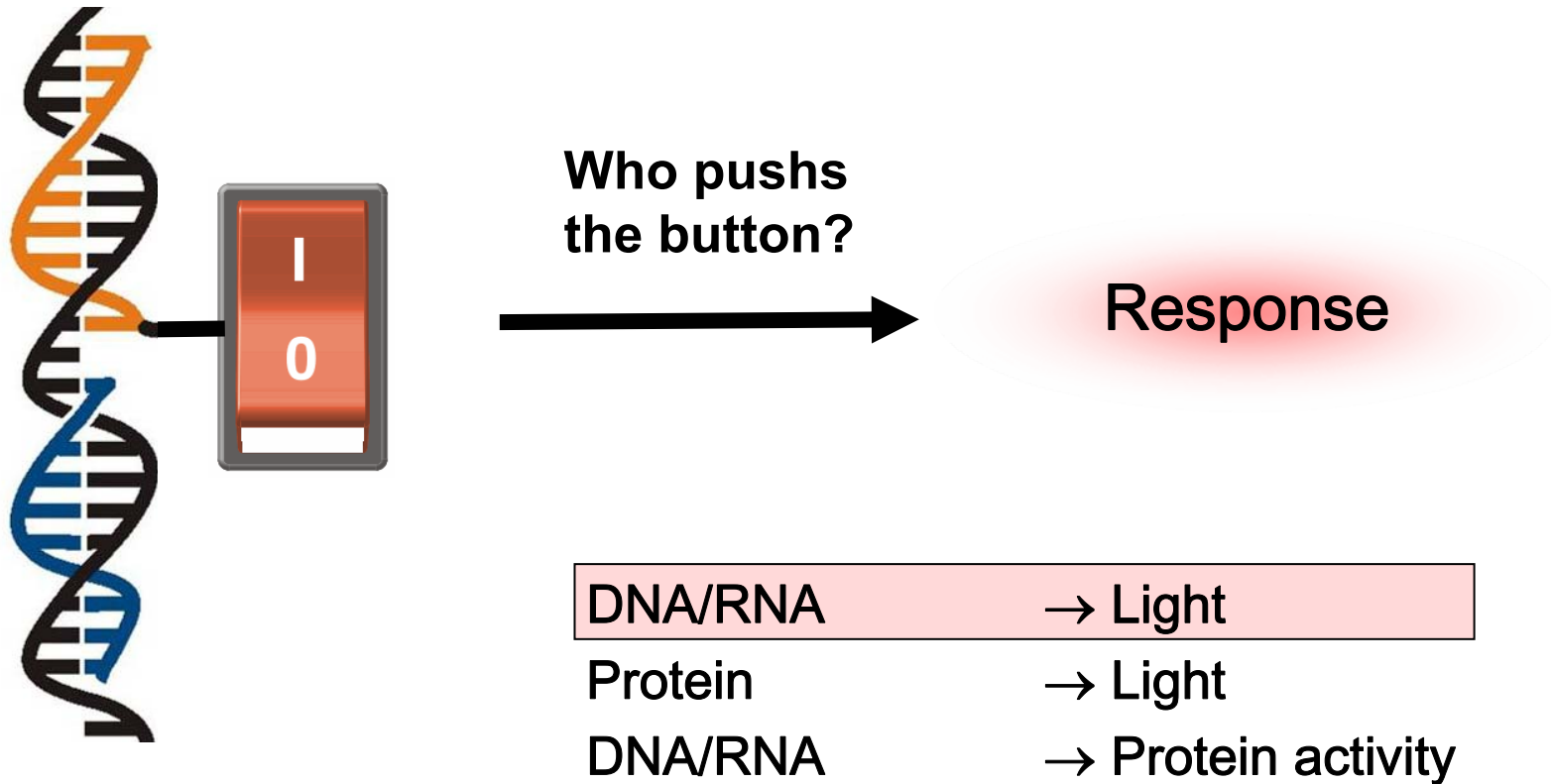
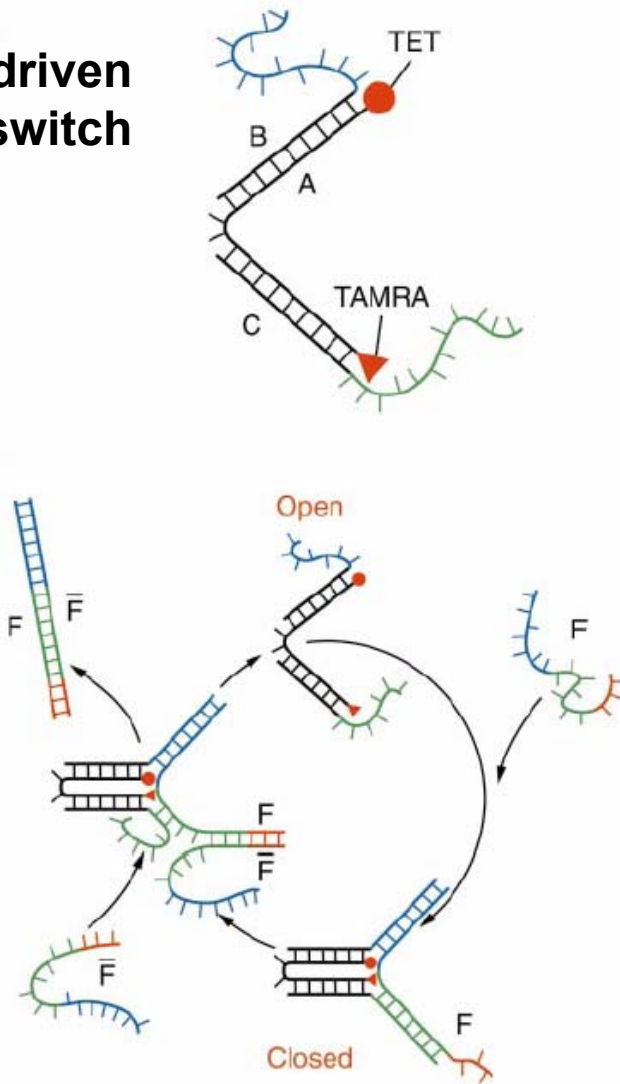


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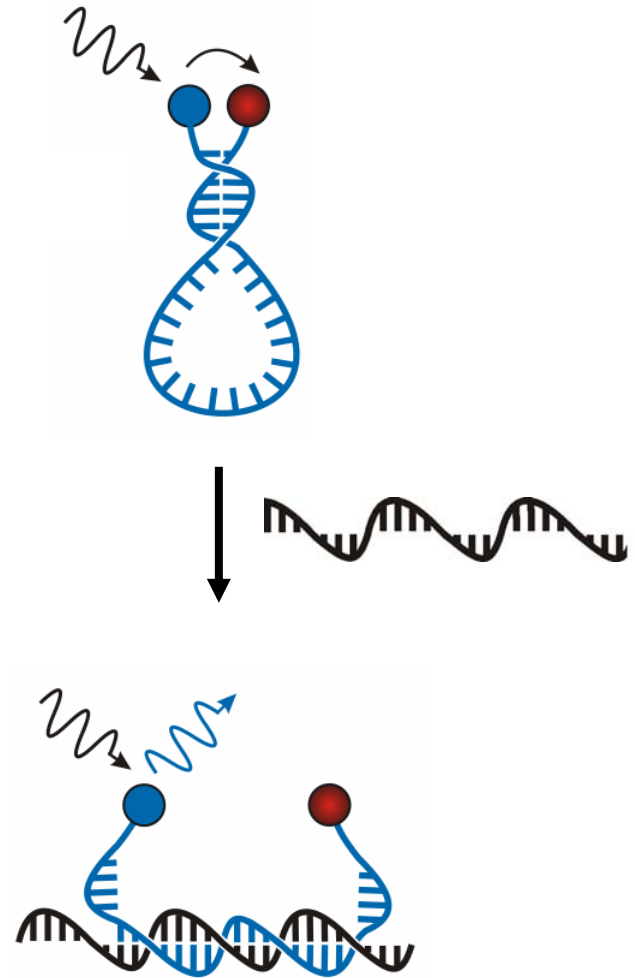


# Trigger: Nucleic Acid ; Response: Light

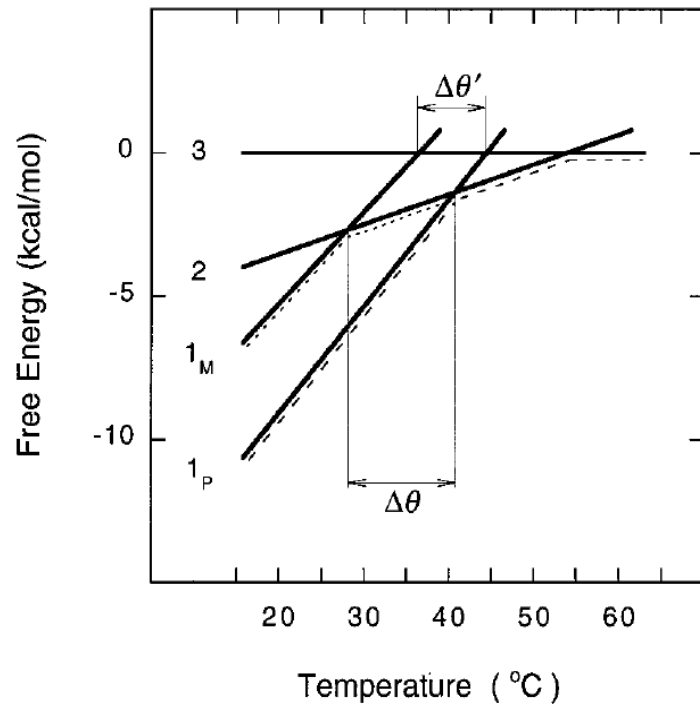
## DNA-driven light switch



## Molecular Beacons



# Molecular Beacons: Enhanced specificity through constraint



## constraining element



**DNA duplex**

Tyagi, Kramer, **1996**

**hydrophobic probe**

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**homo-DNA duplex**

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**LNA**

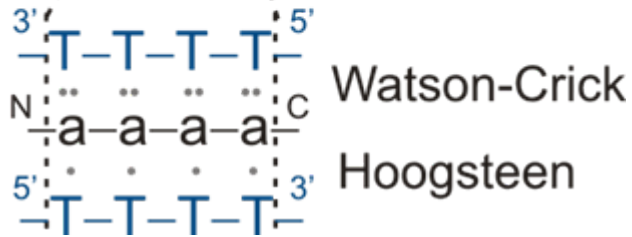
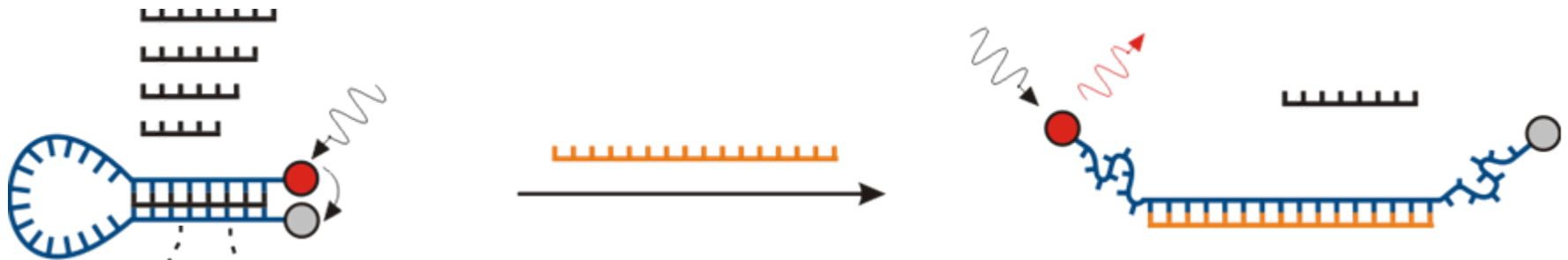
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**DNA quadruplex**

Jullien, Mergny, **2006**

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## Modular system:

one dual labeled oligonucleotide

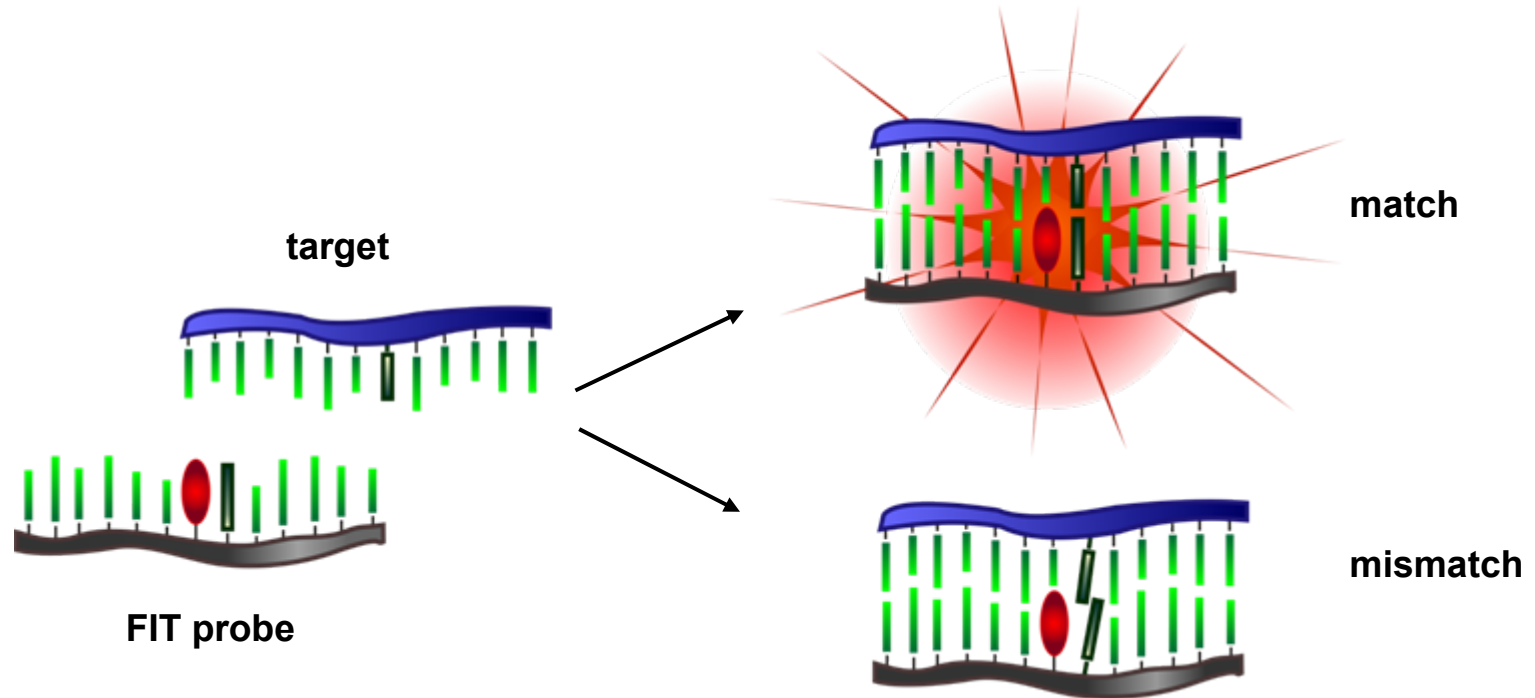
tuning of restoring force through unlabeled stem forming strand

# High fidelity probes

**Aim: Improve target specificity**

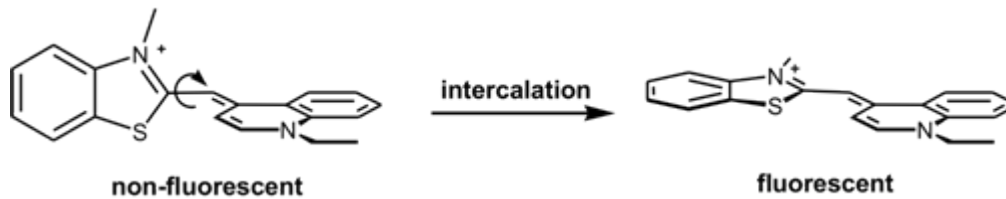
- 1) improve hybridization selectivity of probes
- 2) add another sequence discriminating event

# FIT probes



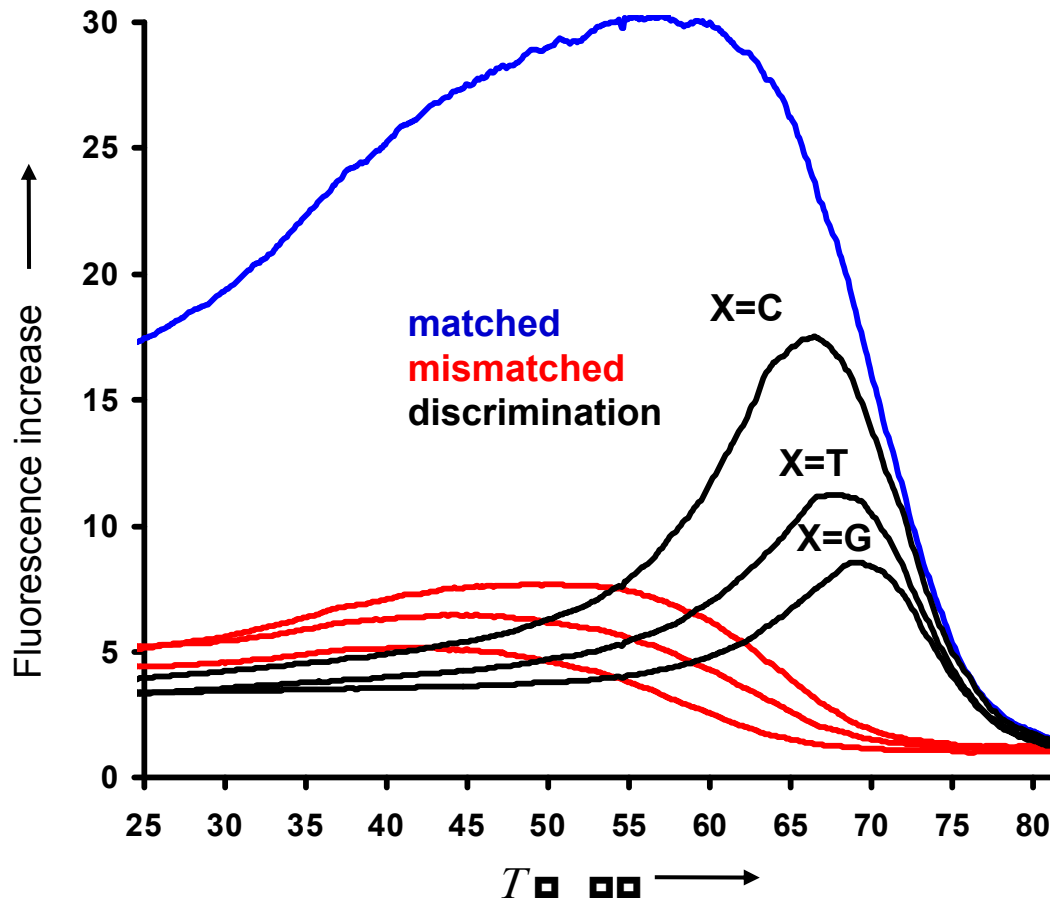
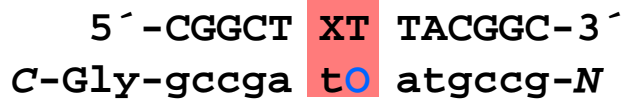
**Forced intercalation (FIT):**

**fluorescent dye serves as base surrogate  
responds to perturbations**

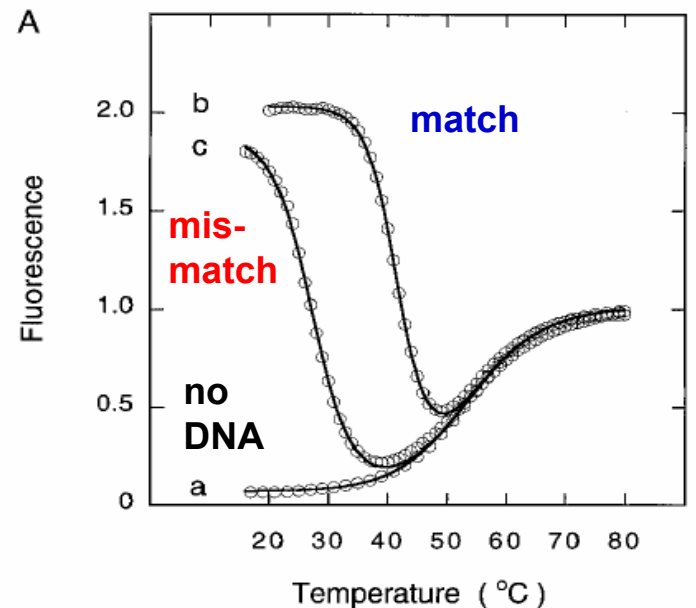
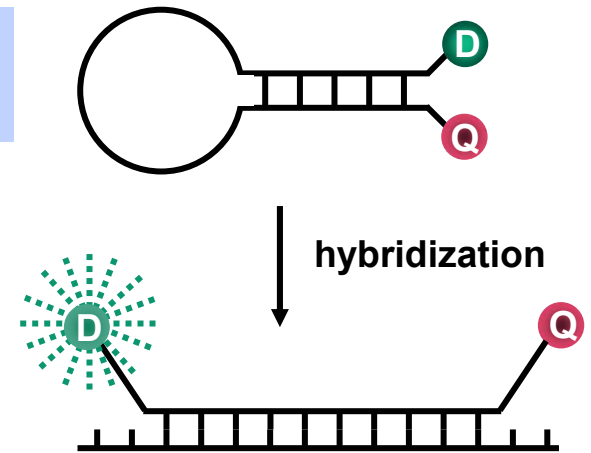


# Temperature dependence of fluorescence increase

## FIT PNA



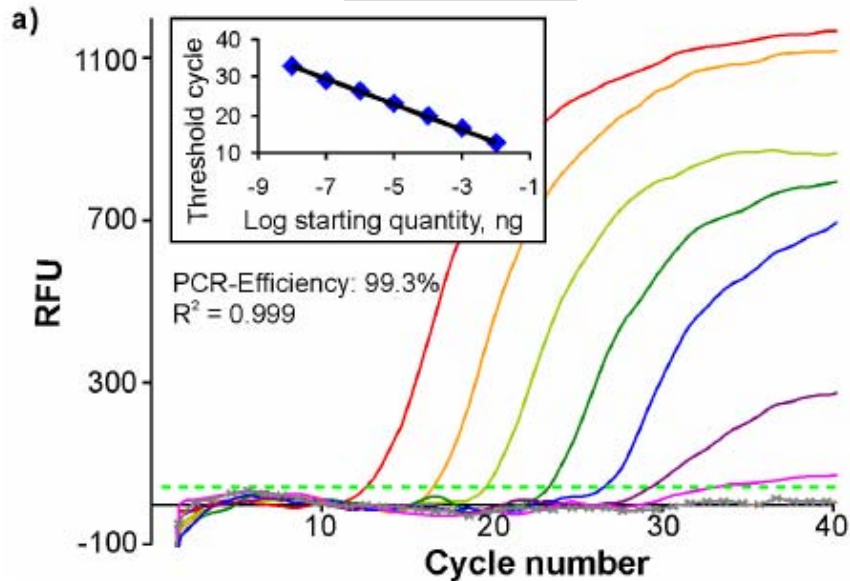
## Molecular Beacon



# Detection of Her2-neu

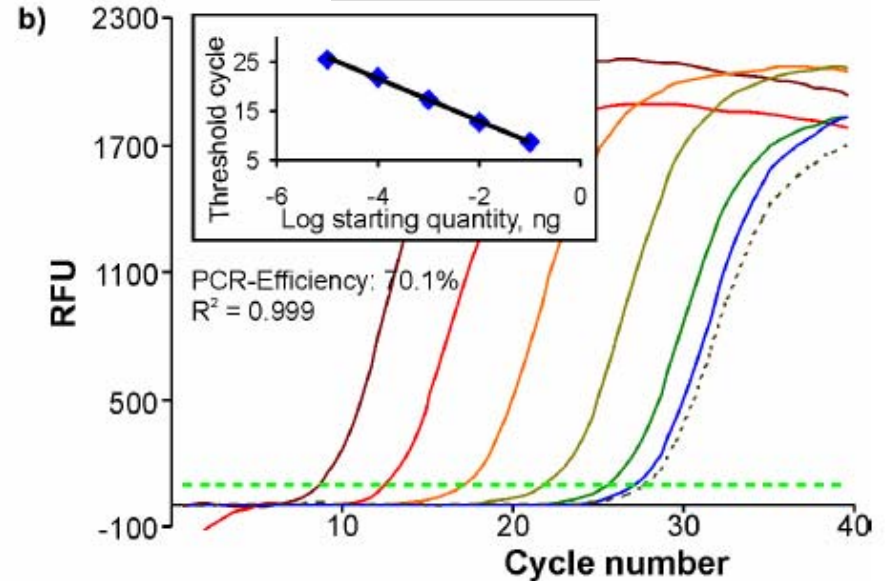
FIT probe:  $\text{AcNHgtactg Orn( TO) aagcct-Gly}^{\text{CONH}_2}$   
target DNA :  $3' \text{-CATGAC T TTCGGA- } 5'$

**FIT probe**



**Linear range:** 7 orders of magnitude  
**Sensitivity:**  $10^2$  copies

**SYBR-Gold**



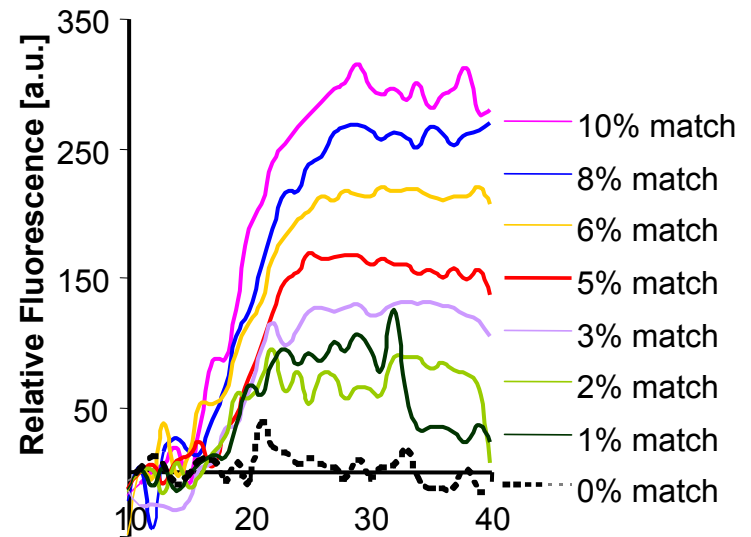
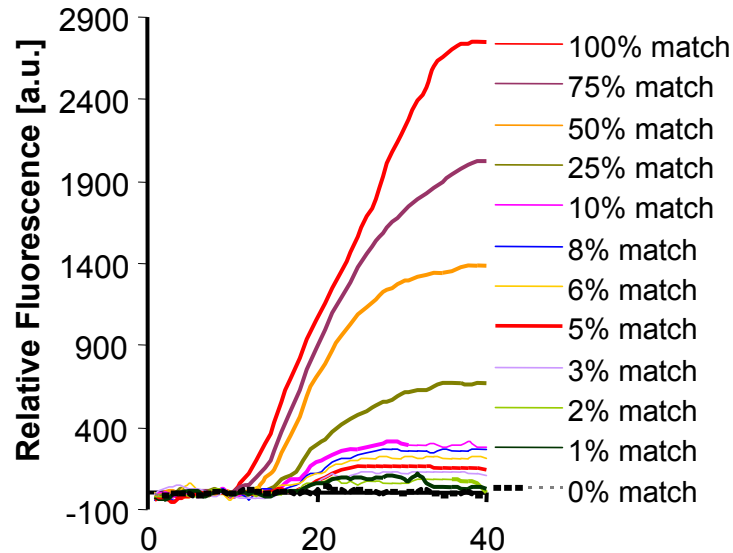
**Linear range:** 5 orders of magnitude  
**Sensitivity:**  $10^5$  copies

**Improved sensitivity compared to DNA-stain**



# Single base mutation analysis with wildtype background

Probe:  $^{Ac}$ gccgta**TO**atagccg; target: 3'---CGGCATTT/AATCGGC---5'



**FIT Probes: High sequence specificity**

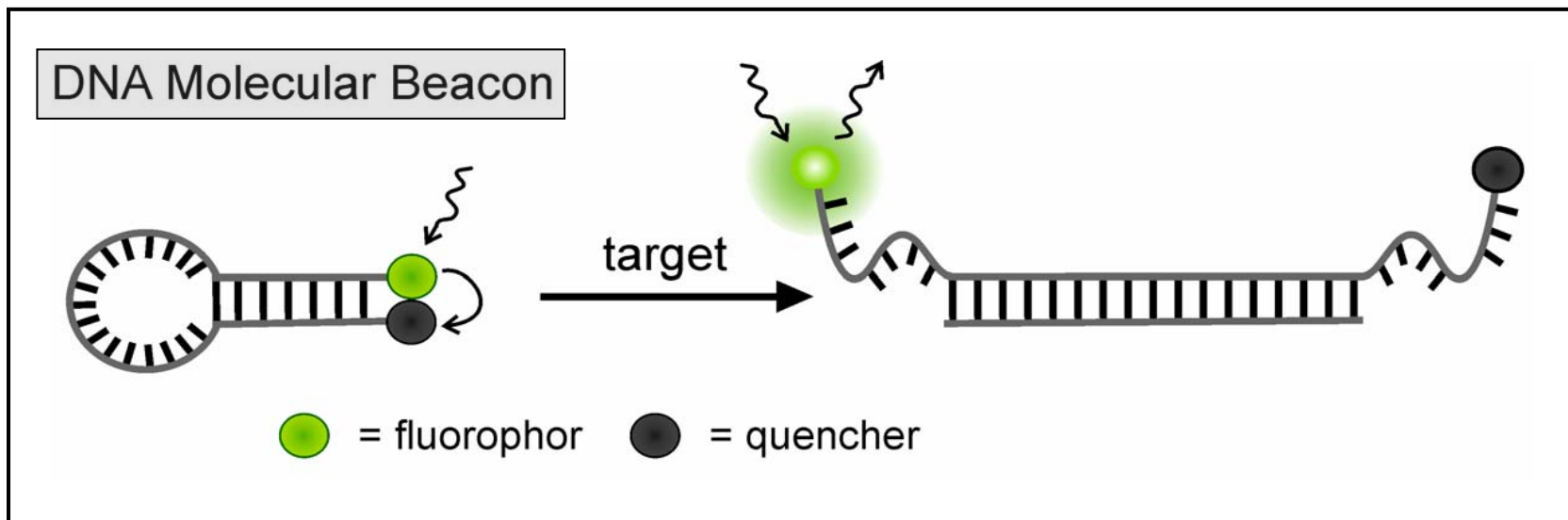
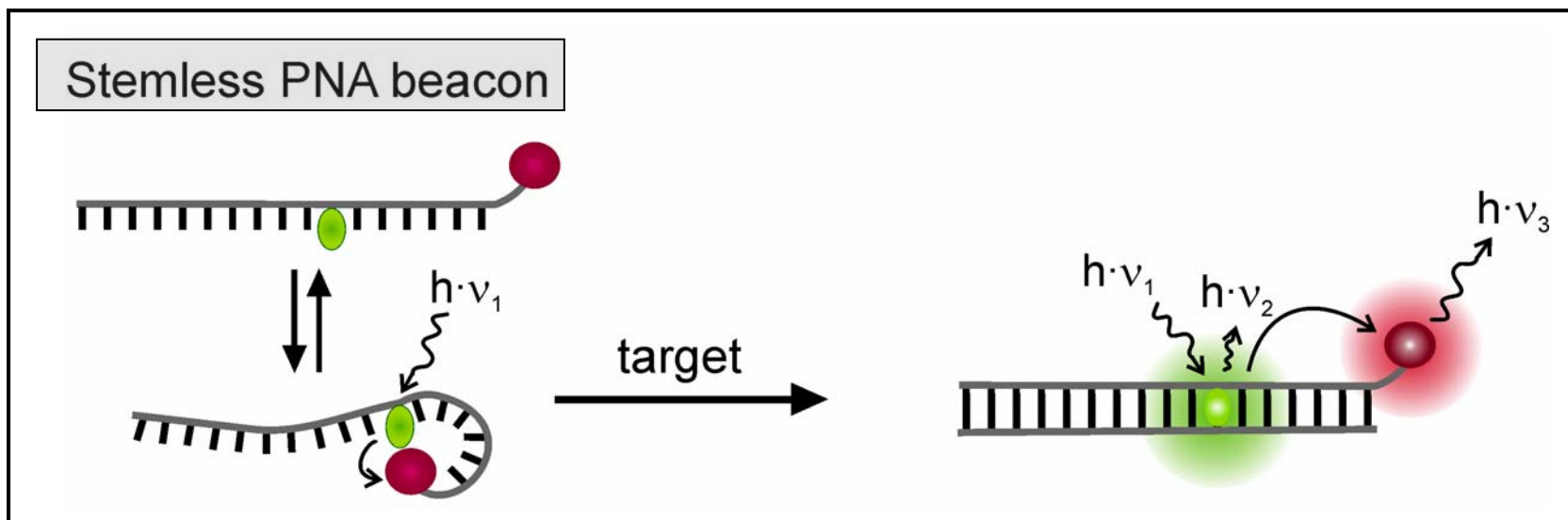
$$(F_{ma} - F_0) / (F_{mi} - F_0) \leq 10 \text{ at non-stringent conditions}$$

$$(F_{ma} - F_0) / (F_{mi} - F_0) \leq 200 \text{ at stringent conditions}$$

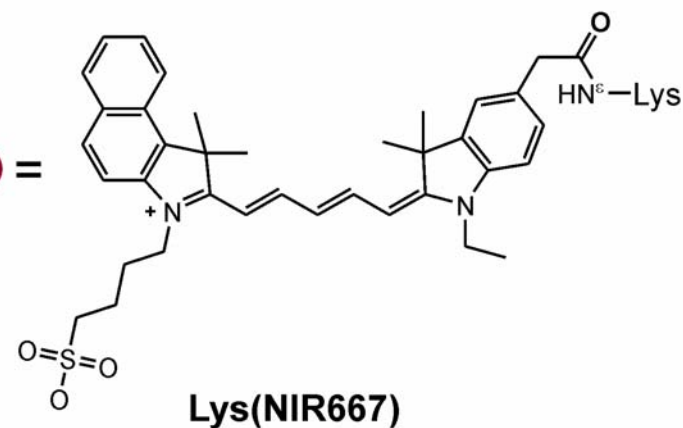
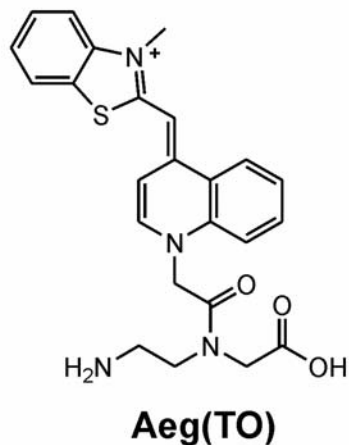
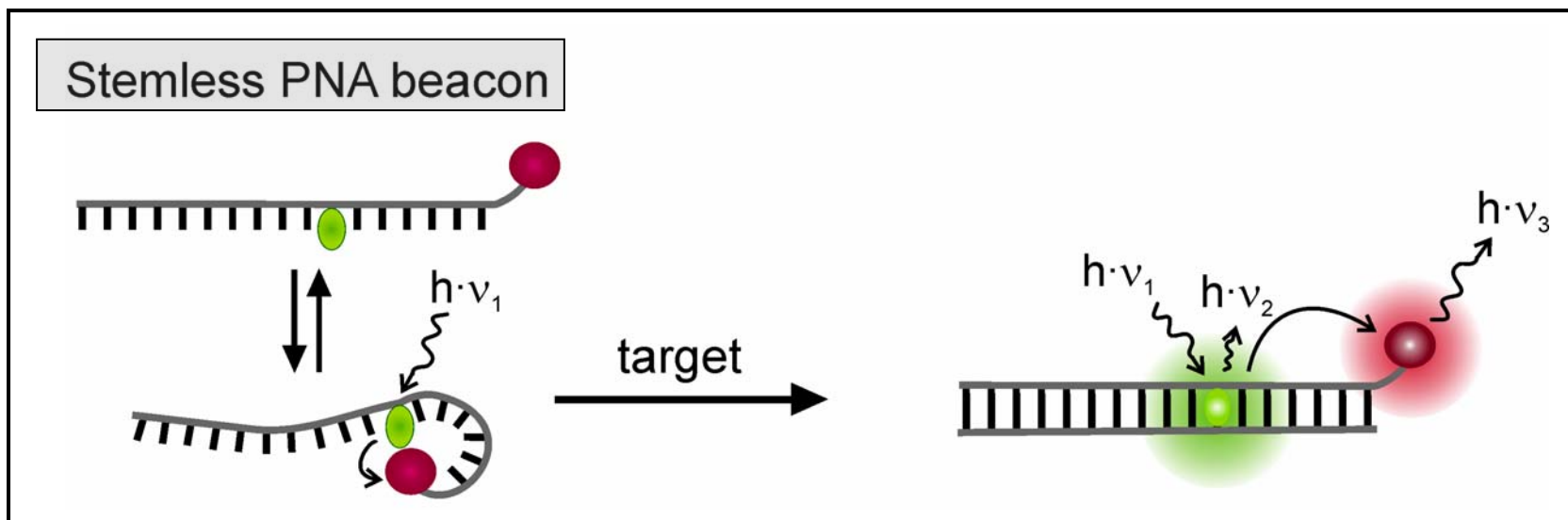
**High dynamic range of fluorescence signaling**

$$F_{ma} / F_0 \leq 30$$

# Next generation: Low noise stem-less PNA beacons



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**Fluorescence**

**Single strand:**  
**Double strand:**

**low** → twisting, FRET, contact  
**high**

**low** → contact  
**high** → FRET

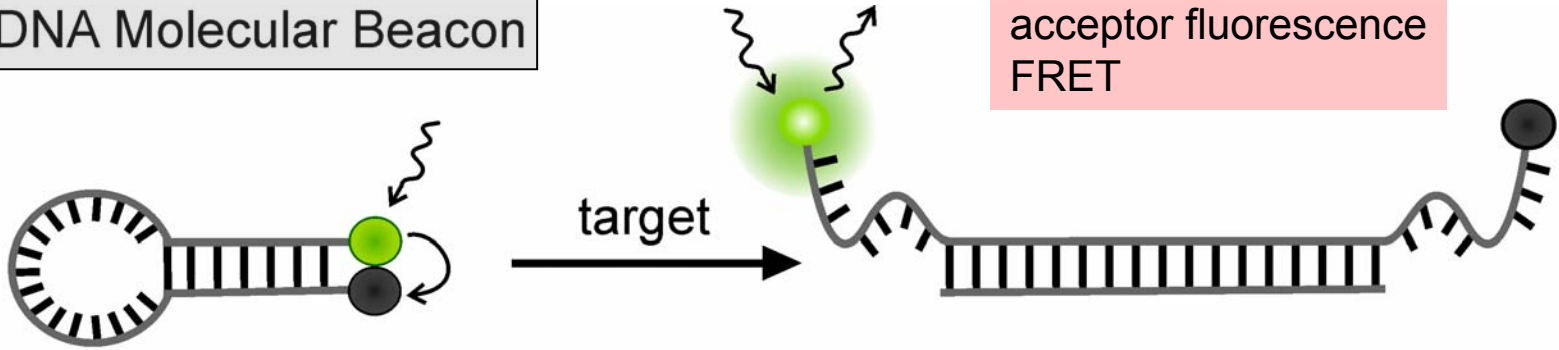
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Stemless PNA beacon



**detection modes**  
donor fluorescence  
acceptor fluorescence  
FRET

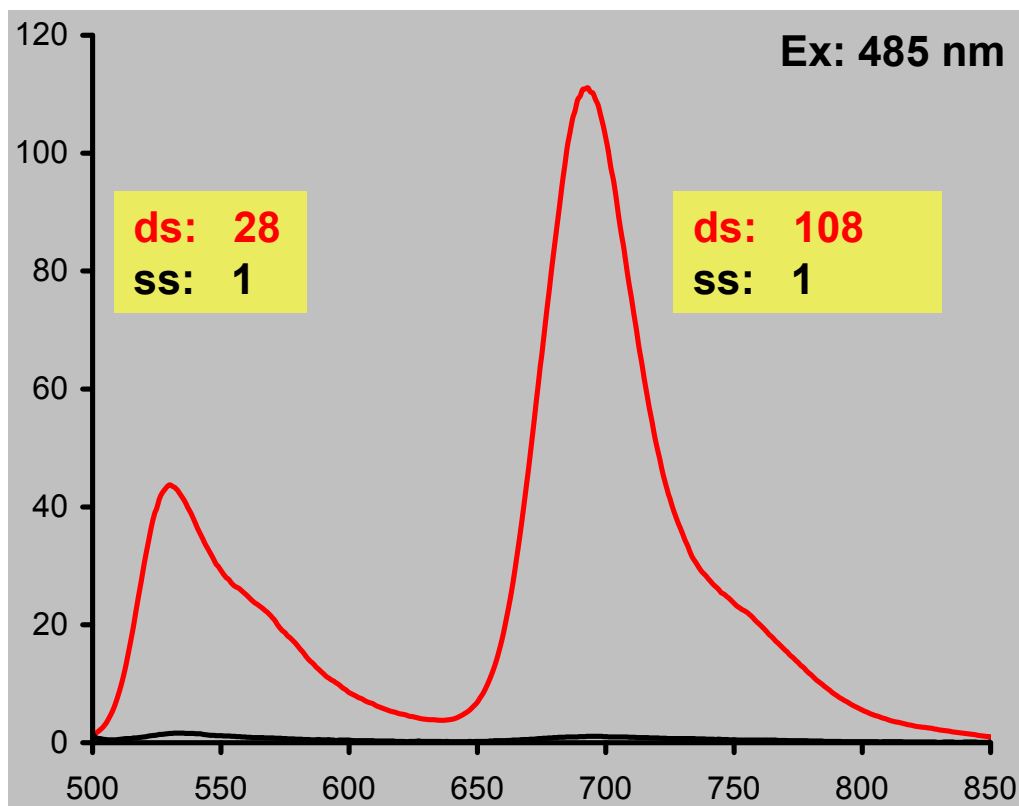
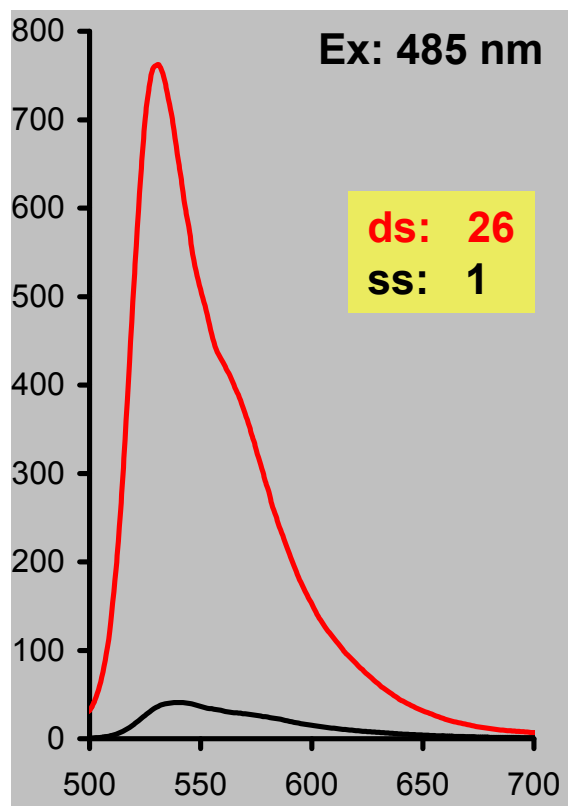
DNA Molecular Beacon



● = fluorophor    ● = quencher

**detection modes**  
donor fluorescence

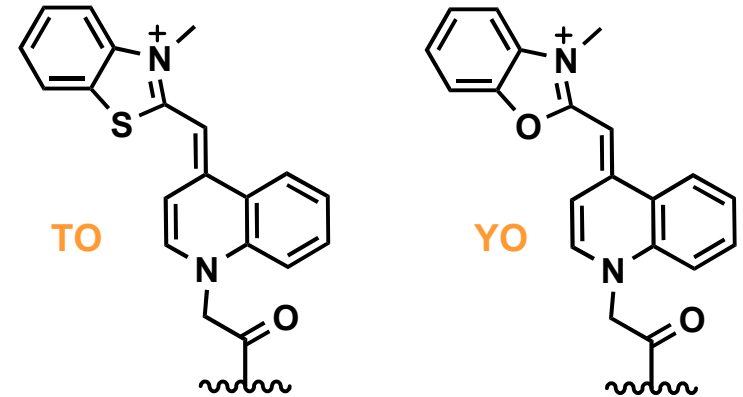
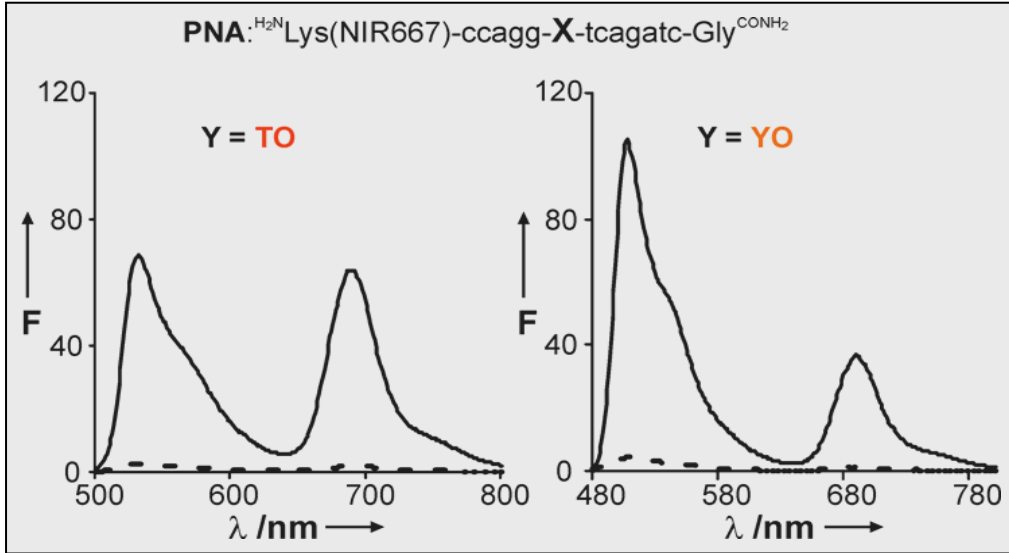
# Stem-less PNA beacons provide for high sensitivity



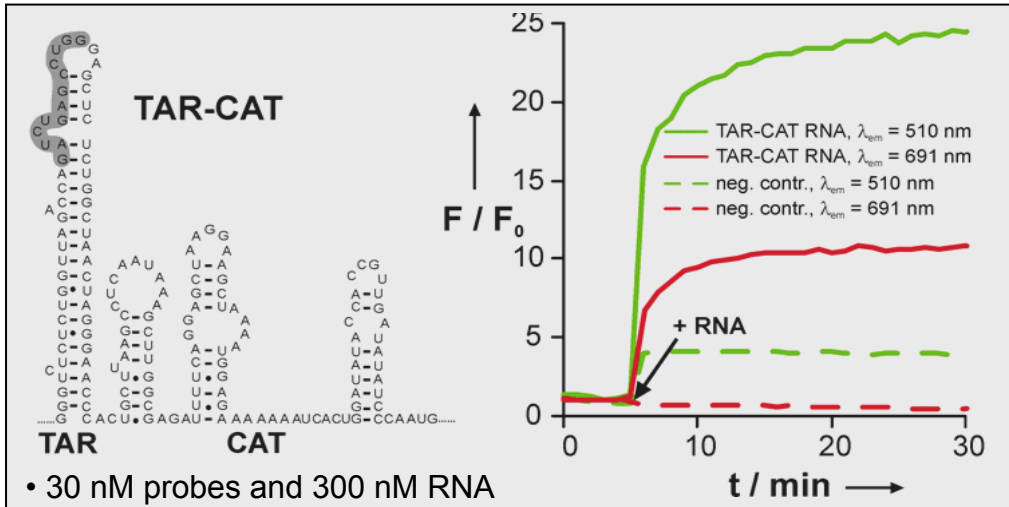
# RNA Detection

## Short synthetic RNA

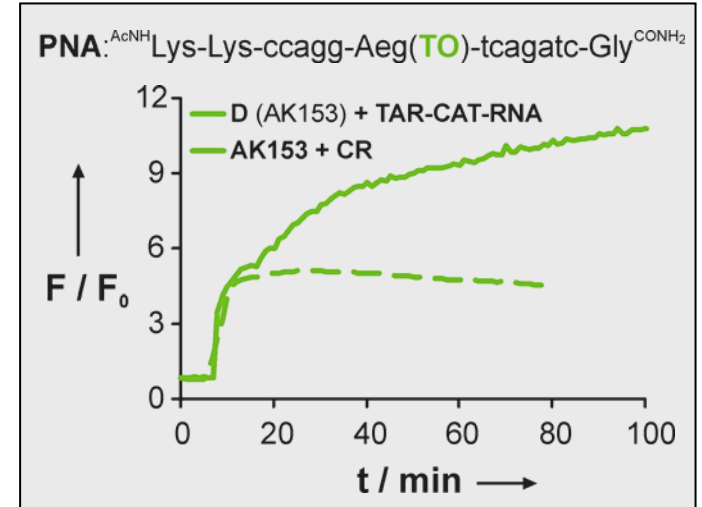
• 1  $\mu\text{M}$  probes and 2  $\mu\text{M}$  RNA



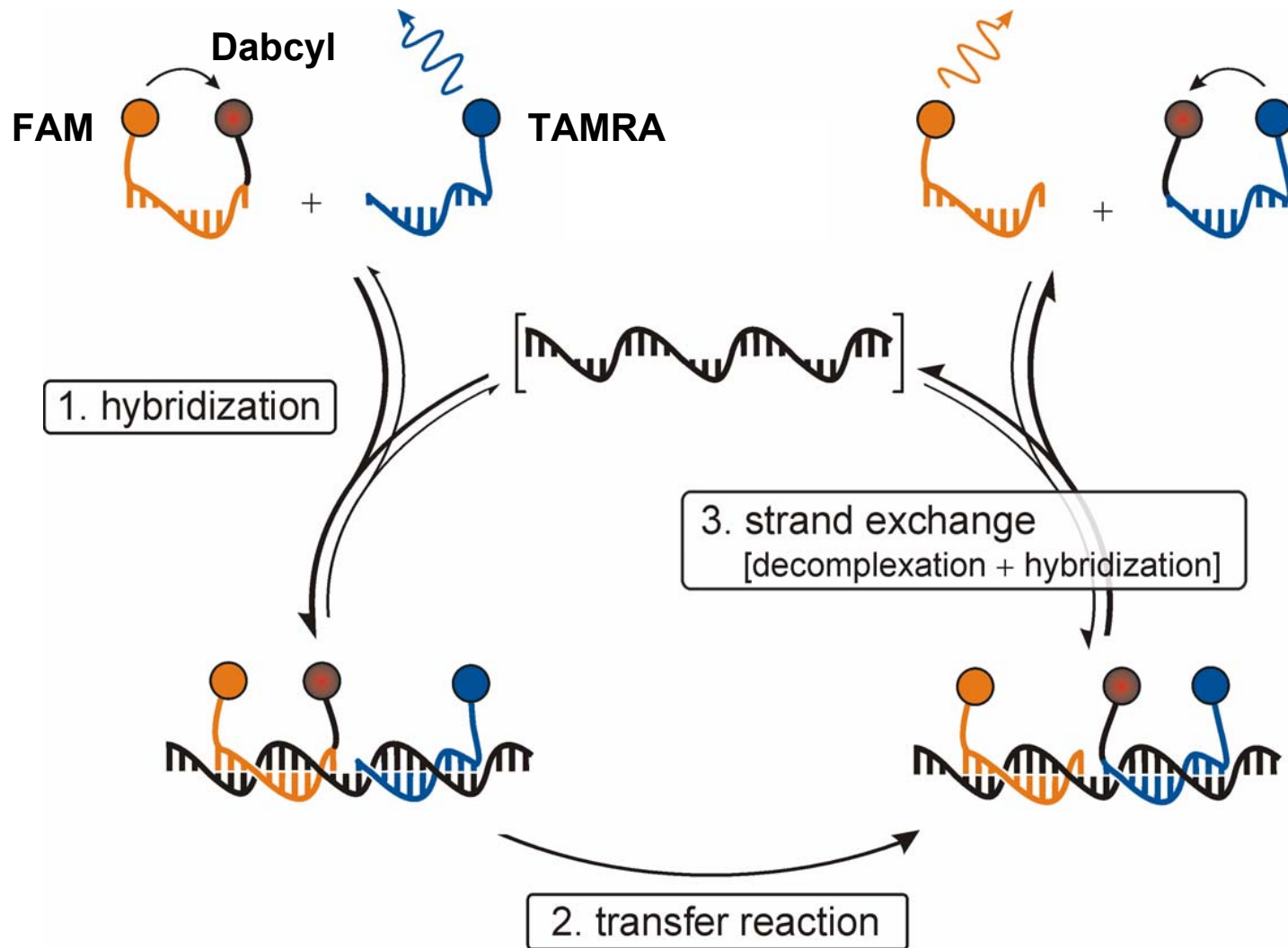
## In vitro transcribed 650 nt RNA



## Compared to FIT-probe



# DNA-catalyzed transfer



# The chemistry

Transfer:

Entropy

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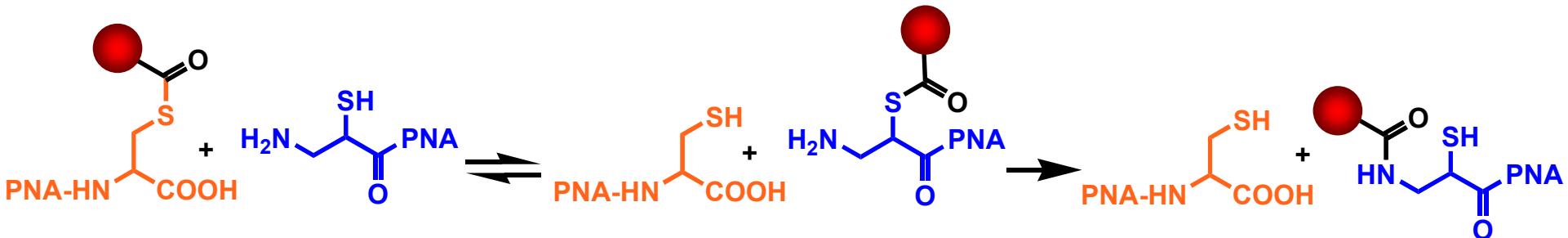


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Affinity

$T_M = 38^\circ\text{C}$

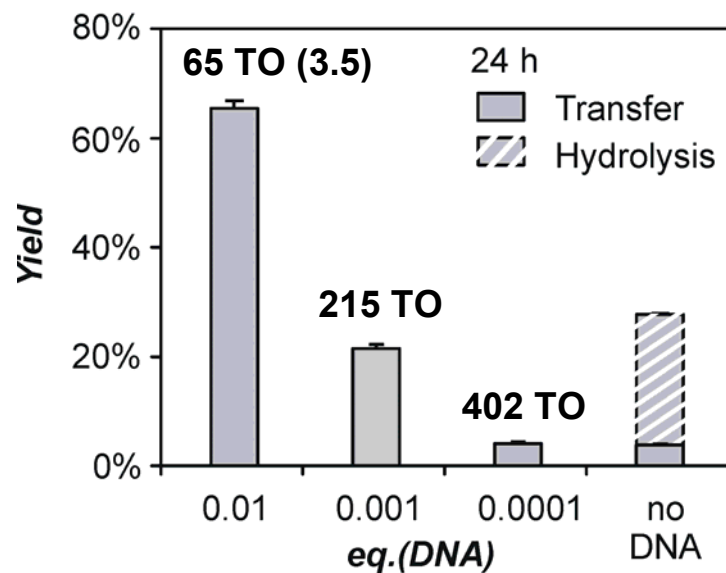
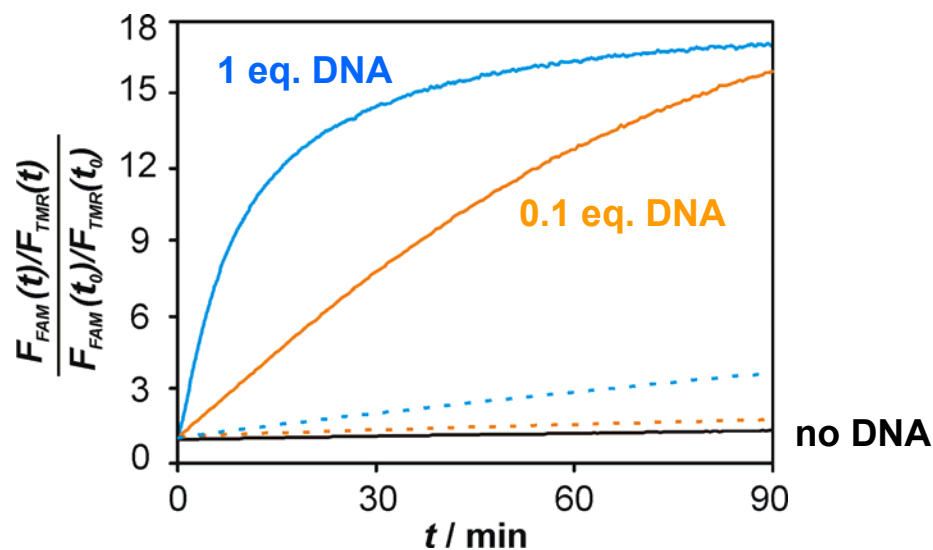
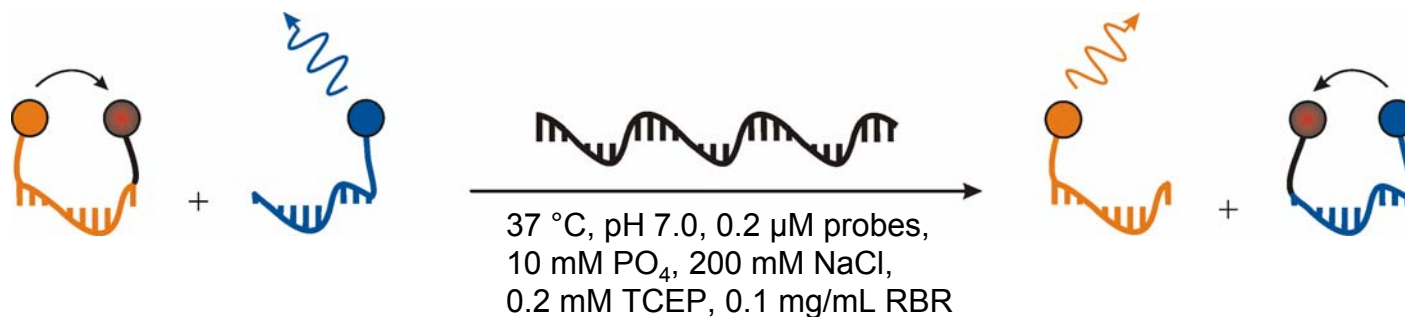
$T_M = 38^\circ\text{C} ?$



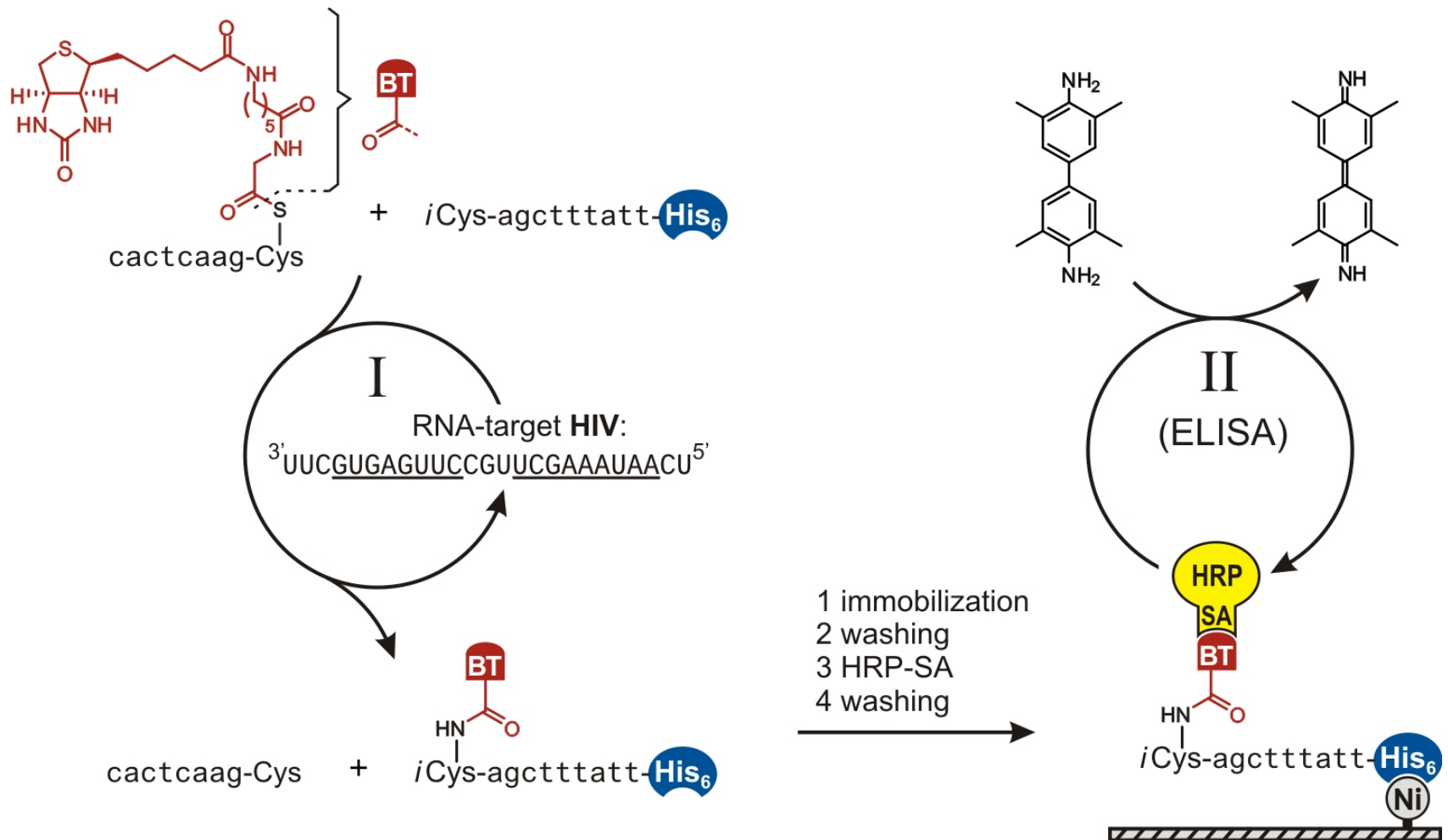
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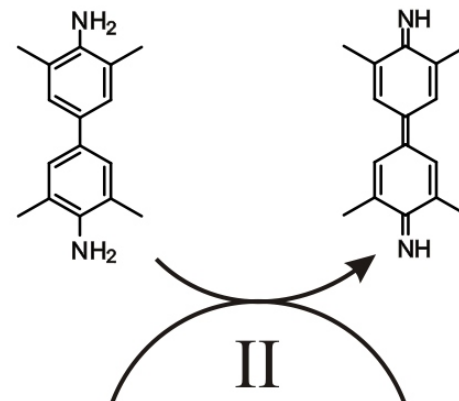
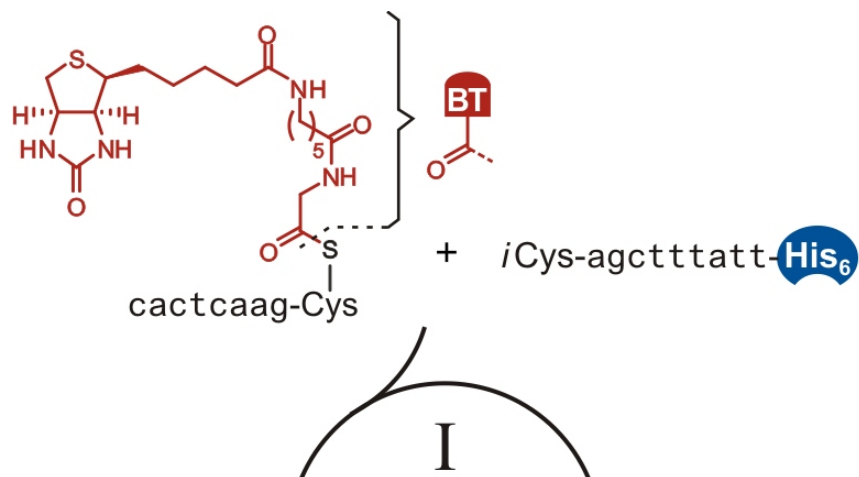
# DNA-catalyzed transfer



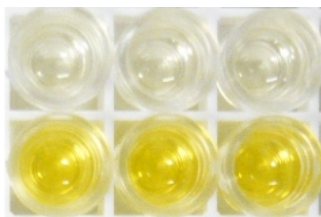
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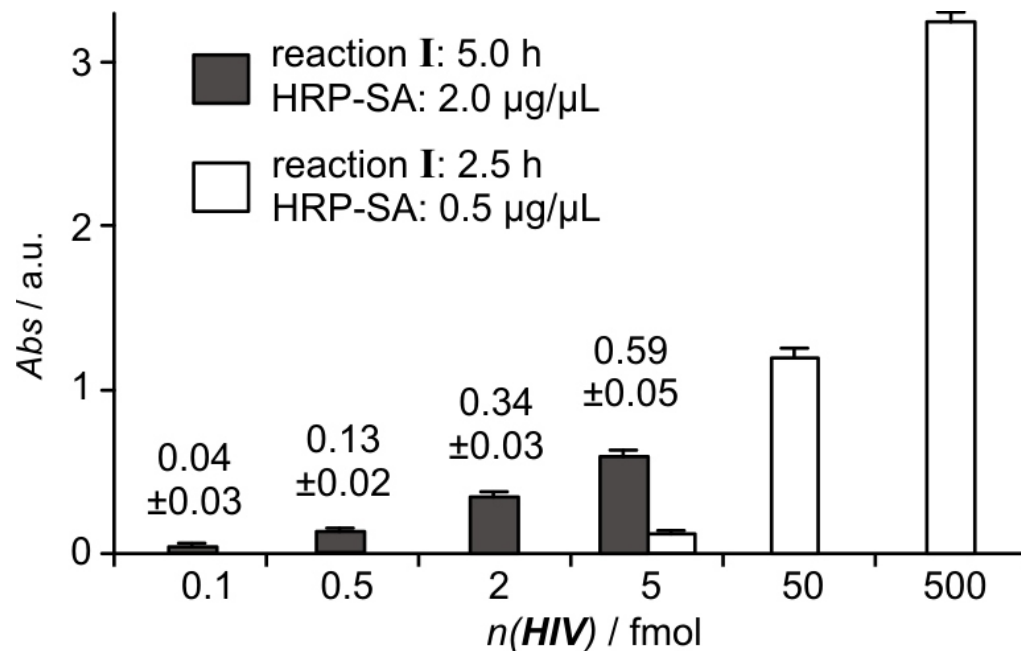


after addition of 1M H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>:

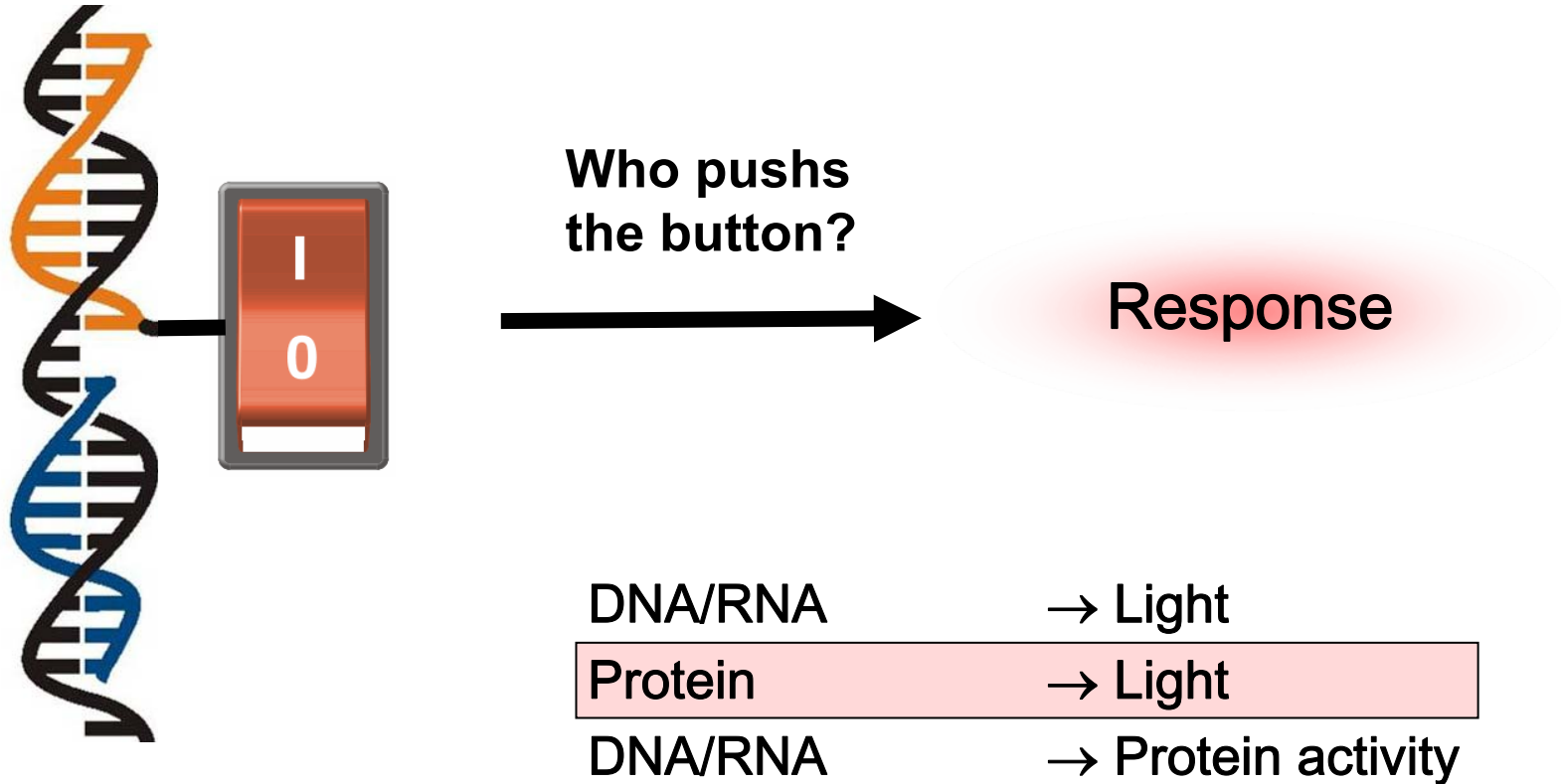


no RNA

50 fmol RNA

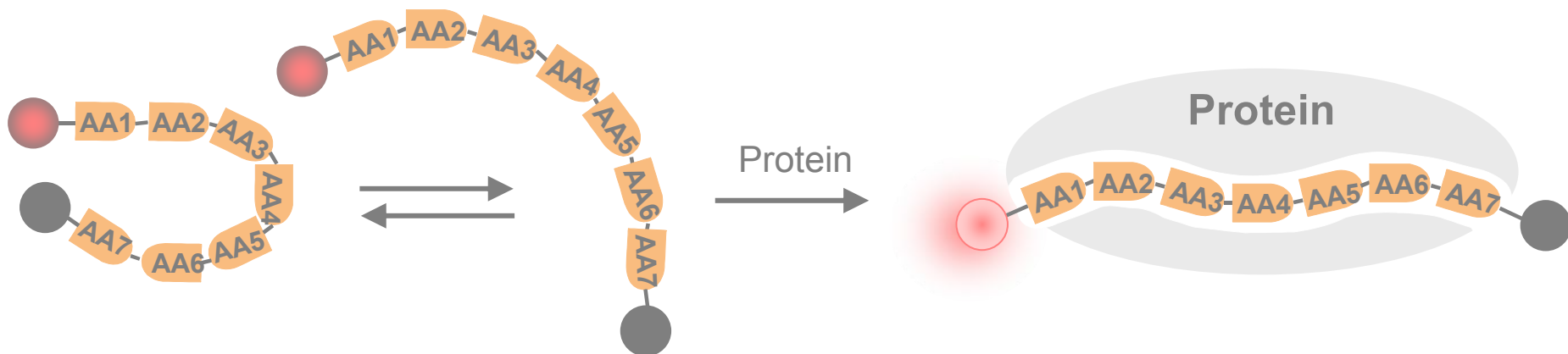


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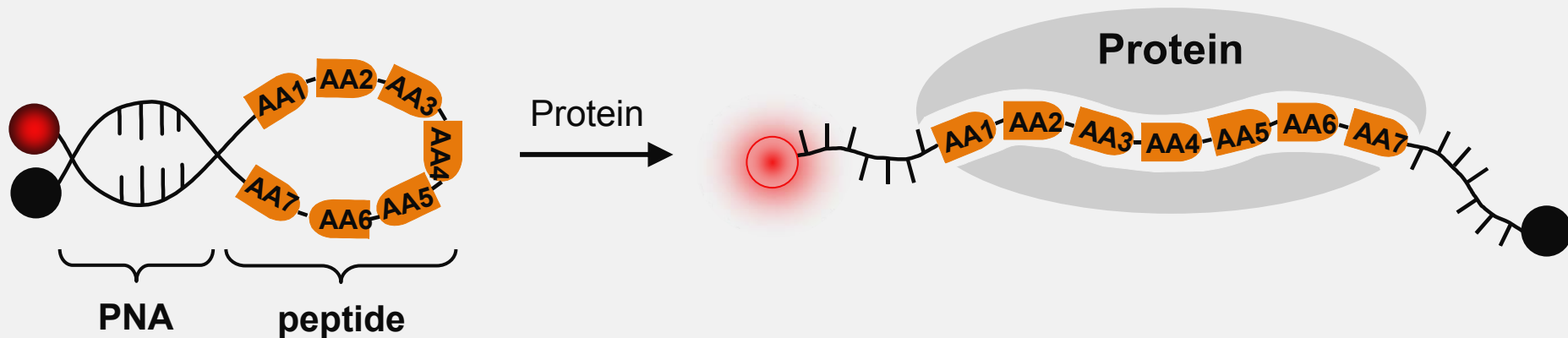


# Hairpin Peptide Beacons

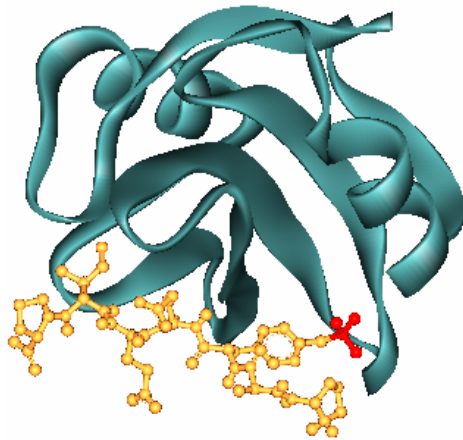
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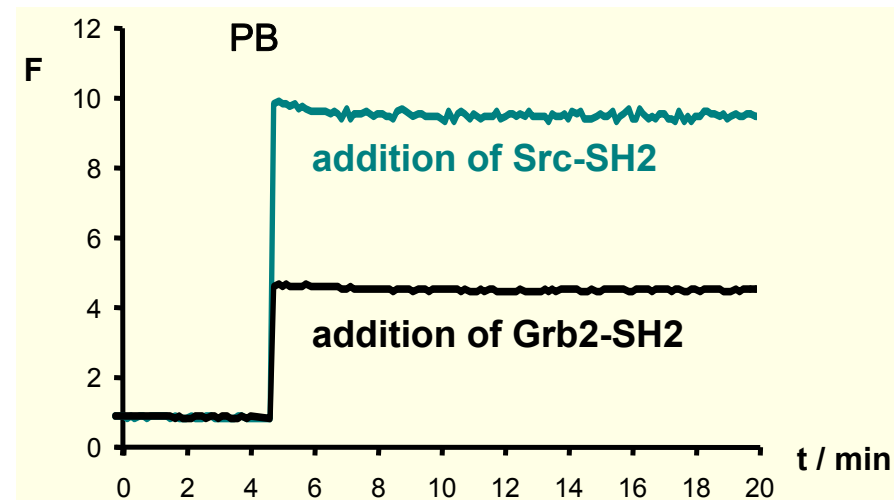
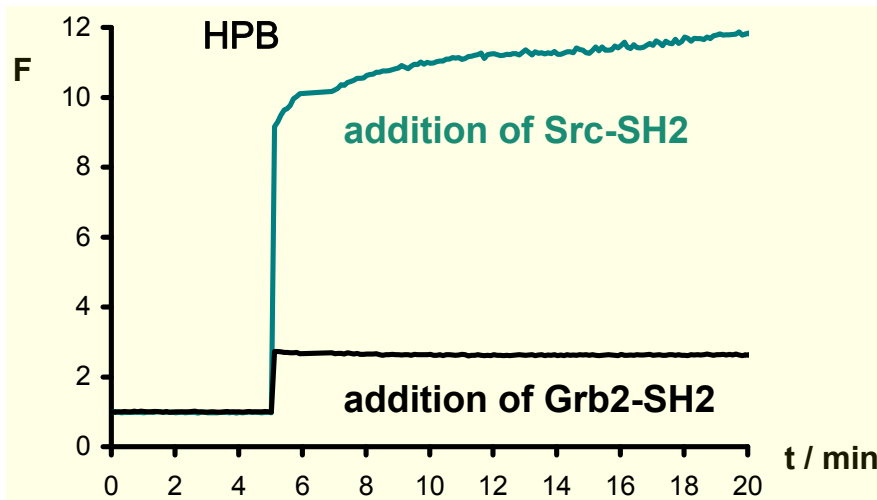
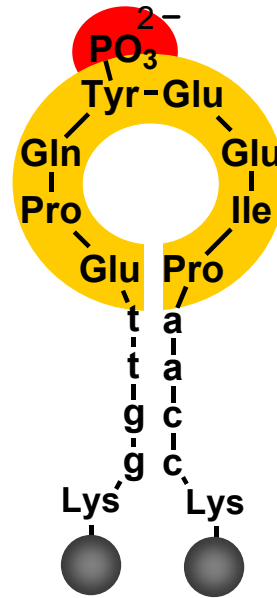


# Target: SH2 domain of Src kinase

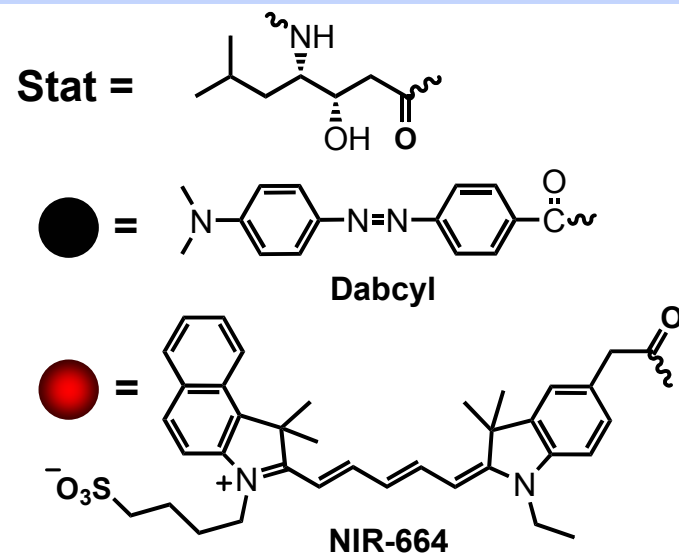
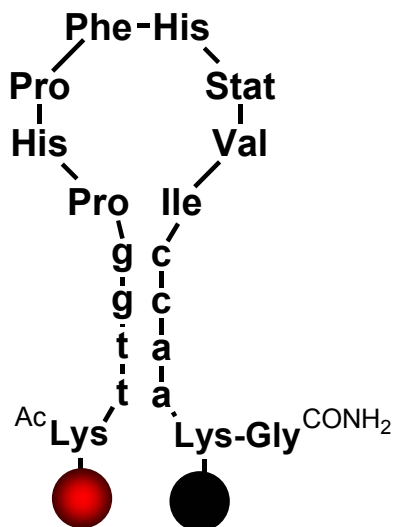
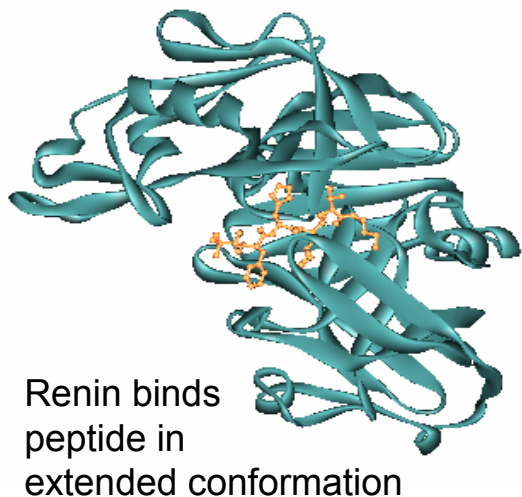


Src-SH2 binds peptide in extended conformation

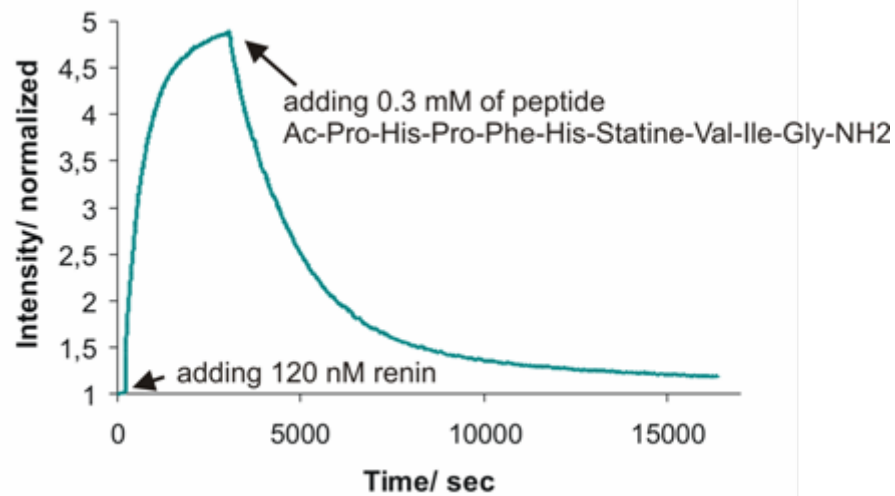
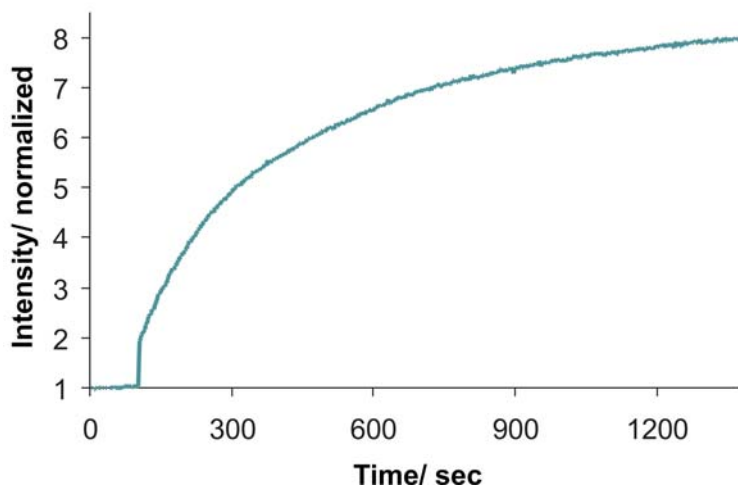
design,  
synthesis  
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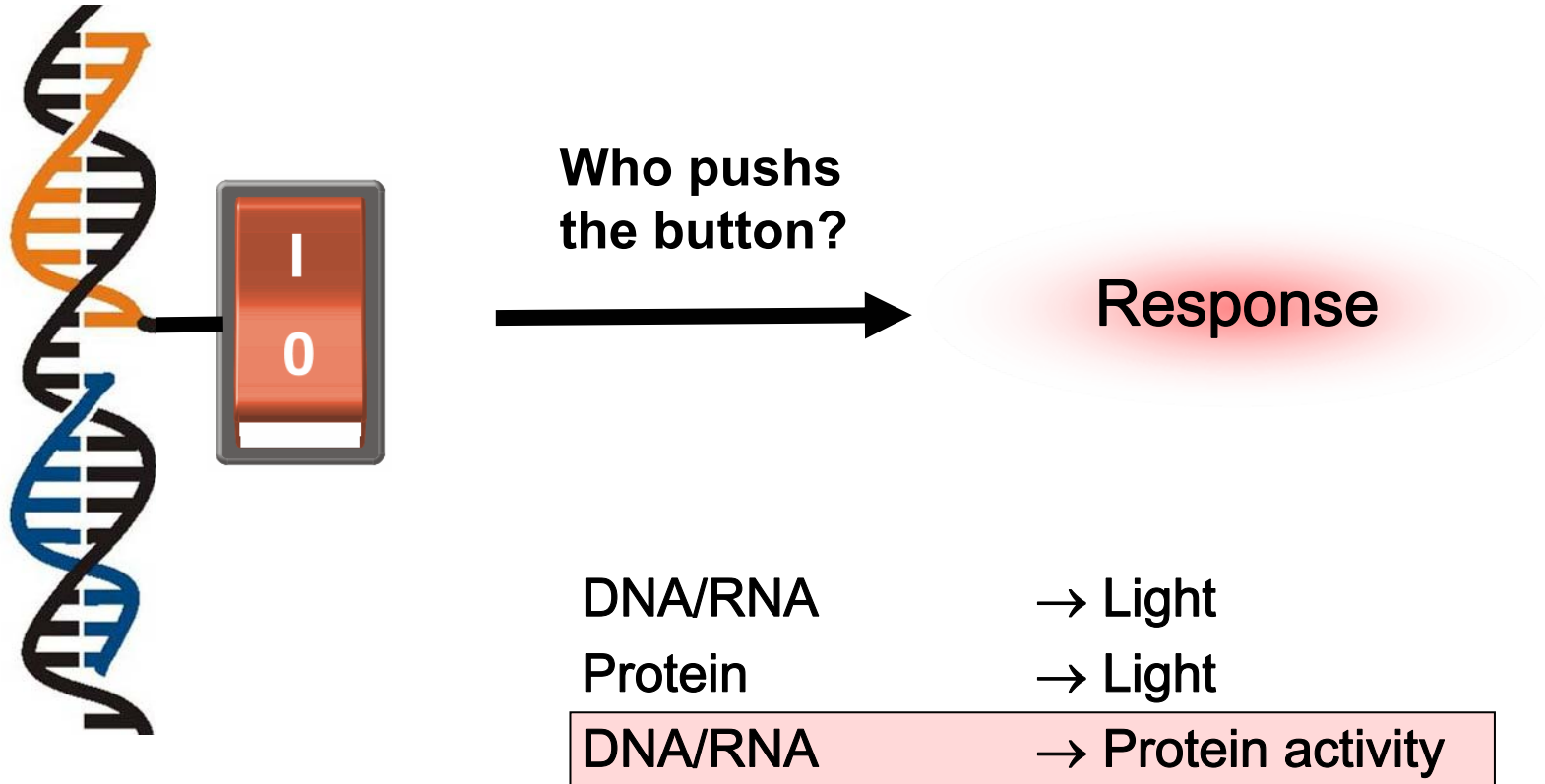
# Target: active site of protease renin



Reversible binding, not cleaved  $\Rightarrow$  increase and decrease of protein activity can be measured

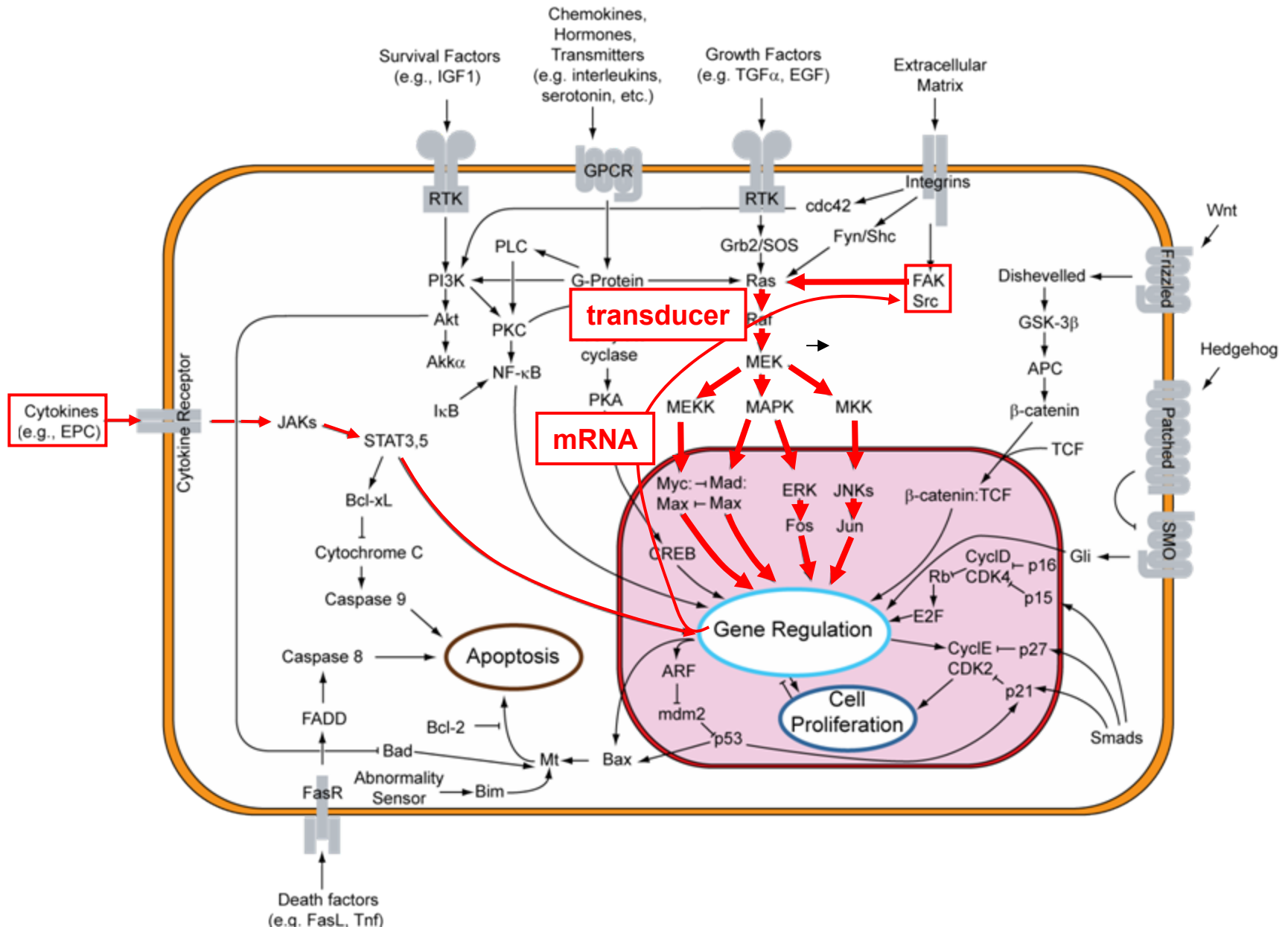


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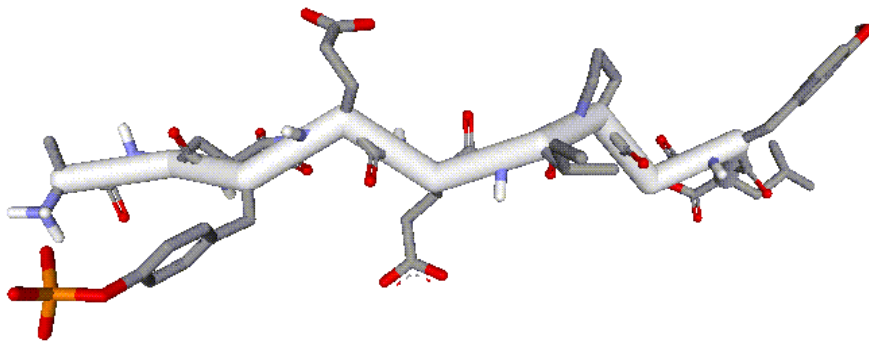


# Crosslinking signal transduction pathways

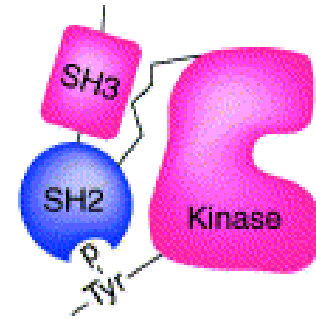


# Bioactive peptide conformation of SH2 ligands

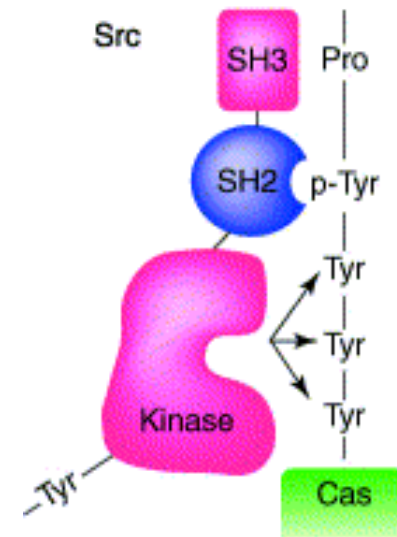
Src SH2 binds  
extended conformation



Ala-Gln-pTyr-Glu-Glu-Ile-Pro-Gly-Tyr-Leu

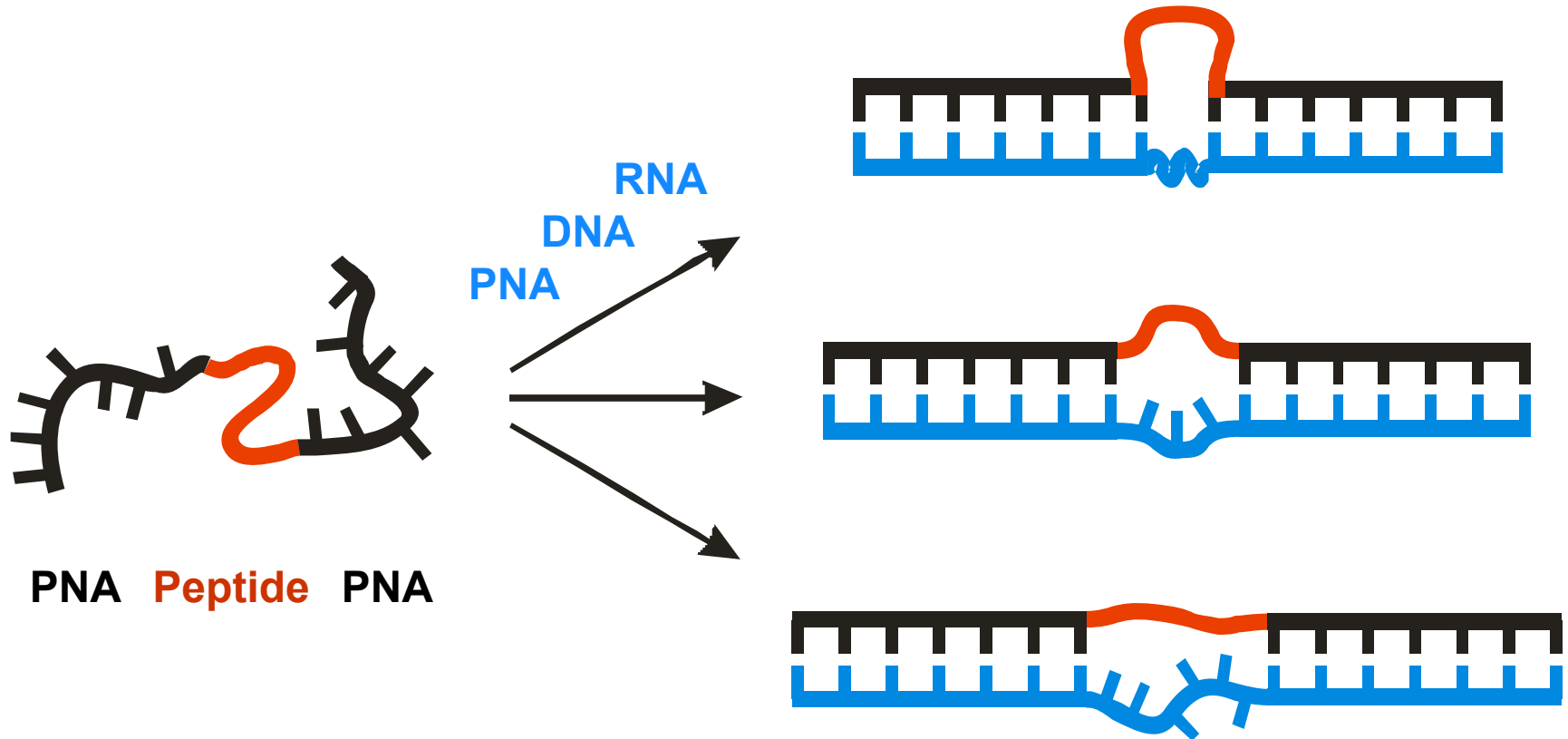


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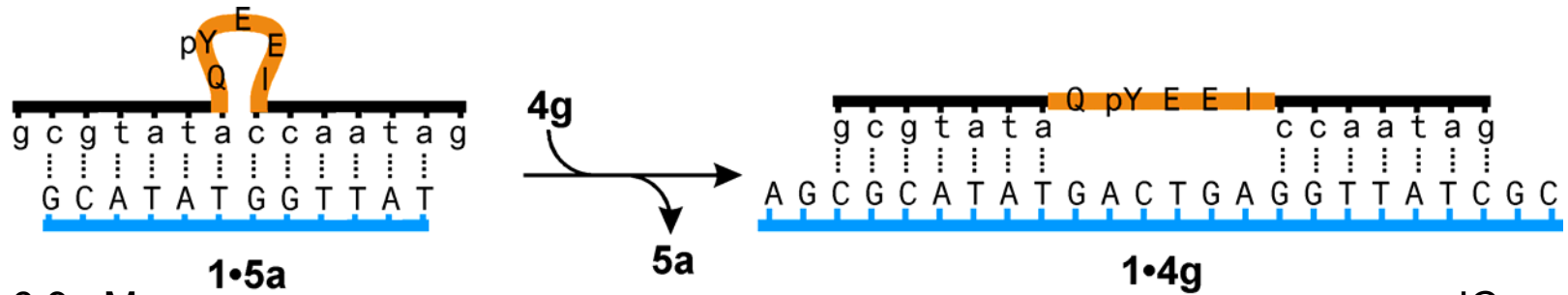


active

# Intermolecular hybridization

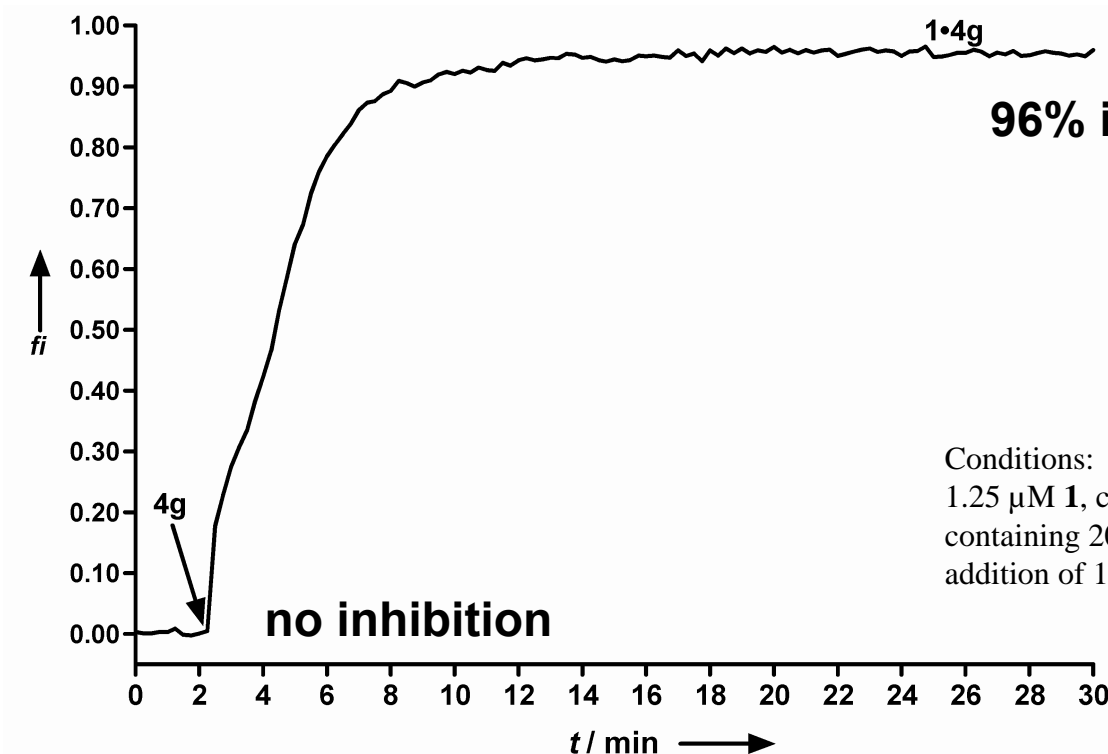


# Hybridization triggers inhibition



$IC_{50} = 6.9 \mu\text{M}$

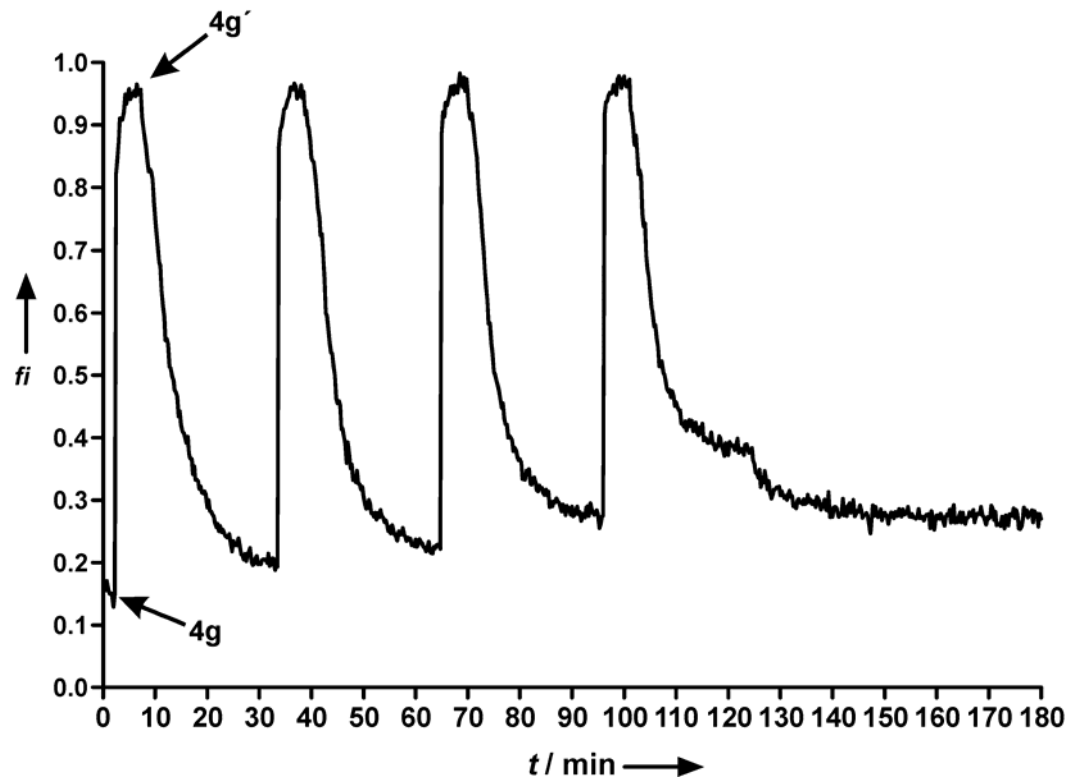
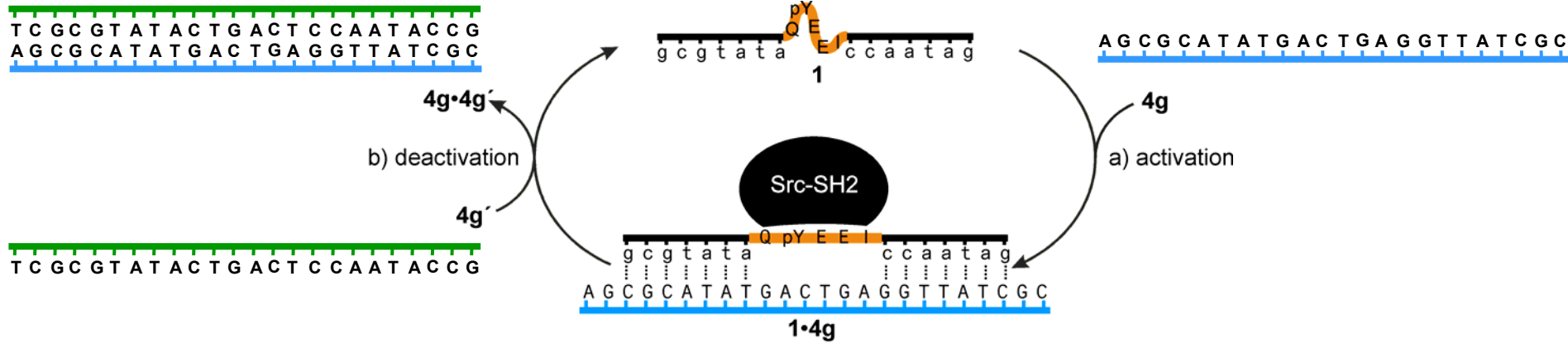
$IC_{50} = 0.5 \mu\text{M}$



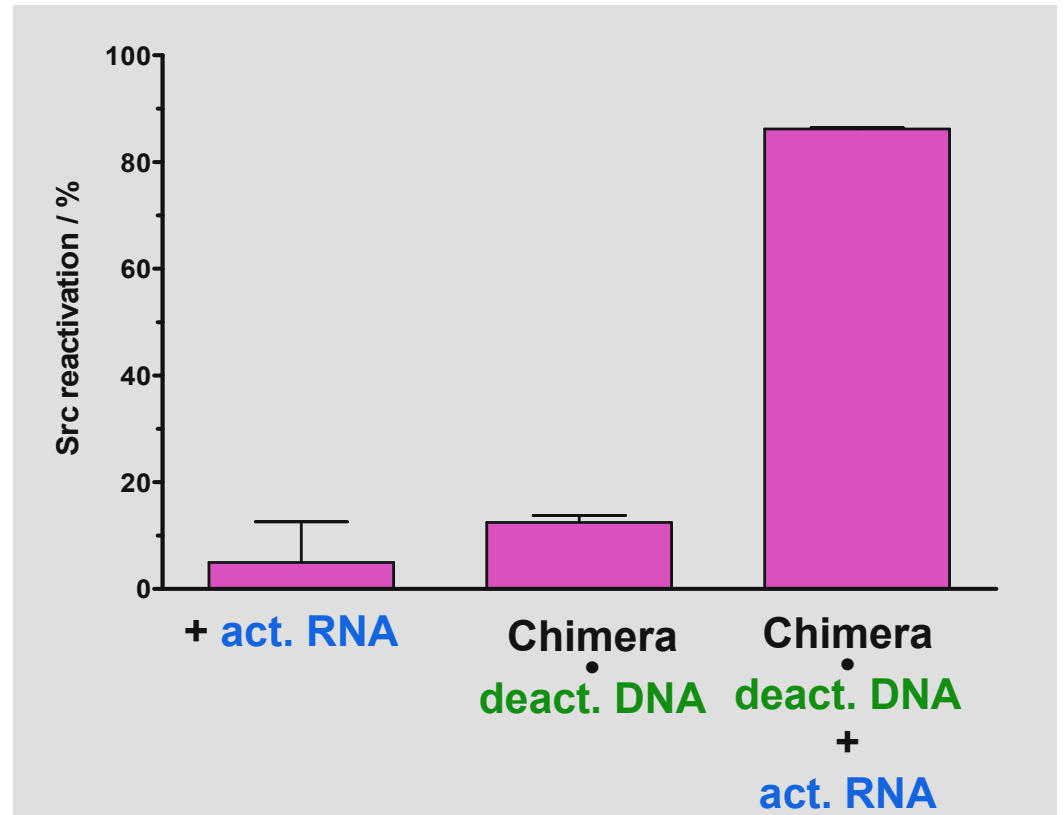
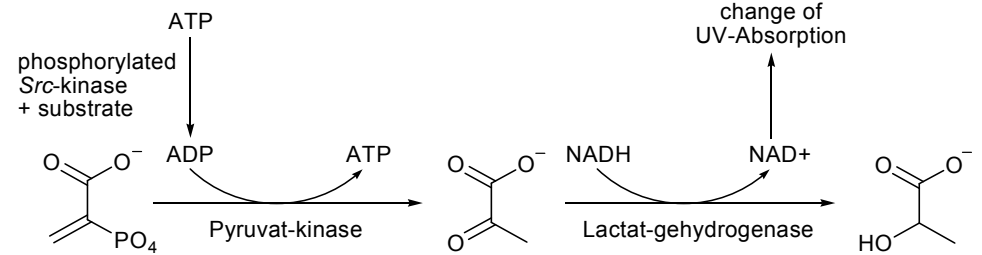
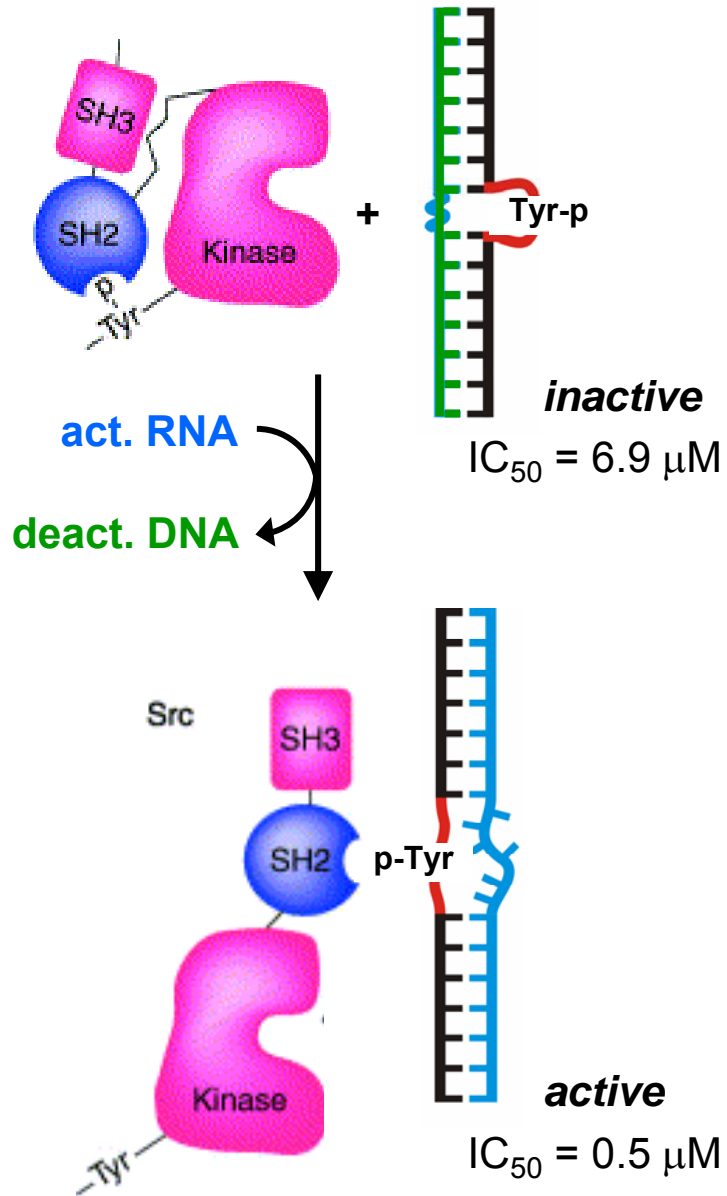
Conditions:

1.25  $\mu\text{M}$  **1**, complexed with 2  $\mu\text{M}$  **5a** in buffer containing 20 nM **6** and 700 nM GST-Src-SH2, addition of 10  $\mu\text{M}$  **4g** after 2.25 minutes.

# Repeated switching

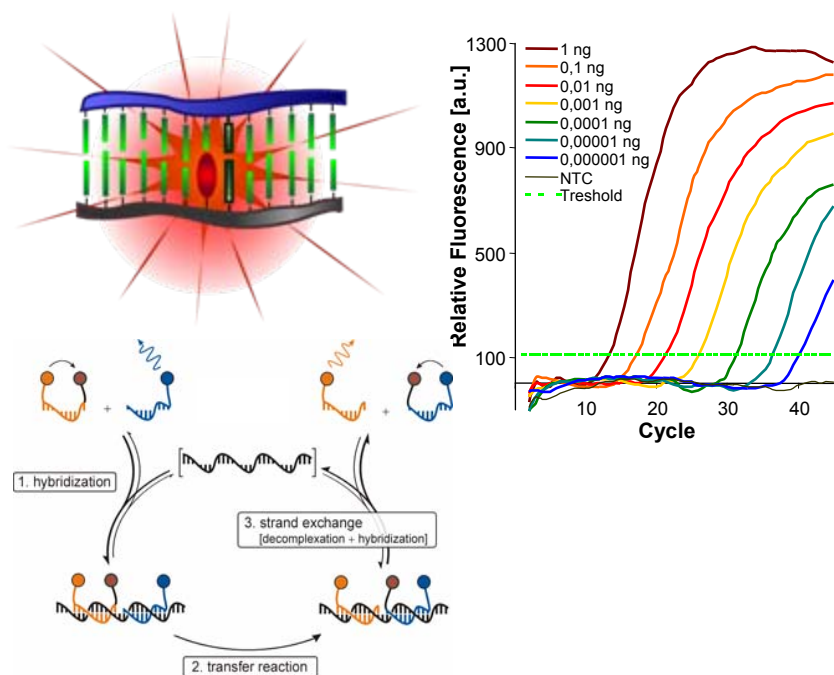


# RNA-induced activation of Src-kinase



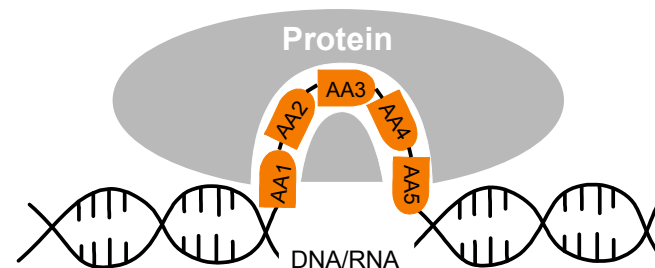
# Overview

## Nucleic acid detection



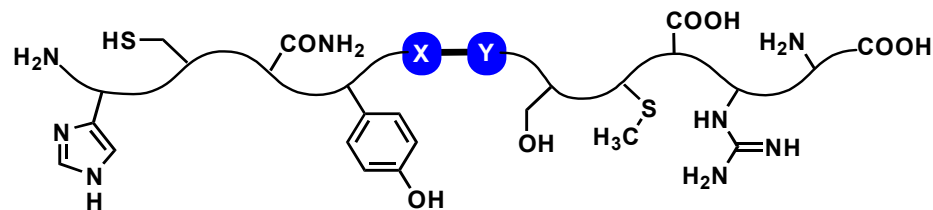
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