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Precision drugs: magic bullets against cancer?

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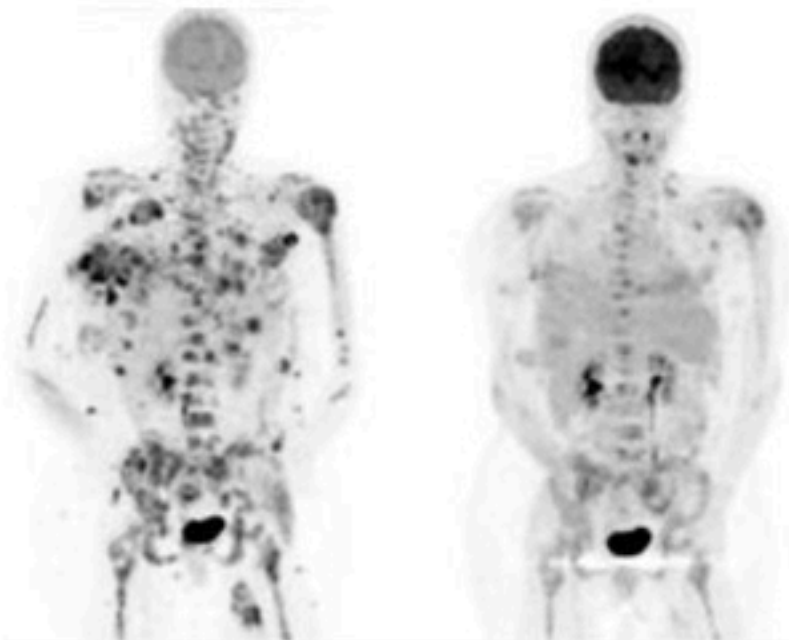
News

Rare victory in fight against melanoma

Genetically tailored approach could slow disease progress.

Heidi Ledford

Patients with advanced melanoma rarely live for more than a year after their diagnosis — a prognosis that has not improved for more than 30 years. But clinical-trial results¹ now suggest that a genetically targeted approach could slow the disease's steady march through the body, and separate research² reveals why the latest drug being tested may succeed where others failed.



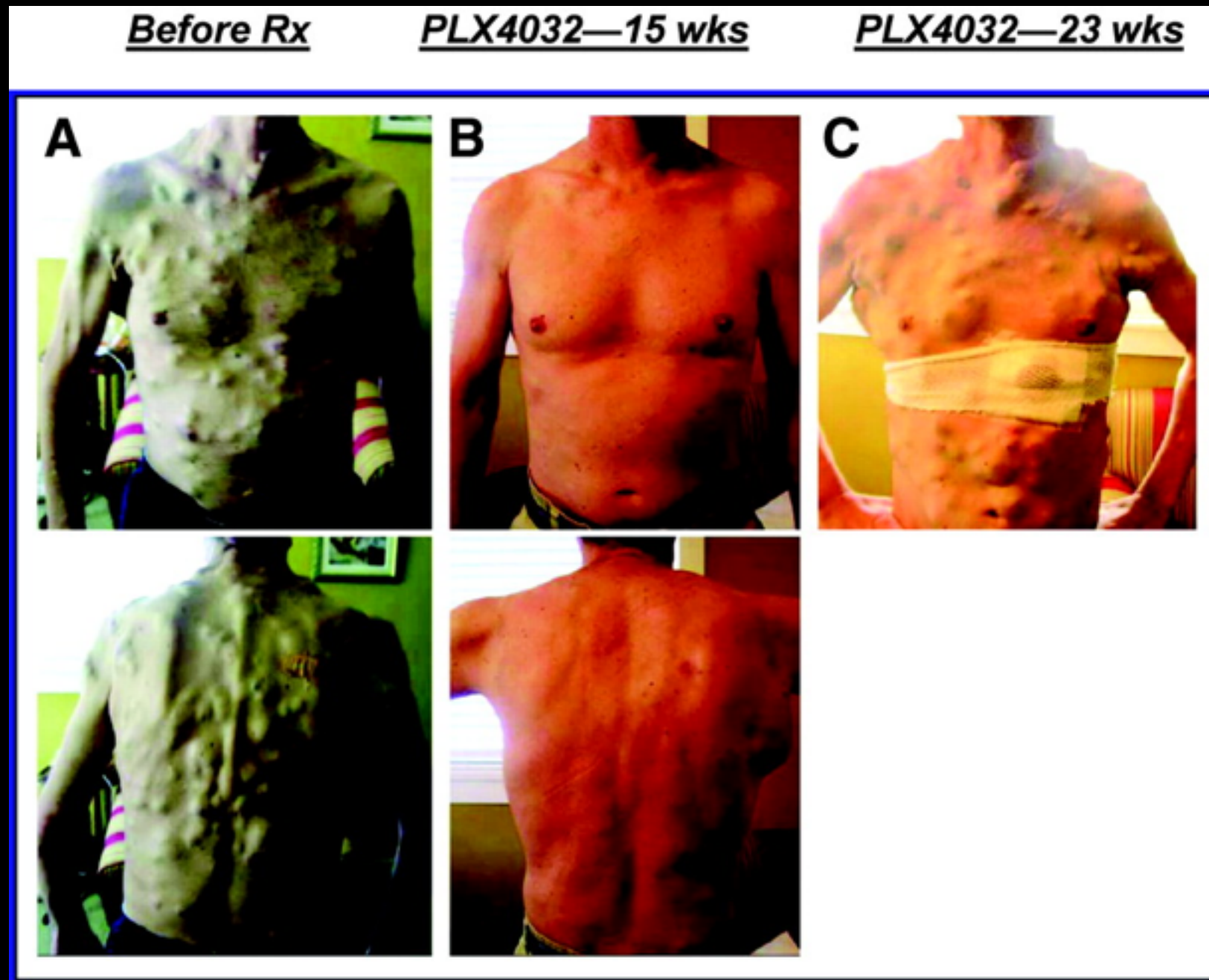
Melanoma tumours shrank after patients took PLX4032 for 2 weeks.

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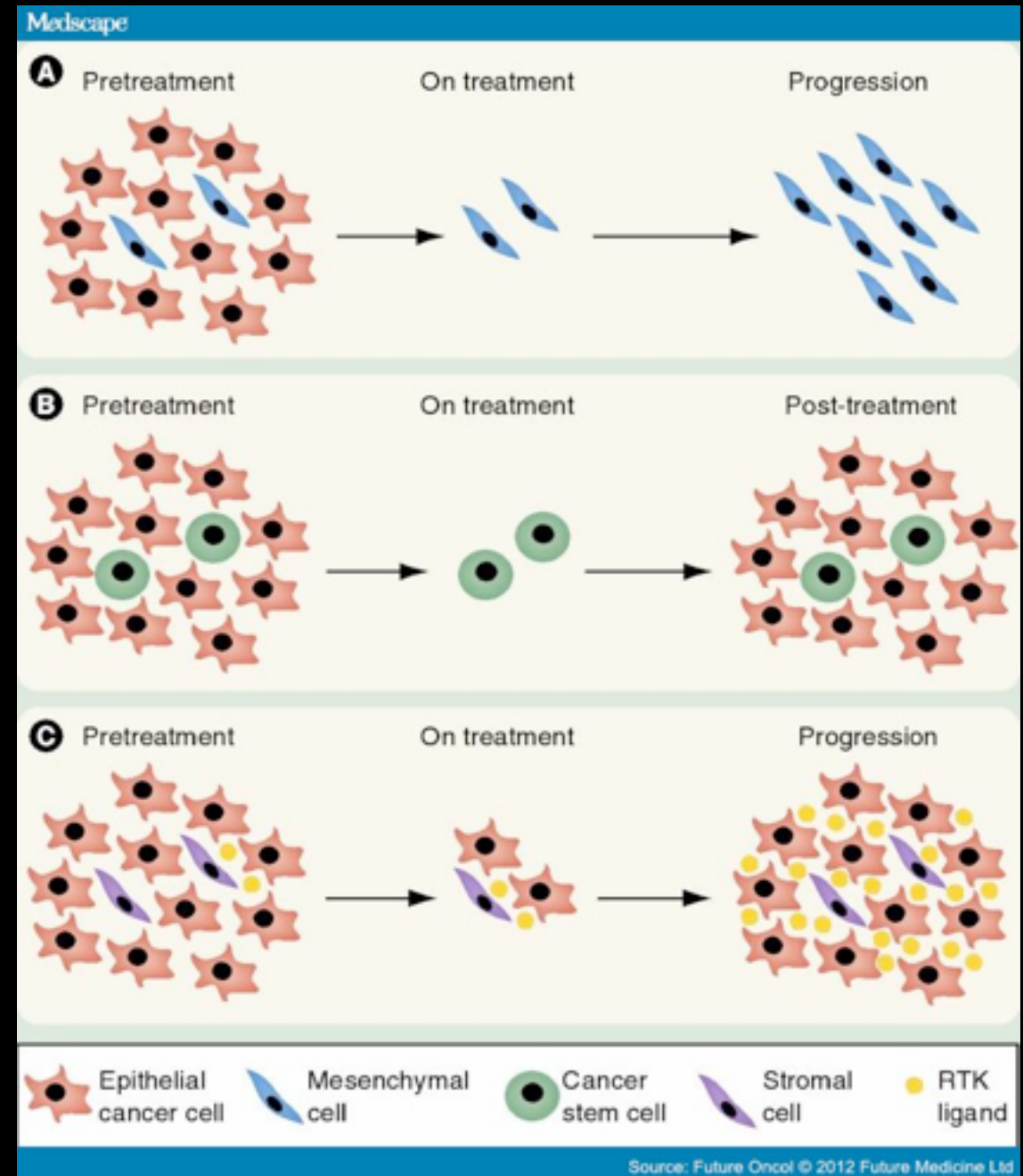
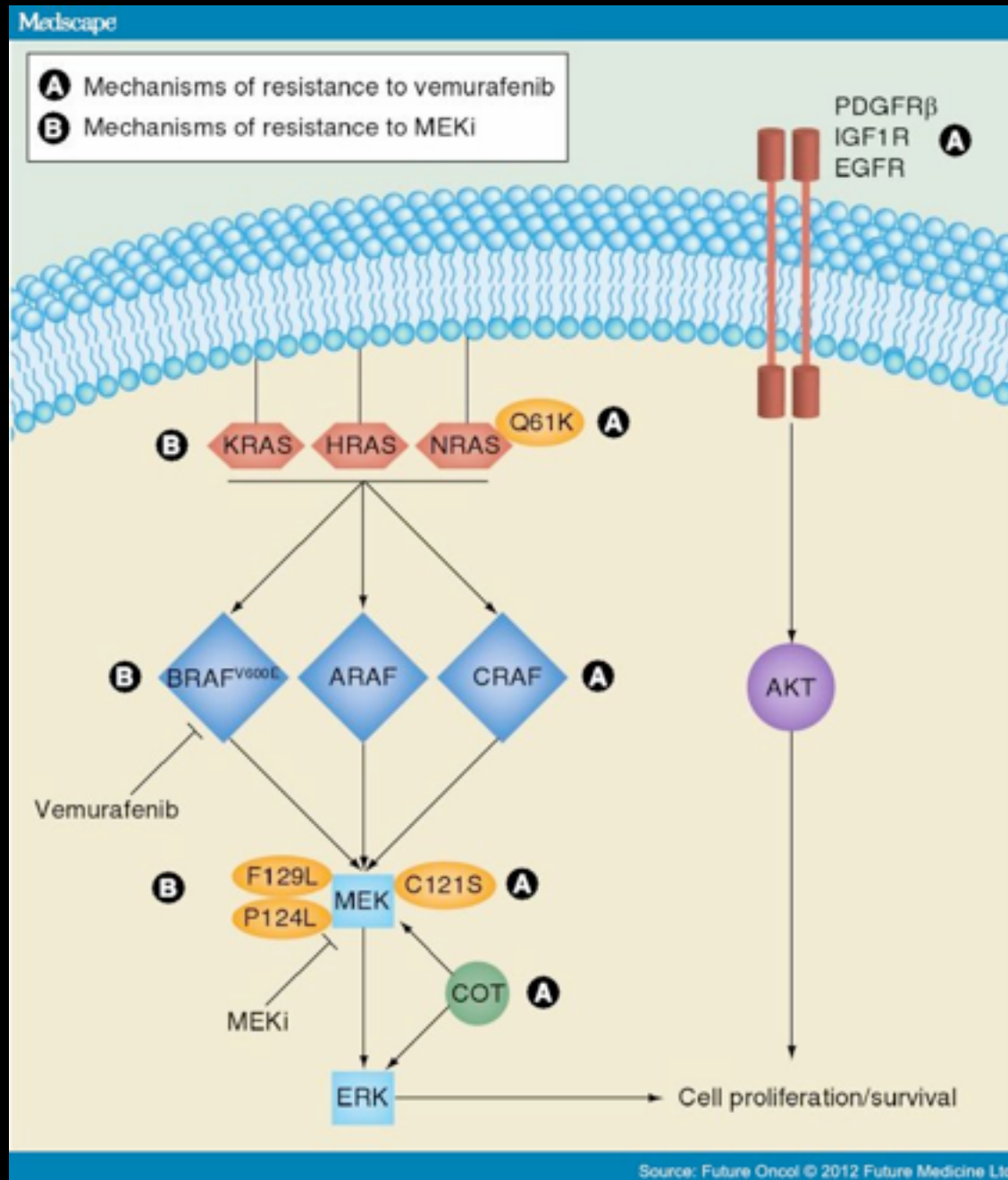
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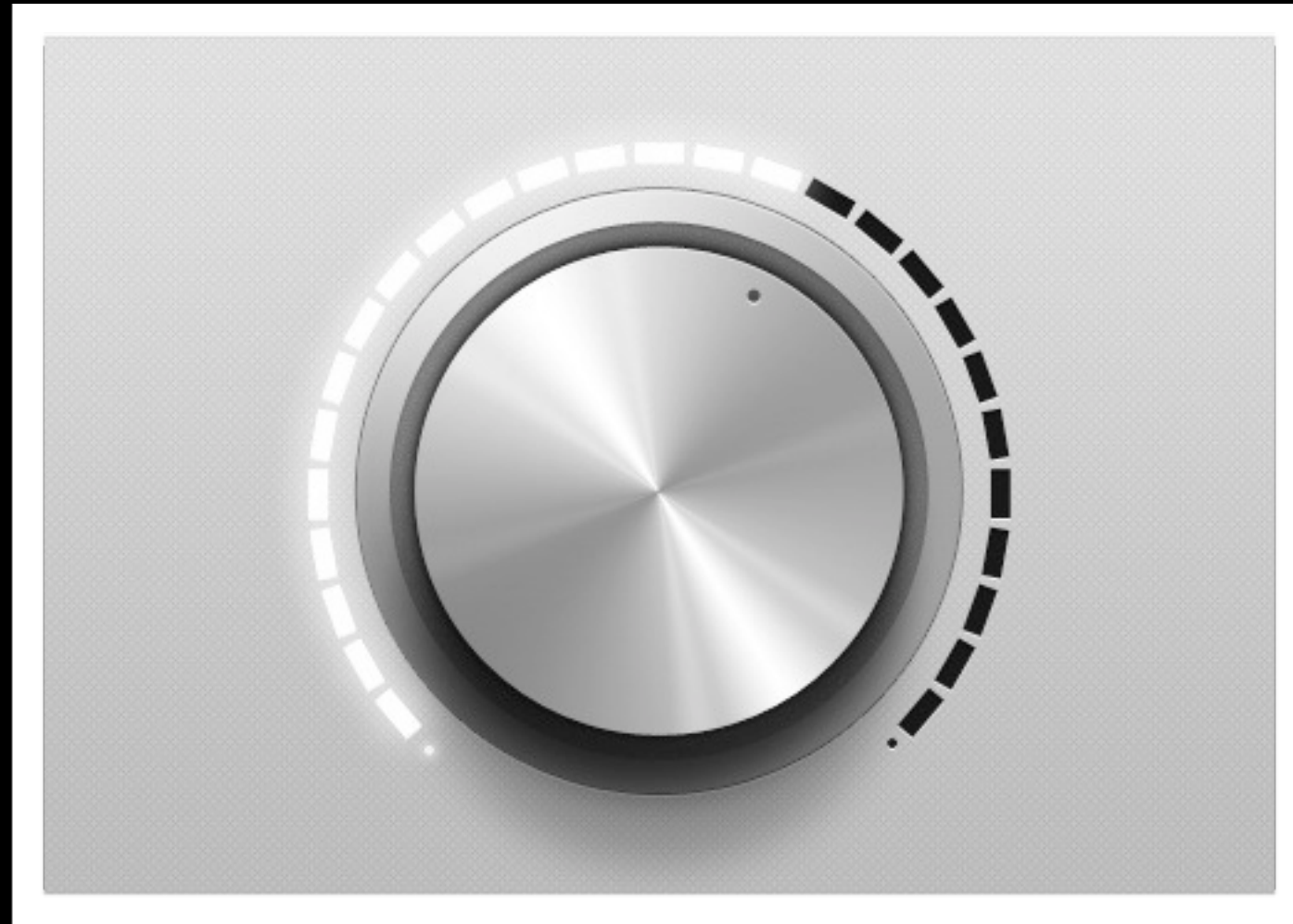
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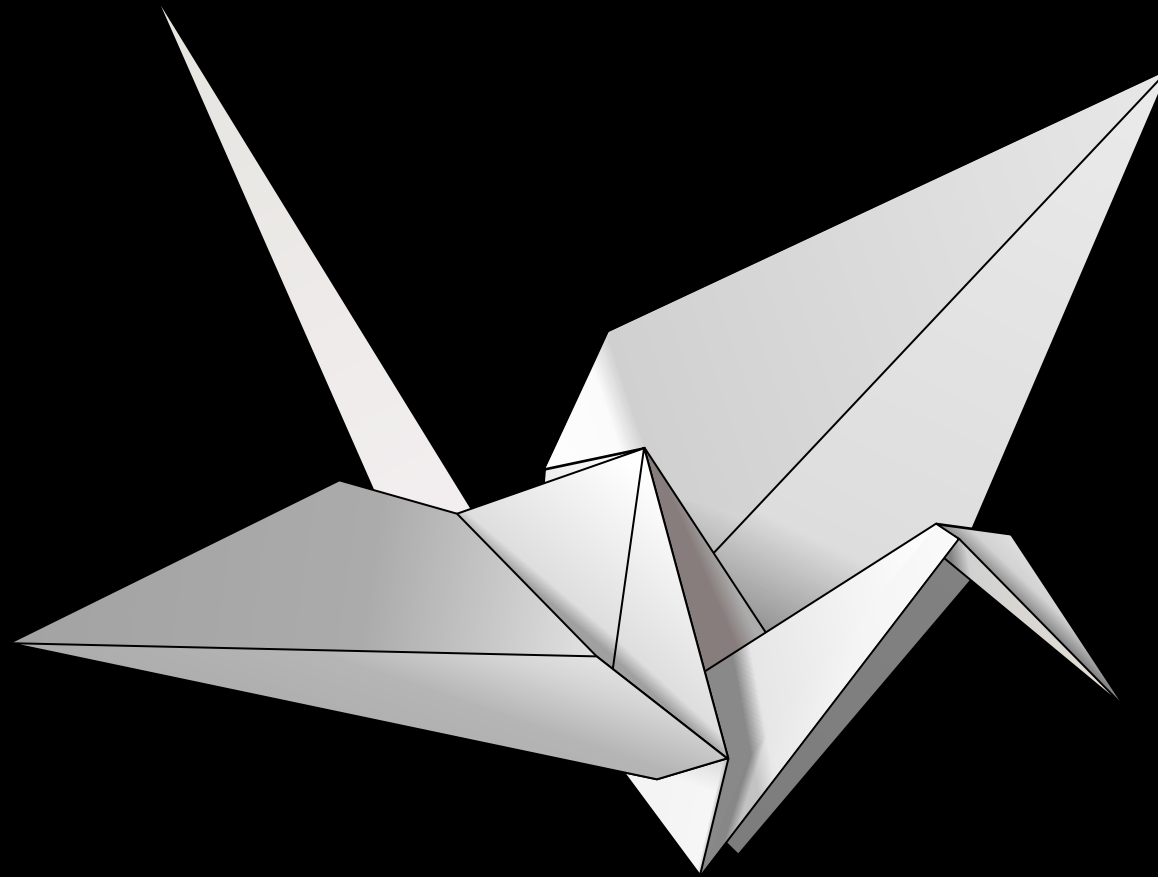
Genetic and Non-genetic routes to acquired resistance



Targeted drugs + Precision control



Precision Control of Protein Folding to treat Cancer and Neurodegeneration



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By the year 2050...

Cancer (all types)

- ▶ 17.5 million deaths/year
- ▶ \$1.7 trillion/year

By the year 2050...

Alzheimer's

- ▶ 115.4 million dementia cases
- ▶ \$1.1 trillion/year

Cancer and Alzheimer's are on opposite ends of the disease spectrum

Alzheimer's

premature
cell death

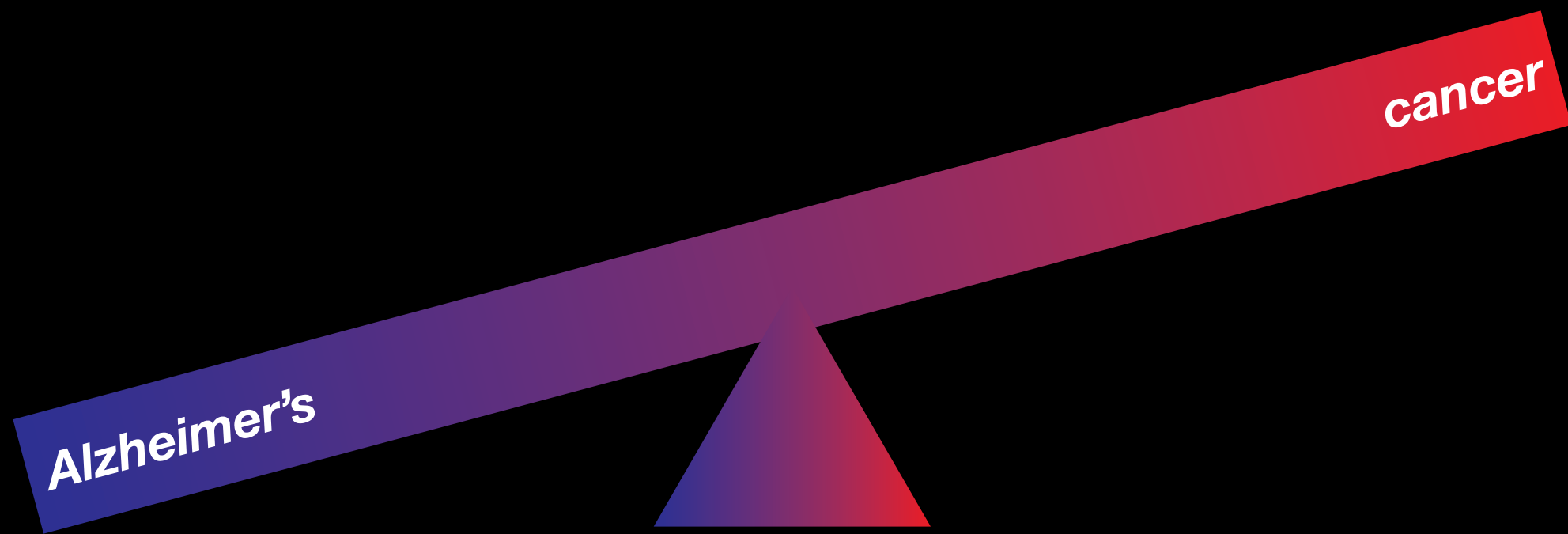
cancer

unchecked
cell growth

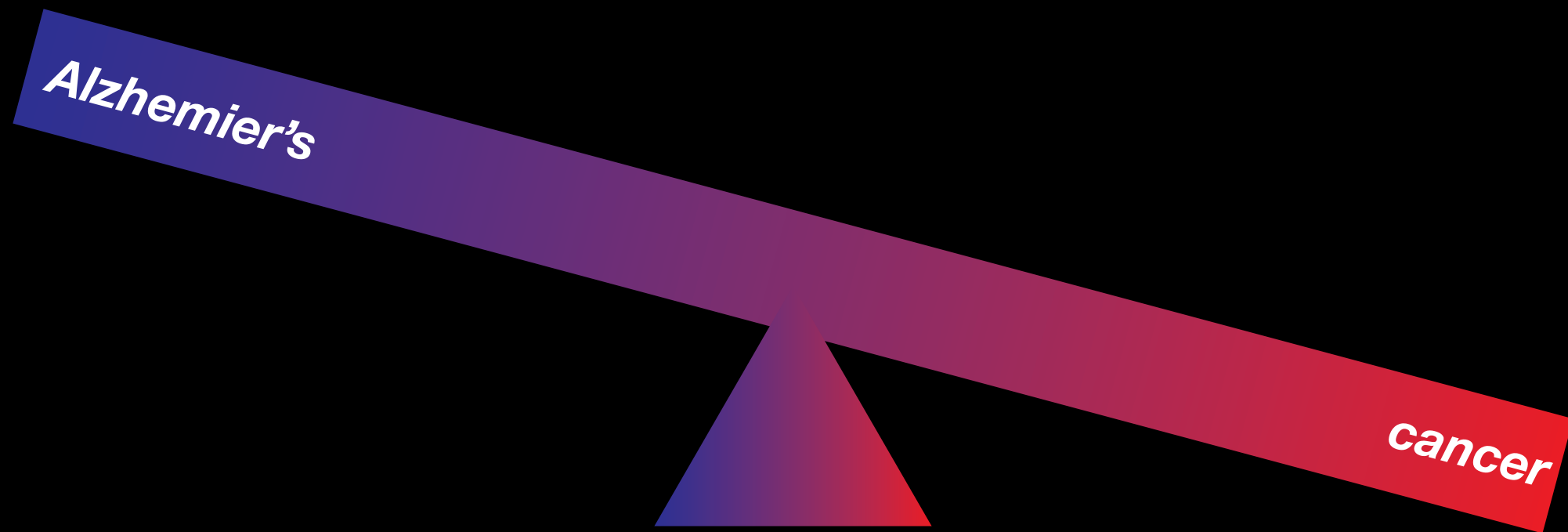
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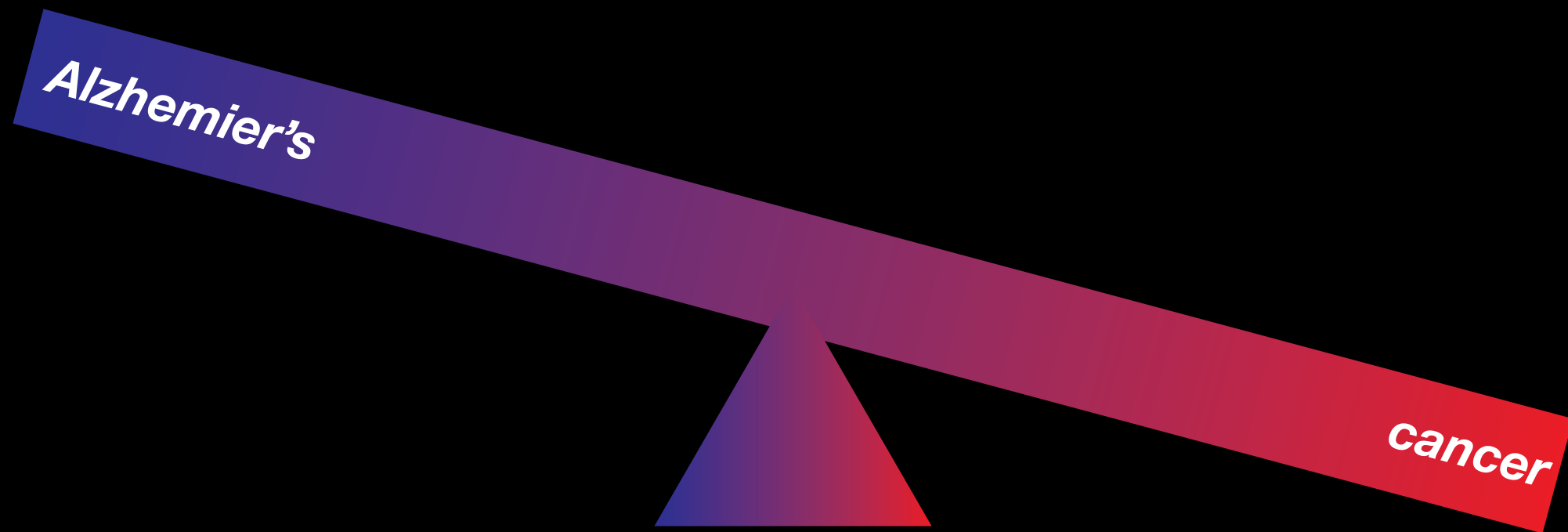
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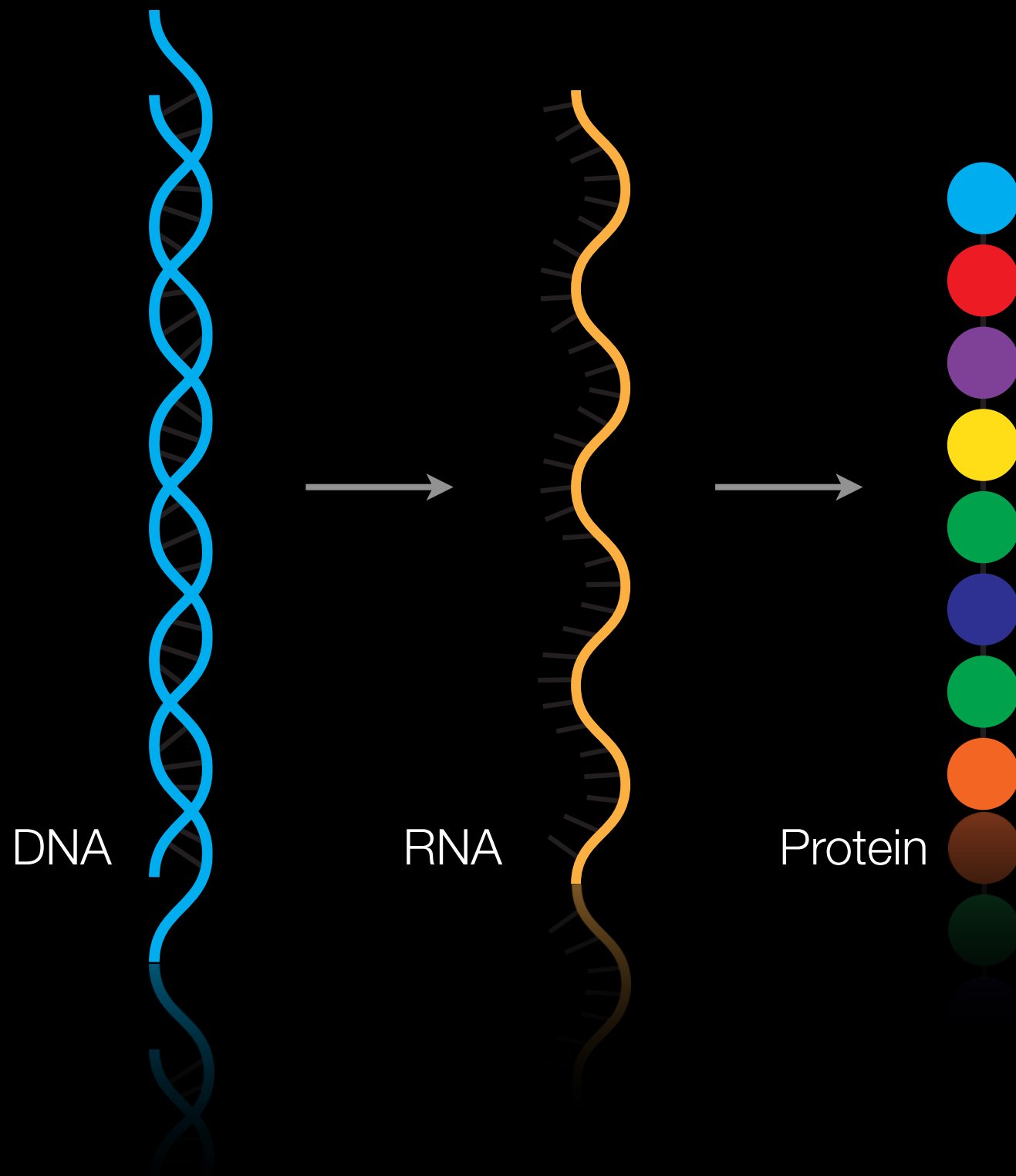
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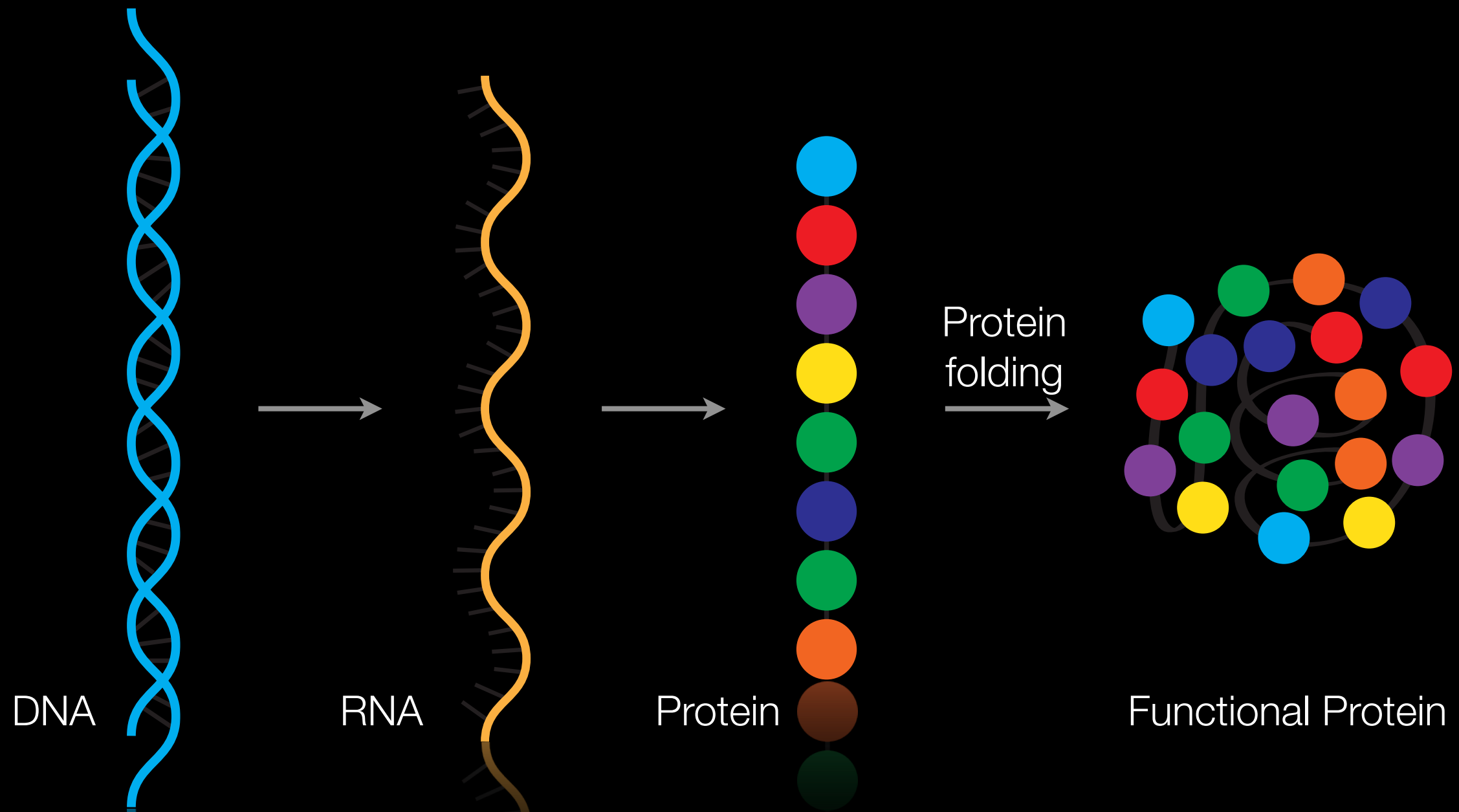


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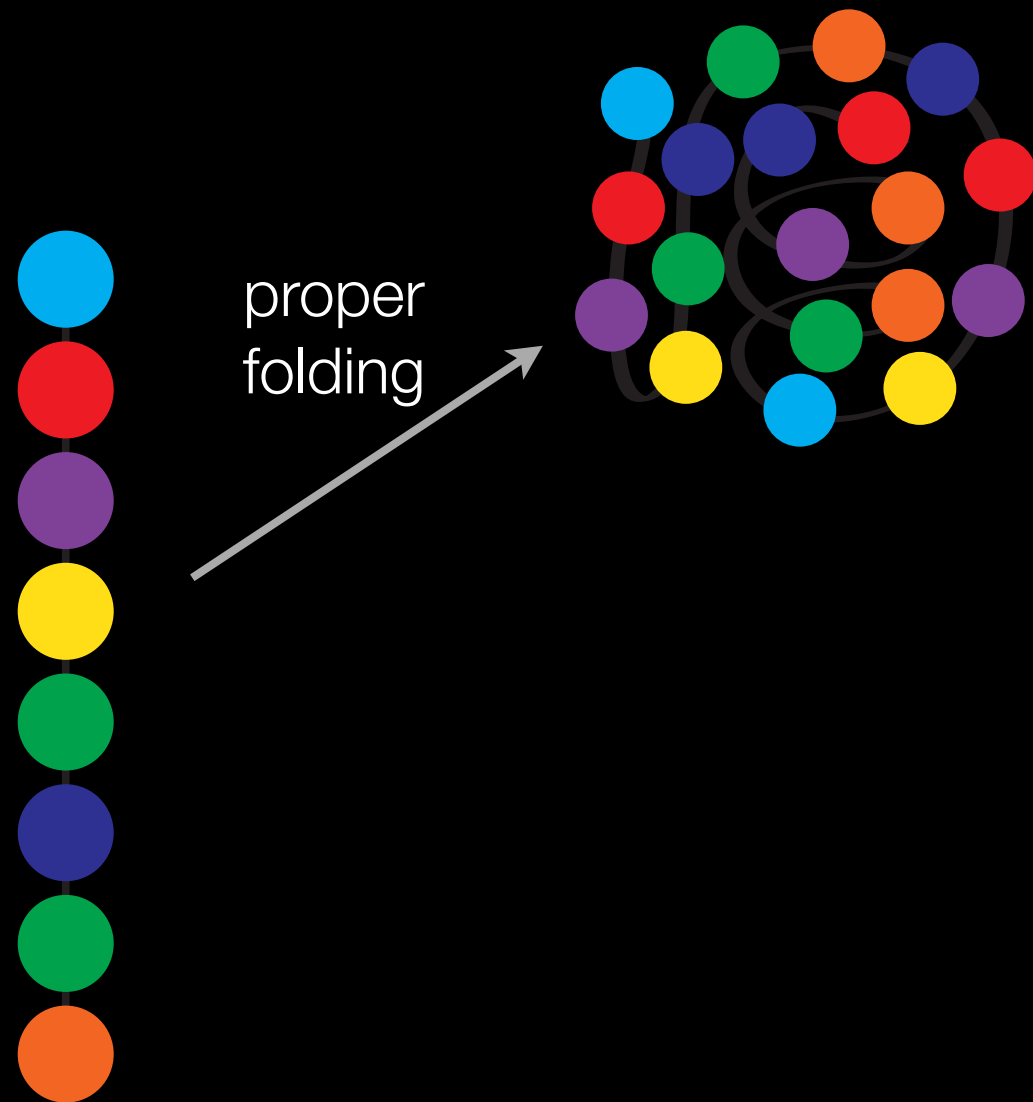


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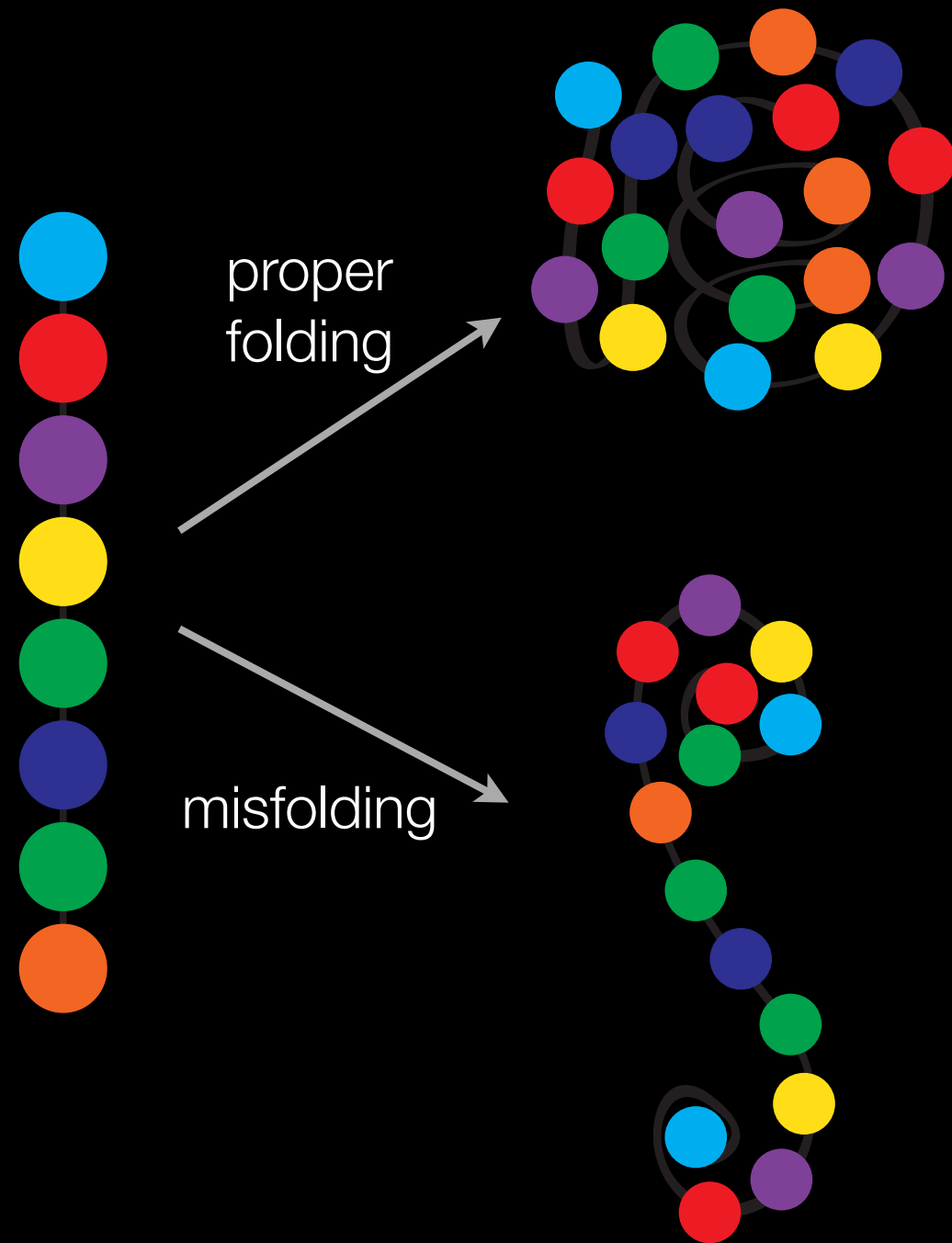


Proteins must “fold” correctly to carry out their functions

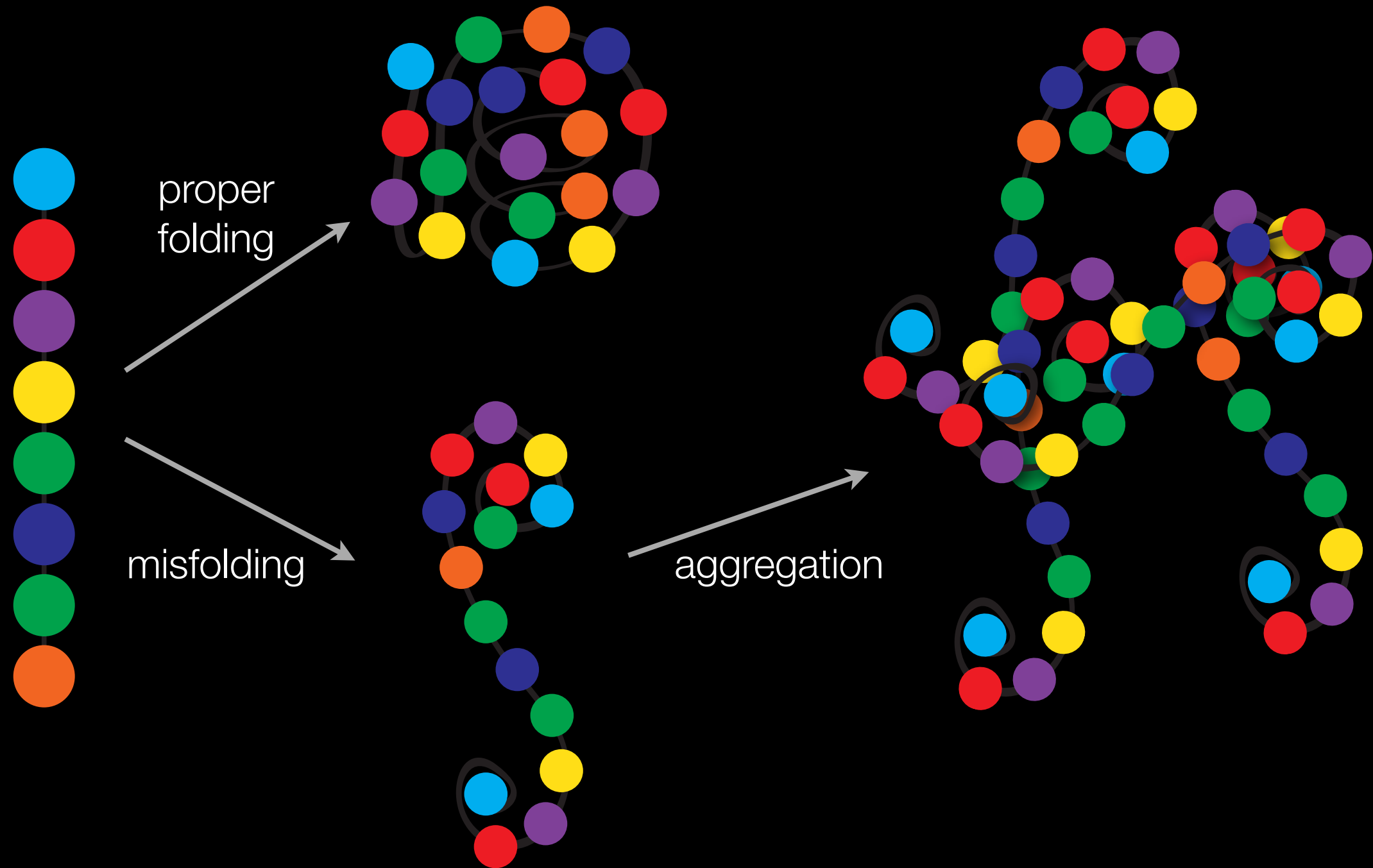
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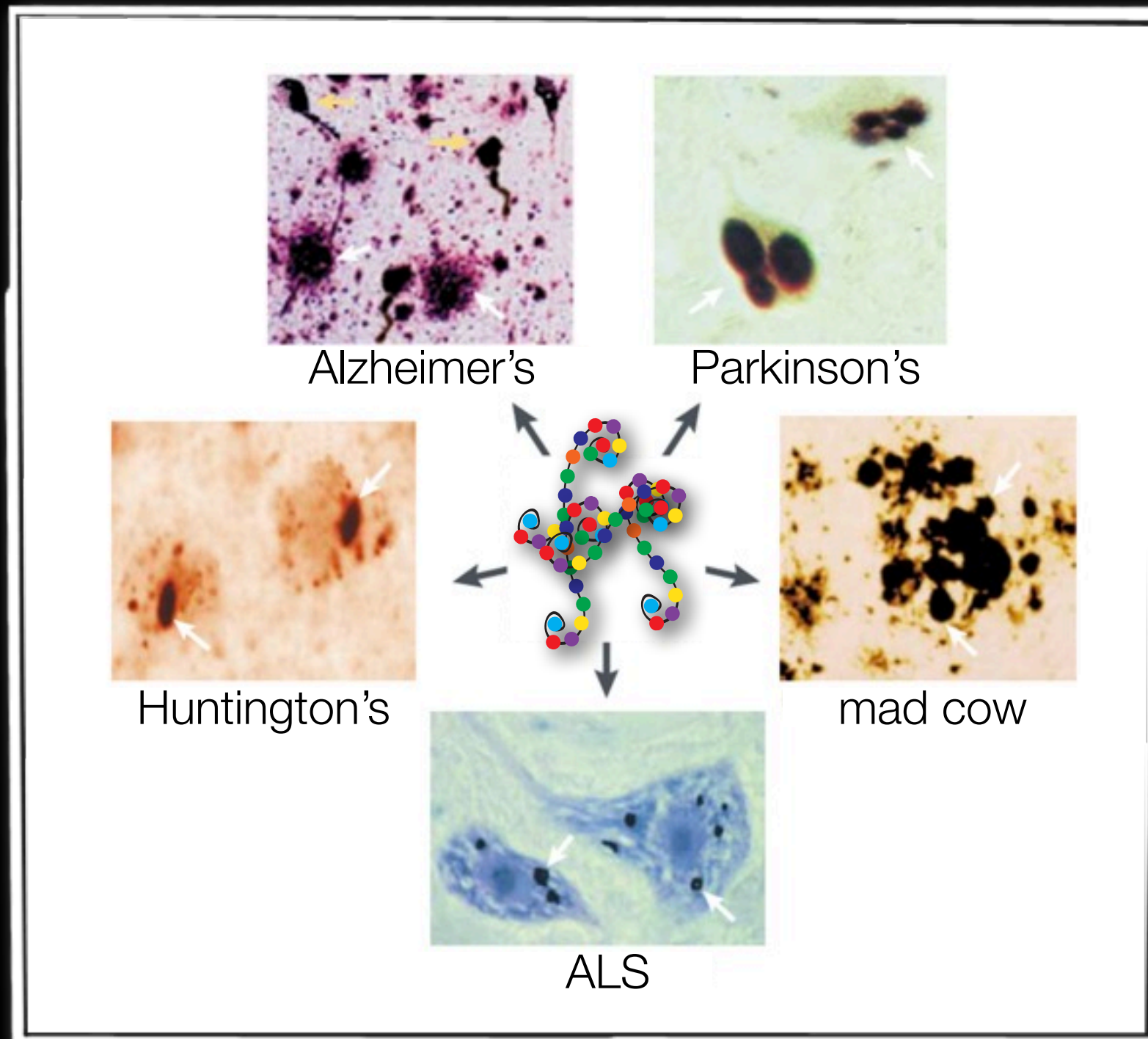


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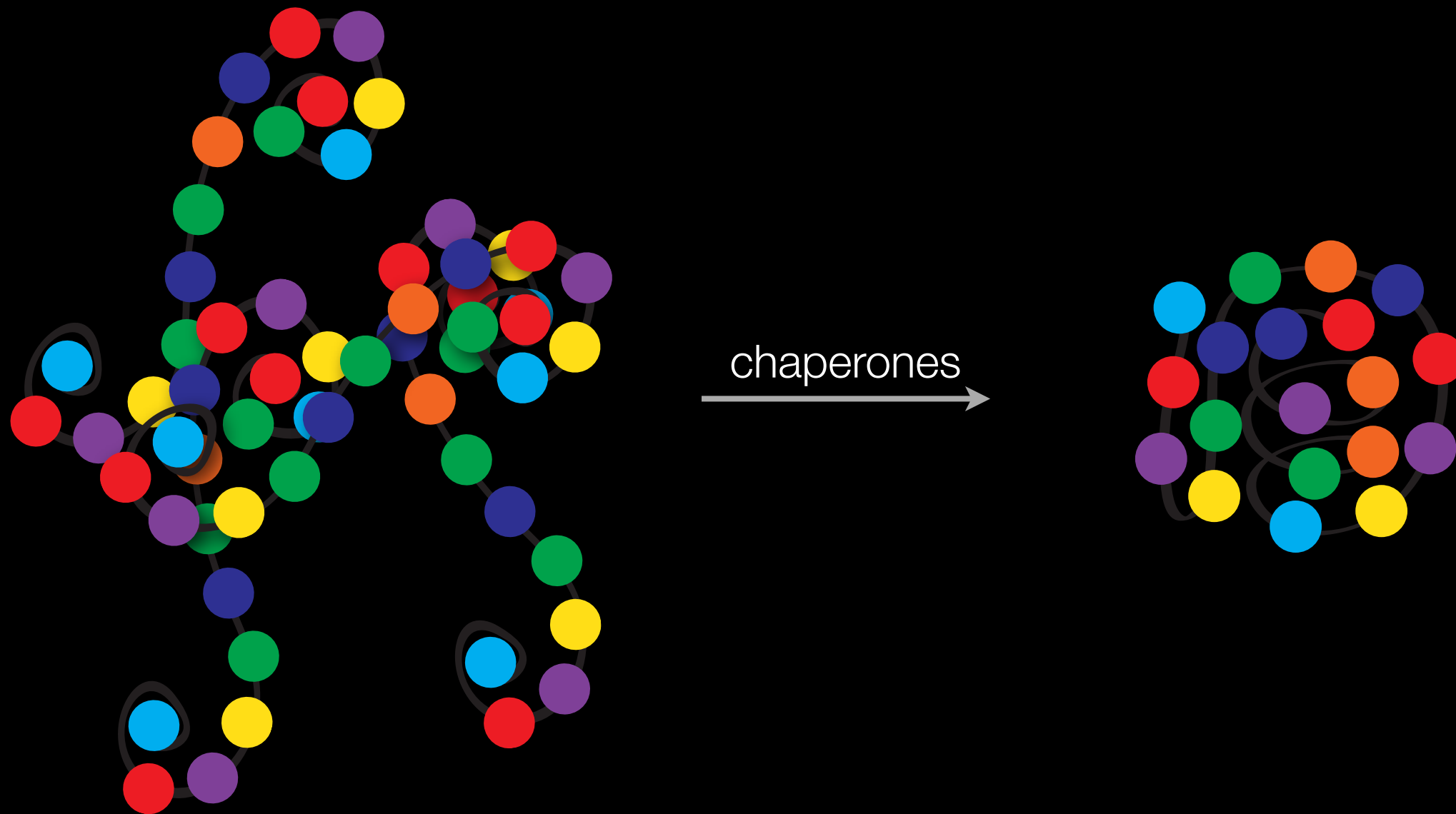


misfolded proteins form aggregates

Protein aggregates are a hallmark of diseases like Alzheimer's



Chaperones help proteins fold to prevent aggregation



Just like chaperones at your high school dance...



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“aggregates”



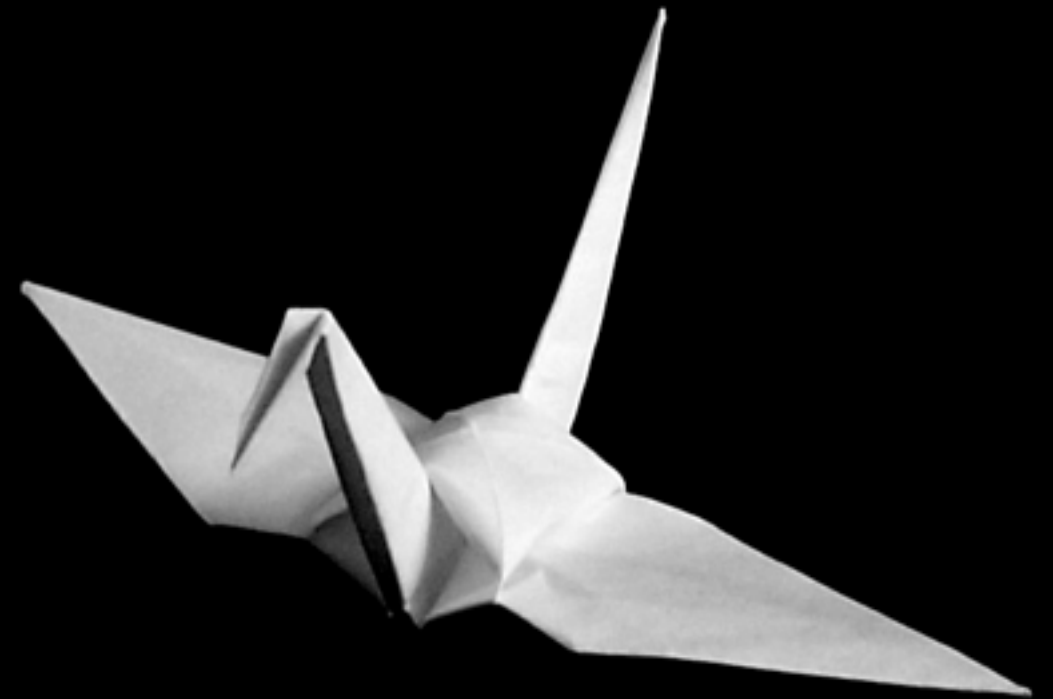
“folded proteins”

Chaperones prevent proteins from engaging in improper interactions

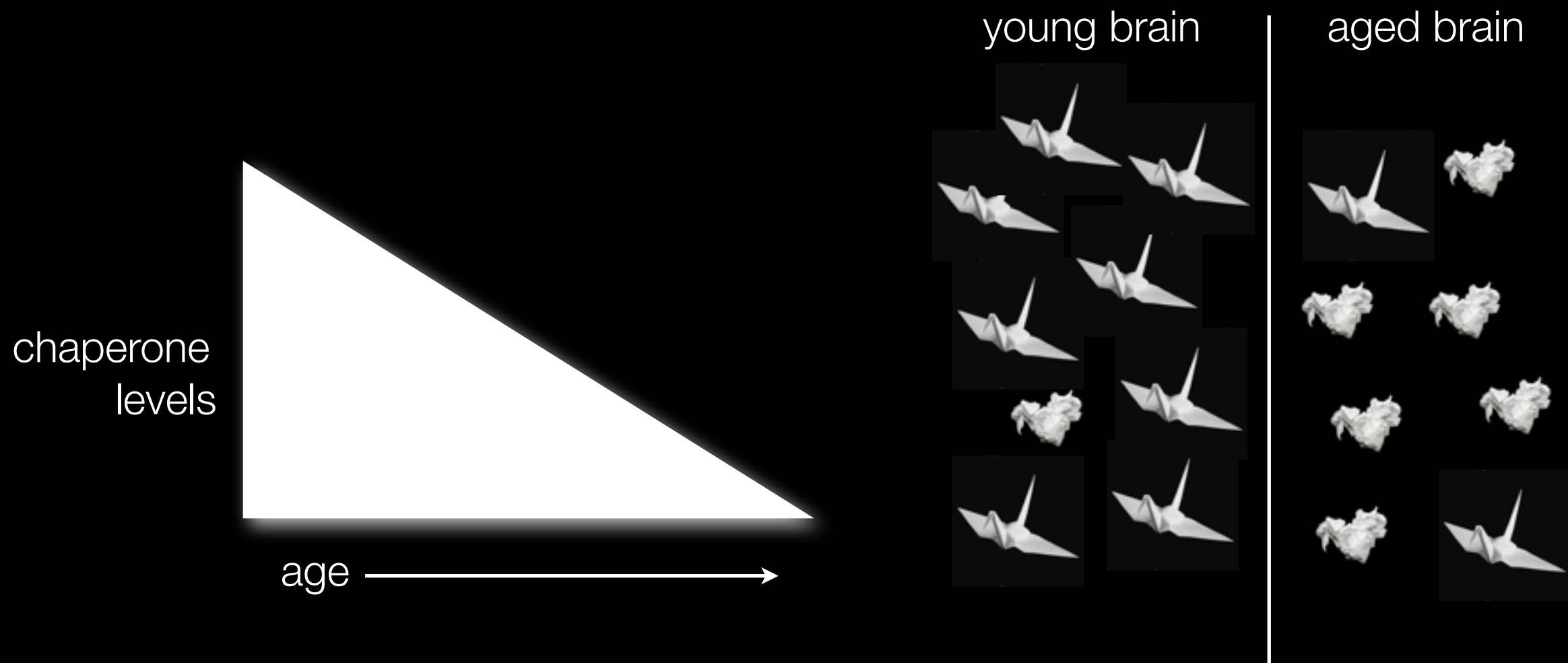
Chaperones perform protein origami



chaperones



Chaperone levels drop in the brain as we age

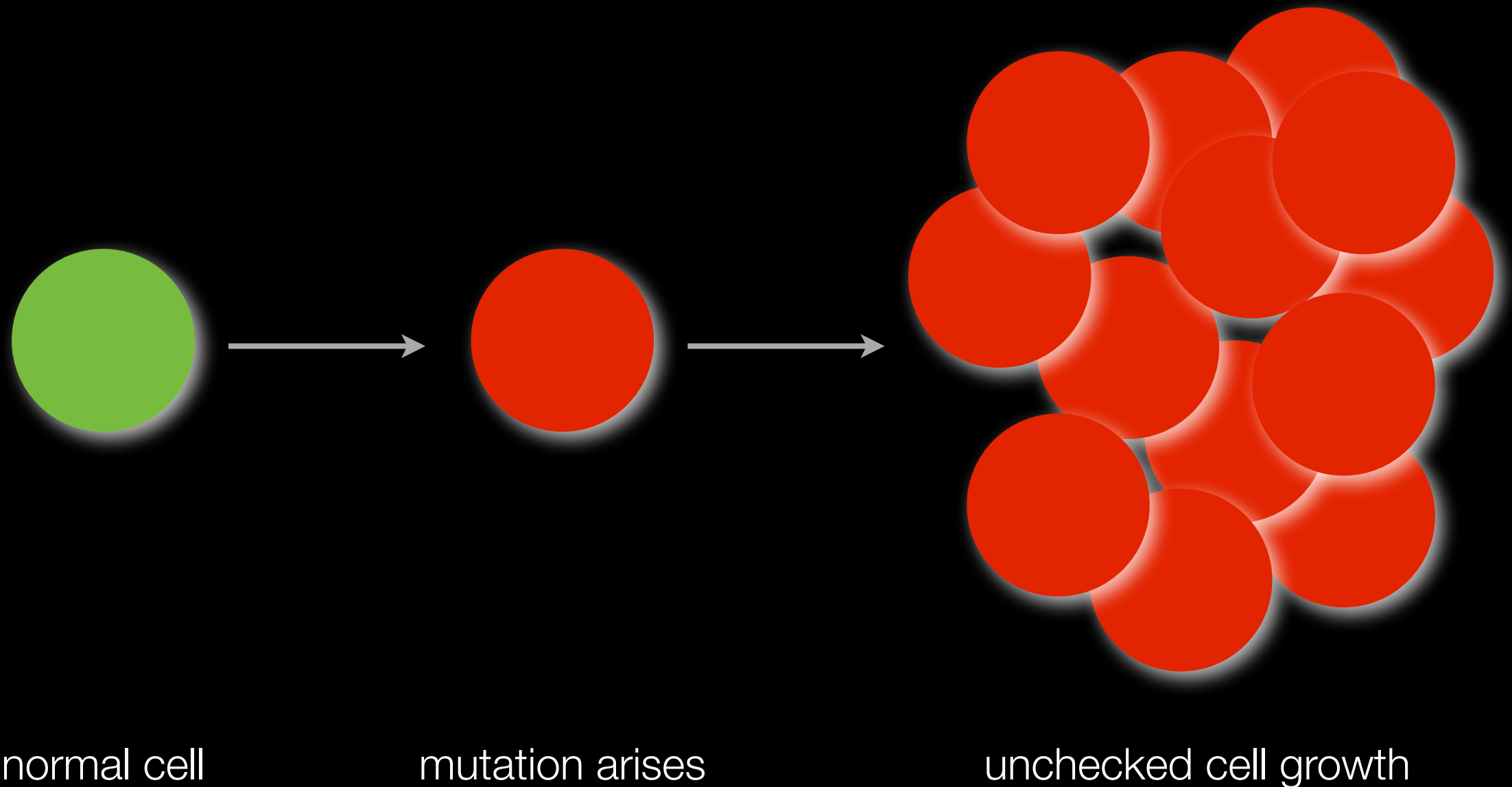


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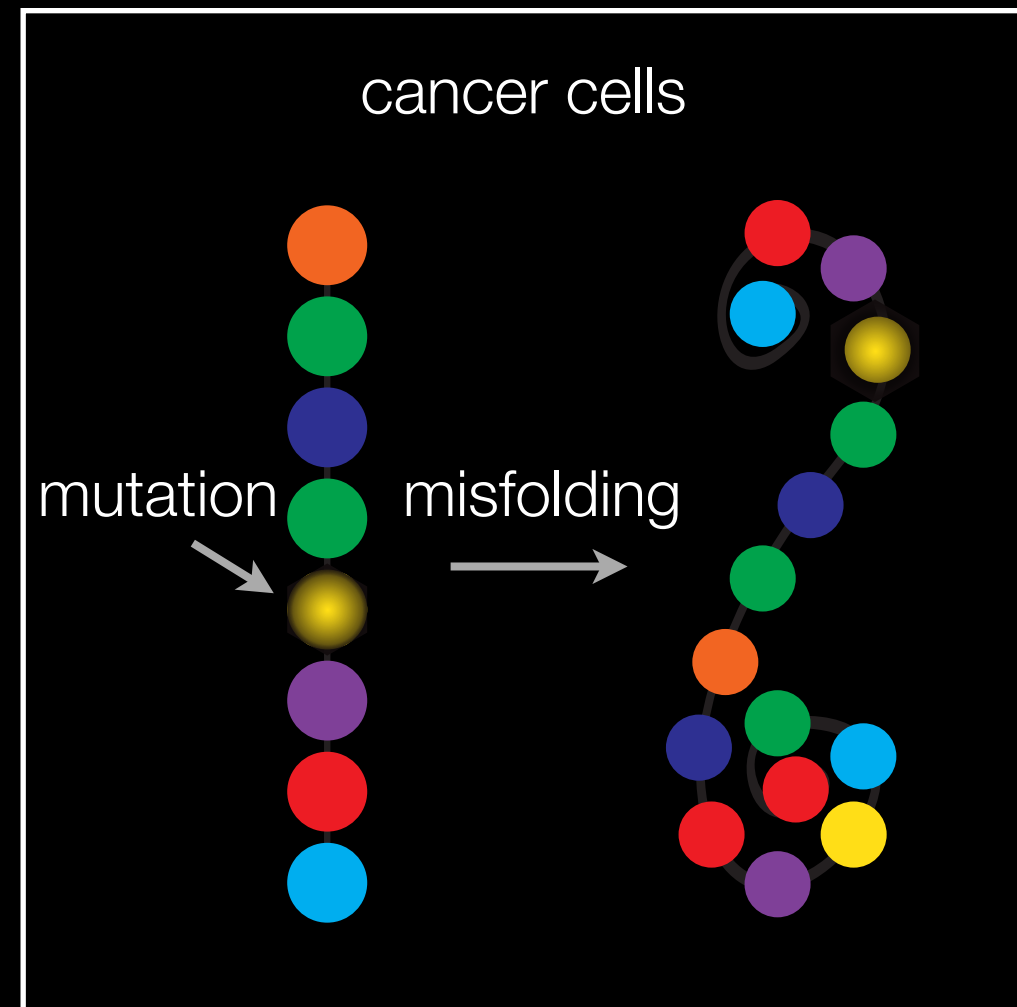
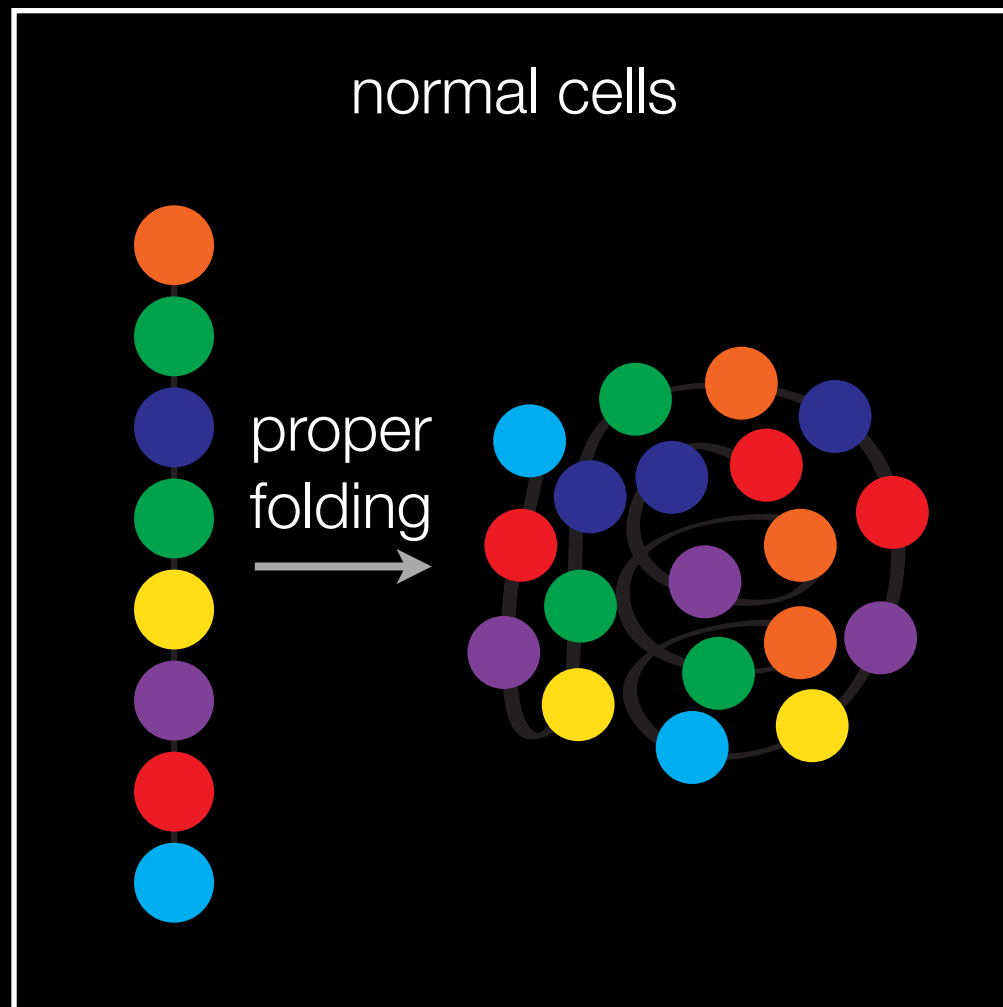
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If we can **increase** chaperones in the brain, we can prevent and reverse these diseases.

Cancer progresses when cells acquire mutations in specific genes



Mutations in genes make mutations in proteins



Mutations make proteins difficult to fold

Cancer cells hijack chaperones to counter the effect of mutations



Cancer cells rely on elevated chaperone levels

Cancer cells hijack chaperones to buffer their mutations.

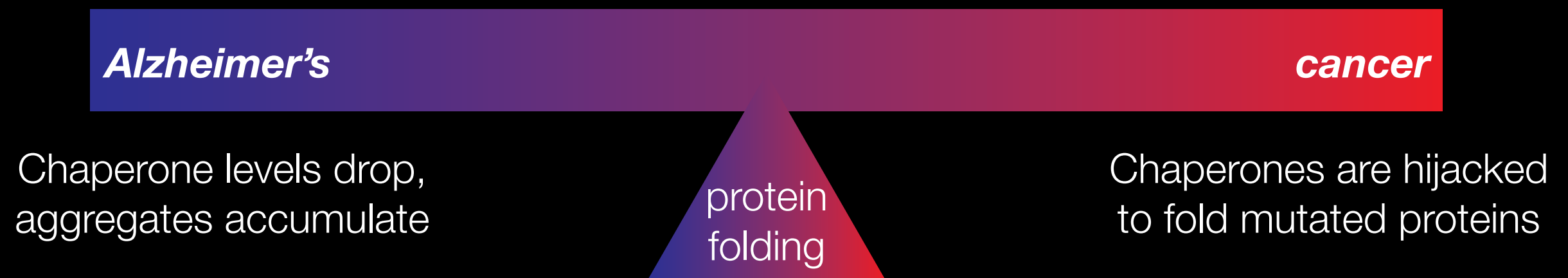
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If we can **decrease** chaperones in tumors, cancer cells will self-destruct.

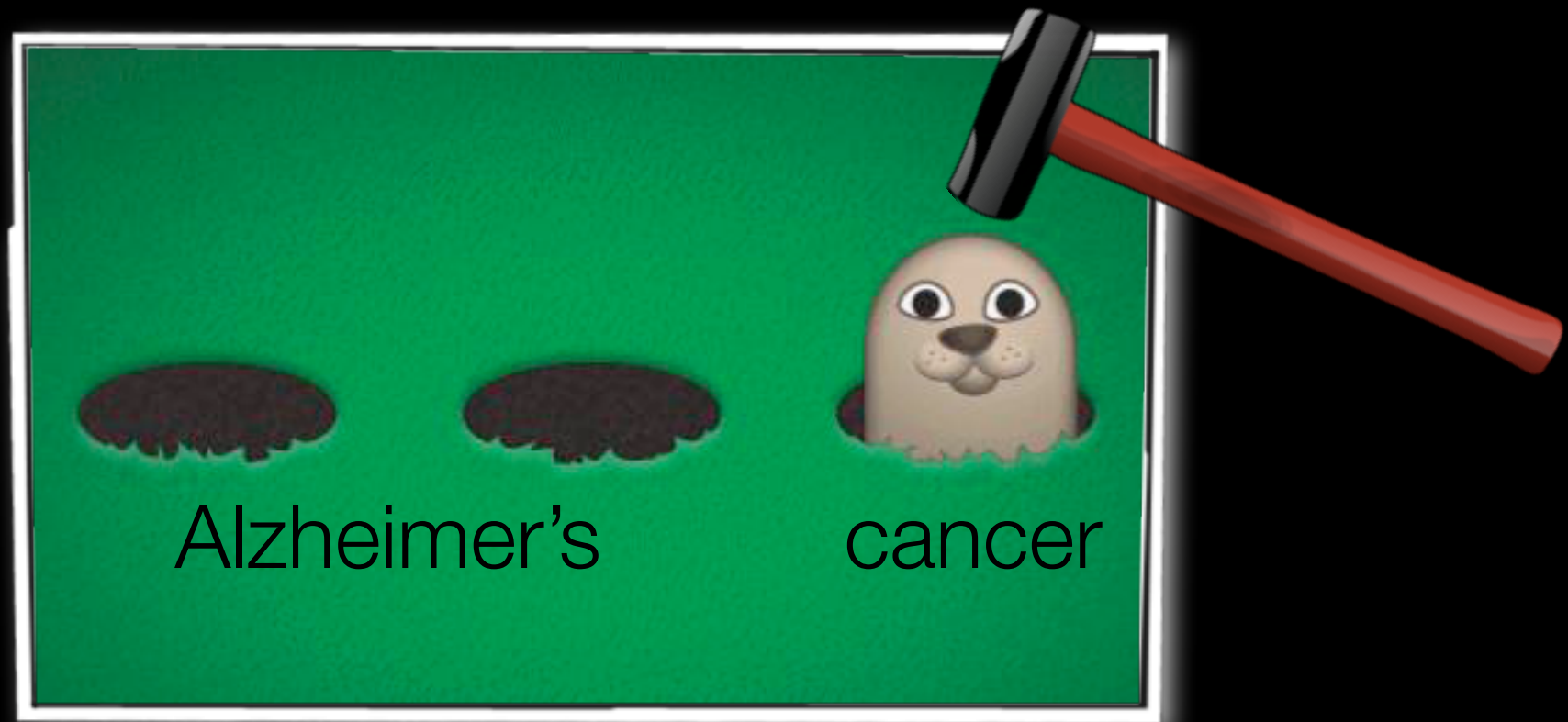
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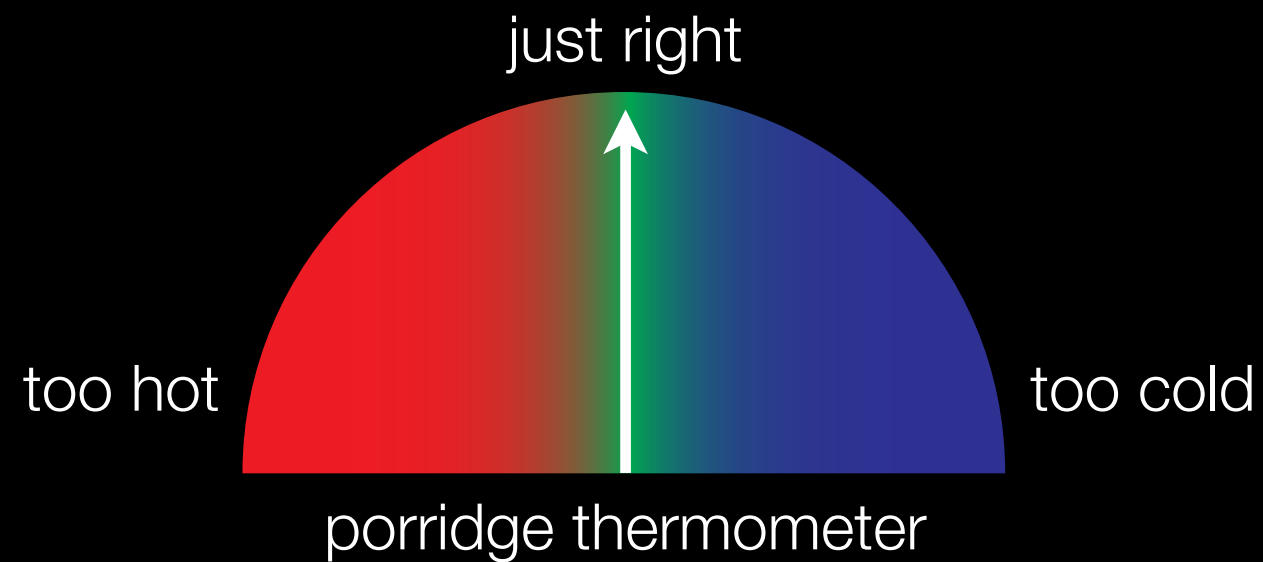
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Targeting chaperones is a game of Whack-A-Mole



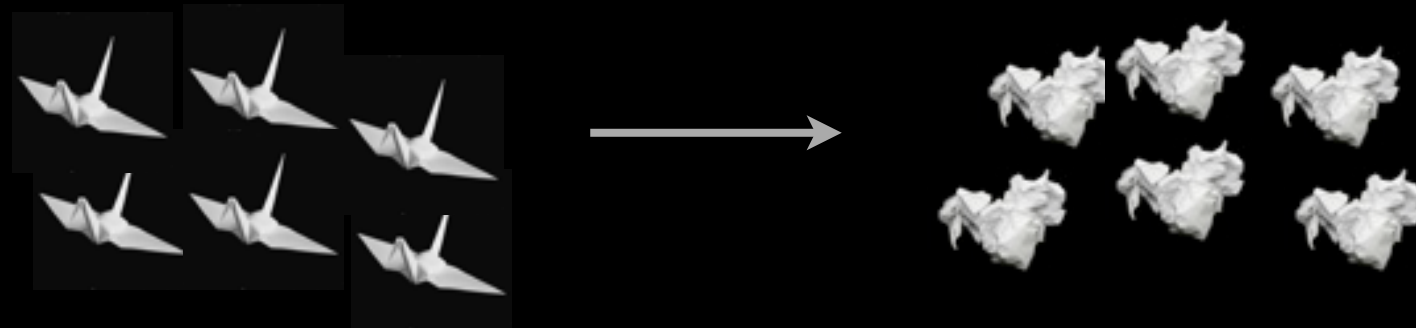
We need a Goldilocks approach



Targeted fine-tuning of chaperone levels is the goal

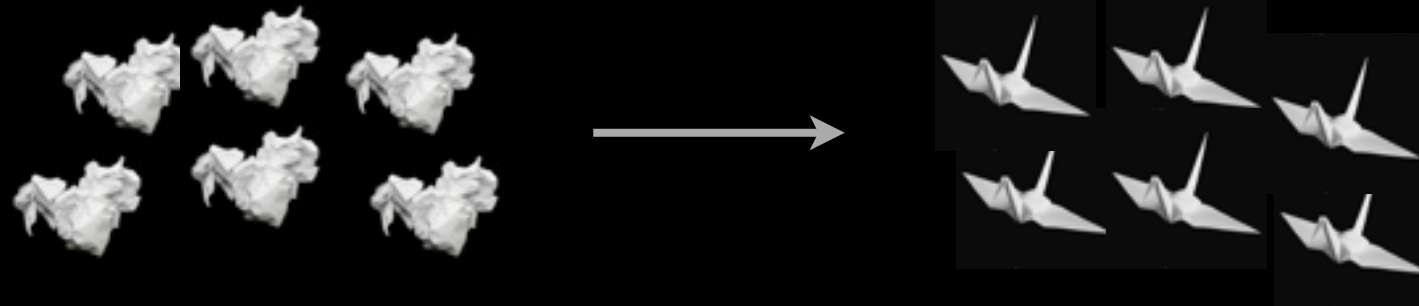
Reducing chaperone levels in a targeted manner is a general approach to treat **all** cancer types

(breast, colon, pancreatic, lung, stomach, ovarian ...)

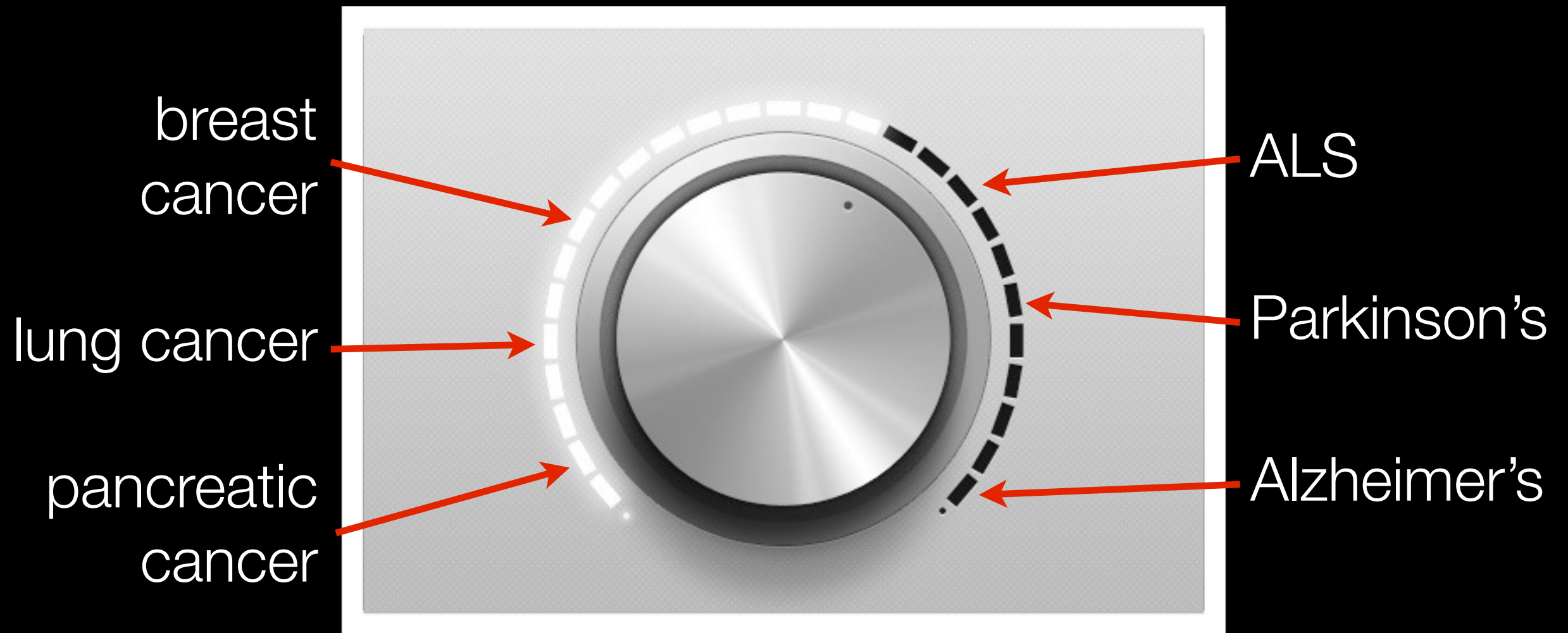


Increasing chaperone levels in the brain
is a general approach to treat **all**
neurodegenerative diseases

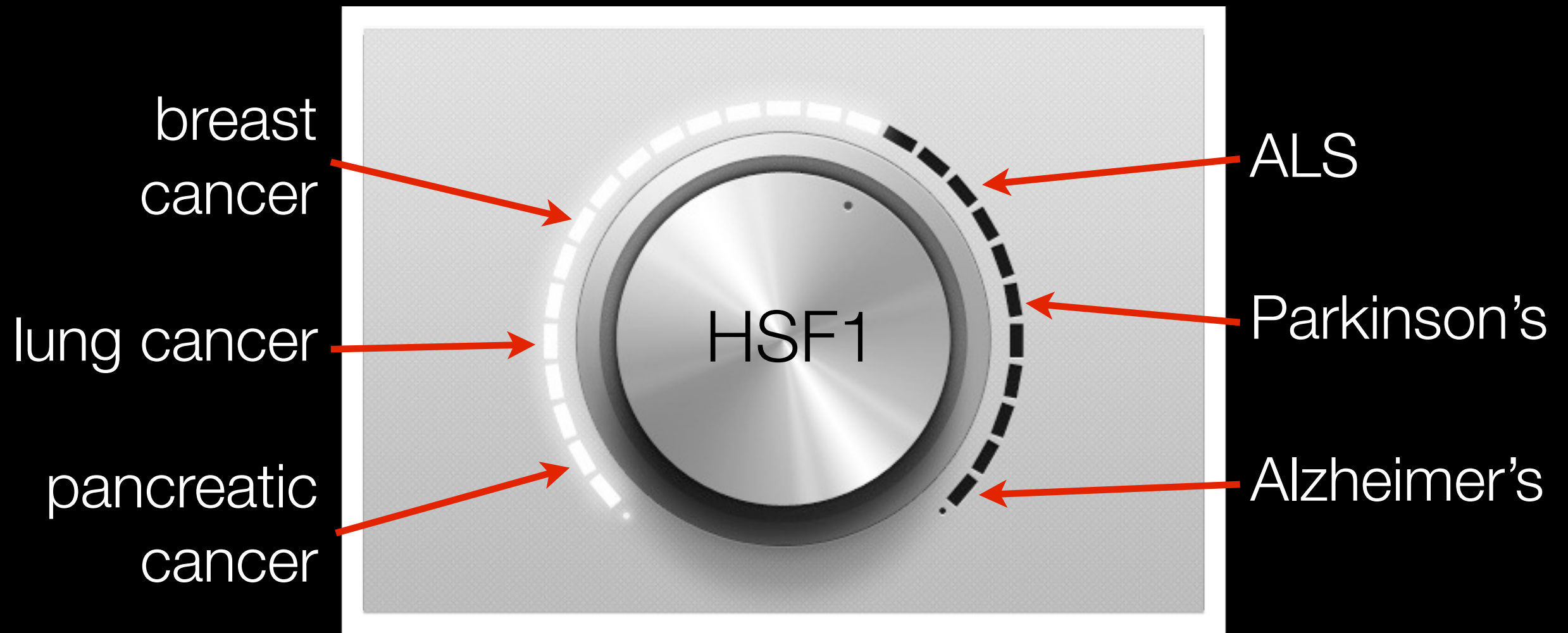
(Alzheimer's, Parkinson's, Huntington's, ALS, FTD ...)



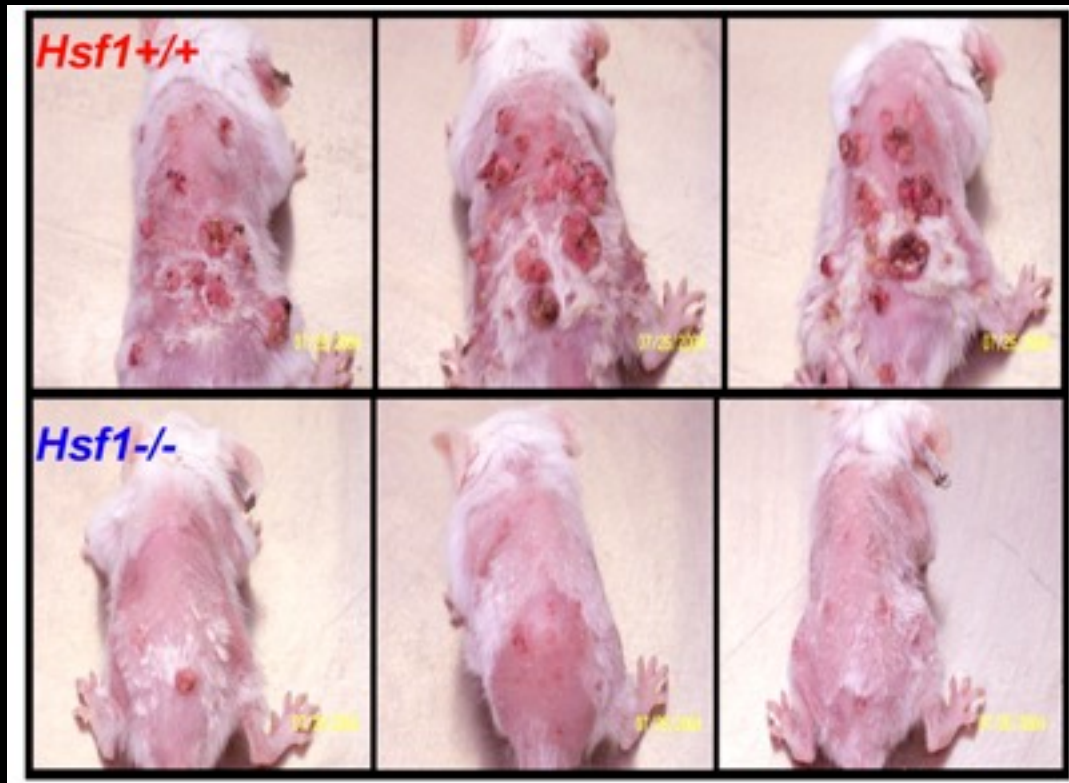
Tuning the chaperone dial for disease-specific therapy



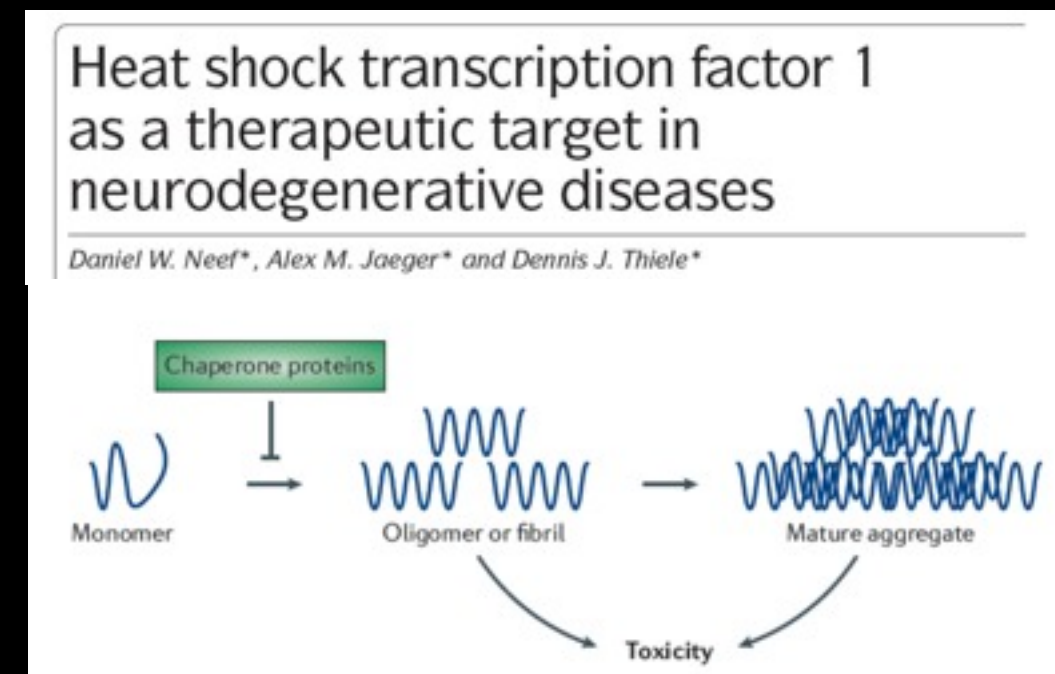
Tuning the chaperone dial for disease-specific therapy



HSF1 is the precision chaperone dial



Dai. et al., 2007



HSF1 is required for cancer progression:
turn it down in cancer

HSF1 stops working in ND diseases:
turn it up in Alzheimer's, etc.

Precision medicine needs a two-pronged approach

1. Target specific mutations that drive diseases
(like oncogenes)
2. Fine-tune general cellular support systems
(like chaperones)