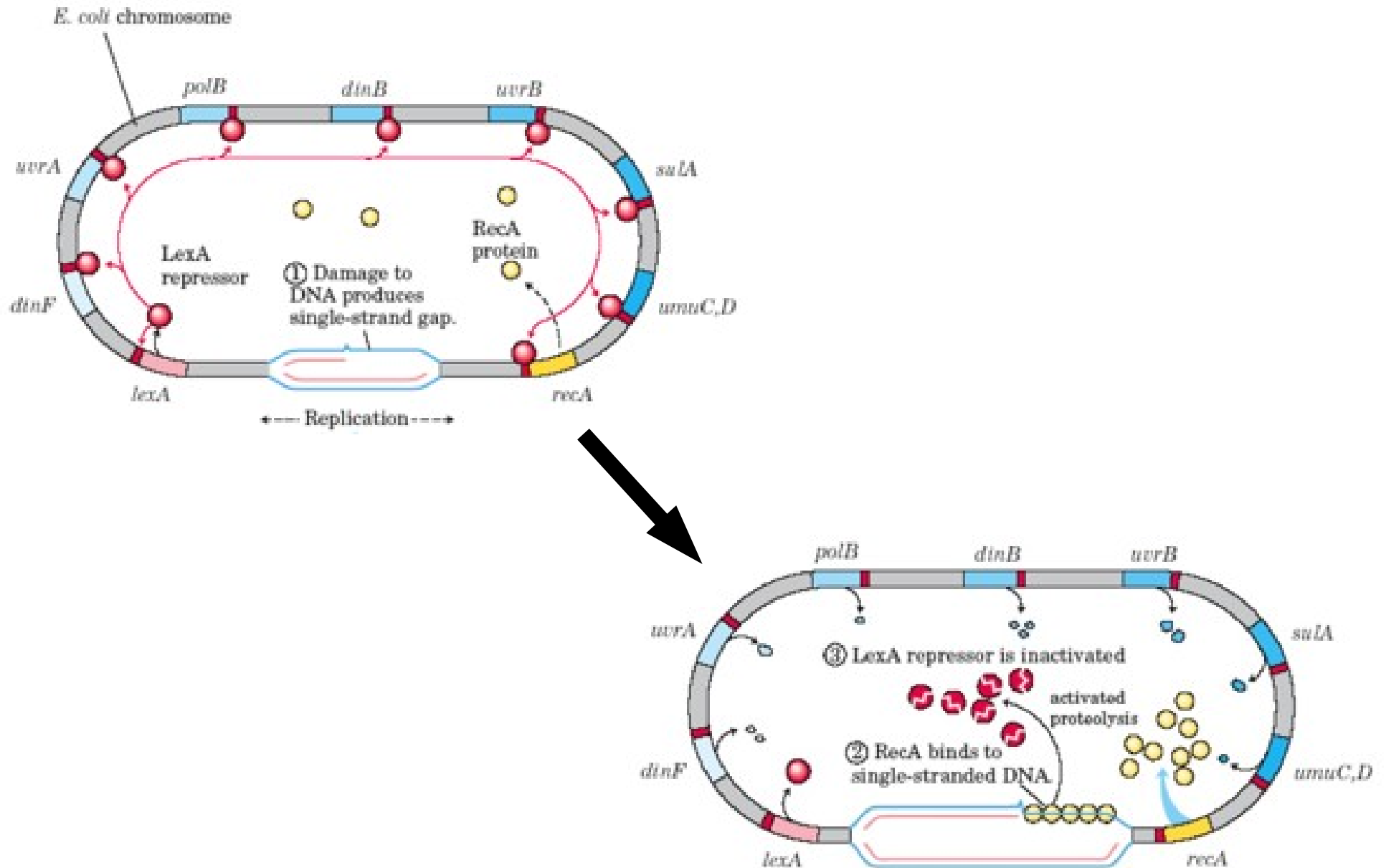
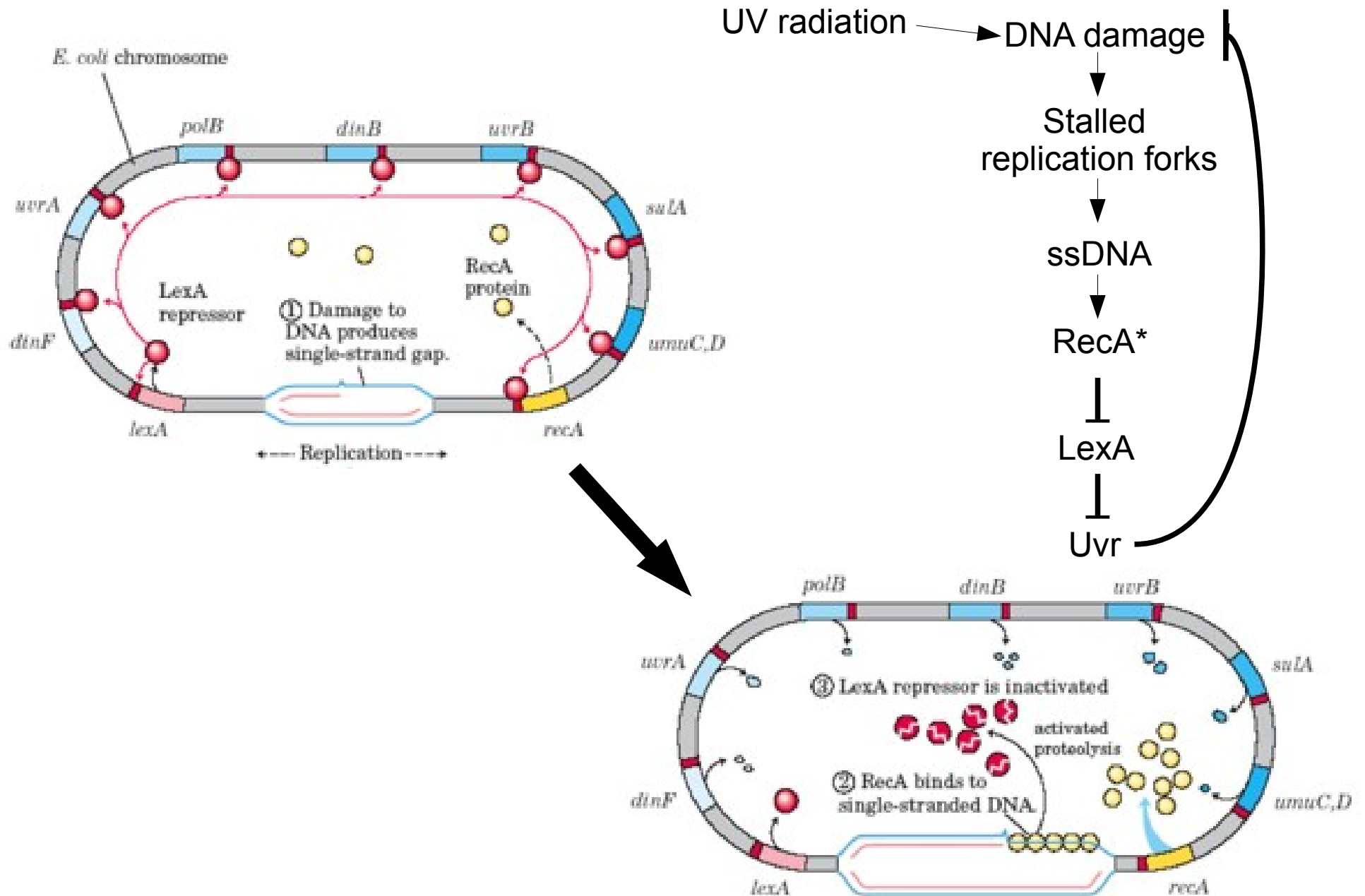


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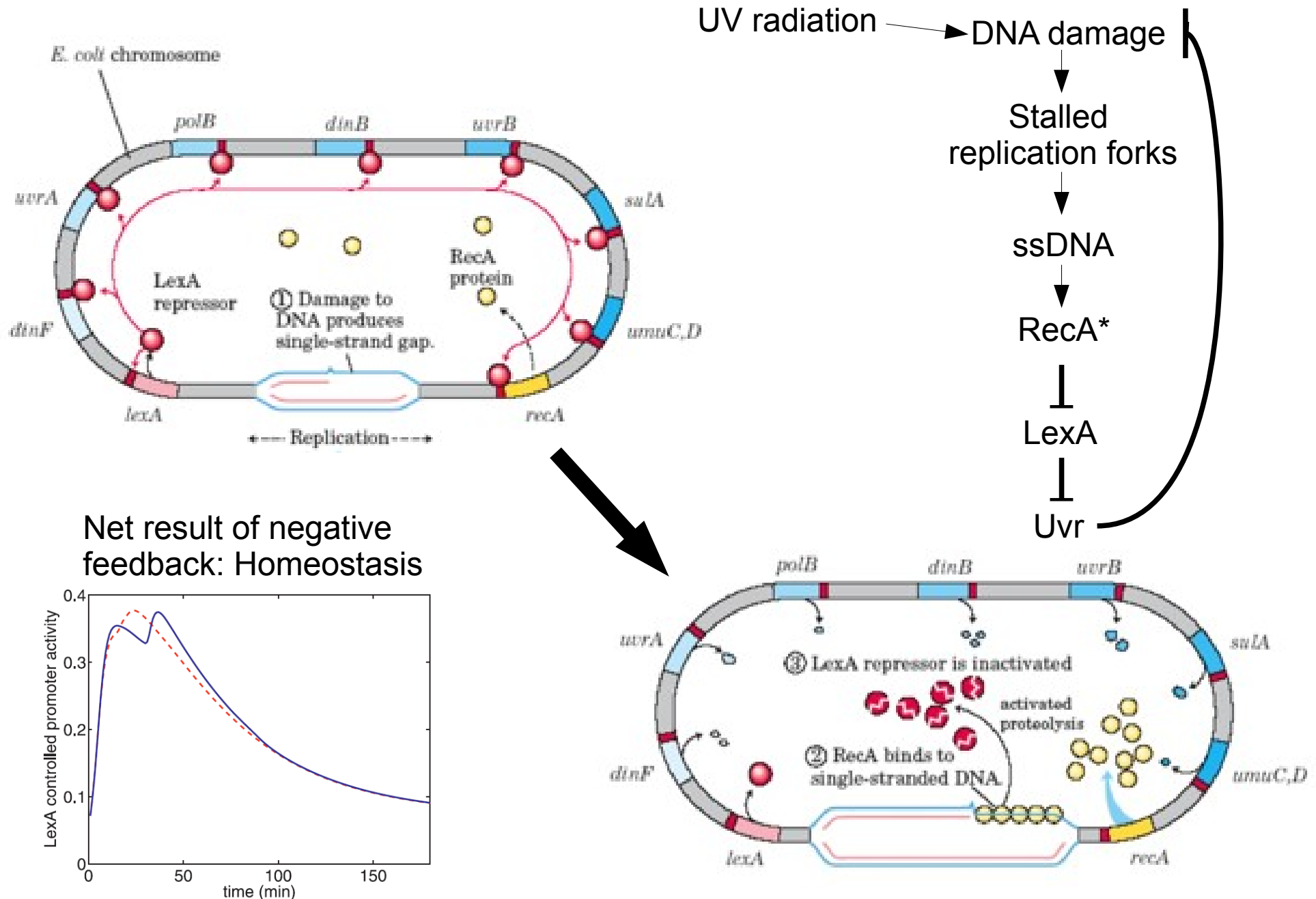
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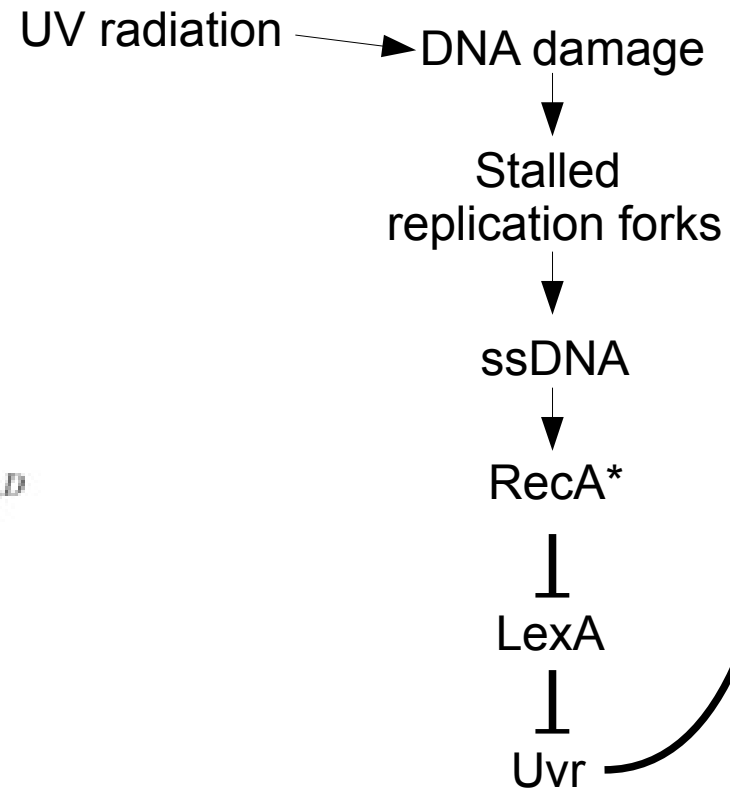
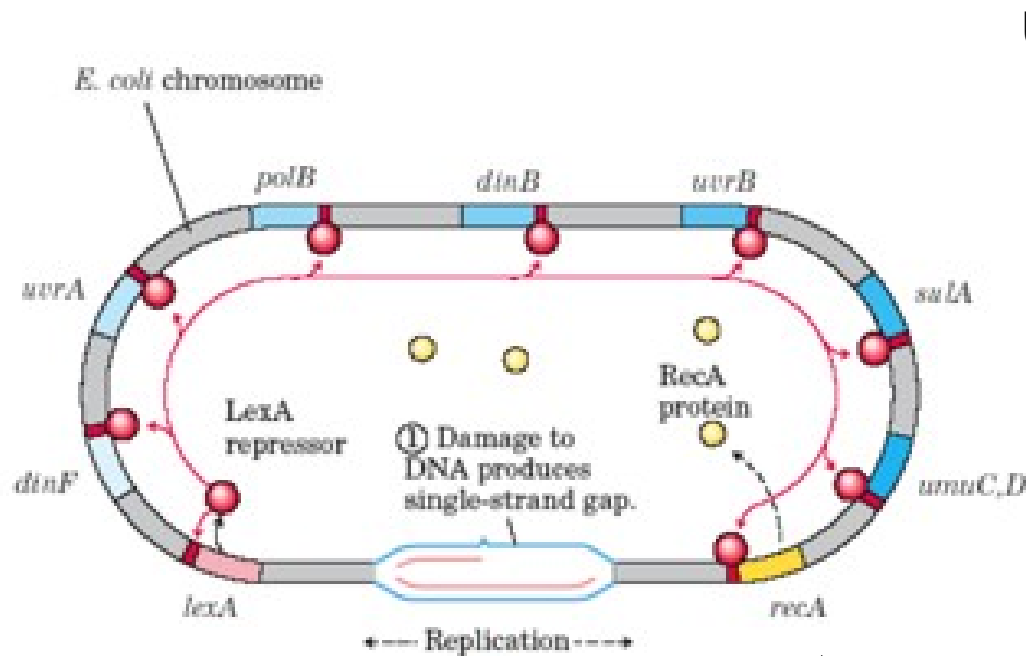
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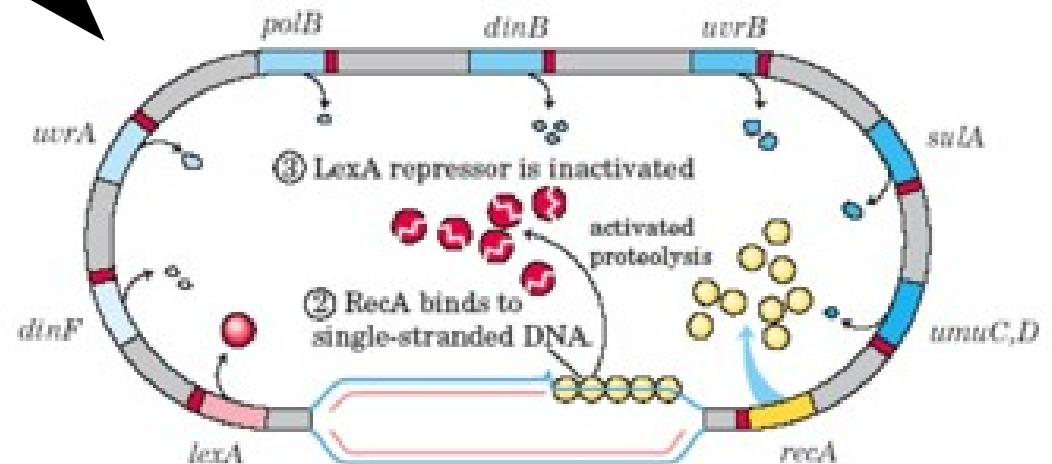
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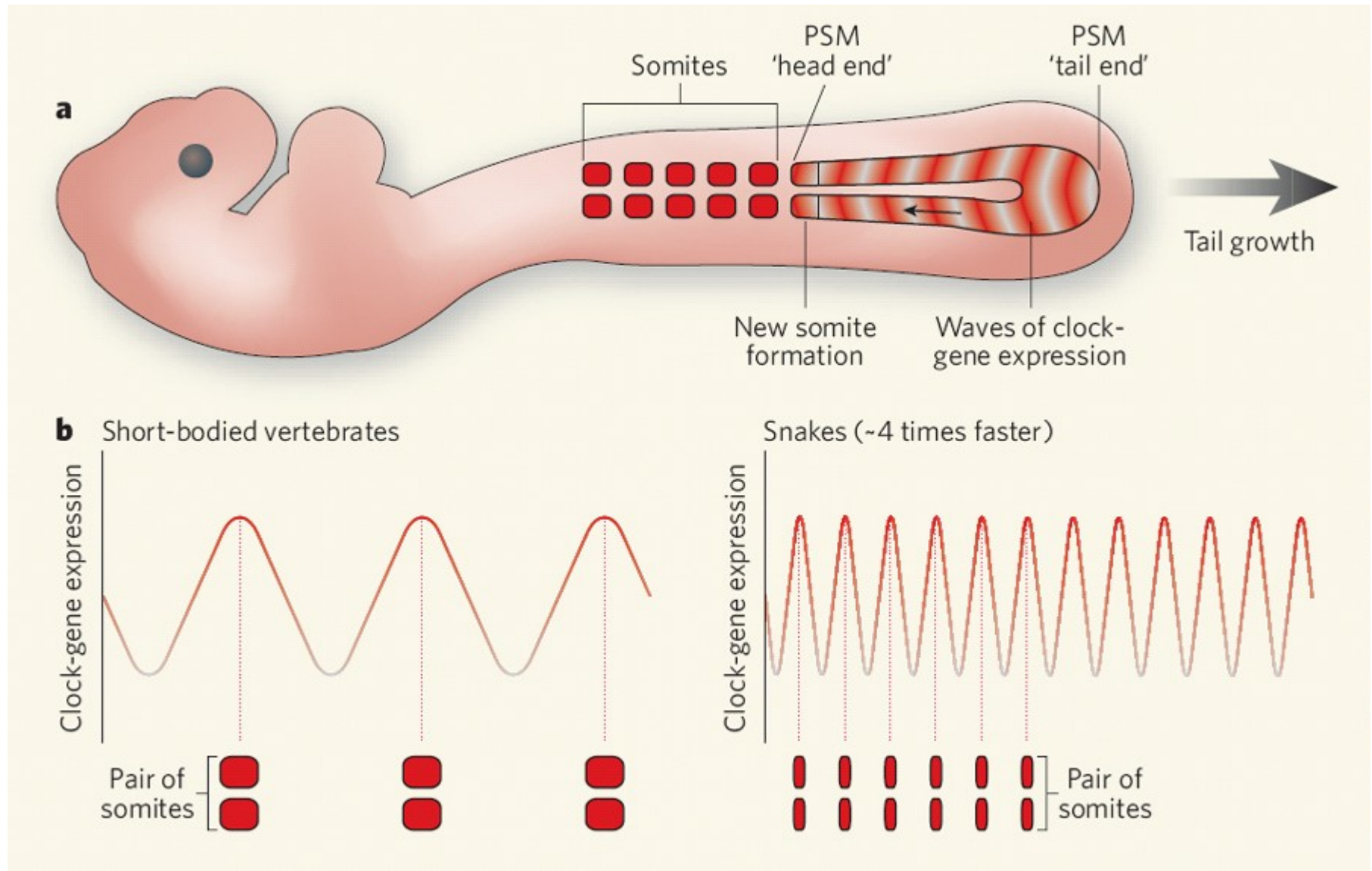
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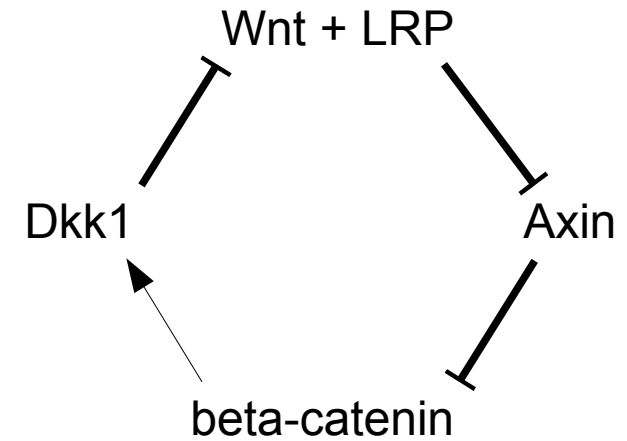
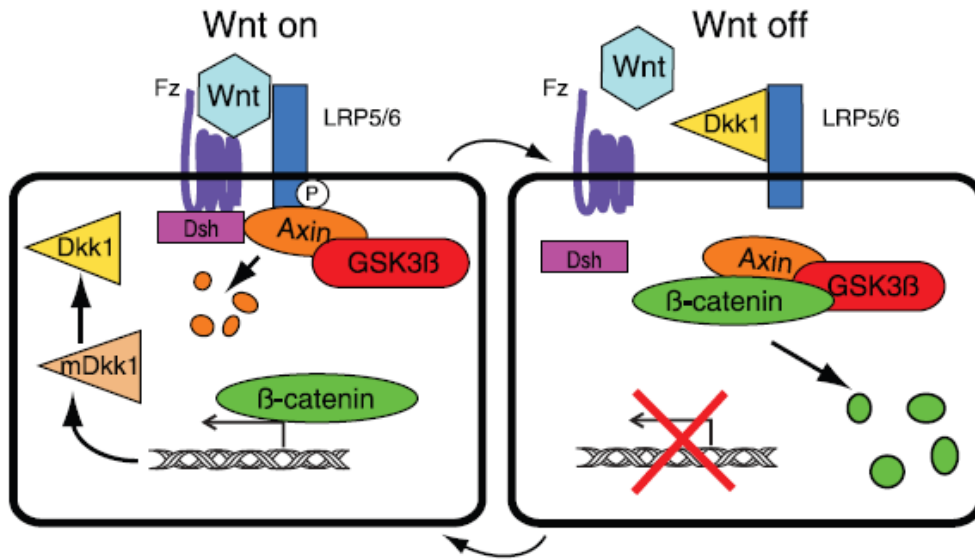


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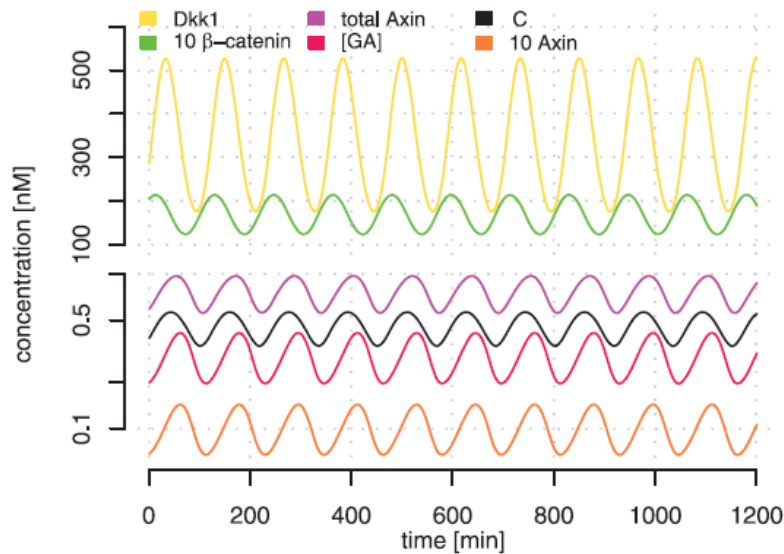
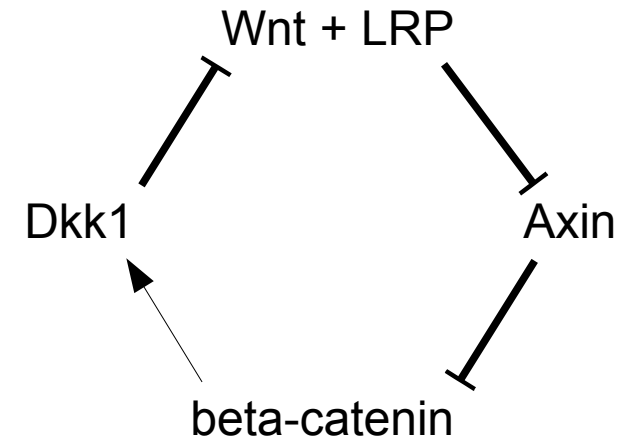
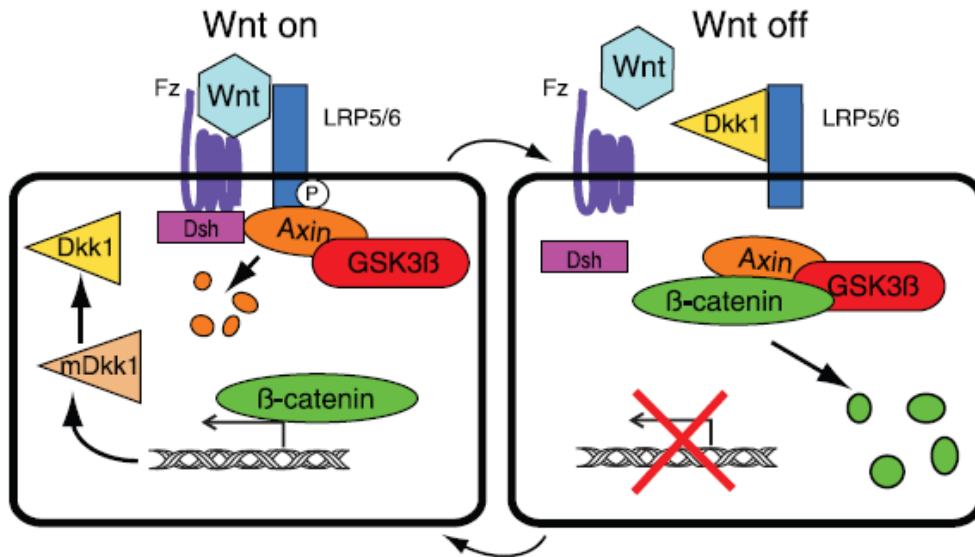


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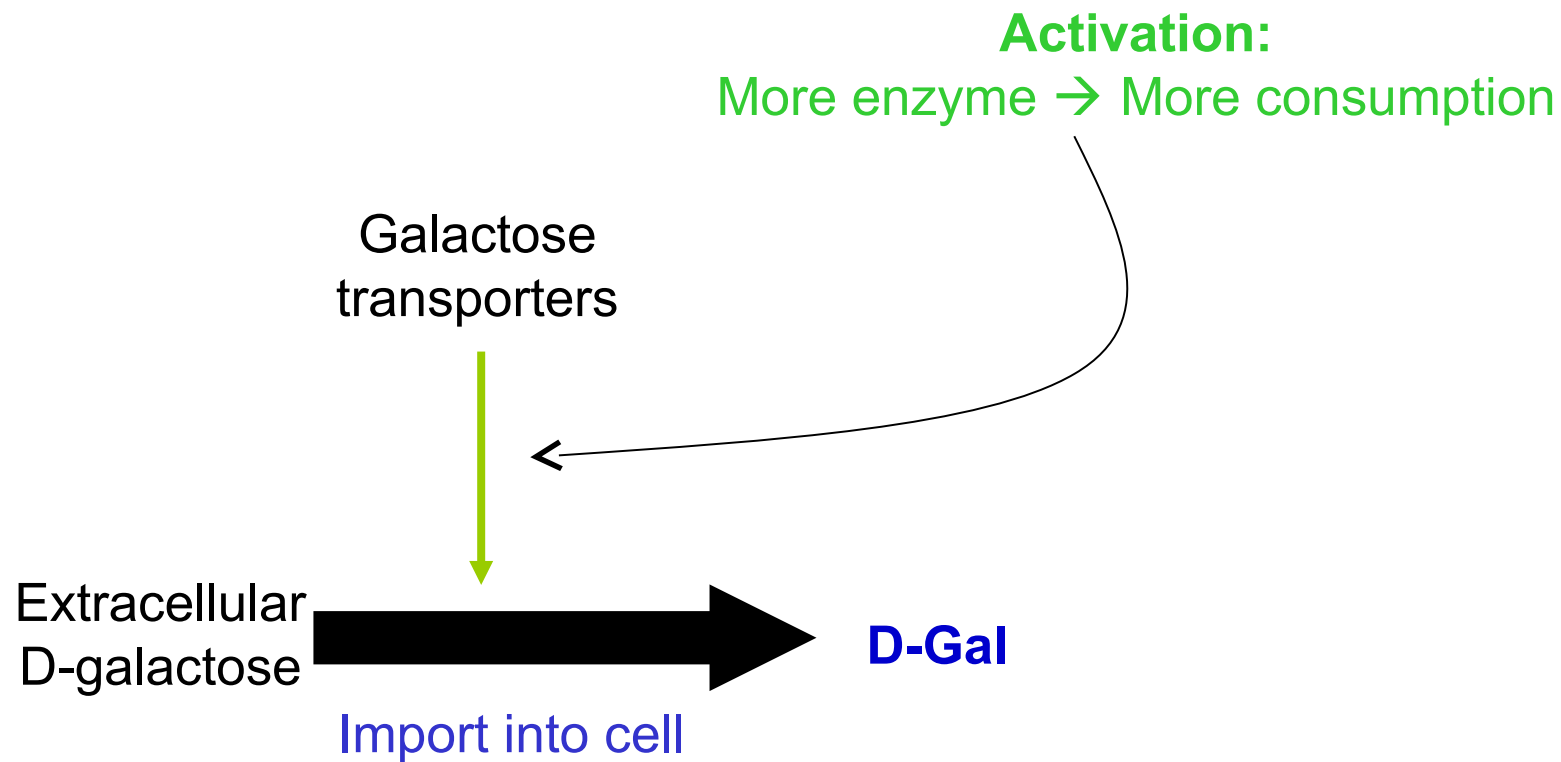
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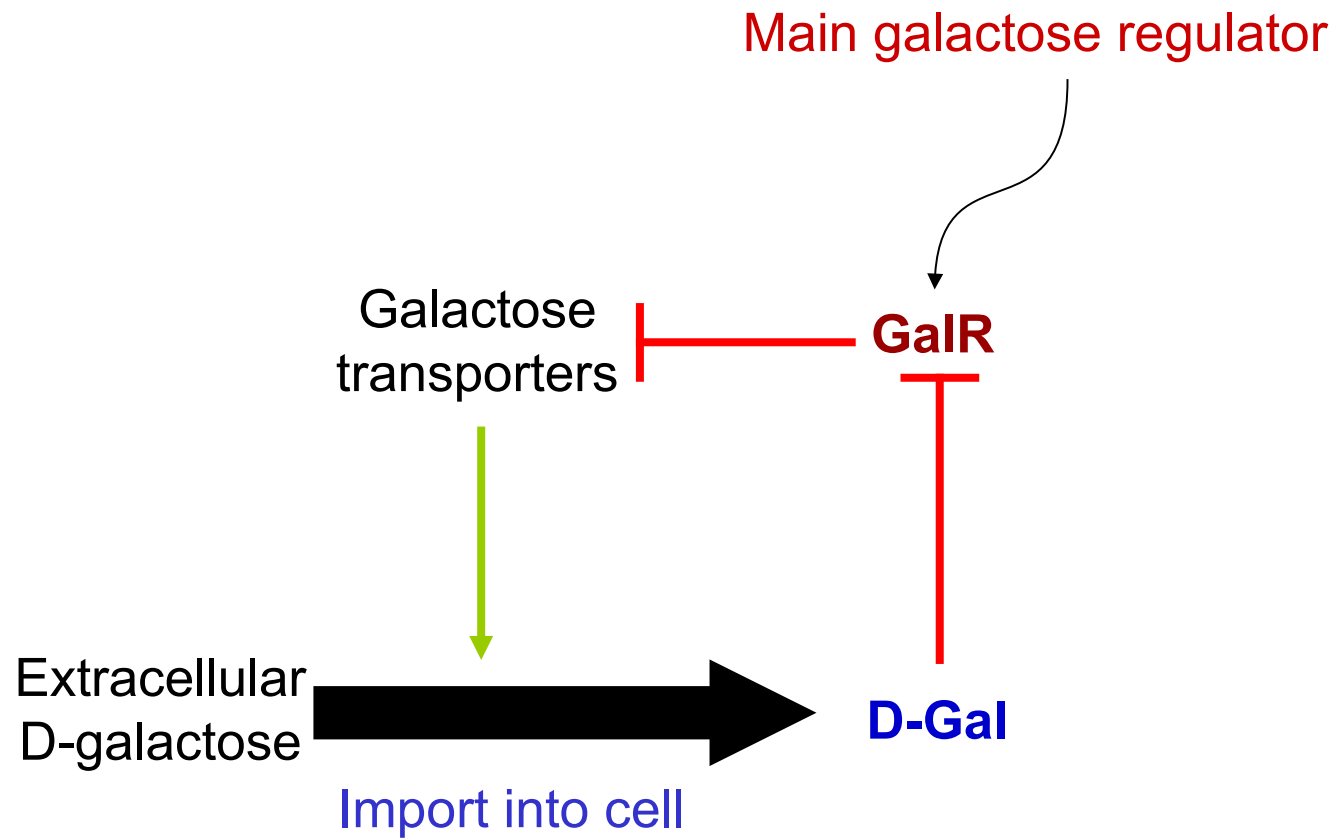


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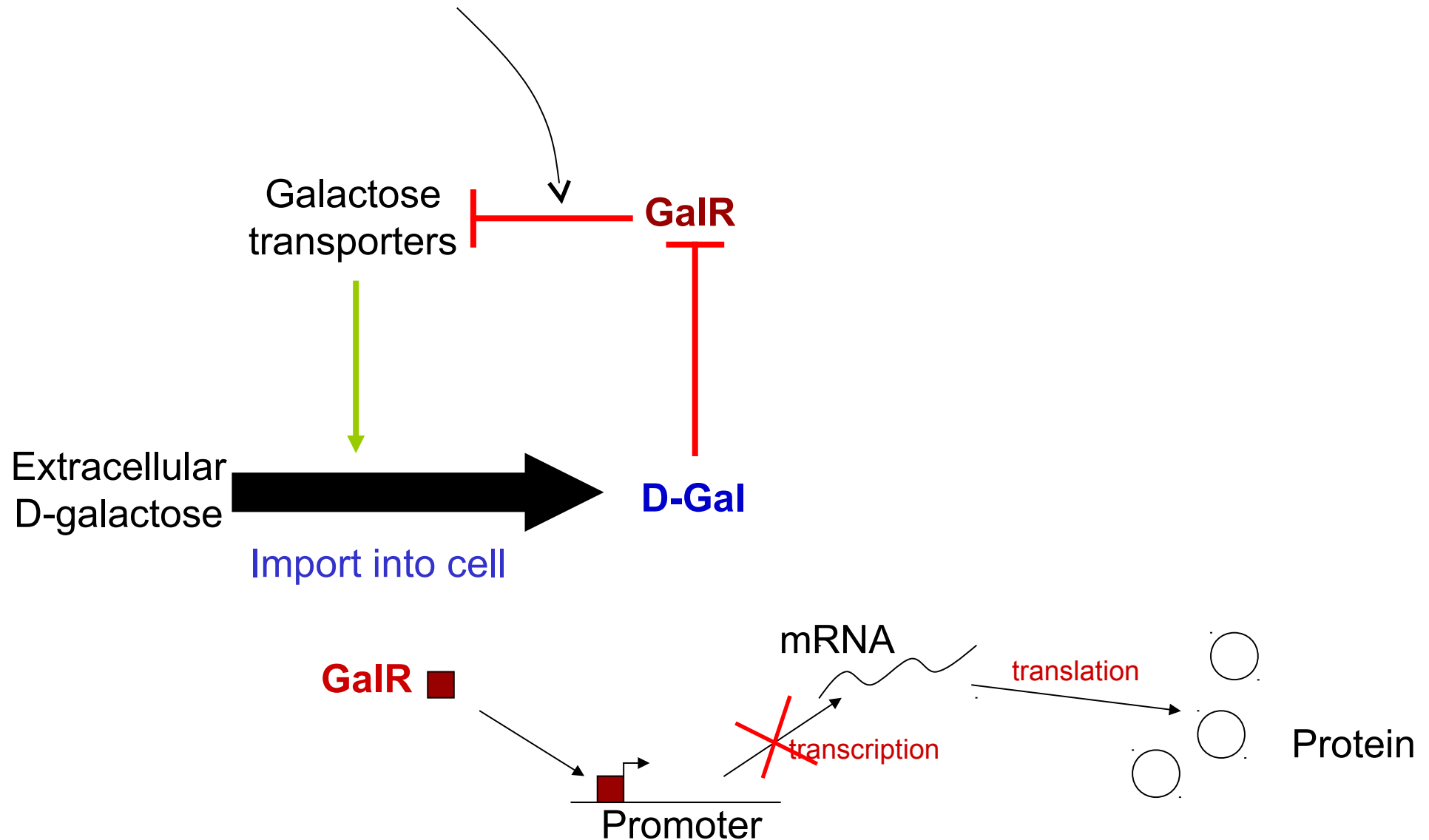
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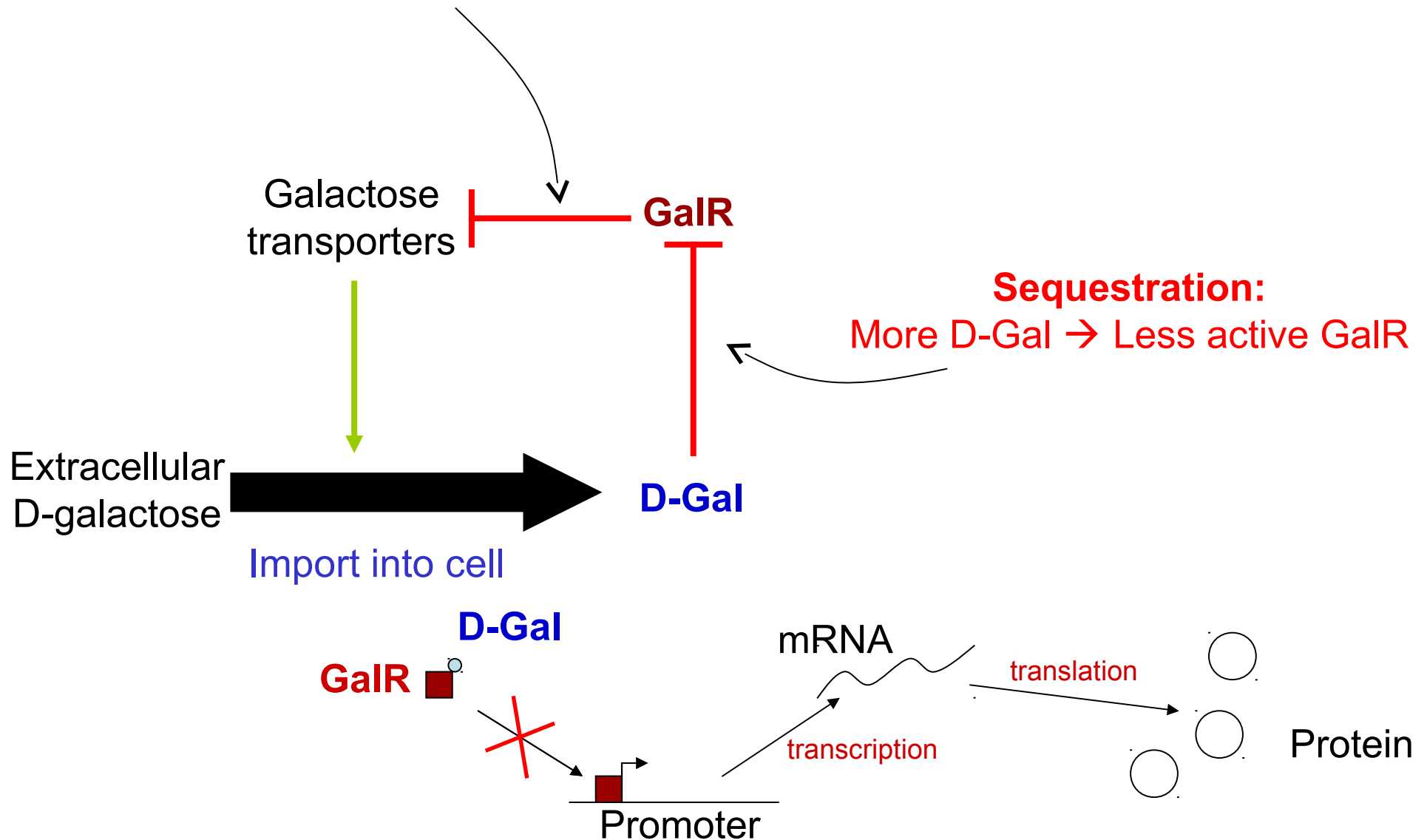
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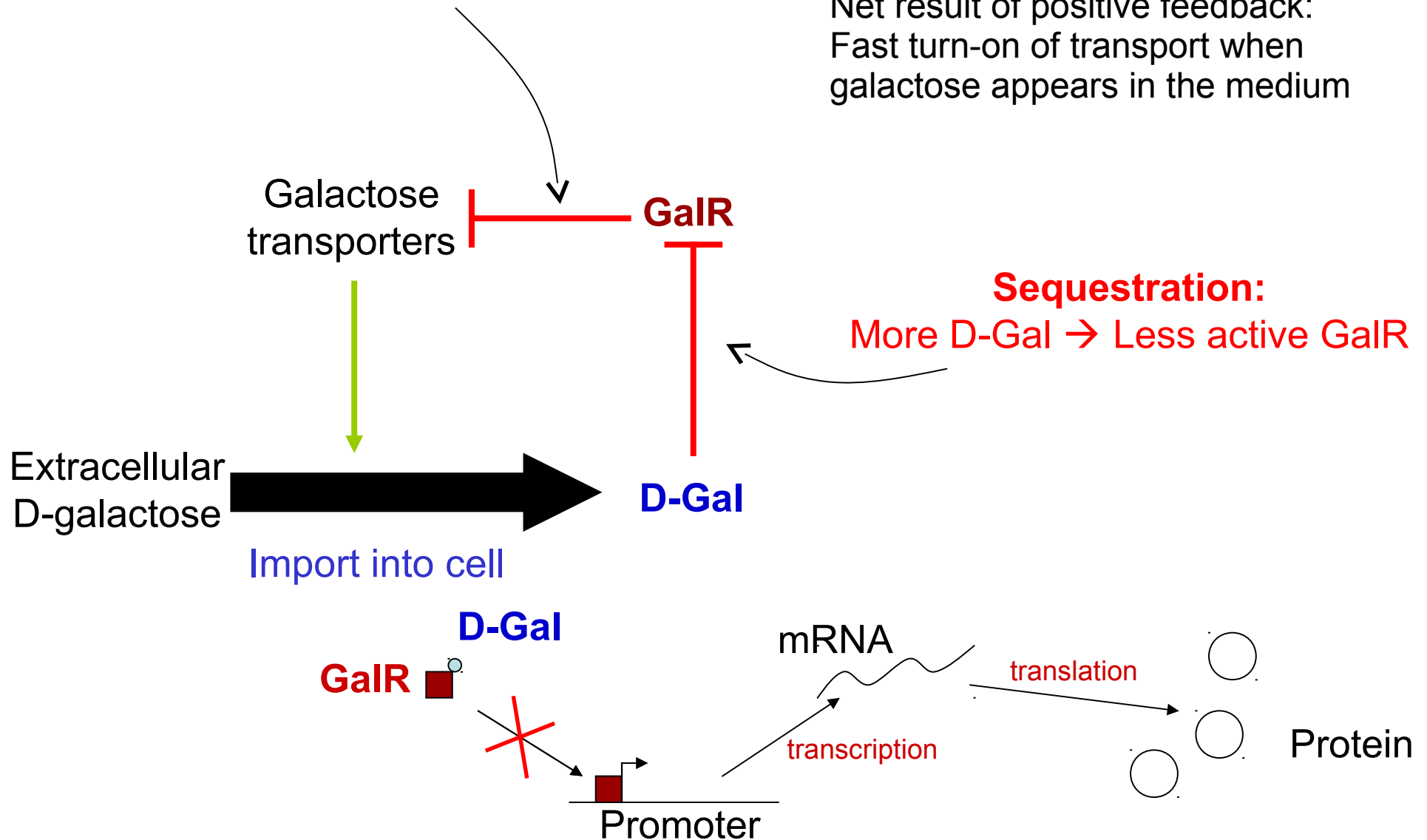


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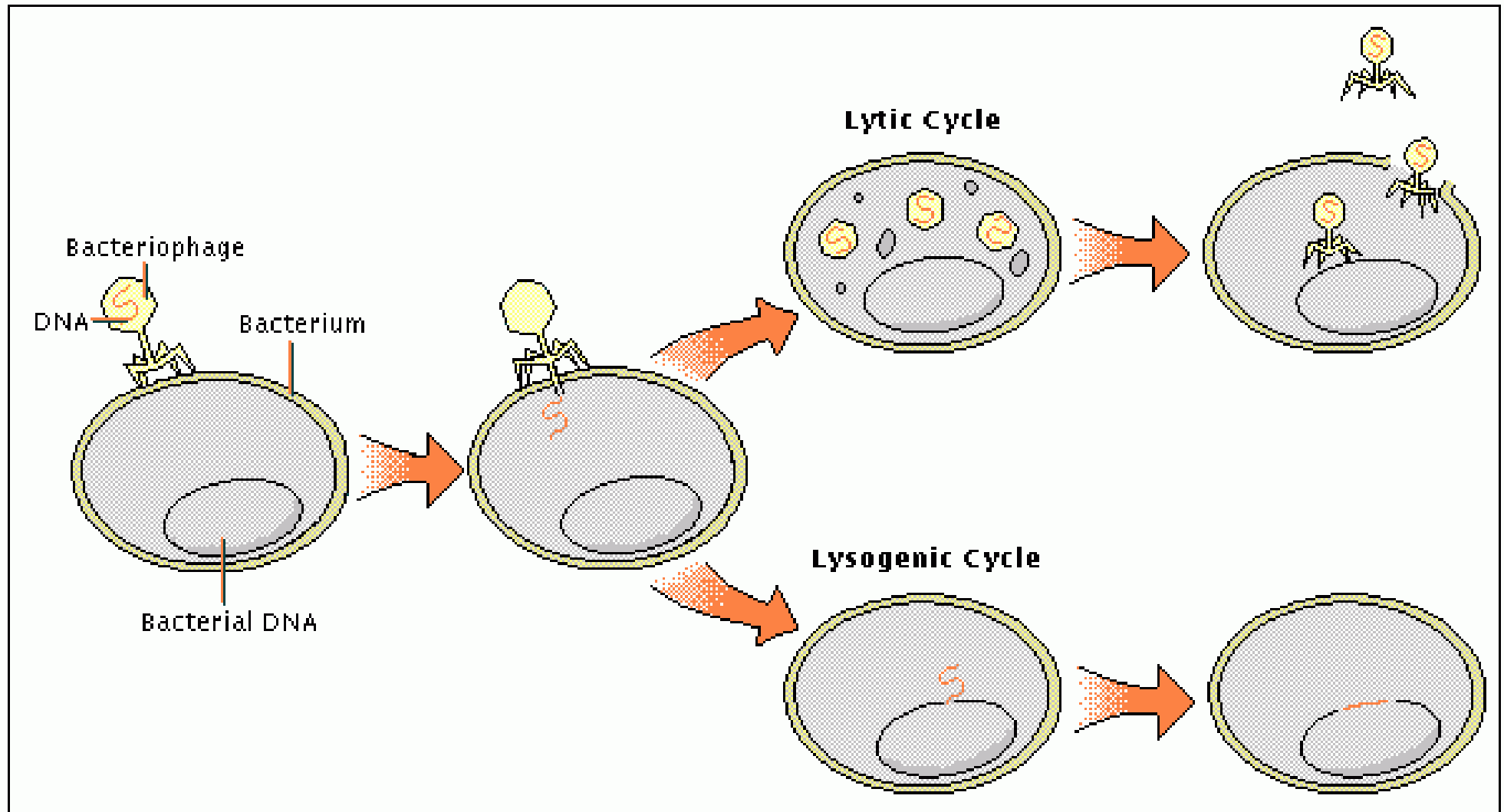
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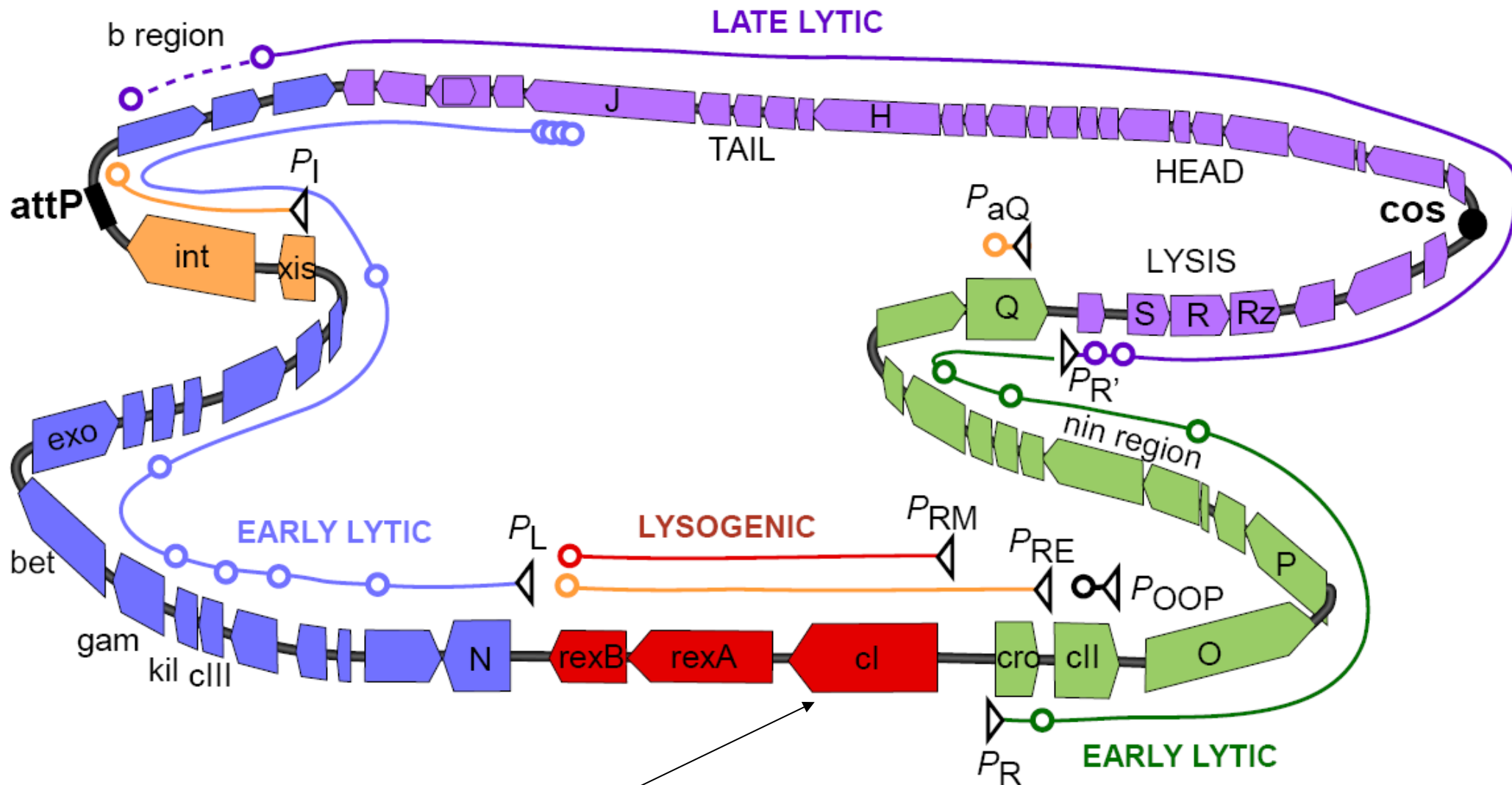
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# Temperate phage: two different strategies (example of an underlying bistable system)



# Genome of phage $\lambda$ (which infects *E. coli*)



**Cl: maintains lysogeny, represses all lytic genes**

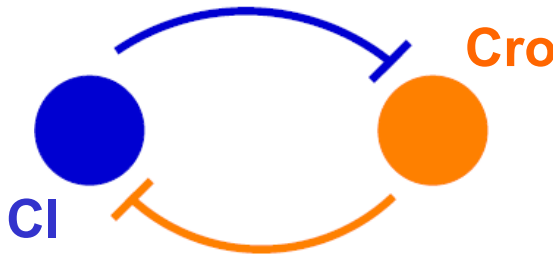
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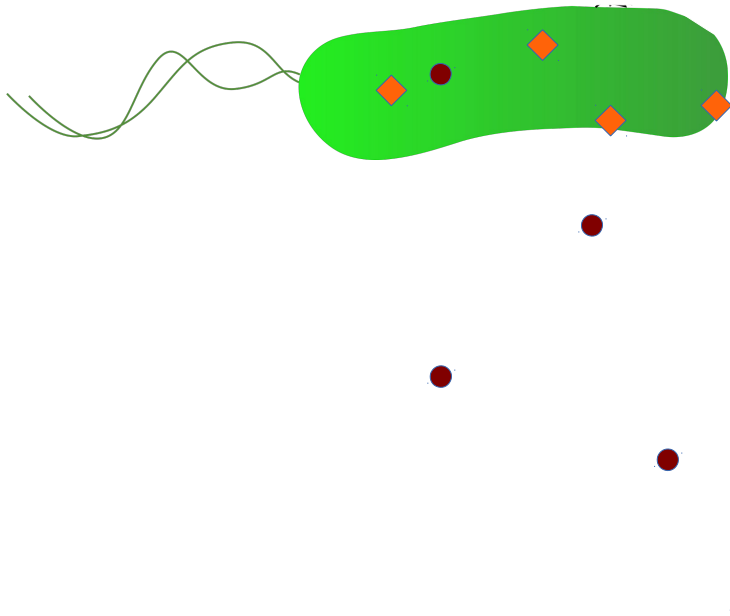
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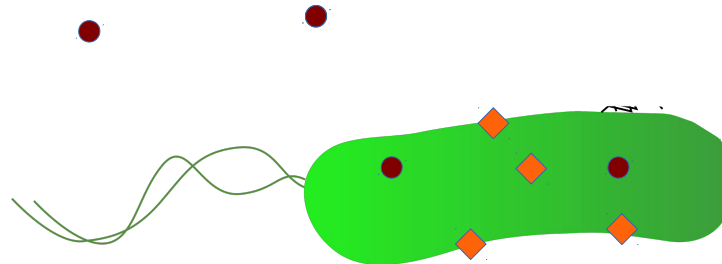
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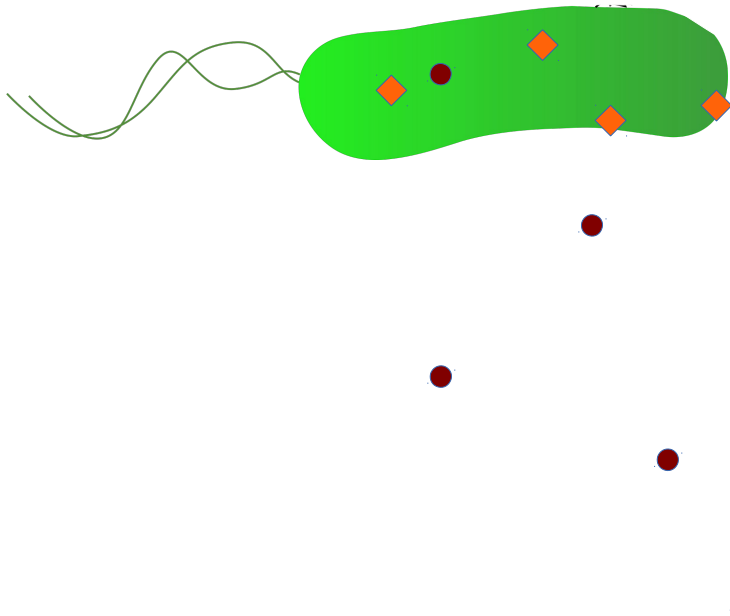
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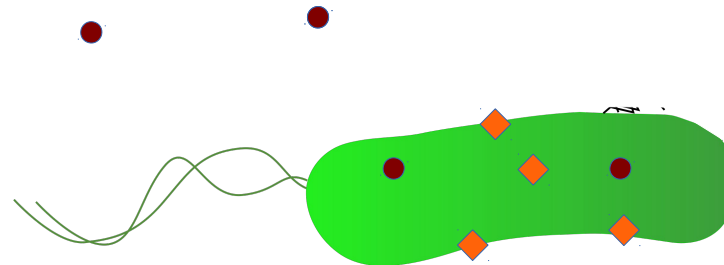
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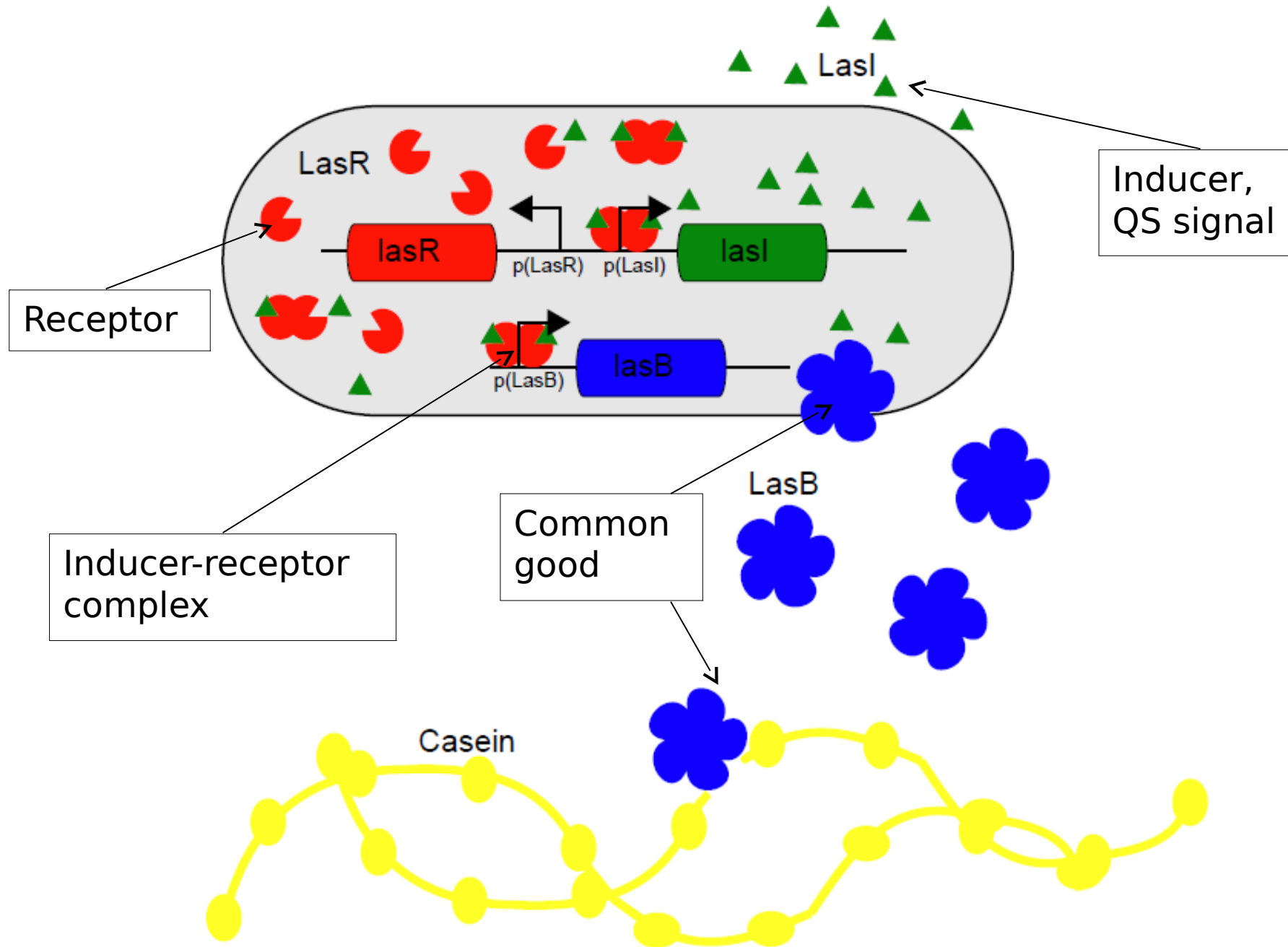
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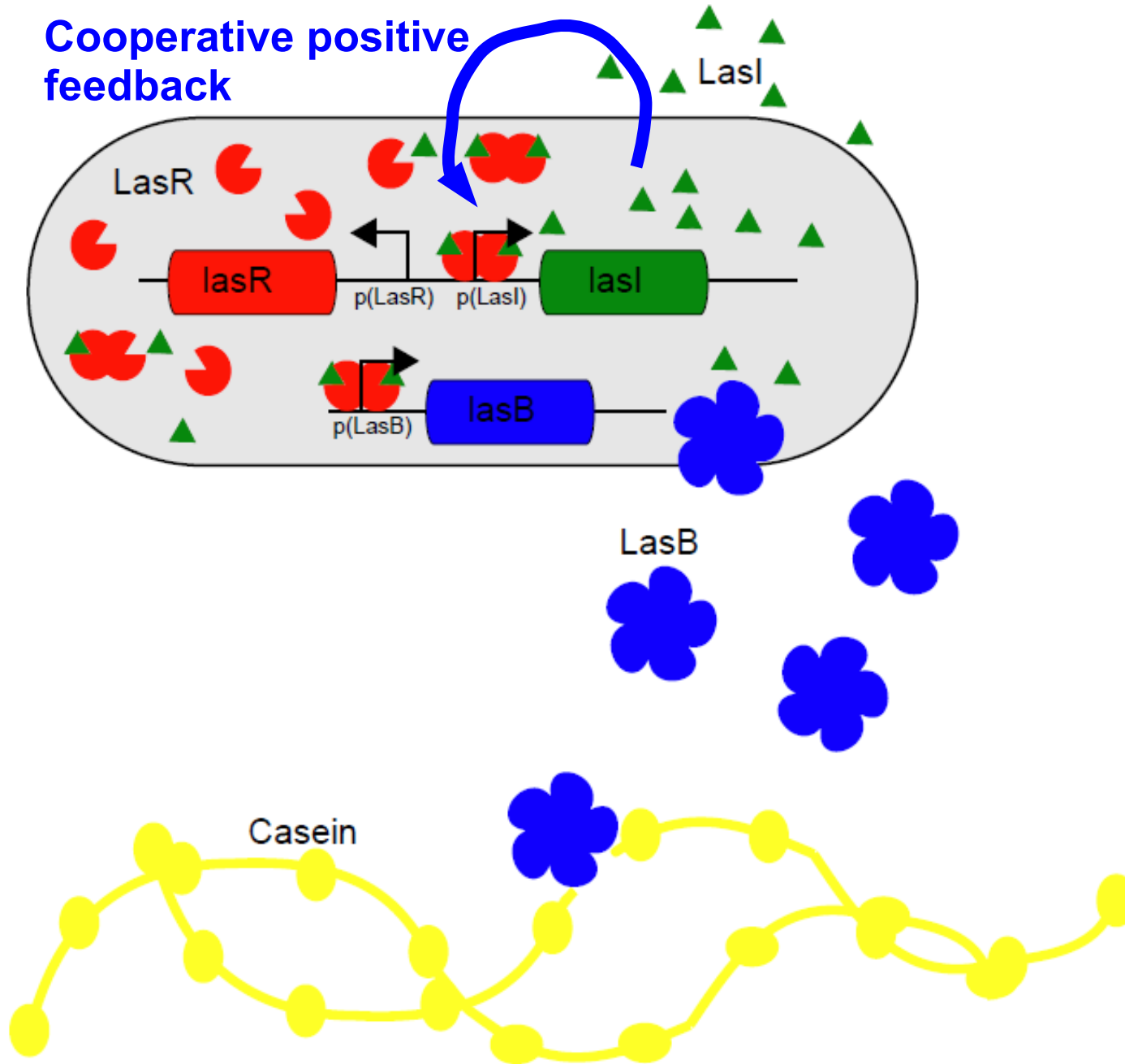
- **Is public good production regulated? (yes!)**
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# Negative Feedback

Homeostasis

Pulse-like dynamics

Oscillations

Reducing noise

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Fast turn-on (switch like behaviour)

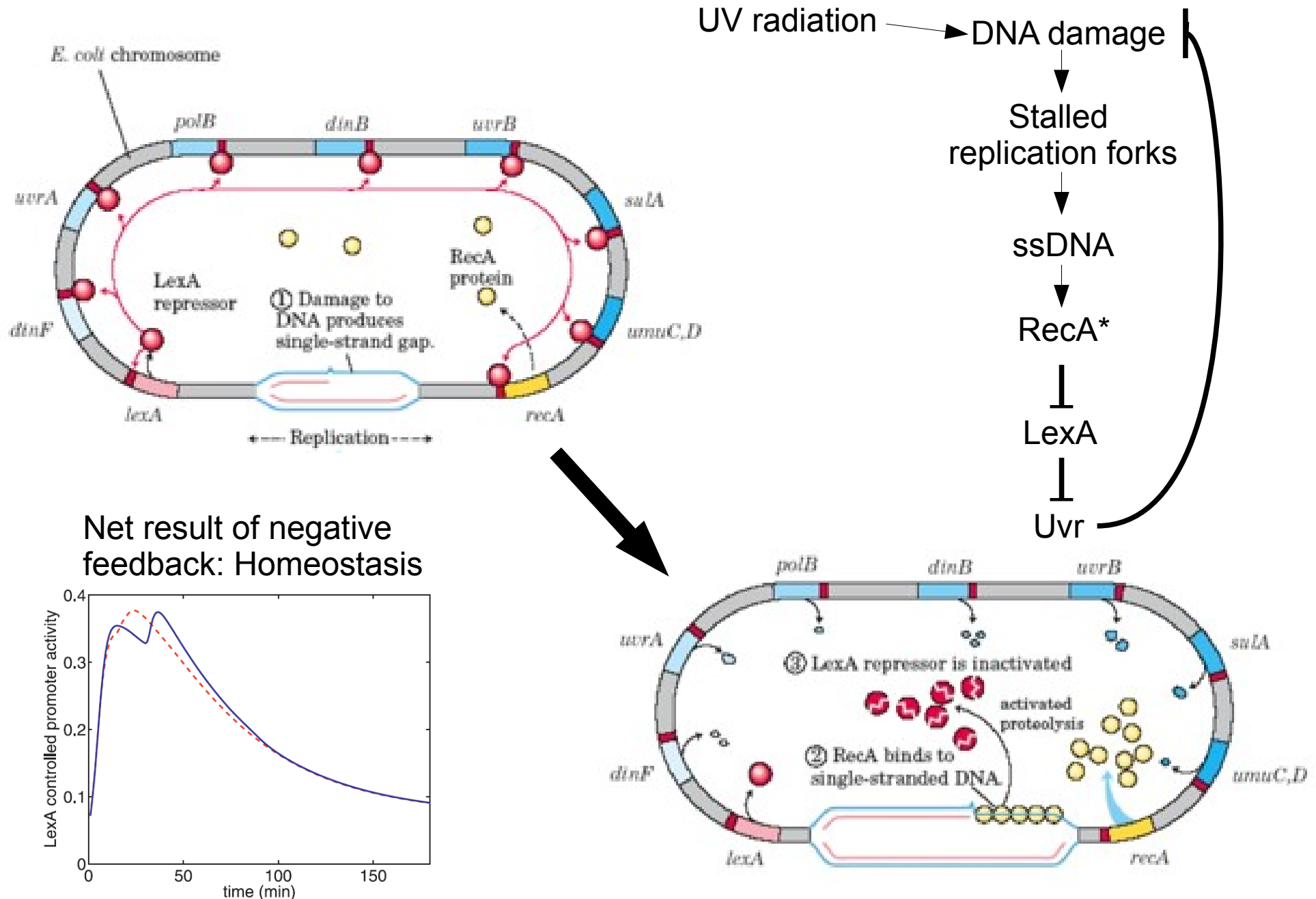
Multiple states (bi- or multi-stability)

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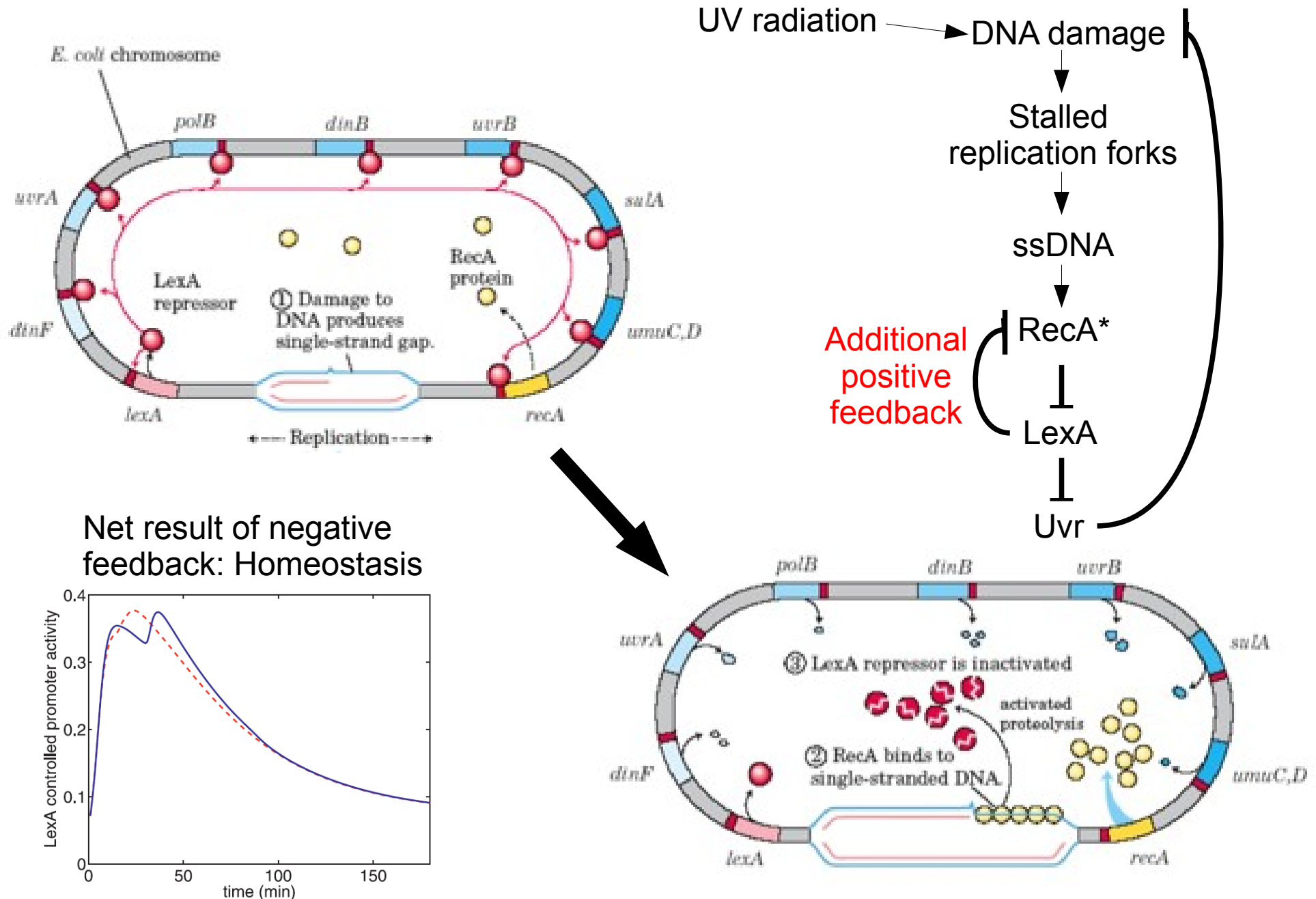
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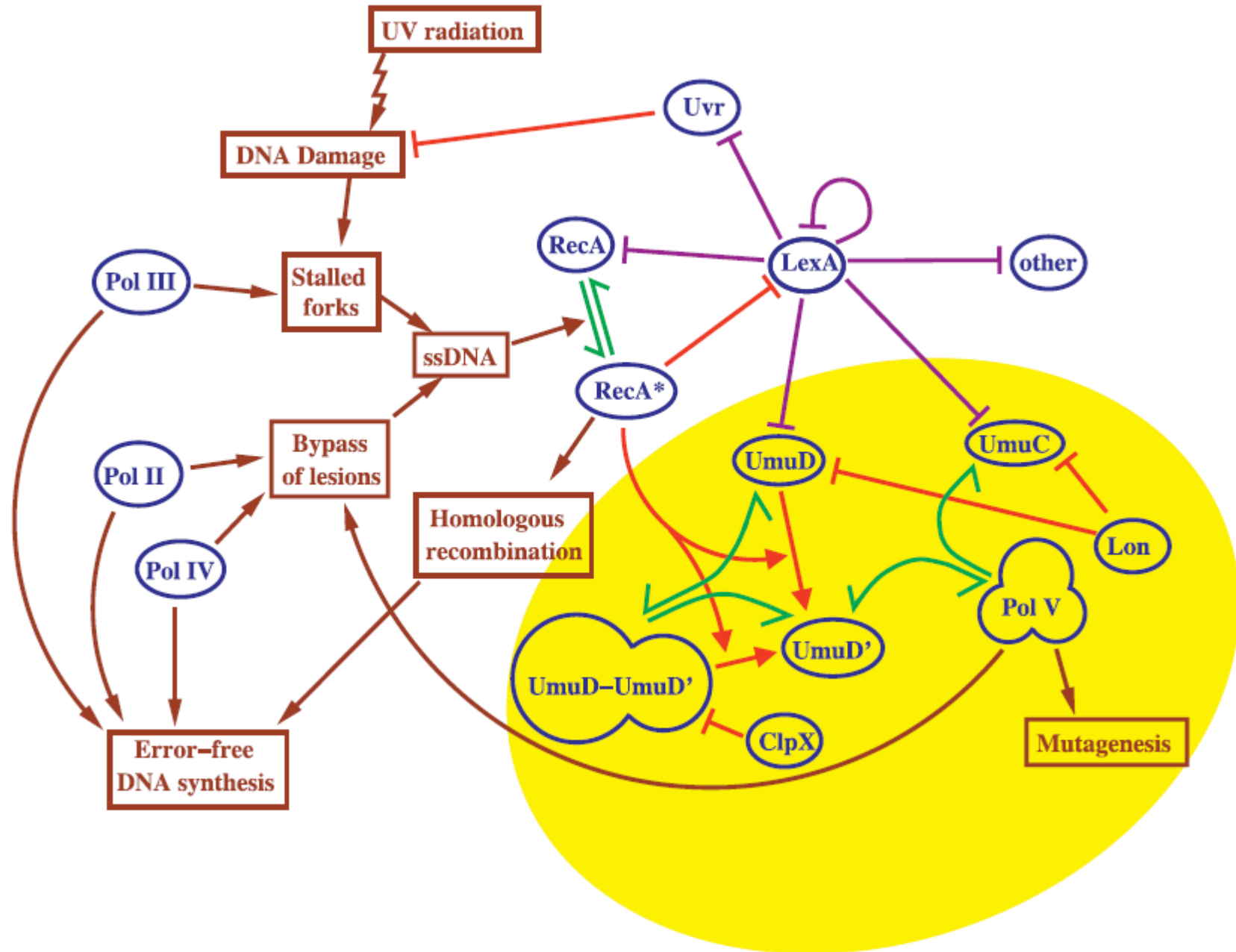




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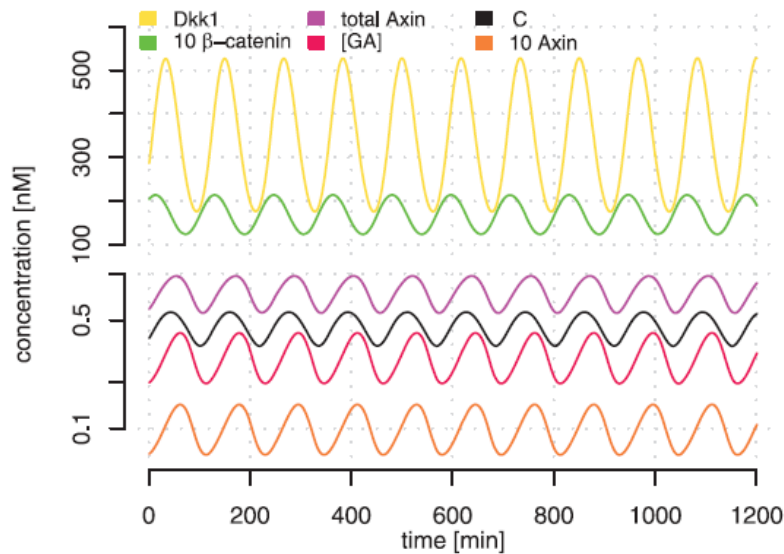
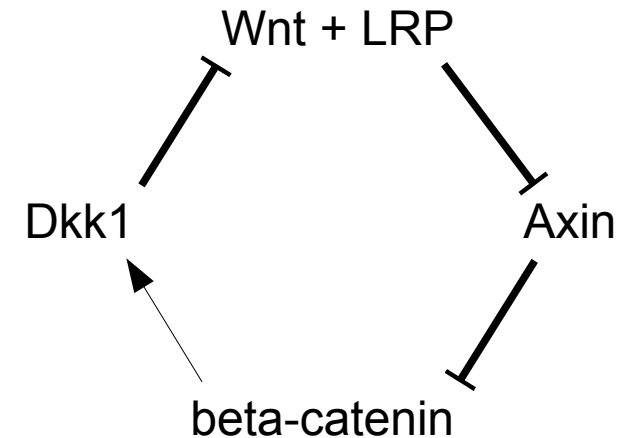
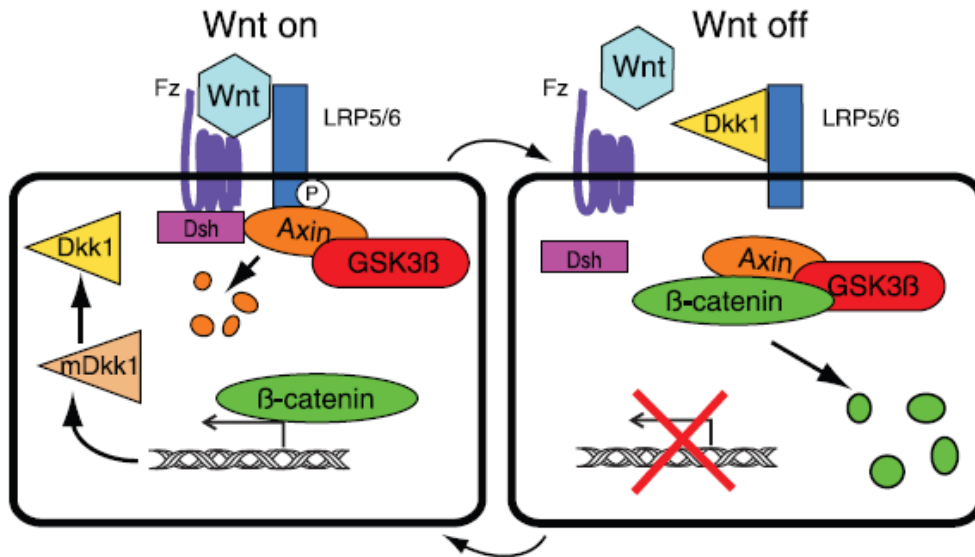


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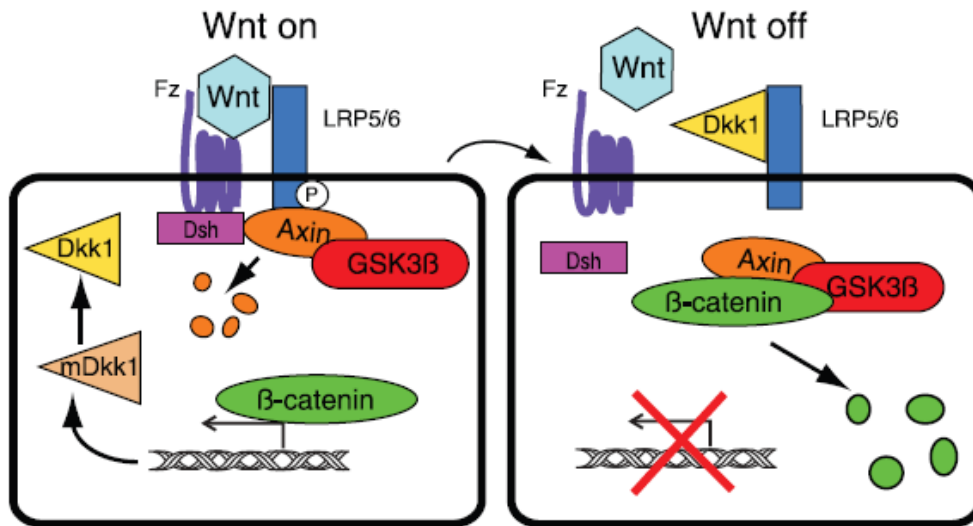
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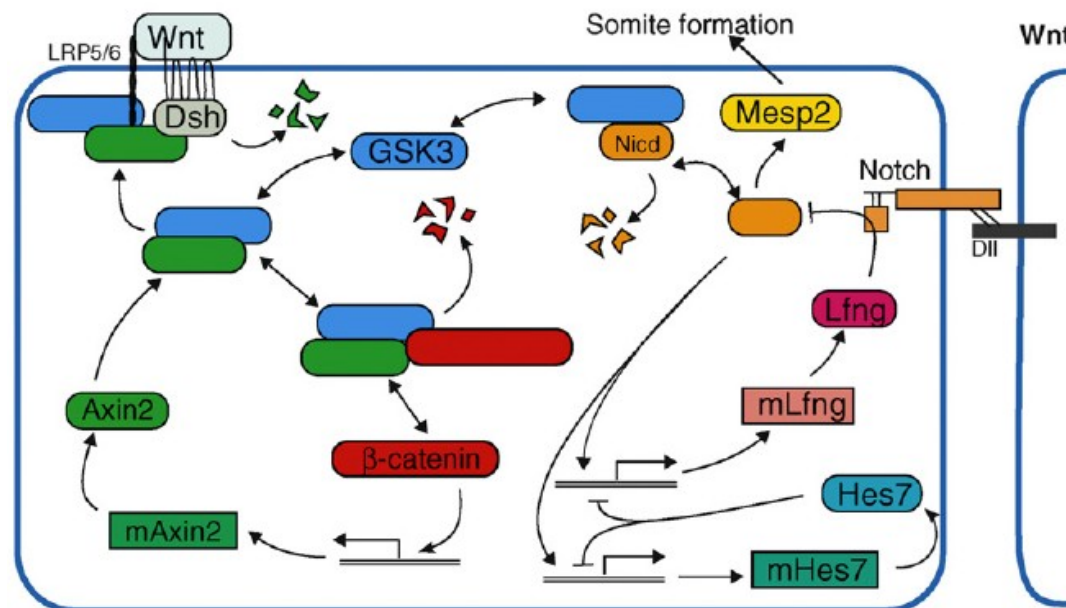
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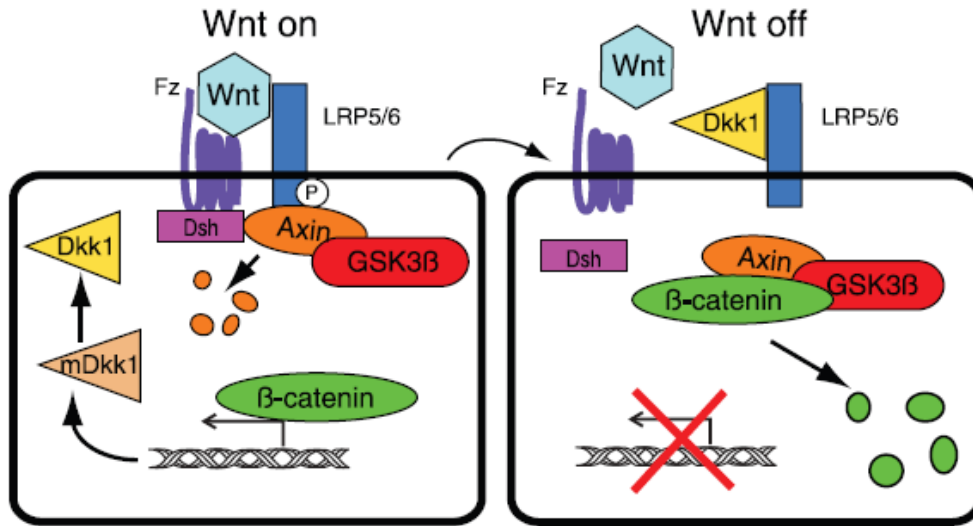
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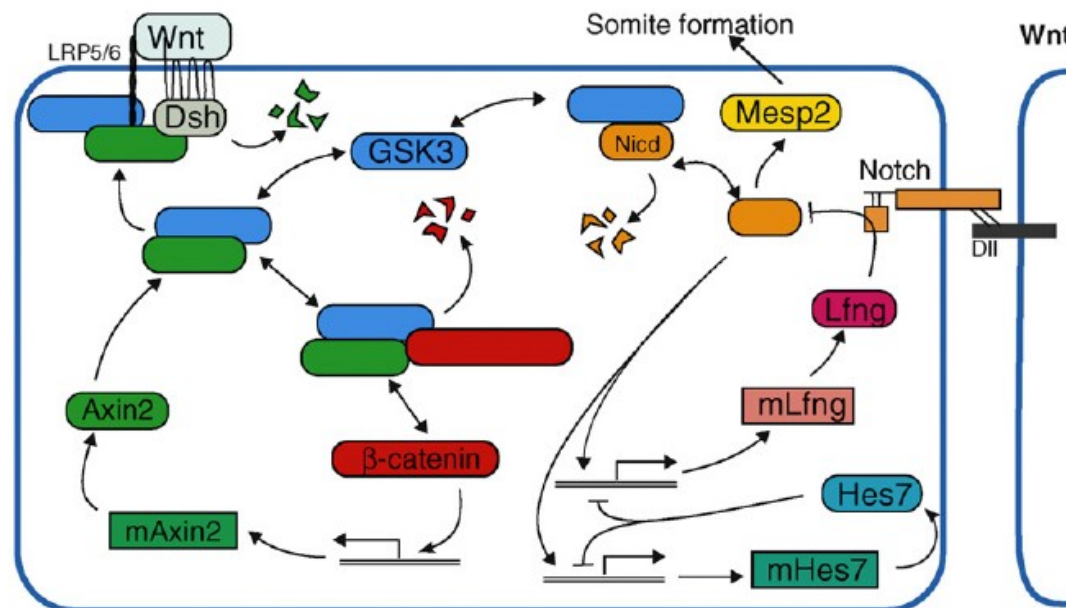
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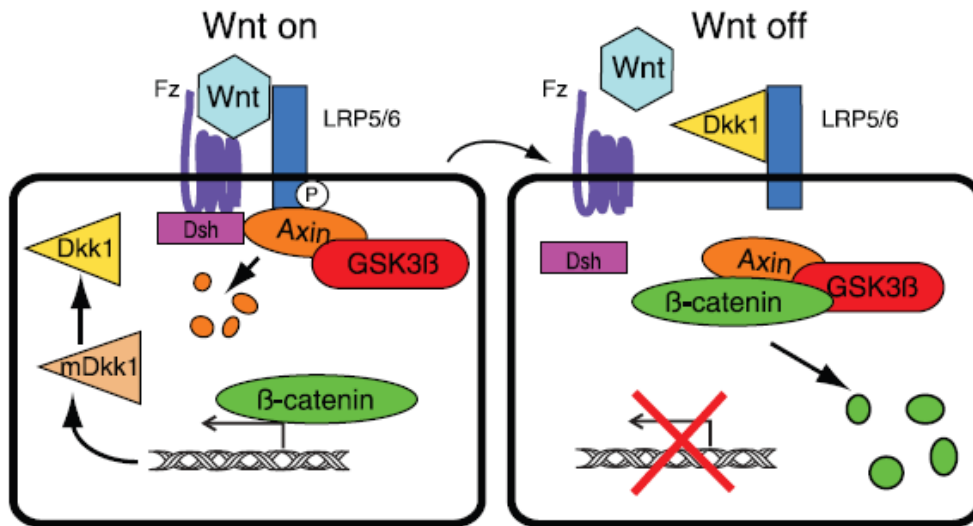


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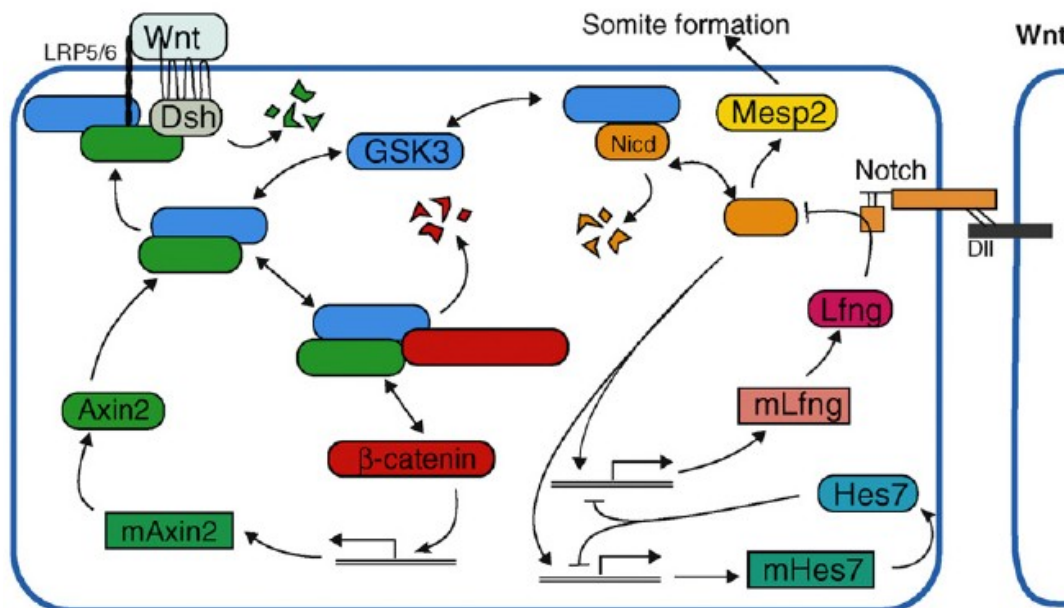
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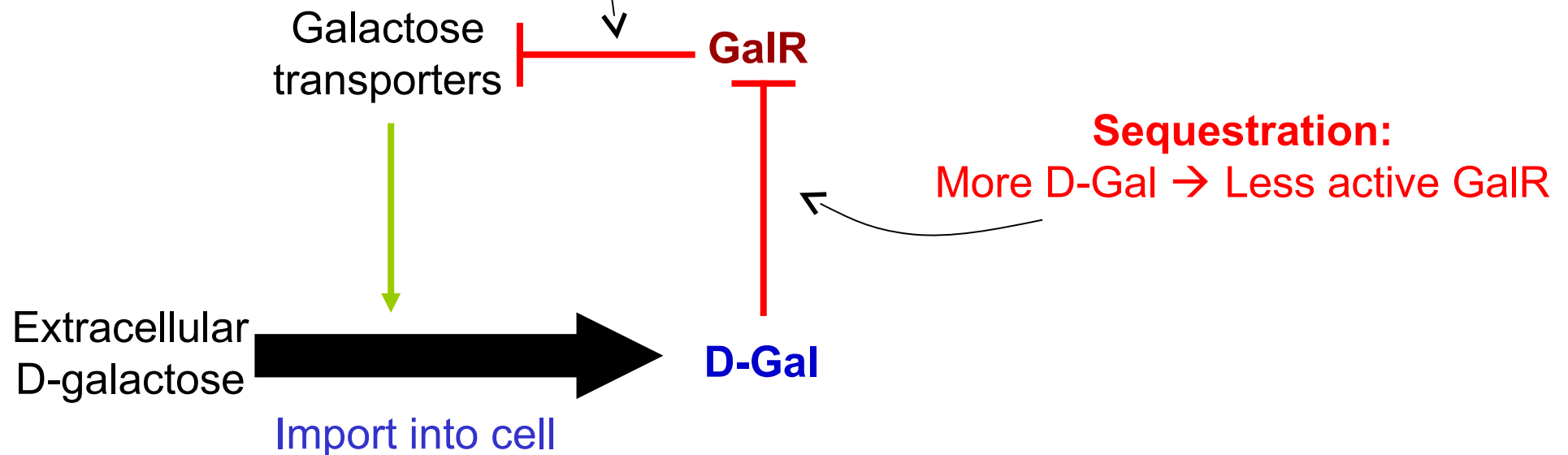
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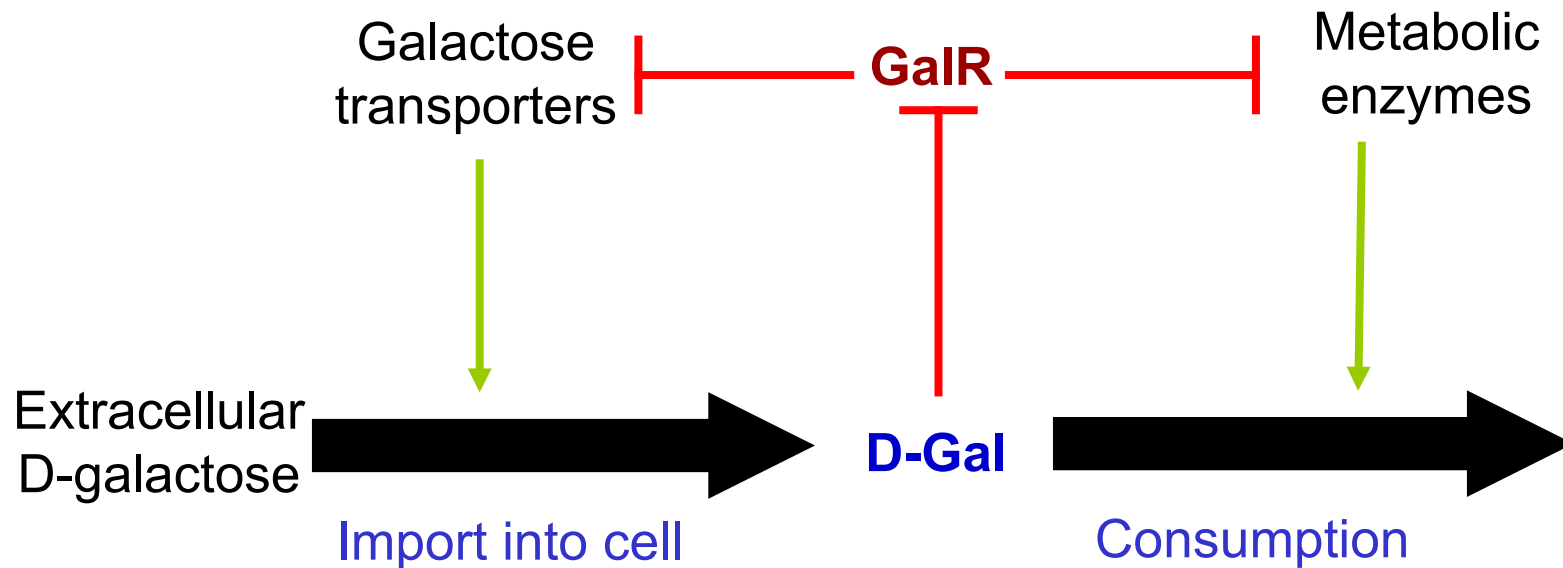
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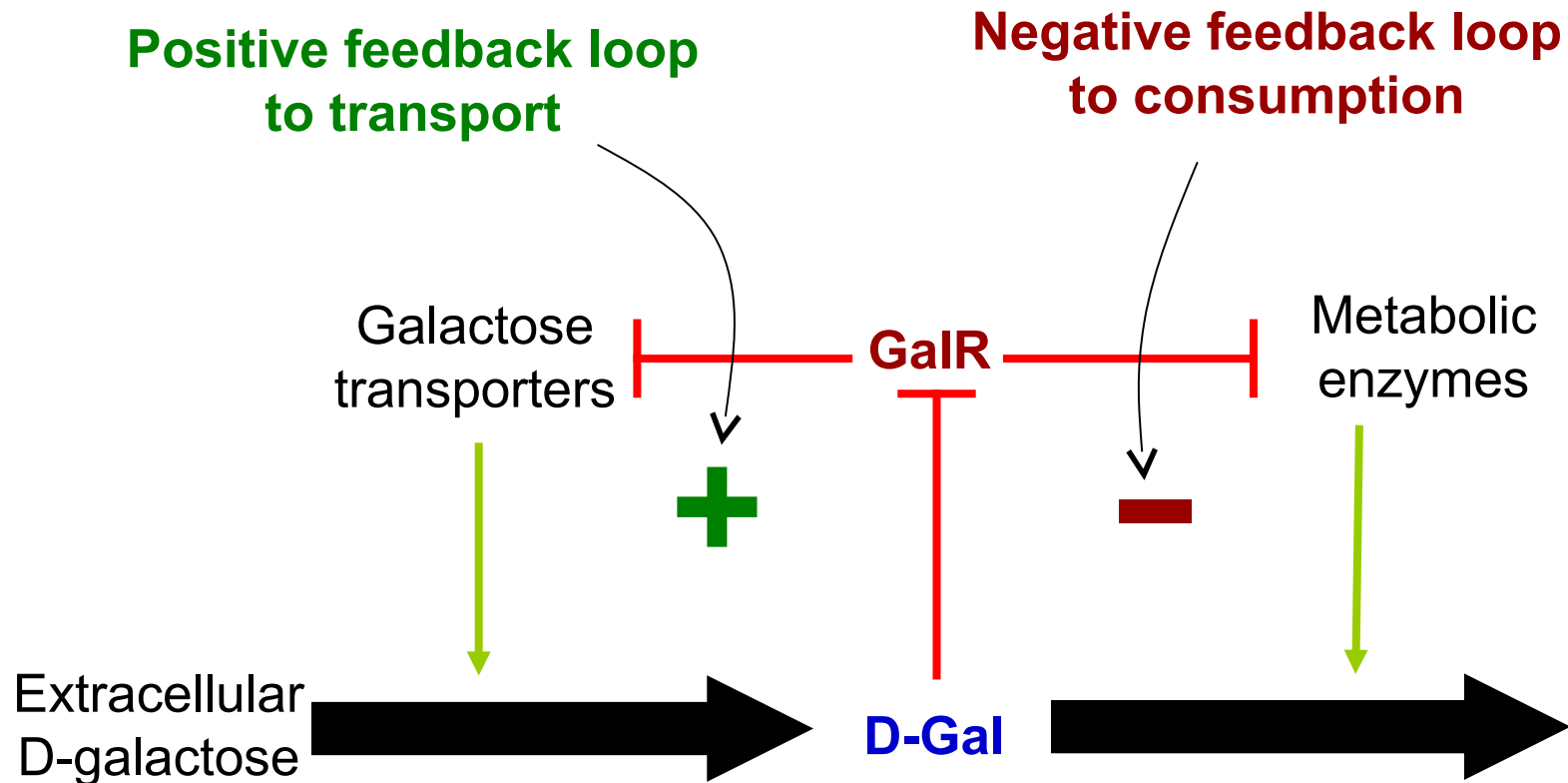


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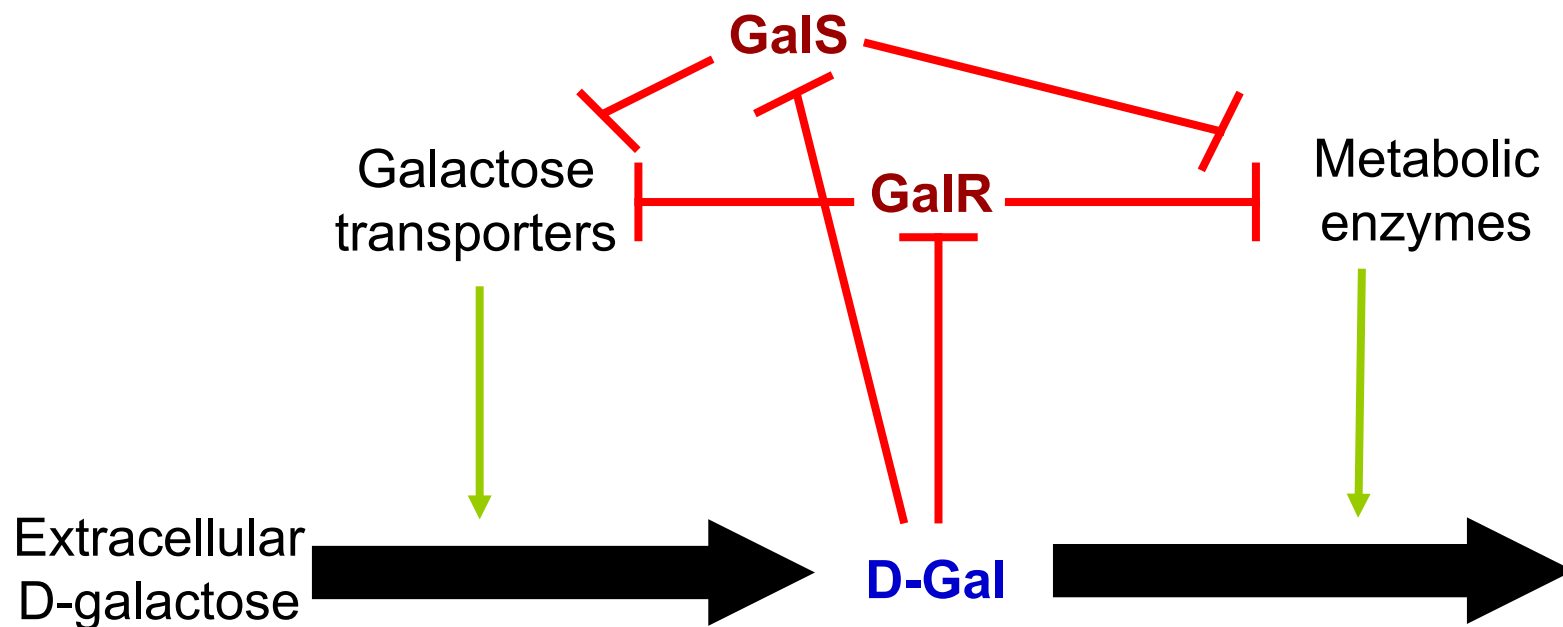


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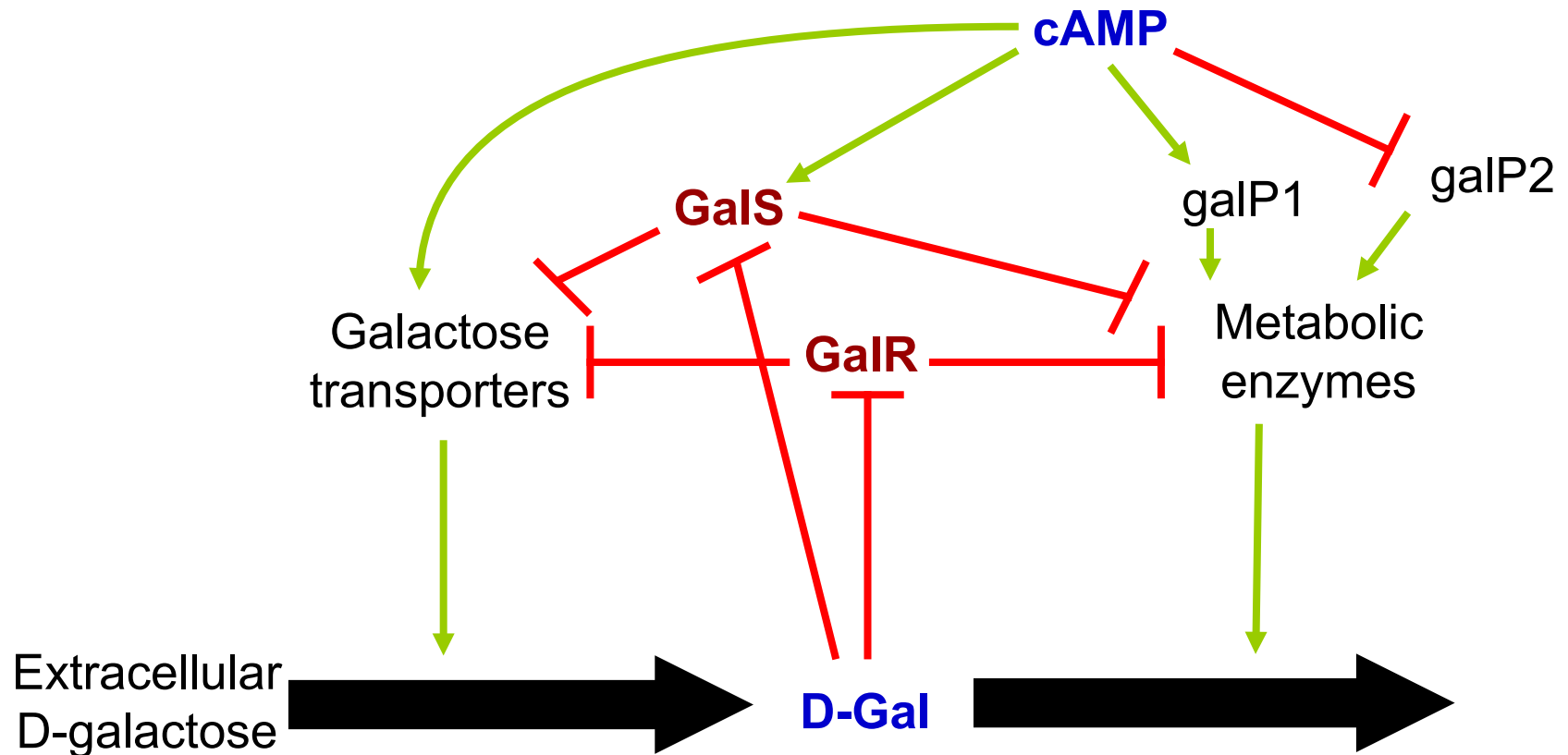
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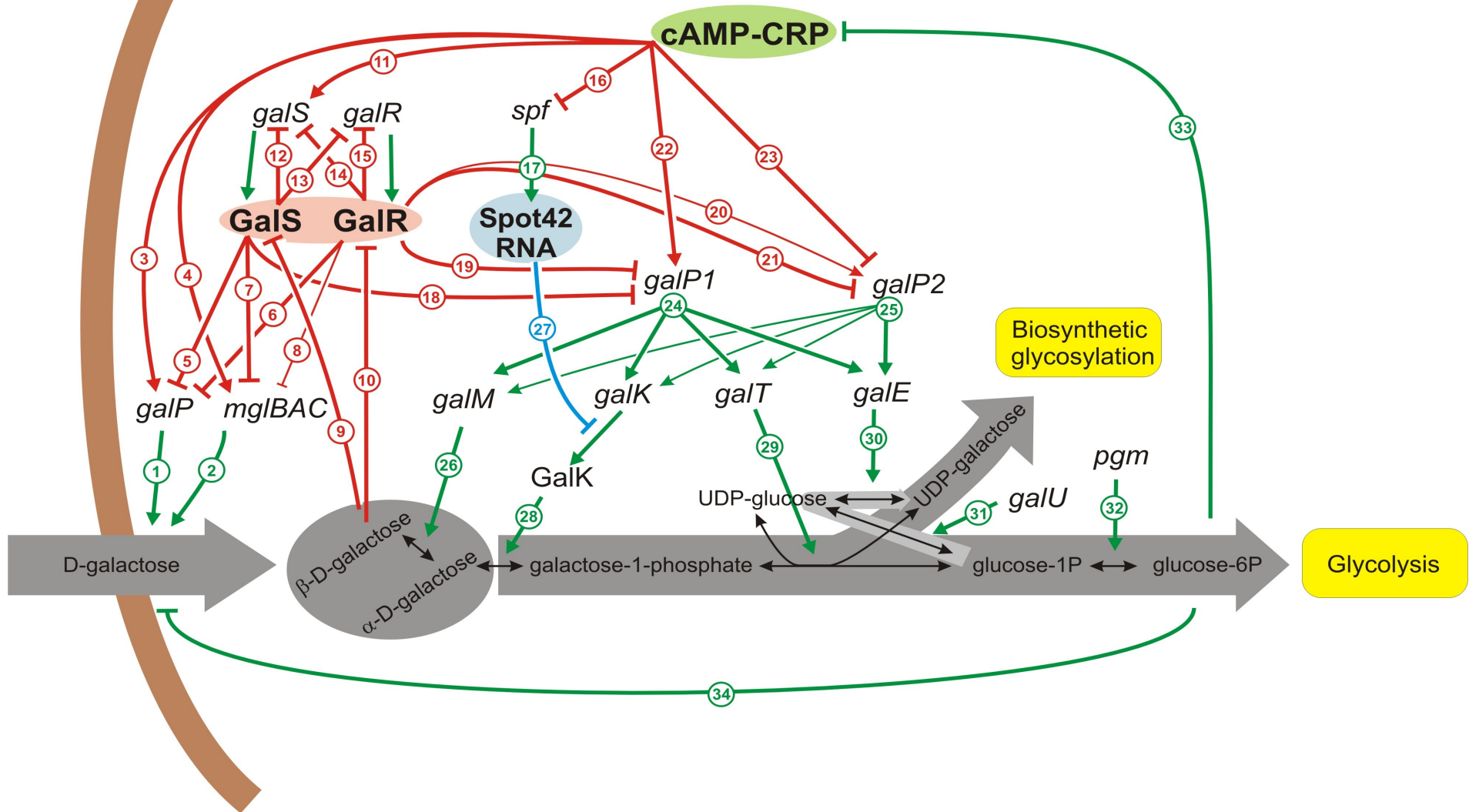
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## Two input signals: galactose, cyclic AMP

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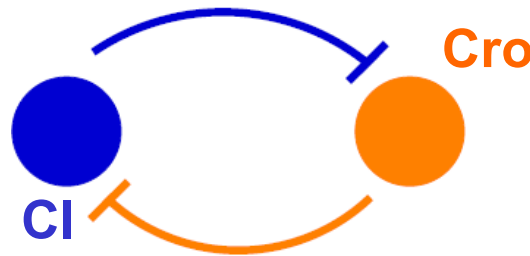


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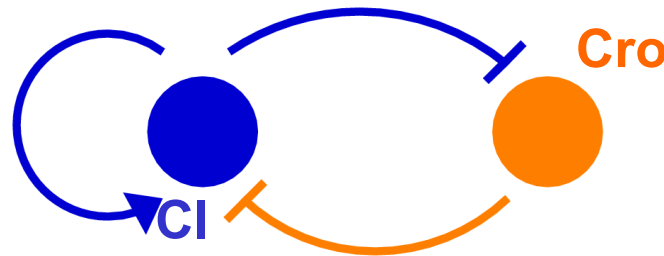


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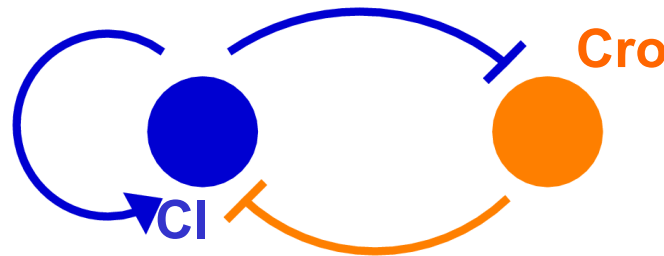


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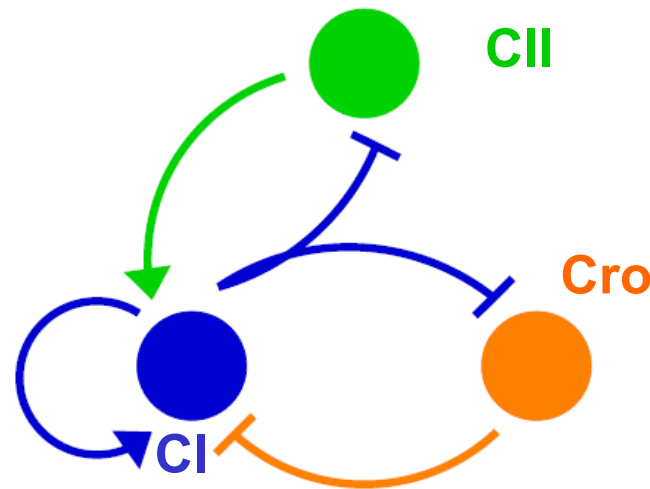


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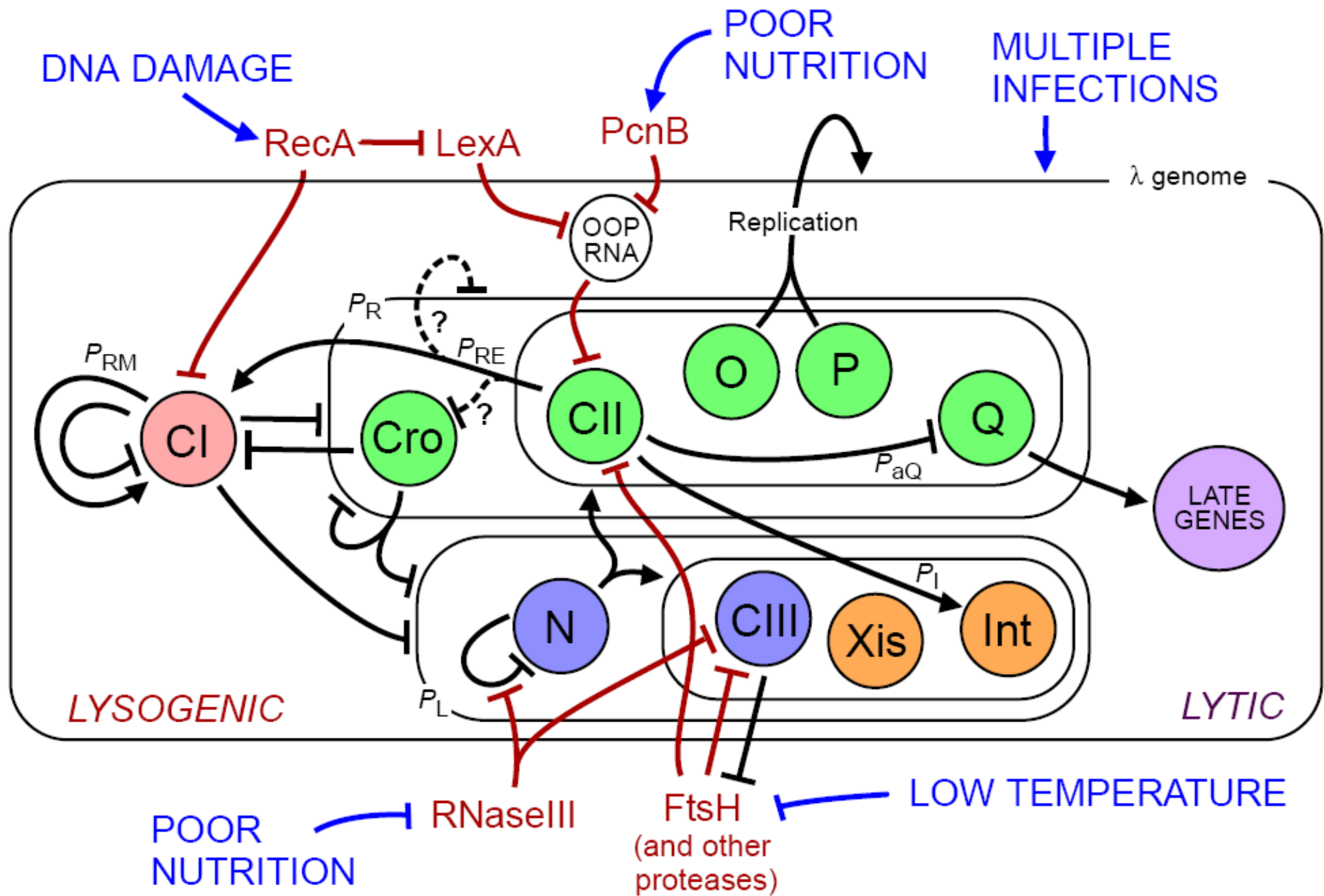
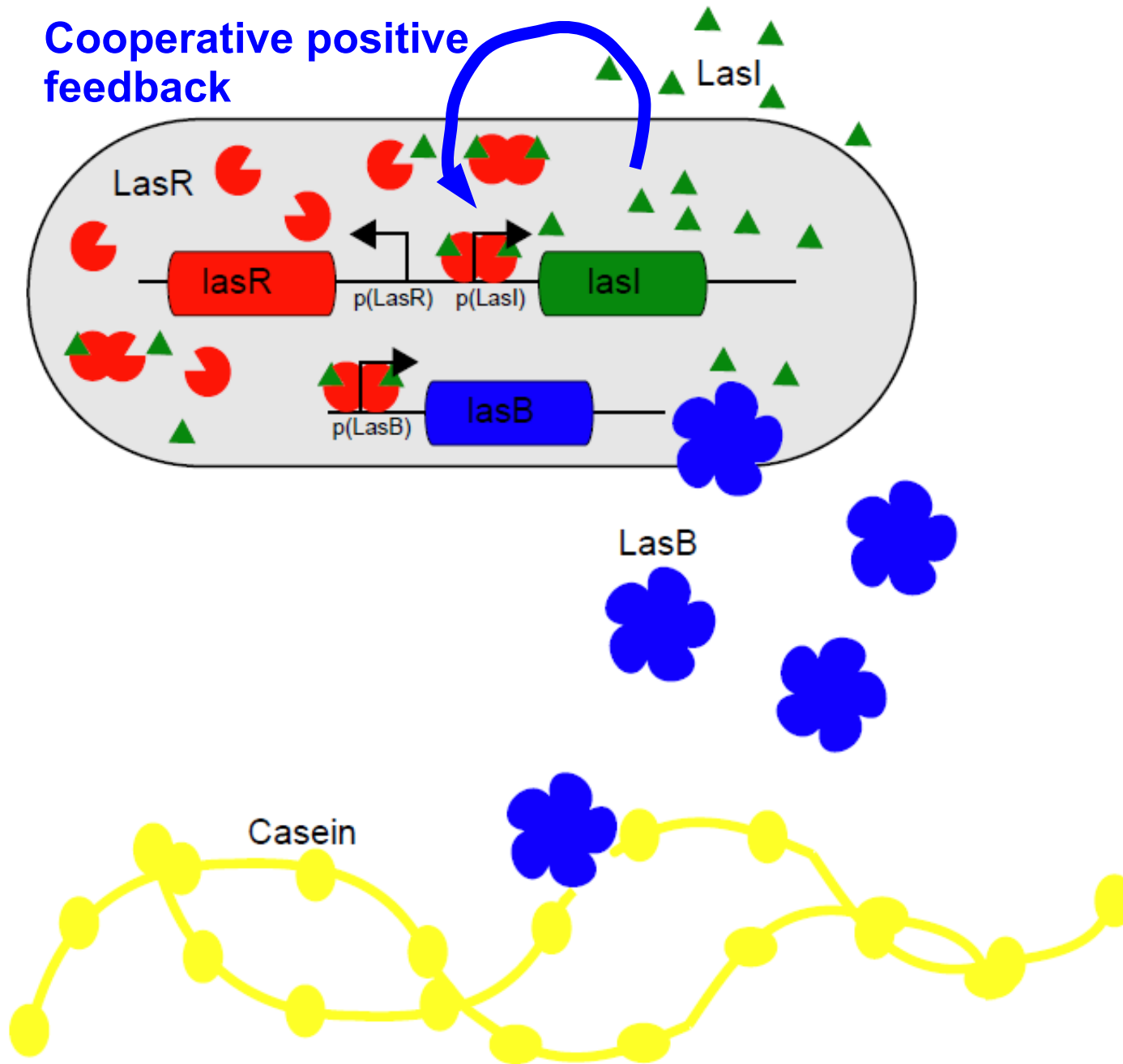


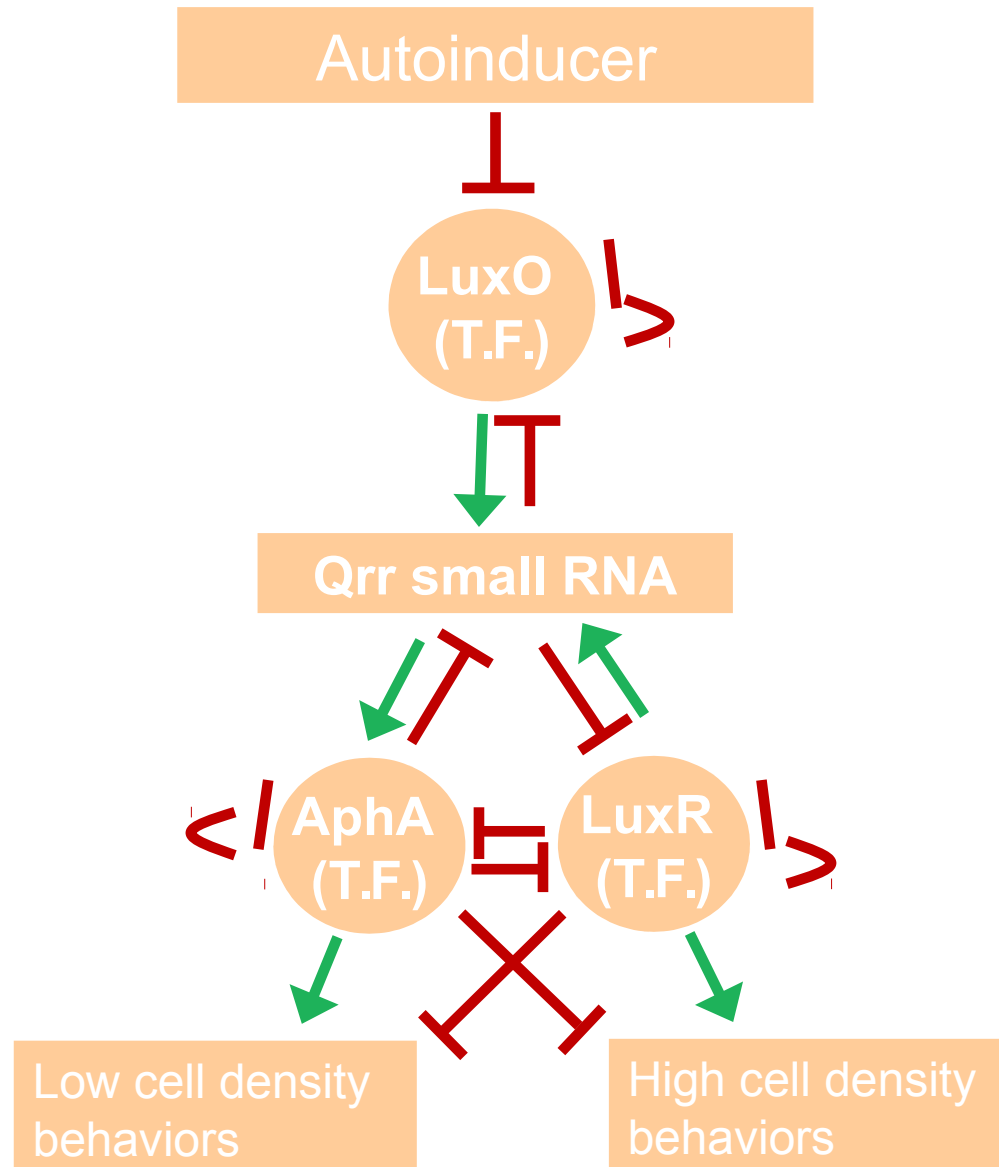
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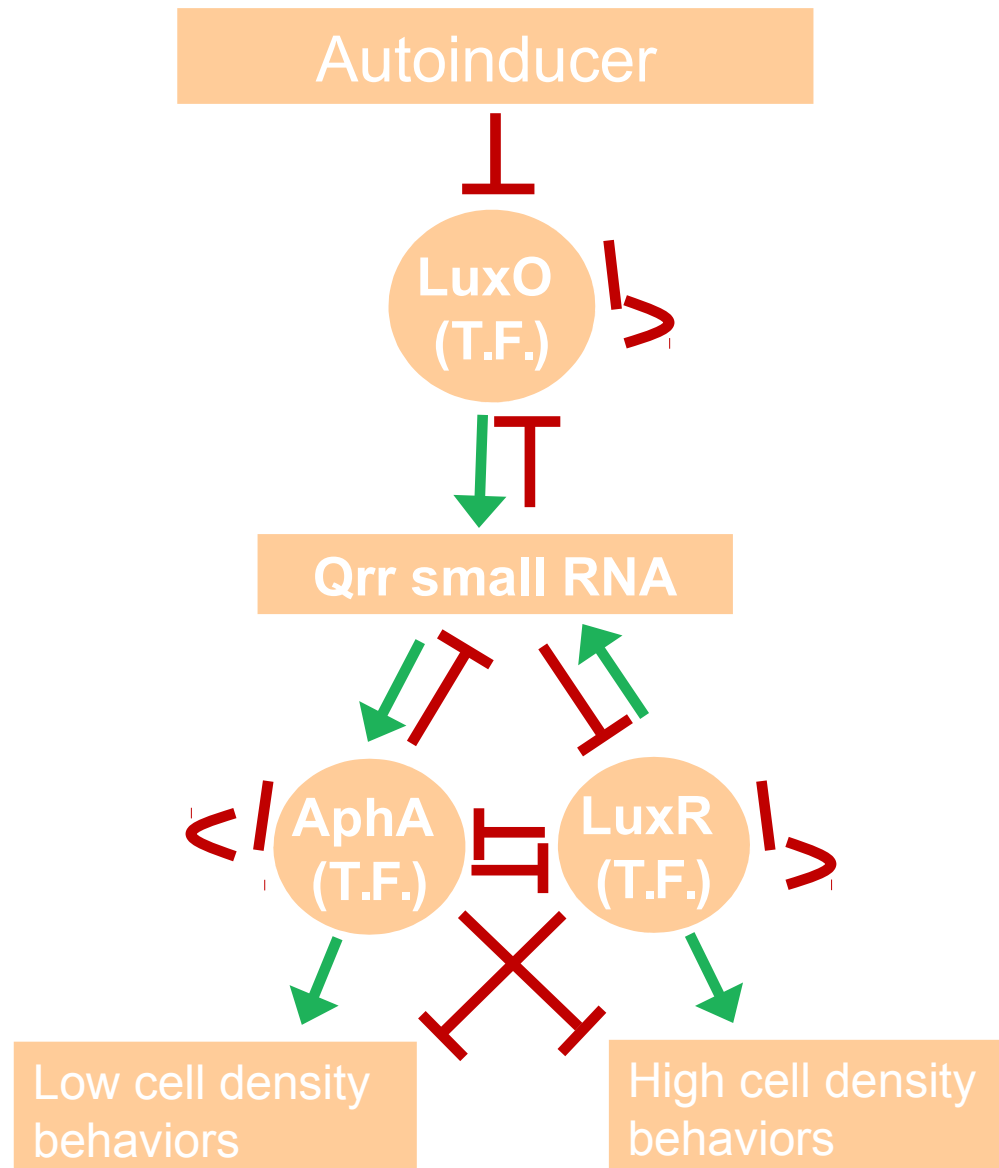
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