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Molecular Basis of Inheritance

(Part-1)

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DNA



"Deoxyribonucleic acid"

Frederich Meischer

(1869)

→ "Nucleus"

contains an

acidic substance

and called it as

NUCLEIN

↓
later on called as

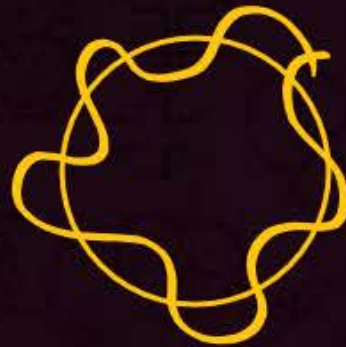
Nucleic acid

DNA → POLYMER (POLYNUCLEOTIDE)

Formed of many Nucleotide



single stranded
circular



double stranded
circular DNA



ss
linear



ds linear

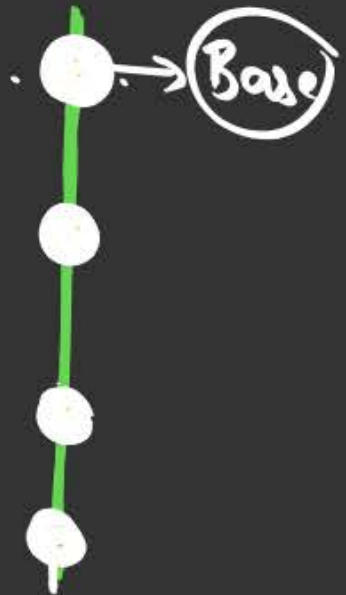
How to measure → length of DNA

In form of

number of nucleotides / Bases

If DNA

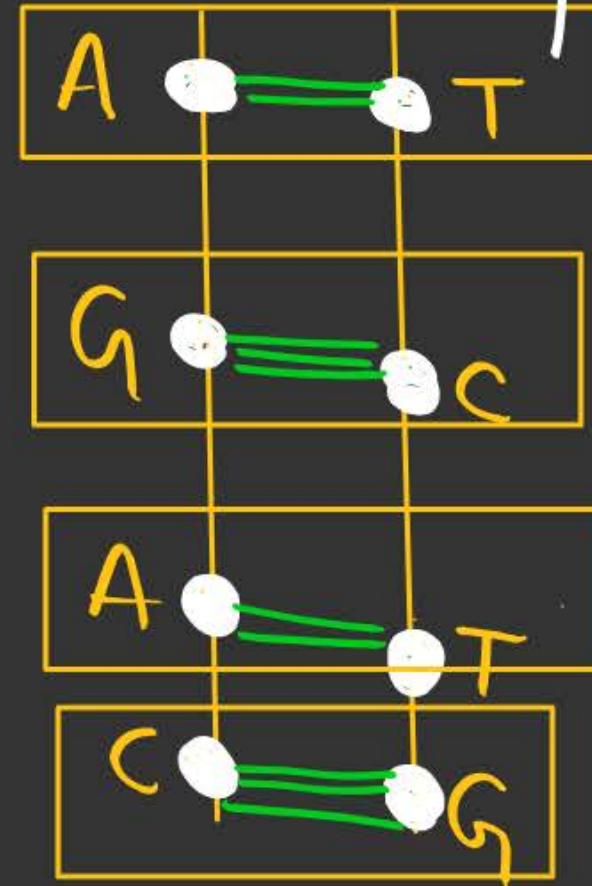
is single stranded



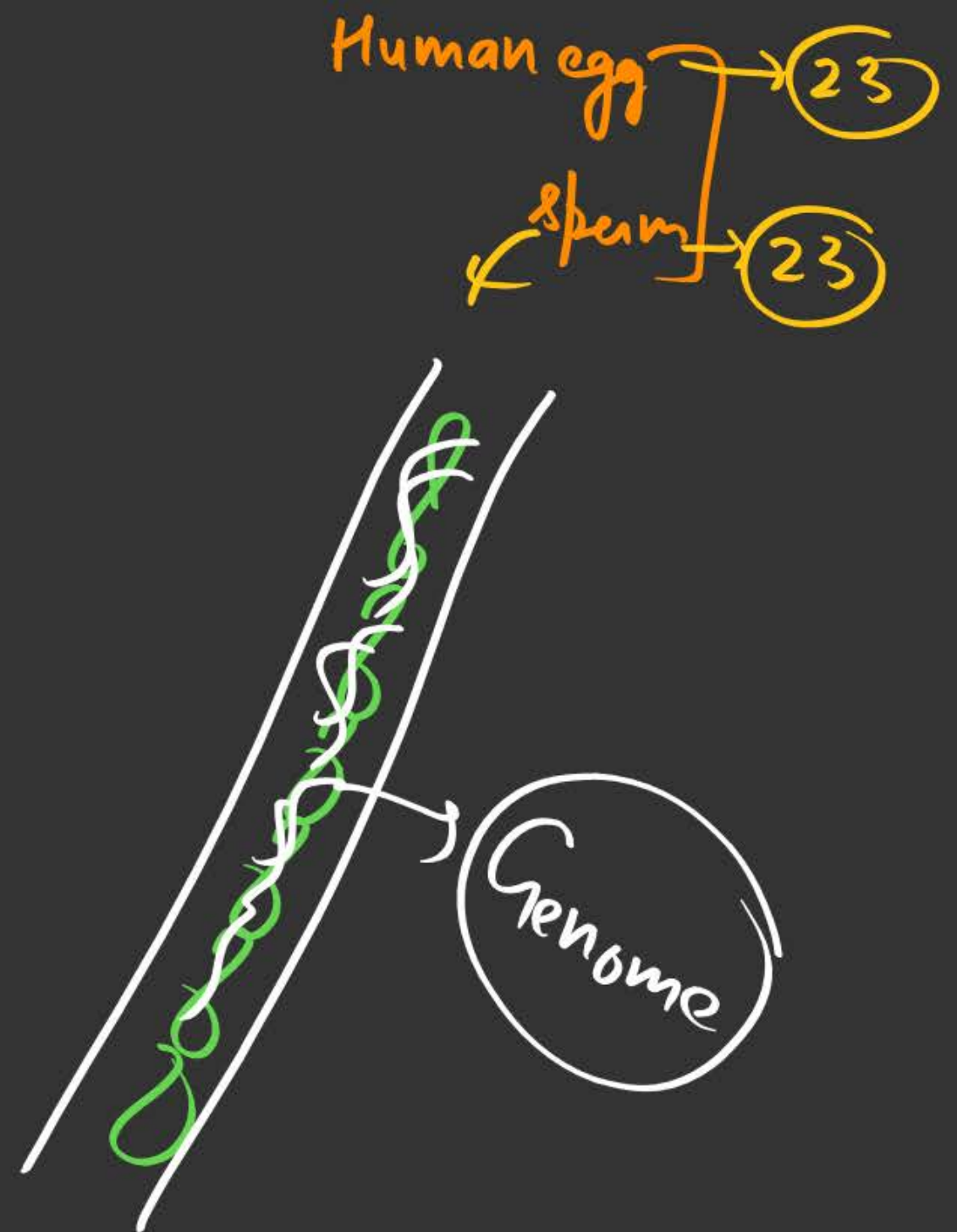
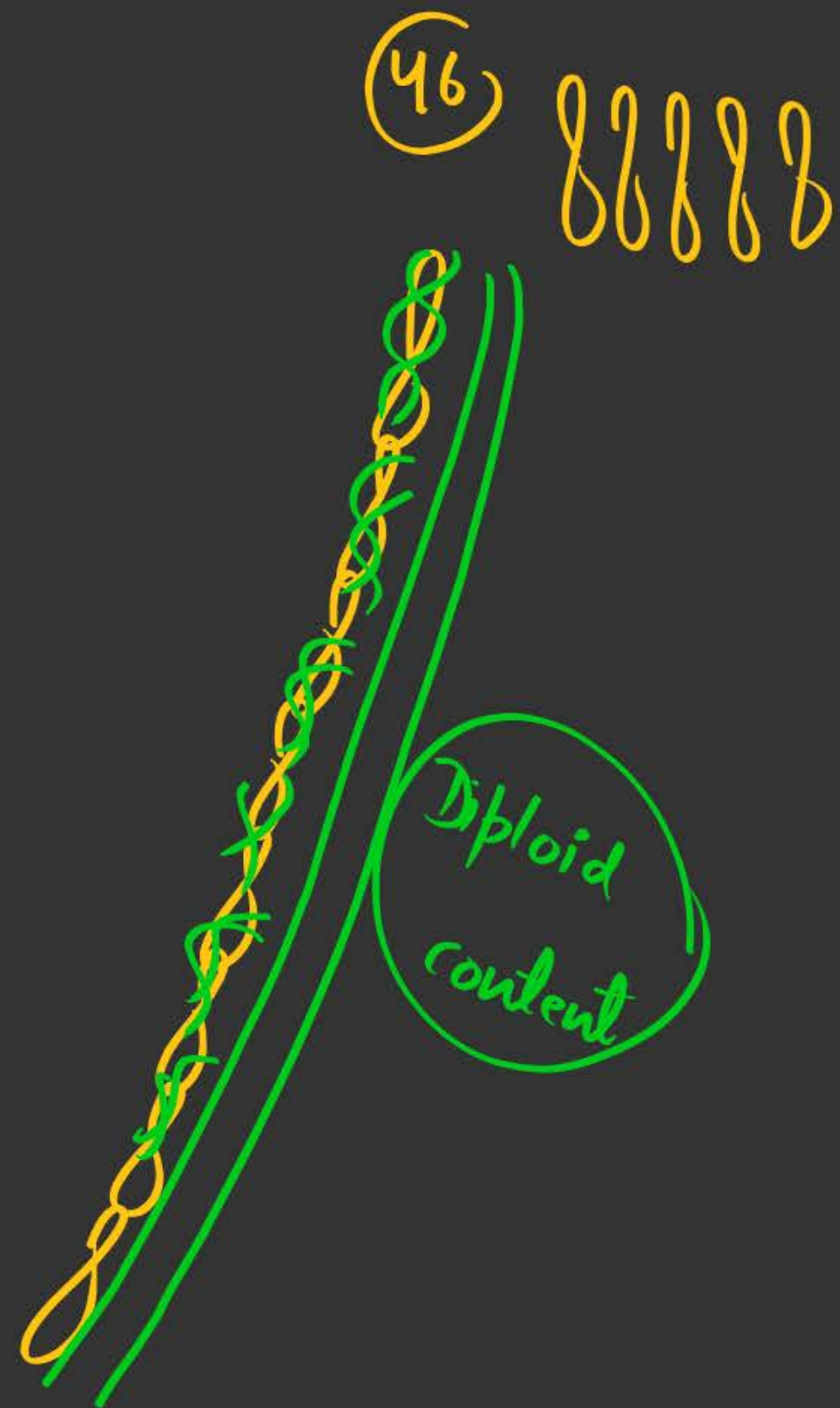
In the form of

Base pairs

Base pair



Organisms	DNA	(Genome content) (Haploid content)	DNA length (Bases or Base pairs)
1. ϕ 174 (Virus) (Bacteriophage) (Haploid)	 ds circular	5386	Nucleotides / Bases
2. λ -phage (lambda phage) (Bacteriophage) (Virus) (Haploid)	 ds linear	48,502	Base pairs
3. <u>E. coli</u> (Bacteria) (Haploid)	 ds circular	4.6×10^6	base pairs
4. Humans	 ds linear	3.3×10^9	base pairs



Q Human Skin cell } Diploid cell

DNA content = ?

- a) 6.6×10^9 nucleotides
- ✓ b) 13.2×10^9 nucleotides/Bases
- c) 3.3×10^9 bases
- d) 3.3×10^9 base pairs

Diploid cell (2n)

6.6×10^9 base pairs

1 base pair = (2) nucleotides/bases

$2 \times 6.6 \times 10^9$ Nucleotides/Bases

13.2×10^9 Nucleotides/Bases

Human Haploid cell



$$\text{Base pairs} = 3.3 \times 10^9 \text{ bps}$$

$$\text{Nucleotides/Bases} = 6.6 \times 10^9 \text{ nucleotides/Bases.}$$

Search for Genetic material



started in 1926



In 1928



Griffith's
Experiment



In 1944



McCleod, McCarty
& Avery



In 1952

Hershey and
chase.

Griffith → In 1928

Bacteria: Streptococcus / Pneumococcus

cell wall



↓ R-II strain

→ Capsule Absent

→ Rough strain

→ Non-virulent | Non-pathogenic



↓ S-III strain

→ Capsule present

→ Smooth strain

→ Virulent | Pathogenic

Rough strain

Smooth strain

Heat-killed smooth strain

(R-II strain)

(S-III)

R-II strain
(Live)
+
S-III strain
(Heat-Killed)



Conclusion: There is some **Transforming Principle** which
is released by S-III strain & accepted by
R-II strain. Due to **R-II strain** transformed to S-III strain.

* He did not know the **Biochemical Nature**
of
Transforming Principle

From 1933-1944 → Protein is the
Genetic material.

McCleod, McCarty and Avery → In 1944



Biochemical Nature of Transforming Principle

is

DNA

* First suggested that "DNA is the genetic material".

Heat-Killed S-III strain

Extracted

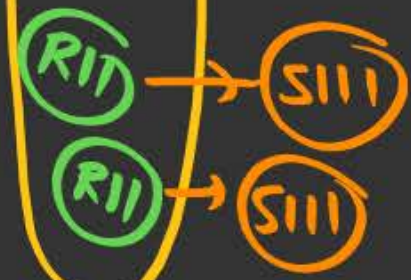
(Biochemical extraction)

- RNA
- DNA
- Protein

RNA
DNA
Protein

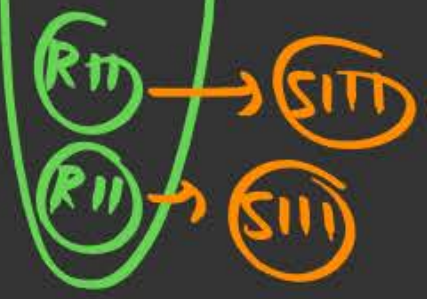
S-III strain

+ RNase enzyme



Transformation ✓

+ Protease Enzyme



Transformation

+ DNase Enzyme



(No Transformation)

Hershey & Chase Experiment



→ In 1952

Provided Unequivocal Proof that
DNA is the genetic material.

Experiment

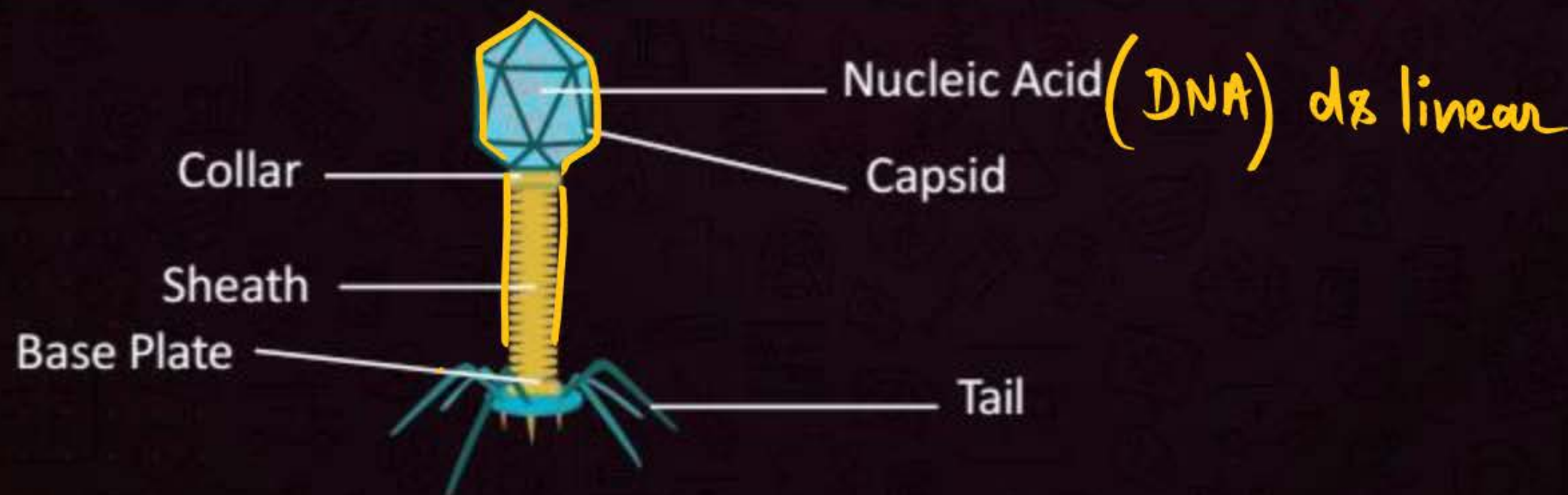


Virus

(T₂ - Bacteriophage)



Infects E. coli



Radioactively labelled the virus

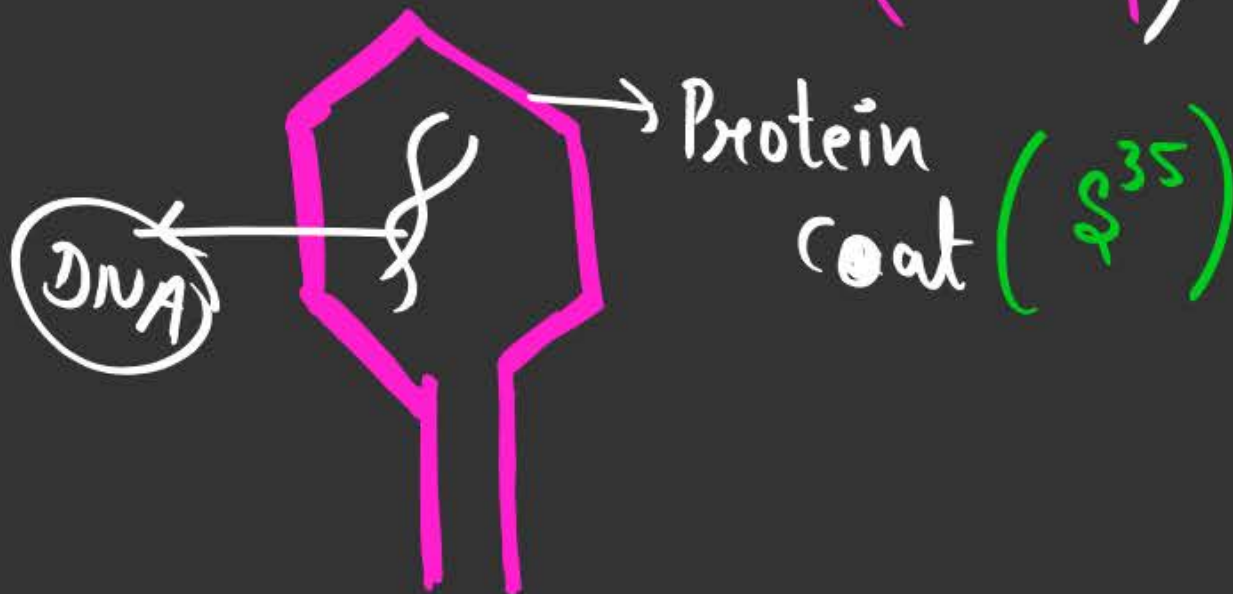
↓
Virus with Radioactive Protein Coat

Protein
↓

Sulphur

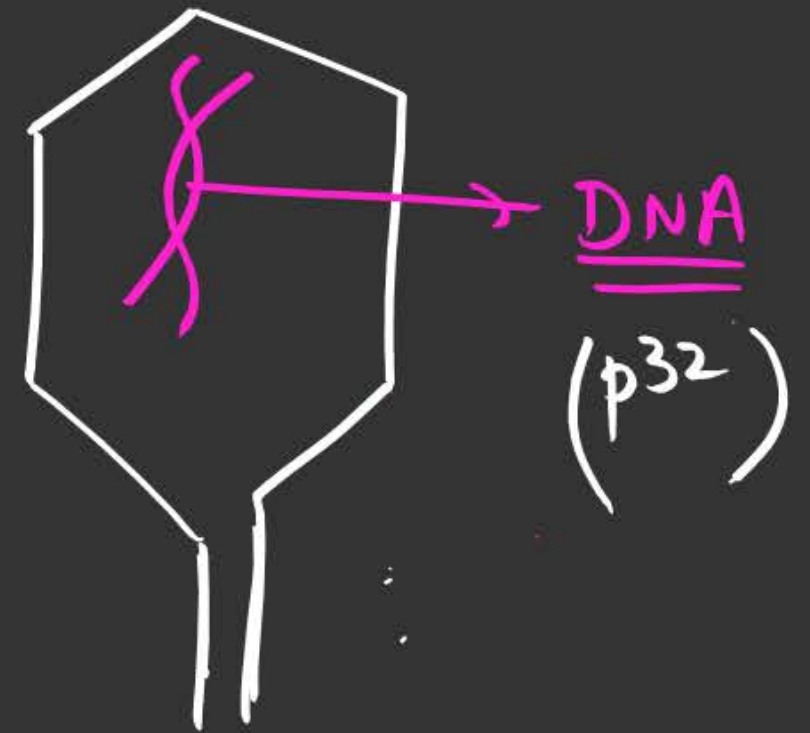
→ Grew virus

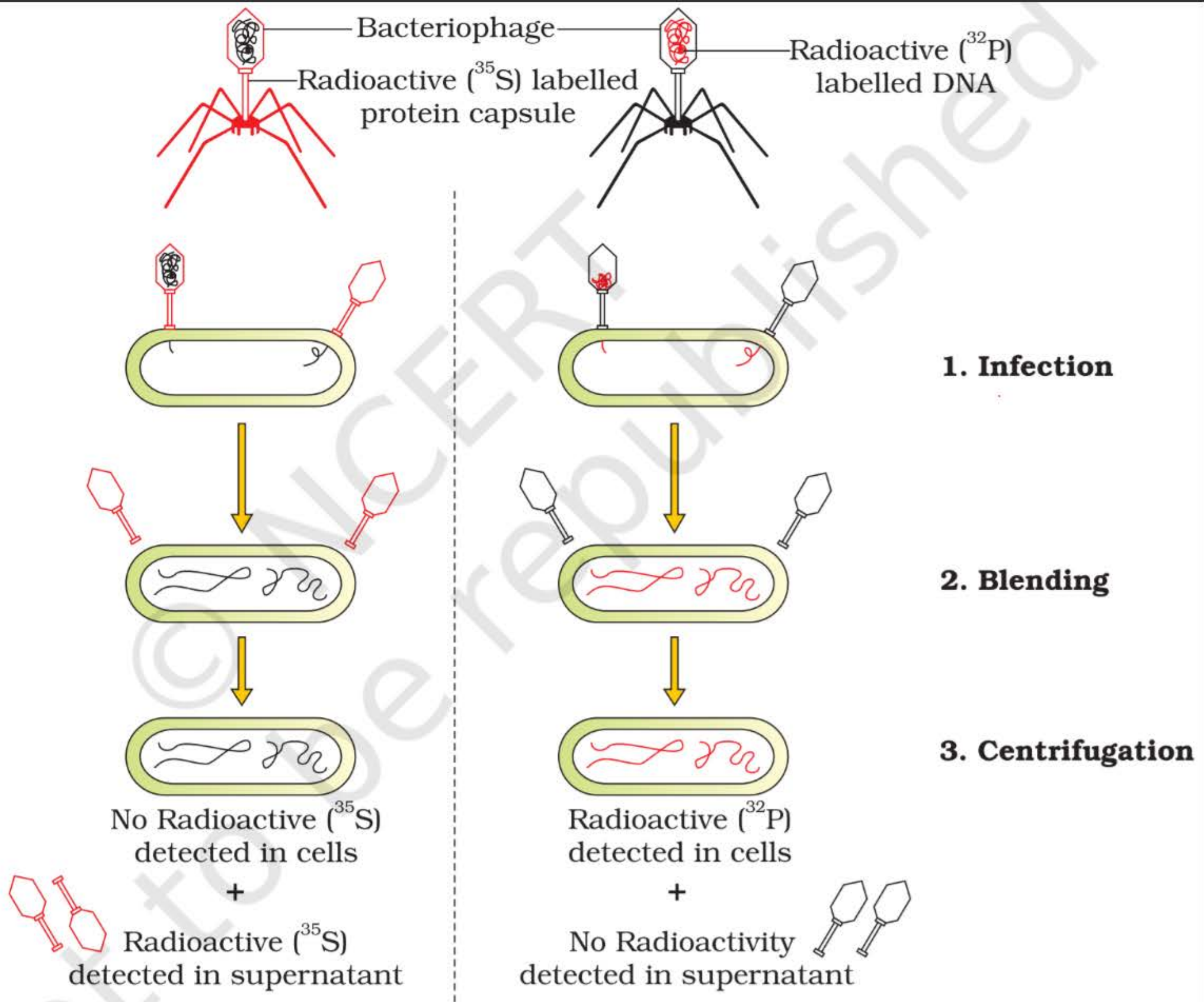
on Radioactive sulphur
medium ($^{35}\text{SO}_4$)



↓
virus with Radioactive DNA

→ Medium → $^{32}\text{PO}_4$





supernatant ← (Part of virus not injected in E. coli)

→ ppt E. coli + part of virus

Structure of Polynucleotide chain

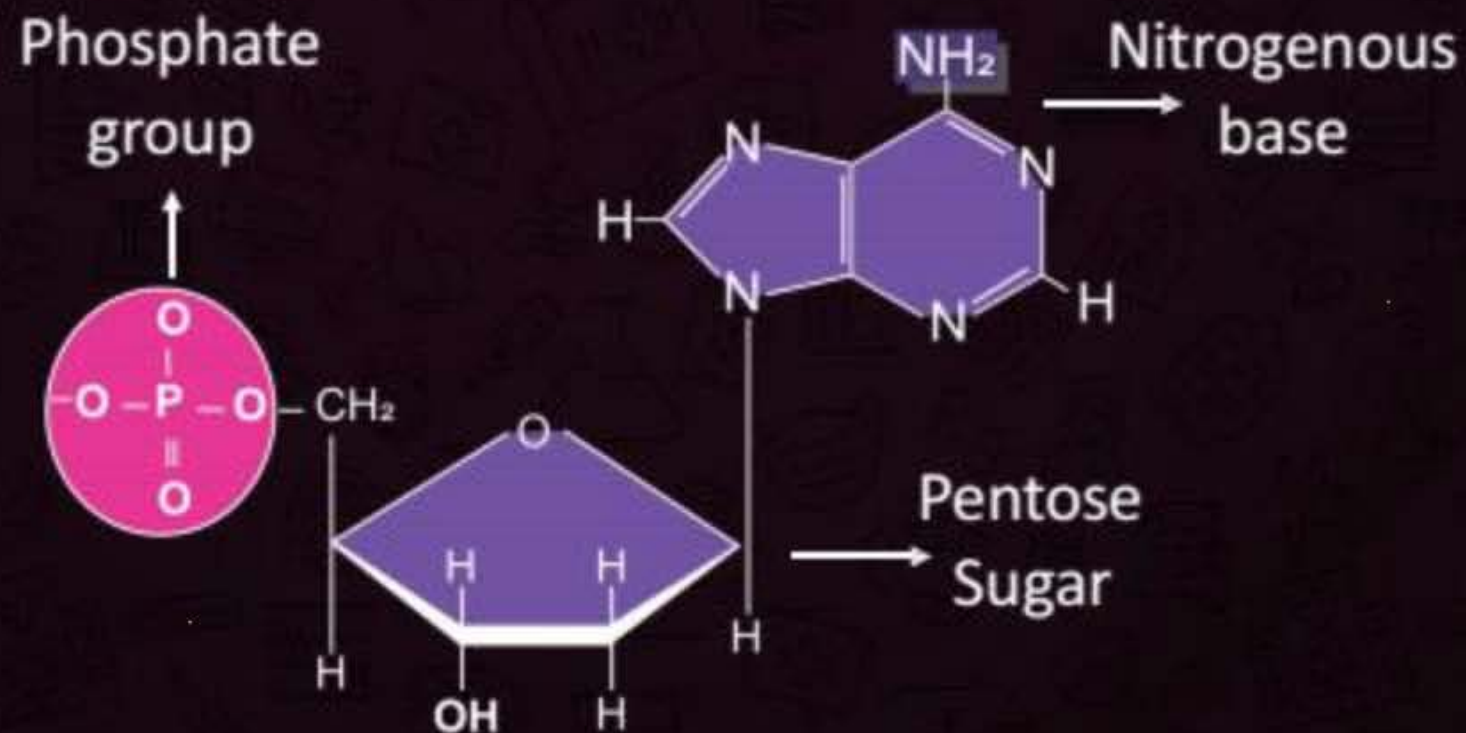


The basic unit of DNA is a **nucleotide** which has three components

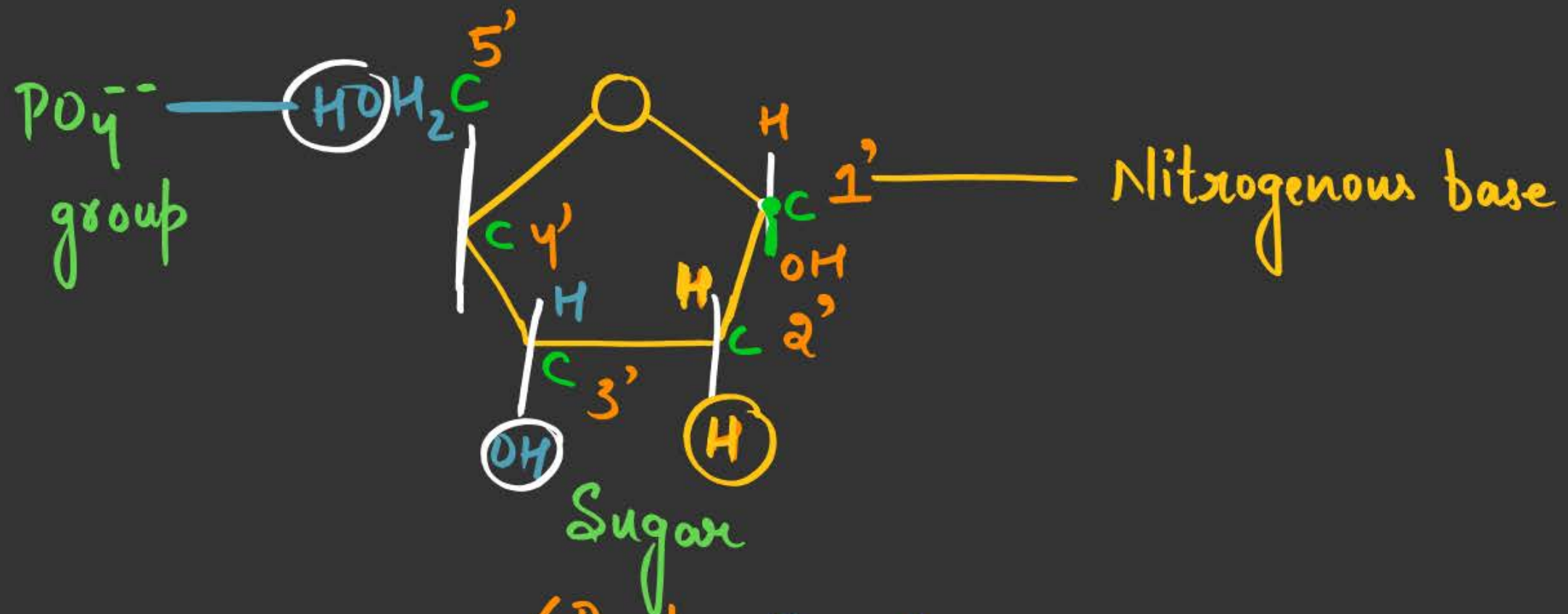
Nitrogenous base

Pentose sugar
(deoxyribose)

Phosphate group



Nucleotide



(Pentose Sugar)

(Deoxyribose sugar)

(2'-C there is no

OH group)

Nucleotide

Sugar + PO_4^{--} + Nitrogenous
base

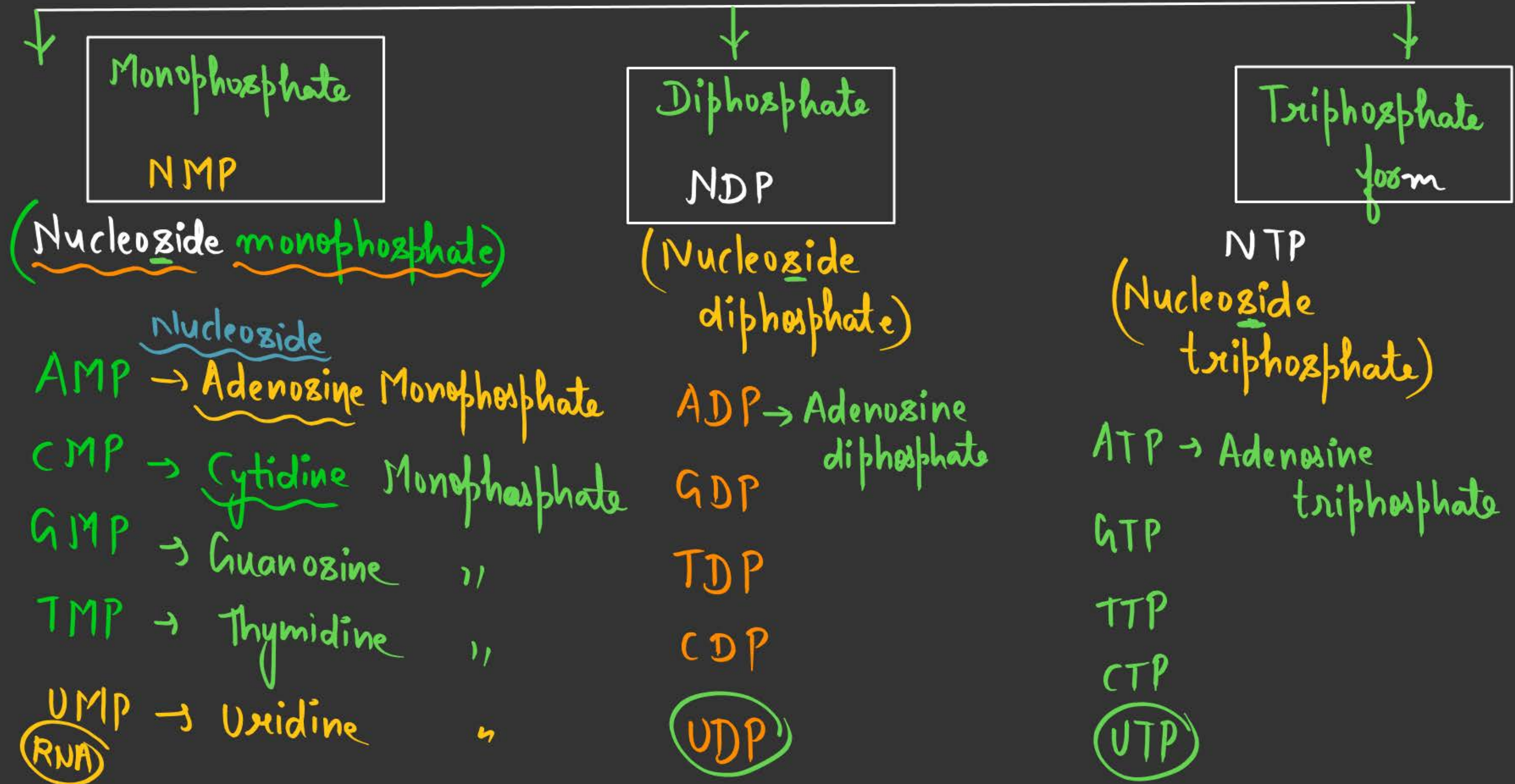
Nucleotide = Nucleoside + PO_4^{--}
group

Nucleoside

Sugar + Nitrogenous
base



Nucleotide



DNA

Nucleotides

dAMP

(deoxyadenosine monophosphate)

dGMP

dTMP

dCMP

RNA

AMP ✓

(Adenosine monophosphate)

GMP ✓

CMP ✓

UMP ✓

Nitrogenous base

Purines

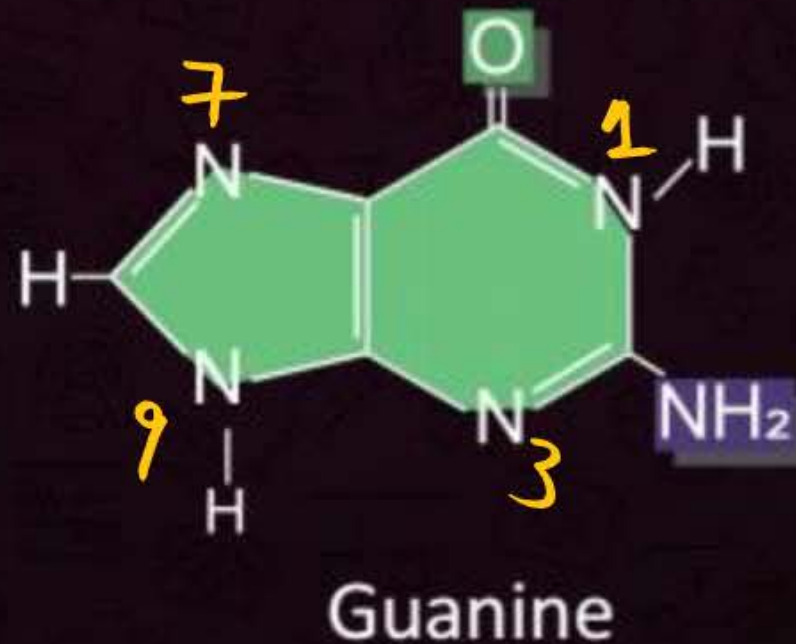
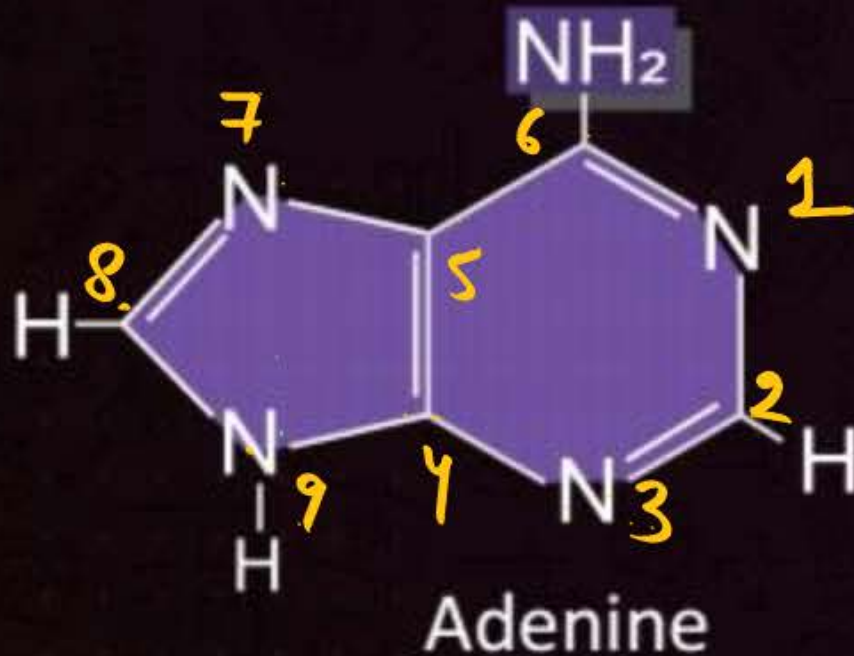
Adenine
Guanine

Pyrimidines

Uracil
Thymine
cytosine

RNA

Purines - Heterocyclic 9-membered double-ring structure with N at position 1, 3, 7 and 9.
Eg: Adenine (A) and Guanine (G).



Nitrogenous base



Imp

Thymine
↓

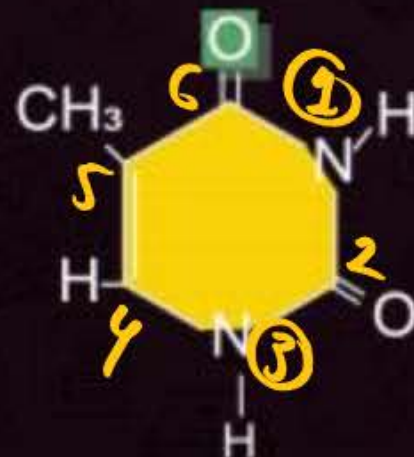
5-methyl Uracil

Pyrimidines- Heterocyclic, 6-membered single-ring structure with N at 1 and 3 position, Eg., Cytosine (C), Thymine and Uracil. Cytosine is common in both DNA and RNA; thymine is present in DNA and uracil is present in RNA at the place of thymine.

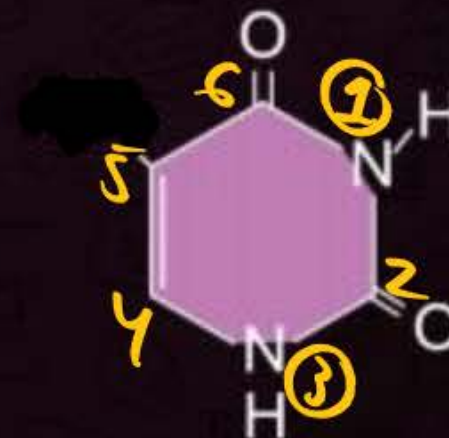
Cytosine



Thymine

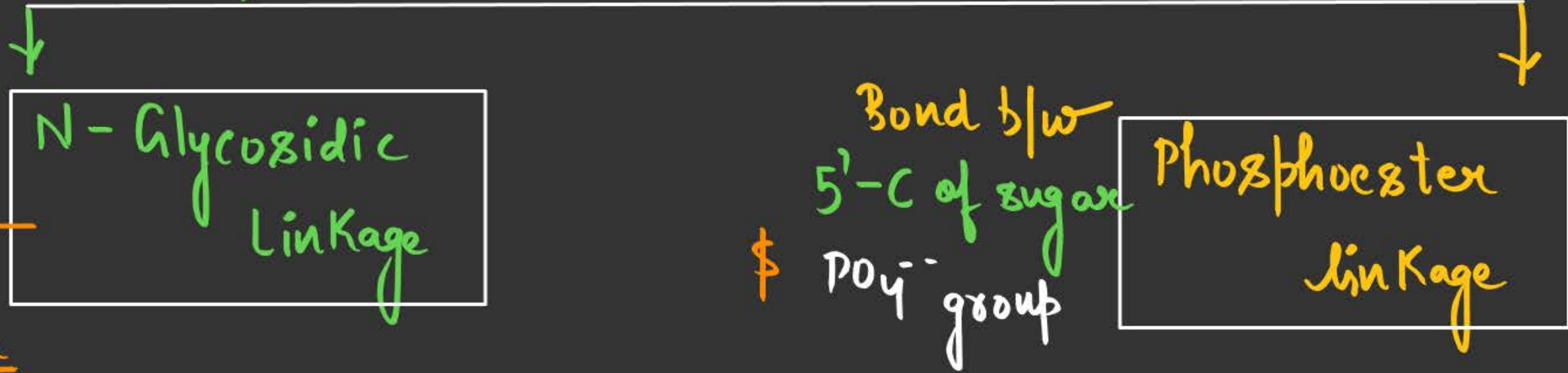


Uracil

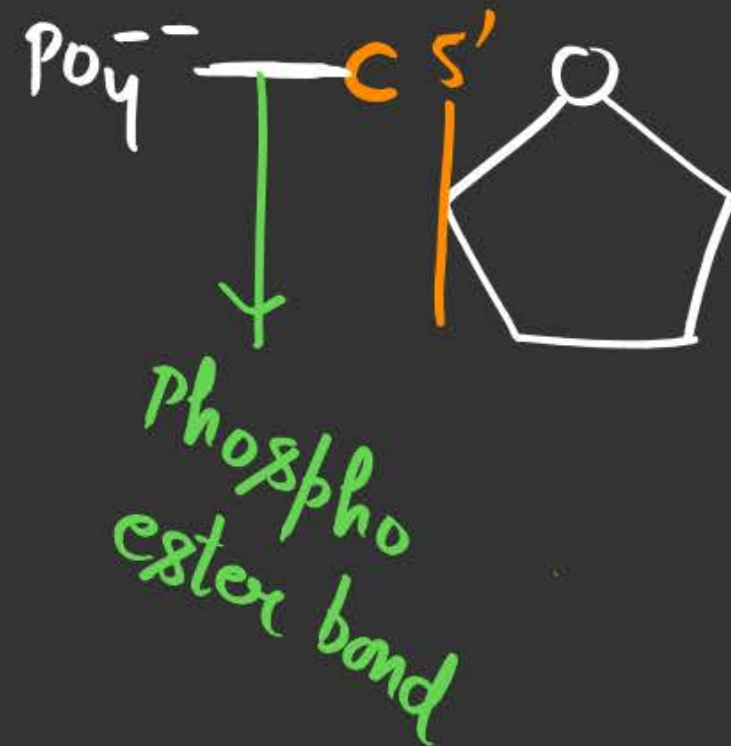
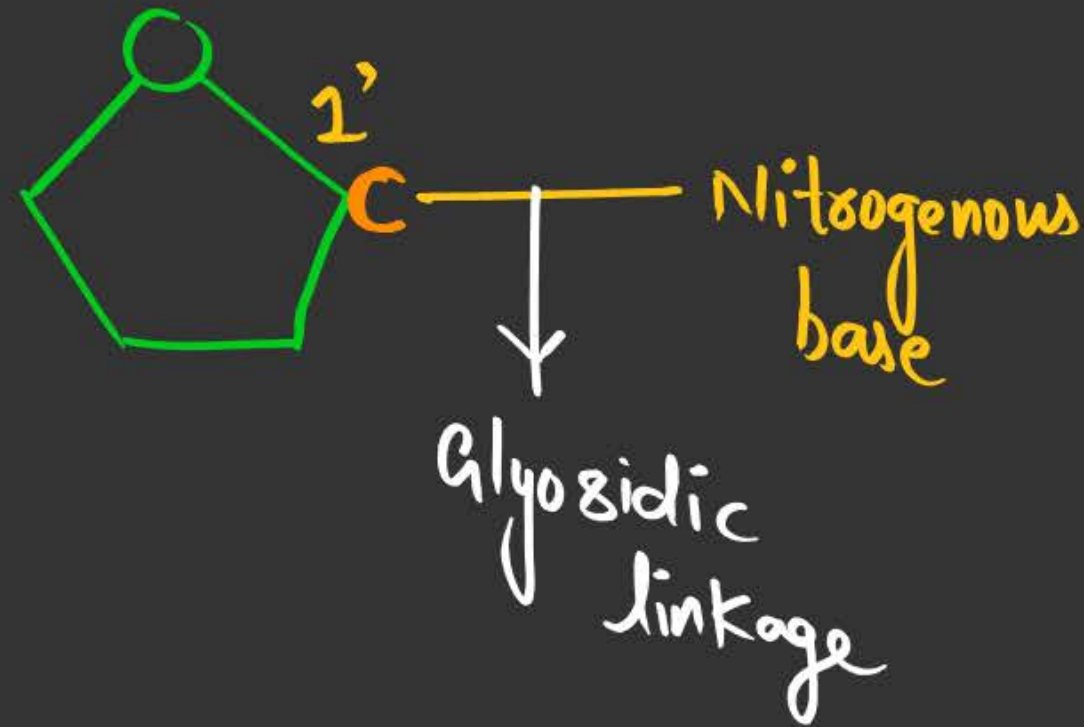


* Rest are (Covalent Bonds)

Bonds / Linkages in a Single Nucleotide



1'C of sugar
and Nitrogenous
base



Linkage



(Glycosidic bond)
=

Purine

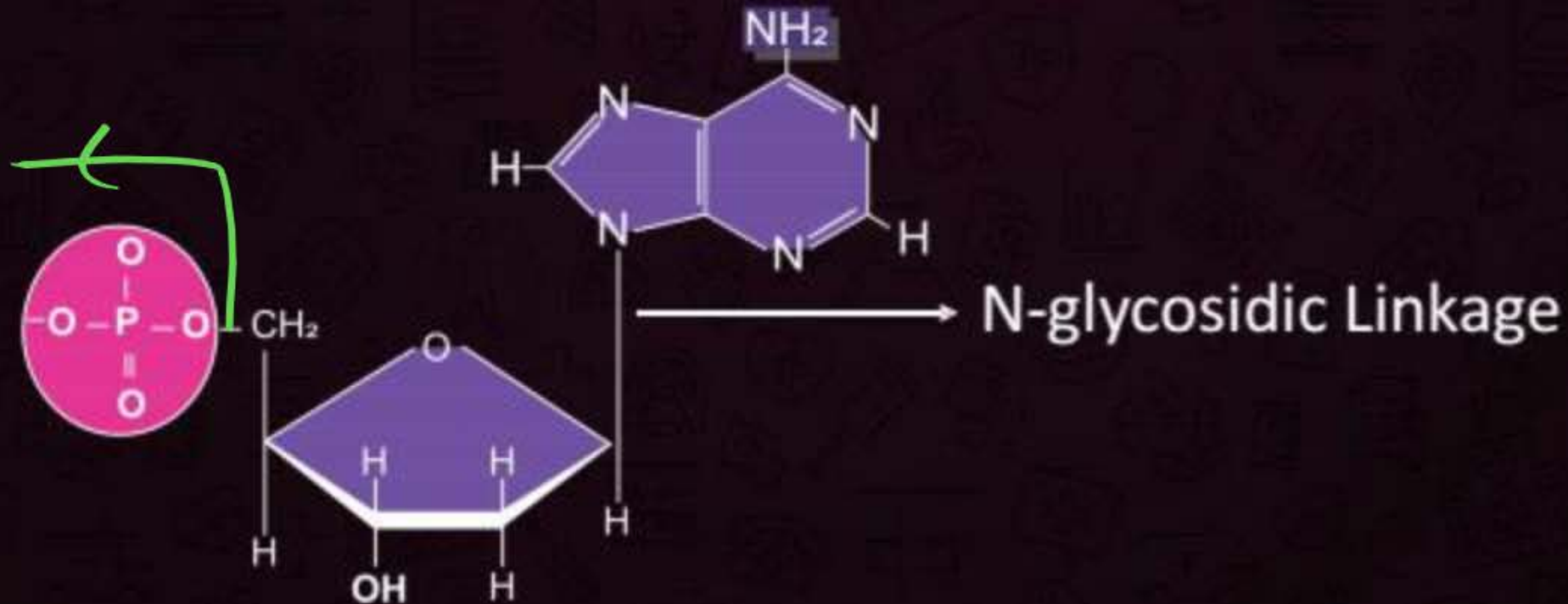
1' C of sugar — 9th N of purine

Pyrimidine

1' C of sugar — 1st N of pyrimidine

N-glycosidic linkage: A nitrogenous base is linked to the pentose sugar through a N-glycosidic linkage to form a nucleoside. Purine nucleosides have 1-9 glycosidic linkage. Pyrimidine nucleosides have 1-1 linkage.

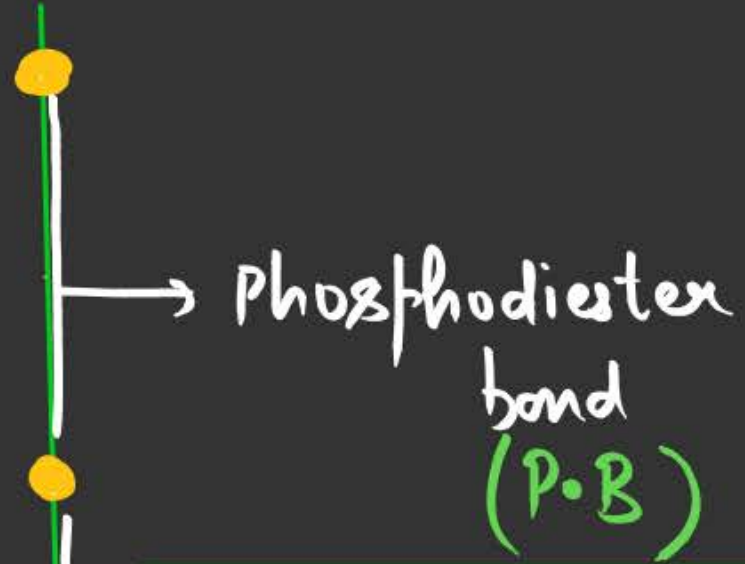
Phospho-ester linkage



Phosphodiester Bond

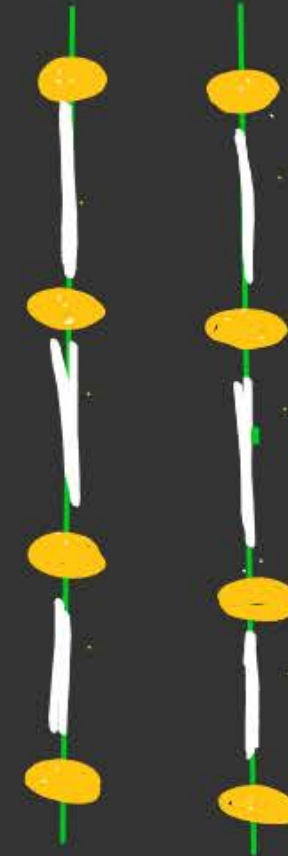
Present between (2) Nucleotides

ss DNA



$$P.B = \text{No. of nucleotides} - 1$$

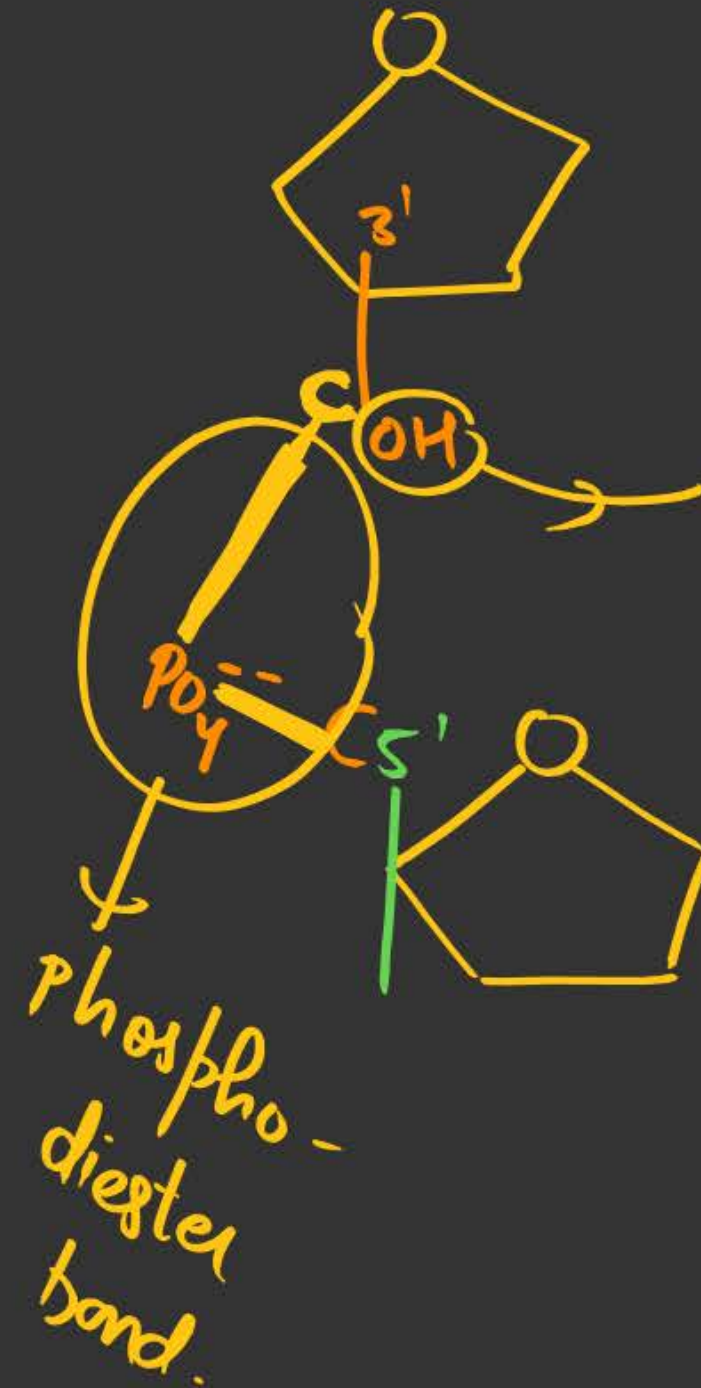
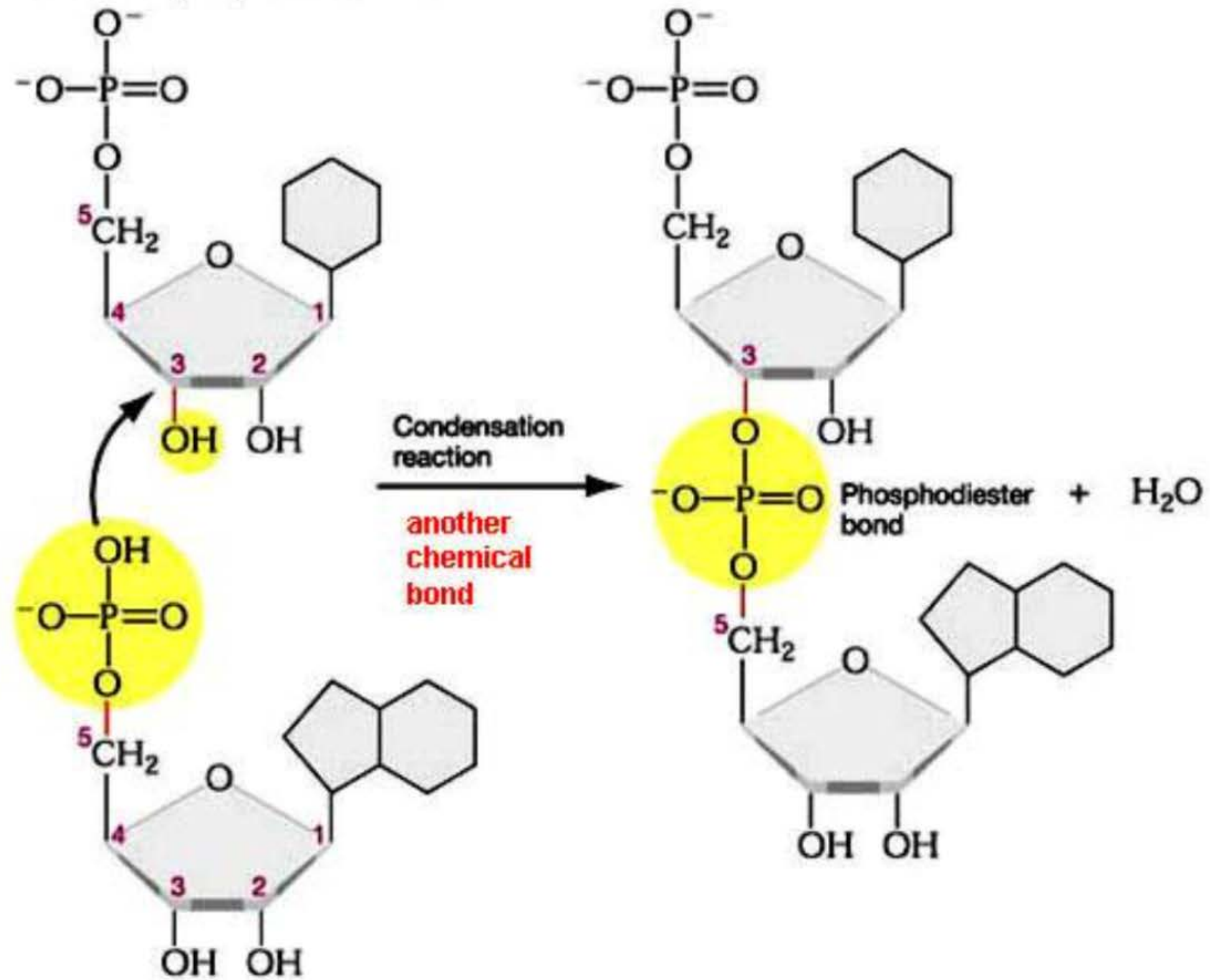
ds DNA

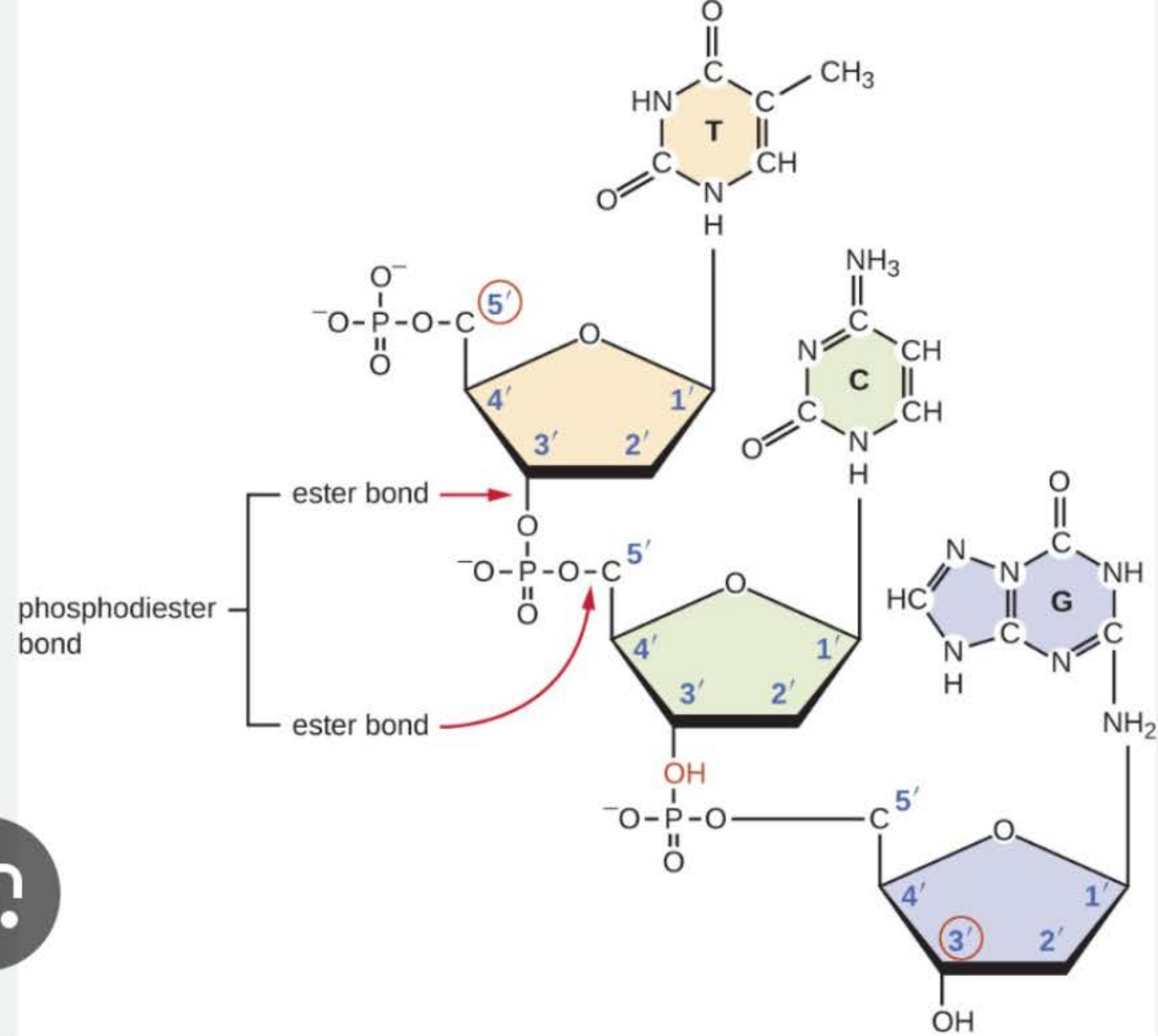


ds DNA = (4) base pairs
↓
8 nucleotides

$$P.B = \text{No. of nucleotides} - 2$$

Formation of phosphodiester bond





Phosphodiester bond

★ Polarity → 3' - 5' ★

Q $\frac{\text{DNA}}{\downarrow \text{(ds DNA)}} = \boxed{1,000 \text{ base pairs}} = \boxed{2,000} \text{ nucleotides/Bases}$

a) No. of glycosidic linkages = 2,000

b) No. of sugar molecules = 2,000

c) No. of phosphate groups = 2,000

d) No. of phosphodiester Bonds = P.B = No. of nucleotides - 2
2,000 - 2
= 1998

Derivation of DNA Structure

Two lines of investigations helped in derivation of DNA structure

X-ray
Crystallography

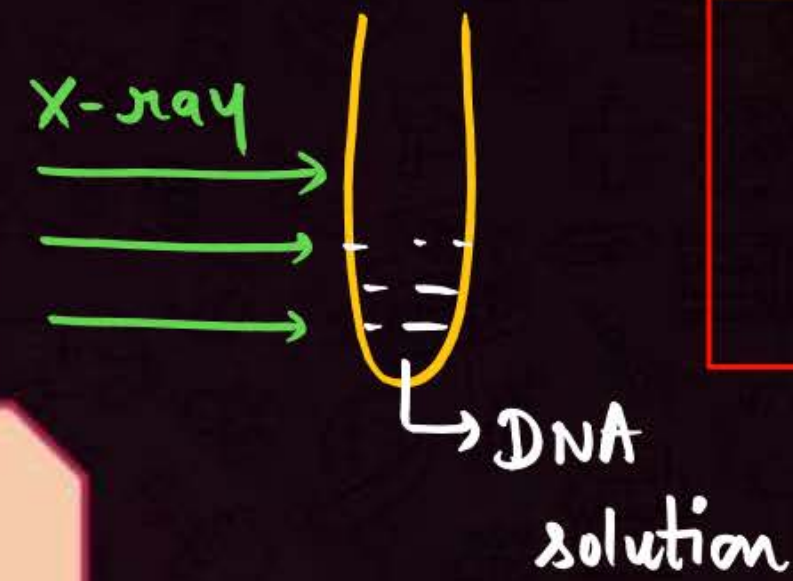
Wilking & Franklin

Chargaff's rule

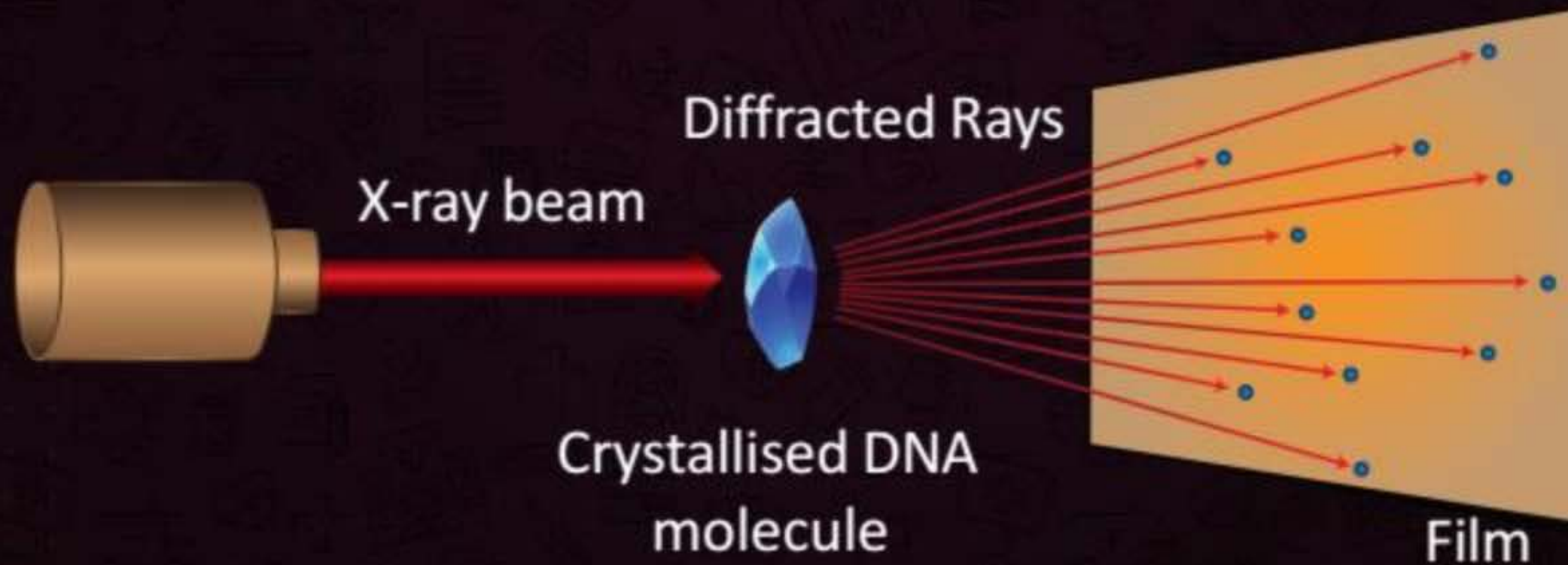
Erwin Chargaff

X-ray Crystallography

→ Diffraction
study



Maurice Wilkins and Rosalind Franklin obtained very fine X-ray diffraction pictures of DNA.



Wilkins & Franklin

Conclusion: * DNA has double-helical structure

* DNA has periodicity of $3.4 \text{ \AA}$



→ Distance between (2) base pairs = $3.4 \text{ \AA}$

or

0.34 nm

Erwin Chargaff's Rules

→ Performed

Base Composition studies on DNA

→ Applied only to dsDNA

Purines and pyrimidines occur in equal amounts. $A+G=T+C$

$$\frac{A+G}{T+C} = 1$$

Sugar deoxyribose and phosphate residues occur in equal number.

Purine adenine is equimolar with pyrimidine thymine

$$A = T \quad \frac{A}{T} = 1$$

Purine guanine is equimolar with pyrimidine cytosine.

$$C = G \quad \frac{C}{G} = 1$$

Erwin Chargaff's Rules



This value is constant for all species

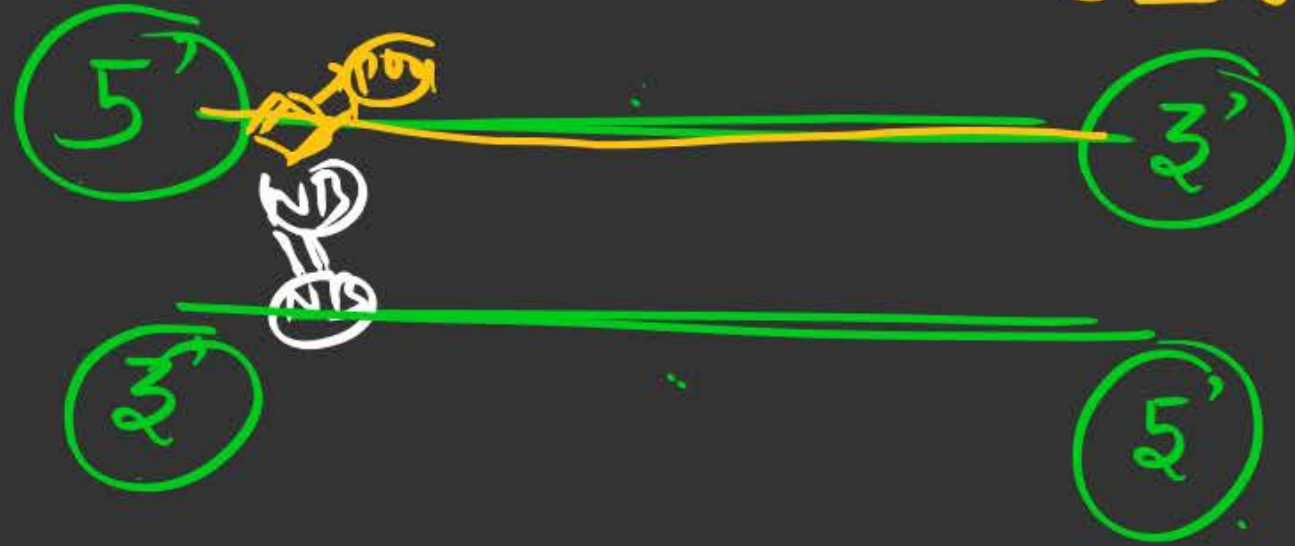
$$\frac{A + G}{T + C} = 1$$

Base ratio is specific for a species.
It is used to identify a species.

$$\frac{A + T}{G + C}$$

A = T

C = G



Salient features of
DNA

Watson & Crick
Model

In 1953

B-DNA

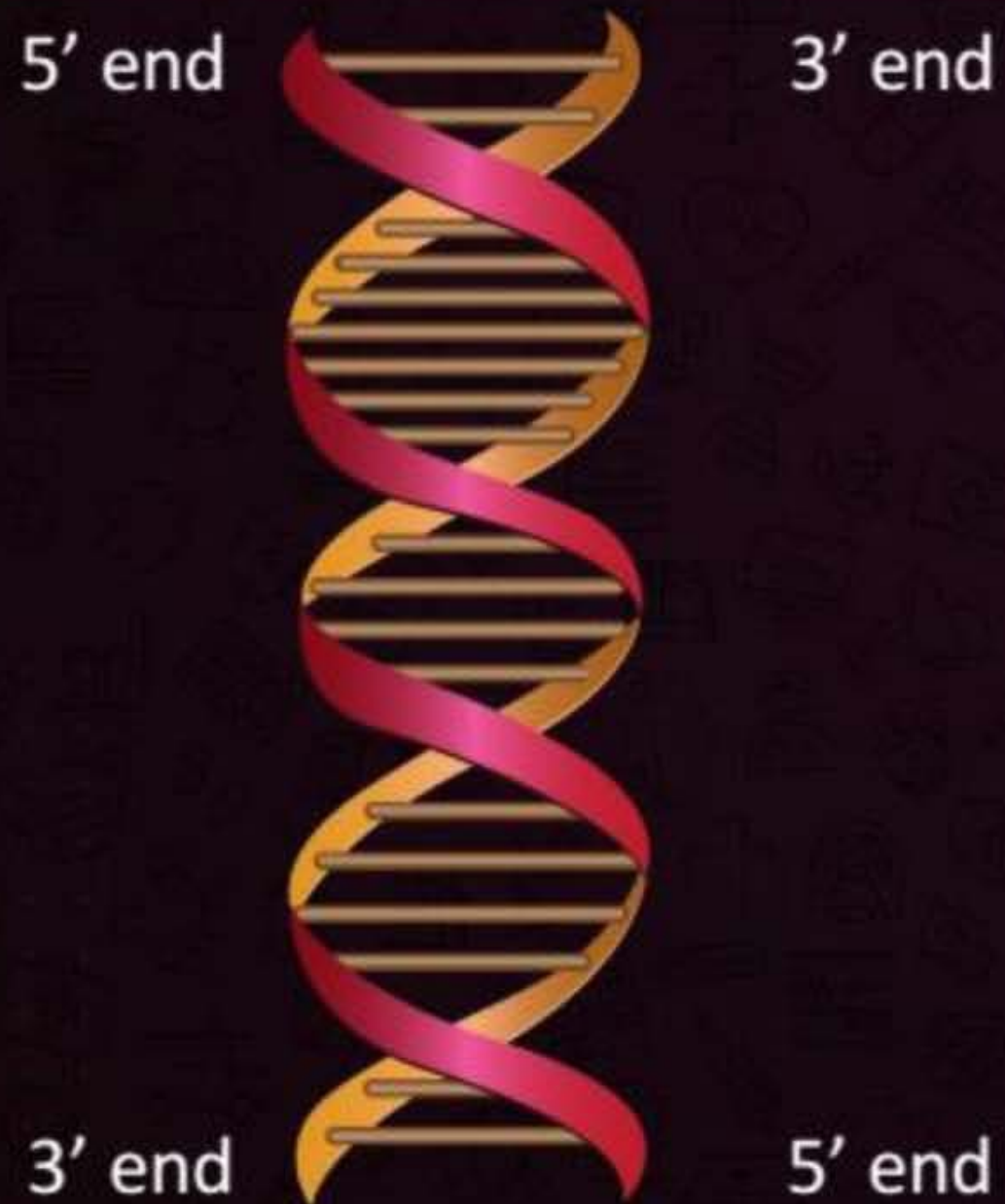
(Right-handed
coiling)



James Watson and Francis Crick on the basis of previous information proposed a very simple but famous double helix model for the structure of DNA.

DNA consists of two polynucleotide chains. The backbone is constituted by sugar-phosphate and the bases project inside

The two chains of DNA run in anti-parallel fashion with 5' → 3' polarity in one and 3' → 5' polarity in other chain.



The bases in two strands are paired through hydrogen bonds forming base pairs (bp).

Adenine forms 2 H-bonds with thymine from opposite strand and vice versa. Similarly, guanine is bonded with cytosine with three H-bonds.

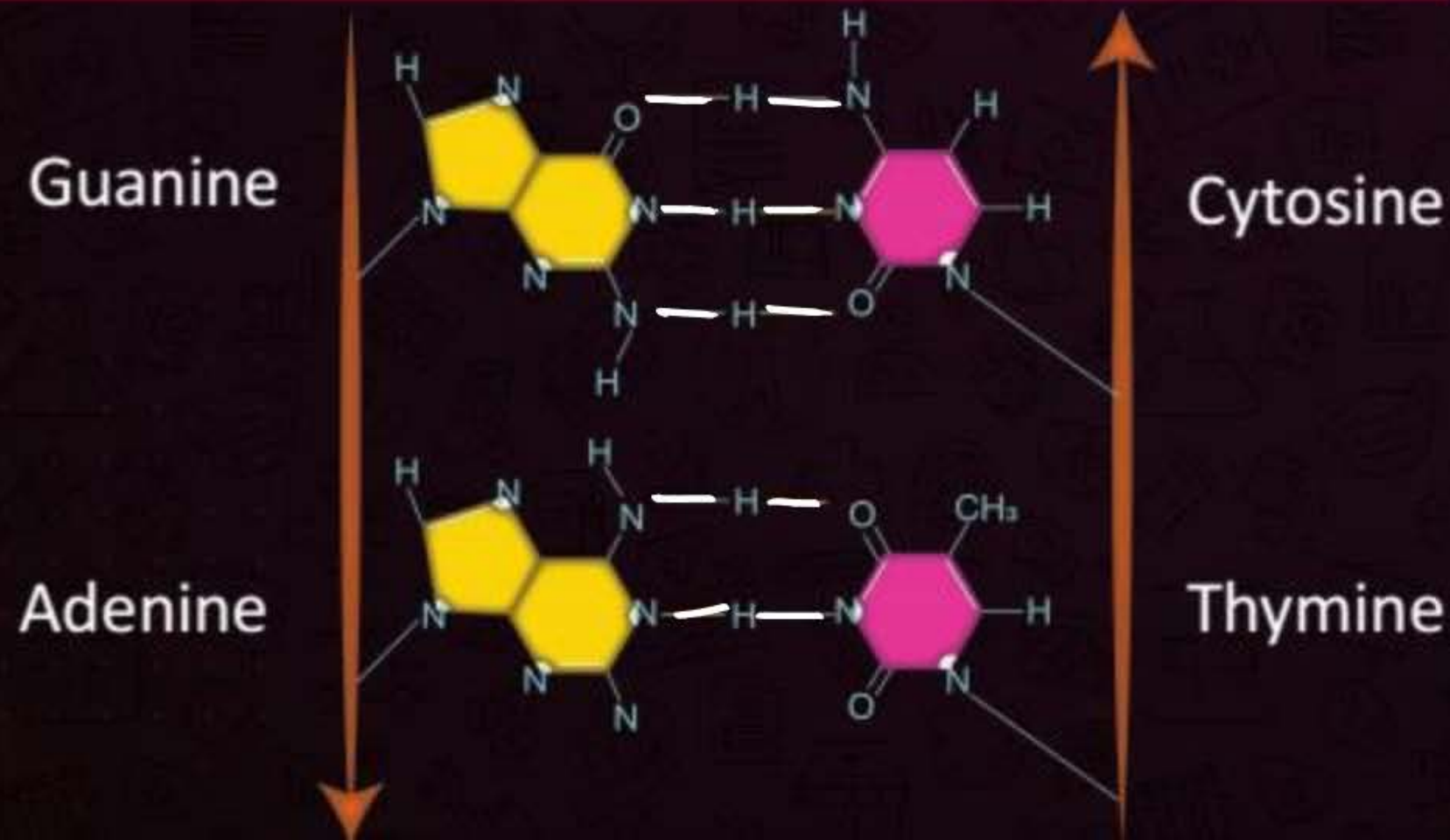
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Hallmark

of watson & crick

Model is **Complementary
Base-pairing**

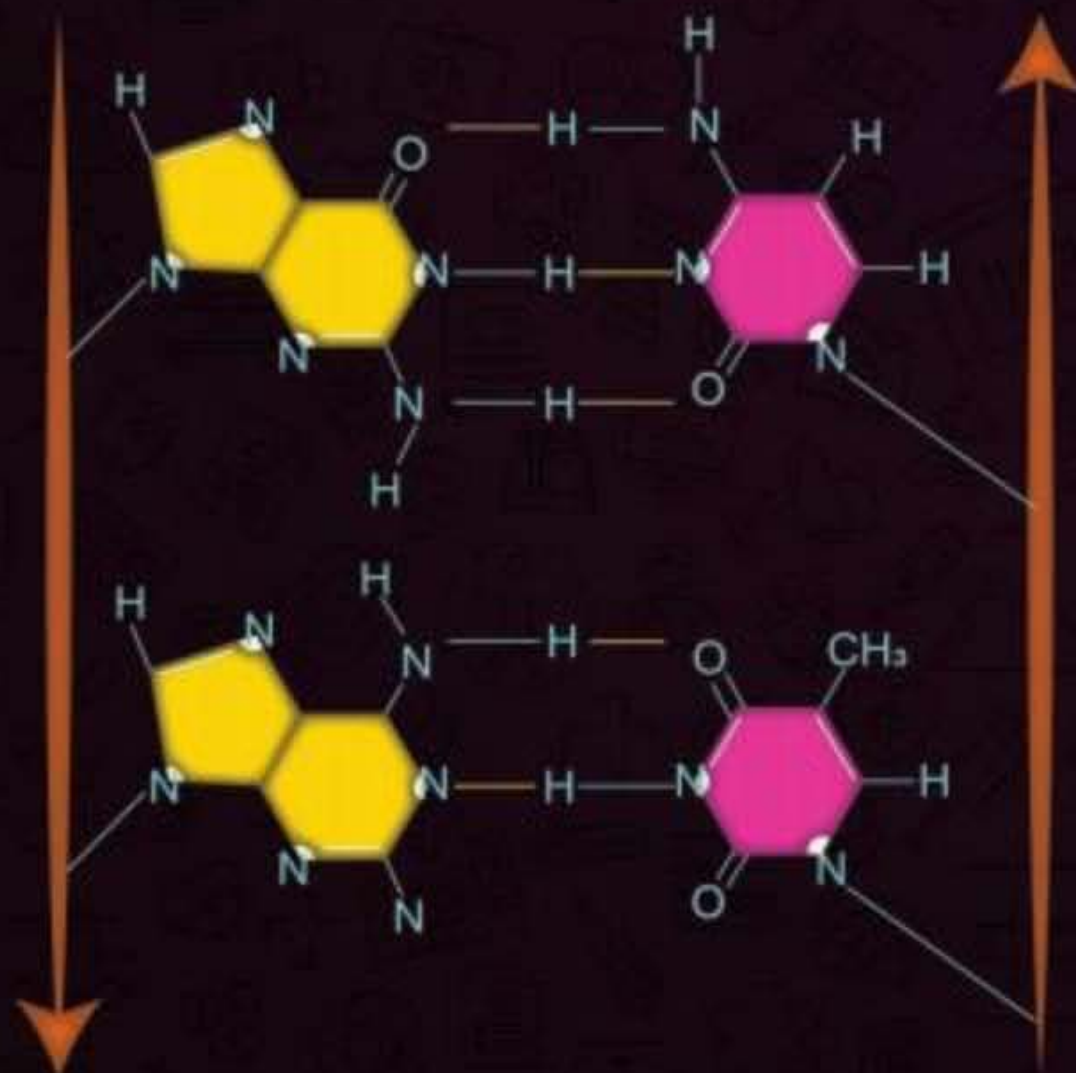
$A = T$ (Based on
 $C \equiv G$ Erwin
Chargaff's
work).



As a result, always a purine comes opposite to a pyrimidine. This generates approximately uniform distance between the two strands of helix.

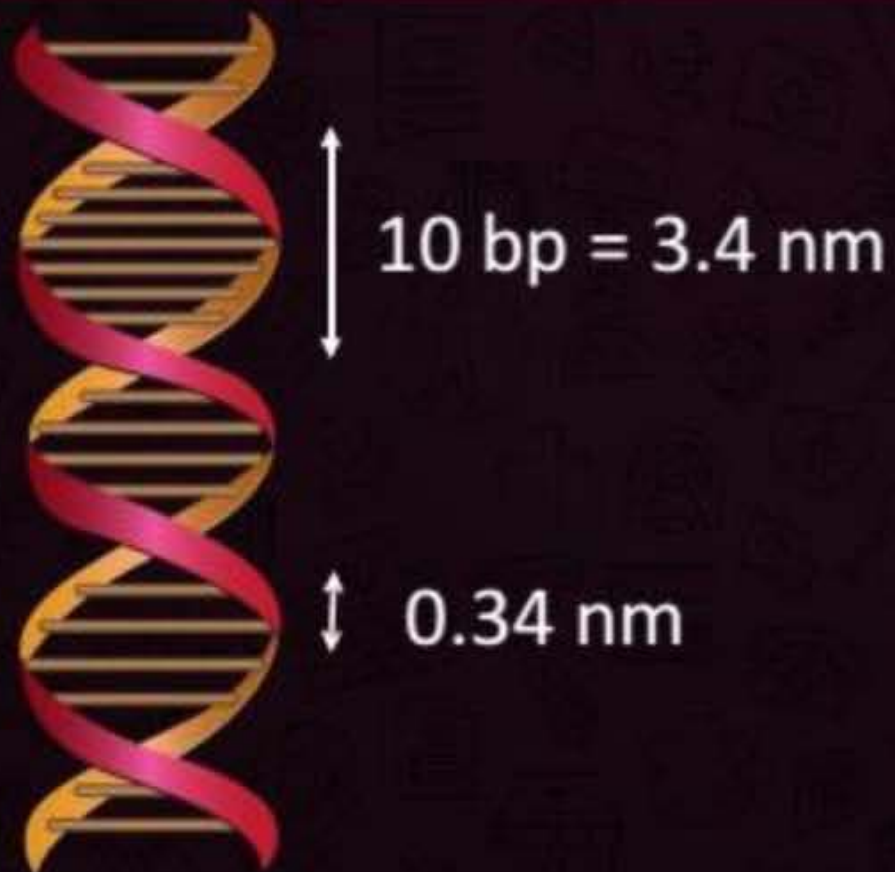
Purine

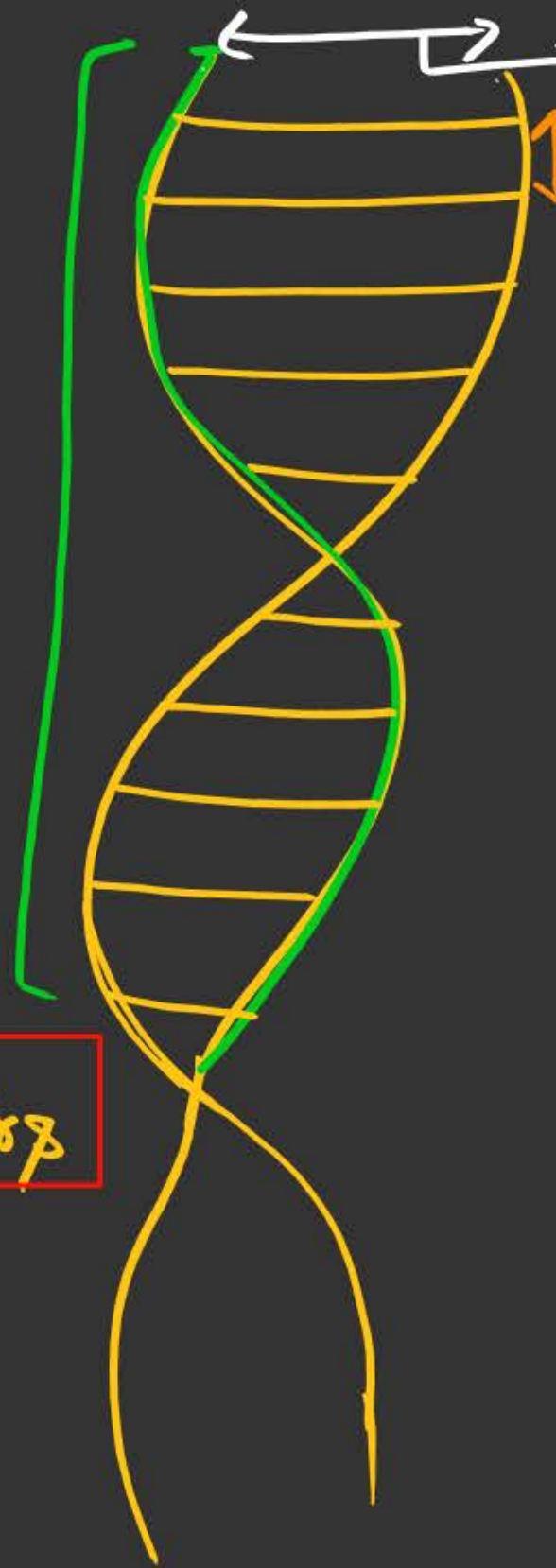
Pyrimidine



The double chain of DNA is helically twisted in a right-handed fashion.

Each turn of double helix or the pitch of the helix is 3.4 nm. It has roughly 10 base pairs in each turn. The distance between two adjacent base pair is approximately equal to 0.34 nm.





1 Helix |

① Pitch

(1 complete
turn)

1 Helix

Has 10 Base pairs

Helical diameter

Distance b/w (2) pairs = 0.34 nm / $3.4 \text{ \AA}$

length of one Helix / Pitch

= 3.4 nm / $34 \text{ \AA}$

Helical diameter / Distance between (2) strands

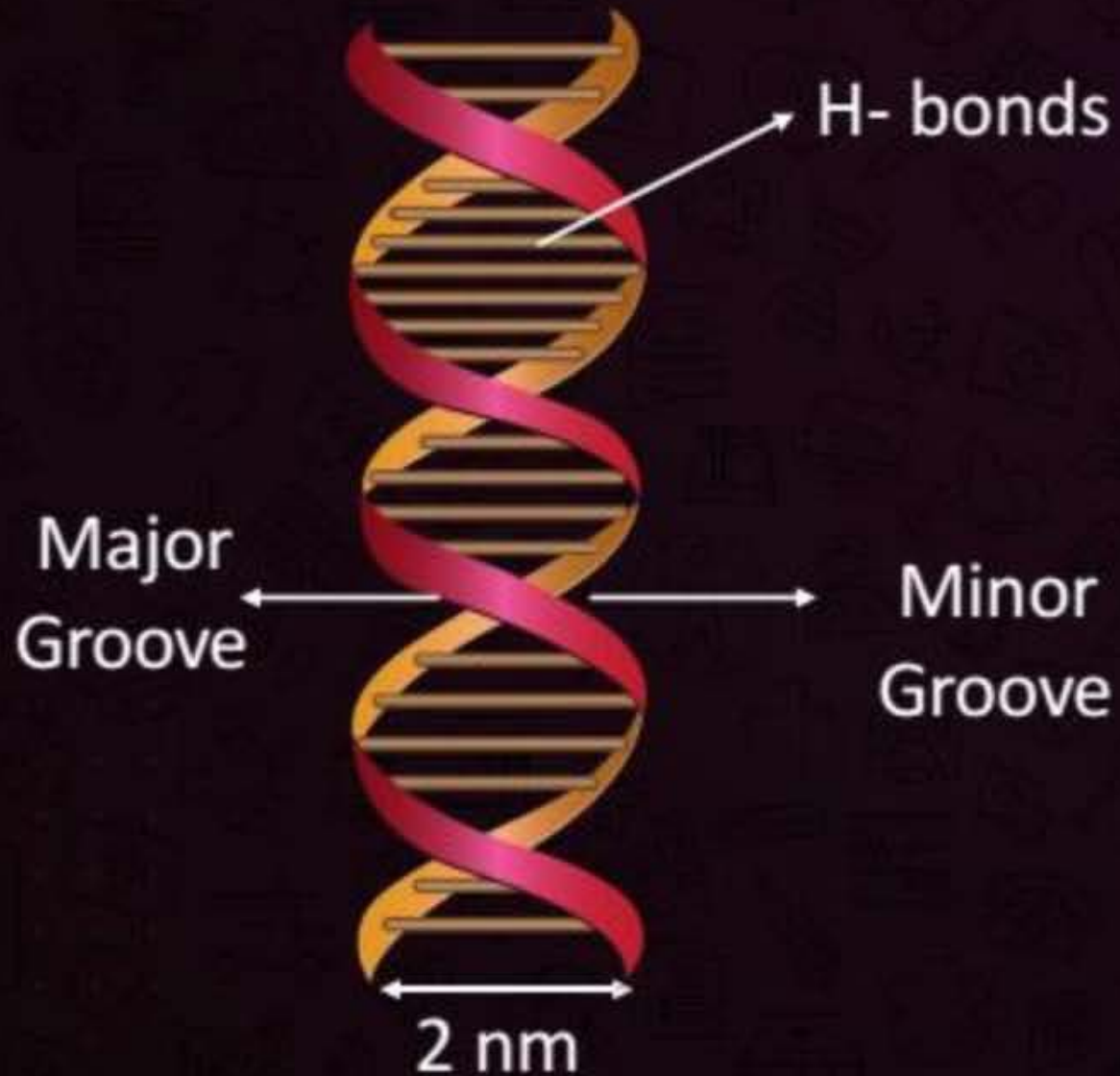
= 2 nm or $20 \text{ \AA}$



The plane of one base pair stacks over the other in double helix. This, in addition to H-bonds, contribute stability to the helical structure.



Stability to
Helical structure



1) Hydrogen - Bonding

2) Plane of one base pair
stacks over the plane
of other base pair.



If a DNA molecule has 2000 bp then, calculate the

- (a) Number of sugar and phosphate molecules
- (b) Number of N-glycosidic linkage



DNA was extracted from Streptococcus bacterium. The proportion of Adenine was found to be 28%, then calculate the amount of cytosine

$$\underline{A} = \underline{T}$$

$$A = 28\%$$

$$T = 28\%$$

$$(56\%)$$

$$\underline{C} = \underline{G}$$

$$C = (22\%)$$

$$G = (22\%)$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 100 \\ 56 \\ \hline 44\% \end{array}$$



If the sequence of one strand of DNA is written as follows:

5- TG CA GC TA GC TA GC AT CG-3'

Write down the sequence of complementary strand in ~~5' → 3'~~ direction.

3'-5'

HW

DNA VS RNA



DNA

RNA

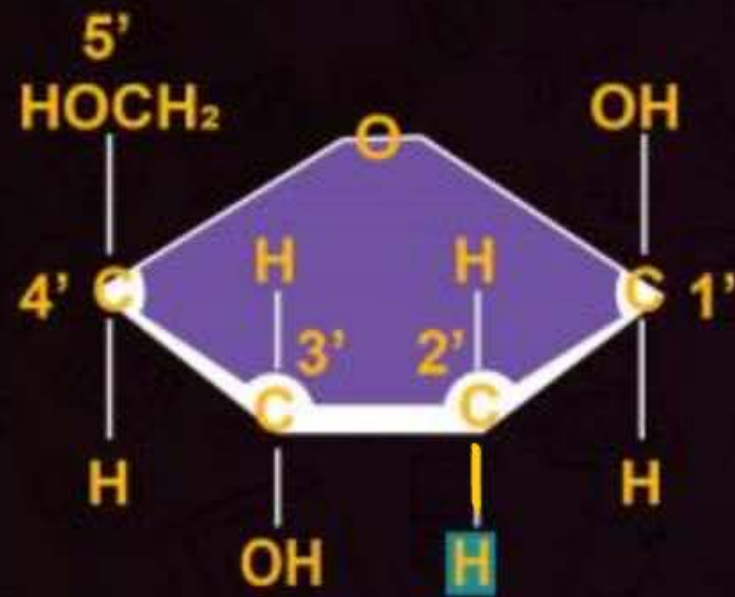
DNA
has
repairing
mechanism

➤ ds

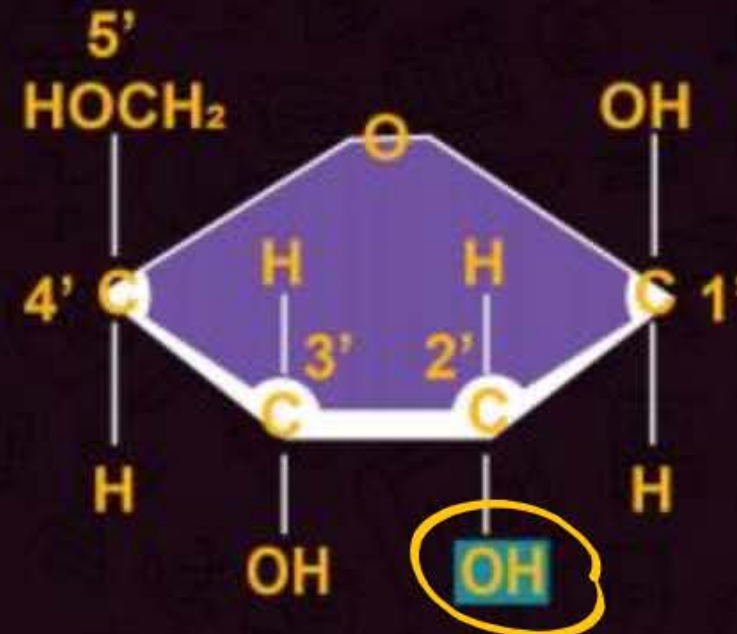


➤ ss





- Contains Deoxyribose Sugar
- Act as a genetic material



- Contains Ribose Sugar
- Used to act as a genetic material
- Act as Catalyst ✓
- Has structural role as well

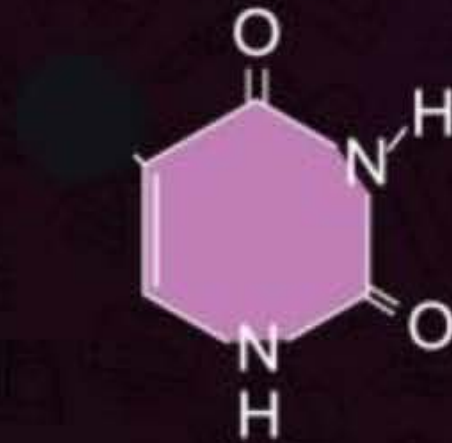
DNA

RNA

➤ Have Thymine



➤ Have Uracil



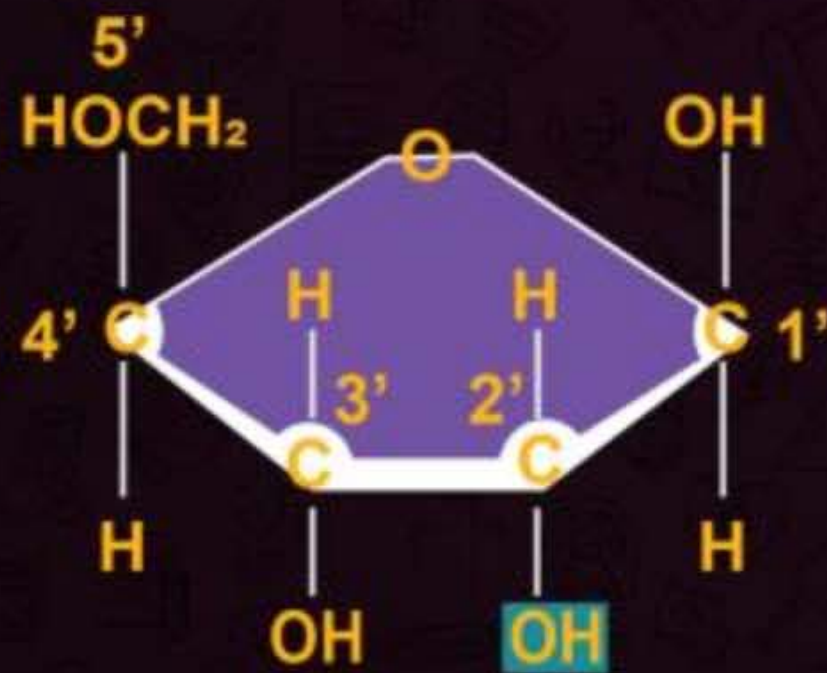
➤ Has evolved from RNA

➤ Was the first genetic material

Properties of RNA

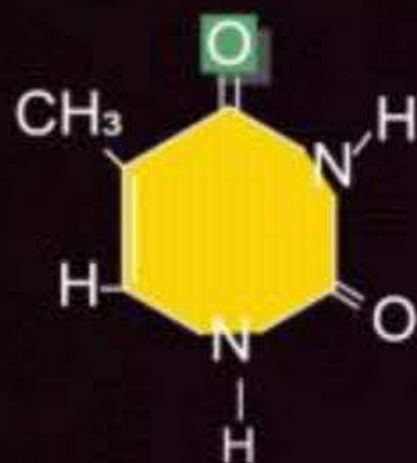


Free 2'OH of RNA makes it more labile and easily degradable. Therefore DNA in comparison is stable.

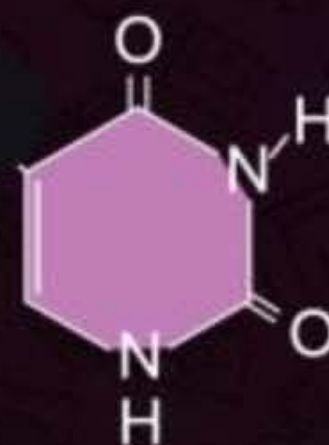


Presence of thymine (5-Methyl uracil) at the place of uracil also confers additional stability to DNA.

DNA has Thymine



RNA has Uracil



RNA being unstable, mutates at a faster rate. Consequently, viruses having RNA genome can directly code for the synthesis of proteins, hence can easily express the characters.

RNA World

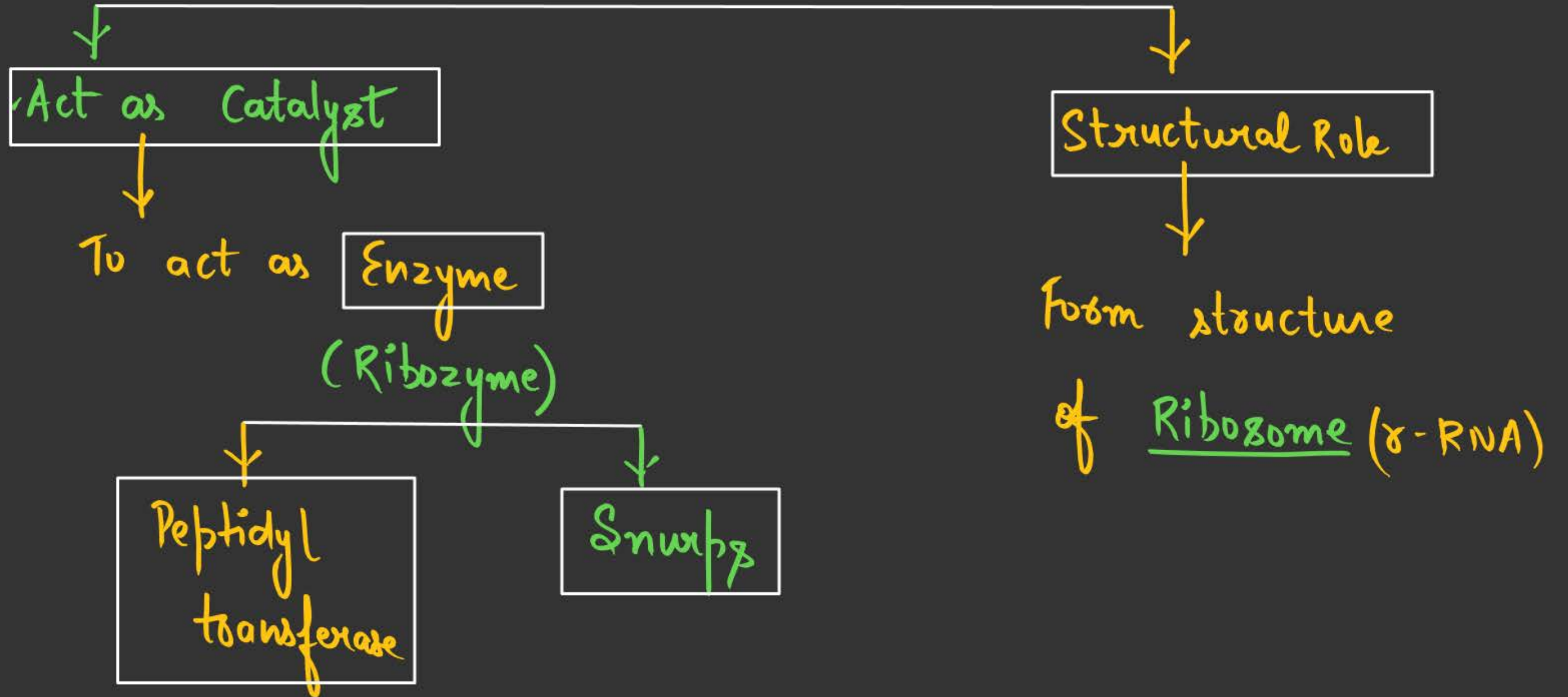


RNA was the first genetic material. ✓

There are evidences to suggest that essential life processes, such metabolism, translation, splicing etc. evolved around RNA.

But, RNA being a catalyst was reactive and hence unstable. Therefore DNA has evolved from RNA with chemical modifications that make it more stable.

RNA



DNA being double strand and having complementary strand further resists changes by evolving a process of repair.

DNA → Storage of genetic information

RNA also acts as a structural molecule.

RNA → Transmission of genetic information

Thus, it can be said DNA being stable is preferred for storage of genetic material and for the transmission of genetic information RNA is better material.

Properties of Genetic Material

1.

Chemically stable

2.

Structurally stable

3.

Transmit itself in form of Mendelian laws.

4.

Mutation:

→ At slow rate

5.

should replicate itself.

Central Dogma of Molecular Biology

Proposed by Francis Crick, it explains one way or unidirectional flow of information from master copy DNA to working copy RNA and from RNA to building molecule.



Reverse Central Dogma or Teminism

* In some Retroviruses (HIV)

Has Reverse Transcriptase Enzyme

RNA $\longrightarrow$ DNA

Replication

Transcription

Translation



DNA

mRNA

Protein

"Reverse
Transcription"



(1-2 μm)

Bacteria

Packaging of DNA

In Prokaryotes (Bacteria)

E. coli = 4.6×10^6 base pairs



DNA length ~

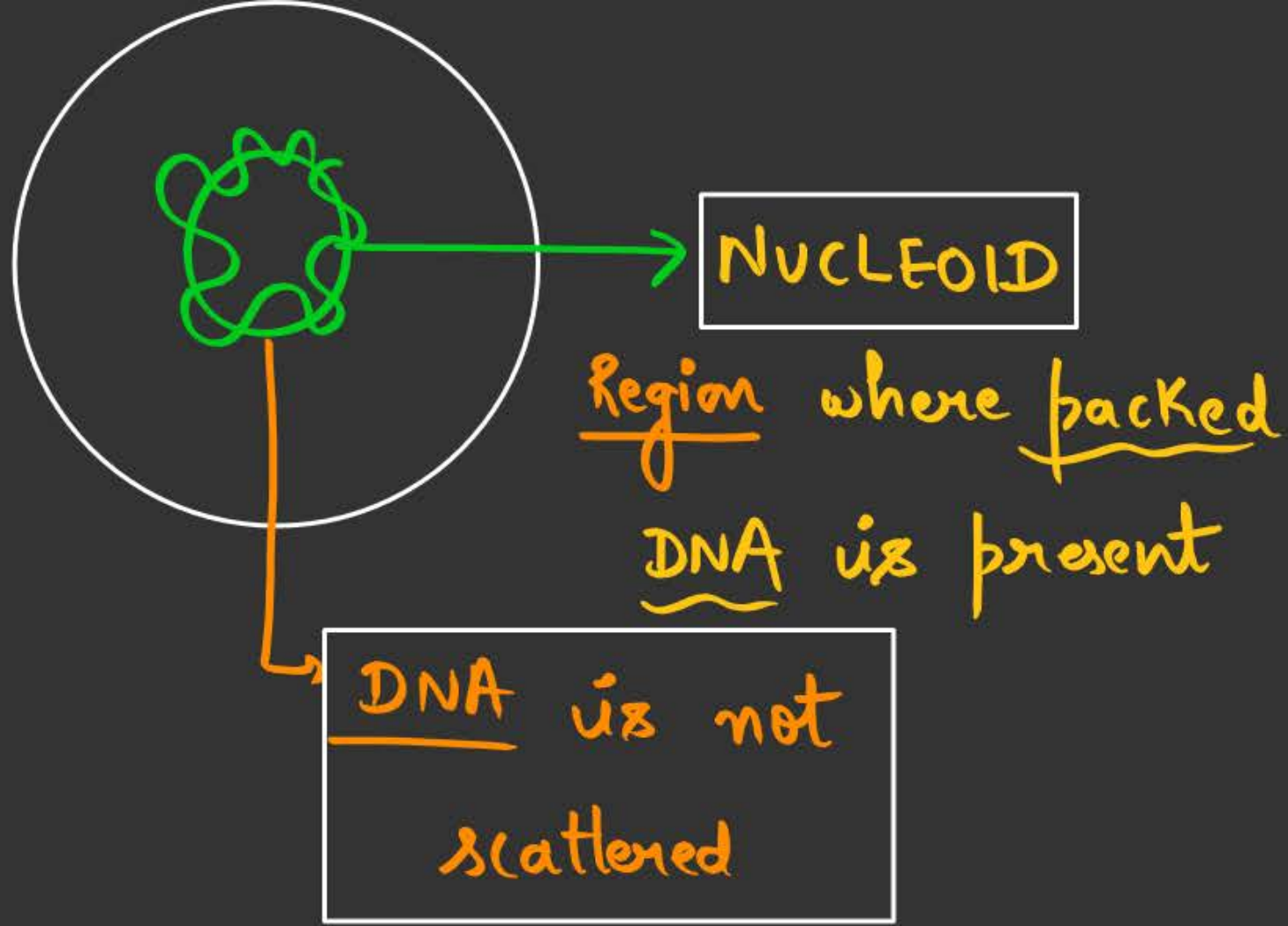
1.36 mm

(10^{-3} m)

DNA
base pairs
distance

(= 0.34 nm)

* DNA is packed / supercoiled



*

DNA packaging



Proteins



POLYAMINES



Basic proteins



Positively charged

DNA



Negatively
charged

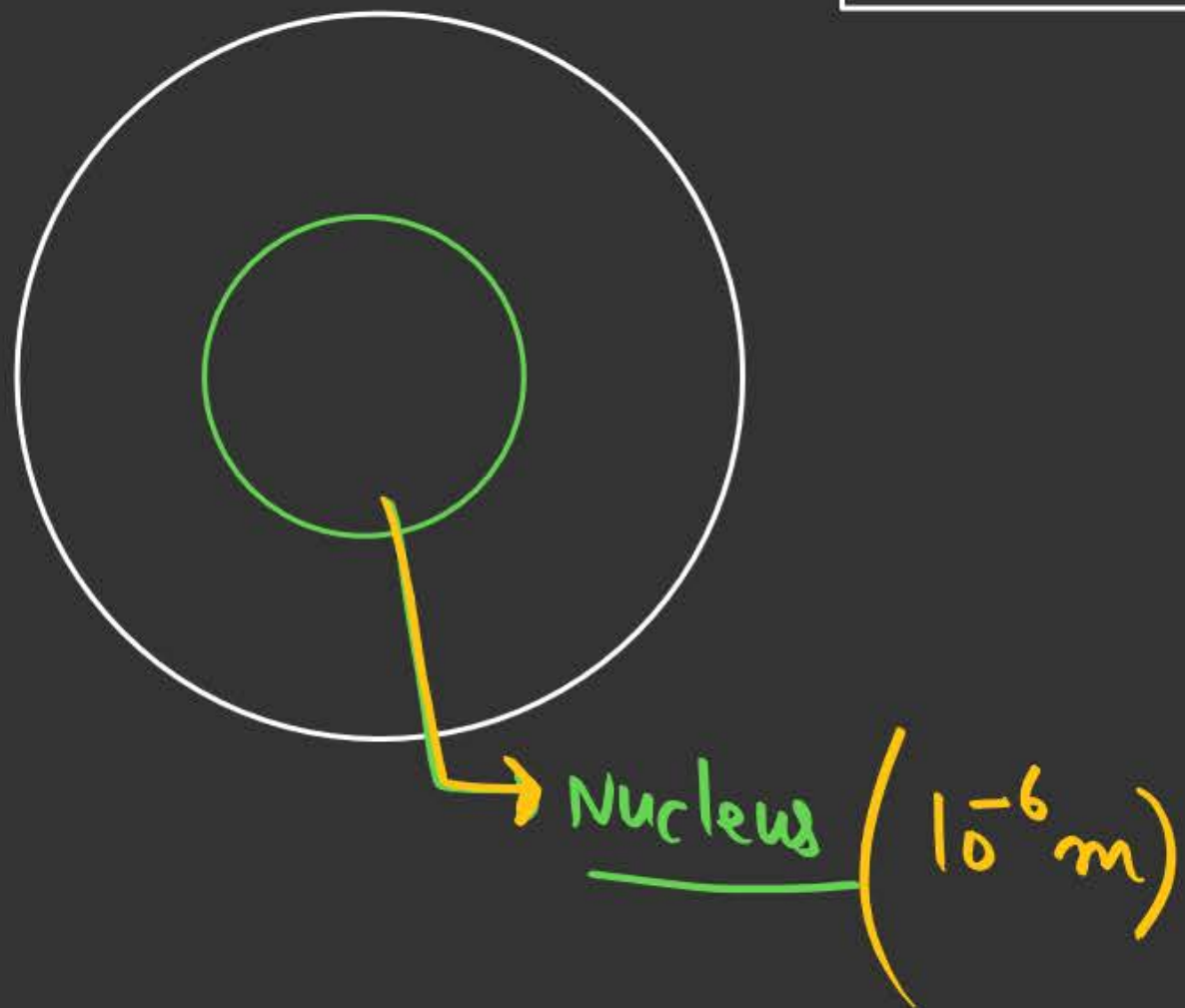
Eukaryotes

Human Diploid cell = 6.6×10^9 base pairs

Distance b/w 2 bps = 0.34 nm ($0.34 \times 10^{-9} \text{ m}$)

DNA length = $6.6 \times 10^9 \times 0.34 \times 10^{-9}$

= 2.2 metres



Histone Proteins

- Basic proteins
- Rich in Lysine & Arginine
- Positively charged

5 - types



Participates in formation
of Histone Octamer

Histone octamer / Nu-body



⑧ molecules of Histone-proteins



Histone octamer

② H_2A

② H_2B

② H_3

② H_4

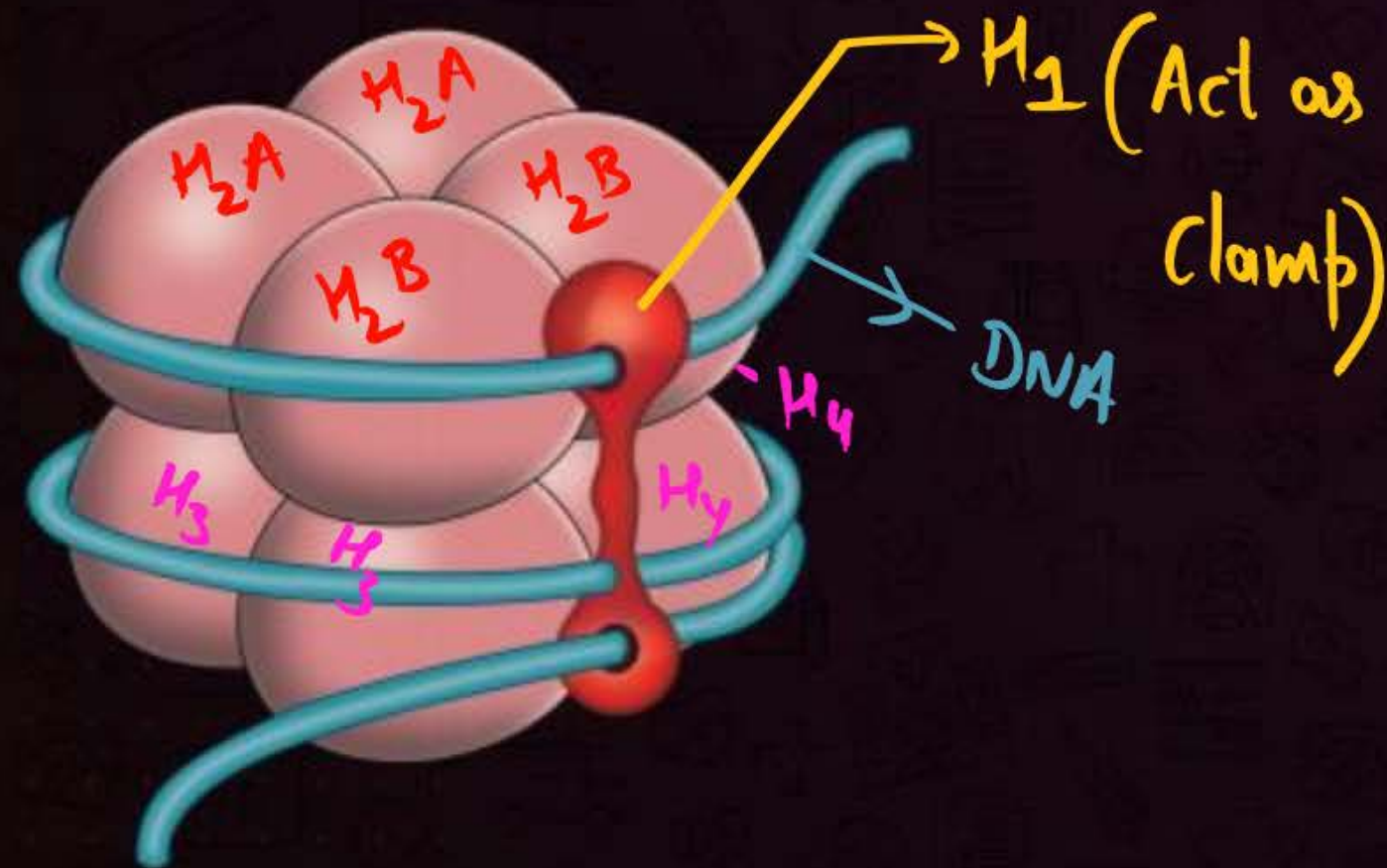


Nucleosome = Histone octamere + DNA

Single Nucleosome has **200 base pairs** of DNA.

Nucleosome

DNA takes 1.75 / $1\frac{3}{4}$ turns on octamer.



* Nucleosome appears as

Beads on string in electron microscope



The nucleosome constitute repeating unit of a structure in nucleus called chromatin. The nucleosomes in chromatin gives a "Beads On String" appearance under electron microscope.



Q

How many nucleosomes in Human diploid cell?

Ans

200 bps $\rightarrow$ ① nucleosome

1 bps = $\frac{1}{200}$ nucleosome

$$6.6 \times 10^9 \text{ bps} = \frac{1}{200} \times 6.6 \times 10^9$$

$$= 3.3 \times 10^7 \text{ Nucleosomes}$$

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Higher level of packaging

NHCB → Non-Histone chromosomal Proteins

⇒ "Acidic in nature"

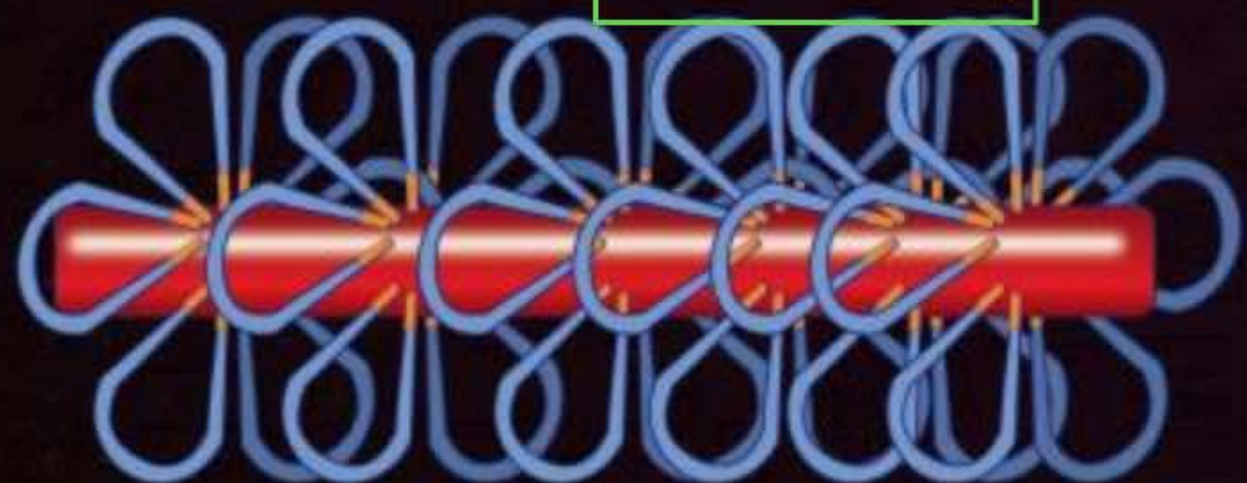


Chromatin are further coiled and condensed at metaphase stage of cell division to form chromosomes.



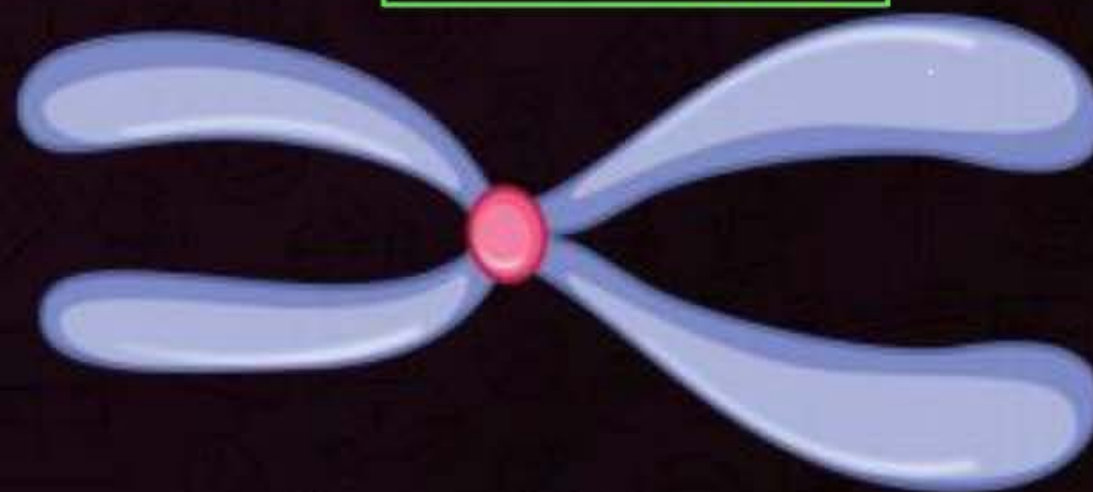
The packaging of chromatin at higher level requires additional set of proteins that collectively are referred as NHCs

Chromatin



Further condensation of chromatin

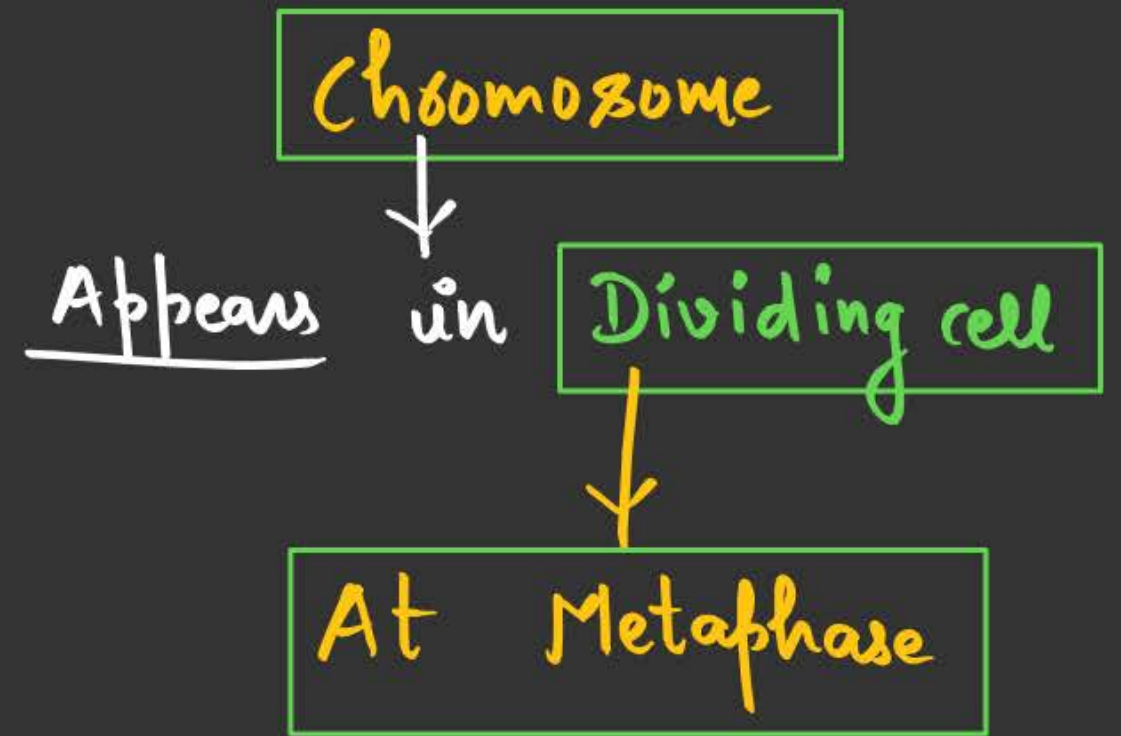
Chromosome

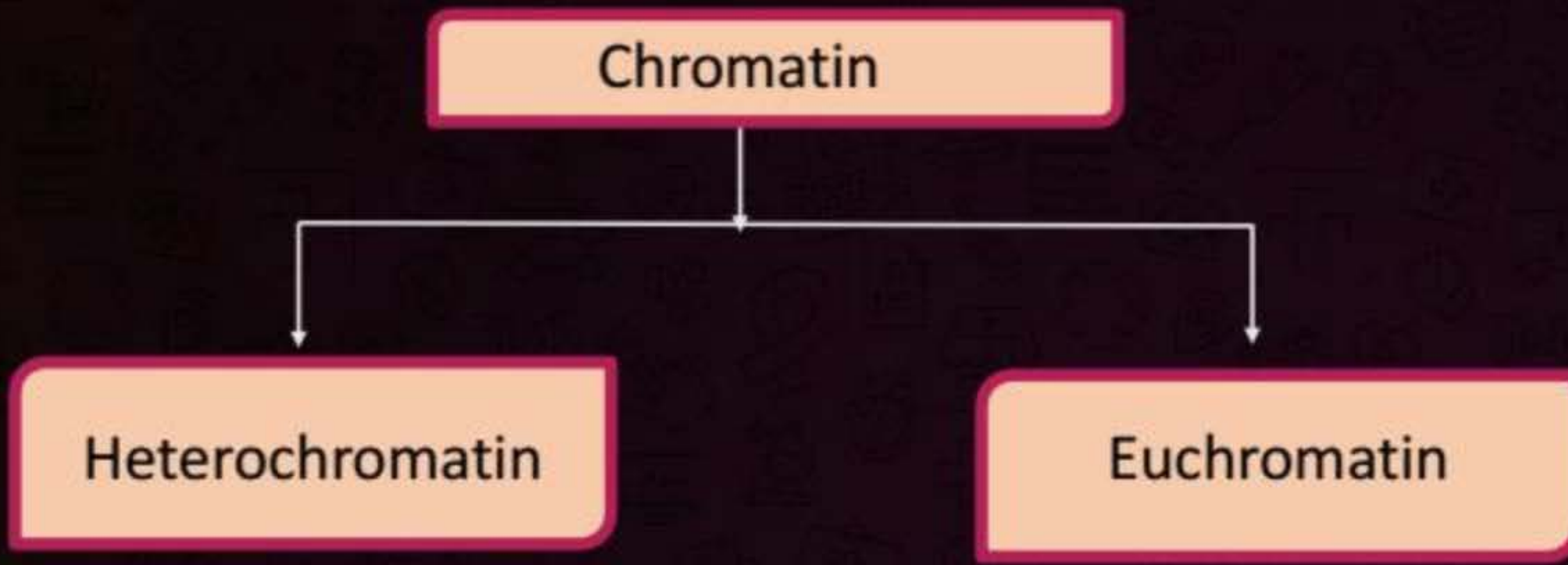


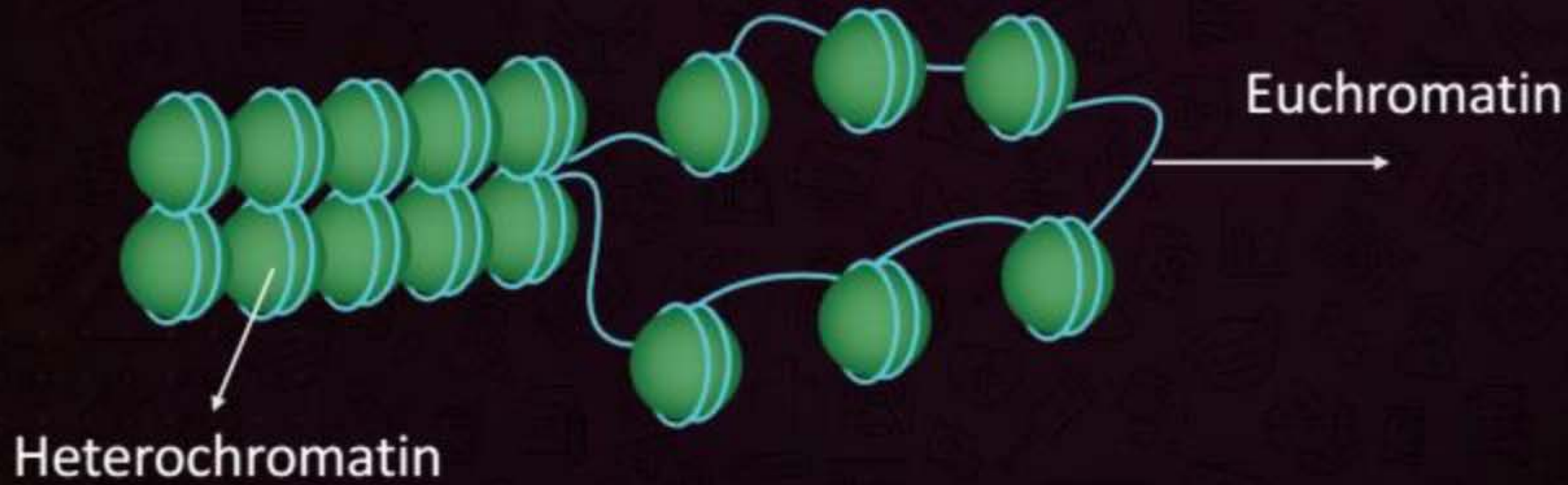
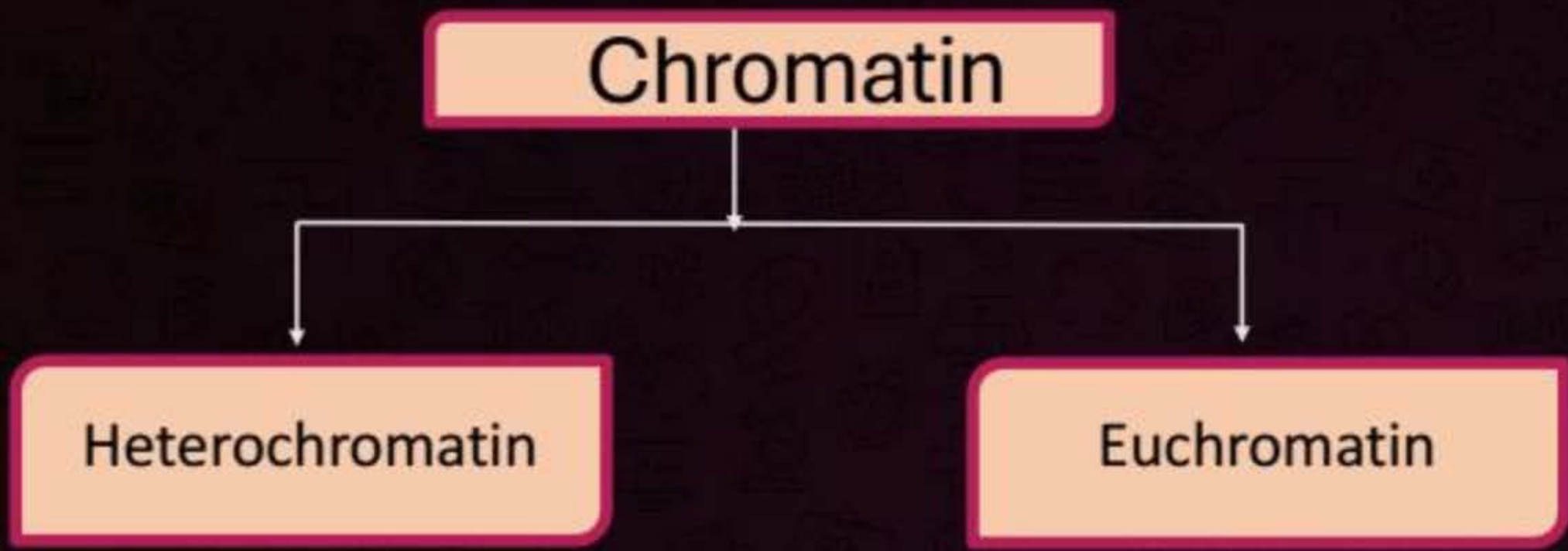
Duplicated chromosome

Chromatin

- DNA
- Histone proteins
- NHCs
- Traces of RNA
- Ca^{+2} , Mg^{+2}







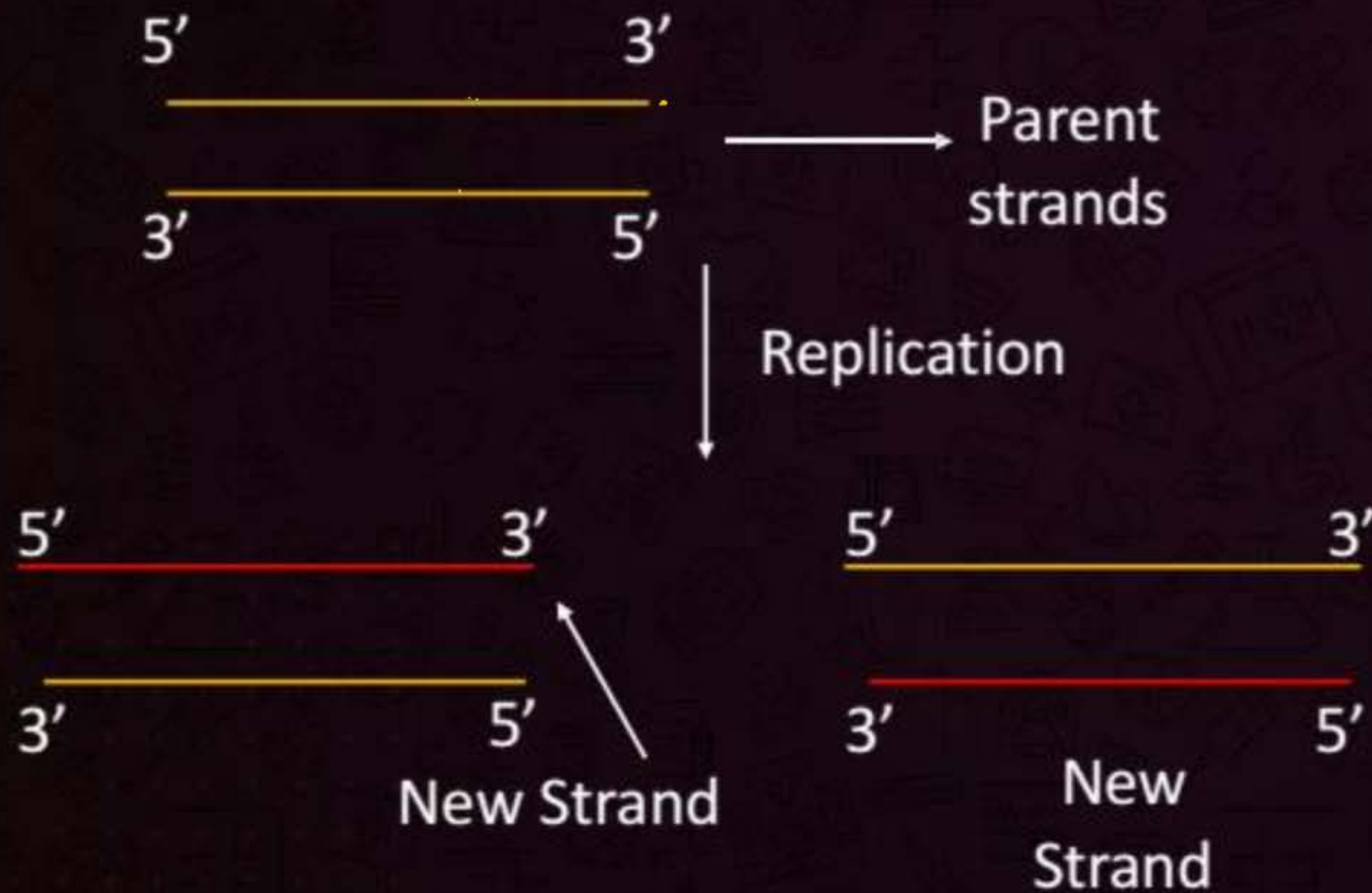
Heterochromatin

- Densely packed
- Darkly stained
- Transcriptionally Inactive
 - ↓
 - Are not expressed
 - ↓
 - RNA not formed

Euchromatin

- loosely packed
- Lightly stained
- Transcriptionally Active
 - ↓ (Expressed parts)
 - Majority of parts

Semi-Conservative Nature of DNA Replication



Watson & Crick



Suggested that Replication is

Semi-Conservative

in Nature



Semi-Conservative Nature of DNA Replication

Proved in
Prokaryotes

➤ By Messelson and Stahl

➤ In *E.coli*

Proved in
Eukaryotes

➤ Proved by Taylor *et al*

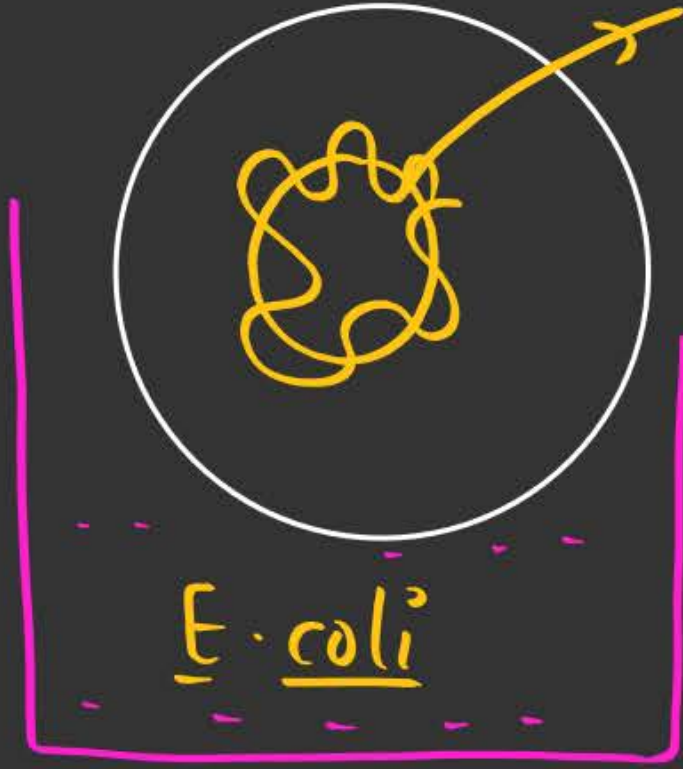
➤ In *Vicia faba* (Flat beans)
(Plant)

(1958)

Messelson and Stahl Experiment

N-14

N-15 → Heavy
isotope of
Nitrogen

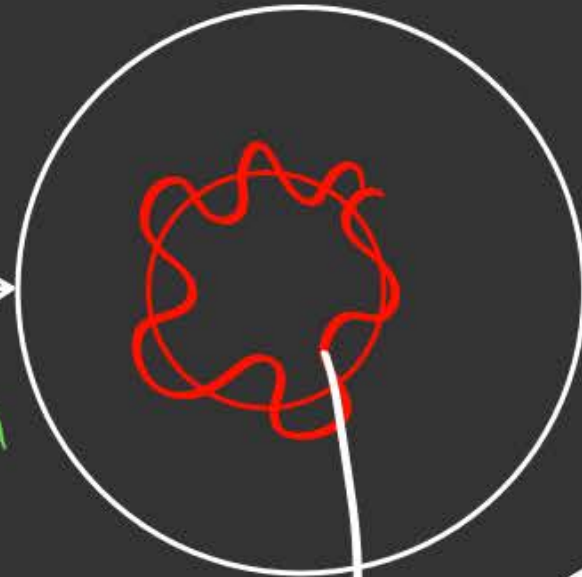


DNA
(14-14)

Grown in medium

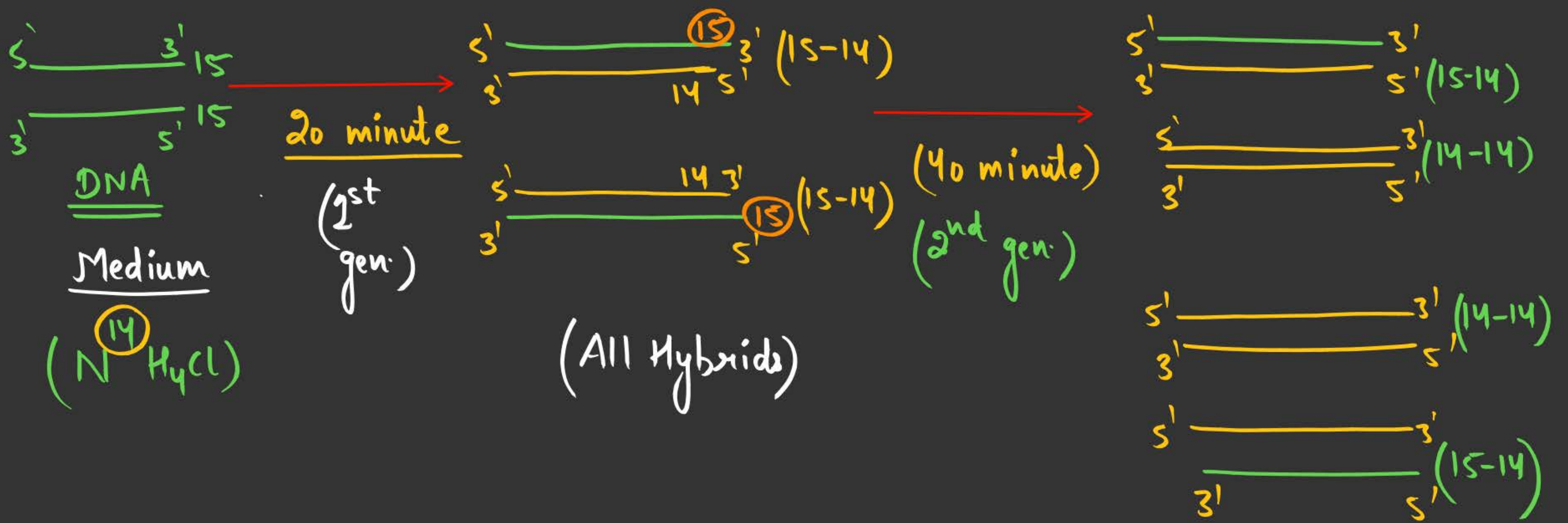
¹⁵NH₄Cl

for several generations



(15-15) DNA

14-14 → Pure light
DNA
15-14 → Hybrid
15-15 → Pure
Heavy



DNA (15-15)

Medium (N^{14})

20 min (1st gen.)

100 % Hybrids
(15-14)

40 min (2nd gen.)

50 % Hybrids
50 % Pure light

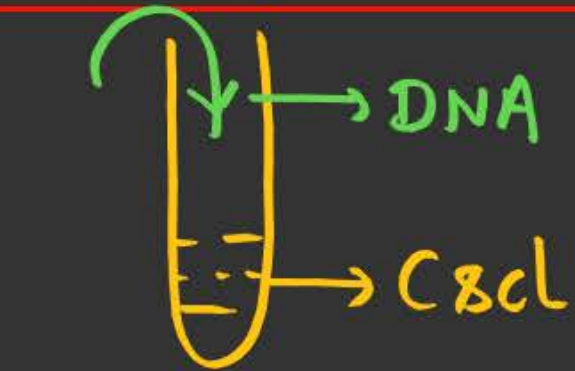
60 min
(3rd gen.)

25 % Hybrids
75 % Pure
light

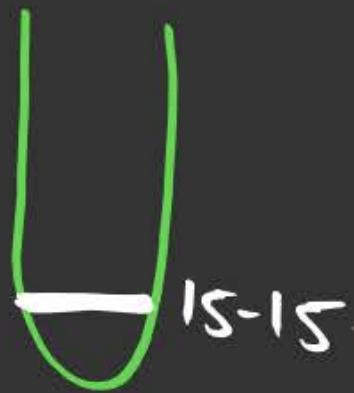
80 min
(4th gen.)

(12.5 %
Hybrids)
87.5 %
(Pure light)

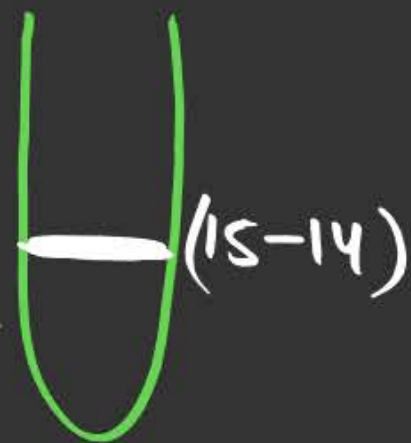
Density-Based Centrifugation → In CsCl (caesium chloride solution)



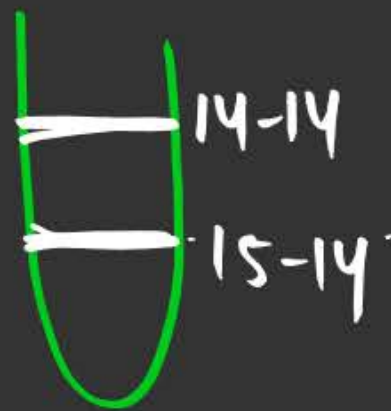
E. coli
(15-15)
↓ CsCl



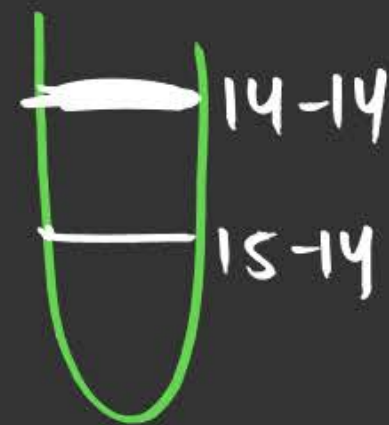
1st gen.
(20 min)
(15-14)
↓ CsCl



2nd gen.
(40 min)
50% → 15-14
50% → 14-14



3rd gen.
25% → 15-14
75% → 14-14





**A 14-14 E.coli cell is grown in $N^{15}H_4Cl$ medium.
Calculate the proportion of hybrids & pure E.coli
cells after 3 generations.**

pyq

opposite
of
Experiment
=

3rd gen.

Hybrid $\rightarrow 25\%$

Pure heavy $\rightarrow 75\%$

Pure light $\rightarrow 0$

QUESTION



Hallmark of the Watson and Crick three dimensional DNA model was based upon the findings of

- 1 Wilkins and Franklin
- ☒ 2 Erwin Chargaff
- 3 Hershey and Chase
- 4 Meselson and Stahl

QUESTION



Heterochromatin

- 1 Is transcriptionally active ✗
- ~~2~~ Is densely packed
- 3 Replicated during early S-phase ✗
- 4 Stains lightly ✗

QUESTION

The number of glycosidic bonds associated with DNA of diploid human cell are

- 1 6.6×10^9
- 2 $2 \times 6.6 \times 10^9$
- 3 3.3×10^9
- 4 $3.3 \times 10^9 - 2$

QUESTION



Which of the following does not confer stability to the helical structure of DNA?

- 1 Phosphodiester bond ✗
- 2 H-bond ✓
- 3 N-glycosidic linkage ✗
- ~~4~~ More than one option is correct ✓

QUESTION



The biochemical nature of transforming principle was defined by

- 1 Griffith
- 2 Avery, Macleod, McCarty
- 3 Watson and Crick
- 4 Taylor

THANK YOU

