Of complexes and maintenance of genome stability

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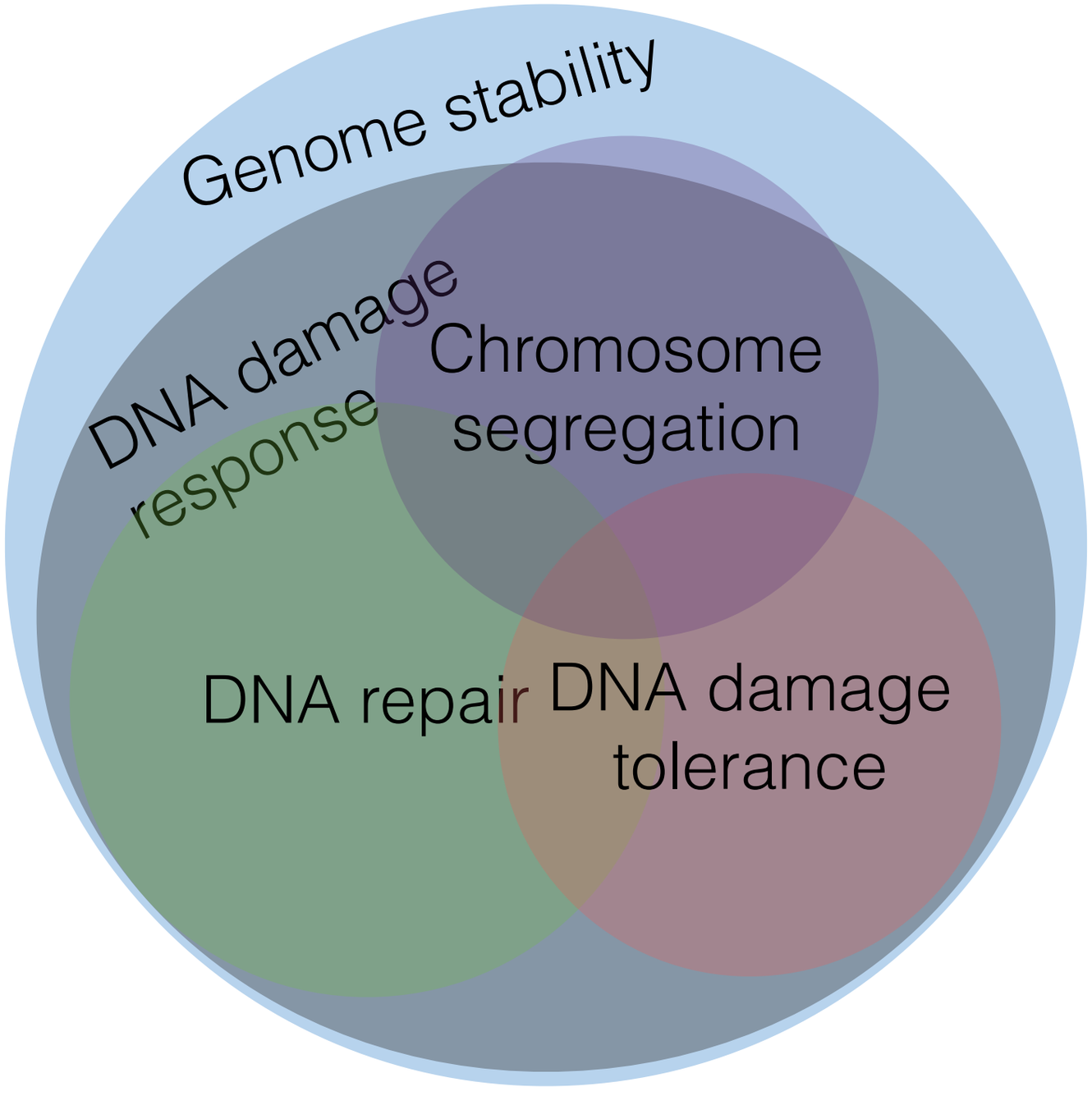


What is genome stability maintenance?

It is the ability of living organisms preserve its genetic material in time and across generations.

What are the challenges to genome stability?

All living mater is constantly exposed to environment that challenges genome stability

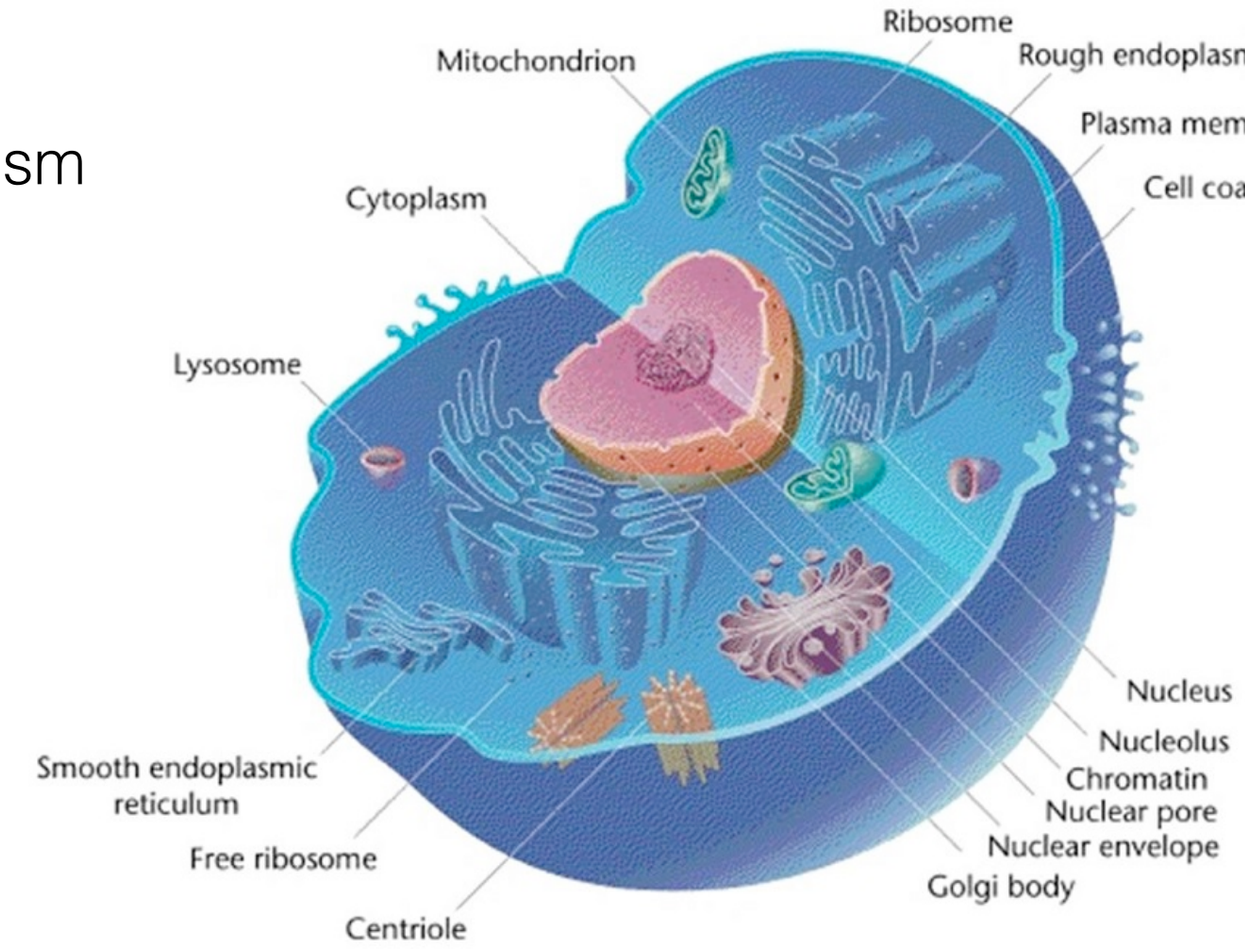
Endogenous

Cellular metabolism

DNA replication

Transcription

Spontaneous modification of the DNA



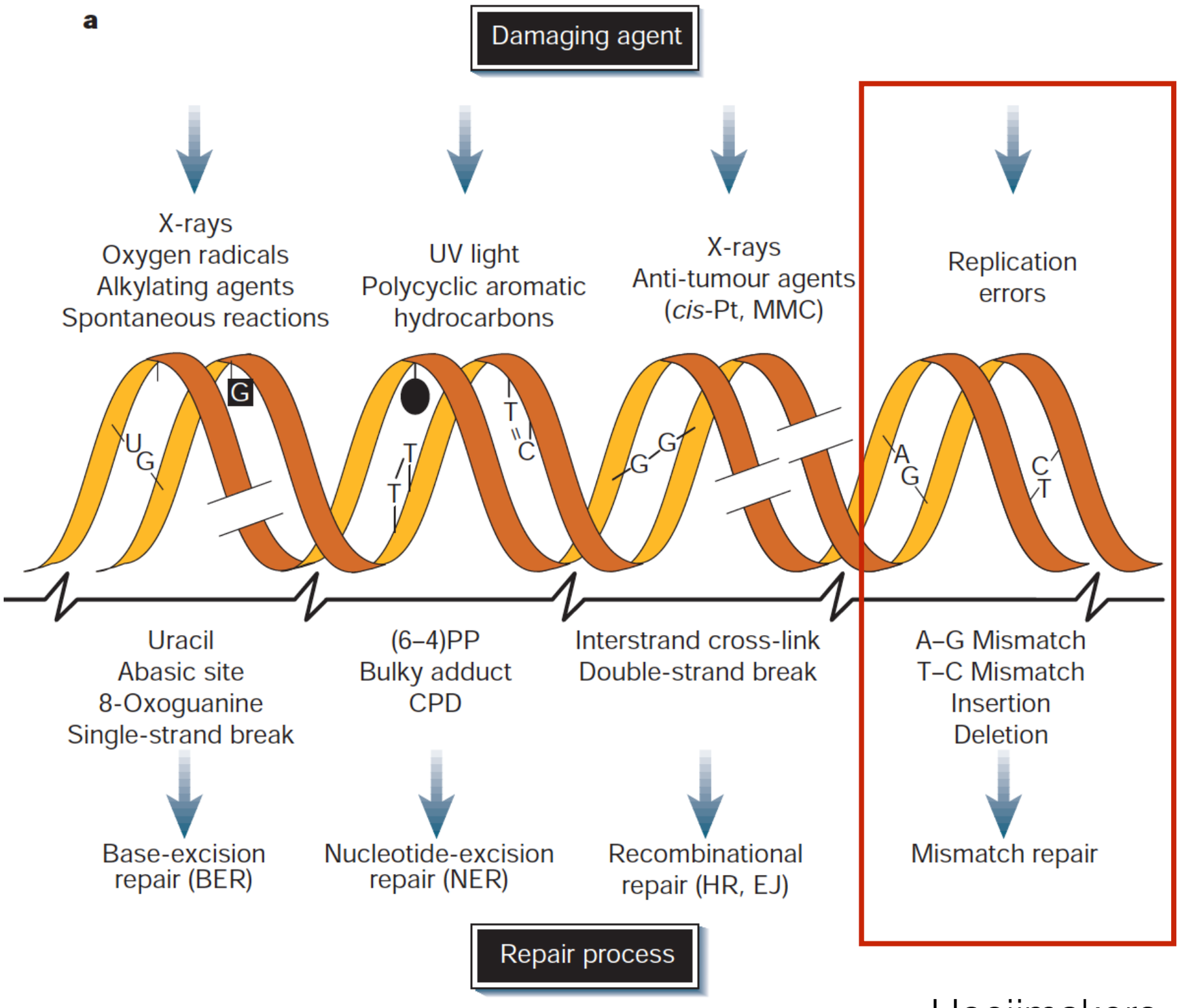
Exogenous

Radiation

Diet

Stress

What are the challenges to genome stability?



Hoeijmakers, 2001

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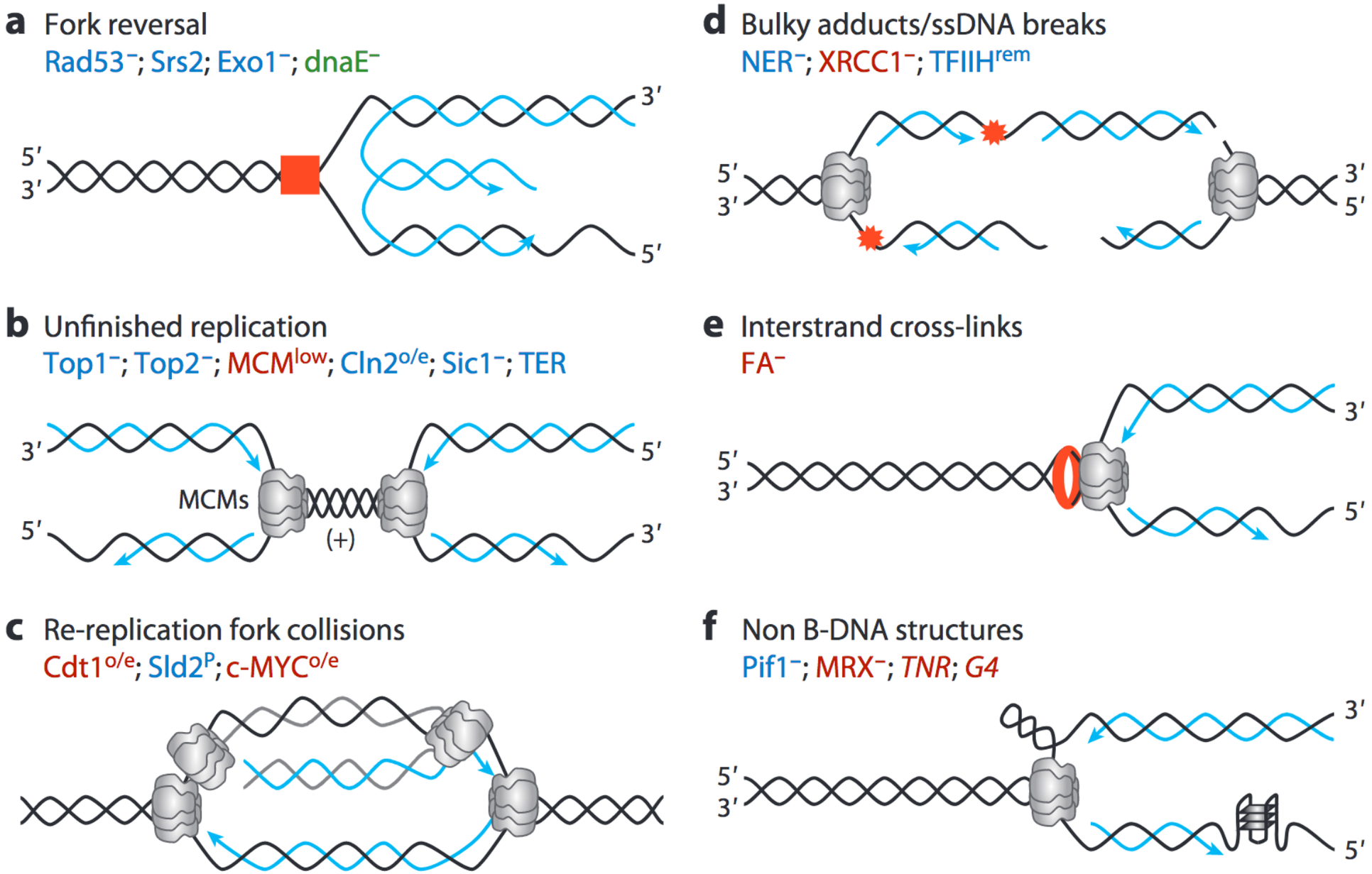

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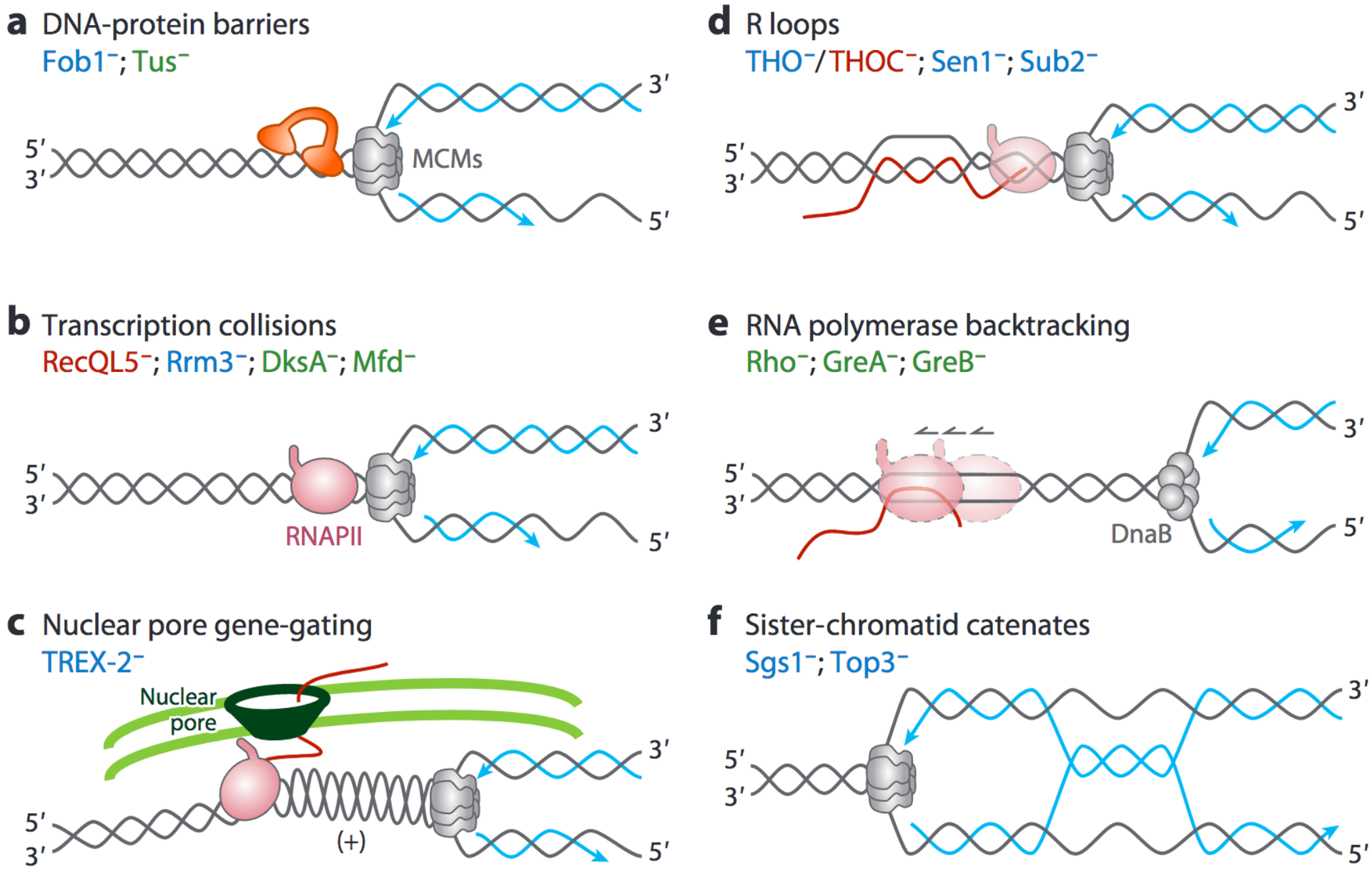

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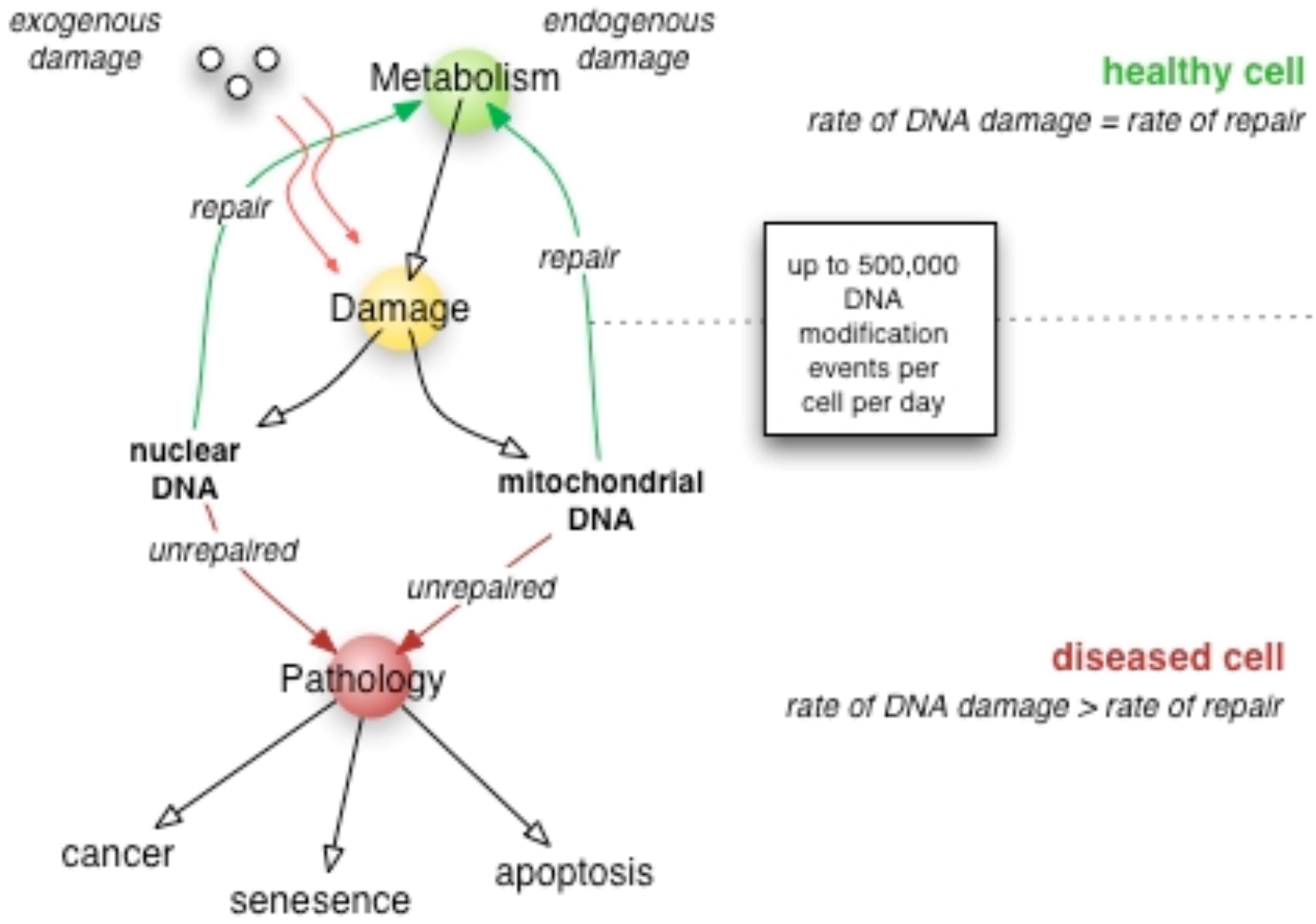
What are the challenges to genome stability?

What is more prevalent? Exogenous or endogenous damage?

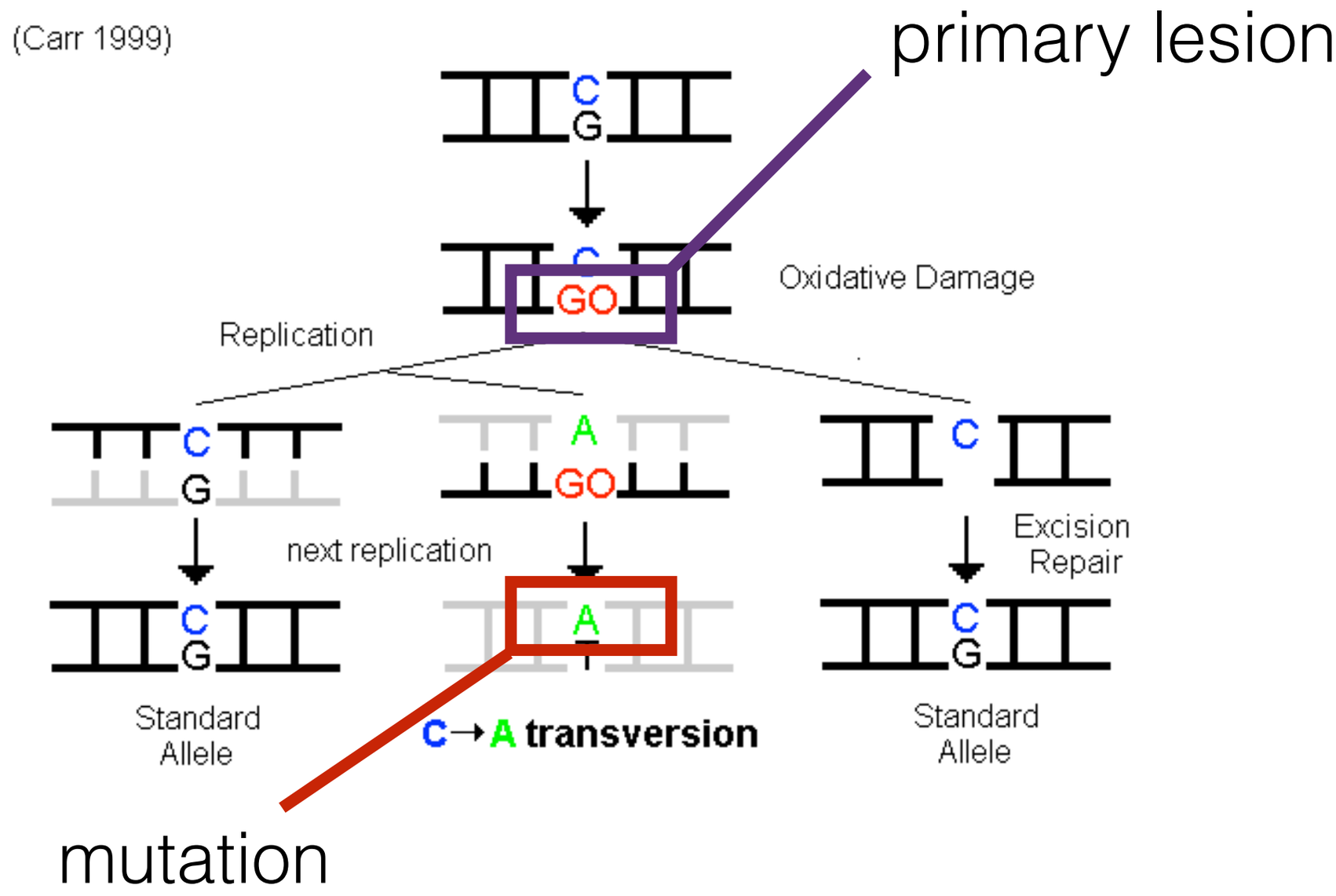
Even-though, historically, exogenous DNA damage was considered to be the prime cause of mutagenesis, recently, as the methodology has progressed, the cellular DNA metabolism pathways (replication and transcription) are being recognised as a more prevalent cause of mutations.

What are the challenges to genome stability?

Inability to repair properly the damage may lead to cancer, senescence, or apoptosis.



What is the difference between a primary lesion and a mutation?



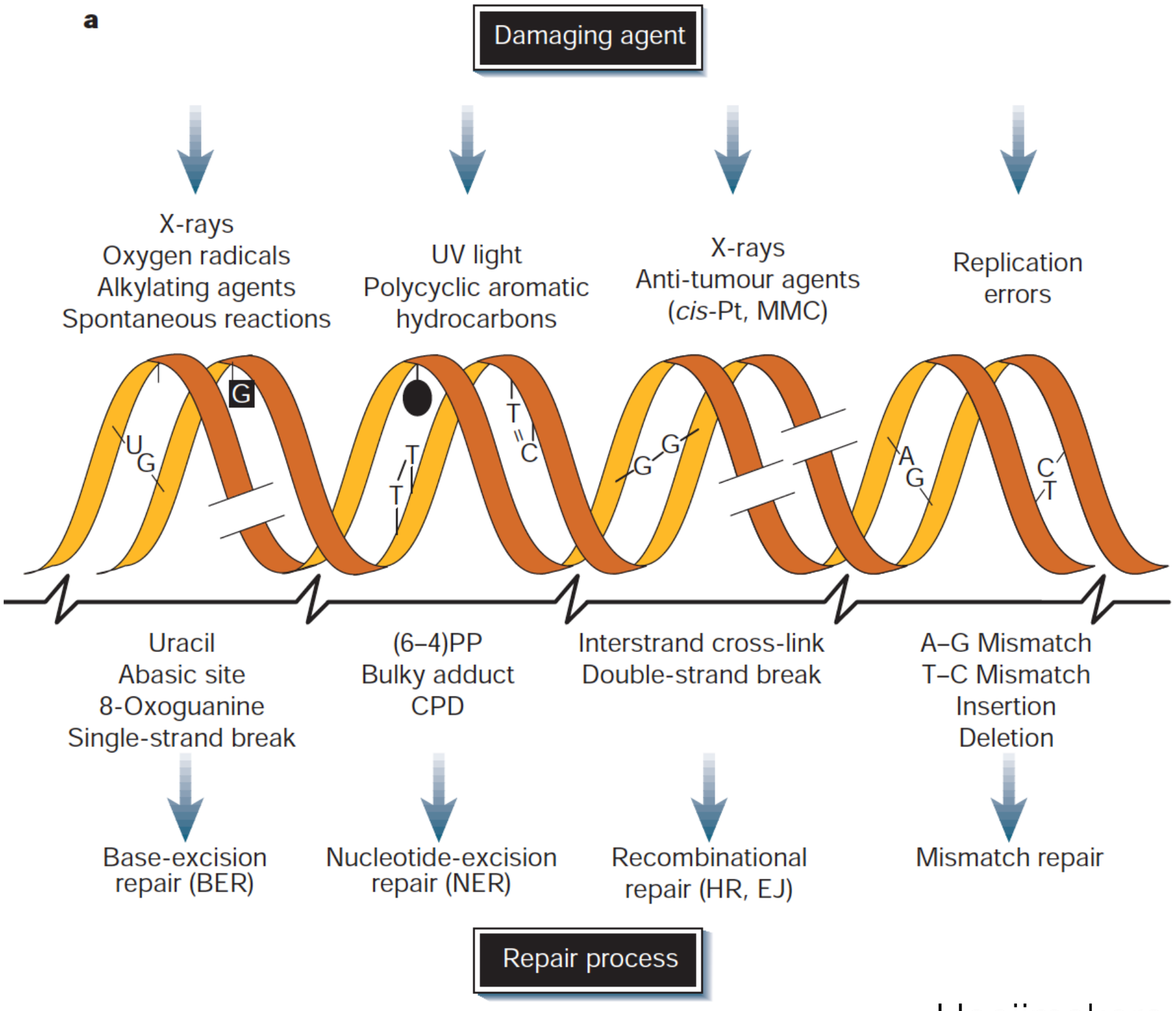
Transient summary I

Terms Genome stability, DNA damage response, DNA repair, DNA damage tolerance denote closely related, yet not interchangeable terms

Cells are continuously exposed to wide variety of DNA damage

Failure to properly deal with the damage may have fatal consequences to cells

How do cells know genome stability has been compromised?



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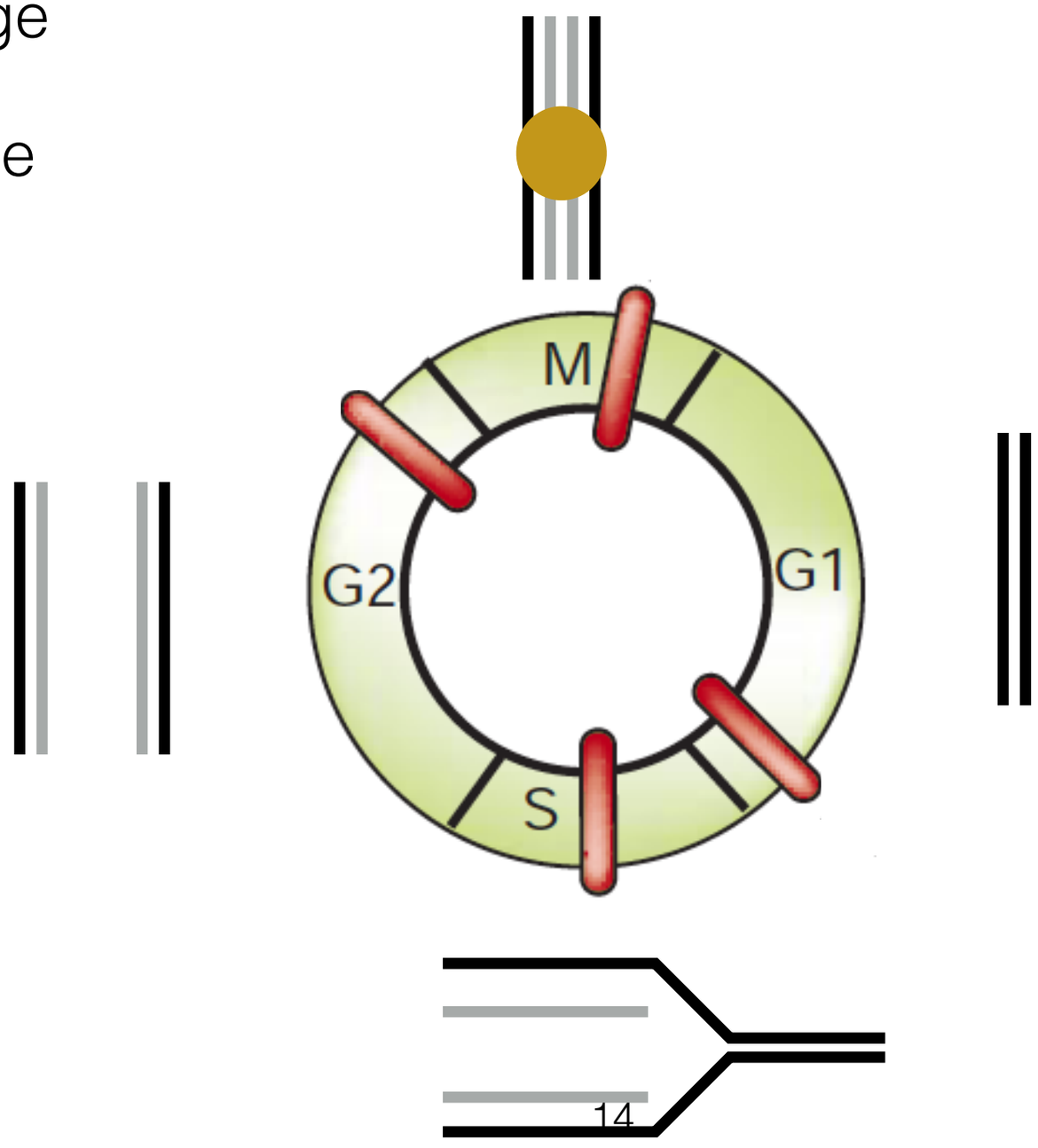
How do cells know genome stability has been compromised?

The challenges

- different types of DNA damage

- cell-cycle stage

- metabolic state



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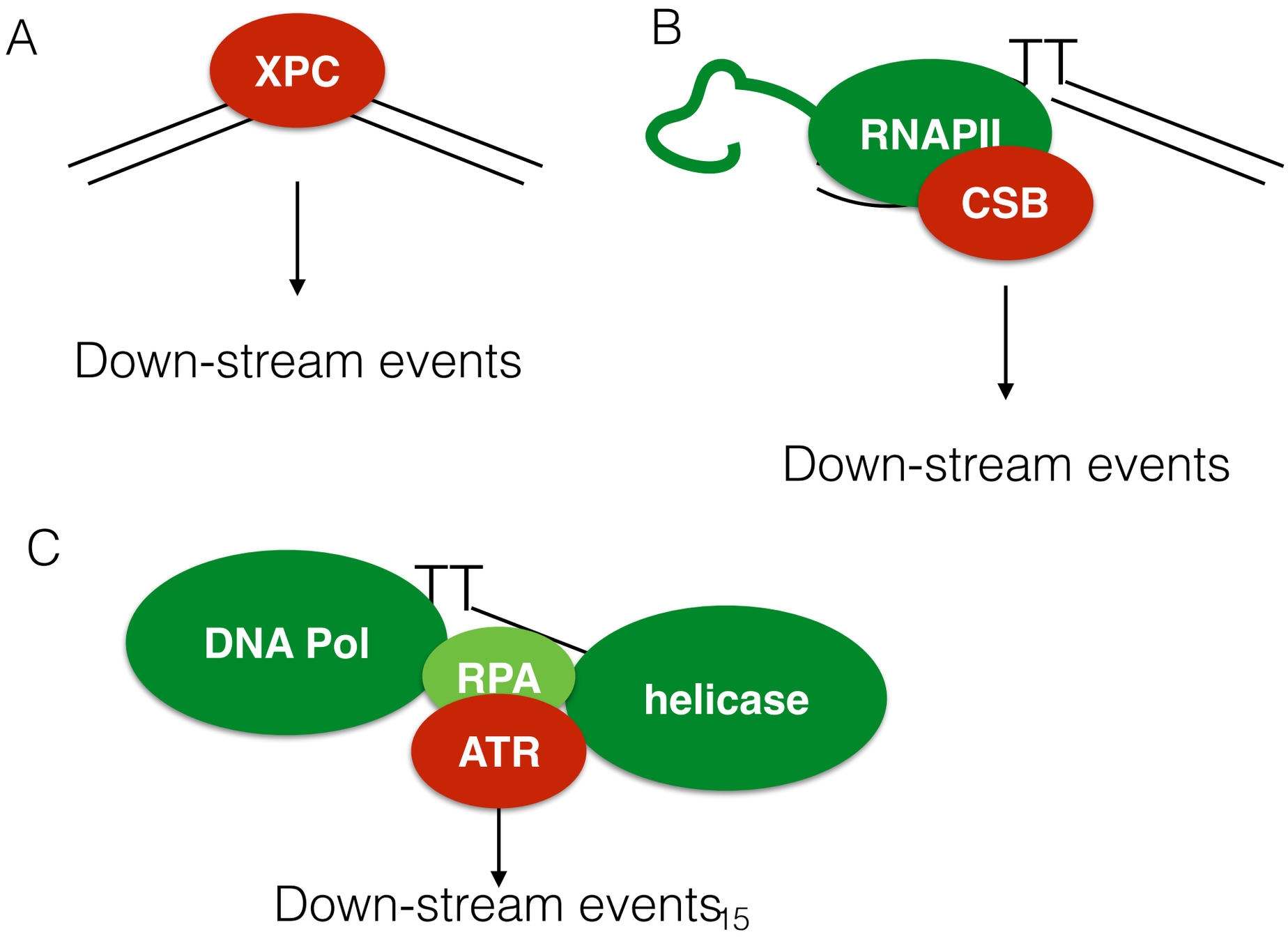
How do cells know genome stability has been compromised?

Cells possess context-specific sensors that recognise signals from the damaged DNA



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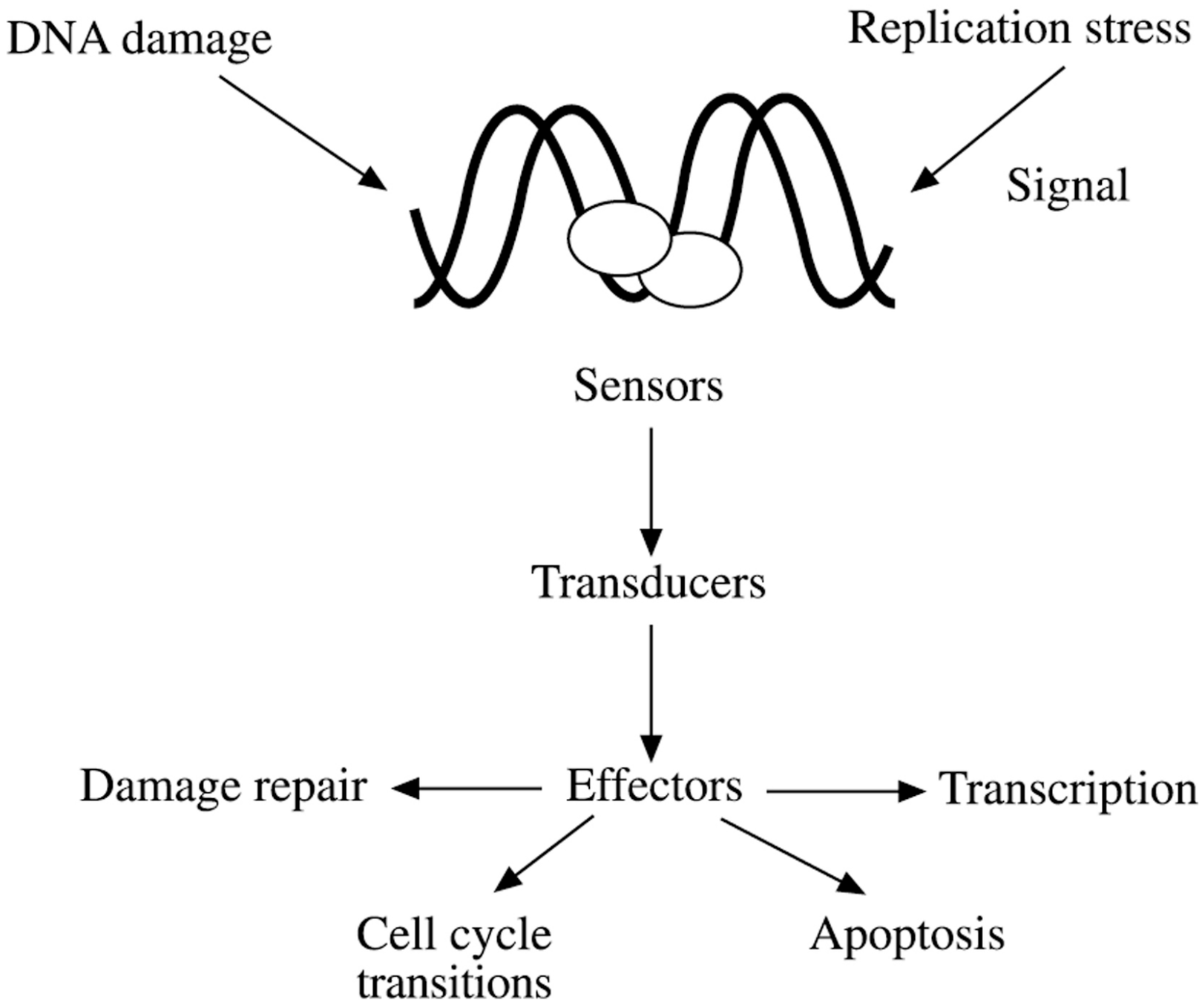

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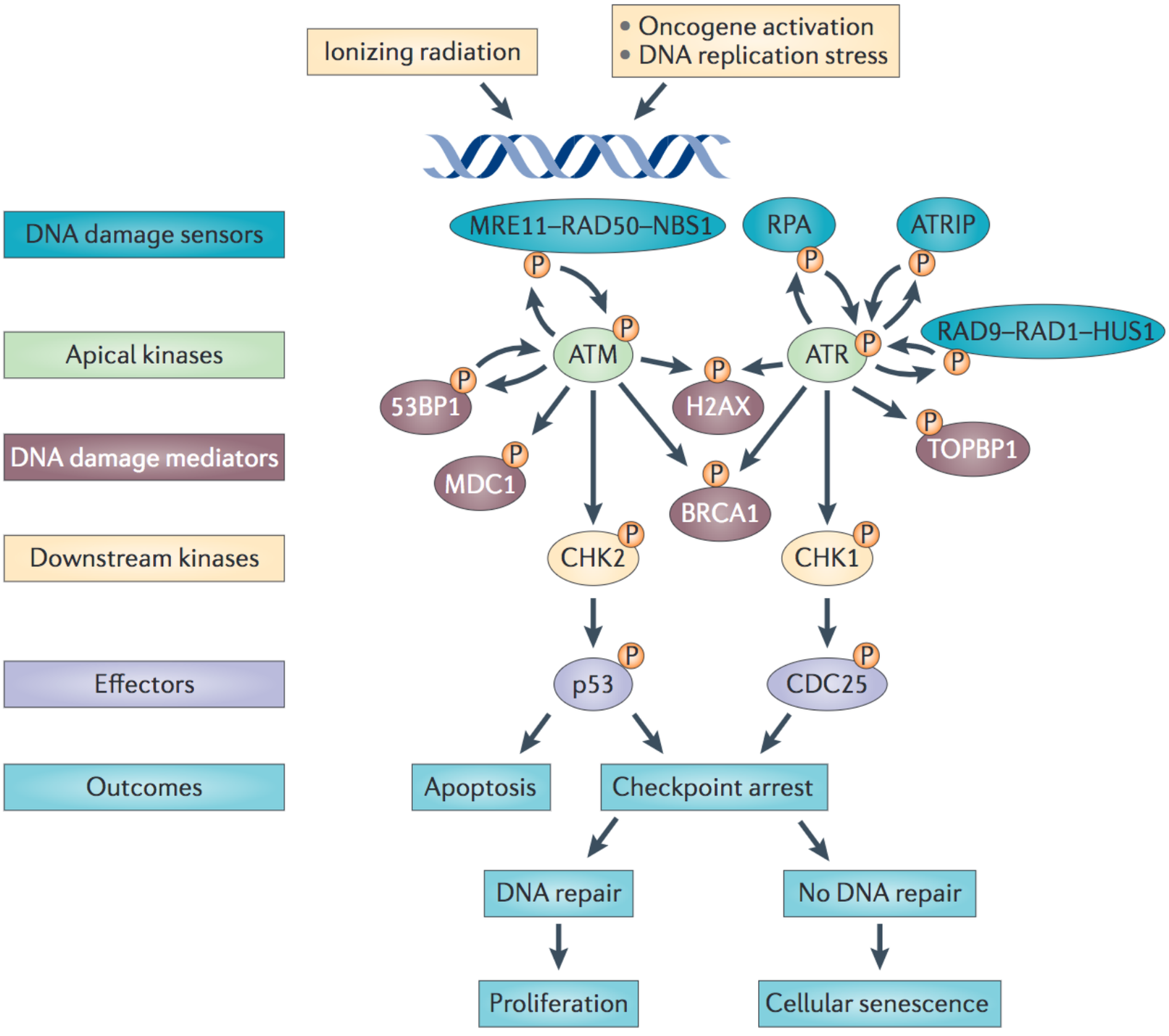
A simplified picture



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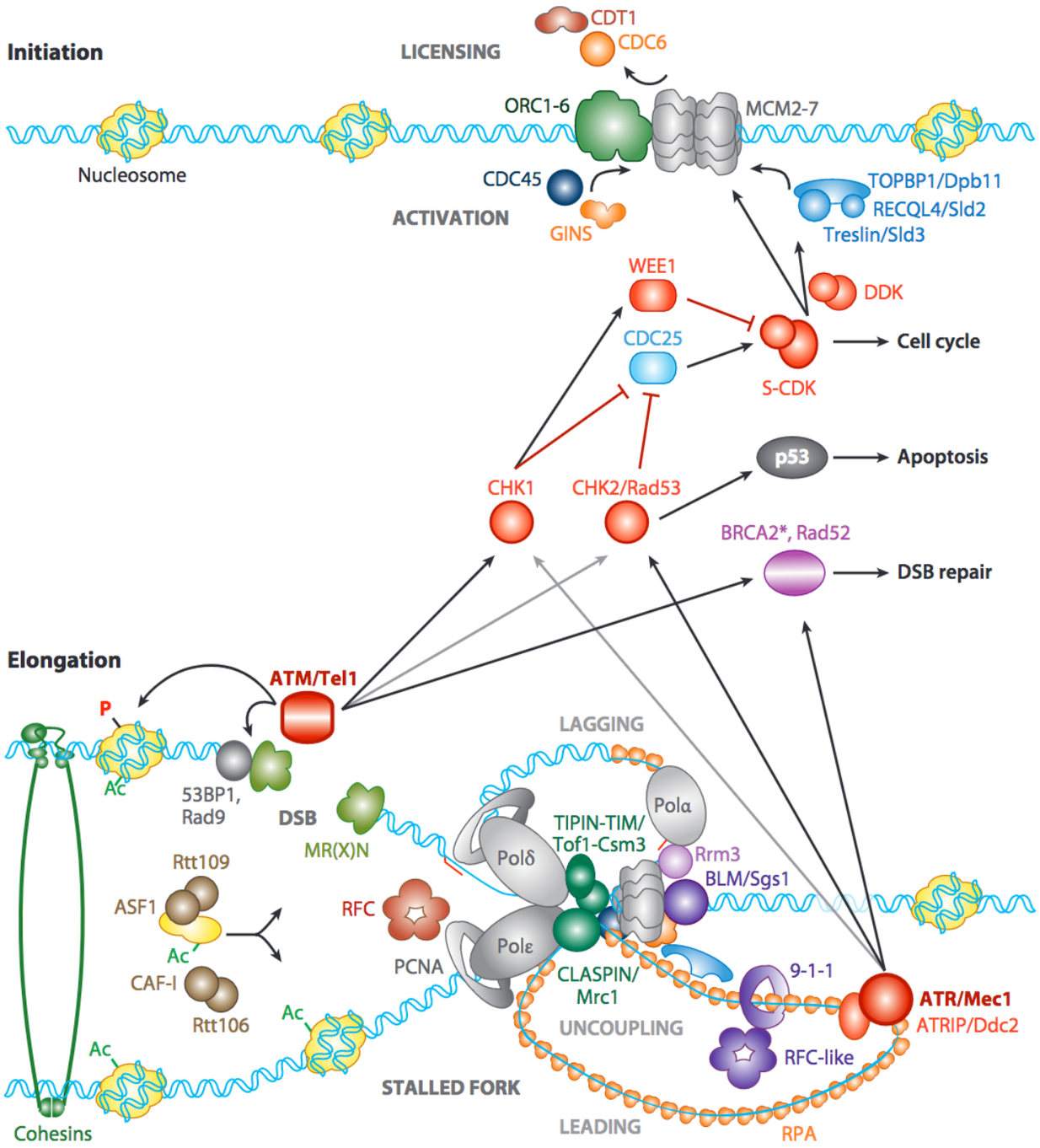
How do cells react to DNA damage?

A more comprehensive picture



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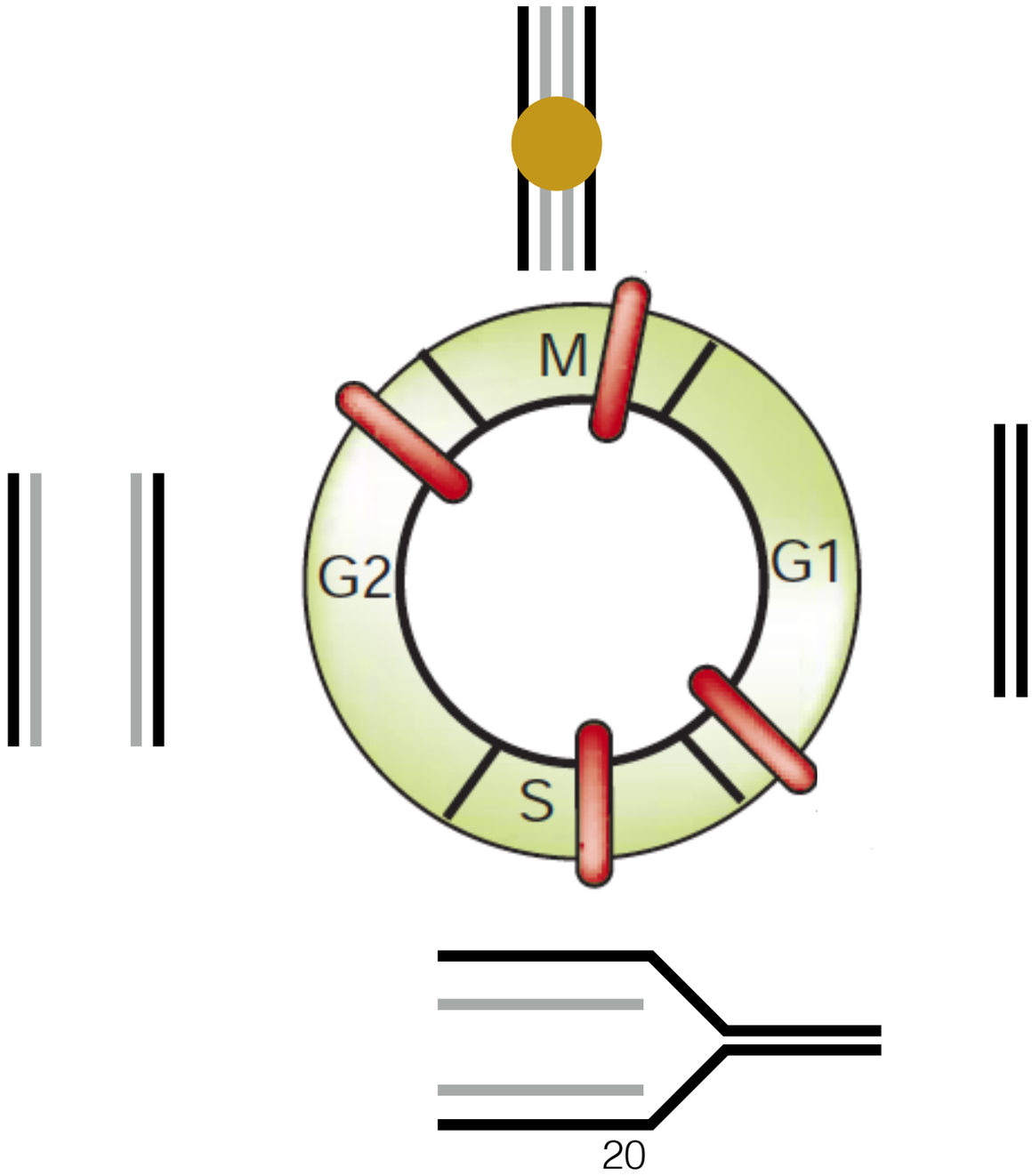
Transient summary II

Cells possess specific factors - sensors - that recognise insults to DNA structure, DNA breaks, or stalled machineries like transcription and replication.

The sensors then activate complex signalling pathways that lead to halt of cell-cycle, as well as to decision as of which pathway is to be used; balancing the cell-cycle stage and other needs of the cell.

How do cell maintain genome stability?

DNA repair is prevalent outside the S-phase, in which DNA damage tolerance is preferred.



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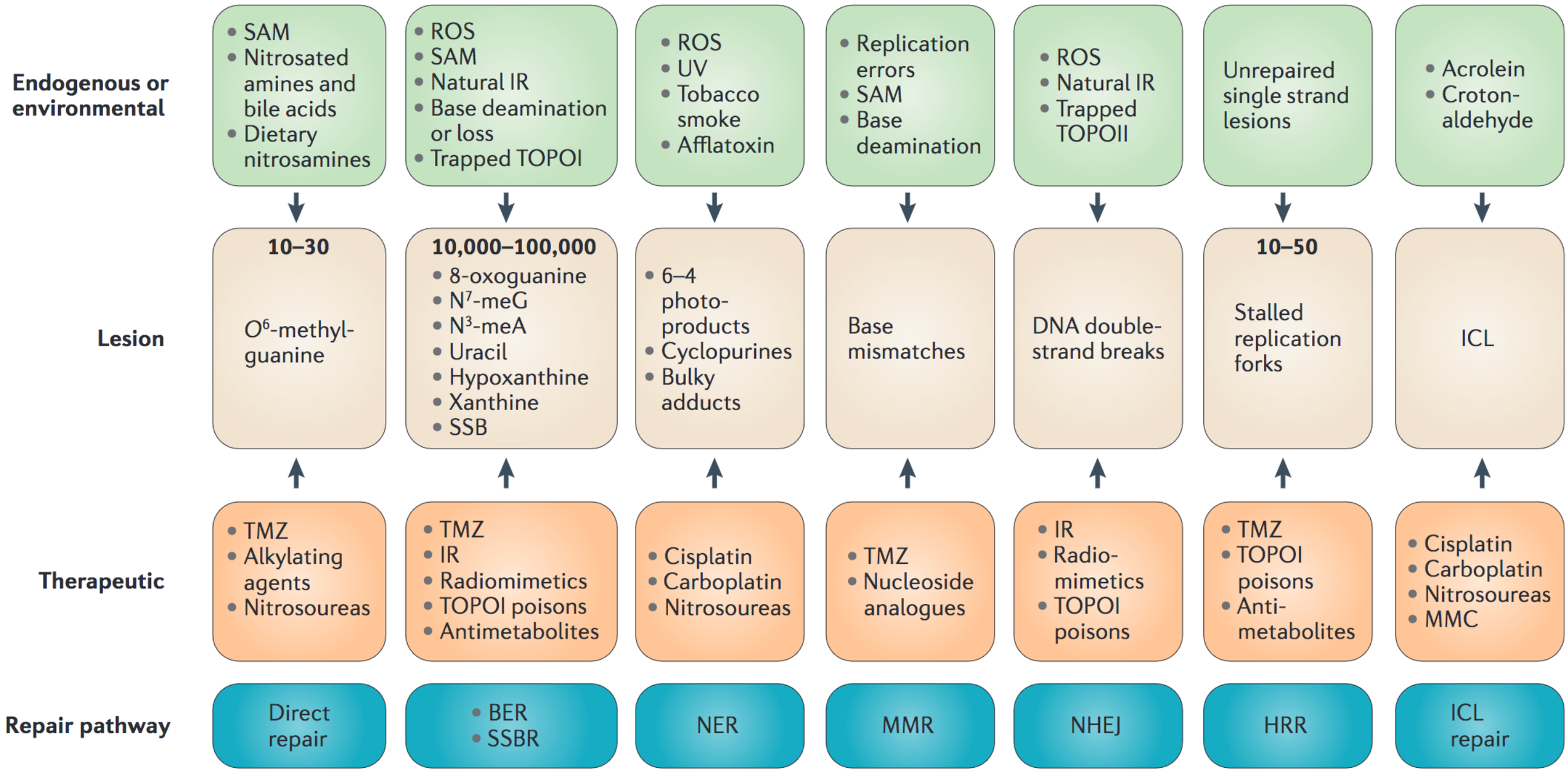
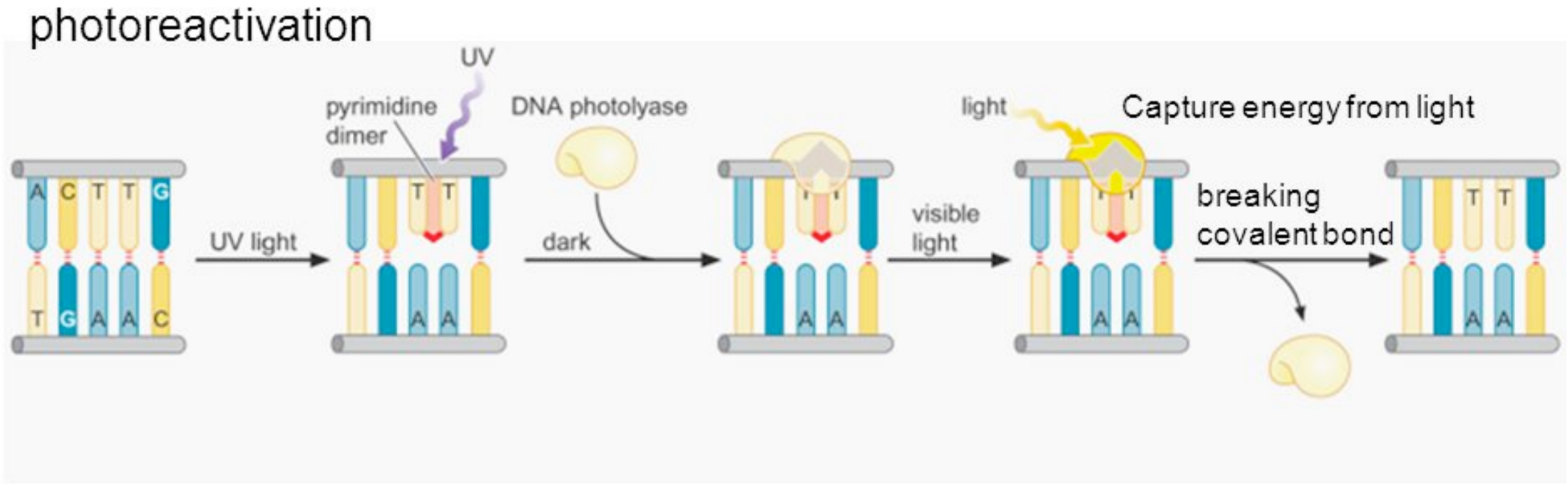
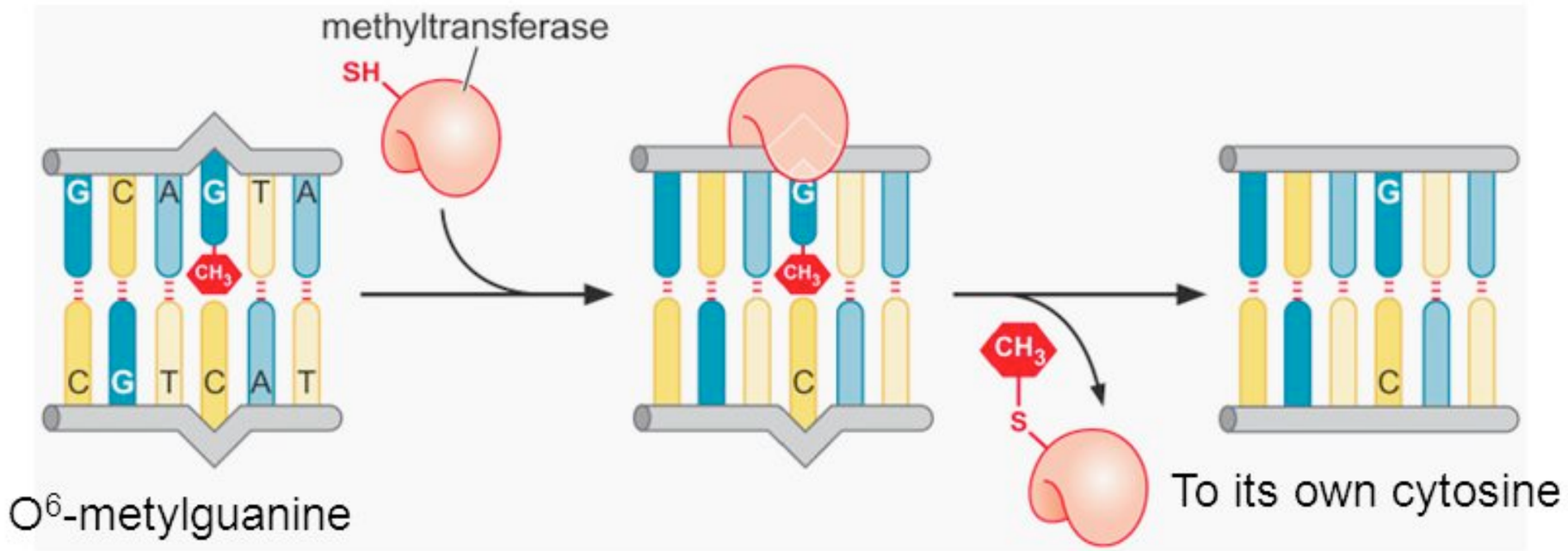


Curtin et al., 2012

How do cell maintain genome stability?

Direct reversal / Direct repair





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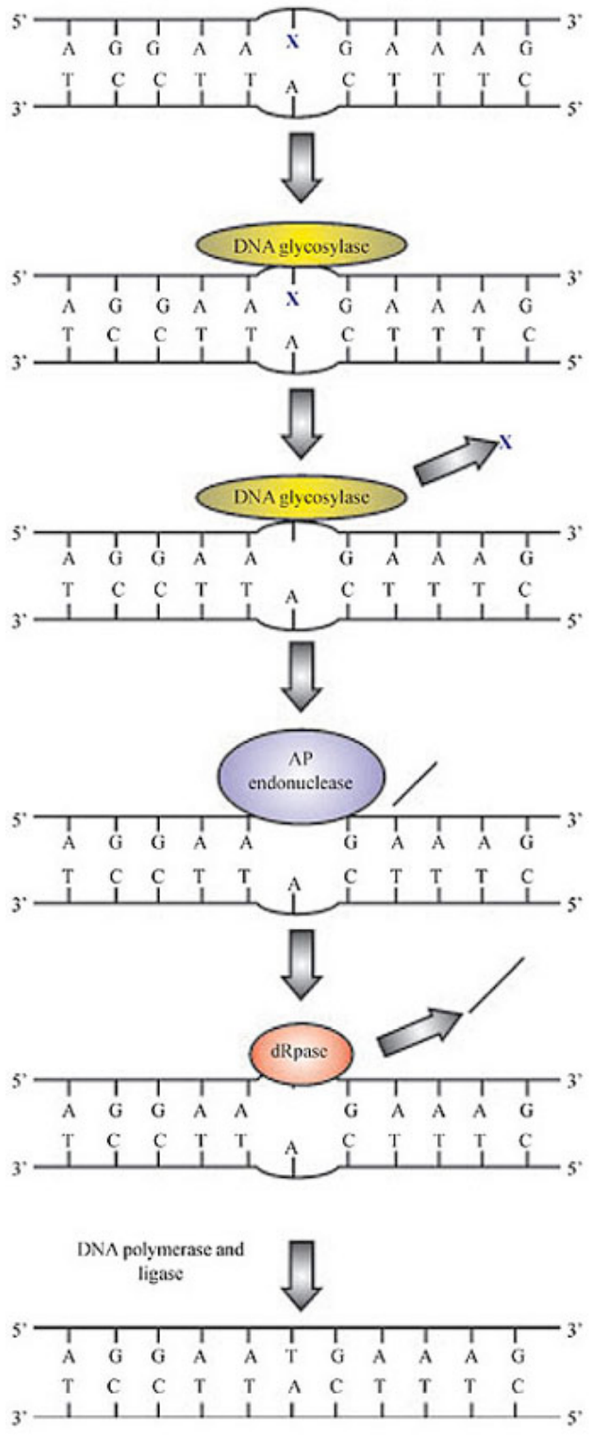
Base excision repair (BER)



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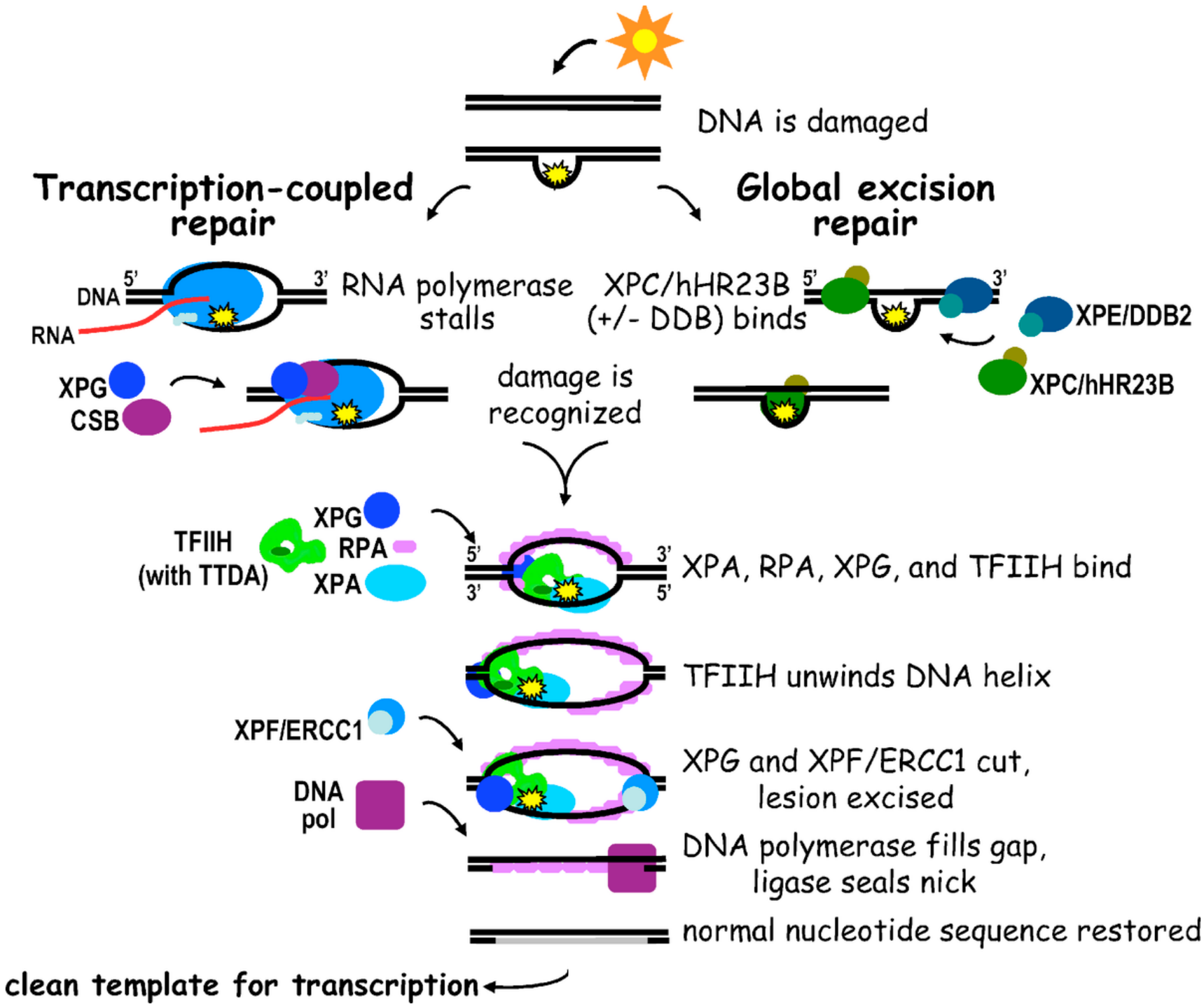
Nucleotide excision repair (NER)



How do cell maintain genome stability?

Difference between excision repair pathways

BER

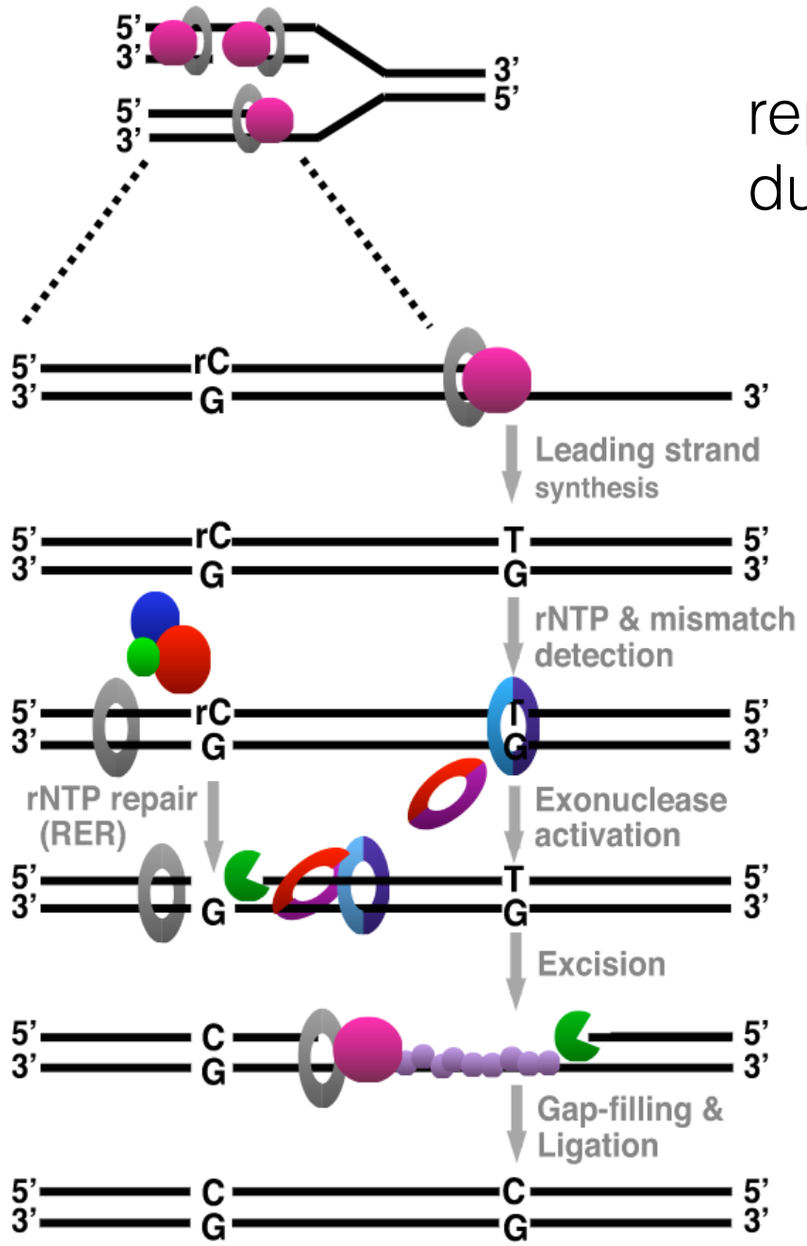
- Repair of modified bases
- Glycosylase removes base, leaves backbone intact
- AP nuclease cuts backbone, AP lyase removes sugar

NER

- Repair of aducts and large distortions in DNA double helix
- Double excision removes damage as an oligonucleotide (27-29 nt in humans)

How do cell maintain genome stability?

Mismatch repair (MMR)



repairs mismatches introduced during DNA replication

Jiricny lab 2013

How do cell maintain genome stability?

Double-stranded DNA breaks (DSB) repair

Error-prone

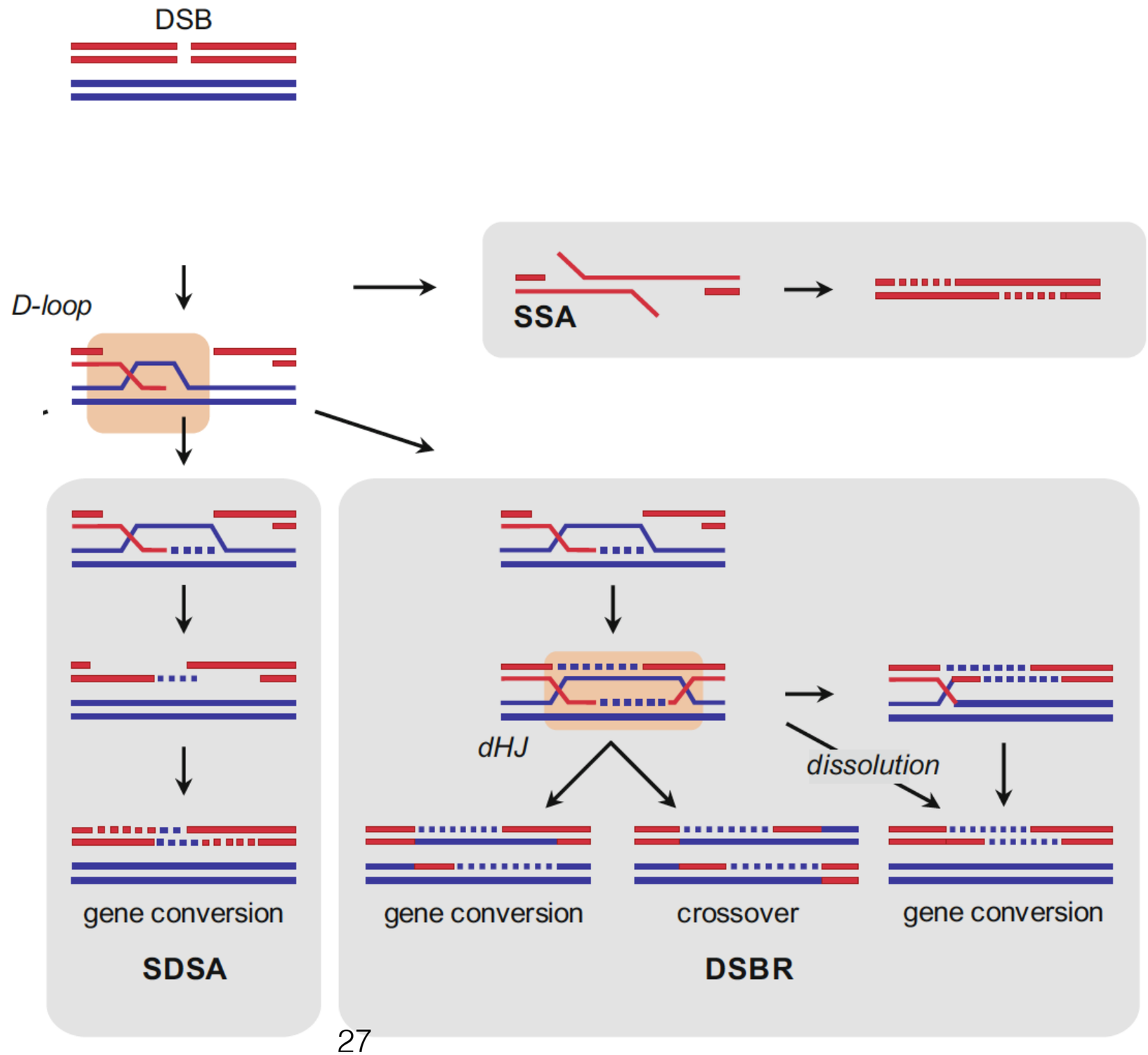
NHEJ: non-homologous end joining

SSA: single strand annealing

SDSA: synthesis-dependent strand-annealing

DSBR: DSB repair

Error-free



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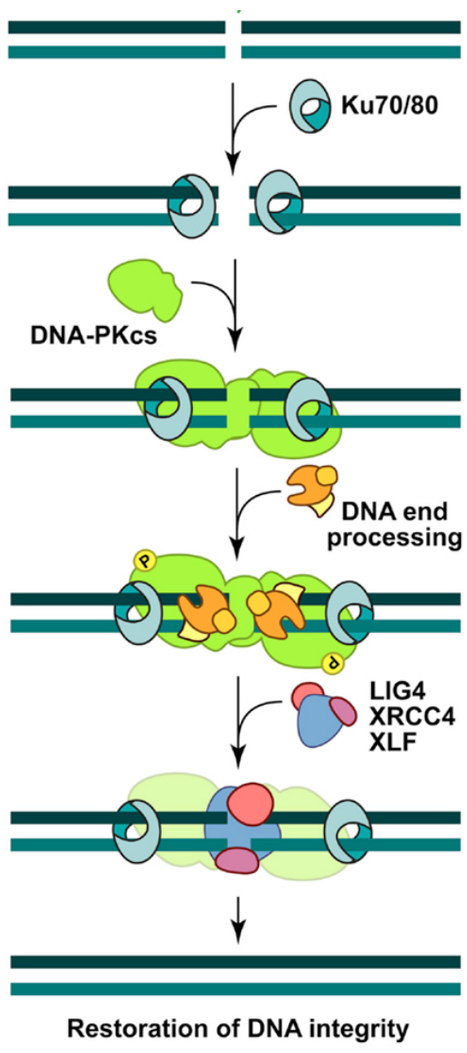
NHEJ is an error-prone pathway



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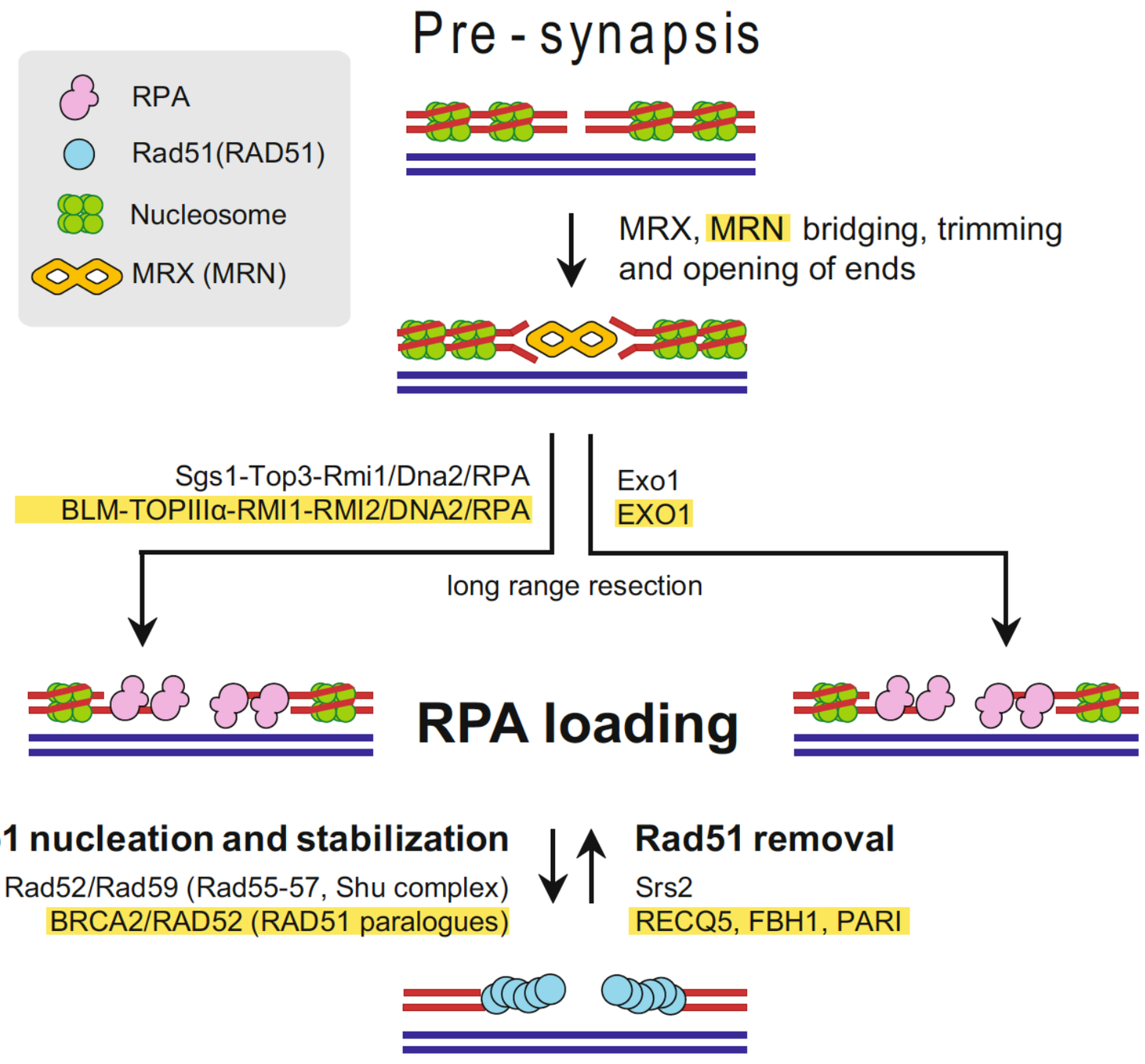

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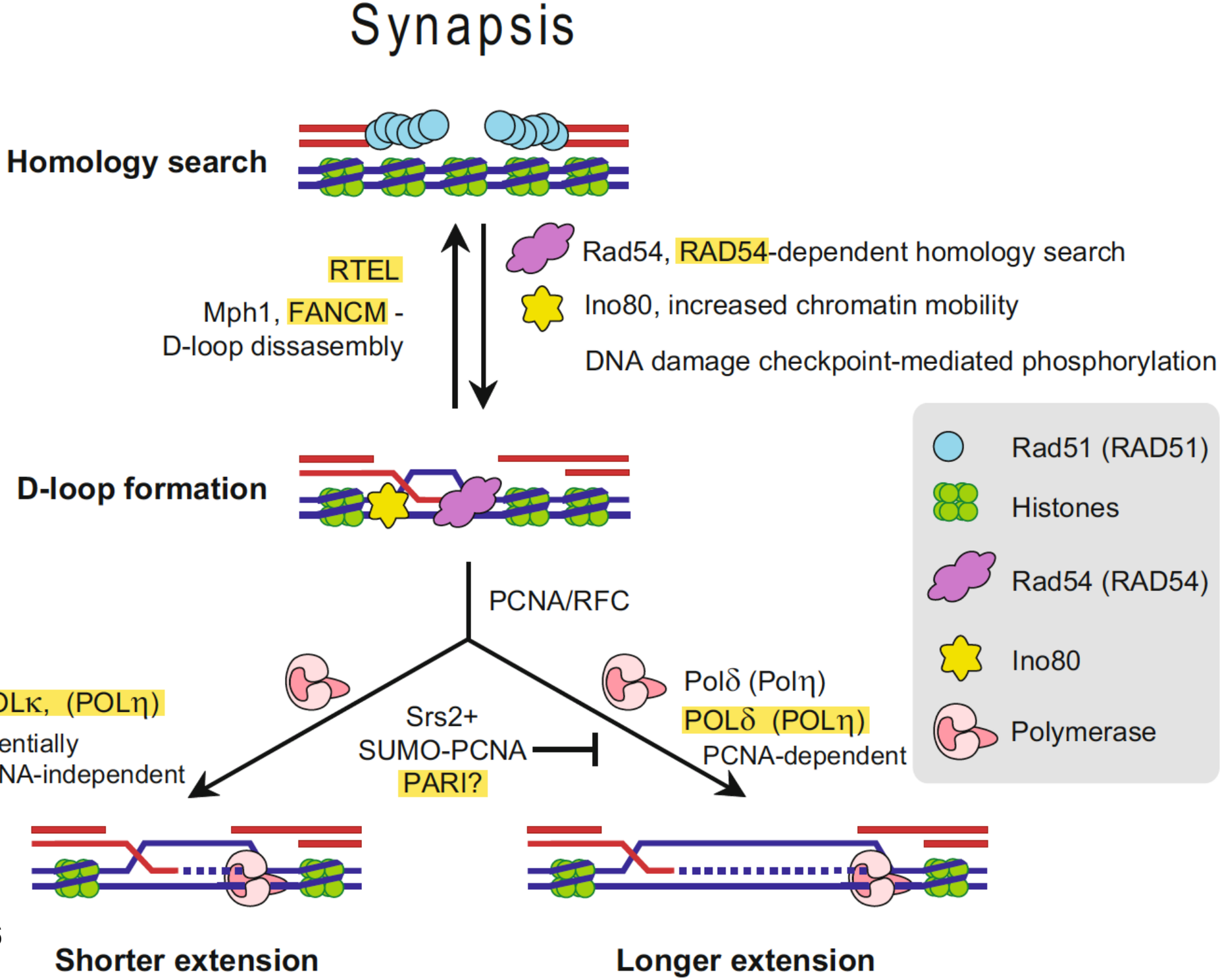

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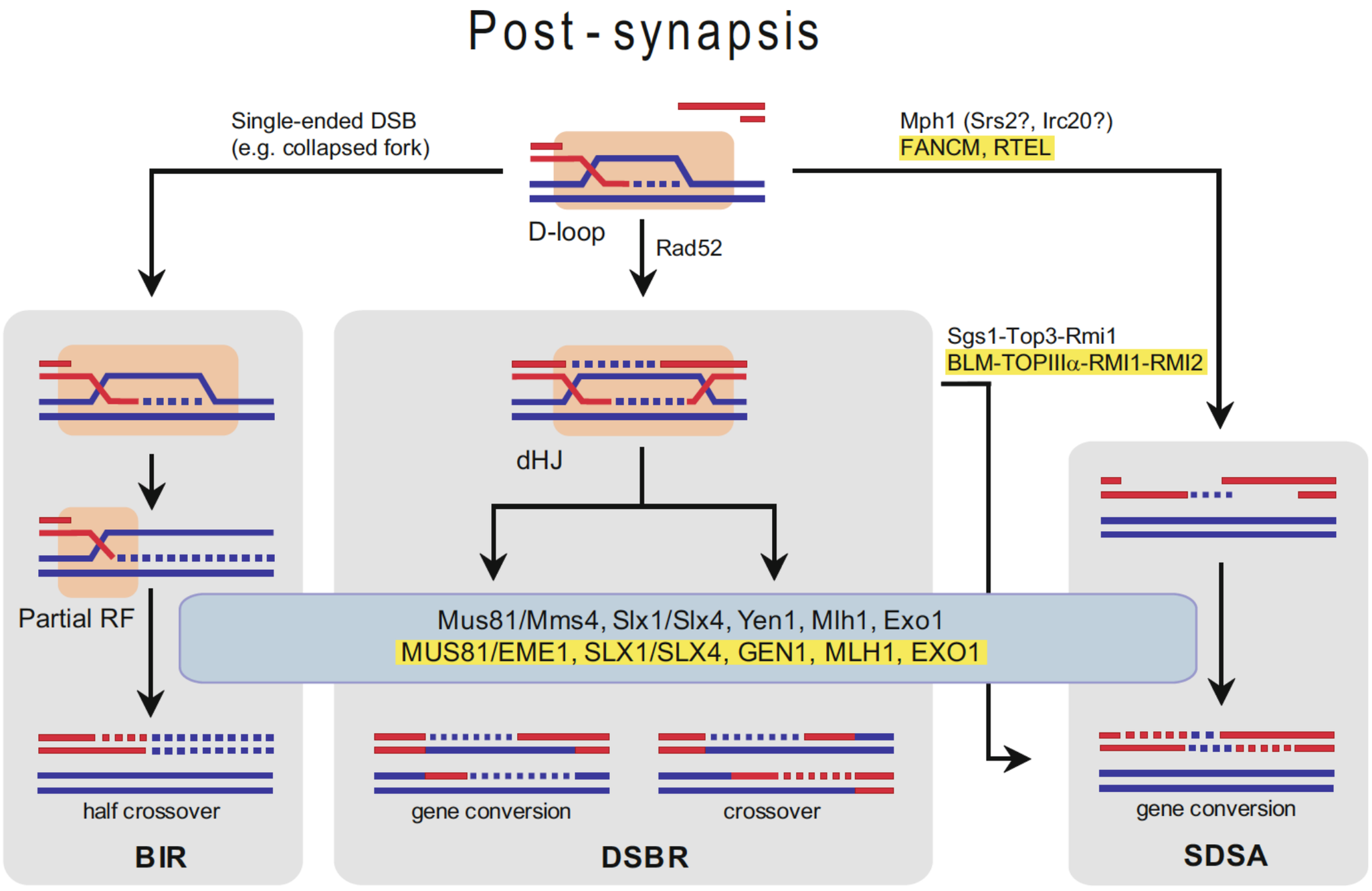

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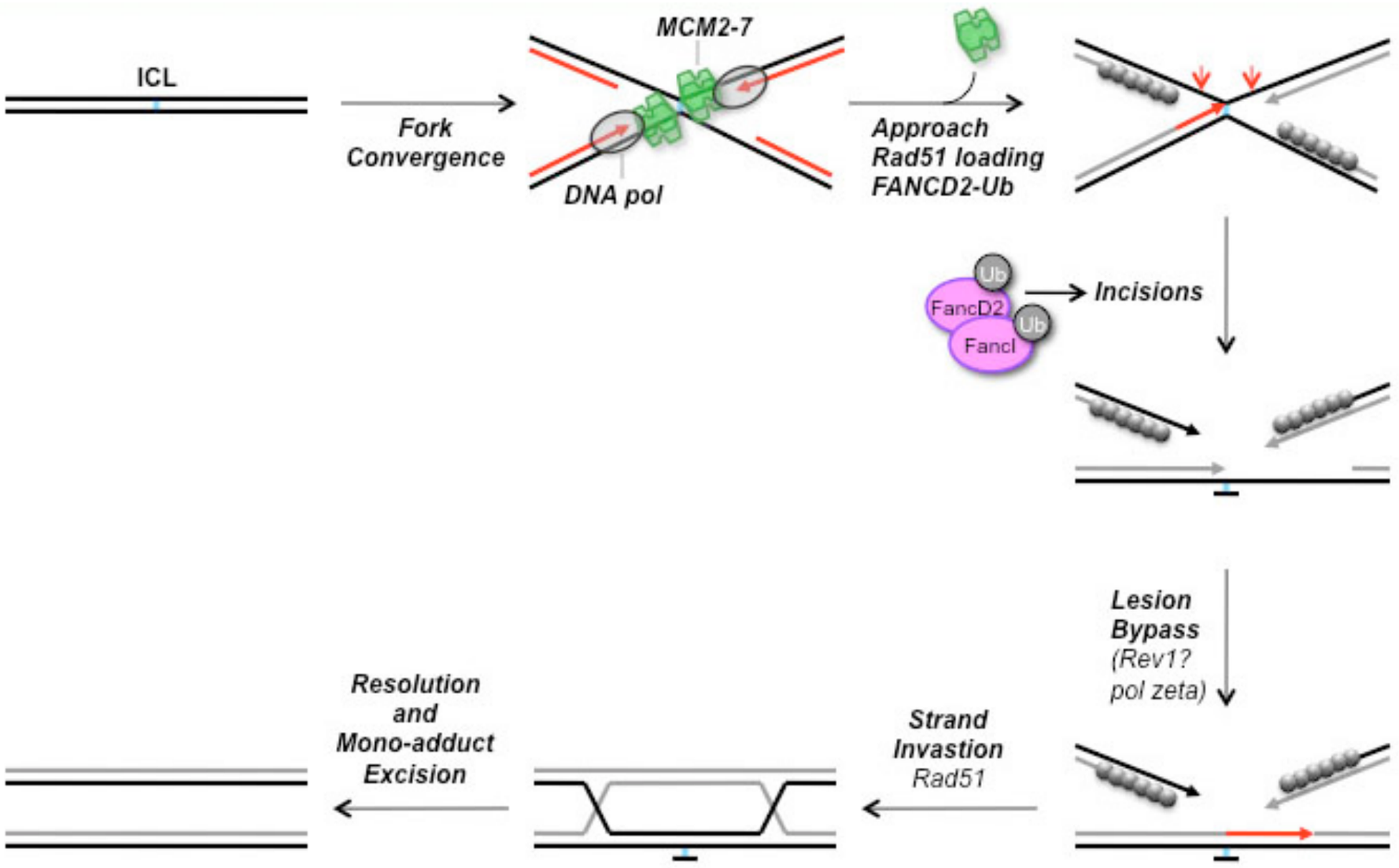
How do cell maintain genome stability?

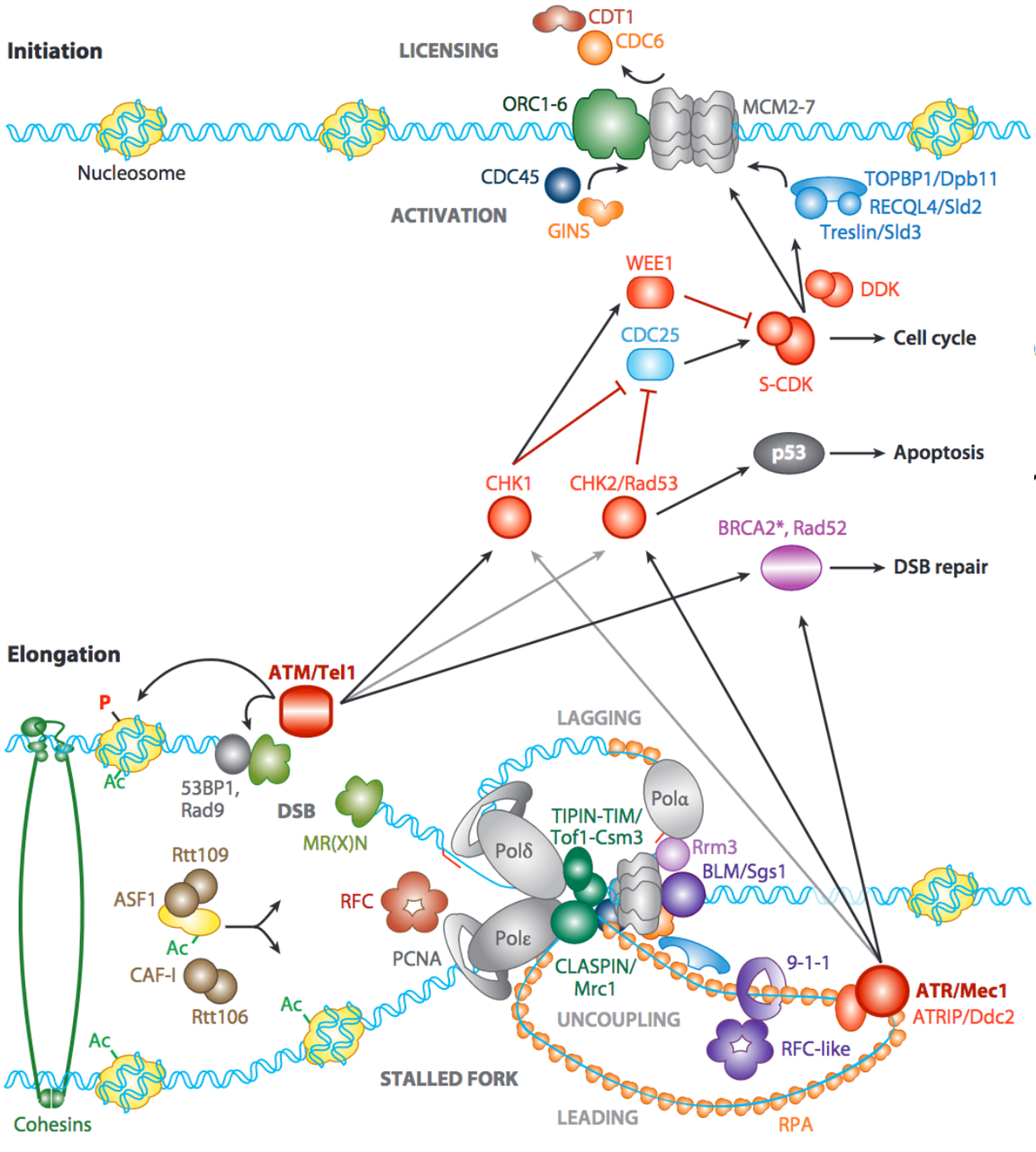
Interstrand crossling repair

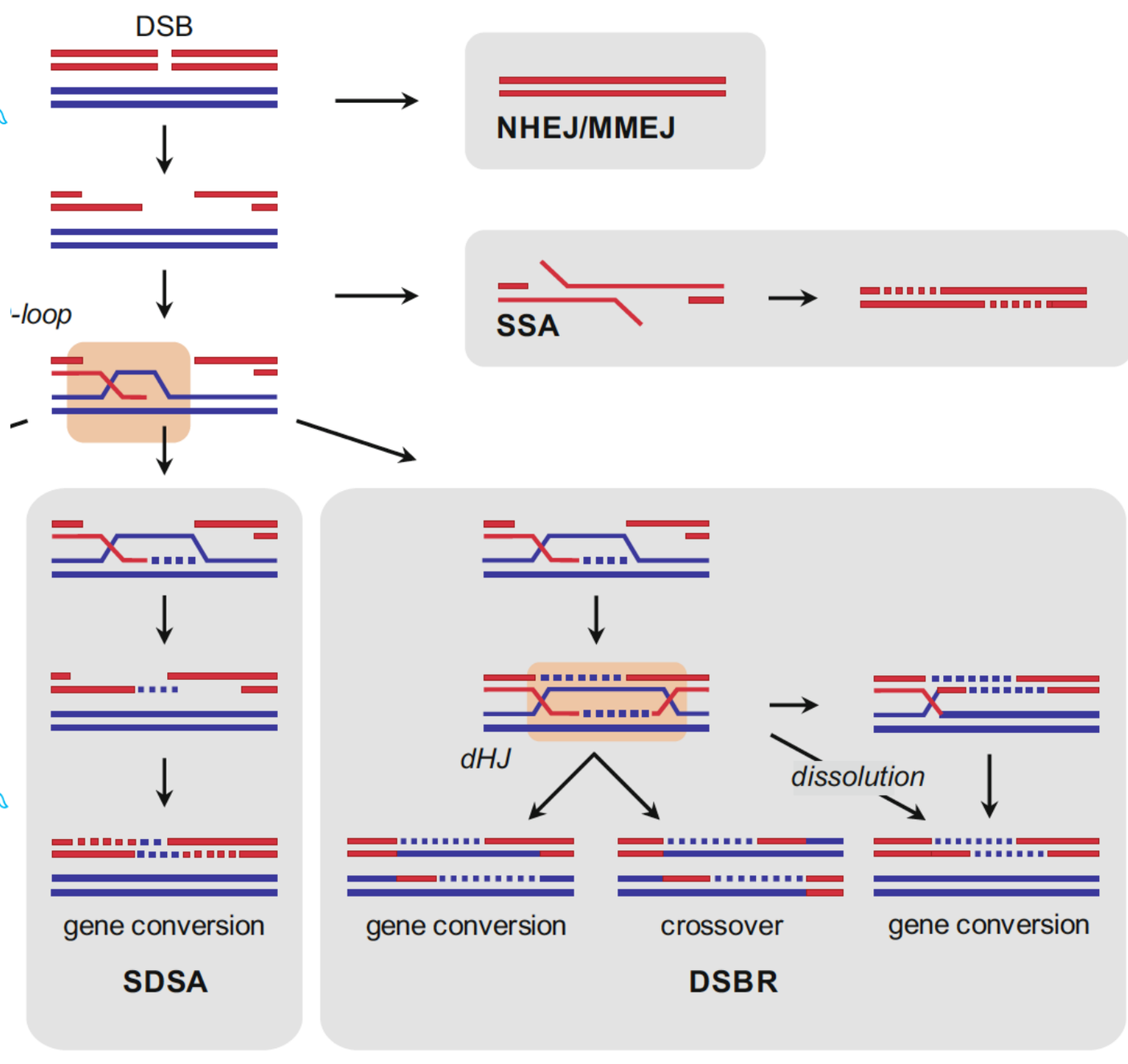


Raschle et al., 2008

How do cell maintain genome stability?

Repair vs. tolerance of DNA damage





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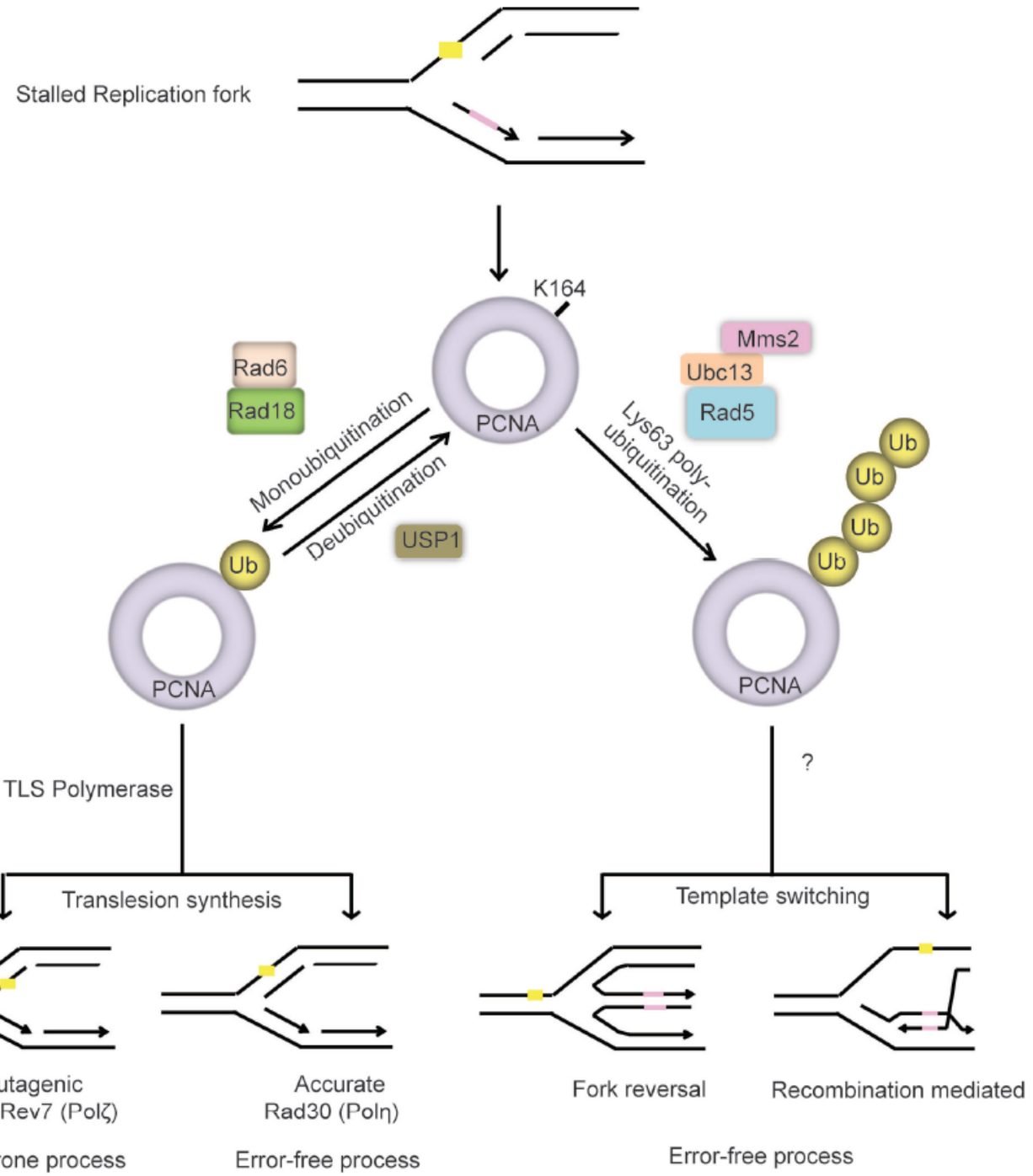
DNA damage tolerance (DDT)



Transient summary III

Different types of DNA damage are repaired
by specific repair pathway

The repair is generally error-free, except for NHEJ and SSA

In S-phase, cells activate tolerance mechanisms that allow timely completion of DNA replication

How to study genome stability maintenance? (Case study on Homologous recombination)

Different strategies exist

Genetic tools

Allow us to identify genes and the relationships among, thereby building a pathway

Microscopic tools

Give us a glimpse at spacial and temporal relationships of genes of interests

Biochemical tools

Allow us to understand mechanisms and complex formations within a studied pathway

Structural tools

Allow us to understand molecular mechanisms at atomic resolution

Single molecule techniques

Allow us to understand behaviour at of single molecules as compared to bulk biochemical reactions

How to study genome stability maintenance?
Step1: identify the genes

Molec. gen. Genet. 125, 197—216 (1973)
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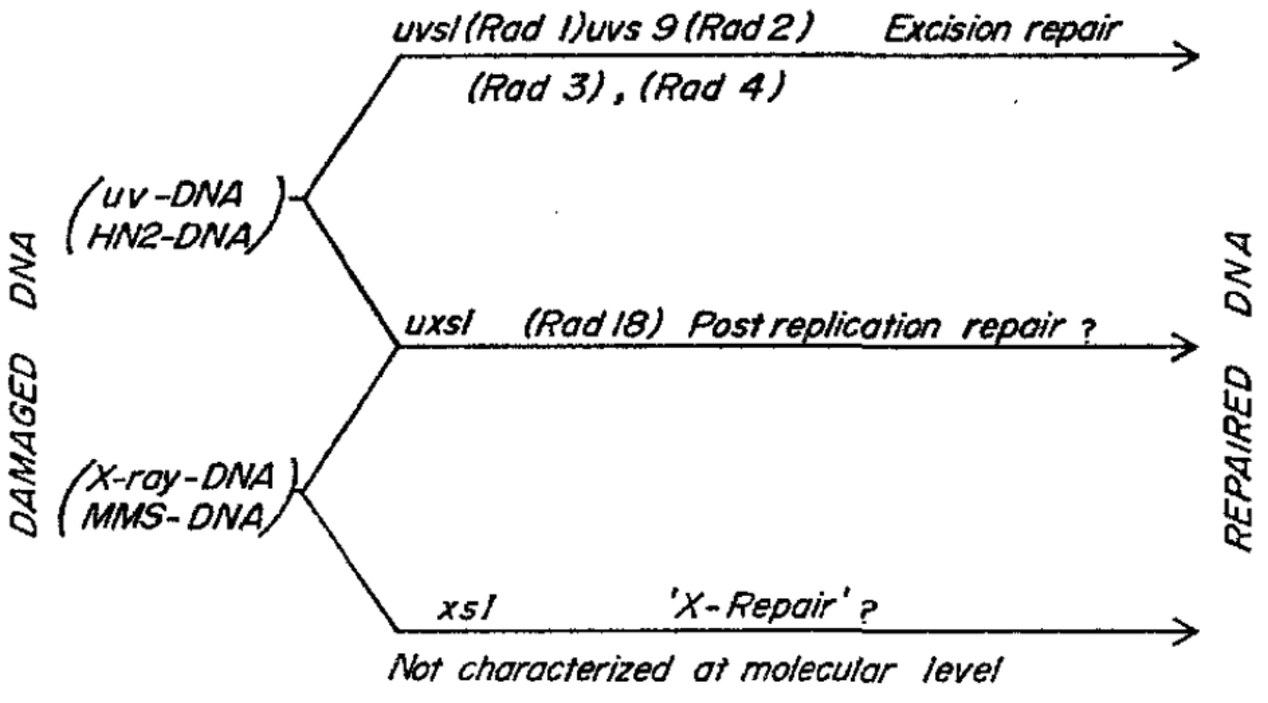
Interactions among Genes Controlling Sensitivity to Radiation and Alkylation in Yeast

Martin Brendel and Robert H. Haynes

Department of Biology, York University, Toronto, Canada

Received March 27, 1973

Using a thorough genetic analysis of the isolated mutants, they were able to build a first model of multiple pathways dealing with DNA damage.



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Step1: identify the genes

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ARTICLES

Sae2, Exo1 and Sgs1 collaborate in DNA double-strand break processing

Eleni P. Mimitou[1] & Lorraine S. Symington[1]

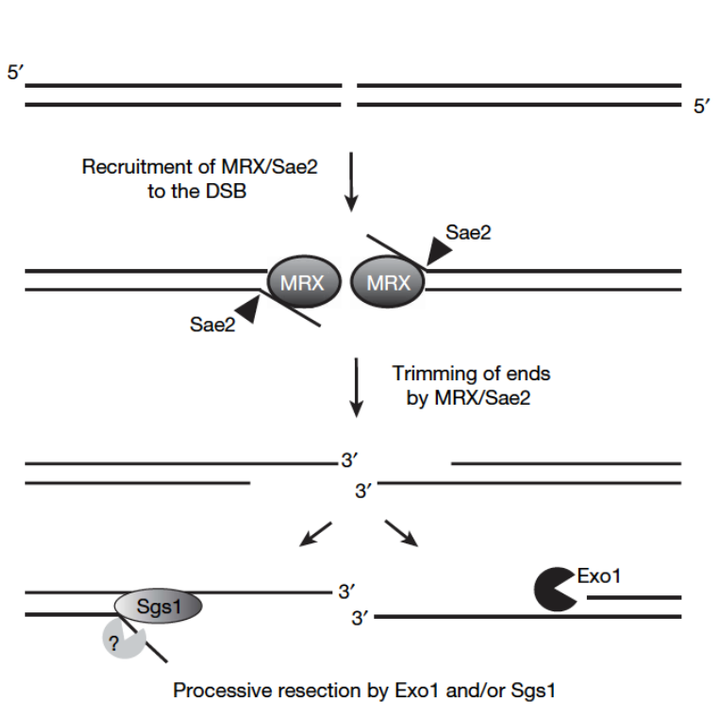


Figure 5 | Two-step mechanism for DSB resection. After a DSB is formed

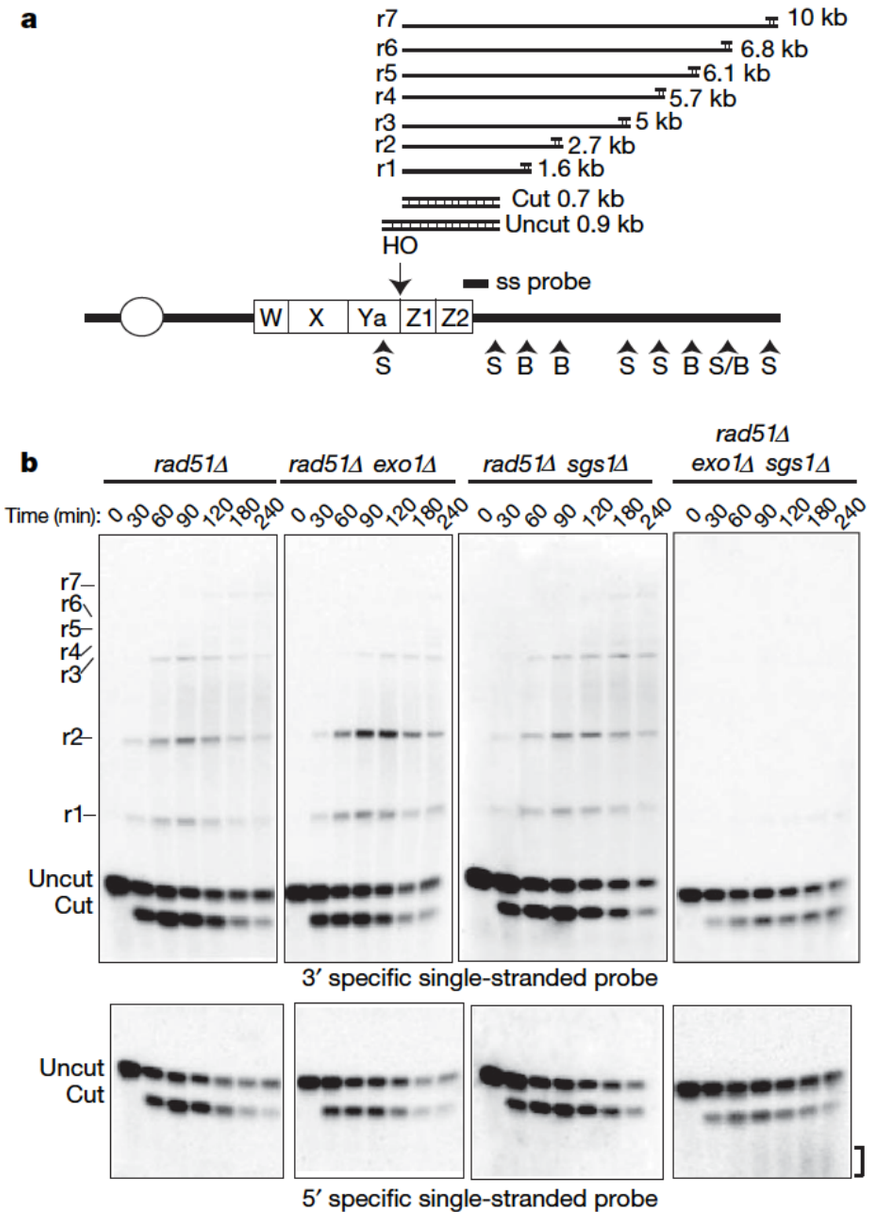


Figure 3 | Single-stranded intermediates fail to form in the absence of Exo1 and Sgs1. **a**, Representation of the method used to detect single-stranded

Using a genetic approach Mimitou and Symington, were able to show for the first time the mechanism by which cells resect the ends of broken DNA.

How to study genome stability maintenance?
Step2: purify and study the proteins alone

Catalysis of ATP-Dependent Homologous DNA Pairing and Strand Exchange by Yeast RAD51 Protein

Patrick Sung

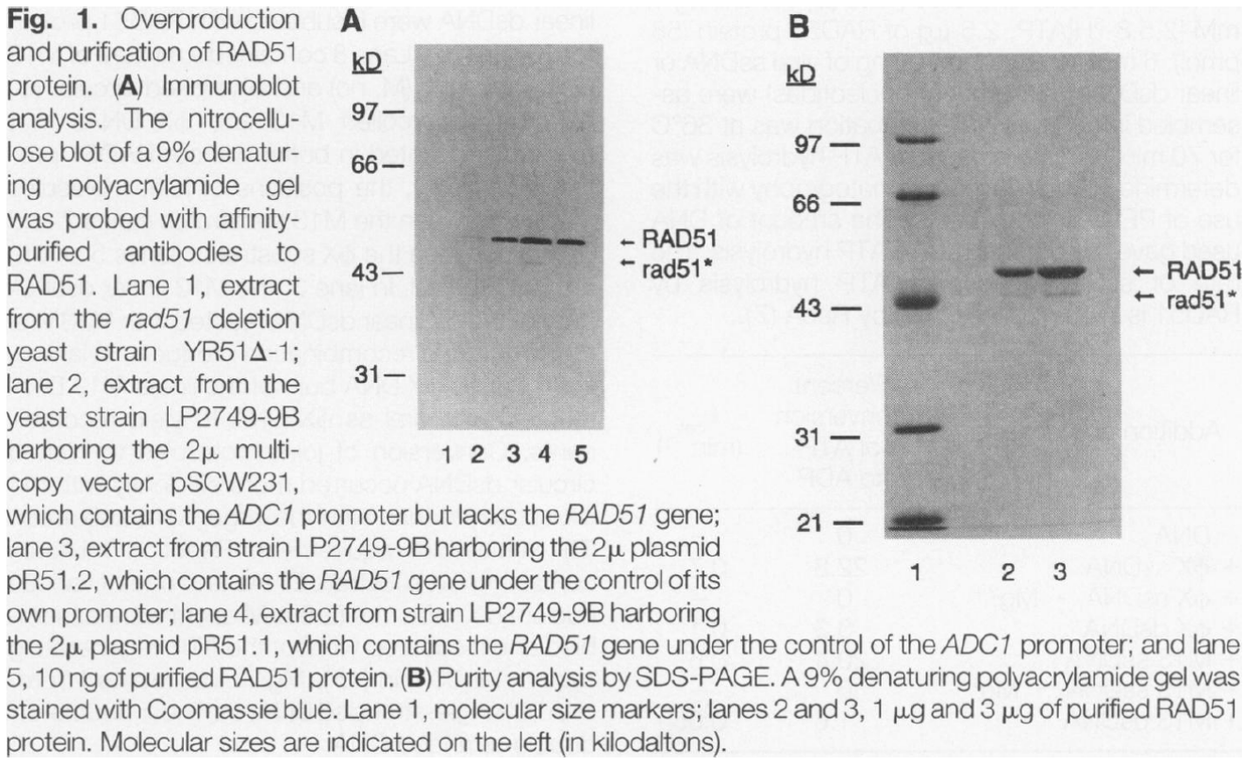
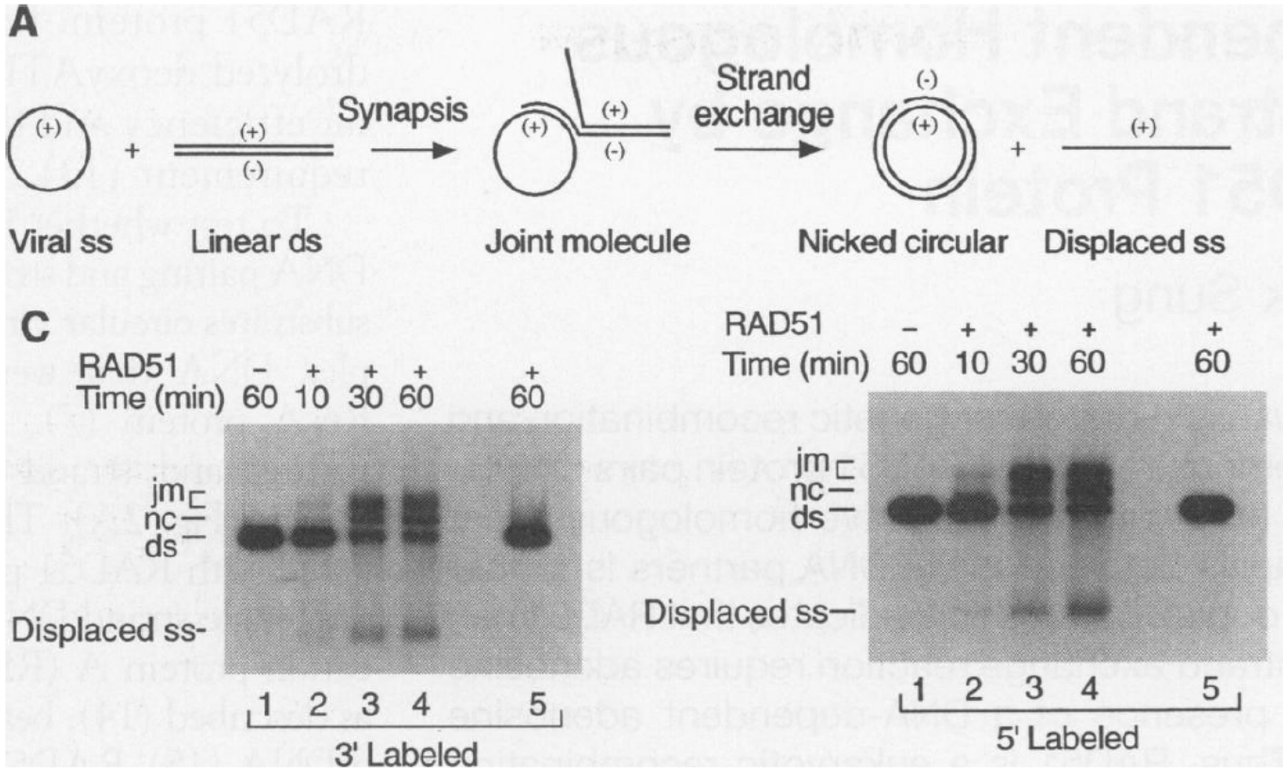


Fig. 1. Overproduction and purification of RAD51 protein. (**A**) Immunoblot analysis. The nitrocellulose blot of a 9% denaturing polyacrylamide gel was probed with affinity-purified antibodies to RAD51. Lane 1, extract from the *rad51* deletion yeast strain YR51Δ-1; lane 2, extract from the yeast strain LP2749-9B harboring the 2μ multicopy vector pSCW231, which contains the *ADC1* promoter but lacks the *RAD51* gene; lane 3, extract from strain LP2749-9B harboring the 2μ plasmid pR51.2, which contains the *RAD51* gene under the control of its own promoter; lane 4, extract from strain LP2749-9B harboring the 2μ plasmid pR51.1, which contains the *RAD51* gene under the control of the *ADC1* promoter; and lane 5, 10 ng of purified RAD51 protein. (**B**) Purity analysis by SDS-PAGE. A 9% denaturing polyacrylamide gel was stained with Coomassie blue. Lane 1, molecular size markers; lanes 2 and 3, 1 μg and 3 μg of purified RAD51 protein. Molecular sizes are indicated on the left (in kilodaltons).



Using a purified protein, Patrick Sung was able to show that Rad51 is a bona fide recombinase.

How to study genome stability maintenance?
Step2: purify and study the proteins in assemblies

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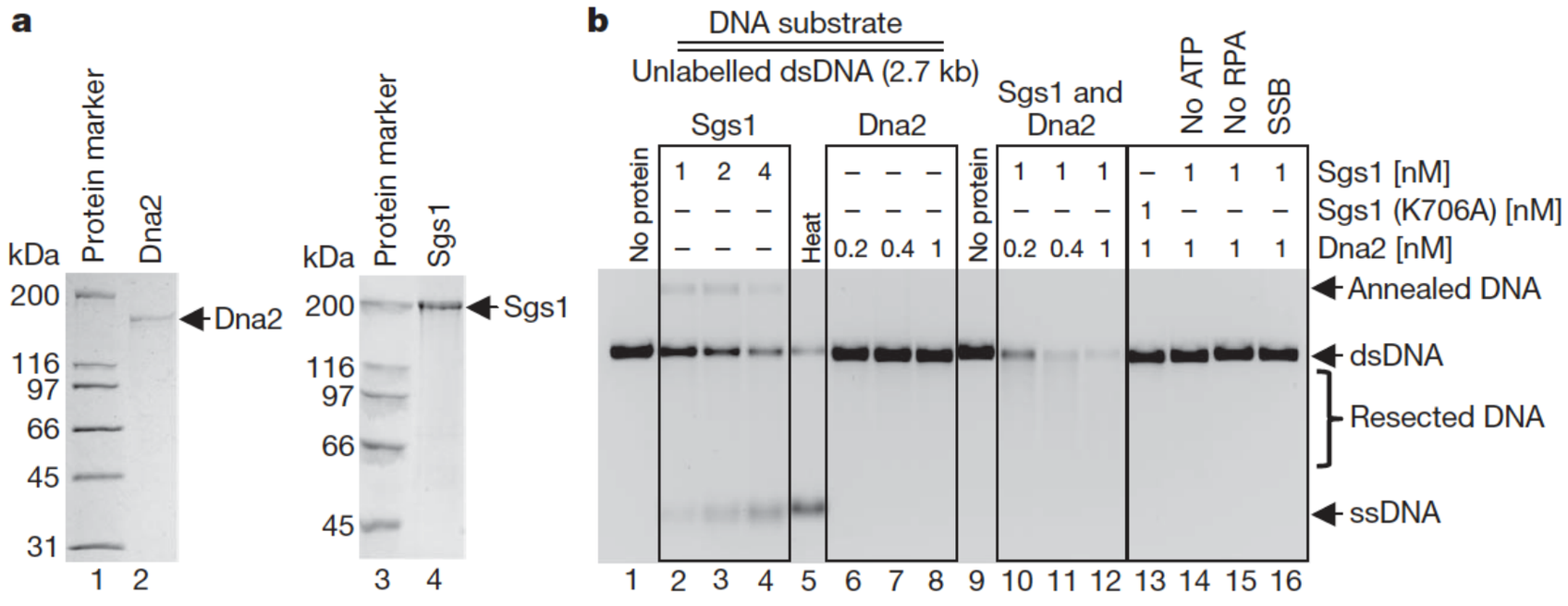
LETTERS

DNA end resection by Dna2–Sgs1–RPA and its stimulation by Top3–Rmi1 and Mre11–Rad50–Xrs2

Petr Cejka[1,2], Elda Cannavo[1,2], Piotr Polaczek[3], Taro Masuda-Sasa[3], Subhash Pokharel[3], Judith L. Campbell[3] & Stephen C. Kowalczykowski[1,2]



Using purified proteins, Cejka et al., were able to reconstitute end resection *in vitro*.

How to study genome stability maintenance?
Step3: study the proteins in time and space

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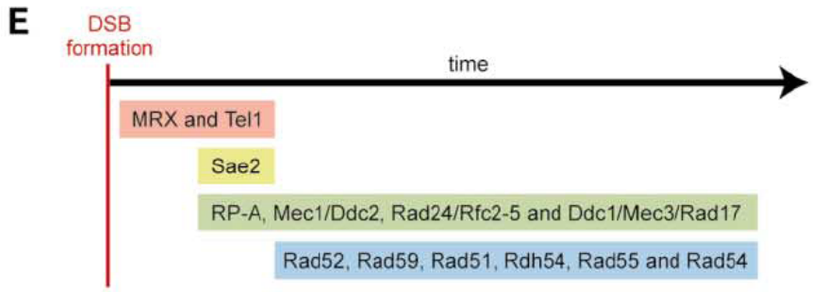
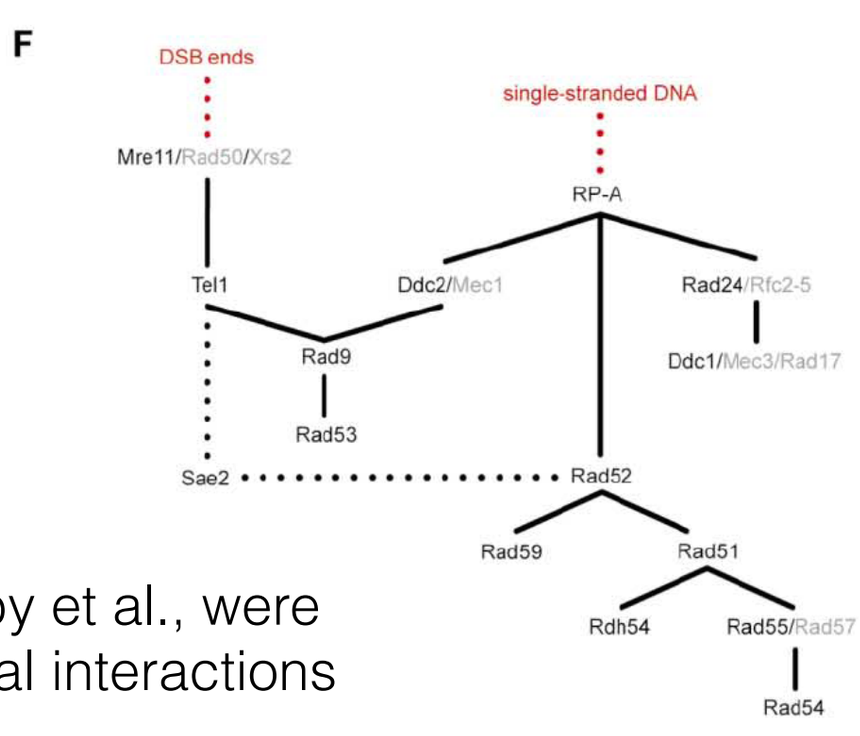
Choreography of the DNA Damage Response: Spatiotemporal Relationships among Checkpoint and Repair Proteins

Michael Lisby,[1,3] Jacqueline H. Barlow, Rebecca C. Burgess,[2] and Rodney Rothstein*





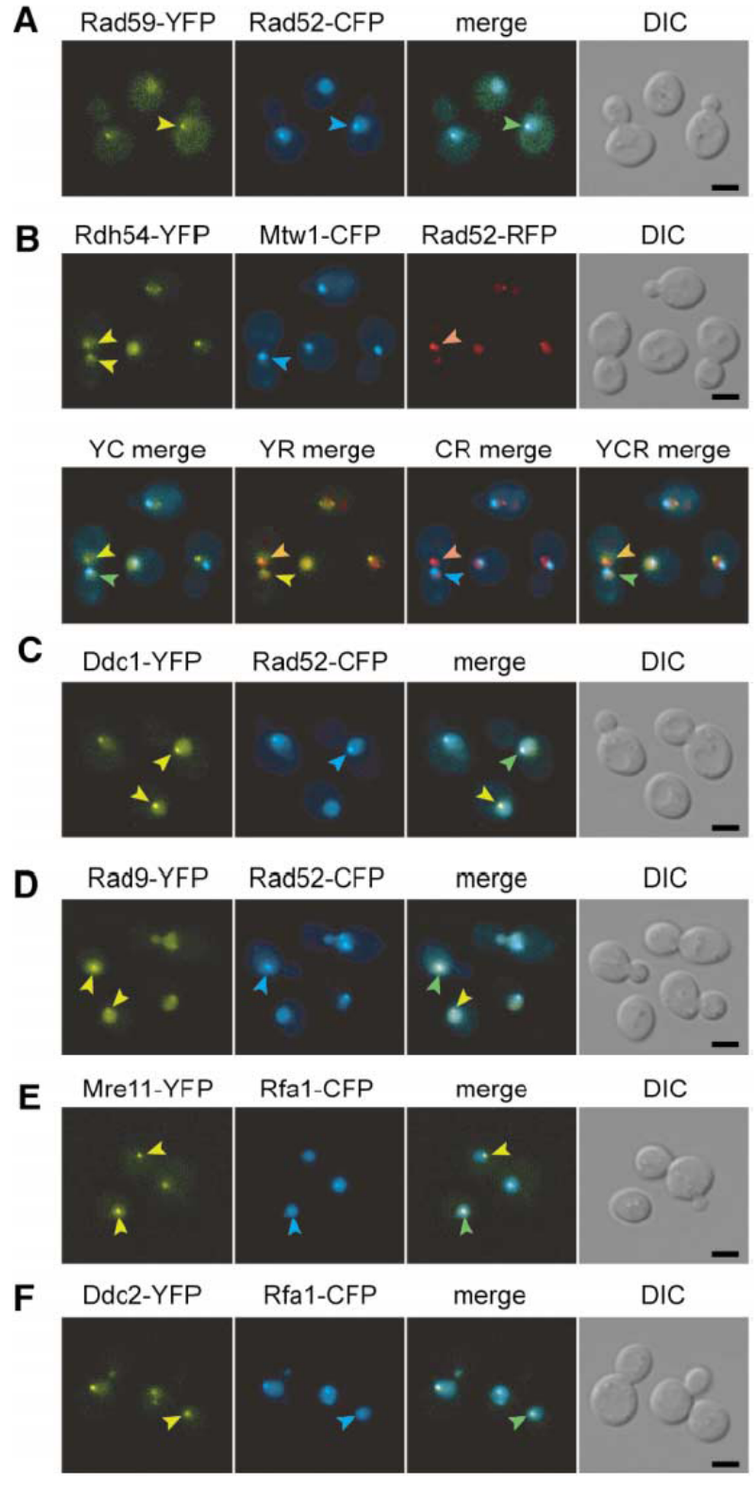


Figure 1. Colocalization of Checkpoint and Repair Foci

Using life-cell microscopy, Lisby et al., were able to study the spatiotemporal interactions among recombination factors.

How to study genome stability maintenance?
Step4: study the role of protein complex formation?

Protein Group Modification and Synergy in the SUMO Pathway as Exemplified in DNA Repair

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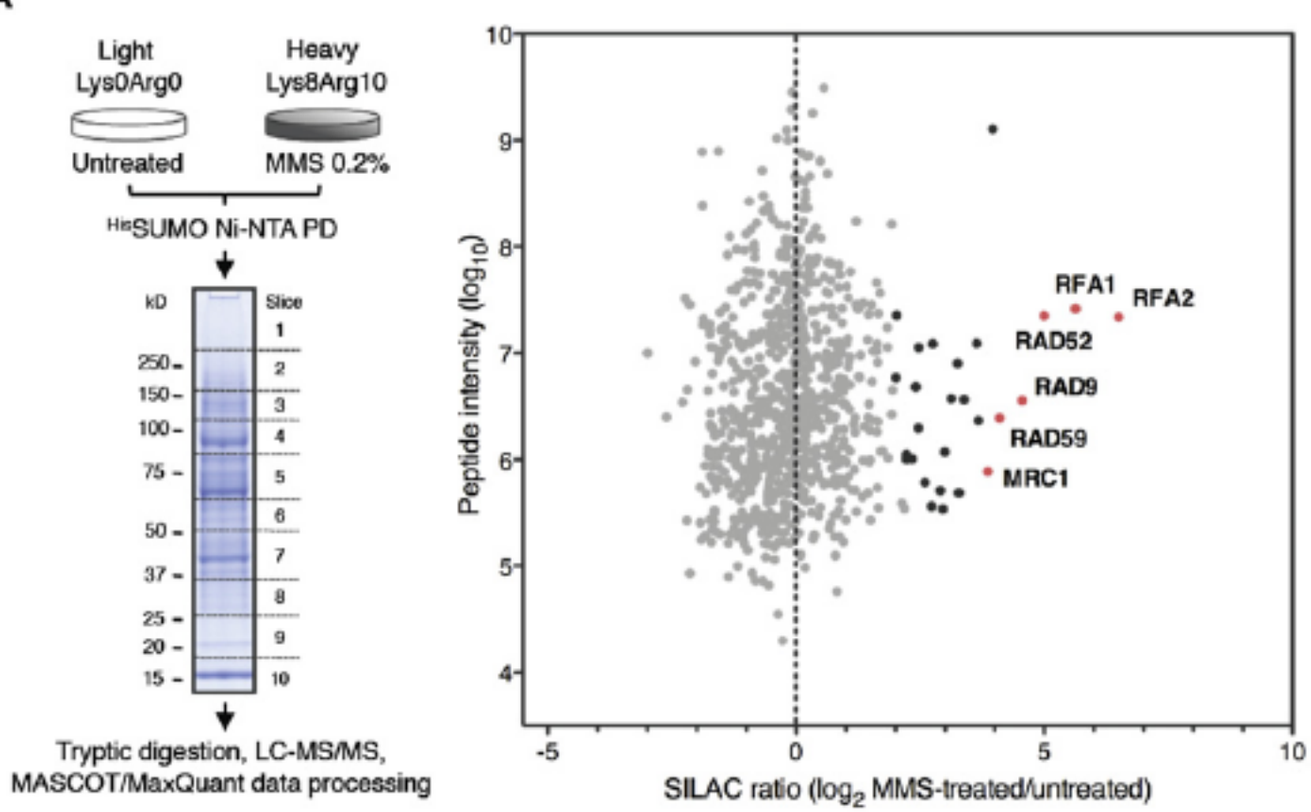

Using SILAC approaches, Psakhye and Jentsch showed that majority of HR proteins are Sumoylated upon DSBs induction.

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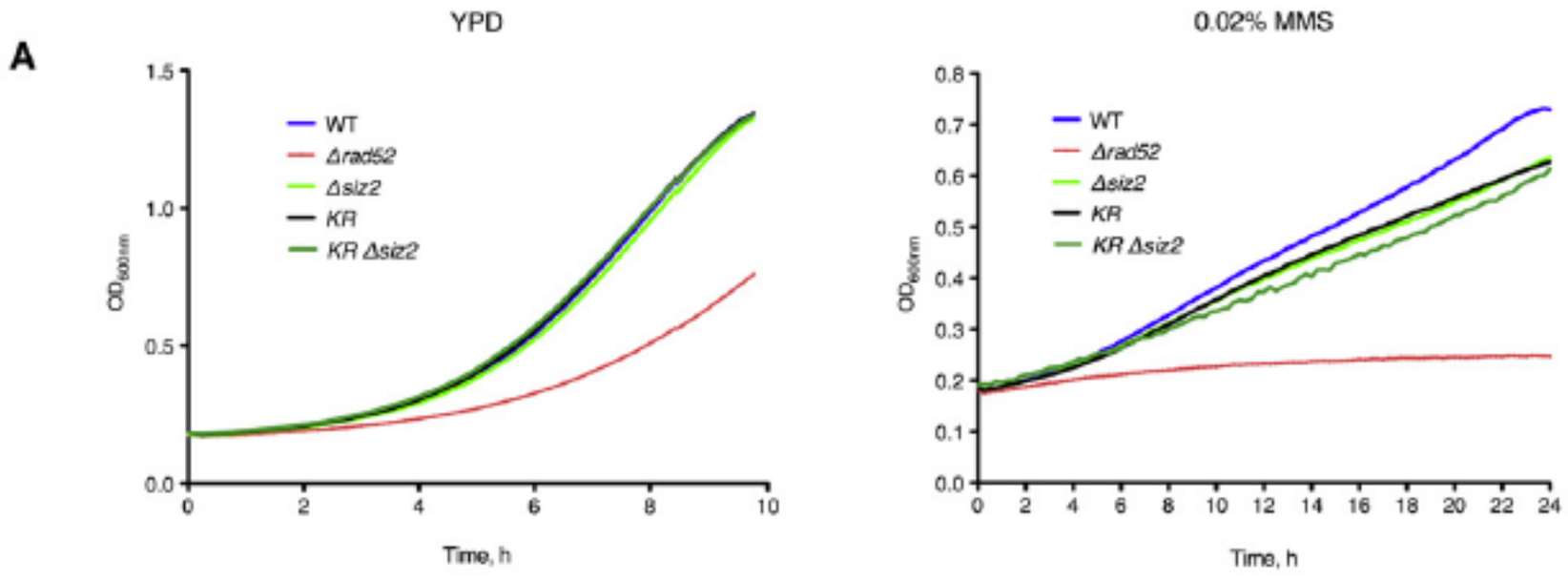

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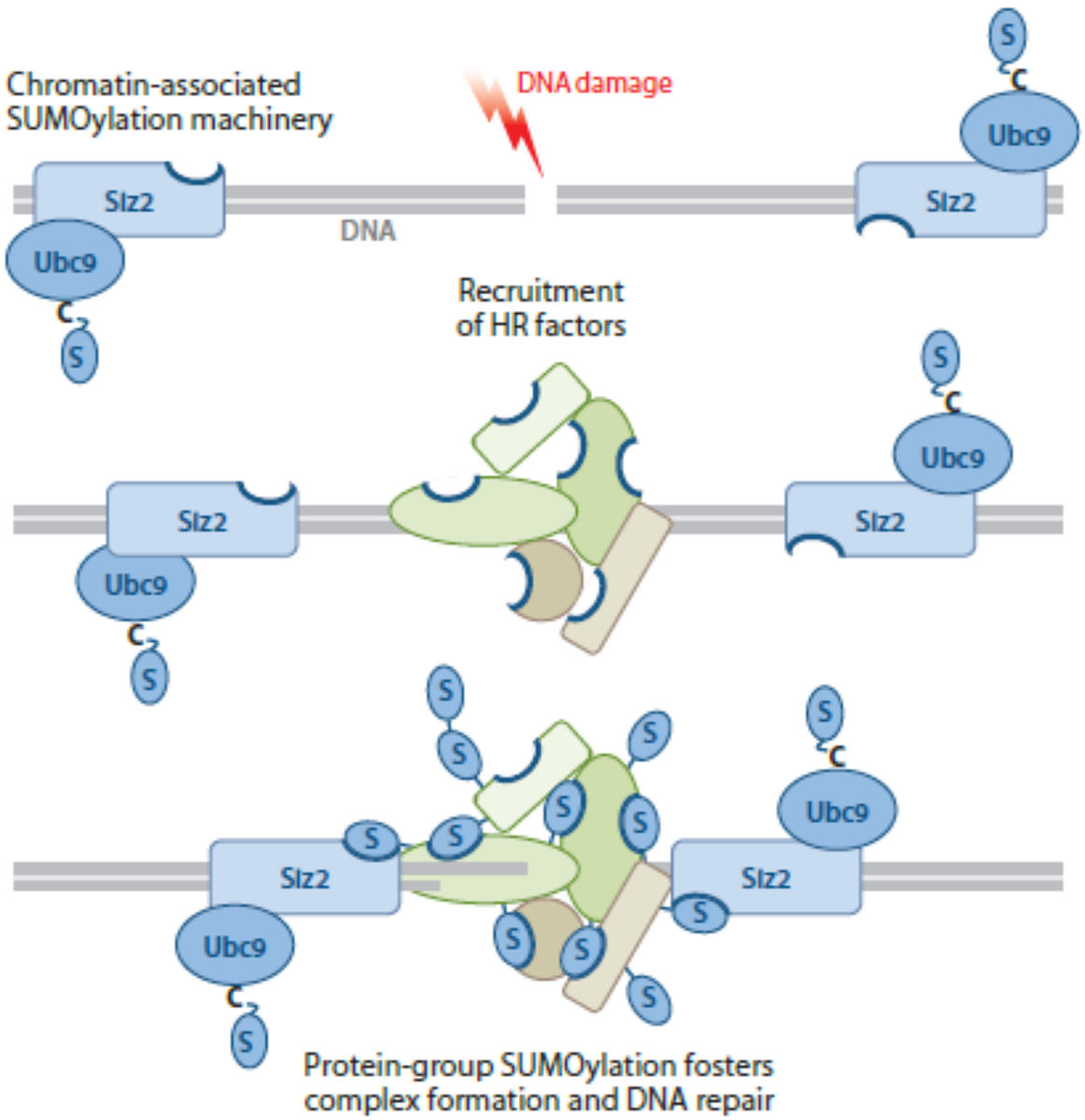

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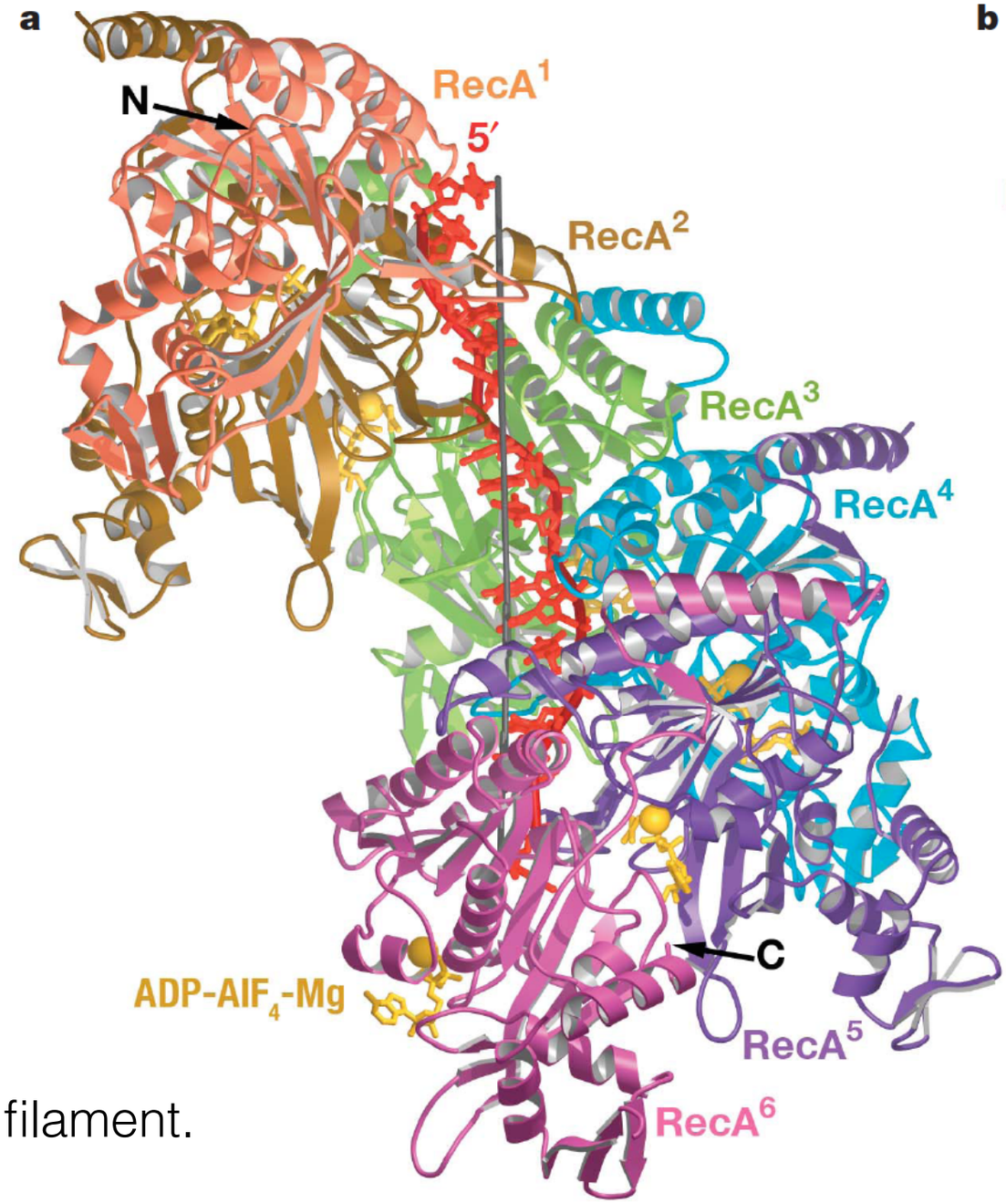

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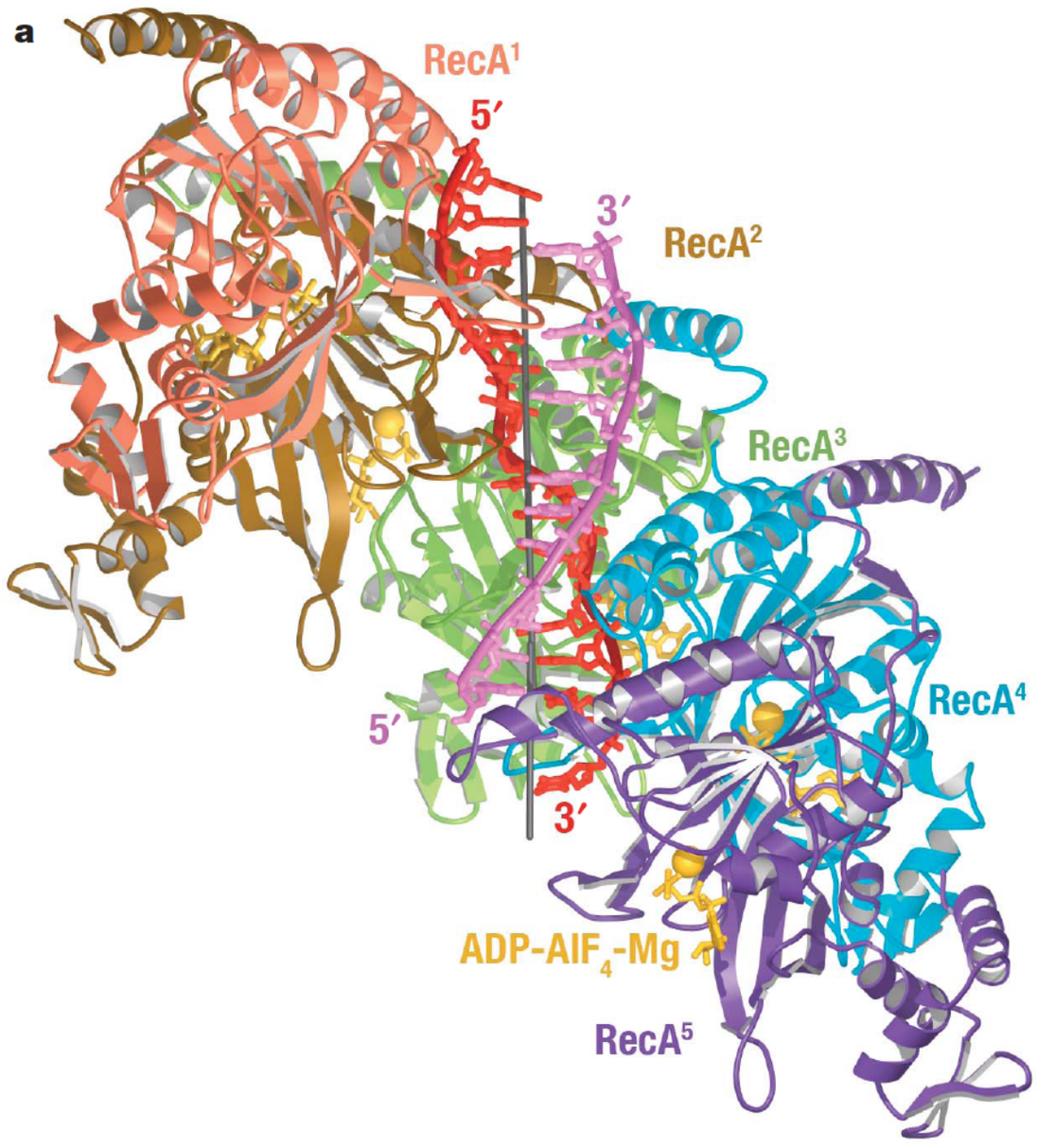

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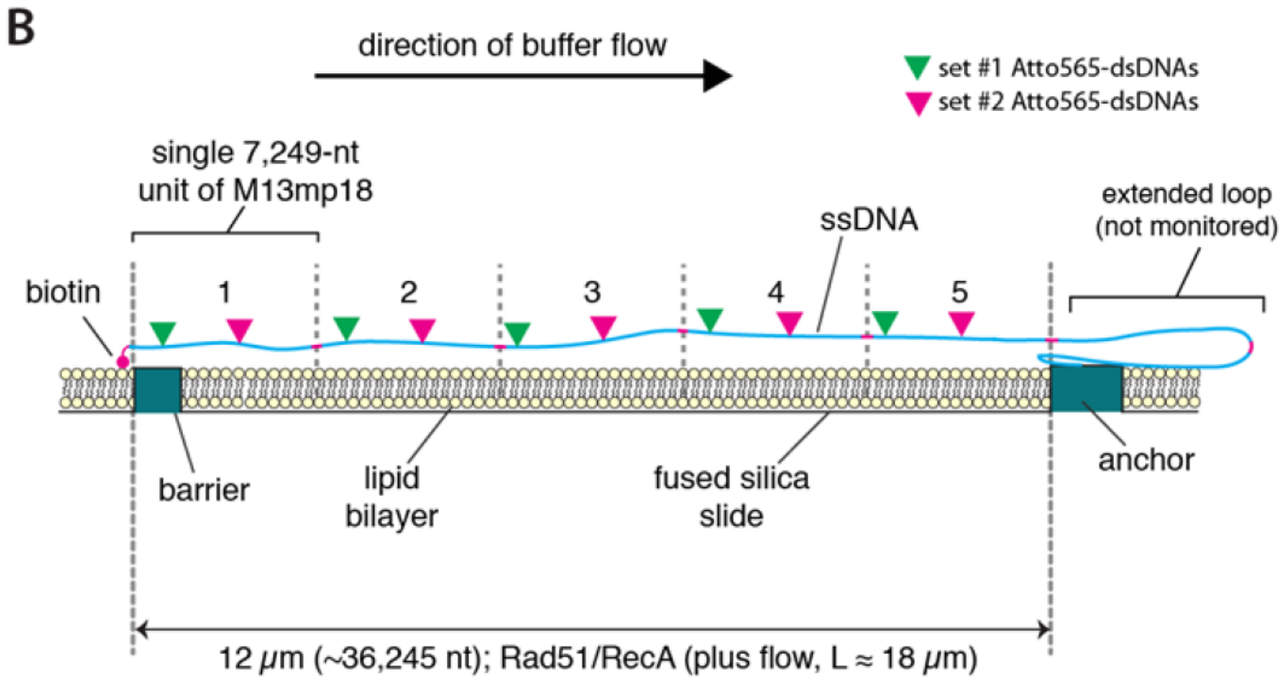

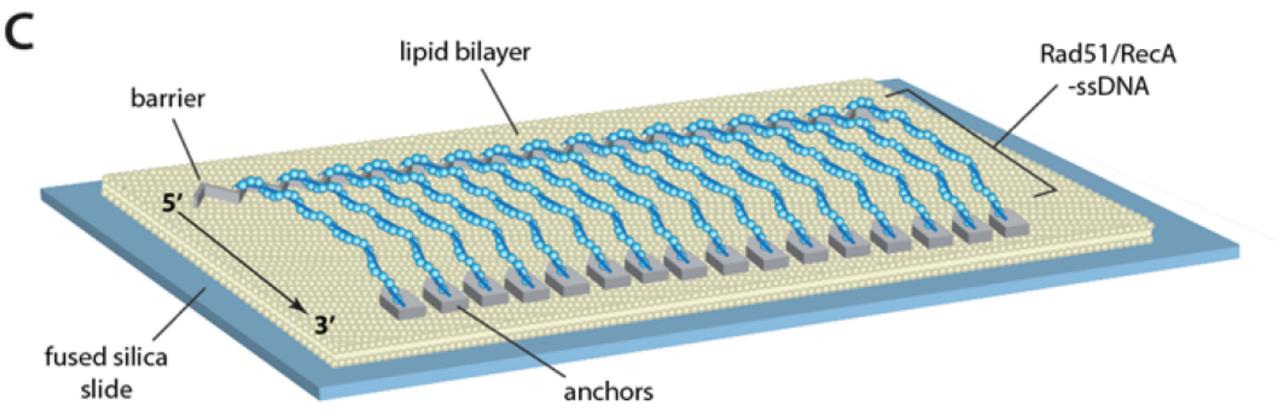

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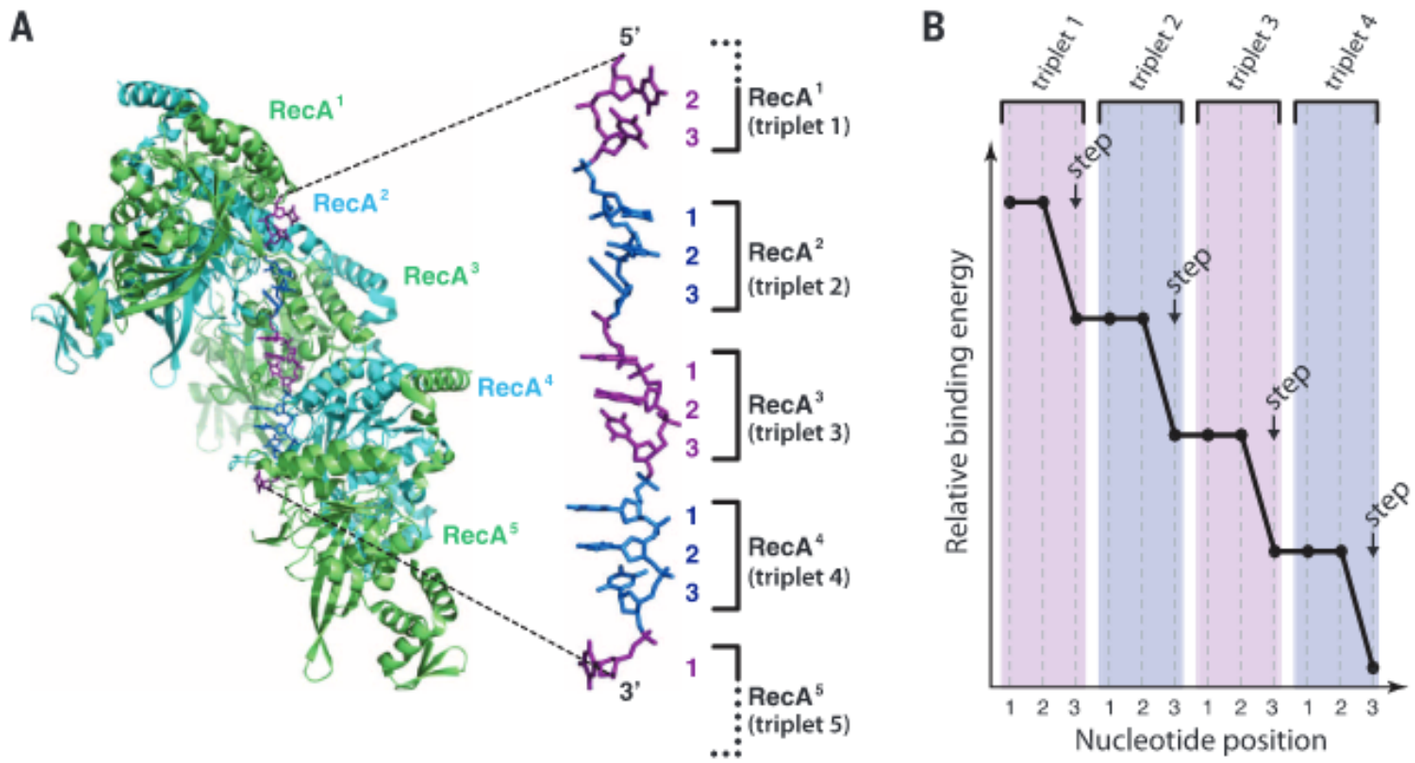

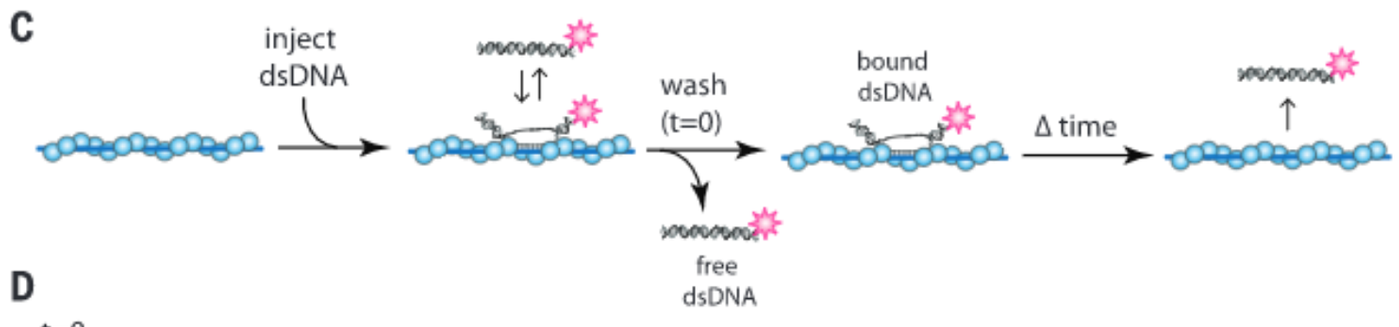

Transient summary IV

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The techniques must be combined, in order to get a full picture of the pathway

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Summary

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