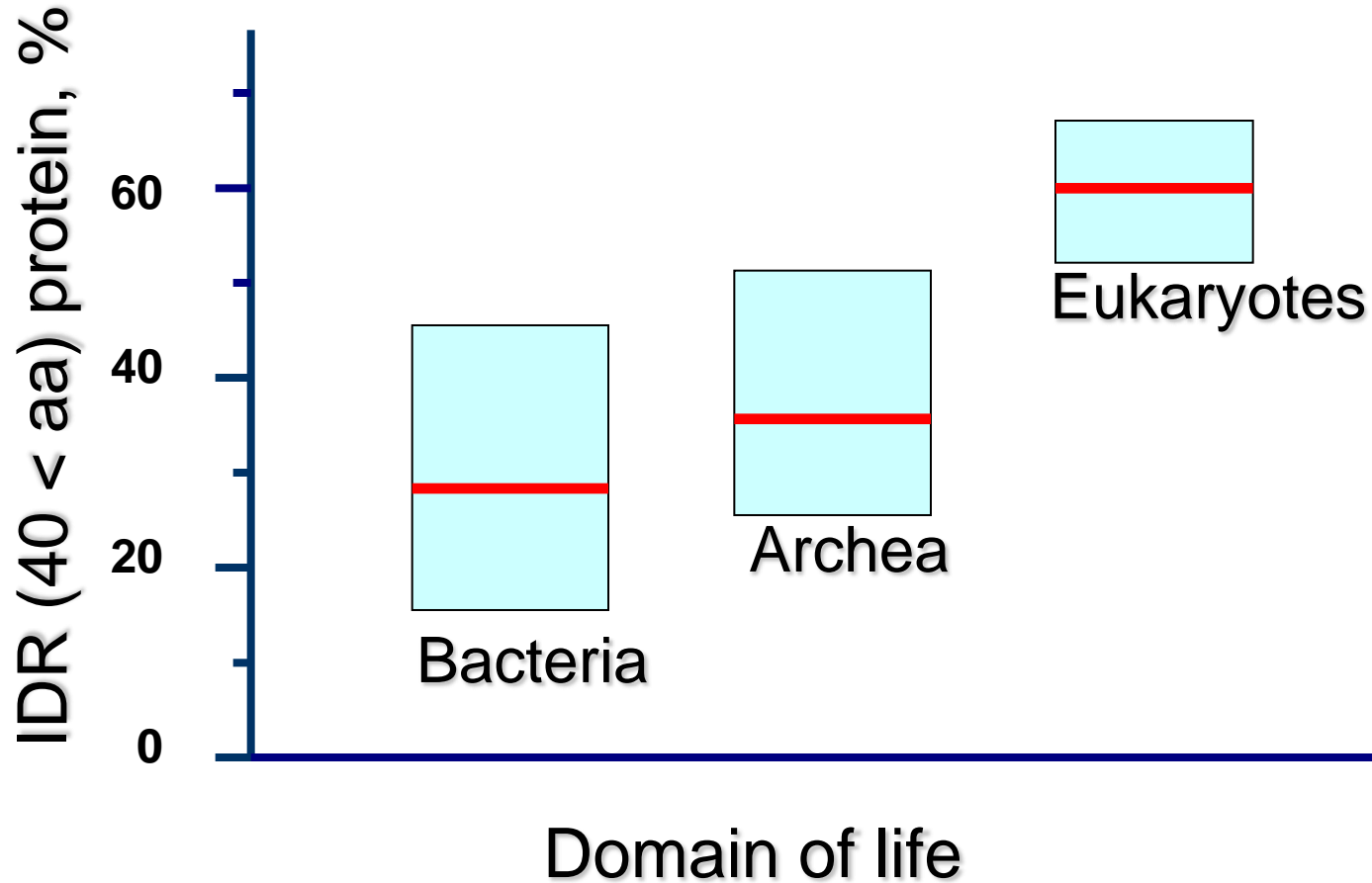


Mechanisms and polymorphism in recognition by intrinsically unstructured proteins

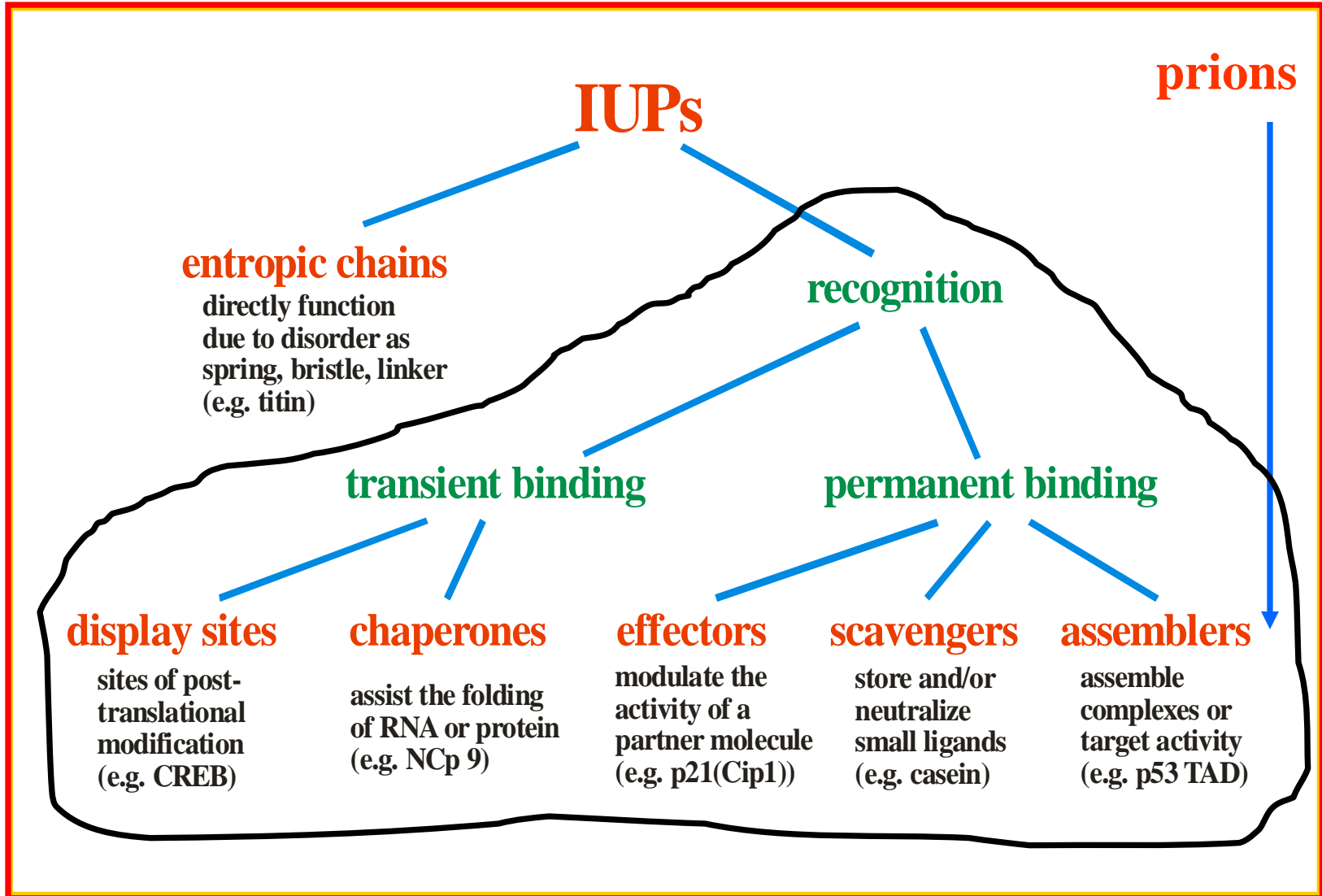
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Intrinsically disordered proteins (IDPs)



IDPs – functional classification

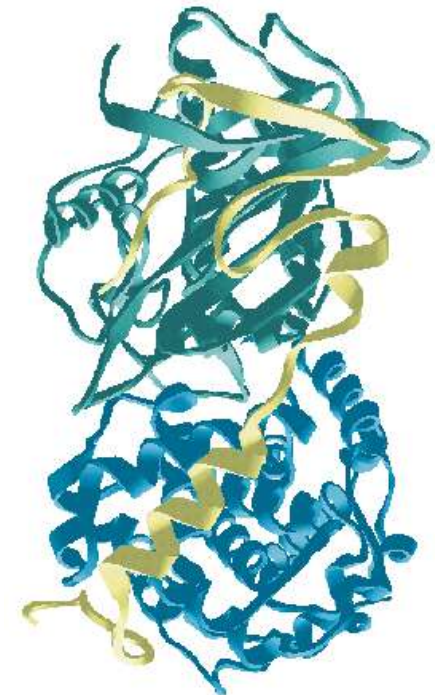


IDP recognition

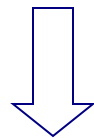
Benefits

- highly specific
- high k_{on} (fast)
- high k_{off} (reversible)

} facile



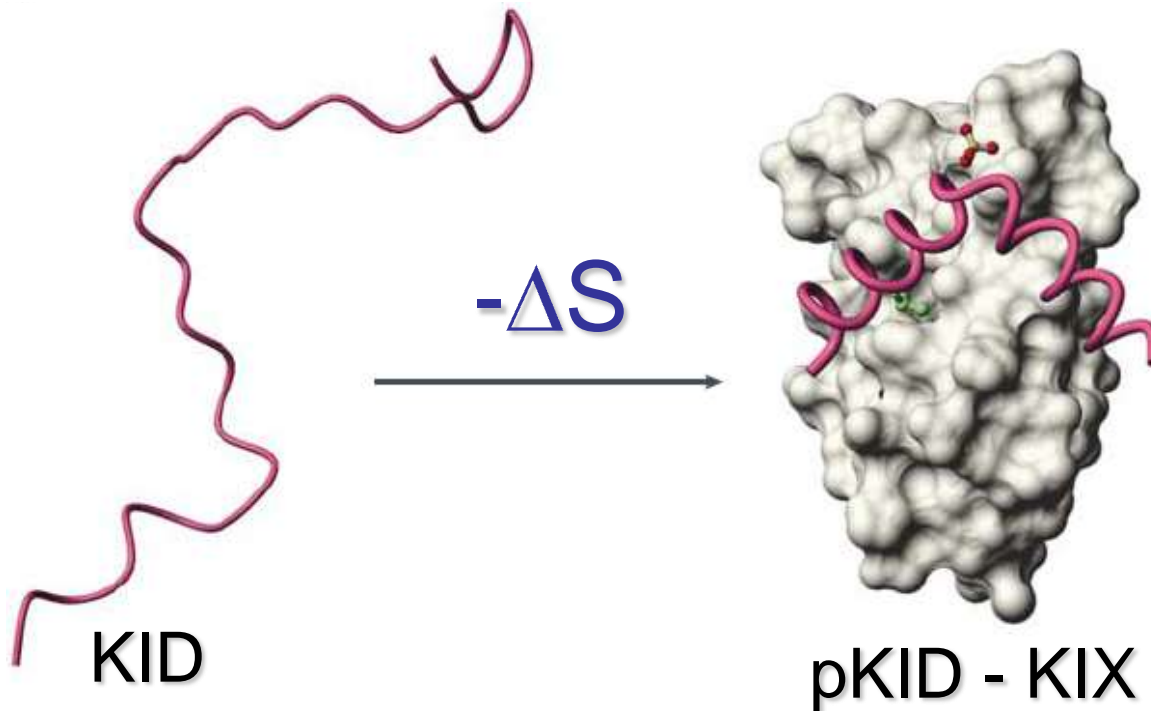
p27^{Kip1}



regulatory functions : signal transduction, regulation of
gene expression, cell-cycle

IDP recognition

Problem



large entropic penalty \leftrightarrow fast, specific binding

IDP recognition models

Thermodynamics

preformed elements

transient secondary structure
elements

JMB (2004) 338, 1015

molecular recognition features

motifs that fold upon binding

JMB (2006) 362, 1043

primary contact sites

transiently exposed sites

Biochemistry (2005) 44, 3955

linear motifs

short recognition motifs

Bioinformatics (2007) 23, 950

Kinetics

IDP folding – coupled to binding

mechanism

secondary structure
in free and bound form

Induced folding

→ independent

Conformational
selection

→ correlation

Preformed elements (PSEs)

IUP	SwissProt code	Number of residues	Partner	Method	PDB code
CREB	P16220	28	CBP KIX	NMR	1kdx
DFF 45	O00273	89	DFF 40	NMR	1ibx
E-cadherin	P09803	57	β -catenin	X-ray	1i7x
FCP1	AAC64549.1*	21	TFIIIF/RAP74	NMR	1onv
FnBPA	Q53971	24	Fibronectin	NMR	1o9a
IA ₃	P01094	29	Proteinase A	X-ray	1dpj
Killer toxin β chain	P19972	77	Killer toxin α chain	X-ray	1kvd
MAP tau	P10636	13	Pin1 WW	NMR	1i8h
MAX	P25912	86	DNA	X-ray	1an2
OCA-B (Bob-1)	Q16633	22	Oct-1 POU/DNA	X-ray	1cqt
p27 ^{Kip1}	P46527	69	CycA-Cdk2	X-ray	1jsu
p53	P04637	11	MDM 2	X-ray	1ycq
Phe-tRNA synthetase α	P27001	79	Phe-tRNA synthetase β + tRNA	X-ray	1ei1
PKI	P04541	20	PKA	X-ray	1apm
RB3	Q9H169	91	tubulin	X-ray	1ffx
RNA pol II	P04050	17	mRNA capping enzyme	X-ray	1p16
SNAP 25	P13795-2	77	neuronal fusion complex	X-ray	1sfc
SV 40 virus coat protein	P03087	66	assembled coat	X-ray	1sva
TAF _{II} 230	P51123	67	TBP	NMR	1tba
TBS virus coat chain C	P11795	34	assembled coat	X-ray	2tbv
Tcf3	CAA67686*	41	β -catenin	X-ray	1g3j
Tcf4	Q9NQB0	24	β -catenin	X-ray	1jpw
Troponin I	P19429	17	Troponin C	NMR	1lxf
Vitamin D3 receptor	P11473	89	DNA	X-ray	1kb2

* GenBank code

IUP_STR: IUP structures in the bound form
IUP_SEQ: full length sequences of IUPs
IUP_RAN: randomized IUP sequences

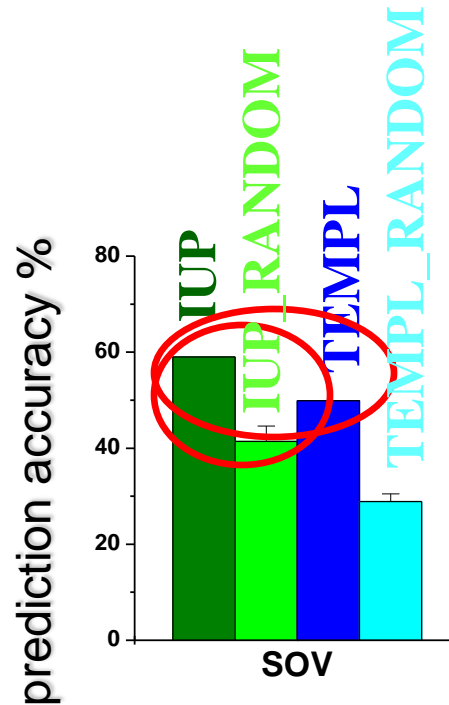
TEMPL_STR: template (partner) structures in the complex

TEMPL_SEQ: template sequences

TEMPL_RAN: randomized IUP sequences

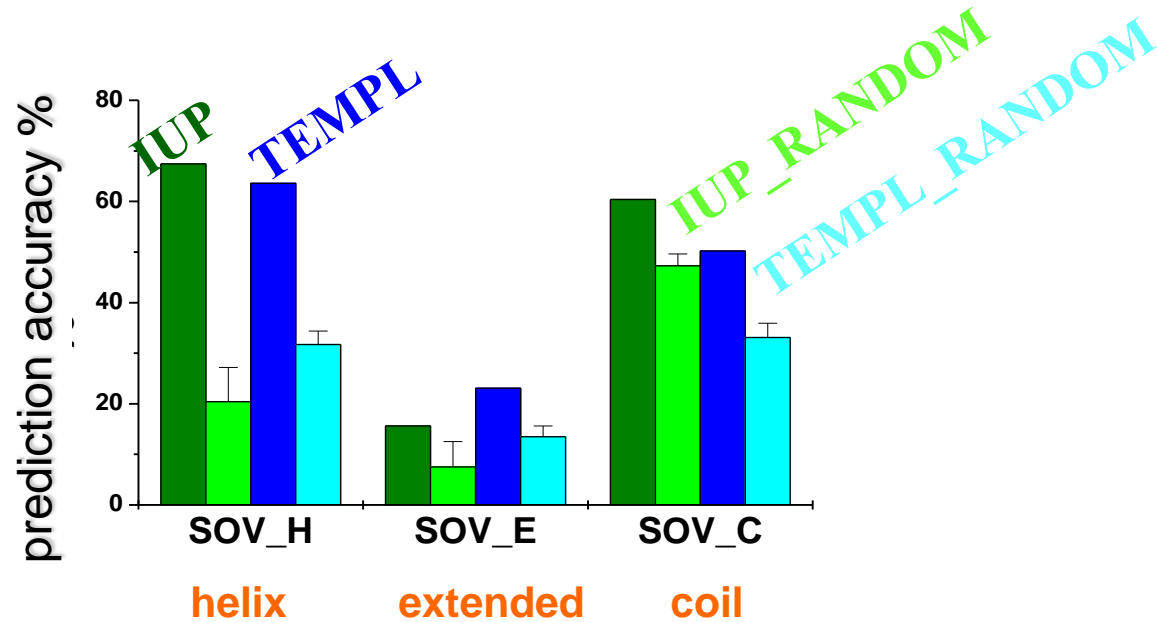
GLOB_STR: globular proteins from PDB_select database

Preformed elements (PSEs)



- IUPs are not random
- presage their final state

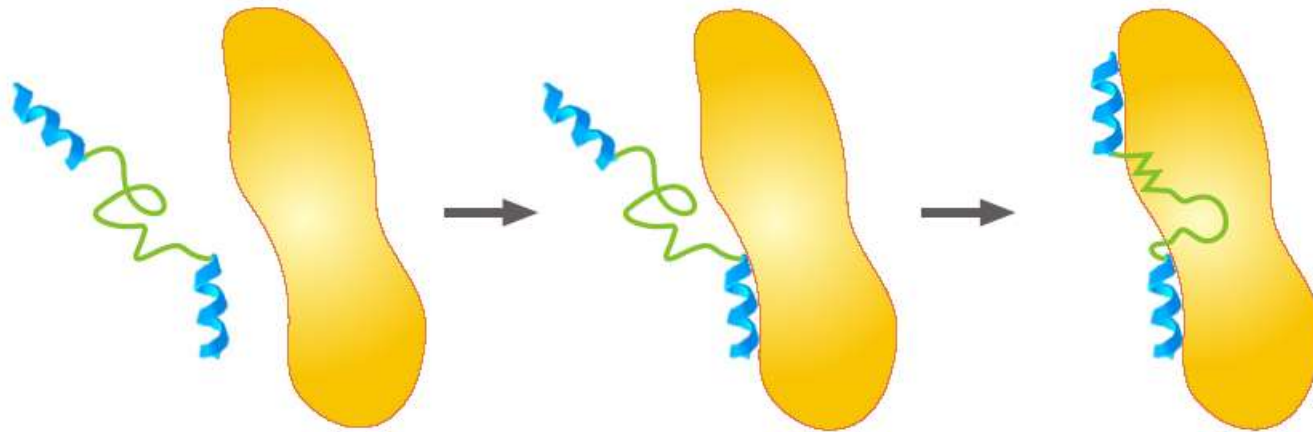
Preformed elements (PSEs)



- modular architecture
- highest accuracy for helices

Preformed elements (PSEs)

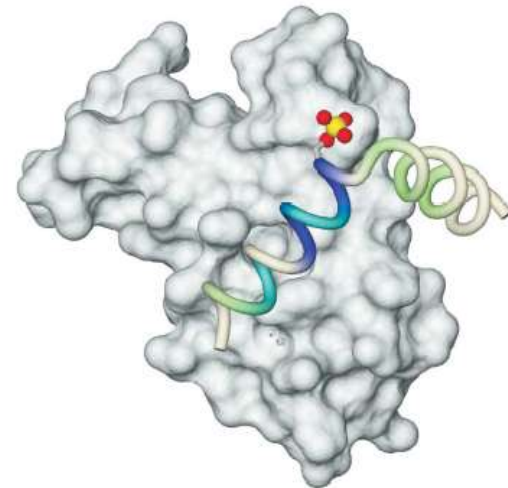
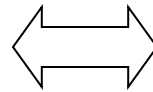
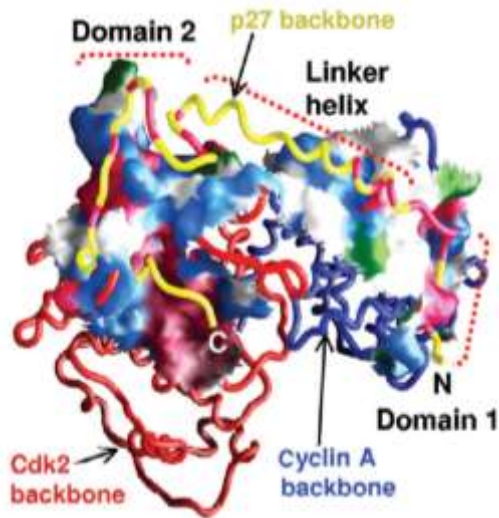
preformed elements: transient secondary structures



Benefits:

- reduce entropic penalty
- enhance complementarity

Experimental PSE examples



FlgM, p53, p27^{Kip1}, GCN4, CFTR,
Measles virus N

pKID (CREB) – KIX (CBP)

Lacy et al. (2005) *Nat. Struct. Mol. Biol* 11, 358
Sivakolundu et al. (2005) *J Mol Biol* 353,

Sugase et al. (2007) *Nature* 447, 1021
Turjanski et al. (2008) *Plos Comp Biol*
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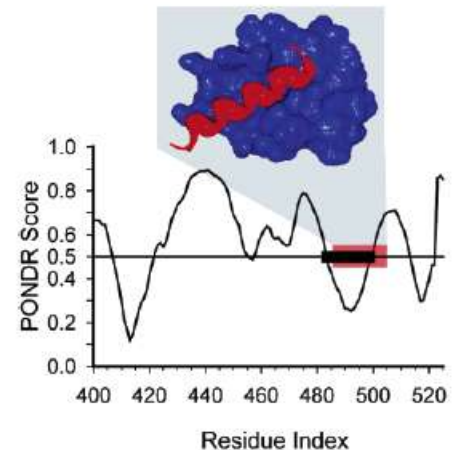
Molecular recognition elements (MoREs)

α -MoRE: fold to an α -helix upon binding

Prediction:

- local order within larger disorder
- secondary structure preferences
- physico-chemical features

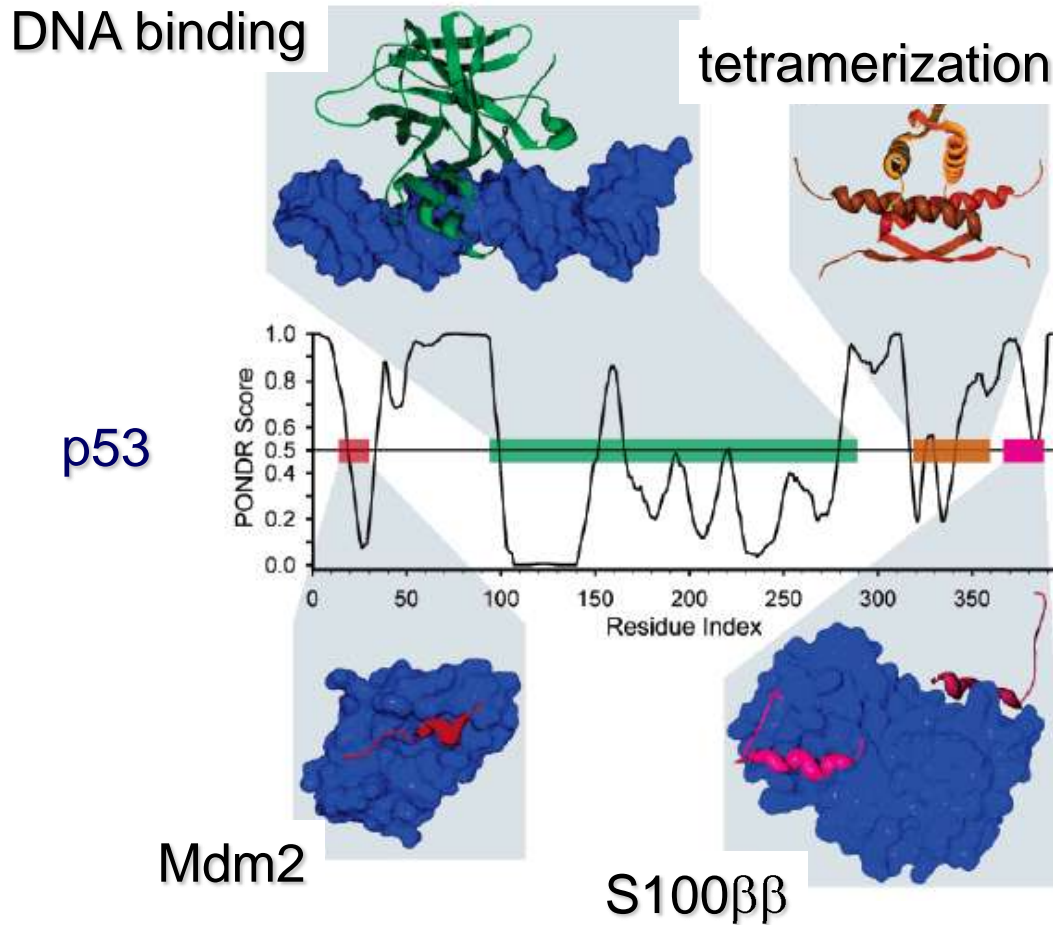
PONDR VL-XT



Measles virus protein N

Molecular recognition elements (MoREs)

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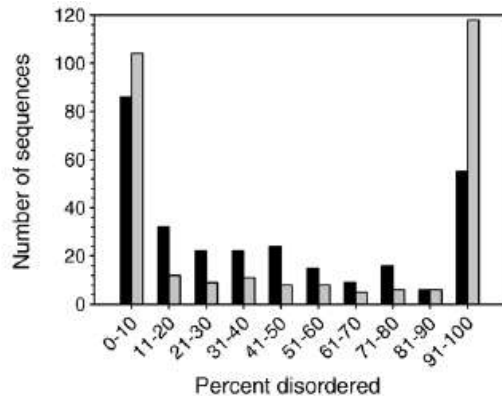


Molecular recognition features (MoRFs)

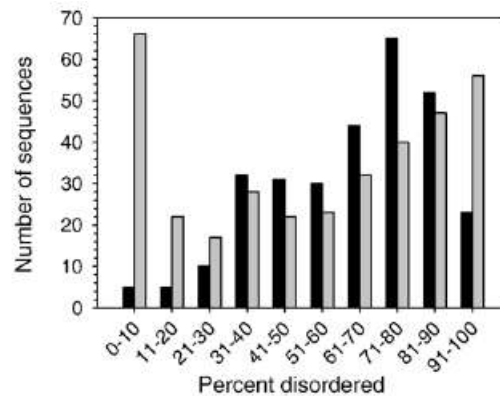
MoRF: disordered segment that fold upon binding (α , β , ι)

Database

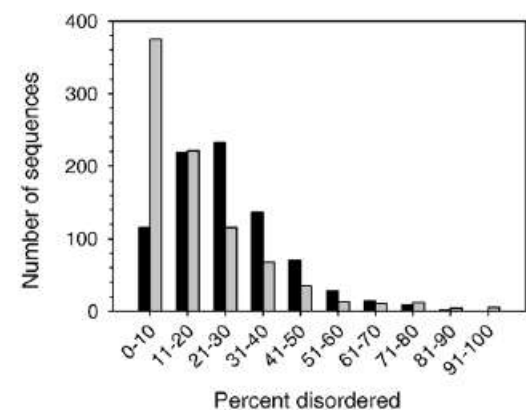
- 372 segments derived from protein data bank (PDB)
- 10aa <, < 70 aa; partner > 100 aa
- include also S-S bonds and transmembrane segments



MoRF

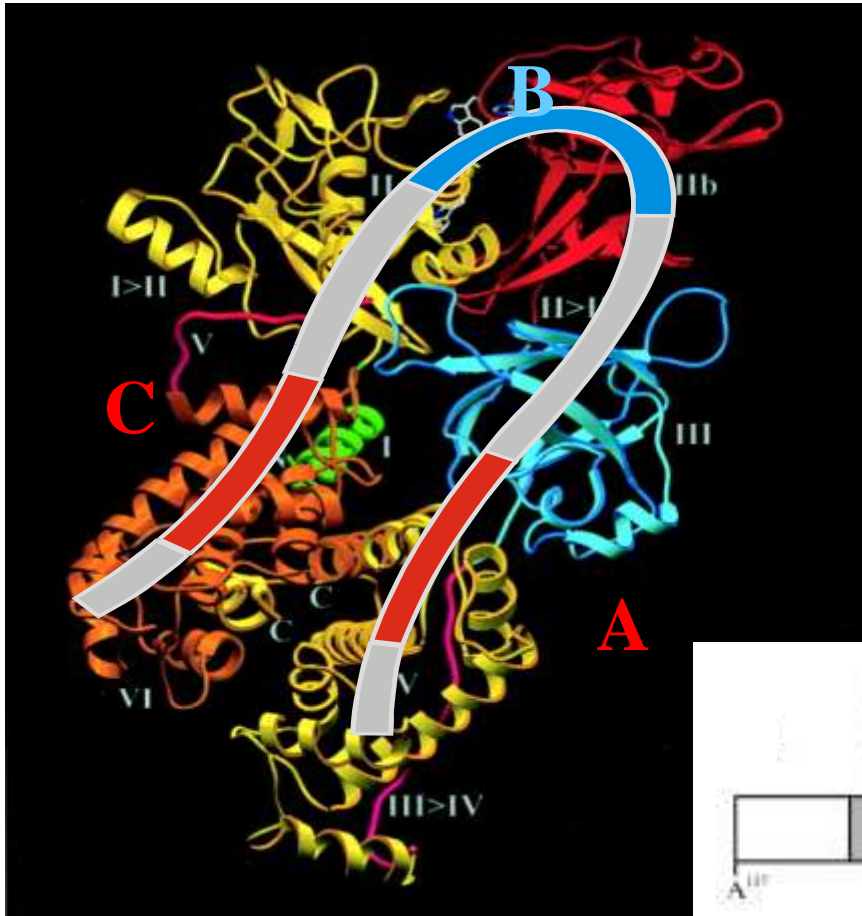


MoRF-
containing proteins



globular proteins

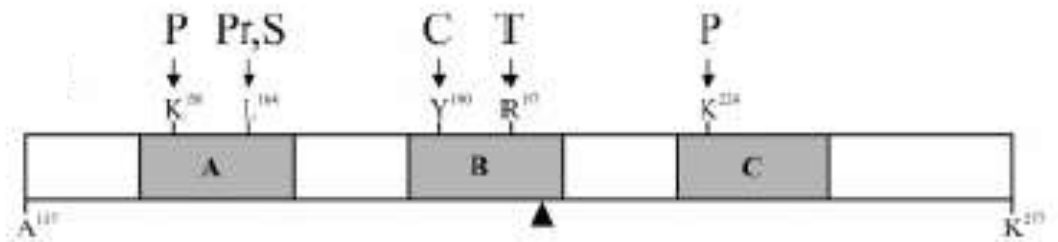
Primary contact sites (PCSs)



Calpastatin (CSD1)

inhibitor of calpain

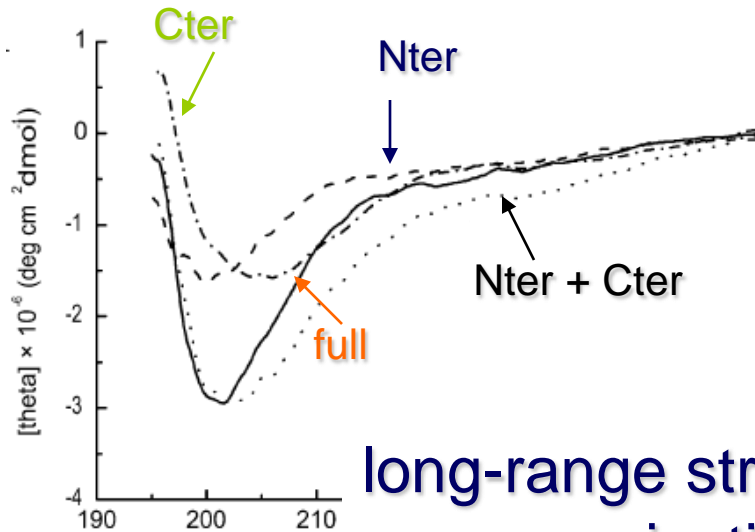
limited proteolysis



Primary contact sites (PCSs)

Calpastatin (CSD1)

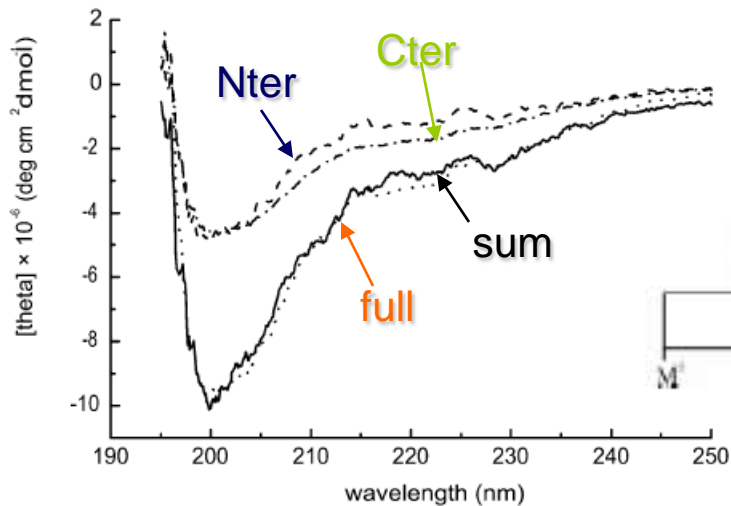
CD spectra



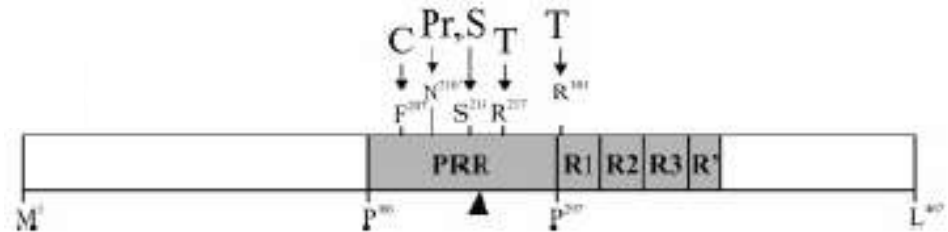
long-range structural organisation

Primary contact sites (PCSs)

MAP2c



limited proteolysis

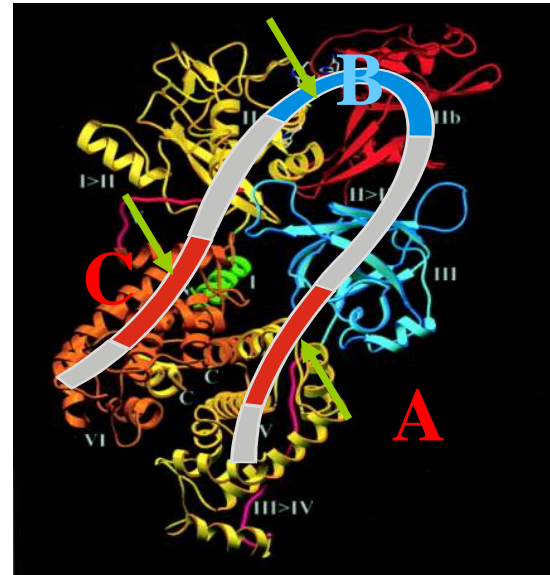


no long-range organisation
only local, PPII conf

Primary contact sites (PCSs)

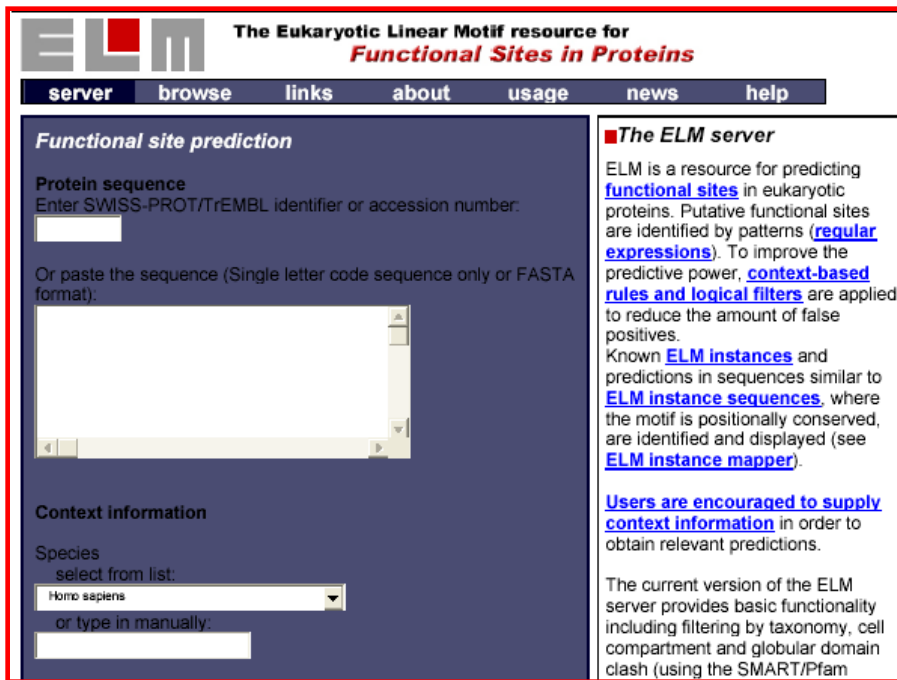
PCS: transiently exposed site

- likely provide first contact point
- no secondary structures needed



Linear motifs (LMs)

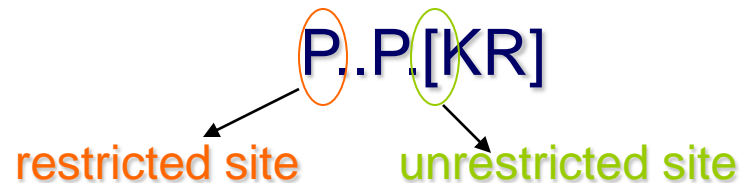
LM: short recognition motifs



The screenshot shows the ELM server website. The header includes the ELM logo and the text "The Eukaryotic Linear Motif resource for Functional Sites in Proteins". Below the header is a navigation menu with links: server, browse, links, about, usage, news, help. The main content area is divided into two columns. The left column is titled "Functional site prediction" and contains a form for entering a protein sequence (SWISS-PROT/TrEMBL identifier or accession number) and a text area for pasting the sequence in FASTA format. Below this is a "Context information" section with a species dropdown menu (set to "Homo sapiens") and a field for manual entry. The right column is titled "The ELM server" and contains descriptive text about the resource, including links to "regular expressions", "context-based rules and logical filters", "ELM instances", and "ELM instance sequences". It also mentions "ELM instance mapper" and "context information".

(<http://elm.eu.org>)

- PPI networks
- short, low-complexity motifs
- low-affinity



Linear motifs (LMs)

- SH3 interaction motifs
- calmodulin binding sites
- 14-3-3 partners
- phosphorylation sites



in disordered regions

GENERAL?

Bustos et al (2006) Proteins 63, 35

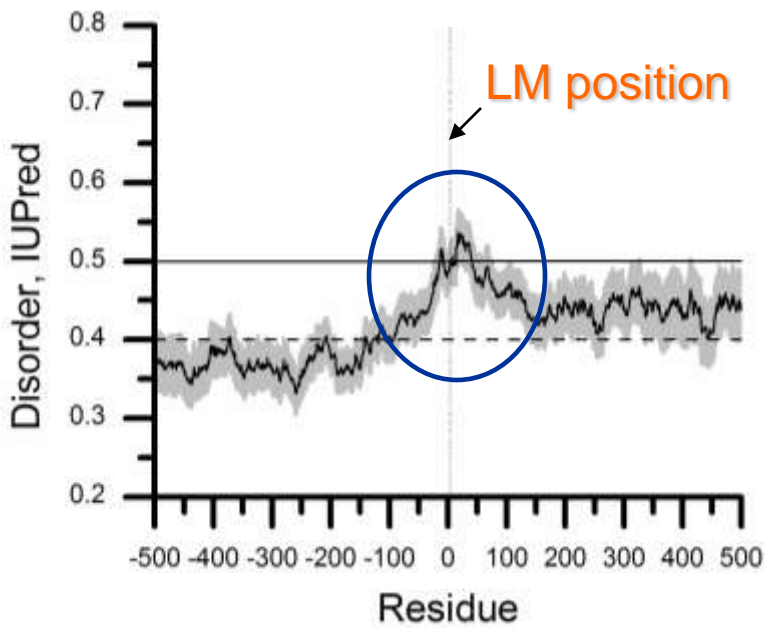
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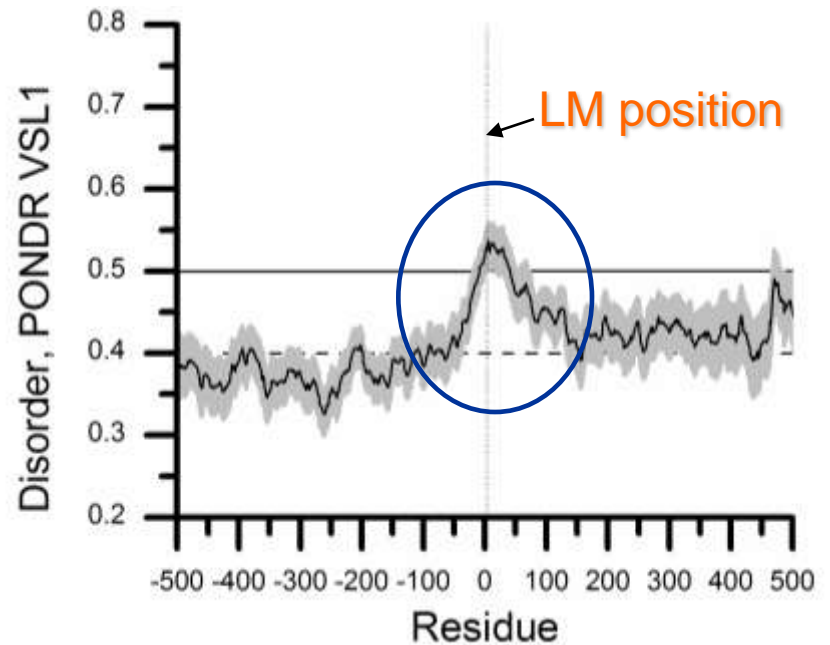
Linear motifs (LMs)

average disorder profiles



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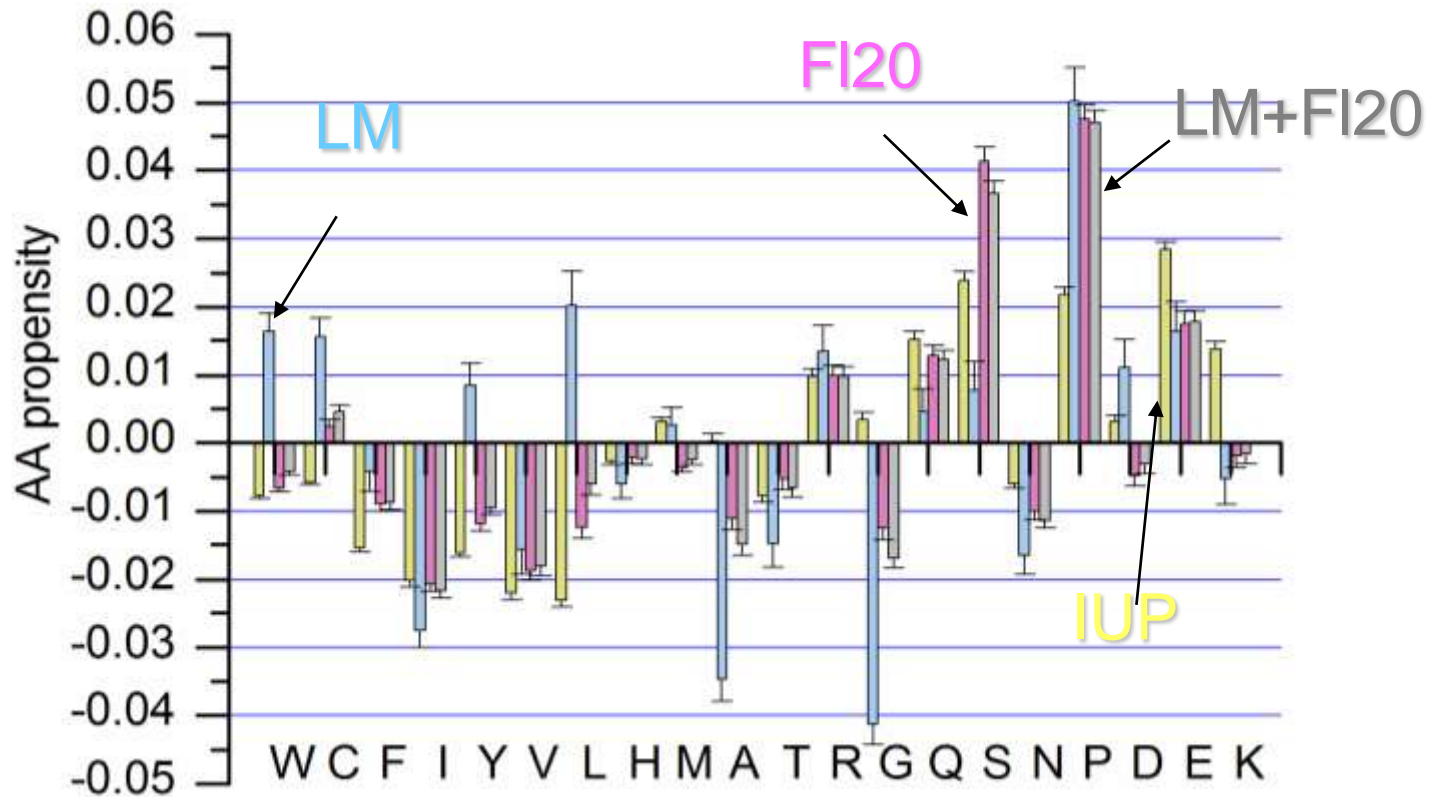
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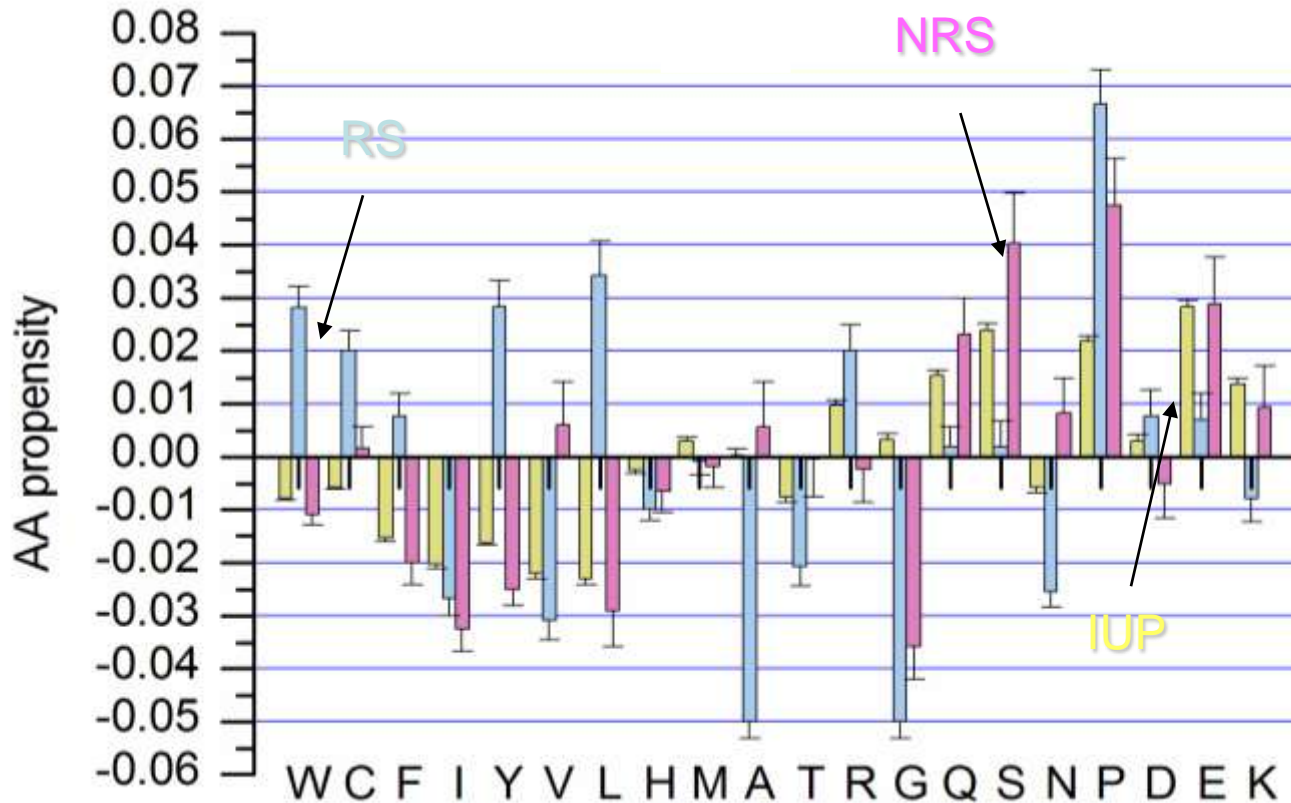
Linear motifs (LMs)



Flanking regions are similar to IUPs

LMs are strange

Linear motifs (LMs)

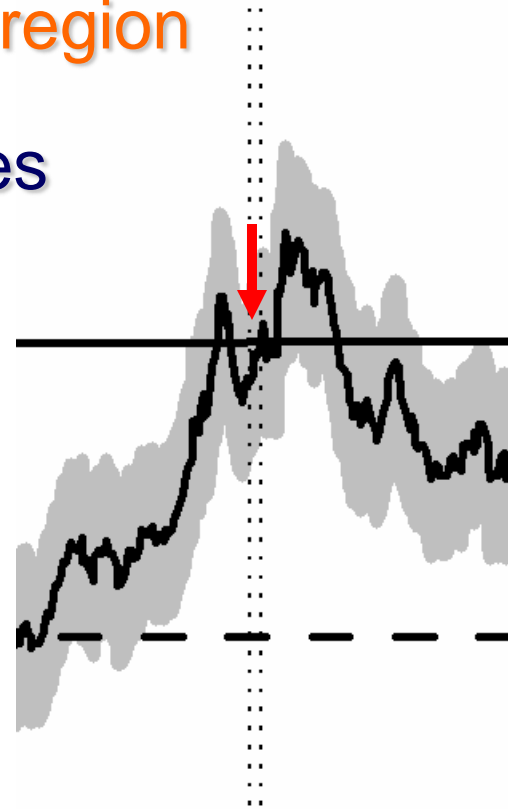
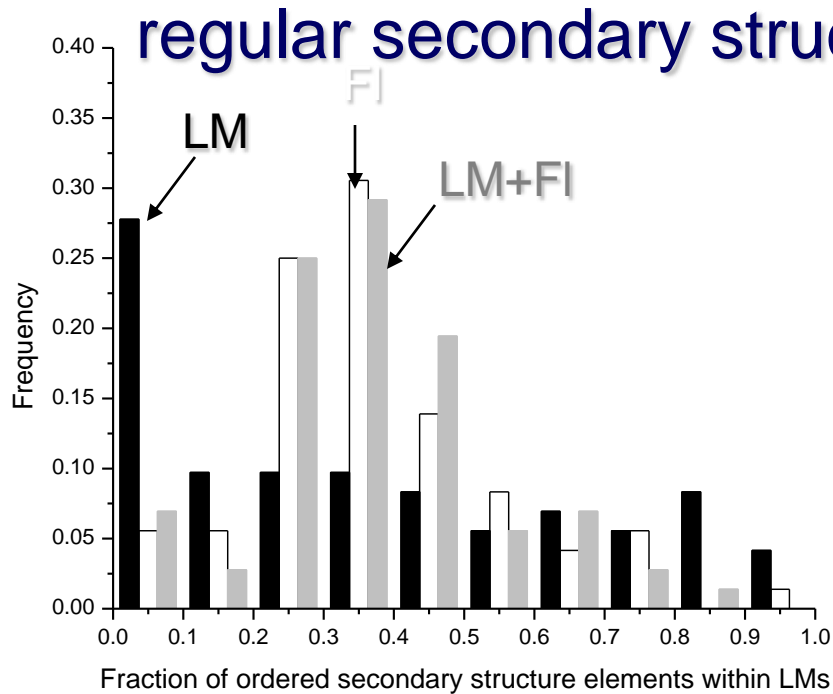


SH3 binding site

P.P.[KR]
 restricted site unrestricted site

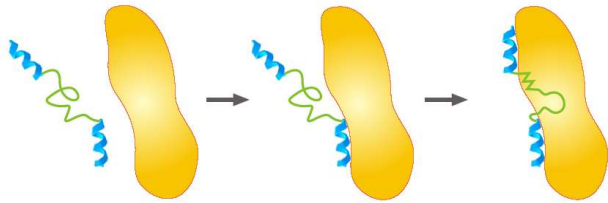
Linear motifs (LMs)

LM: short, locally ordered segment embedded into a disordered region

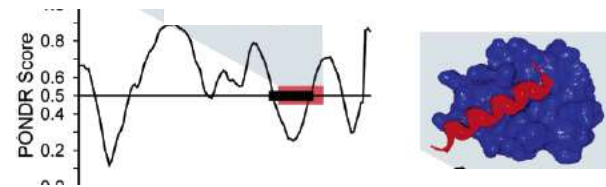


IDP recognition models

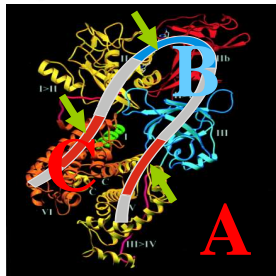
preformed elements



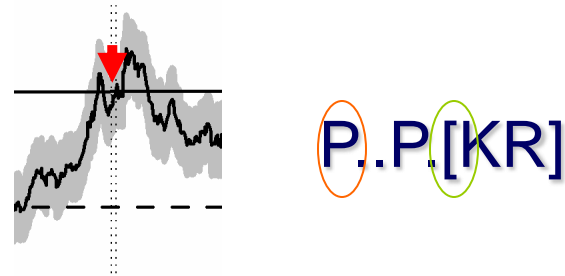
molecular recognition features



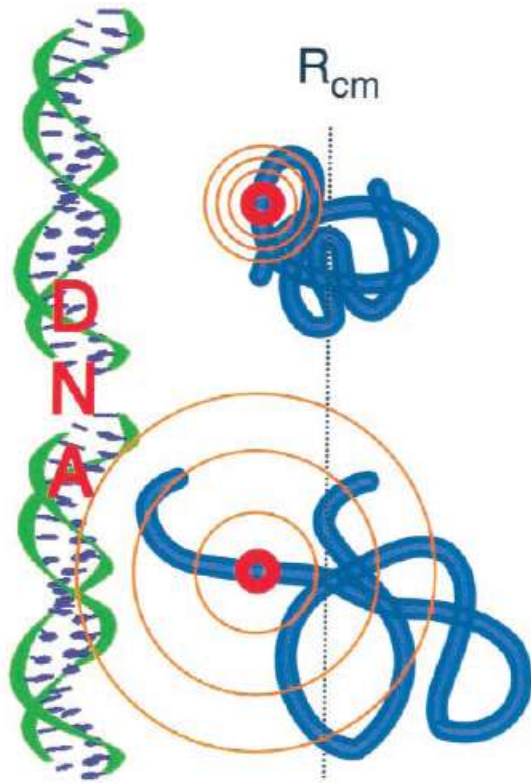
primary contact sites



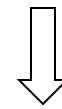
linear motifs



IDP recognition – facile binding



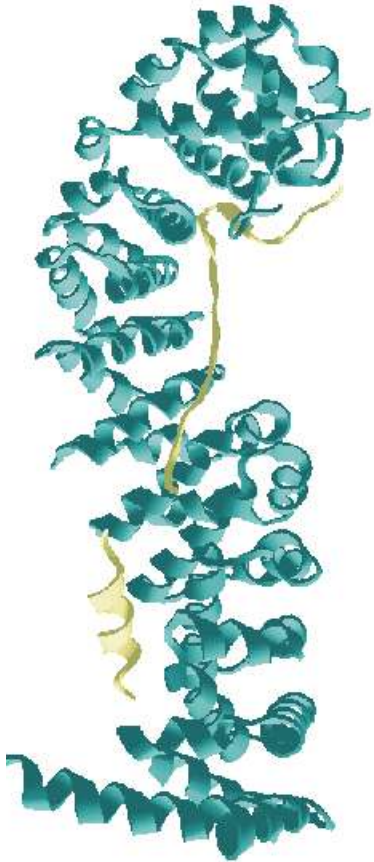
- distinguished short motifs
- secondary structure elements
- large capture radius
- multiple contact sites



kinetics

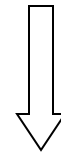
fly-casting

IDP recognition – consequences

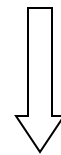


Tcf3

- weak sequence requirements
- given aa composition



- less sensitive to sequence
- easy to turn on/off



structural and functional malleability

IDP recognition – consequences

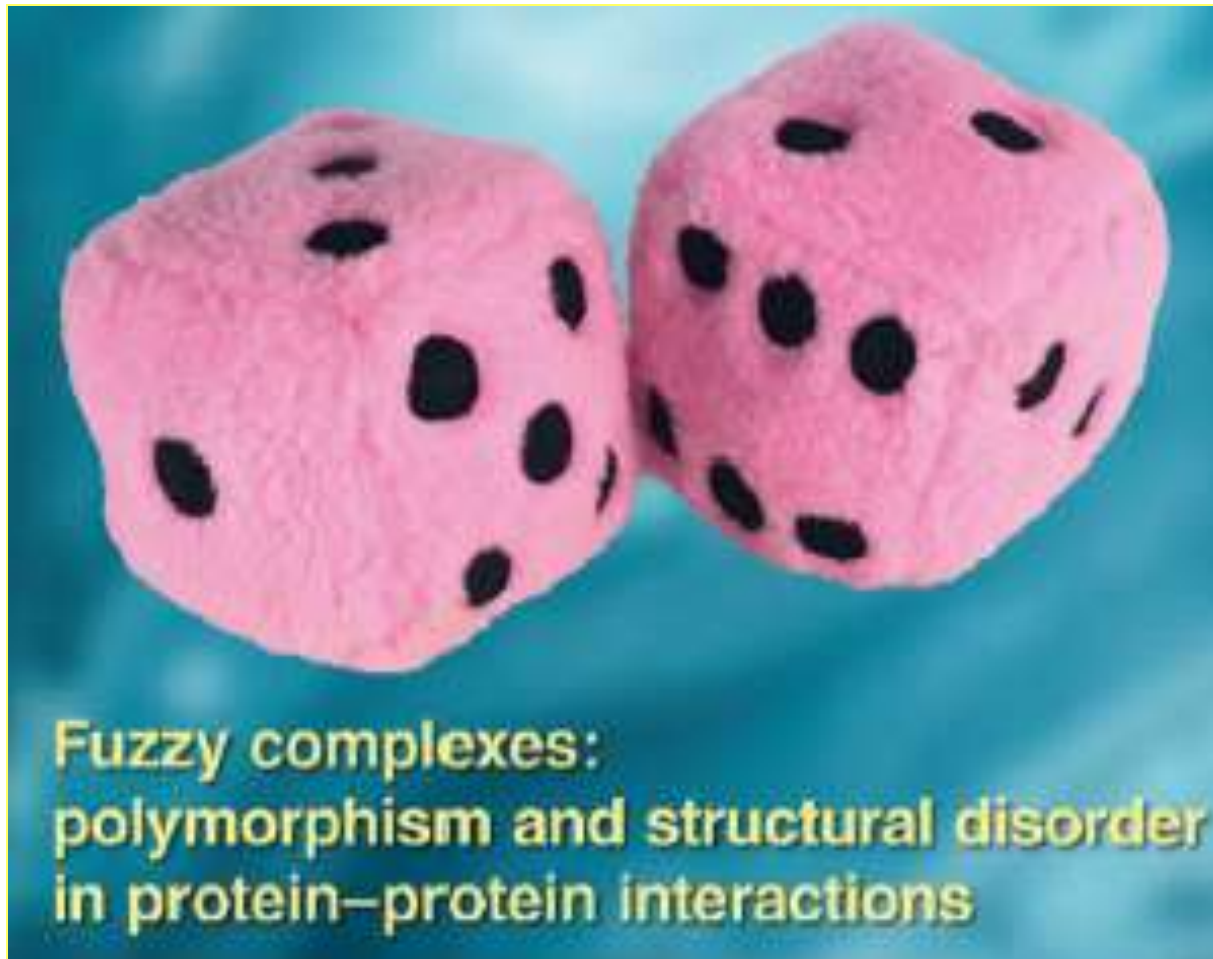
folding coupled binding

restore structure-function paradigm

NO folding coupled to binding – disorder in bound form

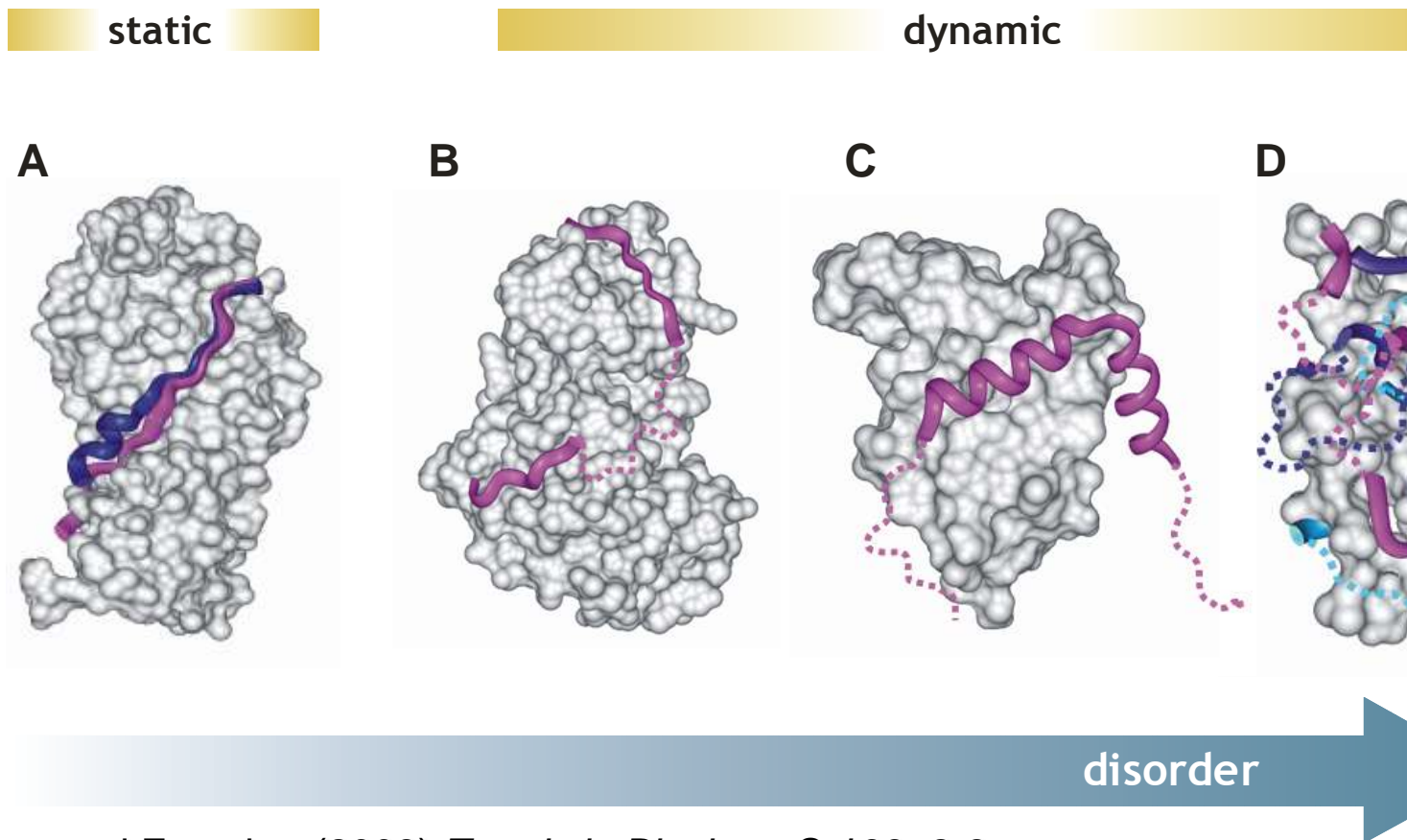
disorder paradigm

IDP recognition – consequences

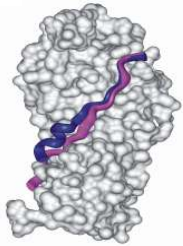


Fuzzy complexes

Fuzziness: structural and functional ambiguity in bound form

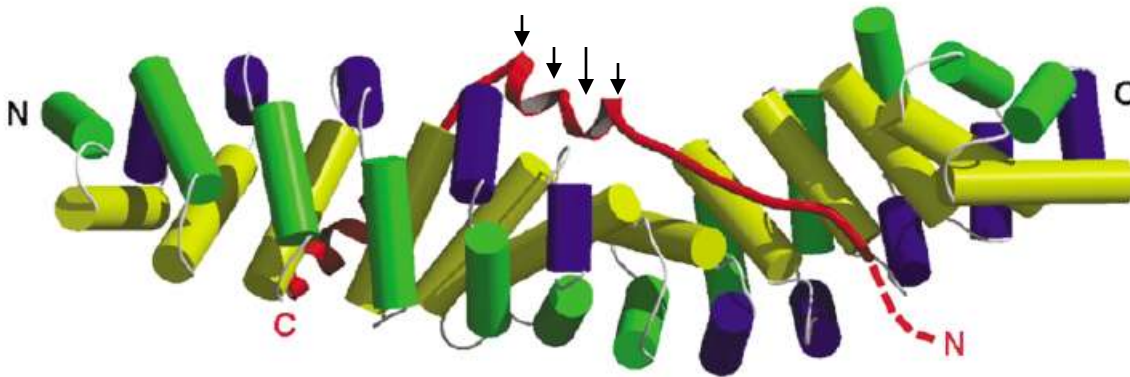


Fuzzy complexes



static different bound structures can be determined
polymorphic

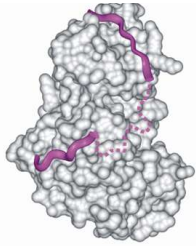
Tcf4 - β -catenin mutagenesis studies



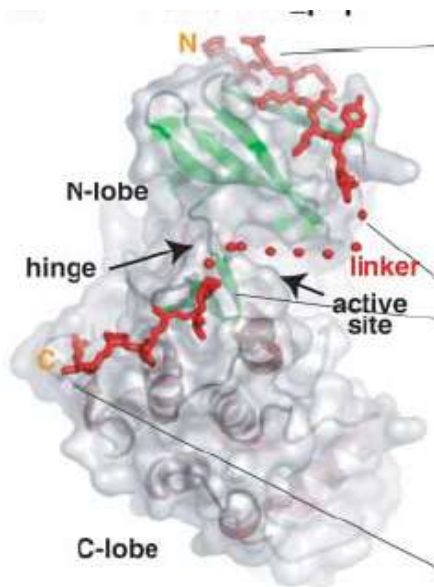
Glu-24, Glu-26, Glu-28, Glu-29
all effectively eliminate binding

alternative binding modes

Fuzzy complexes



dynamic interconvert between many structures
clamp

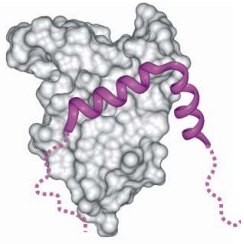


absence of linker – no binding

presence of linker – $K_d=4 \mu\text{M}$

Ste5 – Fus3

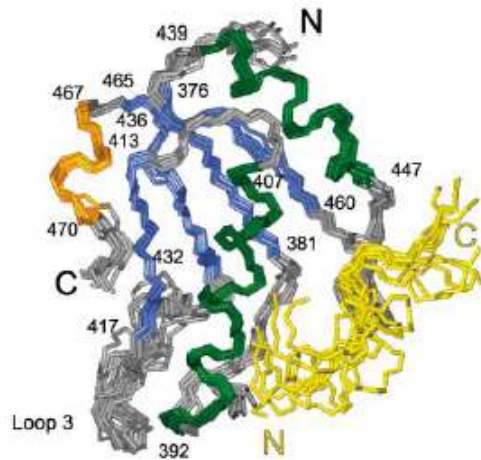
Fuzzy complexes



dynamic
flanking

interconvert between many structures

K_d



full protein

11.8 nM

bound segment

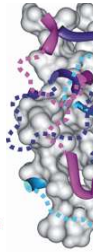
23.8 nM

physically contacting
residues

55.6 nM

SF1 – UA2F⁶⁵

Fuzzy complexes



dynamic interconvert between many structures

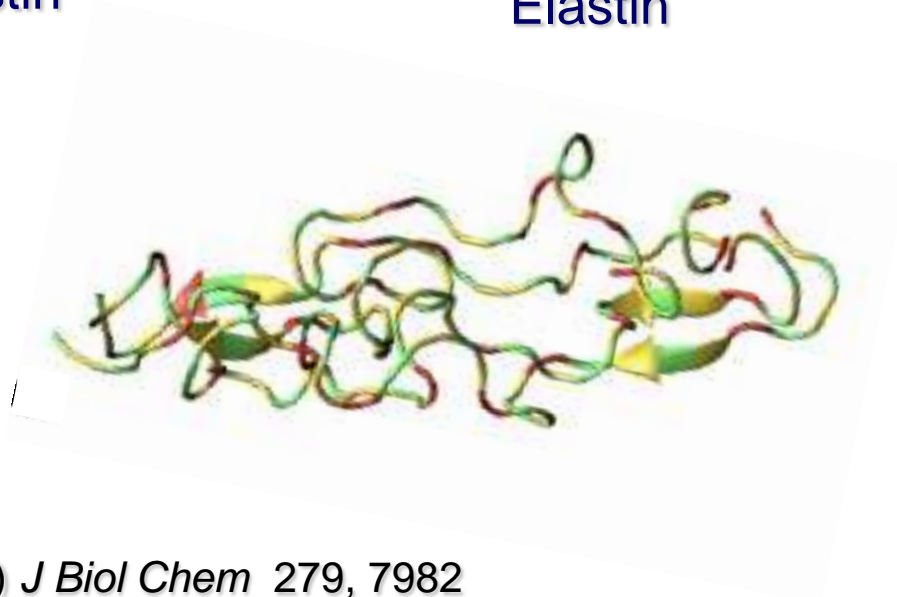
random

IDP

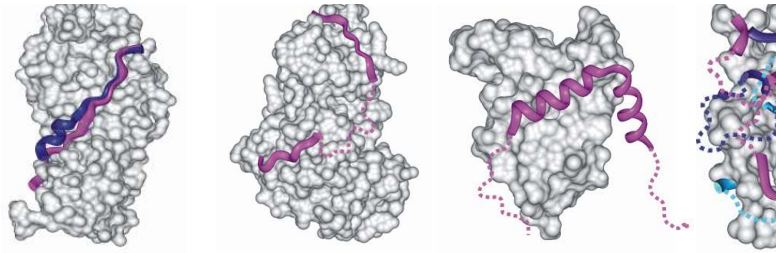
partner

T-cell receptor ζ chain
Elastin

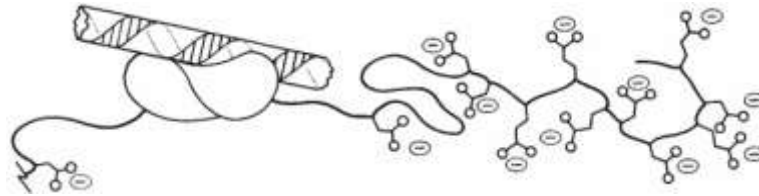
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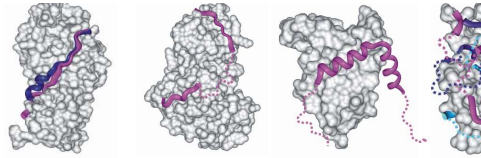
Fuzzy complexes



extreme cases: sequence independence



IDP recognition



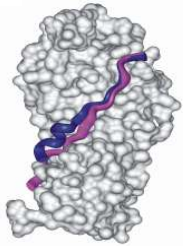
- short recognition motifs
- sequential and structural variability
- multi-functionality
- evolutionary benefits

Thank you

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Bolyai fellowship

Fuzzy complexes



static different bound structures can be determined
polymorphic

IDP

partner

NLS

α -importin

Hsp90 MEEVD

Ppp5 TPR domain

RyR

DHPR

CFTR R domain

CFTR

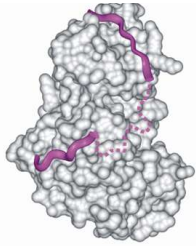
Inhibitor 1

Protein phosphatase 2

Prion

Prion amyloid

Fuzzy complexes



dynamic interconvert between many structures

clamp

IDP

partner

Ste5

Fus3p

Oct-1 TF

Ig- κ promoter

NLS linker

α -importin

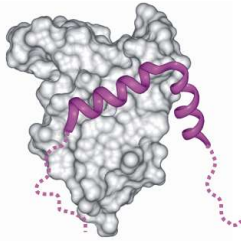
Cellulase E

cellulose

Myosine VI

Actin filament

Fuzzy complexes



dynamic interconvert between many structures

flanking

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RNAP II CTD

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Proline rich peptides

IA₃p

SF1 splicing factor

SP1 TAD

α -AcrySTALLINE

m-RNA maturation factors

CBP KIX

SH3 domain

Aspartic acid protease

U2AF⁶⁵

PIC