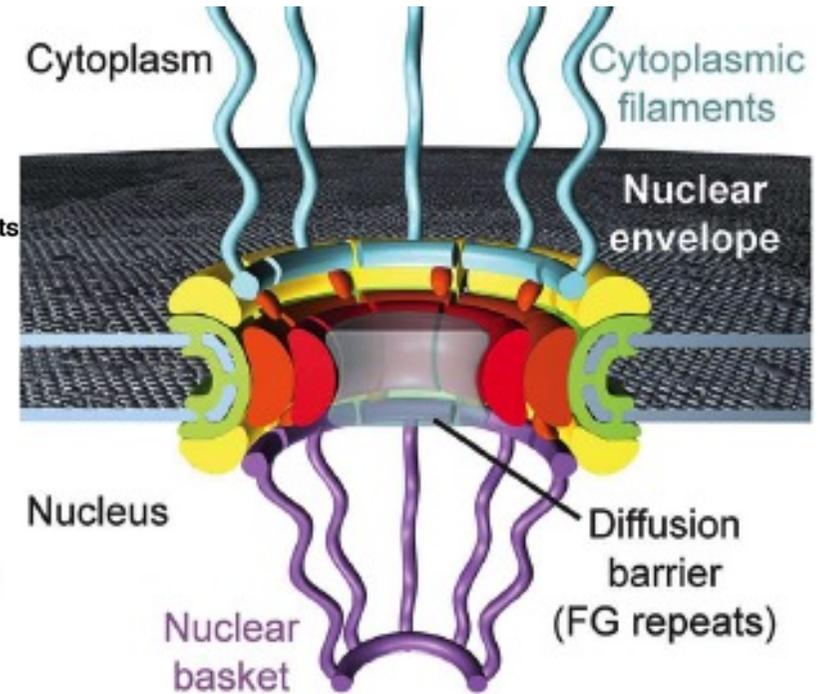
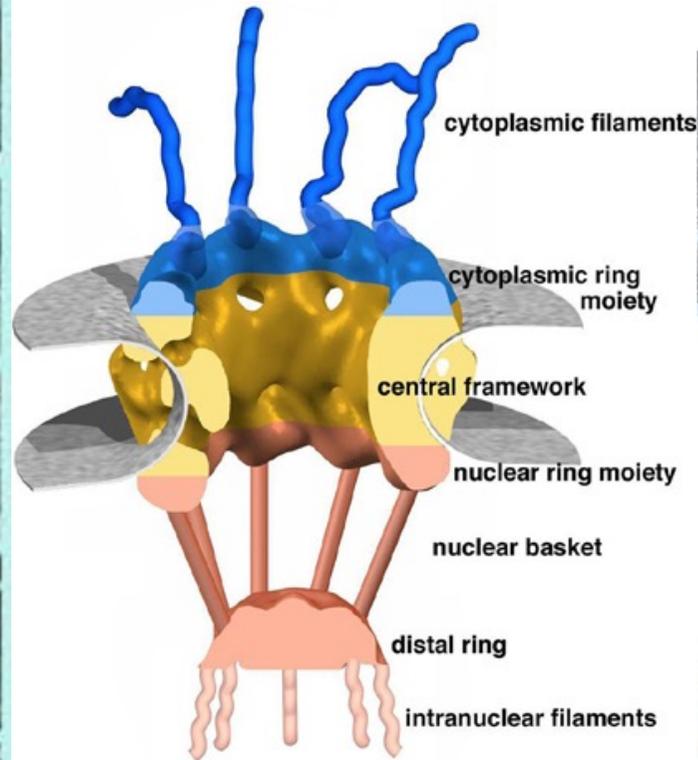
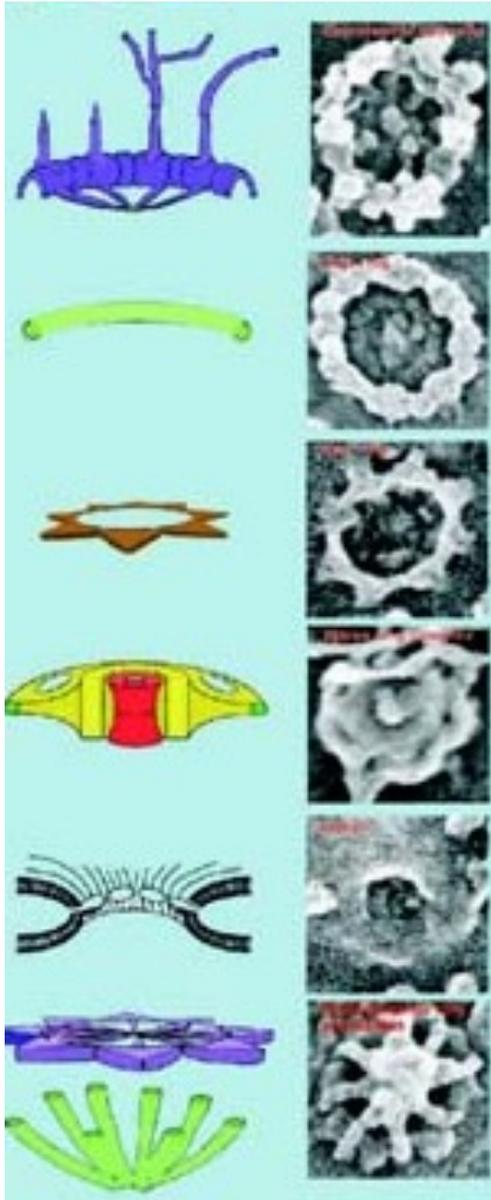




# NUCLEAR PORE (NP)



## Symmetric nups

- Coat nup complex
- Adaptor nups
- Channel nups
- POMs

## Asymmetric nups

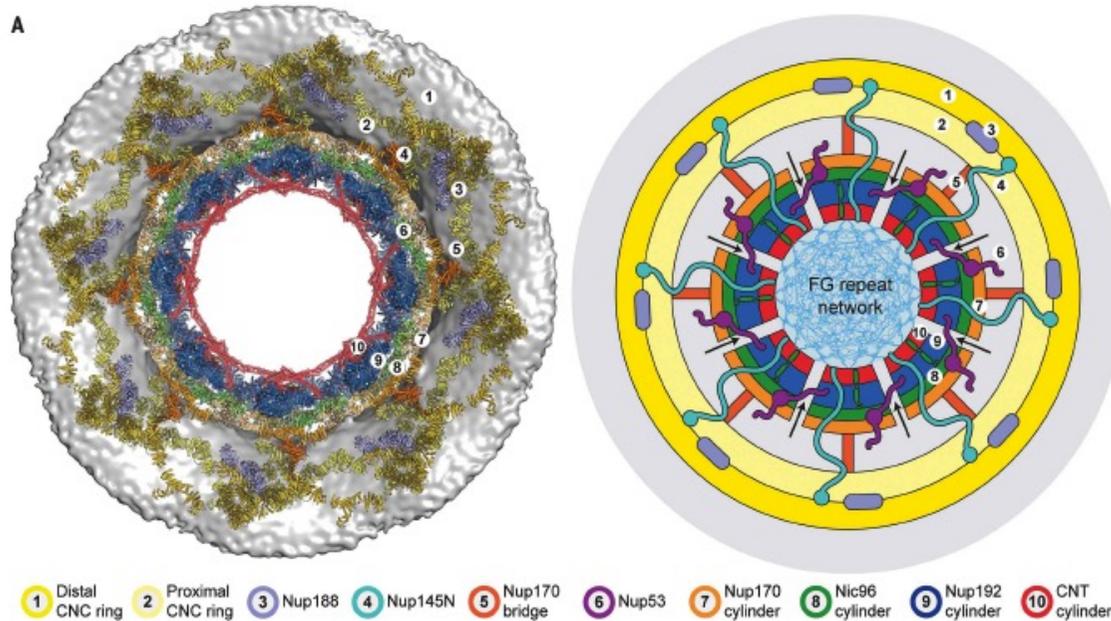
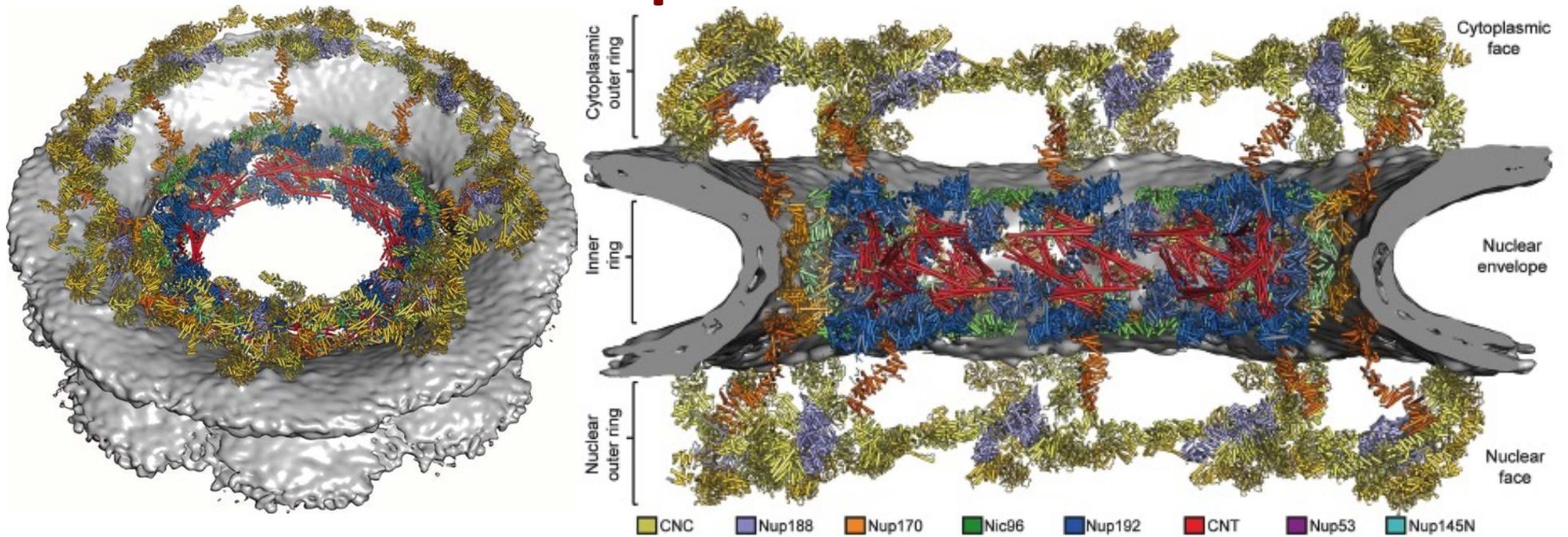
- Cytoplasmic filament nups
- Nuclear basket nups

NUPs – nucleoporins

POM – pore membrane proteins

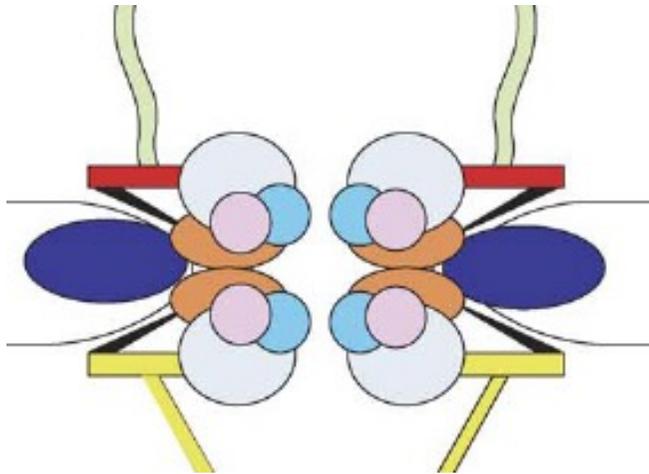
FG – nucleoporins with Phe-Gly-rich repeats

# Nuclear pore architecture

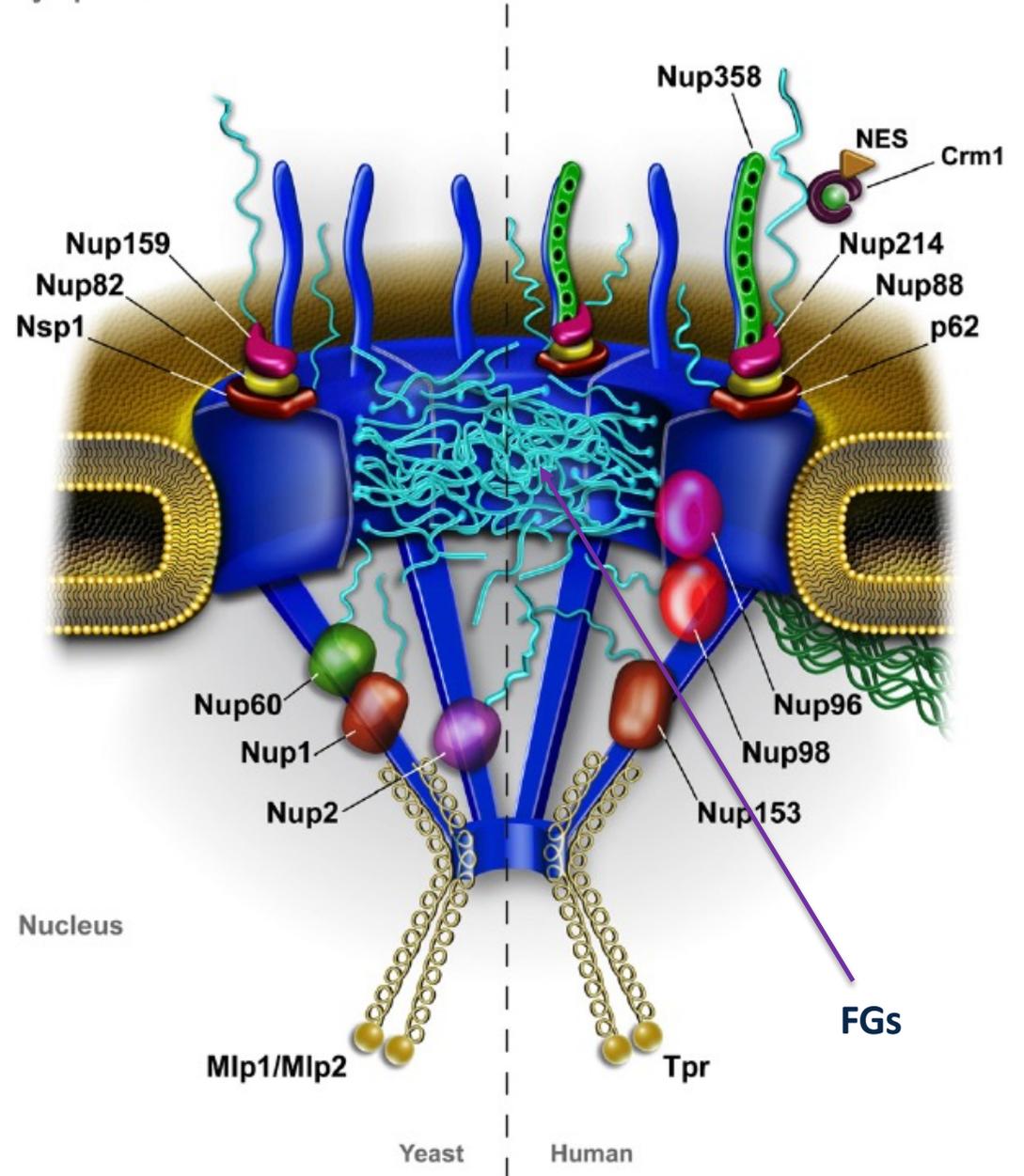


Lin et al, Science 2016;  
Kosinski et al, Science 2016

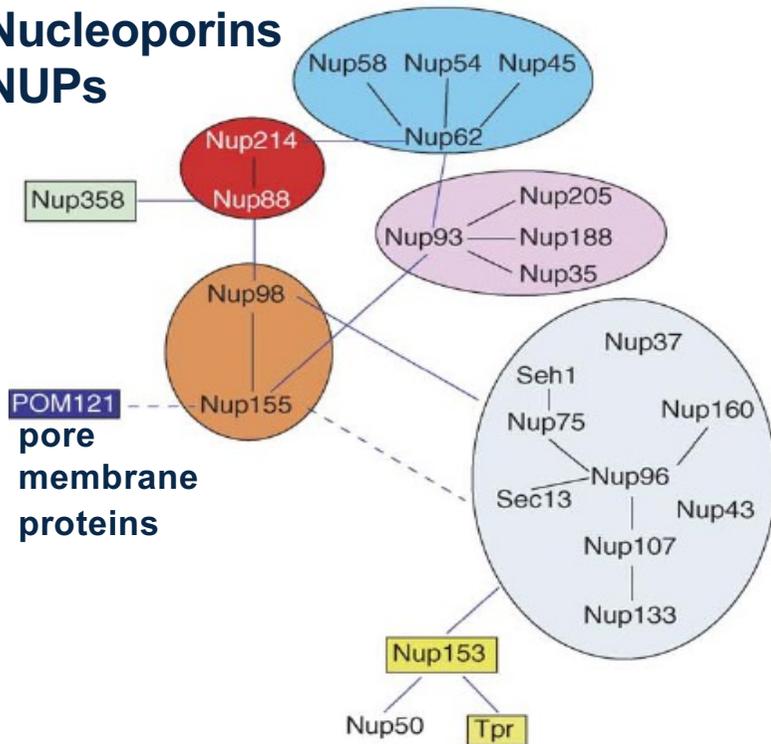
# Nuclear pore complex (NPC)



Cytoplasm



nuclear pore proteins  
Nucleoporins  
NUPs



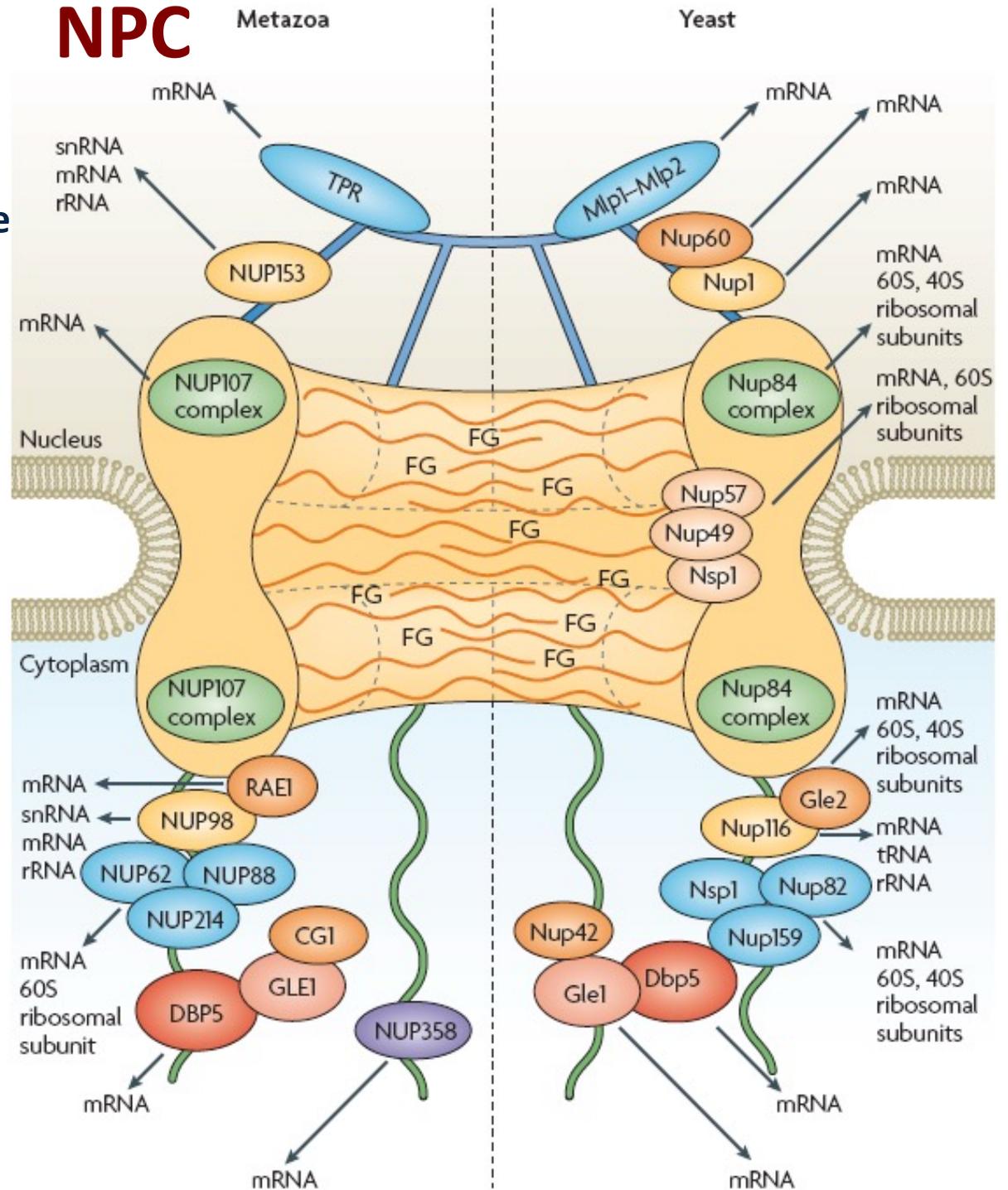
- large complex embedded in the nuclear envelope
  - ~125 nm diameter,
  - 125/60 MDa in metazoa/yeast
  - 8-fold symmetrical core structure
  - ~30 nucleoporins
- (8, 16 or even 32 copies per NPC)
- FG** nucleoporins contain Phe-Gly-rich repeats

### Nucleoporins

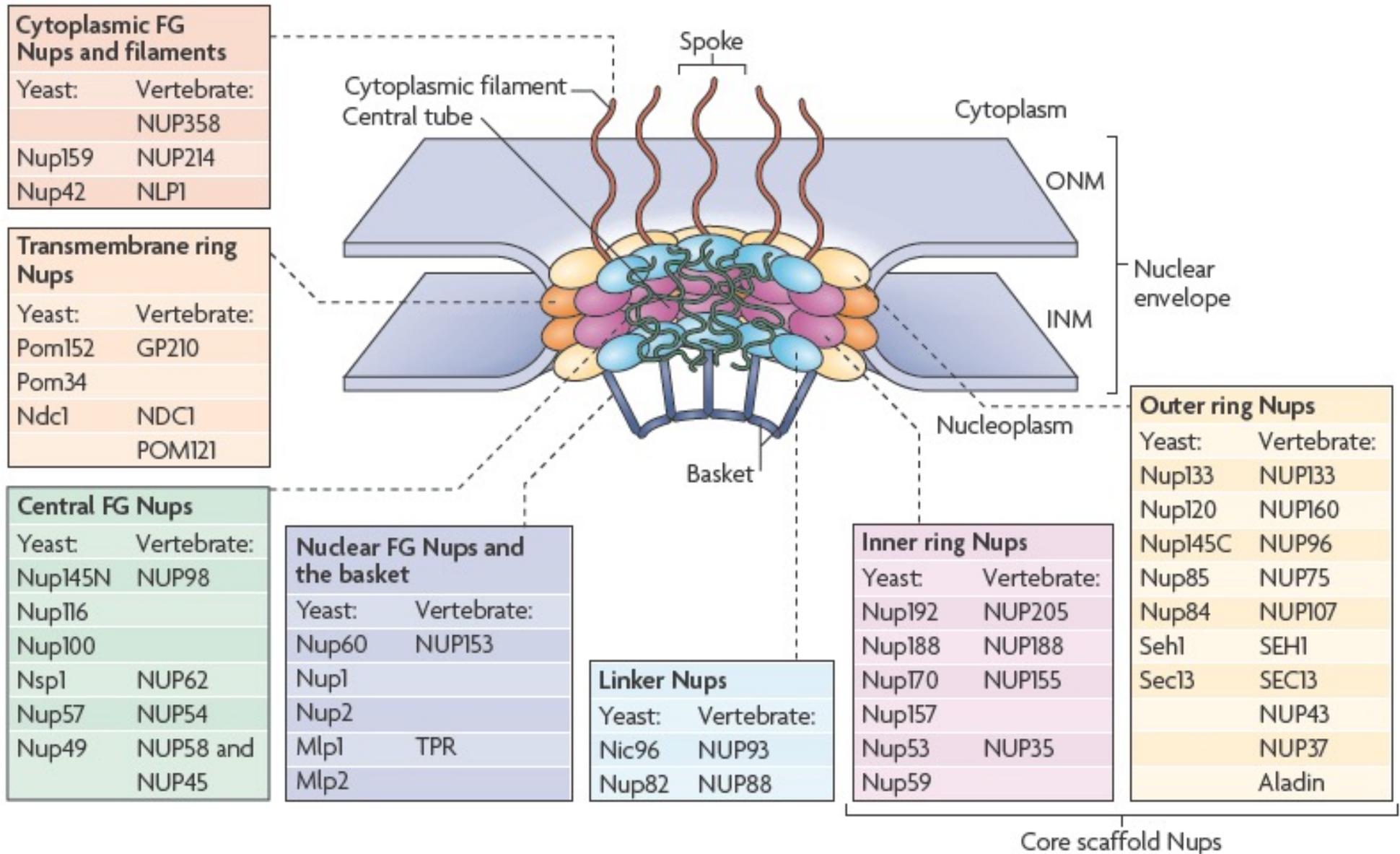
*POMs non-FG nups FG nups*

	<i>POMs</i>	<i>non-FG nups</i>	<i>FG nups</i>
Cytoplasmic fibrils		Nup82	Nup159 Nup42
Central framework & transport conduit	Pom34 Pom152 Ndc1	Nup157 Nup170 Nup188 Nup192 Nup84 Nup85 Nup120 Nup133 cNup145 Sec13 Seh1 Cdc31 Nic96 Gle1 Gle2	Nup49 Nup57 Nsp1 Nup100 nNup145 Nup116 Nup53 Nup59
Nuclear basket			Nup60 Nup1 Nup2

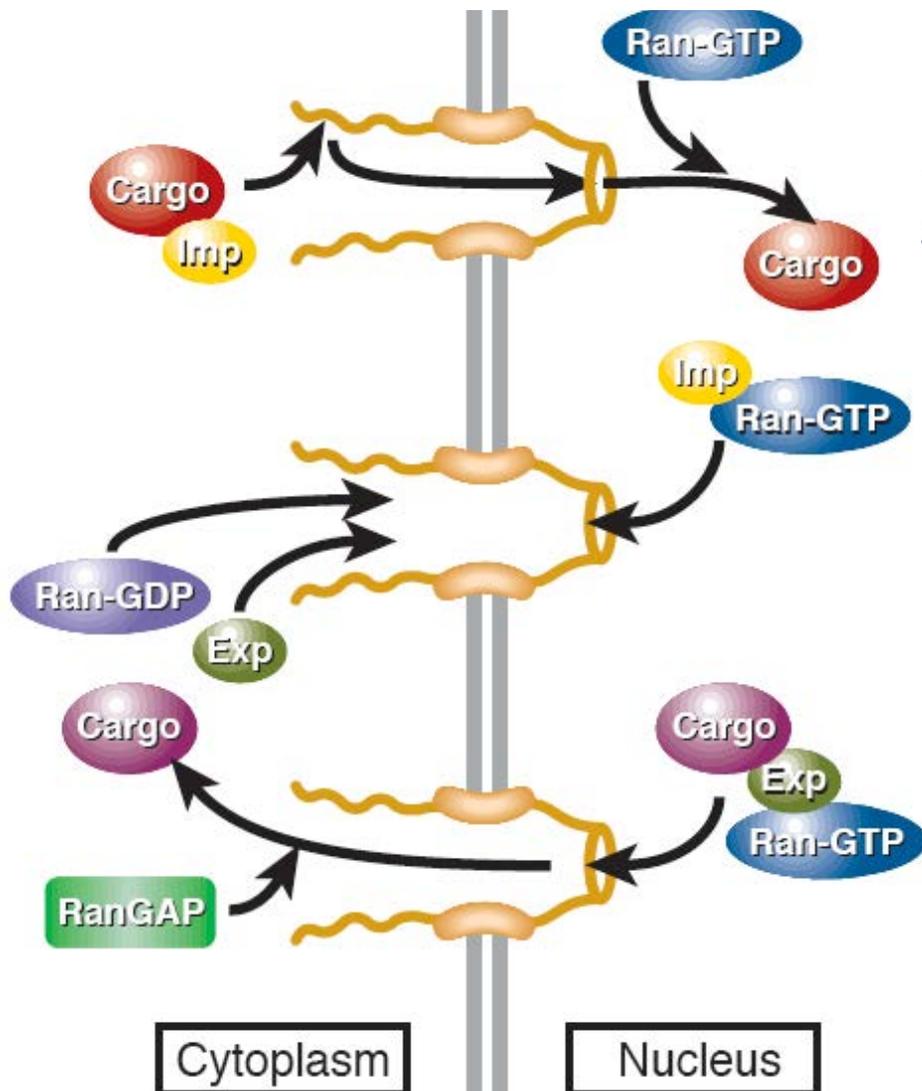
## NPC



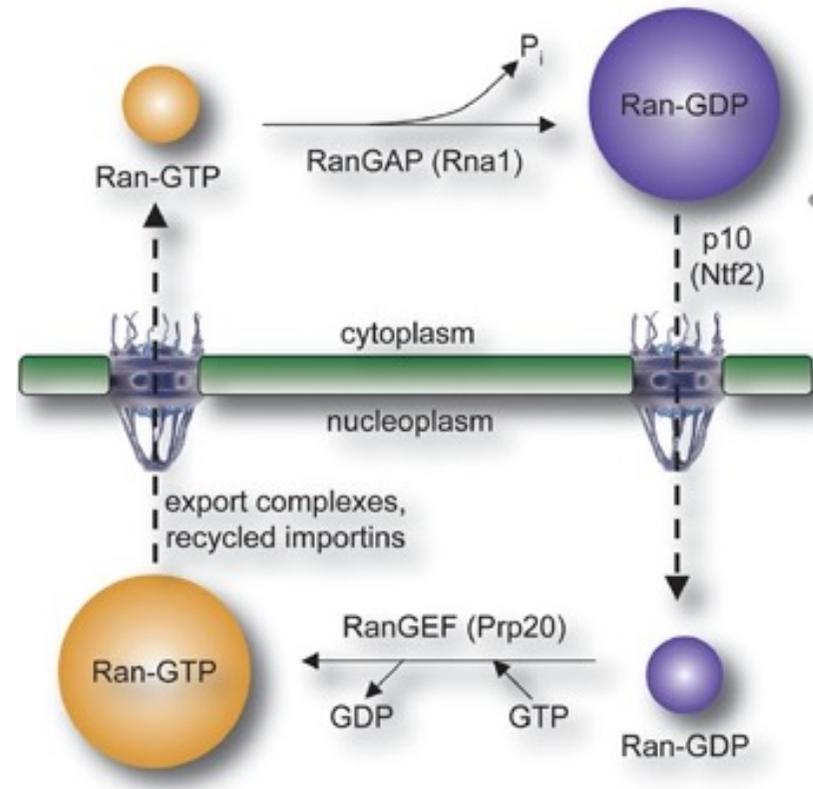
# NPC



# Nucleoplasmic transport

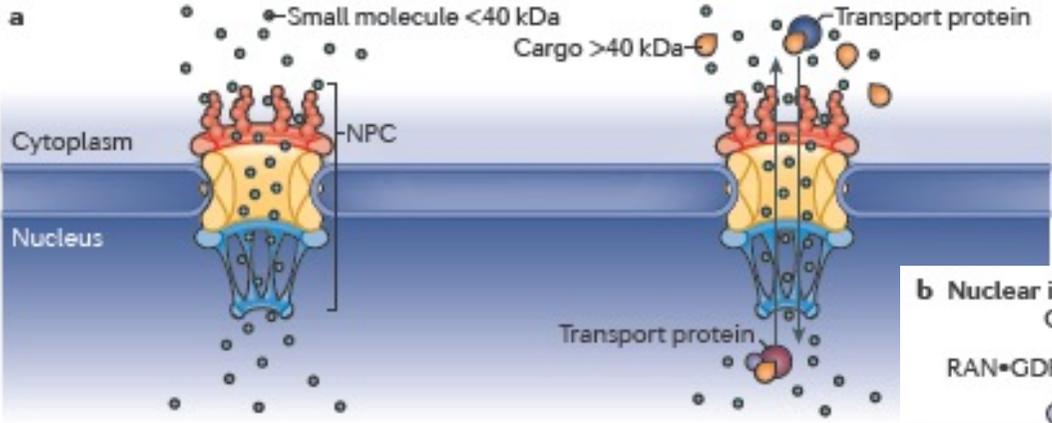


Ran-GTP binds cargo/Exp or Imp in the nucleus. GTP hydrolysis releases the target and Ran-GDP in the cytoplasm. Ran-GDP goes back to the nucleus.



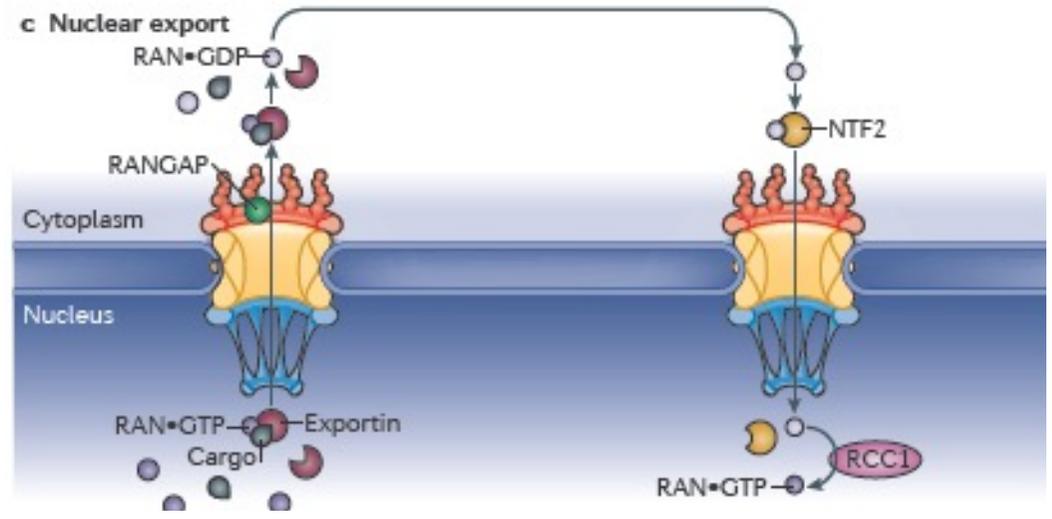
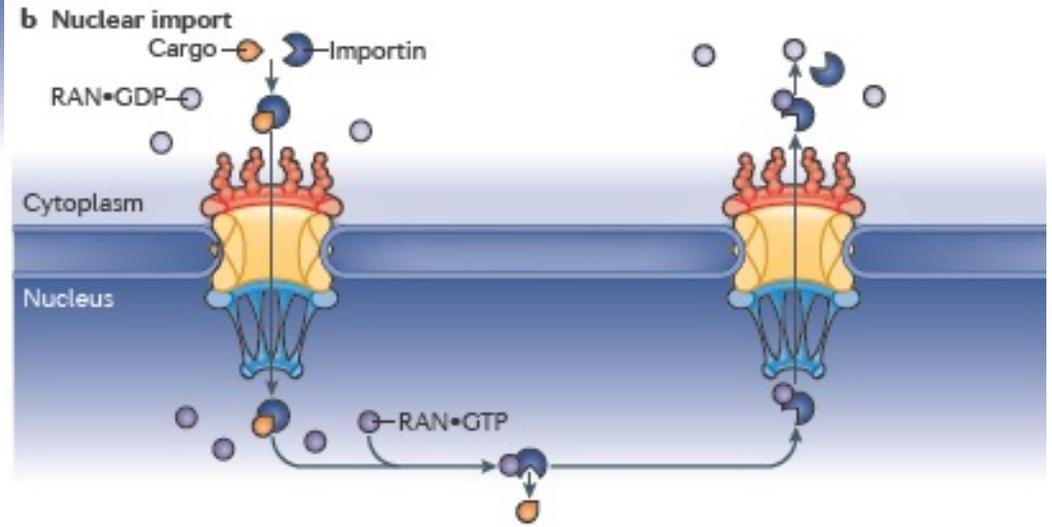
The directionality of transport is governed by **Ran-GTP** gradient. Asymmetric distribution of **RanGEF** (*Ran Guanine nucleotide Exchange Factor*) in the **nucleus** and **RanGAP** (*Ran GTPase activating protein*) in the **cytoplasm** ensures that **Ran-GTP** form is mainly in the **nucleoplasm** and **Ran-GDP** form in the **cytoplasm**.

# Nucleoplasmic transport



< 40 kDa  
passive  
diffusion

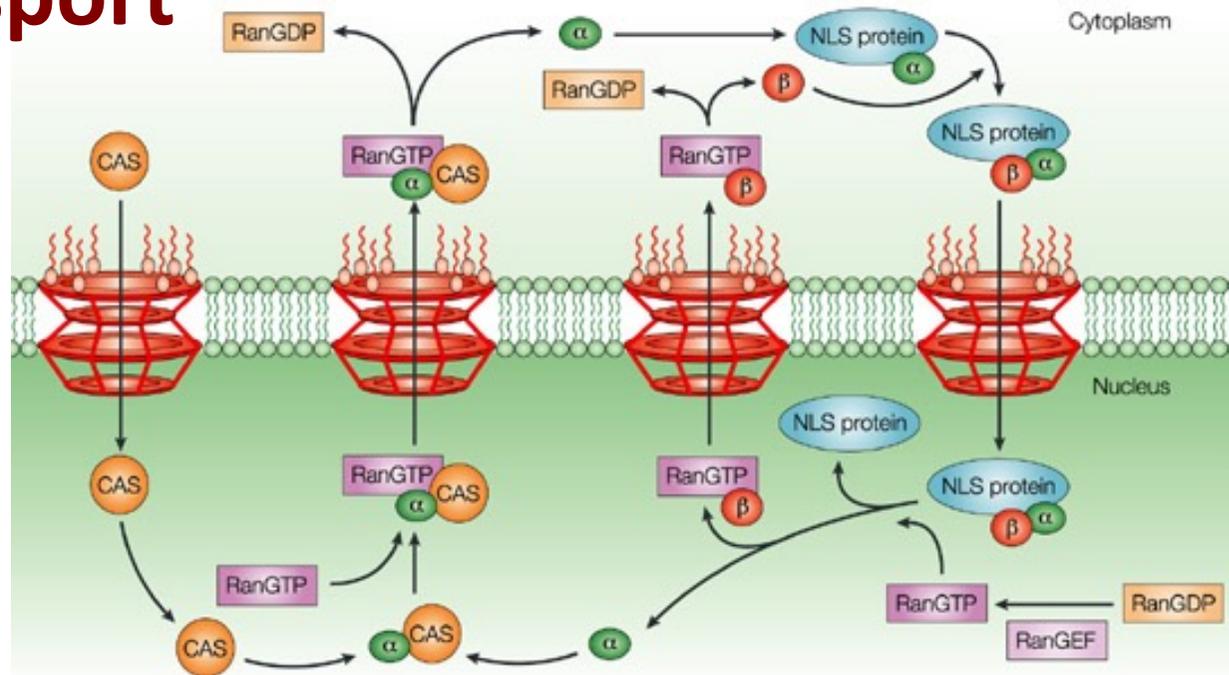
> 40 kDa  
active transport  
via transport  
receptors



# Protein transport

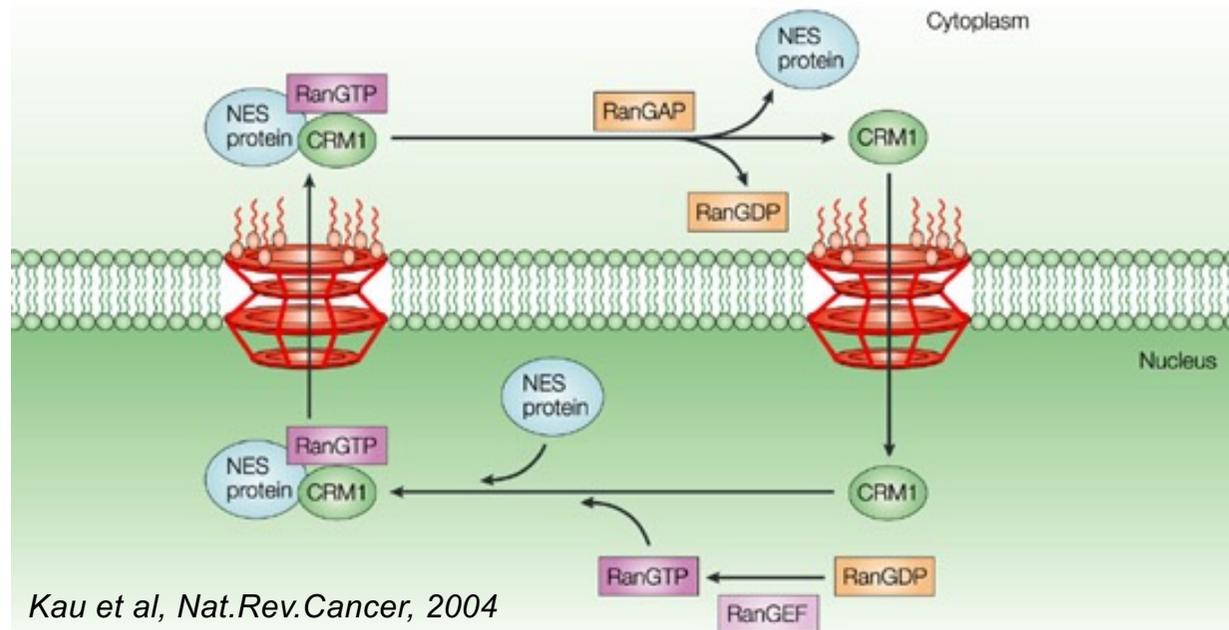
## NLS

**Nuclear Localization Signal**  
*(binds Importins)*



## NES

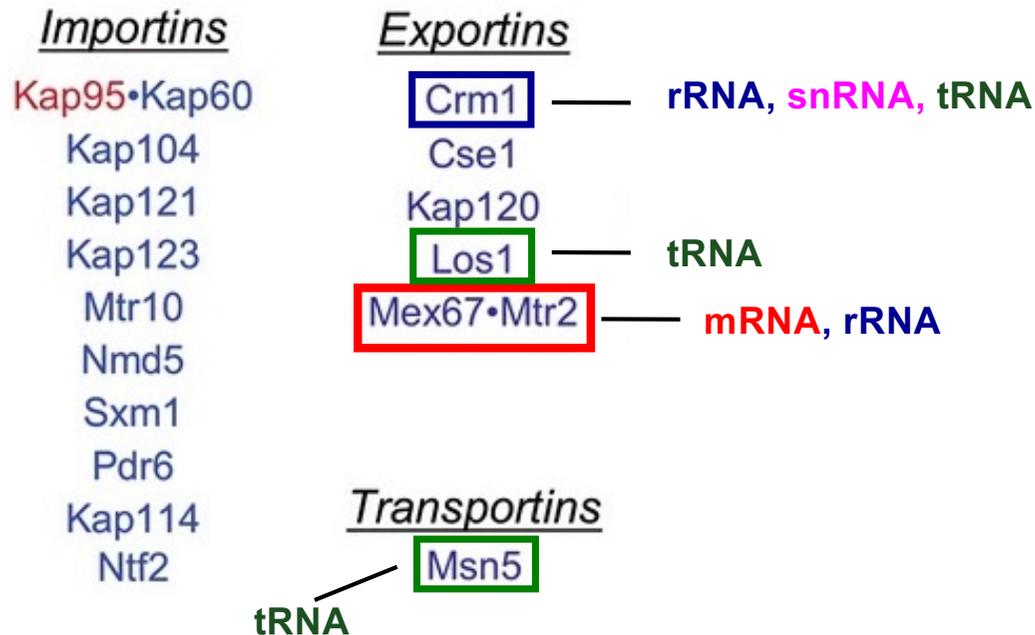
**Nuclear Export Signal**  
*(binds Exportins and Ran-GTP)*



*Kau et al, Nat.Rev.Cancer, 2004*

# Nucleoplasmic transport

## Transport factors in yeast



Transport receptor	mammals
Kapβ1	
Kapβ1–Kapα complex (Impβ–Impα)	
Kapβ1–snurportin complex	
Kapβ1–XRIPα complex	
Karyopherin-β–Imp7 heterodimer	
Karyopherin-β–RanBP8 heterodimer	
Kapβ2 (transportin)	
Karyopherin-5	
Transportin SR	
CRM1 (exportin)	
CAS	
Exportin-t	

In general, transport is mediated by members of the karyopherin family of nuclear transport factors, importins and exportins, and depends on RanGTP-RanGDP gradient. Export of tRNA, rRNA, miRNA and snRNA uses karyopherin exportins. mRNA export uses Mex67-Mtr2 (TAP-p15) export receptors unrelated to karyopherins and is independent of the Ran cycle.

# mRNA nuclear export machinery

Component		Function
Yeast	Metazoan	
Mex67–Mtr2	NXF1–NXT1	Facilitates bulk mRNA transport through NPCs
Yra1	ALY (REF)	Adaptor linking Mex67–Mtr2 to mRNA
Sub2	UAP56	DEAD-box helicase involved in assembly of export-competent mRNPs
Nab2	–	Binds polyA-mRNA and Mlp1; modulates length of 3' polyA tail
Mlp1	TPR	Nuclear basket protein to which Nab2 binds
TREX	TREX	Complex involved in coordinating transcription and
TREX-2	TREX-2	Complex that targets actively expressing genes to NPCs
Dbp5 (Rat8)	DDX19	DEAD-box helicase involved in disassembly of mRNP export complex at NPC cytoplasmic face
Gle1	GLE	Enhances Dbp5 activity
Gfd1	–	Enhances Dbp5 activity
Nup159 (Rat7)	NUP214	Located on NPC cytoplasmic face; binds Dbp5

**Mex67-Mtr2** – major mRNA export factor; **Mtr2** – required for Mex67 association with NPC

**Yra1** – export adaptor between Mex67 and mRNA

**Nab2** – poly(A) binding protein; **Npl3** - RS, shuttling RNA-binding protein

**Sub2** – helicase, assembles mRNP, recruits cotranscriptionally Yra1 to mRNAs

**Dbp5** – remodels mRNPs as they emerge from NPC

**Sac3** – associates with Sub2 and Mex67-Mtr2, in complex with Tho1 (trx elongation)

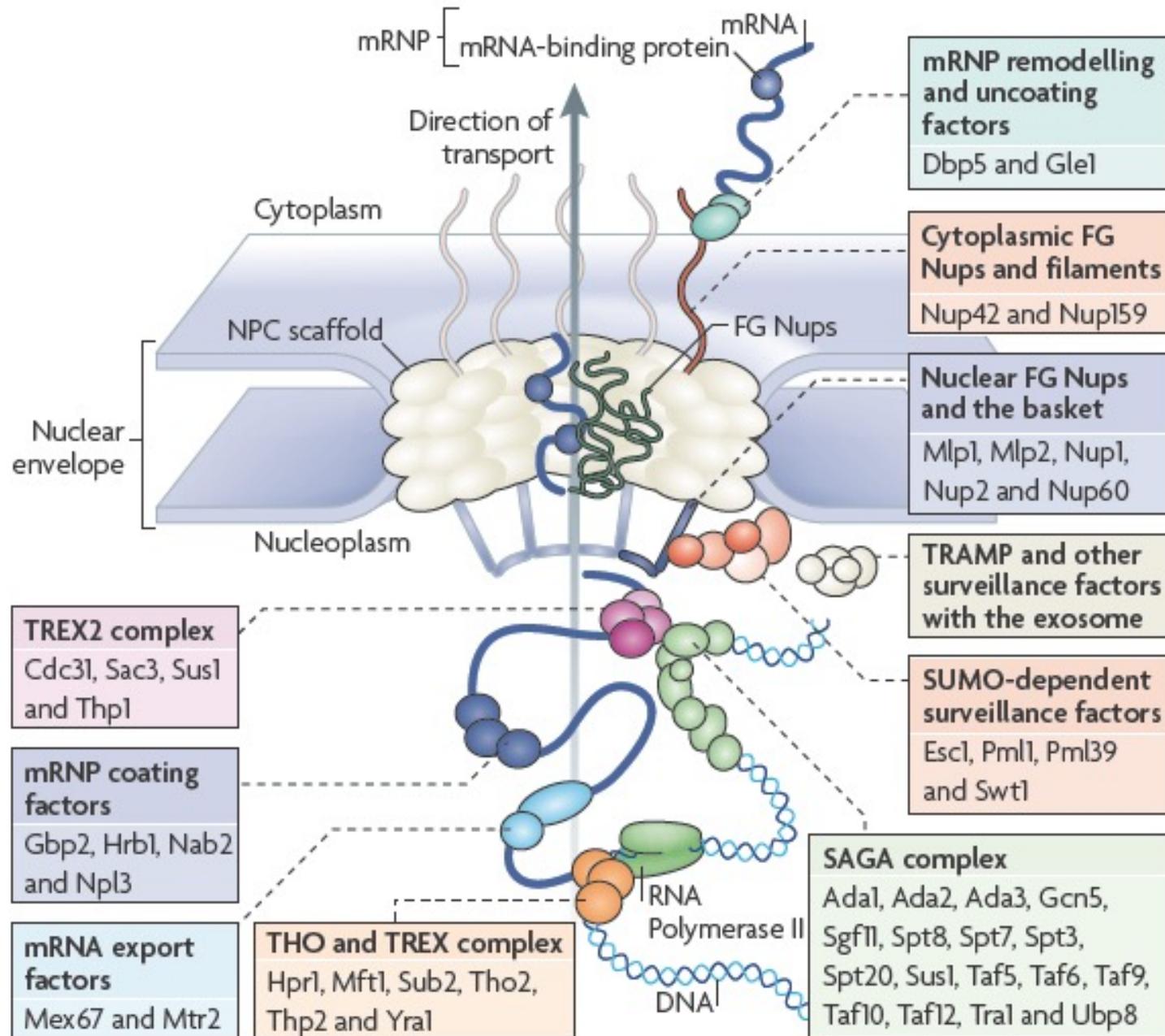
**Gle2** – NPC-associated mRNA export factor binds to NPCs via Nup116

**Mtr10** – importin for Npl3

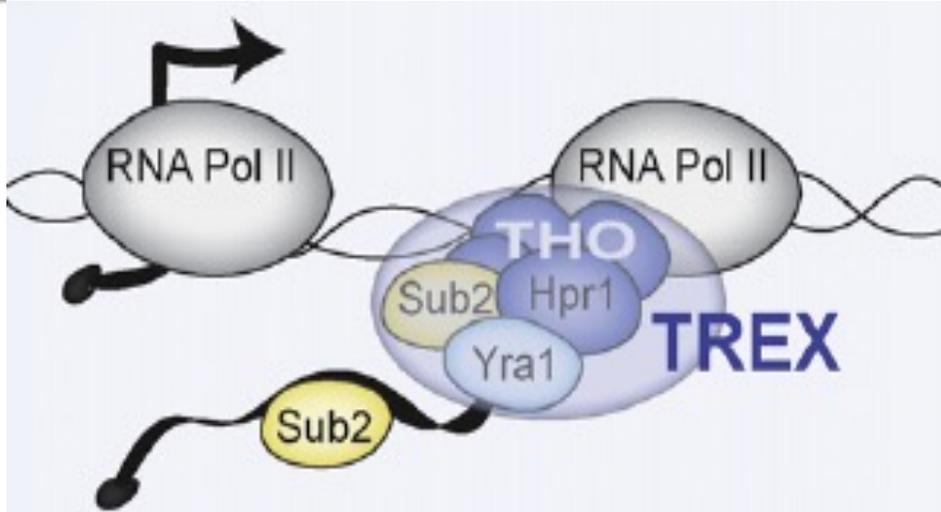
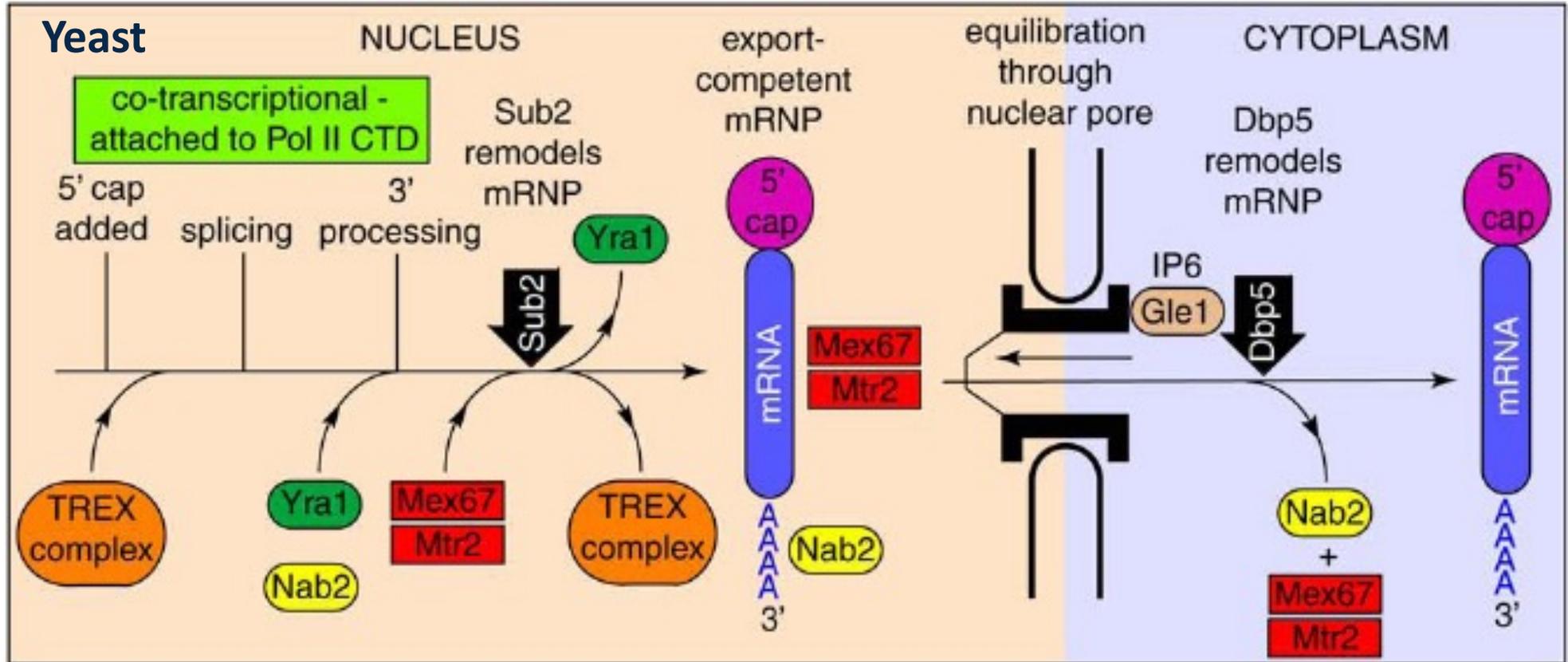
**THO/TREX** and **TREX-2** complexes – coordinate transcription, processing and export

**EJC** (metazoan)

# mRNA export – all factors



# RNA export – co- or post- transcriptional

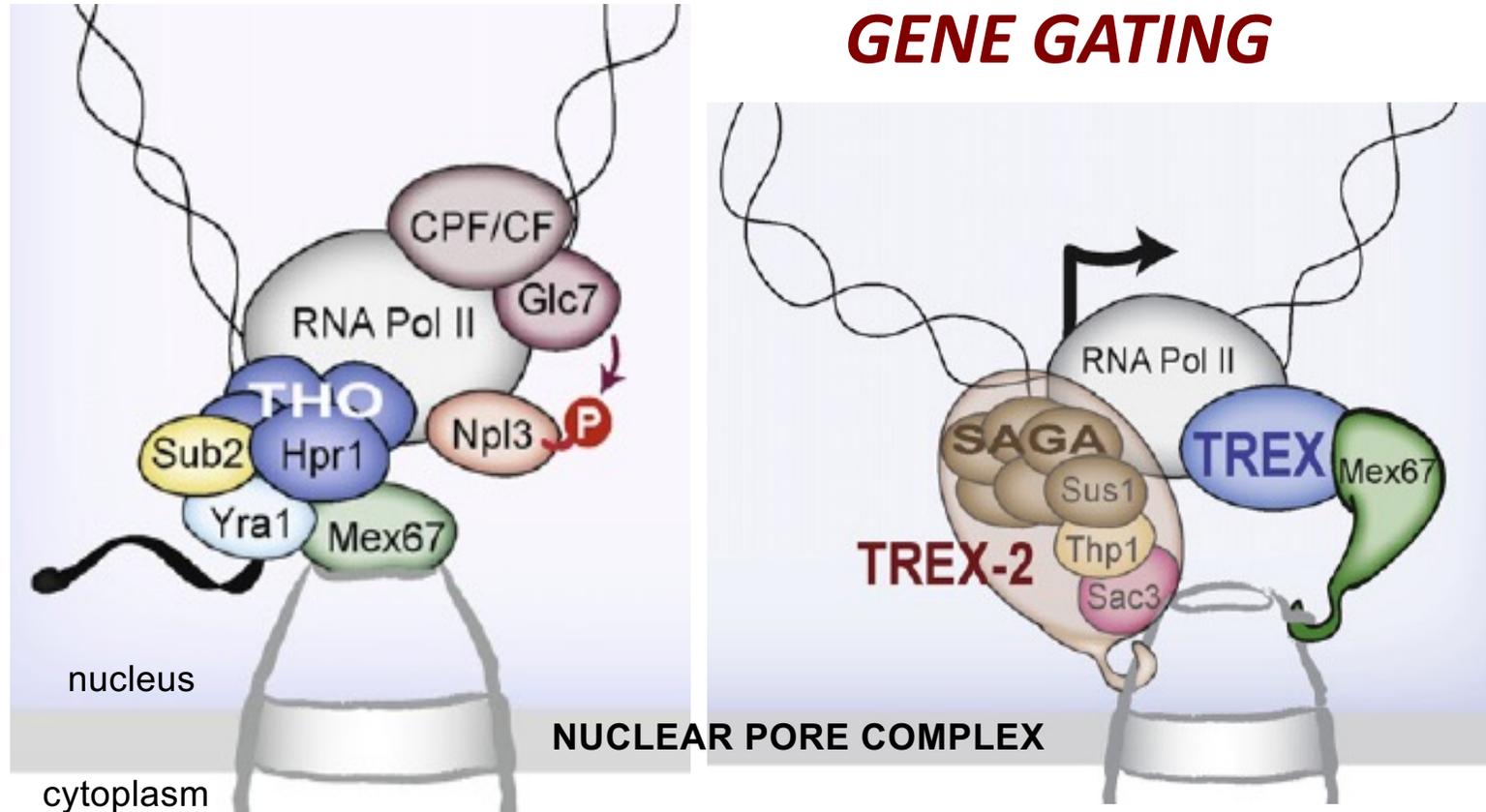


mRNA export machinery is recruited co-transcriptionally to nascent transcripts via Pol II

# Co-transcriptional mRNA export

## GENE GATING

Yeast



Iglesias and Stutz, FEBS Lett, 2008

**SAGA** histone acetyltransferase complex (including **Spt**, **Ada**, **Gcn5**); transcription activation  
**THO** mRNP biogenesis and export: **Hpr1**, **Mft1**, **Tho2** and **Thp2** (human **THOC1-7**)

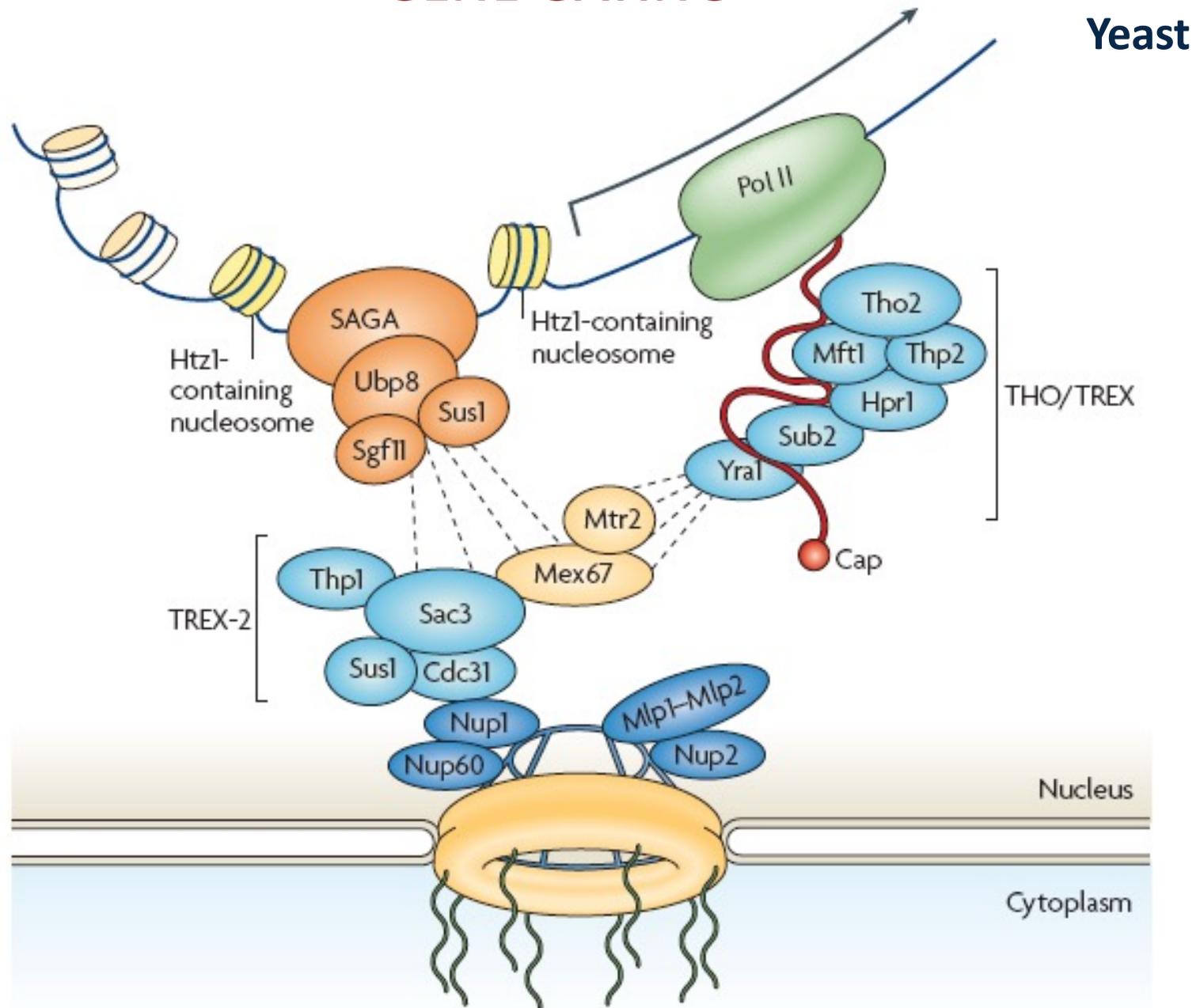
**TREX** transcription-export complex: **THO/Sub2/Yra1**, interacts with NPC via **Mex67-Mtr2**

**TREX-2** transcription-export complex: **Cdc31/Thp1/Sac3** and **Sus1** from **SAGA**

**TREX-2** and **TREX** complexes link transcription (Pol II via THO, initiation complex SAGA via Sus1) to export receptors (Mex67, Yra1) and NPC

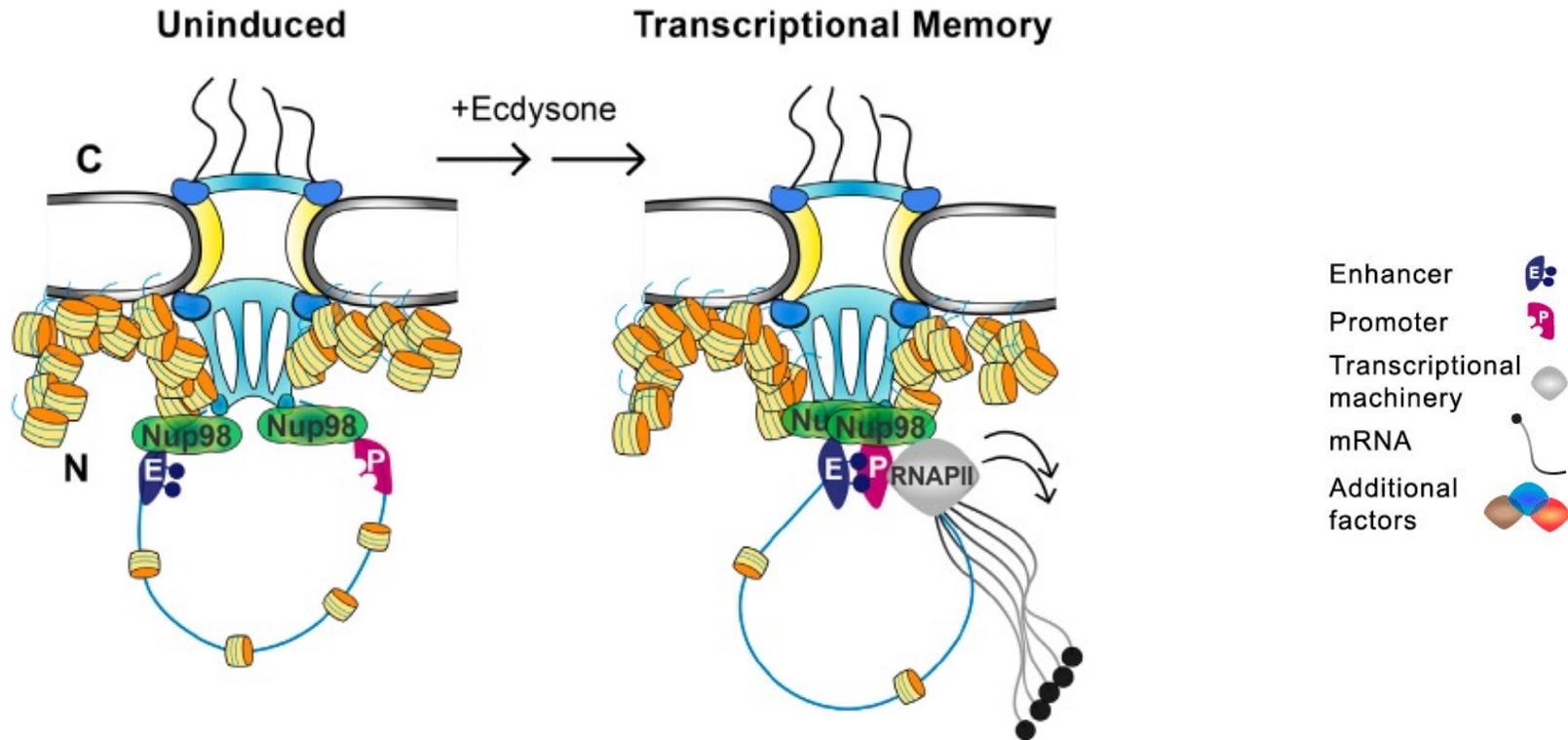
# Co-transcriptional mRNA export

## *GENE GATING*



# GENE GATING

## Metazoa

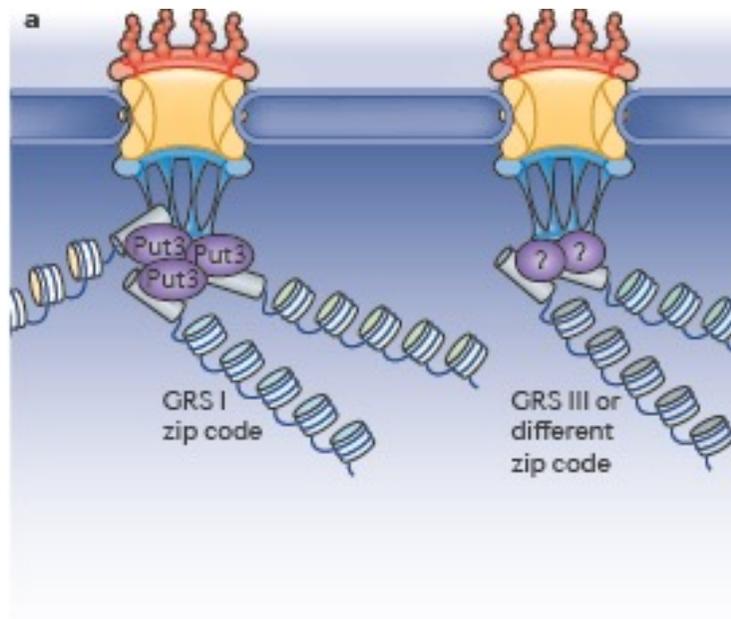


- Nuclear pore proteins (NUPs) bind promoters and enhancers in *Drosophila*
- Nup98 mediates enhancer-promoter looping of inducible genes
- Inducible genes stably associate with nuclear pores in silent and active states

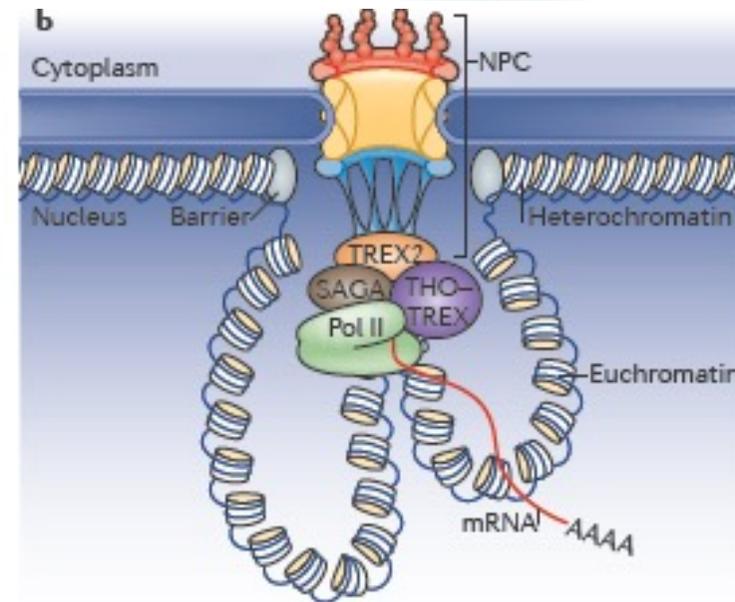
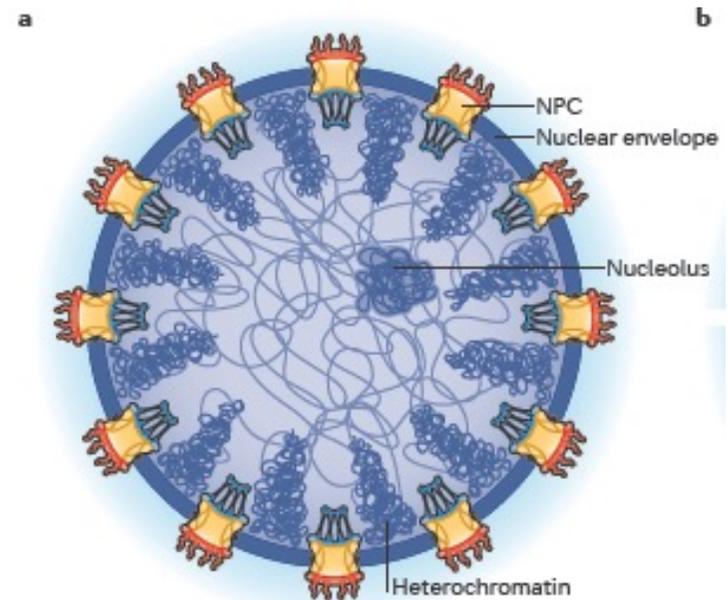
# Active euchromatin is targeted to the NPC

## Heterochromatin is excluded from the NPC

Heterochromatin is excluded from the NPC



*cis*-acting DNA zip codes (GRS, gene recruitment sequences), are located in gene promoters and interact with NPC

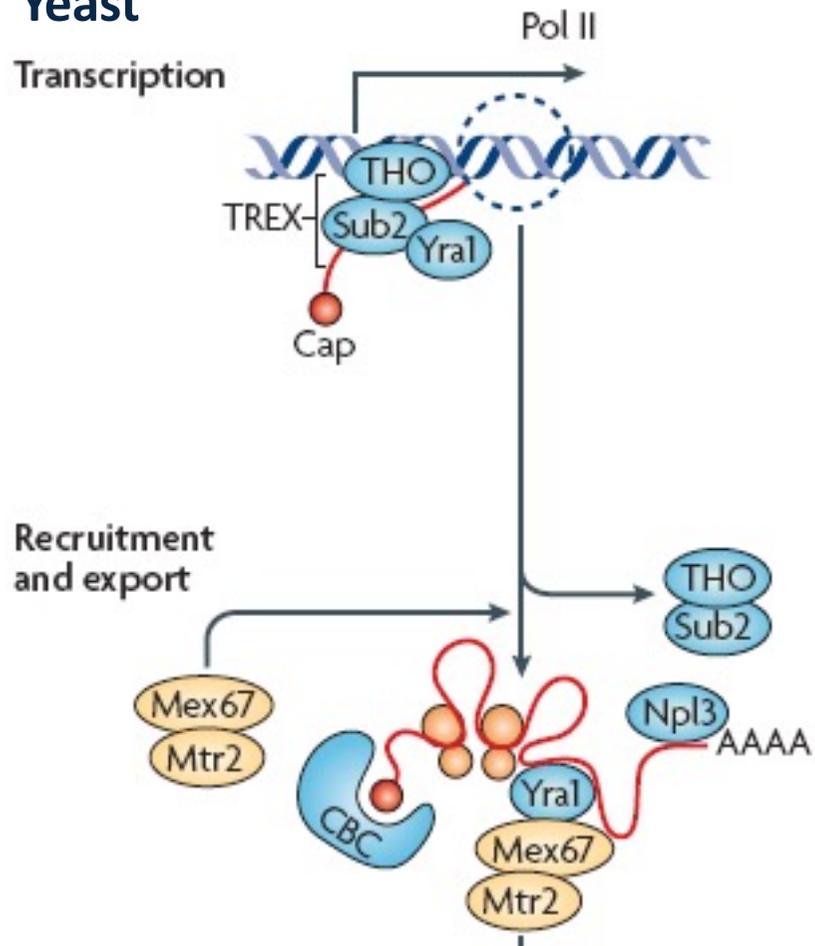


SAGA, TREX-2 and THO/TREX interact with NPC

# mRNA export (nuclear side)

## transcription-coupled

### Yeast

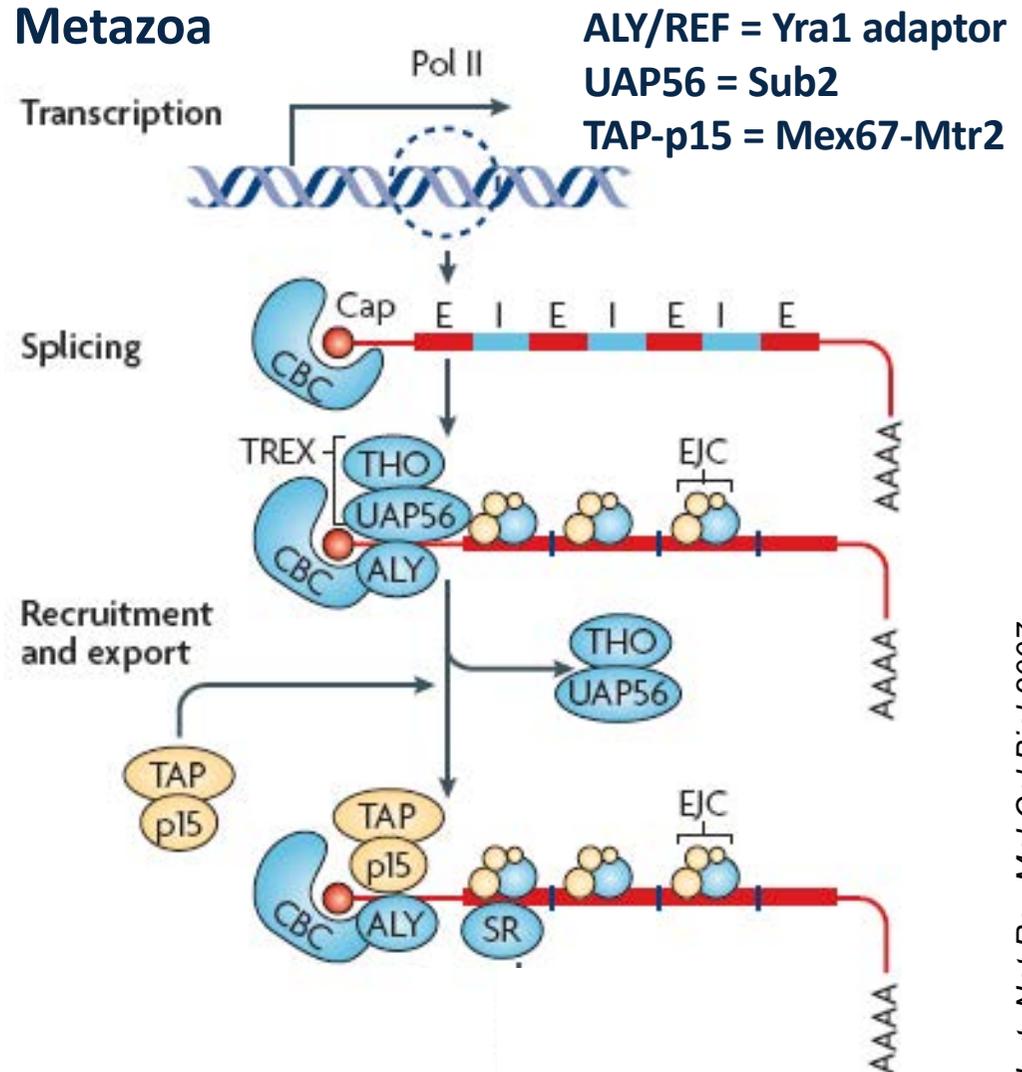


The nascent transcript is co-transcriptionally assembled onto pre-mRNP by the THO/TREX complex (with Yra1 and Sub2).

The Mex67-Mtr2 mRNA export receptor is recruited to the mRNP via adaptor Yra1.

## splicing-coupled

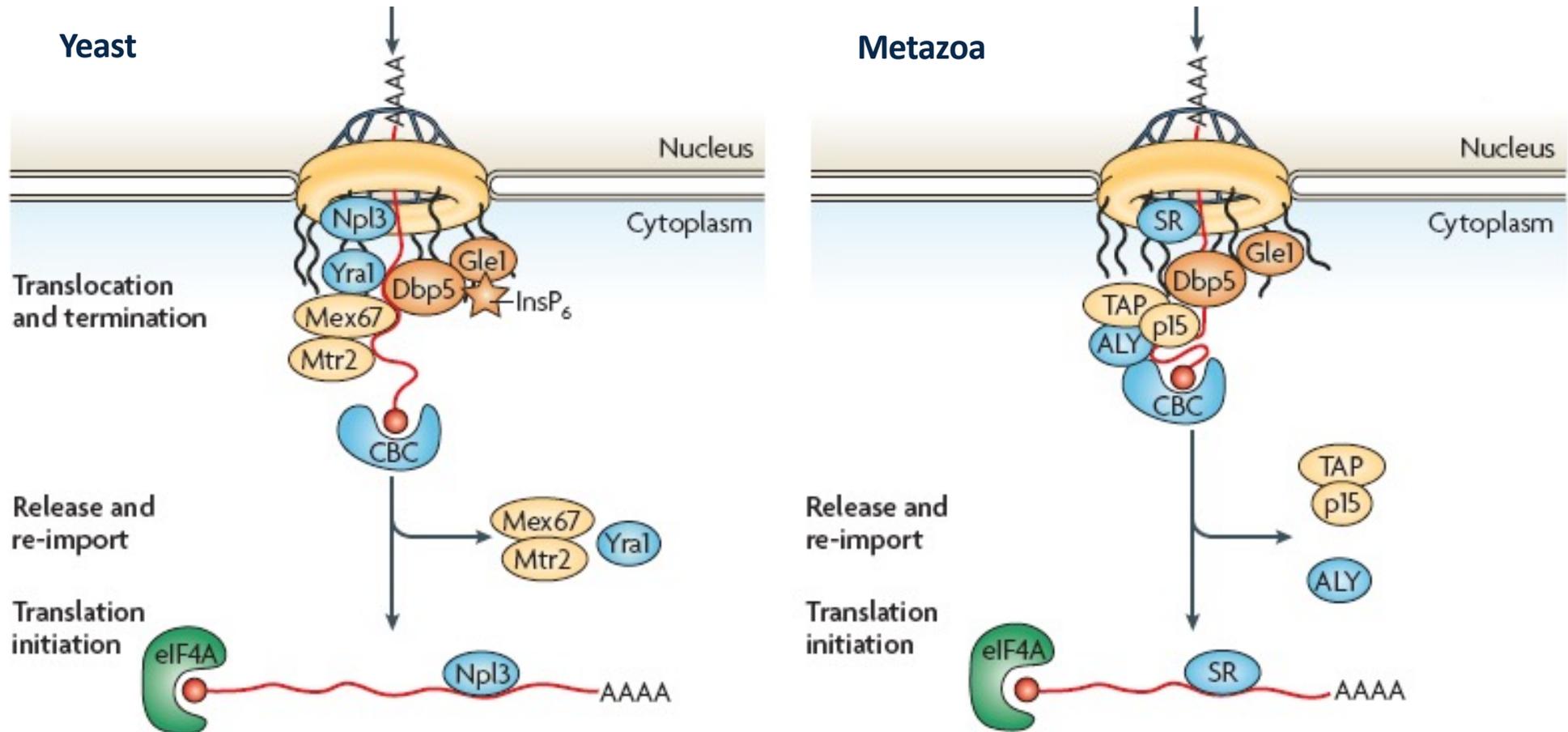
### Metazoa



Human TREX is recruited to mRNP in a splicing- and cap-dependent modes.

ALY/REF, UAP56 and TAP-p15 associate with EJC.

# mRNA export (cytoplasmic side)

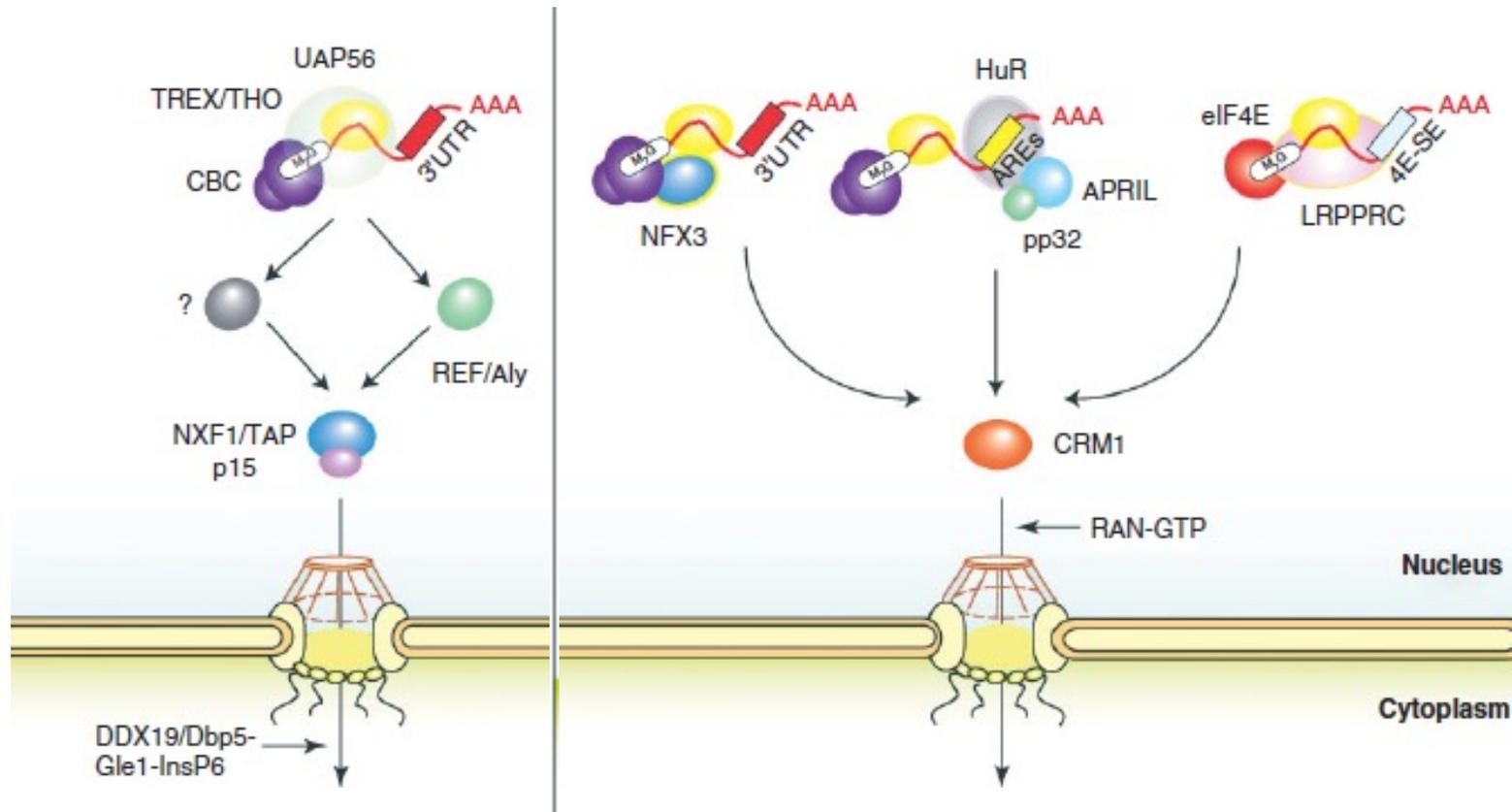


Unidirectional movement of RNPs from the nucleus to the cytoplasm requires RNP remodeling and release by RNA helicases and GTPases.

mRNP is remodeled and released from NPC by the ATP-dependent RNA helicase Dbp5. Dbp5 activity is stimulated by Gle1 activator and the signaling molecule inositol hexakisphosphate (InsP<sub>6</sub>).

Mex6-Mtr2 dissociates and mRNA is recruited to the translation initiation machinery via cap-eIF4A.

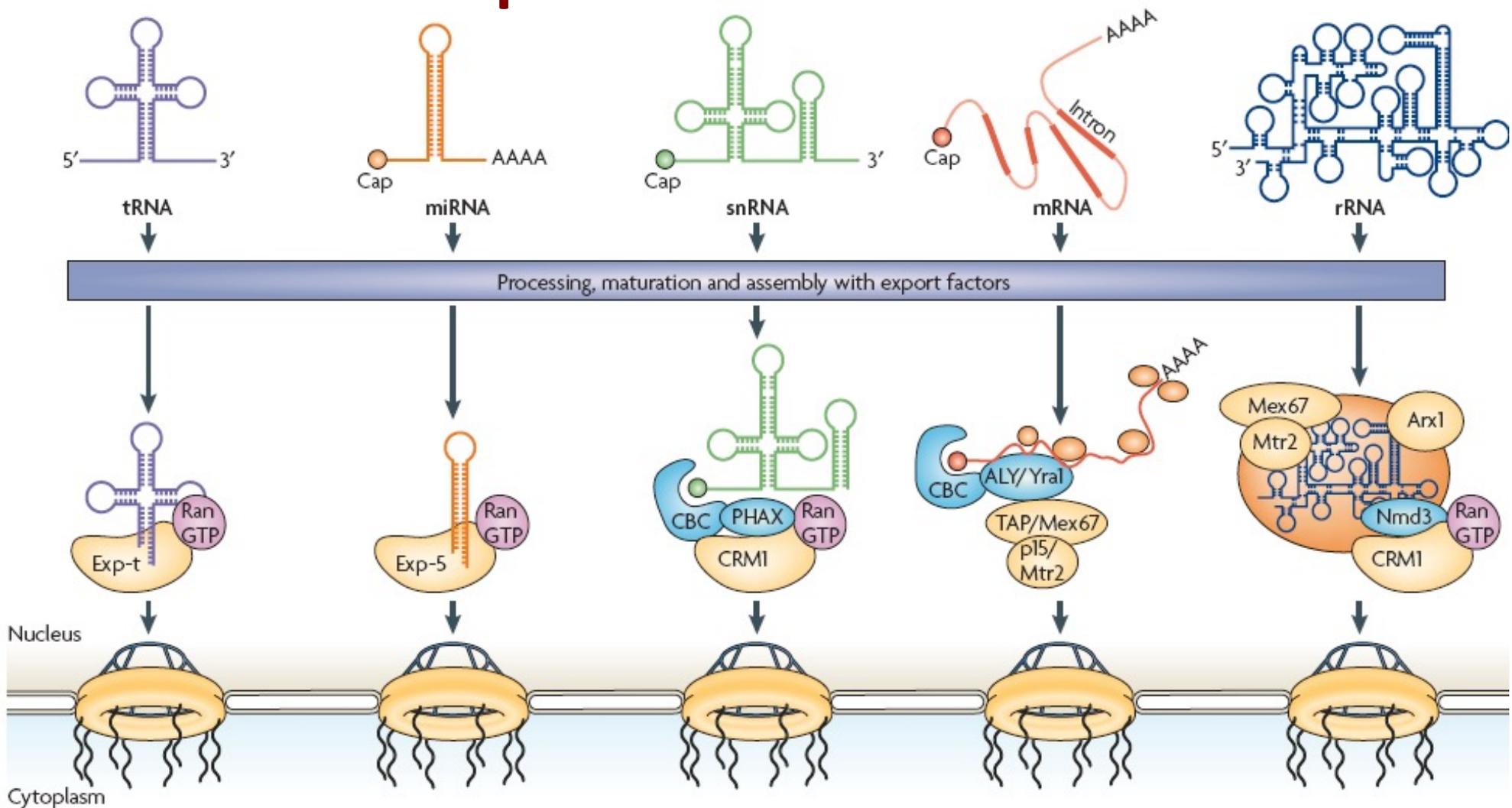
# mRNA nuclear export - summary



## Unique features of mRNA export:

- Mex67-Mtr2 (TAP-p15) transport receptors are structurally unrelated to karyopherins and independent of the RanGTP-RanGDP gradient.
- mRNA export receptors cooperate with other factors: adaptors (Yra1/ALY/REF, SR proteins) and release factors
- some mRNAs can be exported via the Crm1 RanGTP-dependent pathway (protooncogenes, cytokines with AU-rich elements, viral mRNAs).

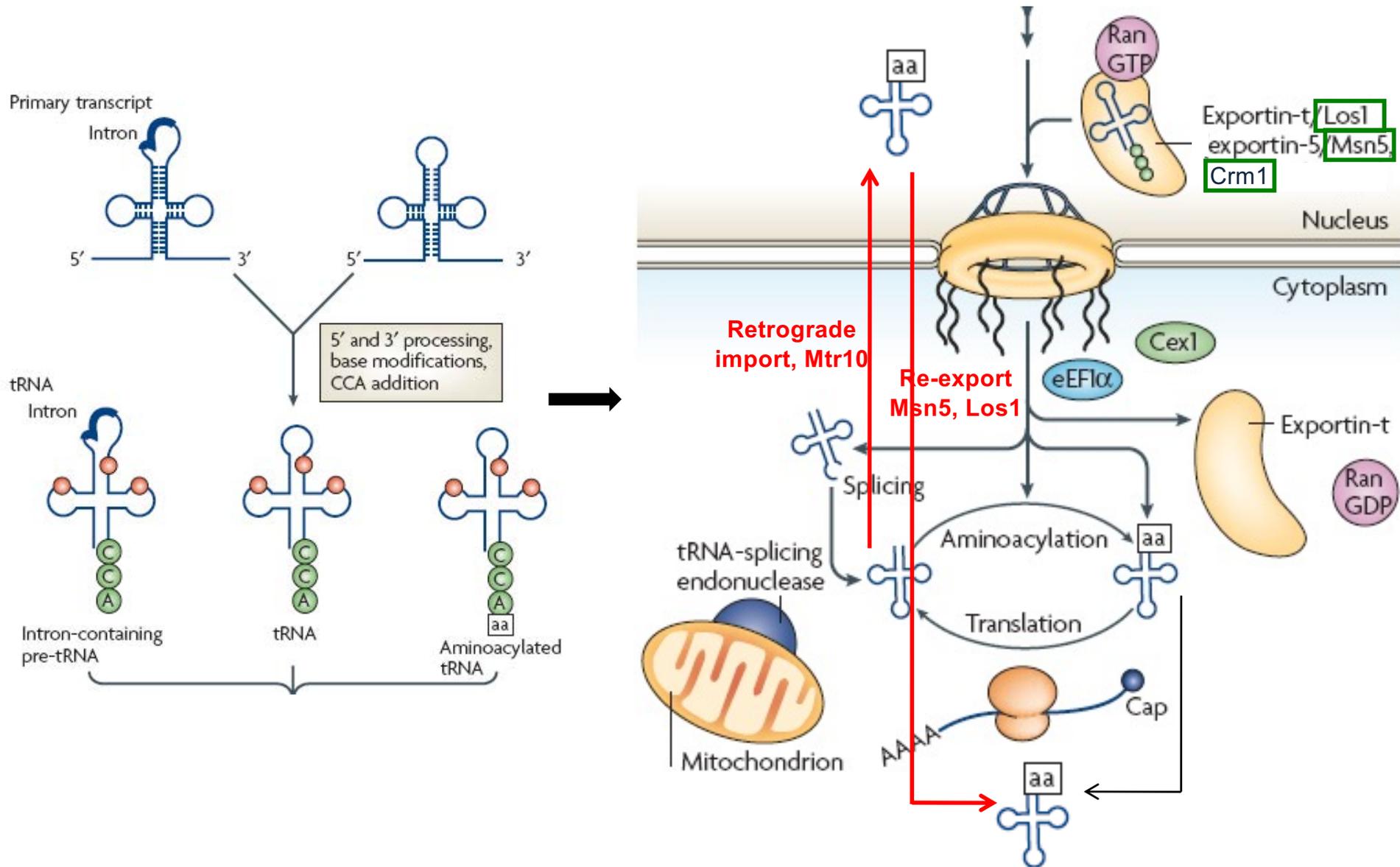
# Export of other RNAs



- **Similar general scheme, involves exportins (karyopherin family) and Ran cycle.**
- **mRNA export mechanistically different: uses a transport receptor unrelated to karyopherins and does not directly depend on the RanGTP-RanGDP gradient.**
- **mRNA export receptors cooperate with other factors: adaptors, release factors**

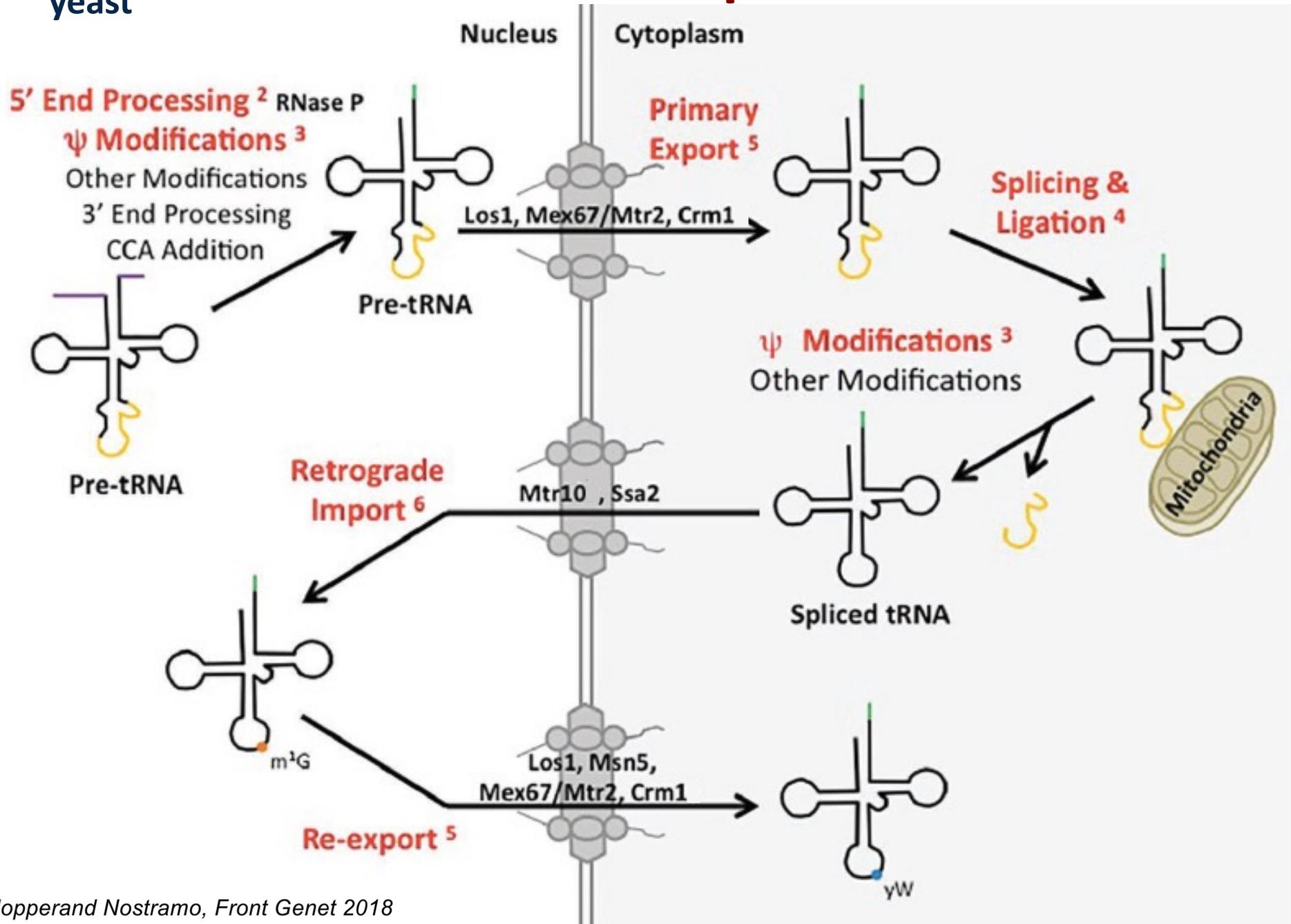
# tRNA export

yeast



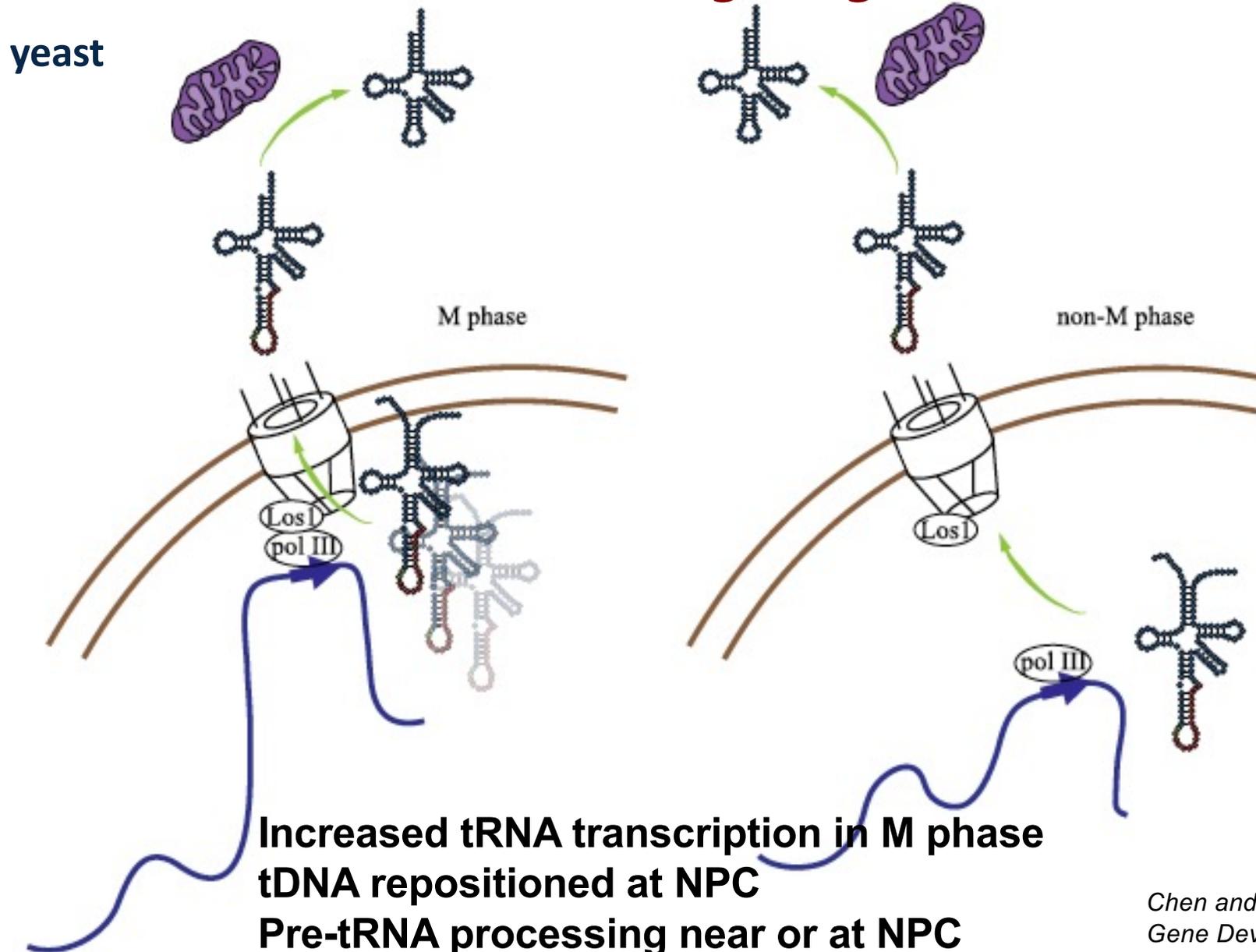
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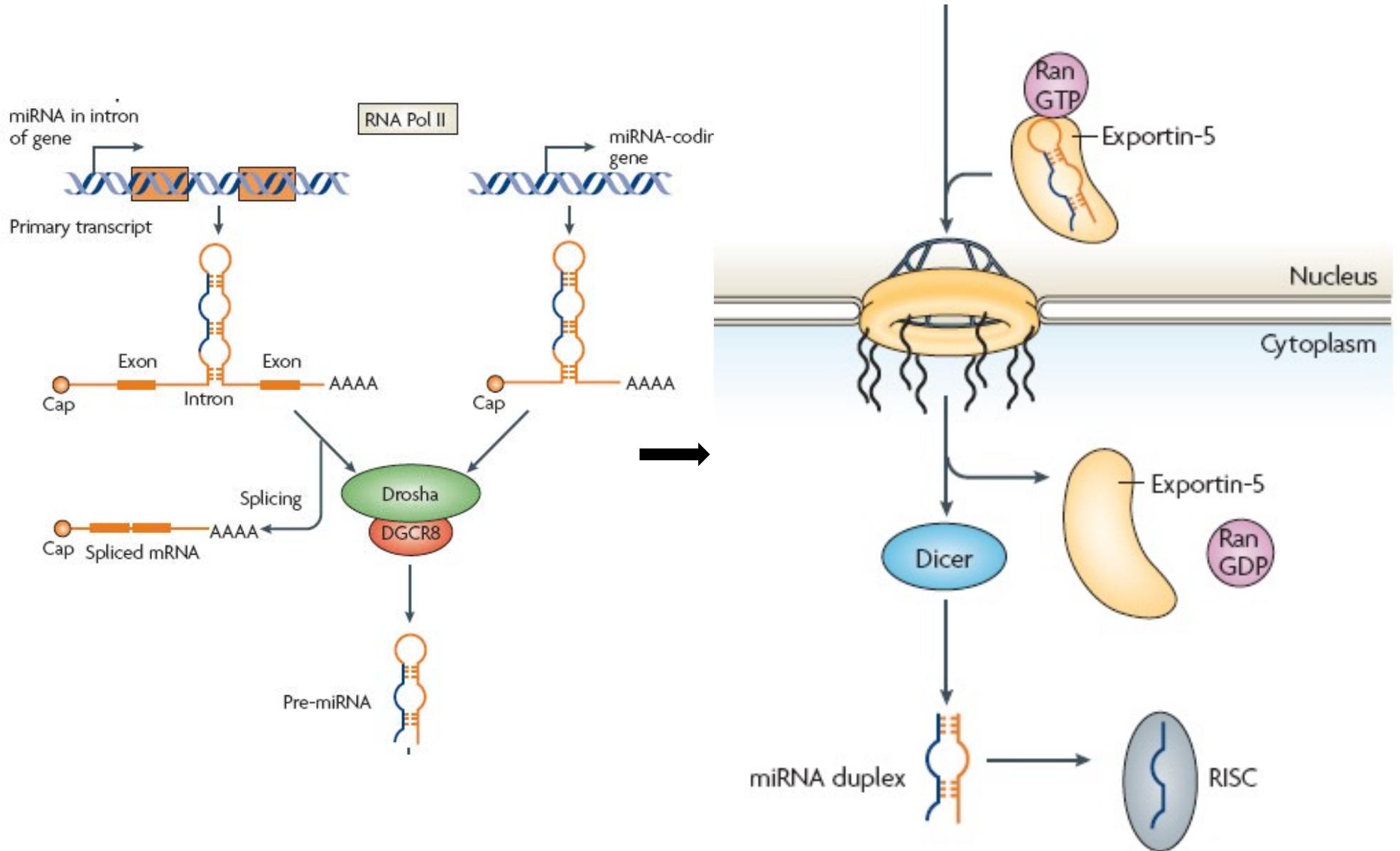


# Co-ordinated tRNA transcription and export

## *tRNA gating*

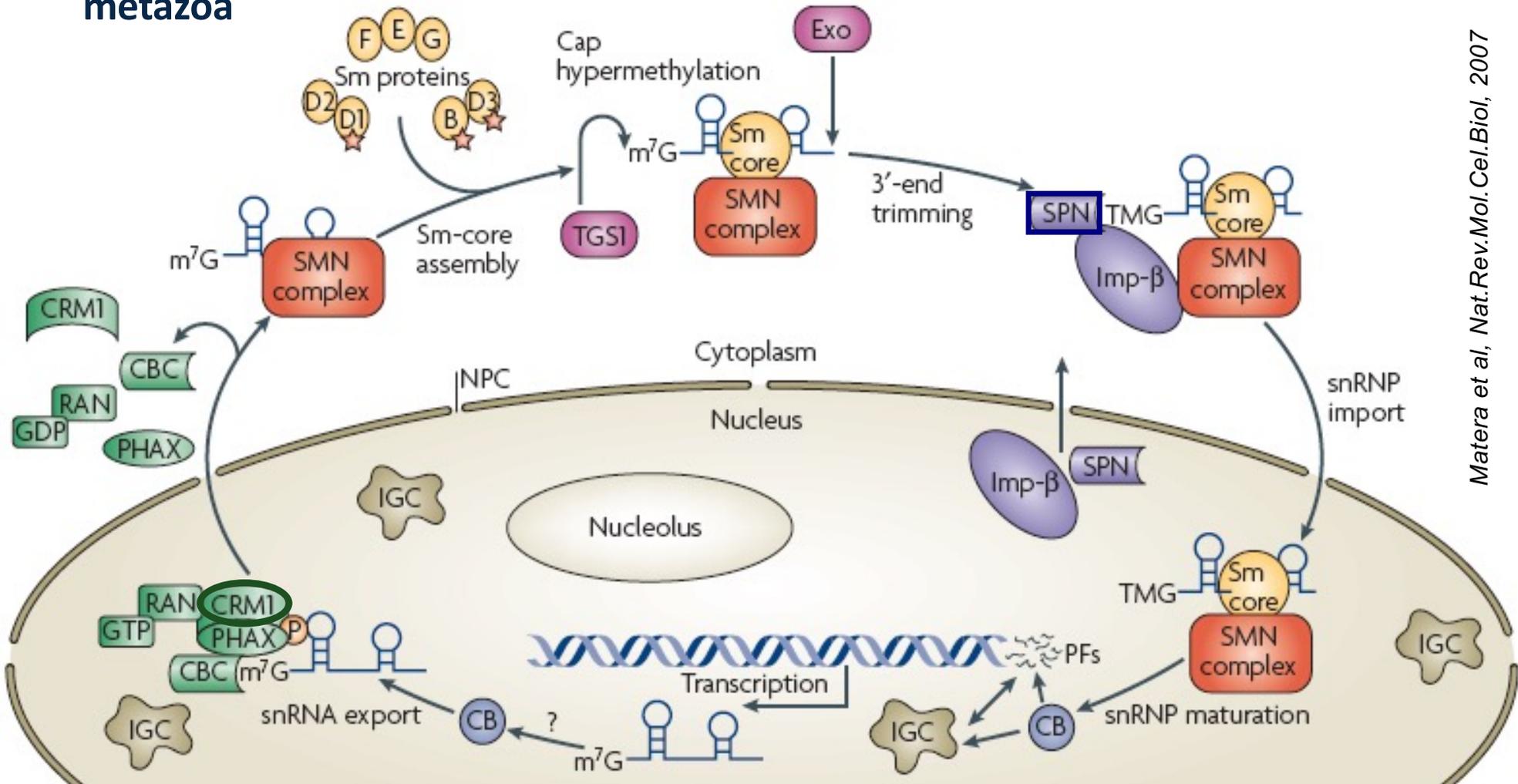


# miRNA export



# snRNA export

metazoa



Matera et al, Nat.Rev.Mol.Cel.Biol, 2007

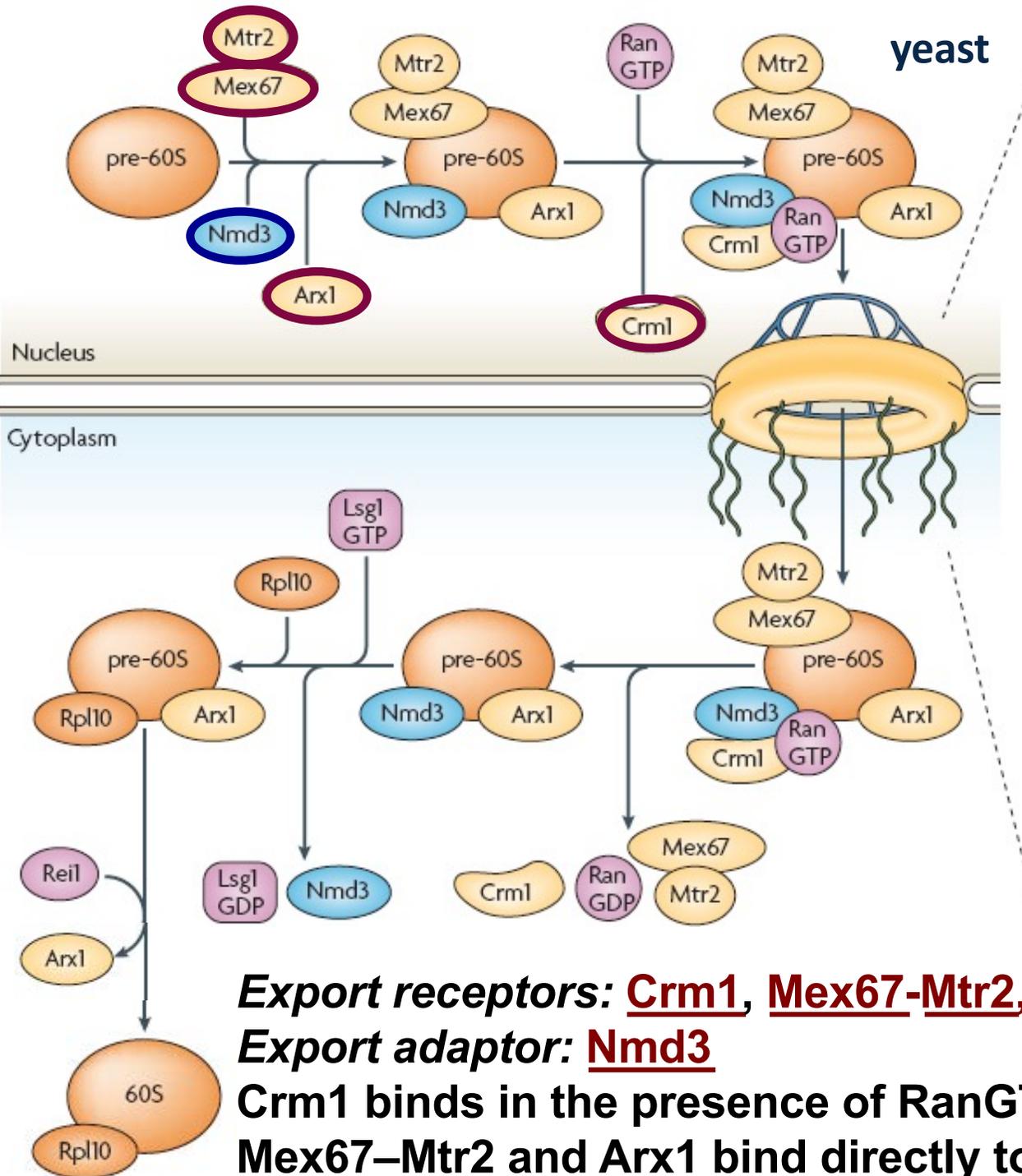
**CRM1** - export receptor

**PHAX(-P)** - export adaptor, binds to **CBC**

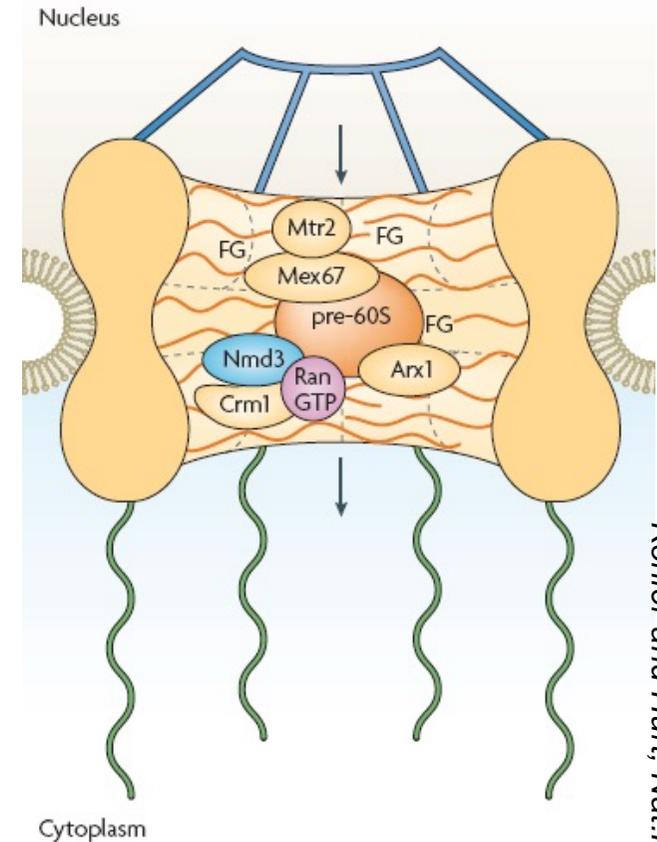
**SMN** - *survival of motor neuron*, binds snRNA and core Sm proteins to assemble mature snRNP

**TGS1** - *trimethylguanosine synthase*, hypermethylates m<sup>7</sup>G cap to 2,2,7-trimethylguanosine cap

**SPN** - import adaptor snurportin; **Imp-β** - import receptor importin-β

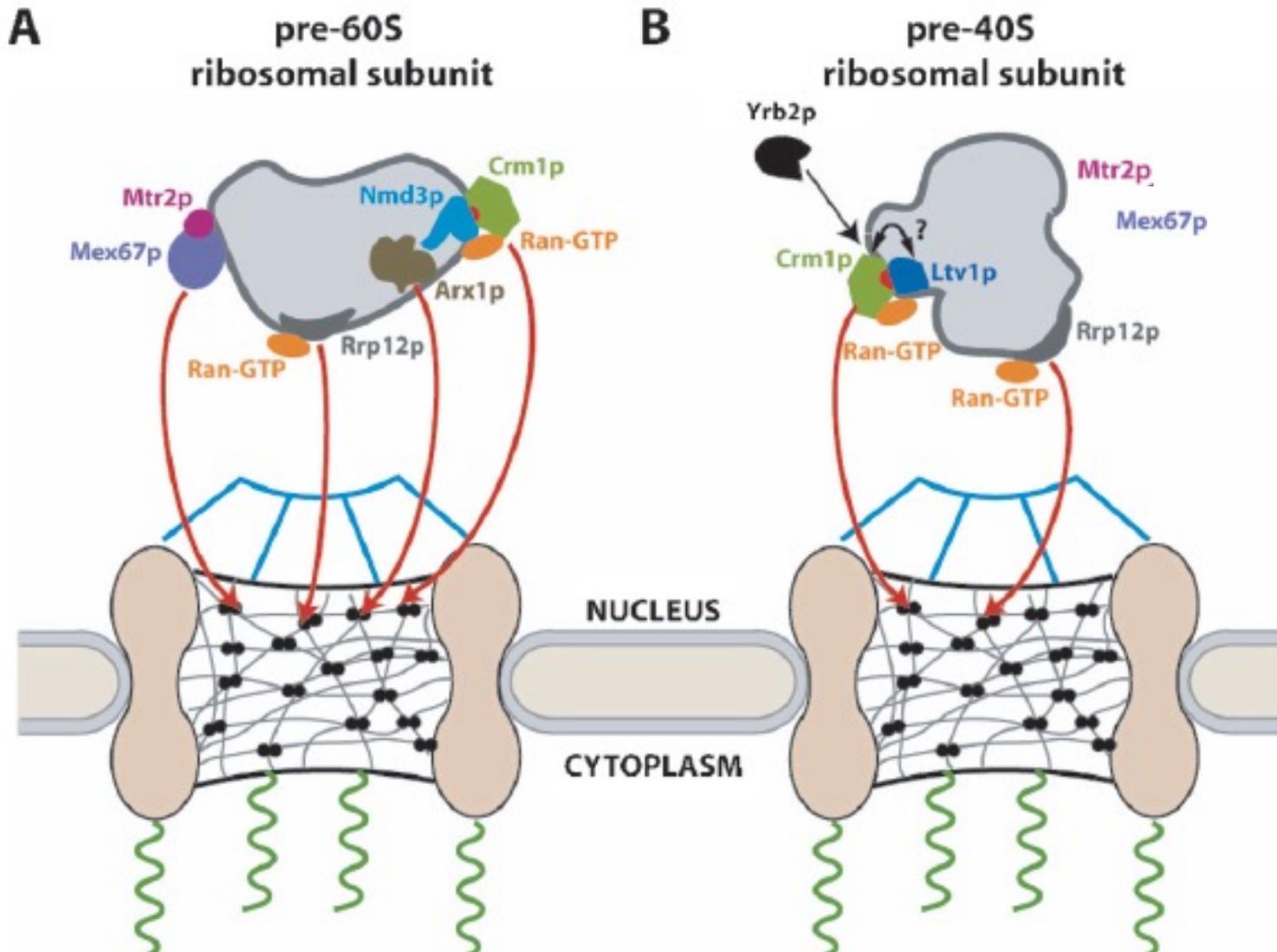


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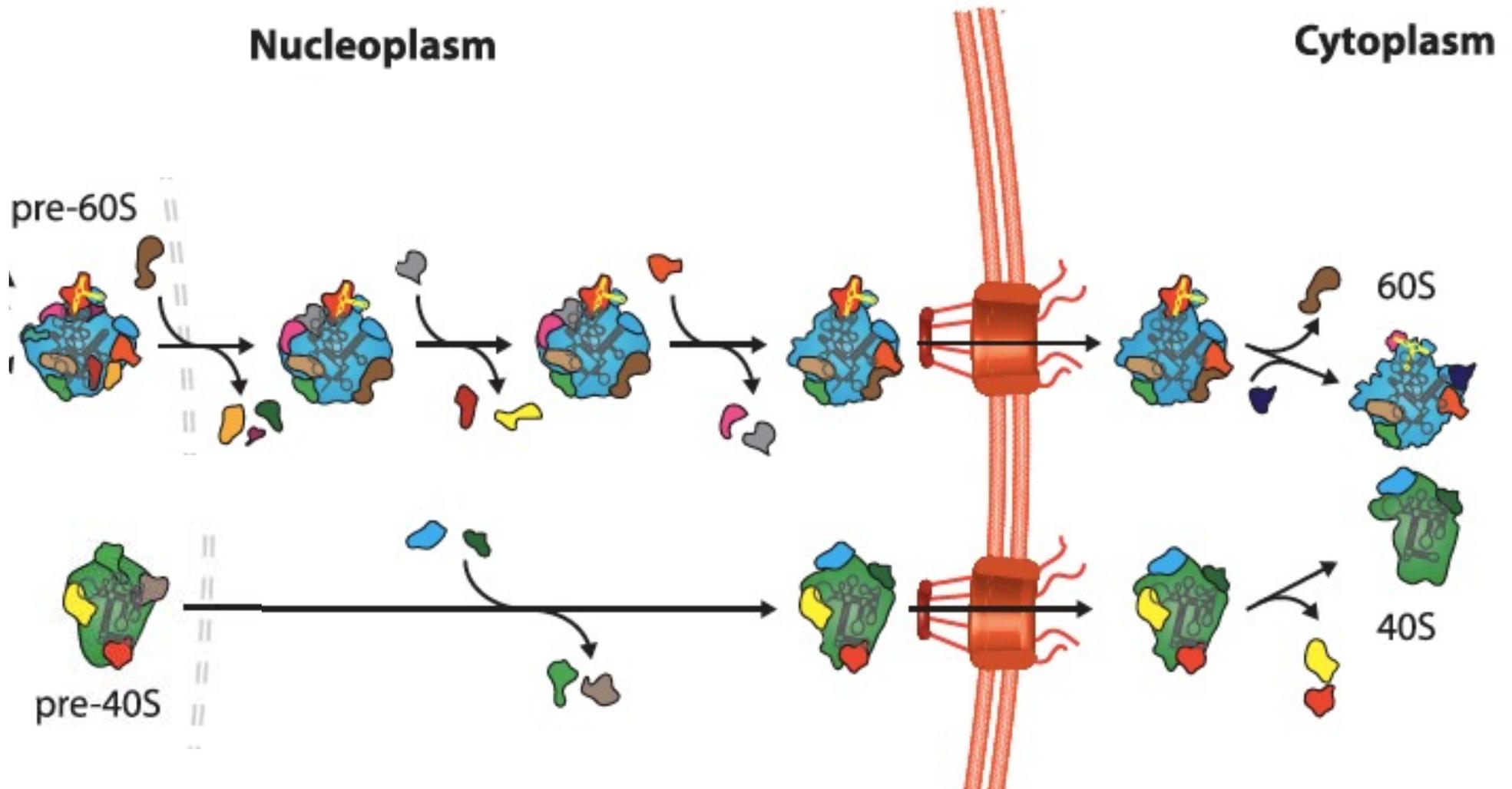
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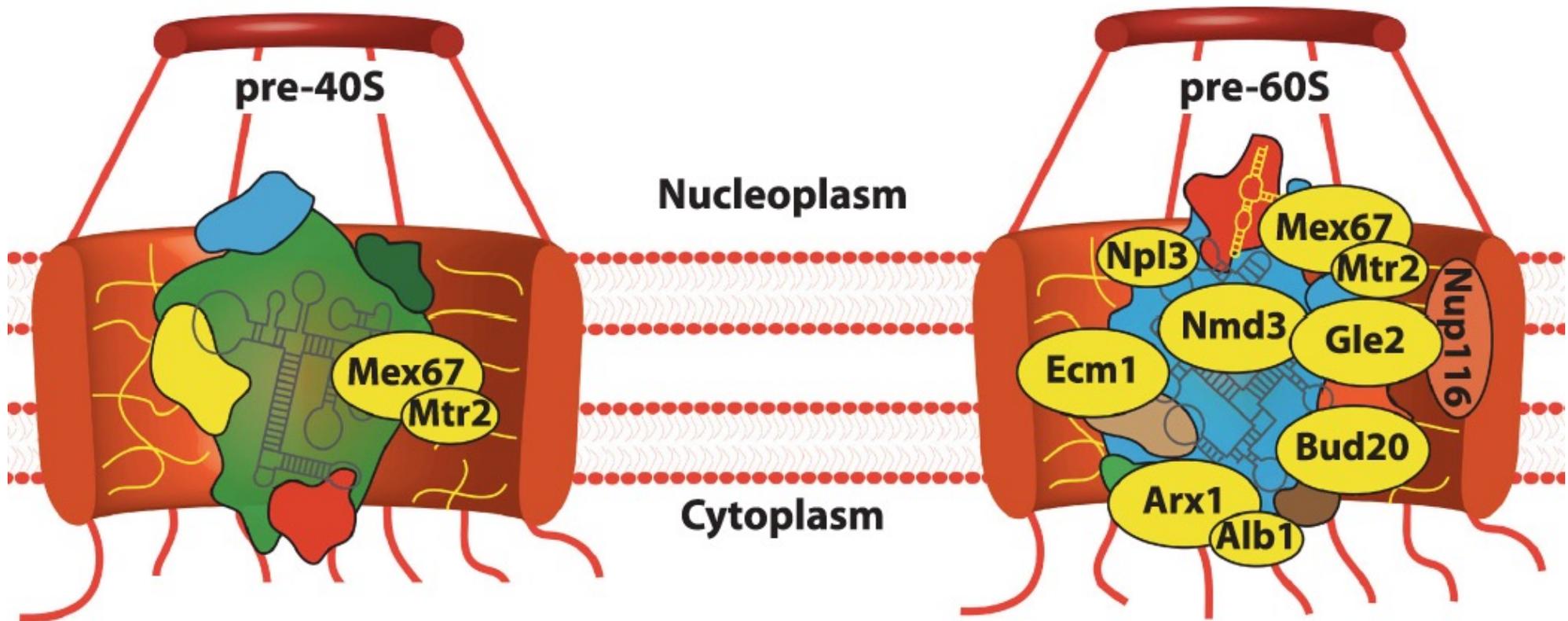


rRNA export occurs in large pre-60S and pre-40S particles. It is accompanied by massive RNP rearrangements (changes in protein composition from non-ribosomal to ribosomal components) and last processing steps in the cytoplasm

# rRNAexport



# rRNAexport





# TAKE-HOME MESSAGE

- RNA export initiates by co-transcriptional recruitment of several export factors
- RNA export occurs in RNP particles and requires various nuclear transport factors: importins and exportins
- Each type of RNA employs a specific export pathway but their components (adaptors, receptors) often overlap
- Most export pathways require energy: Ran-GTP to Ran-GDP hydrolysis, except for the mRNA export via Mex67-Mtr2
- Also release of mature RNP into the cytoplasm uses energy of ATP-dependent helicases or GTPases