

# **Nucleosome, Chromosome, and Epigenetic regulations**

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# Outline

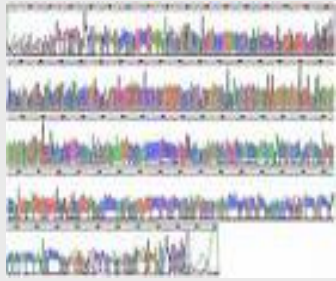
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- **Introduction to the Structures of Chromatin and Chromosome**
- **Introduction to Epigenetics**
- **Chromatin Remodeling Factors:**
  - **Histone modification enzymes, mode of actions, and small molecule inhibitors/activators**
  - **DNA Methylation**

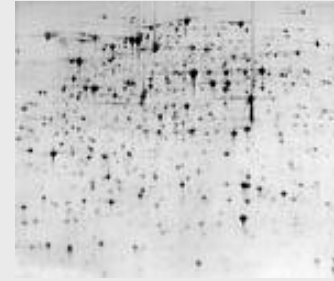
## Figure 1.1 A brief history of genetics.

- 1865 Genes are particulate factors
- 1903 Chromosomes are hereditary units
- 1910 Genes lie on chromosomes
- 1913 Chromosomes contain linear arrays of genes
- 1927 Mutations are physical changes in genes
- 1931 Recombination is caused by crossing over
- 1944 DNA is the genetic material
- 1945 A gene codes for a protein
- 1953 DNA is a double helix
- 1958 DNA replicates semiconservatively
- 1961 Genetic code is triplet
- 1977 DNA can be sequenced
- 1997 Genomes can be sequenced

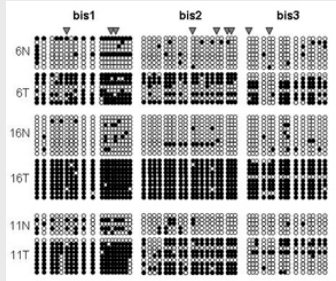
# Current Biology



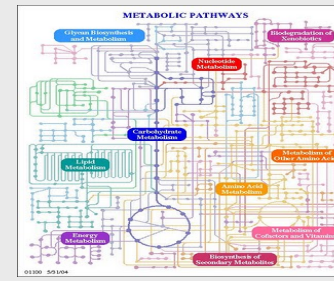
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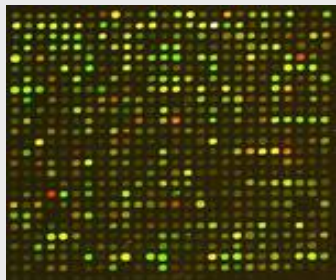
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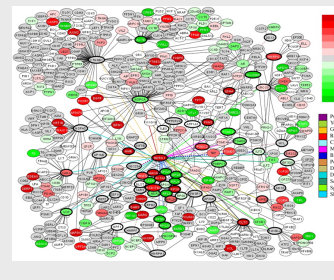
**Epigenome**



**Metabolome**



**Transcriptome**



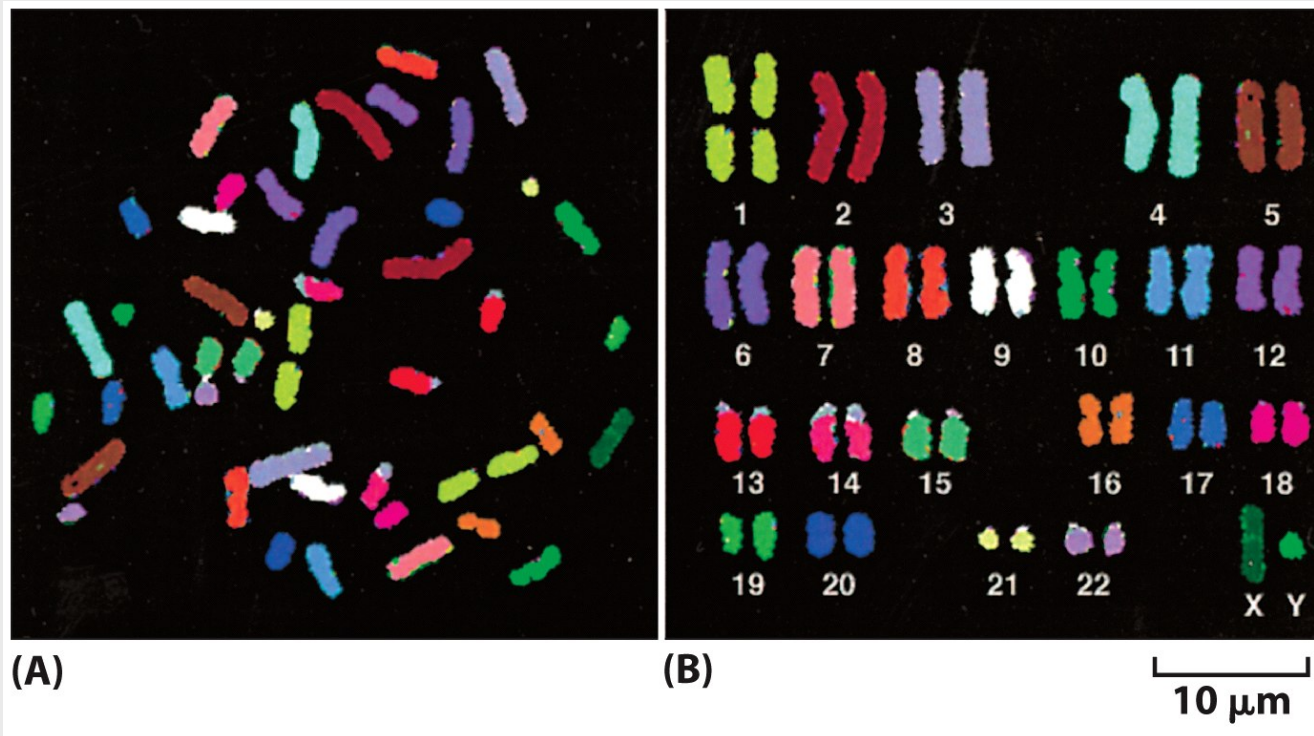
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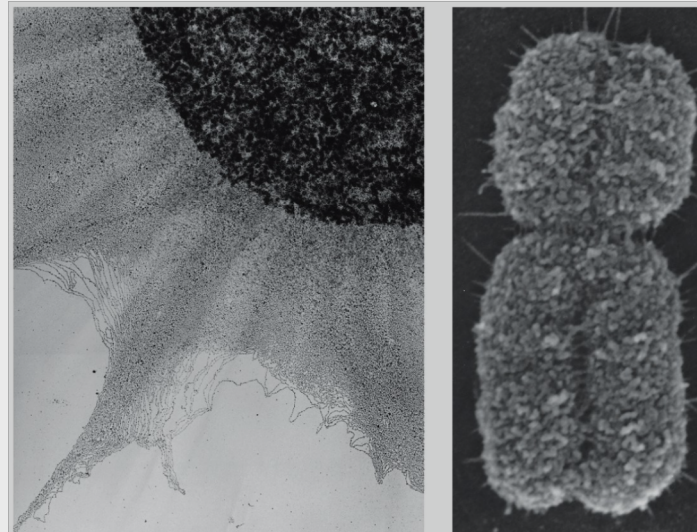
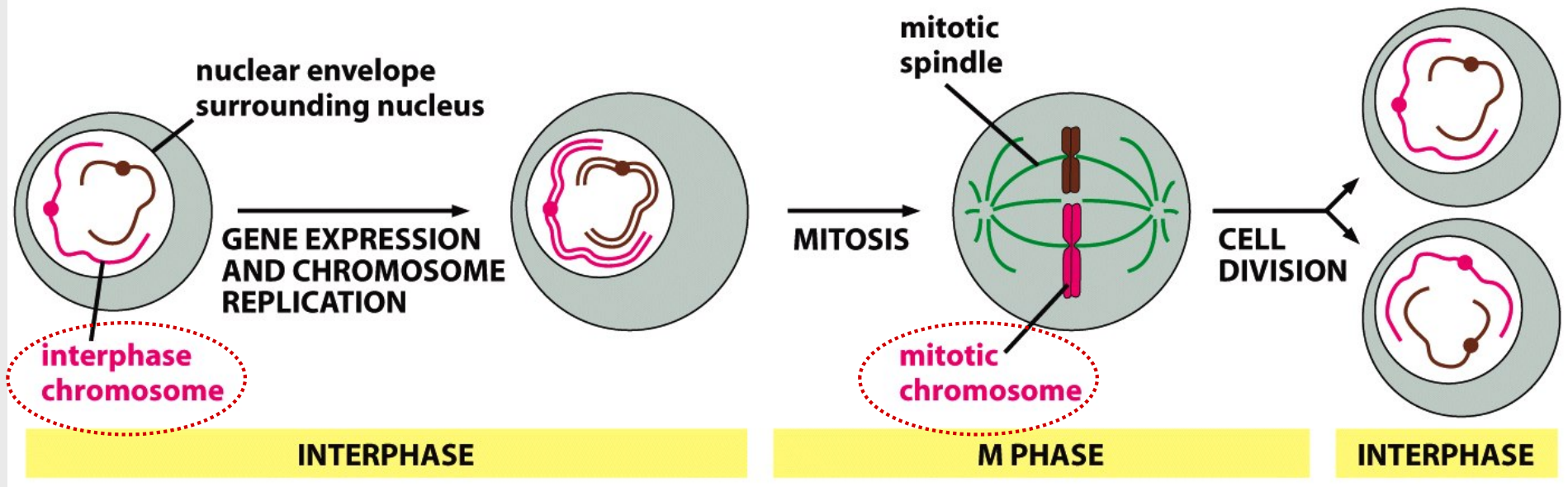
**Systems Biology**

# Eucaryotic DNA is packaged into a set of chromosomes

- **Chromatin**: A filamentous complex of DNA, histones, and other proteins, constituting the **eukaryotic chromosome**.
- **Karyotype**: the full chromosome set
- **Chromosome painting**: DNA hybridization with fluorescent labeled probes



# Chromosomes exist in different states



# Packing of DNA into Nucleus

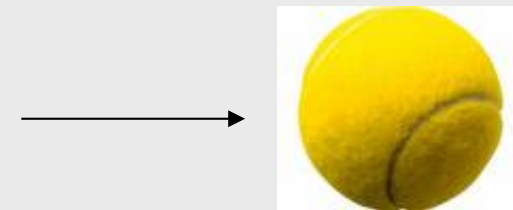
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**46 human chromosomes linked together—2 meters  
packed into nucleus—6  $\mu\text{m}$**

40 km of extreme fine thread

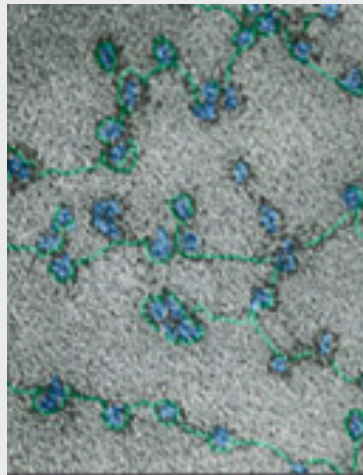


6.7 cm in diameter

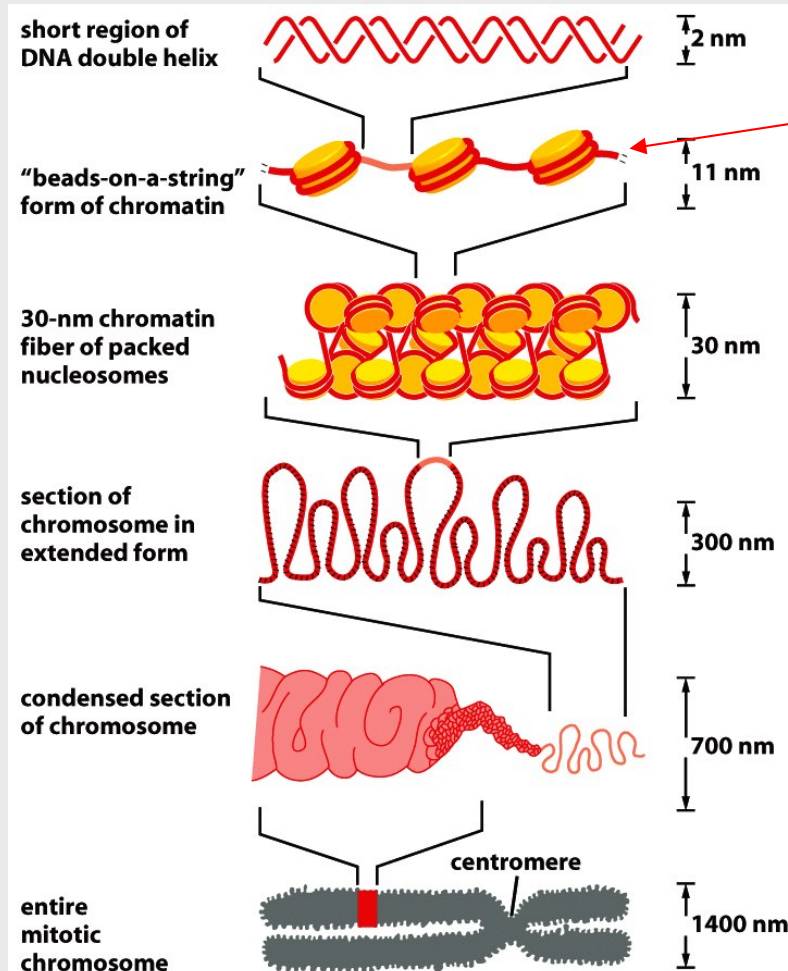


# Packing of Mitotic Chromosome

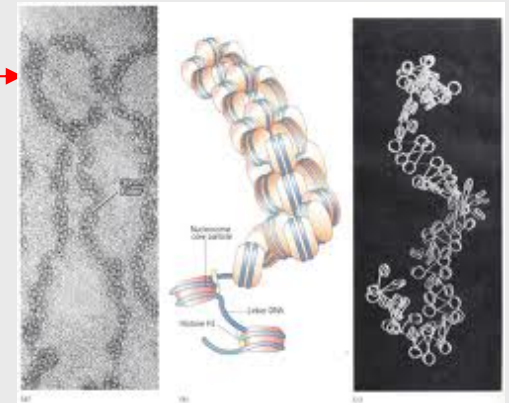
- In eukaryotic cells, DNA double helix can be packed by histone proteins into a structure, called Nucleosome.



11 nm fiber  
(Beads on a string)



Nucleosome

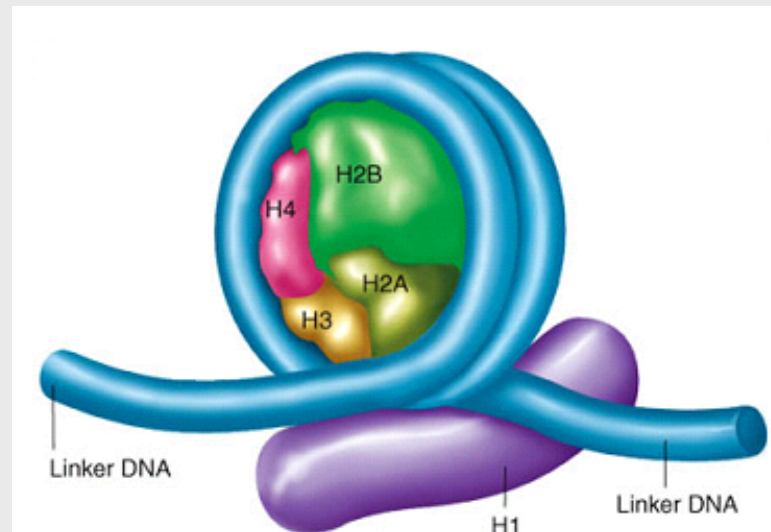


NET RESULT: EACH DNA MOLECULE HAS BEEN PACKAGED INTO A MITOTIC CHROMOSOME THAT IS 10,000-FOLD SHORTER THAN ITS EXTENDED LENGTH

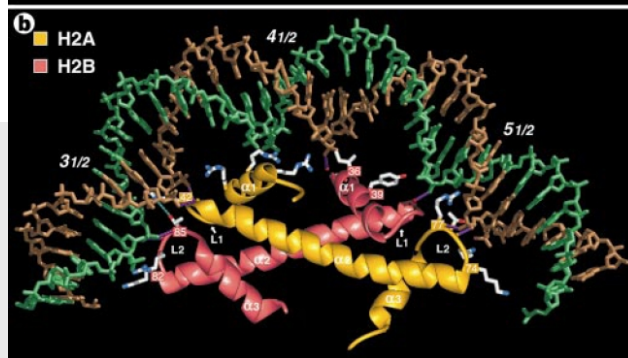
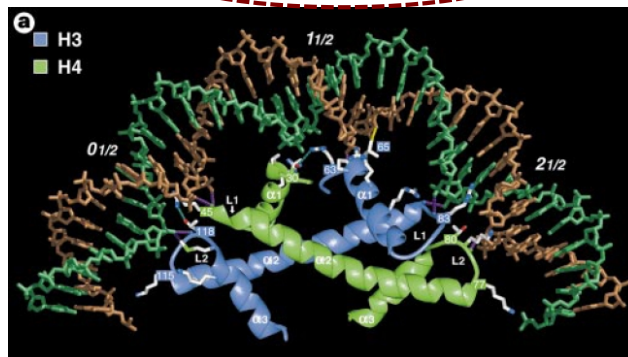
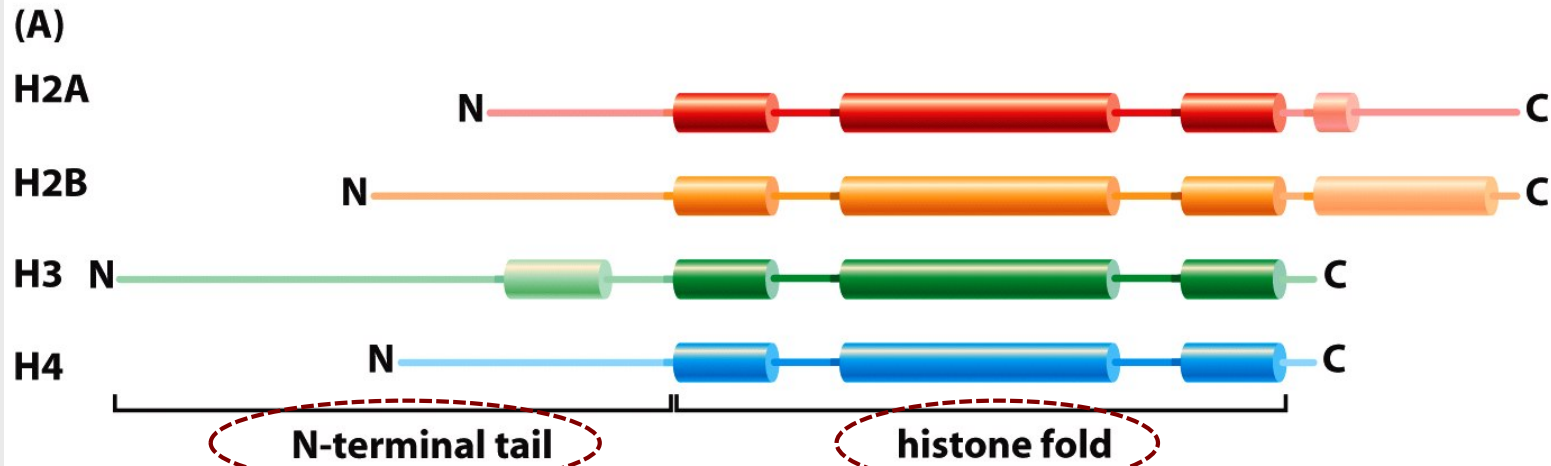


# The Structure of Nucleosome

- The DNA makes **1.7 turns** around the **Histone Octamer (H2A, H2B, H3, and H4)** to form an overall particle with a disk-like structure, called **Nucleosome**. **H1** and ~8-114 bp. of linker DNA between nucleosomes.
- Interactions between DNA and the histone core:
  1. **142 hydrogen bonds** are formed
  2. **Hydrophobic interactions**
  3. **Salt linkages**: positive charge amino acids (**K** or **R**) and the negatively charged DNA backbone



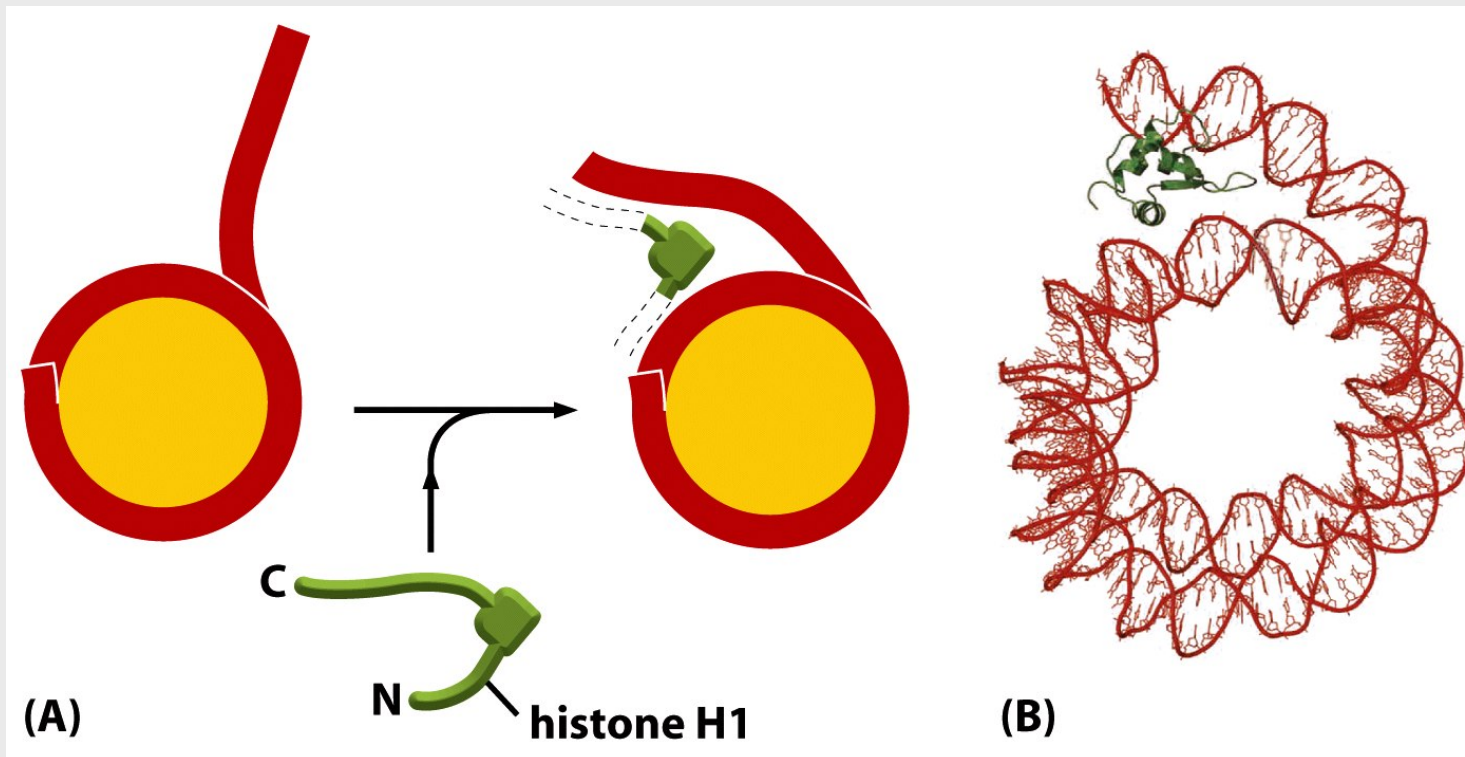
# Domain organization of the Core Histones



Handshake interaction

# Linker Histone, Histone H1

- 1-to-1 ration with nucleosome cores
- Less well conserved during evolution
- H1 is important for forming 30-nm chromatin

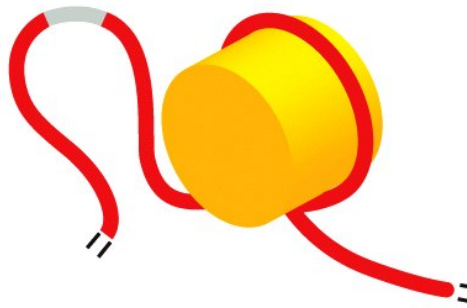


# Dynamic Nucleosomes

wrapped nucleosome  
exists for 250  
milliseconds



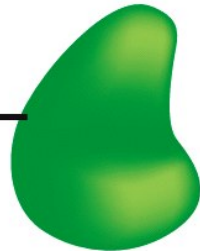
unwrapped nucleosome  
exists for 10-50  
milliseconds



rewrapped  
nucleosome

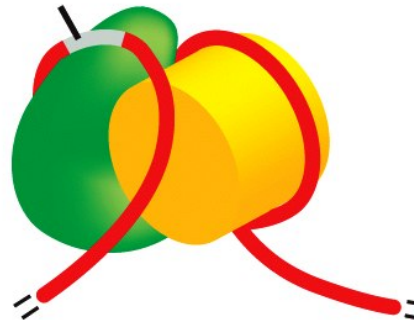


sequence-specific  
DNA-binding  
protein



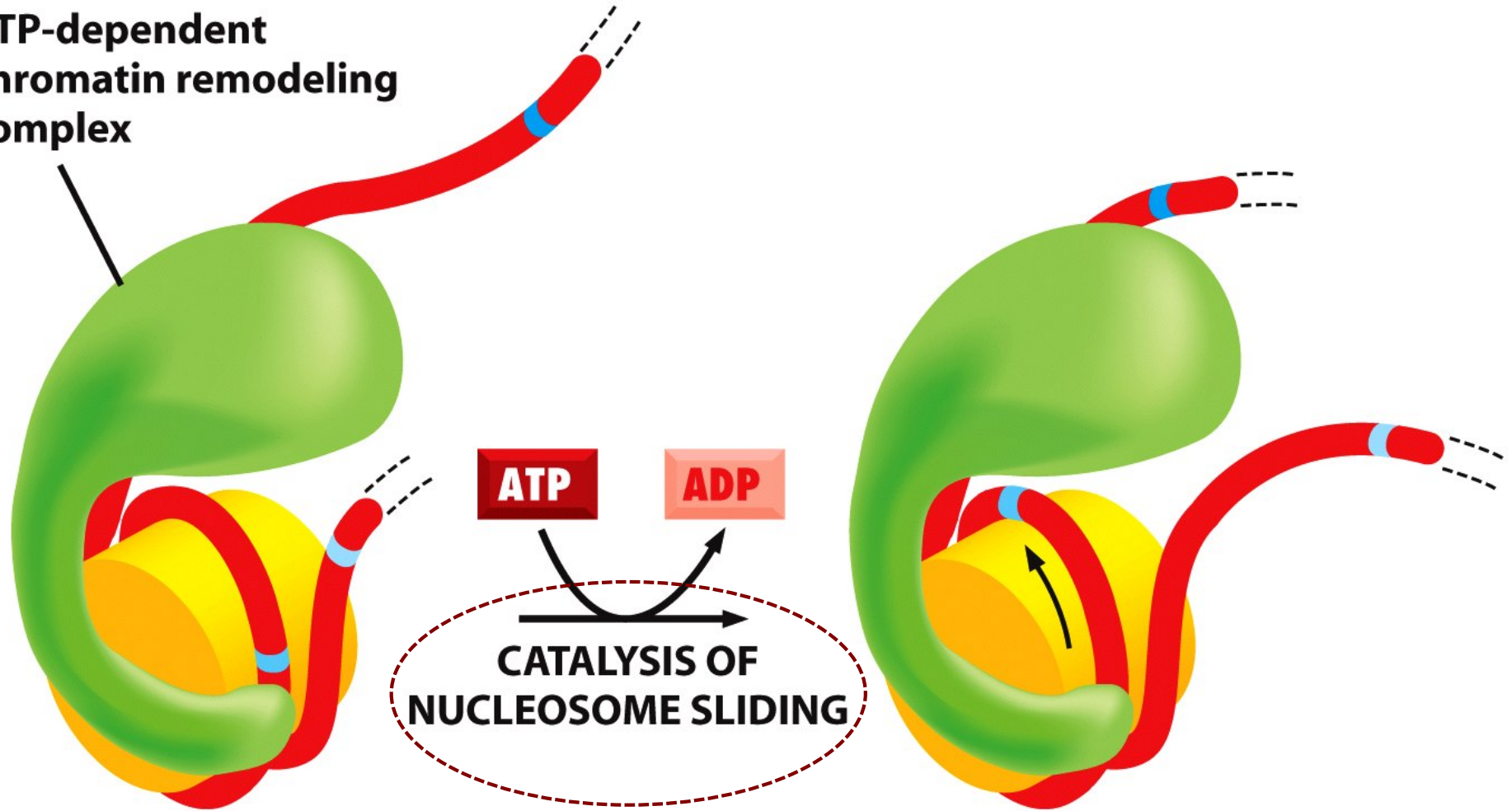
binding  
site

PROTEIN  
BINDS

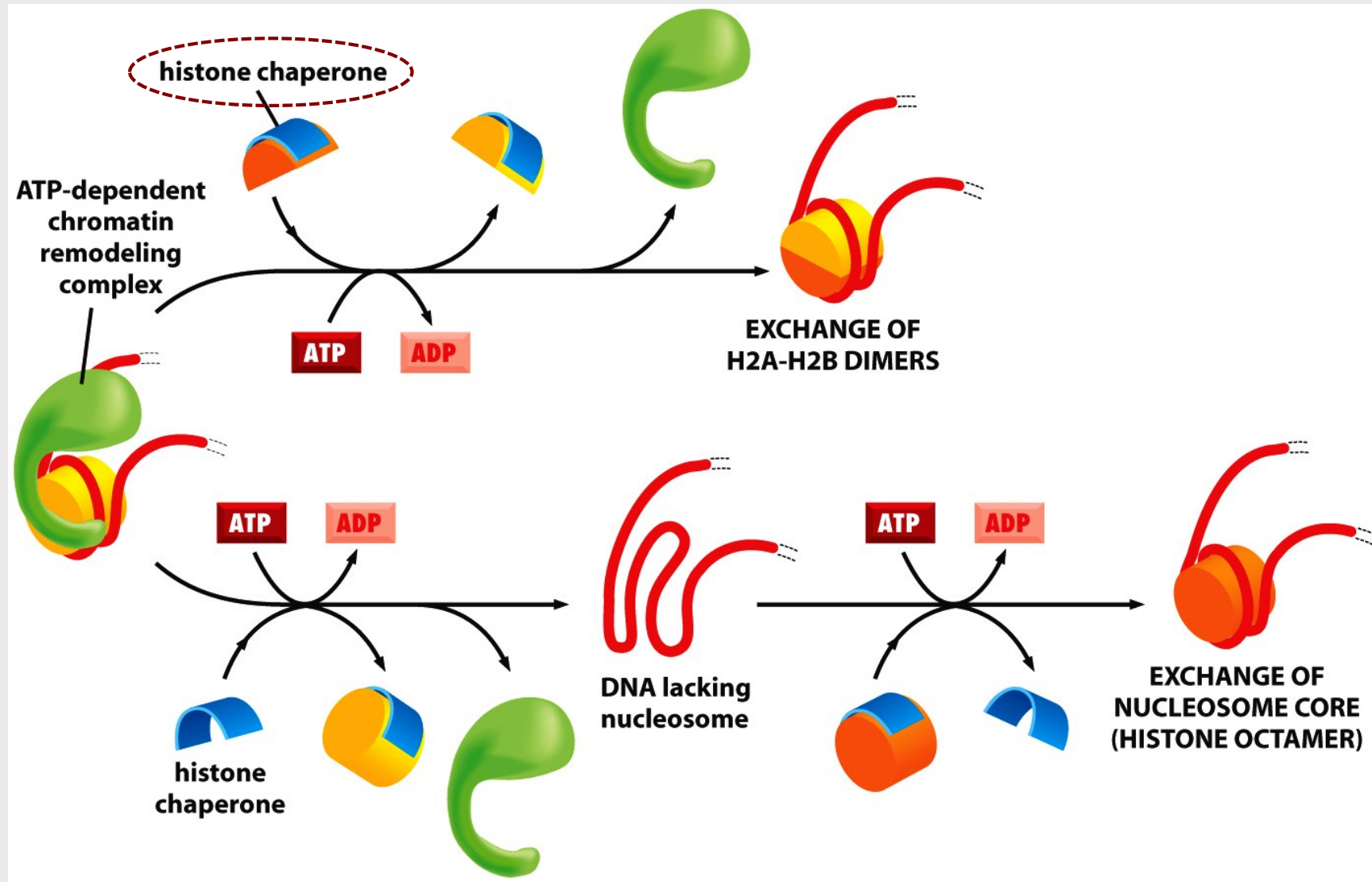


# ATP-dependent chromatin remodeling complex

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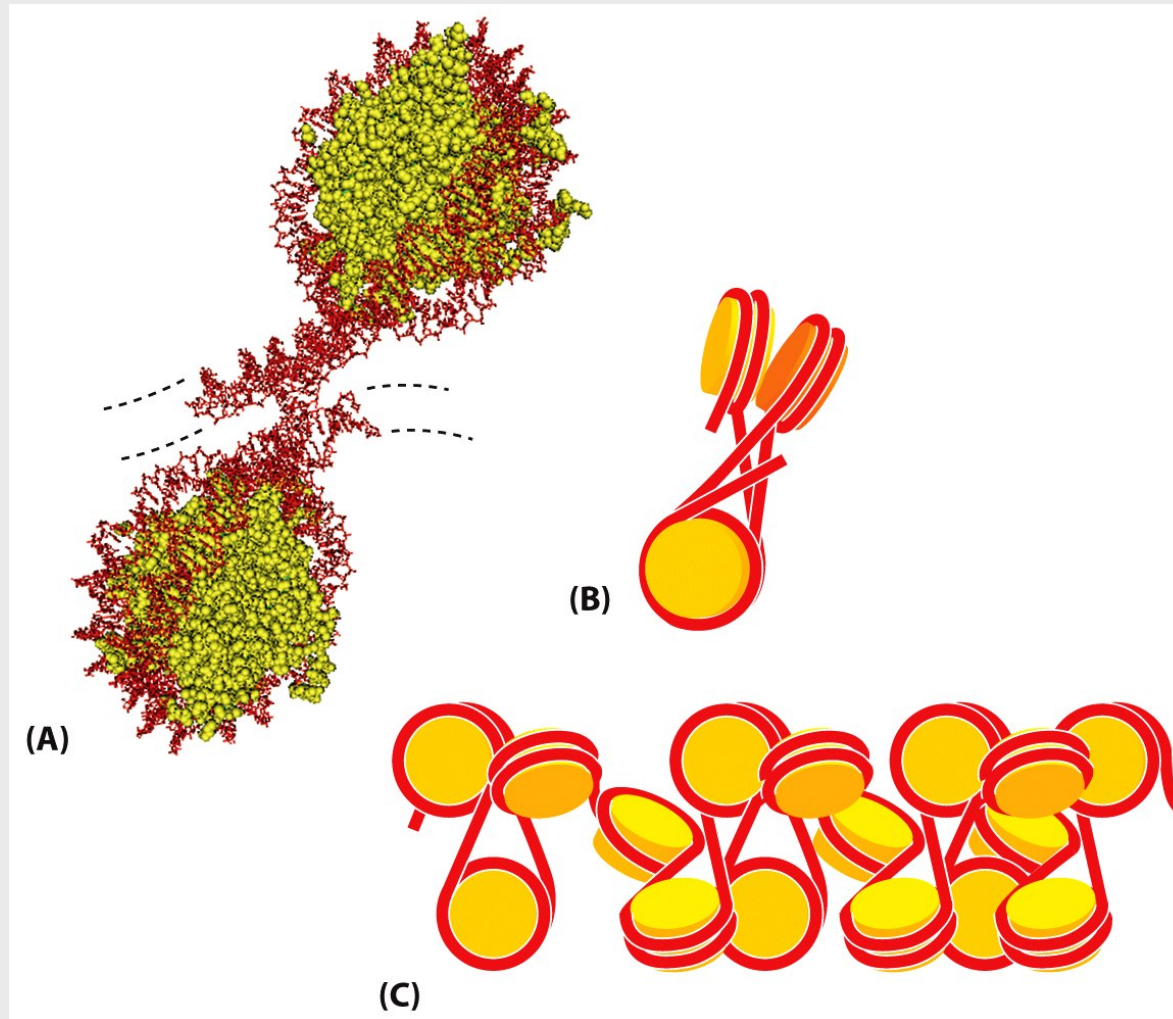


# Nucleosome removal and Histone exchange



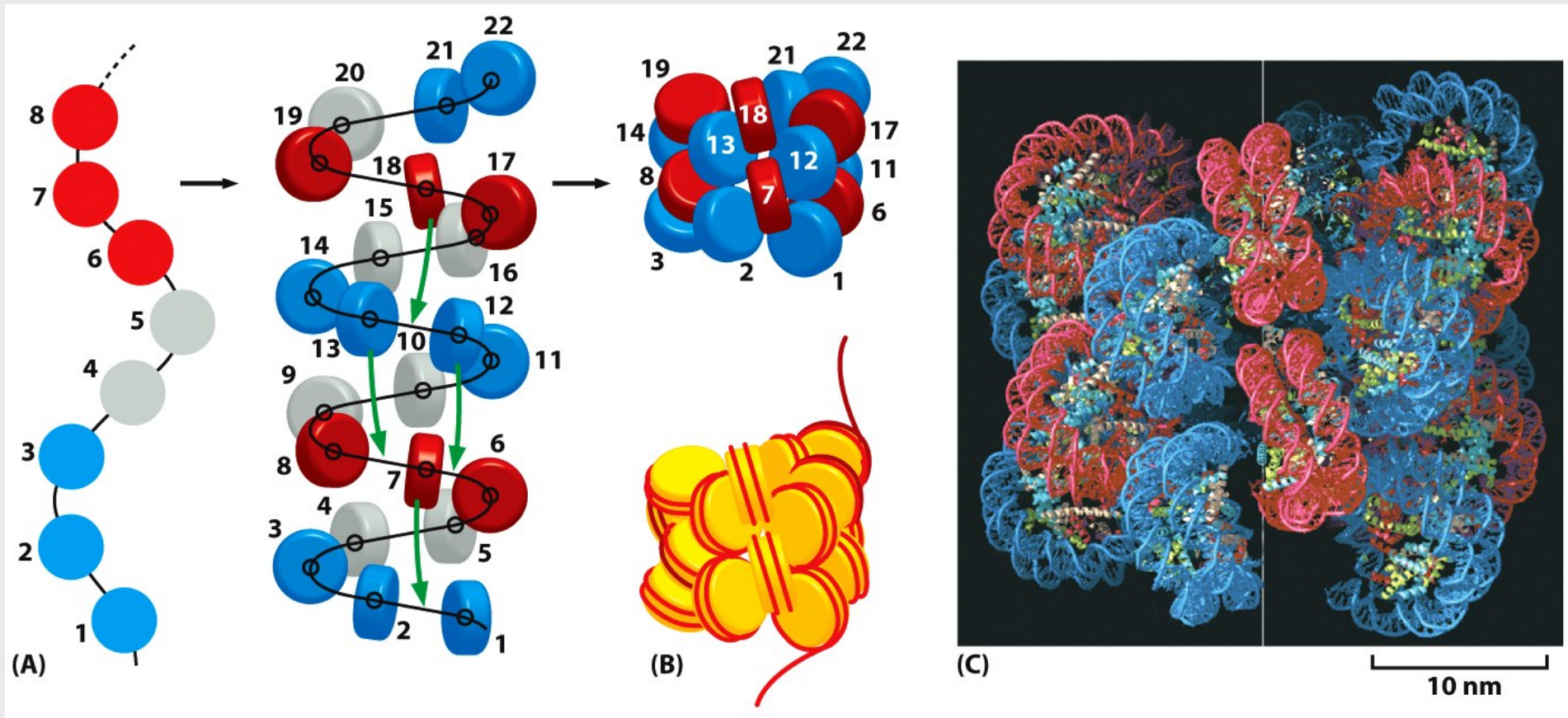
# Zigzag model for the 30-nm chromatin fiber

- Supported by  $\chi$ -ray crystallography



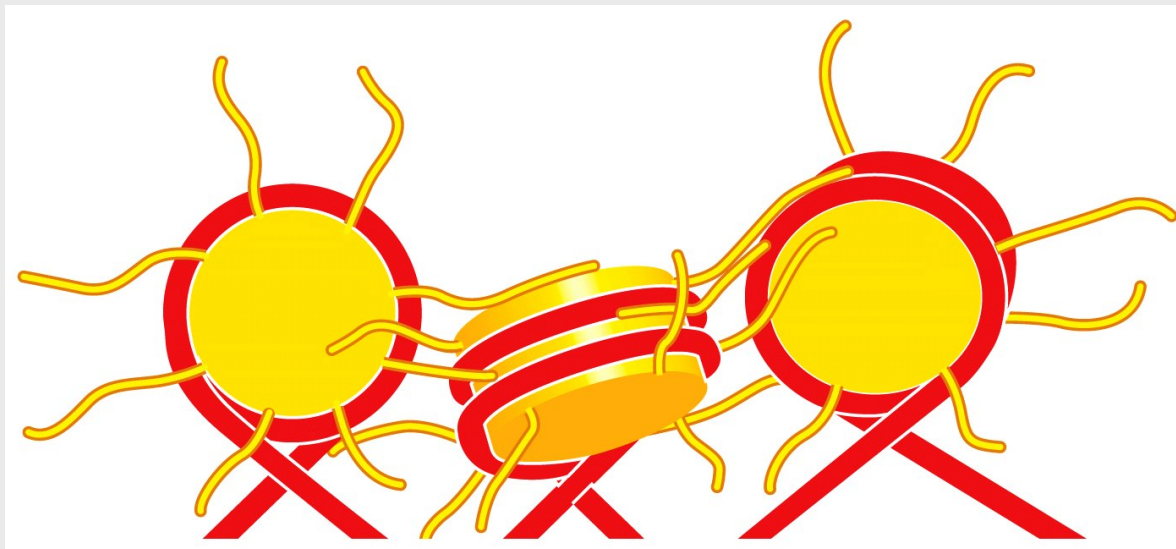
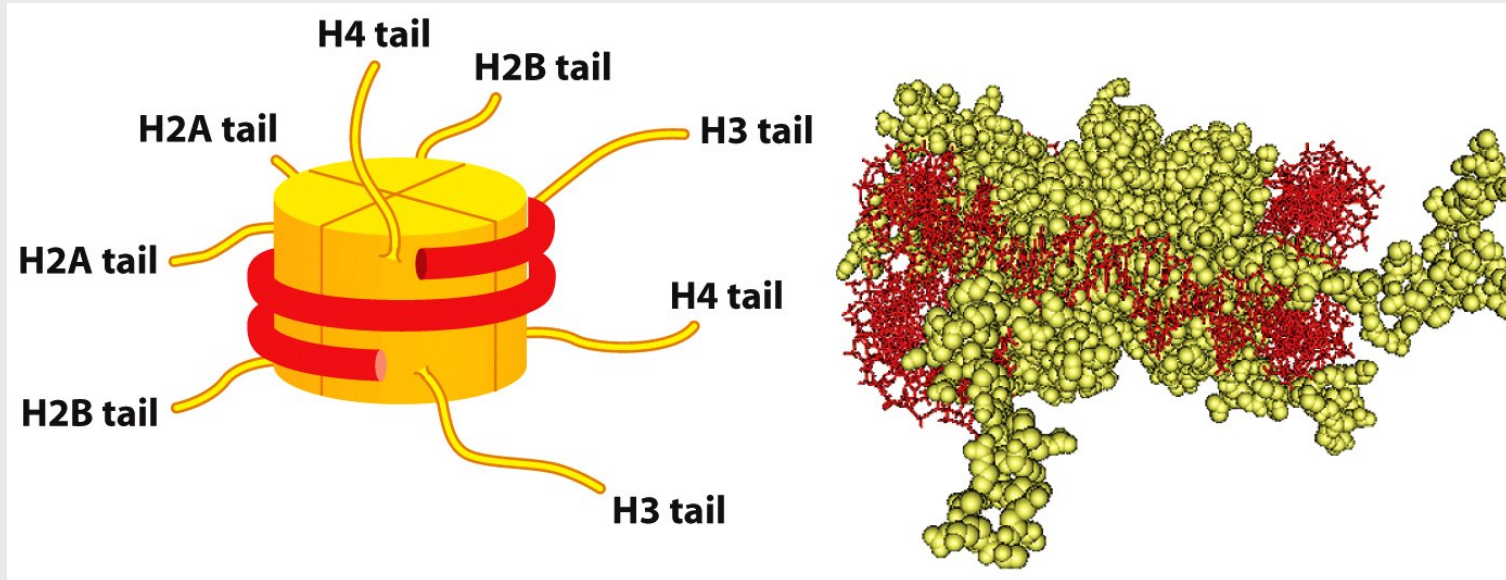
# Solenoid model for the 30-nm chromatin fiber

- Supported by Cryo-electron microscopy

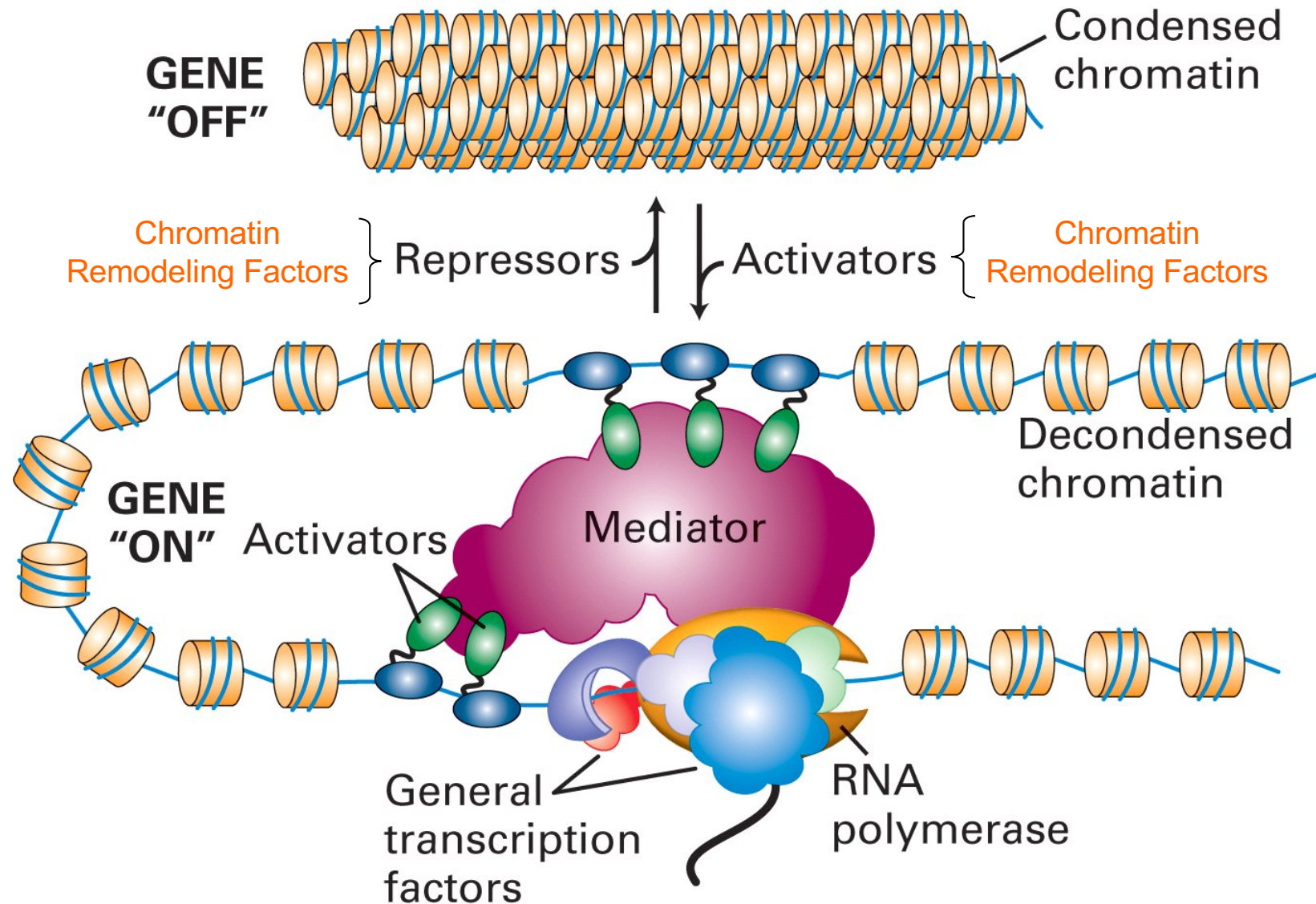




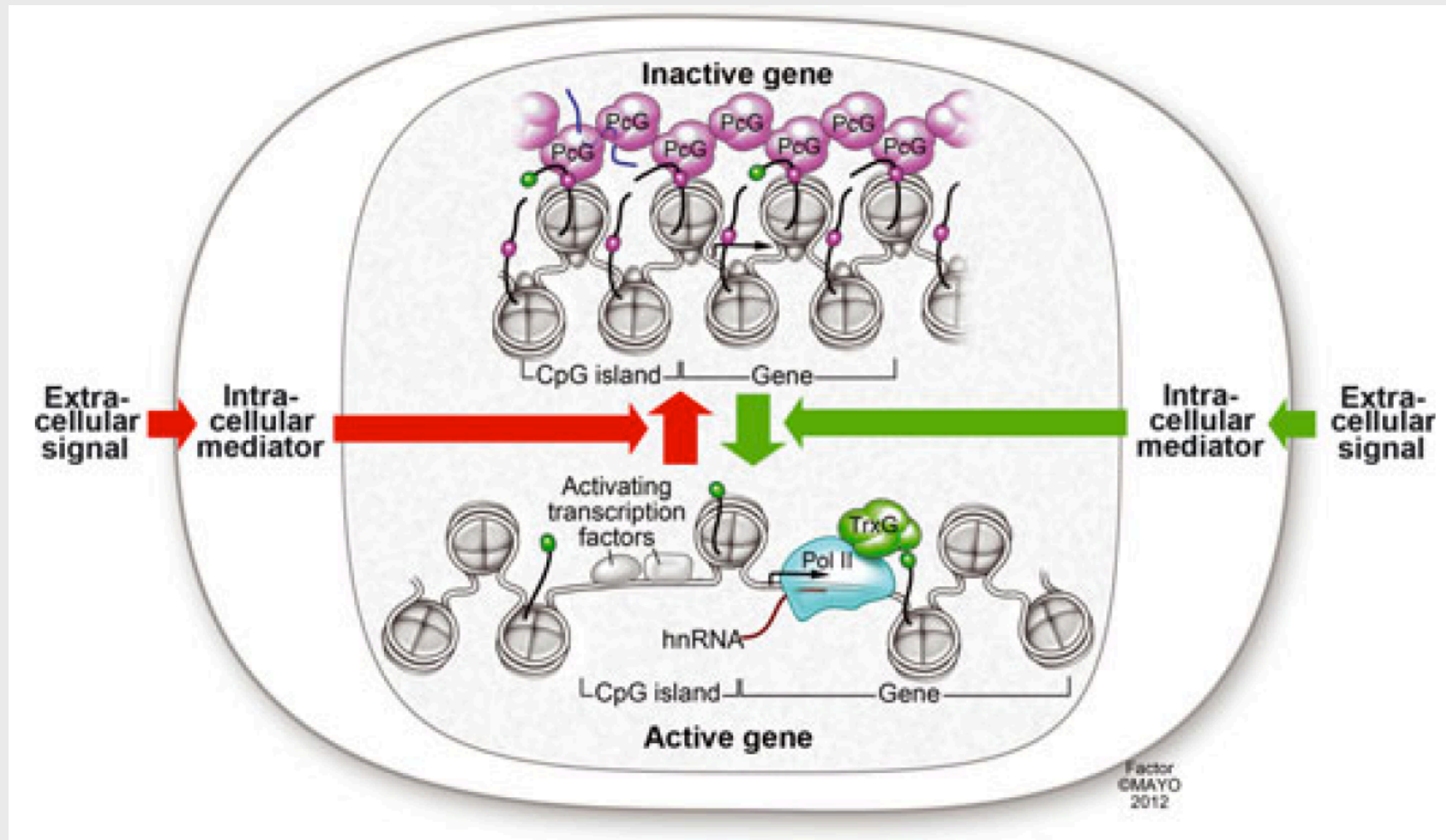
# Histone tails in the formation of the 30-nm fibers



# Chromatin Remodeling and Transcriptional initiation



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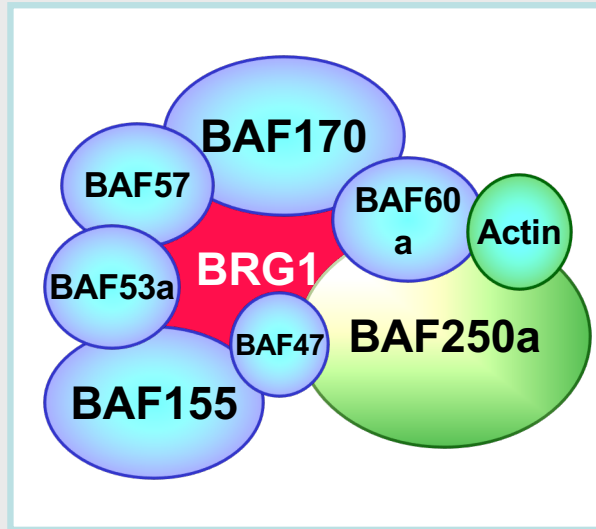
# The SWI/SNF Complex

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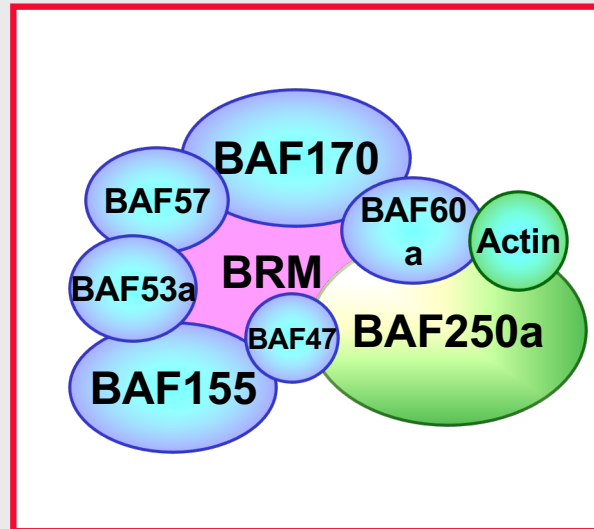
- **ATP-dependent chromatin remodeling complex**
- **Yeast mating type switching (SWI) and sucrose non-fermenting (SNF)**
- **Expression of 6% of yeast genes require SWI/SNF function**
- **9-12 subunits - 2MDa**
- **Each subunit is required for function of the entire complex**
- **Evolutionarily conserved: *C. elegans*, yeast, fly, rat, mouse, human**

# Variations in Human SWI/SNF Complexes

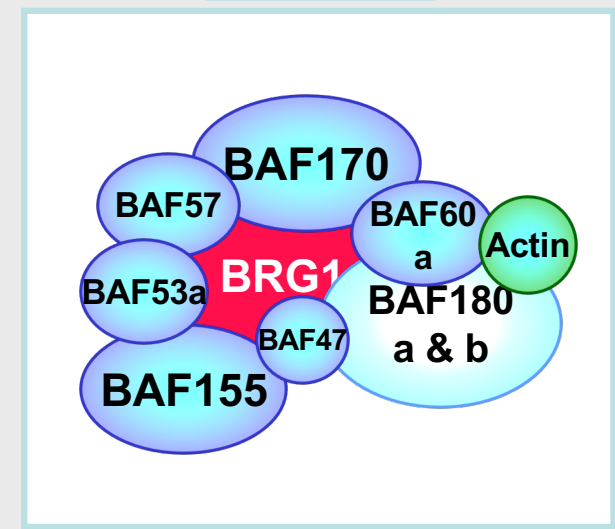
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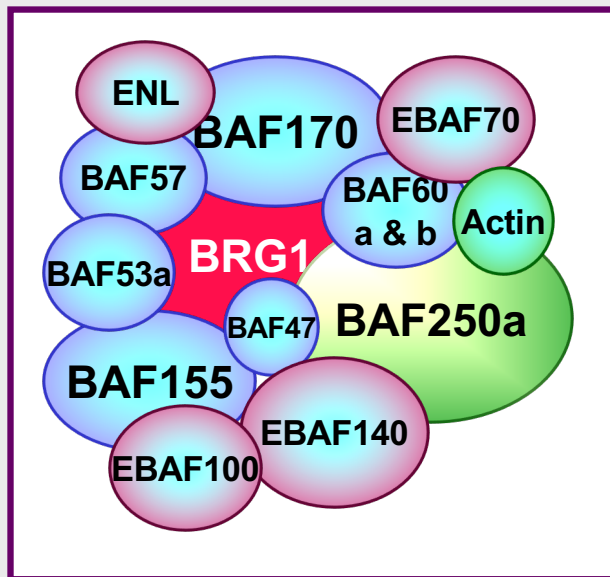
**BRM/BAF**



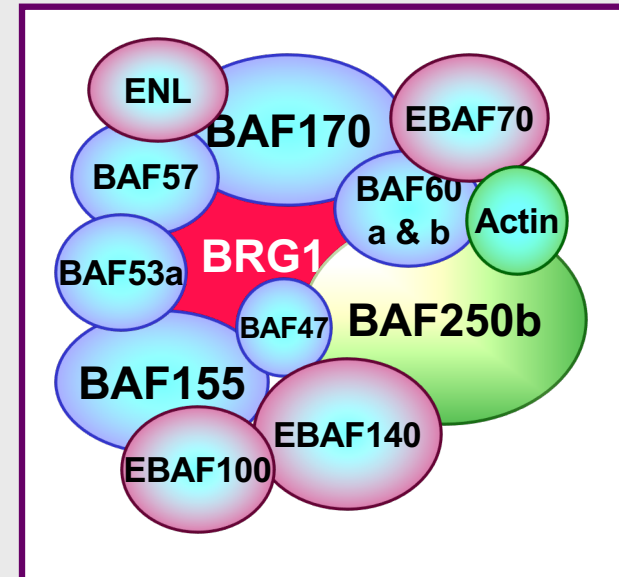
**PBAF**



**EBAFa**

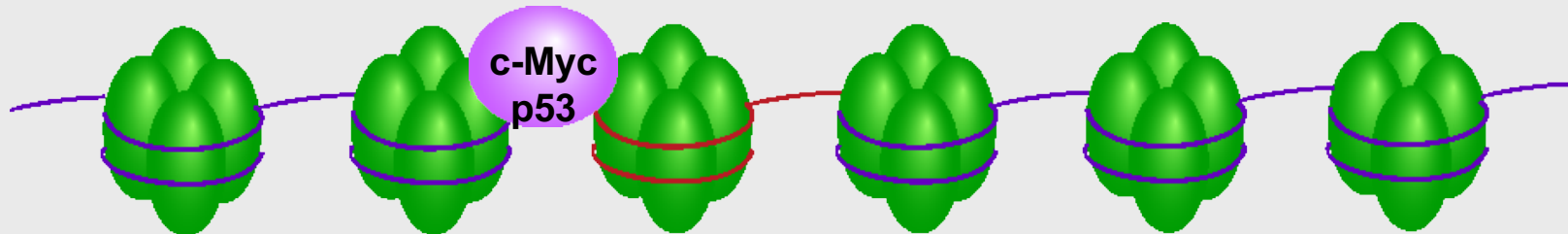
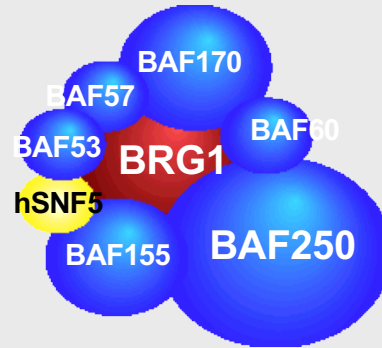


**EBAFb**



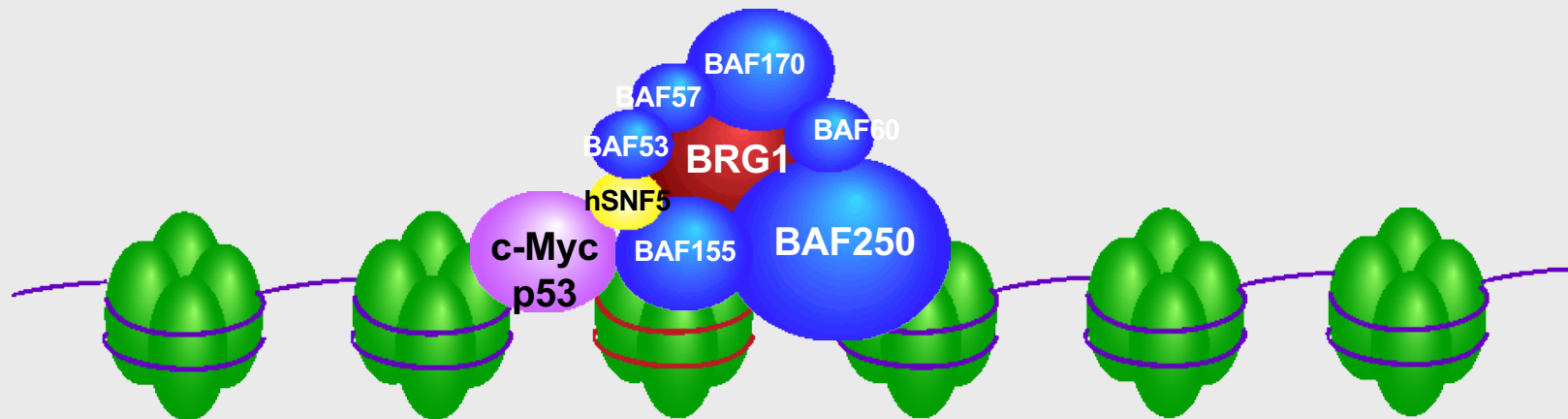
# SWI/SNF-Mediated Chromatin Remodeling

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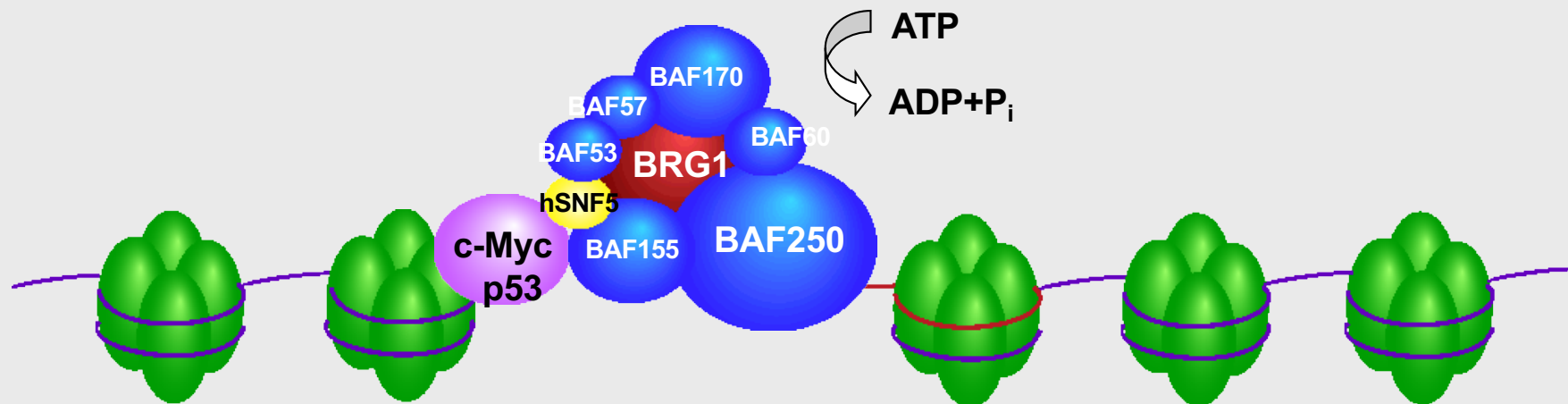
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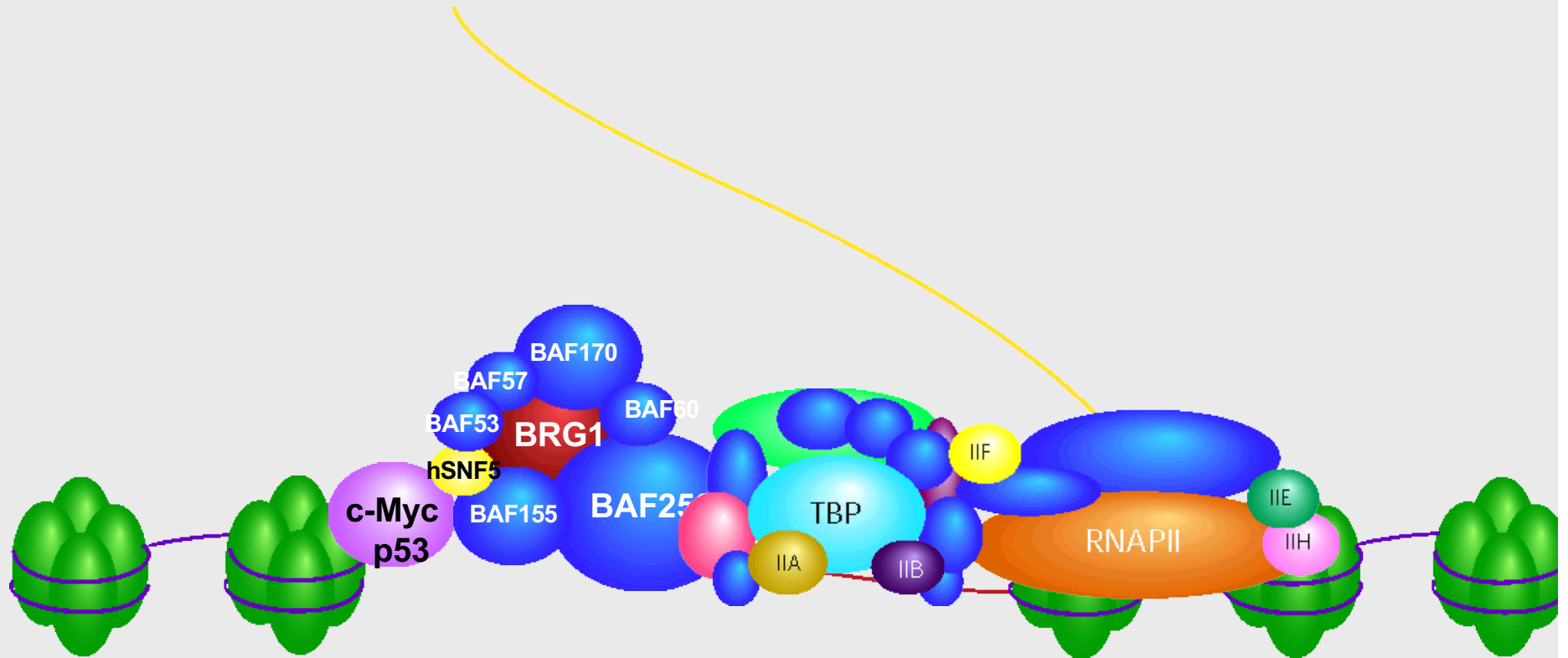
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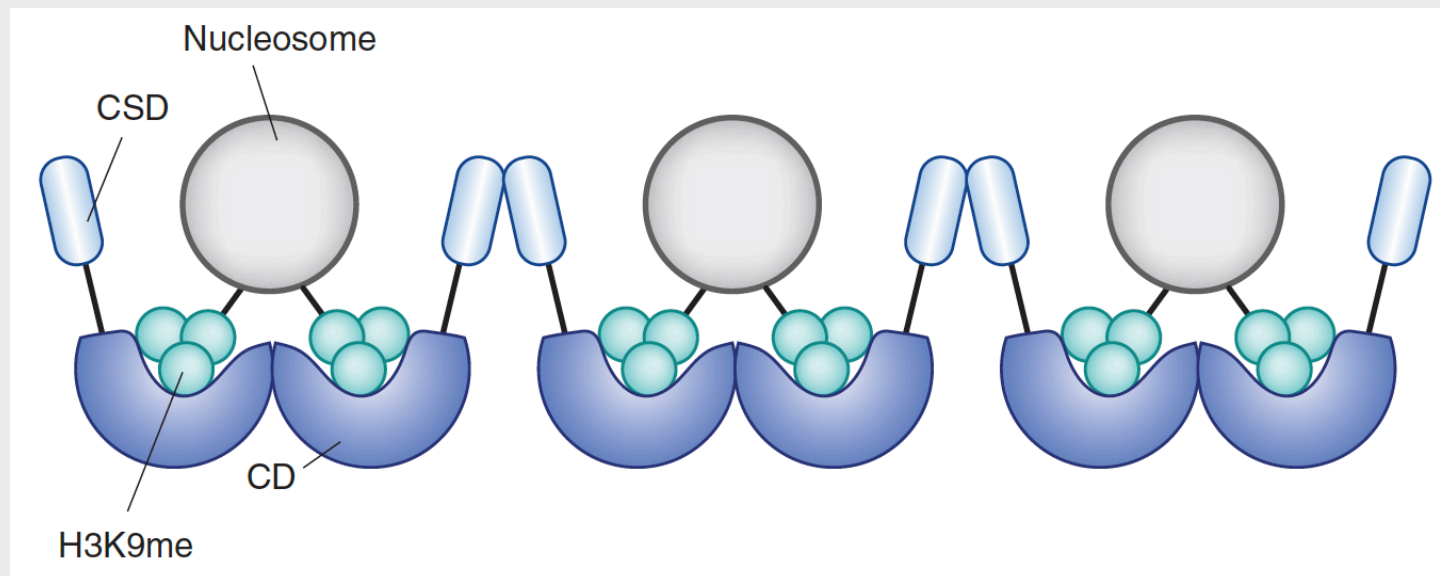
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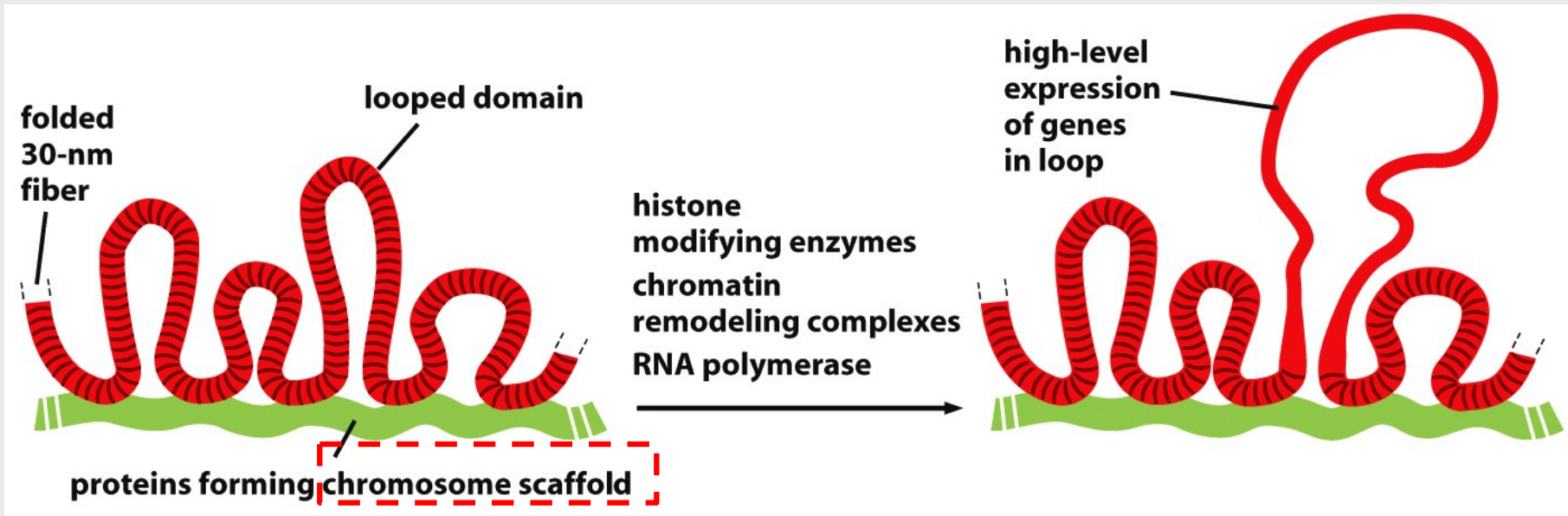


# Regulation of nucleosome dynamics by histone modifications

- **Swi6-mediated chromatin stabilization.** Swi6 molecules dimerize via their **chromodomains (CD)** to recognize **H3K9-trimethylated histone** tails in a single nucleosome.
- These dimers then contact adjacent dimers via their **chromo-shadow domains (CSD)** to **stabilize nucleosomes** and **promote heterochromatin spreading**

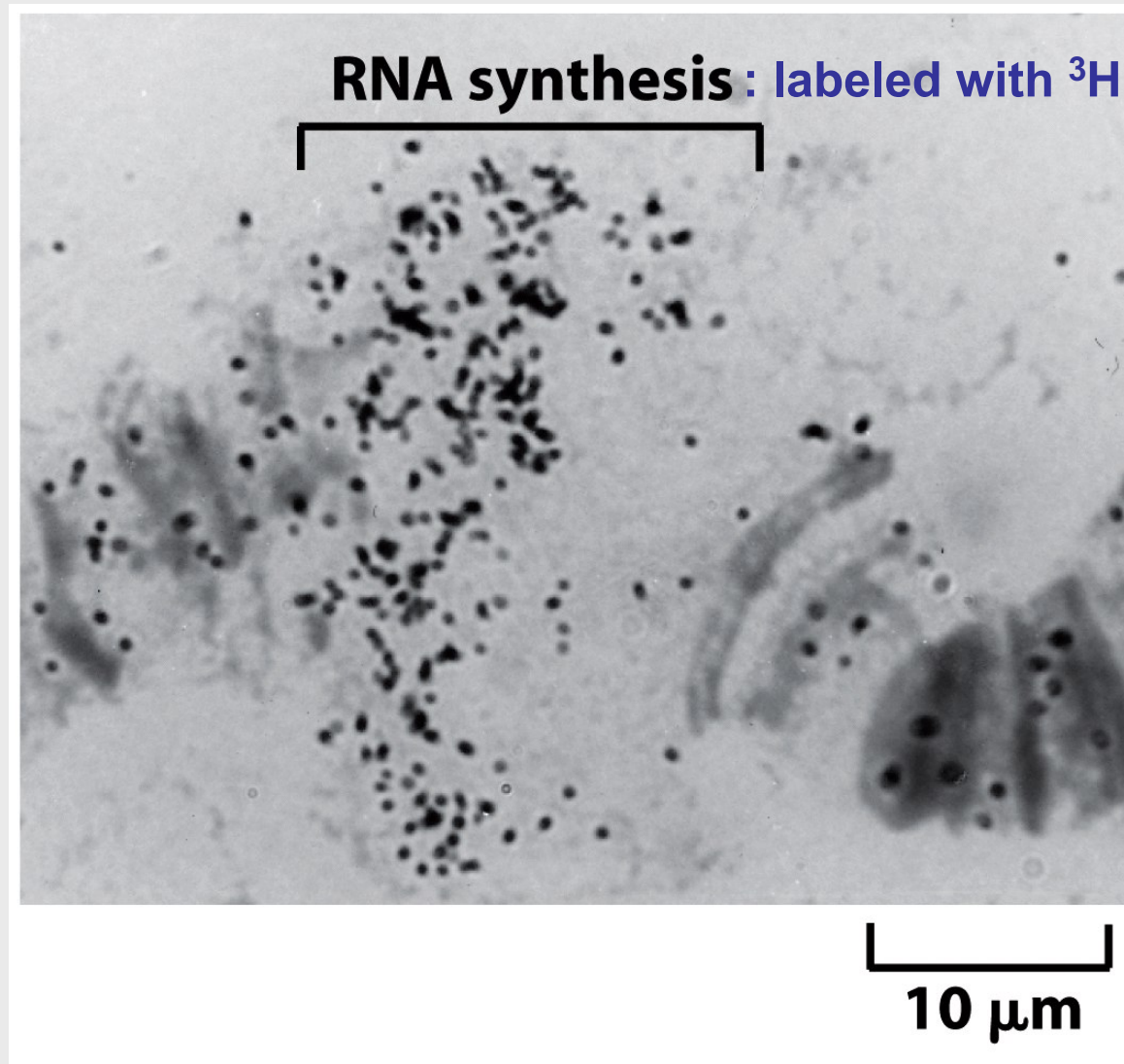


# Loops of Chromatin



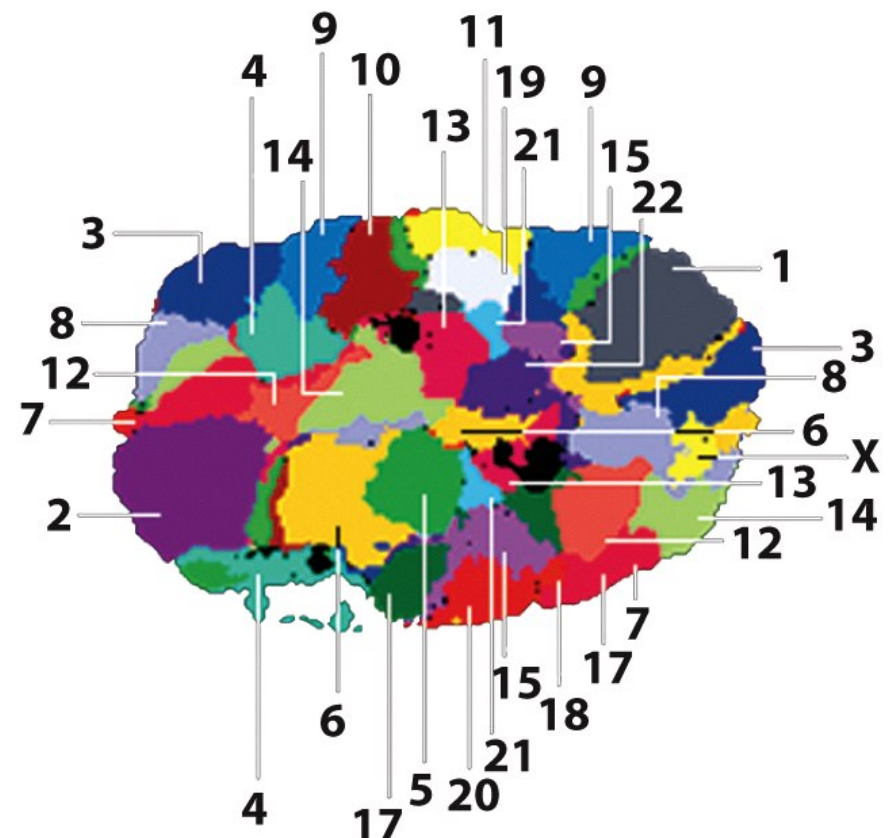
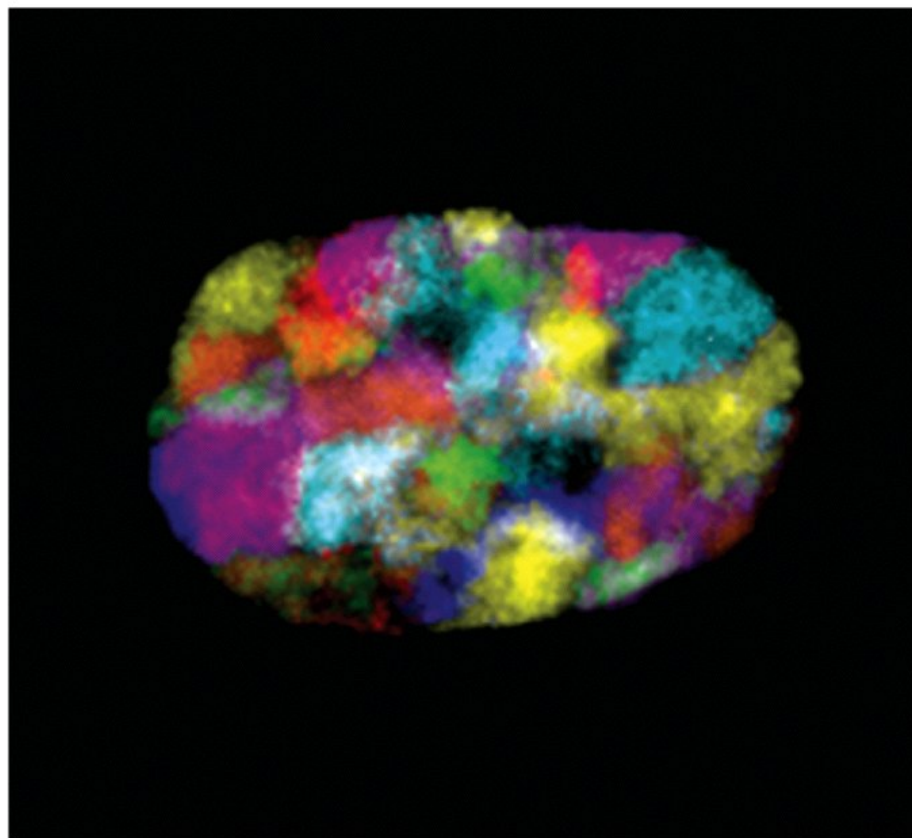
# Chromatin loops decondense when the genes within them are expressed

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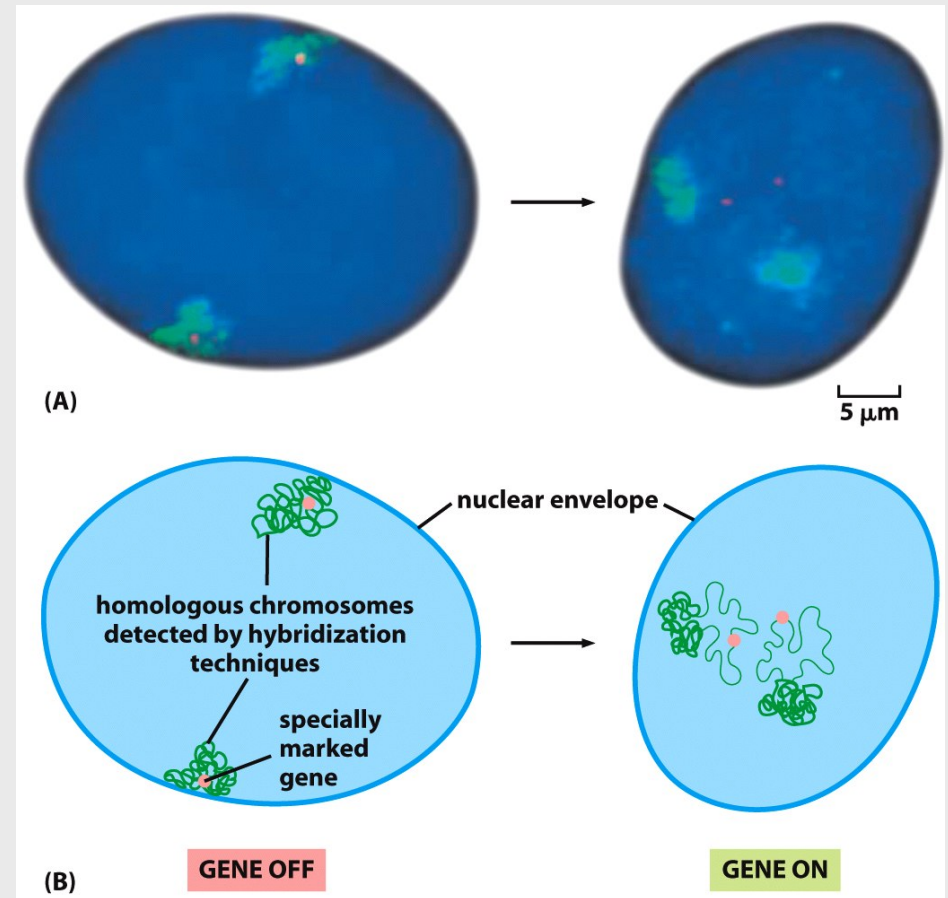
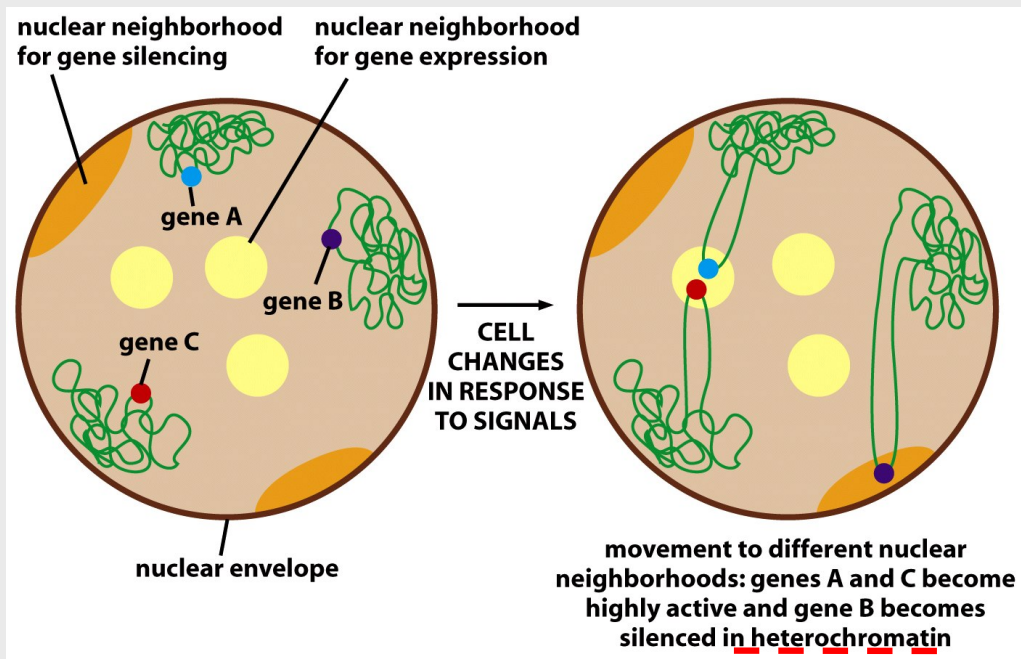


# Chromatin can move to specific sites within the nucleus

## - Chromosome territory:



# The position of a gene changes when it becomes highly expressed



# Epigenetics

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- The term **epigenetics** refers to changes in appearance (phenotype) or gene expression caused by mechanisms other than changes in the underlying DNA sequence (genotype), hence the name *epi-* (Greek: over; above) *-genetics*

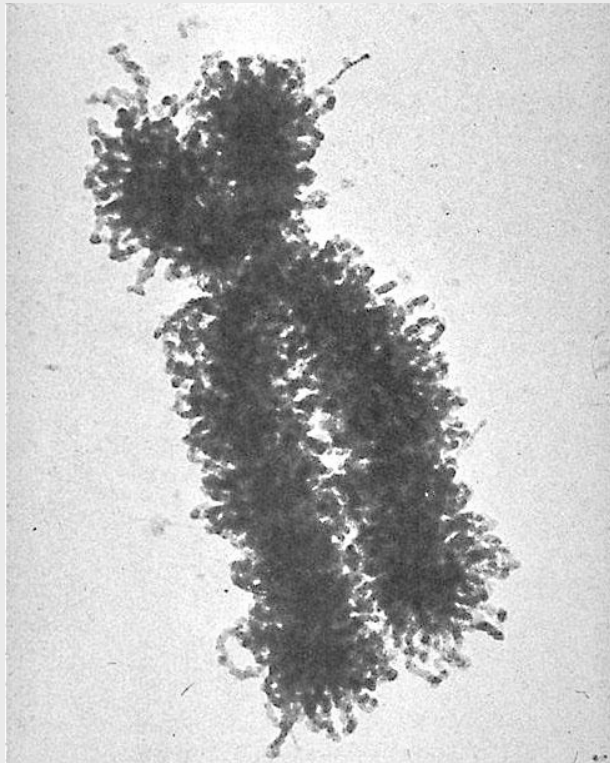
# The same genotype with different phenotypes

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# One genome but many cell types



Chromosome  
genetic information

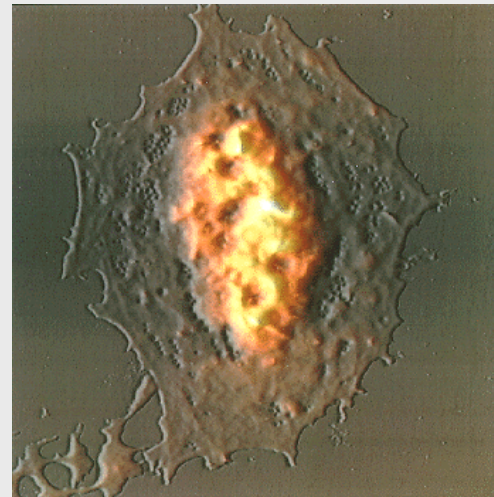
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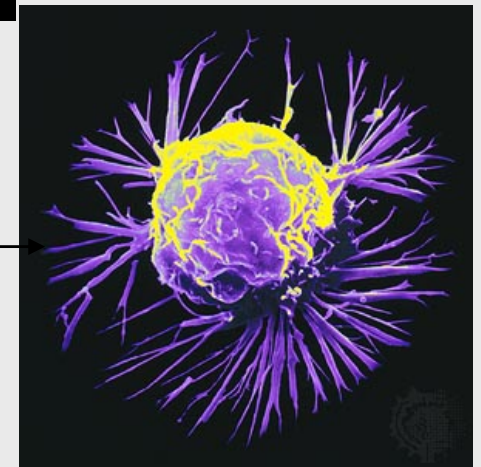
Neuronal cell

genetics/epigenetics

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Liver cell



Breast  
cancer cell

>20 Disrupted  
DNA-methylation  
and histone-  
modification genes  
in cancer

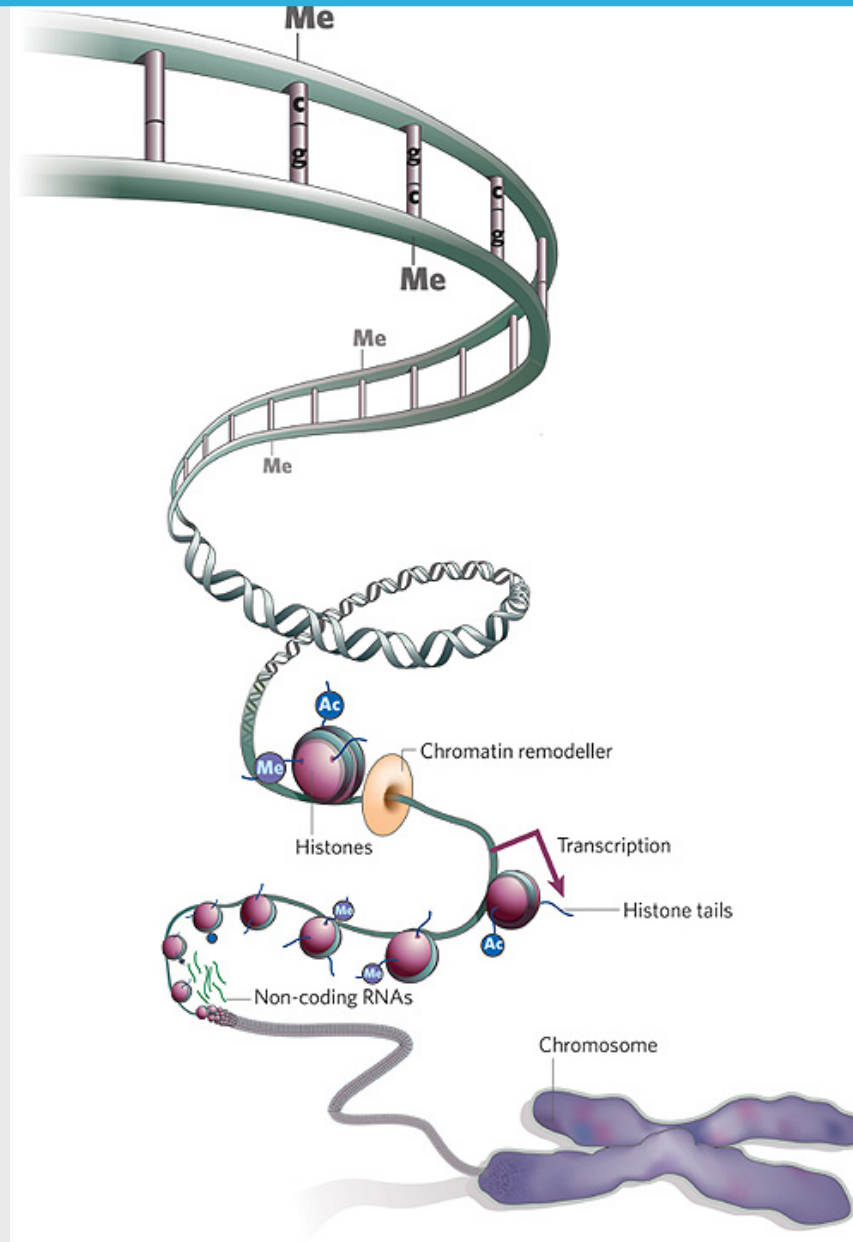
# Epigenetics: Bookmarks in the book of life

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- Specific epigenetic processes include

**Gene regulations by small RNAs, Imprinting, X chromosome inactivation, Position effect, Development/Reprogramming of somatic nucleus, Maternal effects, and **Regulation of histone modifications and heterochromatin.****

# Epigenetic Regulations



# Epigenetic inheritance based on chromatin structures

## GENETIC INHERITANCE

gene X on



DNA SEQUENCE CHANGE



gene X off



MULTIPLICATION OF SOMATIC CELLS



gene X off



gene X off



PRODUCTION OF GERM CELLS



gene X off

## EPIGENETIC INHERITANCE

gene Y on



CHROMATIN CHANGE



gene Y off



gene Y off



gene Y off

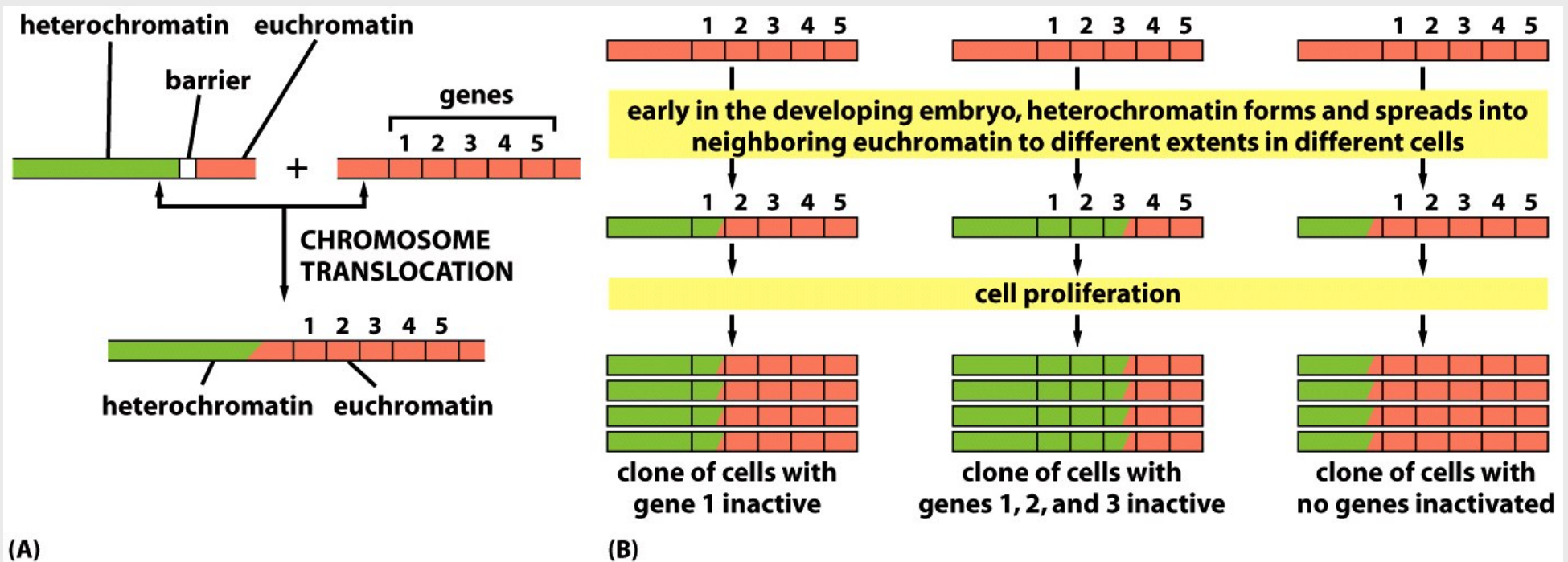


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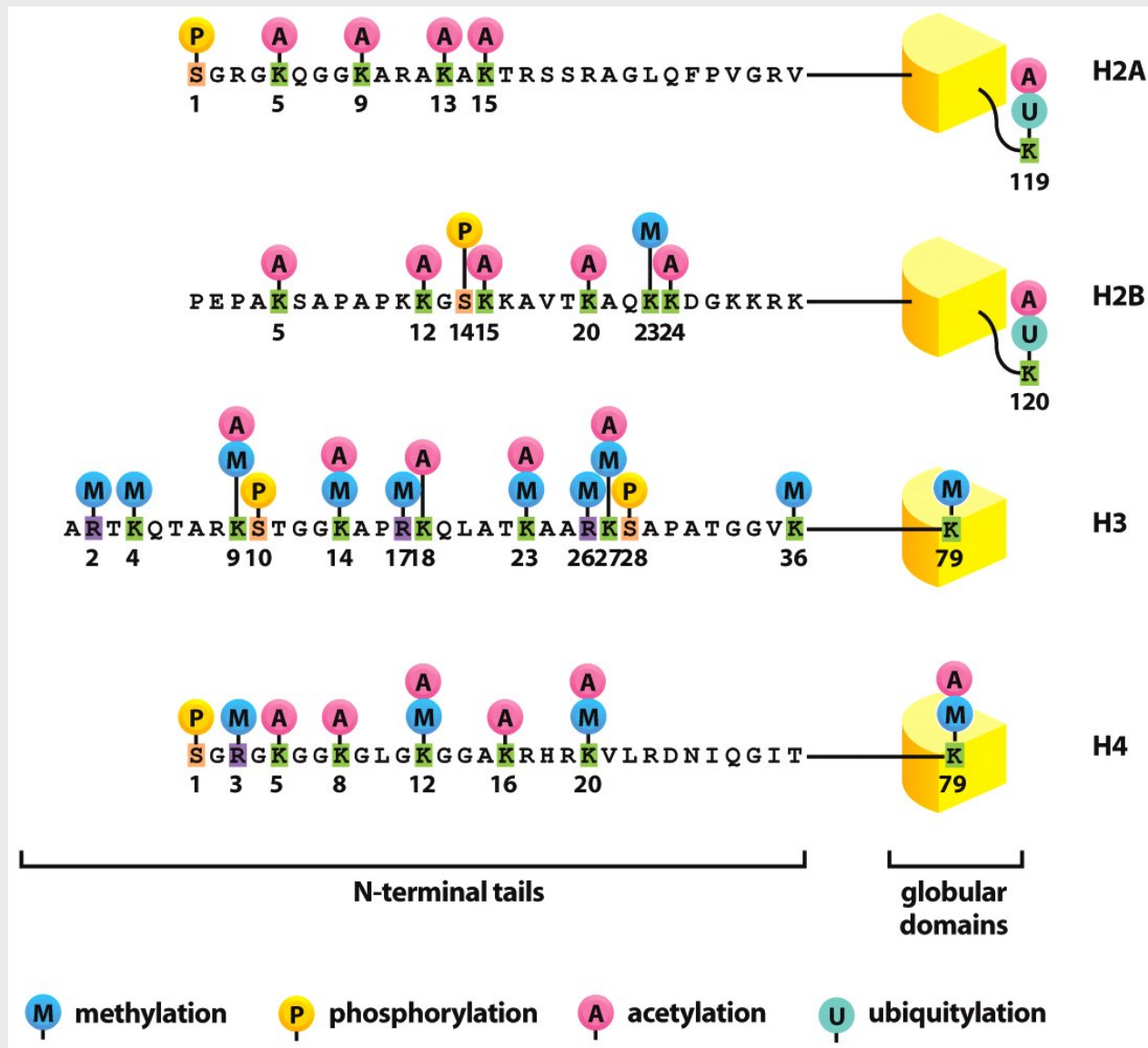
# Heterochromatin vs. Euchromatin

- **Heterochromatin**: highly condensed form, genes within are **silenced**
- **Euchromatin**: less condensed form, genes within are **more active**

## (Position Effect)

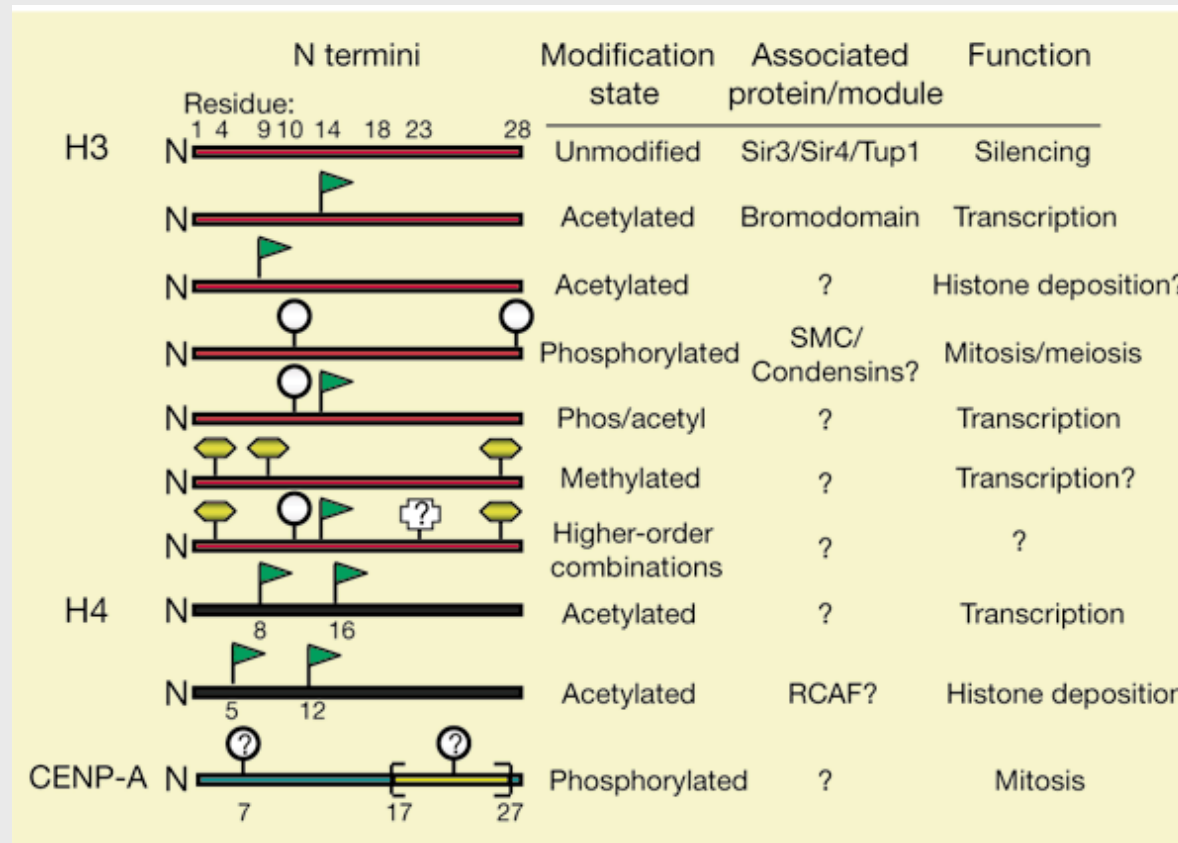


# Posttranslational modifications of the histone proteins



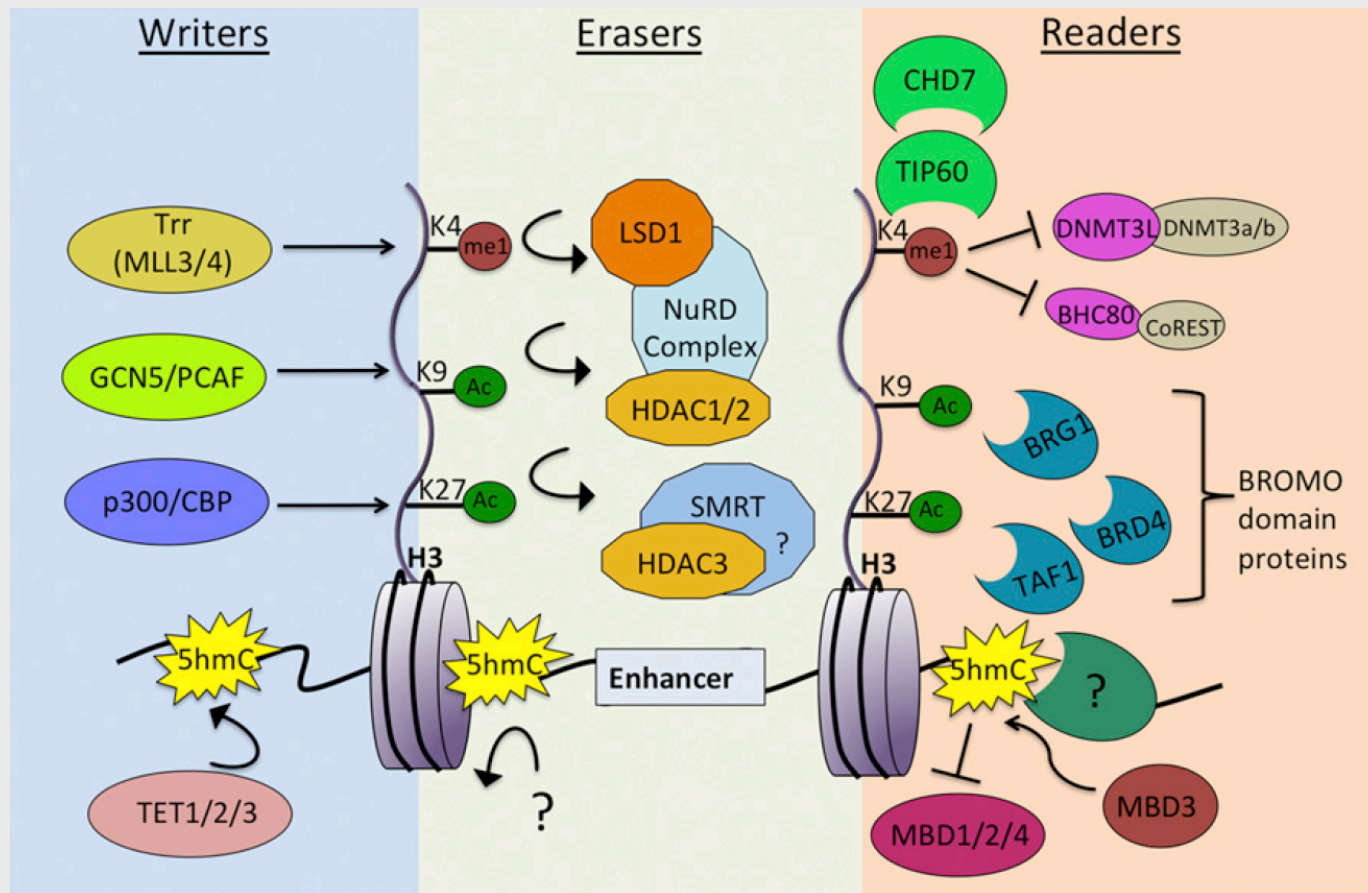
# Histone Code Theory

- As proposed by David Allis: “that multiple histone modifications, acting in a **combinatorial** or **sequential** fashion on one or multiple histone tails, specify unique downstream functions”



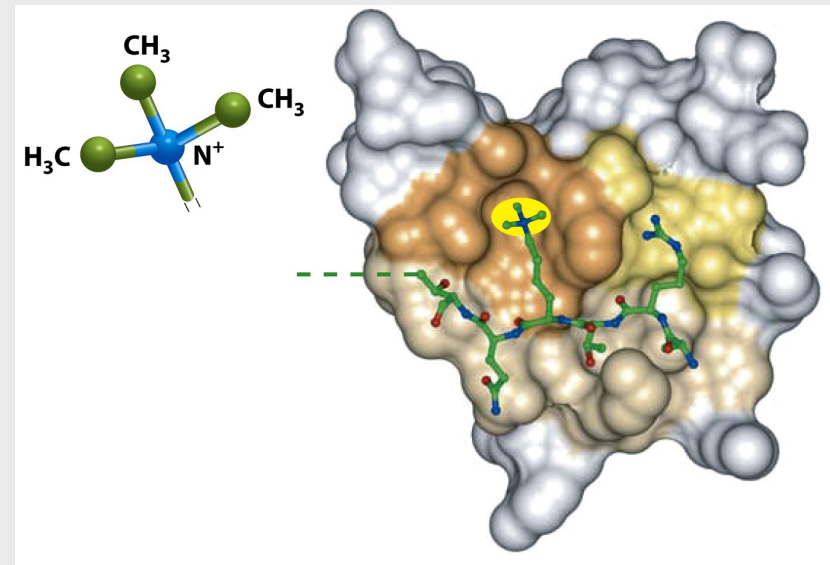
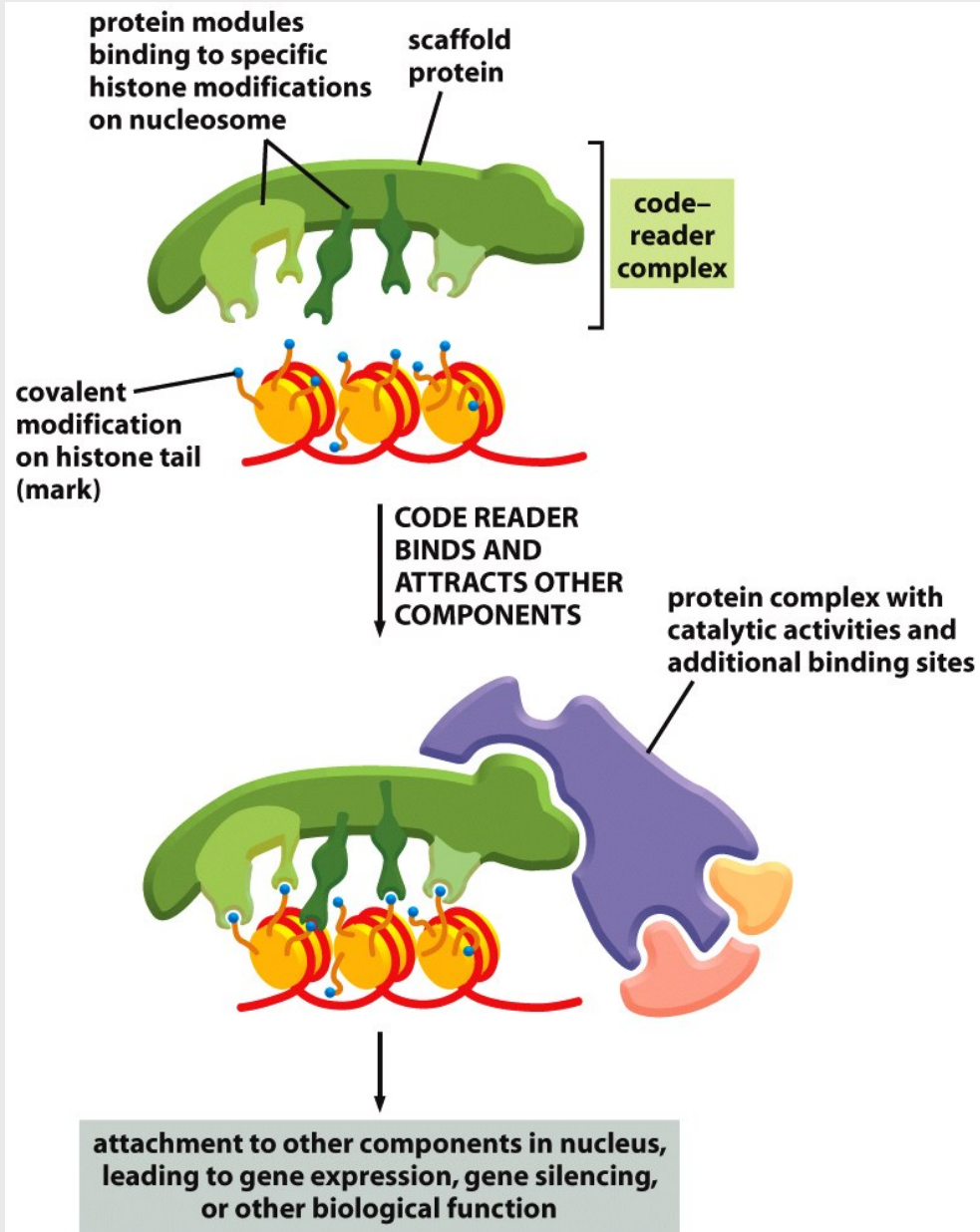
# Code-Readers, Writers, and Erasers

- Proteins capable of adding (**writers**), removing (**erasers**), and recognizing (**readers**) major enhancer-associated chromatin modifications, including H3K4me1, H3K9ac, H3K27ac, and 5hmC, are shown:

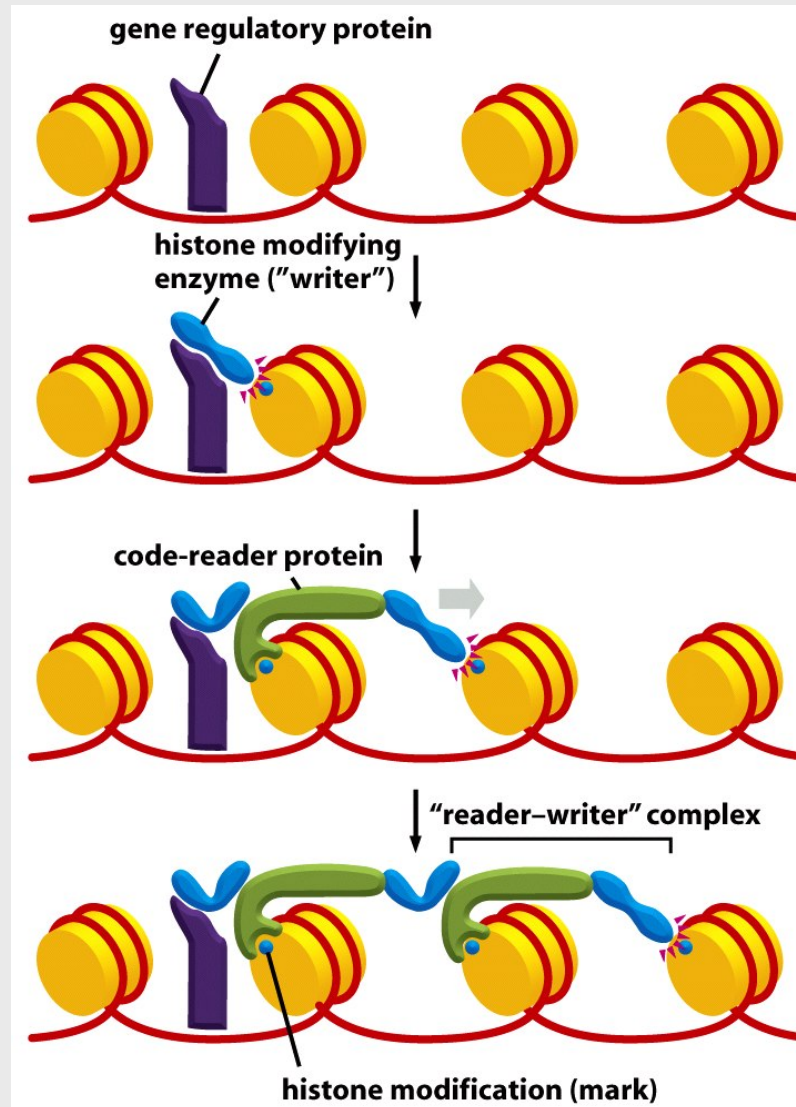




# Code-reader/writer complex

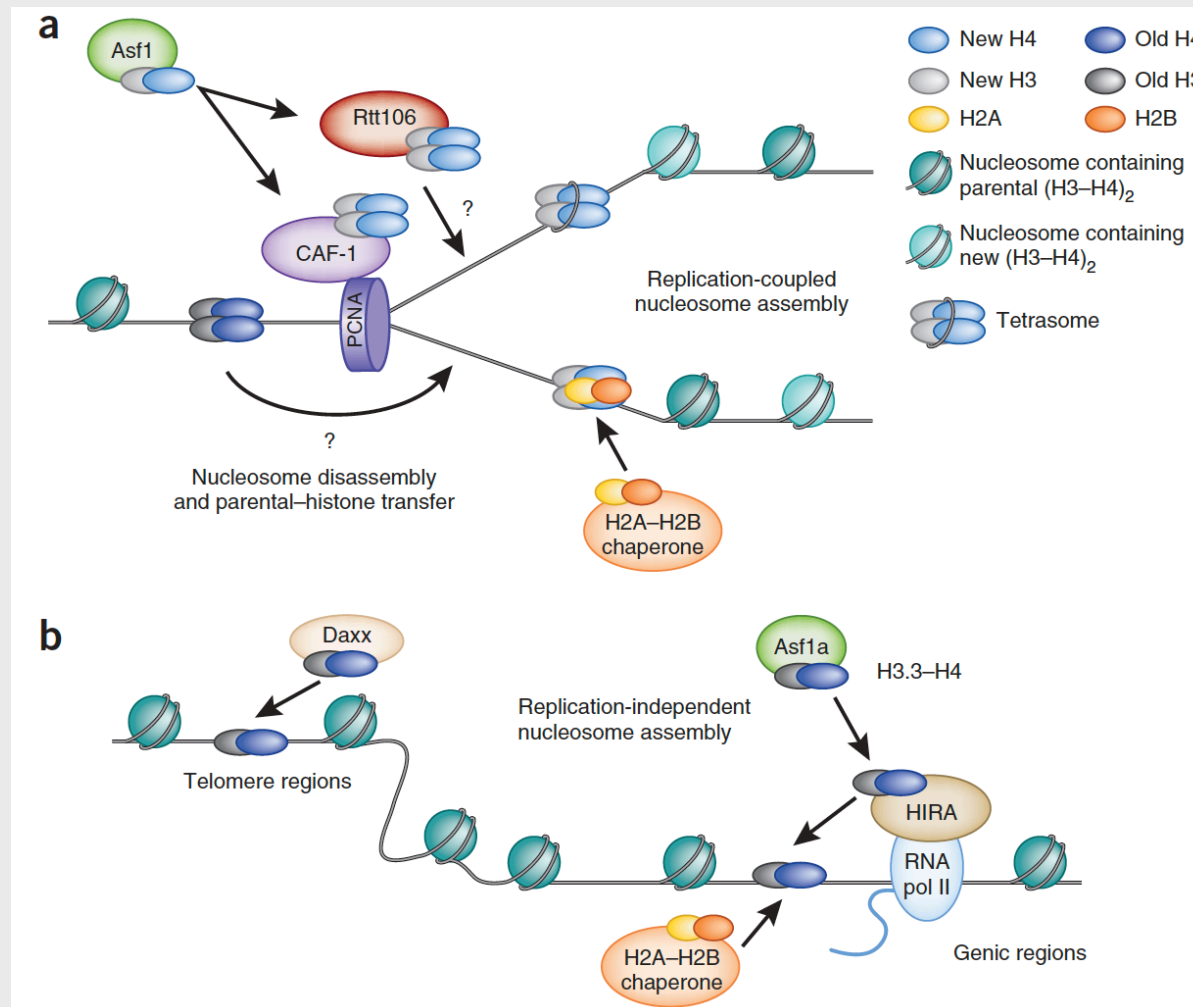


# Spreading specific chromatin modifications along a chromosome



# Epigenetic Transmission

- **Histone chaperones** are key regulators of replication-coupled and replication-independent nucleosome assembly.

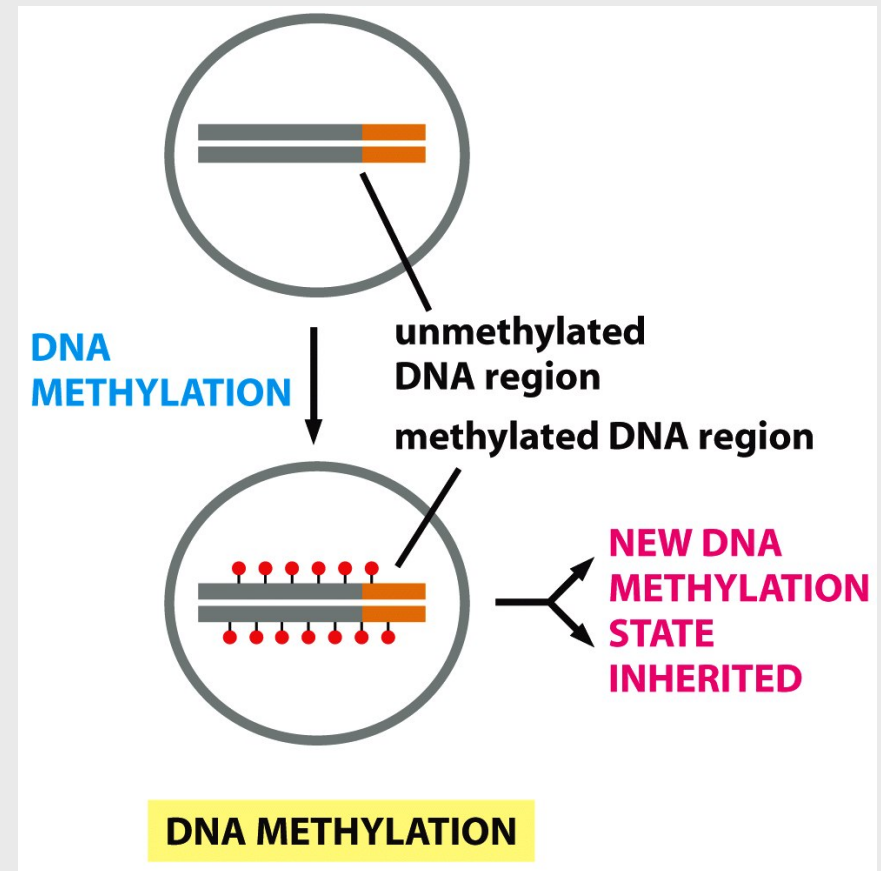
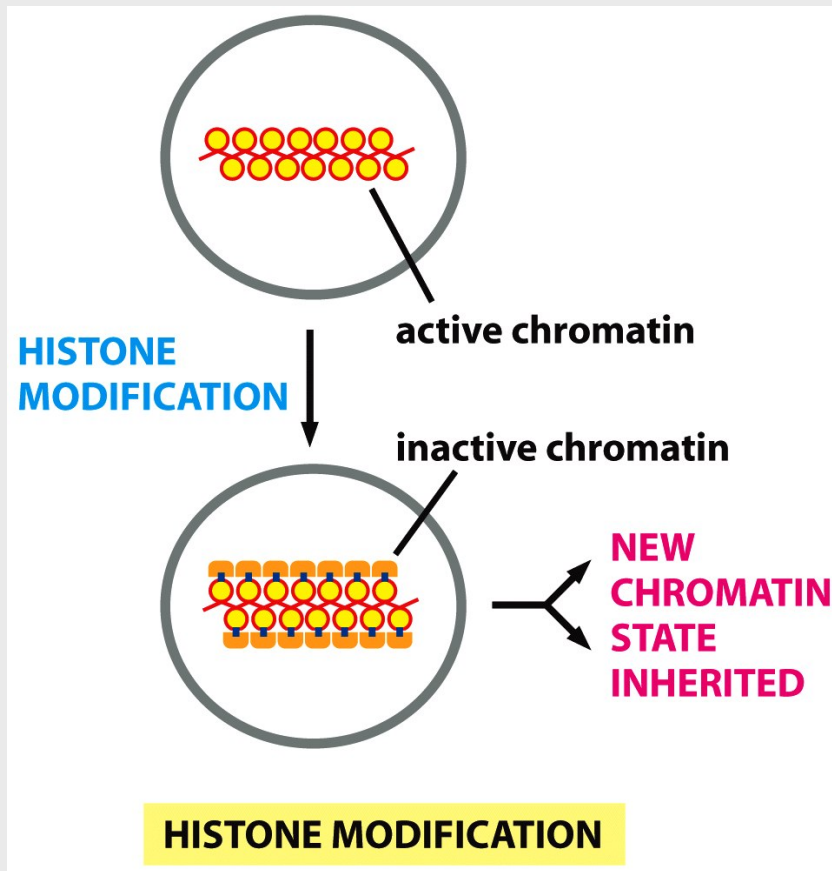


# Histone Chaperones and Nucleosome Assembly

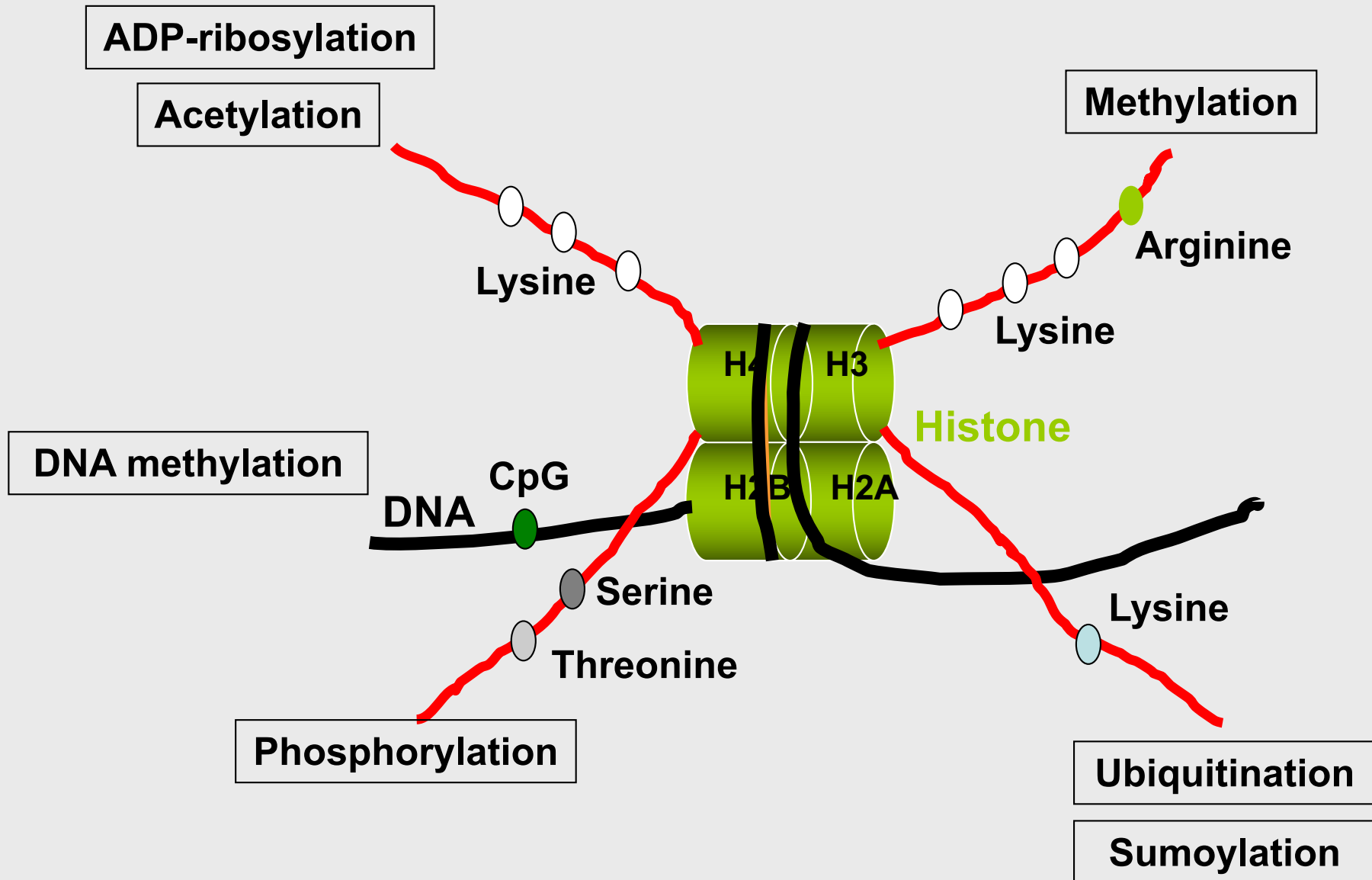
**Table 1 Histone chaperones and their functions during nucleosome assembly**

Histone chaperone	Histone cargo	Function during nucleosome assembly
Anti-silencing factor 1 (Asf1)	H3–H4	Histone import; histone transfer to CAF-1 and HIRA; regulation of H3K56ac
Chromatin assembly factor 1 (CAF-1)	H3.1–H4	H3.1–H4 deposition; (H3–H4) <sub>2</sub> formation
Death domain–associated protein (Daxx)	H3.3–H4	H3.3–H4 deposition at telomeric heterochromatin
DEK	H3.3–H4	Regulation of H3.3–H4 incorporation and maintenance of heterochromatin
Histone cell cycle regulation defective homolog A (HIRA)	H3.3–H4	Deposition of H3.3–H4 at genic regions
Nuclear autoantigenic sperm protein (NASP)	H3–H4	Histone supply and turnover
Regulator of Ty transposition (Rtt106)	H3–H4	Formation and deposition of (H3–H4) <sub>2</sub> tetramer
Holliday junction recognition protein (HJURP)	CENPA–H4	Regulation of incorporation of the H3 variant CENP-A
Facilitates chromatin transcription (FACT)	H3–H4, H2A–H2B, H2A.X–H2B	Deposition and exchange of H3–H4, H2A–H2B, H2A.X–H2B
Nucleosome assembly protein 1 (Nap1)	H3–H4 and H2A–H2B	H2A–H2B nuclear import and deposition
Chaperone for H2A.Z–H2B (Chz1)	H2A.Z–H2B	H2A.Z–H2B deposition
Aprataxin-PNK-like factor (APLF)	Core histones and macroH2A.1–H2B	Regulation of macroH2A.1 incorporation during DNA damage

# Two Epigenetic Regulation Controls at Chromatin (DNA + Protein)



# Posttranslational histone modifications



# **Acetylation and ADP-ribosylation**

# Histone Acetyltransferases (HATs)

**Table 1:** HAT families and functions of selected members.

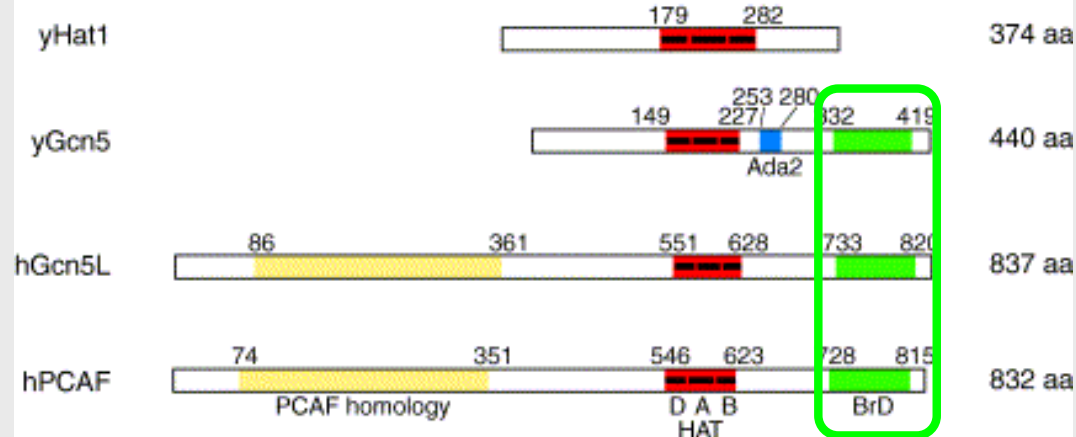
HAT	organism	function
<b>1. GNAT family</b>		
Gcn5	yeast, human	coactivator
PCAF	human	coactivator
Elp3	yeast	elongation
ATF-2	yeast, human	activator
<b>2. MYST family</b>		
MOZ	human	coactivator
Ybf2/Sas3	yeast	elongation
Sas2	yeast	silencing
Tip60	human	DNA-repair, apoptosis
Esa1	yeast	cell cycle progression
MOF	fruit fly	dosage compensation <sup>[a]</sup>
<b>3. CBP/p300 family</b>	worm, human	global coactivator

[a] dosage compensation: a regulatory process to ensure that female and male organisms have the same amount of X-chromosome products.

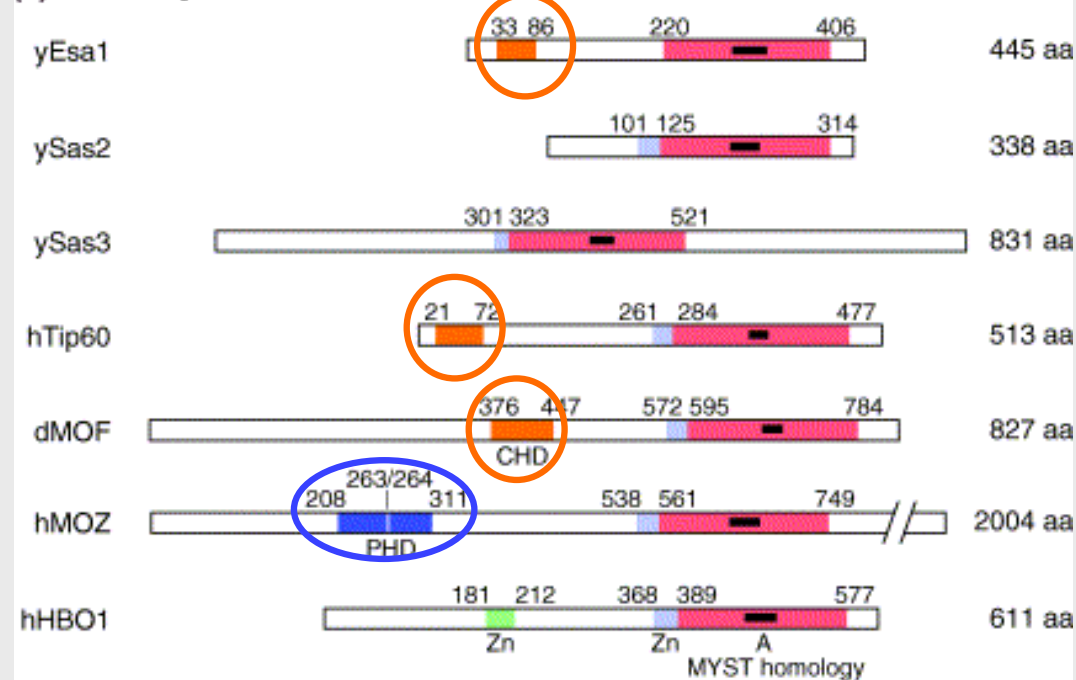


# Modular domains found in various *histone acetyltransferases*

## (a) GNAT



## (b) MYST



1. Green – **Bromodomains**:

interact with acetylated-lysine

2. Orange – **Chromodomains**:

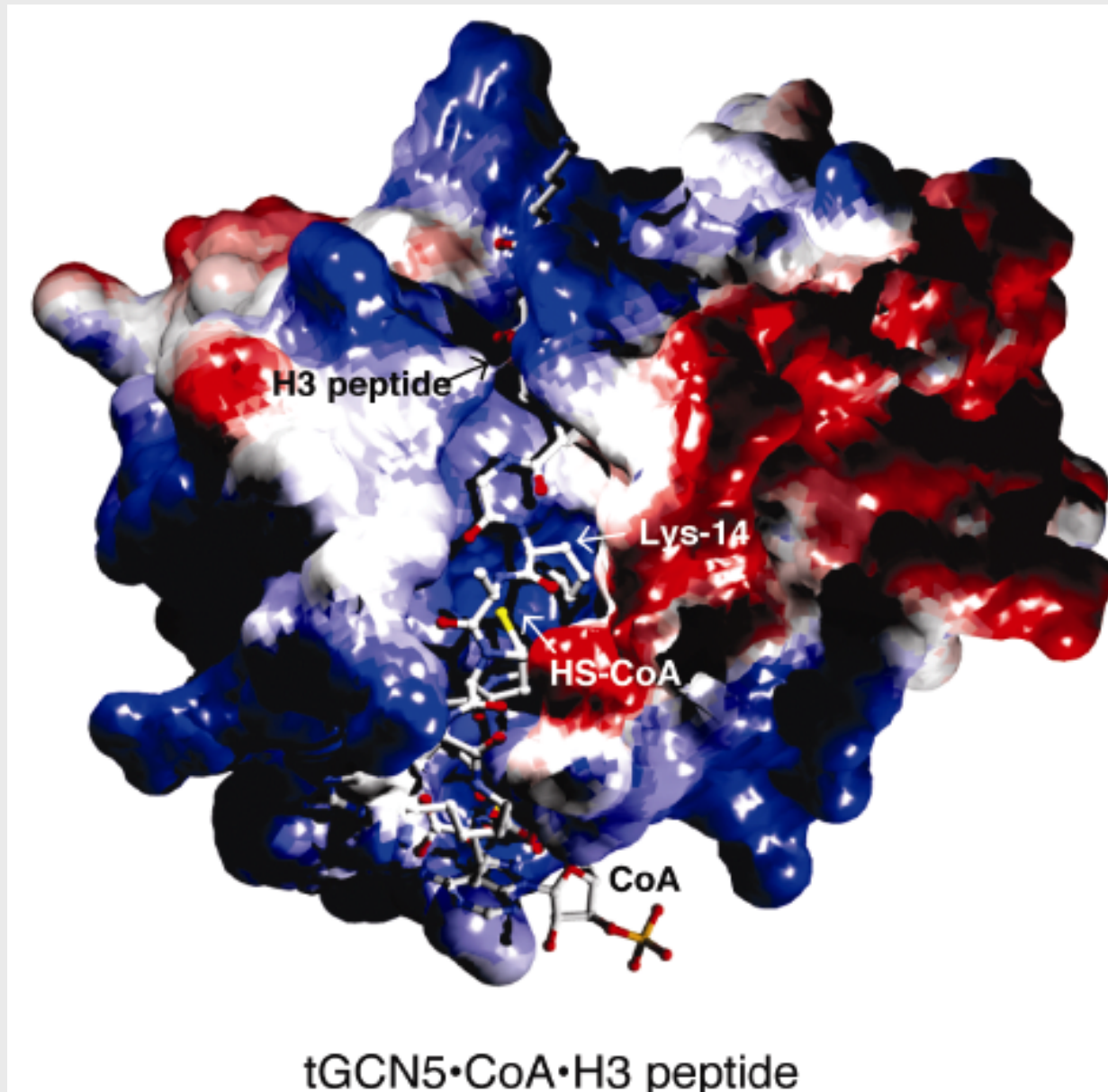
recognition of methylated-lysine

3. Red – **GNAT HAT domain**

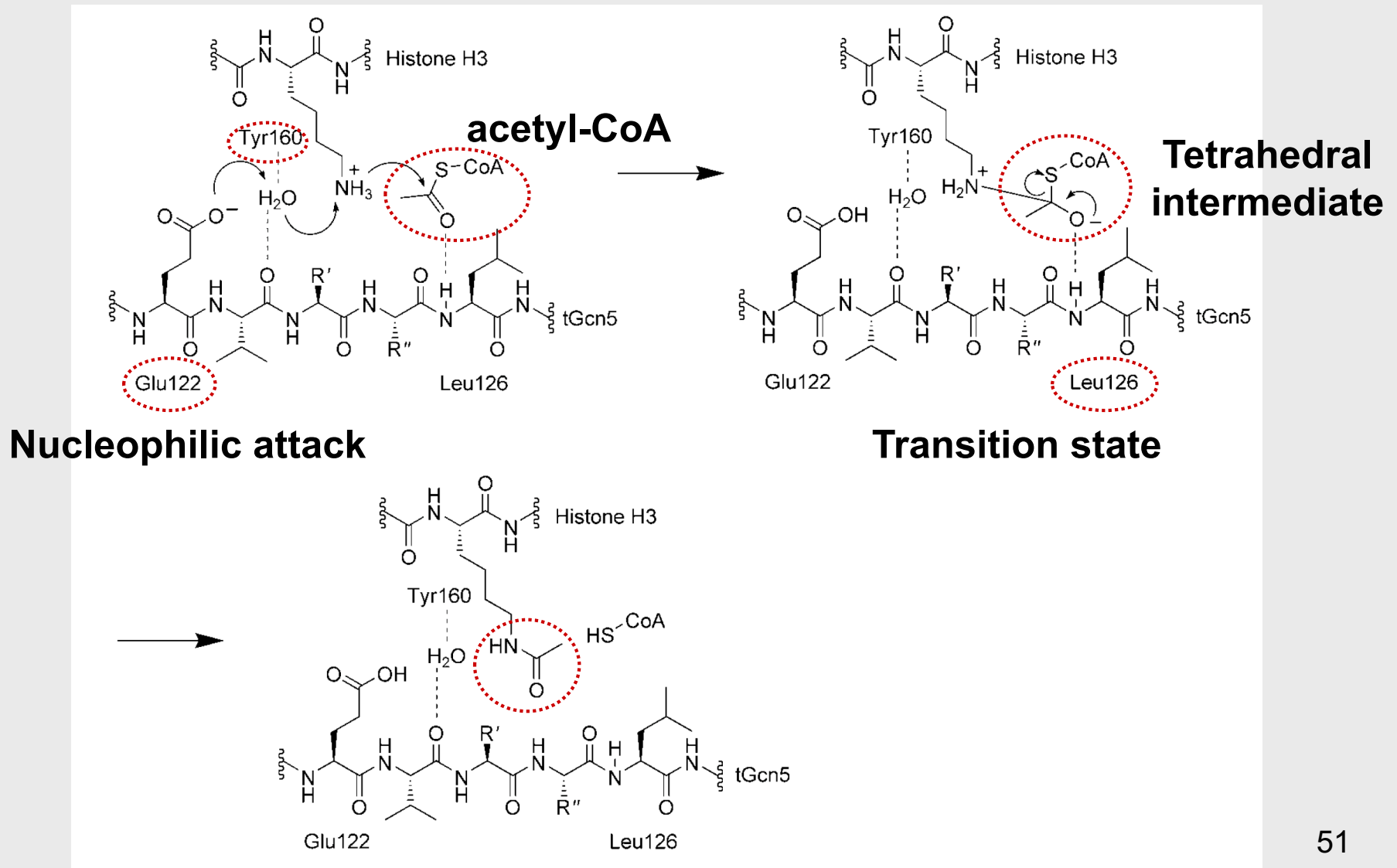
4. Pink – **MYST HAT region**

5. Light Blue & Green – **Zn fingers**

# Ligand Bound form of a GCN5-type HAT

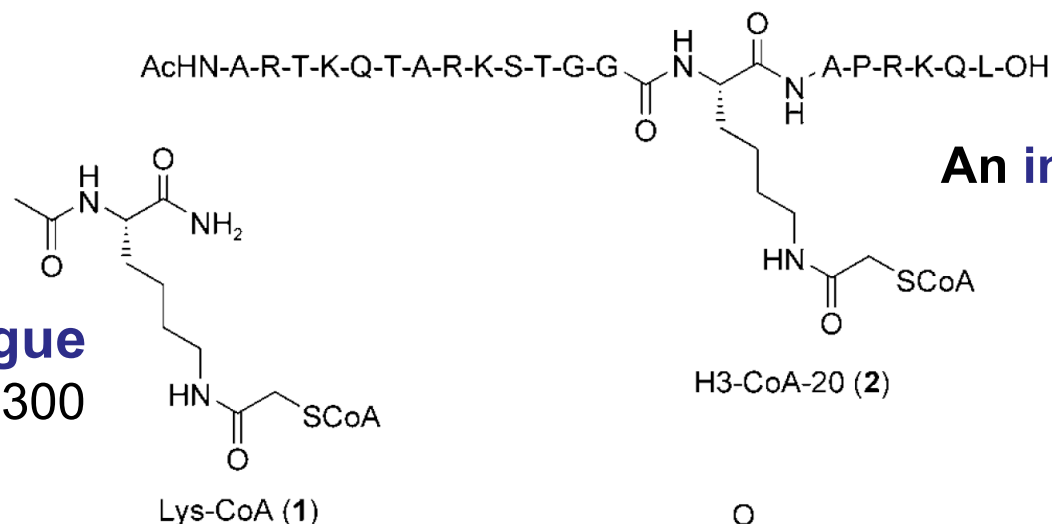


# Catalytic mechanism of the HAT, GCN5



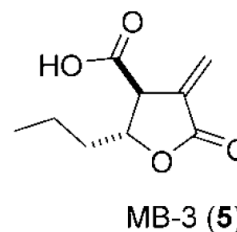
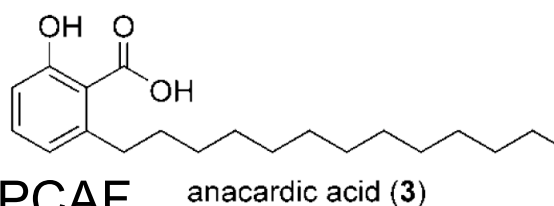
# Modulators of the HATs:

**Bisubstrate Analogue**  
and inhibits the HAT p300

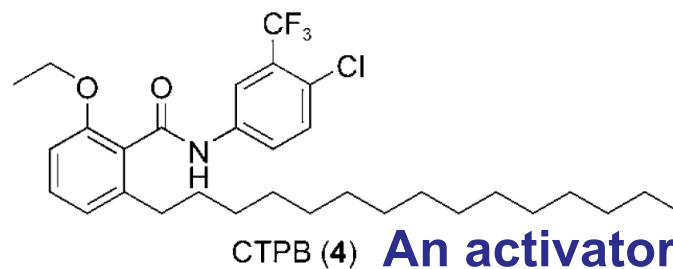


**An inhibitor of PCAF**

inhibits both p300 and PCAF



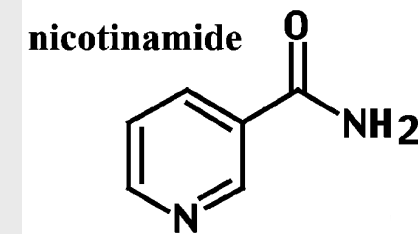
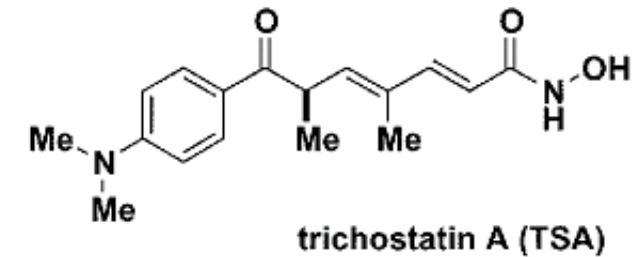
cell-permeable inhibitor  
of the human Gcn5



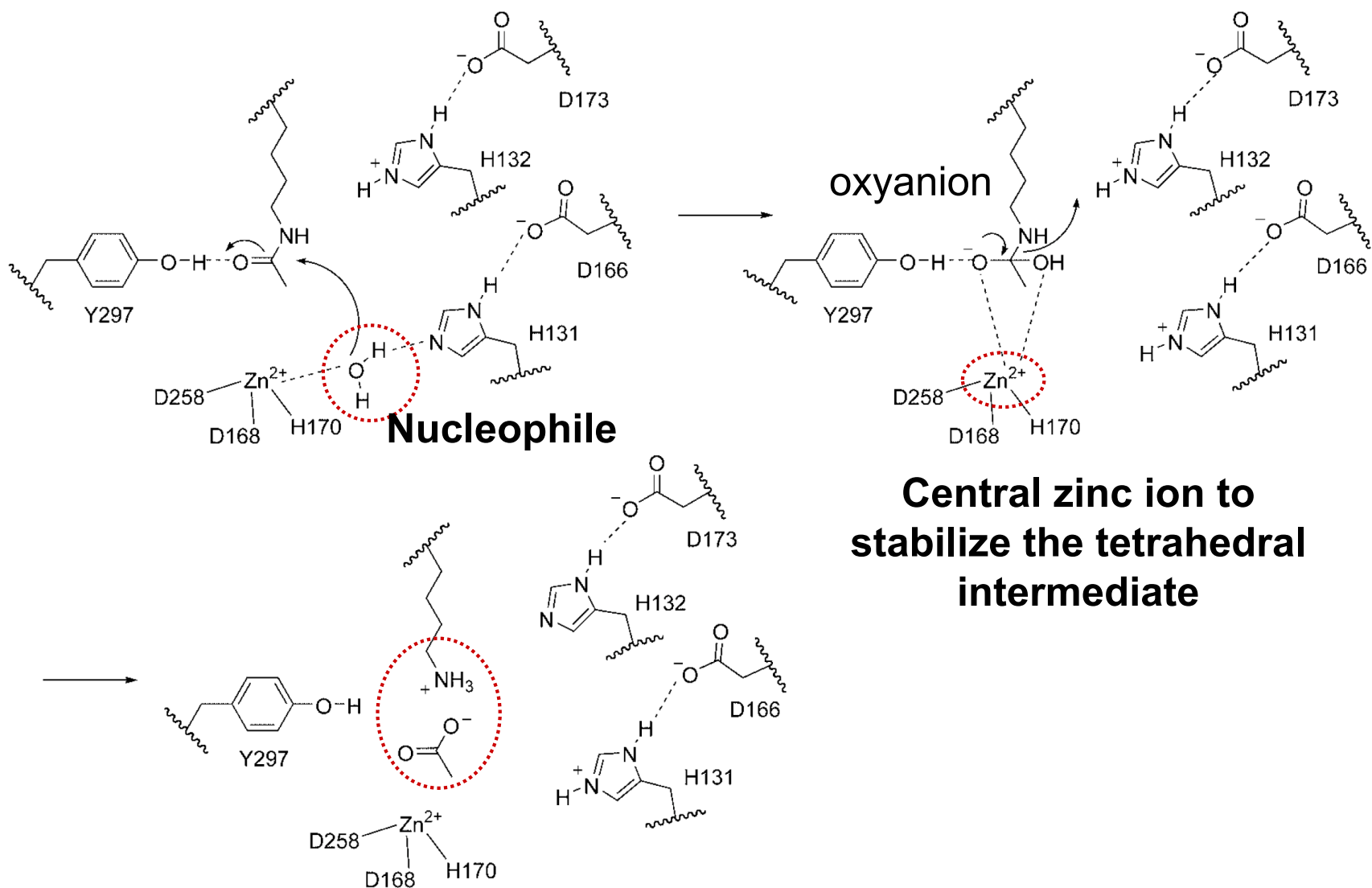
# Histone deacetylases families and inhibitors

**Table 1.** Classification of Mammalian Histone Deacetylases (HDACs)

Class	Enzyme	Catal. domain	Mechanism of deacetylase activity	Subcellular localization
I (Rpd3-like)	HDAC 1	one	Zn <sup>2+</sup> dependent	nuclear
	HDAC 2	one	Zn <sup>2+</sup> dependent	nuclear
	HDAC 3	one	Zn <sup>2+</sup> dependent	nucleocytoplasmic shuttling
	HDAC 8	one	Zn <sup>2+</sup> dependent	nuclear
	HDAC 11	one	Zn <sup>2+</sup> dependent	nuclear
II (Hda1-like)	HDAC 4	one	Zn <sup>2+</sup> dependent	n. shuttling
	HDAC 5	one	Zn <sup>2+</sup> dependent	n. shuttling
	<u>HDAC 6</u> <b>IIb</b>	two	Zn <sup>2+</sup> dependent	n. shuttling
	HDAC 7	one	Zn <sup>2+</sup> dependent	n. shuttling
	HDAC 9	one	Zn <sup>2+</sup> dependent	n. shuttling
	<u>HDAC 10</u> <b>IIb</b>	one	Zn <sup>2+</sup> dependent	n. shuttling
III (Sir2-like)	SIRT 1	one	NAD <sup>+</sup> dependent	nucleus
	SIRT 2	one	NAD <sup>+</sup> dependent	cytosol
	SIRT 3	one	NAD <sup>+</sup> dependent	mitochondria
	SIRT 4	one	NAD <sup>+</sup> dependent	NU
	SIRT 5	one	NAD <sup>+</sup> dependent	NU
	SIRT 6	one	NAD <sup>+</sup> dependent	NU
	SIRT 7	one	NAD <sup>+</sup> dependent	NU

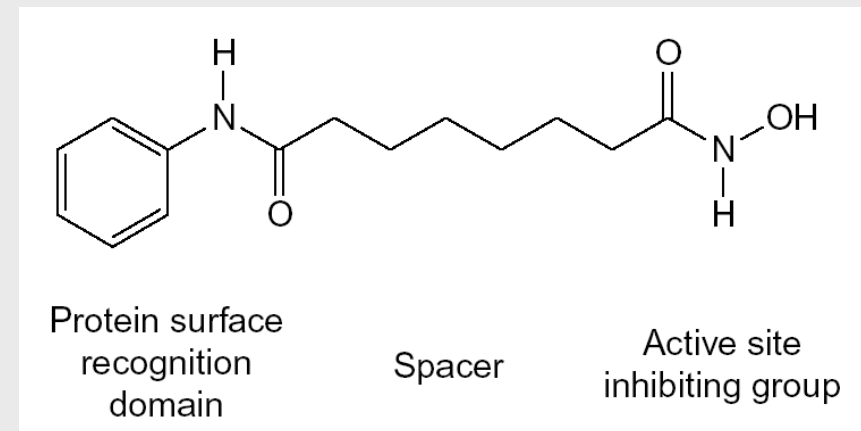
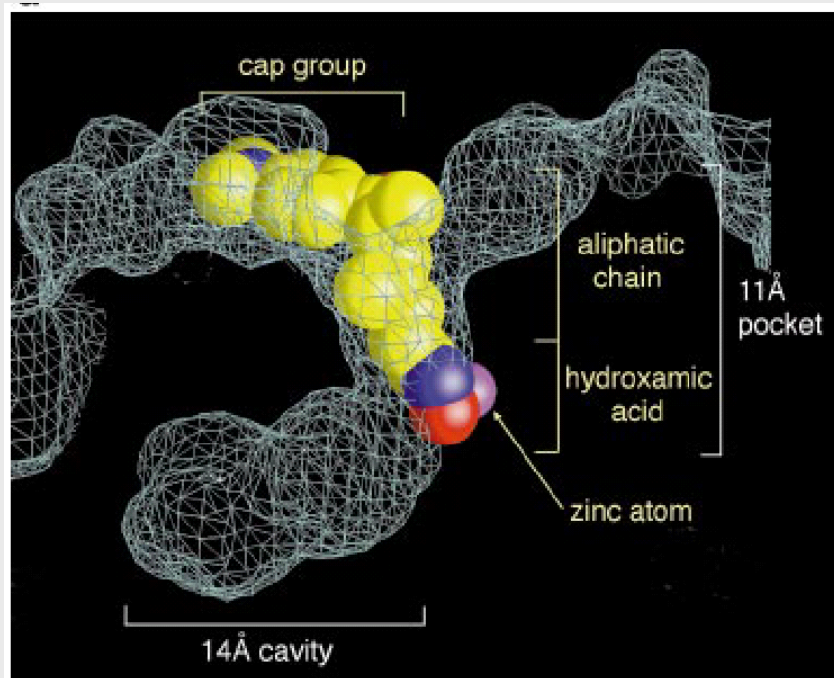


# Catalytic mechanism of class I and II HDACs

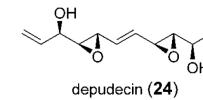
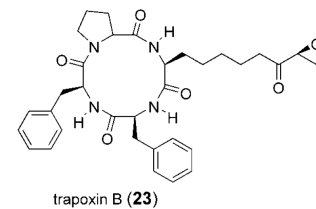
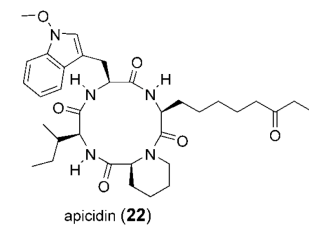
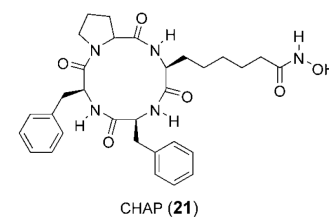
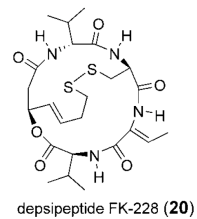
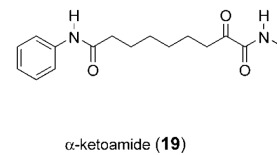
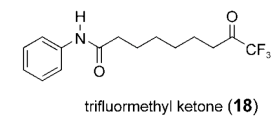
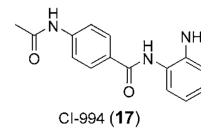
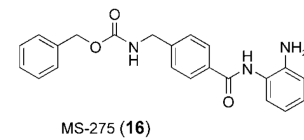
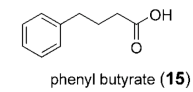
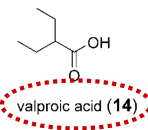
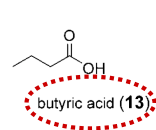
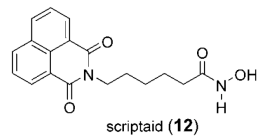
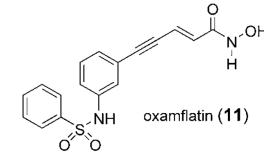
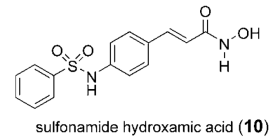
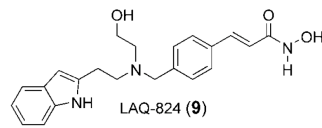
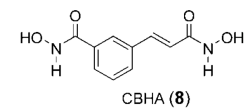
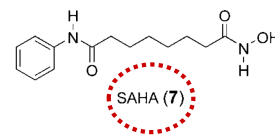
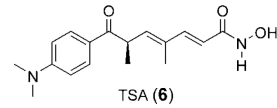


# Development of HDAC inhibitors

- **Combinatorial approach:**  
HDAC paralog-selective inhibitor from a diversity-oriented synthetic process (Schreiber SL. *et al.* in PNAS 2003, Chem. Biol. 2003 and JACS 2003)
- **The crystal structure of the HDAC catalytic core from *Aquifex aeolicus* (hyperthermophilic bacterium) and HDAC inhibitors, suberoylanilide hydroxamic acid (SAHA)**



# Some HDAC inhibitors





# Class III Deacetylases

**Table 1. Summary of the Biology of the Human Sirtuins, Sirt1-7**

Sirtuin	Disease Implication	Localization	Substrates	Interacting Partners	Physiological Summary	References
Sirt1	Metabolic, neurological, cardiovascular, renal, cancer	Nuclear, cytoplasmic	p53, Foxo1, Foxo4, COUP-TF, CTIP2, NFκB, p65, NCoR, Histone H1, Histone H4, Ku70, p300, BCL11A, Tat, PGC1α, MEF2, eNOS, AceCS1, E2F1, Androgen receptor, p73, Smad7, NBS1, Rb, TLE1, IRS2, LXR, SUV39H1, WRN, TORC2	AROS, DBC1	Overexpression is cardioprotective against oxidative stress and heart aging. Increases mitochondrial biogenesis by deacetylation and activation of PGC1α. Overexpression shows both a protective and pro-aging role in neurons. Murine knockout have genomic instability and severe developmental defects.	Hsu et al., 2008; Lagouge et al., 2006; Li et al., 2008; McBurney et al., 2003
Sirt2	Neurological, metabolic, cancer	Cytoplasmic	Tubulin, Foxo, Histone H4, 14-3-3	HOXA10, HDAC6	In cellular and <i>Drosophila</i> model of Parkinson's disease, inhibition of Sirt2 has protective effects.	Outeiro et al., 2007
Sirt3	Metabolic	Mitochondrial	AceCS2	Unknown	Murine knockout displays hyperacetylated mitochondrial proteome.	Lombard et al., 2007
Sirt4	Metabolic	Mitochondrial	GDH, IDE, ANT2, ANT3	Unknown	Murine knockout has increased GDH activity.	Haigis et al., 2006
Sirt5	Neurological	Mitochondrial	Unknown	Unknown	Murine serotonin receptor knockout have increased SIRT5 expression.	Sibille et al., 2007
Sirt6	Cancer	Nuclear	Histone H3	Unknown	Murine knockout have genomic instability displaying premature aging and predisposition to cancer.	Mostoslavsky et al., 2006
Sirt7	Cardiovascular	Nuclear	RNA Pol I, p53	Unknown	Murine knockout have decreased lifespan with inflammatory cardiac hypertrophy.	Vakhrusheva et al., 2008

This table was adapted from [Lagouge et al., 2006](#)

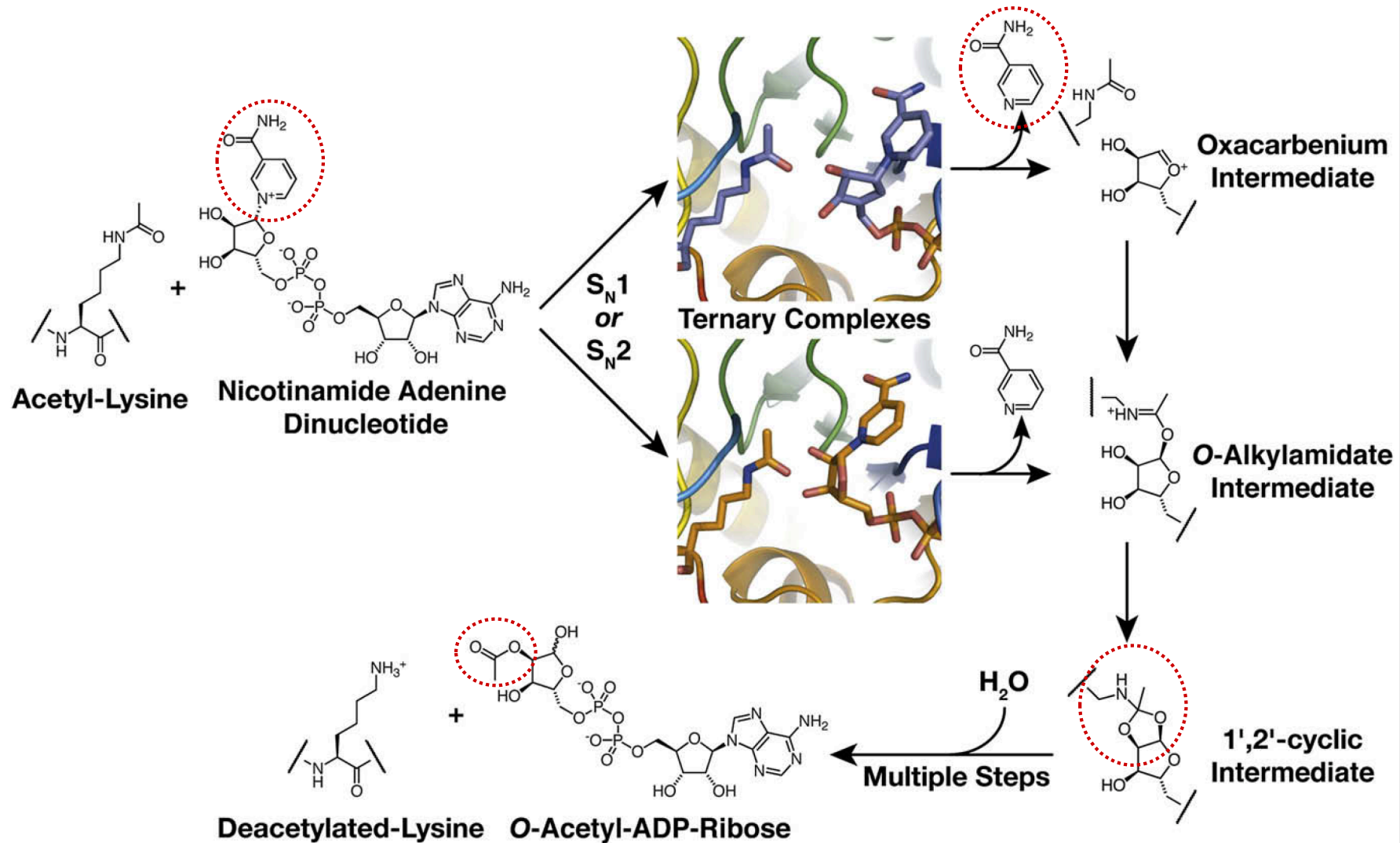
# Sirtuin substrates:

## Histone and non-histone proteins!

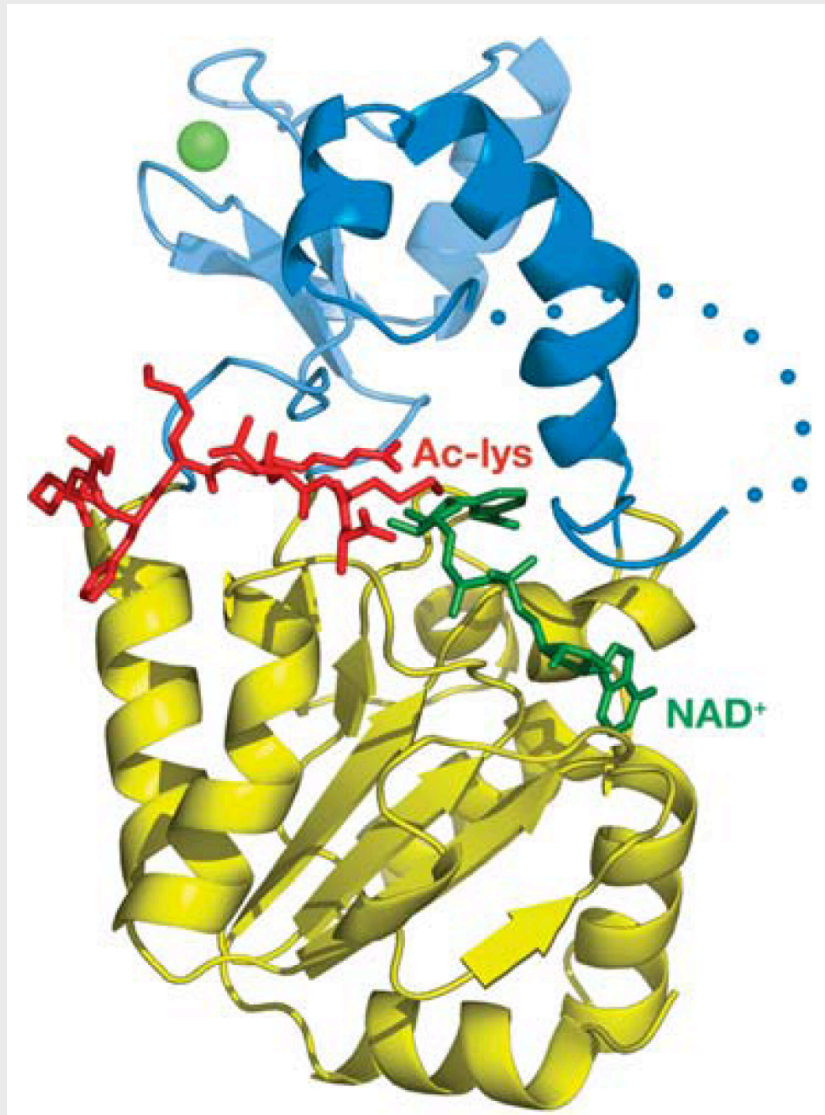
Table 1 Sirtuin substrates

Substrate <sup>a</sup>	Residue(s)	Reference	Role of sirtuin; comments	Sirtuin class
<i>Salmonella enterica</i> cobB (sirtuin) Acs (acetyl-CoA synthetase)	K609	(18)	Activates catalysis	U
<i>Sulfolobus sulfotarius</i> Sir2 Alba	K16	(91)	Antitranscriptional Enhanced DNA binding	U
<i>Saccharomyces cerevisiae</i> Sir2 Histone H3 Histone H4	K9/14 K16	(2)	Antitranscriptional Antitranscriptional	I
<i>Schizosaccharomyces pombe</i> Sir2 Histone H3 Histone H4	K16 K9	(92)	Antitranscriptional	I
<i>Homo sapiens</i> SirT1 Histone H1 Histone H3 Histone H4 p53 p300 FOXO3a RelA/p65 (NFκB) FOXO1 FOXO4 HIV Tat PGC-1α PCAF MyoD Ku70	K26 K9 K16 K317/370 K382 K102/1024 K242/259/271/290/569 K310 K242/245/262 ND K50 K77/144/183/253/270/ 277/320 K412/441/450/757/778 ND K99/102/104 K539/542	(46) (46) (46) (48) (24) (48) (54) (23) (15) (80) (93) (94) (95) (56) (96) (96) (11)	Antitranscriptional Antitranscriptional Antitranscriptional Anti-apoptotic Antitranscriptional Antitranscription Anti-apoptotic Pro-apoptotic Protranscriptional Protranscriptional Protranscriptional and antitranscriptional Anti-apoptotic	I
SIRT2 α-tubulin	K40	(38)		I
SIRT6 SIRT6	ND	(90)	Auto-ADP ribosylation reported	IV
<i>Mus musculus</i> Sir2α TAF(I)68	ND	(17)		I
<i>Trypanosoma brucei</i> TbSIR2RP1 Histone H2A Histone H2B	ND ND	(89) (89)	Both deacetylation and ADP ribosylation reported; increased DNA repair? Both deacetylation and ADP ribosylation reported; increased DNA repair?	I

# The Proposed Mechanism of Sir2 Protein Deacetylases



# Structure of a Sirtuin bound to Acetylated Peptide and NAD<sup>+</sup>



Rossmann-fold domain (**yellow**)

Zinc-binding module (**light blue**)

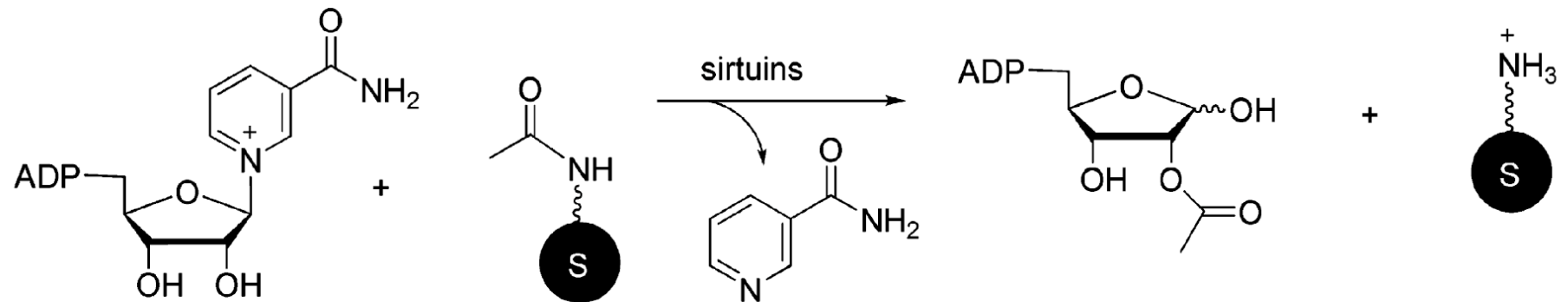
Helical module (**royal blue**)

Acetylated peptide (**red**)

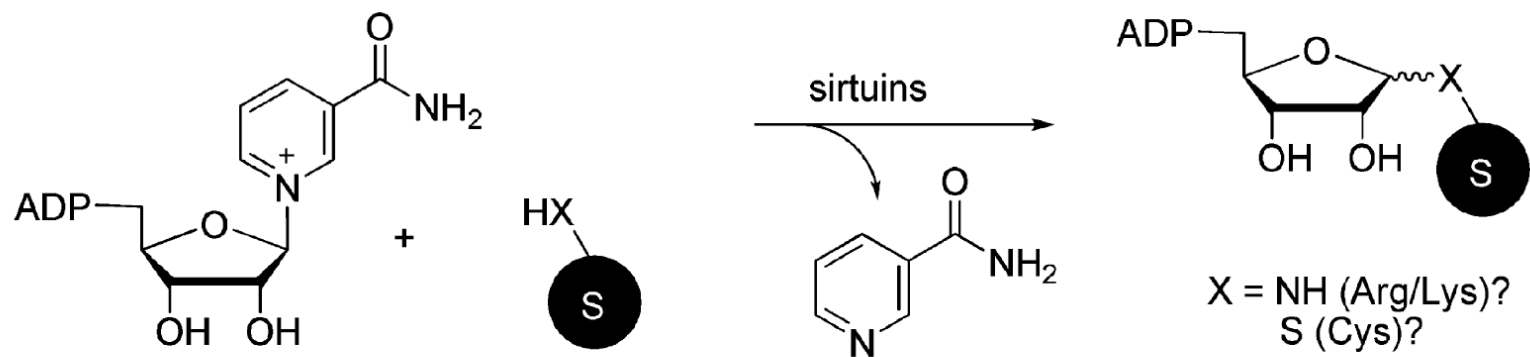
NAD<sup>+</sup> (**green**)

# Sirtuin-catalyzed both **Deacetylation** and **ADP-ribosylation** reactions

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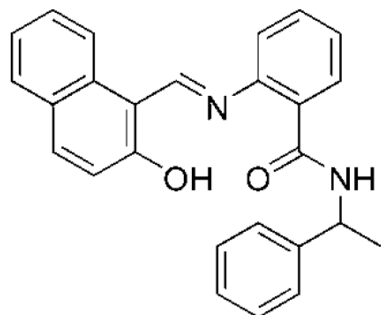


## ADP-ribosylation:

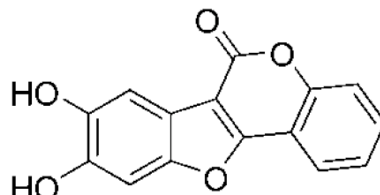


# Modulators of sirtuins:

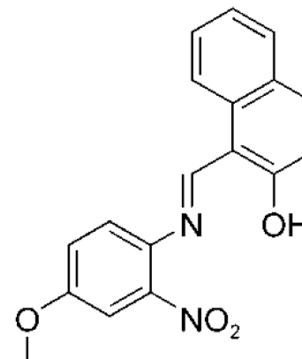
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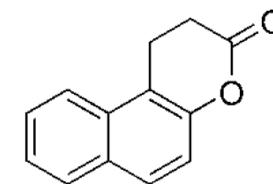
sirtinol (25)



A3 (26)

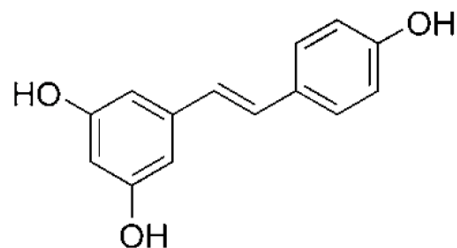


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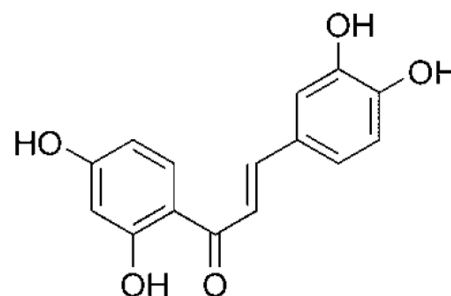


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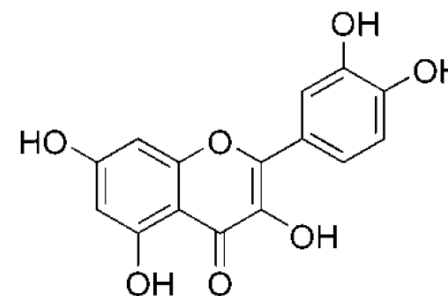
## Activators:



resveratrol (29)



butein (30)



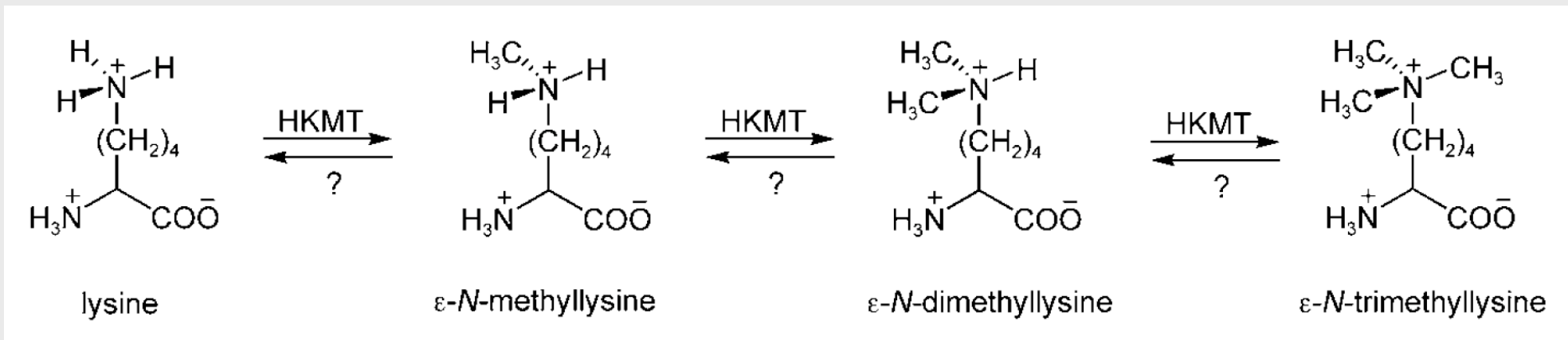
quercetin (31)

# Methylation

# Histone Lysine Methylation

Structure of lysine and its methylated derivatives:

## Histone lysine methyltransferase (HKMT)



**mono**

**di**

**tri**



## Histone lysine methyl transferases

## Histone substrate specificity

### 1. SET domain-containing

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#### *SUV39 family*

SUV39H1

H3-K9

### 2. *SET1 family*

SET1

H3-K4, -K79

EZH2

H3-K27

MLL

H3-K4

### 3. *SET2 family*

SET2

H3-K36

NSD1

H3-K36

### 4. *RIZ family*

RIZ1

H3-K9

### 5. *SMYD3 family*

SMYD3

H3-K4

### 6. Non-SET domain-containing

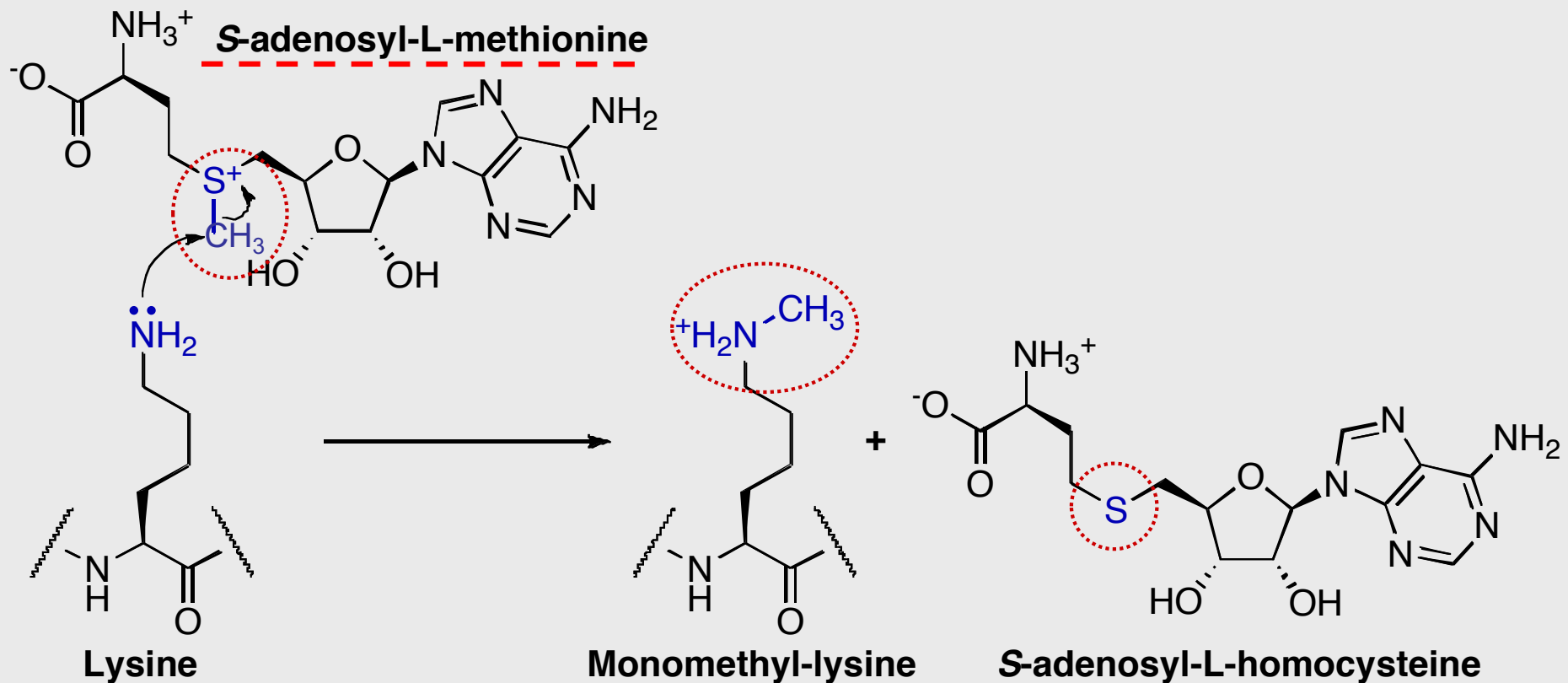
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DOT1

H3-K4, -K79

# General chemical mechanism of S-Ado-Me-dependent HKMT

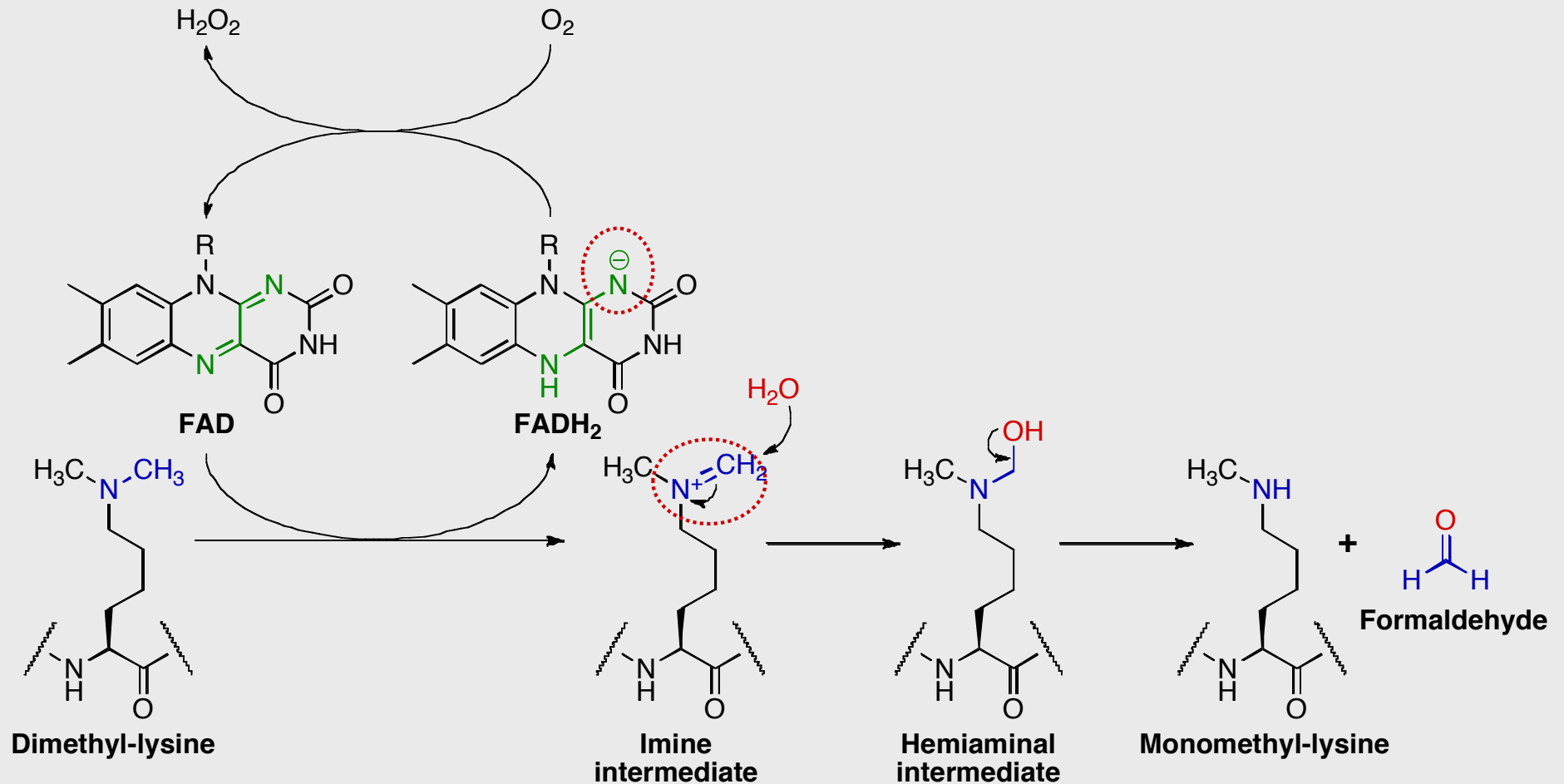
- Both SET domain and Dot1 methyltransferases use a similar mechanism of methyl transfer:



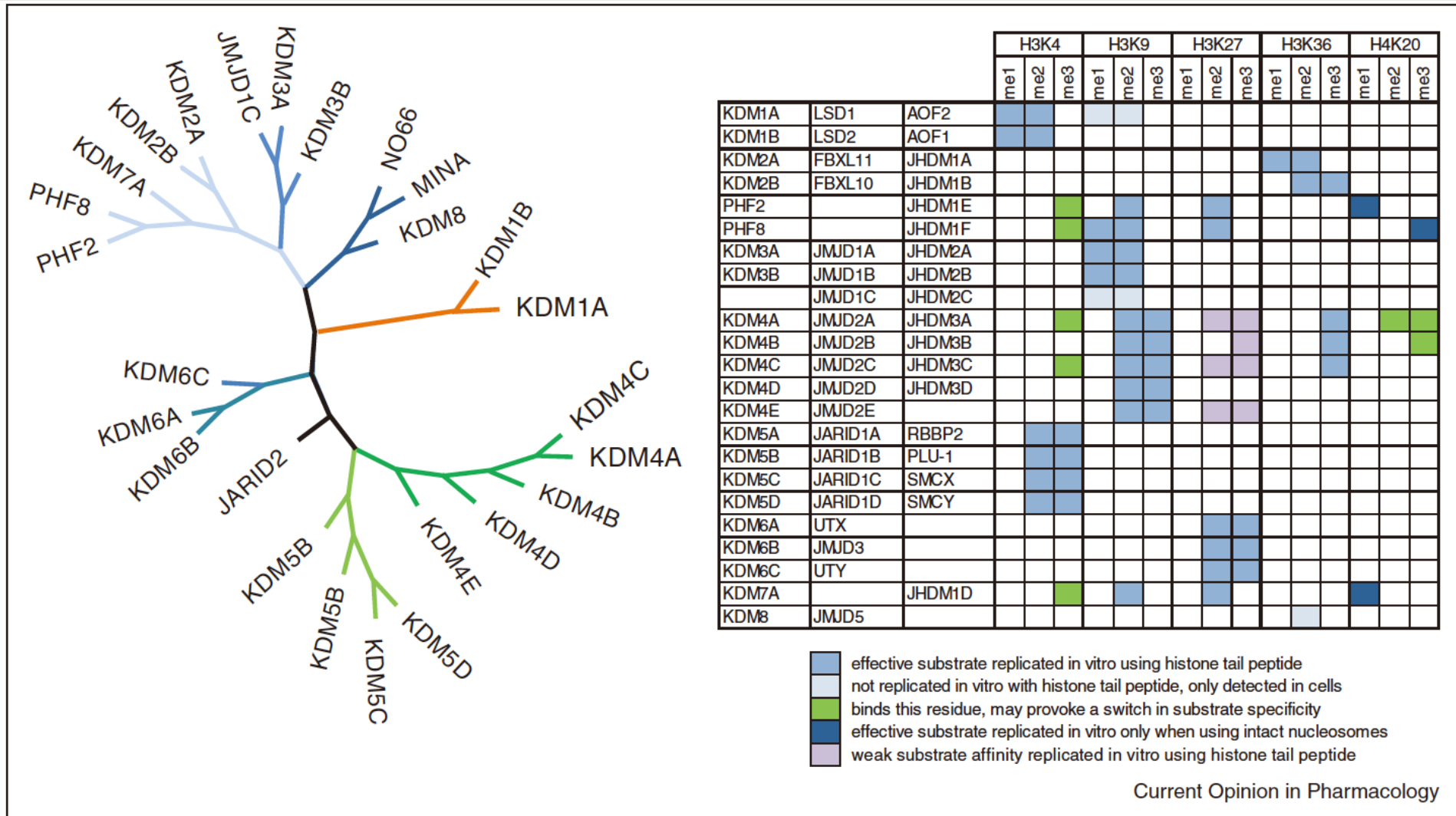
# Demethylation of methyl-lysine

## - Lysine Demethylases:

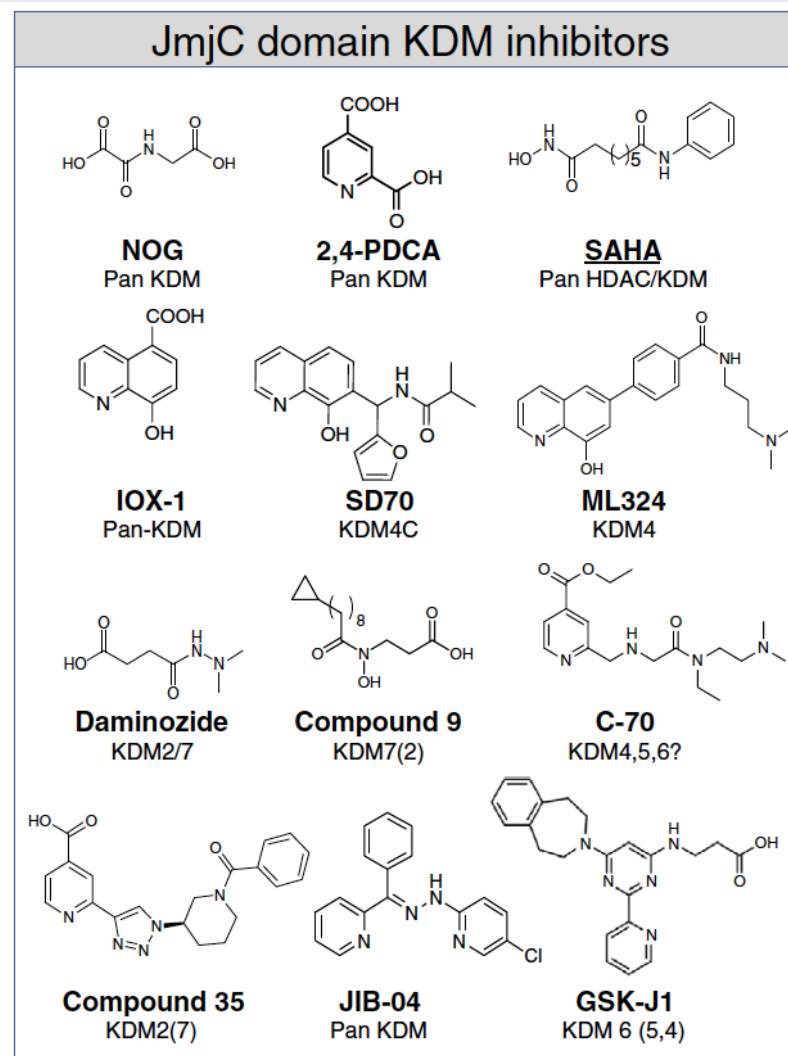
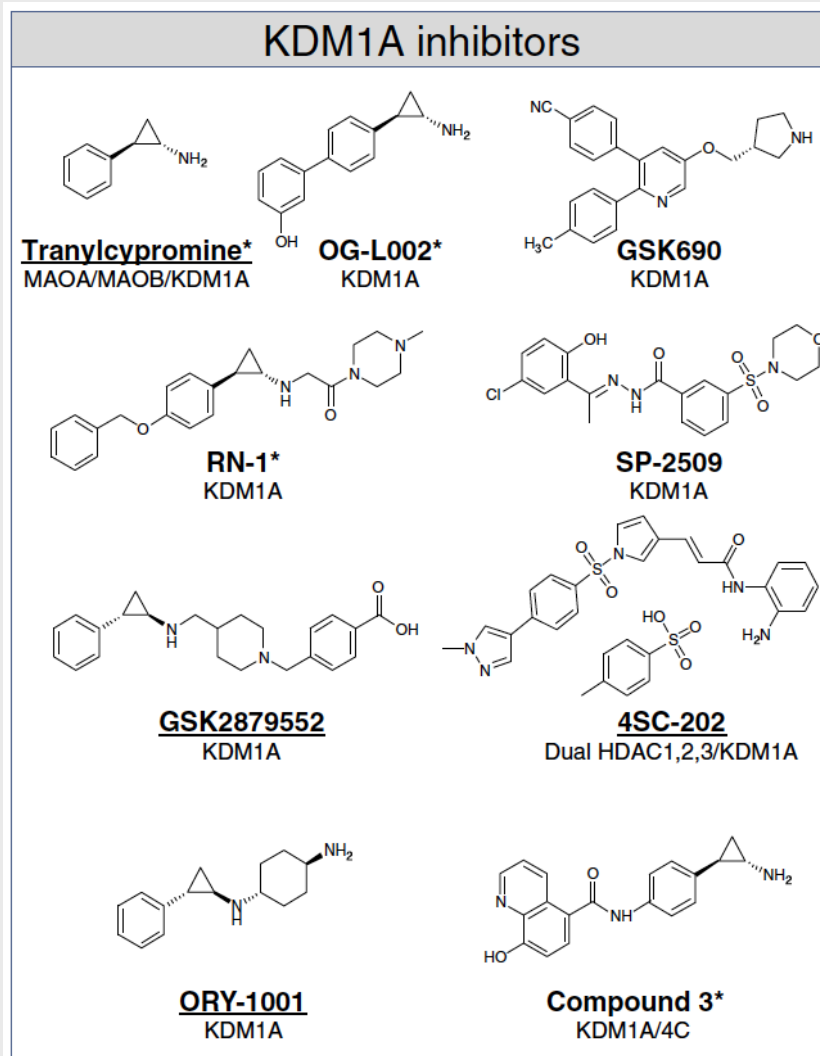
Proposed chemical mechanism of LSD/**KDM**: H3-K4, -K9



# Histone lysine demethylases

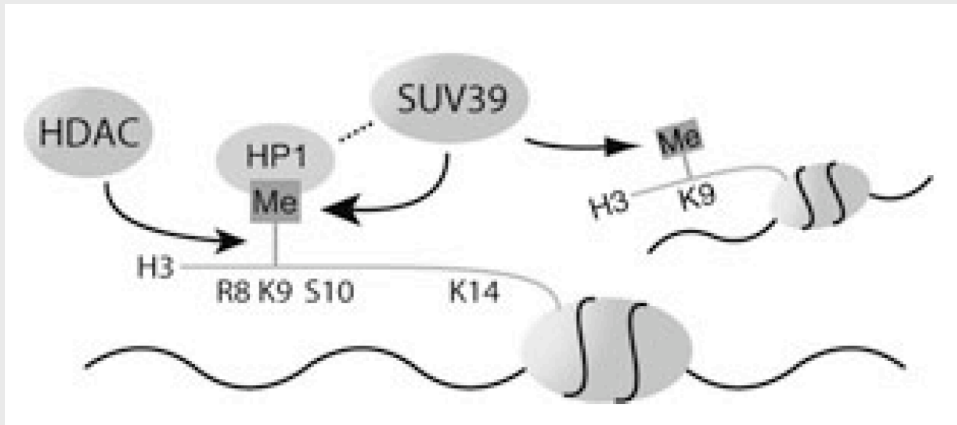


# Histone lysine demethylase inhibitors

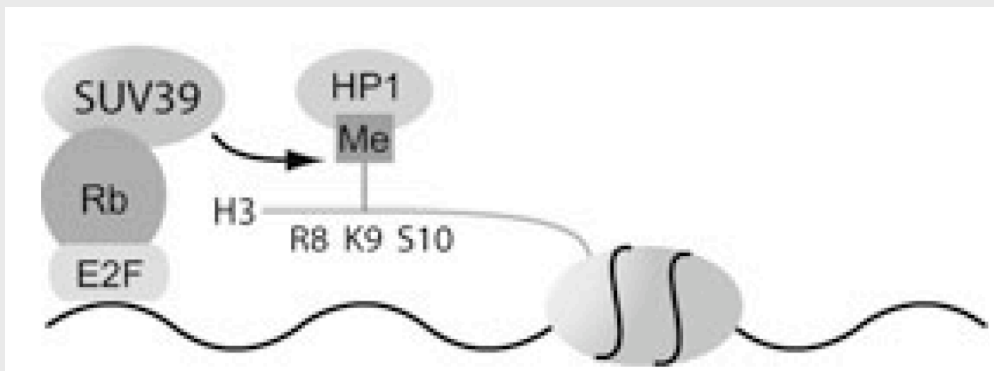


Current Opinion in Pharmacology

# Gene silencing through histone methylation:



## Heterochromatin Protein 1 (HP1)



### - Gene silencing through histone methylation:

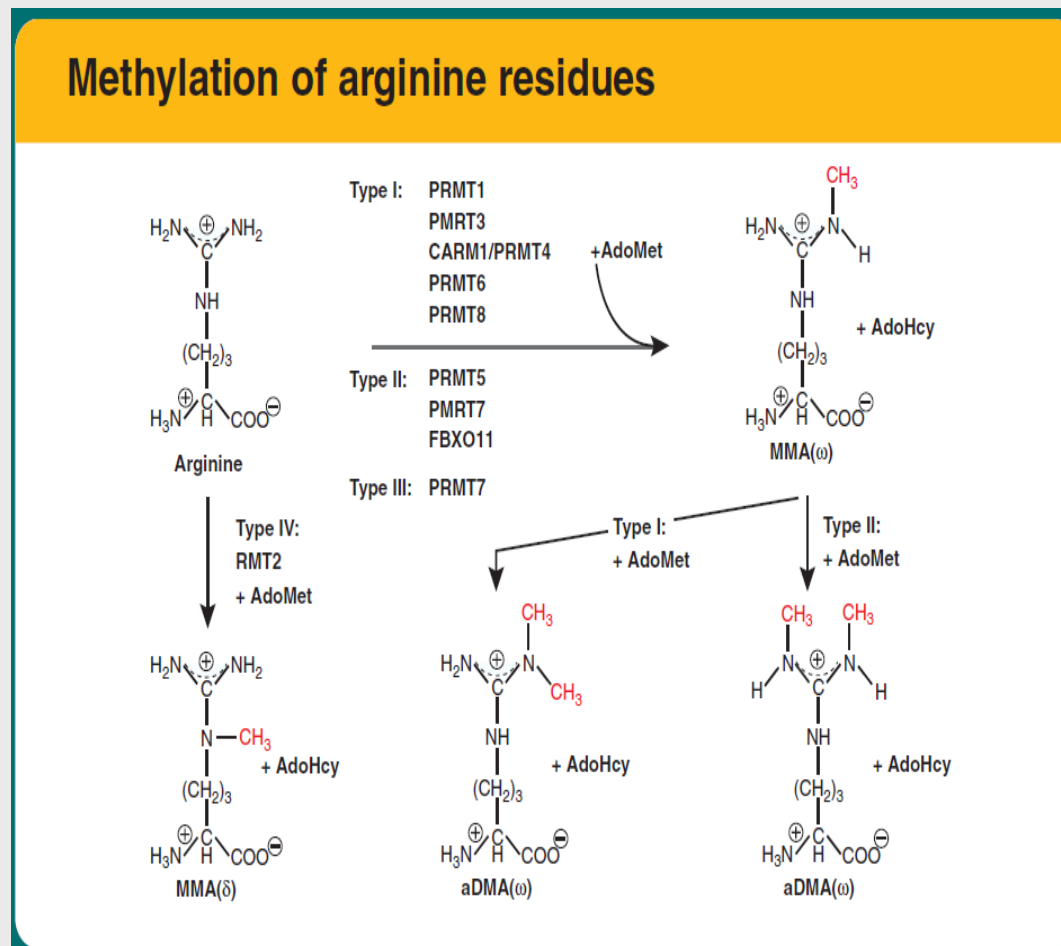
1. **Deacetylation** at H3-K9 by specific HDACs is necessary for subsequent methylation by HKMT activity, eg. SUV39.
2. **HP1** selectively recognizes methylated H3-K9. The **propagation of heterochromatin** and gene repression is mediated by HP1 recruitment of SUV39 and additional H3-K9 methylation.

### - Histone methylation and transcriptional repression:

E2F/Rb localize the histone lysine methyltransferase SUV39 at specific promoter sequences, and HP1 initiates transcriptional repression **at euchromatin**.

# Histone/Protein Arginine Methyltransferases (H/P-RMTs)

1. Methylation of arginine groups occurs on histone H3 at R2, R17, R26 and on H4 at R3.
2. The **arginine guanidino** function can be either mono- or dimethylated.

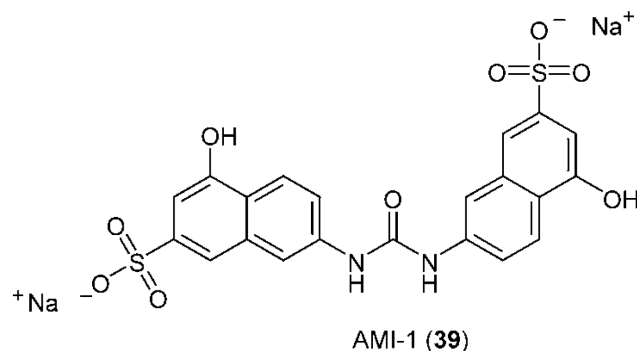


# PRMTs and inhibitor

**Table 3:** Known histone arginine methyltransferases (HRMTs).<sup>[200]</sup> [a]

HRMT <sup>[b]</sup>	specificity	type of methylation
PRMT1 <sup>[363–365]</sup>	H4-R3	asymmetric
PRMT4/CARM1 <sup>[366, 367]</sup>	H3-R2, H3-R17, H3-R26	asymmetric
PRMT5/JBP1 <sup>[368, 369]</sup>	H2A, H4	symmetric

[a] PRMT2 is not identified as an enzyme;<sup>[8, 356]</sup> PRMT3,<sup>[357–359]</sup> 6,<sup>[360]</sup> and 7<sup>[361, 362]</sup> are not known as HRMTs. [b] PRMT = protein arginine N-methyltransferase; CARM = coactivator-associated arginine methyltransferase; JBP = Janus kinase-binding protein.



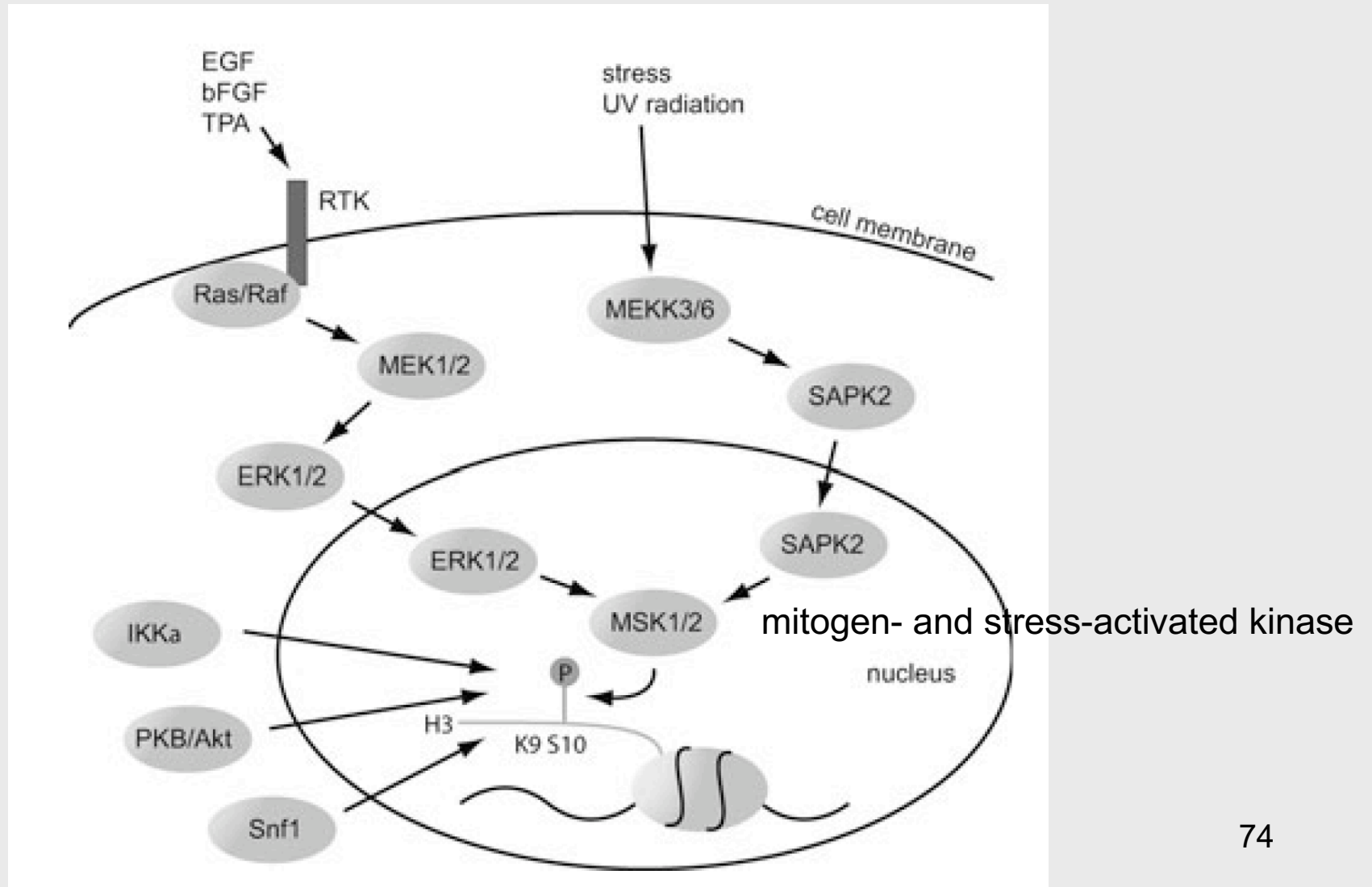
Structure of the specific PRMT inhibitor AMI-1



# Phosphorylation

# Histone Phosphorylation

Signaling pathways that lead to H3-S10 phosphorylation and gene expression:



# Histone Kinases

## Histone kinase specificity

Histone kinases	Histone substrate specificity
PKB/Akt	H3-S10
Rsk-2	H2B; H3-S10
Msk1/2	H3-S10, -S28
MLTK- $\alpha$	H3-S28
Aurora-A	H3
Aurora-B	H3-S10, -S28
Cdk2	H1
Mst1	H2B-S14

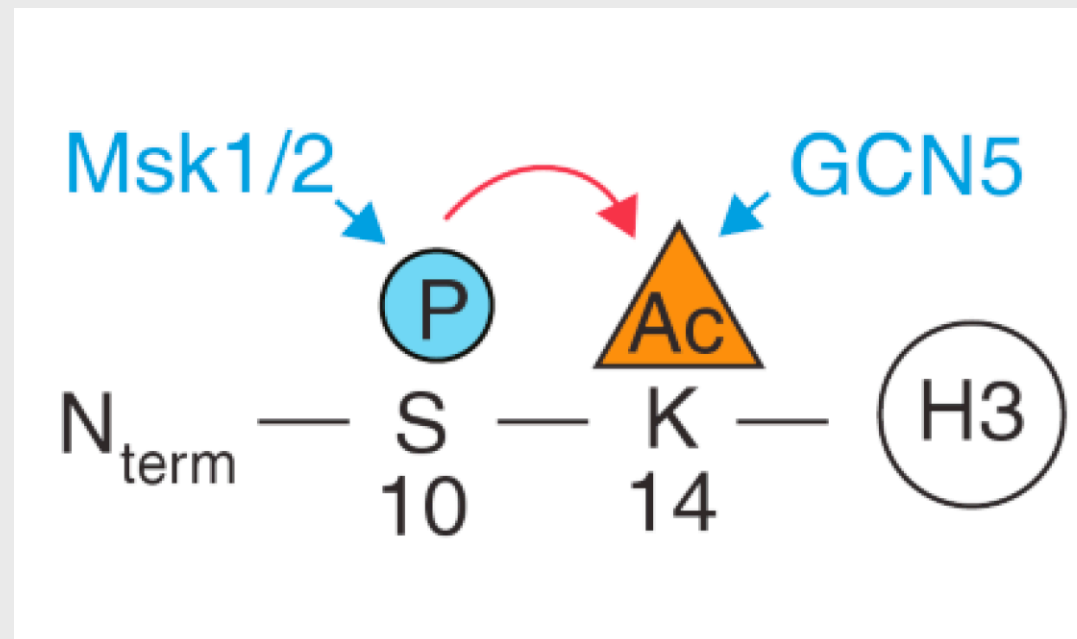
This table highlights only those histone kinases discussed in the text and is not fully inclusive of all existing histone kinases.

Cdk2: Cyclin-dependent kinase 2; MLTK- $\alpha$ : Mixed lineage triple kinase-alpha; Msk1/2: Mitogen- and stress-activated protein kinase 1 and 2; Mst1: Mammalian Sterile20-like 1; PKB: Protein kinase B; Rsk-2: Ribosomal S6 kinase-2.

# **Cross-talk between phosphorylation and acetylation**

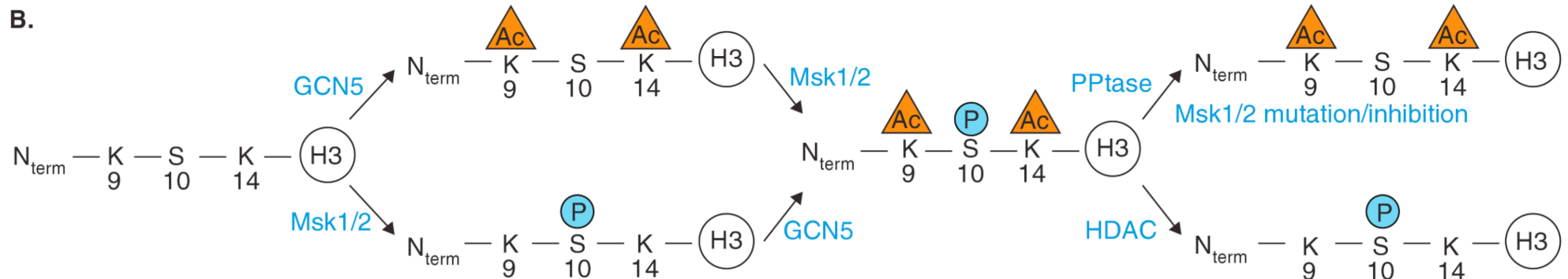
# Synergistic Model

- MSK1/2 phosphorylates H3-S10, which increases the binding affinity for Gcn5. Once bound, the HAT activity of Gcn5 results in the acetylation of H3-K14, which activates transcription.



# Parallel-Independent Model

- Lysine acetylation occurs equally on both phosphorylated and unmodified Histones.
- Acetylation at H3-K9 and H3-K14 is maintained by an equilibrium established by the activities of HATs and HDACs.



# **Ubiquitination and Sumoylation**

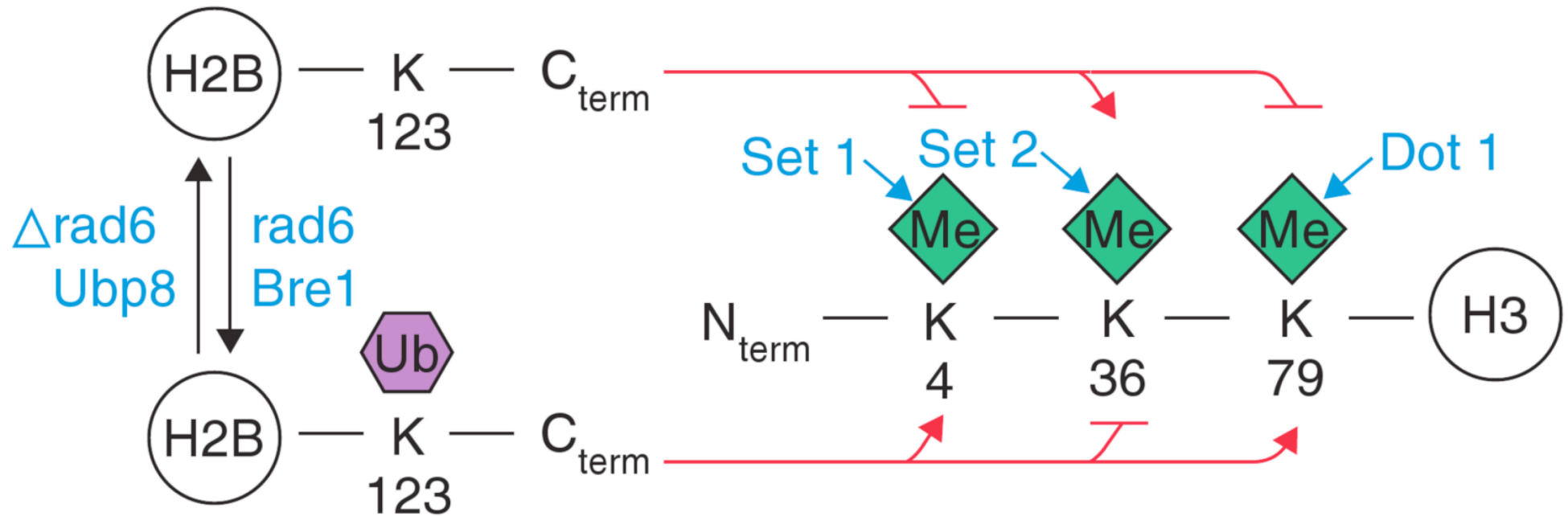
**Table 1.** The enzymes involved in the regulation of histone H3 lysine 4/79 methylation and histone H2B ubiquitination in budding yeast (*S. cerevisiae*) and human [15, 29, 32, 41, 42, 47, 48, 149, 150, 152–154, 161, 162, 179].

Modification site	Enzyme	Budding yeast	Human
H3-K4	Methylase	Set1 (K4me <sub>1/2/3</sub> )	MLL1 (K4me <sub>1/2</sub> )
			MLL2(K4me <sub>1/2/3</sub> )
			MLL3(K4me <sub>1/2/3</sub> )
			MLL4(K4me <sub>1/2/3</sub> )
			Set1A(K4me <sub>1/2/3</sub> )
	Demethylase	Jhd2 (K4me <sub>3</sub> )	Set1B(K4me <sub>1/2/3</sub> )
			SMYD3(K4me <sub>2/3</sub> )
			SET7/9 (K4me <sub>1/2</sub> )
			LSD1 (K4me <sub>2/1</sub> )
			SMCX (K4me <sub>3/2</sub> )
H3-K79	Methylase	Dot1	DOT1L
	Demethylase	?	?
H2B-K120 (h)	E2 conjugase	Rad6	HR6A, H6RB
H2B-K123 (y)	E3 ligase	Bre1	RNF20, RNF40
	Ub-protease	Ubp8	USP22
		Ubp10	?

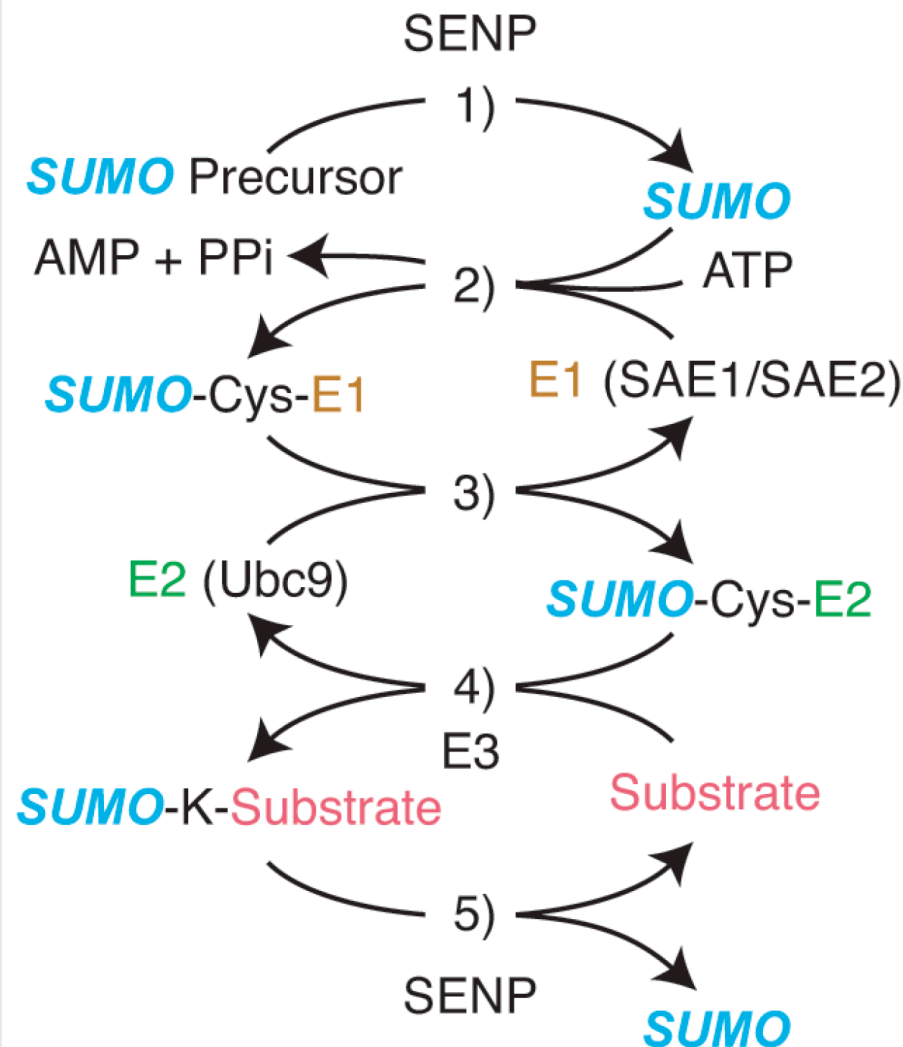


# Cross-talk between ubiquitylation and methylation

- in *S. cerevisiae*
- Ubp8: Ubiquitin-specific protease



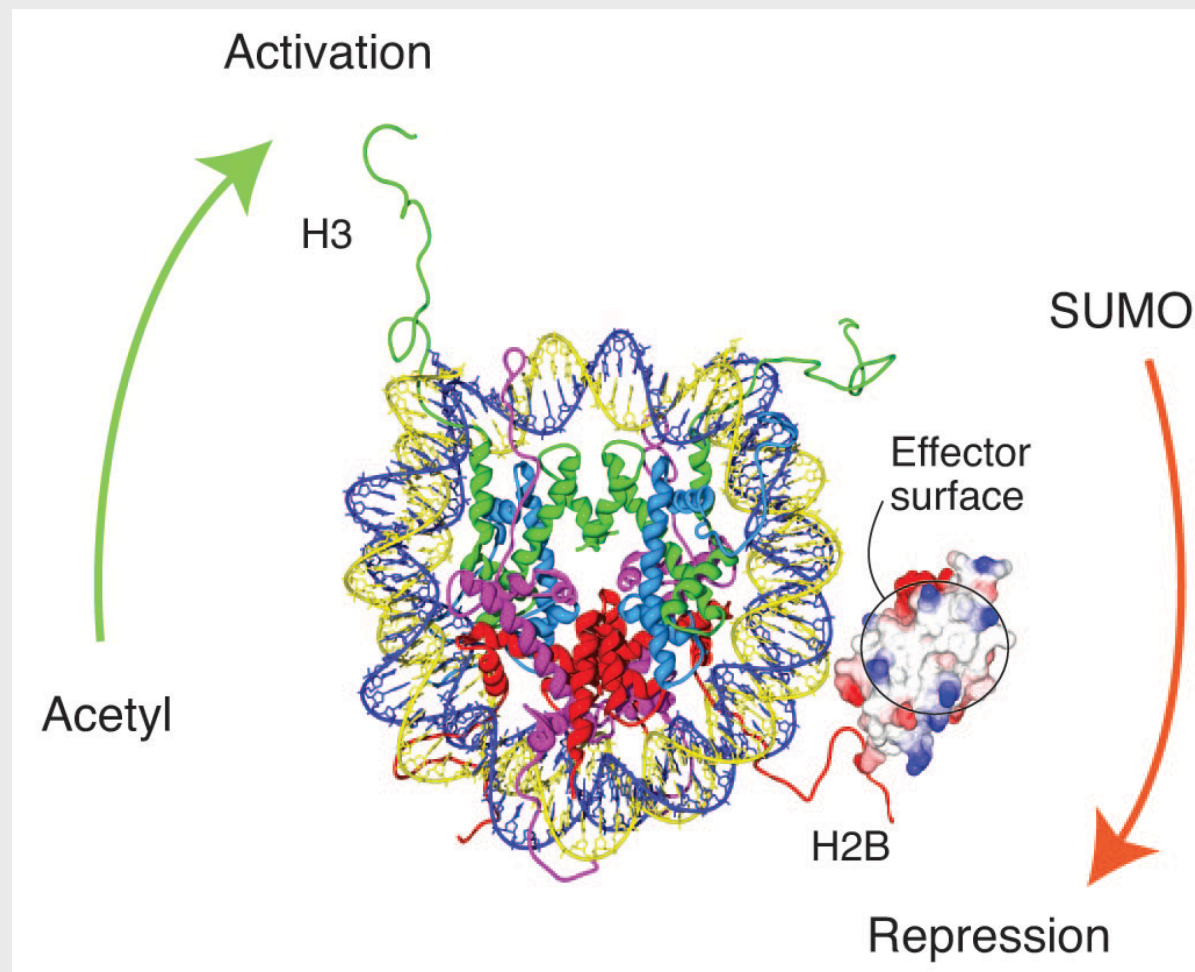
# SUMOylation



- 1) SUMO-specific proteases (SENP)** removes C terminal residues.
- 2) ATP-dependent activation of SUMO** by the **SUMO-specific E1**.
- 3) The SUMO moiety is transferred** to the **SUMO E2 ligase Ubc9**.
- 4) Ubc9-catalyzed conjugation of SUMO to substrate.** This step is enhanced by **E3 ligases**.
- 5) SUMO conjugation is reversible** through the isopeptidase activity of **SUMO-specific proteases**.

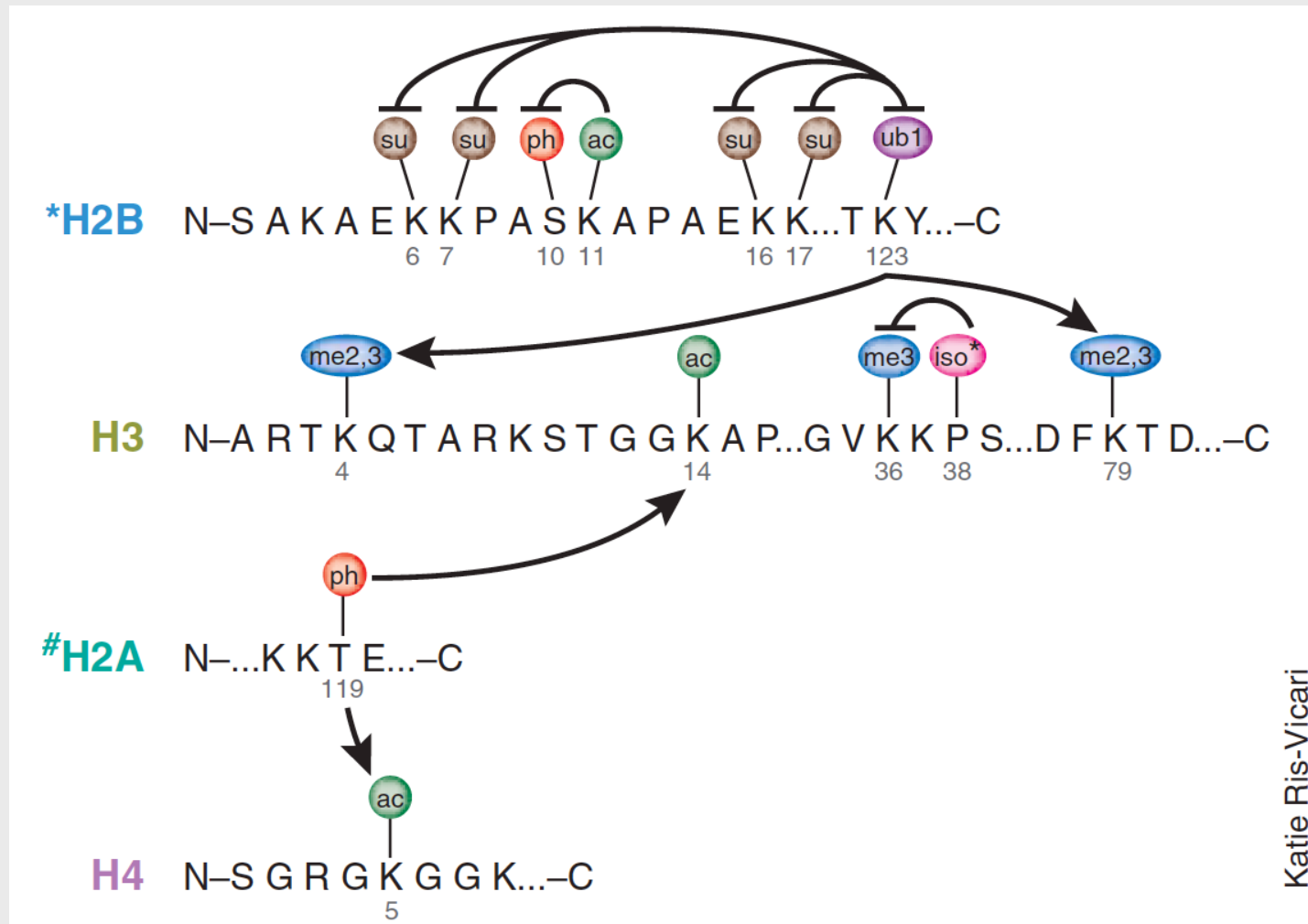
# SUMOylation antagonizes Acetylation

- SUMO molecule conjugated to K6 of one of the H2B N terminal tails.
- The basic surface in SUMO essential for its transcriptional repressive function



# Cross-regulation of modifications

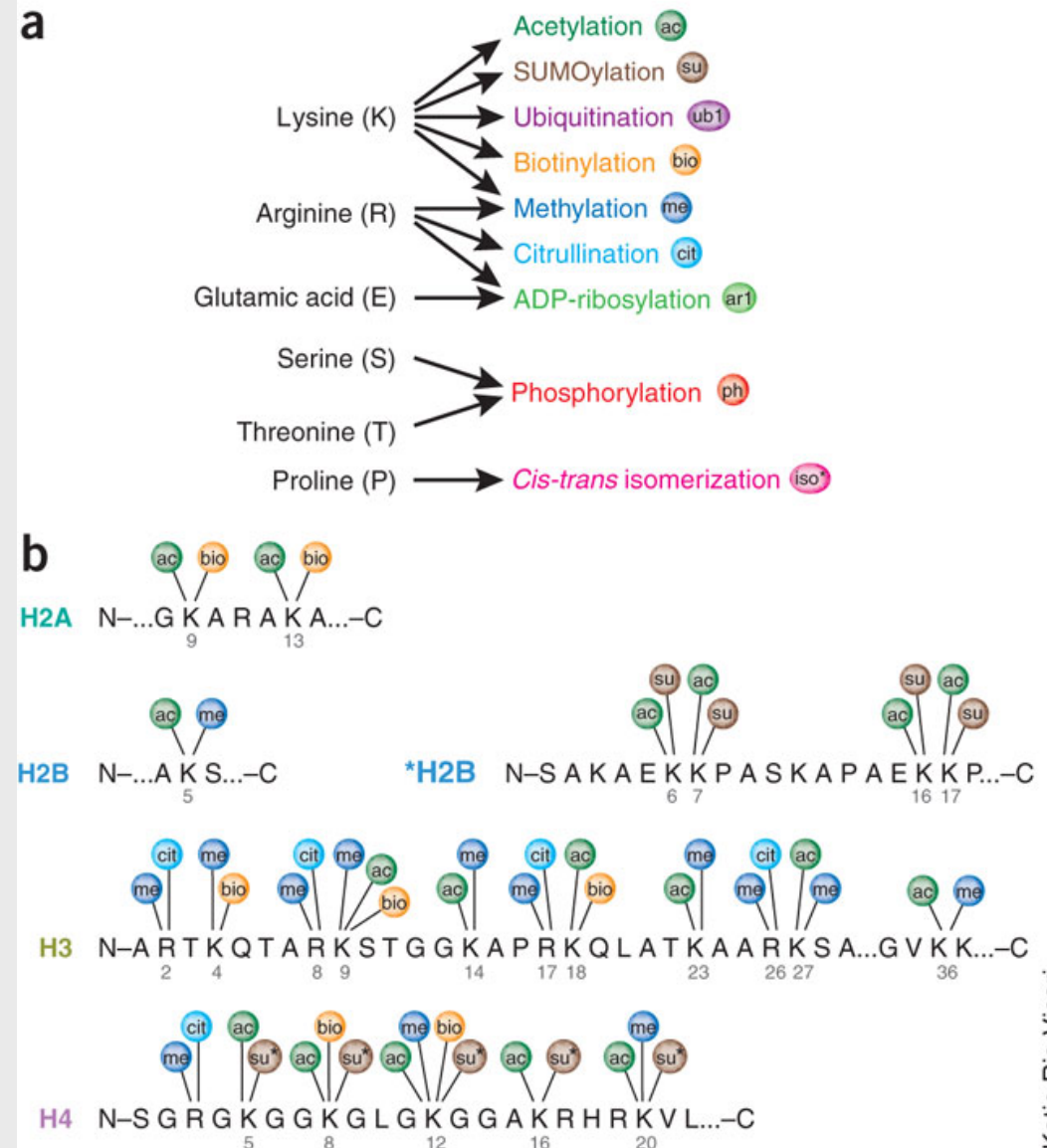
- in *cis* and in *trans*:



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# Other types of histone modifications

- Citrullination
- Glycosylation
- Biotinylation
- Proline *cis-trans* isomerization
- others?

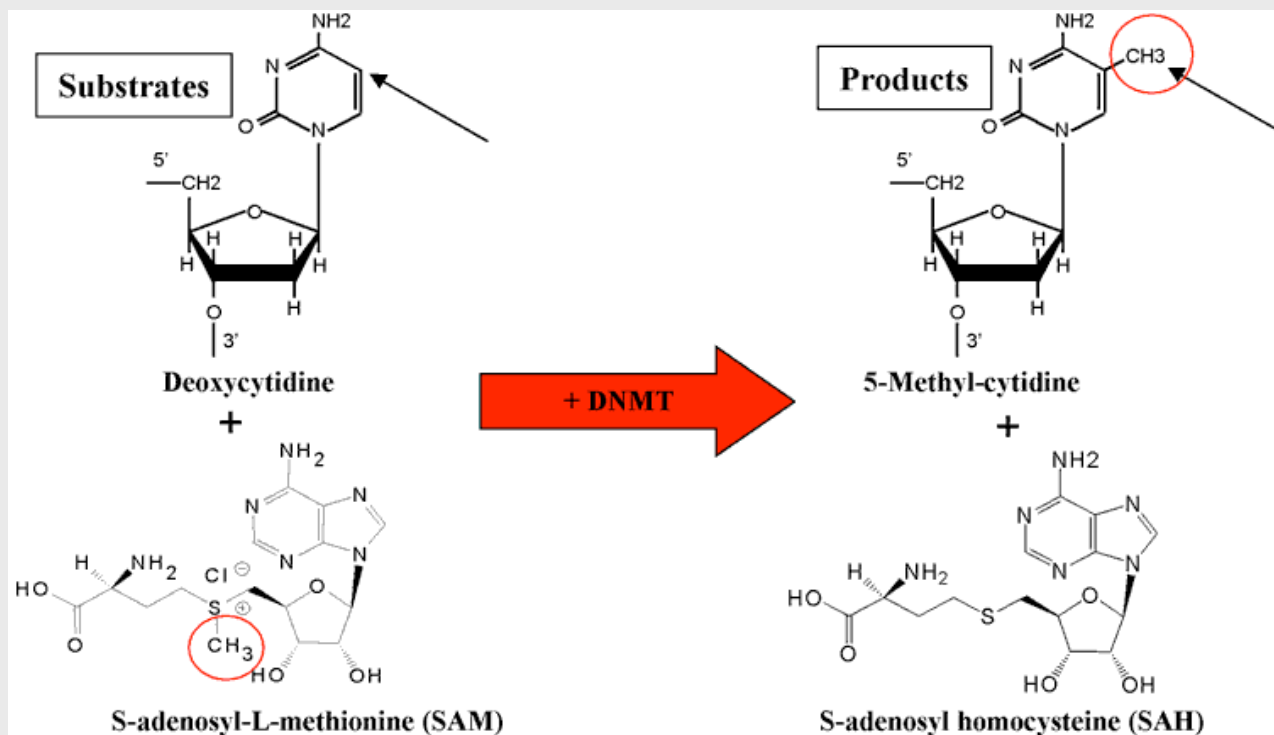


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# DNA methylation

# DNA Methylation

- Catalyzed by DNA methylases/methyltransferases use *S*-adenosylmethionine (SAM, S<sub>A</sub>Me) as methyl group donor.
- Adenine and **cytosine** are methylated more than guanine and thymine.
- Sequence-specific: (1) **CpG island** or (2) 5'GATC3'



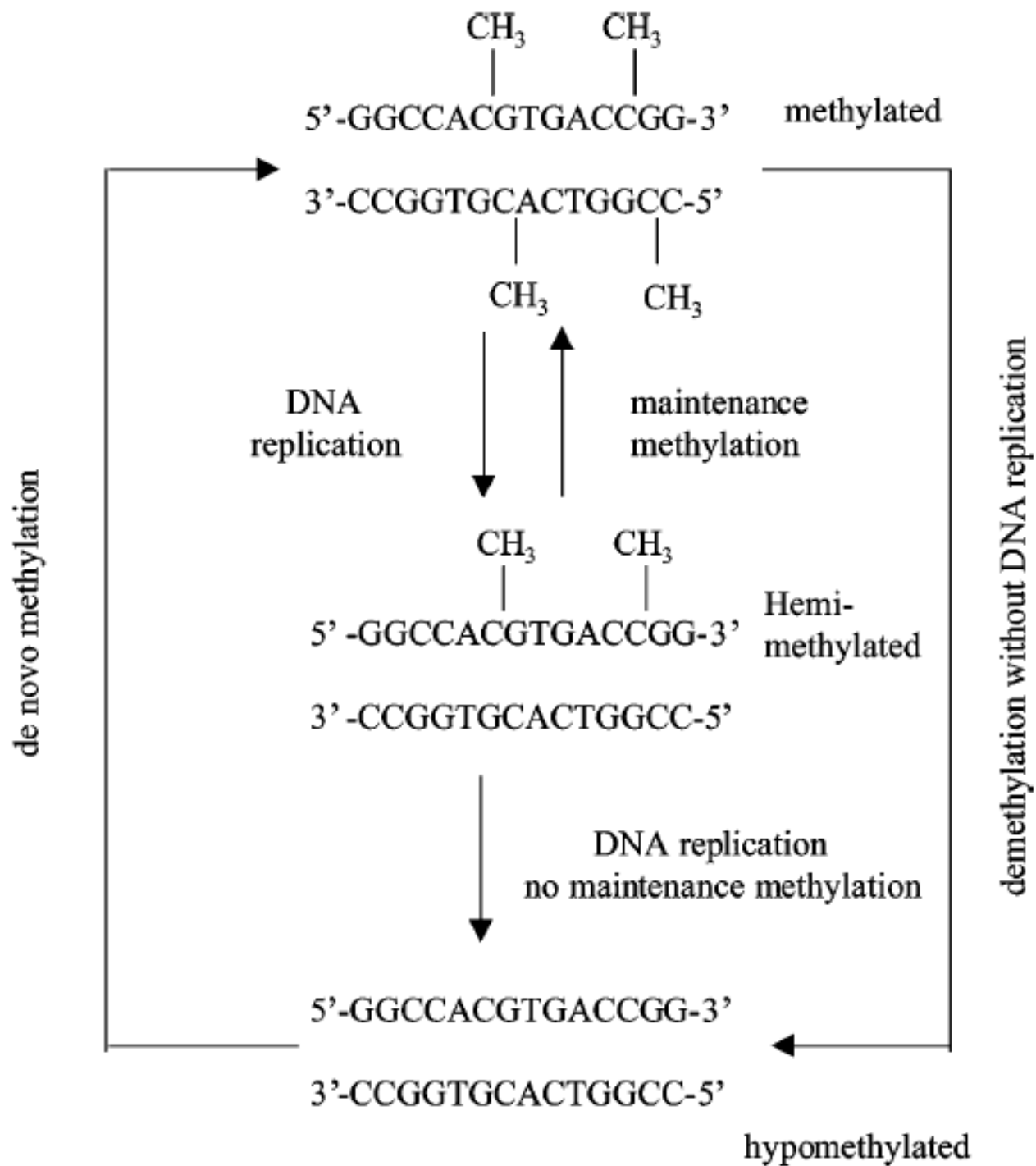
# Cellular DNA Methylation Machinery

DNMT1 - 'maintenance methylase'

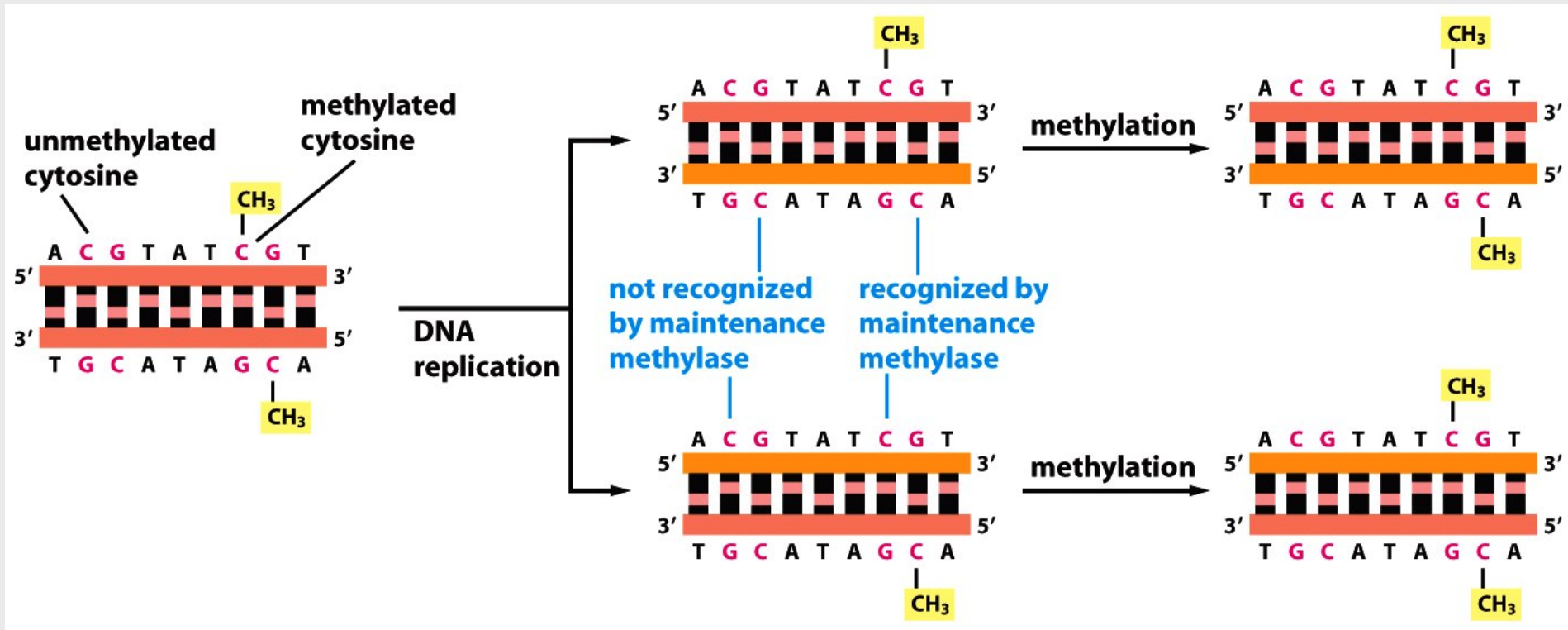
DNMT3A  
DNMT3B } *De novo* methylation







# DNA methylation patterns are inherited

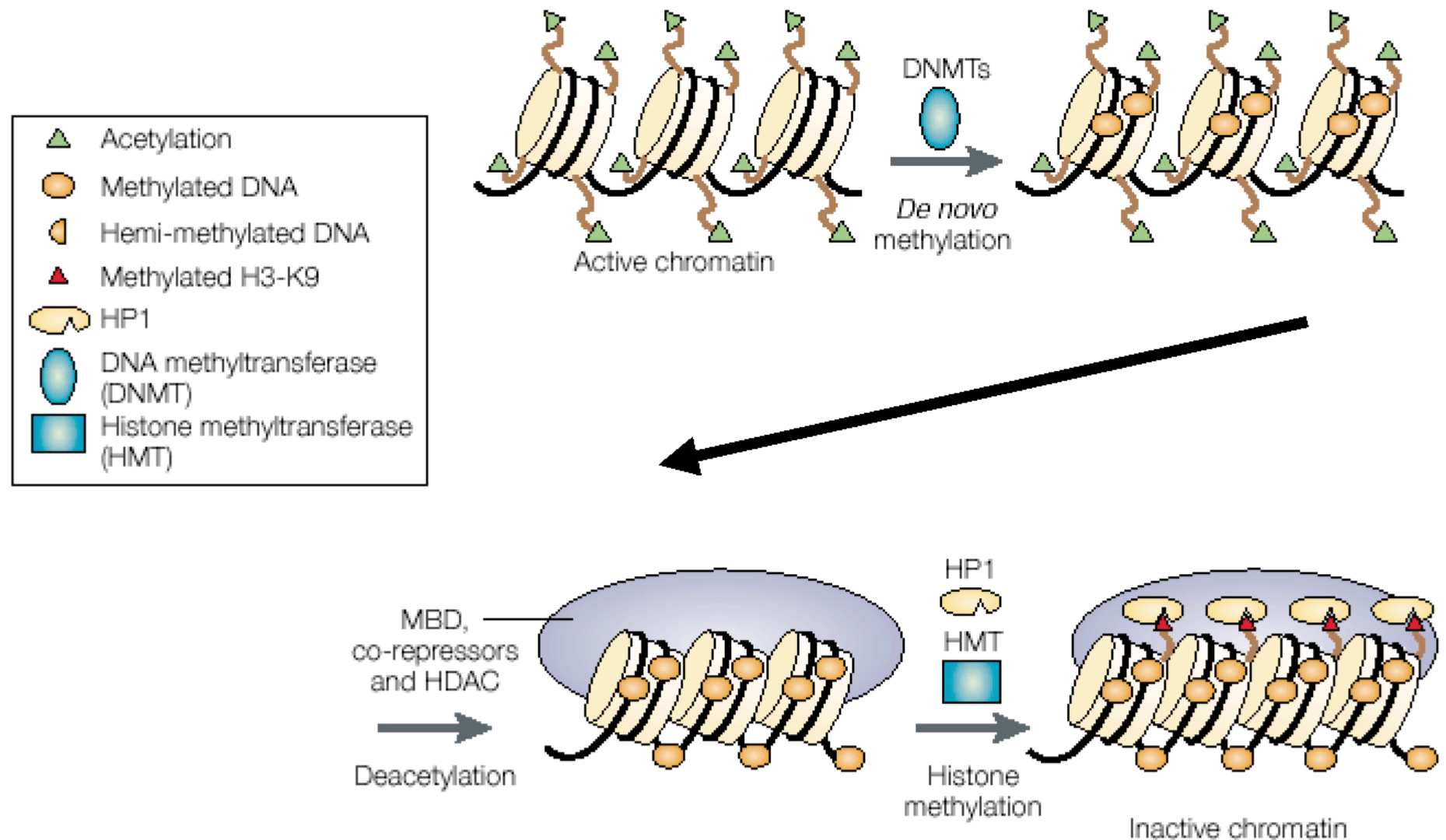


# DNA Methylation and Gene Expression

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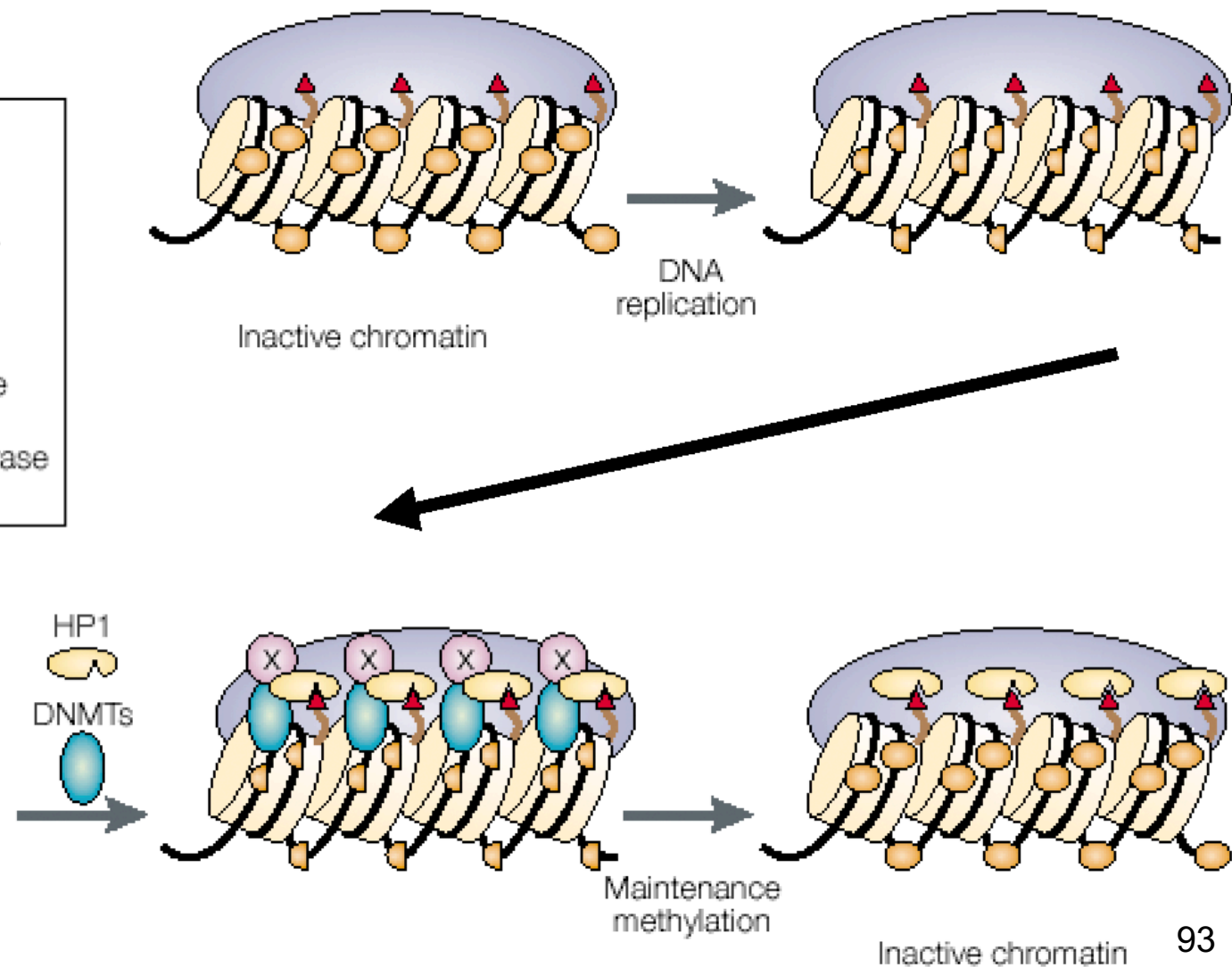
- Cytosine residues in 5' CpG are often post-synthetically methylated
- CpG methylation is involved in **long-term silencing of certain gene** during development
- The methyl-CpG-binding proteins **MeCP1** and **MeCP2** interact specifically with methylated DNA and mediate **transcriptional repression.**

# DNA Methylation can Template Histone Methylation

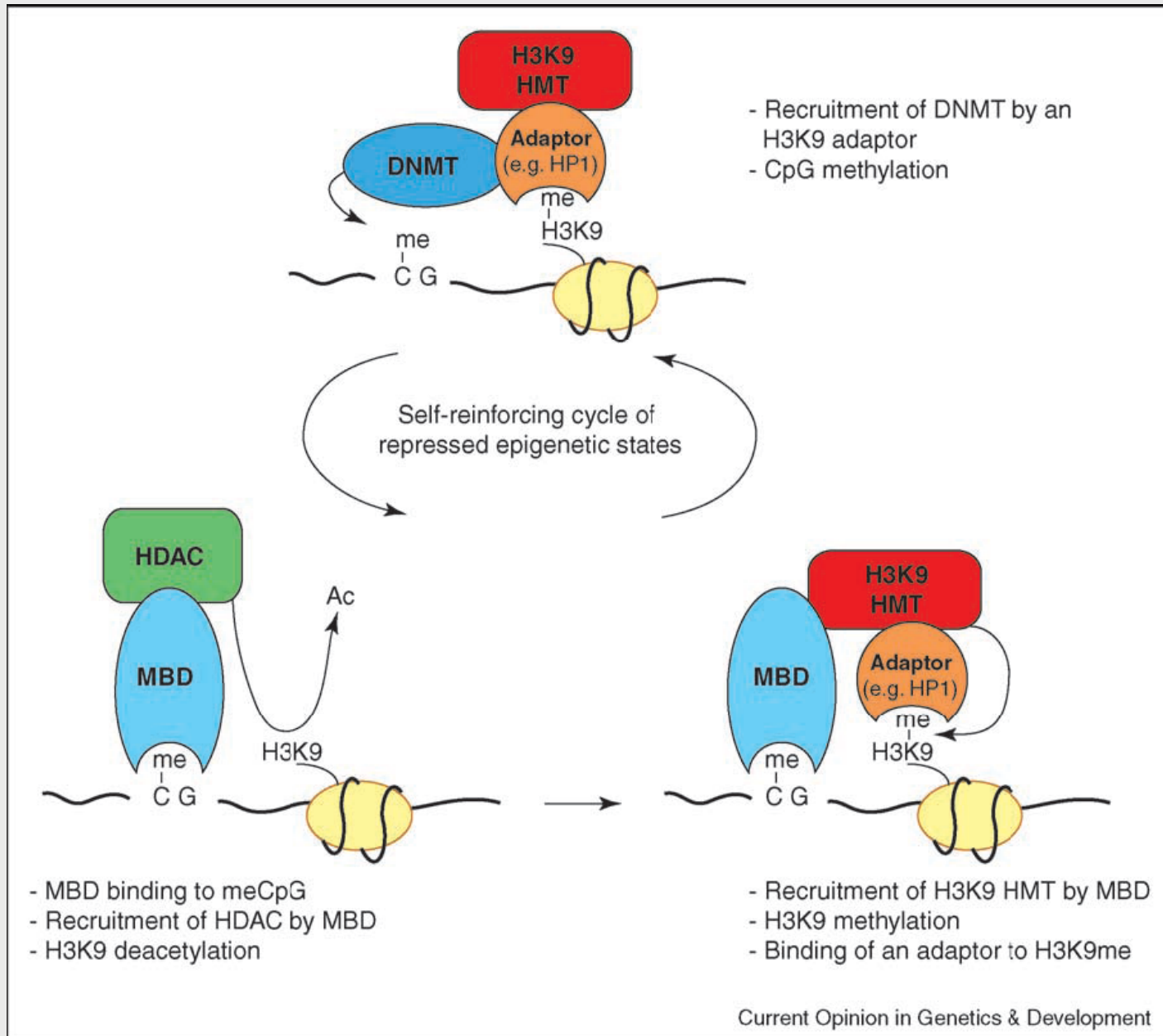


# ..... and histone Methylation can Template DNA Methylation

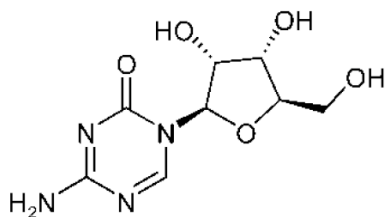
- ▲ Acetylation
- Methylated DNA
- ◐ Hemi-methylated DNA
- ▲ Methylated H3-K9
- ◐ HP1
- DNA methyltransferase (DNMT)
- Histone methyltransferase (HMT)



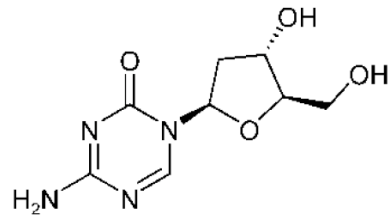
# Self-Reinforced Model



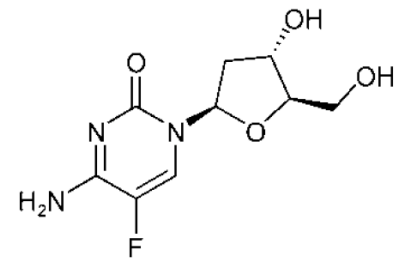
# DNA methylation inhibitors



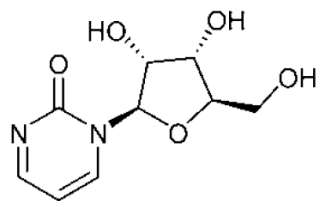
5-azacytidine (32)



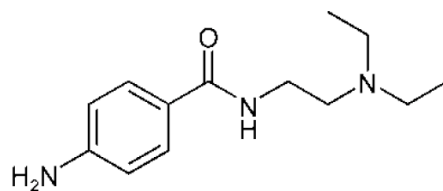
5-aza-2'-deoxycytidine (33)



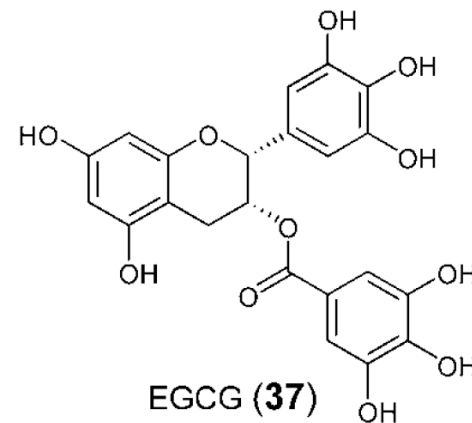
FCDR (34)



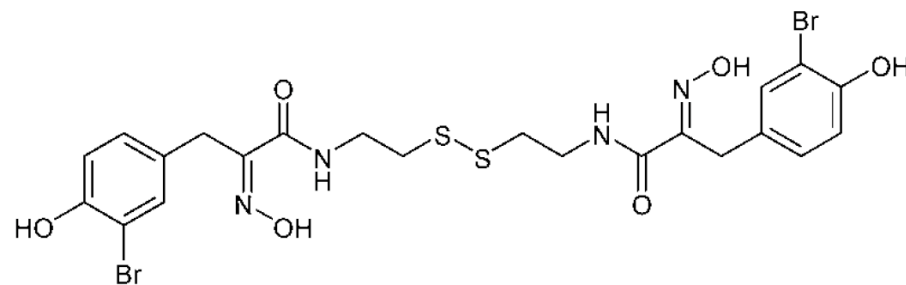
zebularine (35)



procainamide (36)



EGCG (37)



psammaplin A (38)

# Identifying Methylation Sites

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## ~ Bisulfite sequencing:

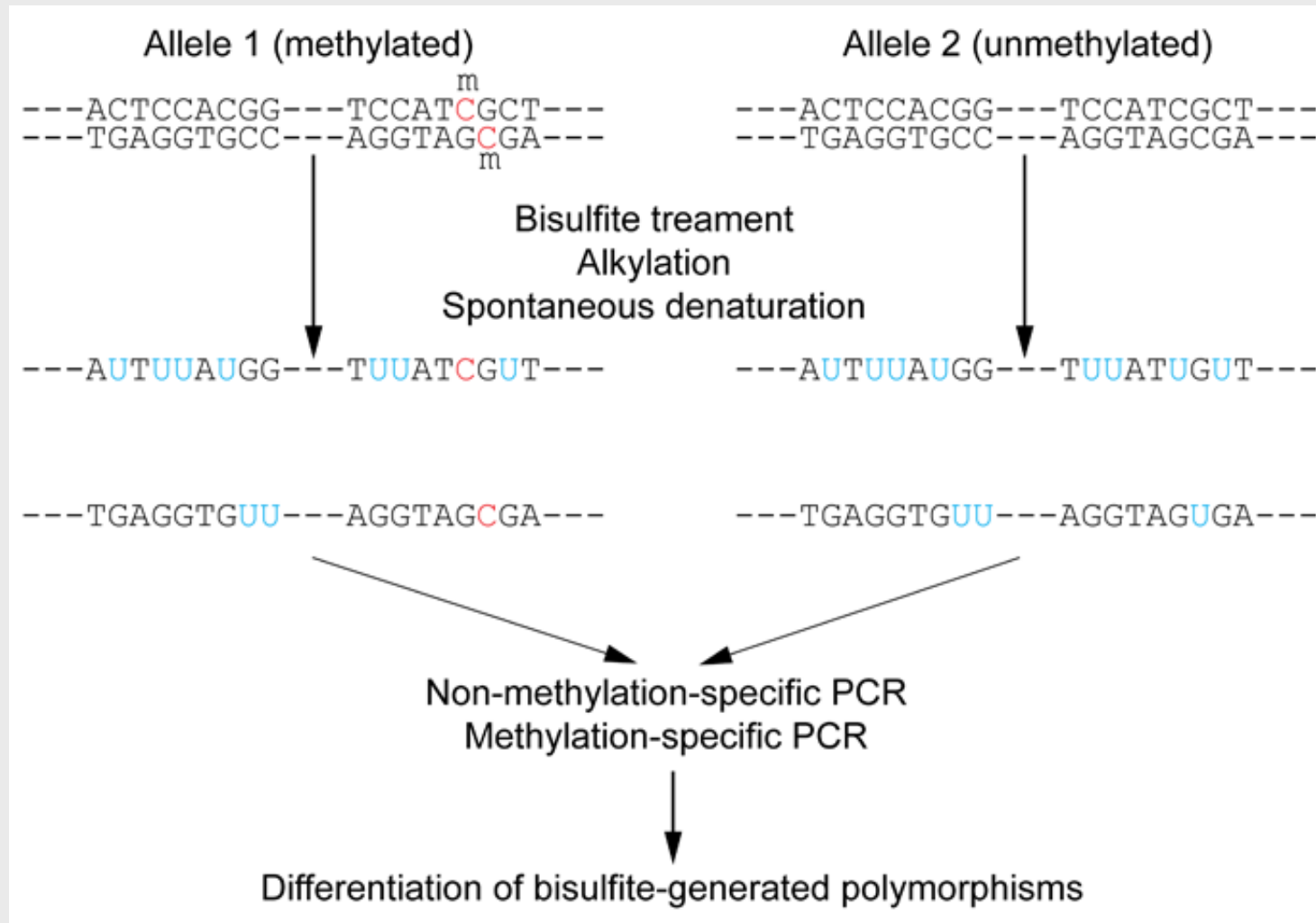
- Conversion of non-methylated Cytosine to Uracil
- No change to methylated Cytosine
- Sequenced through computer software identifying locations of methylation
- Two concentrations of methylation (low or high)

## ~ **ChIP-seq** by the Methyl-binding domain proteins



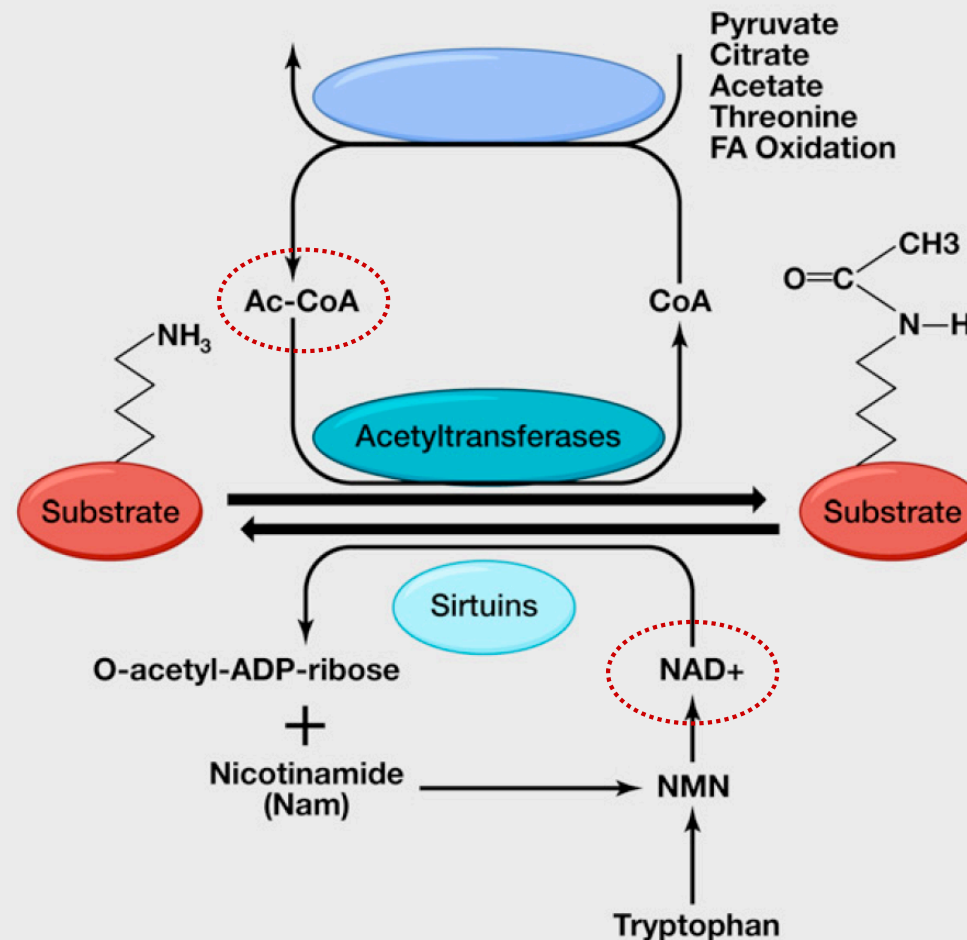
# Bisulfite Sequencing

- Conversion of unmethylated cytosines to uracil using **Sodium Bisulfite**



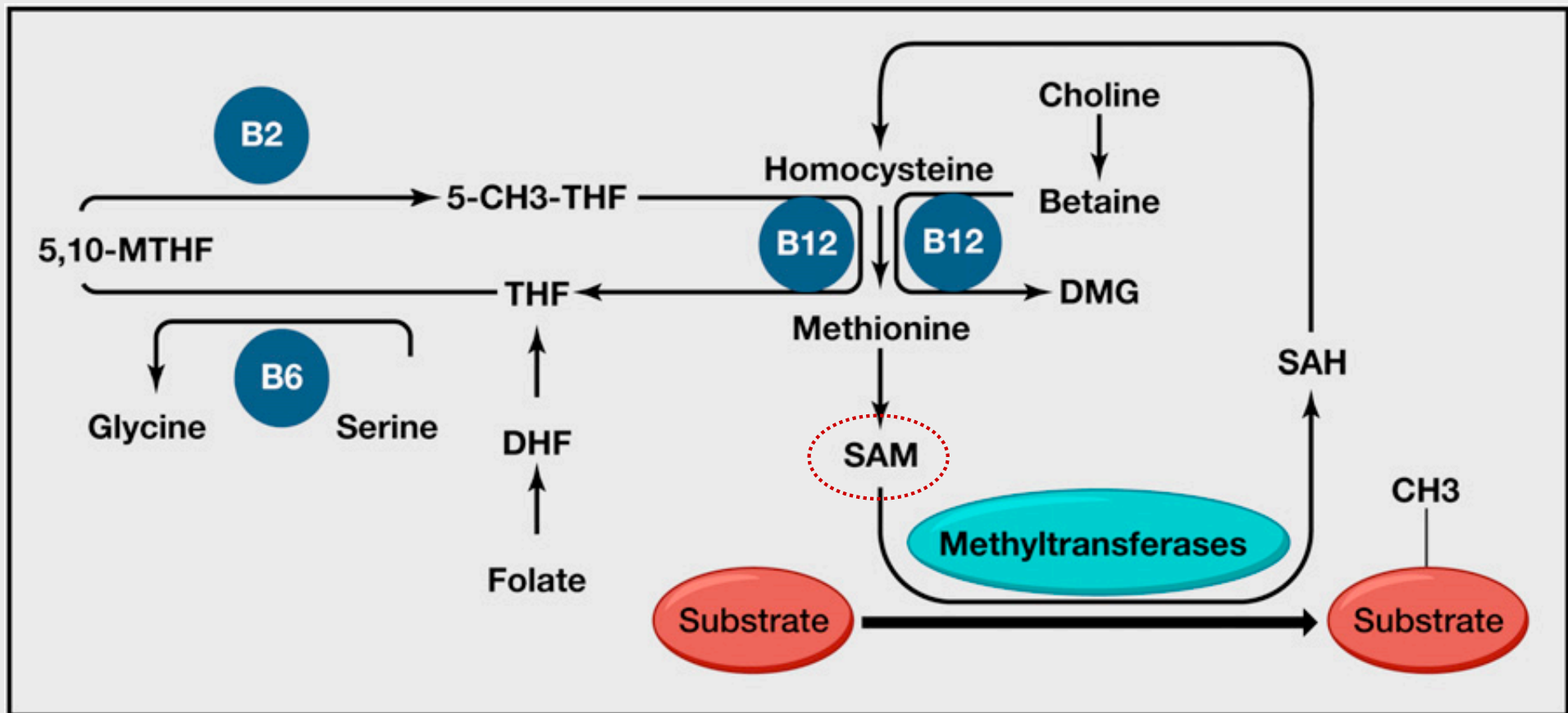
# Influence of Metabolism on Epigenetics

## - Metabolism and Acetylation/Deacetylation:

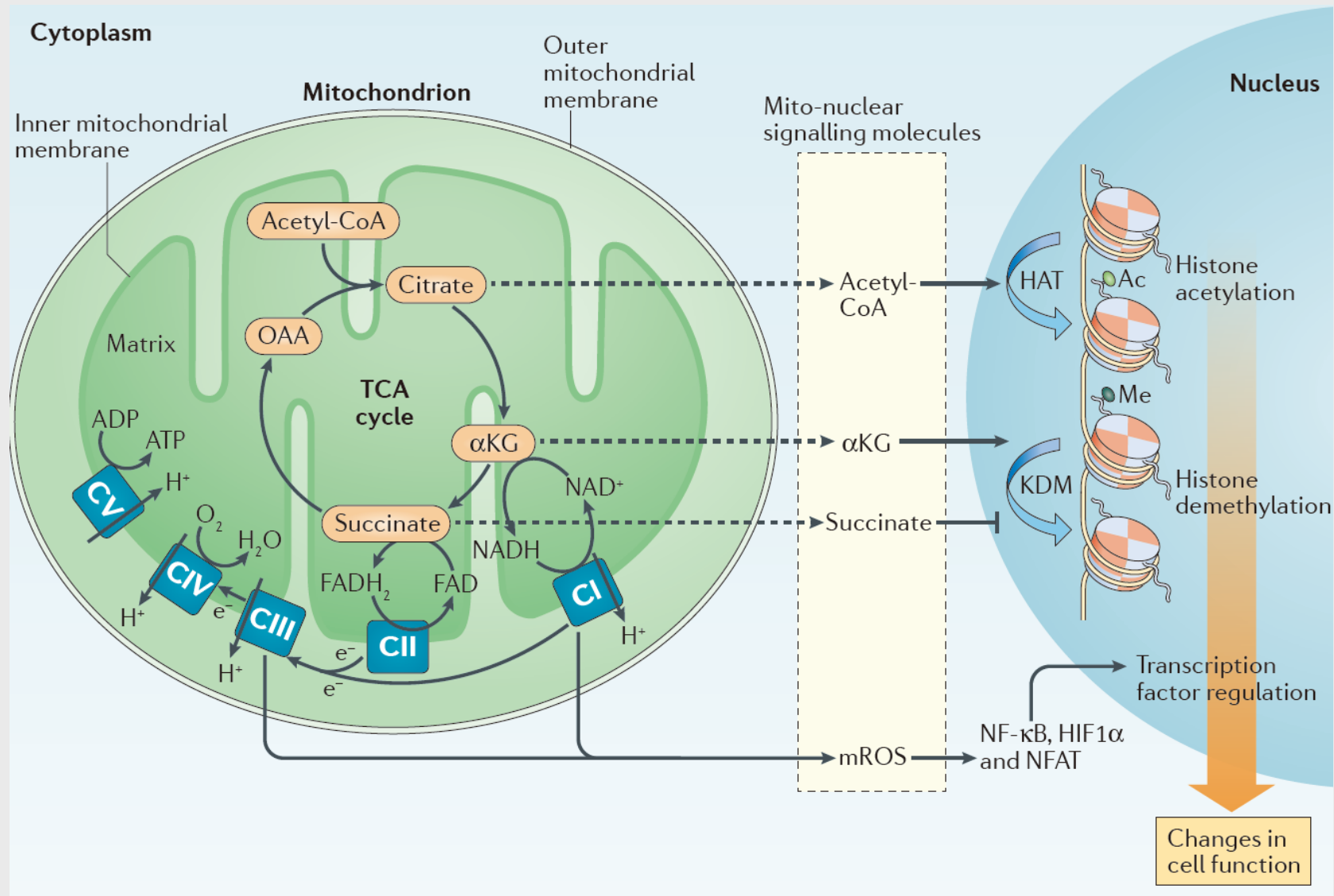


# Influence of Metabolism on Epigenetics

## - Metabolism and Methylation:



# Mitochondria as signaling organelles



# *Summary*

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- **Chromatin structure plays a central role many cellular processes.**
- **Relevant to most aspects of gene expression as well as chromosome stability, DNA replication, recombination and repair.**
- **Chromatin regulated at local and global levels.**
- **Misregulation of chromatin and/or DNA methylation states leads to diseases.**
- **Chromatin is highly dynamic both in terms of structure & chemical composition.**

# Summary

