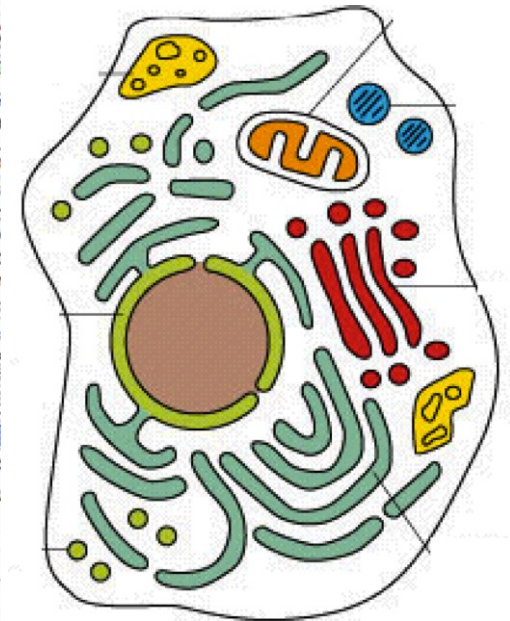
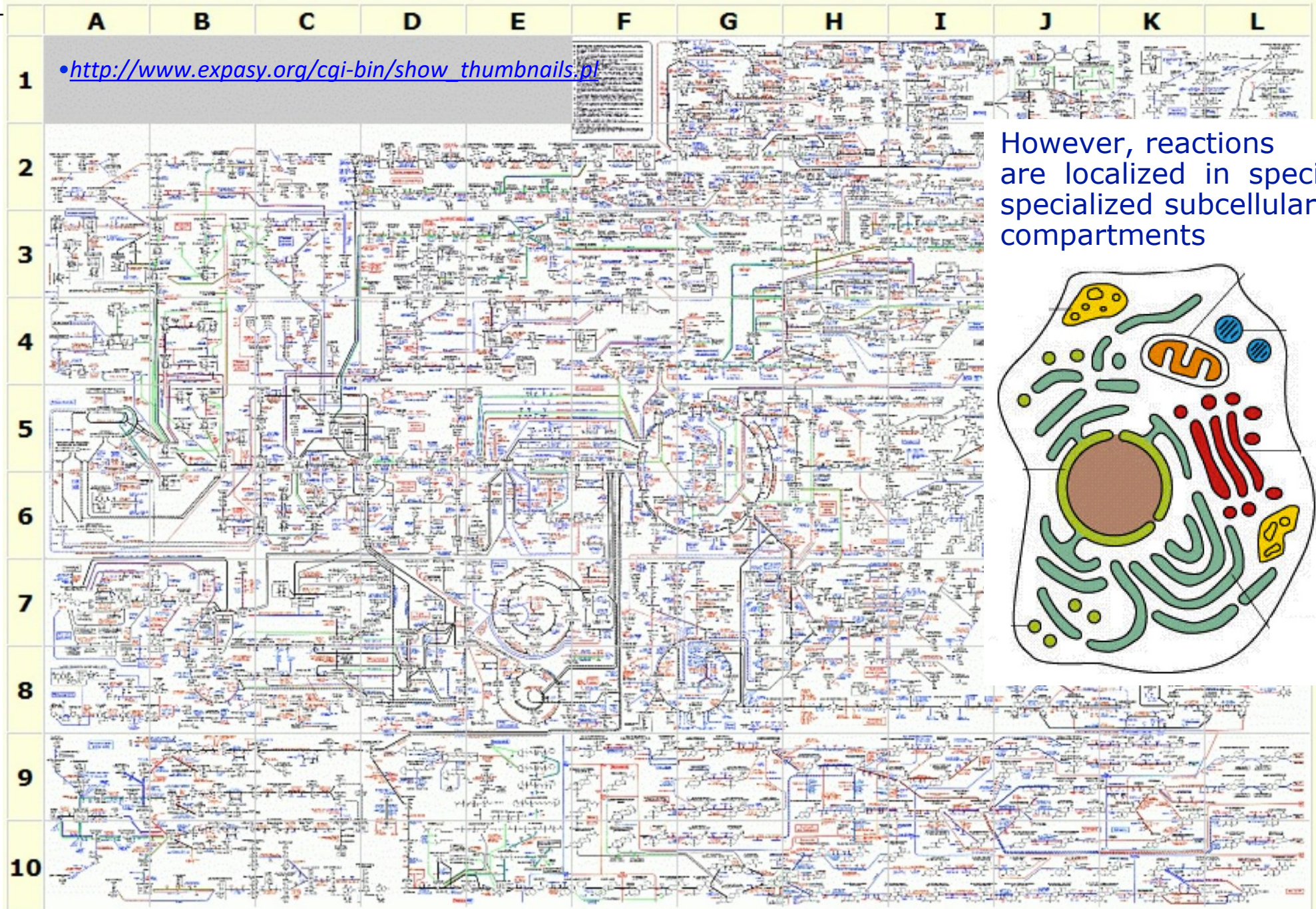


Protein domains mediating interactions

- W_03 • Protein - Protein interactions domains
Scaffolds and co-incidence
PPI's and networks
- W_04 • Protein - Membrane
Lipid-binding domains
Manipulation of location
Activation

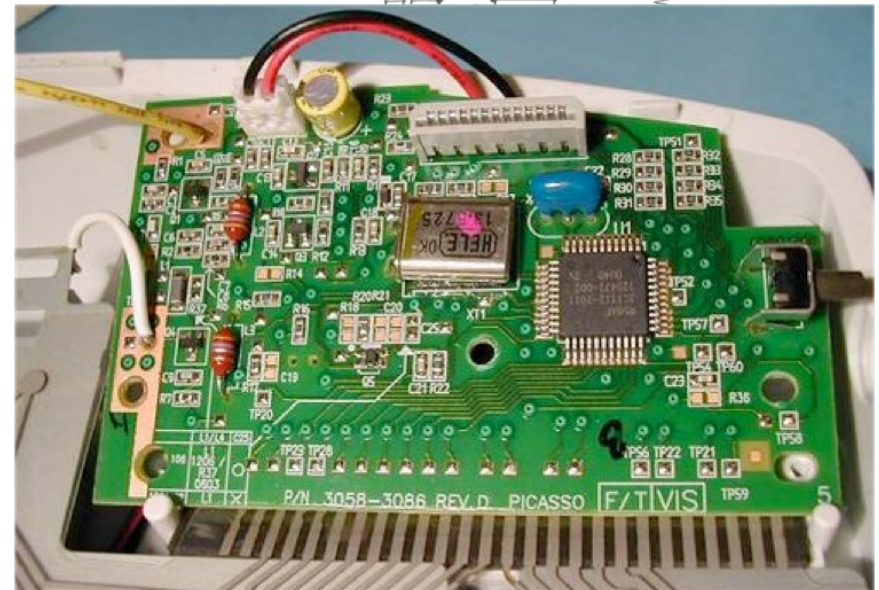
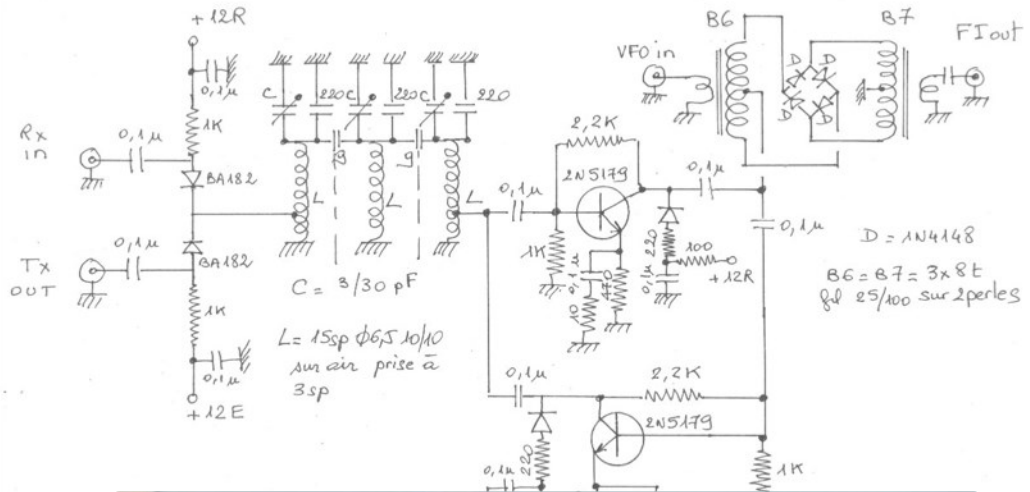
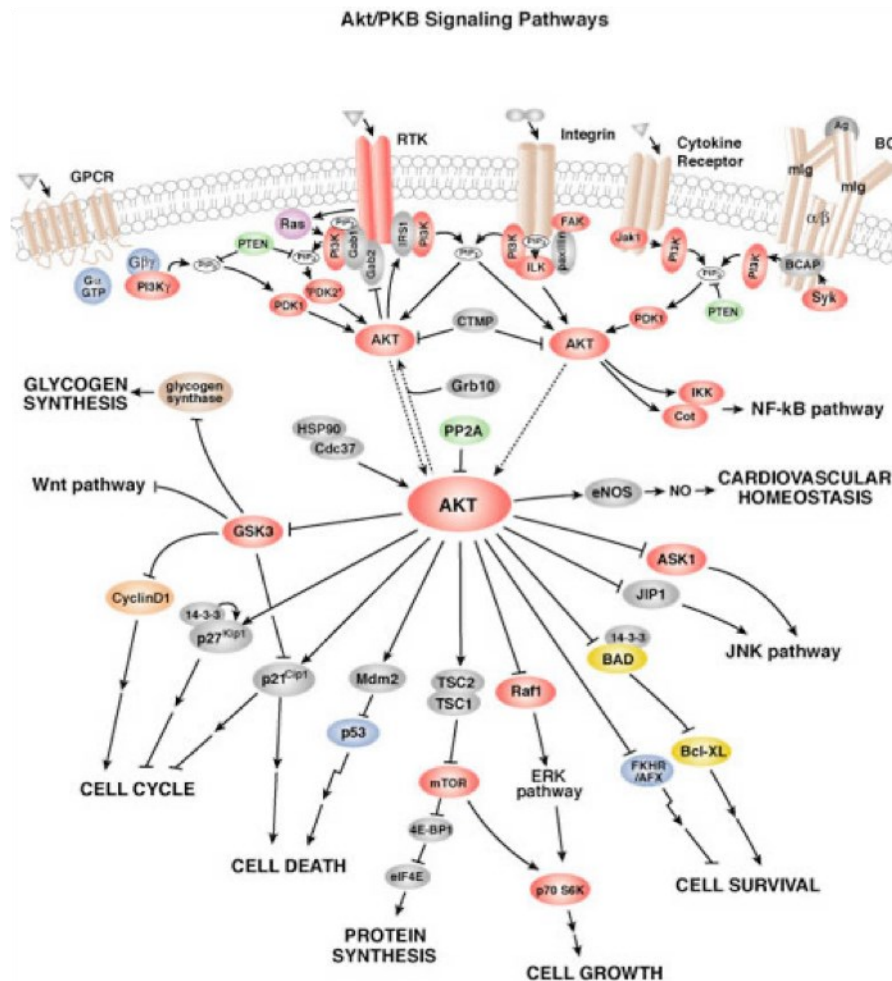
“the right molecules at the right place at the right time”

Metabolic pathways: The early days of Biochemistry



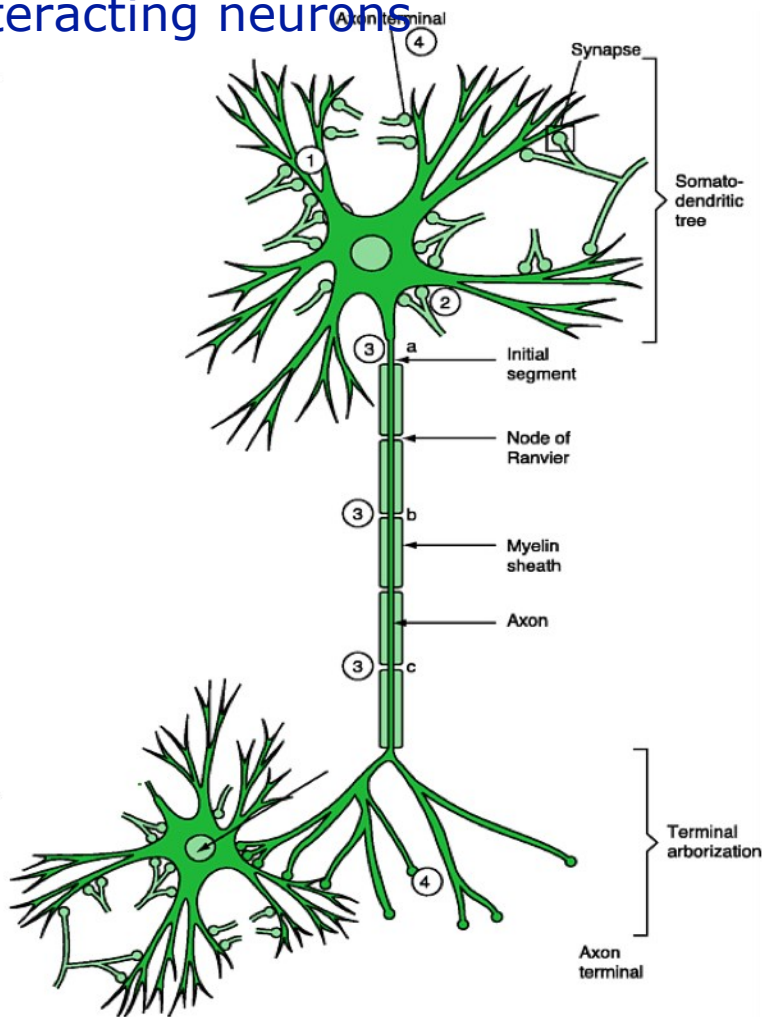
Cellular signalling - Biological networks

- The cell is extremely complex
 - many intertwined multi-dimensional networks of signalling and metabolism
 - a strong **spatial & temporal organisation** of **molecular interactions**

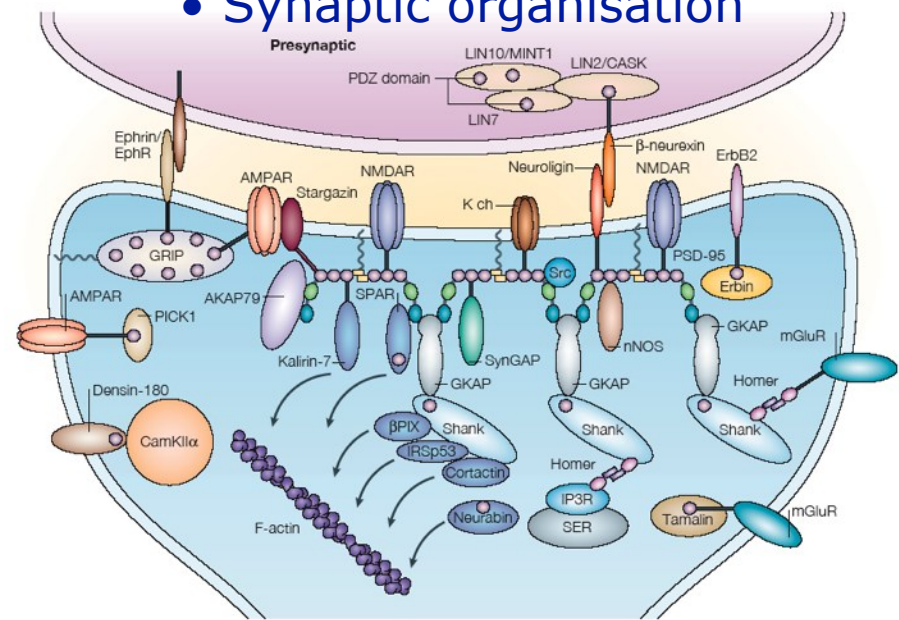


Cellular signalling - Molecular organisation

- Interacting neurons



- Synaptic organisation



Signalling events within a cell

- Right place
- Right time
- Proper arrangement
- Specificity & right partners

through **reversible** and **adjustable**
localised molecular interactions.

Hammond "Cell & Mol Neurobiology"
Kim, Nat Rev Neurosci 5 (2004) 772

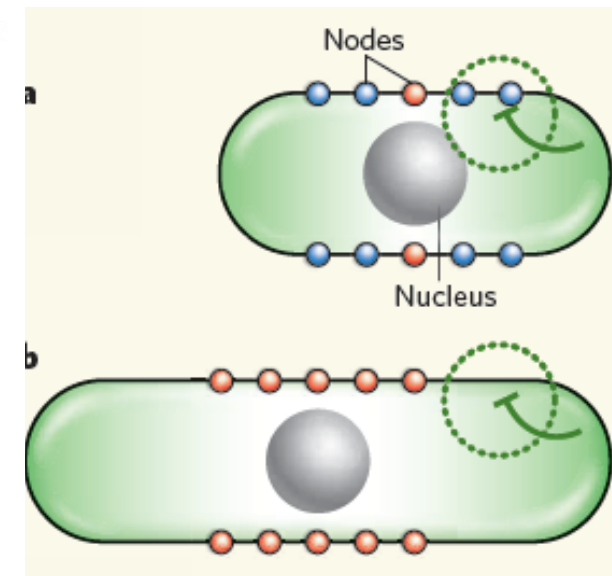
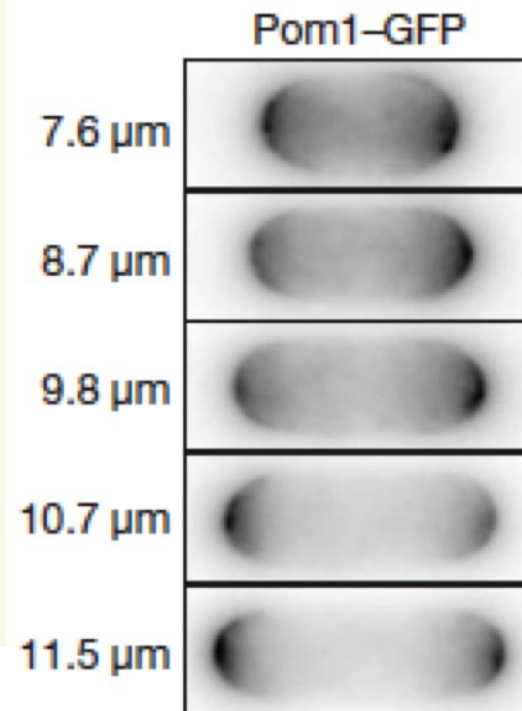
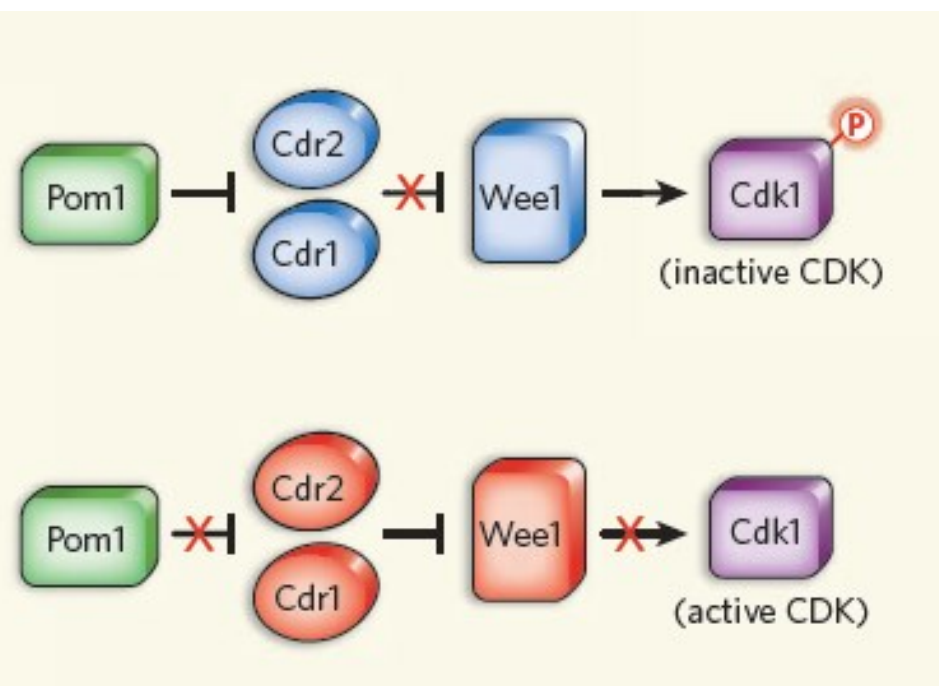
Space & time in signalling: A theoretical example

- E.g. for the phosphorylation state of protein M (purple hue indicate [M-Pi]).
- the phosphatase **Phos** is homogeneously distributed in the cytosol, but
 - the kinase **Kin** is bound to
a central structure or the plasma membrane

Space & time in signalling: A cellular mechanism

Regulation of cell division of yeast.

- Observations:
- Only big cells divide
 - All components involved seem to be present continuously
 - When nuclear Cdk1 is active => cell division
 - Pom1 (green) inhibits Cdk1 via a cascade



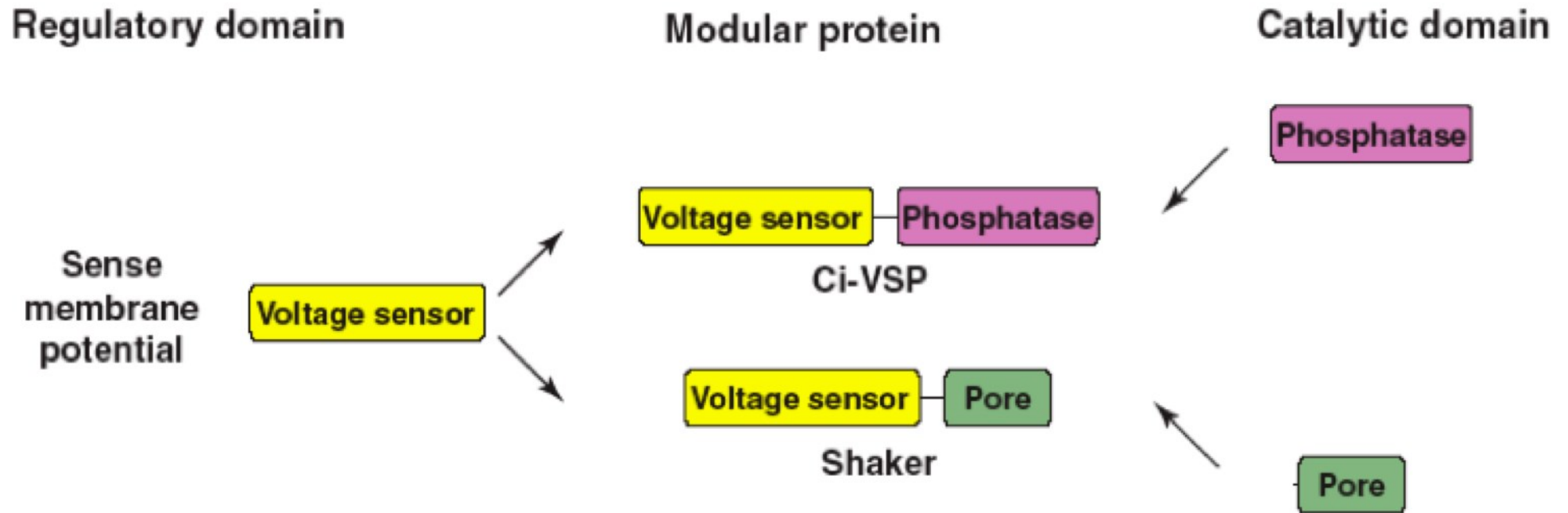
Moseley, Nature 2009

Proteins : Modular assembly of functional domains

- Domains:
 - 50-150 residues that fold autonomously
 - specific functionalities
 - > 1'000 types of domains in genome
- Eukaryotic proteins comprise often several domains
 - a combinatorial approach yields sheer infinite possibilities

An example: Protein Kinase C

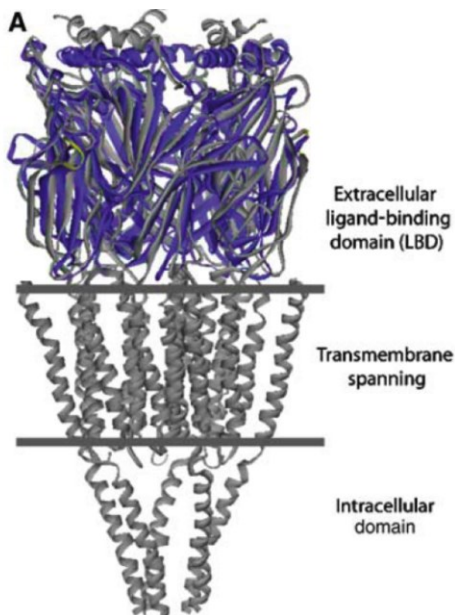
Combination of domains with different functions



Ligand-gated ion channels:
binding domain ->

channel domain ->

intracellular domain ->



Many domains have been identified

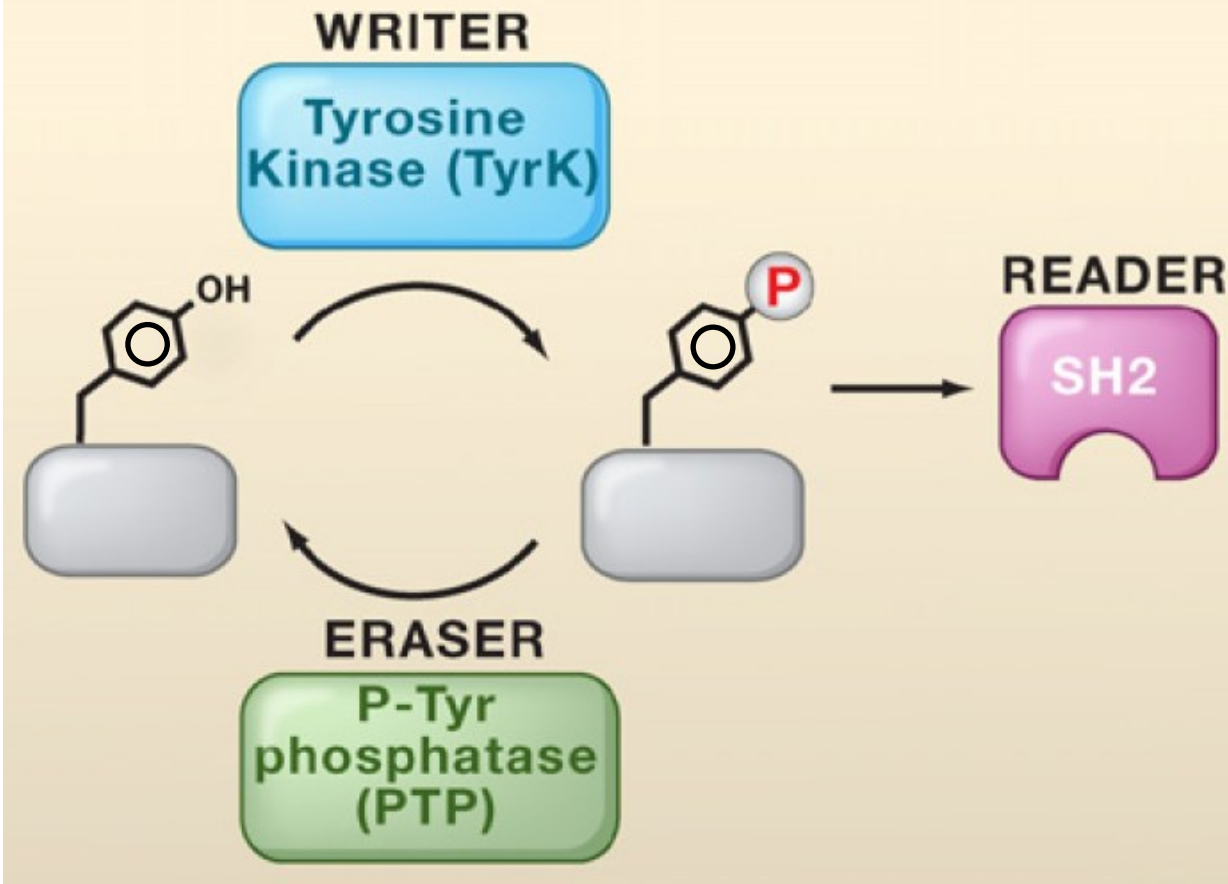
Examples of protein domains involved in molecular recognition:

Domain	Generally recognised sequence	Abundance in human genome
SH2	- p Y-x-x-hydrophobic-	352
PTB	-hydrophobic-x-N-P-x- p Y-	141
SH3	-P-x-x-P-x	894
WW	-P-P-x-Y-	307
14-3-3	-R-S-x- p S-x-P-	19
PDZ	-E-S/T-D/V- C-terminus	918
PH	phospholipids	±250
C2	phospholipids	641

NB: human genome encodes approximately $3 \cdot 10^4$ proteins

Phosphorylation : A common signalling motif

Writer/reader/eraser modules form a system for P-Tyr signaling



Writers:

- Kinases :
activity is
context-dependent

Erasers:

- Phosphatases :
activity is often
constitutive

Readers :

- Proteins with
specific domains

Example: SH2 domains recognising pTyr

Recognized sequence:

-Y^P-x-(x)-hydrophobic-

- Deep binding site for Y^P
containing 1 or 2 R's
+
multiple H-bonds



Binding "site" for
subsequent residues

==> Affinity of SH2-domains for pTyr ranges from 10^6 to 10^9 M⁻¹

==> Affinity of non-phosphorylated is ~1'000-fold lower

Example: SH2 domains recognising pTyr

Recognized sequence:

-Y^P-x-(x)-hydrophobic-

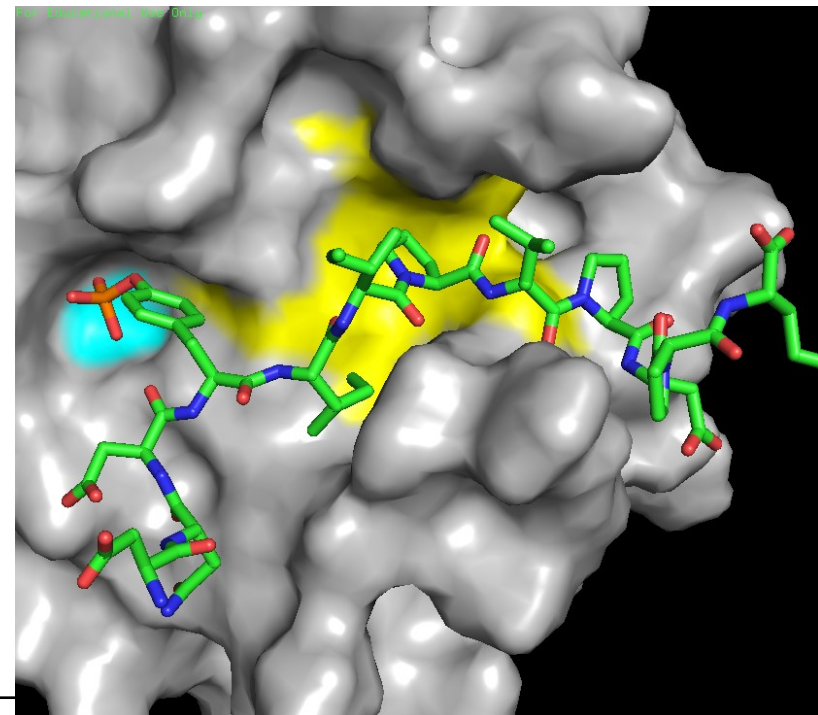
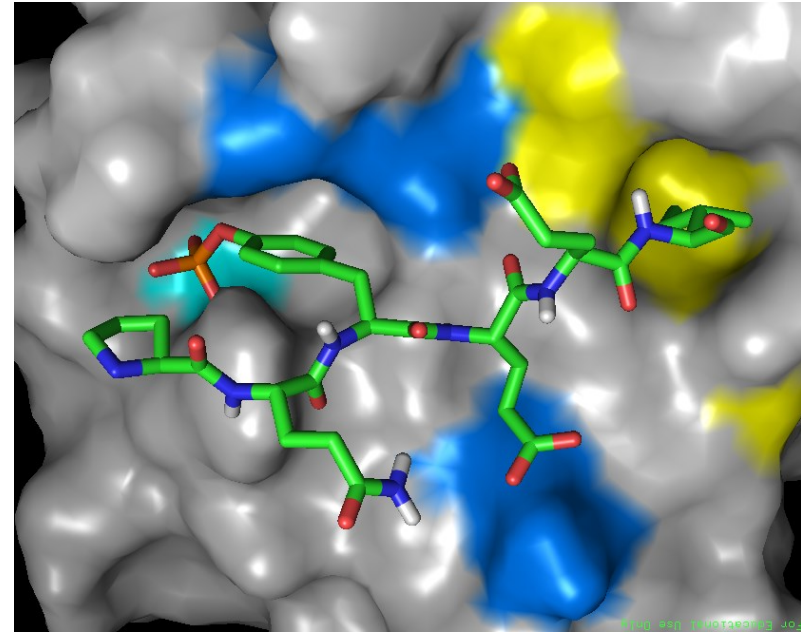
- Conserved overall structure
- Peptides positioned similarly
- Interactions
 -  Y^P--R
 -  polar
 -  hydrophobic

top:

Src SH2 domain 1SPS.pdb :
PQY^PEEI

bottom:

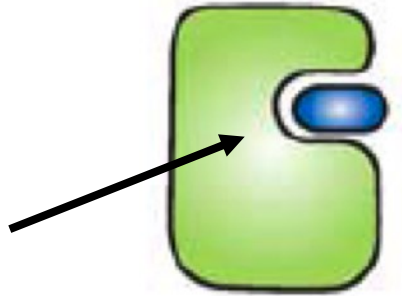
PLCγ SH2 domain 2PLD.pdb :
DNY^PI IPLDPK



Domains and protein architecture and function

How to modulate enzyme activity ?

Enzyme
catalytic
site



- Regulation of activity - Only activity under certain conditions

Scaffolds - regulation and integration

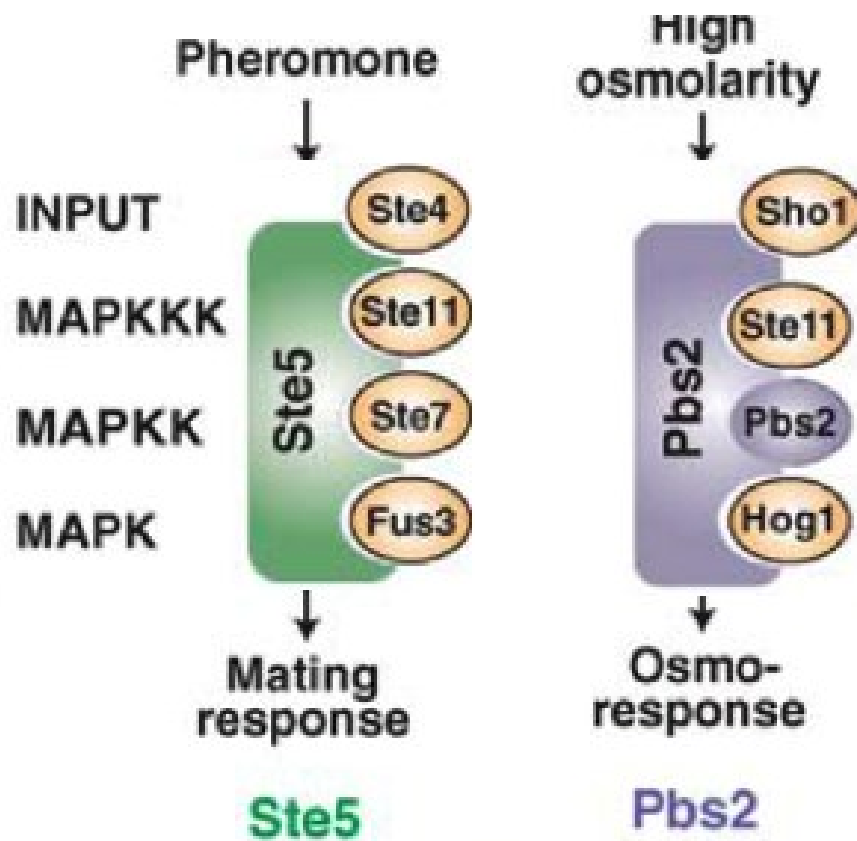
Adaptors & scaffolds: allow certain proteins to get together in a specific orientation and order at a specific site in the cell

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Scaffolds - regulation and integration

Comparison of pheromone and osmo-sensing in yeast

- organisation by different scaffolds
- different cellular response

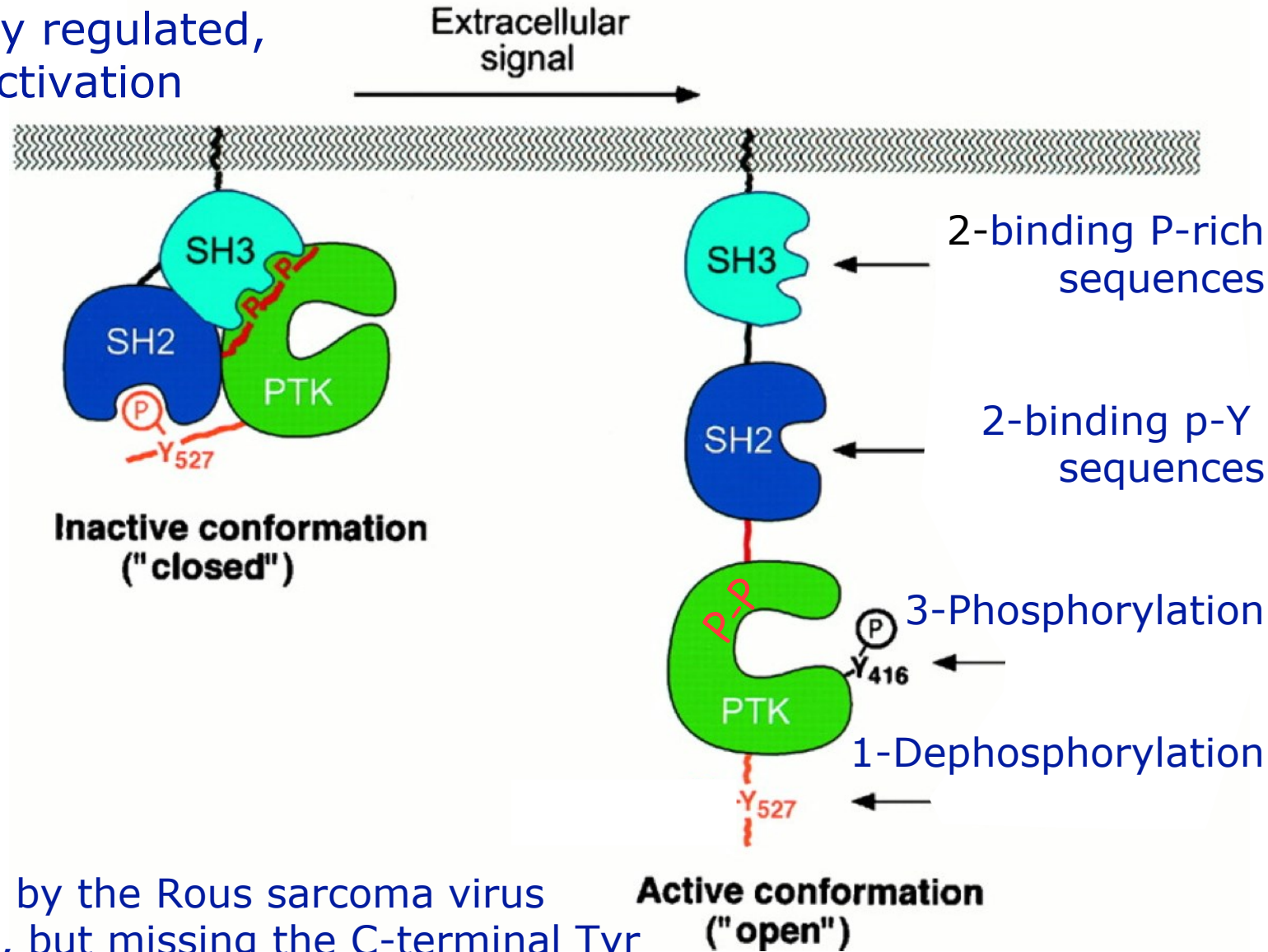


Intra-molecular co-incidence : Regulation of Src kinase

Src: Involved in cell differentiation;

- activity is tightly regulated,
- 4-component activation

<u>Domain</u>	<u>Target</u>
SH3	Pro-rich
SH2	pY
PTK	pY-kinase domain



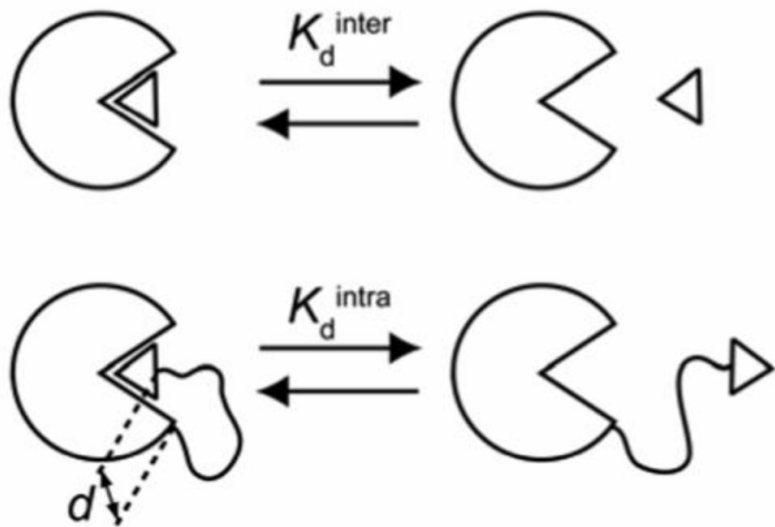
v-Src: protein encoded by the Rous sarcoma virus
 identical to Src, but missing the C-terminal Tyr
 => Active => cancer

Effective molarity

A protein has a binding site to interact with ligand $\triangleleft$ with K_d^{inter} .

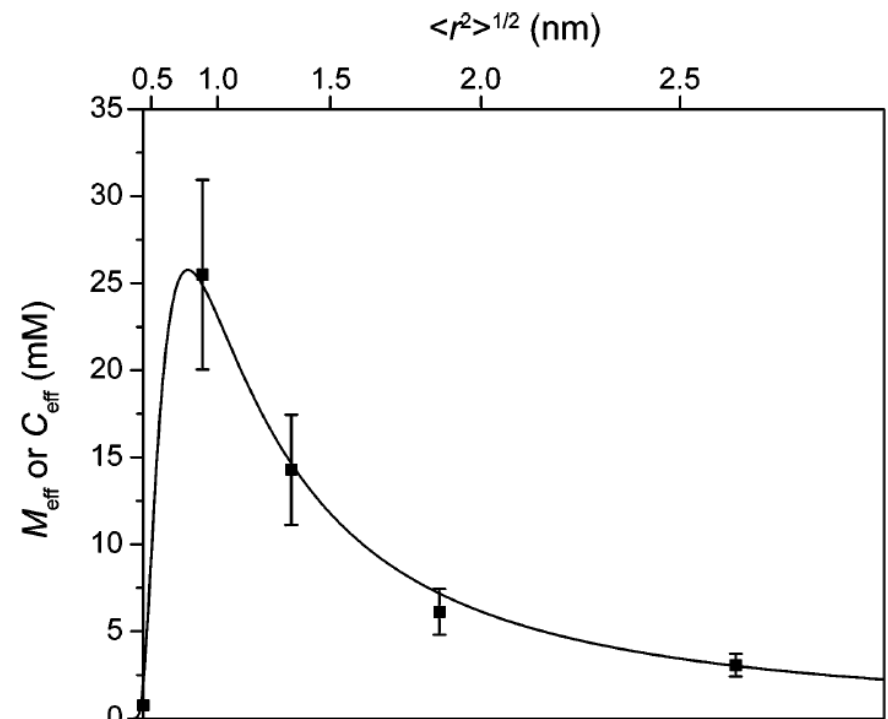
How would tethering the ligand to the protein affect binding to K_d^{intra} ?

Or, what is the effective concentration M_{eff} of the intermolecular ligand ?



$$M_{\text{eff}} = K_d^{\text{inter}} / K_d^{\text{intra}}$$

Effect of linker length

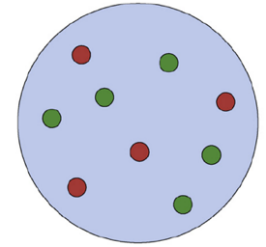


Effective molarity - Enabling scaffolds

Scaffold: allows certain proteins to get together in a specific place

- Freely diffusing
1'000 molecules of Ste_11 and Ste_7 in a yeast cell of $40 \mu\text{m}^3$

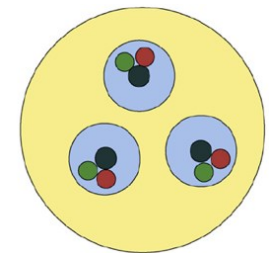
=> **Bulk** concentration = 42 nM



- Bound to scaffolds
Introduce 1'000 scaffolds Ste_5
Each scaffold binds 1 pair of Ste_11 and Ste_7

Assume the diameter of the scaffold to be $100 \text{ \AA}$
=> Total Scaffold Volume is $0.014 \mu\text{m}^3$

=> **Local** concentration = 120 μM

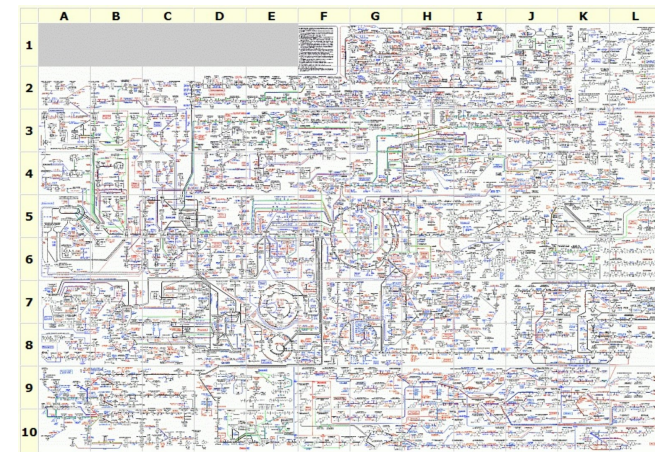
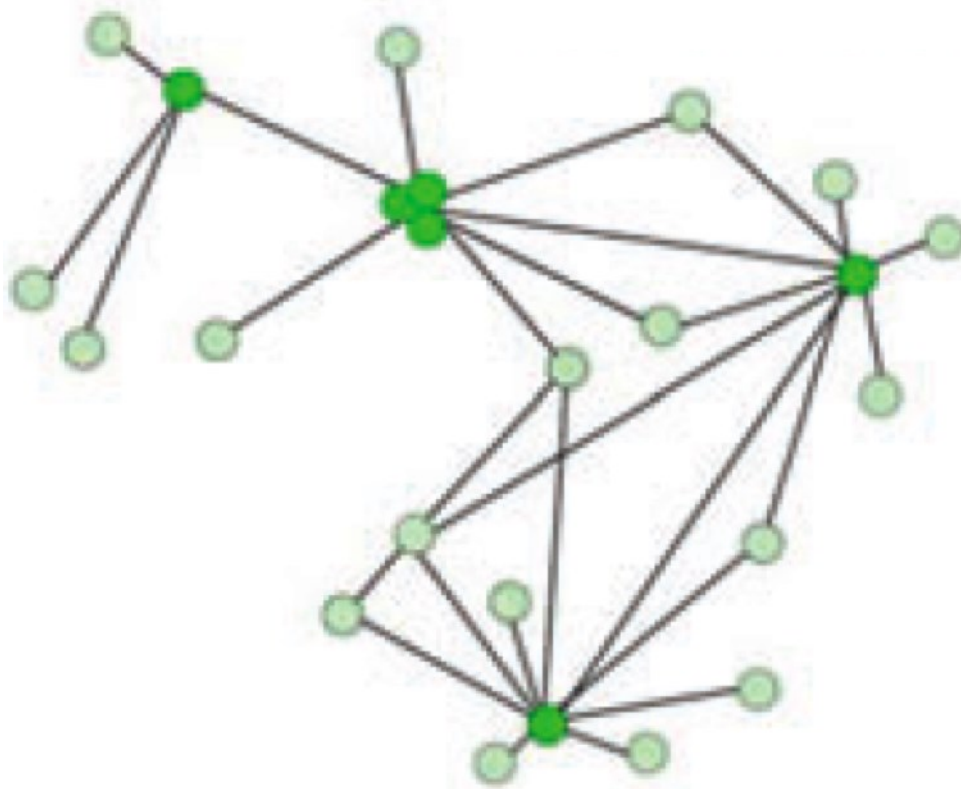


Protein-protein interaction networks

Protein-protein interactions : Genome-wide approaches

- Classical biochemical methods to determine protein-protein interactions: 2-hybrid, GST-pull down, phage display....

=> protein interaction maps, where dots represent proteins
lines indicate interactions



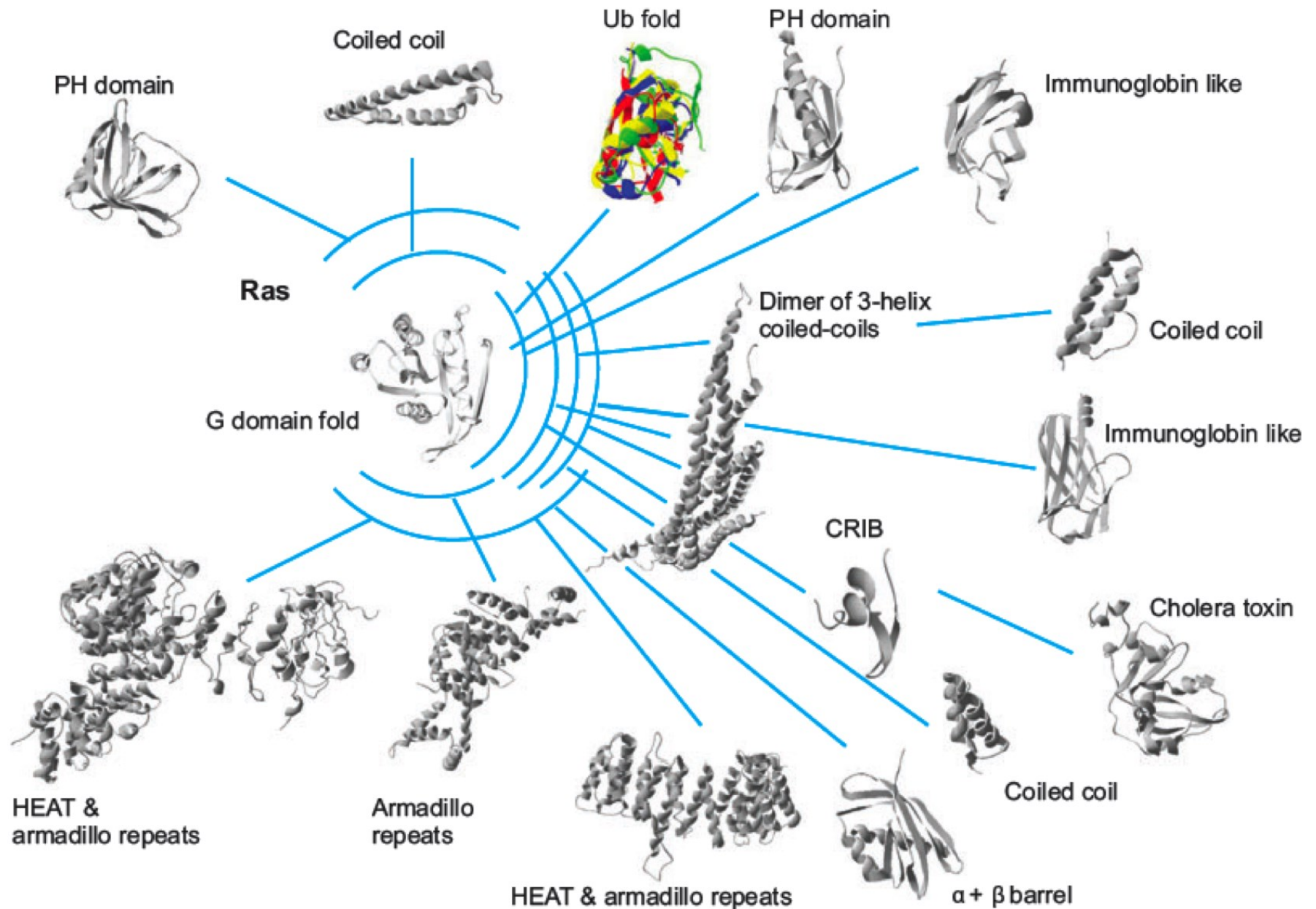
=> Very "simplistic" view of proteins

Protein-protein interactions : Genome-wide approaches

- Domains: - $\sim 1'000$ types of domains in genome
 - ÷ for > 750 , one or more structures are known
- $\sim 10'000$ types of domain - domain interactions are predicted
 - ÷ 20% have been structurally characterised

Protein-protein interactions : Genome-wide approaches

- An example for the Ras-protein:



Linear medication: Disease => Gene => Pill

"A linear concept" in pharmacy and medicine:

1 disease <=> 1 gene <=> 1 medication

- Identification of a disease:

- i• Symptoms

Diagnosis or effect

- ii• Pharmacology

Well-defined ligand

- iii• Signal transduction
or
Metabolic route

Precisely described mechanism

- iv• Gene

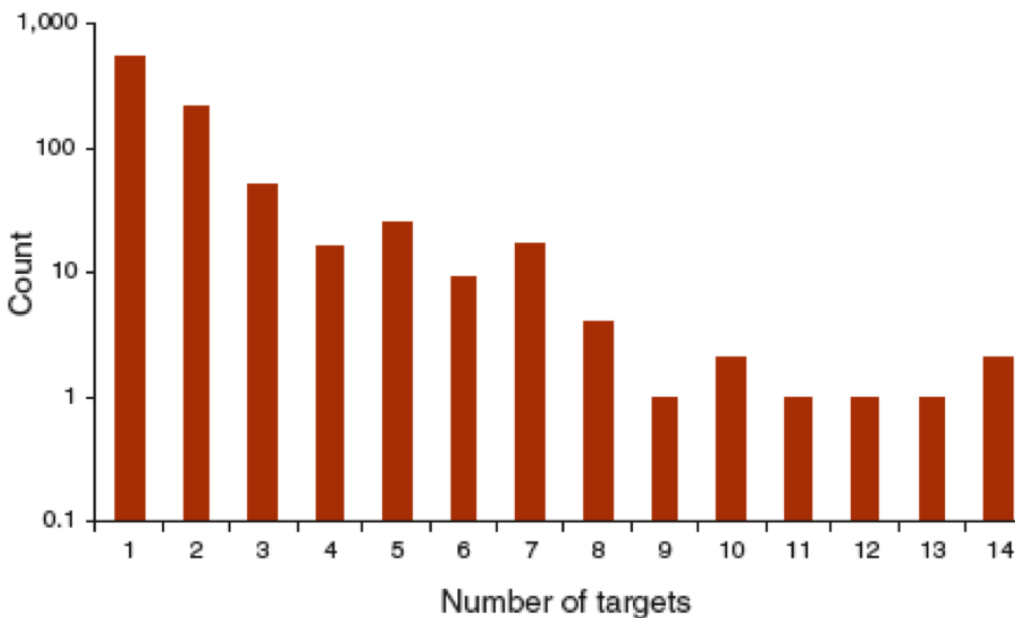
Ultimate identification

1 Disease - 1 Gene - 1 Medication ?

- What does statistics say?

Network analysis of all FDA-approved drugs (890)
and their known targets (394)

How many targets per drug?



M.A.. Yildirim, Nat Biotech 25 (2007) p.1119

1 Disease - 1 Gene - 1 Medication ?

Next step:

- integration of drug-target relations into a network
- size of symbol corresponds to number of interactions

890 drugs in total:

- 102 are linked to only one target: 1 drug 1 target

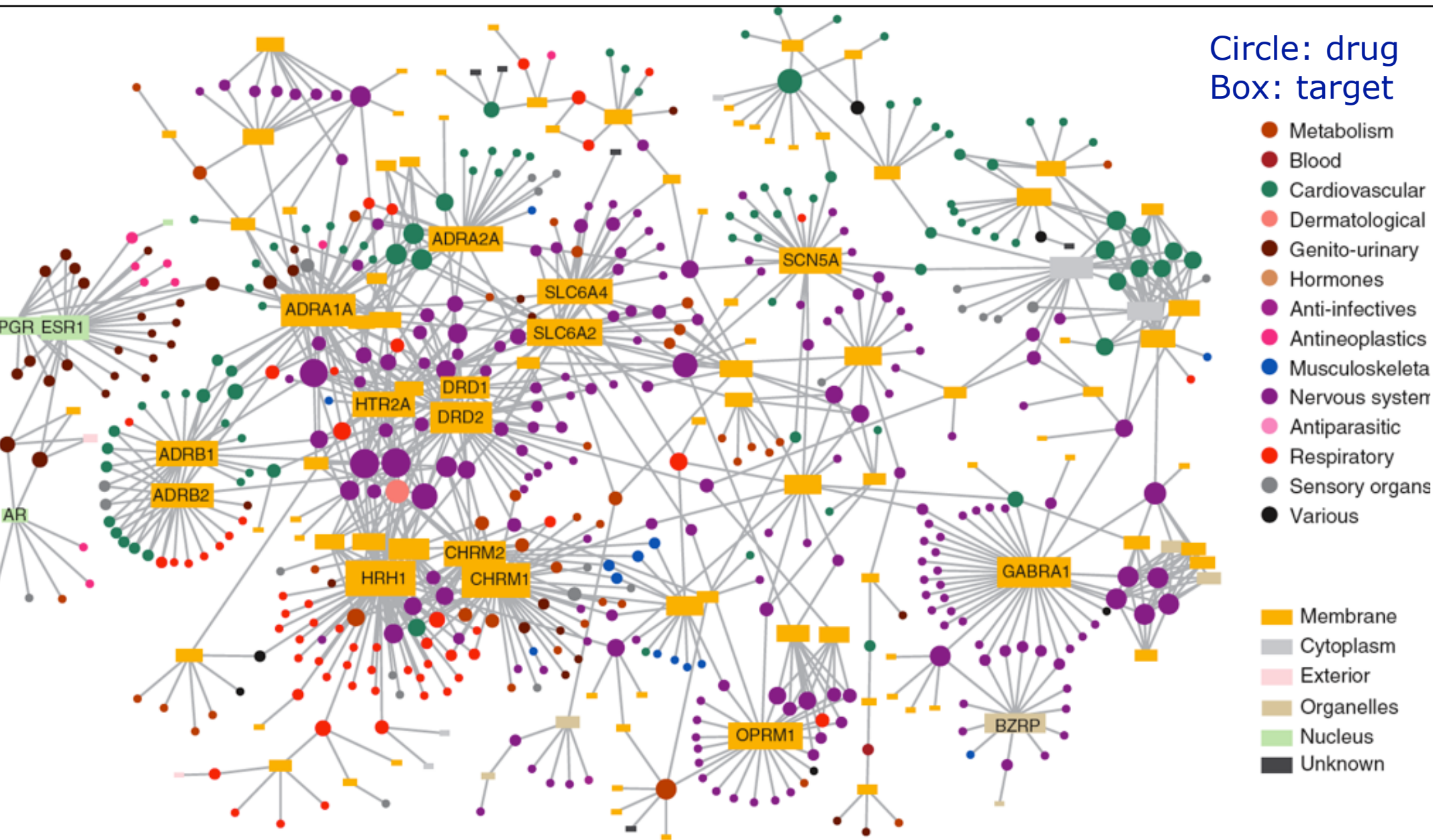


- 788 are linked to multiple targets, e.g.: 1 drug 3 targets or small networks



- the biggest network contains 476 drugs !!

Drug - target network



Drug - target network

The linear concept *was*:

1 disease $\Leftrightarrow$ 1 gene $\Leftrightarrow$ 1 medication

$\Rightarrow$ search for selective compounds to avoid unwanted targets and side effects.

Protein - protein interactions & signalling

- ÷ Reversible interactions with a limited life-time
- ÷ Domains with specificity for certain sequences
- ÷ Combination of domains to create a specific function
- ÷ Interactions affected by signalling
- ÷ Scaffolds and adaptors dictate order of events
- ÷ Signalling cascades localised in space and time
- ÷ Co-incidence and integration

Specific, reversible and adjustable interactions

- => organisation
- => localisation
- => integration
- => enabling

Further reading:

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