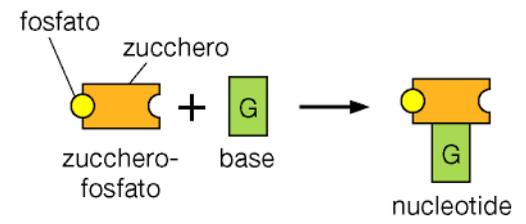
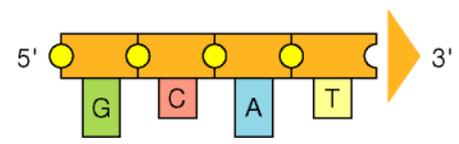


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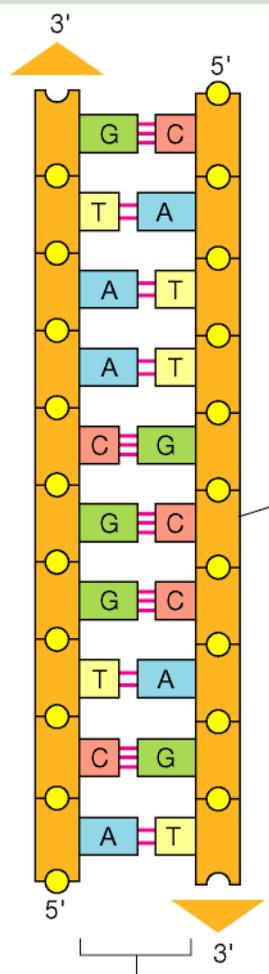
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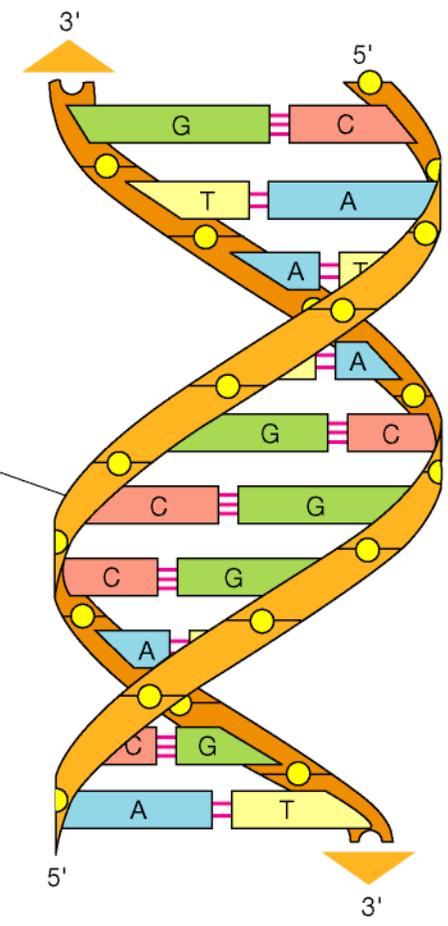


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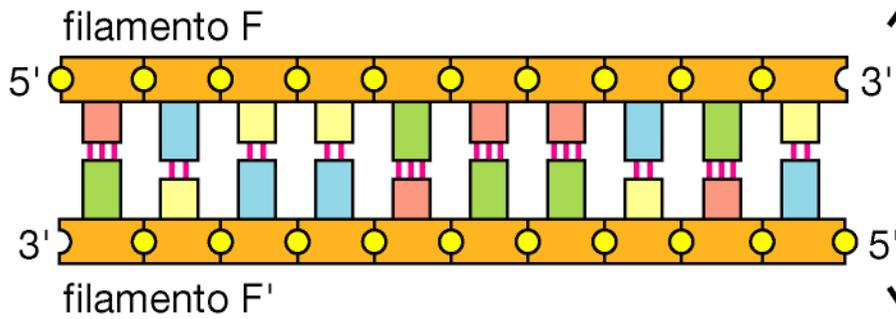


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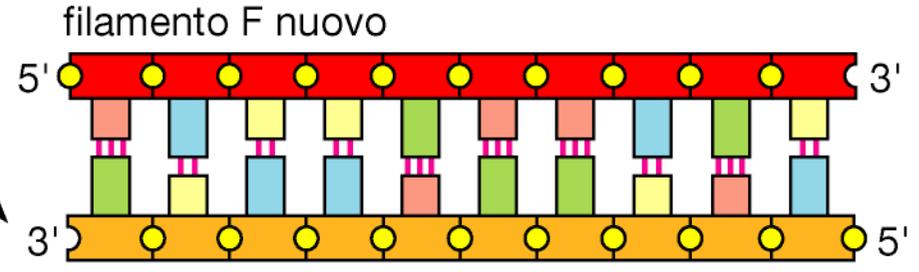
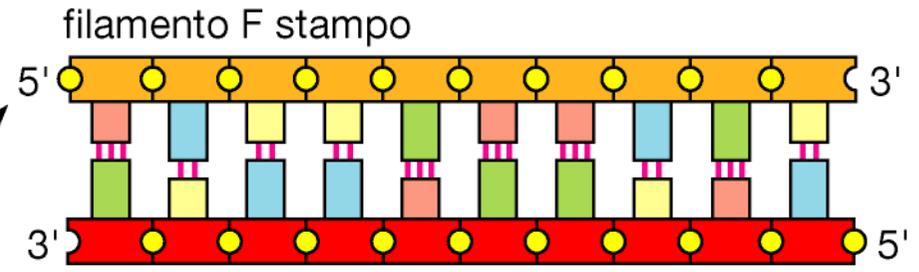
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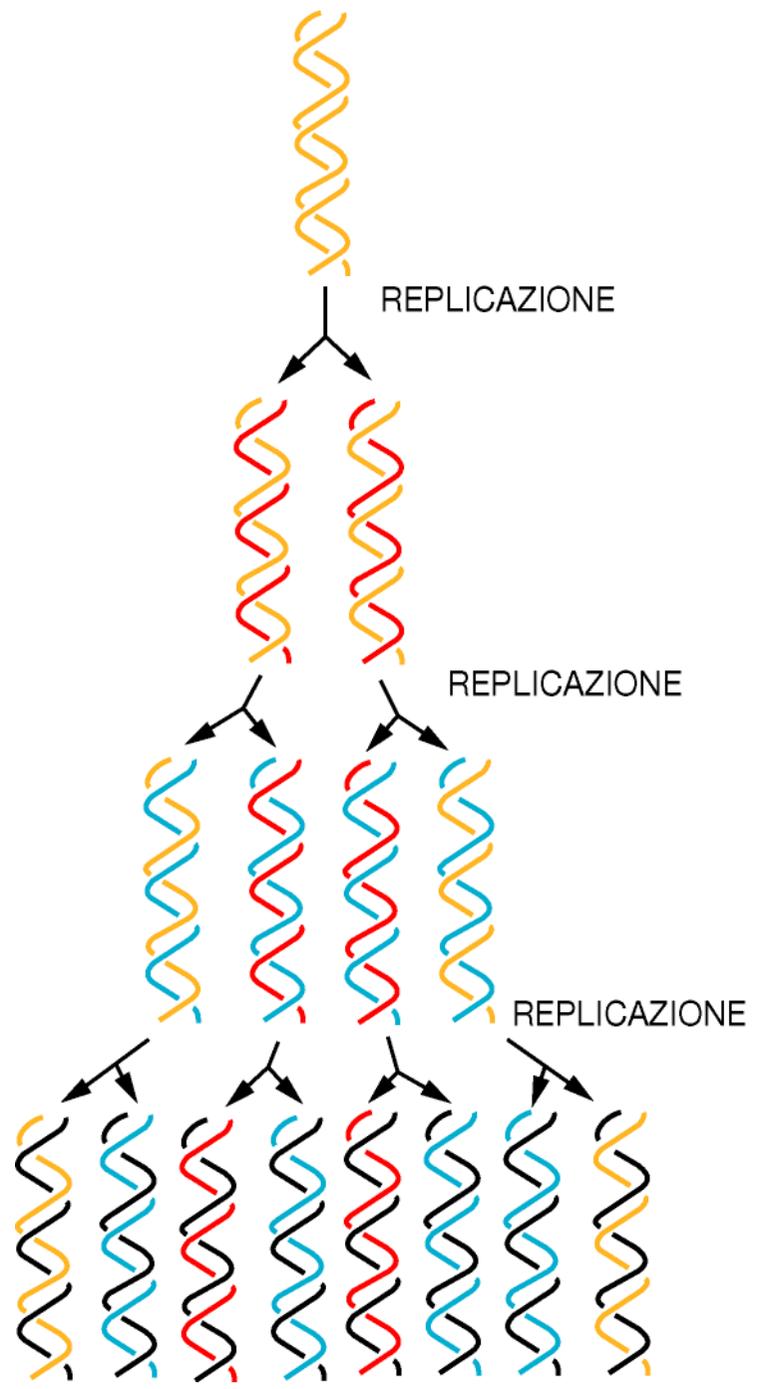


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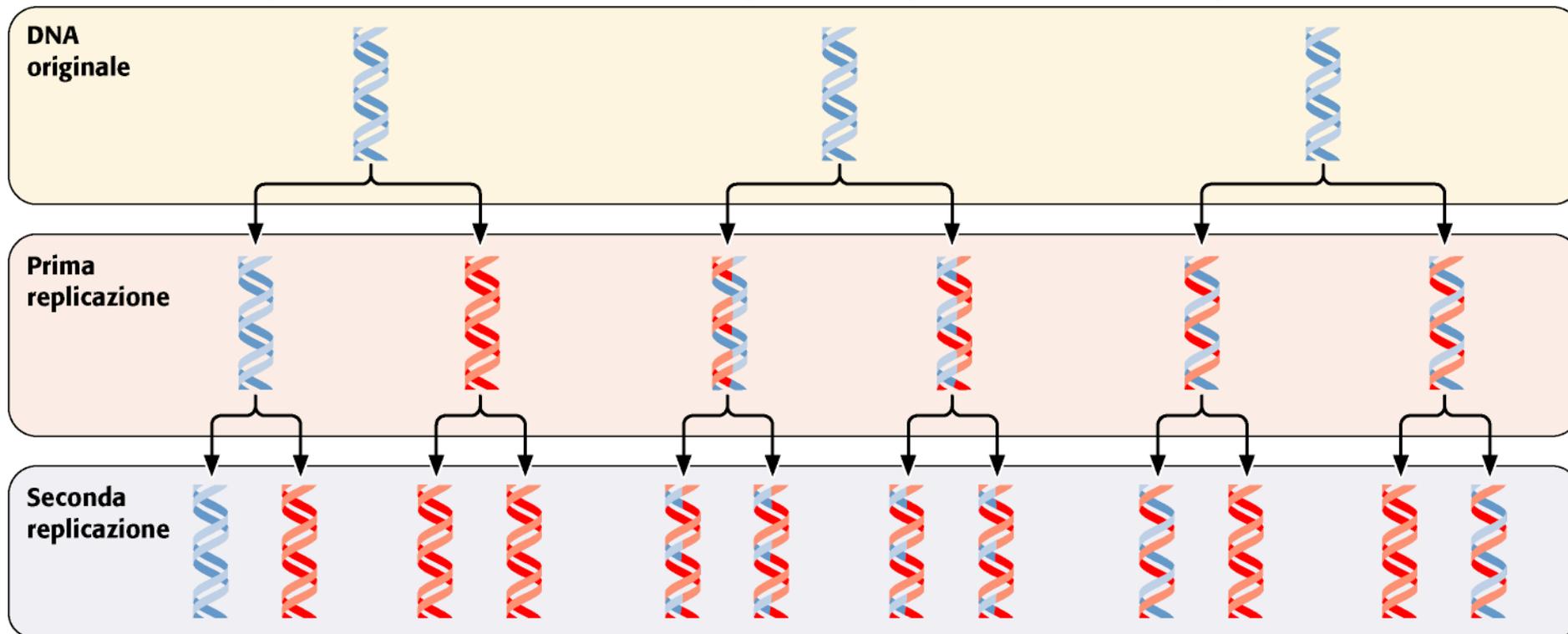




(a) **Replicazione conservativa**

(b) **Replicazione dispersiva**

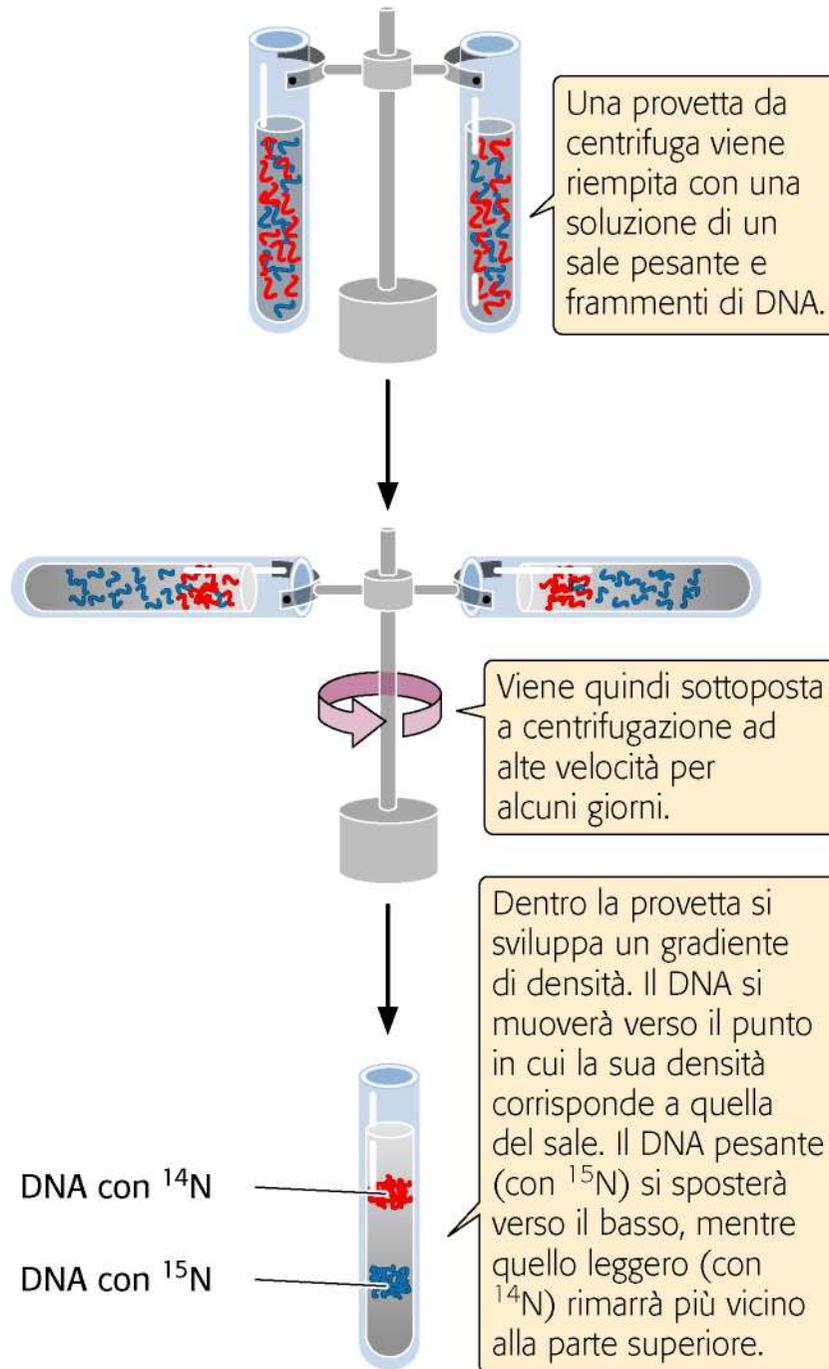
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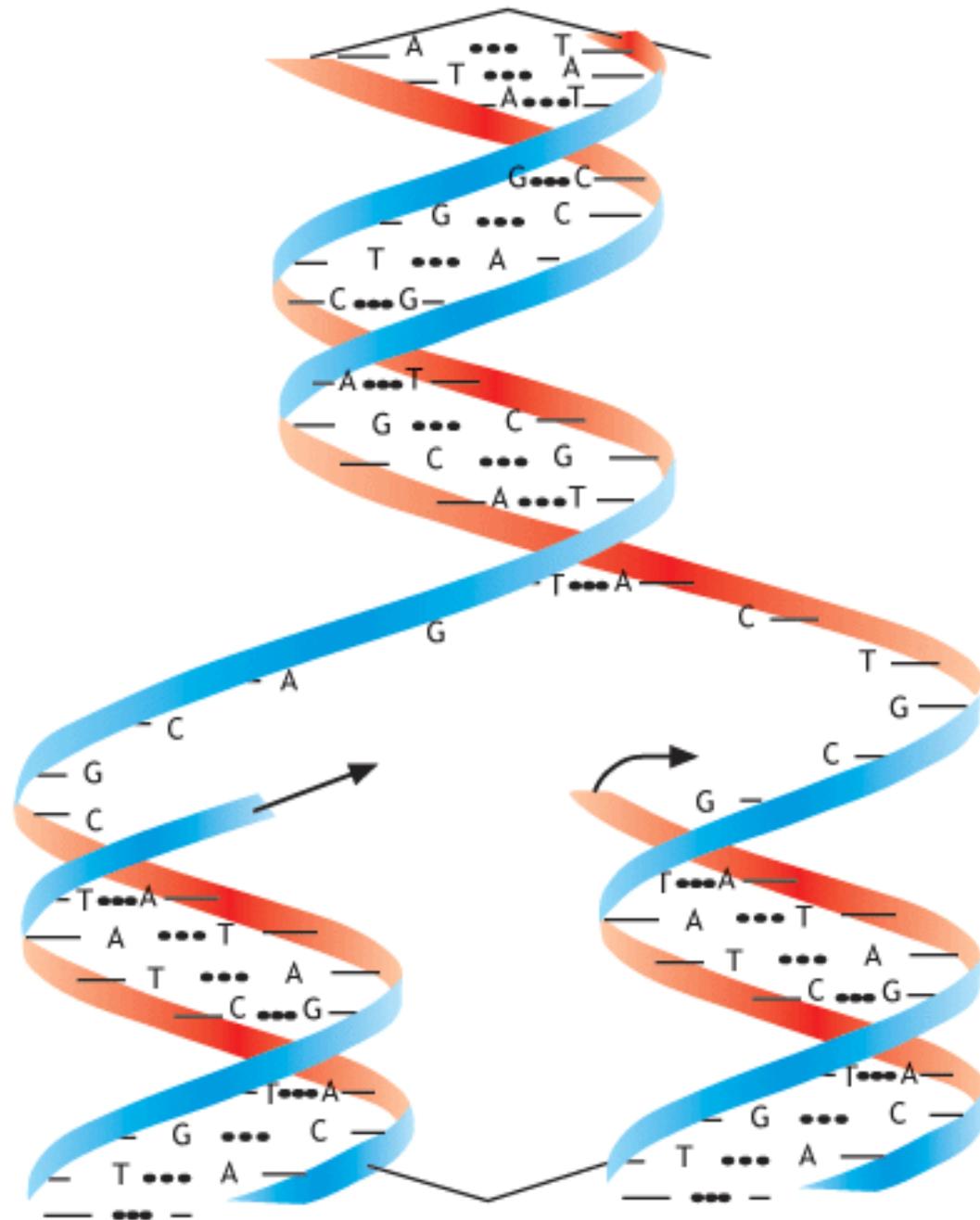


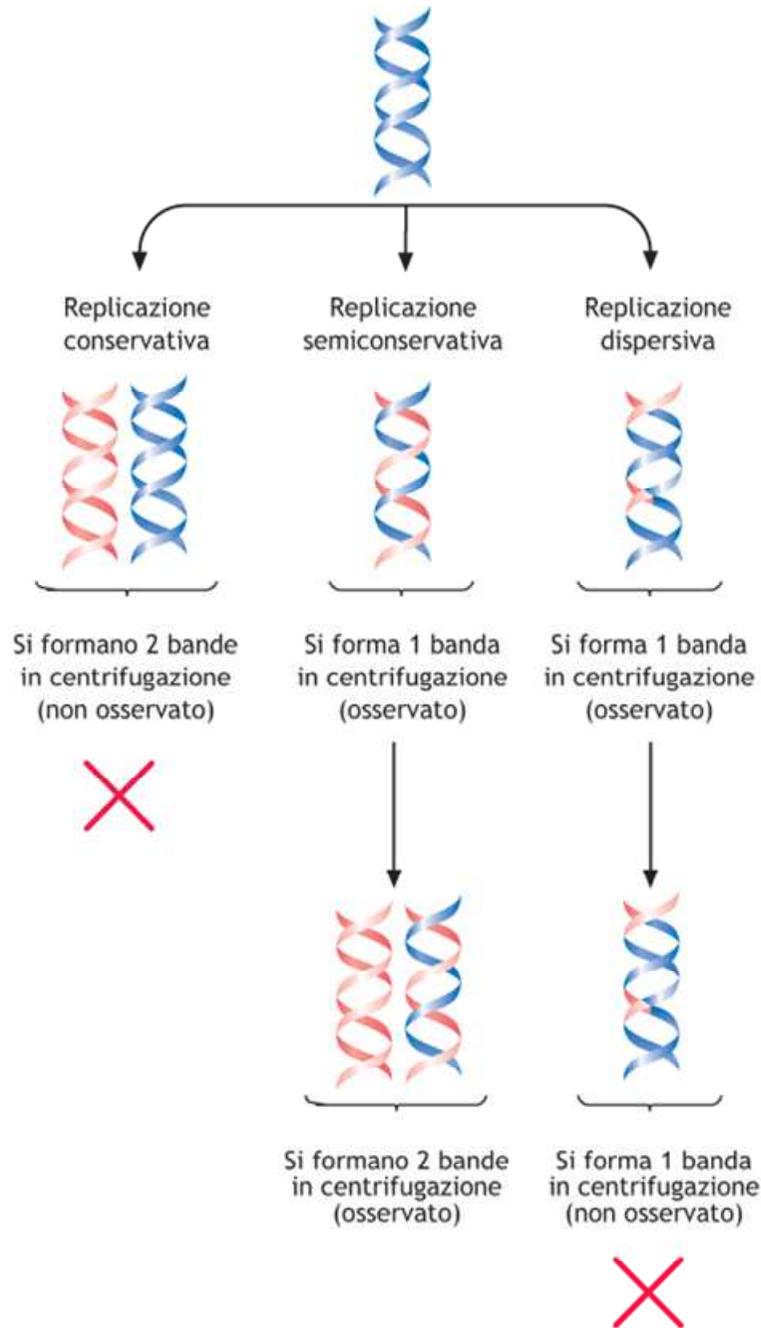
# Esperimento di Meselson e Stahl (1958)

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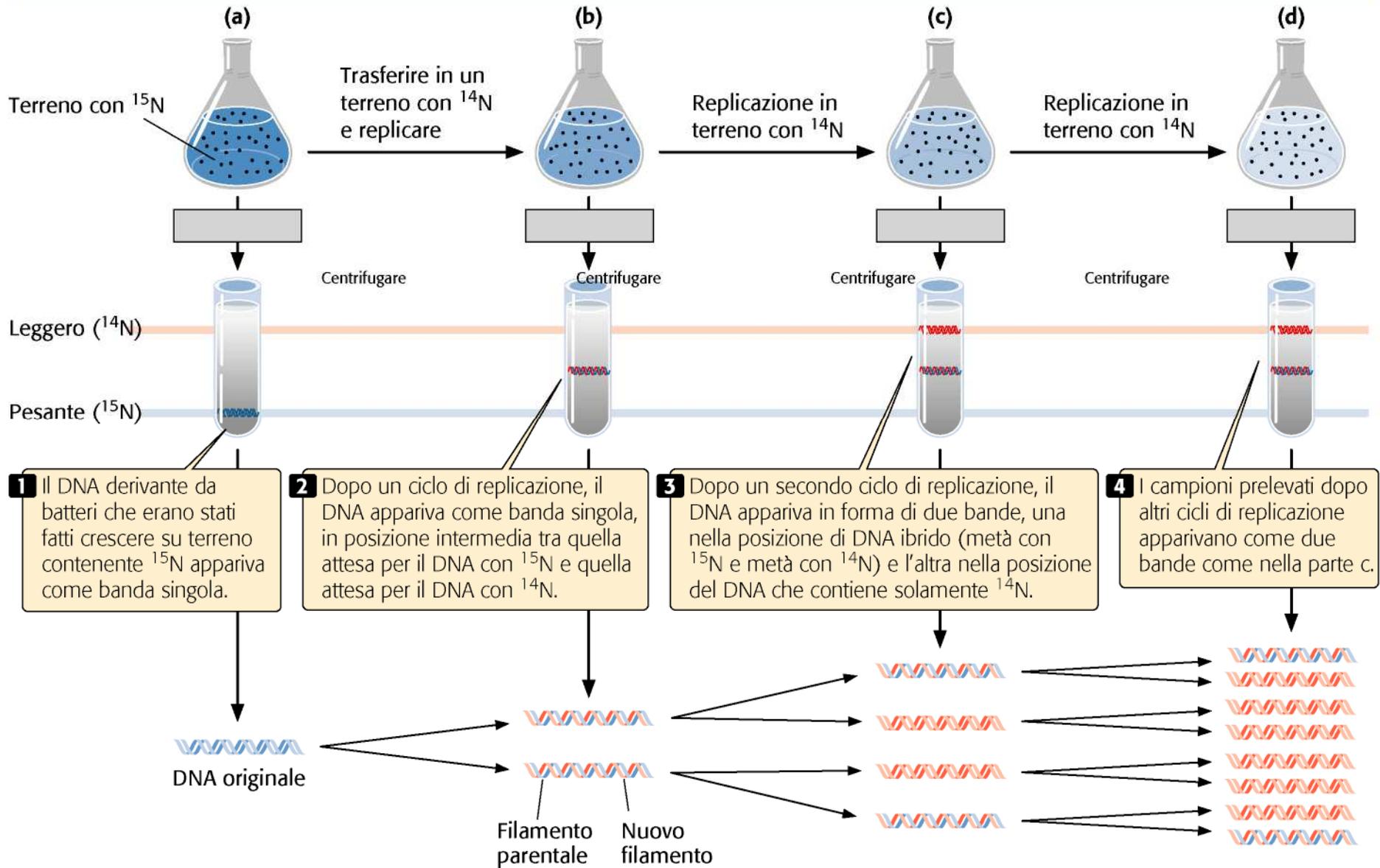




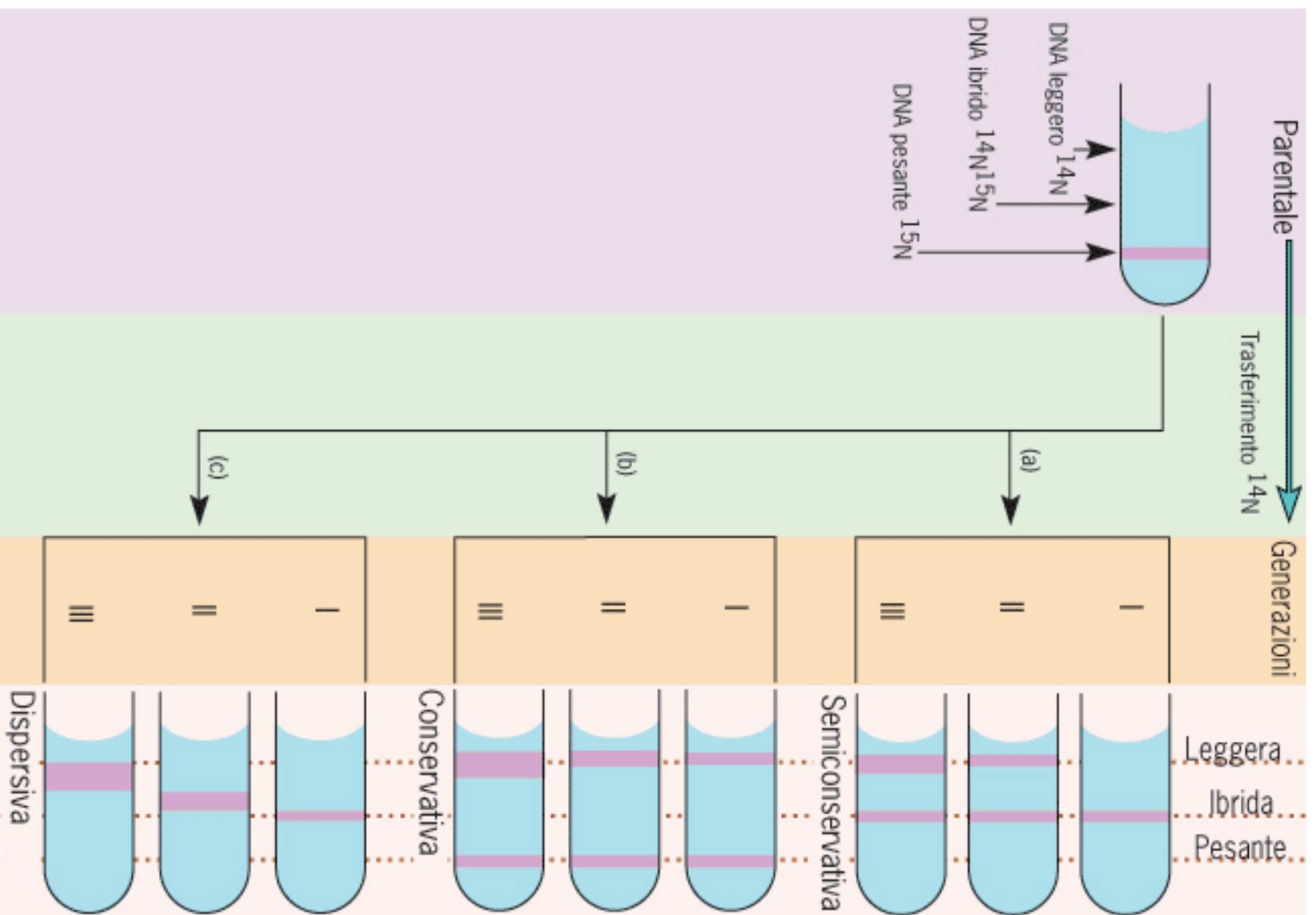


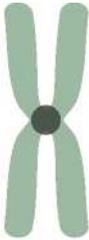
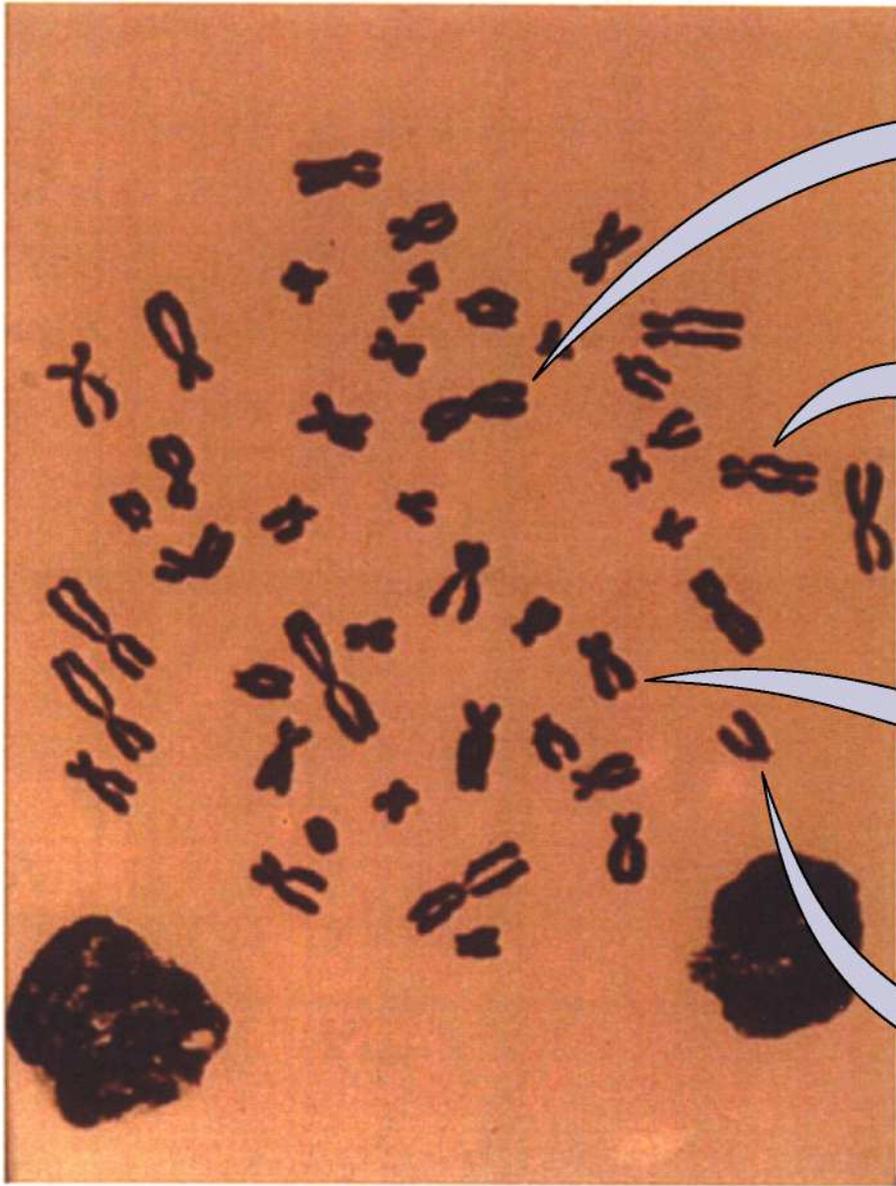
## Esperimento

**Domanda:** Quale modello di replicazione del DNA (conservativa, dispersiva o semiconservativa) si applica a *E. coli*?



**Conclusione:** La replicazione del DNA in *E. coli* è semiconservativa.





Metacentrico



Submetacentrico



Acrocentrico

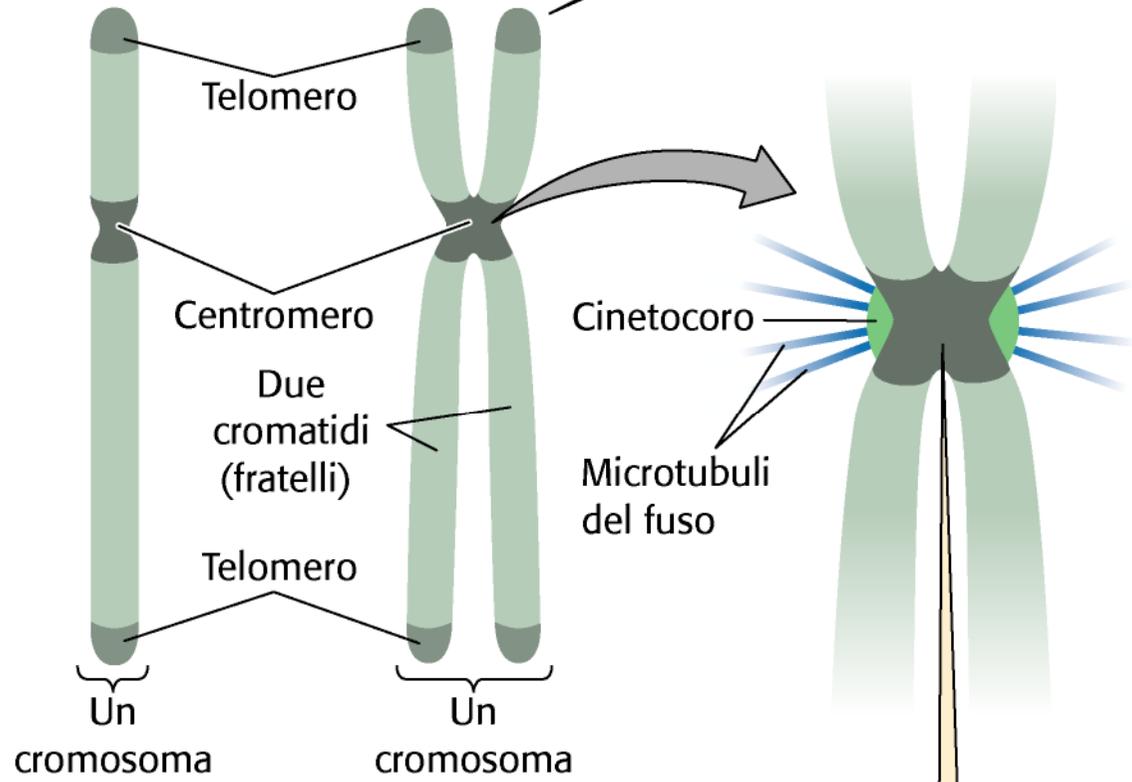


Telocentrico

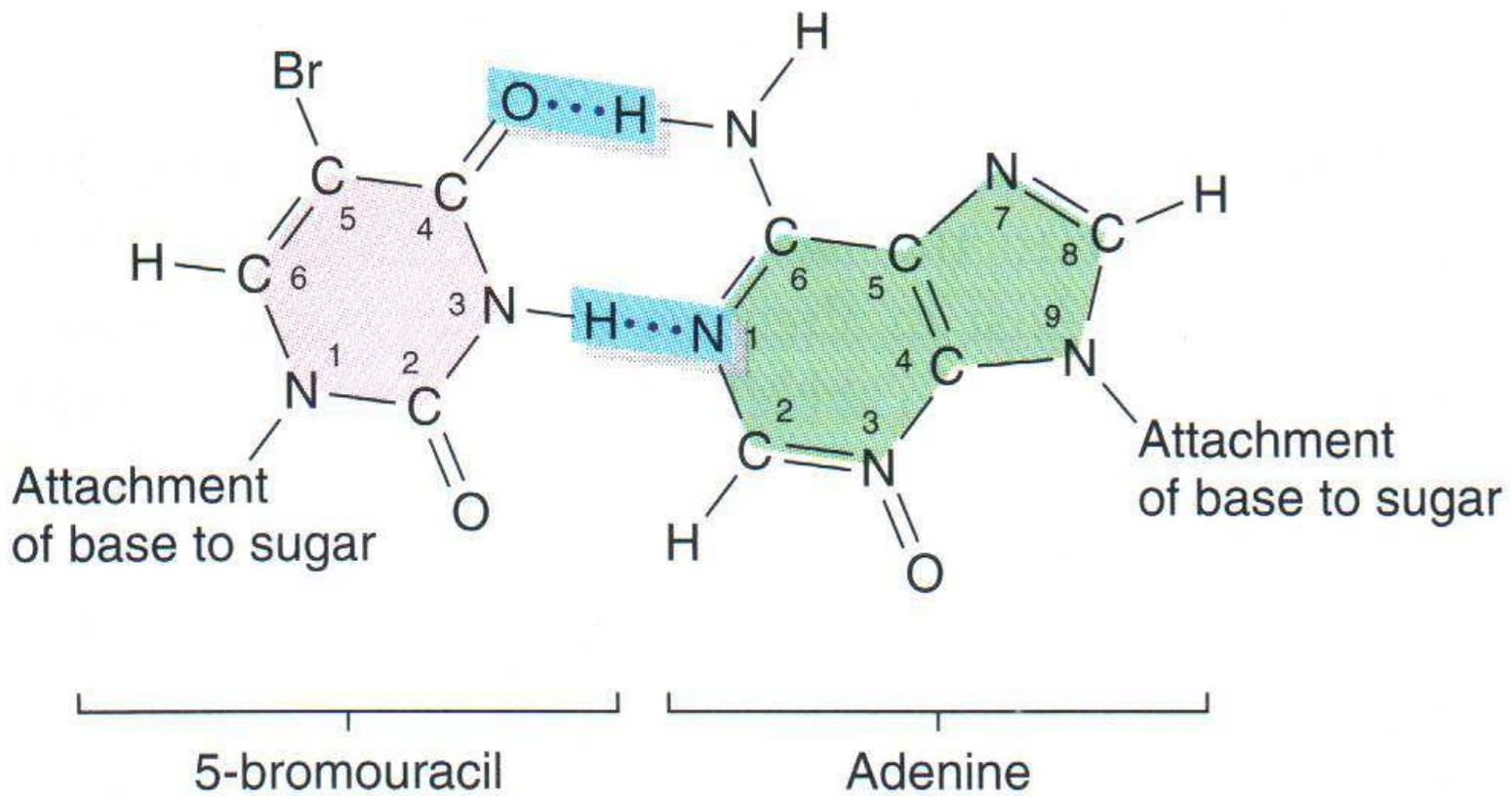
In alcuni momenti un cromosoma è costituito da un singolo cromatide...

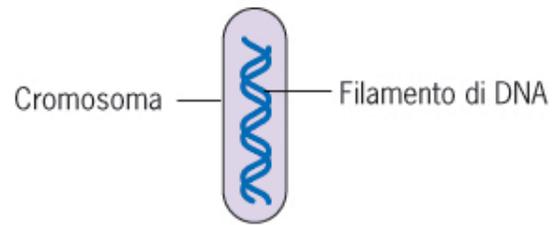
...in altri è formato da due cromatidi (fratelli).

I telomeri rappresentano le estremità stabili dei cromosomi.

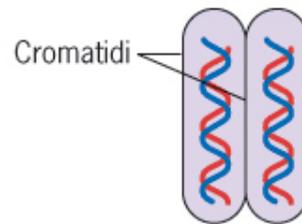


Il centromero è una regione contratta del cromosoma in cui si forma il cinetocoro e a cui si attaccano i microtubuli del fuso.

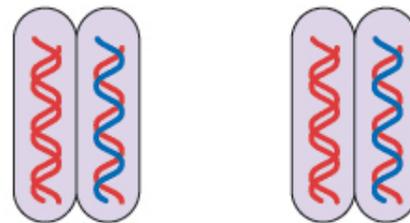
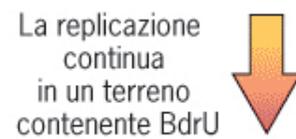




Il cromosoma contiene solo timidina

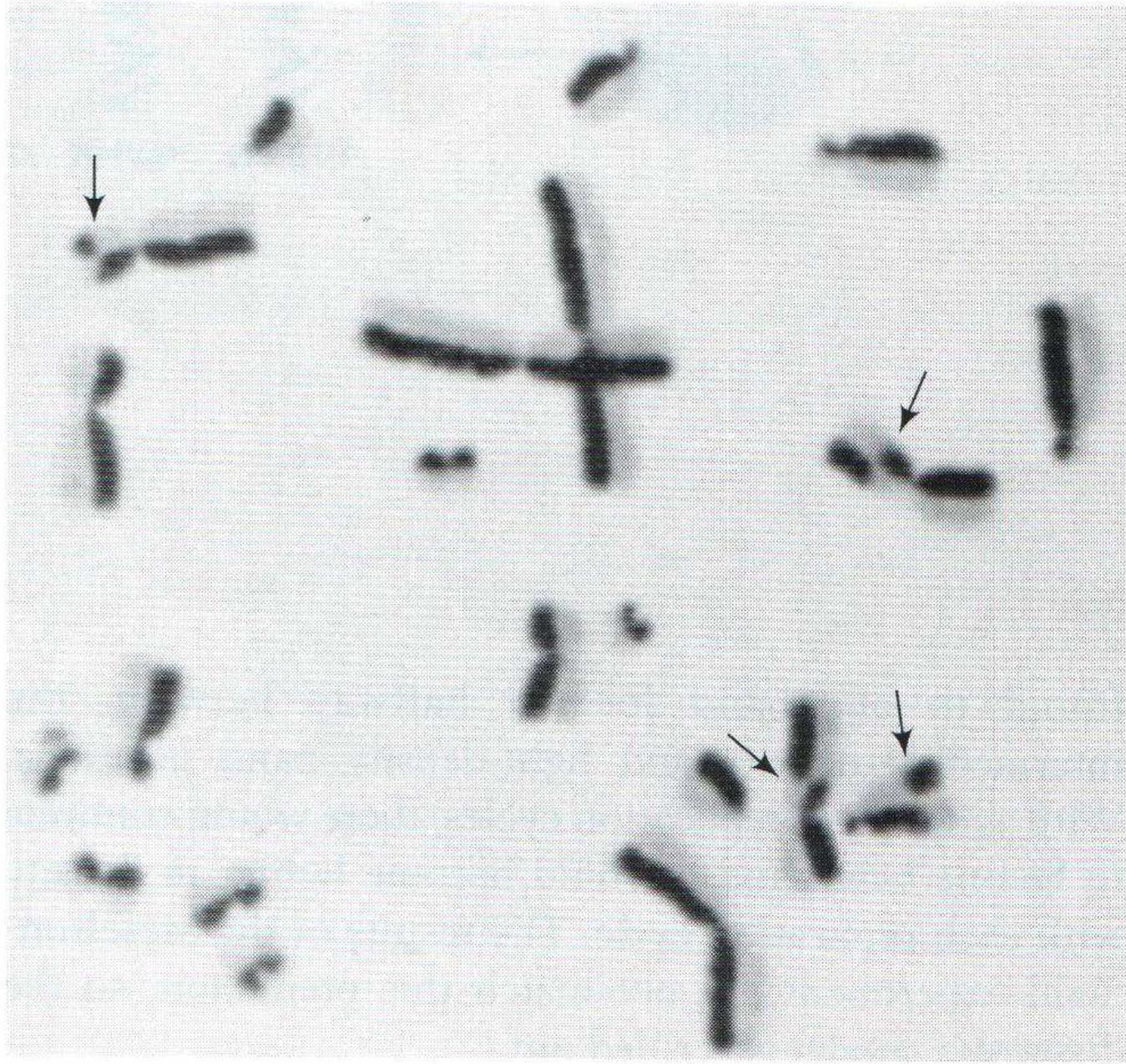


Ambedue i cromatidi contengono un filamento con BrdU ed un filamento con timidina

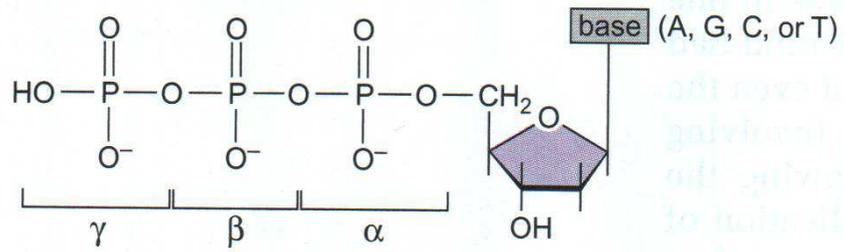


Un cromatidio di ciascun cromosoma contiene timidina

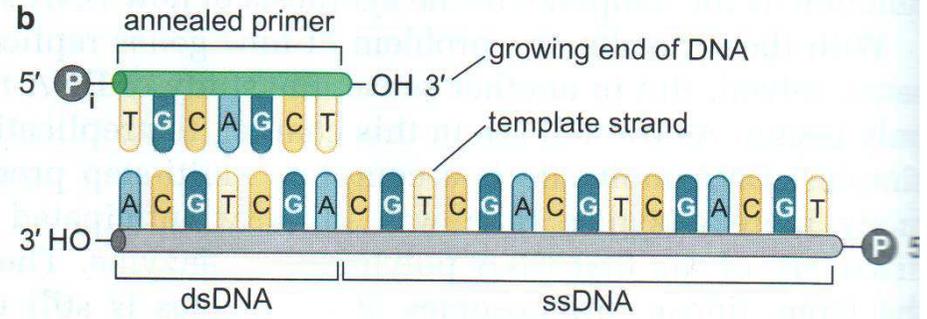
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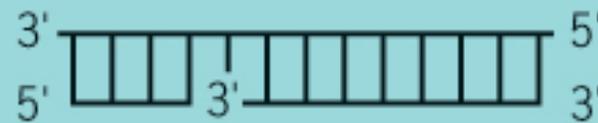
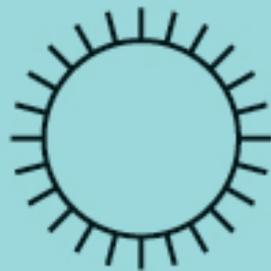
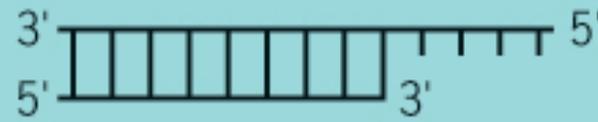
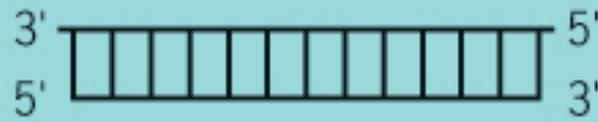
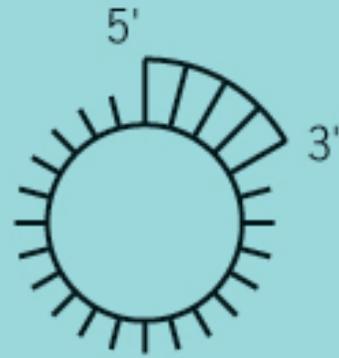
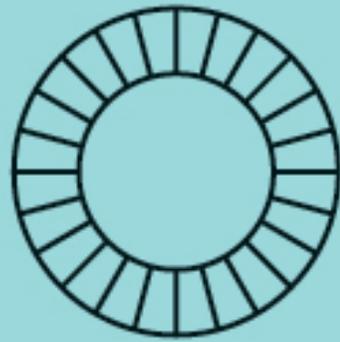


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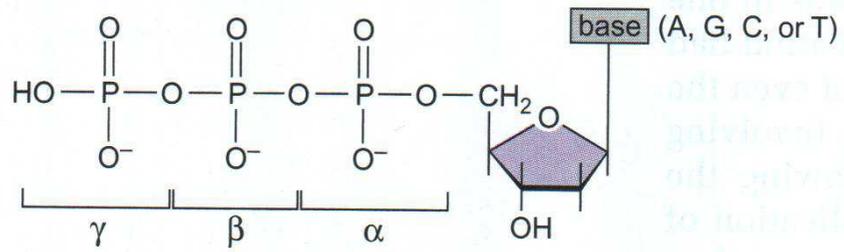




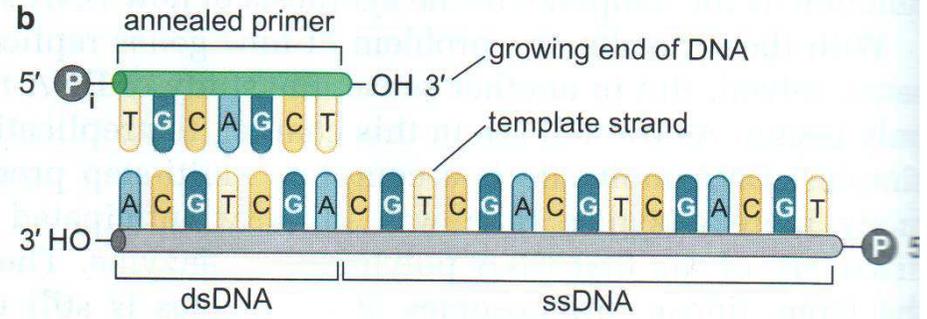
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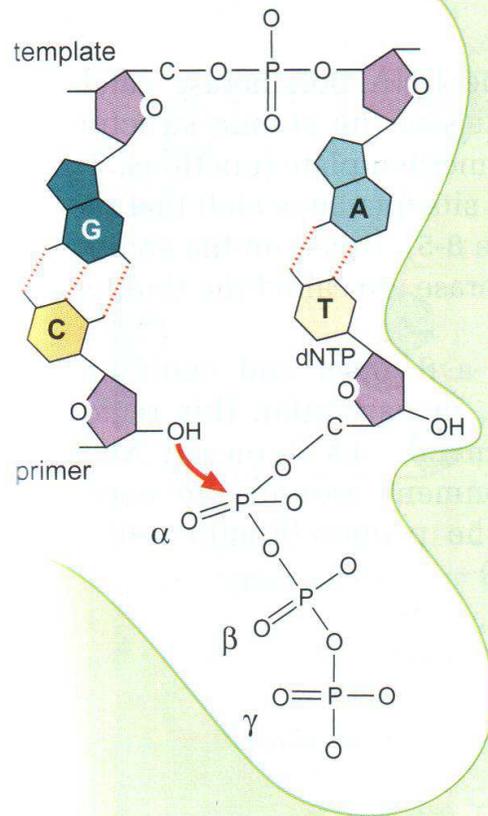


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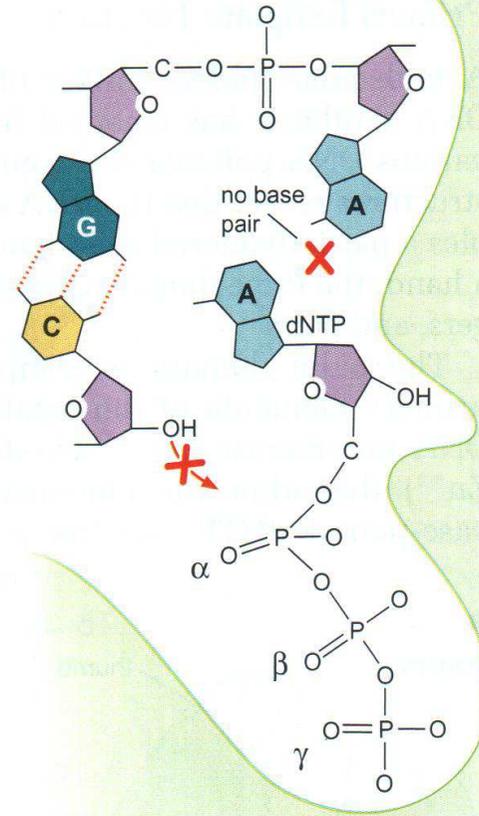




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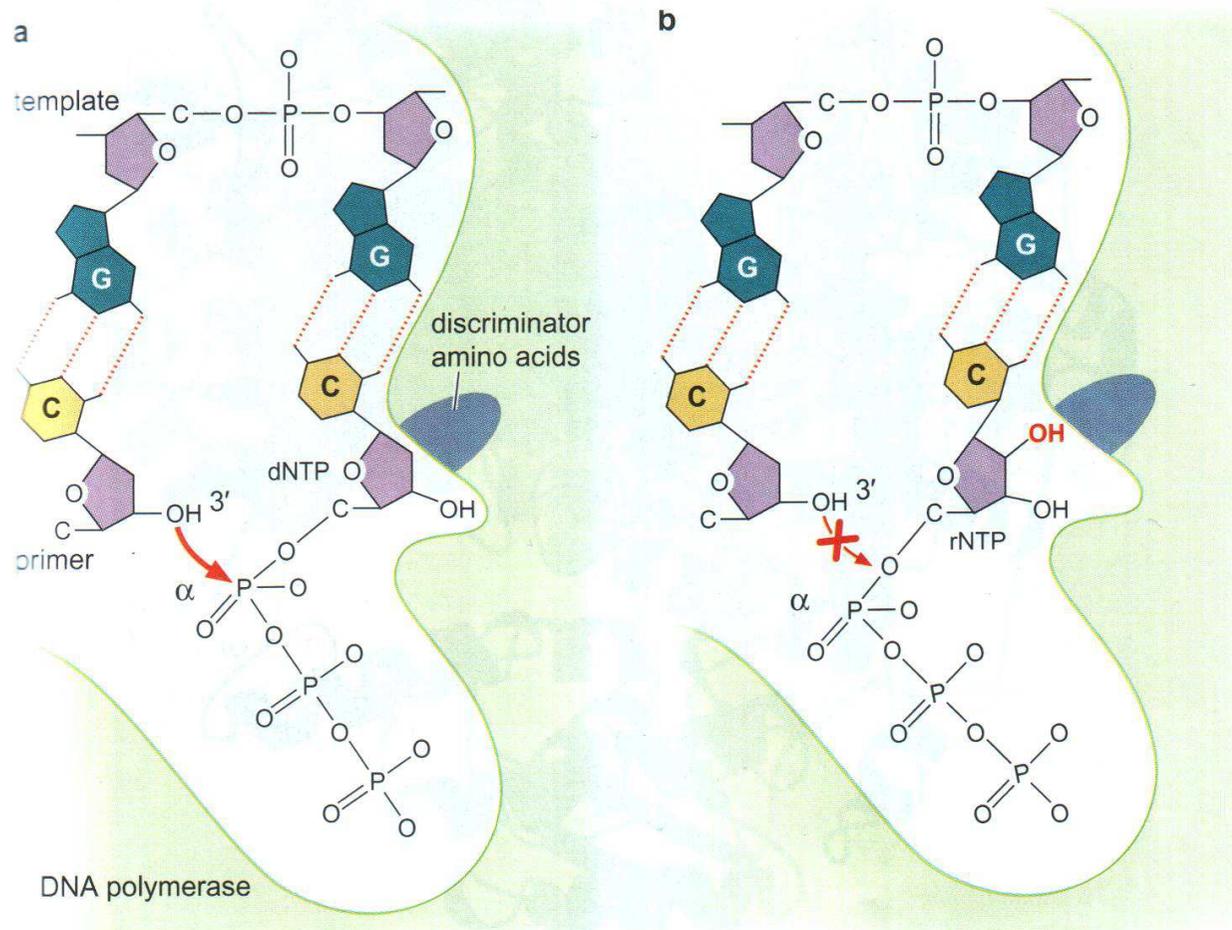
b incorrect base pair



**FIGURE 8-3 Correctly paired bases are required for DNA polymerase catalyzed nucleotide**

**addition.** (a) Schematic diagram of the attack of a primer 3'OH end on a correctly base-paired dNTP.

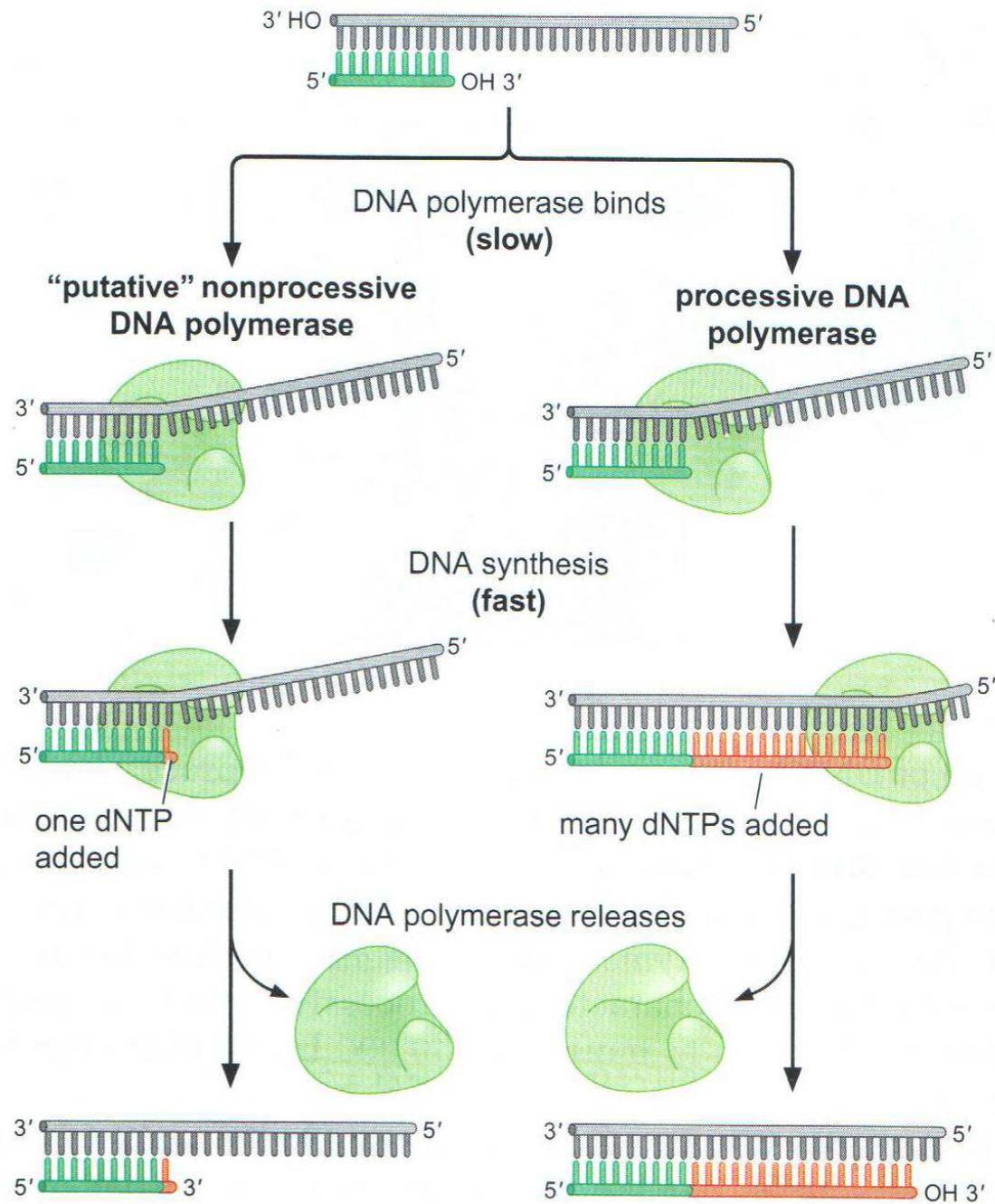
(b) Schematic diagram of the consequence of incorrect base-pairing on catalysis by DNA polymerase. In the example shown, the incorrect A:A base pair displaces the  $\alpha$ -phosphate of the incoming nucleotide. This incorrect alignment reduces the rate of catalysis dramatically resulting in the DNA polymerase preferentially adding correctly base-paired dNTPs. (Source: Based on Brautigan C.A. and Steitz T.A. 1998. Structural and functional insights provided by crystal structures of DNA polymerase. *Curr. Opin. Structural Biology* 8: 60, fig 4, part d. Copyright © 1998 with permission from Elsevier.)



**FIGURE 8-4 Schematic illustration of the steric constraints preventing catalysis using rNTPs by DNA polymerase.** (a) Binding of a correctly base-paired dNTP to the DNA polymerase. Under these conditions, the 3'OH of the primer and the  $\alpha$ -phosphate of the dNTP are in close proximity. (b) Addition of a 2'OH results in a steric clash with amino acids (the discriminator amino acids) in the nucleotide binding pocket. This results in the  $\alpha$ -phosphate of the dNTP being displaced and a misalignment with the 3'OH of the primer, dramatically reducing the rate of catalysis.

Processività: caratteristica degli enzimi che operano su substrati polimerici.

Nel caso della DNA-polimerasi è definita dal numero (medio) di desossi-nucleotidi che l'enzima aggiunge ogni volta che si lega alla struttura primer-stampo.



Ogni DNA-polimerasi ha una propria caratteristica processività, che varia da pochi nucleotidi a oltre 50.000 nucleotidi aggiunti per evento di legame.

La tappa limitante è data dal legame iniziale (circa 1 secondo).

## Gene Product and or Function

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DNA polymerase I

DNA polymerase II

DNA polymerase III

Initiator protein; binds to *oriC*

IHF protein (DNA-binding protein); binds to *oriC*

FIS protein (DNA-binding protein); binds to *oriC*

Helicase and activator of primase

Complexes with *dnaB* protein and delivers it to DNA

Primase; makes RNA primer for extension by DNA polymerase III

Single-strand binding (SSB) proteins; bind to unwound single-stranded arms of replication forks

DNA ligase; seals single-stranded gaps

Gyrase (type II topoisomerase); replication swivel to avoid tangling of DNA as replication fork advances

Origin of chromosomal replication

Terminus of chromosomal replication

TBP (*ter* binding protein); stalls replication forks

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### *E. coli* has 5 DNA polymerases

Enzyme	Gene	Function
I	<i>polA</i>	major repair enzyme
II	<i>polB</i>	minor repair enzyme
III	<i>polC</i>	replicase
IV	<i>dinB</i>	SOS repair
V	<i>umuD'₂C</i>	SOS repair

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**Figure 14.4** Only one DNA polymerase is the replicase. The others participate in repair of damaged DNA.

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DNA Polymerase	Polymerization: 5'→3'	Exonuclease: 3'→5'	Exonuclease: 5'→3'	Molecular Weight (daltons)	Molecules per Cell (approximately)	Structural Genes
I	Yes	Yes	Yes	103,000	400	<i>polA</i>
II	Yes	Yes	No	90,000	?	<i>polB</i>
III	Yes	Yes	No	Core of 130,000, 27,500, and 10,000 subunits; 7 other subunits <sup>a</sup>	10–20	<i>dnaE, dnaQ,</i> and <i>holE</i> for core

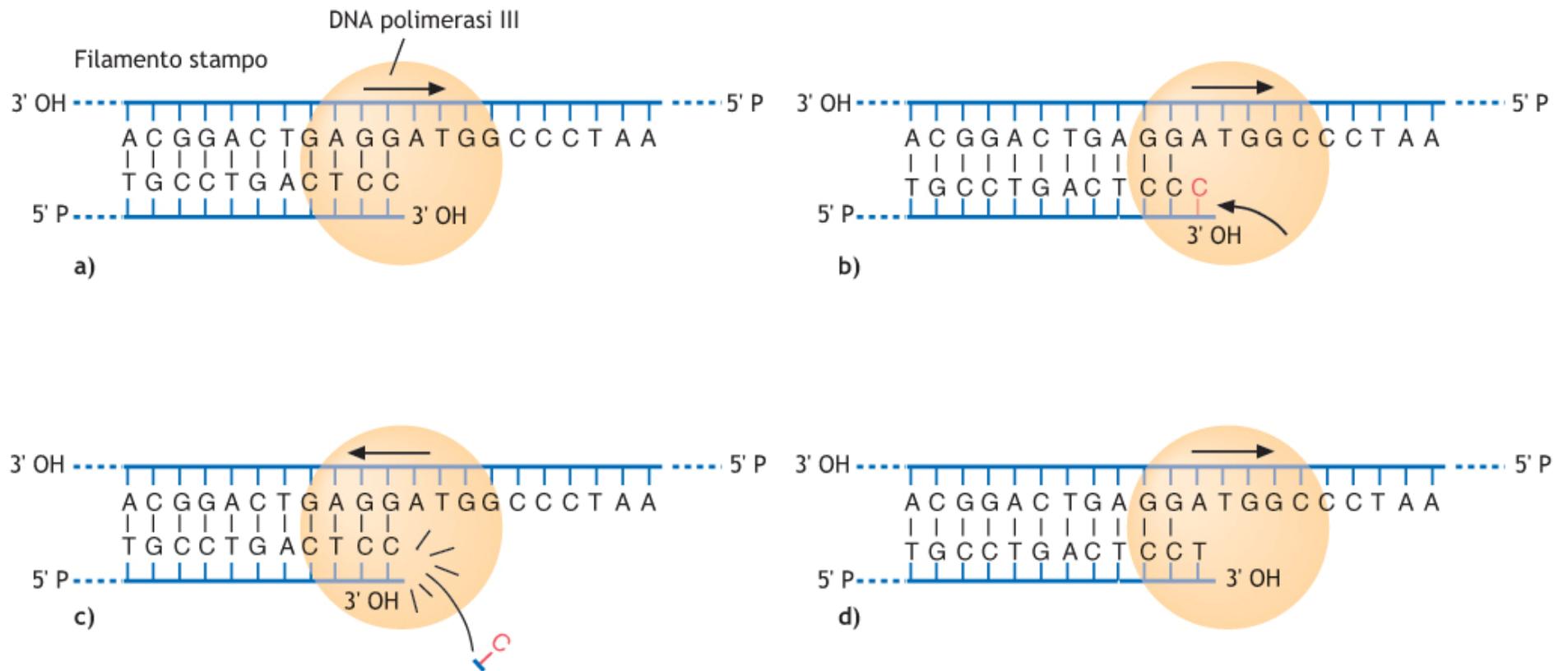
<sup>a</sup>Polymerase III consists of a catalytic core of  $\alpha$  (alpha: 130,000 Da; *dnaE*),  $\epsilon$  (epsilon: 27,500 Da; *dnaQ*; responsible for 3'→5' exonuclease activity), and  $\theta$  (theta: 10,000 Da; *holE*), and 7 other subunits:  $\tau$  (tau: 71,000 Da; *dnaX*),  $\gamma$  (gamma: 47,500 Da; *dnaX*),  $\delta$  (delta: 35,000 Da; *holA*),  $\delta'$  (delta prime: 33,000 Da; *holB*),  $\chi$  (chi: 15,000 Da; *holC*),  $\psi$  (psi: 12,000 Da; *holD*), and  $\beta$  (beta: 40,600 Da; *dnaN*).



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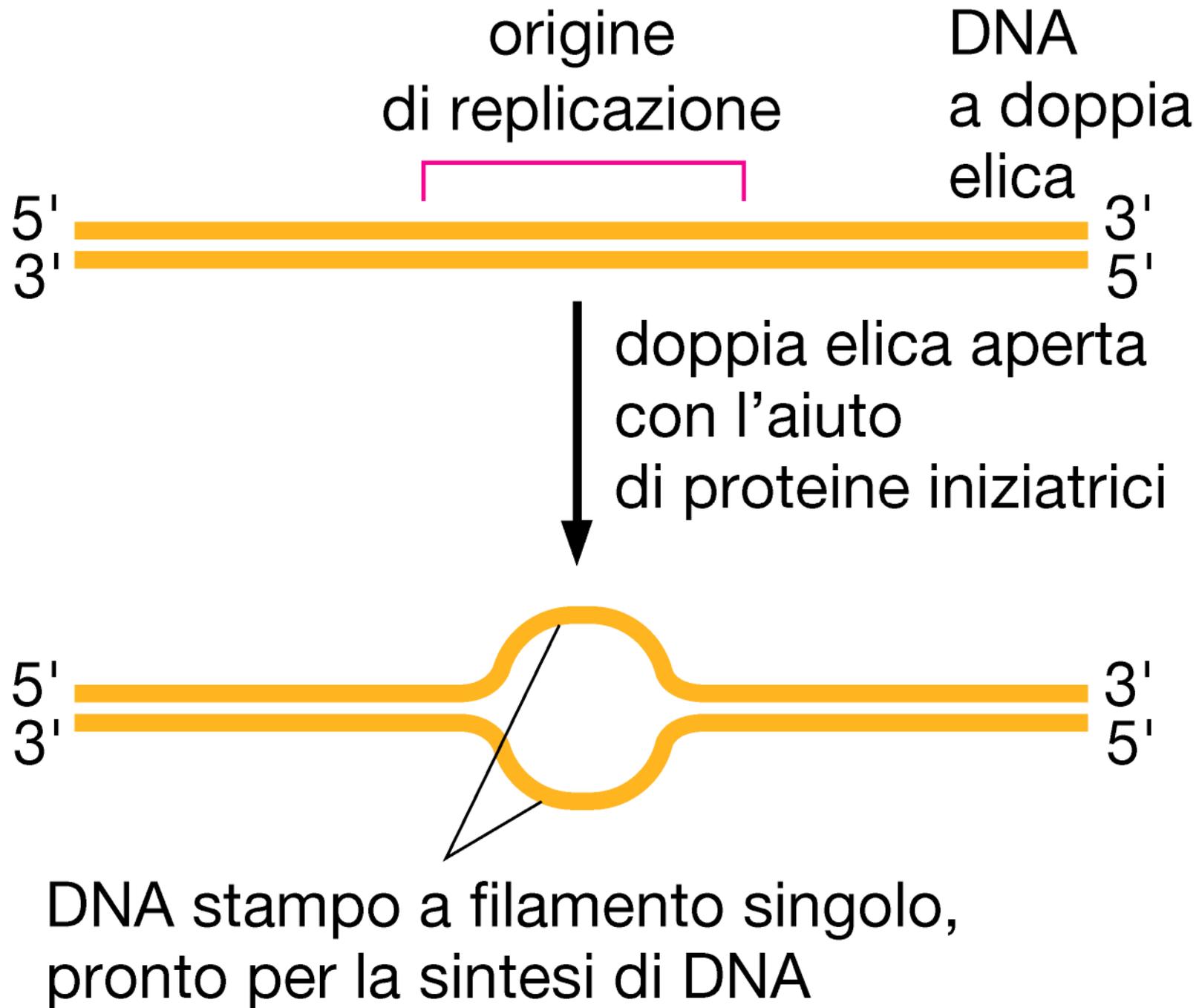
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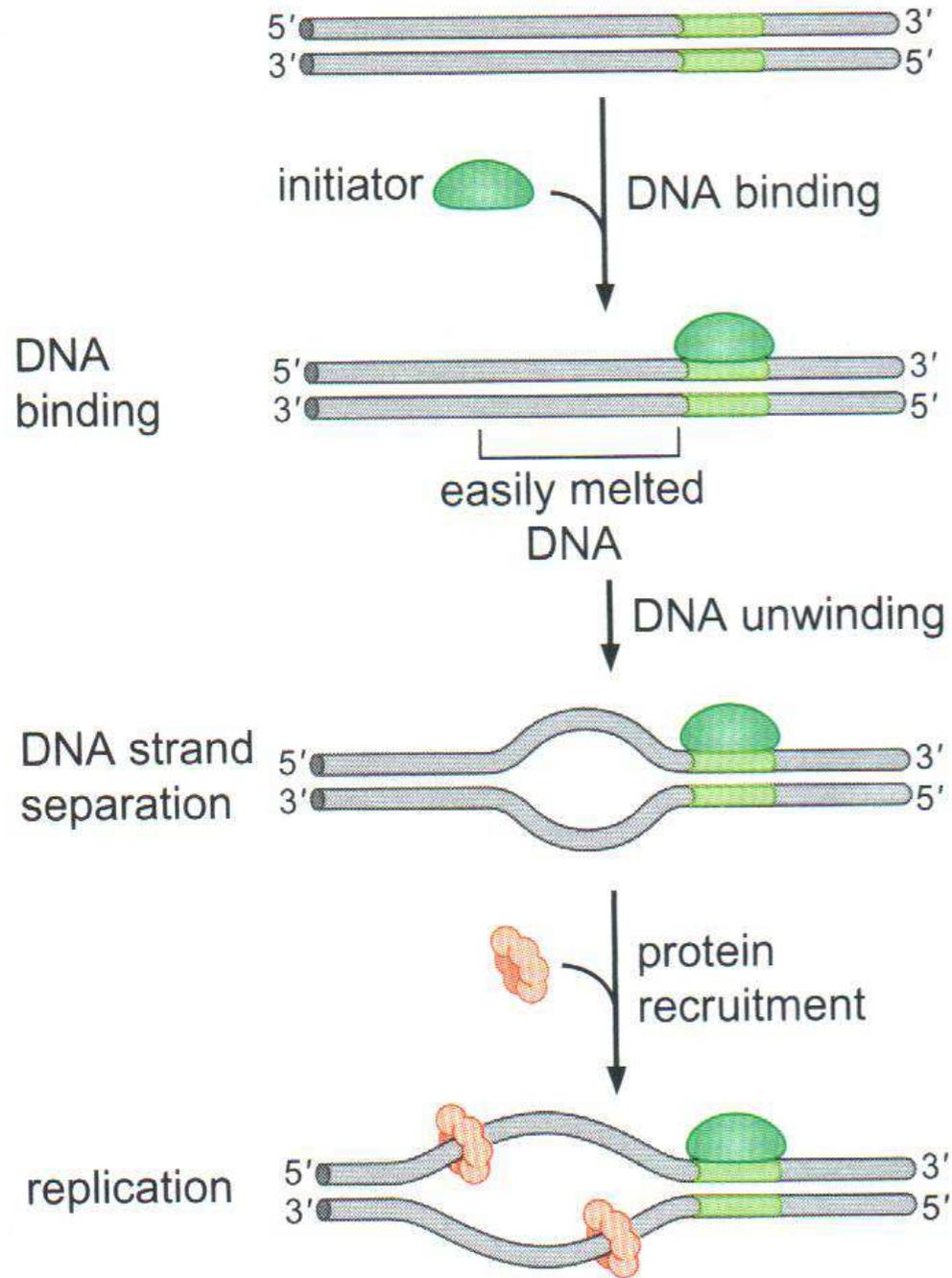
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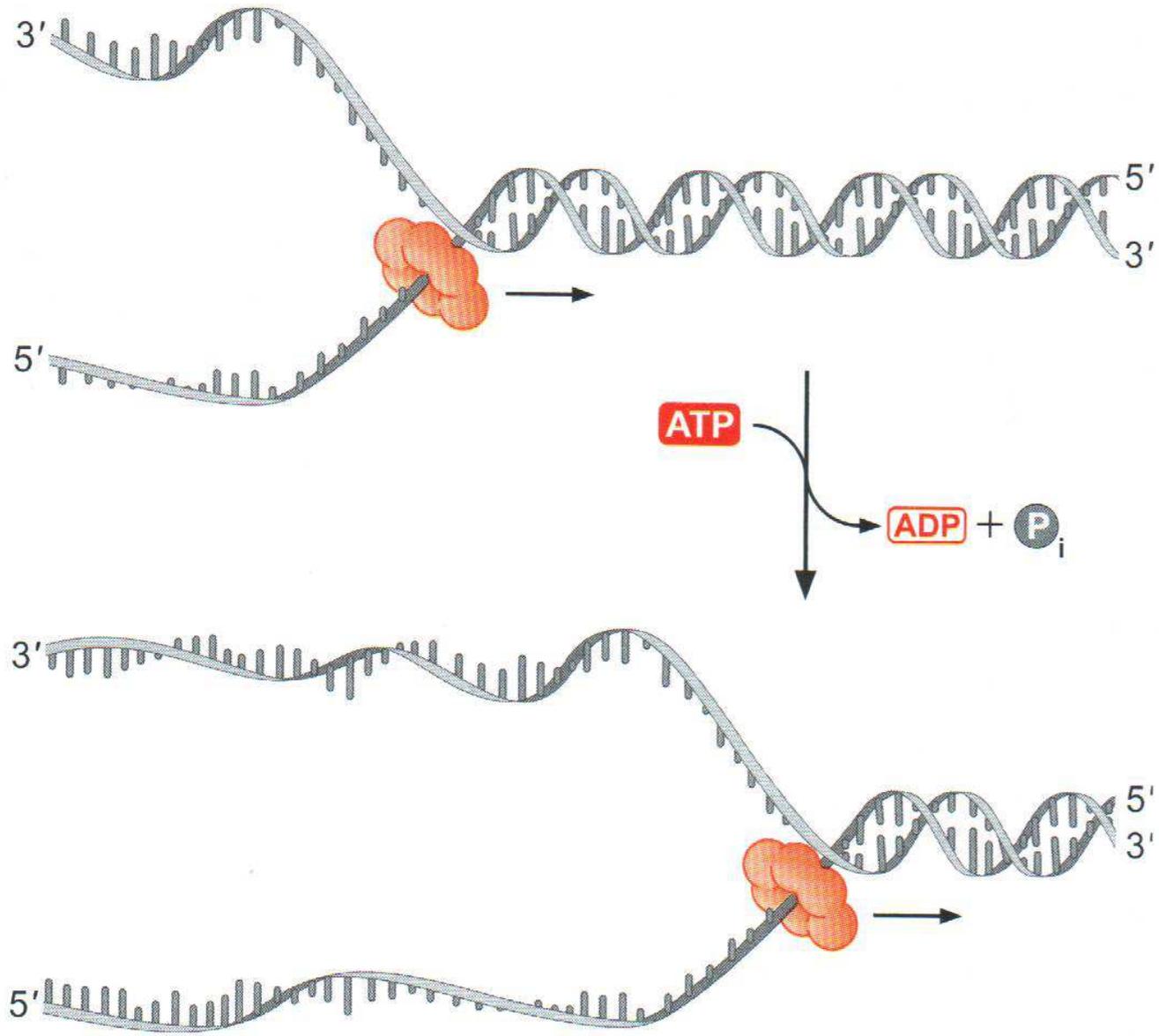


**FIGURA 4.13** a) L'enzima sintetizza dall'estremo 5'P all'estremo 3'OH. b) Viene aggiunto un nucleotide errato. c) L'enzima innesca l'attività esonucleasica 3'OH → 5'P. d) L'enzima riprende la sua attività polimerasica.

# **Fase di Inizio**



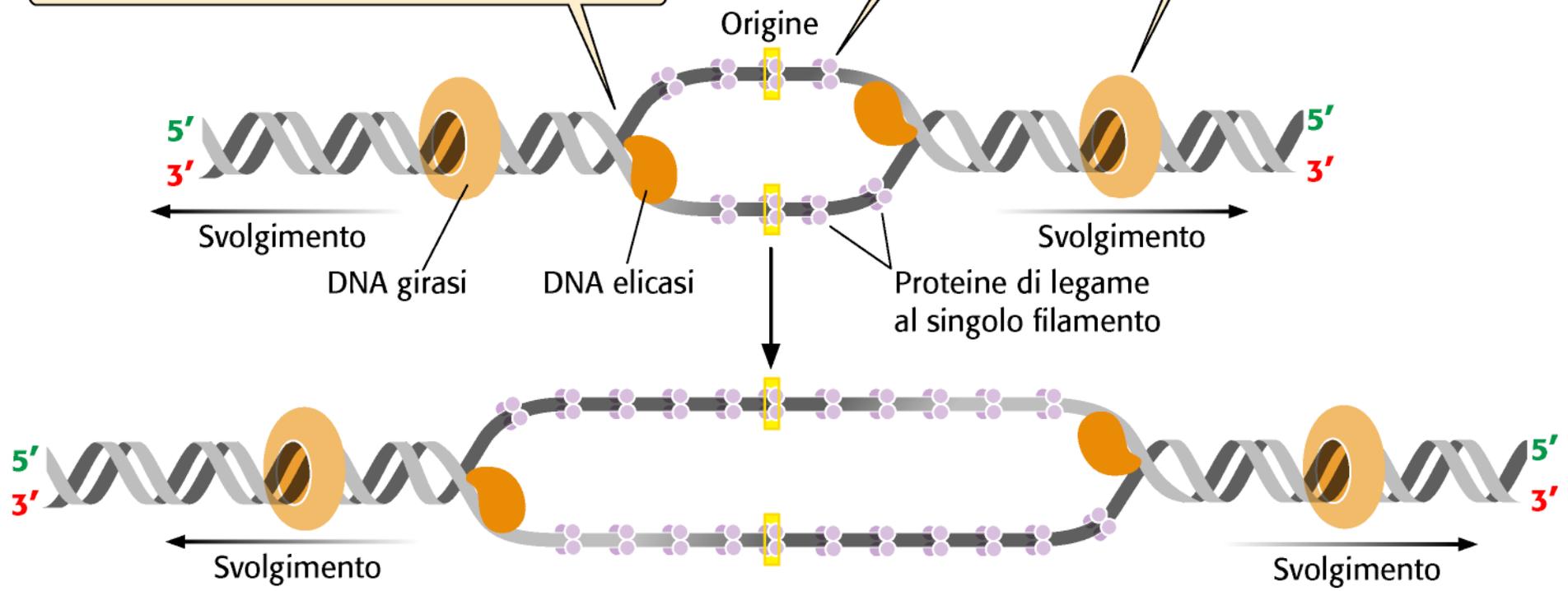




**1** La DNA elicasi si lega al filamento ritardato che funge da stampo a livello di ogni forcella di replicazione e si muove in direzione 5' → 3' lungo tale filamento, rompendo i legami idrogeno e spostando la forcella di replicazione.

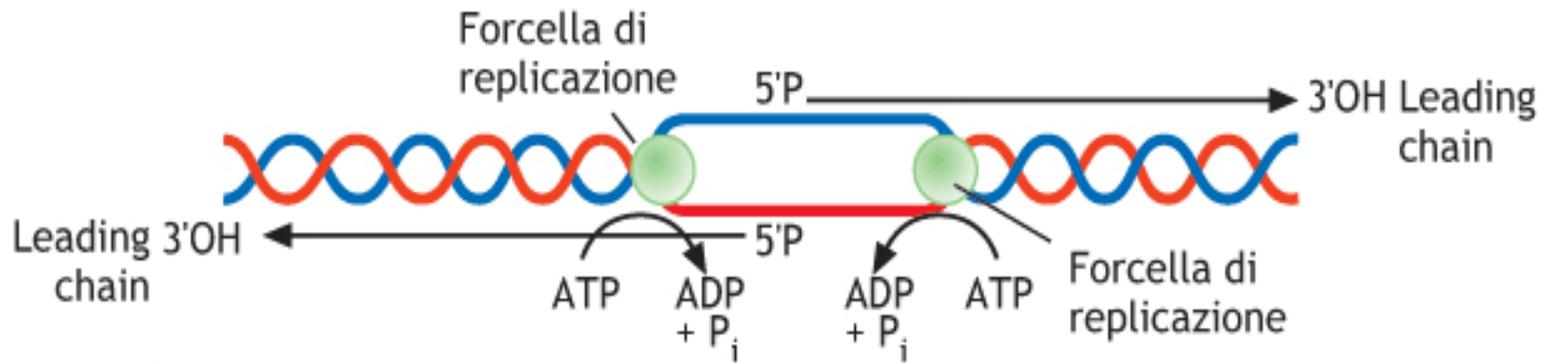
**2** Le proteine di legame al singolo filamento stabilizzano il DNA a singolo filamento esposto.

**3** La DNA girasi rilascia la tensione davanti alla forcella di replicazione.

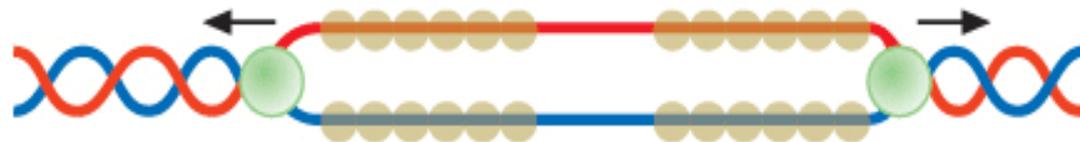




Attacco delle elicasi alla doppia elica

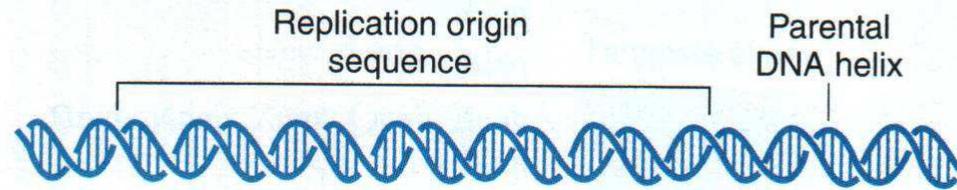


1 molecola di ATP/giro d'elica

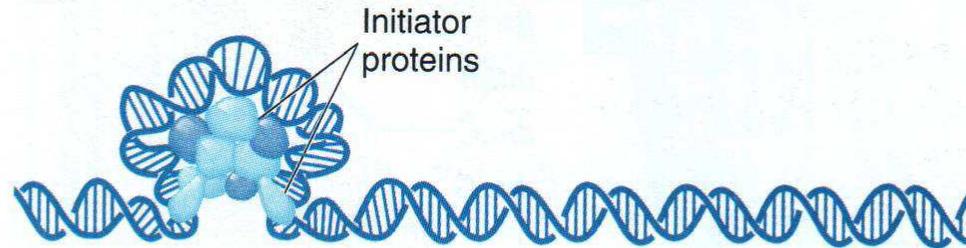


Attacco delle proteine ai filamenti singoli per mantenerli separati

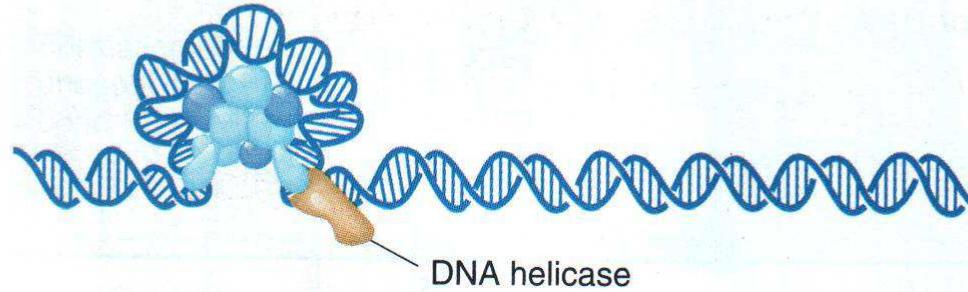
-  Elicasi, proteine che si attaccano alla doppia elica e la aprono
-  Proteine di srotolamento, che destabilizzano l'elica dopo essersi attaccate ai filamenti singoli
-  Direzione di avanzamento



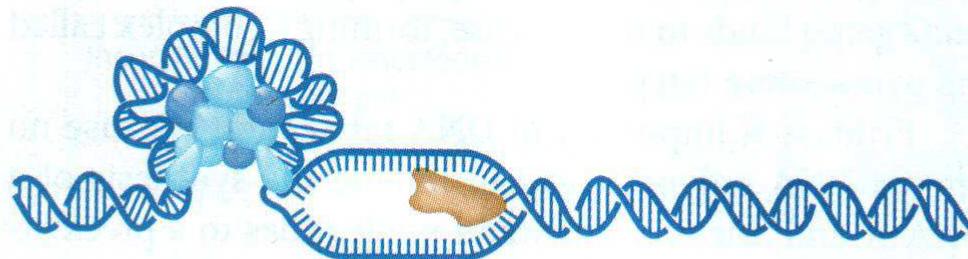
**1** Initiator proteins bind to replication origin



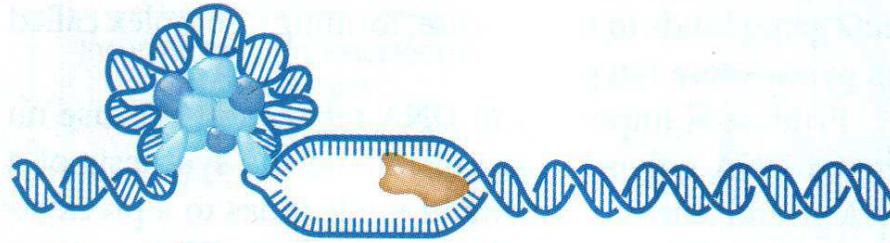
**2** DNA helicase binds to initiator proteins



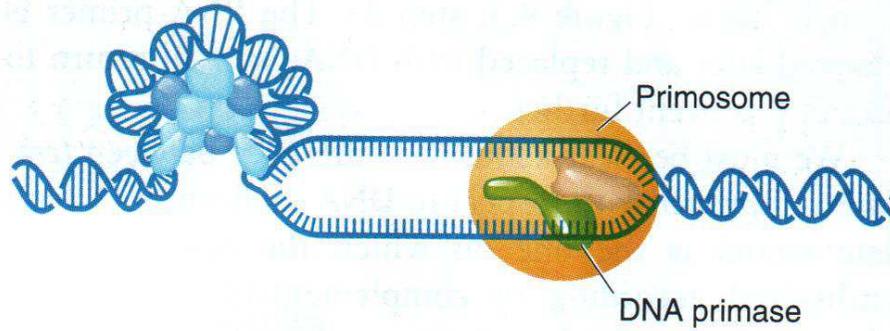
**3** Helicase loads onto DNA



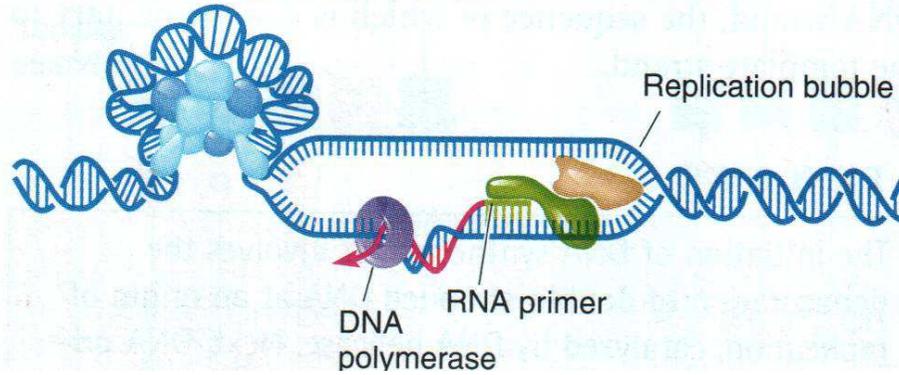
3 Helicase loads onto DNA



4 Helicase denatures helix and binds with DNA primase to form primosome

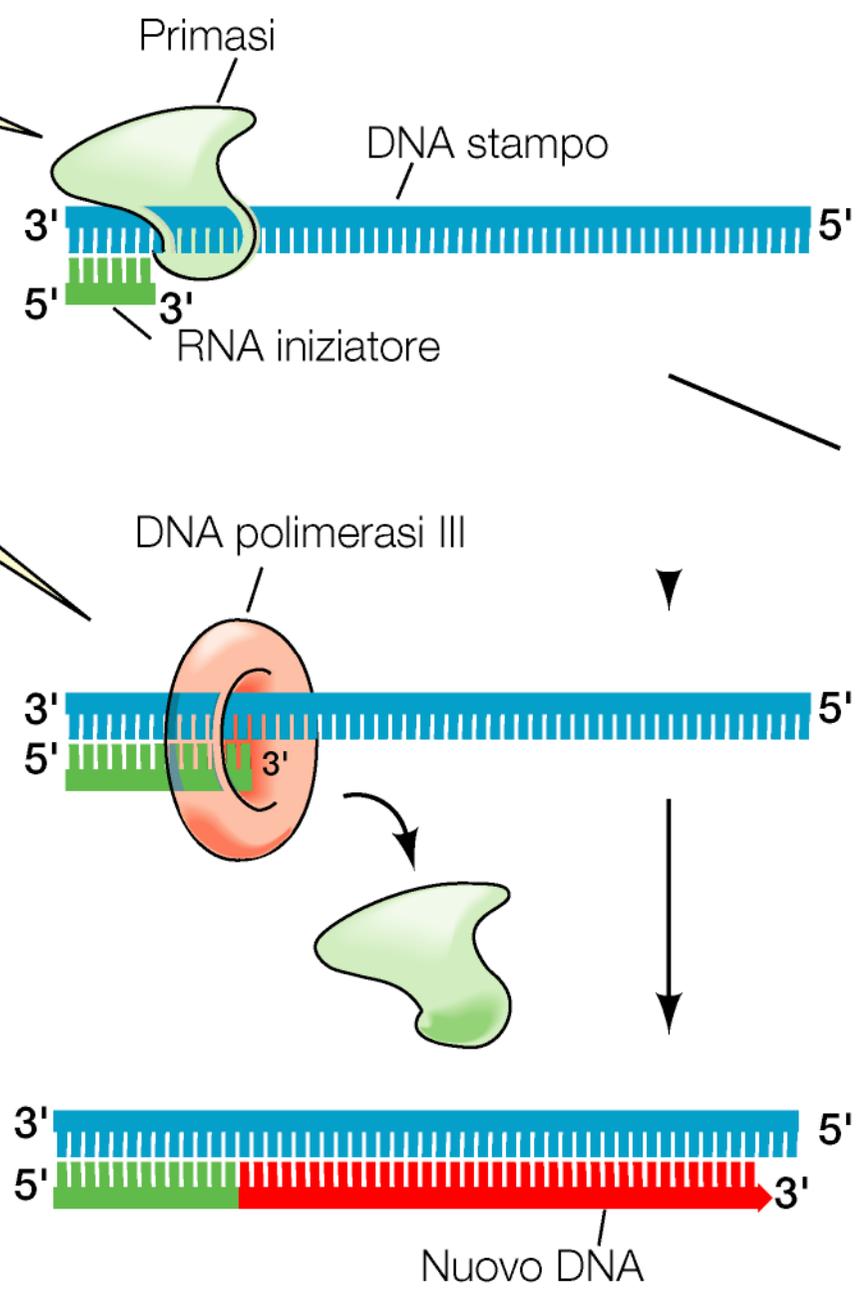


5 Primase synthesizes RNA primer, which is extended as DNA chain by DNA polymerase

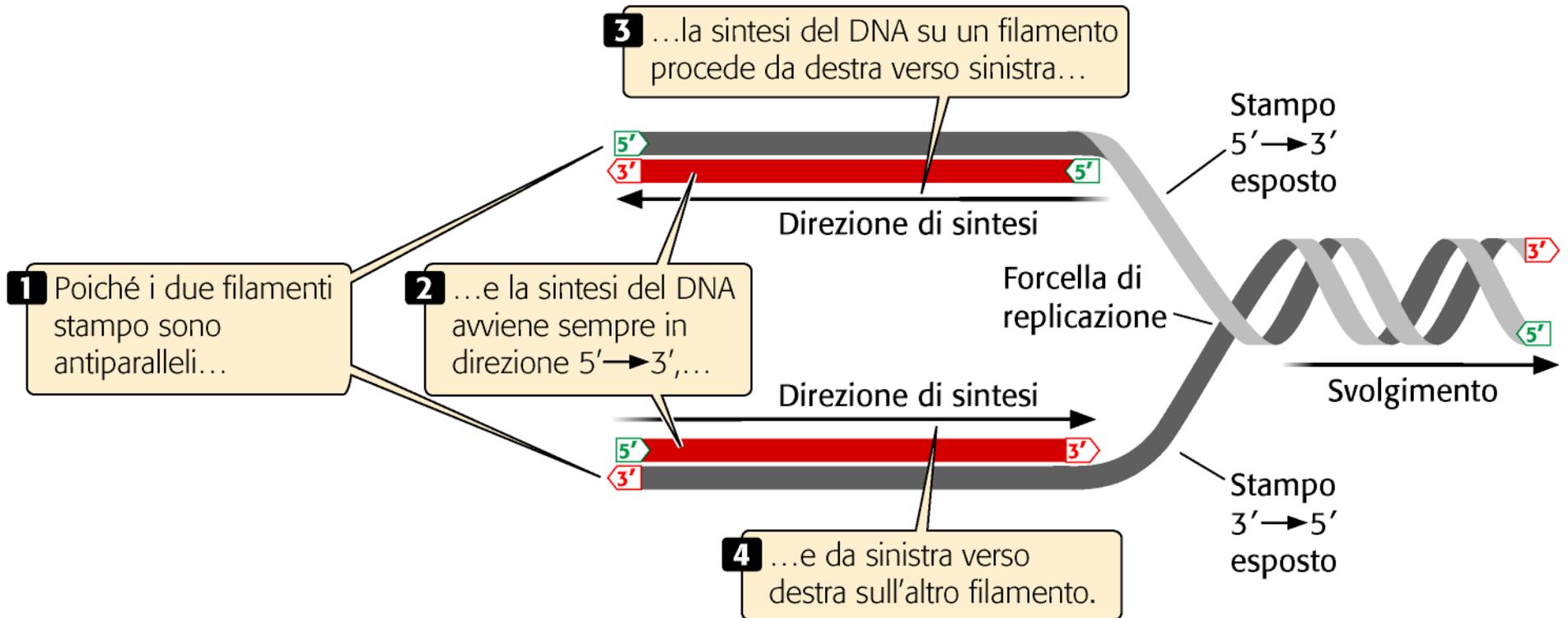


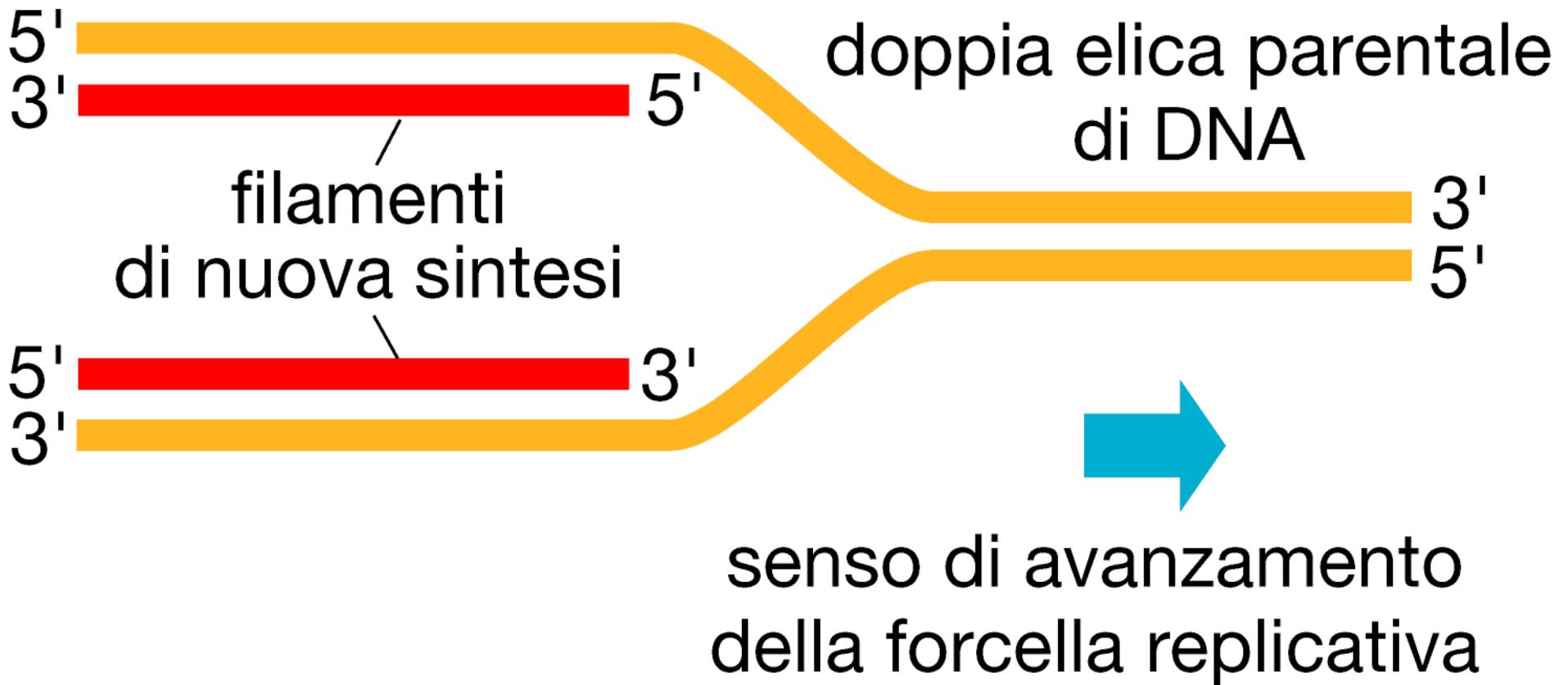
**1** La primasi si lega al filamento stampo e sintetizza un RNA iniziatore.

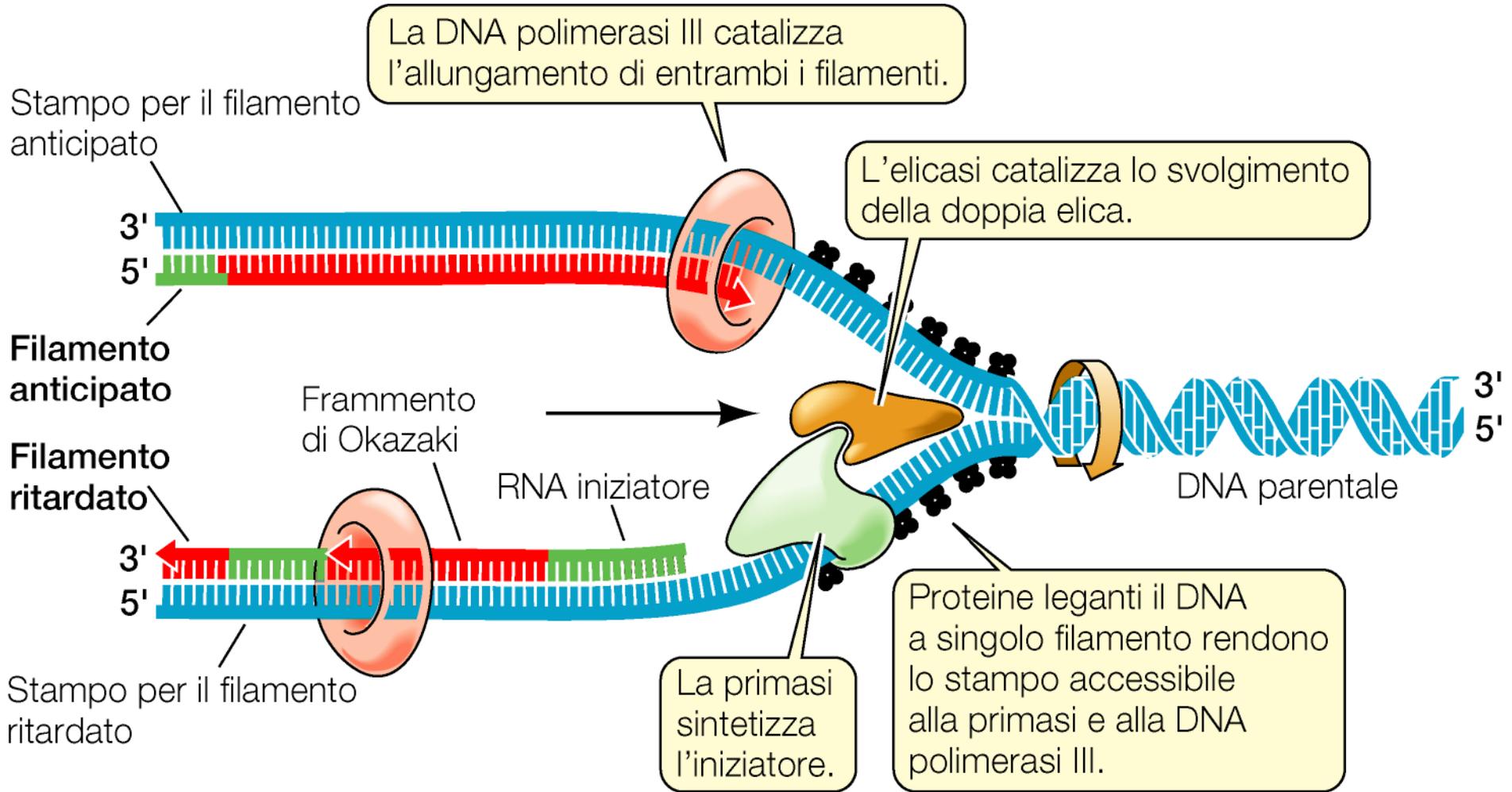
**2** Quando l'iniziatore è stato completato, la primasi viene rilasciata. La DNA polimerasi si lega e inizia a catalizzare la sintesi di nuovo DNA.

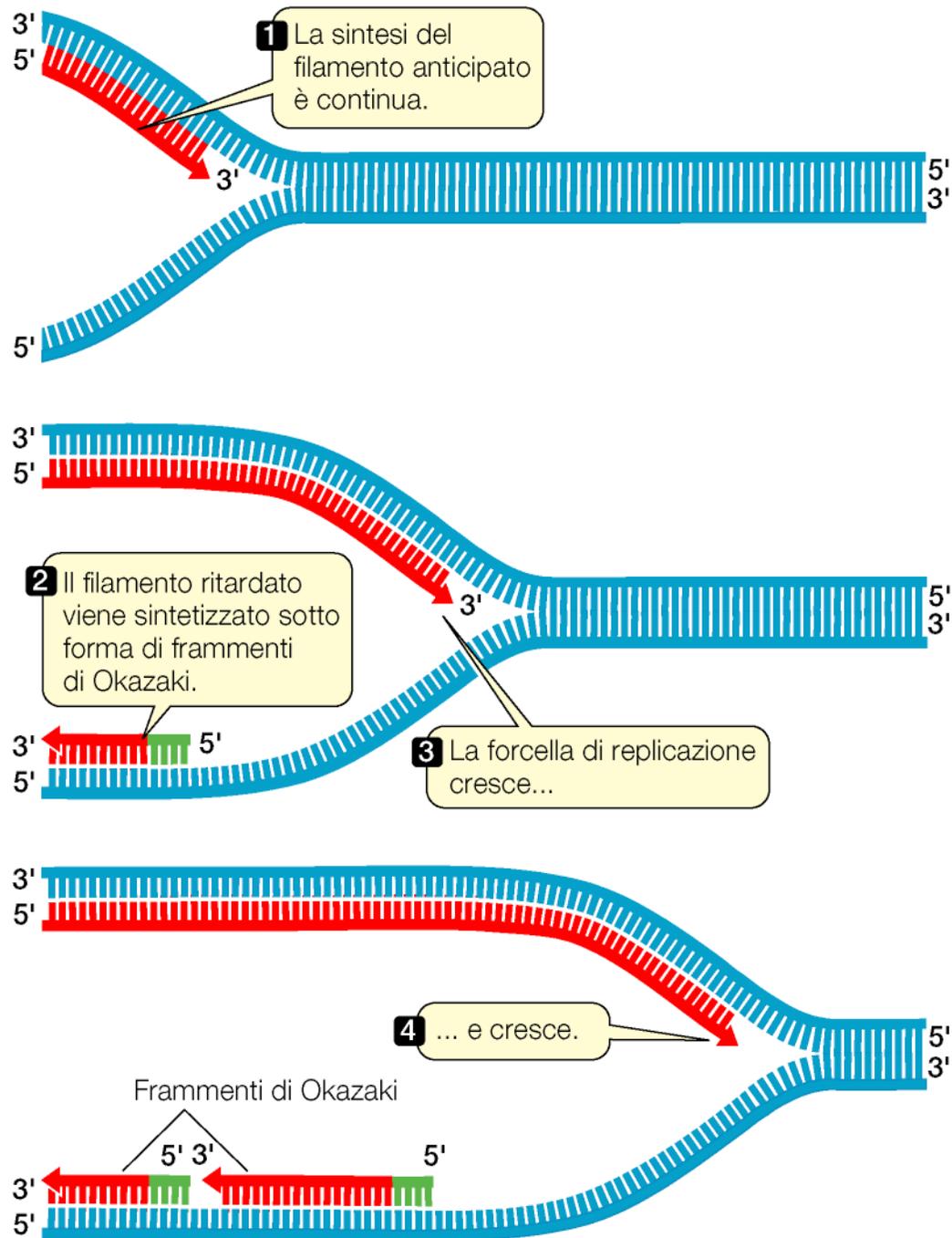


# **Fase di Elongazione**

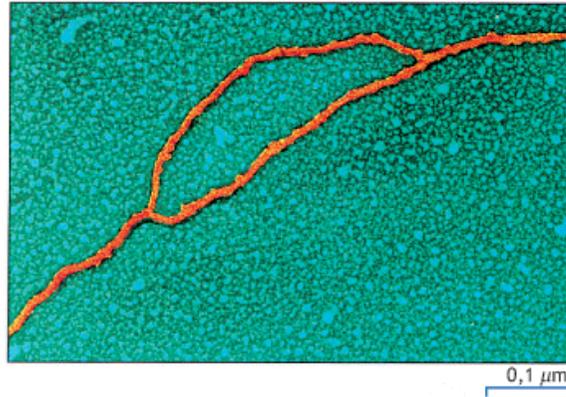




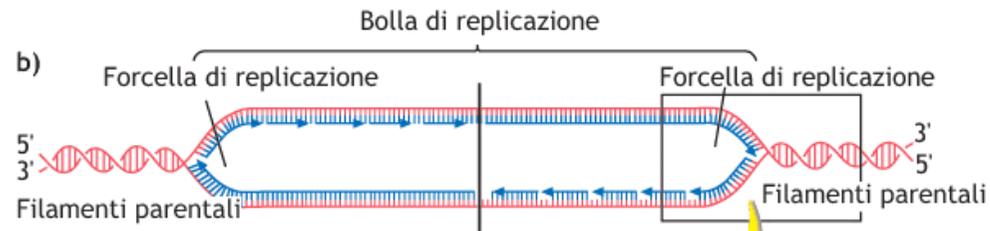




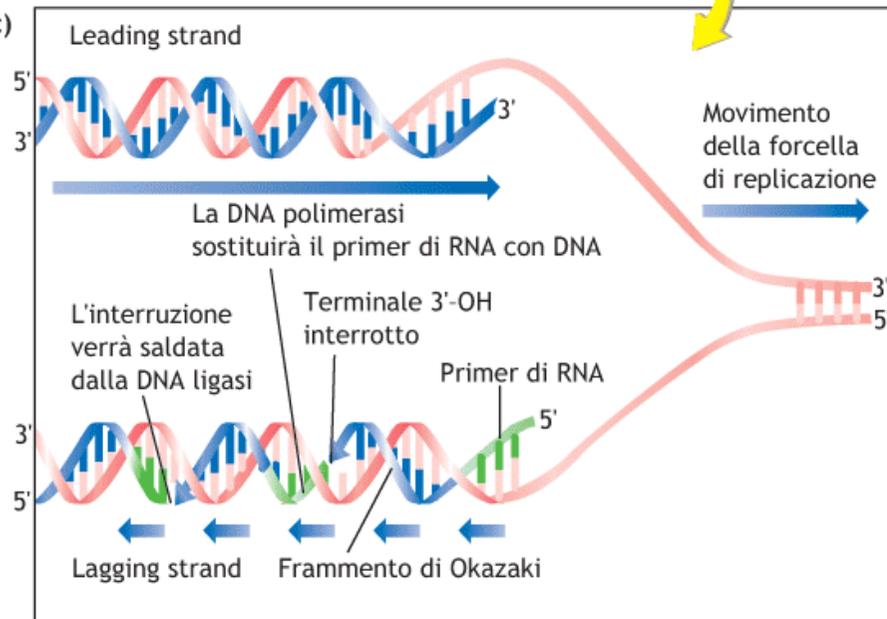
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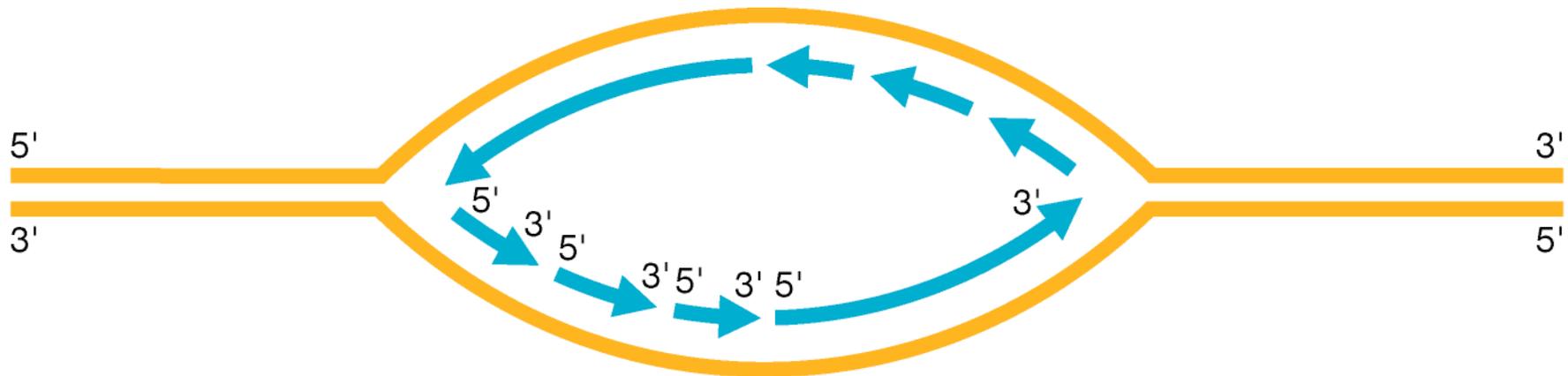


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← direzione di spostamento della forcella replicativa →

