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# Intrinsically disordered proteins and its drug design

## 天然无序蛋白及其药物设计

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# Current Protein Structure/Function Paradigm

Amino-Acid Sequence



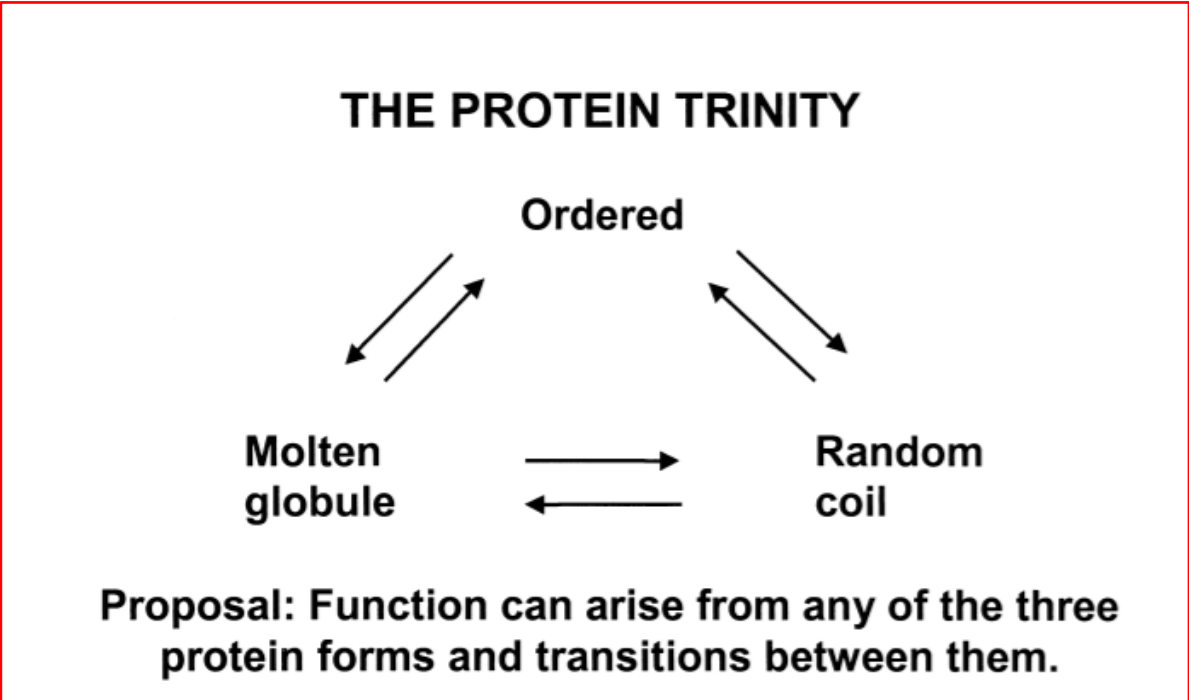
3Dimensional Structure



Function

*“Folding Problem”*

[ “Lock & Key”;  
“Induced Fit” ]



Dunker A K, Lawson J D, Brown C J, et al, 2001.



# Intrinsically disordered proteins(IDPs)

- **Some proteins & regions lack structure, yet carry out function. We call these **intrinsically disordered proteins (IDPs)** and **IDP Regions**.**
- **Whole proteins and regions of proteins are intrinsically disordered if:**
  - **they lack stable 3D structure under physiological conditions, and**
  - **they are flexible molecules that form dynamic ensembles with inter-converting configurations and without particular equilibrium values for their coordinates.**



# IDPs & IDRs or not?

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## Protein flexibility, not disorder, is key to molecular recognition

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With regard to replacing disorder with either flexibility or PWPs, our view on these suggestions can be summarized by a well-known phrase: “What’s in a name? That which we call a rose by any other name would smell as sweet”. [75].

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## The case for intrinsically disordered proteins playing contributory roles in molecular recognition without a stable 3D structure

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# Some examples of IDPs & IDRs

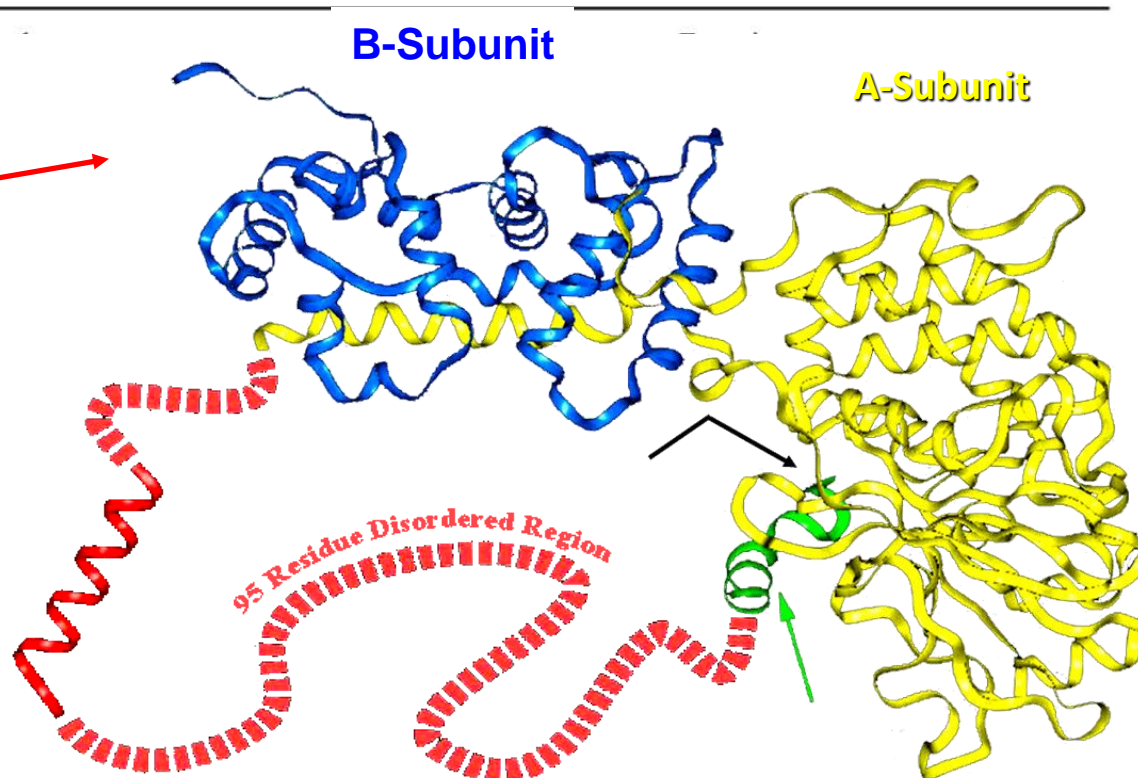
**Table 1. Five Examples of Functional Disorder**

Protein	Disorder
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Histone octamer	ordered → m
Clusterin	Native molte
Calcineurin	95 aa disorde
Calsequestrin	21 aa disorde

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**Table 2. Important Examples of Native Dis**

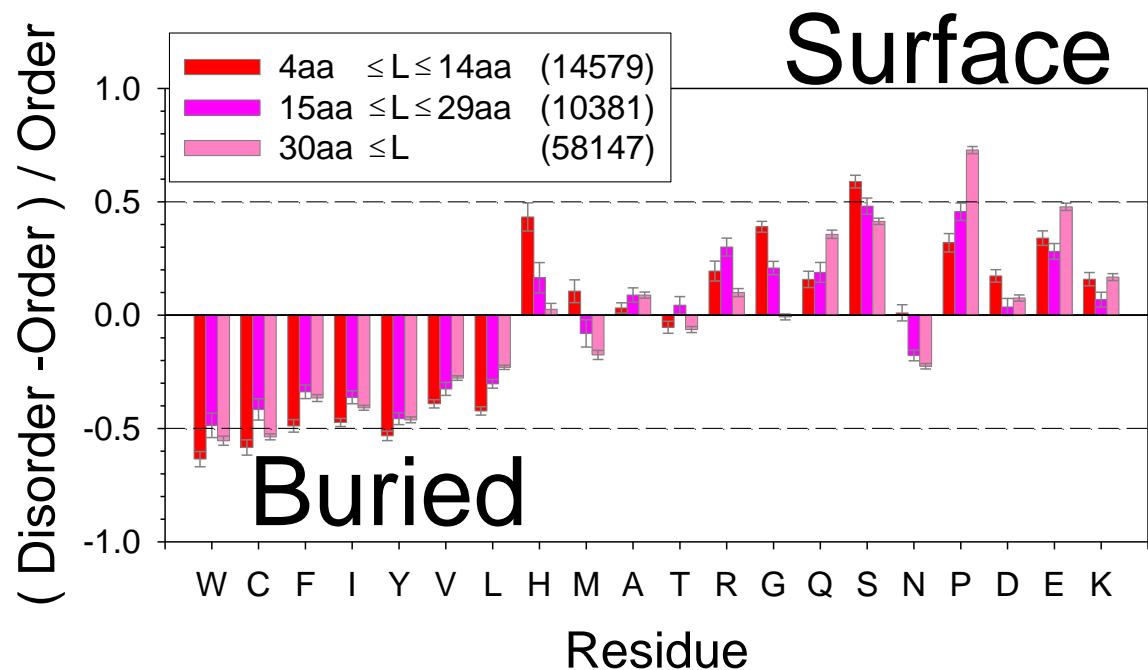
Protein	Disorder Length	Fu
Trypsinogen	~15	Folding i
TMV capsid	25	RNA bin
Lac repressor	61	DNA bin
Calmodulin	4	Flexible l binding
p21 <sup>Waf1/Cid1/Sdi1</sup>	164	Kinase in
HIV-1 gp120 V3 loop	24	Cell attachment



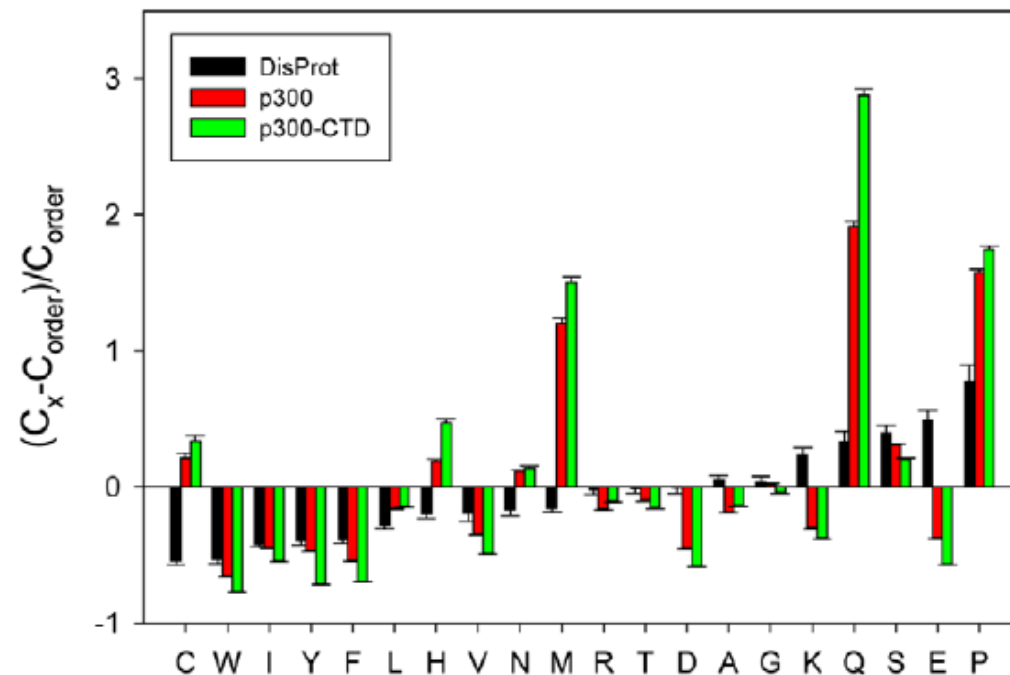


# Why don't IDPs fold into 3D structure?

Amino acid composition determines whether a protein will fold or remain unfolded



Dunker et al., *Adv. Prot. Chem.* 62: 25-37 (2002)



Kirilyuk, A. et al. PLoS ONE 7, e48243 (2012).





# Why don't IDPs fold into 3D structure?

- **IDPs** have too few aromatics – aromatics are important for the stability of hydrophobic cores;
- **IDP** ratio of hydrophilic amino acids to hydrophobic amino acids is too high for folding;
- **IDPs** have too low of a sequence complexity
- **IDPs** have too large of a net charge – charge repulsion inhibits folding;
- **IDPs** have too many prolines – prolines cannot form backbone H–bond, so helices and sheets are destabilized by prolines.





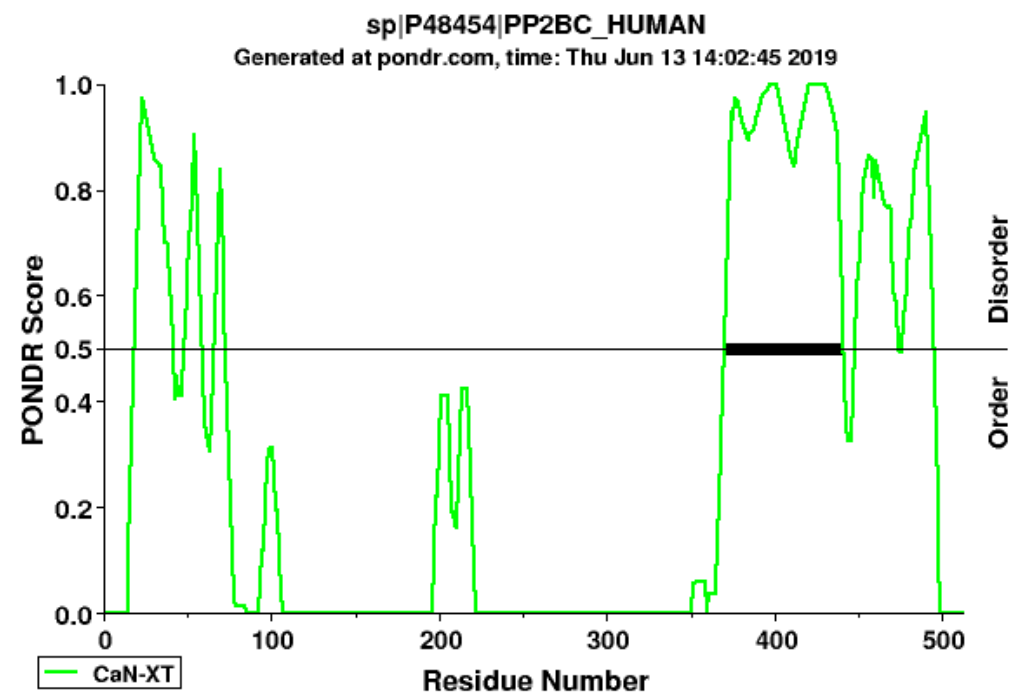
# Methods to characterize intrinsic disorder in proteins

- *In vitro*

- X-ray crystallography
- NMR spectroscopy
- Cryo-EM
- Circular dichroism (CD) spectroscopy
- Stoke's radius determination

- *In silico*

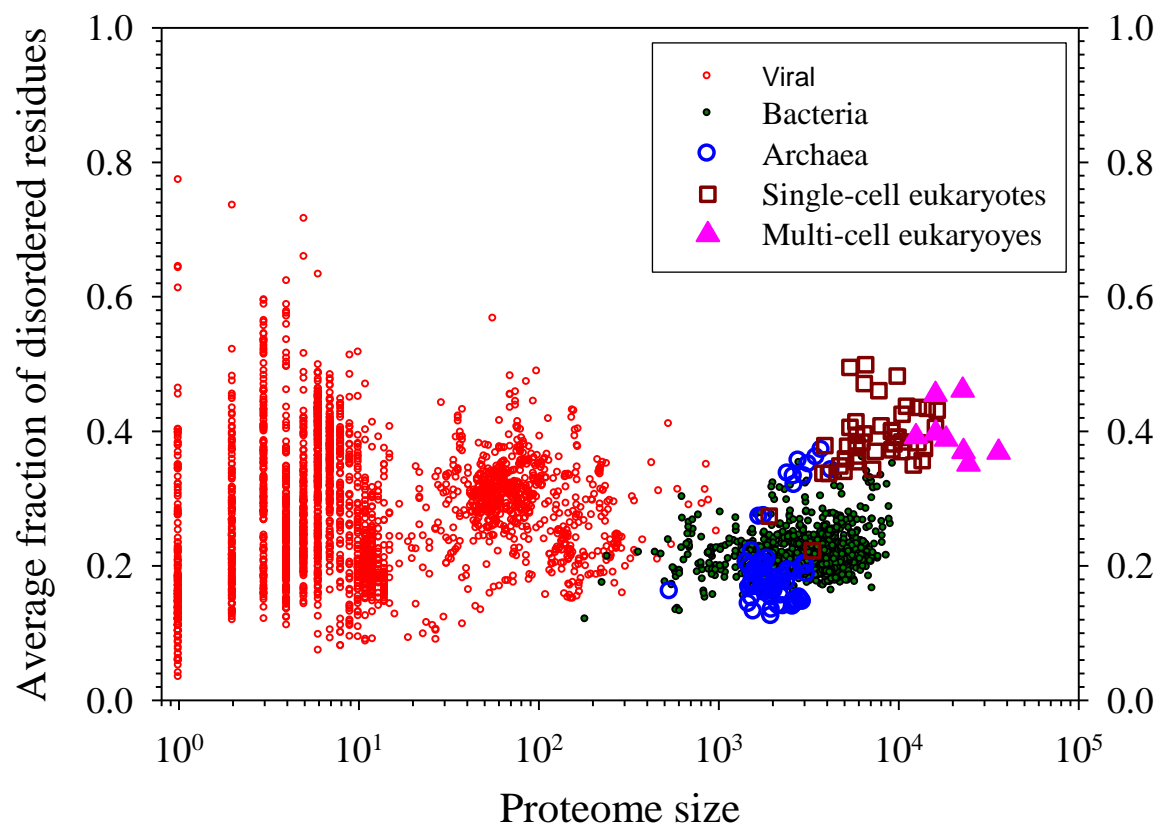
- Pondr: <http://www.pondr.com/>
- DisEMBL: <http://dis.embl.de/>
- PredictProtein: <https://www.predictprotein.org/>
- IUPred: <https://iupred2a.elte.hu/>
- and many others...



Calcineurin(钙调磷酸酶)



# How common are IDPs?



For the human proteome:

**35% residues are in IDPs or IDP regions**



# Database of disorder proteins

The screenshot shows the DisProt website interface. At the top, there is a search bar and navigation links. The main content area is titled 'Browse DisProt' and includes buttons for 'Proteins' and 'Regions'. A table of protein entries is displayed below, with columns for Disprot Id, Uniprot A..., Protein Name, Organism, Taxonomy, and Homologous entries.

Disprot Id	Uniprot A...	Protein Name	Organism	Taxonomy	Homologous entries
DP00003	P03265	DNA-binding protein	HAdV-5	Viruses > dsDNA viruses, no RNA stag...	
DP00004	P49913	Cathelicidin antimicrobial peptide	Human	Eukaryota > Metazoa > Chordata > Cr...	
DP00005	P03045	Antitermination protein N	Enterobacteria ph...	Viruses > dsDNA viruses, no RNA stag...	

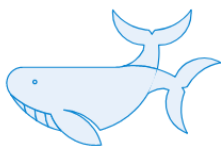
- Contains 803 proteins and 2167 regions
- Manually curated and experimentally determined to be disordered

<http://www.disprot.org/>



# Database of disorder proteins

# MobiDB



a database of protein disorder and mobility annotations

Search MobiDB

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help UniProt query, UniRef, UniParc, Proteome, UniProt accession, NCBI taxon id

Example entries RPO21 SNCA MAPT CITRX2

## Citing MobiDB

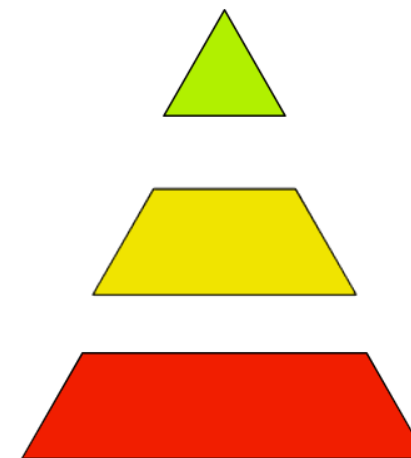
**MobiDB3.0: More annotations for intrinsic disorder, conformational diversity and interactions in proteins**

Piovesan D, Tabaro F, Paladin L, Necci M, Mičetić I, Camilloni C, Davey N, Dosztányi Z, Meszaros B, Monzon AM, Parisi G, Schad E, Sormanni P, Tompa P, Vendruscolo M, Vranken WF and Tosatto SCE

*Nucleic Acid Research 2017 (Database issue)* [launch](#)

## Annotation quality

MobiDB features three quality **levels of annotation** from high to low quality (pyramid). Different sources present a clear tradeoff between quality and coverage.



### Database

**Manually curated** annotations from external databases

### Indirect

Derived/calculated information from **experimental data**, i.e. PDB structures and/or chemical shifts

### Predictions

Predicted annotations

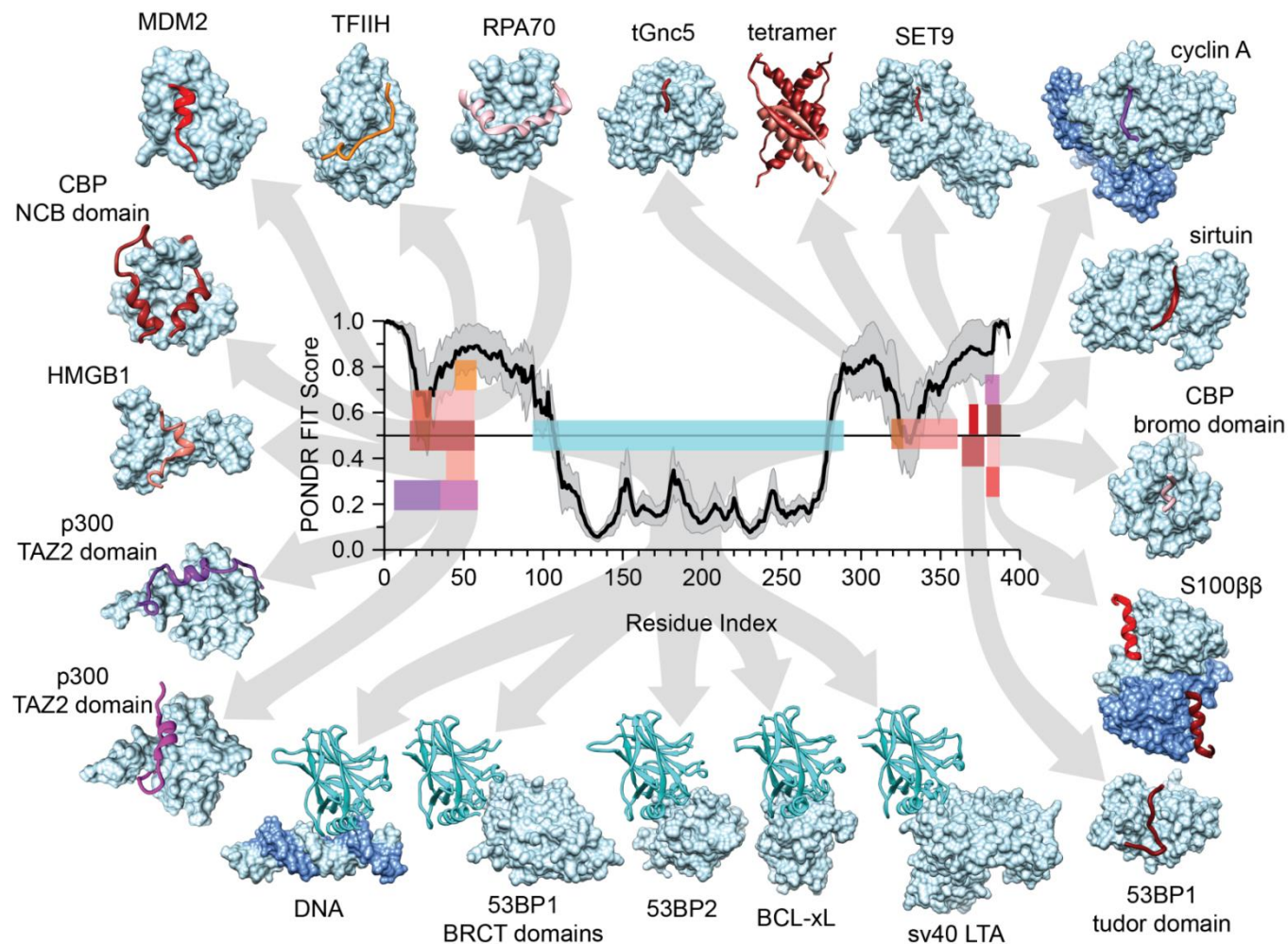
<http://mobidb.bio.unipd.it/>



# What are the functions of IDPs?

## P53: Tumor suppressor

- Initiates apoptosis
- Arrests cell growth
- Increases genome stability
- Inhibits angiogenesis
- Activates the expression of hundreds of genes



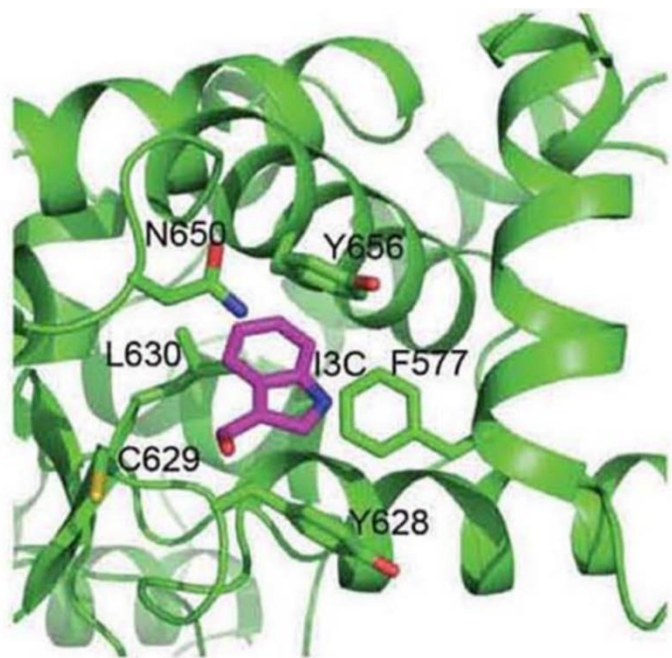
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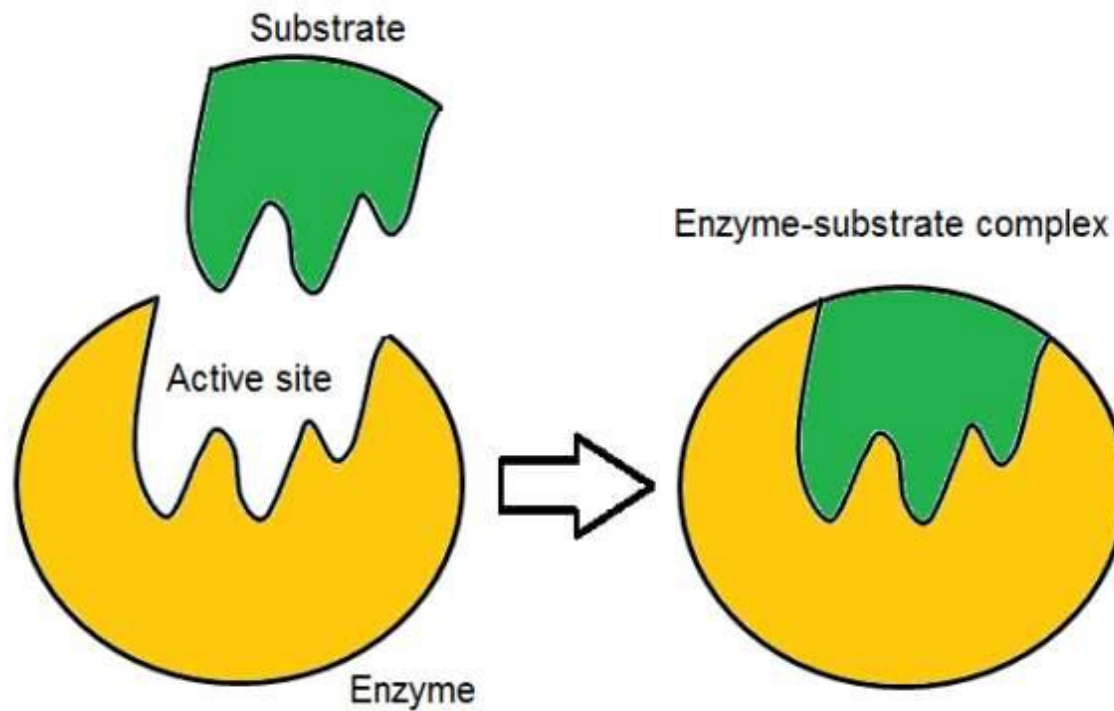


# Drug Design

## Traditional Drug Design for ordered protein



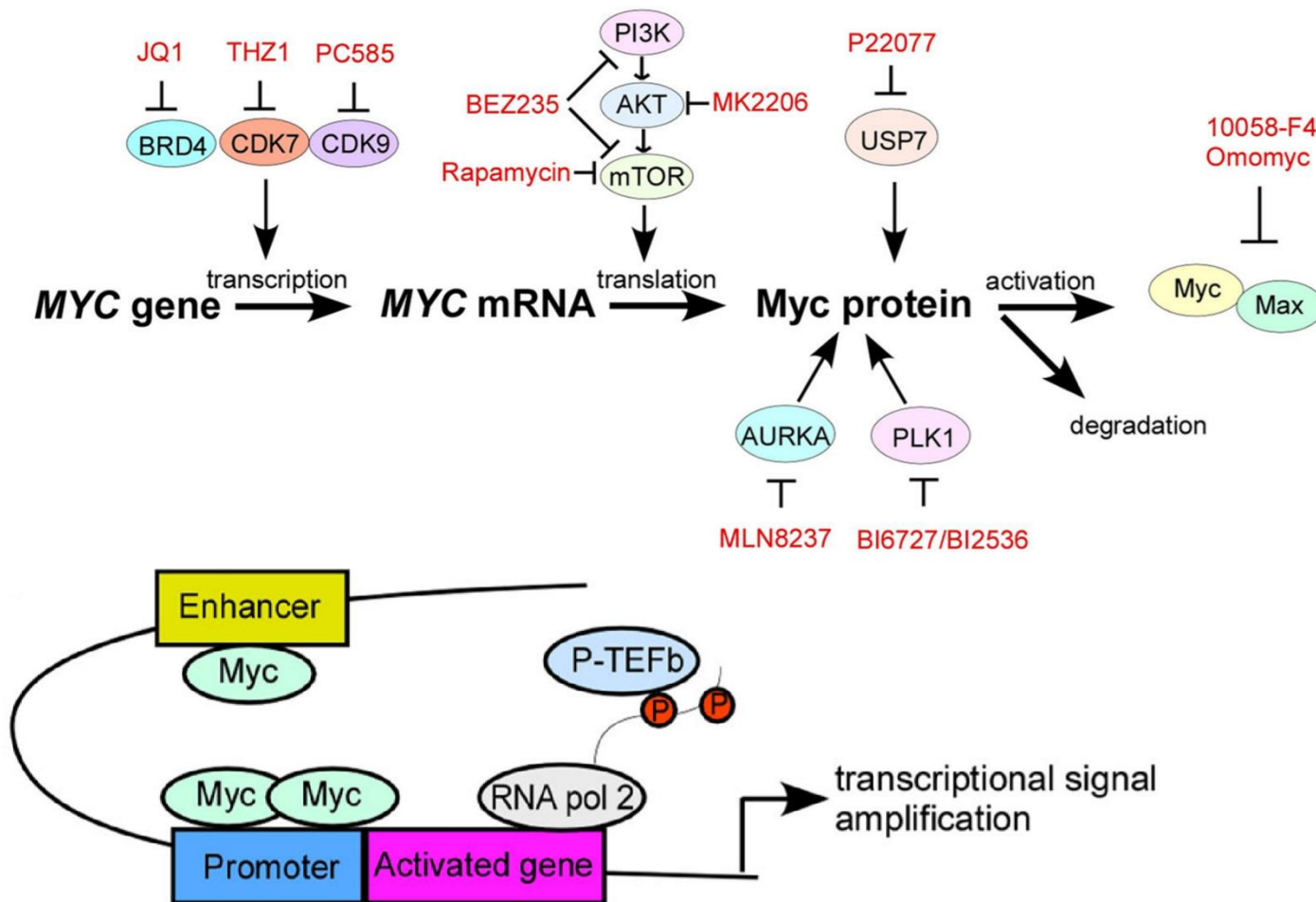
## Lock and key



Lee, Y.-R. and P. P. Pandolfi (2019). "Reactivation of PTEN tumor suppressor for cancer treatment through inhibition of a MYC-WWP1 inhibitory pathway." *Science* 364(6441): eaau0159.



# Background

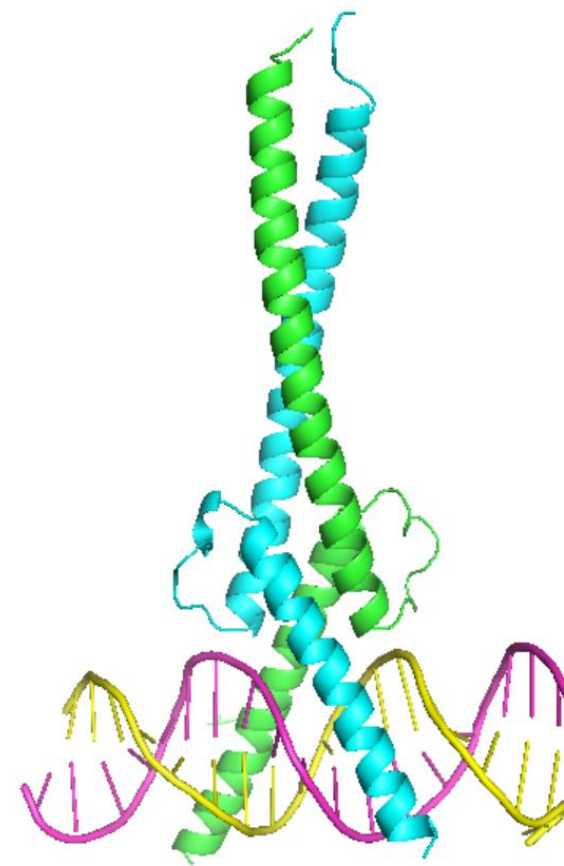
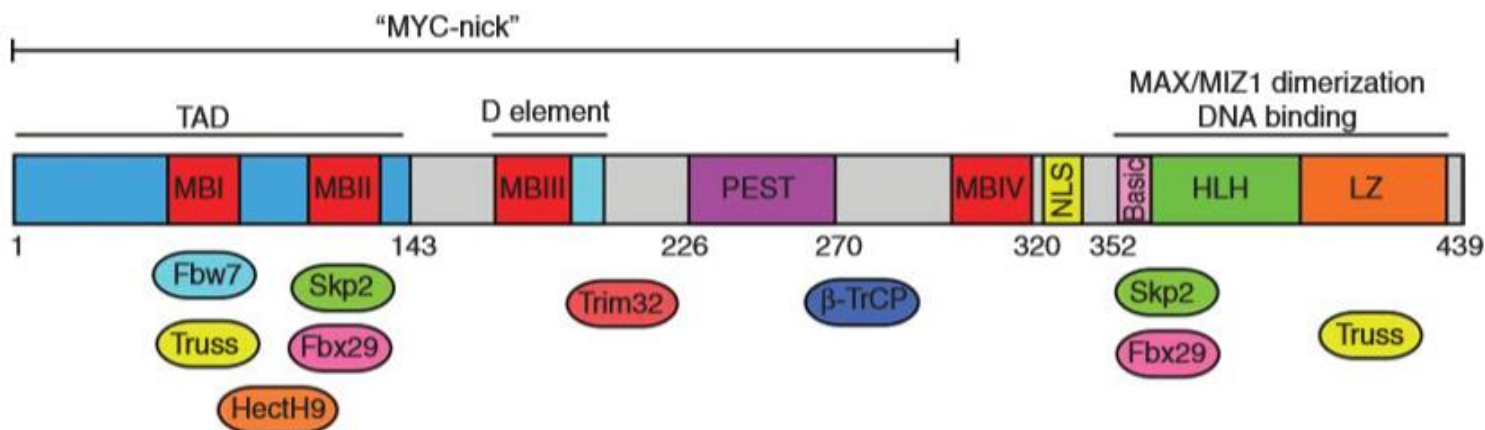
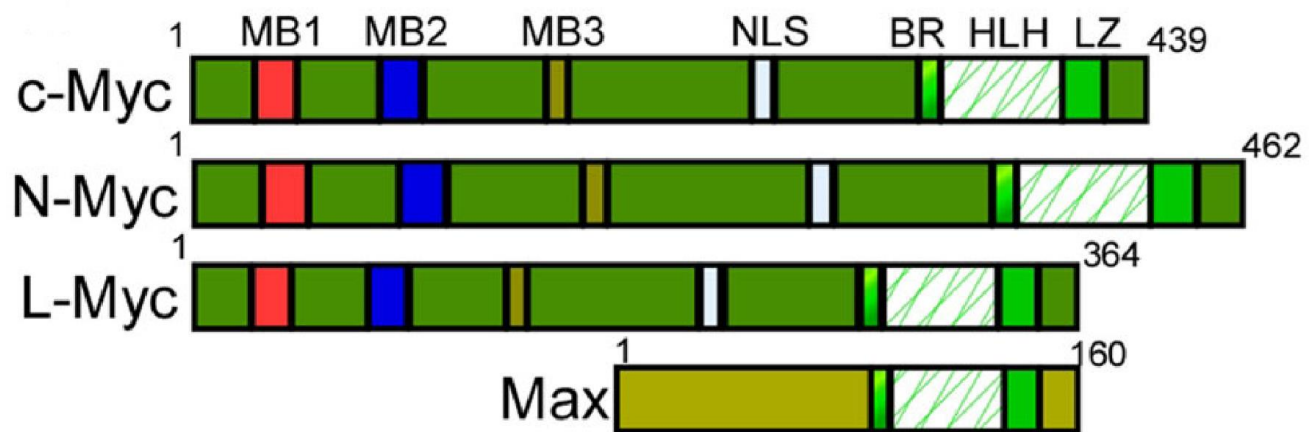


Chen, H., H. Liu and G. Qing (2018). "Targeting oncogenic Myc as a strategy for cancer treatment." *Signal Transduction & Targeted Therapy* 3(1): 5.





# Structure of c-Myc



PDB: 1NKP  
Green: Myc; Blue: Max

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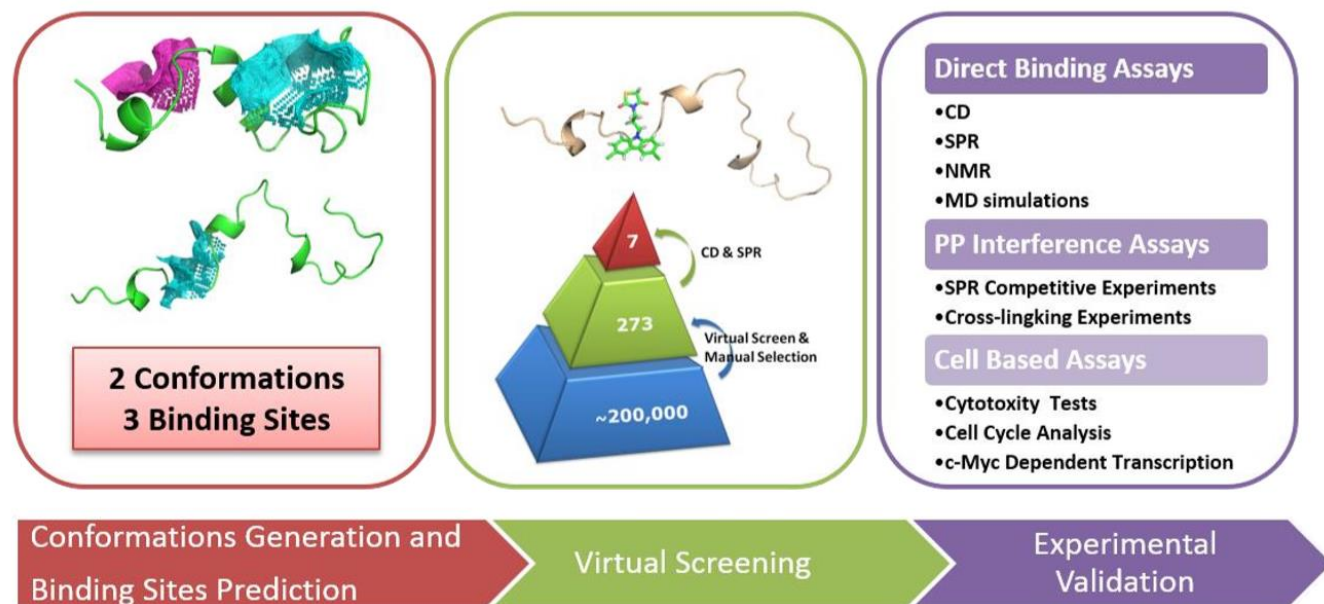
# Methods of Drug Design and Screening

## High throughput screening



Beckman FX, ORCA Optimized Robot,  
Microplate Carousel and Paradigm Detection Platform

## Virtual screening

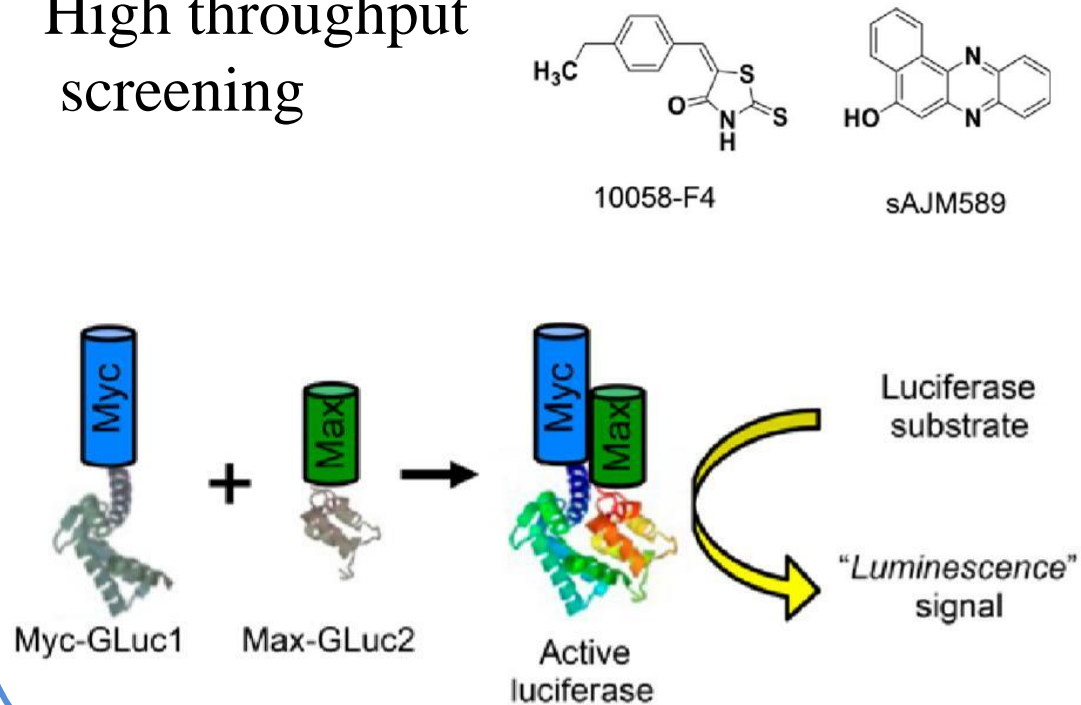


Screening on computer



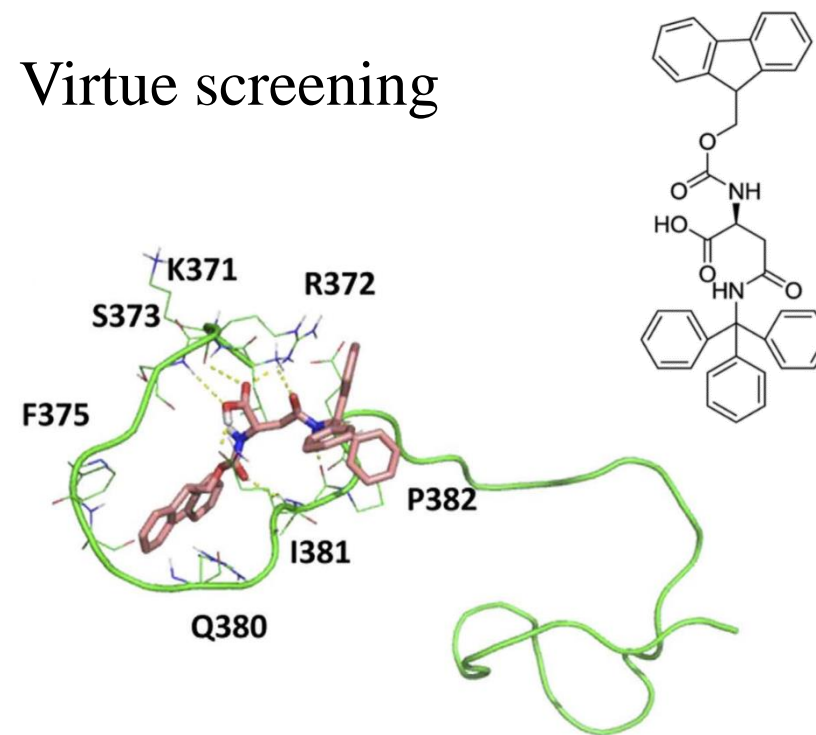
# Result Screening

## High throughput screening



Choi, Seung H , et al. "Targeted disruption of Myc-Max oncoprotein complex by a small molecule." *ACS Chemical Biology* (2017):acschembio.7b00799.

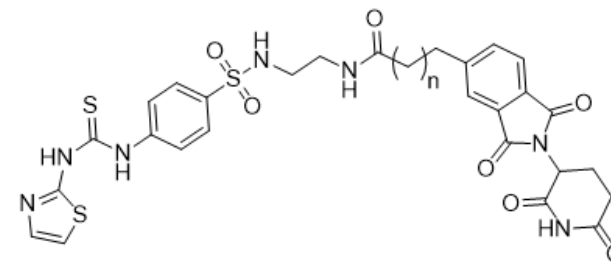
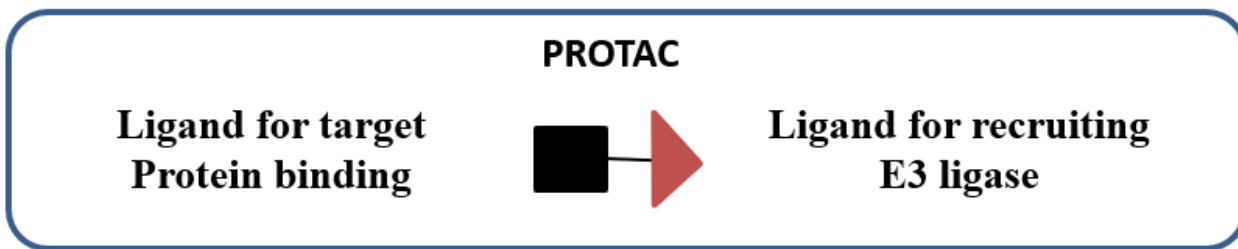
## Virtue screening



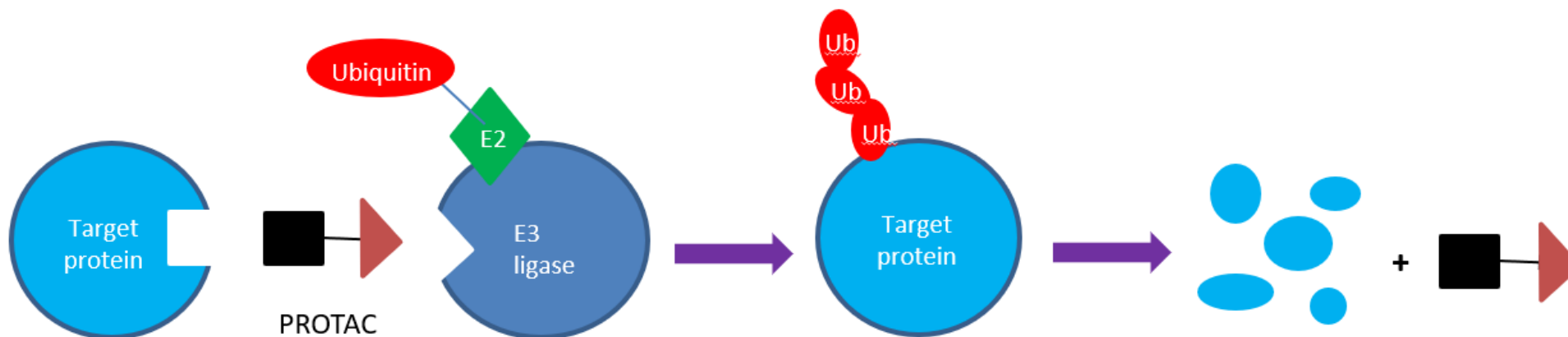
Yu, Chen , et al. "Structure-based Inhibitor Design for the Intrinsically Disordered Protein c-Myc." *Scientific Reports* 6(2016):22298.



# PROTAC: PROteolysis TARgeting CHimeras



The structure of PROTAC



E3 ligase is recruited to Target protein by PROTAC

Target protein is recognized and Degraded by proteasome





# Drug and Patent Discovery



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