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Proteins interact ...

... in a transient yet specific manner to relay signals within the crowded cellular environment. In their Communication on page 11501 ff., C. Tang, W.-P. Zhang, and coworkers show that phosphorylation signaling can take place between two proteins with a binding affinity of only 25 mm and a complex lifetime in the μ s-ms range, which is an order of magnitude weaker than all known protein–protein interactions. Such ultra-weak and fleeting interactions could be prevalent among signaling proteins.

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