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BIOMARKERS AND TOXICITY MECHANISMS

08 – Toxicity mechanisms at cell level

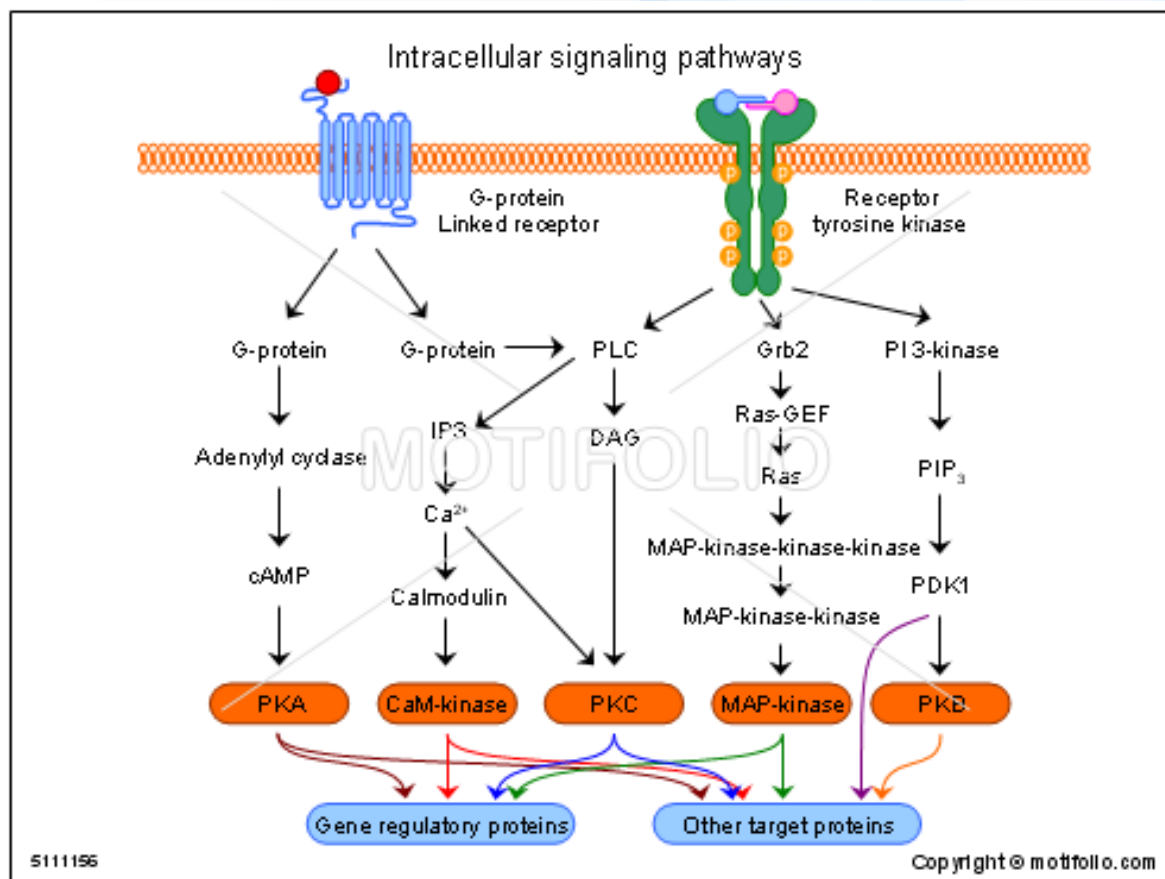
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INVESTICE DO ROZVOJE VZDĚLÁVÁNÍ

INTRACELLULAR signals as target to toxicants



Intracellular signal transduction: target of toxicants

- Regulation controlled by complex signalling

- "network" of general pathways
- similar in all cells / different cell-specific effects

- Consequences of signalling disruption

- unwanted changes in „homeostatic“ rates among proliferation / differentiation / apoptosis

→ cell transformation (carcinogenicity)

→ embryotoxicity

→ immunotoxicity

→ reproduction toxicity

.... and other chronic types of toxicity



Signal transduction - principles

Two major intracellular signalling processes

- **protein-(de)phosphorylation**

ProteinKinases - PKs, ProteinPhosphatases - PPases

- **secondary messengers**

cAMP / IP3, PIP2, DAG, Ca²⁺, AA

Three major types of signalling

1: Membrane receptors - G-proteins / kinases

→ activation of protein kinase A (PKA):

major messenger: cAMP

2: Membrane receptors

→ activation of membrane lipases → and later proteinkinase C

IP3, PIP2, DAG, Ca²⁺, AA

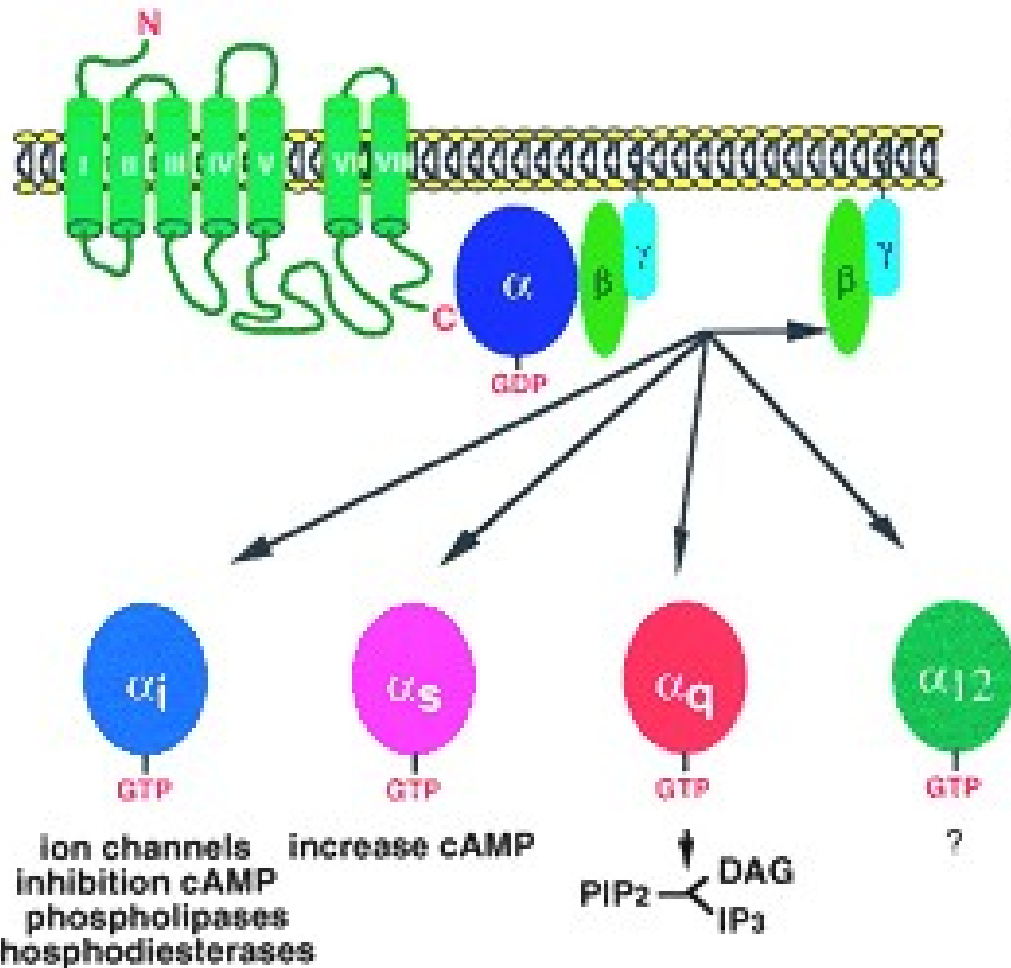
3: **Cytoplasmic (nuclear) receptors** (discussed in detail in other sections)



Membrane receptors acting as Protein Kinases

G-proteins & G-protein coupled receptors - GPCRs

G PROTEIN- COUPLED RECEPTORS

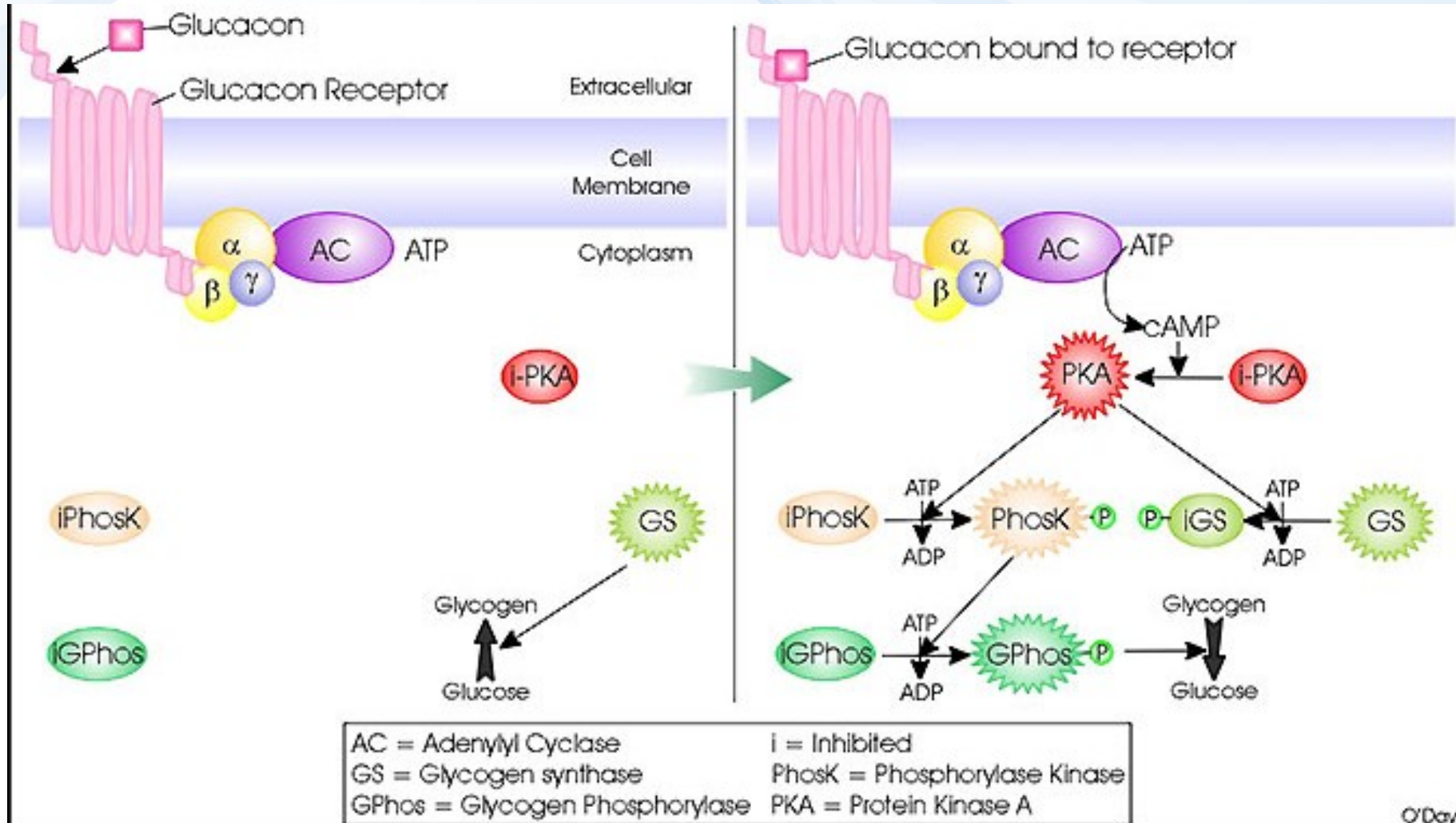


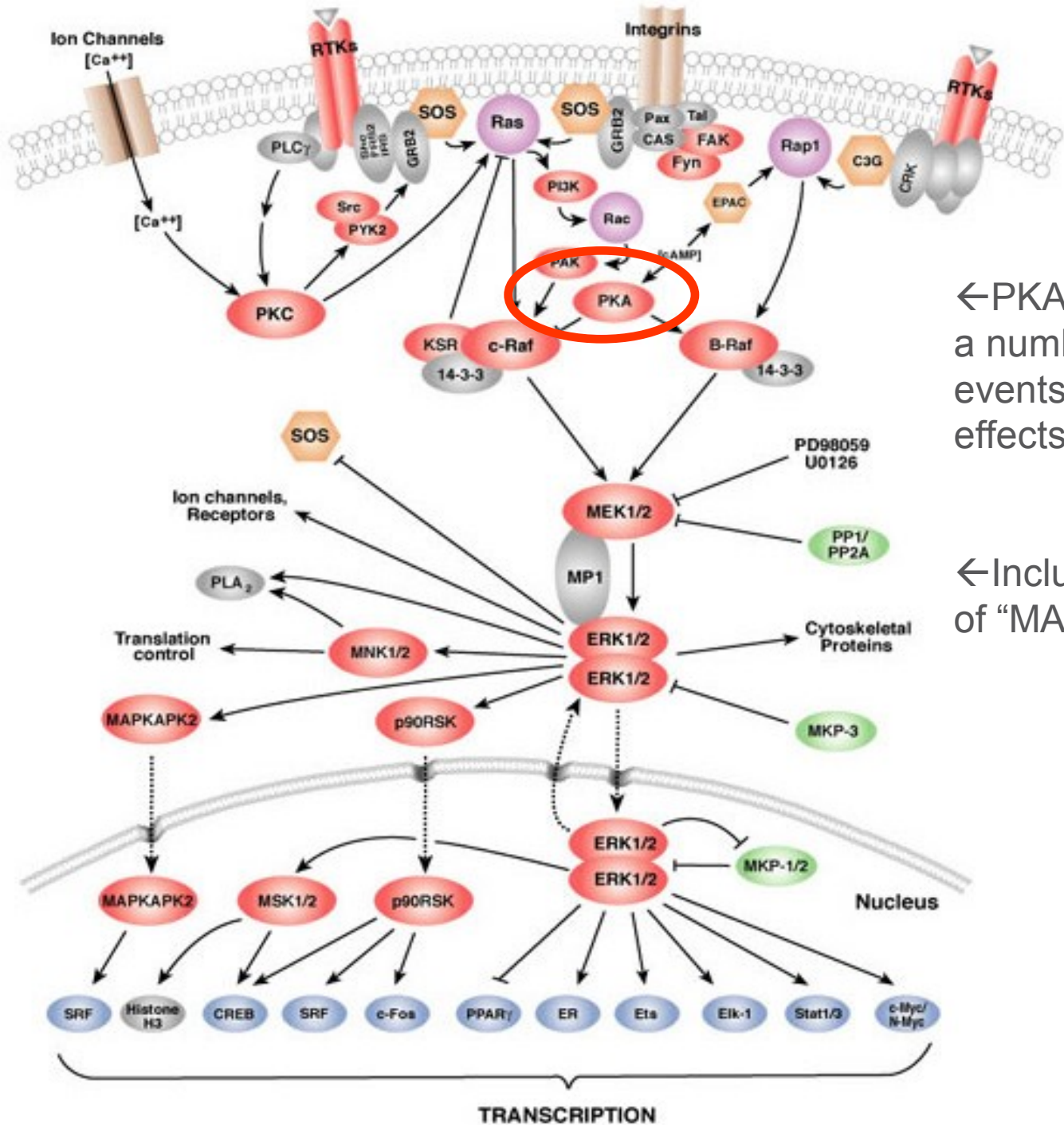
Biological functions

smell and taste
(~1000 types of receptors)
perception of light
neurotransmission
function of endocrine
and exocrine glands
chemotaxis
exocytosis
control of blood pressure
embryogenesis
development
cell growth and differentiation
HIV infection
oncogenesis

Signalling mechanism 1

→ Activation of adenylate cyclase → cAMP → PKA





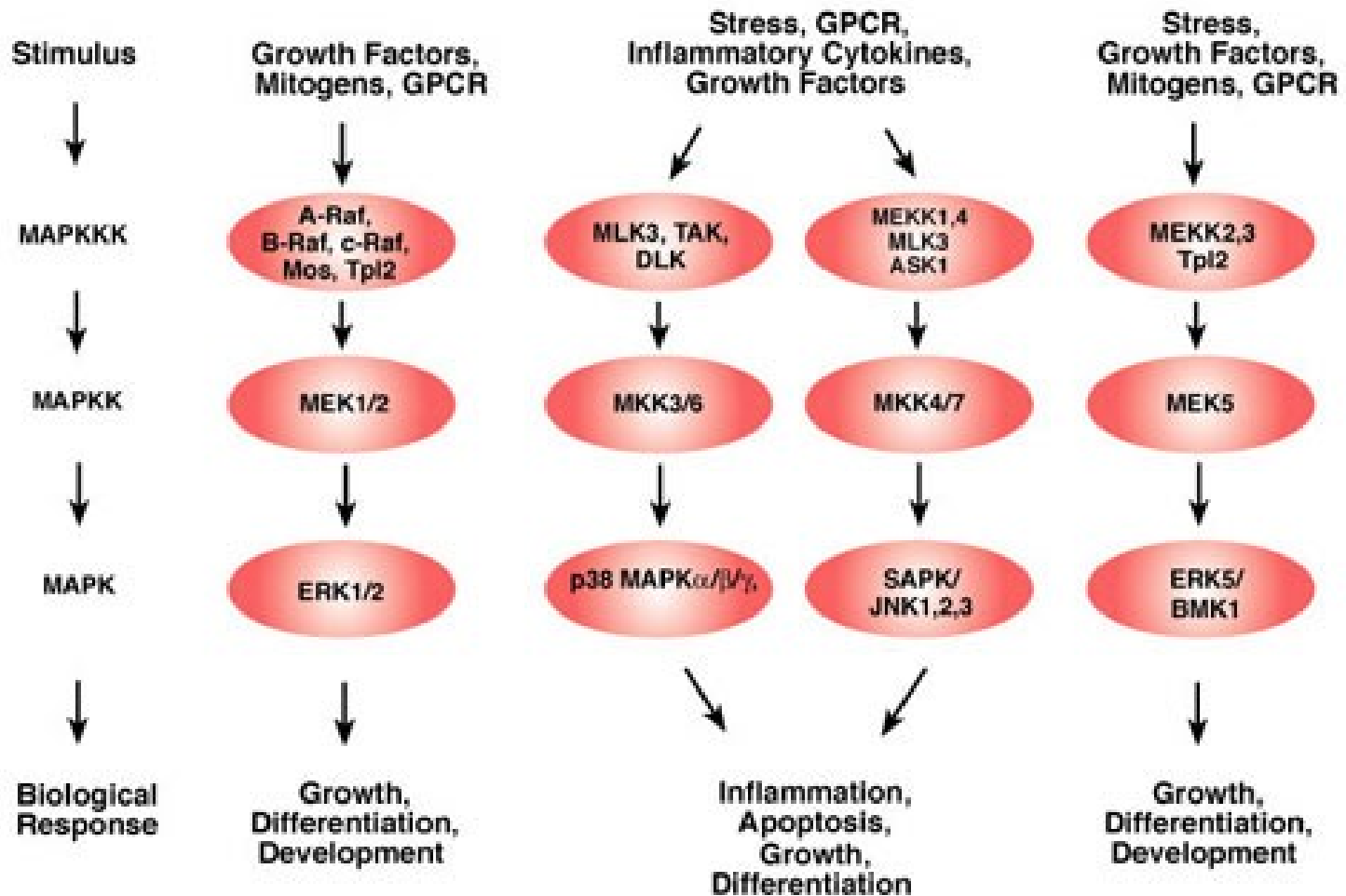
← PKA is central to a number of signalling events and following effects

← Including modulation of “MAPKs”



Mitogen Activated Protein Kinases (MAPKs) & dependent effects

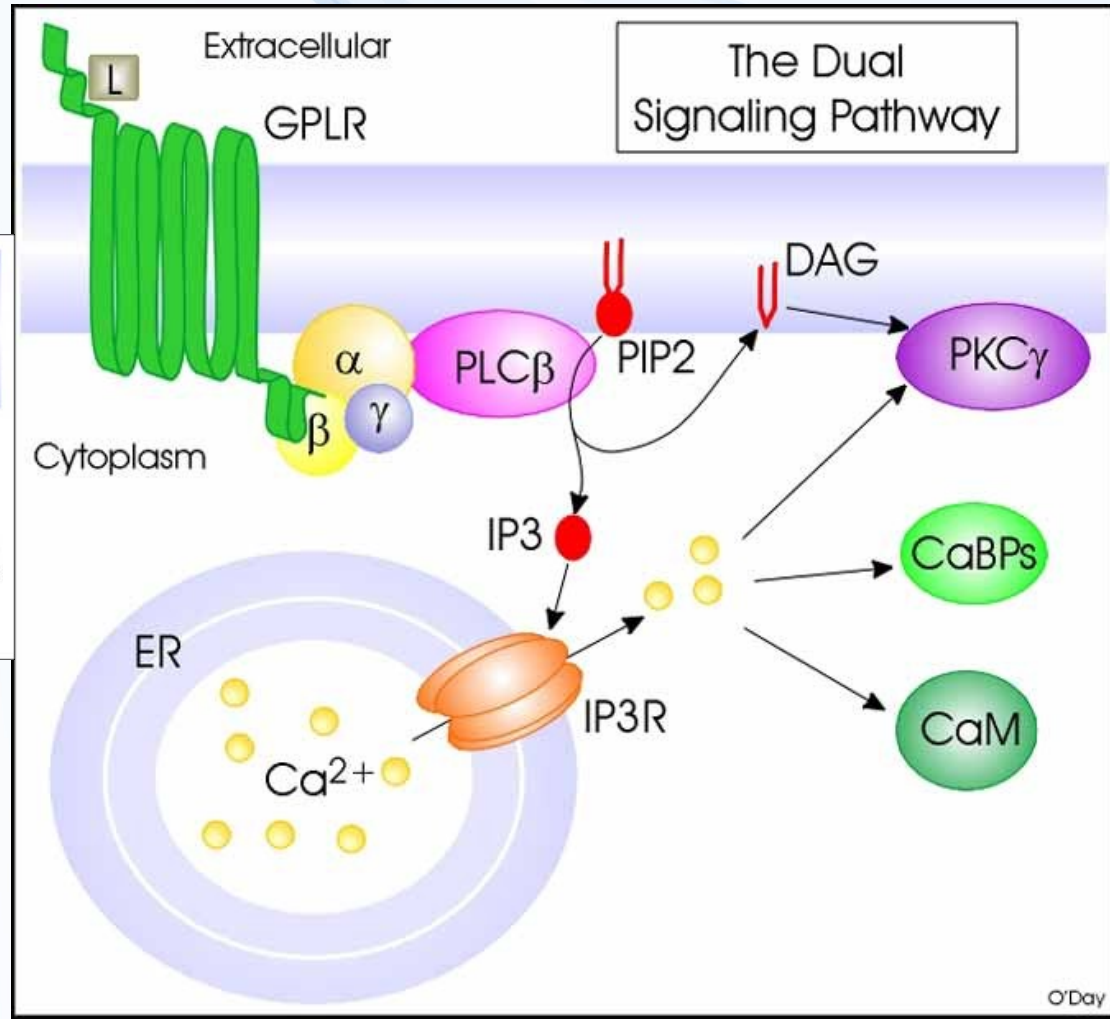
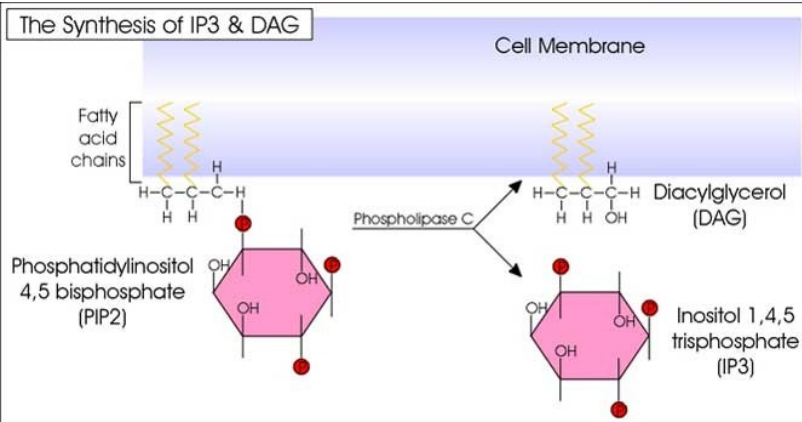
MAPK signaling cascades



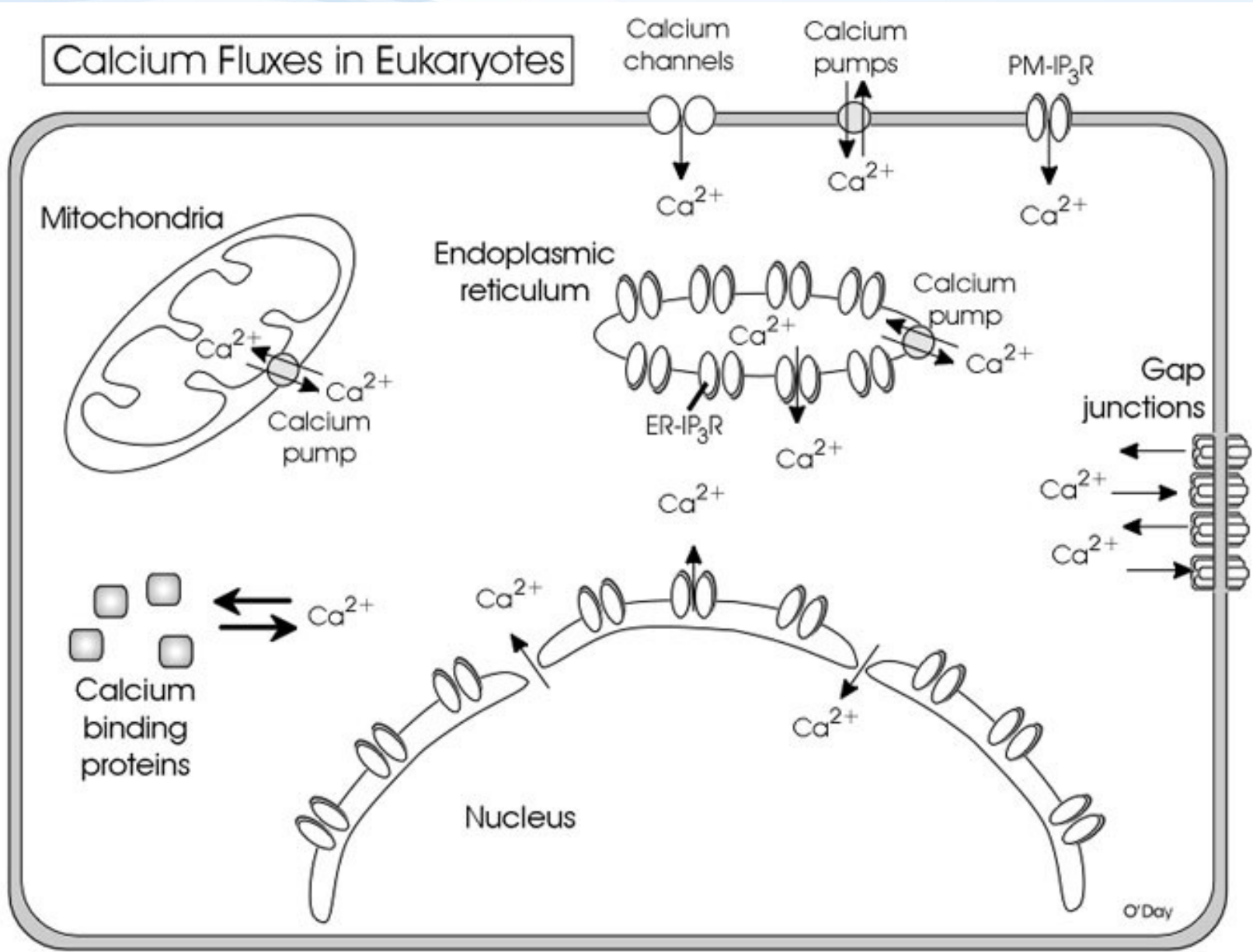
Signalling mechanism 2

Activation of Phospholipase C

→ release of PIPs → DAG → PKC / arachidonic acid
+ IP3 → activation of Ca²⁺ signalling



Calcium Fluxes in Eukaryotes



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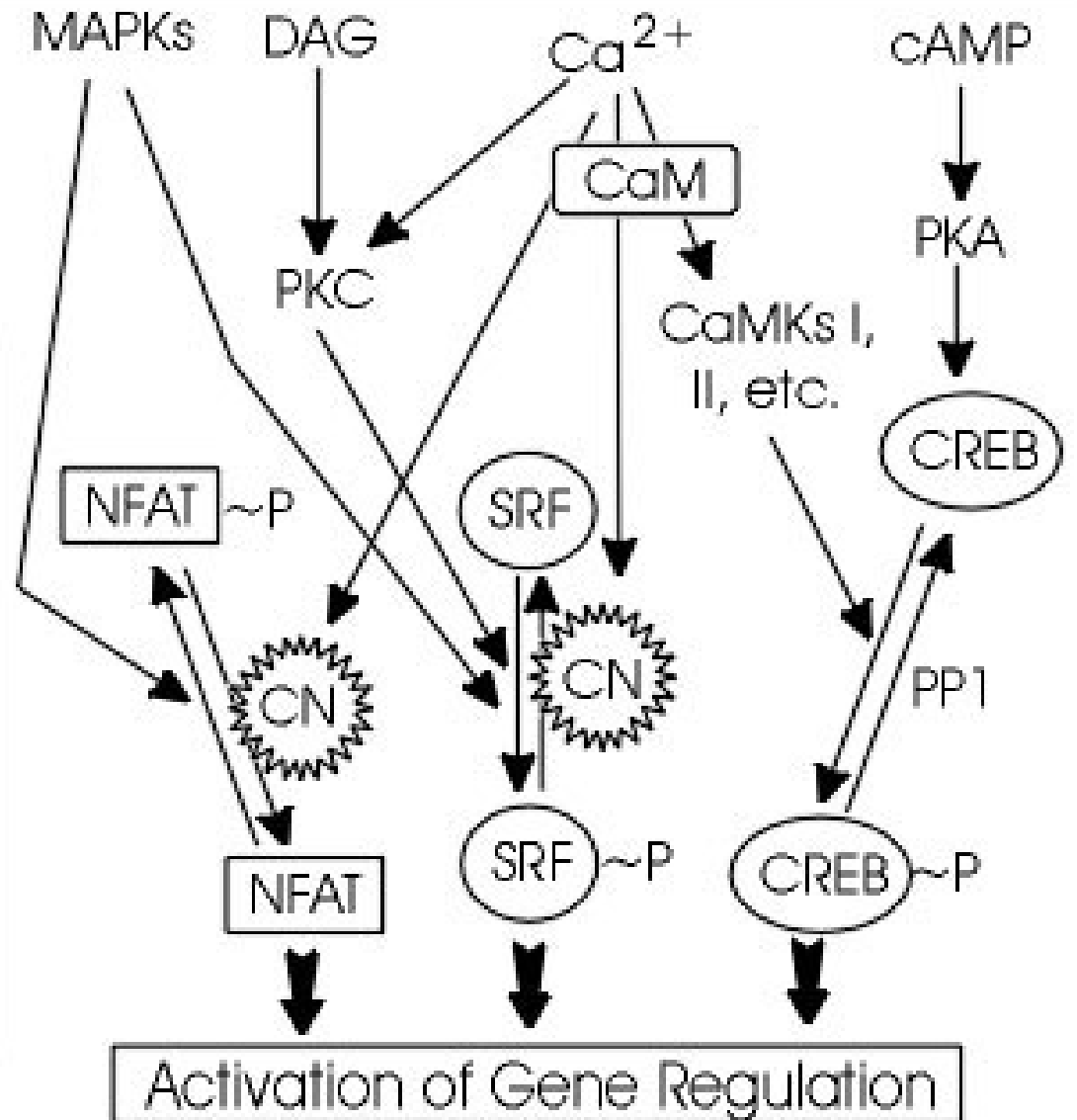


Different “types” of signalling crosstalk → networks

Some Signaling Pathways Leading to Gene Regulation

Transcription Factors

- NFAT** = Nuclear Factor of Activated T-cells
- SRF** = Serum Response Factor
- CREB** = cAMP Response Element Binding protein



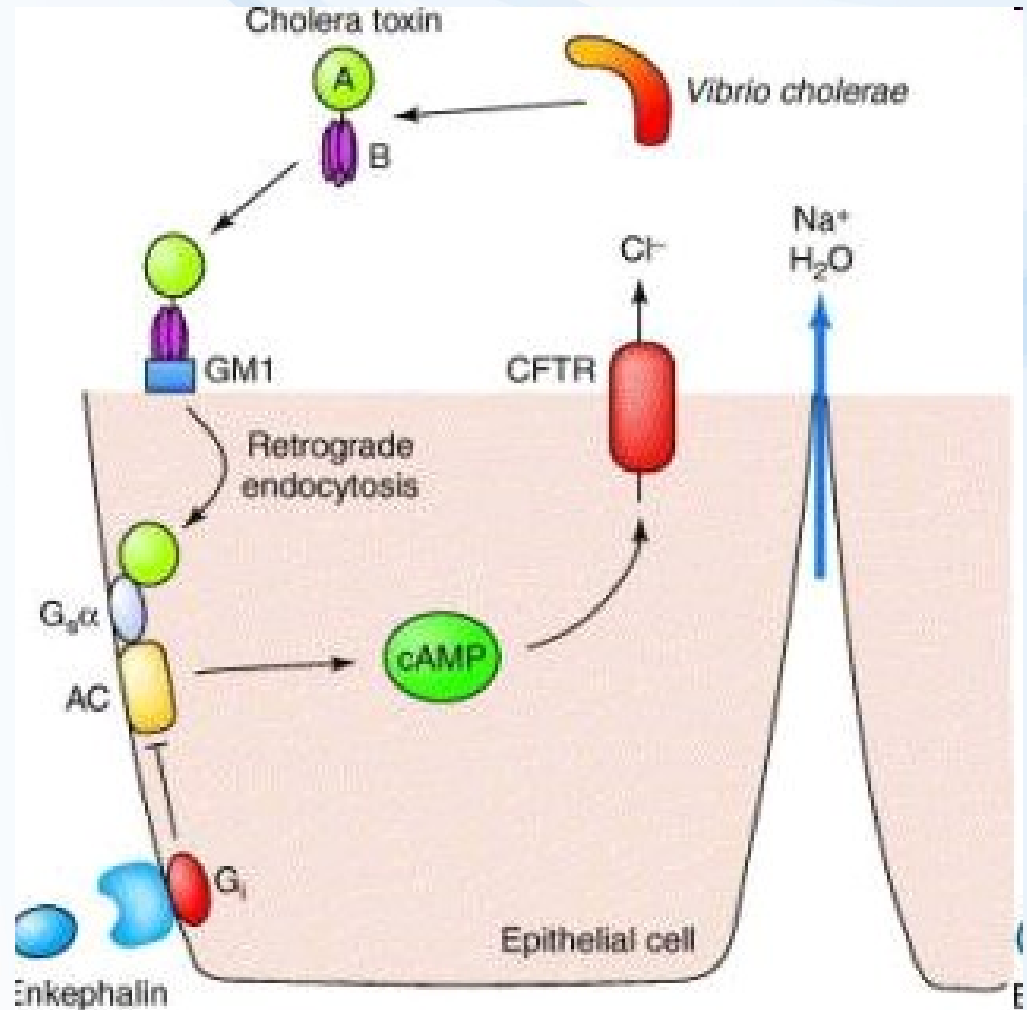
Disruption of intracellular signaling - EXAMPLES

Cholera toxin

CT acts as **adenylate cyclase** enzyme

→ increasing cAMP levels

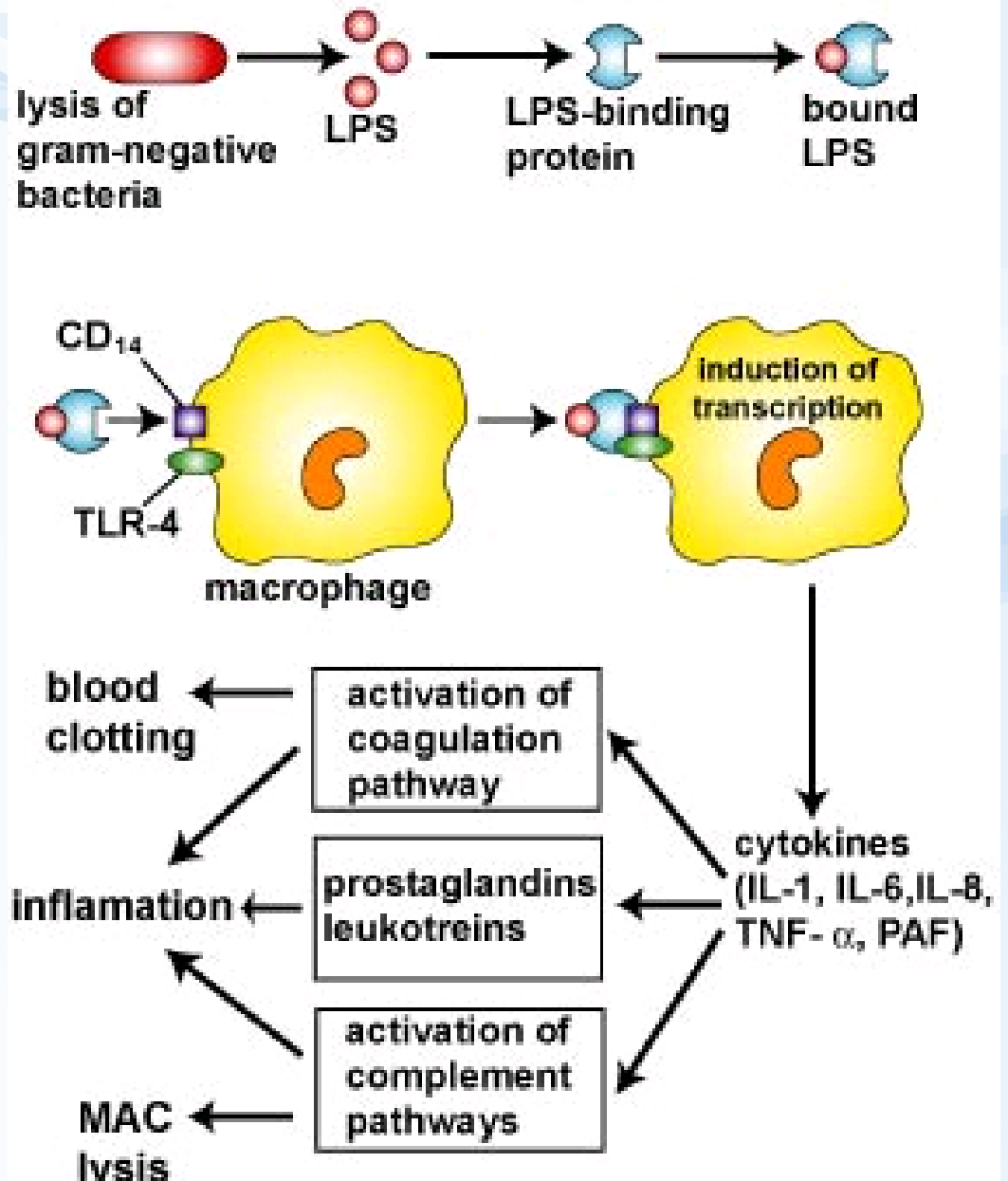
→ TOXICITY



Example:

Lipopolysaccharides (LPS) from cell walls

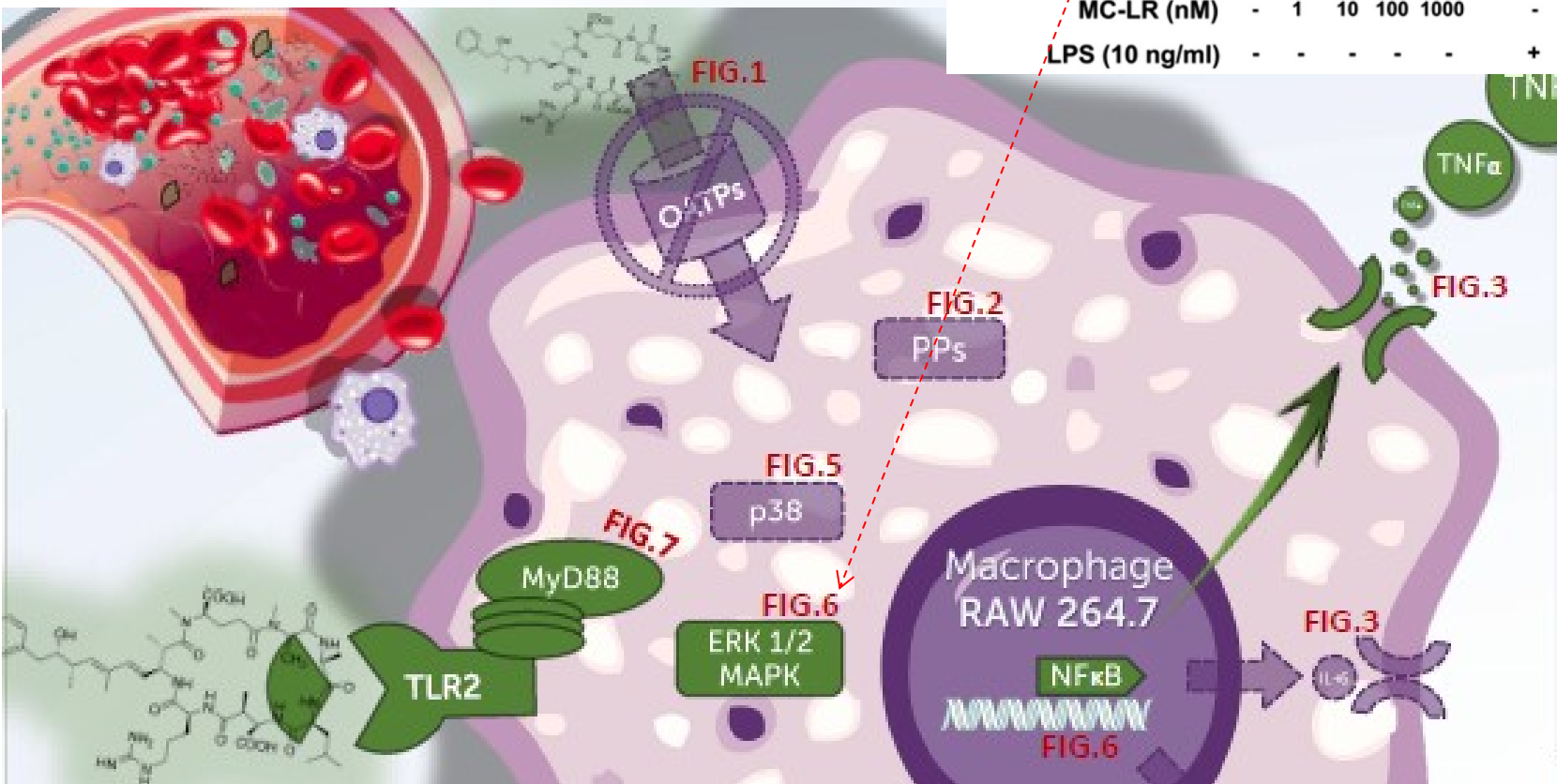
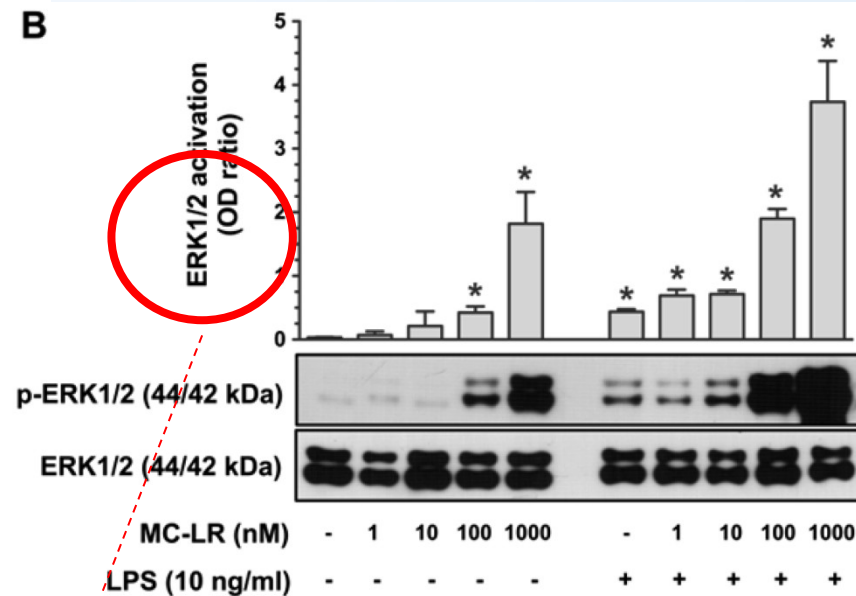
→ hyperactivation of intracellular signals → immunotoxicity



Immunomodulatory Potency of Microcystin, an Important Water-Polluting Cyanobacterial Toxin

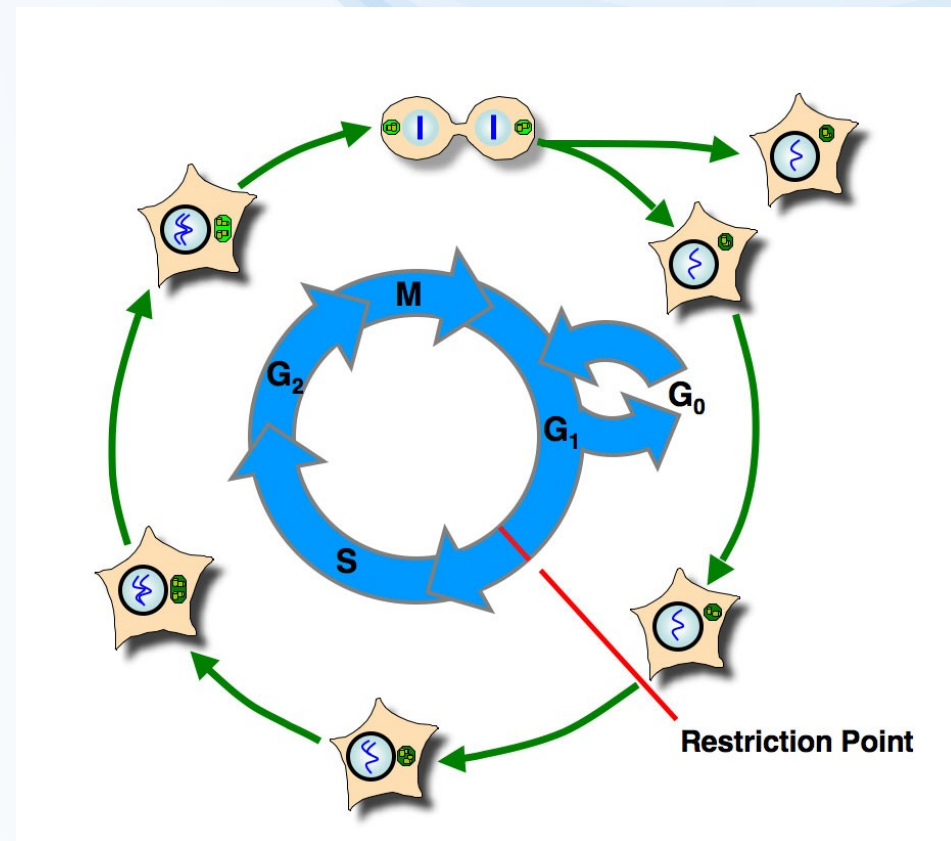
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Cell and its basic functions and life trajectories

- Metabolism
- Proliferation (cell division) – cell cycle
- Differentiation
- Senescence
- Cell death
 - Apoptosis
 - Necroptosis
 - Necrosis



Influence of toxicity mechanisms on cellular life trajectories

- **Various toxicity mechanisms / modes of action**
 - i.e. those discussed previously
 - PROTEINS – enzyme inhibitions, protein damage/oxidation
 - DNA damage
 - MEMBRANE disruption
 - as well as others
 - **including mainly INTRACELLULAR signalling disruptions**
- **... affect the cell fate, and propagate to systemic effects:** *...examples...*
 - **Disruption of metabolism**
 - Acute → (cell) death (CO, CN-)
 - Chronic → various diseases (e.g. diabetes)
 - **Effects on proliferation (cell division) – cell cycle**
 - Tumor growth, carcinogenesis, effects on immune system / haemopoiesis
 - **Diferentiation**
 - Developmental toxicity, embryotoxicity, teratogenicity, immune system effects
 - **Senescence** (Usually not adverse or toxic)
 - **Cell death**
 - NECROSES (e.g. after irradiation)
 - APOPTOSES (bone marrow – haemopoetic effects; effects on tumors)

CELL CYCLE and its careful CONTROL - importance

- **GENERAL**

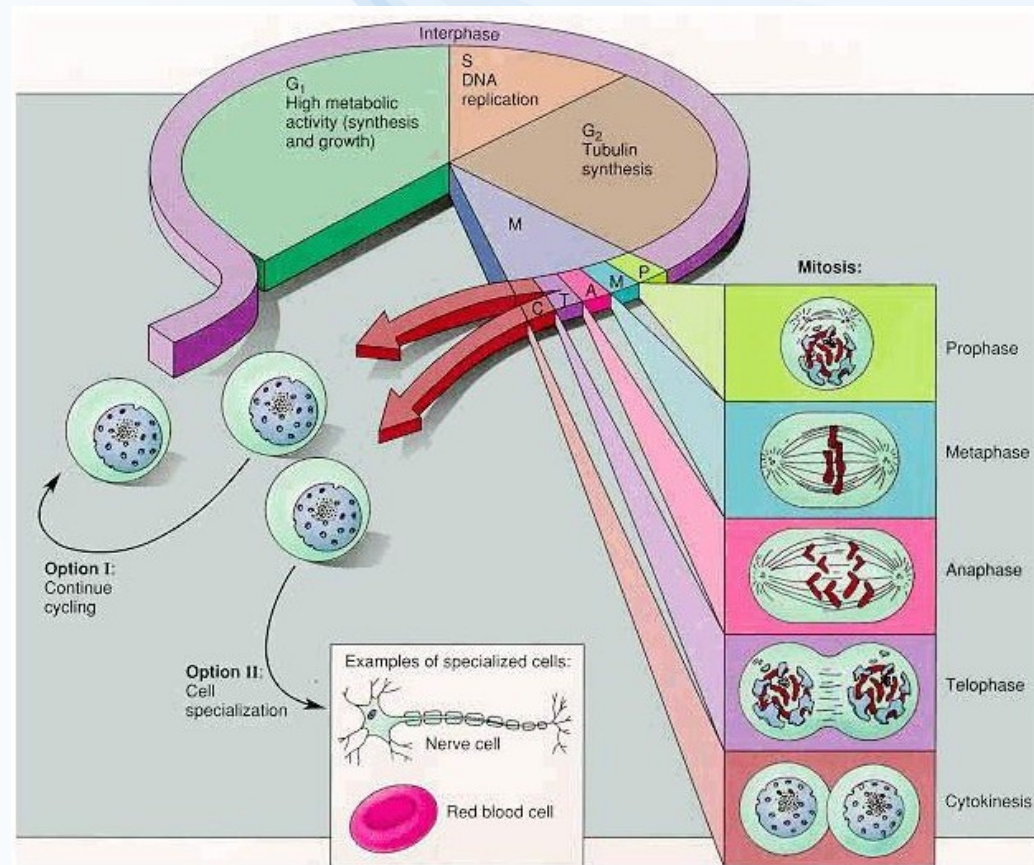
- Control of genetic material and information (including reparation)
- Proper distribution of genetic material into daughter cells

- **EARLY DEVELOPMENT**

- Regulation of development, embryo- and organogenesis

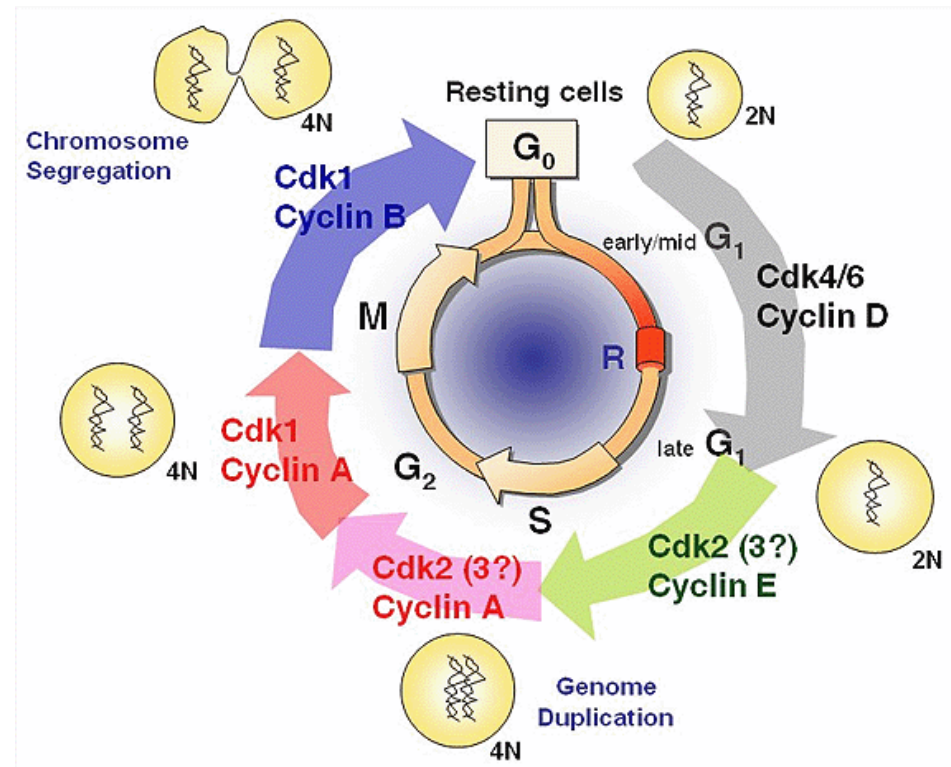
- **ADULTHOOD**

- Reconstruction and renewal of adult tissues
- Control of proliferation / tumor growth

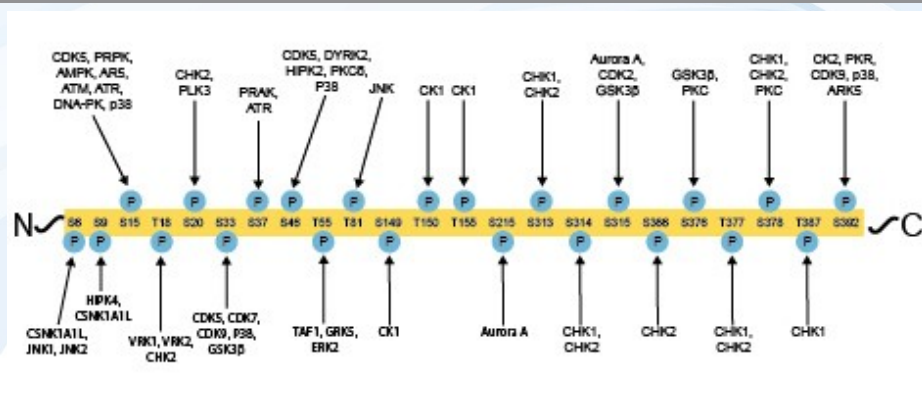


Cell cycle regulation and control

- Factors controlling proper cell cycle
 - Extracellular signals (hormones, neurotransmitters...)
 - Intracellular „stress sensors“ and signals
 - **p53 protein** among others
 - Correct sequence of individual events (phases)
 - Error-free events
- Controlling principles
 - **General:**
 - **Phosphorylation** (kinases) / **dephosphorylation** (phosphatases) of proteins
→ discussed further
 - **Such as ... for cell cycle:**
 - **cyclines** and **CDK** (cycline-dependent kinases)

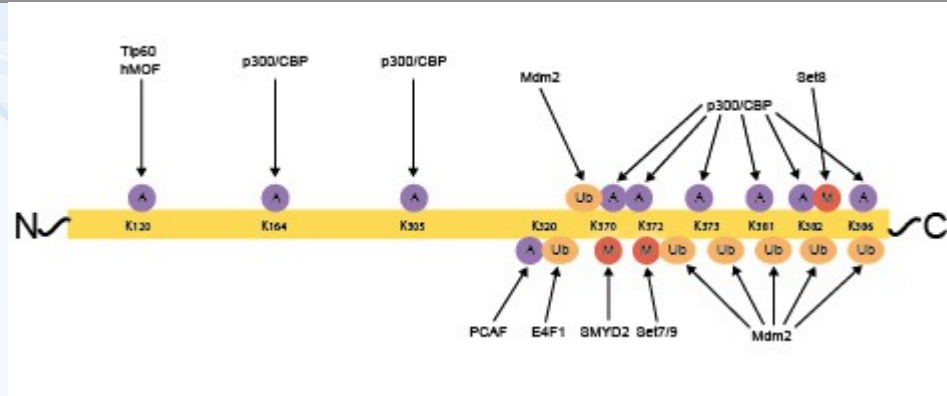


Role and functions of p53



* Phosphorylation of p53

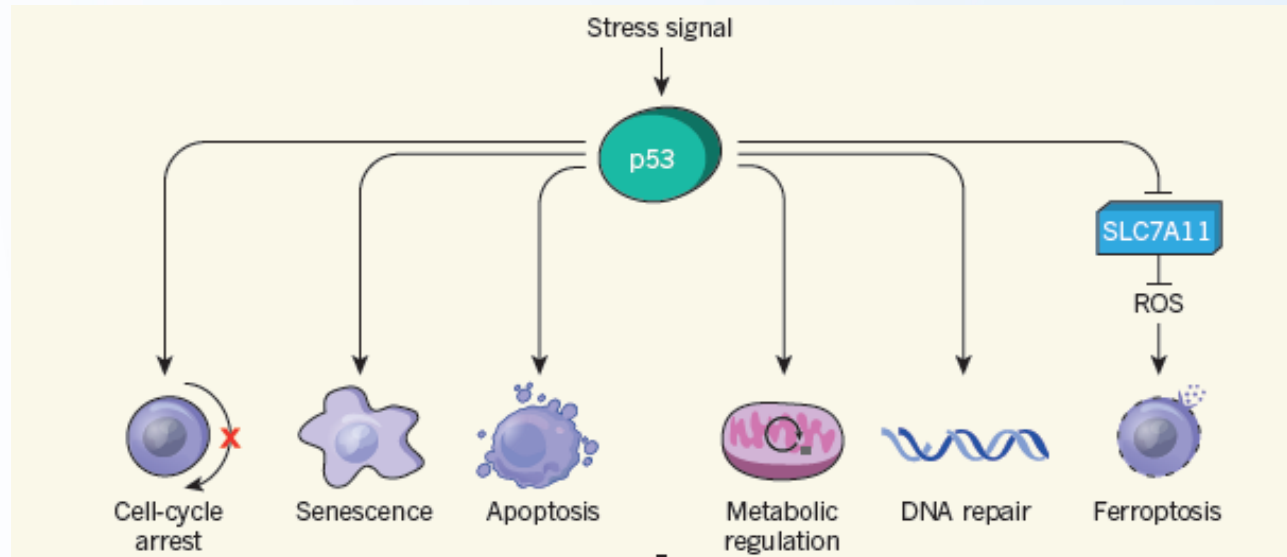
* as well as „mutations“ (SNPs) of p53



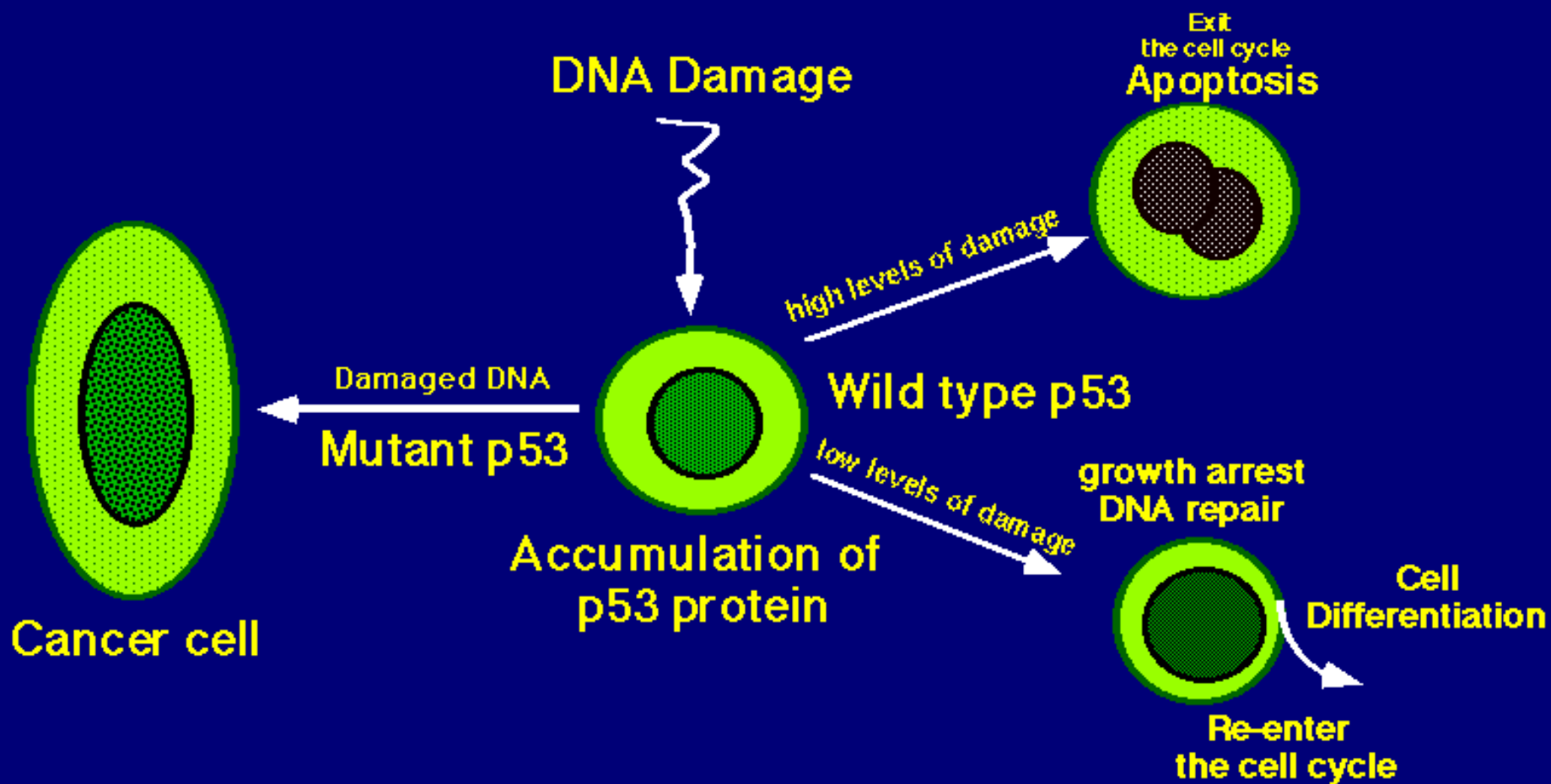
* acetylation (A), methylation (M)

* and ubiquitylation (Ub) of p53

→ Control and affect key cellular processes →



Example - p53 in control of intracellular stress / such as DNA damage



Necrosis

- Pathology
- Membrane damage
- Cell „explosion“/ lysis
- Chromatin disintegration

- → immune reaction (inflammation)
- „scars“ formation

Apoptosis

- Physiological
- Suicidal process (internal)
- Carefully controlled
- DNA fragmentation
- Membrane „blebbing“
- Apoptotic bodies → fagocytosis

Further cell death variants also recognized
(*different cell fate and control*)

- Necroptosis
- Ferroptosis

