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**Linear motifs, post-translational
modifications, molecular switches**

Short (3-10 residues), sequentially localized motifs that mediate the interaction with a common protein partner/domain:

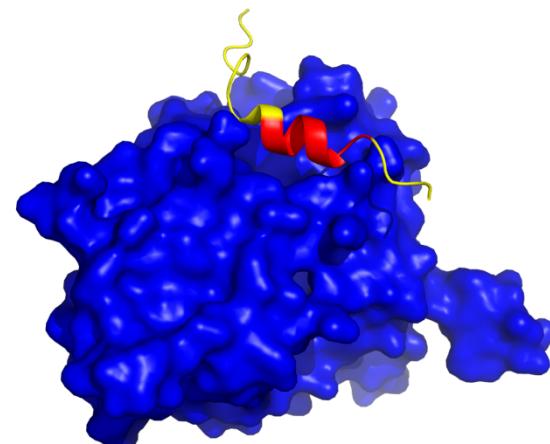
Interaction partners of nuclear receptors:

PA2G4 : ...MEVQDAELKALLQSSASRKT...
NRIP1 : ...DSIVLTYLEGLLMHQAAGGS...
NcoA6 : ...MREAPTSLSQLLDNSGAPNV...
NcoA2 : ...DSKGQTKLQLLTTKSDQME...
CBP : ...AASKHKQLSELLRGGSGSSI...

*Common interaction motif:
(LIG_NRBOX)*



xLxxLLx



Linear Motifs

- **SLiMs = “Short Linear Motif”:**
 - Short functional modules (3–10 aa long)
 - Mediate transient interactions
 - Usually reside within IDRs
 - Function independently of the rest of the protein

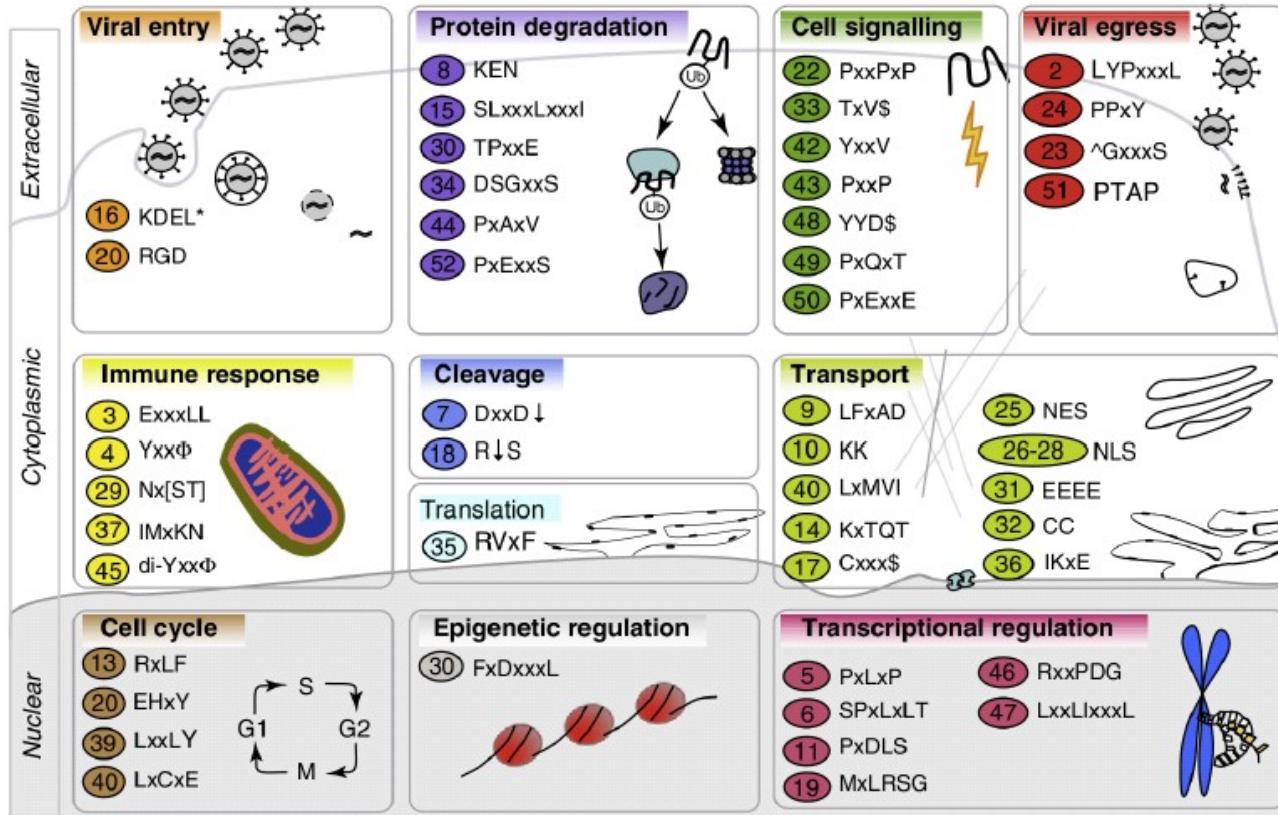
Regular expressions

- Defined positions
 - Fixed positions
 - Degenerate positions
- Un-defined positions
 - Fixed length
 - Flexible length
- **LIG_CYCLIN_1: [RK]xLx{0,1}[FYLIVMP]**
 - L: one type of amino acid “L”=Leucine
 - [KR]: group of allowed types of amino acid in the given position
 - x or . : anything (no restriction)
 - {0,1}: variable length

Frequency of common linear motif binding domains

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	pTxx[IV]
WW	151 / 103	PPxY
PTB	142 / 133	NPx p Y

Linear motifs in viruses



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How viruses hijack cell regulation

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Functional site prediction

Protein sequence

Enter Uniprot identifier or accession number: (auto-completion)
e.g. [EPN1_HUMAN](#), [P04637](#), [TAU_HUMAN](#), [RANDOM]

Or paste the sequence (Single letter code sequence only or FASTA format):

PDB-Structure [3BU8](#) showing a peptide from ELM class [LIG_TRFH_1](#)

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■ **Cell compartment (one or several):**

- not specified
- extracellular
- nucleus
- cytosol
- peroxisome
- glycosome
- glyoxisome
- Golgi apparatus
- endoplasmic reticulum
- lysosome
- endosome
- plasma membrane
- mitochondrion

■ **Context information**

Type in species name (auto-completion):

■ **Motif Probability Cutoff:**

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Disclaimer

Short patterns applied to proteins are usually not statistically significant: Therefore we can't provide E-values as with

■ **LIG_APCC_Cbox_2** as well as instances for each class have been added to the database.

■ ELM database update
The ELM classes [LIG_APCC_TPR_1](#) and [LIG_PAM2_2](#) have been added to the database and [LIG_MYND](#) has been split into multiple classes:
ELM: [LIG_MYND_1](#),
ELM: [LIG_MYND_2](#), and
ELM: [LIG_MYND_3](#).
Furthermore, ELM class [LIG_EVH1_1](#) has been updated, and several new instances have been added to the database.

■ **Featured paper:**

["A Toxoplasma dense granule protein, GRA24, modulates the early immune response to infection by](#)



The Eukaryotic Linear Motif resource for
Functional Sites in Proteins

ELM is a REPOSITORY of more than 240 thoroughly annotated motif classes with over 2700 annotated instances.

It is also a PREDICTION TOOL to detect these motifs in protein sequences employing different filters to distinguish between functional and non-functional motif instances

■ Class

Condensed information about a motif

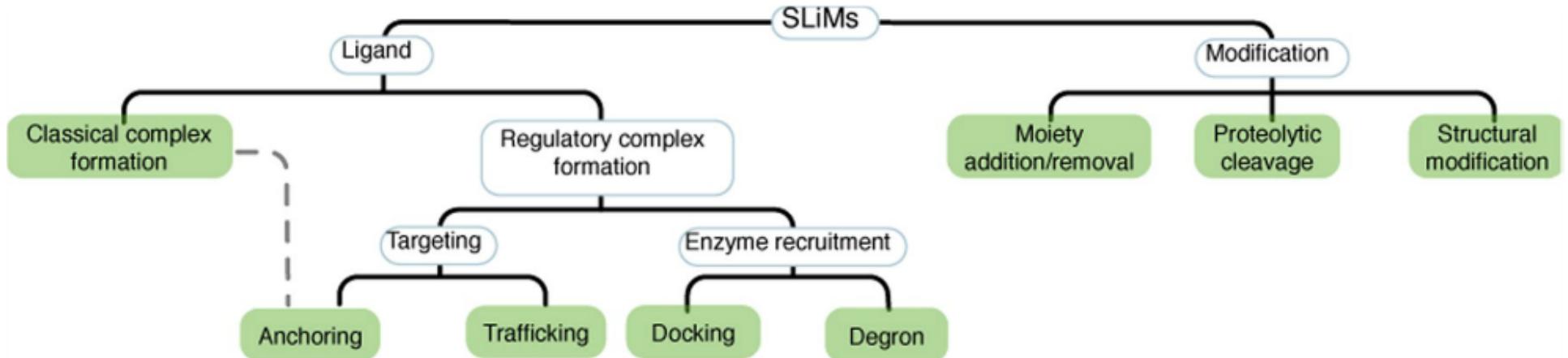
Regular expression is used to annotate the motif

■ Instance

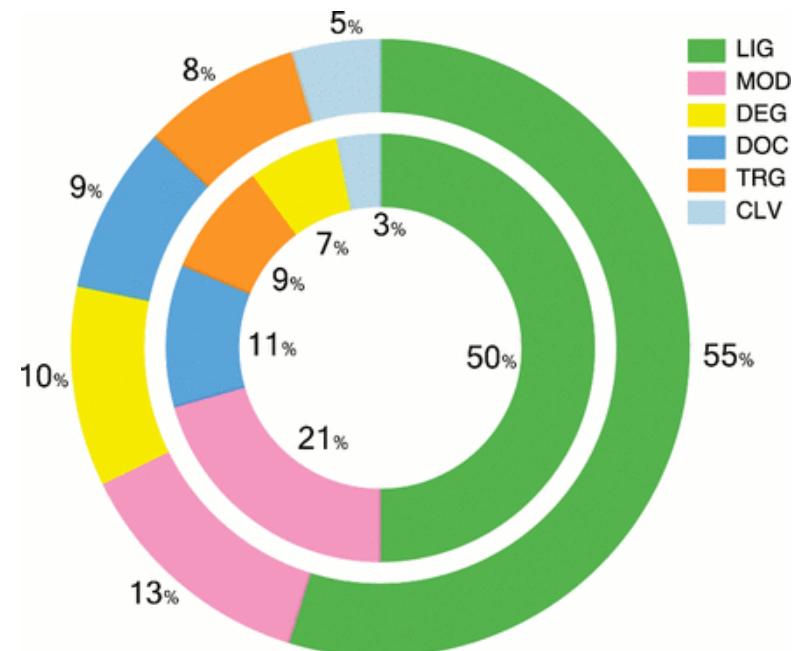
An experimentally verified instance of an ELM class in a particular sequence.

- Experimental Evidences
- Methods
- References
- Interactions

Types of linear motifs



Percentages of ELM classes (outer ring) and instances (inner ring) by type.



Known linear motifs can be used for predictions as well

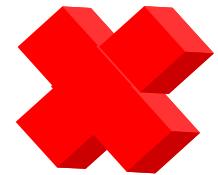
Main problem – hits are dominated by random occurrences
e.g the xLxxLLx motif can be found in 40% of human proteins

```
>sp|P48552|NRIP1_HUMAN
MTHGEELGSDVHQDSIVLTYIEGLLMHQAA
GGSGTAVDKKSAGHNEEDQNFNIIGSAFPT
CQSNGPVLNTHTYQGSGMLHLKKARLLQSS
EDWNAAKRKRLSDSIMNLNVKKEALLAGMV
DSVPKGKQDSTLLASLLQSFSSRLQTVALS
QQIRQSLKEQGYALSHDSLKVEKDLRCYGV
ASSHLKTLKKSKVKDQKPDTNLPDVTKNL
IRDRFAESPHVGQSGTKVMSEPLSCAARL...
```



N terminal regions of NRIP protein
(disordered)

```
>sp|Q8WZ42|TITIN_HUMAN Titin
MTTQAPTFTQPLQSVVLEGSTATFEAHIS
GFPVPEVSWFRDGQVISTSTLPGVQISFSD
GRAKLTIPAVTKANSGRYSLKATNGSGQAT
STAELLVKAETAPPNFVQRLQSMTVRQGSQ
VRLQVRVTGIPTPVVKFYRDGAEIQSSLDF
QISQECDLYSLLTAEAAYPEDSGTYSVNATN
SVGRATSTAELLVQGEEEVPAKKTKTIVST
AQISESRQTRIEKKIEAHFDARSIATVEMV...
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Ig domain of titin protein
(ordered)

Filtering of false positive hits

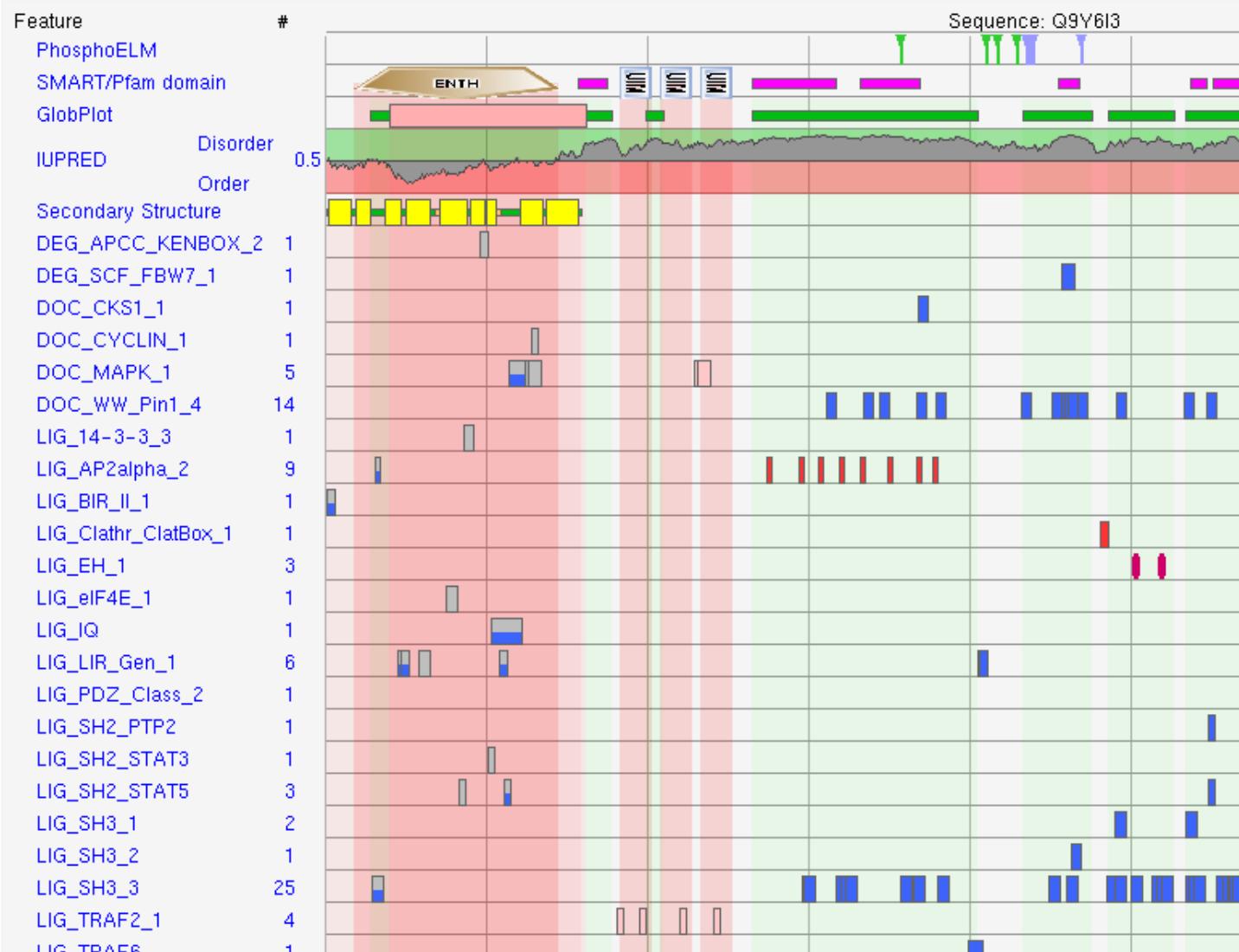
- Cellular localization
- Conservation
- Structure filter

■ Summary for sequence 'Q9Y6I3'.

KEY

DOMAINS:		Smart/Pfam domain		Signal peptide (pred.)		Low-complexity region		Coiled-coil (pred.)		TM helix (pred.)													
GLOBPLOT:		GlobDom			Disorder																		
2D STRUCT:		Strand		Helix		Loop			3/10 Helix														
MOTIFS:		Favourable Context		Sparse/Smart filtered		Neutral	Annotated:		TP		FP		TN		U		<		<		Assigned by homology		
CONSCORE:		low Conservation		medium Conservation		high Conservation																	
Phospho.ELM:		Phosphorylated Serine		Phosphorylated Threonine		Phosphorylated Tyrosine																	

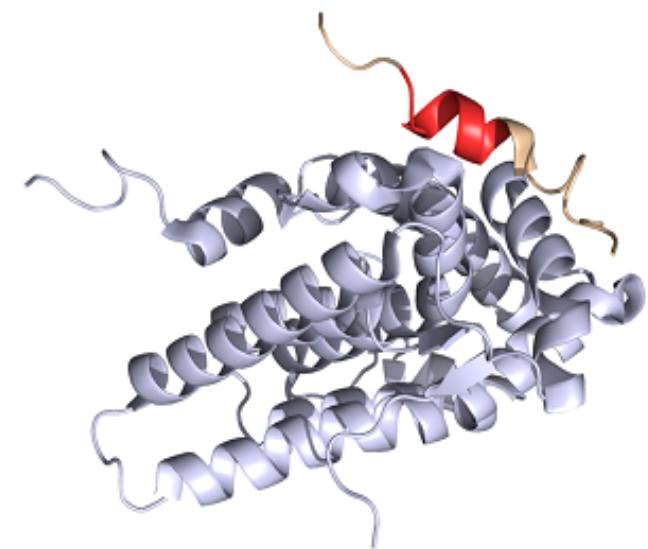
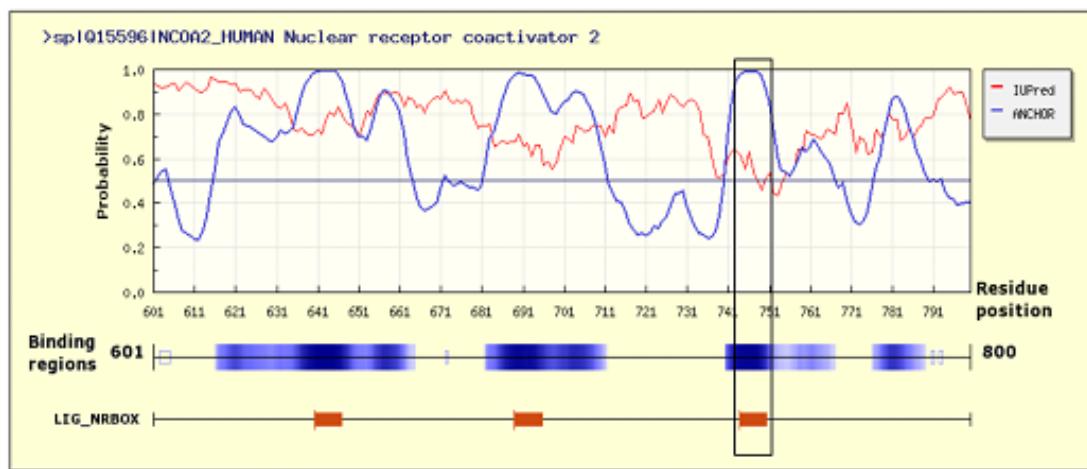
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ANCHOR and linear motifs

NCOA2 transcription co-activator

A 600-800 region is completely disordered,
Contains 3 receptor linear motifs



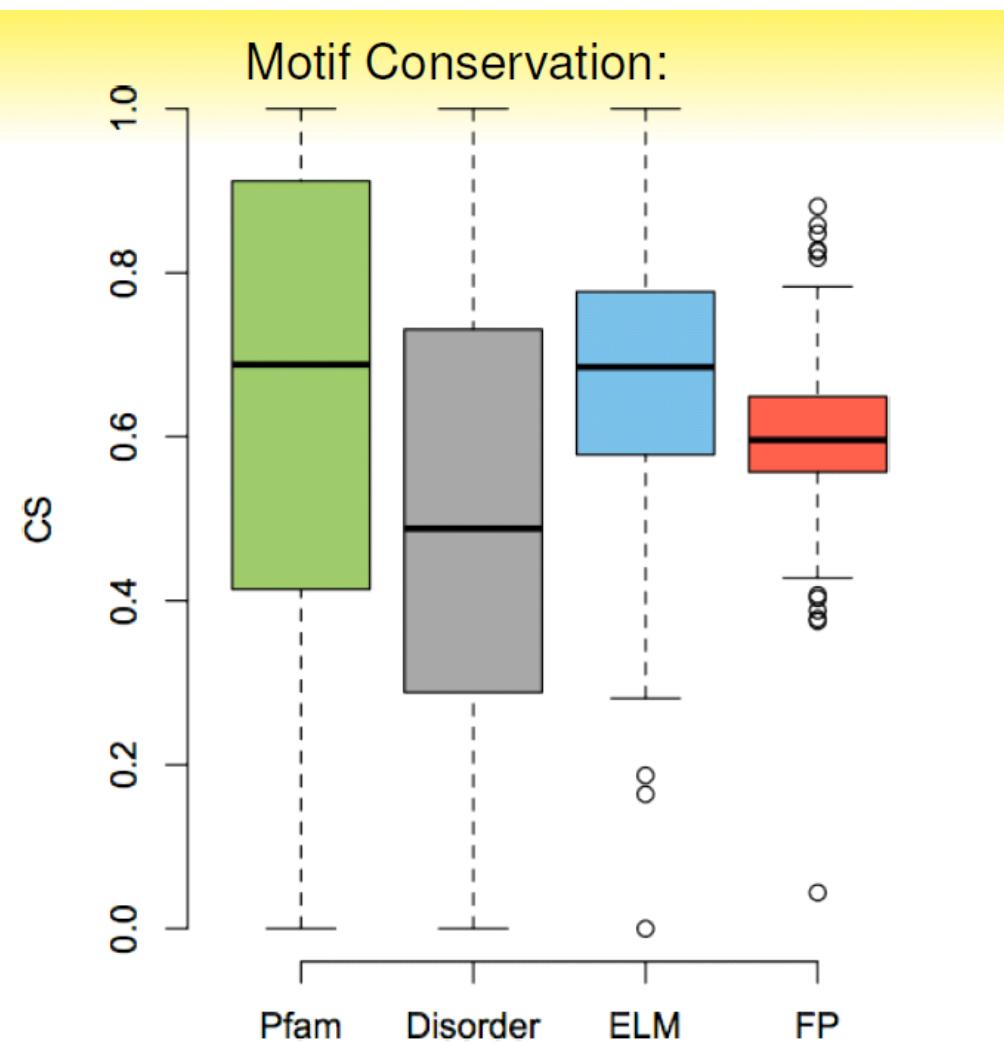
Conservation

The functionality of a protein segment is often approached by investigating the evolutionary history of its primary sequence

Can this approach used for disordered proteins?

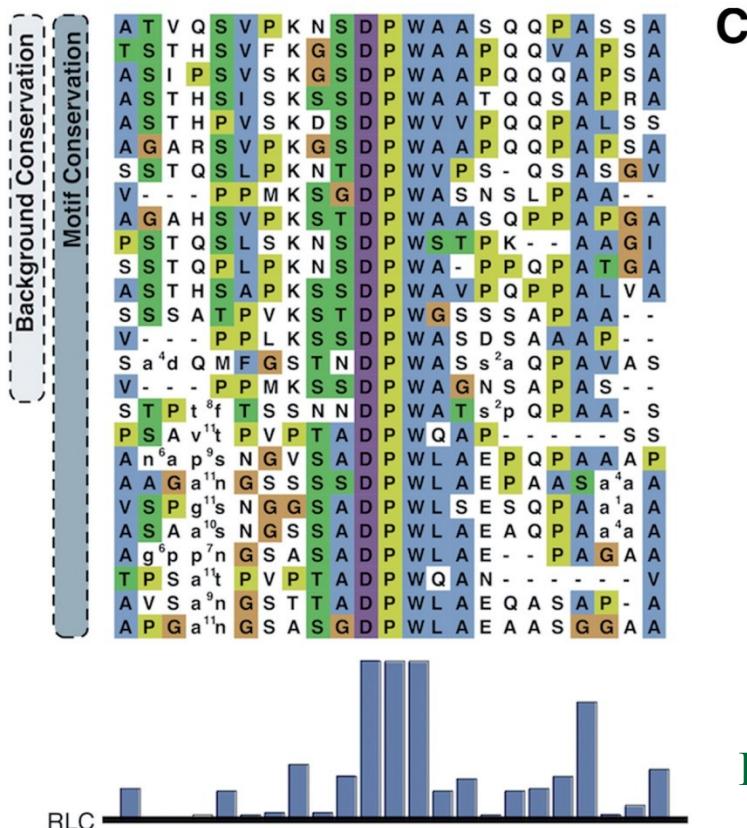
Sometimes ...

Conservation of motifs



Conservation patterns of linear motifs

No evolutionary constraints to keep the structure
Strong constraints on functional site



Island-like conservation

Davey et al. Nucleic Acids Res. 2012; 40:10628

SlimPrints

Generates sequence alignments of orthologous sequences

Relative conservation score per position

Filters out less reliable regions

Fails if sequences are too divergent, or too similar

<http://bioware.ucd.ie/slimprints.html>.

Phospho.ELM

Database of experimentally verified phosphorylation sites in eukaryotic proteins.
Current release contains 8,718 protein entries covering more than 42,500 instances.
(Instances are fully linked to literature references.)

Phospho.ELM

a database of S/T/Y phosphorylation sites

Statistics:

Instances	42,575
Kinases	310
Reference	3,672
Sequences	11,223
Substrates	8,718

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- for phosphorylation sites in proteins using protein name or gene name
(eg. Paxillin, Shc, MAPK)

- by UniPROT accession or Ensembl identifier:
(eg. P12931 or P55211)

- by selected kinase (List):

 None

- by selected phospho-peptide binding domain (List):

 None

- Choose which organisms to include

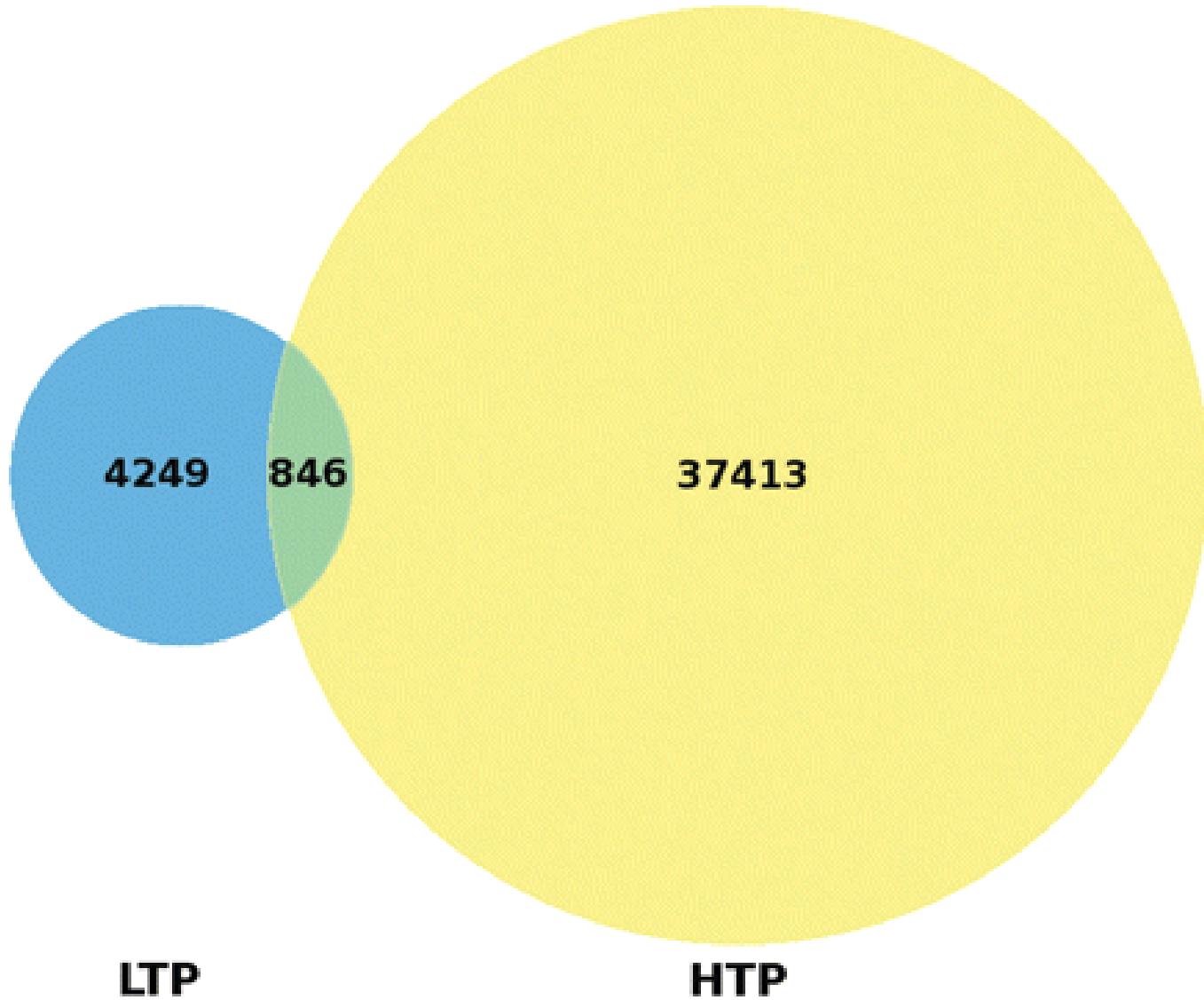
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 Vertebrates

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Output example of a Phospho.ELM search using the Cyclin dependent kinase inhibitor 1B (UniProt P46527) as query.

Phospho.ELM
a database of S/T/Y phosphorylation sites

Substrate: Cyclin dependent kinase inhibitor 1B (Cyclin-dependent kinase inhibitor 1B (Cyclin-dependent kinase))

Seq-ID: P46527 [Homo sapiens]

Interaction Network(s): STRING NetworkIN

External Source(s):

MINT Interaction(s): [show] View Conservation

MOD_CK2_1

The ELM server ELM details

Functional site class: CK2 phosphorylation site

Functional site description: Motif recognised by CK2 for Ser/Thr phosphorylation

ELM(s): MOD_CK2_1

The main determinant of CK2 phosphorylation specificity is a negative charge 3 positions after the modification residue

Pattern: ...((ST).E)

Present in taxon(s): Vertebrata Eukarya Zea mays Saccharomyces cerevisiae Drosophila melanogaster

Not represented in taxon(s):

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Res. ♦	Pos. ♦	Sequence ♦	Kinase ♦	PMID ♦	Src ♦	Cons. ♦	ELM ♦	Binding Domain ♦	SMART/Pfam ♦	IUPRED score ♦	PDB ♦	P3D Acc. ♦
S	10	MSNVKVSNSG S PSLERMDARQ	-	12482975	LTP	0.28	-	-	-	0.74	-	-
S	10	MSNVKVSNSG S PSLERMDARQ	-	14504289	LTP	0.28	-	-	-	0.74	-	-
S	10	MSNVKVSNSG S PSLERMDARQ	-	15735731	LTP	0.28	-	-	-	0.74	-	-
S	10	MSNVKVSNSG S PSLERMDARQ	-	12042314	LTP	0.28	-	-	-	0.74	-	-
S	10	MSNVKVSNSG S PSLERMDARQ	-	15302935	HTP	0.28	-	-	-	0.74	-	-
S	10	MSNVKVSNSG S PSLERMDARQ	KIS	12093740	LTP	0.28	-	-	-	0.74	-	-
Y	74	FQHHEKPLEKG Y EWQEVKEKGSL	-	18454177	LTP	1.00	-	-	-	0.64	-	-
Y	74	FQHHEKPLEKG Y EWQEVKEKGSL	SRC	17254967	LTP	1.00	-	-	-	0.64	-	-
S	83	KYEKQEVKEKG S LPFYYRPPF	-	15034923	LTP	0.18	MOD_CK2_1	-	-	0.57	1JSU	65.57%
Y	88	EVEKGSLPE Y TRPRPRPKGA	-	17254966	LTP	1.00	-	-	-	0.65	1JSU	70.31%
Y	88	EVEKGSLPE Y TRPRPRPKGA	-	16195327	LTP	1.00	-	-	-	0.65	1JSU	70.31%
Y	88	EVEKGSLPE Y TRPRPRPKGA	SRC	17254967	LTP	1.00	-	-	-	0.65	1JSU	70.31%
Y	89	VEKGSLPE Y TRPRPRPKGA	-	16195327	LTP	0.22	-	-	-	0.63	1JSU	36.68%
Y	89	VEKGSLPE Y TRPRPRPKGA	SRC	17254967	LTP	0.22	-	-	-	0.63	1JSU	36.68%
S	140	LVDPKTDPSD S QTGLAEQCAG	-	17525332	HTP	0.85	-	-	-	0.77	-	-
T	157	QCAGIRKKPA T DSSSTQNKKRA	PKB_group	12244303	LTP	0.94	MOD_PKB_1	-	-	0.84	-	-
T	157	QCAGIRKKPA T DSSSTQNKKRA	PKB_group	12244302	LTP	0.94	MOD_PKB_1	-	-	0.84	-	-
T	157	QCAGIRKKPA T DSSSTQNKKRA	PKB_group	12244301	LTP	0.94	MOD_PKB_1	-	-	0.84	-	-
S	178	HRTTEENVS T SNAGSVEQT	MAPK1	10831586	LTP	0.15	MOD_ProDKin_1	-	-	0.94	-	-
T	187	GSPNAGSVE Q TFKKPGLRRQQ	-	15735731	LTP	1.00	MOD_CDK_1	-	-	0.95	-	-
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T	198	PKKPGLRRQQ T	-	12042314	LTP	0.00	-	YWHAQ 14-3-3	-	0.94	-	-
T	198	PKKPGLRRQQ T	RSK_group	14504289	LTP	0.00	-	YWHAQ 14-3-3	-	0.94	-	-
T	198	PKKPGLRRQQ T	RSK-2	14504289	LTP	0.00	-	YWHAQ 14-3-3	-	0.94	-	-

PDB entry: 1jsu

p27(kip1)/cyclin a/cdk2 complex

Visualisation

Astex Viewer: View the PDB entry using Astex viewer.

Jmol: View the PDB entry using Jmol.

Open Astex: View the PDB entry using Open Astex viewer.

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PDB code	Keywords	Release date	Technique [res]
1jsu	complex (transferase/cyclin/inhibitor)	1997-07-29	x-ray diffraction [23]
C S 83	S 83 P46527 EVKGSLPE Y TRPRPKGA LTP	15034923	SD view tabular view comparison (12)
C Y 88	Y 88 P46527 SLPE Y TRPRPKGA not available LTP 12700233	16195327	SD view tabular view comparison (11)
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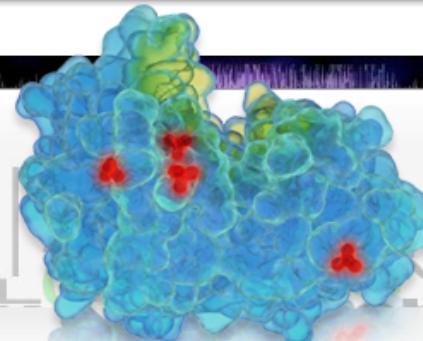
Holger Dinkel et al. Nucl. Acids Res. 2010;nar.gkq1104



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Dec 2014 Download **PhosphoSitePlus, 2014: mutations, PTMs and re-calibrations**. Nucleic Acids Res.(2015) 43:D512-20.

Aug 2014 **Download PTMVar dataset:** Overlap of disease missense mutations & genetic variants, with their corresponding PTMs and flanking sequences.

Jul 2012 **Download Datasets of Regulatory or Disease-Associated Sites.**

Dec 2011 **Download "PhosphoSitePlus: a comprehensive resource..."** in January 2012 issue of *Nucleic Acids Research*.

Jul 2011 **Multiple Sequence Alignment (MSA)** added to the Protein Page.

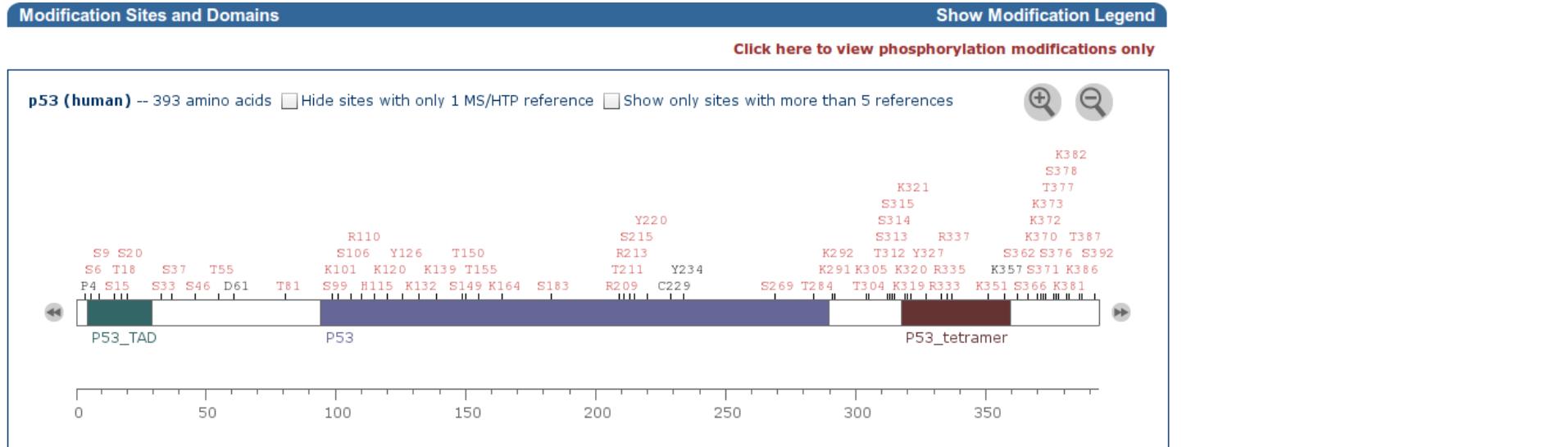
SITE STATISTICS

	TOTAL	NON-REDUNDANT
Proteins:	52,894	20,102
Sites, all types:	469,617	372,630
Low throughput (LTP) sites:	21,665	16,840
High throughput (HTP) MS sites:	459,259	364,806
MS peptides:	2,145,451	430,687
Number curated papers:	19,769	

MODIFICATION SITE STATISTICS, NON-REDUNDANT:

Acetylation:	36,280	Caspase cleavage:	482
Di-Methylation:	2,583	Methylation:	192
Mono-Methylation:	4,999	O-Galnac:	2,118
O-GlcNAc:	1,456	Phospho-Ser:	156,203
Phospho-Thr:	64,379	Phospho-Tyr:	42,164
Succinylation:	4,628	Sumoylation:	852
Tri-Methylation:	322	Ubiquitylation:	56,725

Modification for p53



Modification Sites in Parent Protein, Orthologs, and Isoforms [Show Modification Legend](#)

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LTP	HTP	human	mouse	rat	rabbit	monkey					
▼ Show Isoforms											
6	0	P4	MEEPQsDPsVE	S4-p	MEEsQsDIslE	S4-p	MEDsQsDMsIE	S4	MEESQSDLsLIE	P4	MEEPQSDPSIE
31	4	S6-p	MEEPQsDPsVEPP	S6-p	MEEsQsDIslELP	S6-p	MEDsQsDMsIELP	S6	MEESQSDLsLEPP	S6	MEEPQSDPSIEPP
34	3	S9-p	EEPQsDPsVEPPLsQ	S9-p	EEsQsDIslELPLsQ	S9-p	EDsQsDMsIELPLsQ	S9	EESQSDLsLEPPLsQ	S9	EEPQSDPSIEPPLsQ
374	4	S15-p	PsVEPPLsQEtFsDL	S15-p	IsLELPLsQEtFsGL	S15-p	MsIELPLsQEtFsCL	S15	LSLEPPLsQETFSDL	S15-p	PSIEPPLsQETFSDL
30	0	T18-p	EPPLsQEtFsDLWKL	T18-p	ELPLsQEtFsGLWKL	T18-p	ELPLsQEtFsCLWKL	T18	EPPLsQETFSDLWKL	T18	EPPLsQETFSDLWKL
114	1	S20-p	PLsQEtFsDLWKLLP	S20-p	PLsQEtFsGLWKLLP	S20-p	PLsQEtFsCLWKLLP	S20	PLsQETFSDLWKLLP	S20	PLsQETFSDLWKLLP

SLiMs

are compact, degenerate protein interaction interfaces (in IDRs)

are ubiquitous in eukaryotic proteomes and mediate many regulatory functions:

- directing ligand binding

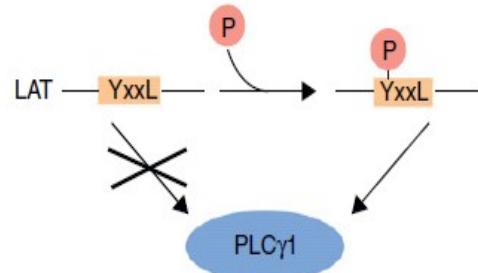
- providing docking sites for modifying enzymes

- controlling protein stability

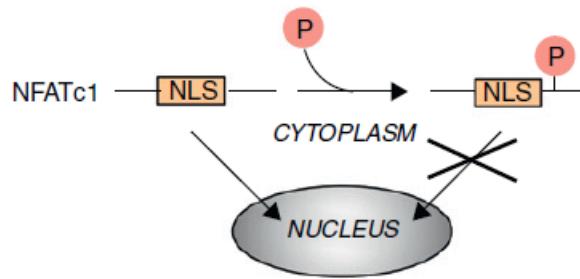
- acting as signals to target proteins to specific subcellular locations

Molecular switches

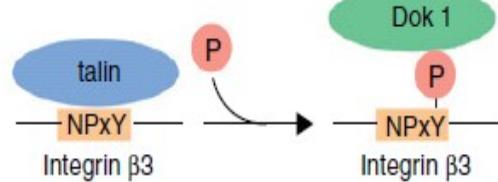
PTM-induced binding



PTM-induced incompatibility



Intrinsic affinity switch



**Motif switches: decision-making in cell regulation**Kim Van Roey¹, Toby J Gibson¹ and Norman E Davey^{1,2}

Six classes of molecular switch involving IDP

* Binary Switch

- * Simple On-Off

* Specificity Switch

- * Multiple On states

* Motif-Hiding Switch

- * Conditional motif accessibility

* Cumulative Switch

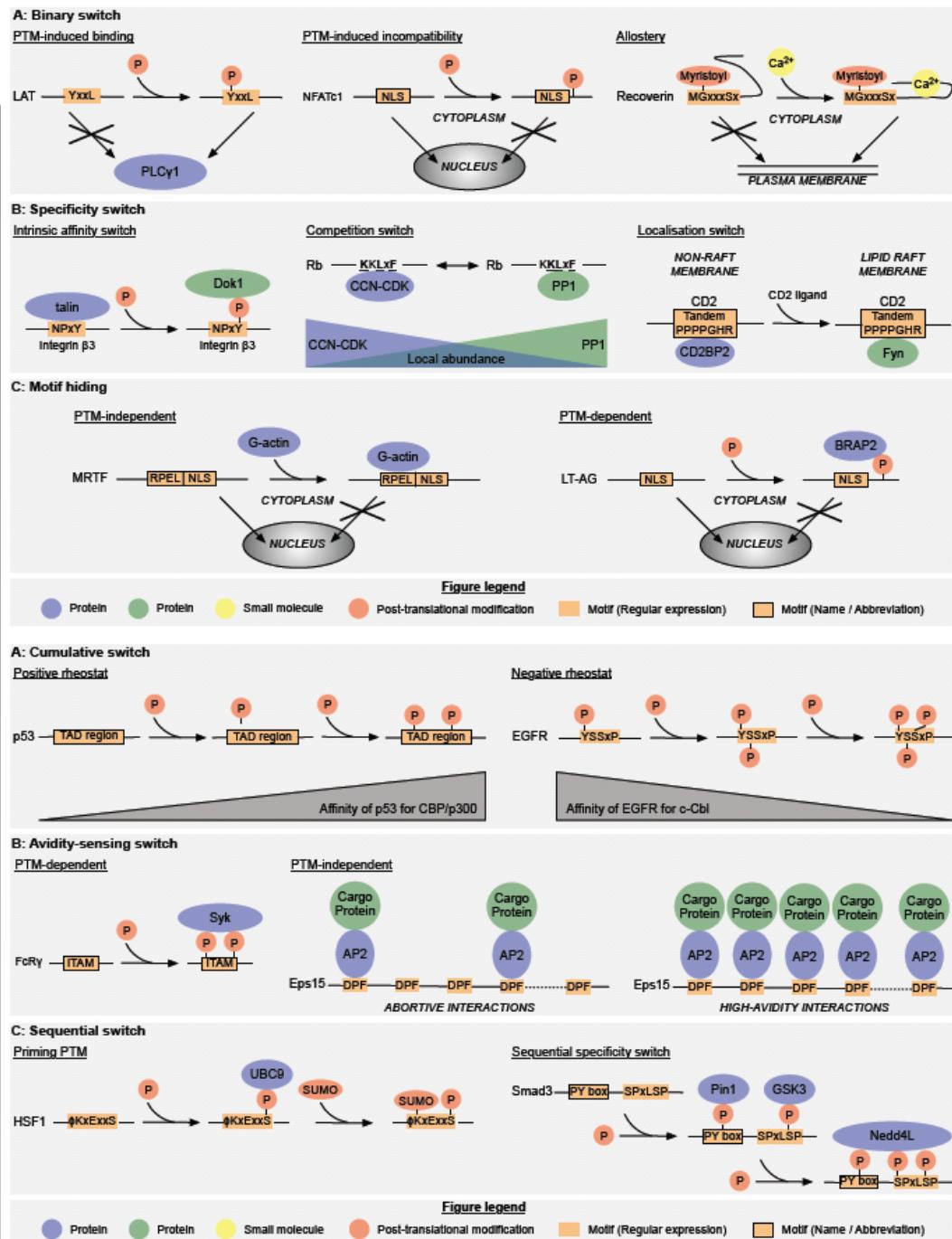
- * Graduated rheostat-like behaviour

* Avidity sensing

- * Sharp, cooperative affinity shift

* Sequential Switch

- * Strict logical dependence of execution



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Switch type:

Specificity

Switch subtype:

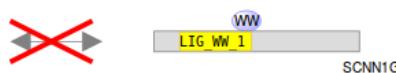
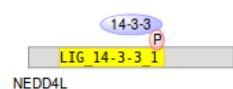
Domain hiding

Description:

Phosphorylation of Isoform Nedd4-2a of E3 ubiquitin-protein ligase NEDD4-like (NEDD4L) by Serine/threonine-protein kinase Sgk1 (SGK1) induces binding to 14-3-3 protein eta (YWHAH). This inhibits (whether allosterically or sterically is not known) interactions of NEDD4L via its WW domains with the PY motif in Amiloride-sensitive sodium channel subunit gamma (SCNN1G) (ENaC). As a result, ENaC does not get degraded and ENaC-mediated Na⁺ currents increase.

YWHAH

NEDD4L

**Participants:**

- (1) Isoform Nedd4-2a of E3 ubiquitin-protein ligase NEDD4-like (NEDD4L)
- (2) 14-3-3 protein eta (YWHAH)
- (3) Amiloride-sensitive sodium channel subunit gamma (SCNN1G)

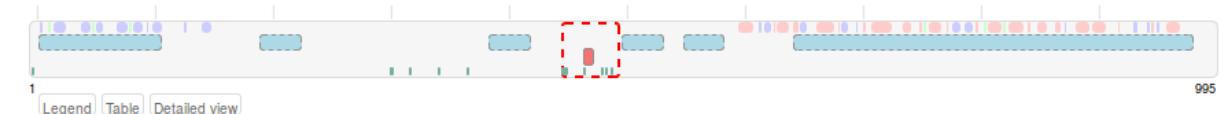
Interactions**Interaction #1 NEDD4L - YWHAH**Is mutually exclusive with **Interaction #2 SCNN1G - NEDD4L****Interfaces**

- (1) LIG_14-3-3_1 motif (465RSLSSP₄₇₀) in Isoform Nedd4-2a of E3 ubiquitin-protein ligase

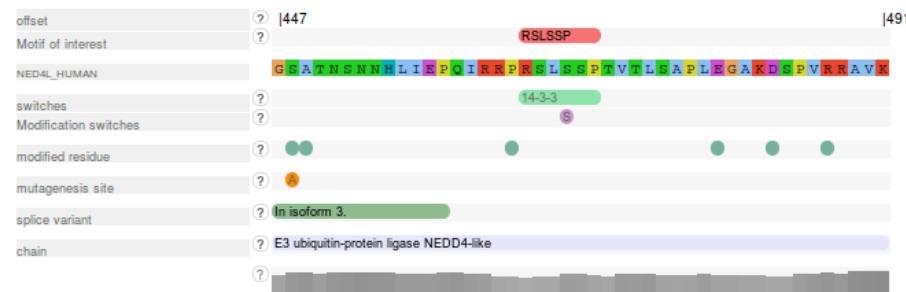
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Isoform 8 of E3 ubiquitin-protein ligase NEDD4-like (NEDD4L)

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