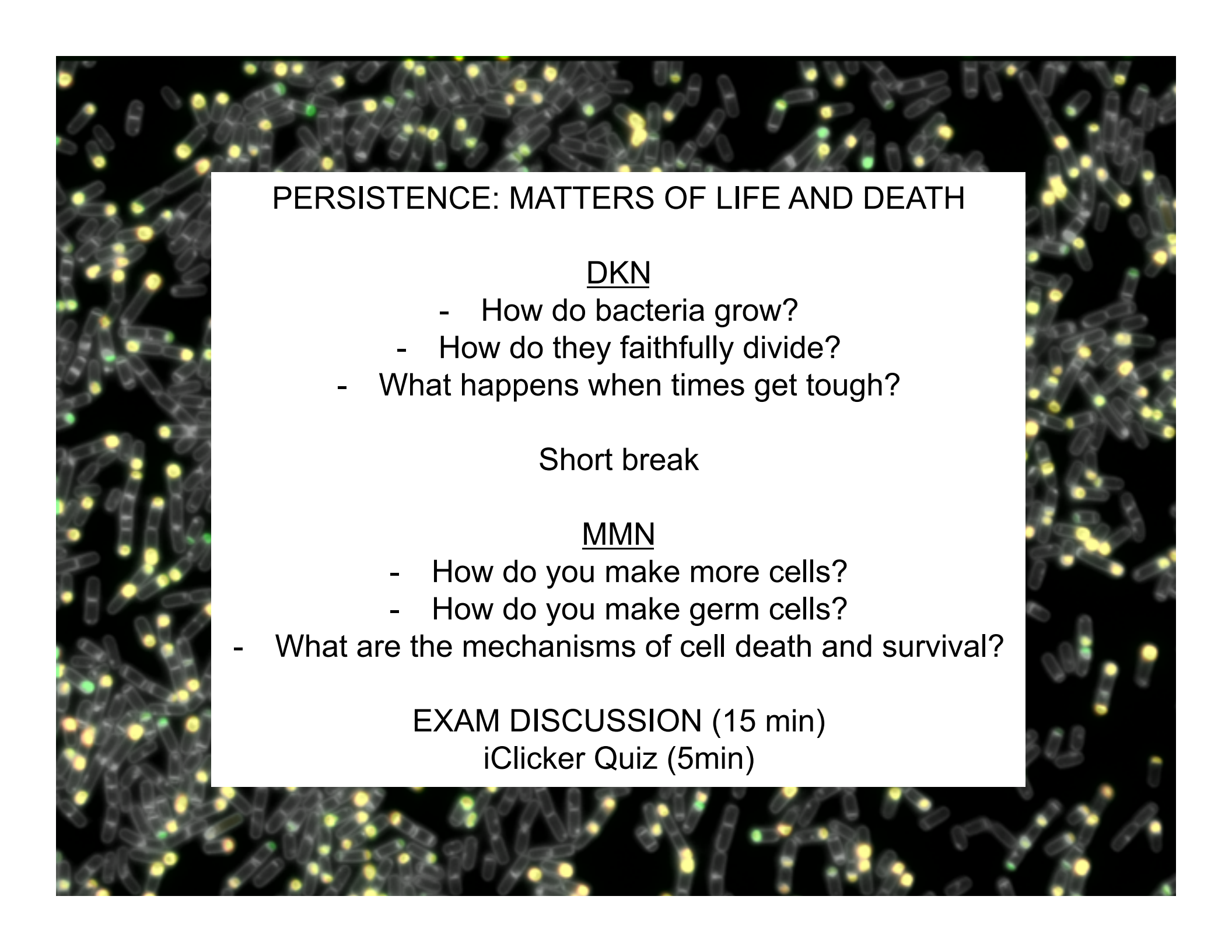




## PERSISTENCE: MATTERS OF LIFE AND DEATH

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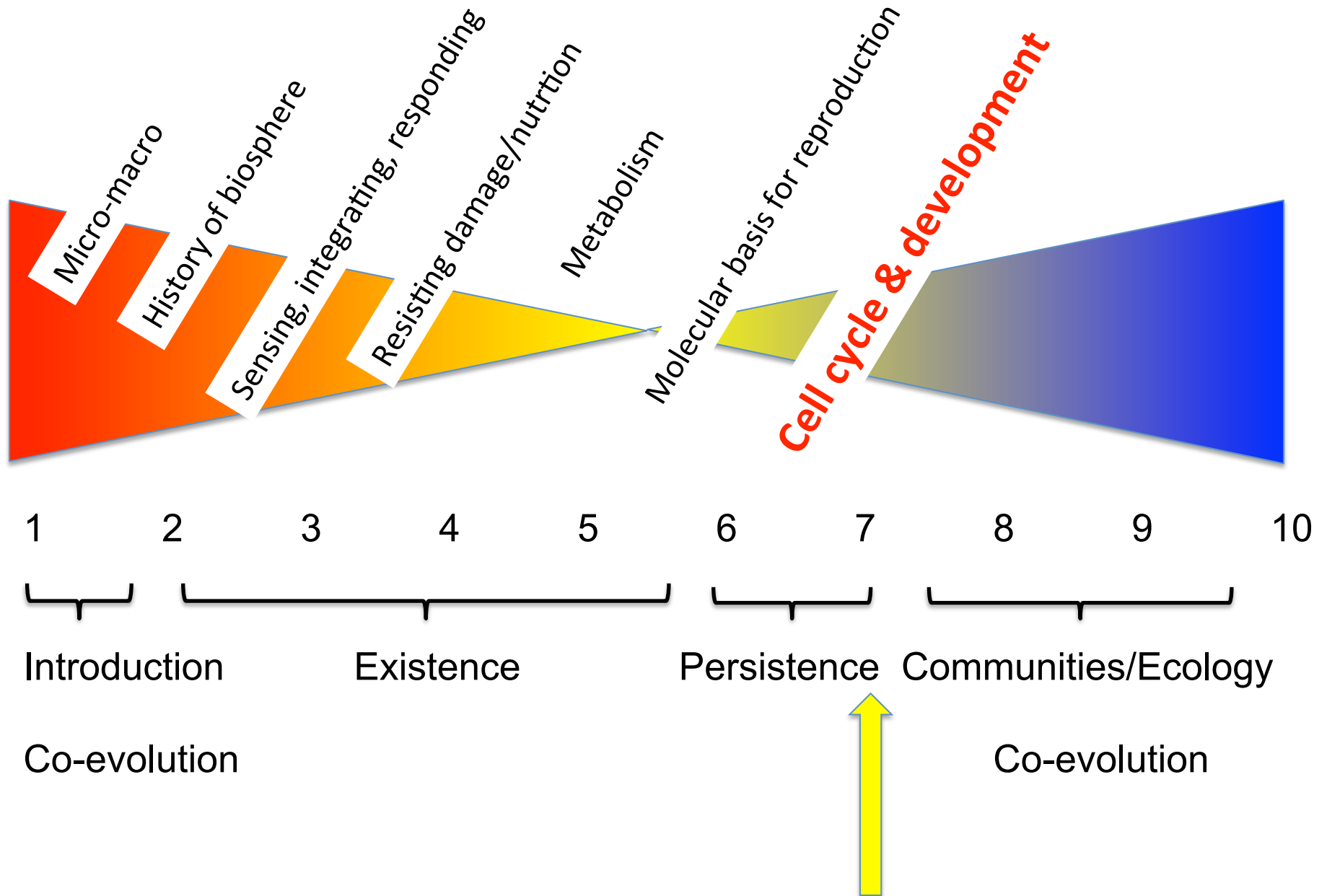
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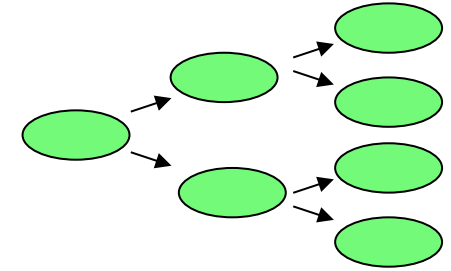
- How do you make more cells?
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EXAM DISCUSSION (15 min)

iClicker Quiz (5min)

Where have we been, where are we, and where are we going?





$$y = 2^x$$

→ *E. coli* (20 min gen time)  
< 2 days to take over the Earth!

How do we stop them?

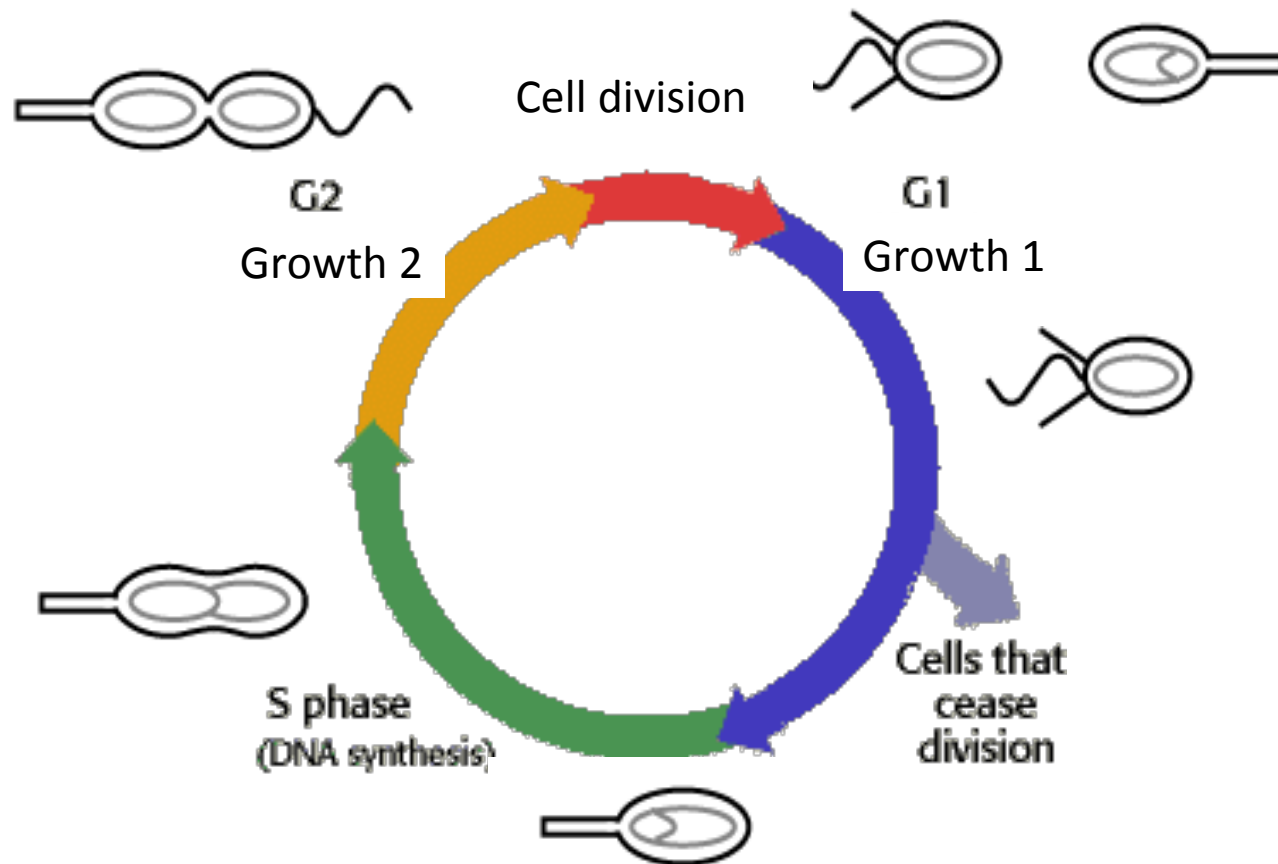
How do bacteria grow?

Draw growth curve

What do individual cells look like?

DRAW BASIC SHAPES – rods, vibrios, cocci, spirilla, make a note that Cell shape changes with age!! (will return to at the end...)

## The canonical cell cycle



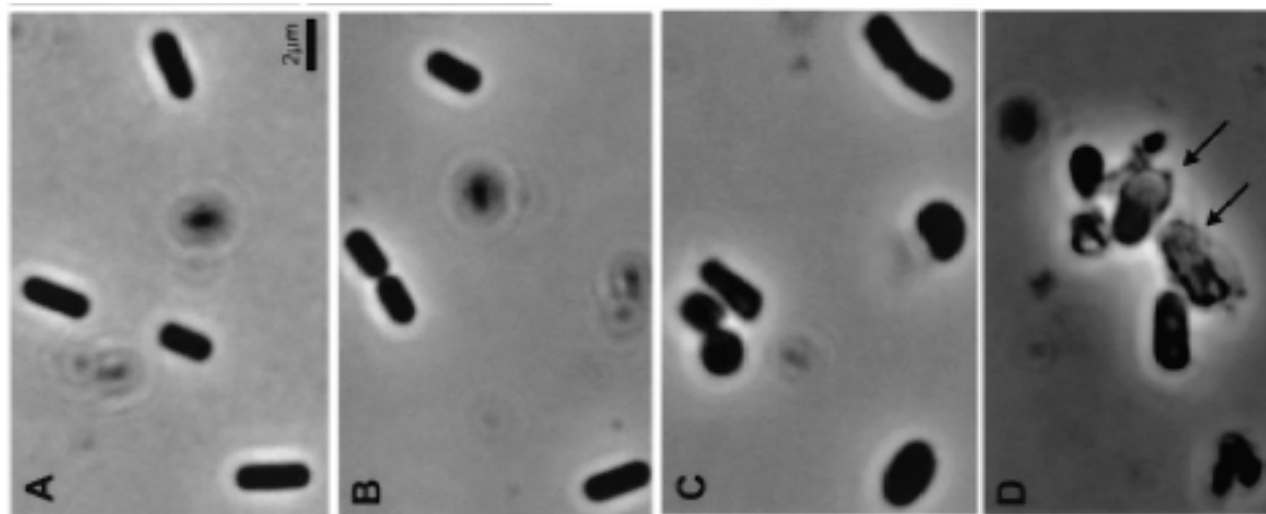
→ A molecular understanding of these processes provides the basis for rational drug design (*i.e.* new antibiotics)

See Prof. Lucy Shapiro's *iBioSeminar* on *BI1* website, associated papers

*Caulobacter*, *E. coli* and *B. subtilis* cells depleted of a **key protein** lose their characteristic rod shapes and lyse



*C. crescentus*



*E. coli*

*B. subtilis*

How do these cells physically grow? (G1)

What structural polymer do all bacteria have (cell wall)?

## PEPTIDOGLYLAN

Where does it get inserted as bacteria grow?

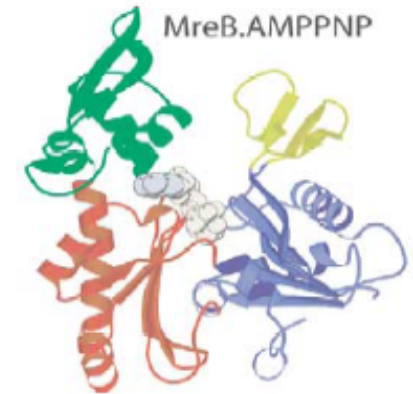
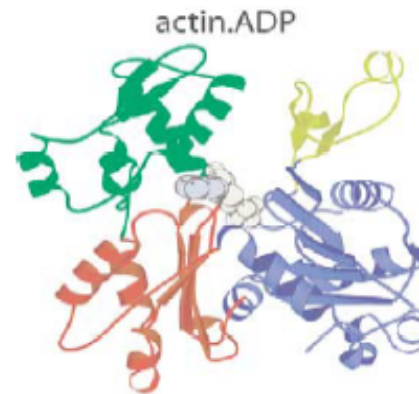
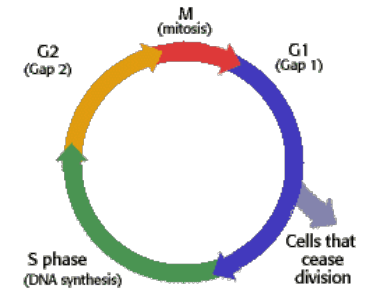
- On edges (elongation) then at poles (during division)

How does it know to go there?

MreB protein (an actin homolog)  
positions peptidoglycan synthases

Where have you seen this actin homolog before?

Magnetosome paper!



In living cells, MreB-homologs assemble into dynamic helical structures

Let's look at how this works in *B. subtilis*

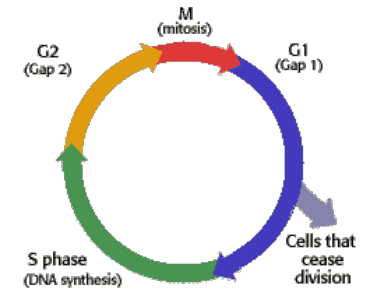
*(Animation from D. Rudner and E. Garner, Harvard)*

<http://vimeo.com/34377082>

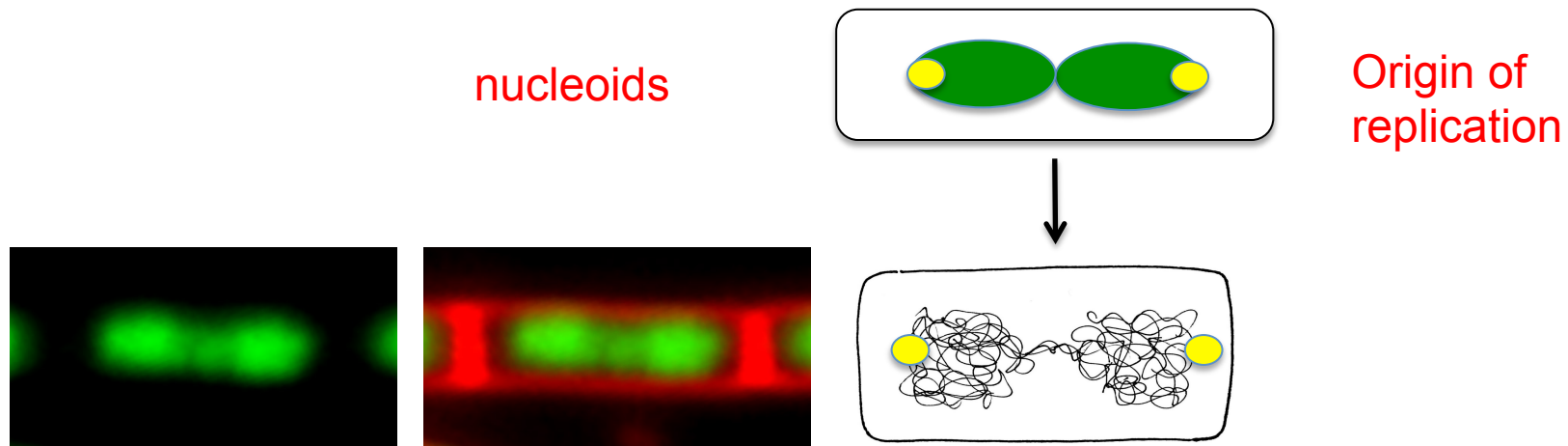
How do cells divide? What about the “S” phase?

Have to make copies of everything

Plasmids, chromosome, internal structures (*magnetosomes*, etc...)



Example: How does *B. subtilis* separate its chromosome during vegetative growth?

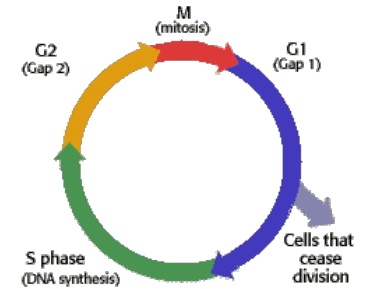


Spo0J (DNA-binding protein) helps anchor nucleoids to the poles, analogous to a centromere, later pulled by actin-like filaments to segregate chromosome

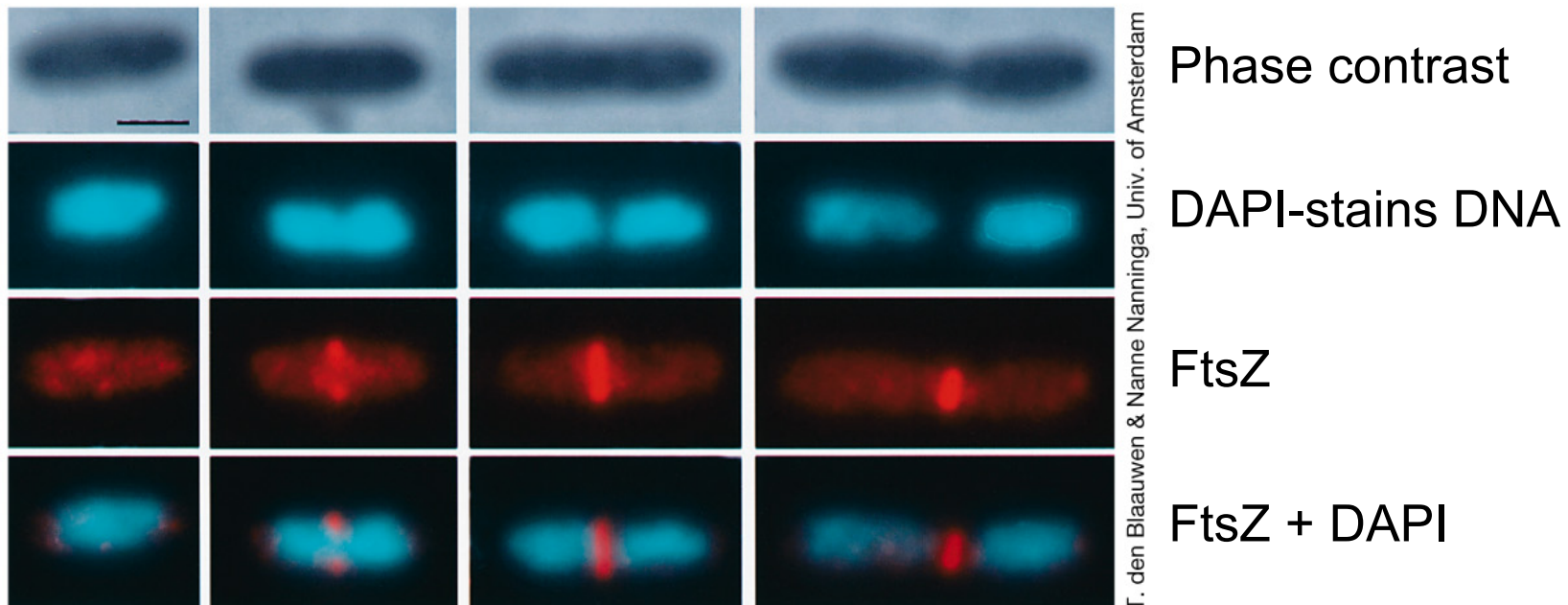
→ See Prof. Richard Losick's *iBioseminar* on *B. subtilis* cell division on Bi1 website

What proteins act at the division plane?

*ftsZ* – mutant found in fission temperature-sensitive screen



FtsZ (tubulin homolog) forms a ring at the site of division  
between replicated chromosomes, its constriction drives cell division



T. den Blaauwen & Nanne Nanninga, Univ. of Amsterdam

(b)



division

What happens when times get tough?

*Draw classical GASP curve, with waves of takeovers – map to cell shape below*

*Orange = stains live cells*

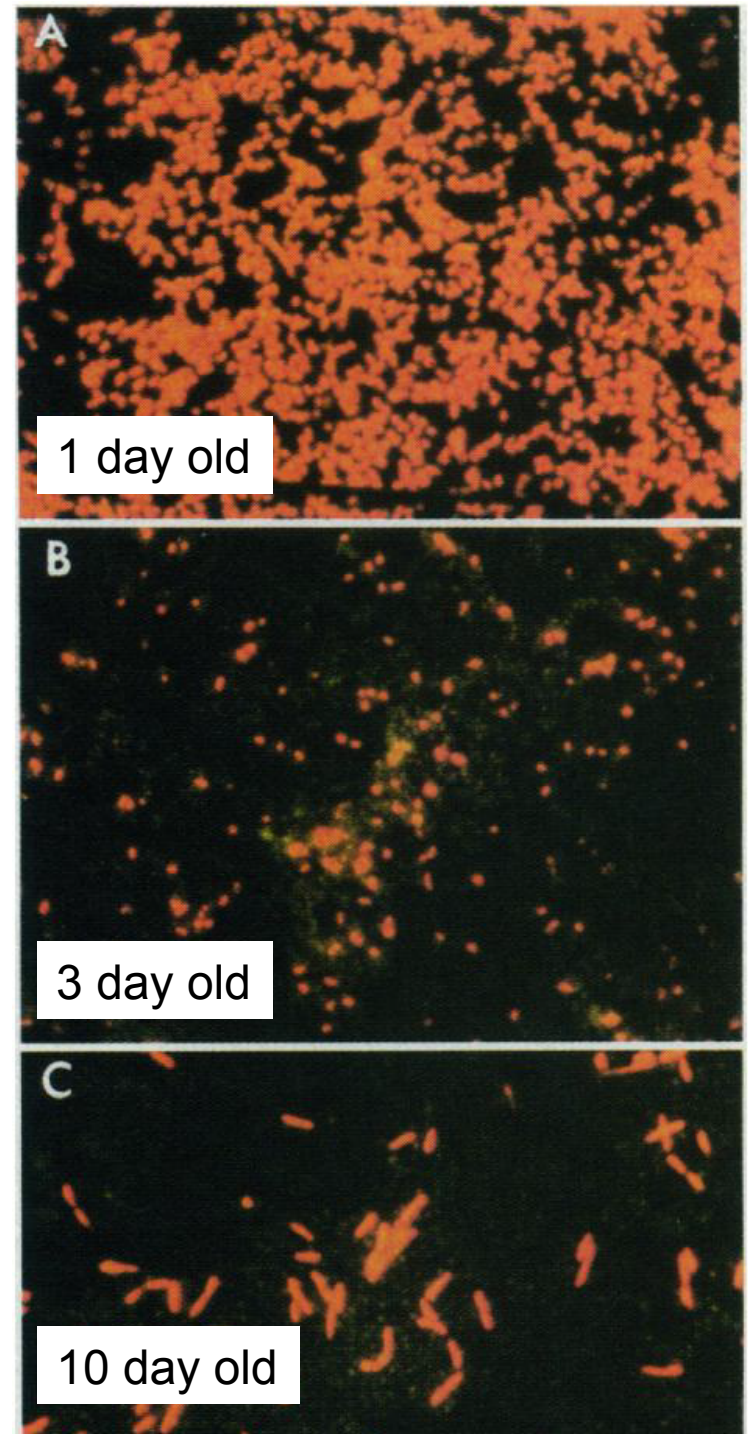
*Green = stains dead cells*

What do you notice about the shape?

*E.coli goes from rods to cocci (and back again with GASP)*

*Growth  
Advantage  
Stationary  
Phase*

*Zambrano et al, Science 1993*



What happens when times get tough?

Sporulation

# Let's take a look at sporulation in a time-lapse Movie from Michael Elowitz's lab (Prof. of Biology and Applied Physics)

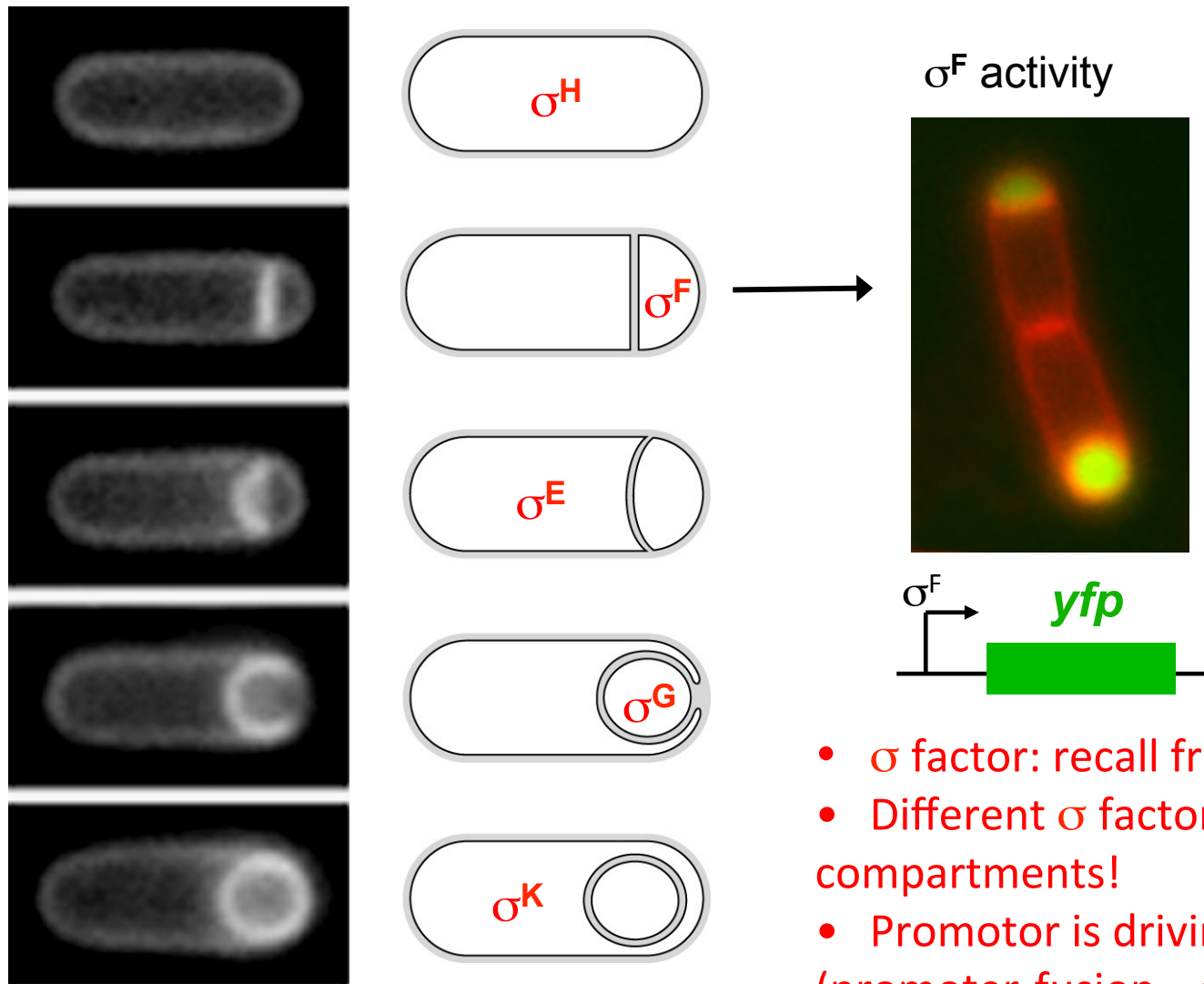
Vegetative growth can turn into sporulation under  
stressful conditions

Some cells become momentarily competent  
(transient red color) ; recall last week's lecture!

[http://www.elowitz.caltech.edu/publications/  
GSmovie+phase.avi](http://www.elowitz.caltech.edu/publications/GSmovie+phase.avi)



## Compartment-Specific Gene Expression During Sporulation



- $\sigma$  factor: recall from last week
- Different  $\sigma$  factors in different compartments!
- Promotor is driving YFP expression (promoter-fusion—allows to track where  $\sigma^F$  is active)

Let's take a close-up look using cryoEM  
at sporulation in *Acetone~~n~~ema longum*  
(Grant Jensen's Lab):

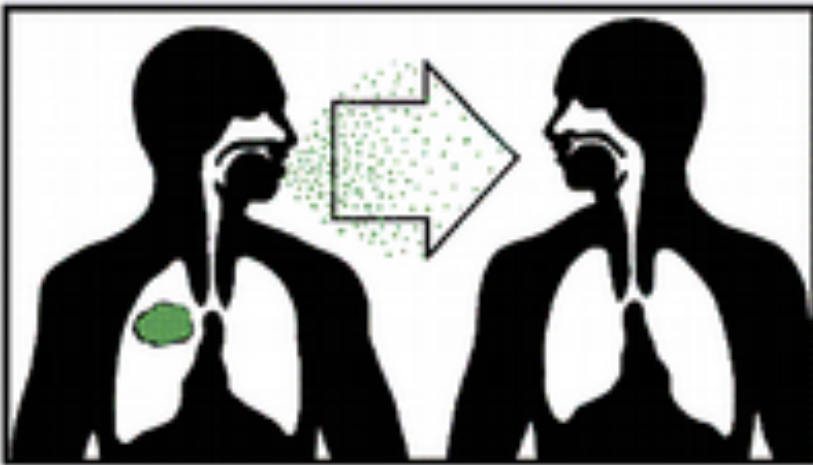
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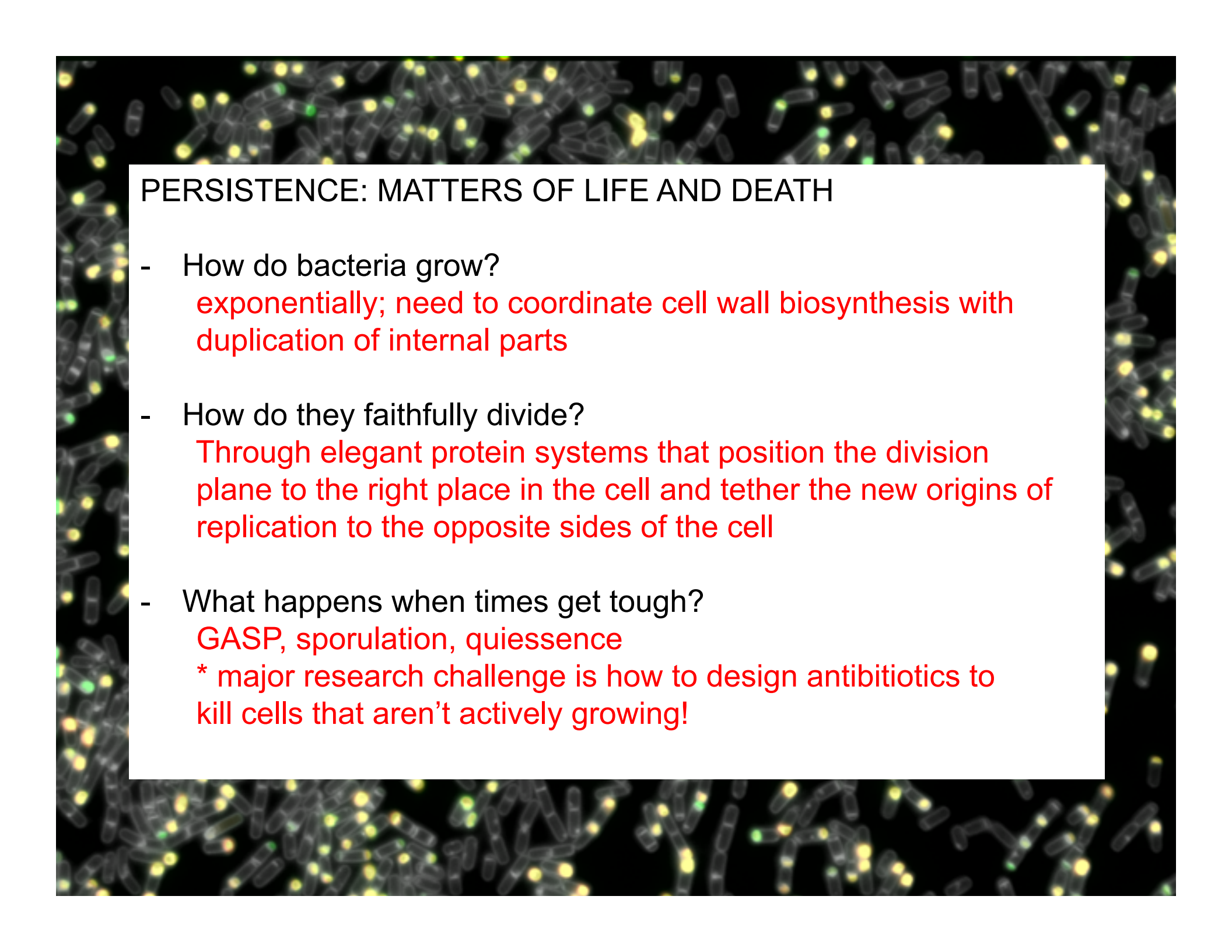
What happens when times get tough? **Quiescence**

*Mycobacterium tuberculosis (M.tb): 1 in 3 people harbor it worldwide*

- *Spread by coughing (90-95% of cases active disease does not develop → latent state)*

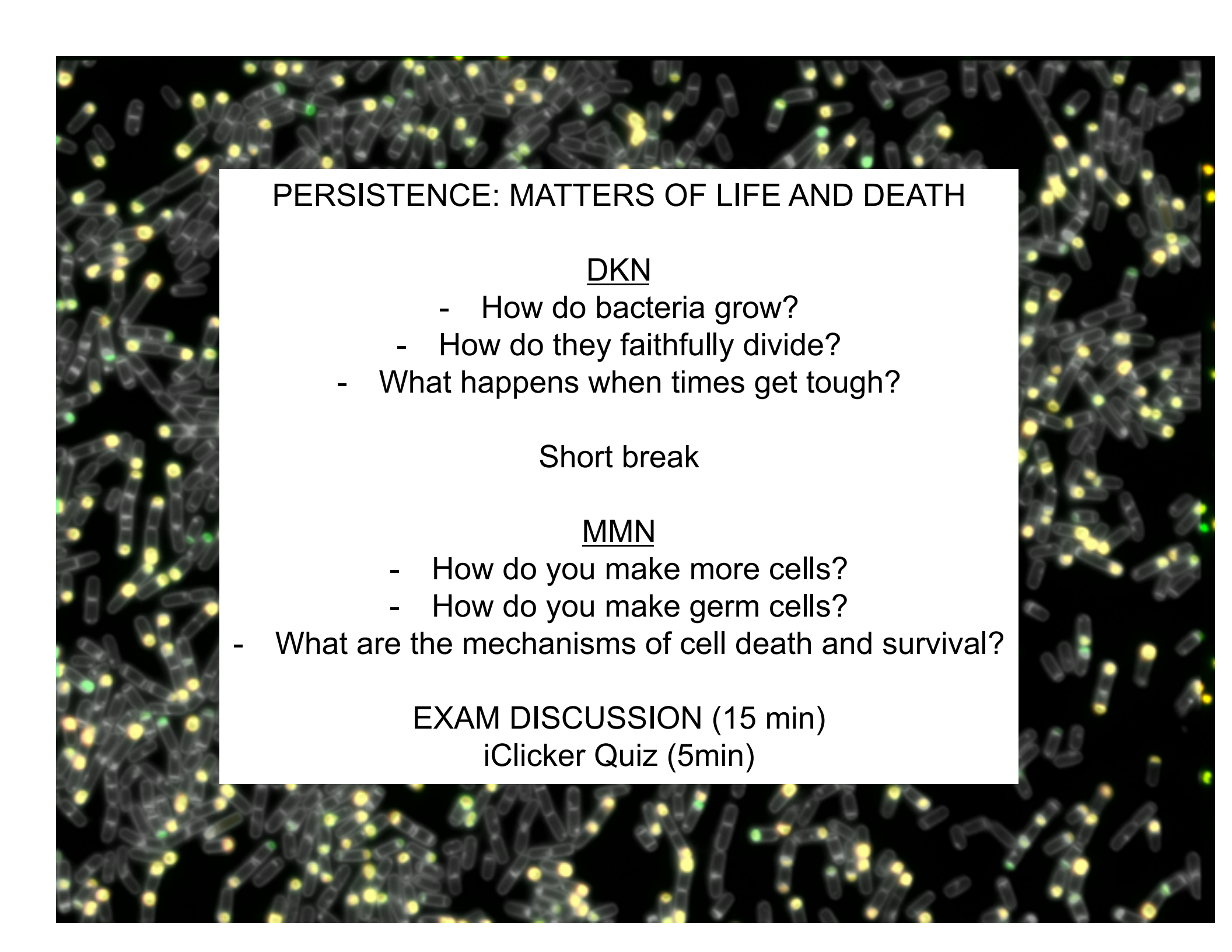


- key antibiotics target growing cells  
(hit DNA replication, ribosome, peptidoglycan)
- **What is the latent state? How could we control it? What experiments might you design to figure this out?**



## PERSISTENCE: MATTERS OF LIFE AND DEATH

- How do bacteria grow?  
exponentially; need to coordinate cell wall biosynthesis with duplication of internal parts
- How do they faithfully divide?  
Through elegant protein systems that position the division plane to the right place in the cell and tether the new origins of replication to the opposite sides of the cell
- What happens when times get tough?  
GASP, sporulation, quiescence  
\* major research challenge is how to design antibiotics to kill cells that aren't actively growing!



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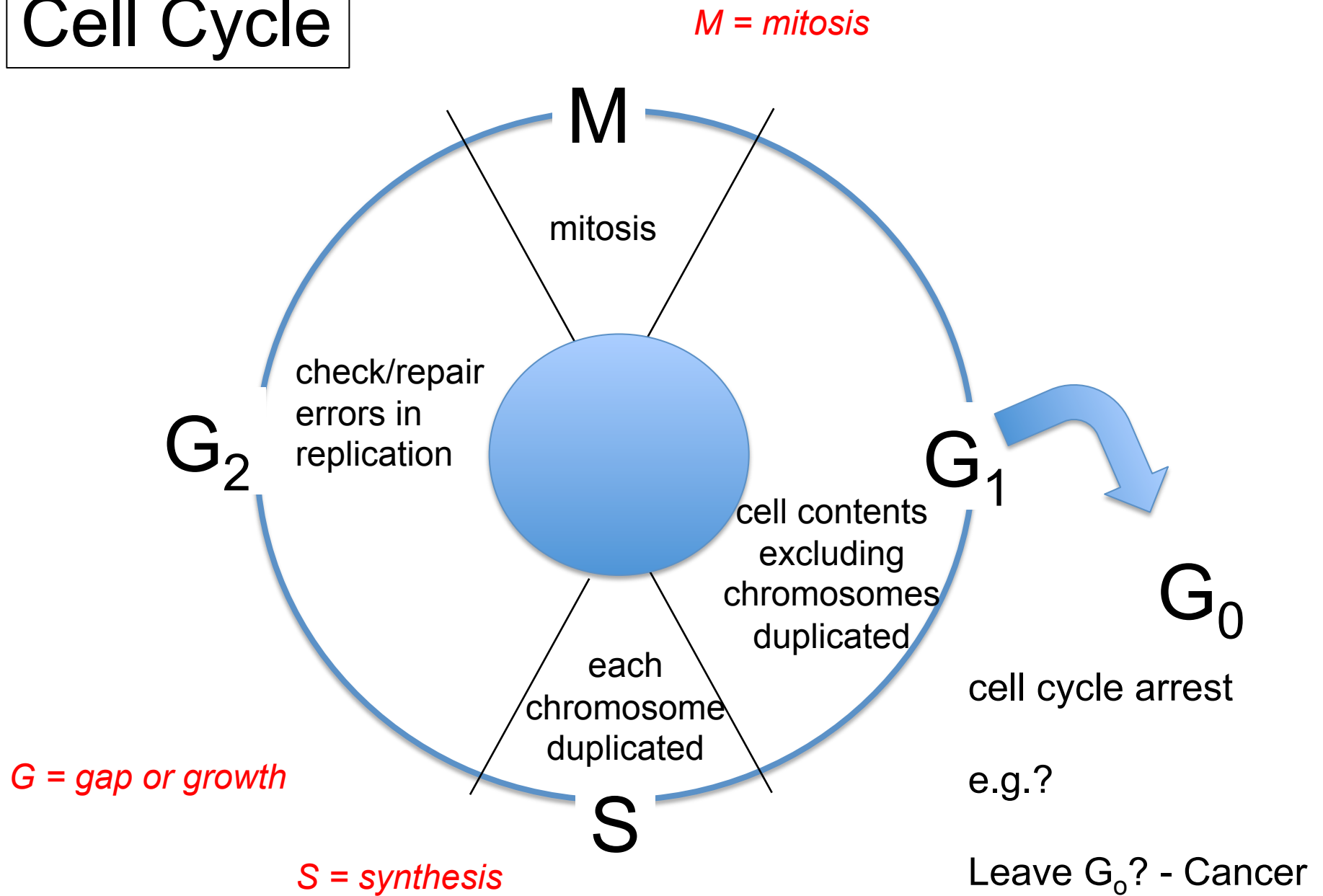
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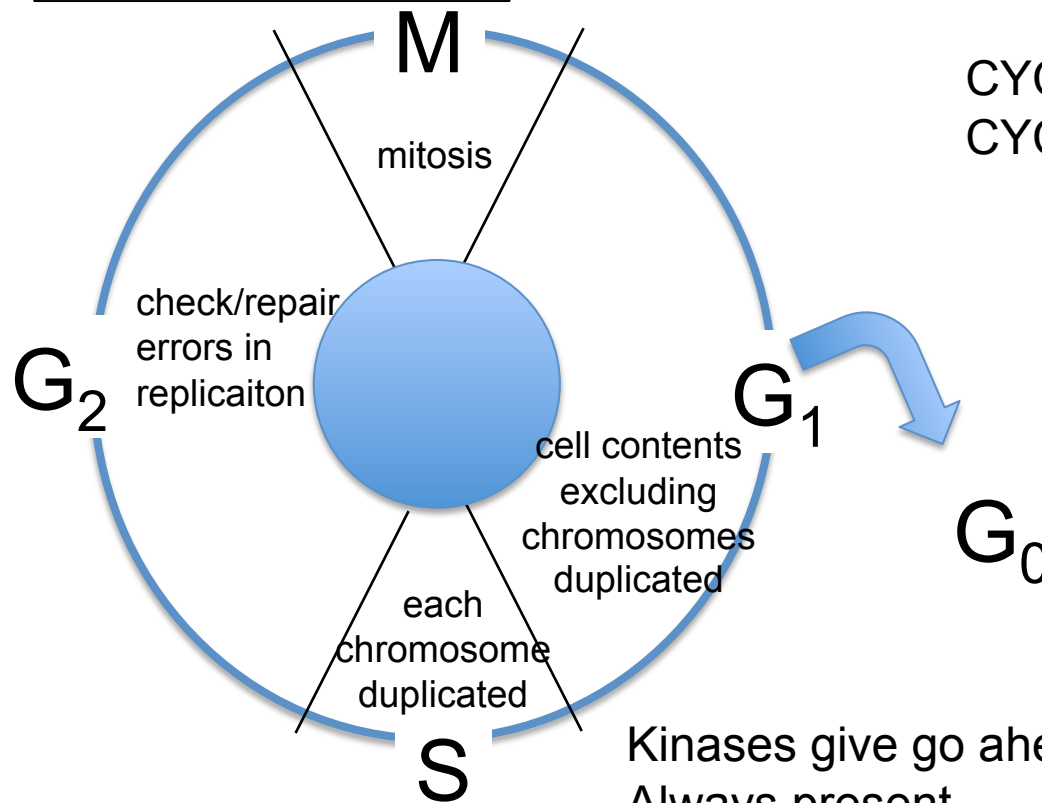
## *The Lives of a Cell*

Birth – Growth – Function – Division - Death

# Cell Cycle



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Regulation by two protein types:

CYCLINS

CYCLIN-DEPENDENT KINASES (CDKs)

Kinases give go ahead signal for cycle advancement

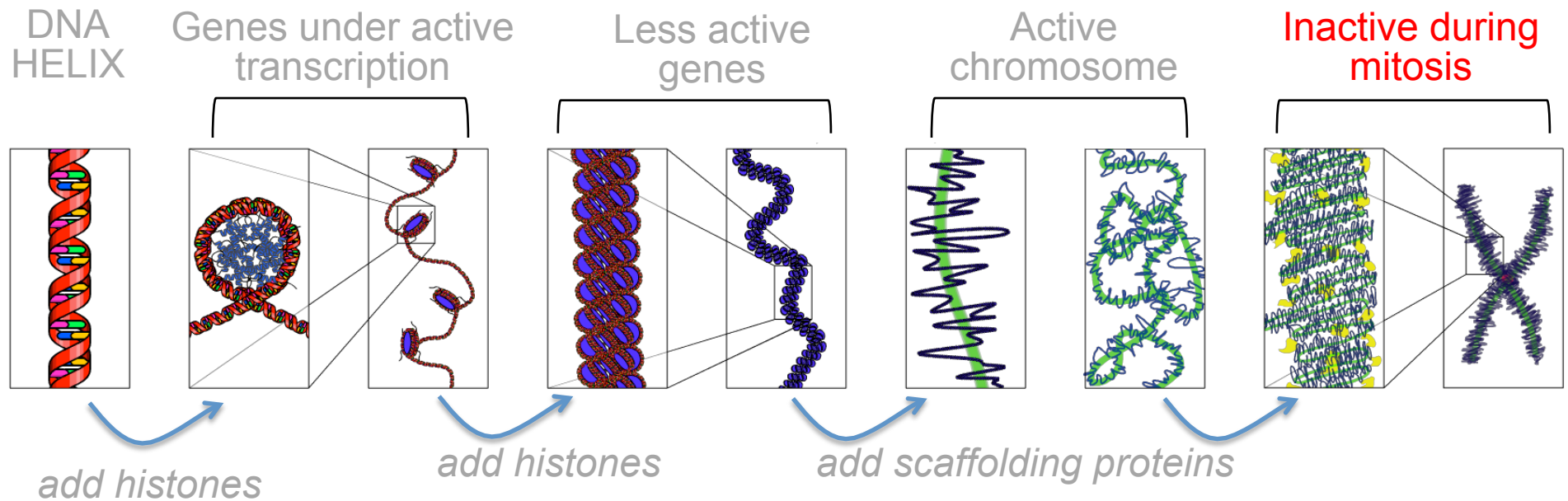
Always present

Must be bound to cyclin to be active

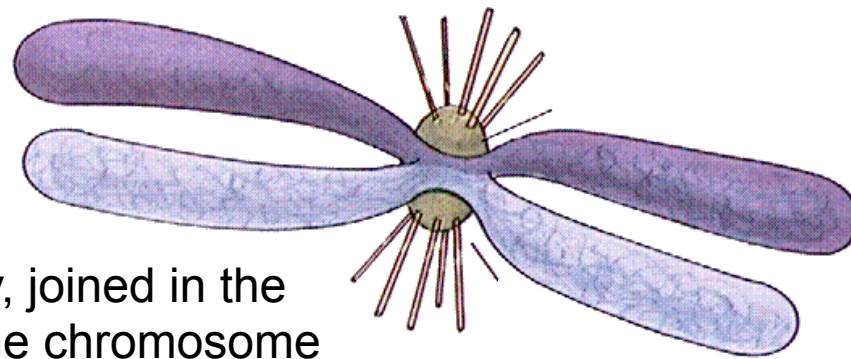
Different cyclins are active, depending on position in cell cycle – when high, bind kinases, which promote progression

P53 tumor suppressor – indirectly inhibits protein CDKs of G<sub>1</sub> – cell cycle arrest (repair or cell death) *Science* molecule of the year 1993

# Levels of Organization of the Chromatin/ Chromatin Packing:

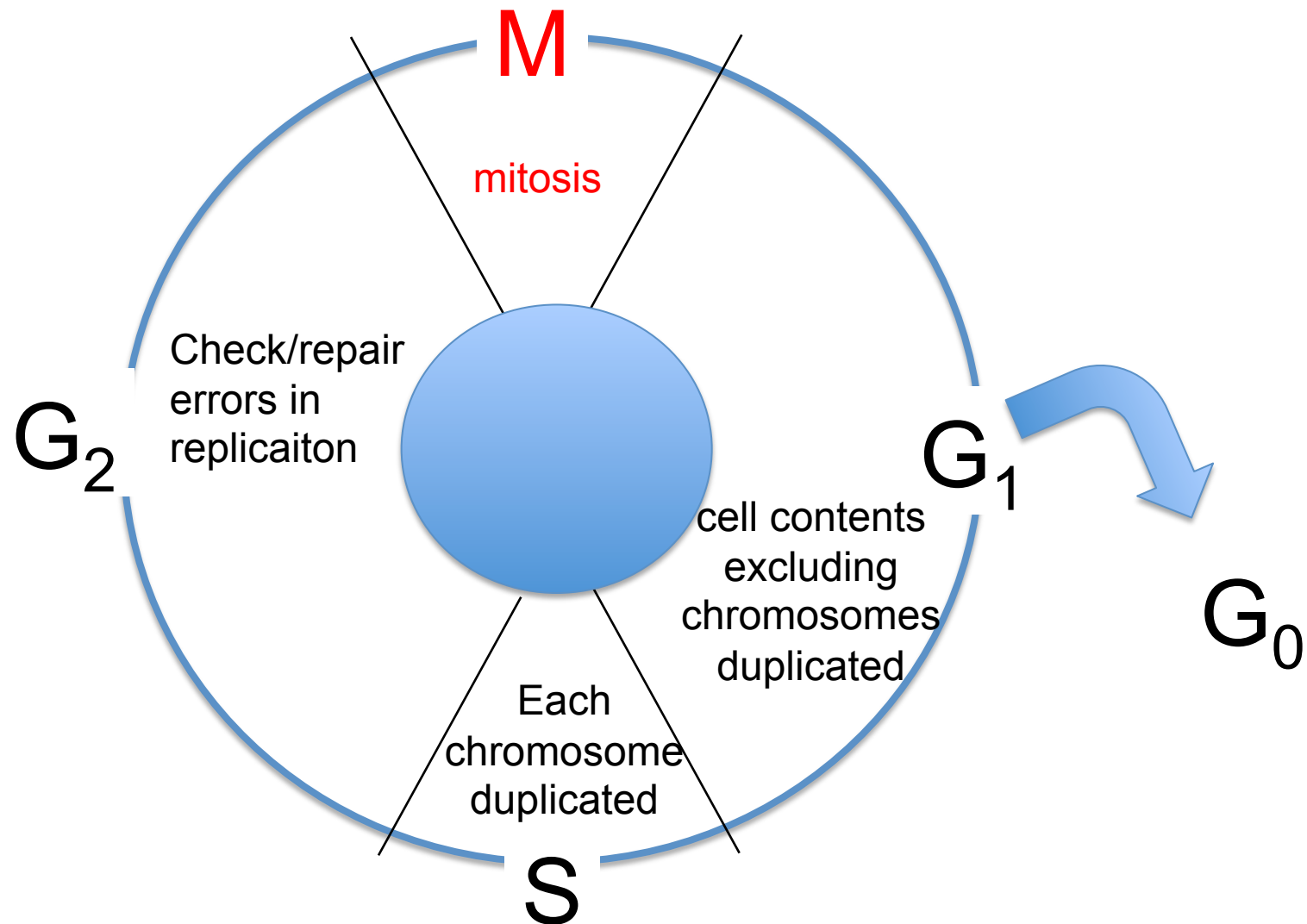


After S-phase-  
chromosome has a duplicate copy, joined in the  
center (~100 proteins involved); the chromosome  
with the two daughter chromatids are condensed  
like this during early M phase



*daughter  
chromatids*

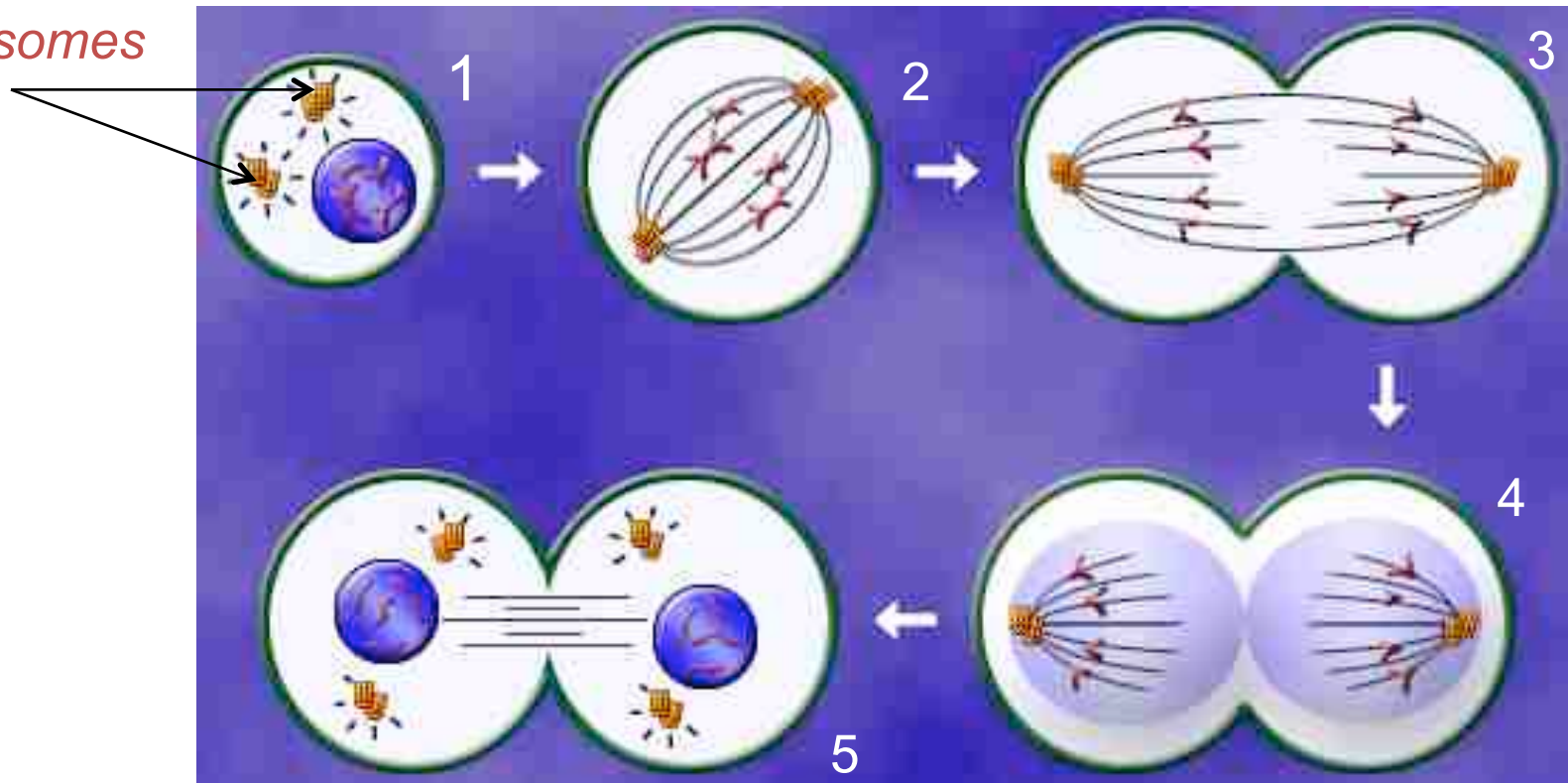
**Mitosis** – cell division, maintaining the same chromosome number (usually diploid, or  $2n$ )



## Mitosis

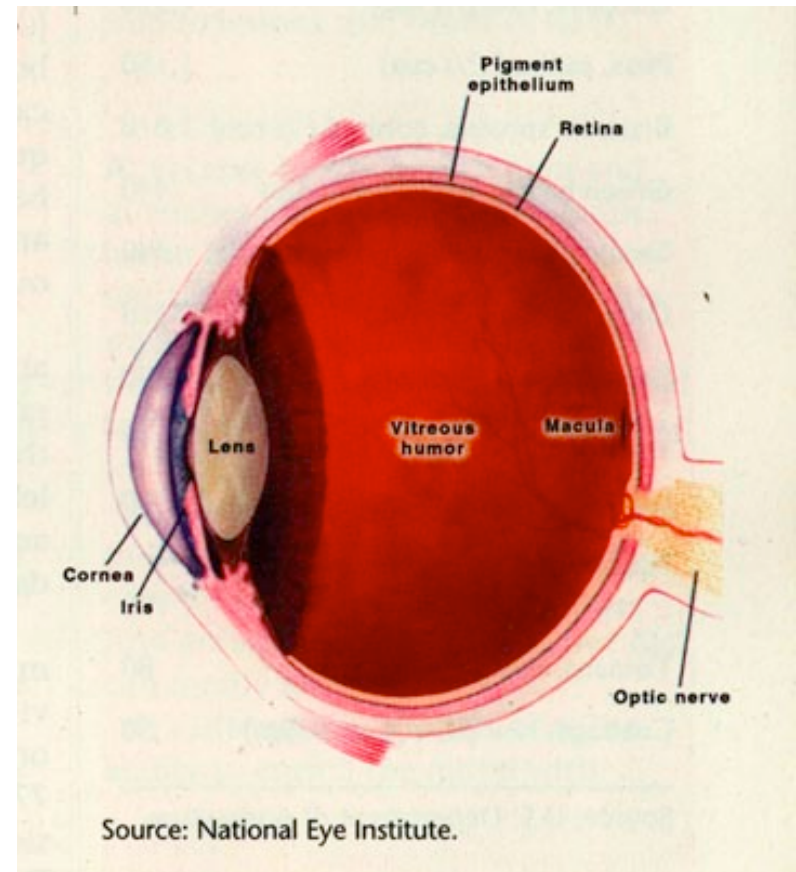
- Stage 1 – chromatin condenses, centrosomes formed and go to opposite sides of the cell
- Stage 2 – nuclear membrane lost, chromosomes line up along the center, fibers from centrosomes attach to protein complex holding chromatids together
- Stage 3 – fibers pull chromatids apart and to opposite poles
- Stage 4 – nuclear membrane begins to reform
- Stage 5 – nuclear membrane formed, protein fibers disappear
  - Then cell completes division to make two cells

*centrosomes*



Human body  
>200 cell types:

Lifespans –  
white blood cells – 6-7 h; RBC 120 d  
stomach-lining cells 2 d  
bone cells 25-30 y  
lens cells epithelium/fiber cells



Plants and Animals have another type of division:

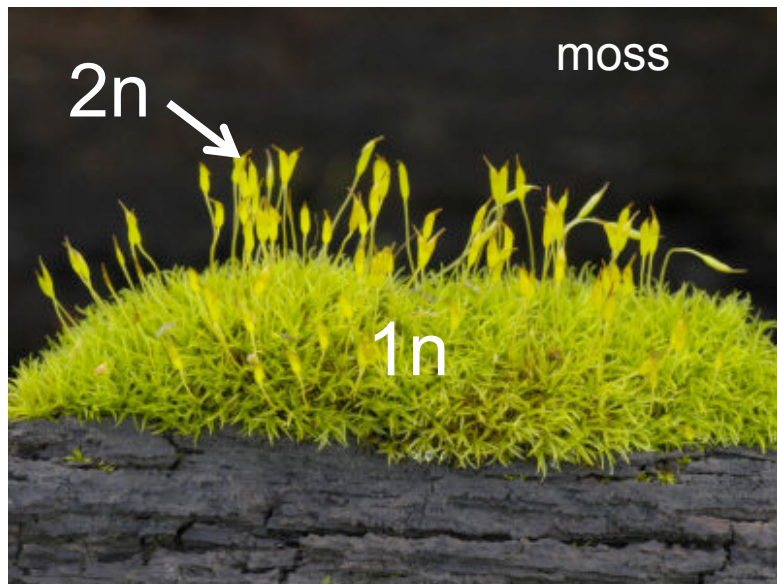
**MEIOSIS = reduction division**, as you end up with  $\frac{1}{2}$  the number of chromosomes at the end of the process (often  $2n$  reduced to  $1n$ )

In plants often:

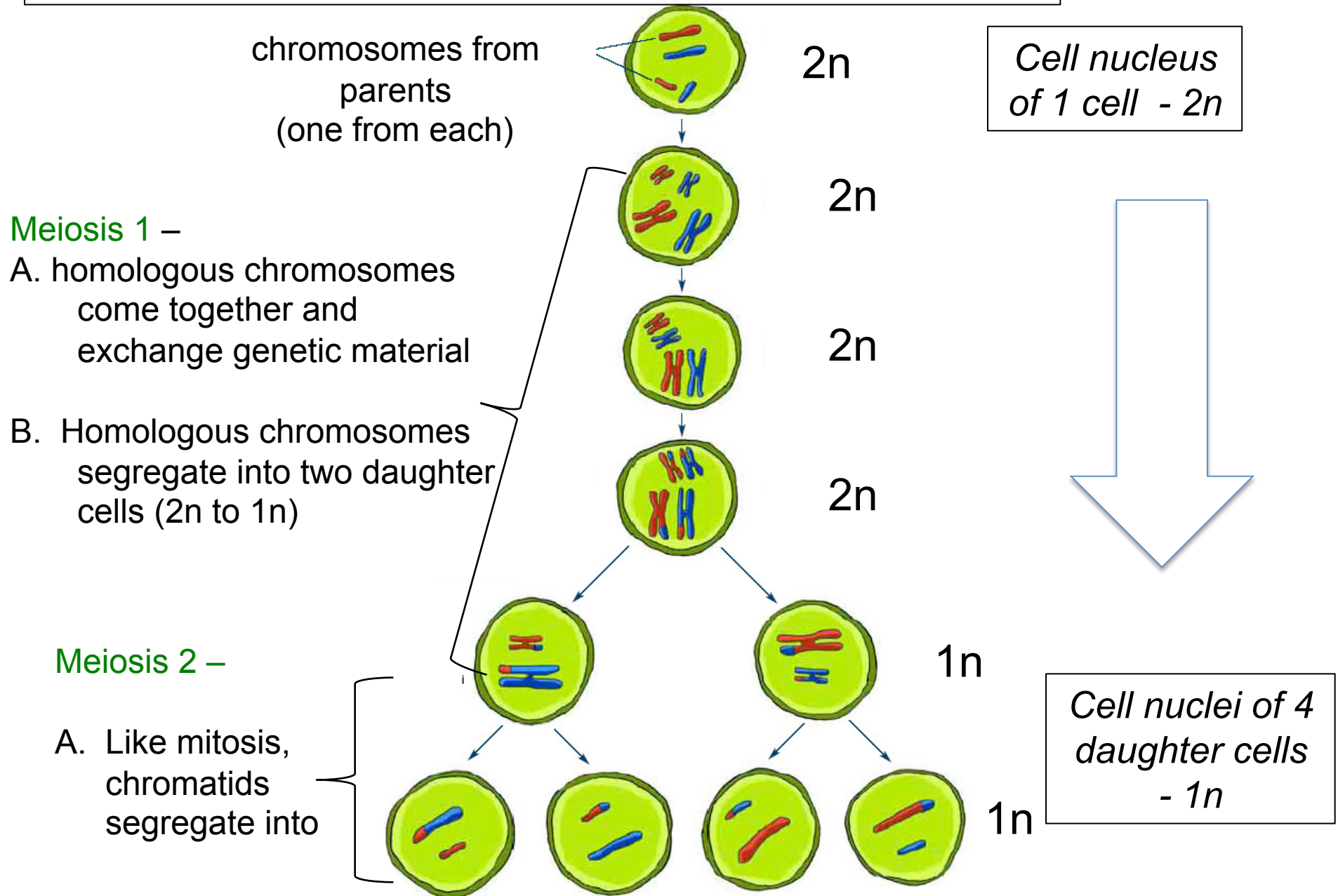
mitosis ( $2n$ ) – Meiosis  $1n$  – mitosis to produce  $1n$  body – some  $1n$  cells specialize to become egg ( $1n$ ) and sperm ( $1$ ) – fertilization ( $2n$ )  
Many mitoses to become ( $2n$  plant)

Plant evolution

dominance of  $1n$   $\longrightarrow$  dominance of  $2n$



# In animals: Meiosis typically makes gametes



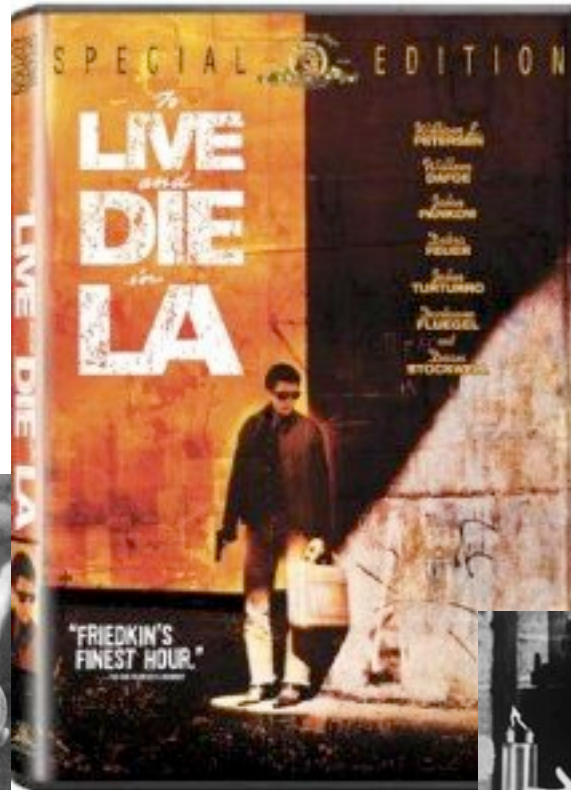


Barbara McClintock  
(1902-1992)

Discovered crossing over  
during meiosis 1

Nobel Prize in Physiology/Medicine 1983

# o Live or Die? Apoptosis/Autophagy



# Apoptosis – Programmed Cell Death

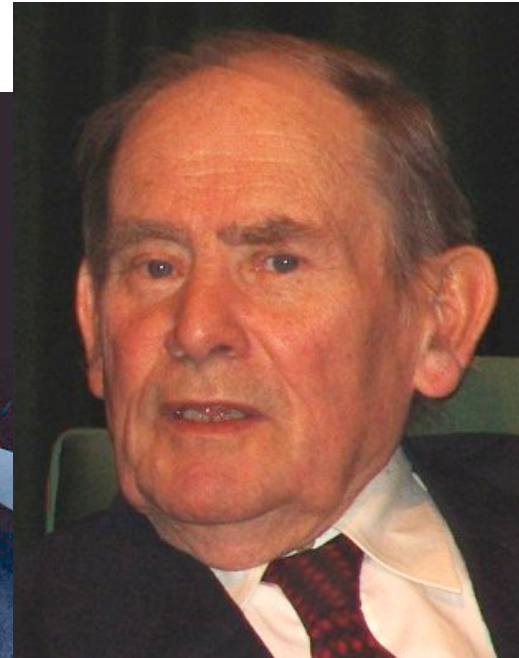
*Nobel Prize in Medicine 2002*



Robert Horvitz - MIT



Sir John Sulston  
Wellcome Trust/Sanger Inst



Sydney Brenner  
UC Berkeley

PubMed 1972- 1979 – 36 references  
2012 alone > 11,000

## Apoptosis

Tightly controlled death

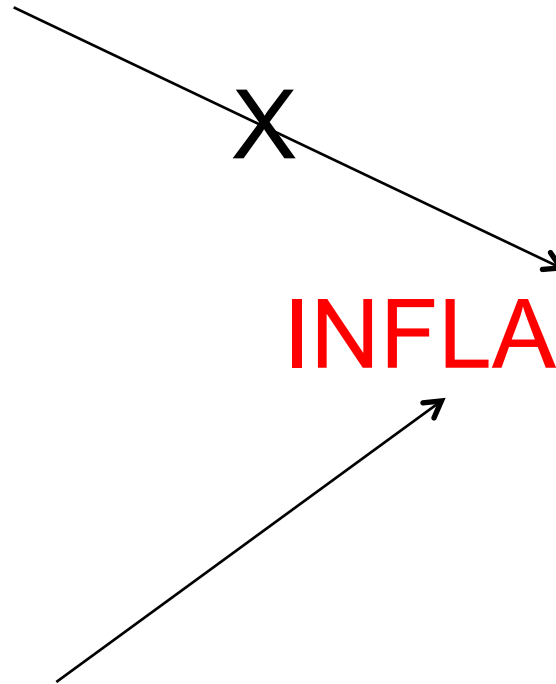
[Important in responses to stress  
and during development/  
maintenance of tissues]

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INFLAMMATION

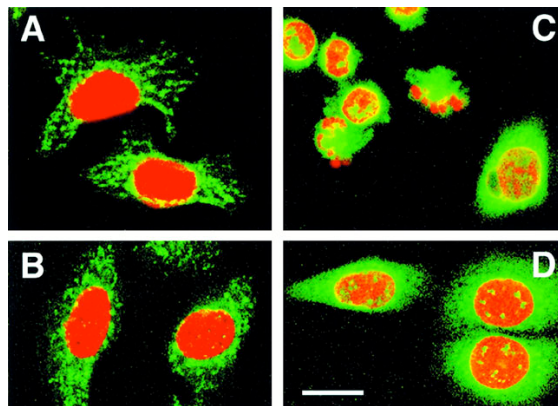
Necrosis

Uncontrolled death & destruction



## Characteristics of Apoptosis

- Early - Mitochondria targeted - Increase in mitochondrial membrane permeability

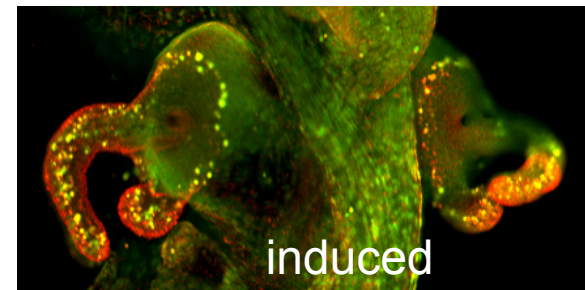
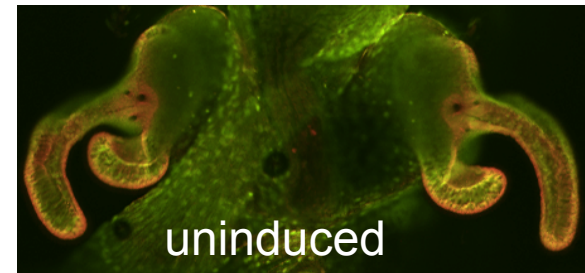


Uninduced

Induced

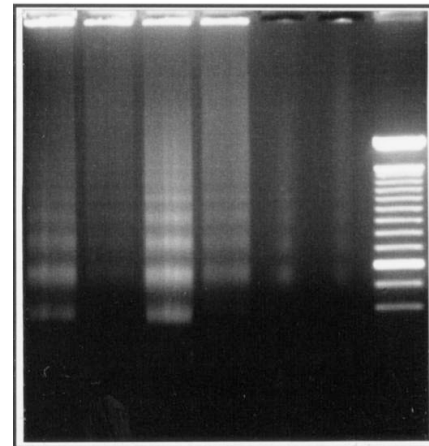
Cytochrome c of mitochondria released into the cytoplasm [nuclei]

- Cells shrivel/round  
chromatin condenses/DNA fragments



Condensed chromatin

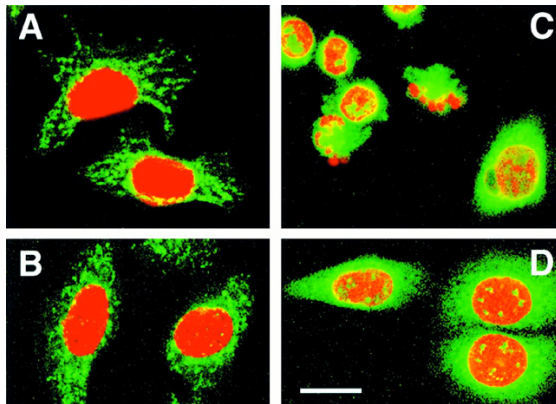
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DNA fragmentation into  
~180 bp bits

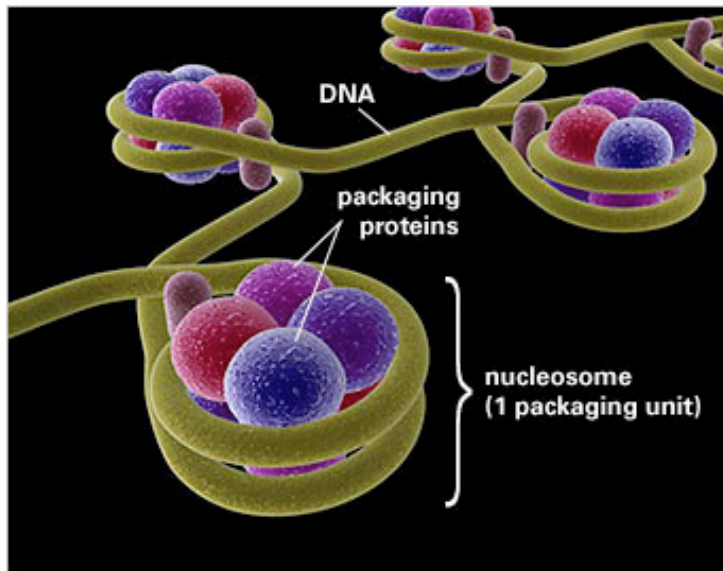
## Steps in Apoptosis

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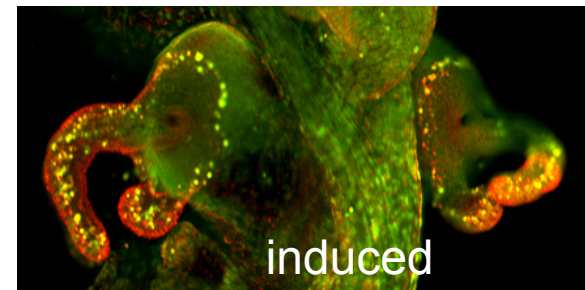
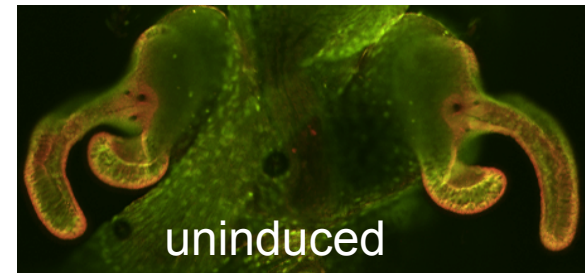
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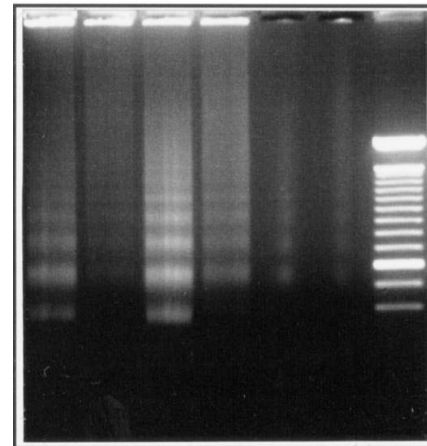


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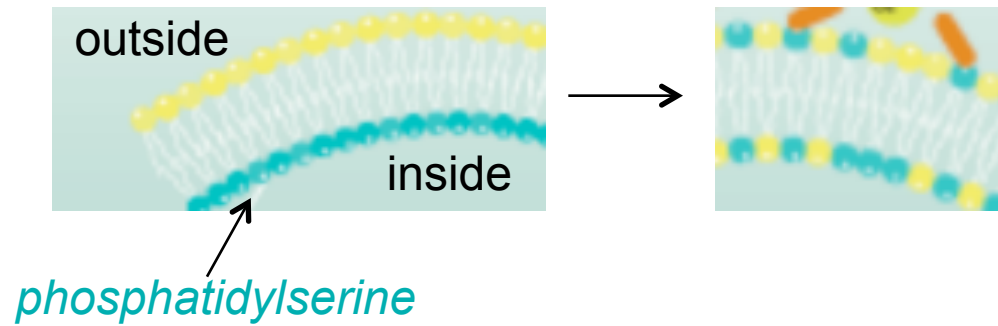


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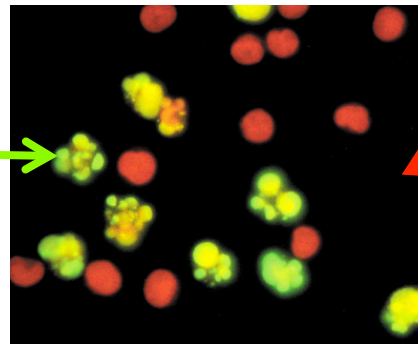
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## Surface/shape changes in apoptosis



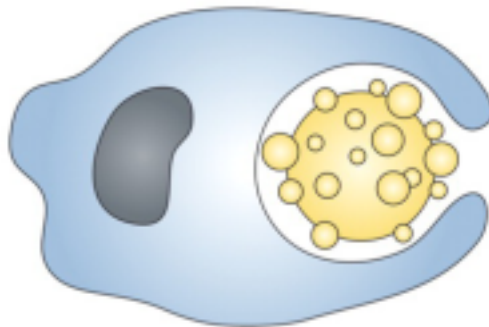
Membrane polarity compromised

apoptotic cell



Living cell

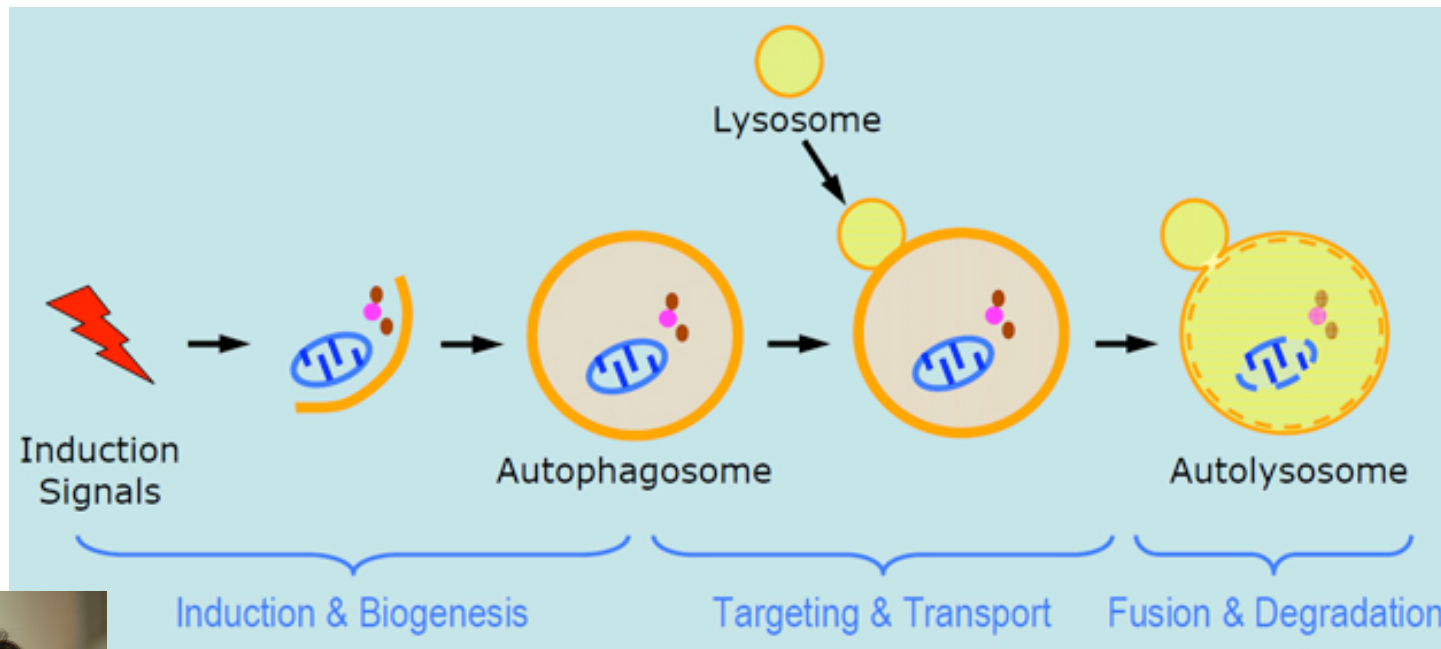
Blebbing, production of apoptotic bodies



Phagocytosis of the corpse

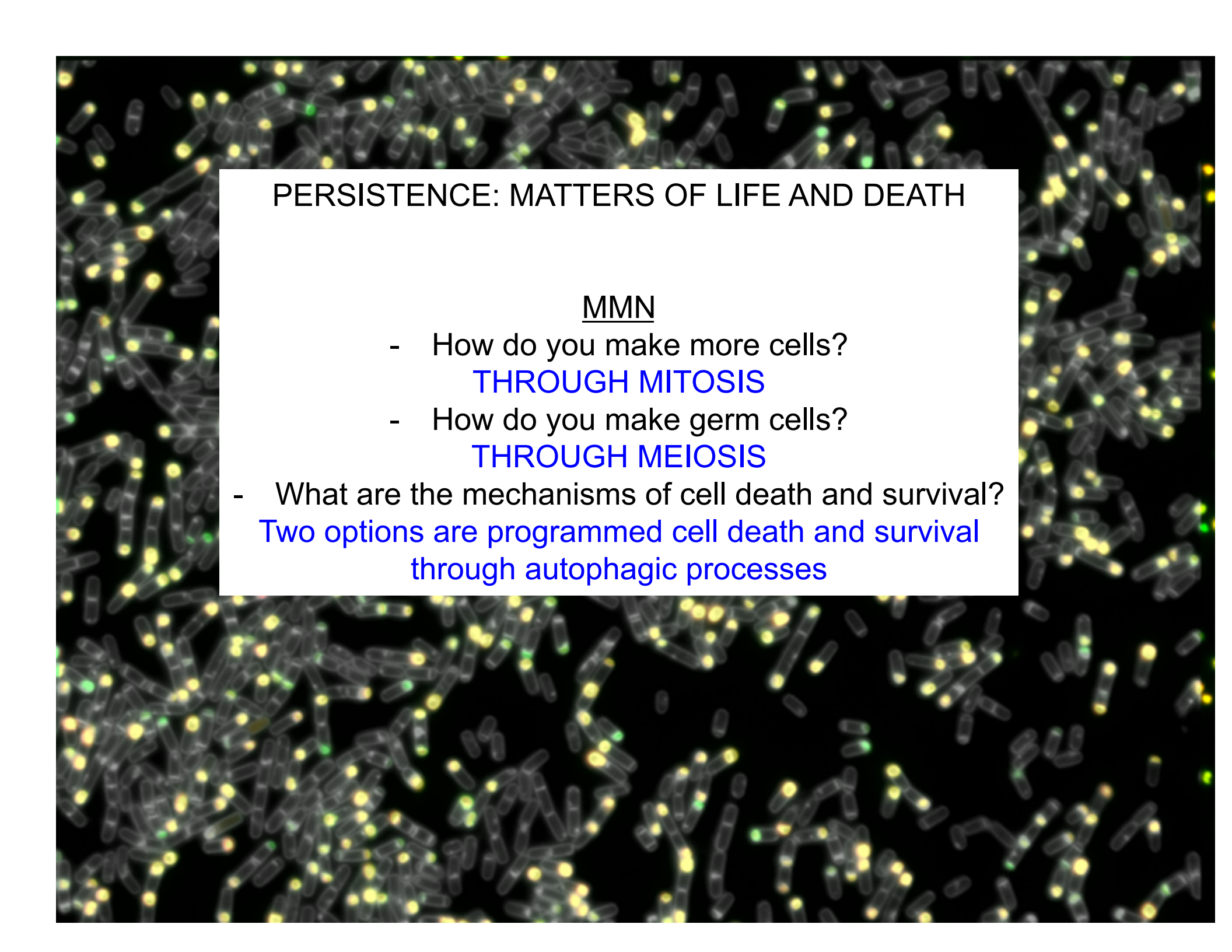
*Alternative pathway -*

Autophagy: degradation of a cell's components by its own machinery; maintains the balance between synthesis, degradation and recycling of cell material



THE MEMBRANES OF THE AUTOPHAGOSOME COME  
MITOCHONDRIAL MEMBRANES!!

Jennifer Lippincott-Schwartz  
National Institutes of Health



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- How do you make more cells?  
**THROUGH MITOSIS**
- How do you make germ cells?  
**THROUGH MEIOSIS**
- What are the mechanisms of cell death and survival?  
**Two options are programmed cell death and survival through autophagic processes**