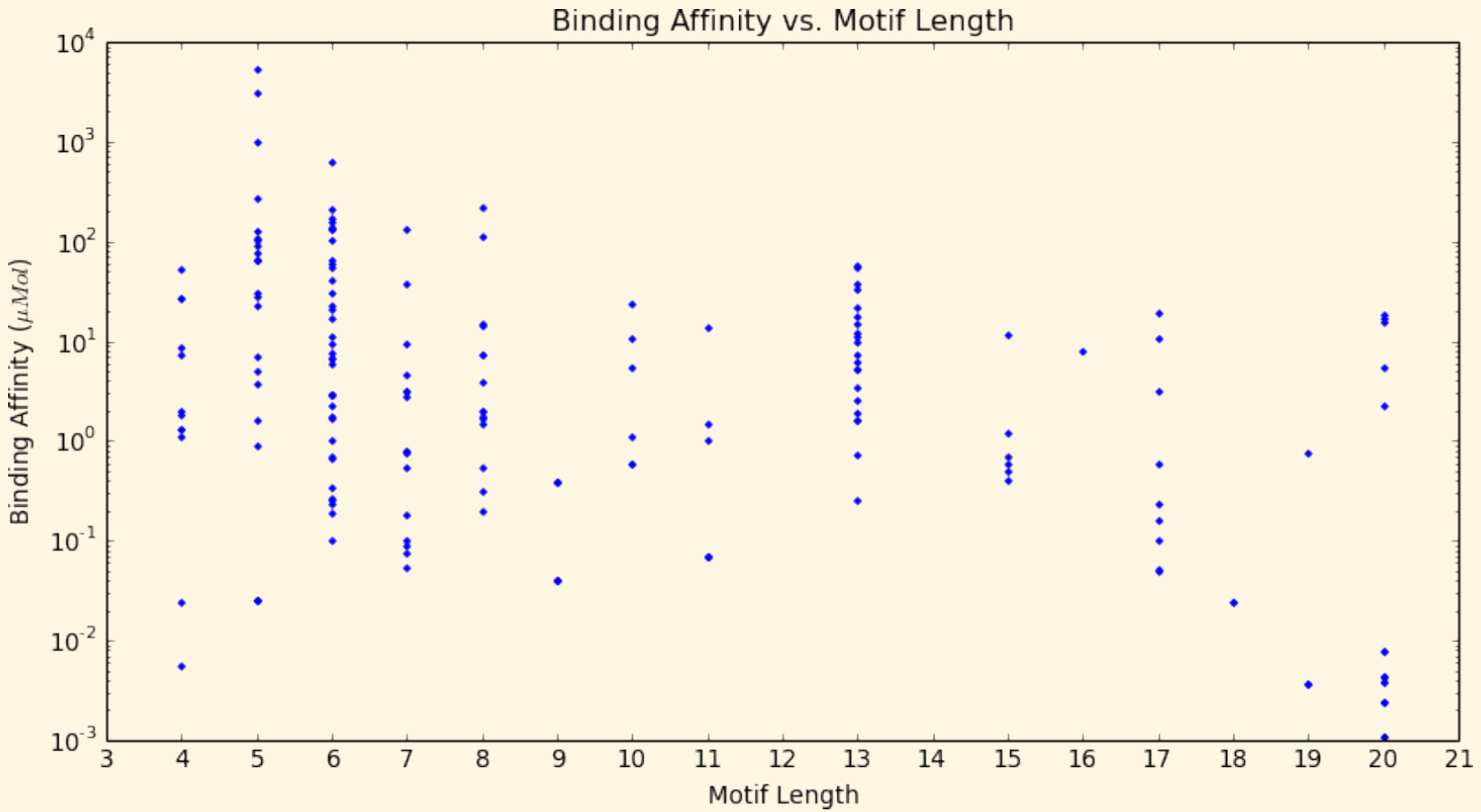
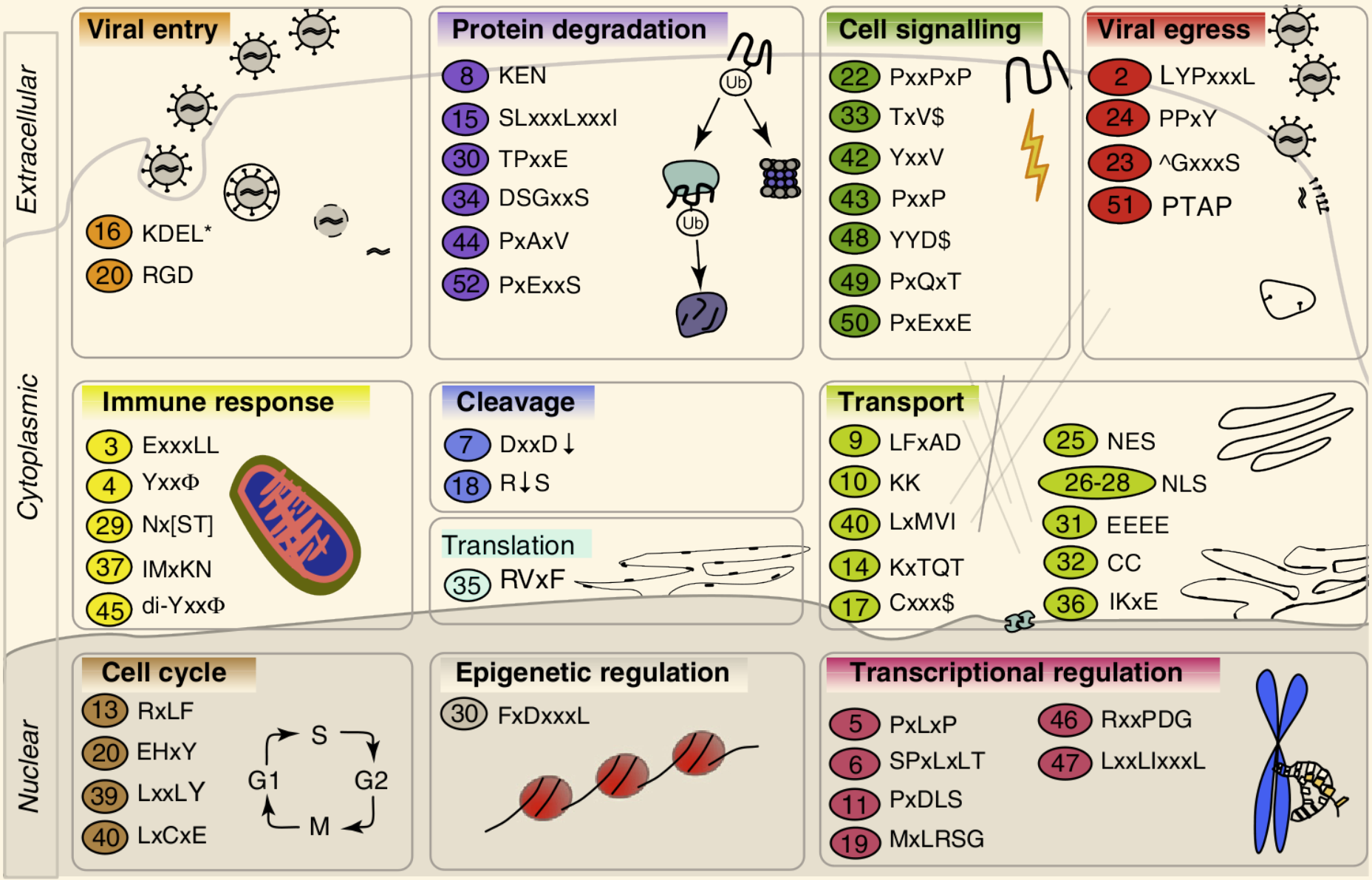


Prevalence of Short Linear Motifs

Domain frequencies from Pfam (human proteome):

Domain Family	Frequency [Domains / Proteins]	Pattern of recognized motif
PDZ	573 / 342	$[ST]x[ACVILF]_{-COOH}$
SH3	451 / 382	$PxxP$
SH2	237 / 219	${}_{P}Yxx[IV]$
WW	151 / 103	$PPxY$
PTB	142 / 133	NPx_pY

Importance of Short Linear Motifs: Viruses



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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.

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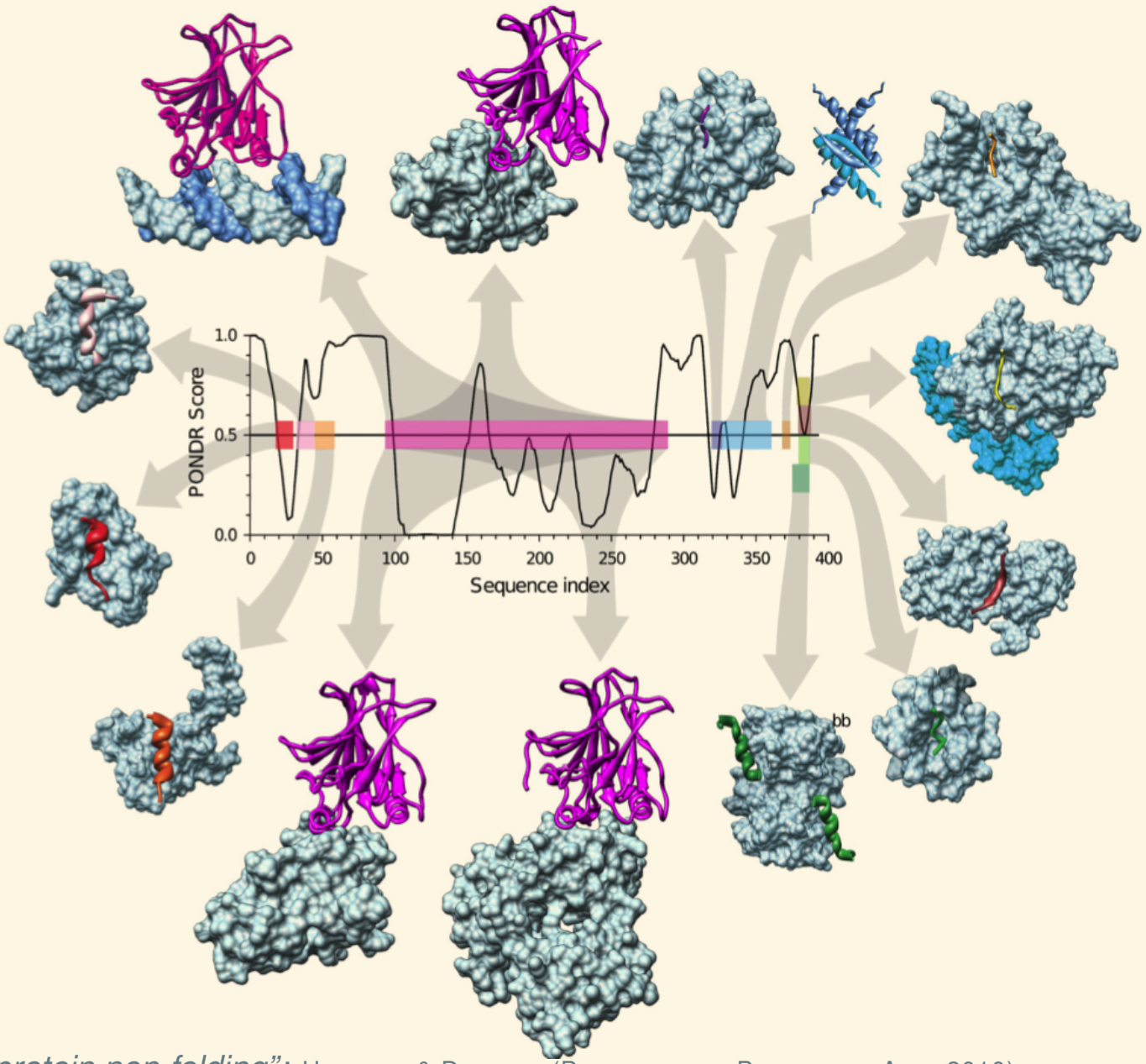

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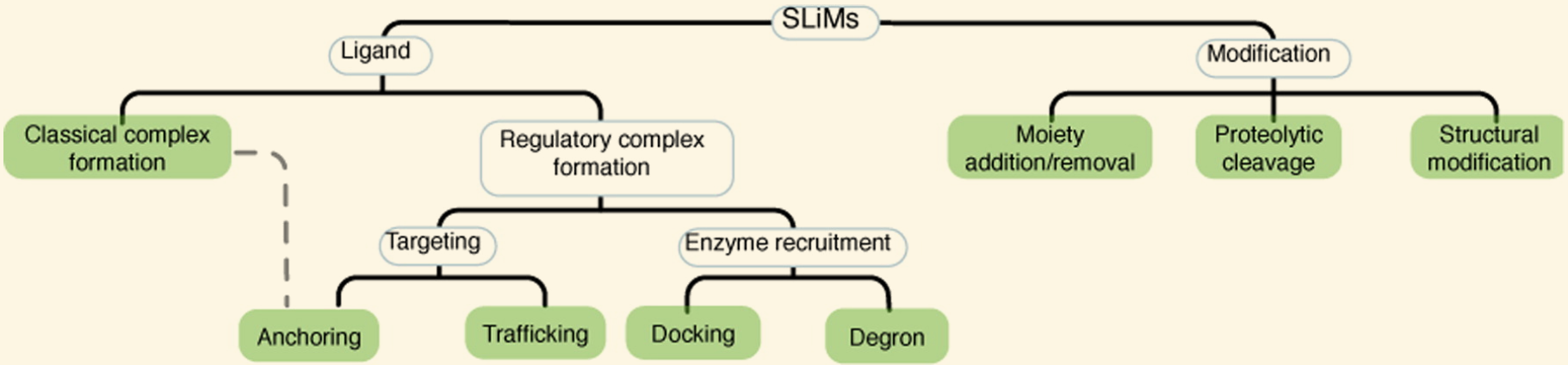
Classification of Motifs



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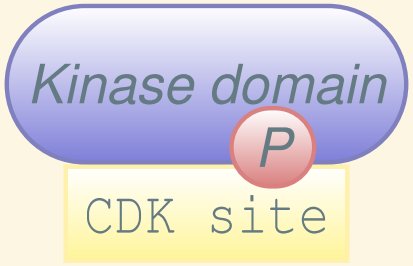

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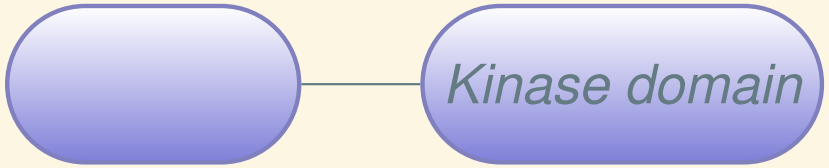

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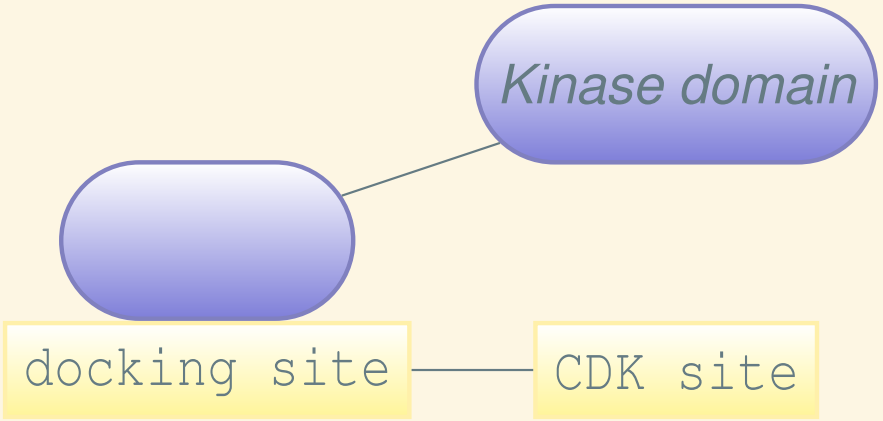

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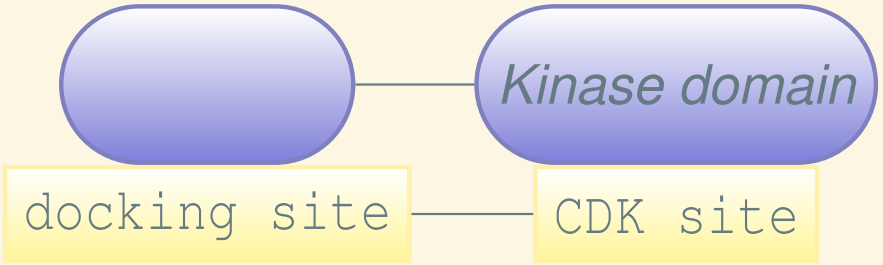

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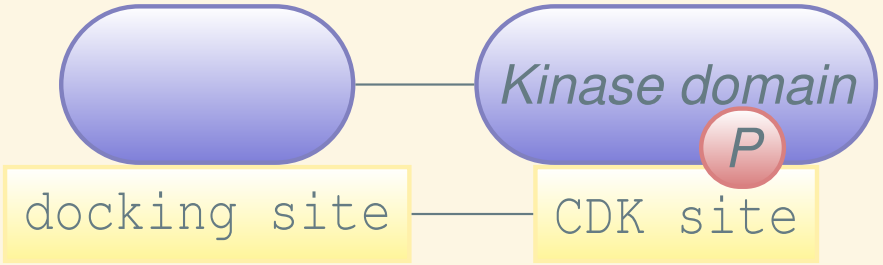

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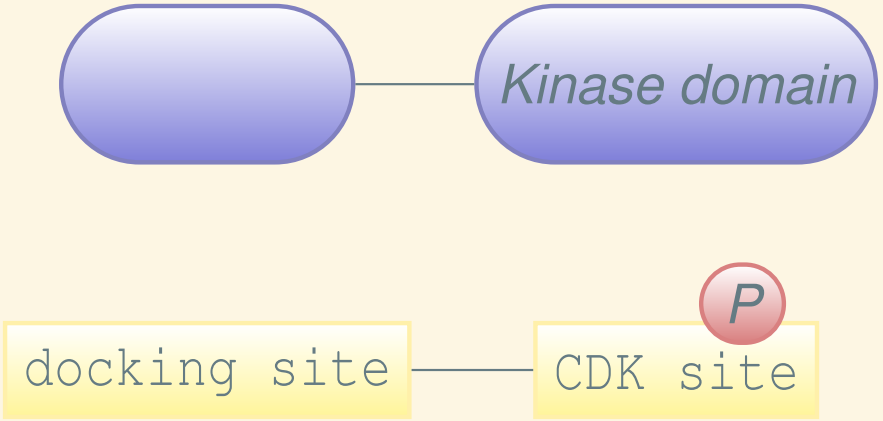

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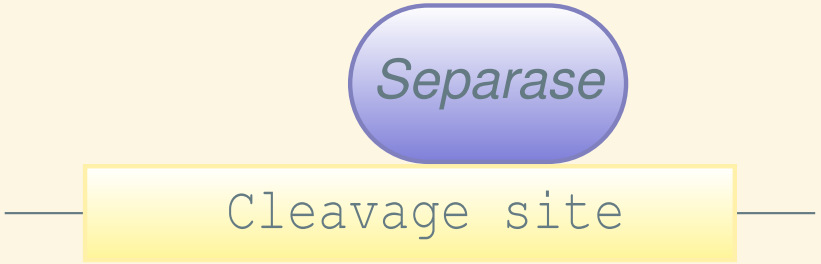

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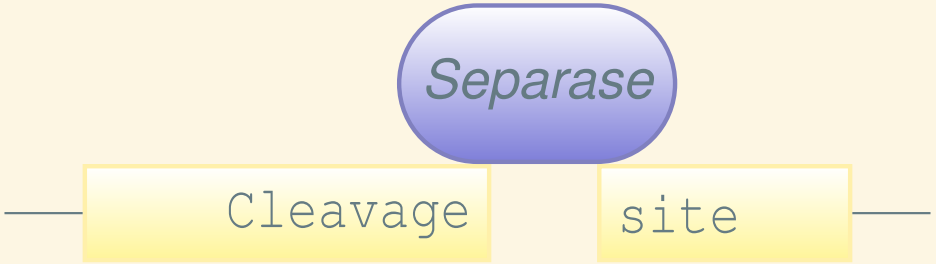

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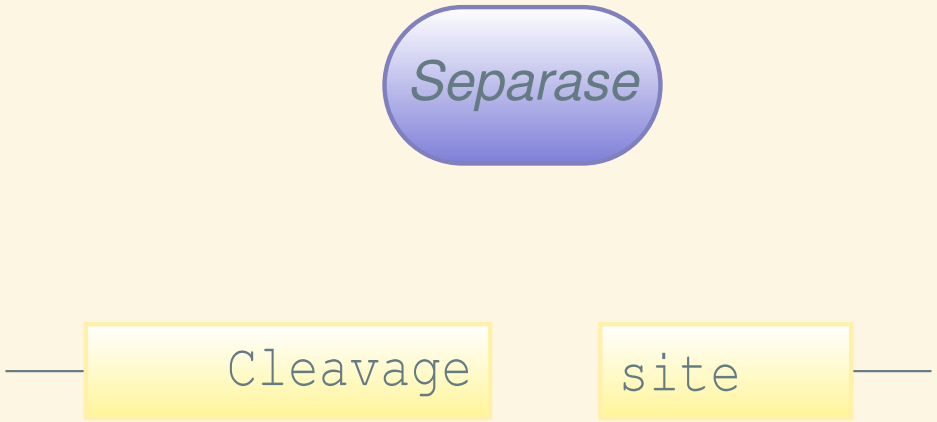

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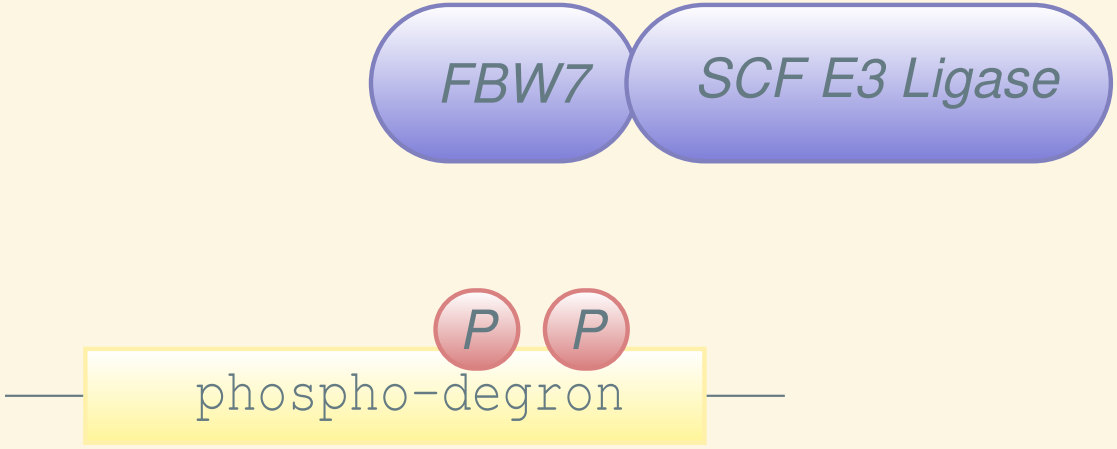

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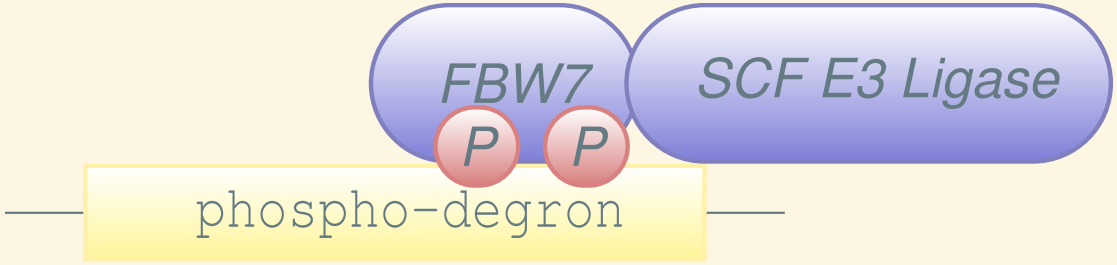

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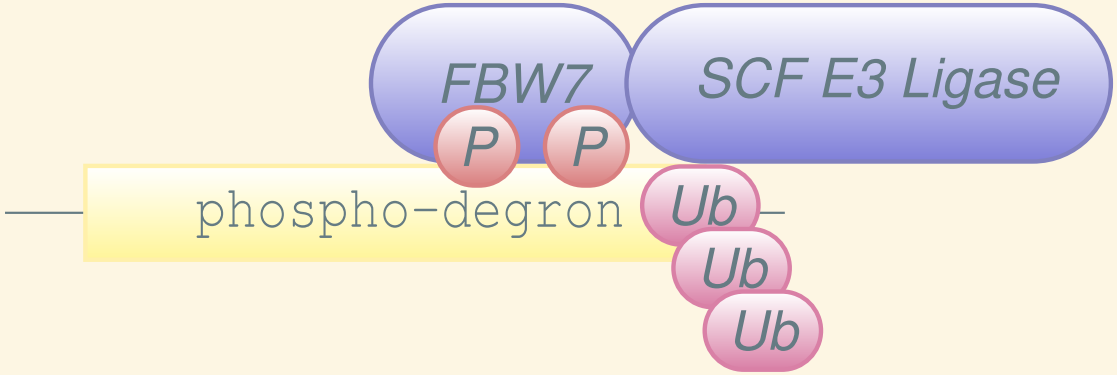

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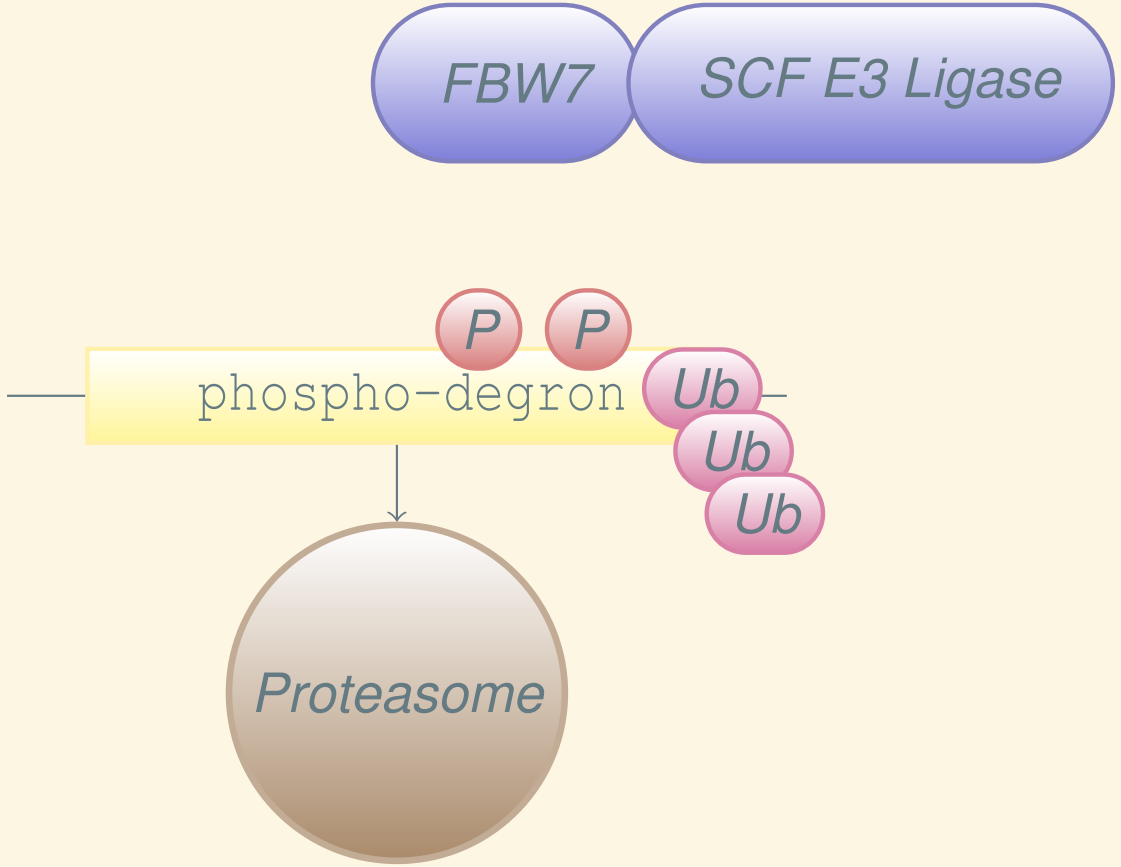

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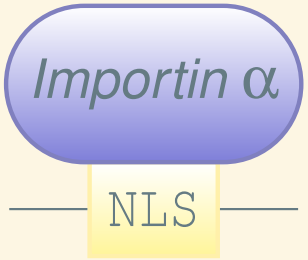

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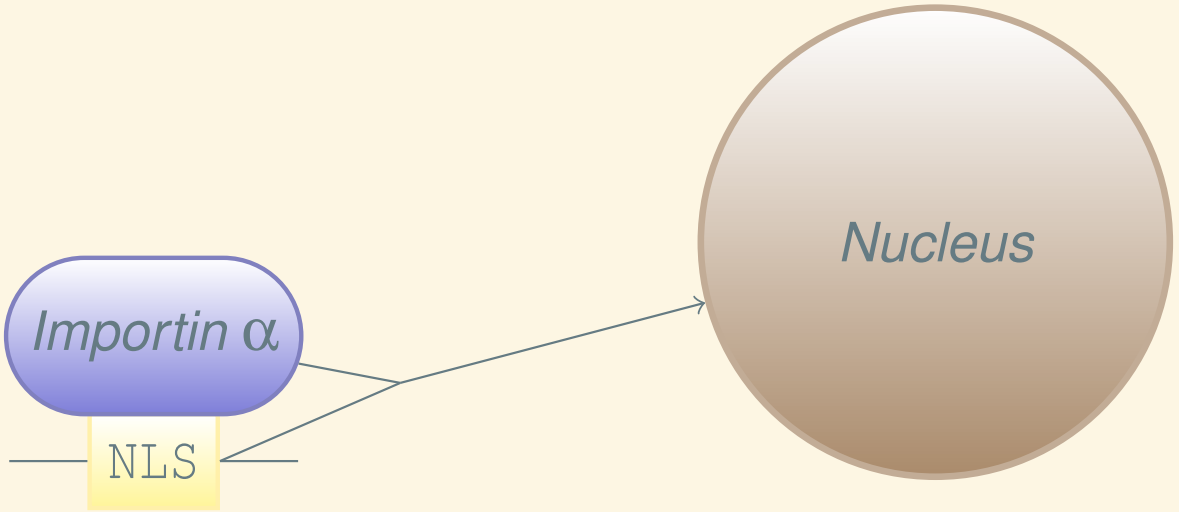

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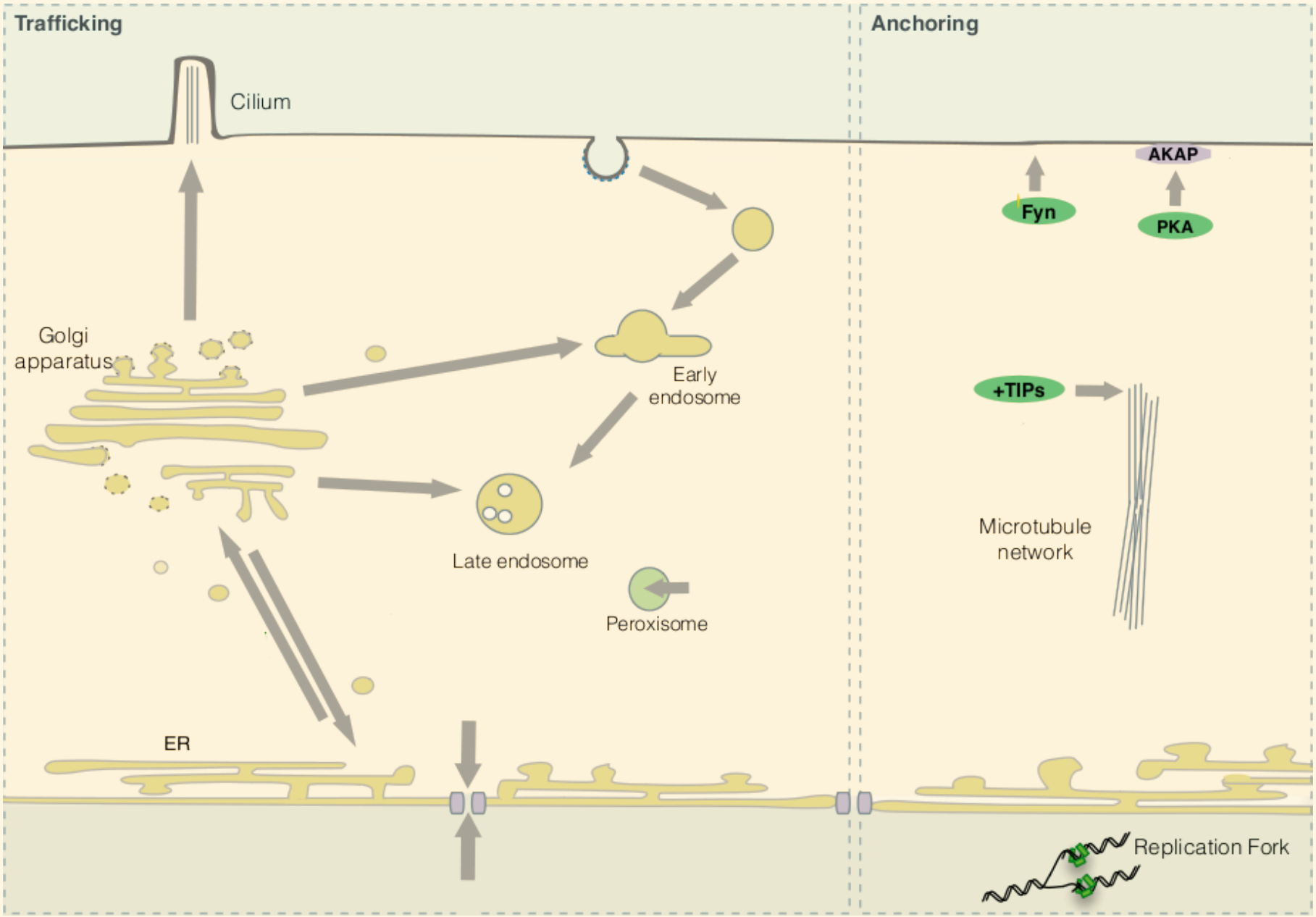

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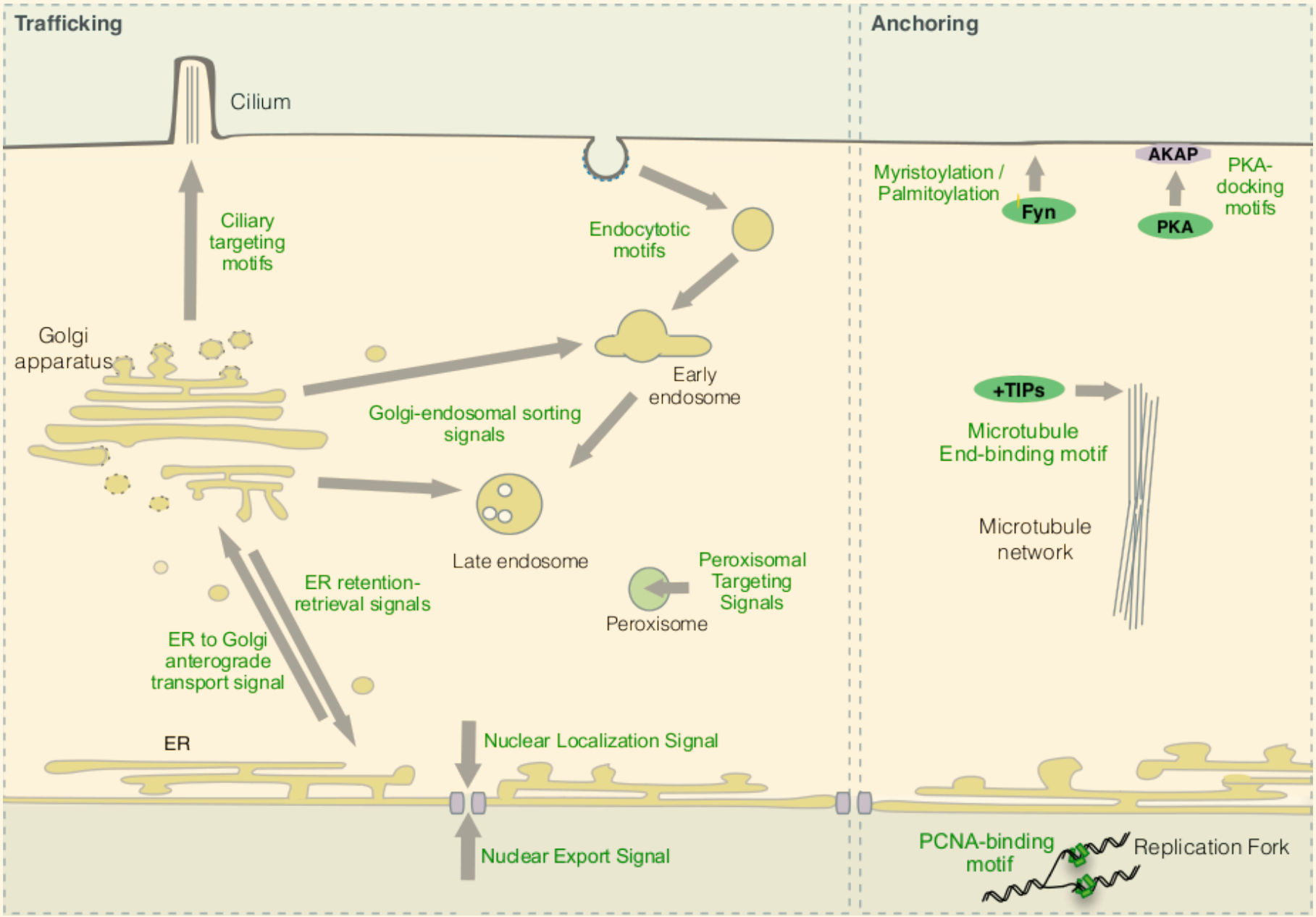

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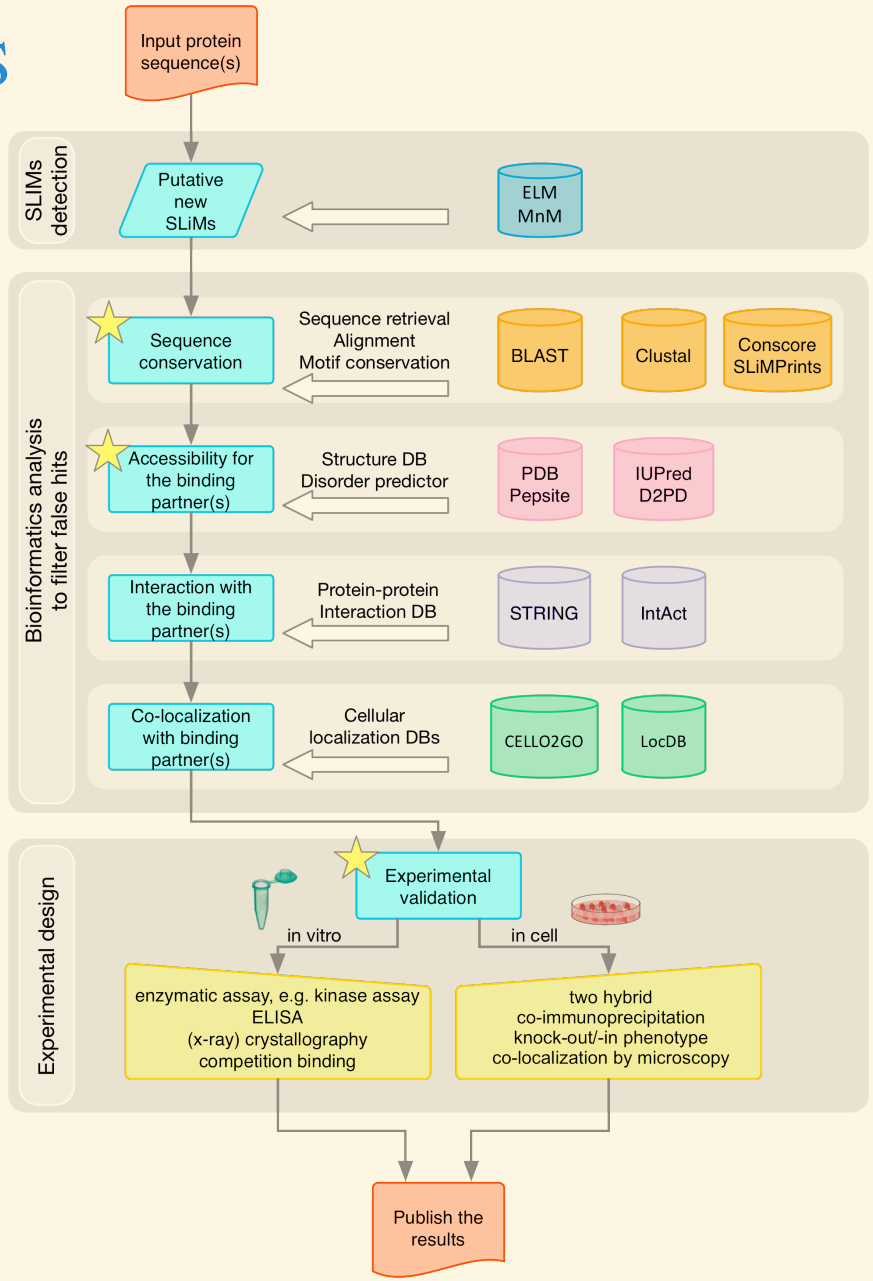

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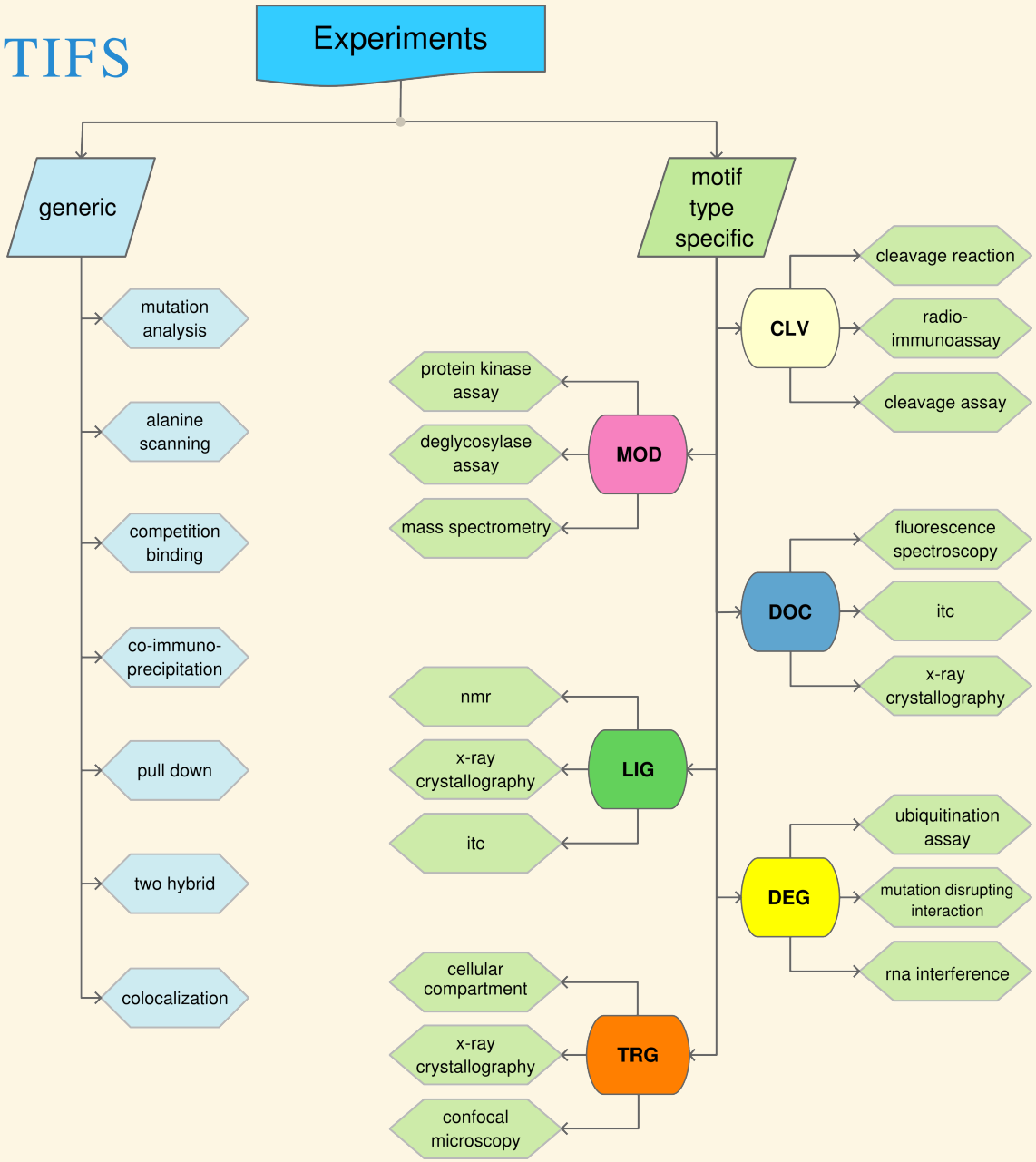

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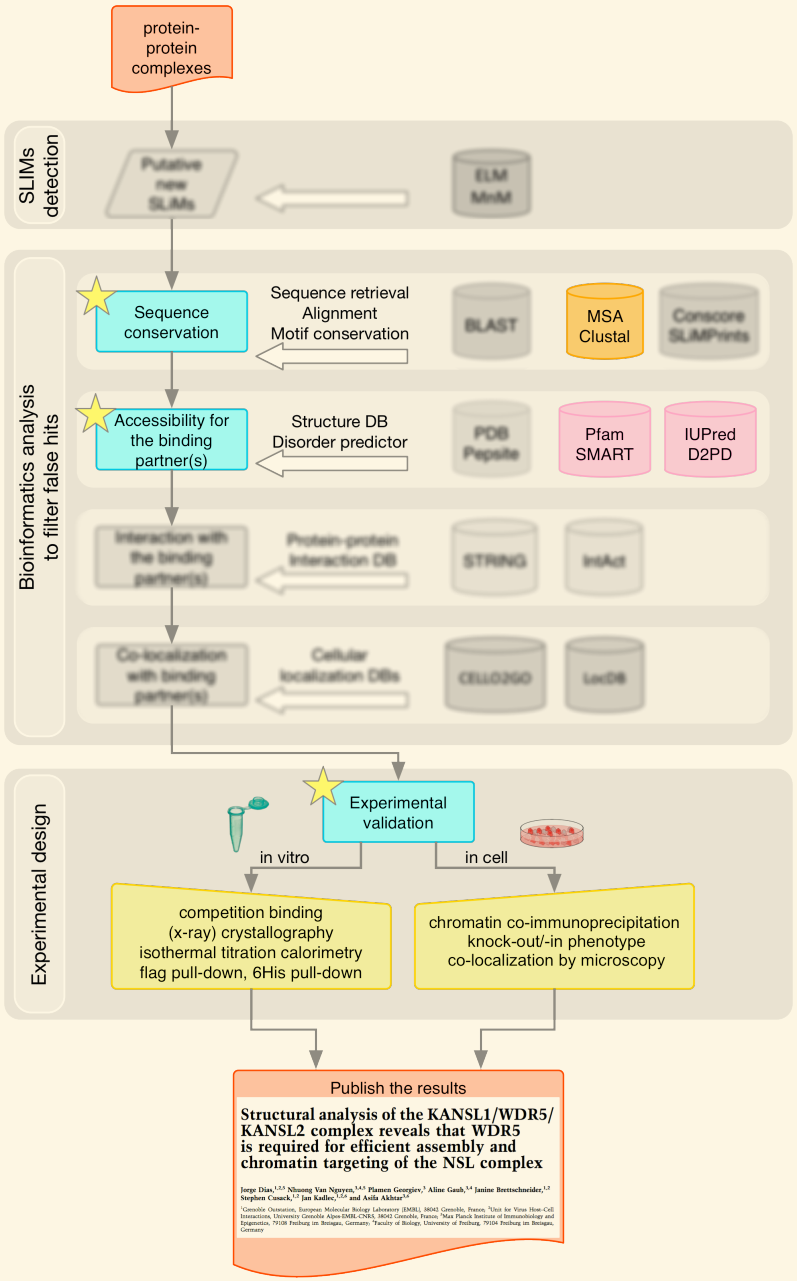

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Summary

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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?