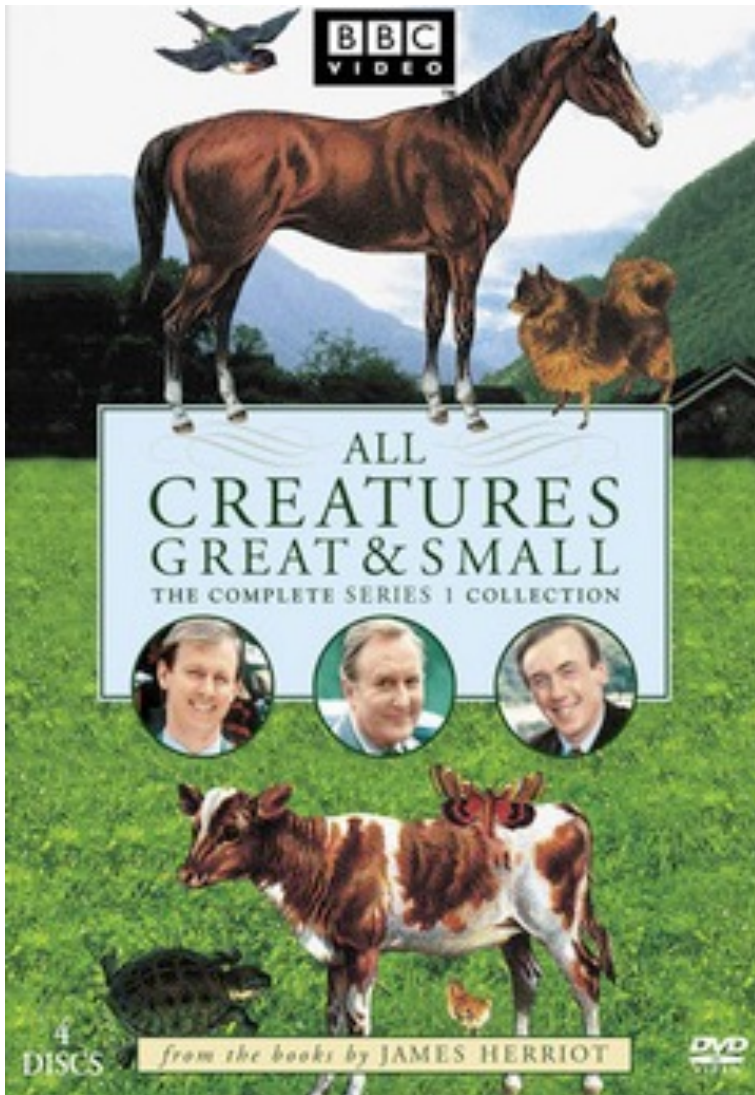


All RNAs great and small

lecture 3



RNA enzymes and complexes

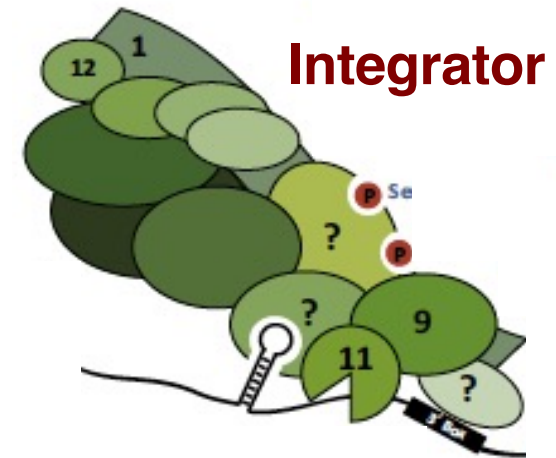
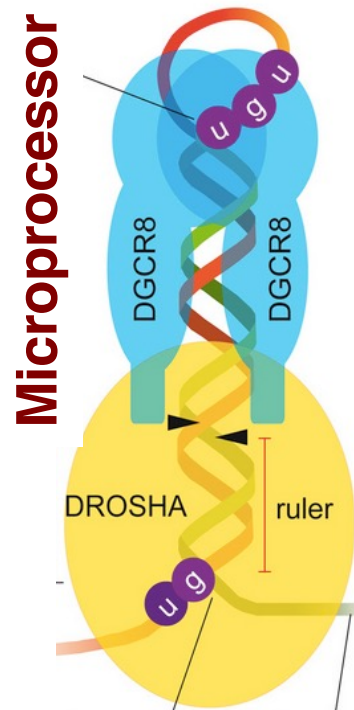
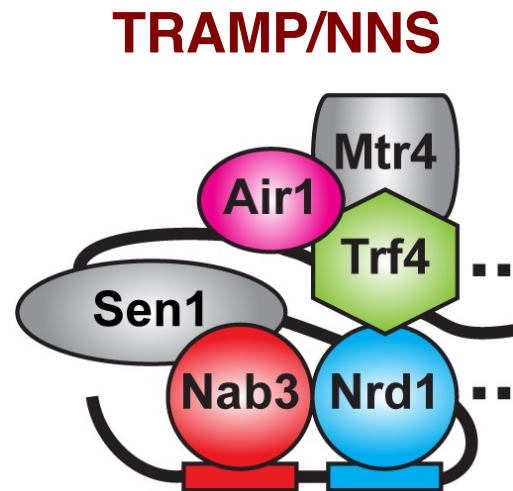
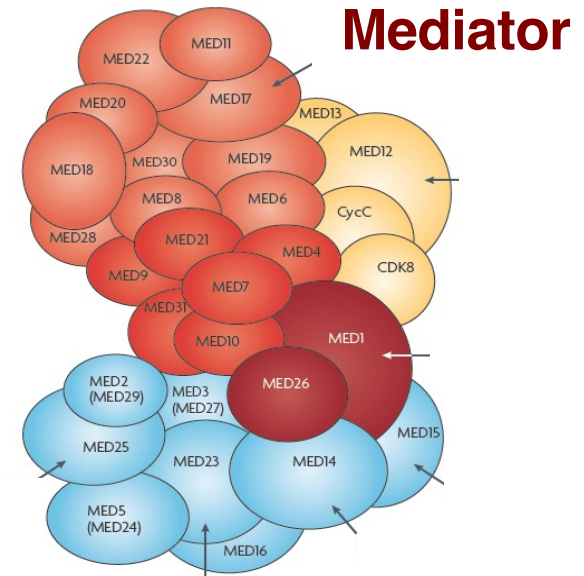
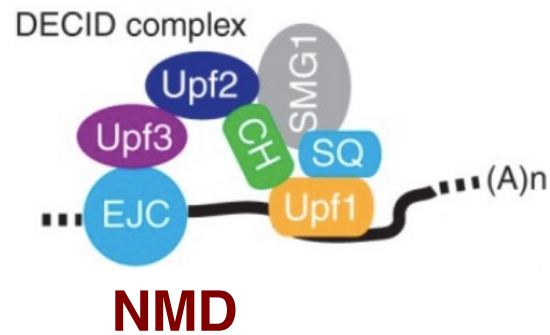
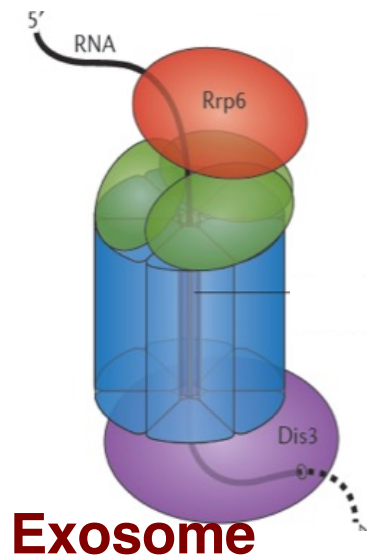
RNA granules

RNA decay

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RNA enzymes and complexes



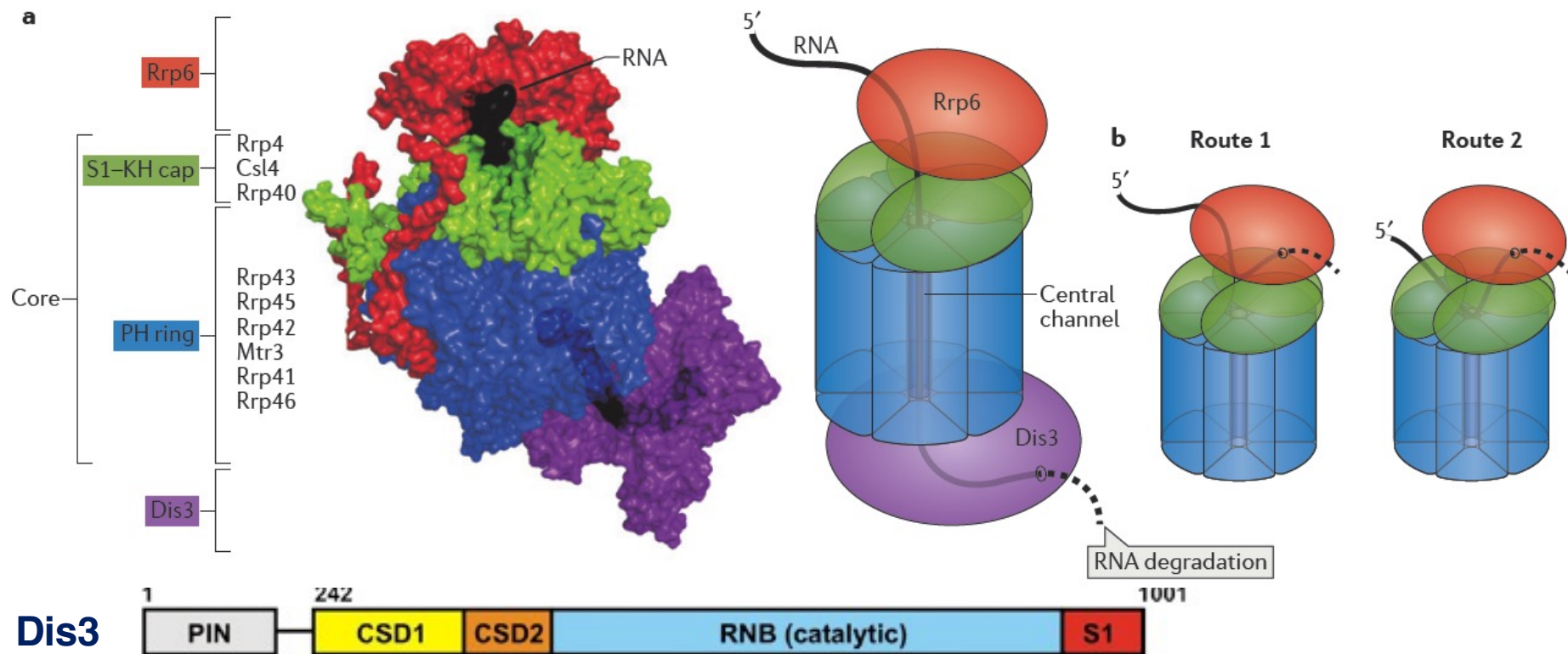
RNA processing and decay machinery: RNases

Protein	Function	Characteristics
<u>Exonucleases 5'→3'</u>		
Xrn1	cytoplasmic, mRNA degradation	processive
Rat1/XRN2	nuclear, pre-rRNA, sn/snoRNA, pre-mRNA processing and degradation	
Rrp17/hNOL12	nuclear, pre-rRNA processing	
<u>Exosome 3'→5' multisubunit exo/endo complex</u>		
Rrp44/Dis3	catalytic subunit	subunits organized as in bacterial PNPase Exo/PIN domains, processive
Rrp4, Rrp40	pre-rRNA, sn/snoRNA processing, mRNA degradation participates in NMD, ARE-dependent, non-stop decay	
Rrp41-43, 45-46		
Mtr3, Ski4		
Mtr4	nuclear helicase cofactor	DEAD box
Rrp6 (Rrp47)	nuclear exonuclease (Rrp6 BP, cofactor)	RNase D homolog, processive
Ski2,3,7,8	cytoplasmic exosome cofactors. SKI complex	helicase, GTPase
<u>Other 3'→5' and 5'→3'</u>		
Rex1-4	3'-5' exonucleases, rRNA, snoRNA, tRNA processing	RNase D homolog
DXO	5'-3' exonuclease in addition to decapping	
ERI1	3'-5' exonuclease, rRNA processing, histone mRNA decay	
<u>mtEXO 3'→5'</u>		
Suv3/ Dss1	mitochondrial degradosome RNA degradation in yeast helicase/ 3'-5' exonuclease	DExH box/ RNase II homolog
<u>Deadenylation</u>		
Ccr4/NOT/Pop2	major deadenylase complex (Ccr, Caf, Pop, Not proteins)	Ccr4- Mg ²⁺ dependent endonuclease
Pan2p/Pan3	additional deadenylases (polyA tail length)	RNase D homolog, poly(A) specific nuclease
PARN	mammalian deadenylase	RNase D homolog, poly(A) specific nuclease
<u>Endonucleases</u>		
RNase III		
-Rnt1	pre-rRNA, sn/snoRNA processing, mRNA degradation	dsRNA specific
-Dicer, Drosha	siRNA/miRNA biogenesis, functions in RNAi	PAZ, RNA BD, RNase III domains
Ago2 Slicer	mRNA cleavage in RNAi	
SMG6	mRNA cleavage in NMD	PIN domain
RNase P	5' tRNA end processing	RNP complex
RNase MRP	pre-rRNA processing	RNP complex, similar to RNase P
RNase L	rRNA degradation in apoptosis	oligo 2-5A dependent (ppp(A ₂ 'p) _n A)
ELAC2/Trz1	3' tRNA endonuclease	PDE motif and Zn ²⁺ binding motif
Utp24 Nob1 Las1	pre-rRNA processing at sites A0, D and C2	

Eukaryotic auxiliary decay factors

Protein	Function / Characteristics
<u>5' → 3' decay: decapping</u>	
Dcp1/Dcp2	Dcp2- pyrophosphatase catalytic activity, Nudix domain, Dcp1- protein binding
Hedls/Ge-1/Edc4	decapping cofactor, WD40 domain
Edc1,2,3	decapping enhancers, stimulate cap binding/catalysis, Edc1-2 (yeast), Edc3 (all eukaryotes)
Dhh1	DexD/H ATPase, decapping activator by translation repression
Lsm1-7	decapping activator, heptameric complex, binds mRNA 3' end-U rich tracts
Pat1	decapping activator by translation repression
DXO	pyrophosphohydrolase, 5' decapping endonuclease, deNADding, 5'OH hydrolase
<u>TRAMP complex: exosome cofactors, nuclear RNA QC, polyadenylation-dependent degradation,</u>	
Trf4/Trf5 (hTRF4-2)	nuclear alternative poly(A) polymerases
Mtr4 (hMTR4)	DEAD box helicase
Air1/Air2 (ZCCHC7)	RNA binding proteins
<u>NEXT and PAXT complexes: exosome cofactors, nuclear RNA QC</u>	
hMTR4	DEAD box helicase
RMB7/ZCCHC8	NEXT RNA binding proteins
ZFC3H1	PAXT RNA binding protein
PABPN1	PAXT nuclear polyA binding protein
<u>Nrd1-Nab3-Sen1 complex: PolII termination of ncRNAs, TRAMP-dependent degradation</u>	
Nrd1	Pol II C-terminal domain (CTD) binding, RNA binding
Nab3	RNA binding
Sen1	RNA helicase
<u>CBCA-NEXT, CBCA-PAXT and RESTRICTOR complexes: nuclear RNA QC</u>	
CBC CBCA	nuclear cap binding complex
ARS2	RNA binding, Pol II transcription, termination, RNA decay
ZC3H18	NEXT, zinc finger protein
ZFCH1	PAXT nuclear polyA binding protein
ZC3H4, WDR82	RESTRICTOR Pol II termination, RNA Decay by NEXT and exosome complexes

EXOSOME: 3'→5' decay machinery



- 3'→5' exo/endo nuclease complex
- 10 core components (RNA BP)
- catalytically active exo hydrolytic Dis3/Rrp44 (RNase II)
- PIN domain with endo activity
- nuclear cofactors- RNA BP Rrp47, nuclease Rrp6 (RNase D), RNA helicase Mtr4
- cytoplasmic cofactors- Ski2-3-8 complex (RNA helicase Ski2), GTPase Ski7
- substrates- processing and/or degradation of almost all RNAs

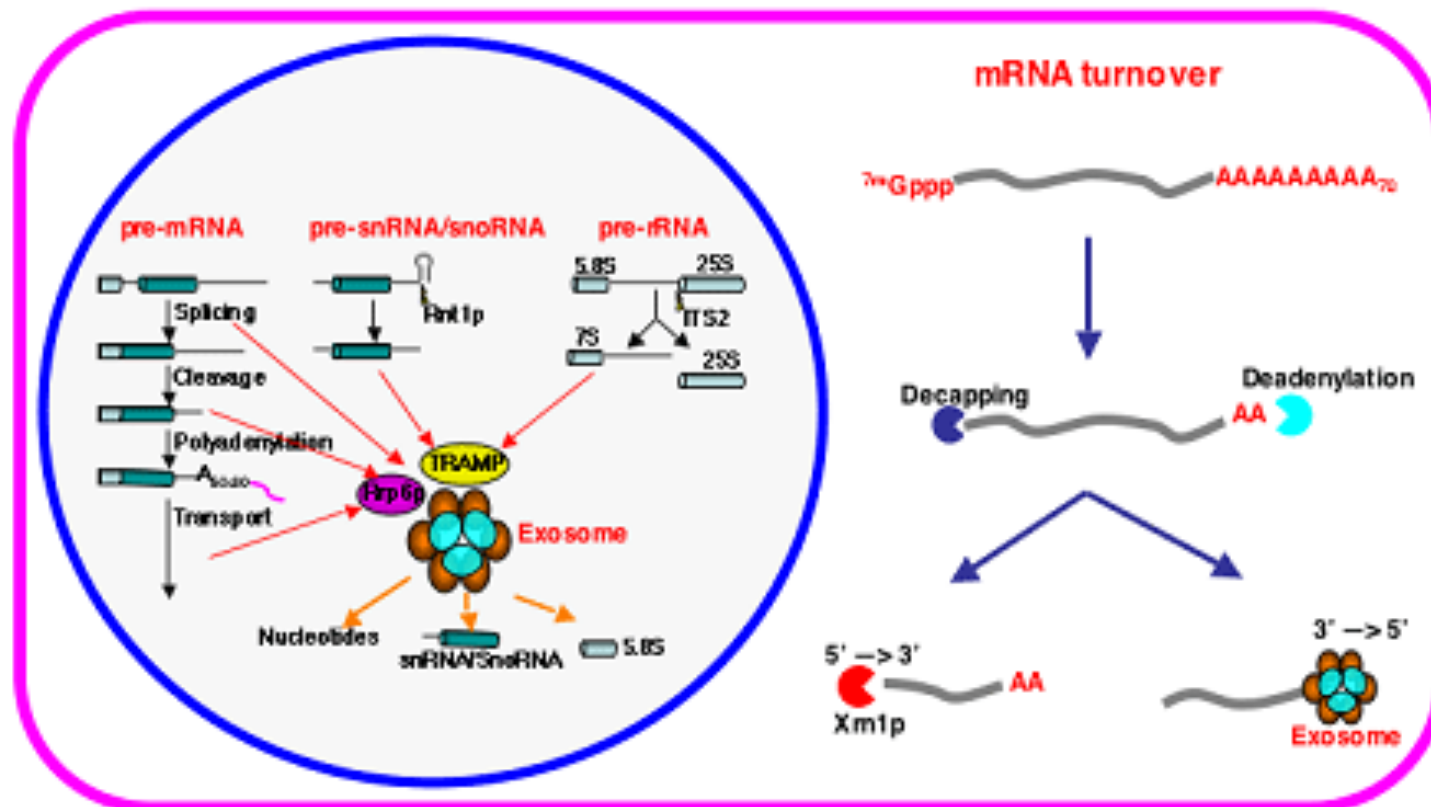
EXOSOME: 3'→5' decay machinery: functions

NUCLEAR: Rrp6 and core components have partly separate functions

- 3' -end processing of 5.8S rRNA, sn/snoRNAs, tRNAs, SRP RNA
- degradation of pre-mRNAs, tRNAs, sn/snoRNAs
- degradation of other ncRNAs: CUTs, PROMPTS

CYTOPLASMIC:

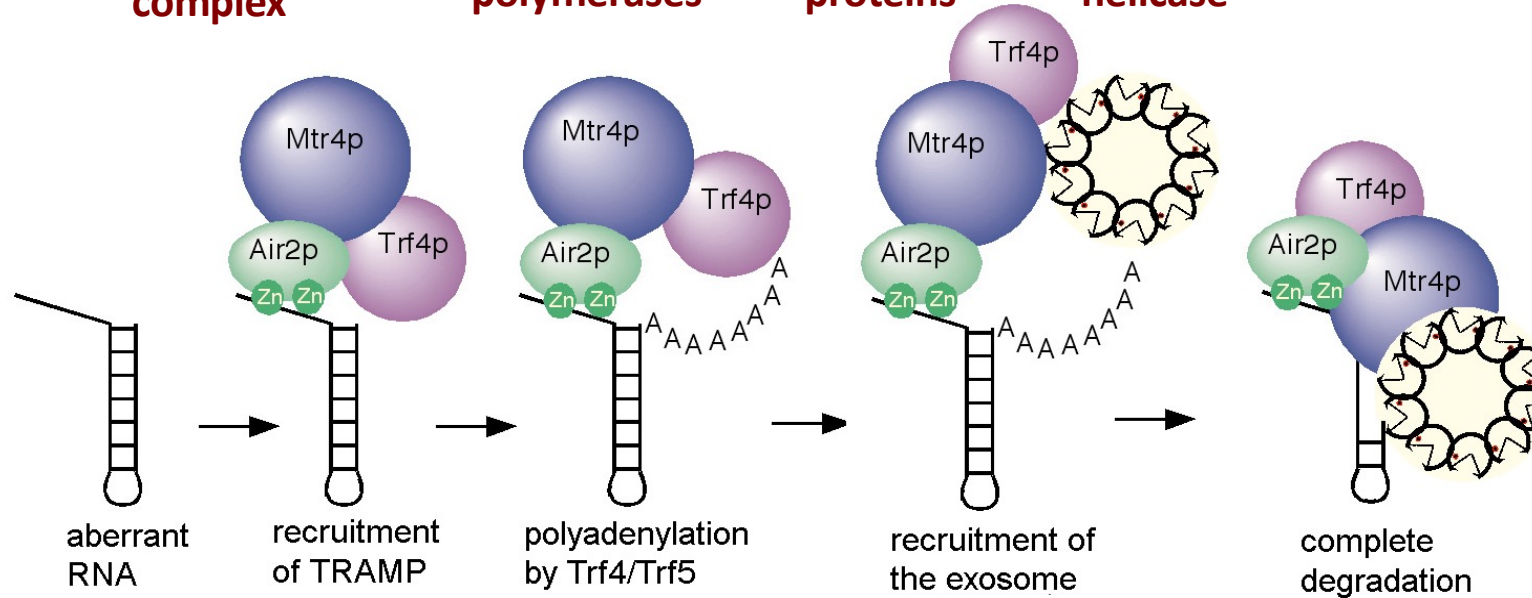
- generic mRNA decay
- specialised mRNA decay pathways: NMD, NSD, NO-GO decay, ARE-dependent decay



TRAMP – exosome cofactor

yeast

TRAMP = Trf4/5 + Air1/2 + Mtr4
 polyadenylation complex poly(A) polymerases RNA binding proteins RNA DEVH helicase



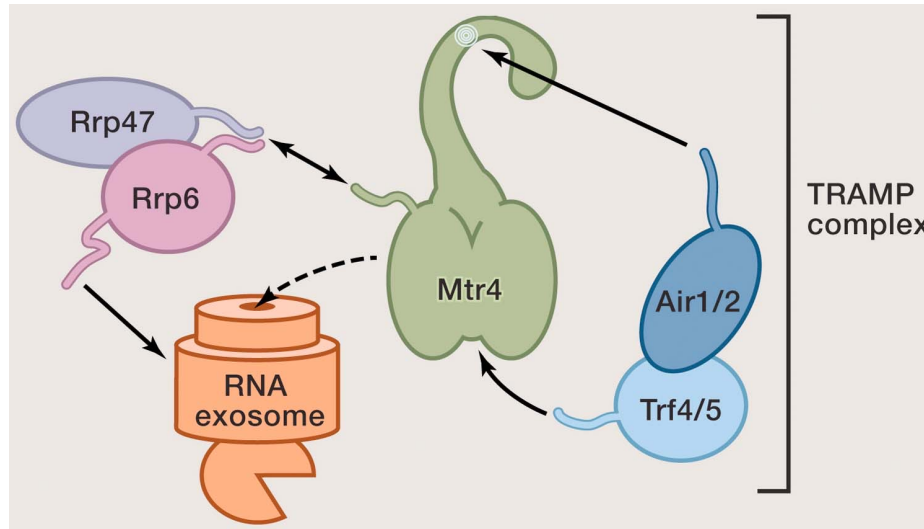
Polyadenylation-mediated nuclear discard pathway for defective and excessive RNAs

- hypomodified tRNAs, pre-tRNAs
- ncRNAs:
 - sn/snoRNAs, rRNAs
 - CUTs (Cryptic Unstable Transcripts)
- some mRNAs

TRAMP interacts with

- exosome via Mtr4
- Nrd1/Nab3/Sen1 complex

TRAMP + Exosome = nuclear RNA surveillance



Mtr4 – DEAH box RNA helicase

Air1/2 – RNA binding proteins

Trf4/5 – poly(A) polymerases

Substrate specificity conferred by Trf4/5

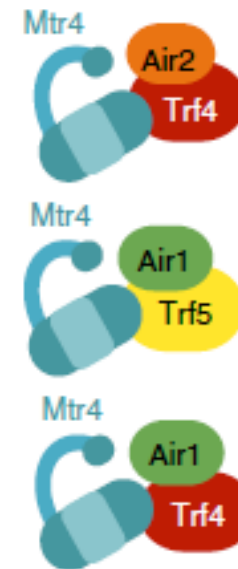
Air1/2 are highly redundant

SUBSTRATES

TRAMP 4-2: mRNA, ncRNA

TRAMP 5-1: pre-rRNA

TRAMP 4-1: mRNA, introns

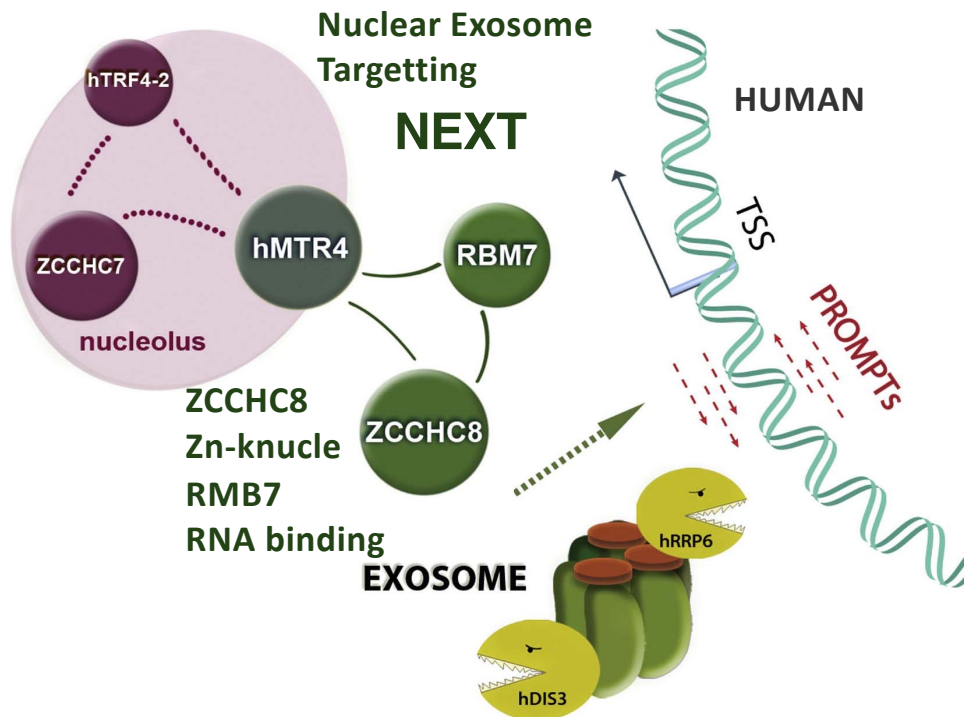


TRAMP

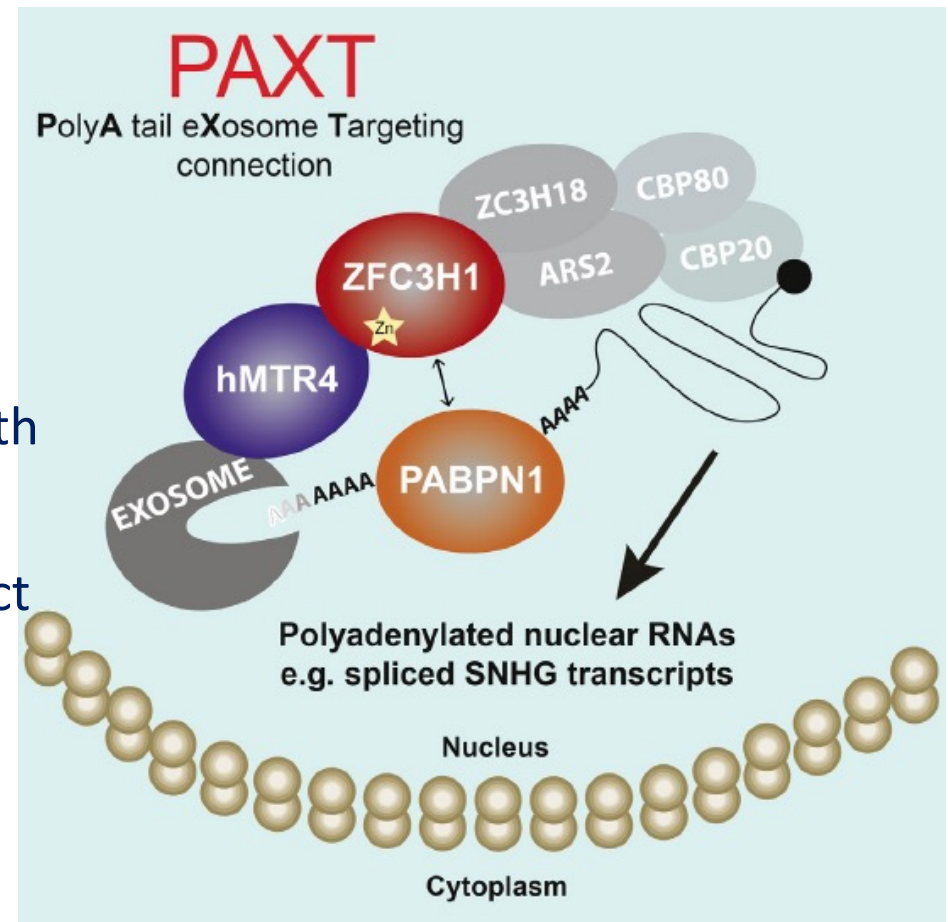
- interacts with the exosome via Mtr4 - role in degradation
- role in sn/snoRNA 3' end processing together with the exosome
- interacts with Nrd1/Nab3 complex - role in ncRNA Pol II termination
- role in transcription silencing in *S. cerevisiae* and *S. pombe* (Cid14)

NEXT and PAXT - exosome cofactors

mammals

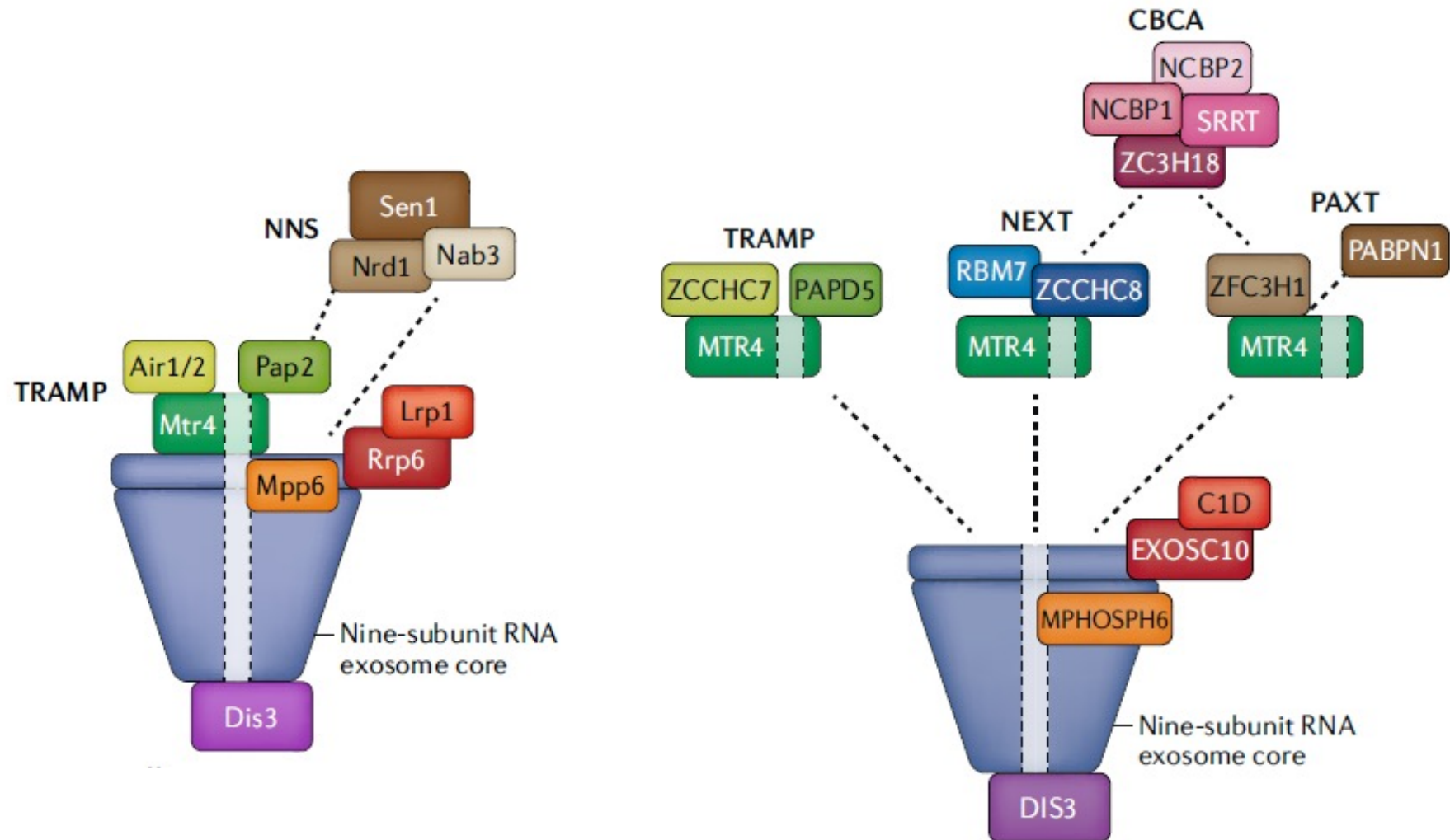


MTR4- associated complexes

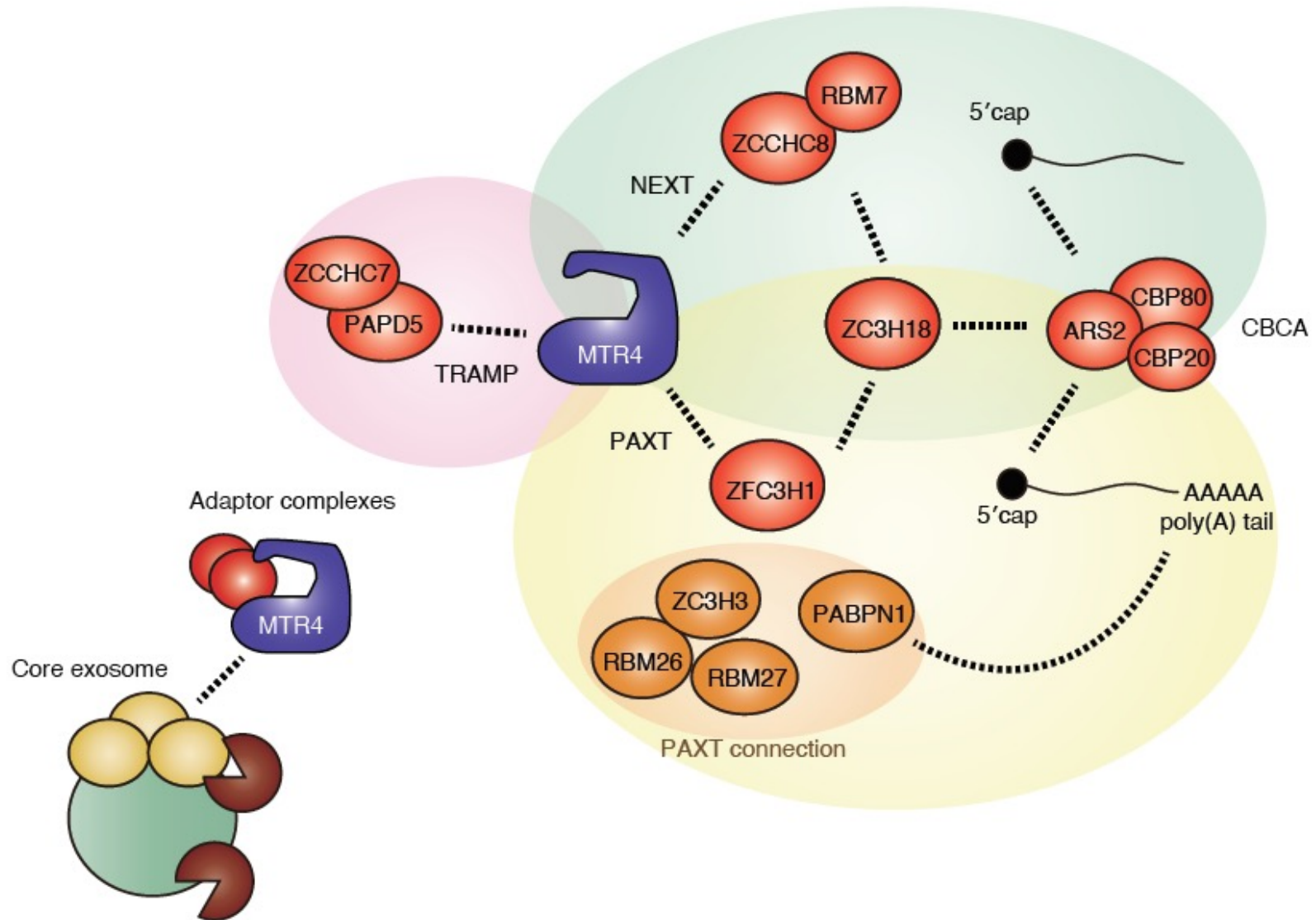


- ZFC3H1 (Zn-knuckle protein) links MTR4 with PABPN1 in PAXT
- ZFC3H1/PABPN1 and RBM7/ZCCHC8 interact with MTR4 in a mutually exclusive manner
- PAXT and NEXT direct distinct RNA species for nuclear exosome degradation
- PAXT targets tend to be longer and more extensively polyadenylated than NEXT targets

EXOSOME with TRAMP, NEXT and PAXT



EXOSOME with TRAMP, NEXT and PAXT

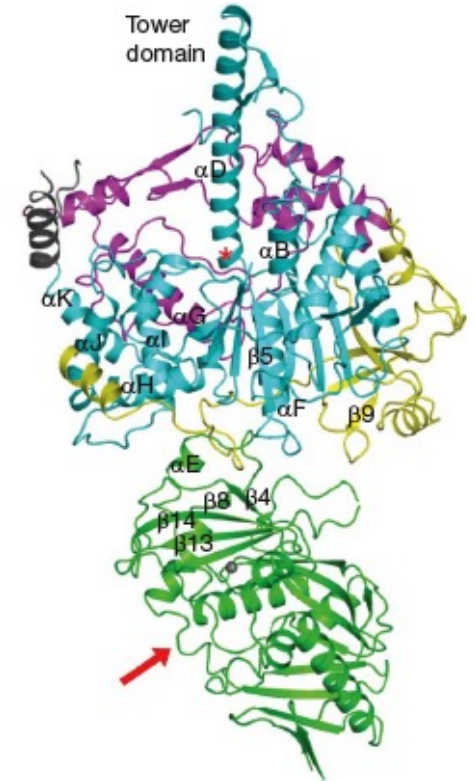


XRN family: 5' → 3' processive exonucleases



Kastenmayer and Green, 2000, PNAS

Crystal structure of *S. pombe*
Rat1/Rai1 complex



Xiang et al, 2009, Nature

NUCLEAR Rat1/XRN2

with Rai1 activator (5' -ppp pyrophosphohydrolase and phosphodiesterase-decapping nuclease)

- 5' -end processing of 5.8S and 25S rRNAs, snoRNAs
- degradation of pre-mRNAs, tRNAs, sn/snoRNAs
- degradation of some ncRNAs: CUTs
- transcription termination of Pol I and II (*torpedo mechanism*)

CYTOPLASMIC XRN1

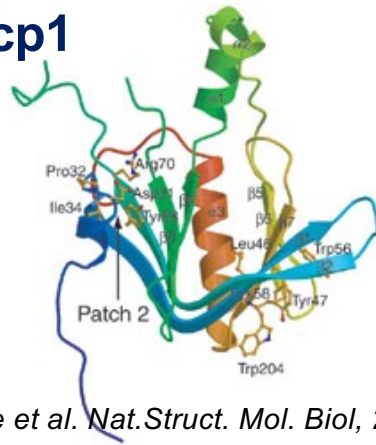
- generic mRNA decay
- specialised mRNA decay pathways: NMD, NSD, NO-GO decay, ARE-dependent decay
- degradation of miRNA-dependent mRNA cleavage products (*in plants*)
- degradation of some ncRNAs: CUTs, SUTs, XUTs

XRN1 and Rat1/XRN2 have deNADding and deFADding activity

Sharma et al, Nat Comm 2022; NAR 2022

DCP/NUDT- decapping enzymes

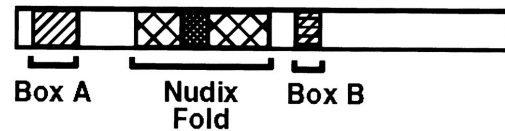
Dcp1



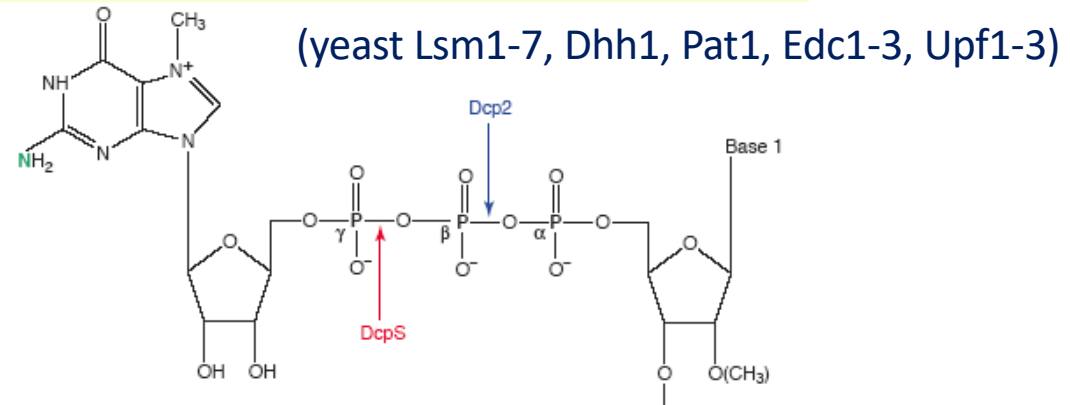
She et al. *Nat. Struct. Mol. Biol.*, 2004

- **Dcp1/Dcp2** complex participates in mRNA 5' decay
- catalyses the reaction $m^7GpppX\text{-mRNA} \rightarrow m^7GDP + 5'p\text{-mRNA}$
- Dcp2 is the catalytic subunit (pyrophosphatase Nudix domain)
- Dcp1 is required for activity *in vivo*, interacts with other proteins
- **Dcp1/Dcp2p** is regulated by Pab1 and activating factors

Dcp2



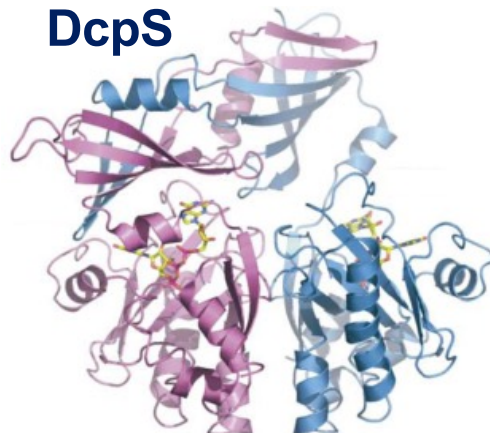
Wang et al. *PNAS*, 2002



NUDT proteins (22):

in vivo decapping *Nudt16*, *Nudt3* (mammals)
in vivo deNADding *Nudt12* (mammals)

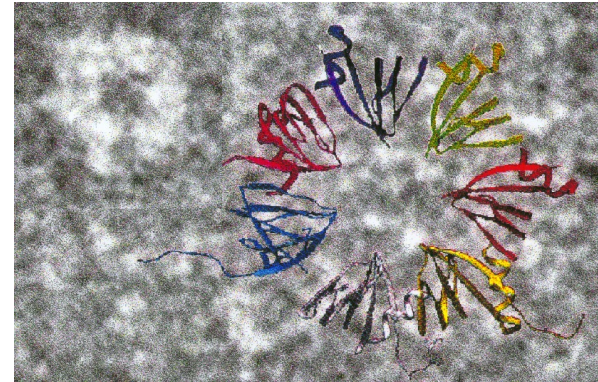
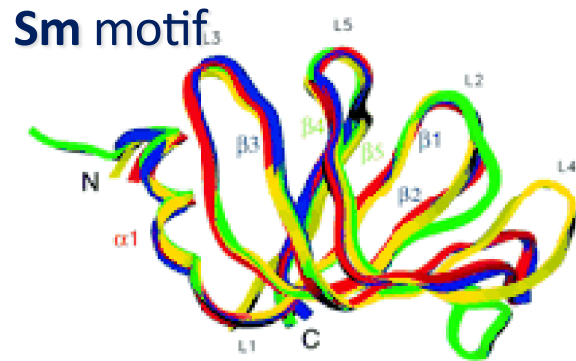
DcpS



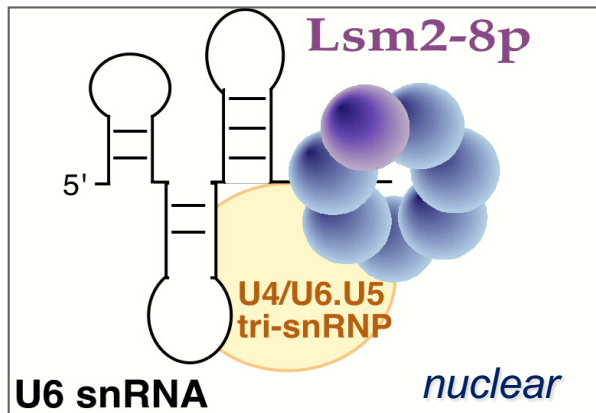
- **DcpS**: HIT pyrophosphatase („histidine triad” on the C-terminus)
- catalyses the cleavage of $m^7GDP \rightarrow m^7GMP + Pi$ remaining after decapping during mRNA 5' decay
- cooperates with the exosome during mRNA 3' decay ($m^7GpppX\text{-oligoRNA} \rightarrow m^7GMP + pp\text{-oligoRNA}$)
- functions as an asymmetric dimer

Gu et al., *M.Cell*, 2004

LSM proteins

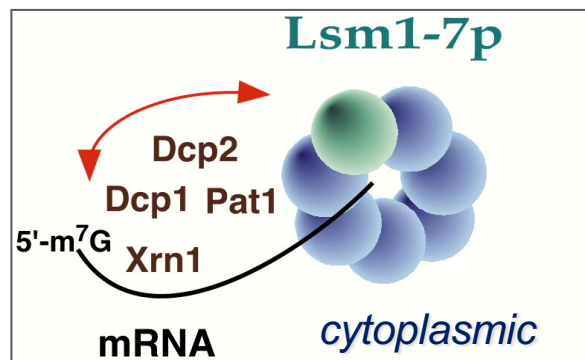


Achsel et al, EMBO J, 2001



Involved in pre-mRNA splicing

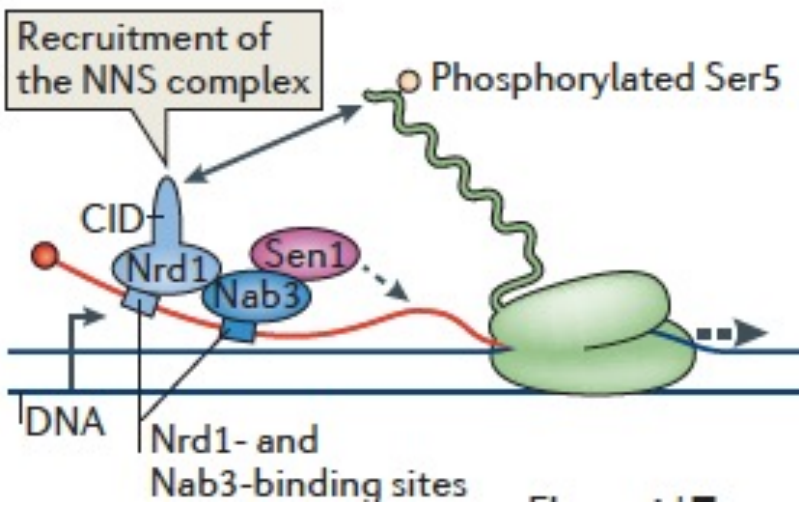
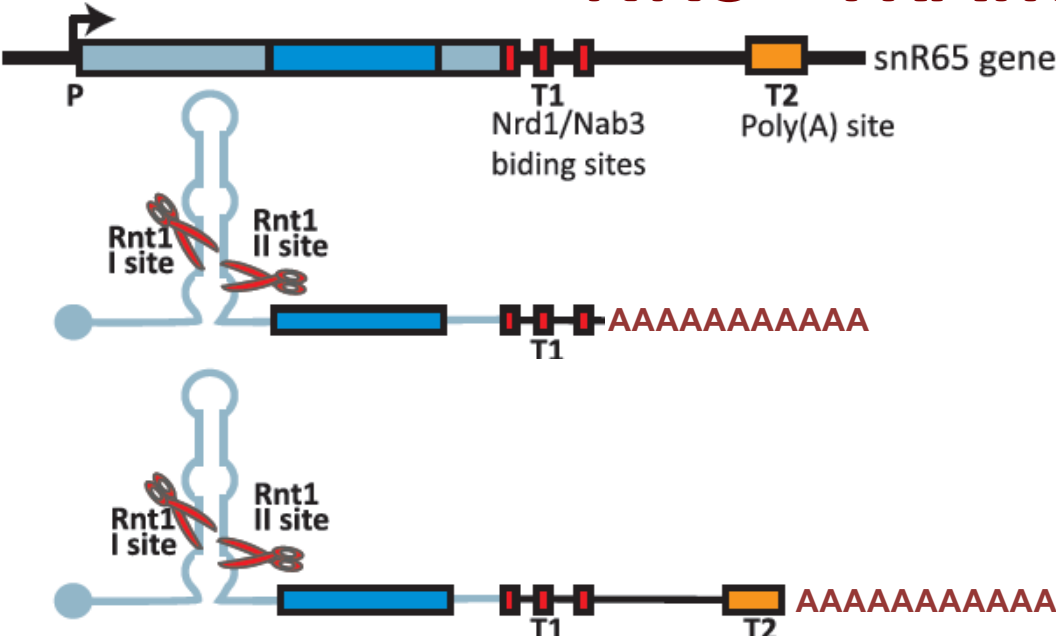
- associates with U6 snRNA
- required for U6 RNA accumulation and U6 snRNP biogenesis
- interacts with the U4/U6.U5 tri-snRNP



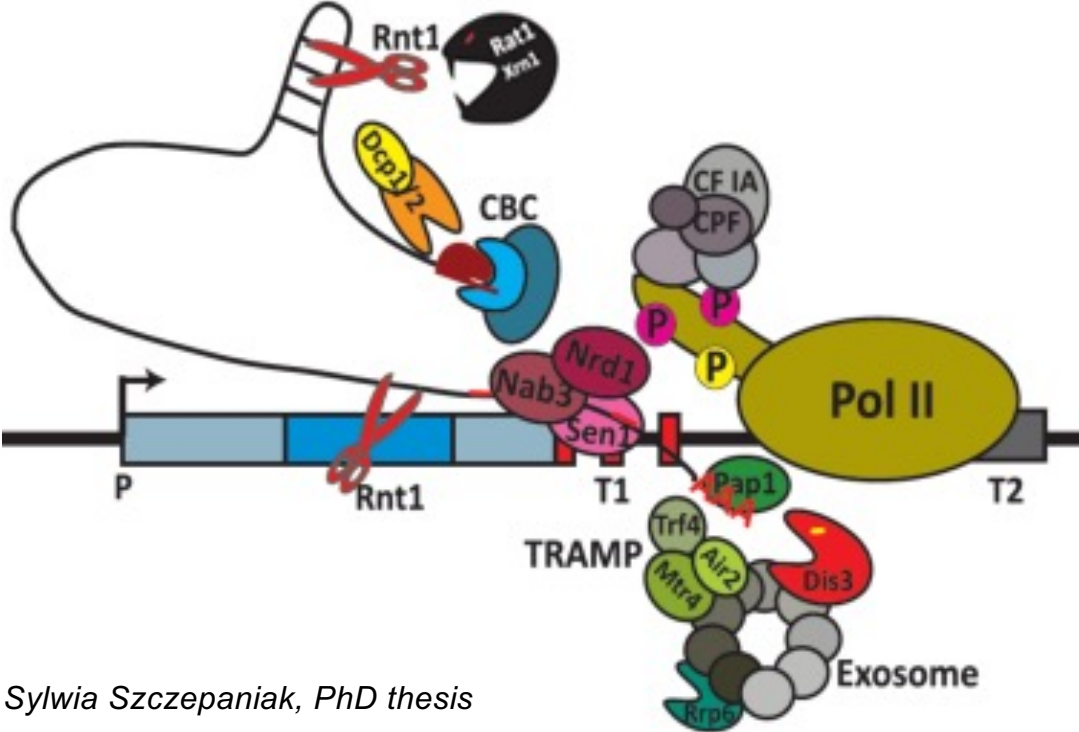
Functions in mRNA decapping and decay

- activator of decapping
- interacts with components of the mRNA decapping and degradation machinery (XRN1, DCP1/2, PAT1)

NNS - TRAMP - exonome



Poruua, Libri, Nat Rev Mol Cell Biol, 2015

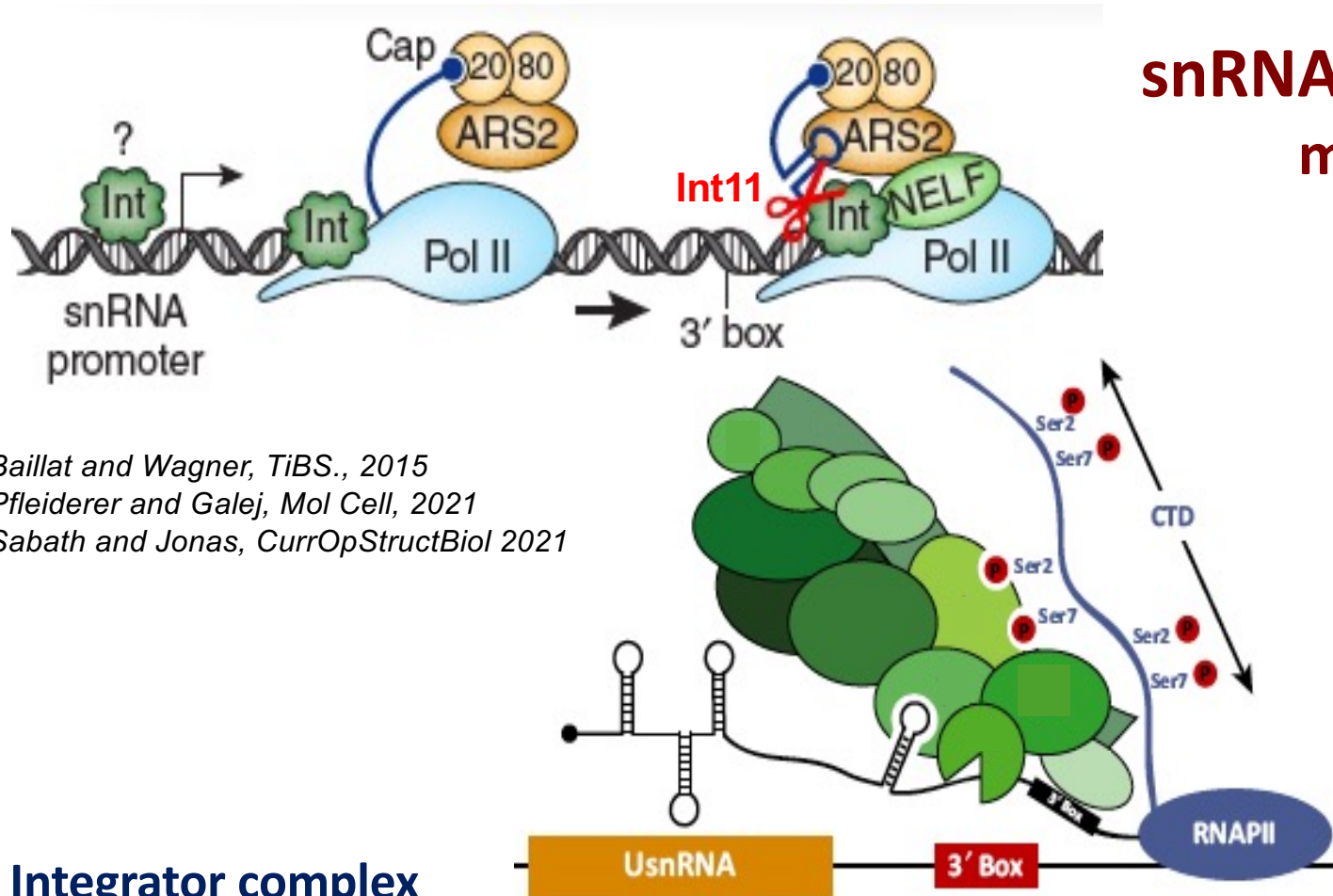


sn/snoRNA processing yeast

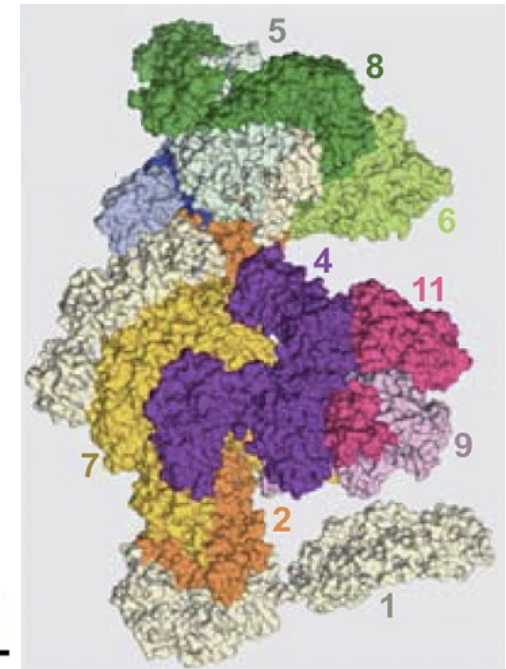
Sylwia Szczepaniak, PhD thesis

INTEGRATOR

snRNA processing metazoa



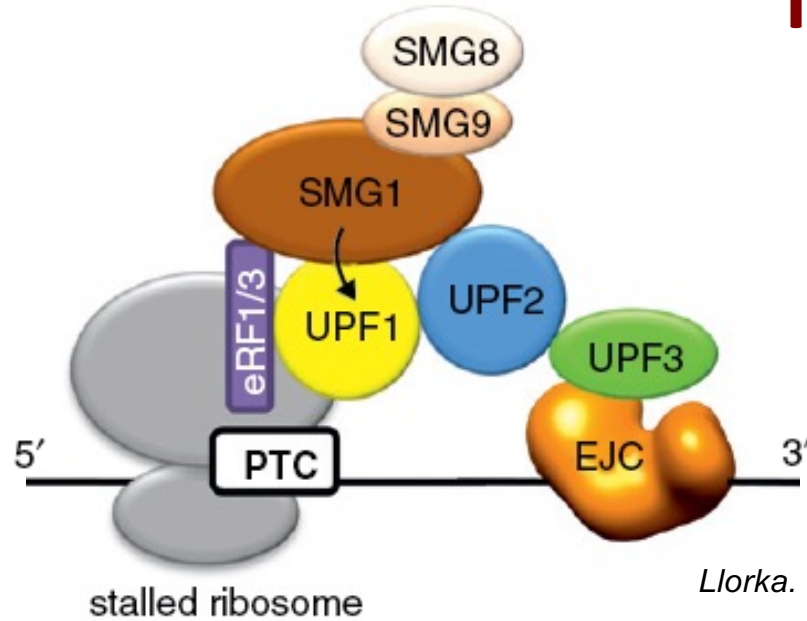
Baillat and Wagner, *TiBS.*, 2015
 Pfeleiderer and Galej, *Mol Cell*, 2021
 Sabath and Jonas, *CurrOpStructBiol* 2021



Integrator complex

- recruited contrancriptionally to snRNA promoter
- interacts with Pol II CTD (Ser7-P/Ser2-P dyad)
- cleaves pre-snRNA at 3' box (endonuclease Int11)
- involved in transcription termination at snRNA genes
- contributes to transcription termination at mRNA genes (intronless in particular)
- promotes transcription elongation by nascent transcript cleavage (PolIII release)

NMD factors



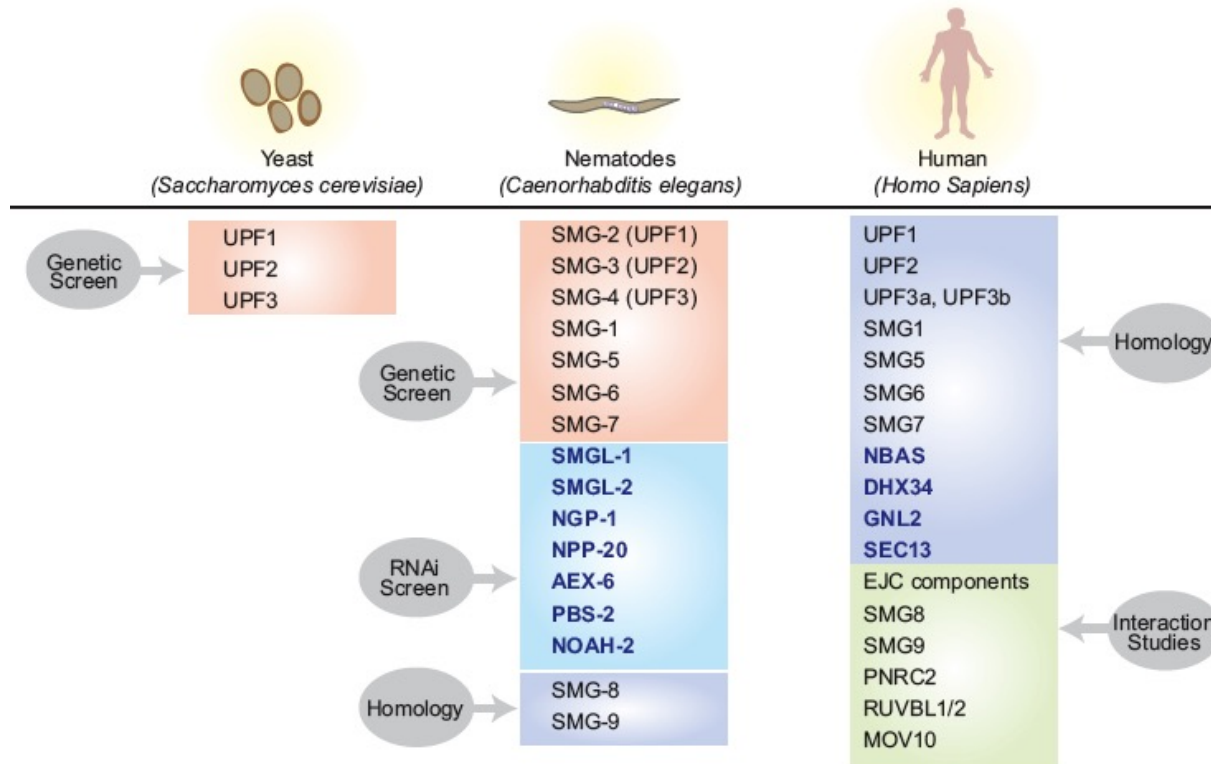
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SURF complex

SMG1-UPFs-SMGs-Release Factors

DECID (decay inducing)

phosphoSMG1-UPFs-EJC



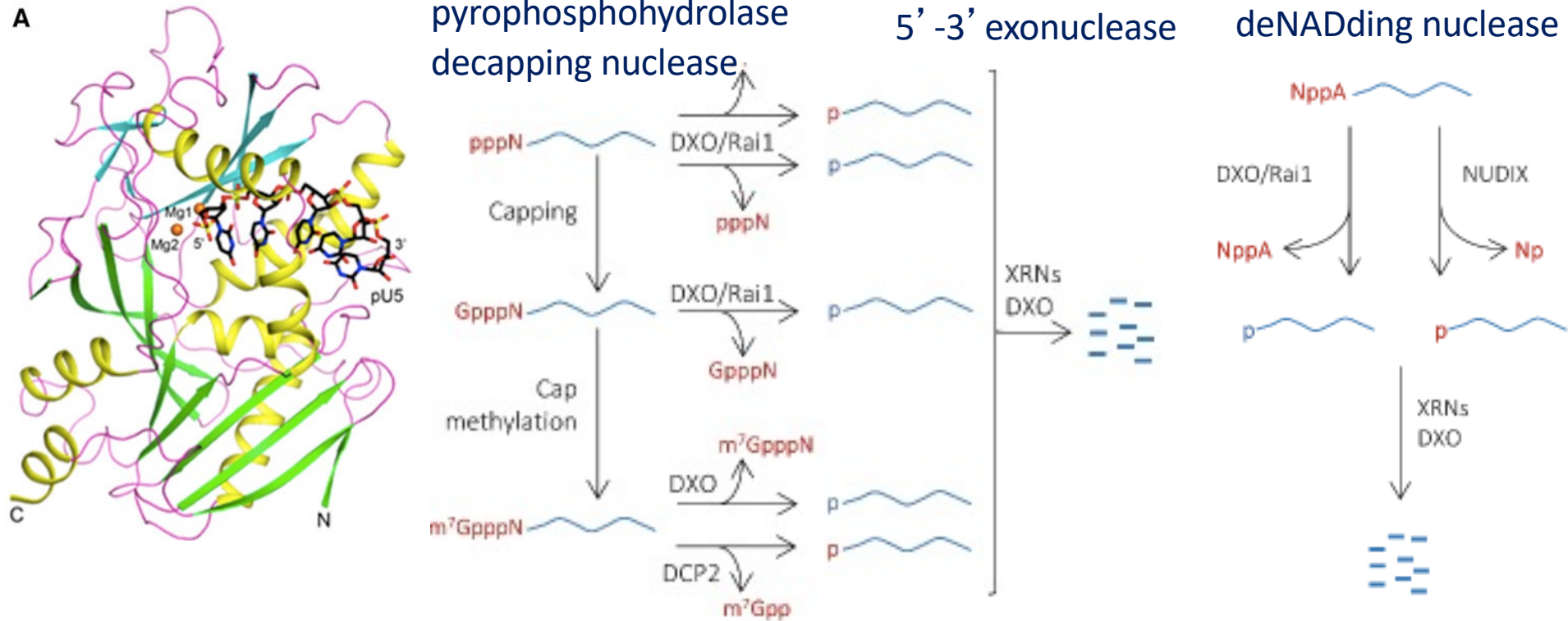
Hug et al., *NAR*, 2016

DXO/Rai1 family

Cellular activities

cap surveillance

deNADding



ACTIVITY	SUBSTRATE	MmDXO	At DXO1
5'-3' exoribonuclease	p-RNA	+++	+
Pyrophosphohydrolase	ppp-RNA	+++	-
Decapping (unmethylated cap)	Gppp-RNA	+++	-
Decapping (mature cap)	m ⁷ Gppp-RNA	+++	-
DeNADding	NppA-RNA	++++	+++

Additional activities:

- 5' OH RNA hydrolase

- FAD and CoA

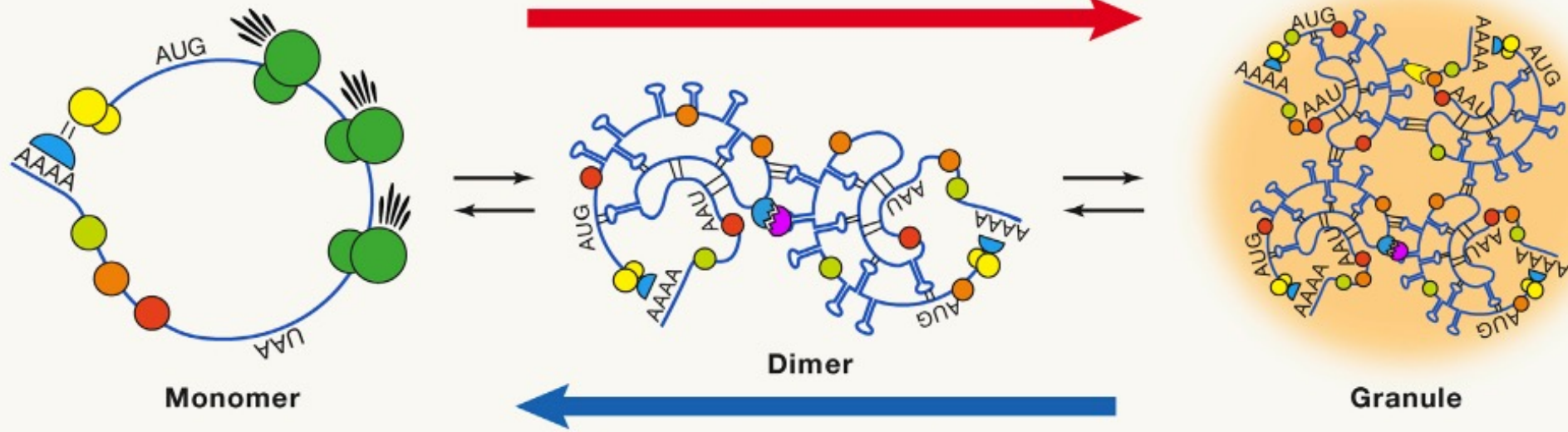
decapping nuclease

RNP granule assembly

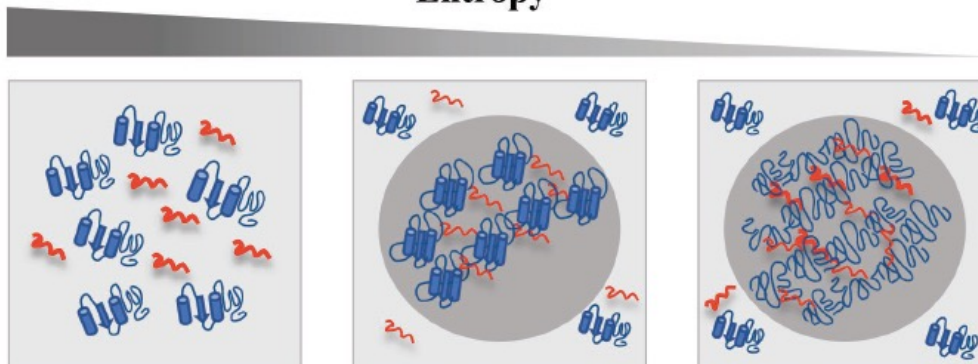
by protein-protein and RNA-RNA interactions

Assembly promoted by:

- Longer RNA length
- High local concentrations
- RNAs with increased ability to interact
- Multivalent RNA-binding proteins



Entropy



Energy

Phase transition

Droplets, MLOs (Membraneless Organelles)

Liquid-Liquid Phase Separation (LLPS)

Condensates

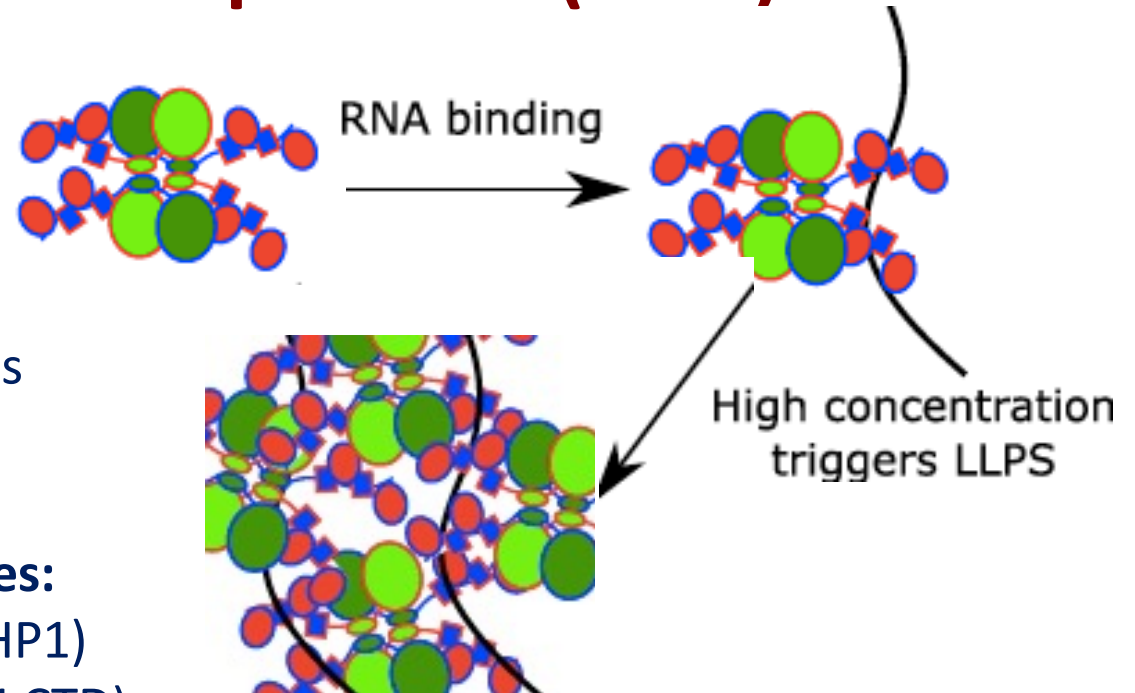
Formed by unstructured protein domains around RNAs

IDR - Intrinsic Disordered Domains

PLD - Prion-Like Domains

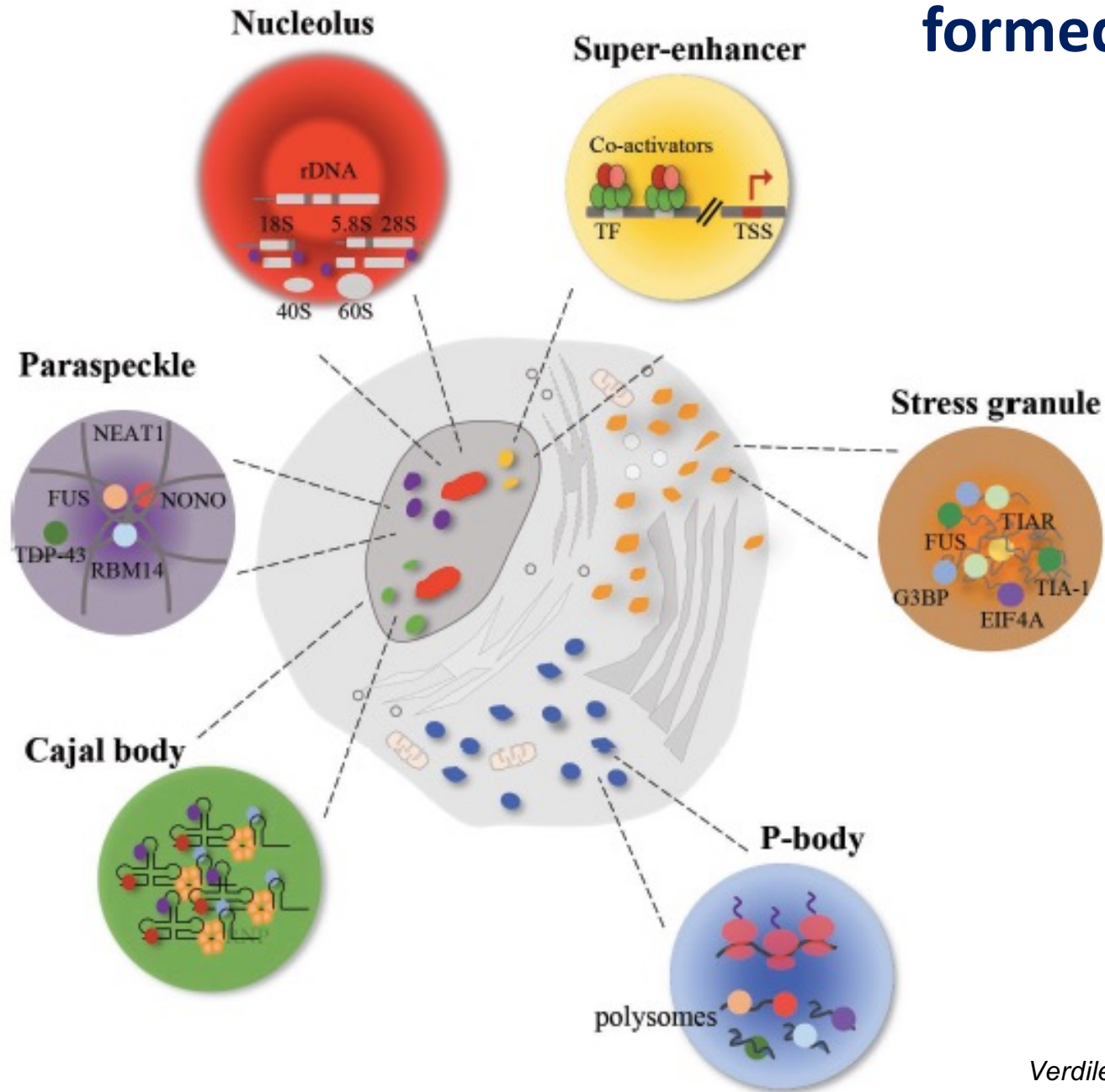
Organize several cellular processes:

- Heterochromatin structure (HP1)
- Transcription (Mediator, Pol II CTD)
- Processing (nucleolus, spliceosome, SR proteins, Cajal bodies)
- RNA retention and storage
(Nuclear speckles, Paraspeckles, P-bodies, Stress Granules)
- RNA decay (degradosome)
- Protein modification and degradation (autophagosome, proteasome)

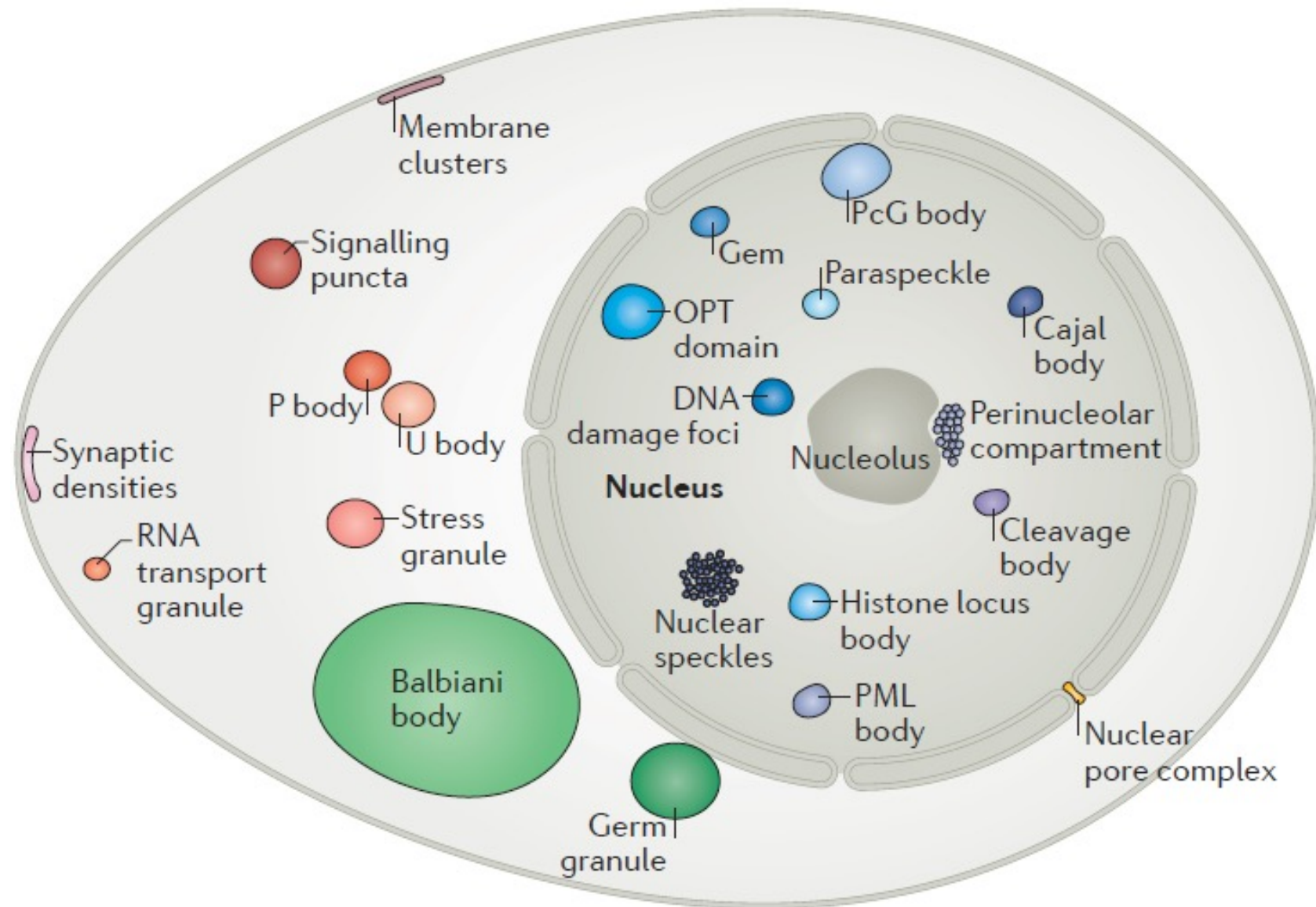


Membraneless Organelles

formed by LLPS



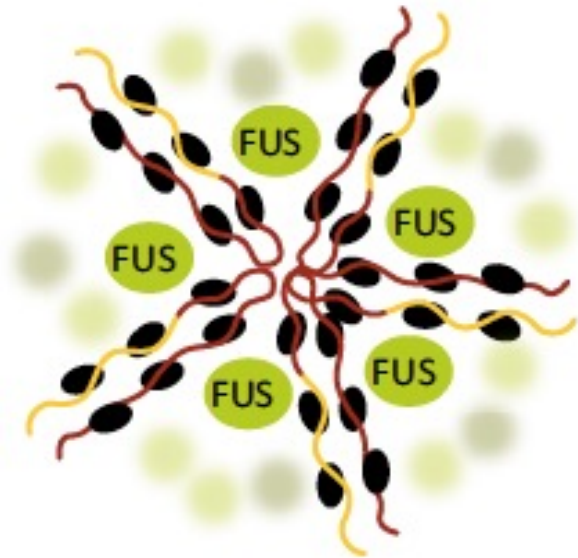
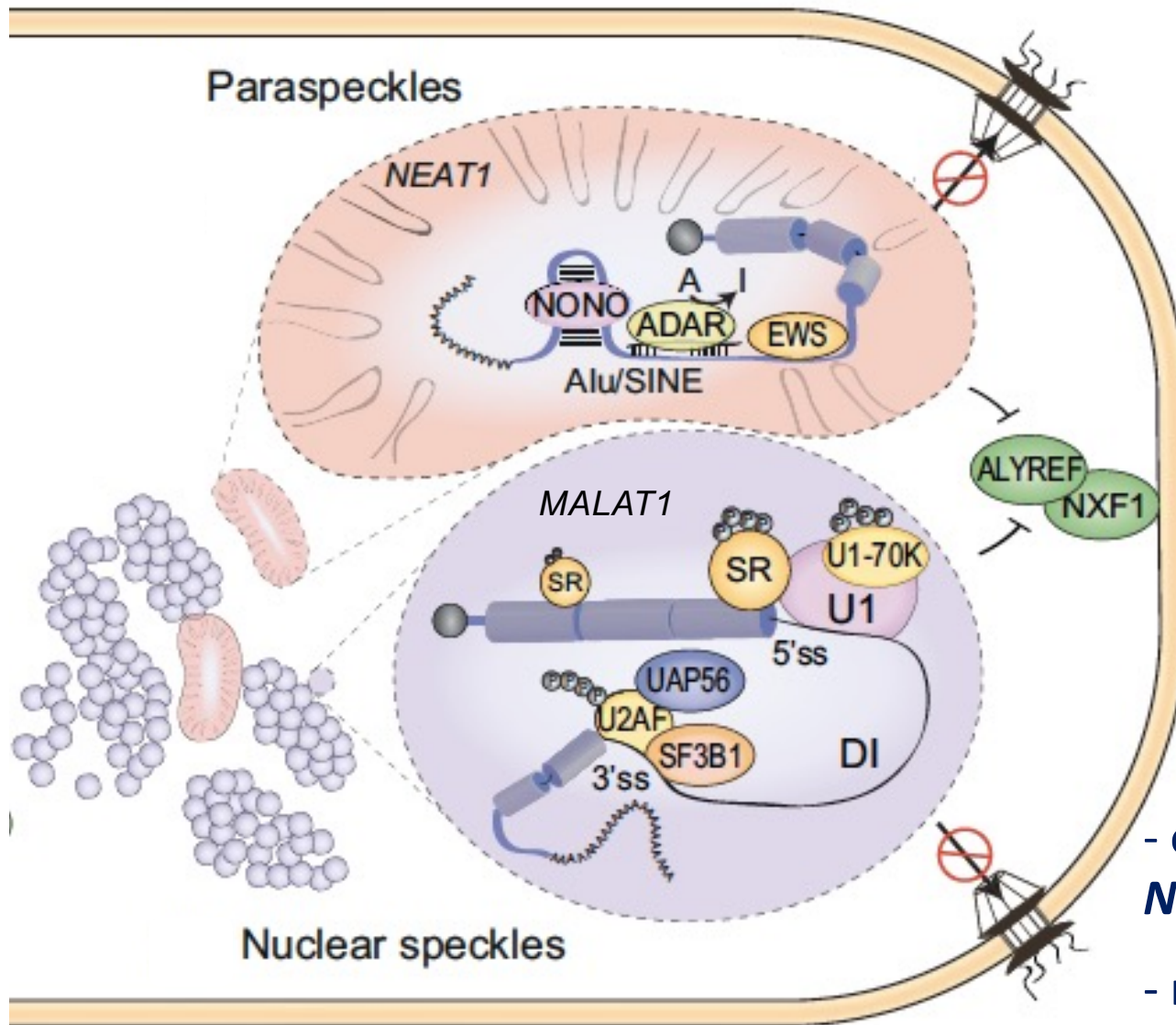
Cellular Condensates



and many more...

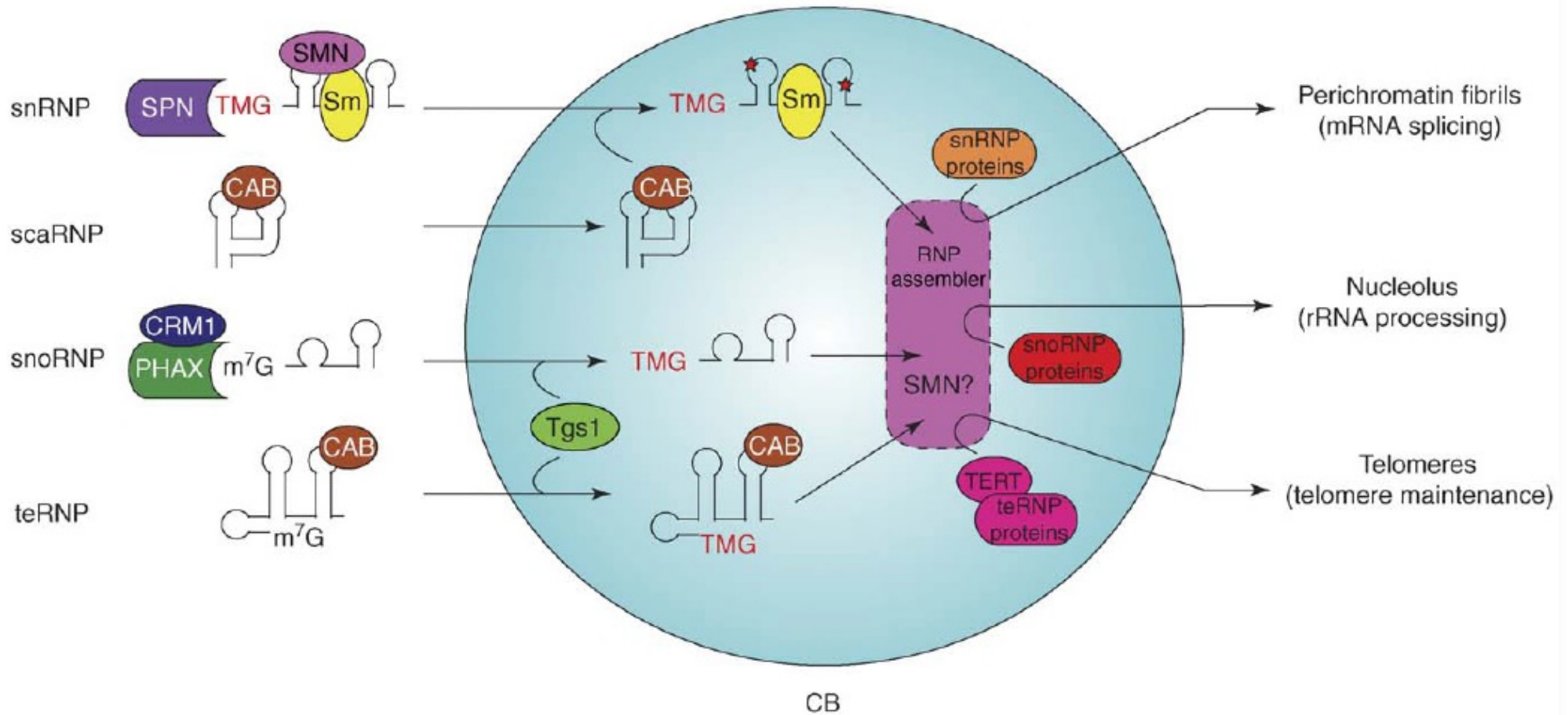
Paraspeckles

Nuclear speckles



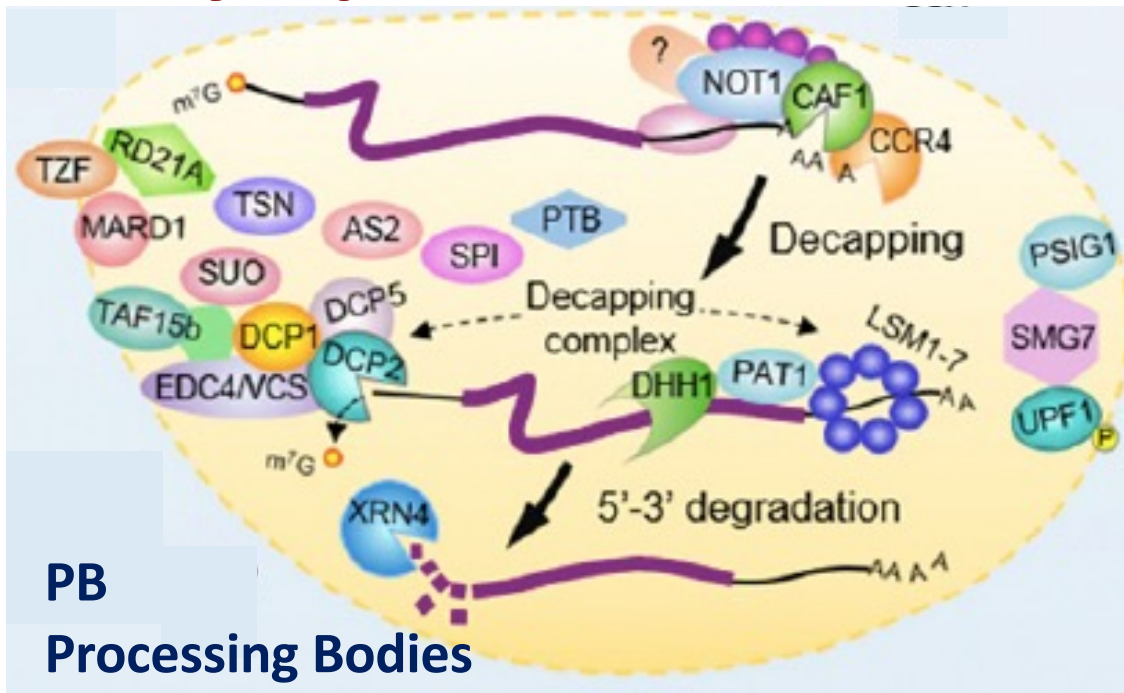
- organized around lncRNAs: ***NEAT1*** (PS) or ***MALAT1*** (NS)
- regulate gene expression by mRNA nuclear retention

Cajal bodies



- contain CB-specific scaRNA
- sites of snRNA modification (capping, 2'O-Me, pseudoU) and RNA processing

Cytoplasmic P-bodies and Stress Granules



PB Processing Bodies

mRNA storage
mRNA decay

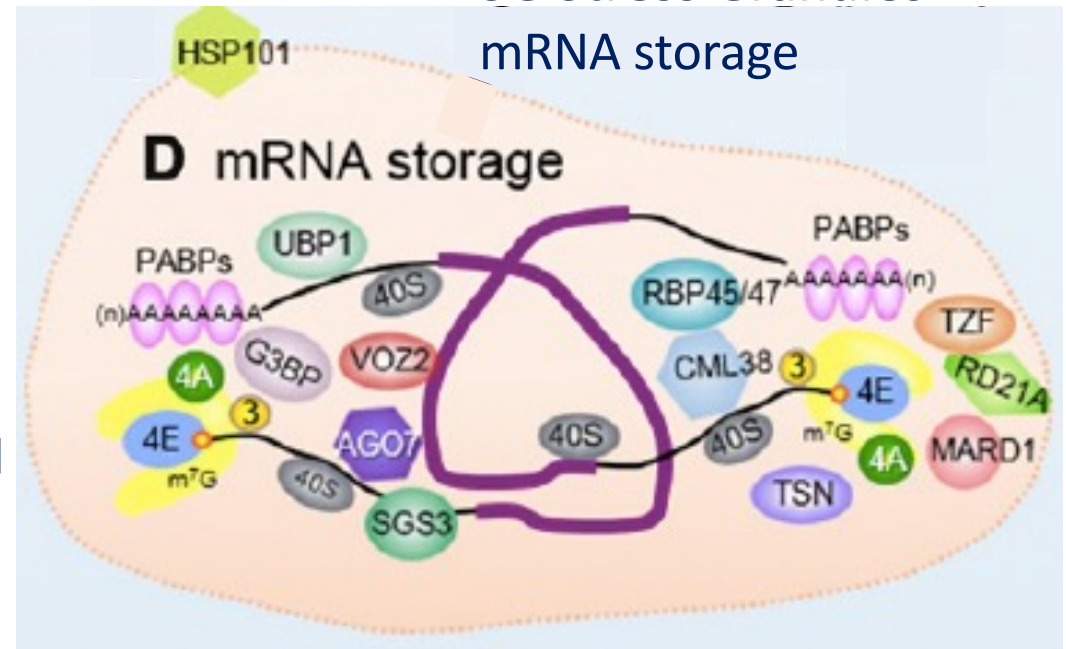
SG: global translation halts upon stress, mRNAs bound to the translational machinery and other proteins form SGs.

PB: translationally stalled mRNAs devoid of initiation factors shuttle to PBs.

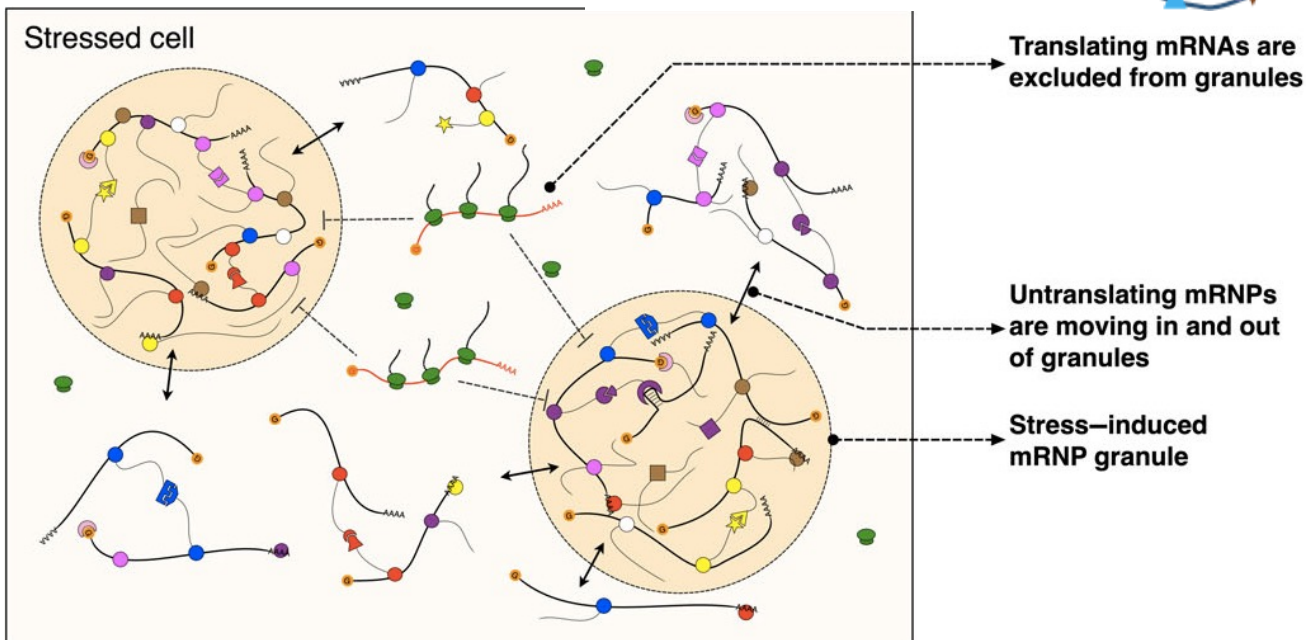
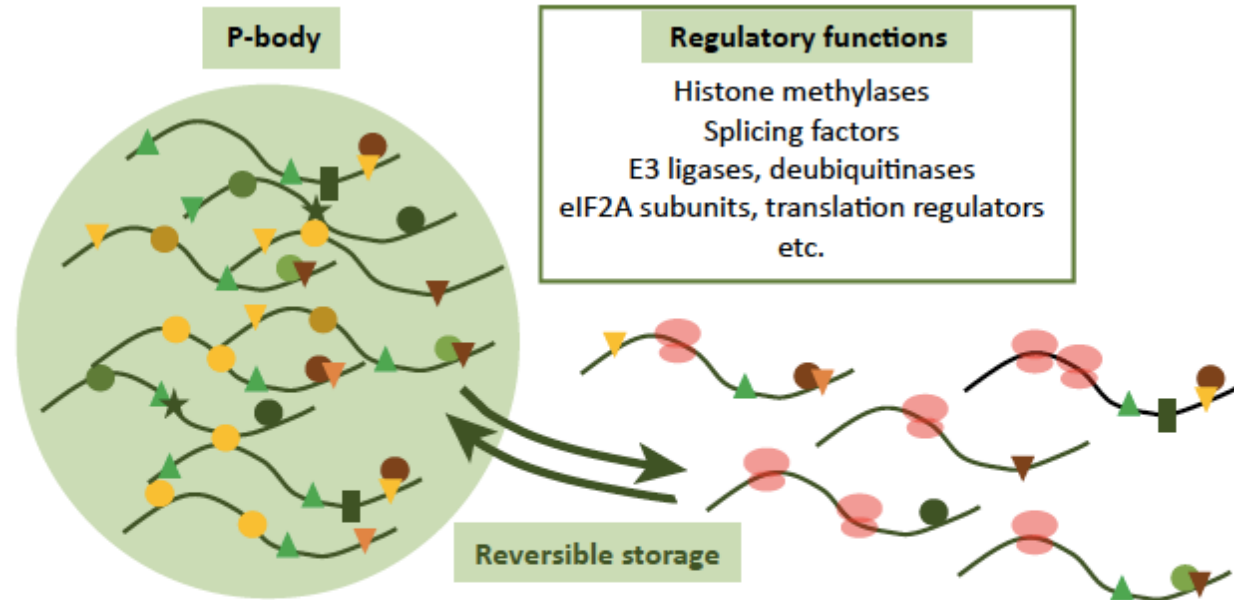
Dynamic biomolecular condensates
Formed by phase separation of RNAs and proteins
Role in translational control and proteome buffering upon translational arrest (PB) and stress (SG)

SG Stress Granules

mRNA storage

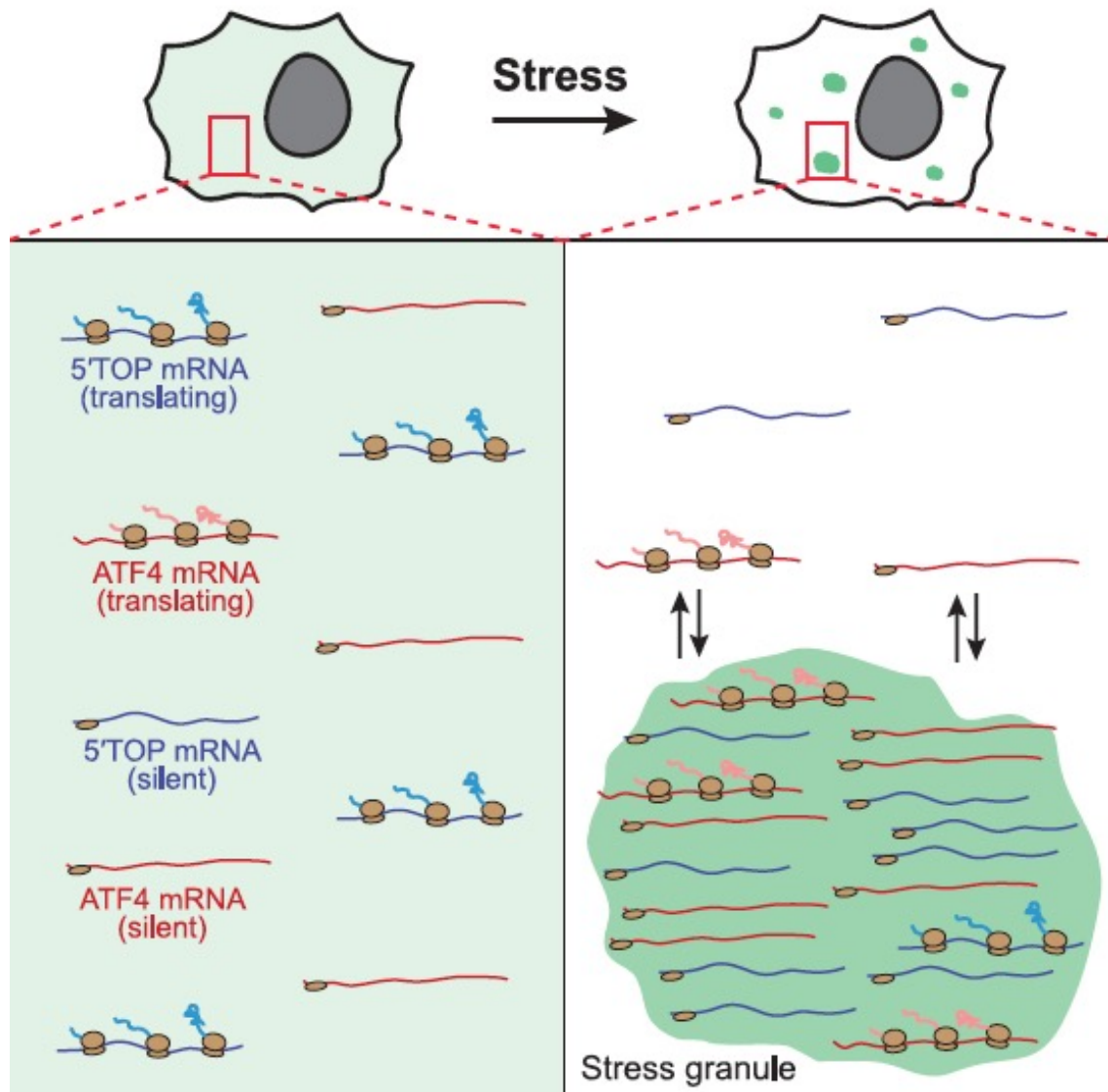


PB SG mRNPs



Guzikowski et al, WIREsRNA, 2019;
Standart and Weil, TiG, 2018

Translation in SGs

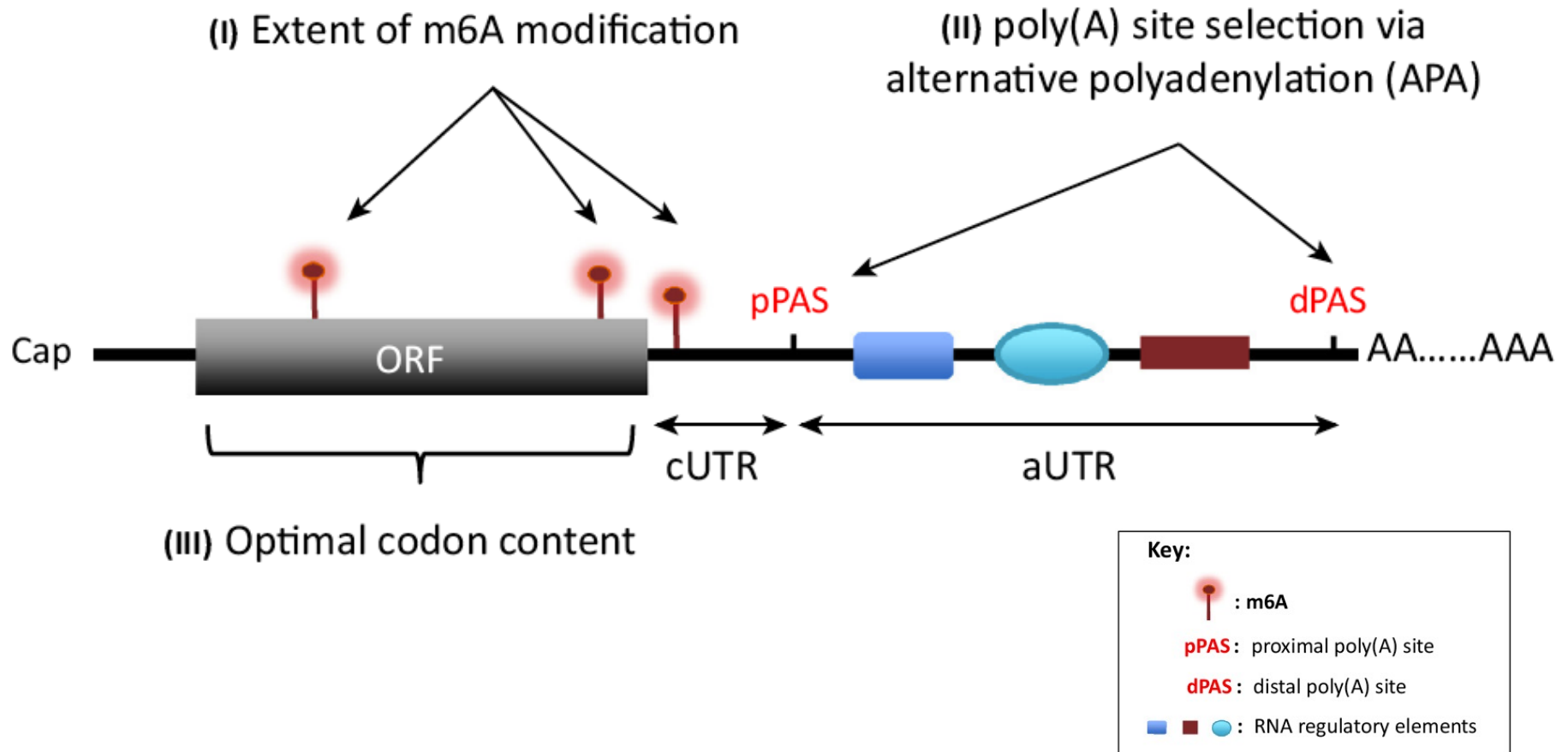


- nontranslating mRNAs are preferentially recruited to SGs
- mRNAs in SGs can undergo translation (complete cycle)
- translating mRNAs can enter, leave, or stably localize to SGs
- translation in SGs mainly, but not only, occurs on mRNAs enhanced under stress

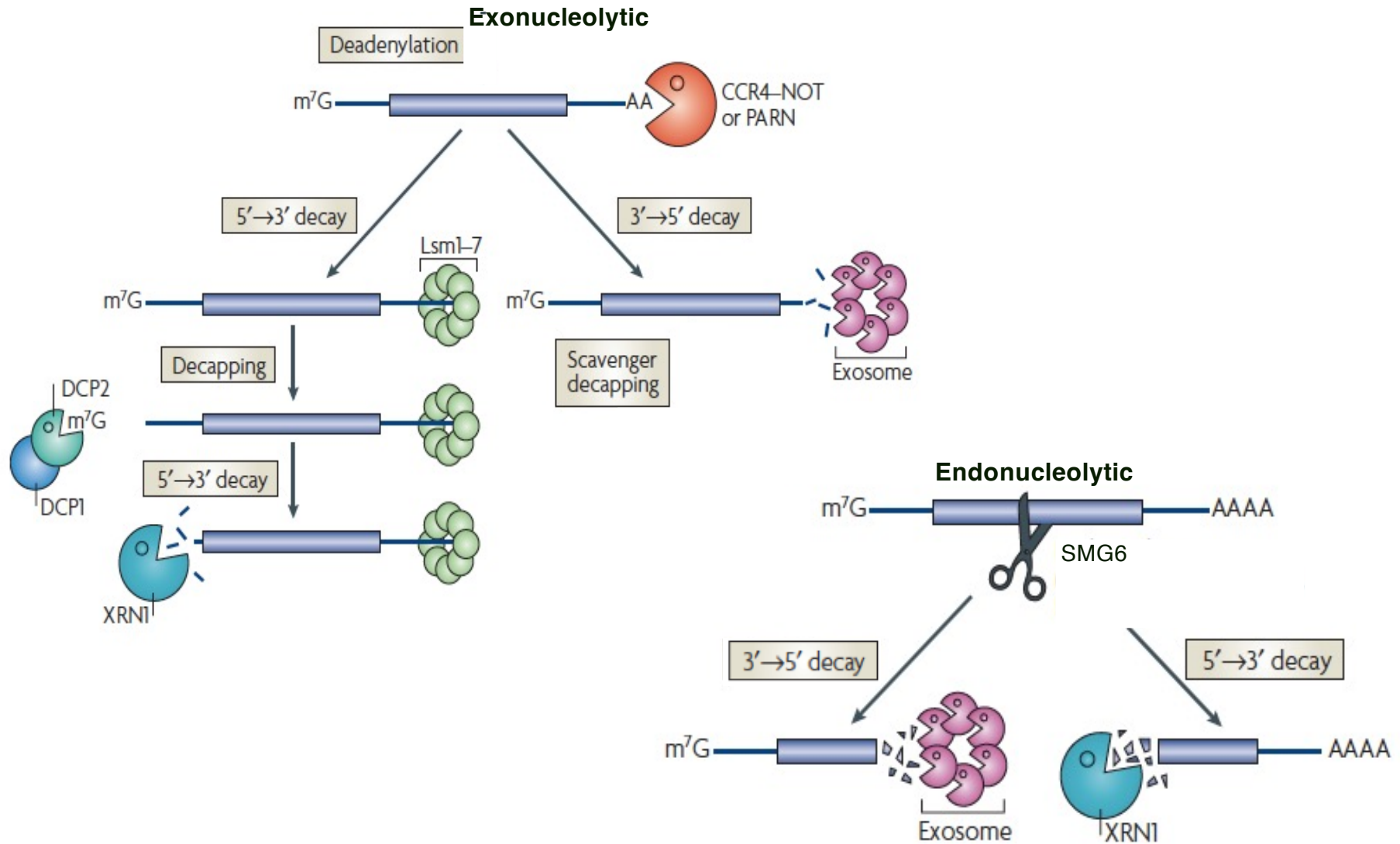
(shown using single-molecule mRNA imaging, SunTag)

mRNA STABILITY

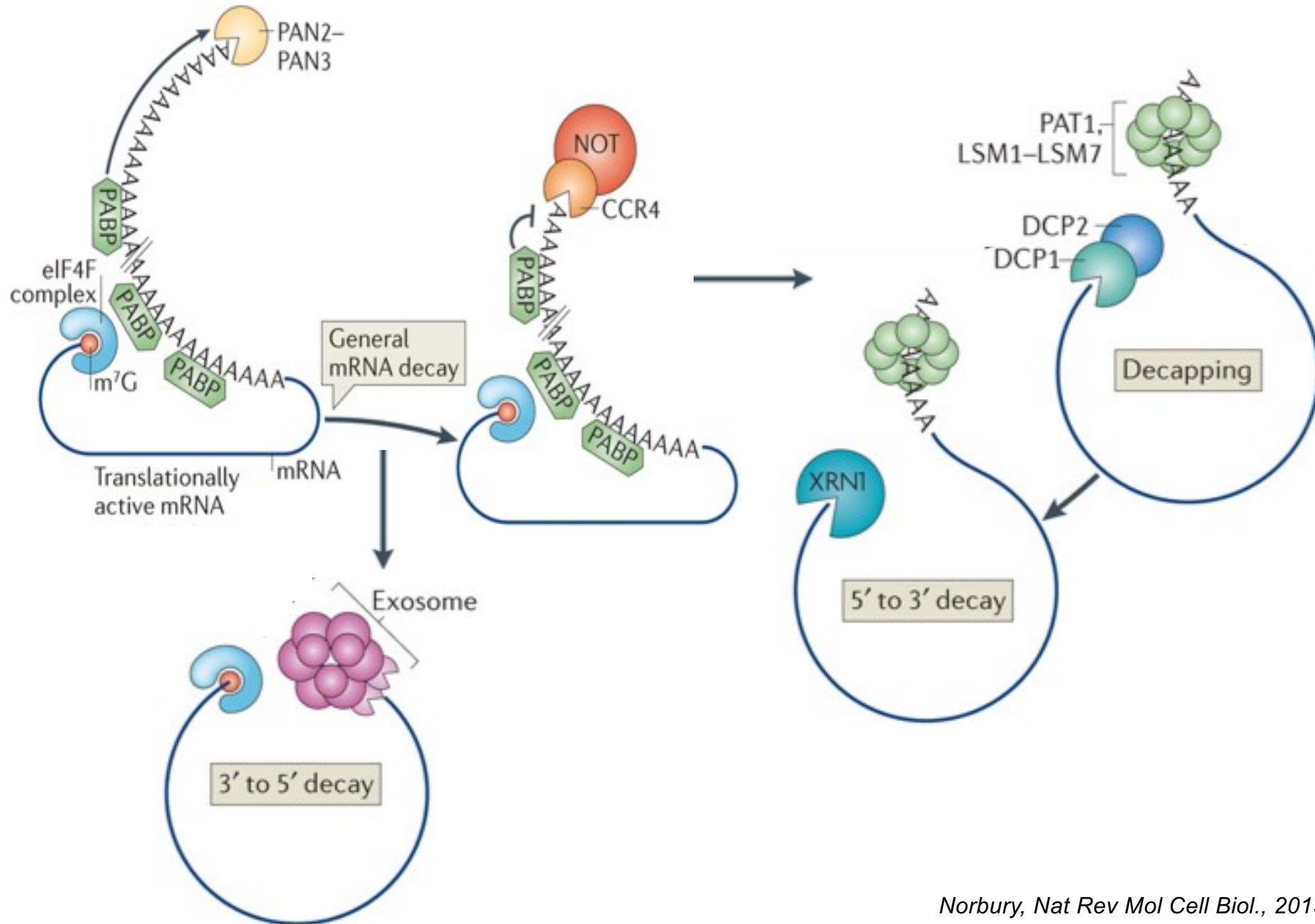
Elements *in cis*:



mRNA general decay in the cytoplasm

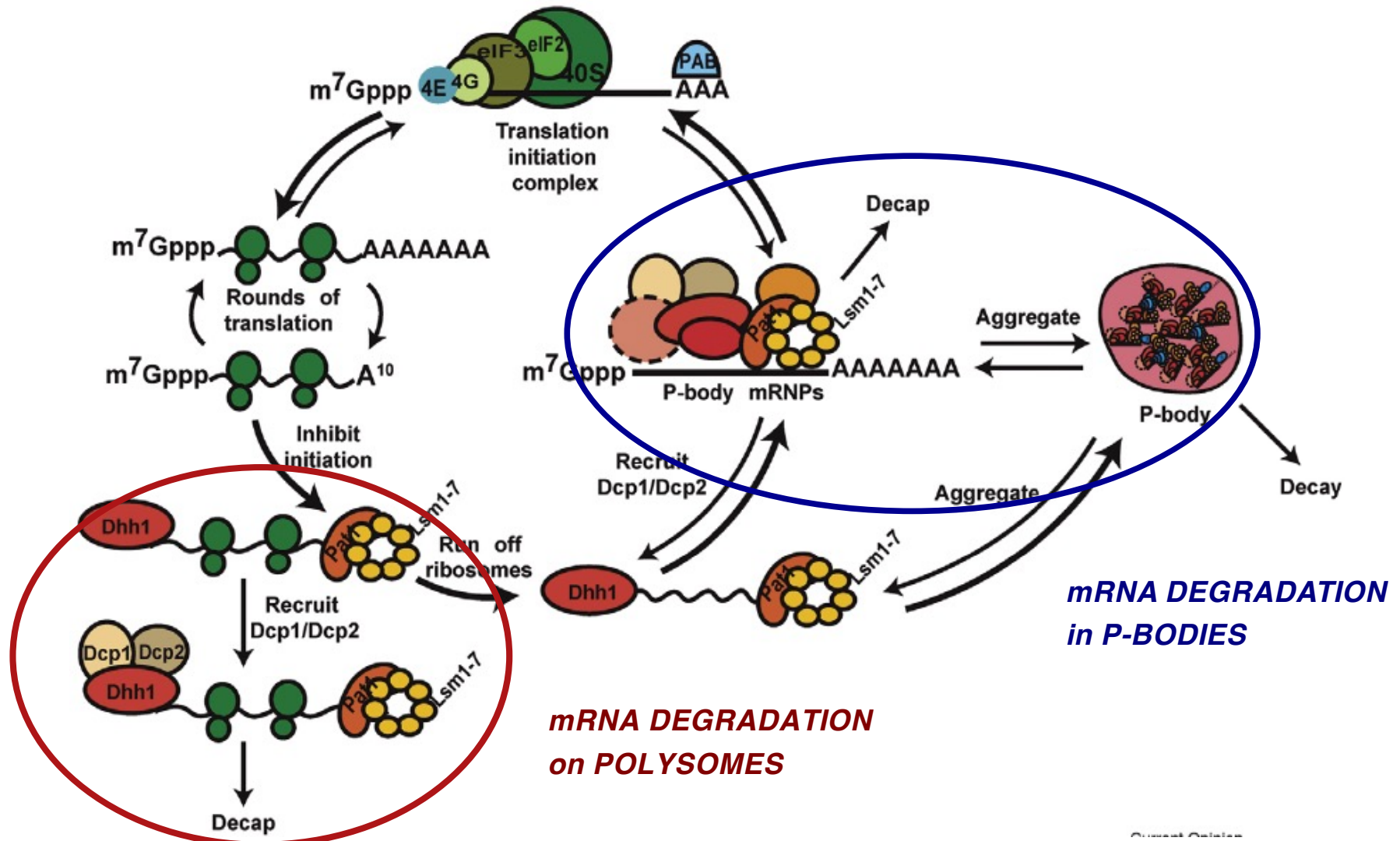


mRNA degradation in the cytoplasm



mRNA degradation in the cytoplasm

Balagopal and Parker, Curr. Op. Cell Biol., 2009



DEADENYLATION → RELEASE OF RIBOSOMES → RELEASE OF TRANSLATION FACTORS
 → RECRUITMENT OF DECAY FACTORS → RNA DECAY

RNA decay in the nucleus

mRNA 5'-3' decay



Lsm2-8p complex
(stimulates decapping)

Rat1p and cofactors
(5'-3' exonuclease)

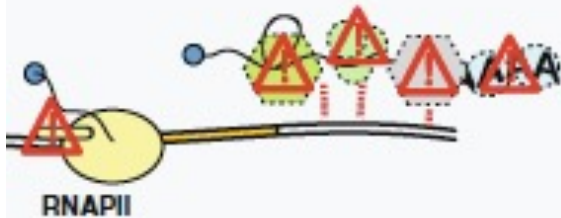
mRNA 3'-5' decay



nuclear exosome
(3'-5' exonuclease)

TRAMP
(exosome cofactor)

mRNA retention at gene locus

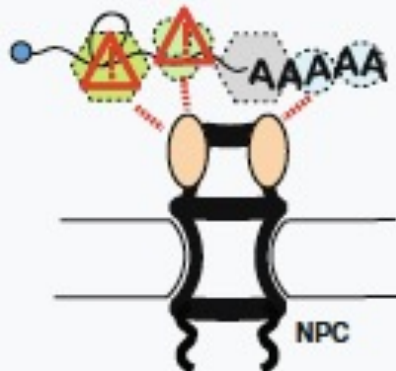


nuclear exosome
(3'-5' exonuclease)

Sac3/Thp1/Sus1 complex
(mRNP components)

RNAPII

anchoring of mRNP



Mlp1/Mlp2/Pml39
(NPC components)

NPC

- Unspliced pre-mRNAs
- 3'-end unprocessed pre-mRNAs
- Unpackaged mRNAs
(wrong mRNPs)
- mRNAs retained in the nucleus
(export defect)
- Transcripts retained at chromatin
- Aberrant ncRNAs
- Unmodified tRNAs
- Excessive rRNAs and tRNAs

mRNA quality control decay in the cytoplasm

NMD – Nonsense Mediated Decay (mRNAs with premature STOP codon)

NGD – No-Go Decay (ribosome stuck on an obstacle)

NSD – Non-Stop Decay (mRNAs with no STOP codon)

Problems with a stalling ribosome during translation

(A) Improper termination



UPF1
(UPF2/3
EJC)

NMD
SMG6 (Endonuclease)
Exosome, Xrn1

UPFs facilitate
degradation of
truncated (unfolded)
products

(B) A lack of termination

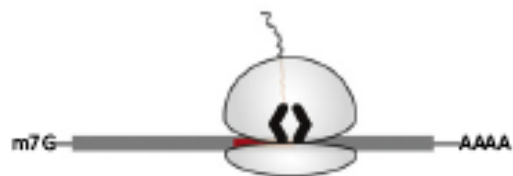


Dom34/Pelota
Hbs1/hHsb1

NSD
Exosome
Ski
complex



(C) Ribosome stall



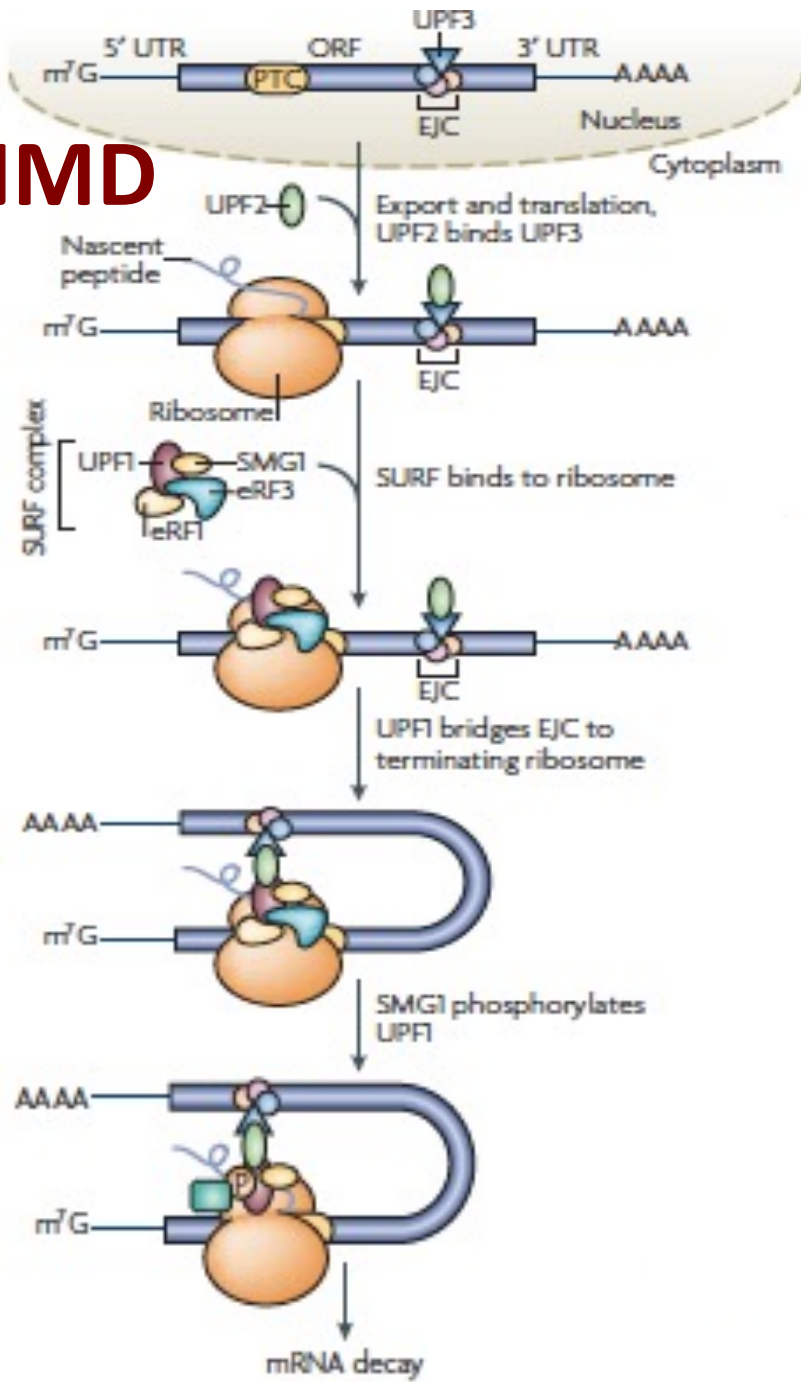
Dom34/Hbs1?
(Rack1, Hel2?)

NGD
Endonucleolytic
cleavage

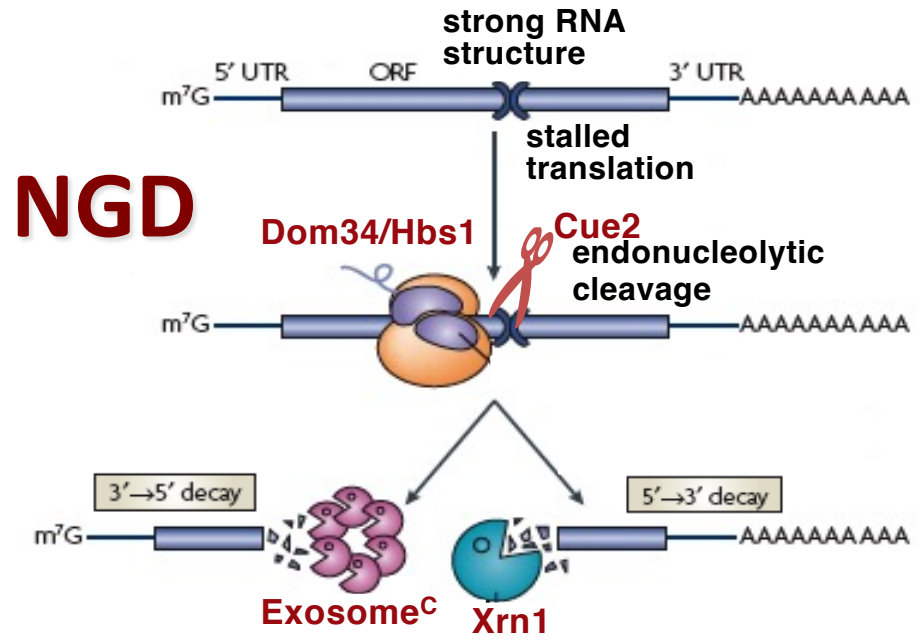
A schematic diagram showing a ribosome stalled on an mRNA with a 5' m7G cap and a 3' poly-A tail (AAAA). A pair of scissors icon indicates endonucleolytic cleavage of the mRNA near the stalled ribosome.



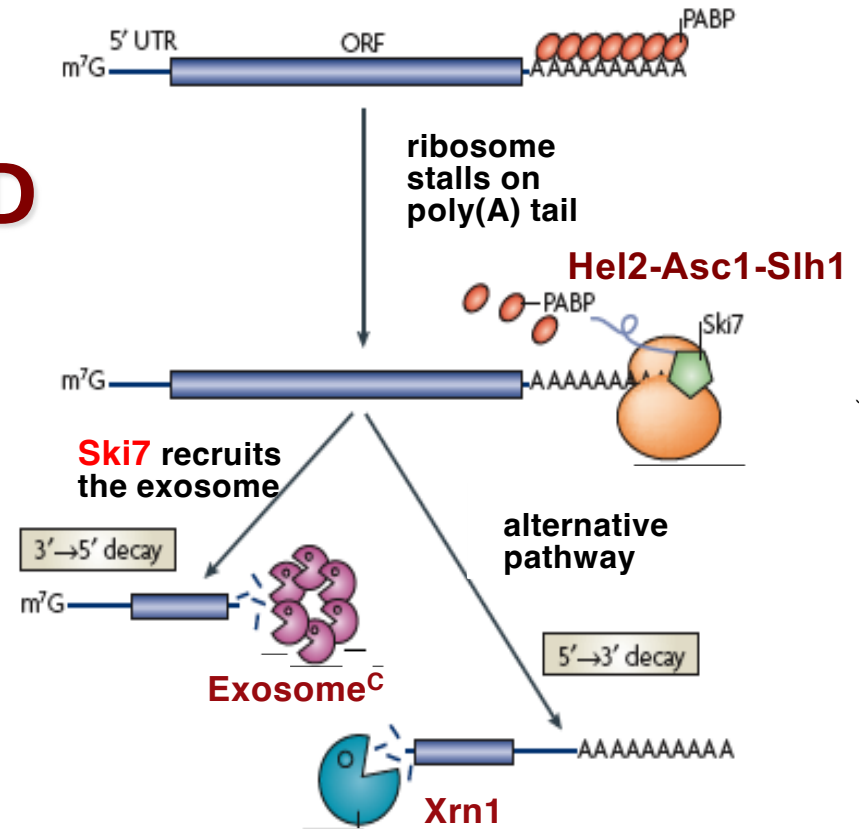
NMD



NGD



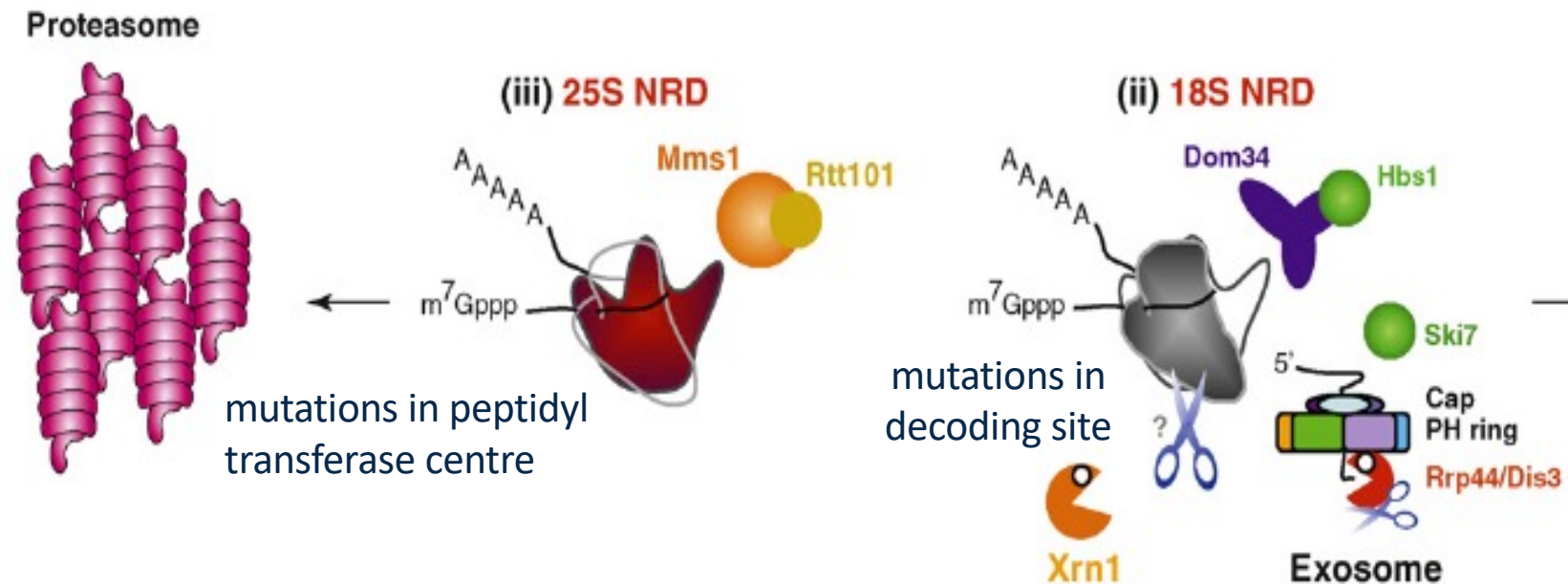
NSD



rRNA surveillance

NRD- Nonfunctional rRNA Decay

Mature aberrant ribosomes are eliminated in the cytoplasm



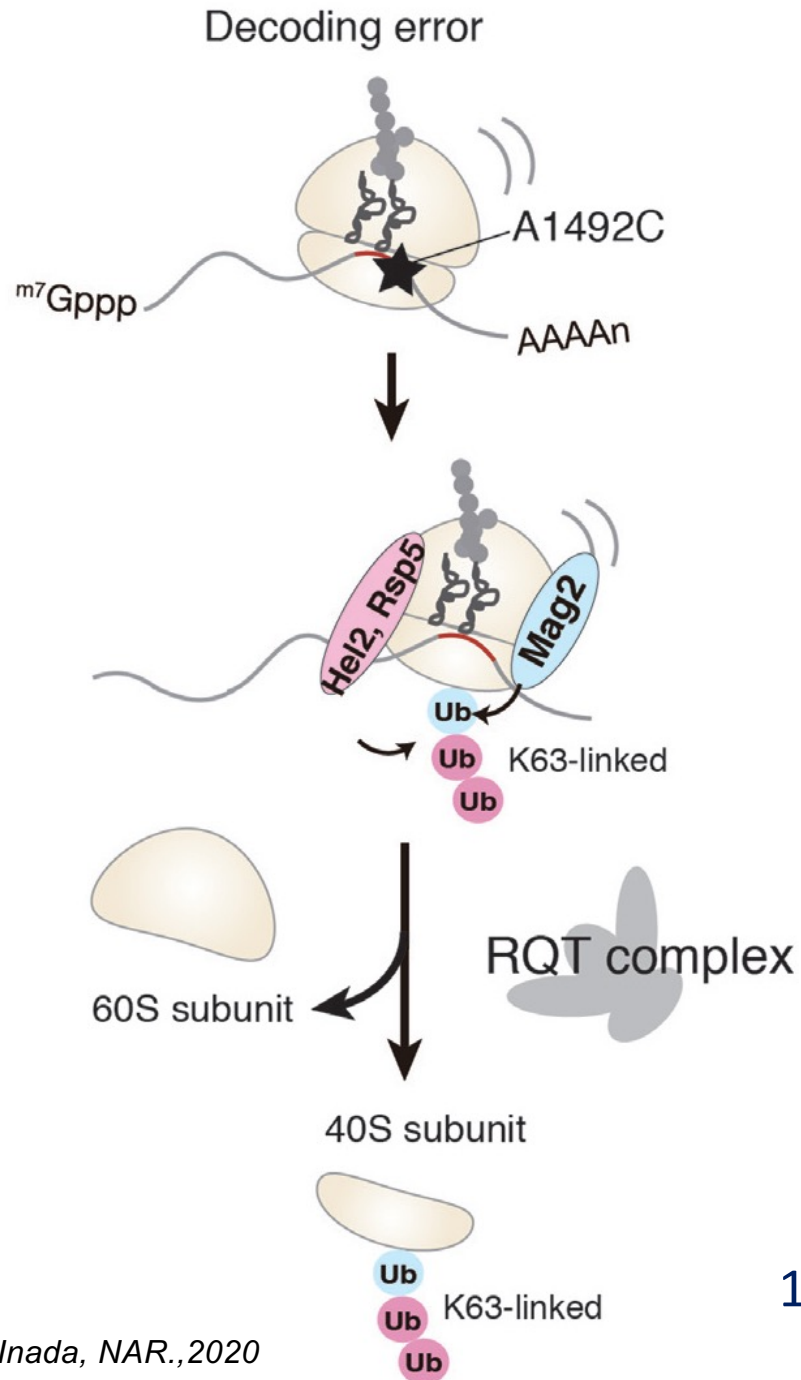
Mms1 & Rtt101

subunits of E3 ubiquitin ligase complex

Dom34 & Hbs1

factors involved in NGD and NSD

18S NRD

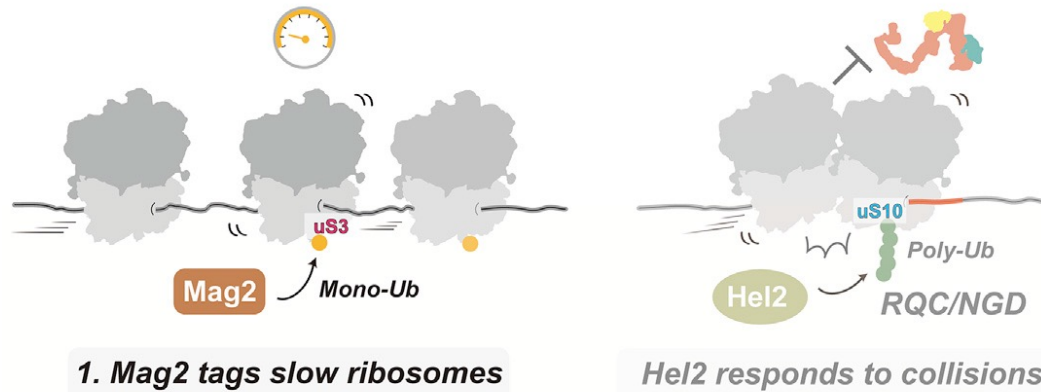


- Ribosome stalling due to decoding error
- Recognition of the stalled ribosome
- Ribosome ubiquitination
K212 of RPS3 is monoubiquitinated by **Mag2** followed by polyubiquitination by **Hel2** or **Rsp5**
- Ribosome dissociation
Subunit dissociation by the Ski2-like RNA helicase **Slh1** in the **RQT** complex
- 18s rRNA degradation by **Xrn1** or **exosome**

18S NRD factors are also involved in RQC

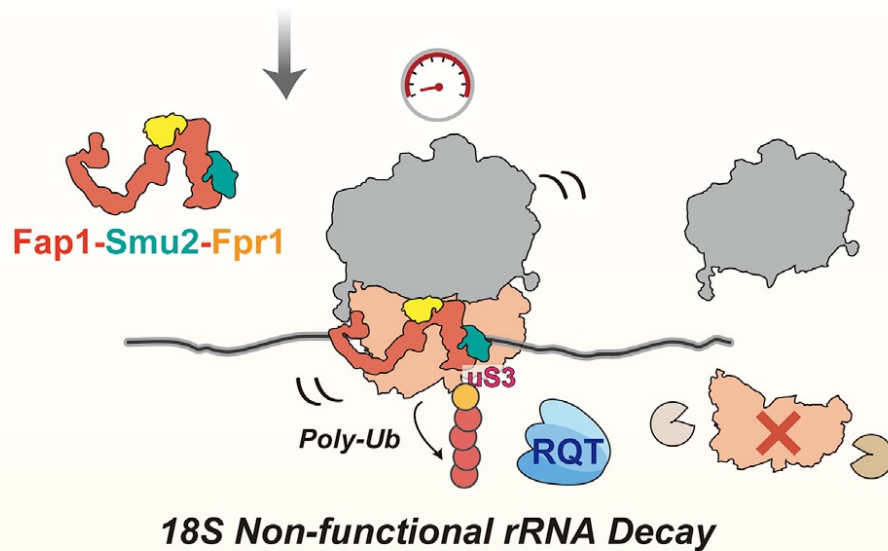
rRNA surveillance

18S NRD versus RQC



18S NRD

- detects non-functional ribosomes (mutation in the decoding center 18S rRNA)
- or stalled monosomes
- stalled ribosomes recognized by Mag2 E3 ligase, RPS3 monoUb Fap1 E3 ligase, RPS3 polyUb
- non-functional ribosomes are degraded



2. *Fap1 senses individual stalled 80S ribosomes*

Ribosome Quality Control - RQC

- detects collided ribosomes
- stalled disome recognized by Hel2 E3 ligase, RPS10-polyUb
- ribosomes are released and recycled

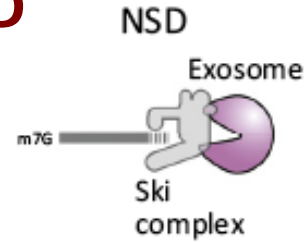
Ribosome-associated Quality Control - RQC

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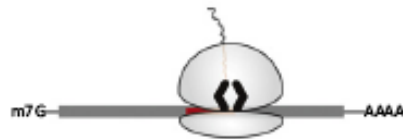
NSD and NGD



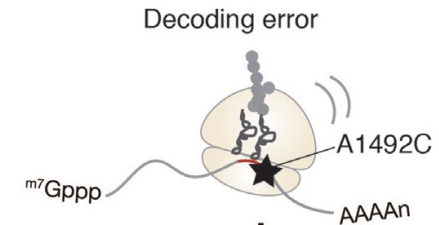
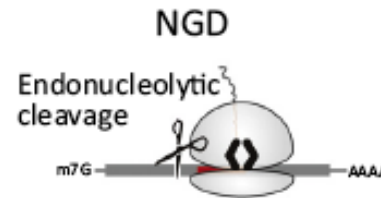
Dom34/Pelota
Hbs1/hHsb1



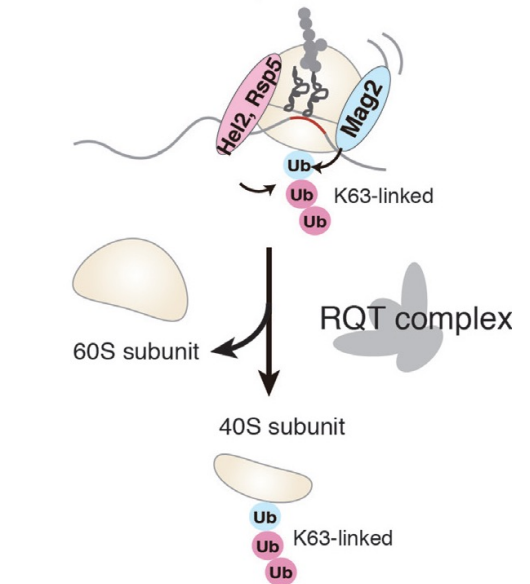
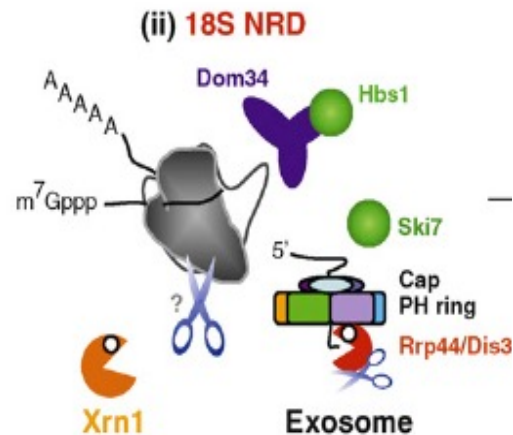
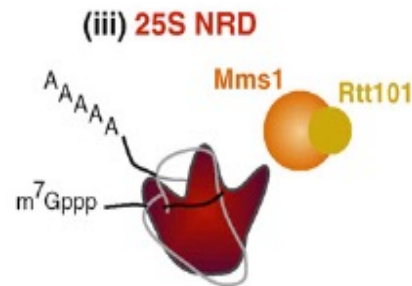
(C) Ribosome stall



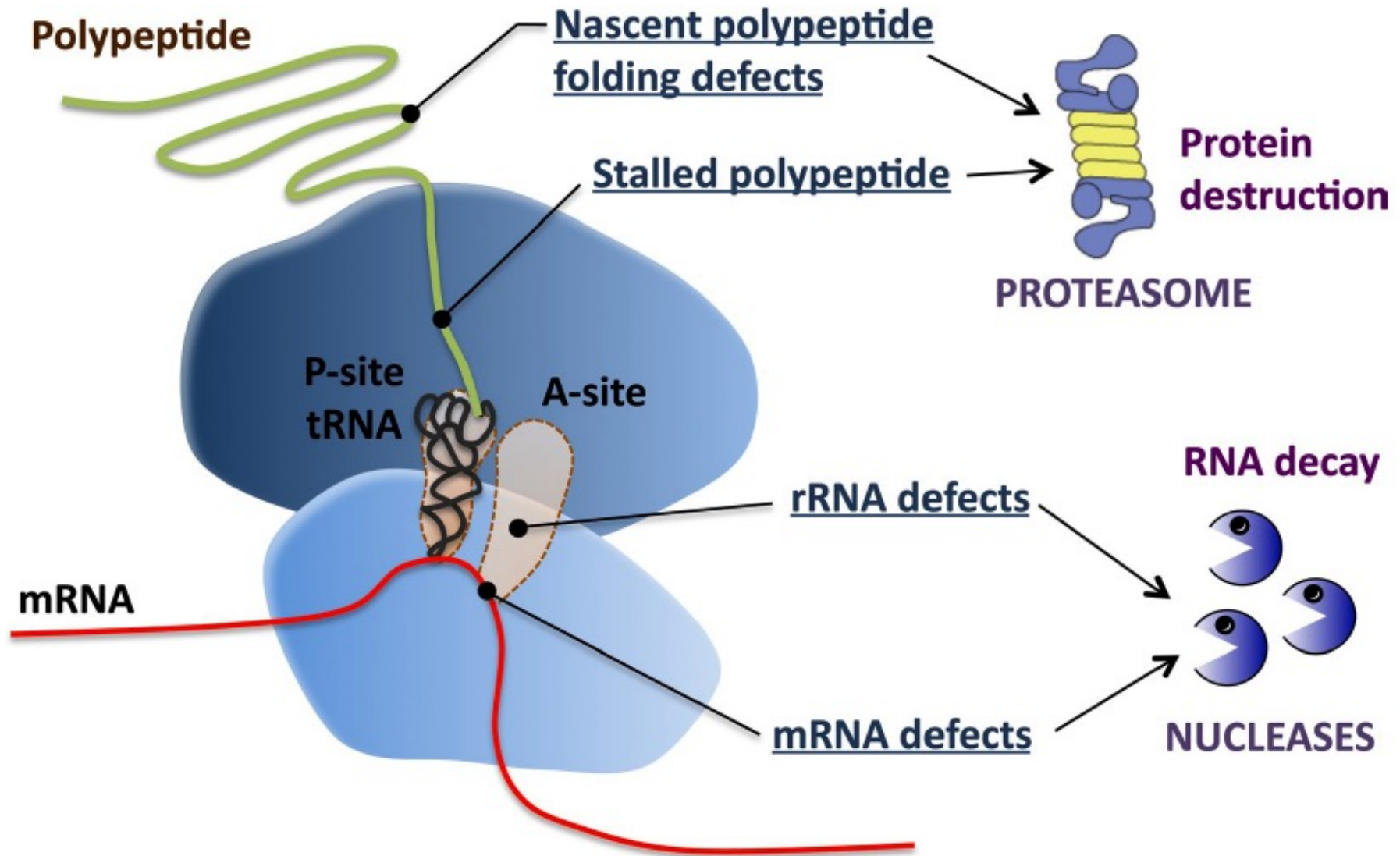
Dom34/Hbs1?
(Rack1, Hel2?)



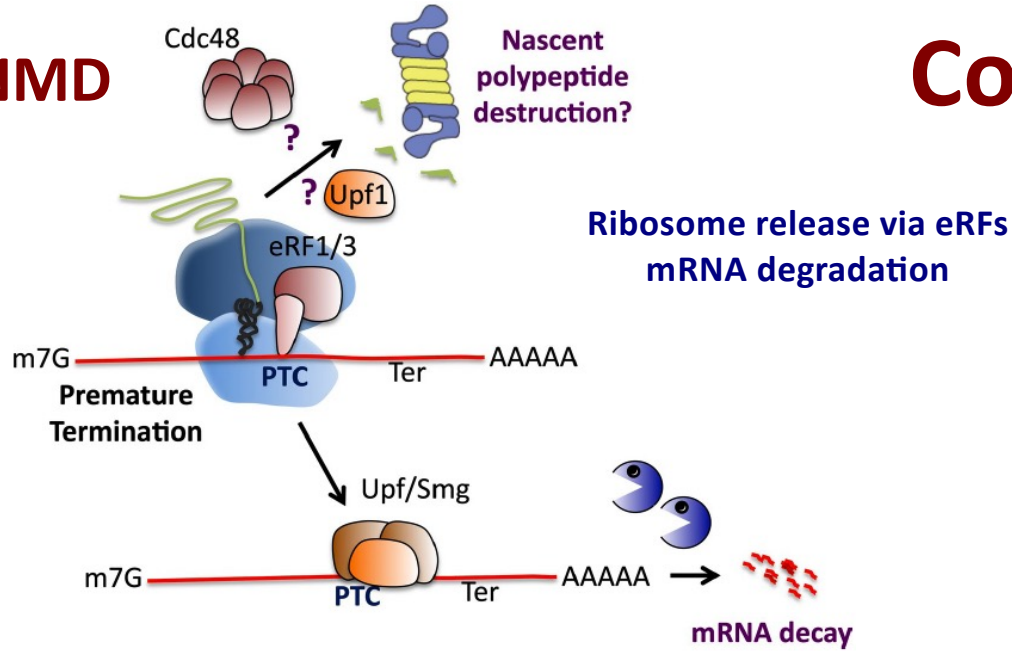
NRD



Co-translational mRNA, peptide and ribosome QC



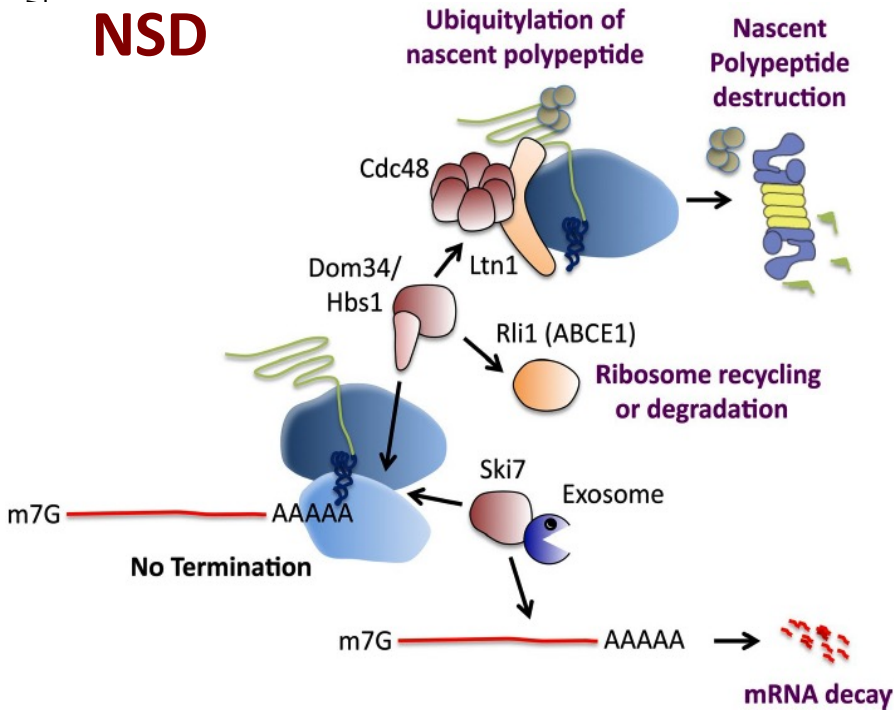
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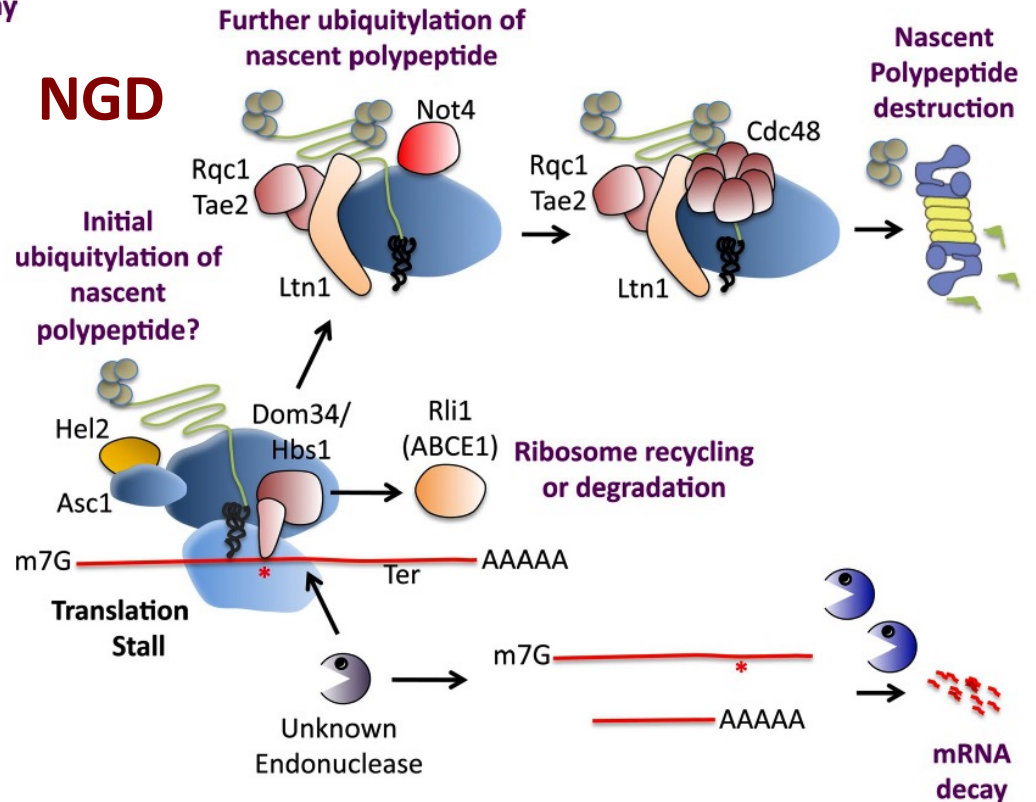
Co-translational QC

**Ribosome rescue and recycling via RQC
Nascent polypeptide degradation
mRNA degradation**

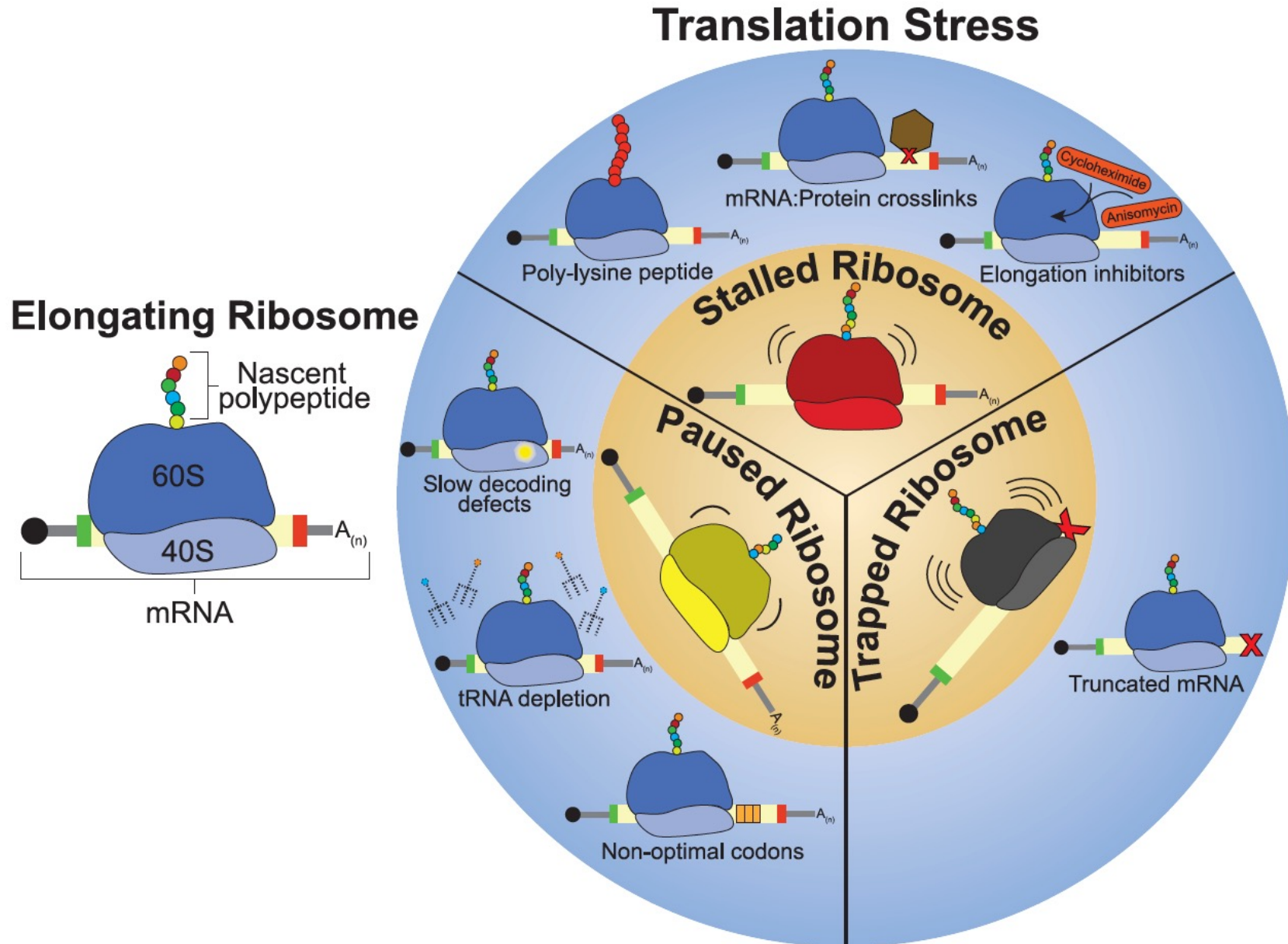
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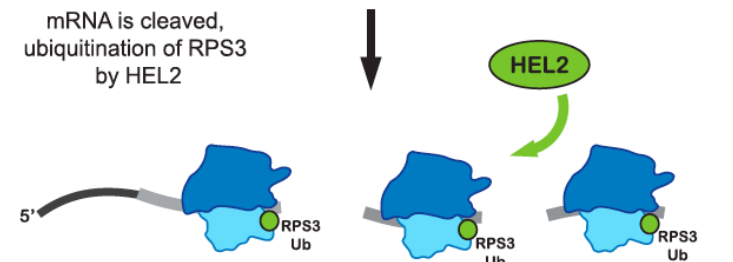
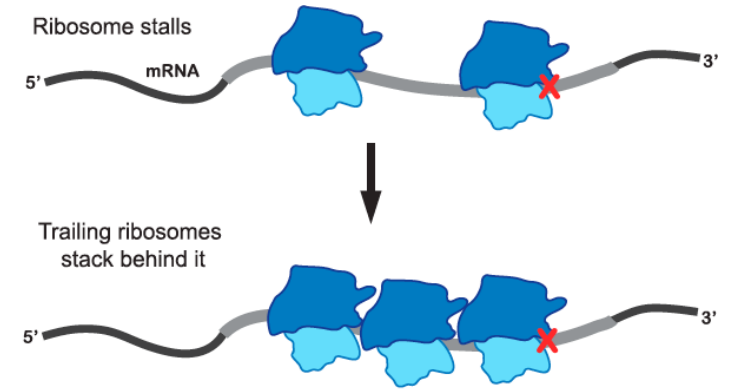
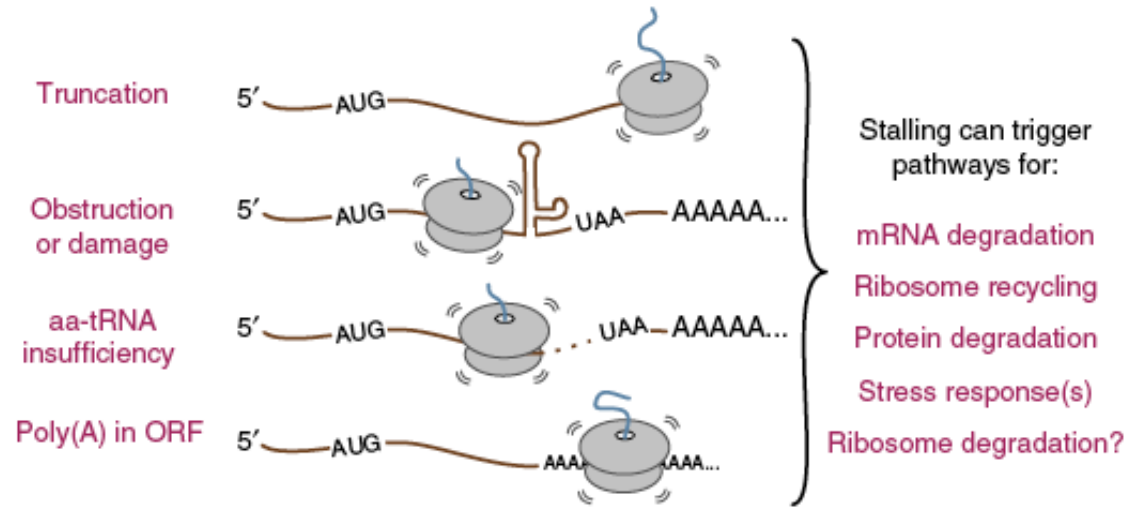
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Ribosome-associated Quality Control - RQC

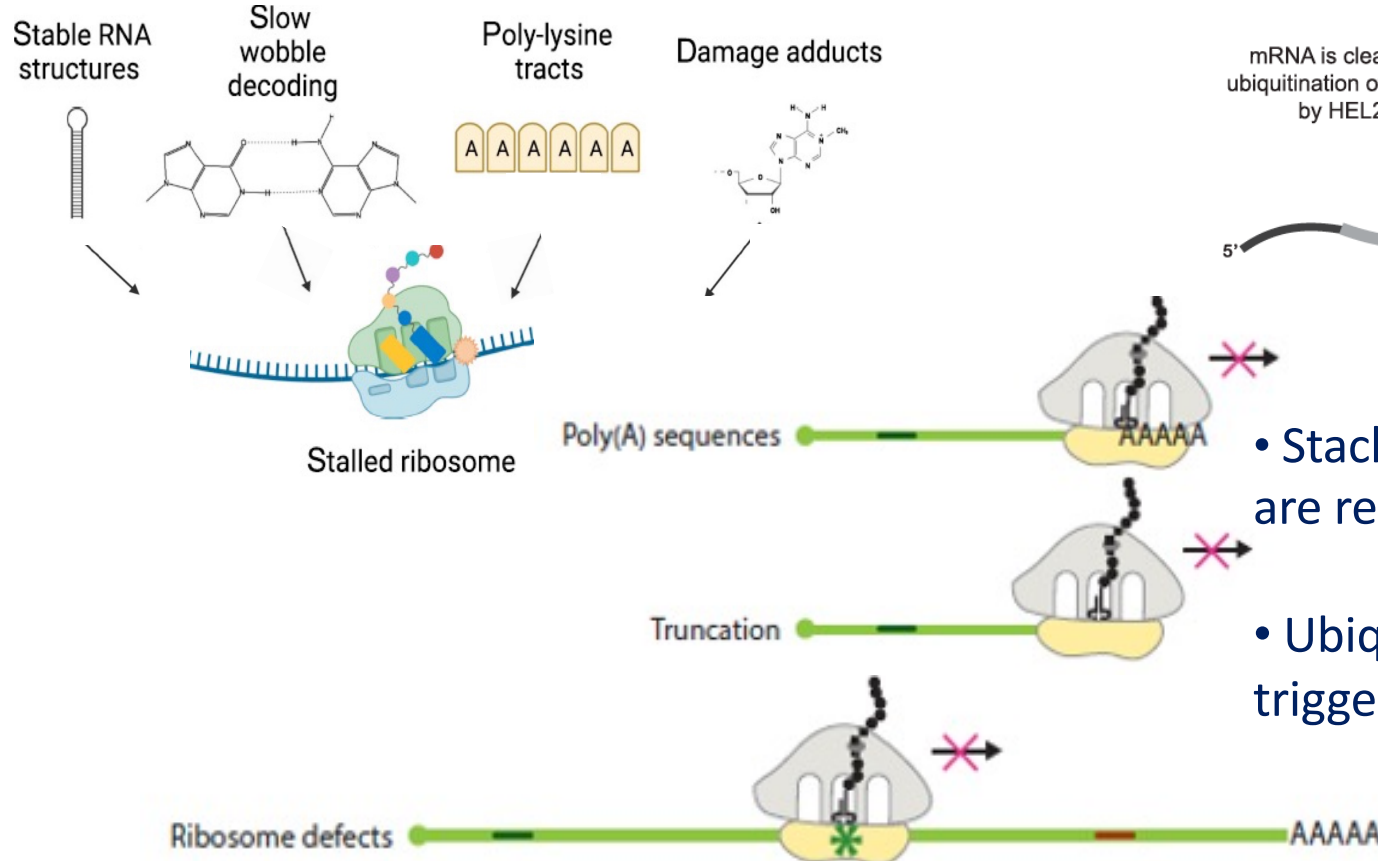


Ribosome stalling

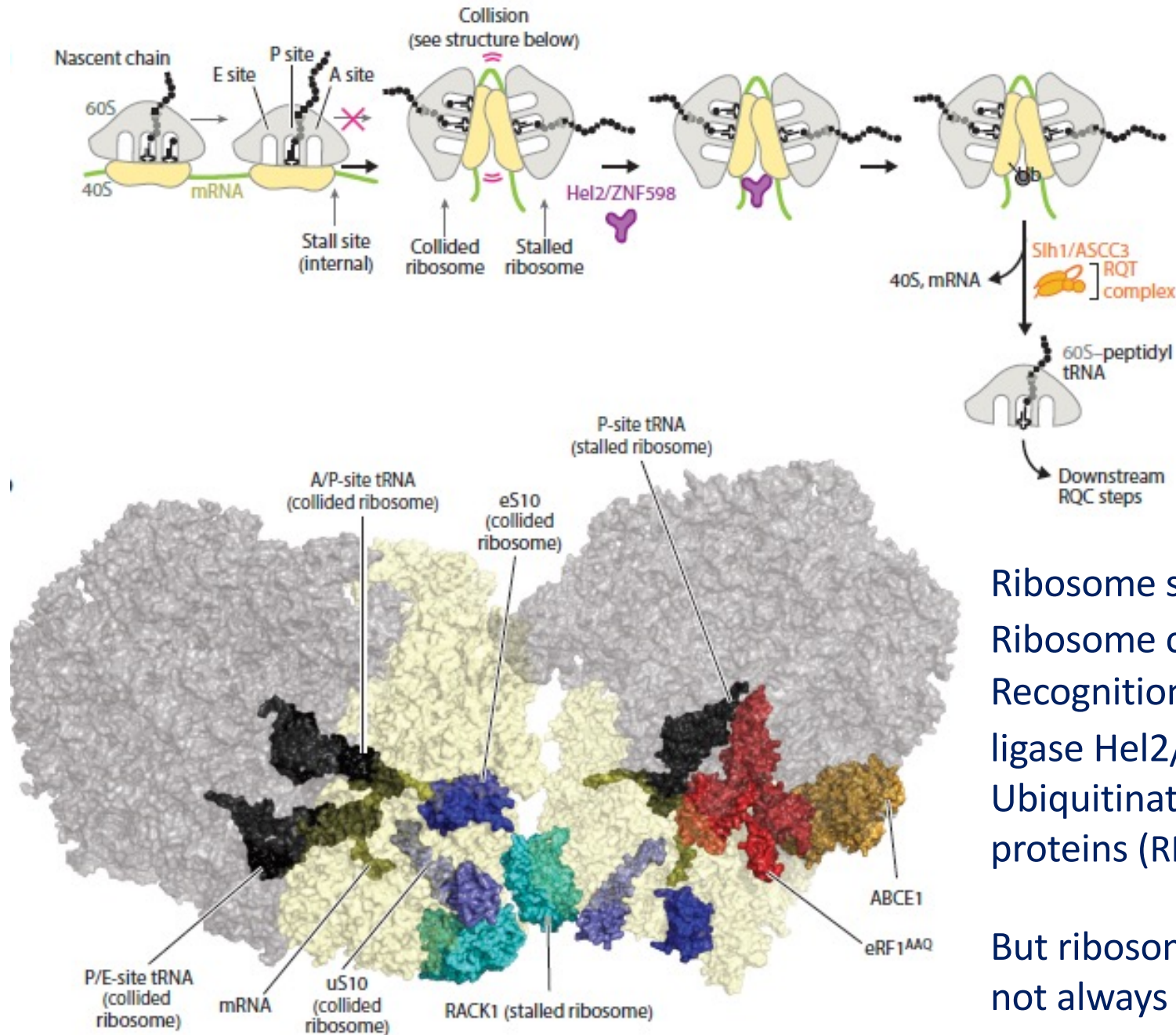


• Stacked or colliding ribosomes are required to elicit NGD

• Ubiquitination of RPS3 by Hel2 triggers RQC



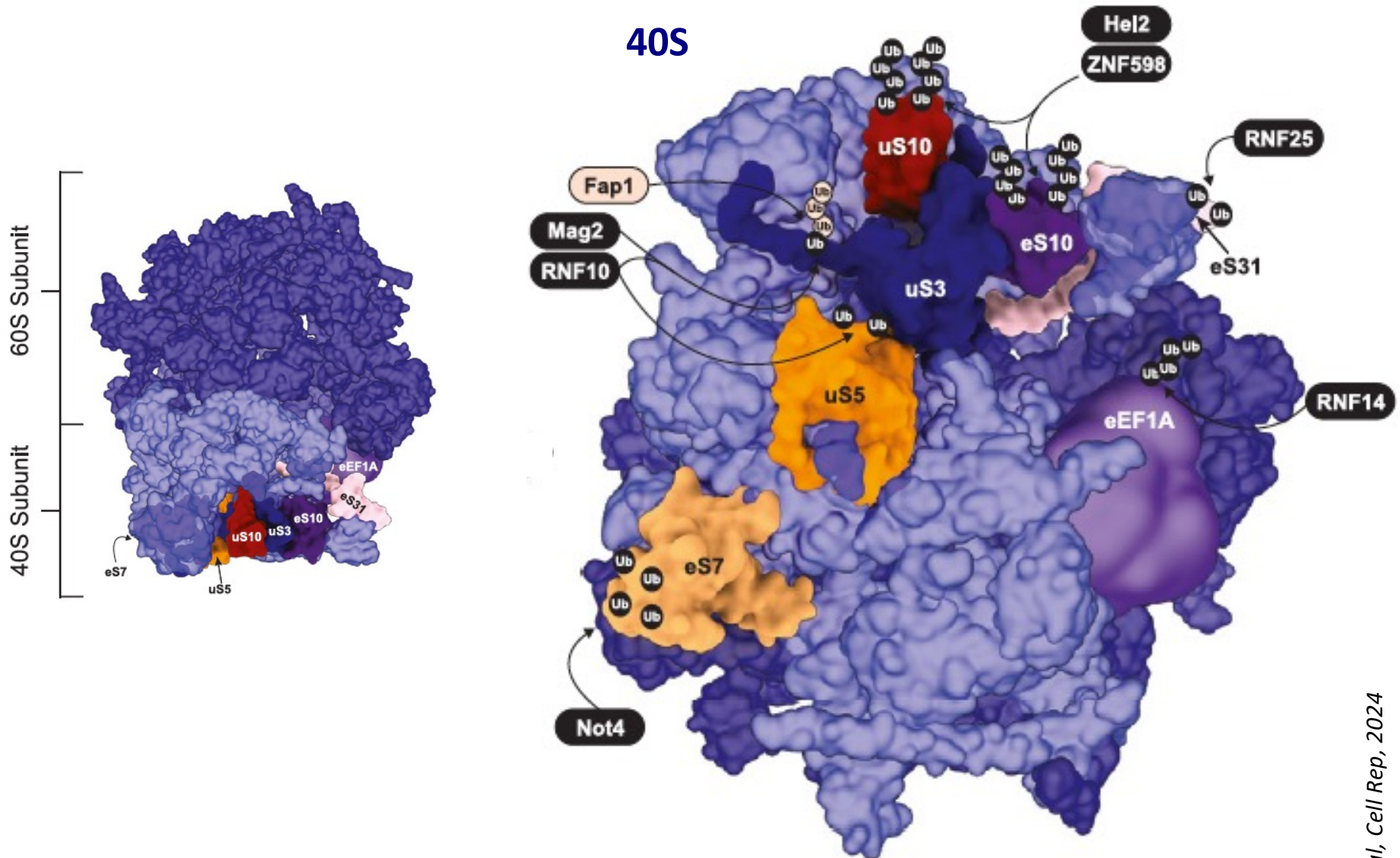
Ribosome stalling and collision



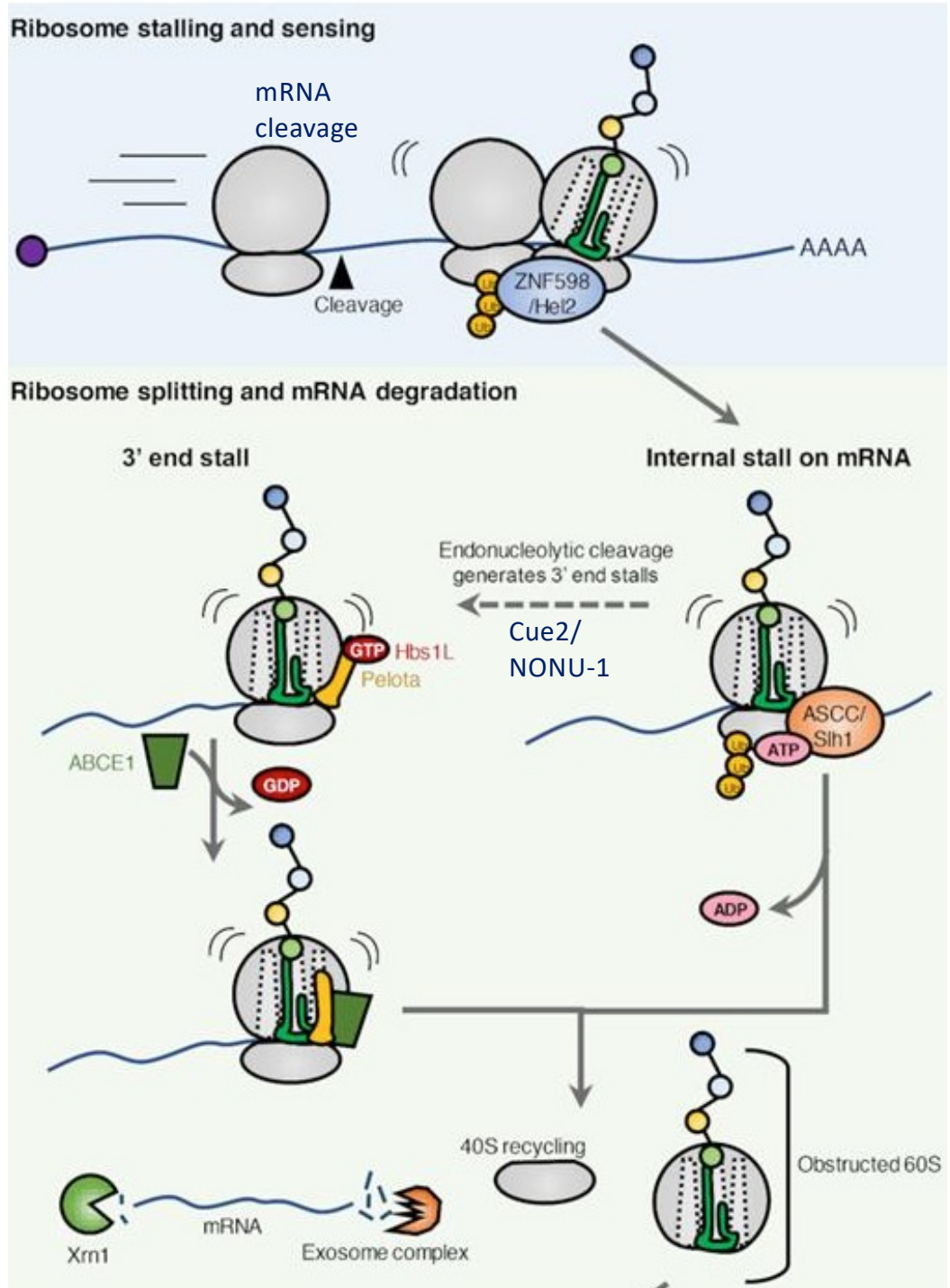
Ribosome stalling →
 Ribosome collision →
 Recognition by the E3 Ub
 ligase Hel2/ZNF589 →
 Ubiquitination of ribosomal
 proteins (RPS3, RPS20, RPS19)

But ribosome stalling does
 not always lead to collision

RP ubiquitination in the 40S



Ubiquitination of specific ribosomal proteins (RPs) by ubiquitin ligases serves to resolve stalled ribosomes



Ribosome rescue

Ribosome collision

Recognition by Hel2/ZNF589

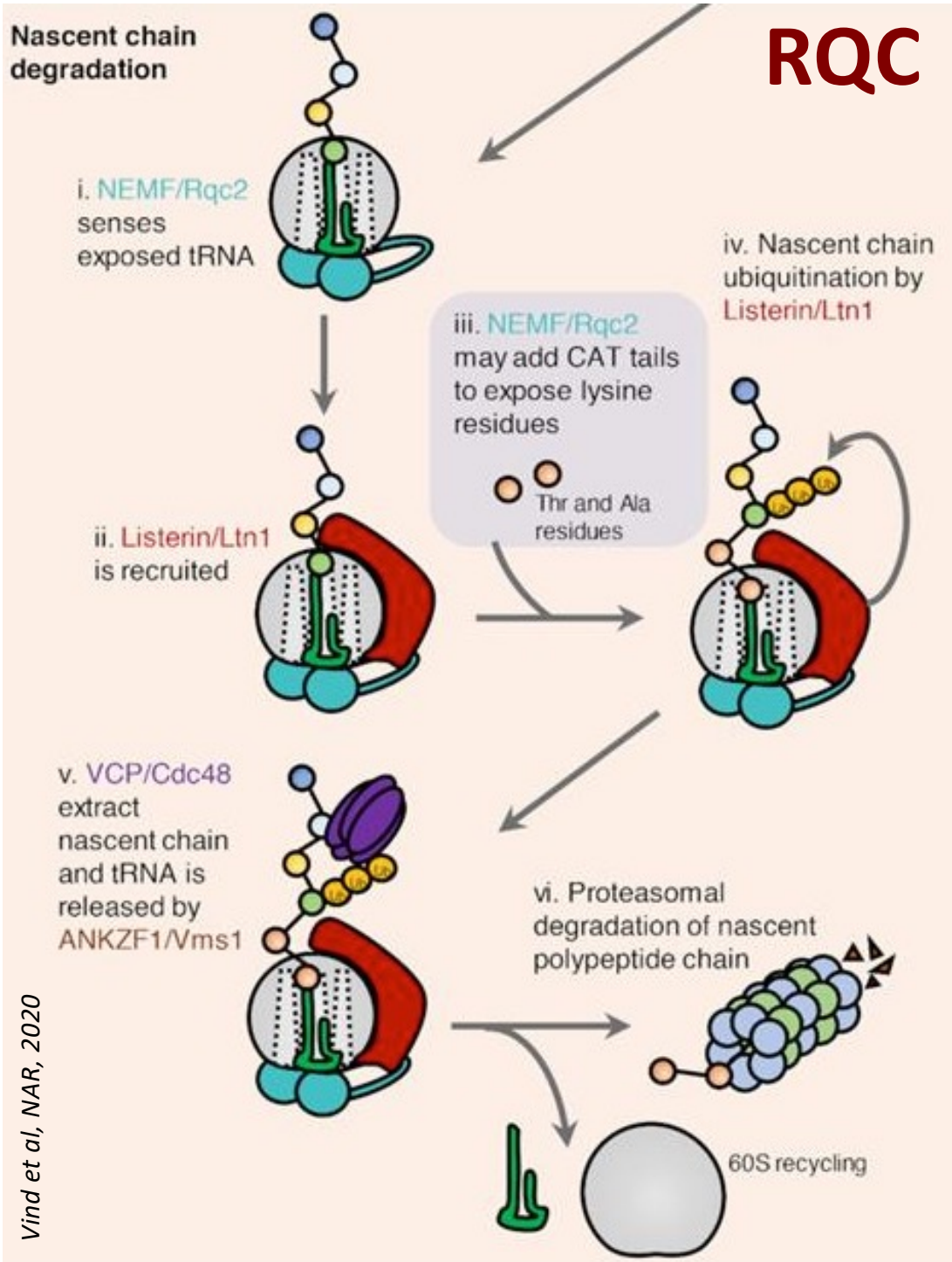
Ubiquitination of RPs (RPS3, RPS20, RPS19)

Endonucleolytic mRNA cleavage by Cue2/NONU-1

Ribosome splitting/disassembly

- by Dom34-Hbs1-Rli1 (Pelota/HBS1L or GTPBP2 /ABCE1) or
- RQT (ribosome quality control trigger) complex Slh1, Cue3/Rqt3, and Rqt4

mRNA degradation (optional)



Vind et al, NAR, 2020

Recognition of tRNA-obstructed 60S by Rqc2/NEMF component of RQC. Recruitment of Ltn1/Listerin

Ubiquitination of the nascent chain Lys residues by E3 Ub ligase Ltn1/Listerin

Alternative: CAT-tailing by Rqc2/NEMF to expose Lys residues buried in the ribosome

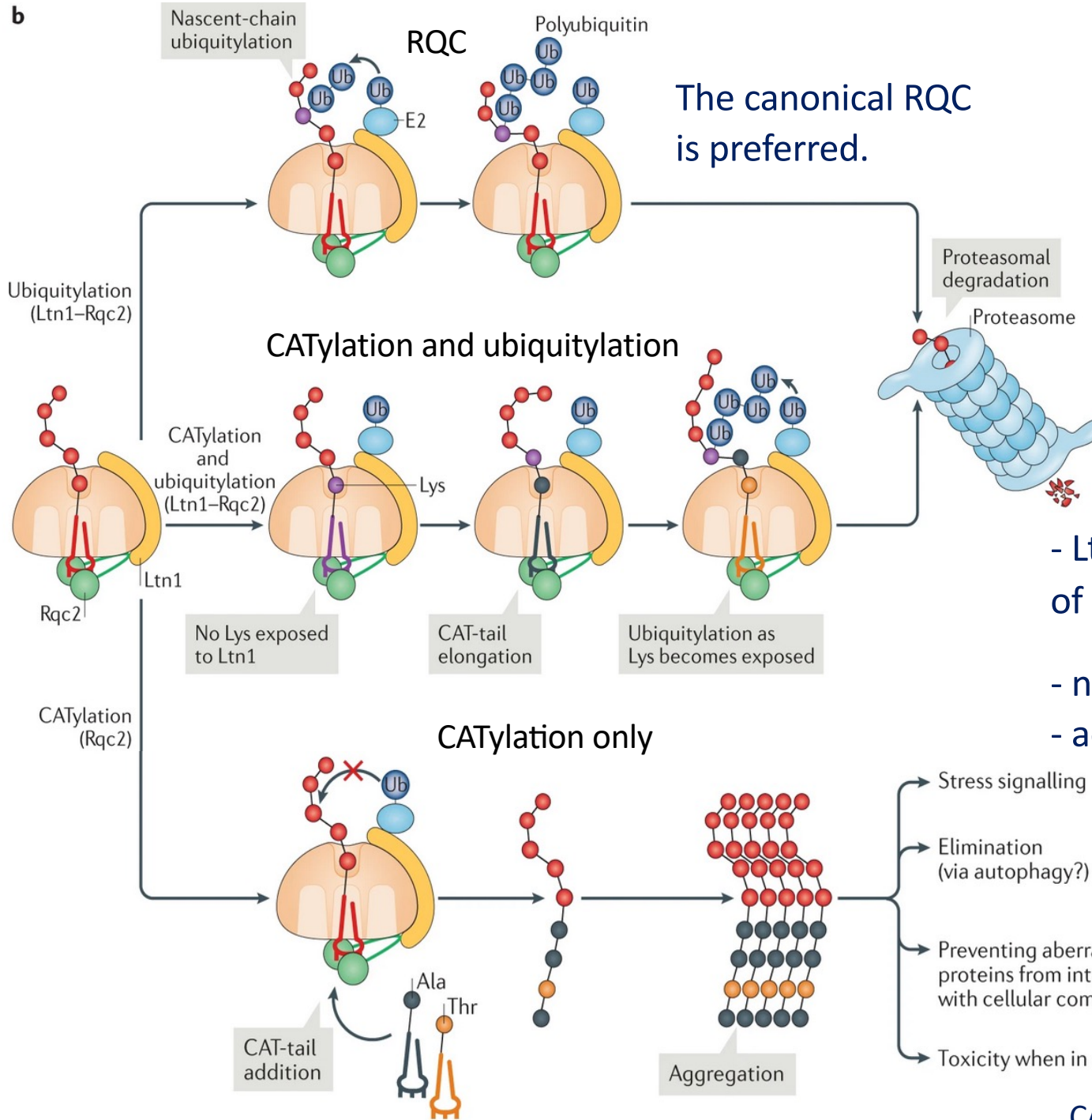
Recruitment of ATPase Cdc48/VCP by ubiquitination

Extraction of the nascent chain by Cdc48/VCP and tRNA by Vms1/ANKZF1

Delivery of the polypeptide to the proteasome by Cdc48/VCP. Polypeptide degradation. 60S recycling

CATylation

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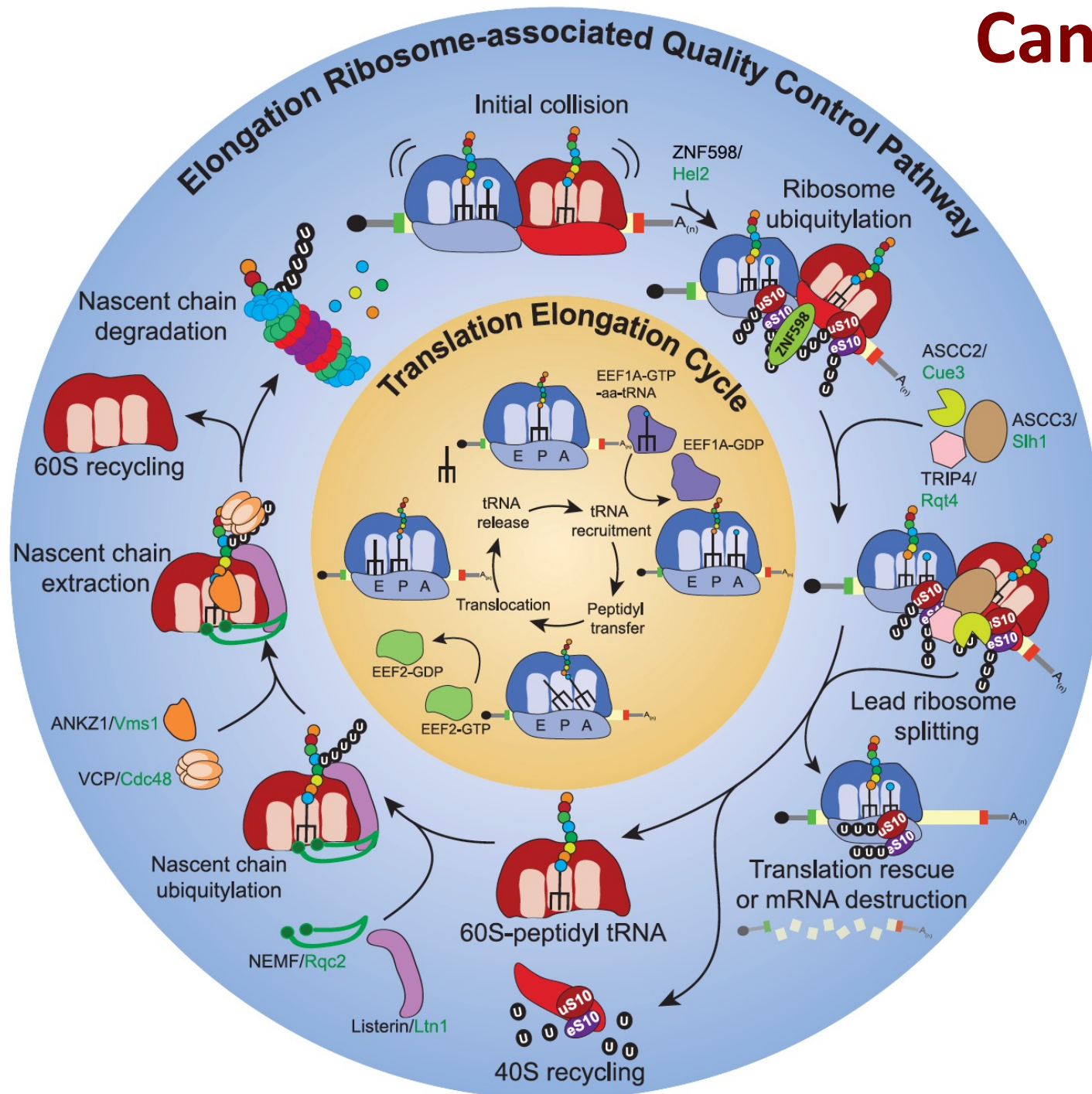
The canonical RQC is preferred.

If ubiquitylation of the nascent polypeptide fails, CAT tail is added by Rqc2 to extract the polypeptide

- CATylation results in
- Ltn1-dependent degradation of the nascent peptide
 - nascent chain aggregation
 - activation of stress signaling

- Stress signalling
- Elimination (via autophagy?)
- Preventing aberrant proteins from interfering with cellular components
- Toxicity when in excess

Canonical RQC



NEXT LECTURE:

Global analyses of RNAs and RNPs

RQC factors

Recognition of stalled ribosomes differs for internally and terminally stalled ribosomes

Hel2/ZNF598: detection of internally stalled ribosomes

Hel2/ZNF598 probably (i) recognizes the rotated conformation of stalled ribosomes or (ii) senses collisions between adjacent ribosomes and binds to disomes

Hel2/ZNF598 marks 80S ribosomes by ubiquitylating their 40S subunits

Hel2 mono- and diubiquitylates uS10 and uS3, forming K48- and K63-linked ubiquitin chains on uS10

ZNF598 monoubiquitylates the 40S ribosomal proteins eS10 and uS10

Asc1/RACK1: detection of internally stalled ribosomes. Probably stabilizes the collided disome species that initiates RQC (also have RQC-independent function in translation)

RQC factors

Ribosome splitting

Dom34/Pelota-Hbs1: ribosome splitting. Acts similarly to eRF1-eRF3 and also uses Rli1/ABCE1 to dissociate 40S, but does not cleave the peptidyl tRNA bond, leaving the nascent chain attached to the 60S subunit. Dom34/Pelota does not require the presence of an A-site stop codon and preferentially targets ribosomes that lack mRNA in the A site, which occurs when ribosomes reach the 3' end of truncated mRNAs and can no longer elongate. Dom34/Pelota may act as a stall sensor like Hel2/ZNF598 but does not identify collided ribosomes and rather may identify ribosomes with empty A sites and target them for RQC.

There is additional ribosome splitting pathway, because CGA-mediated RQC does not require Dom34 in yeast and ribosomes stalled by truncated mRNAs in the absence of Dom34 still undergo RQC. Dom34/Pelota- and Hbs1-independent splitting in yeast could involve the RNA helicase Slh1, which functions in RQC after Asc1/RACK1 and Hel2/ZNF598

Slh1/ASCC3: ribosome splitting of internally stalled ribosomes.

RQT (RQC-trigger) complex: yeast Slh1, Cue3/Rqt3, Ykr023w/Rqt4

Functions in RQC downstream of Asc1/RACK1 and Hel2/ZNF598; may be involved in splitting internally stalled ribosomes. Slh1 is strictly required, the other RQT proteins promote RQC but are not required.

RQC factors

Marking nascent chain for degradation

Ltn1: ribosome splitting. Specifically associates with the 60S subunit

Rqc2/NEMF:

Rqc1/TCF25:

CAT Tails:

RQC factors

RQC termination

Vms1/ANKZF1: extraction phase of RQC Contains a domain that folds similarly to eRF1 release factor. Releases nascent chains from 60S RQC complexes. Inside the 60S subunit, Vms1/ANKZF1 positions its catalytic loop toward the tRNA's 3'-CCA, where the tRNA conjugates to the nascent chain, then it cleaves the 3'-CCA from the tRNA to produce a 3'-CCA-linked nascent chain and a cleaved tRNA

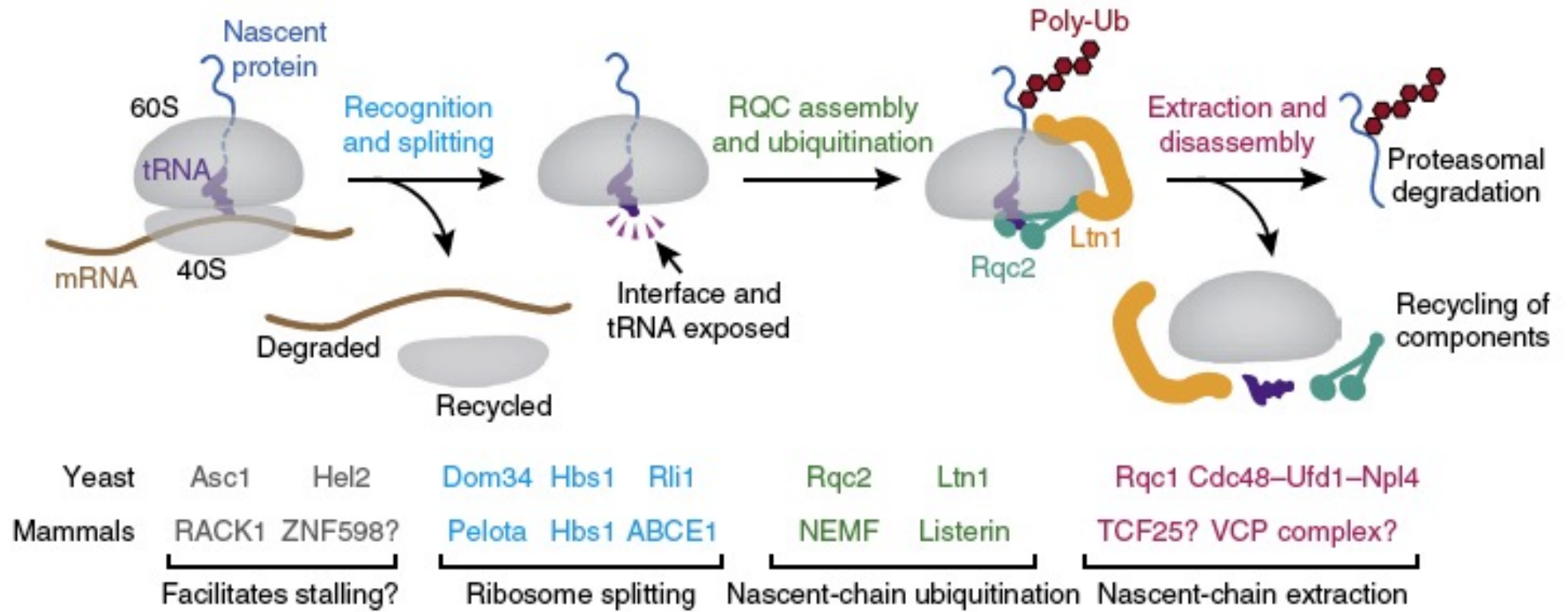
Arb1: Vms1/ANKZF1 cofactor, adenosine triphosphatase. Stimulates tRNA cleavage by Vms1/ANKZF1

Cleavage of tRNA releases the nascent chain from the ribosome to permit proteasomal degradation. tRNA lacking the CCA is checked for errors by 3'-CCA-adding enzyme TRNT1, and then returned to the translational tRNA pool after addition of CCA.

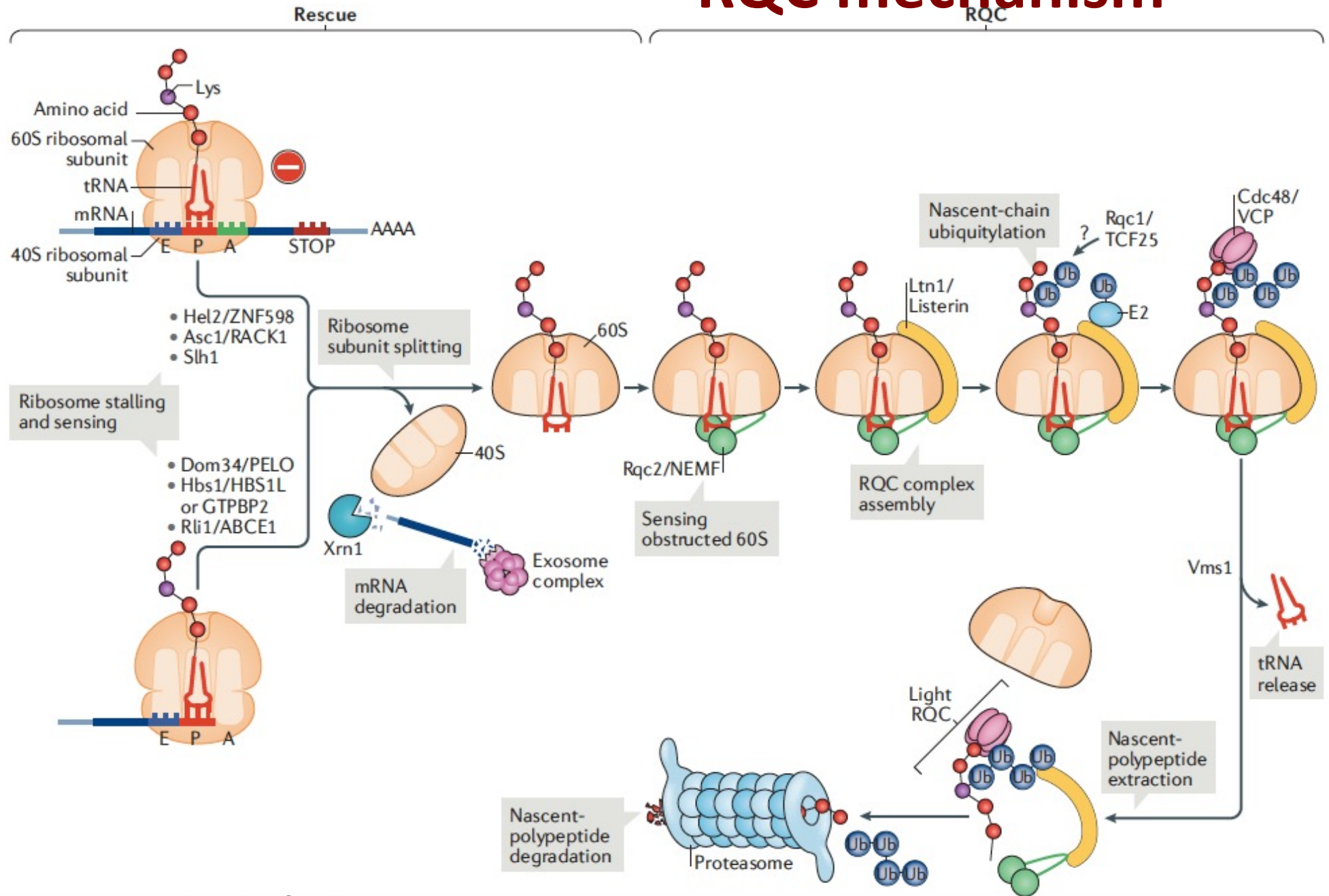
Cdc48/p97: nascent chain delivery to the proteasome. Proteasomal degradation of ubiquitylated nascent chain occurs after it is removed from 60S. Cdc48/p97, together with Ufd1/UFDL1 and Npl4/NPLOC4 (UN complex) bind to K48-linked ubiquitin. Cdc48/p97 hydrolyses ATP, unfolds polyubiquitylated protein by pulling it through the central pore.

Cdc48, other components of the yeast RQC complex (Ltn1, Rqc1, and Rqc2) and E3 ligase Tom1 bind to nascent chains in nonribosomal fractions. This complex also interacts with the proteasome .

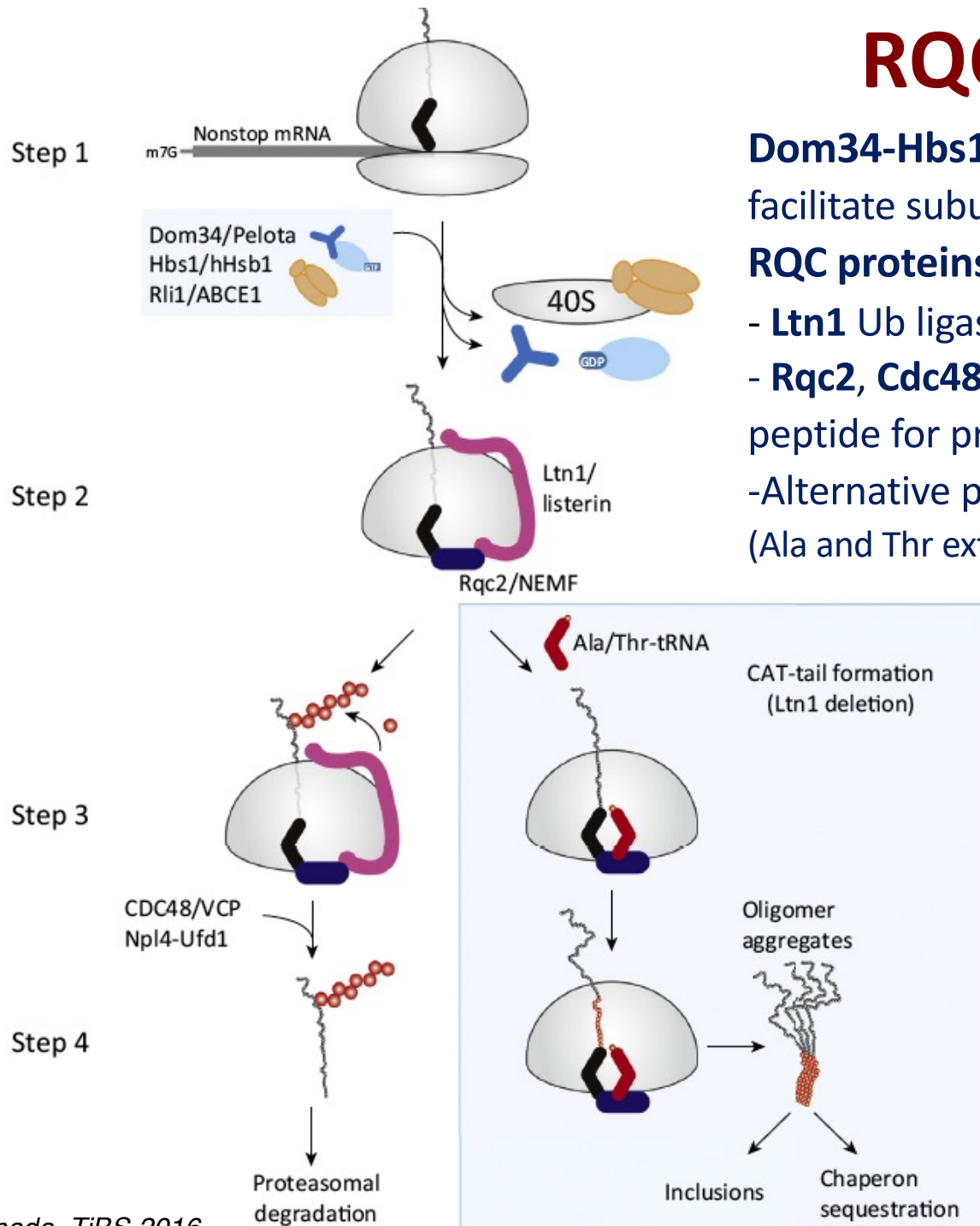
RQC pathway



RQC mechanism



RQC mechanism



Dom34-Hbs1-Rli1 or Hel2-Asc1-Slh1

facilitate subunit dissociation of stalled ribosomes
RQC proteins assemble on 60S

- Ltn1 Ub ligase ubiquitinates the nascent peptide
- Rqc2, Cdc48 and cofactors remove nascent peptide for proteasomal degradation
- Alternative pathways: via addition of CAT-tail (Ala and Thr extension)

CATylation

The canonical RQC is preferred but if ubiquitylation of the nascent polypeptide fails, CAT tail is added by Rqc2 to extract the trapped polypeptide
 CATylation results in

- Ltn1-dependent degradation of aberrant proteins
- nascent chain aggregation
- activation of stress signaling
- nascent chain proteolysis