



# Molecular Pathways in Human Cancer

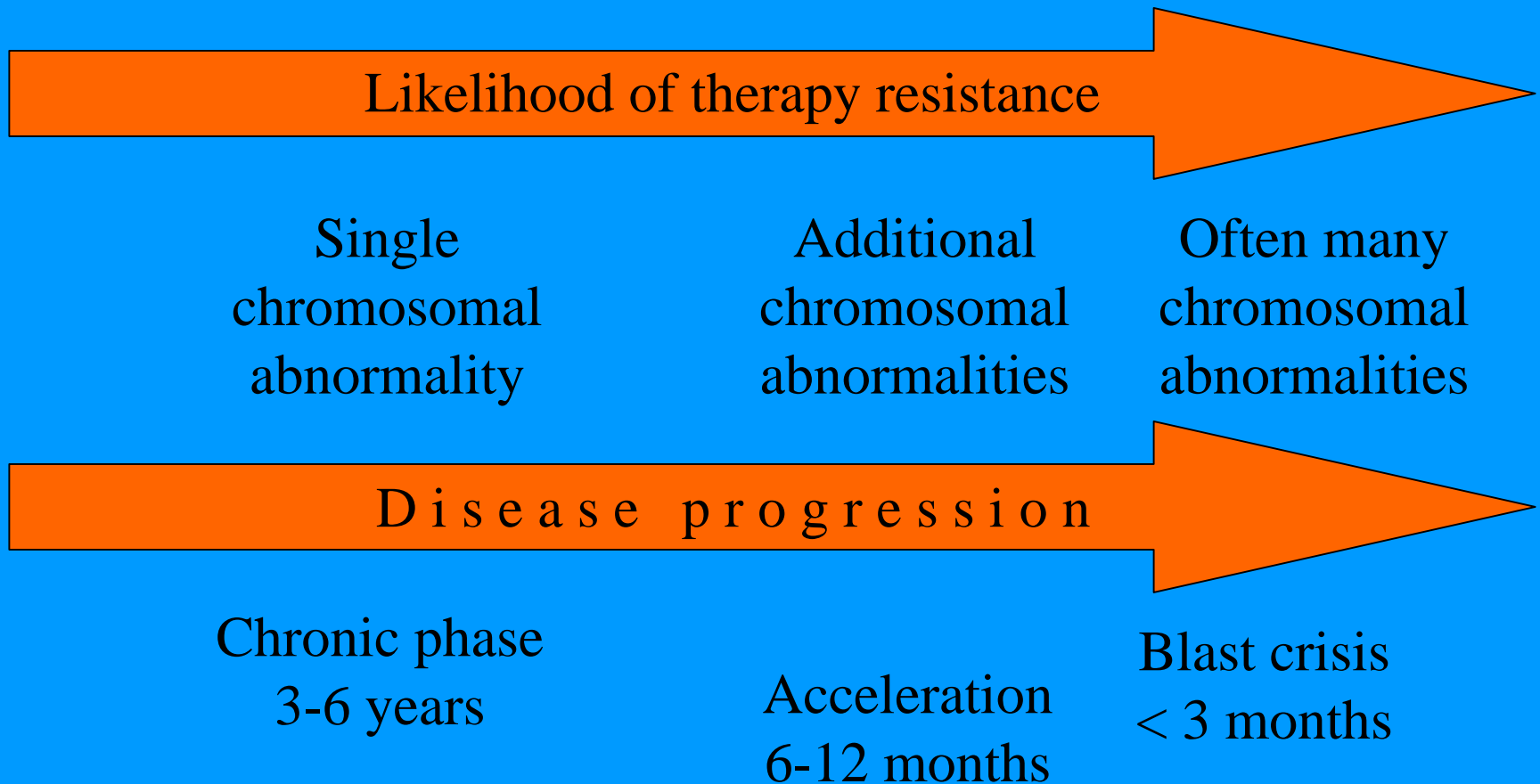
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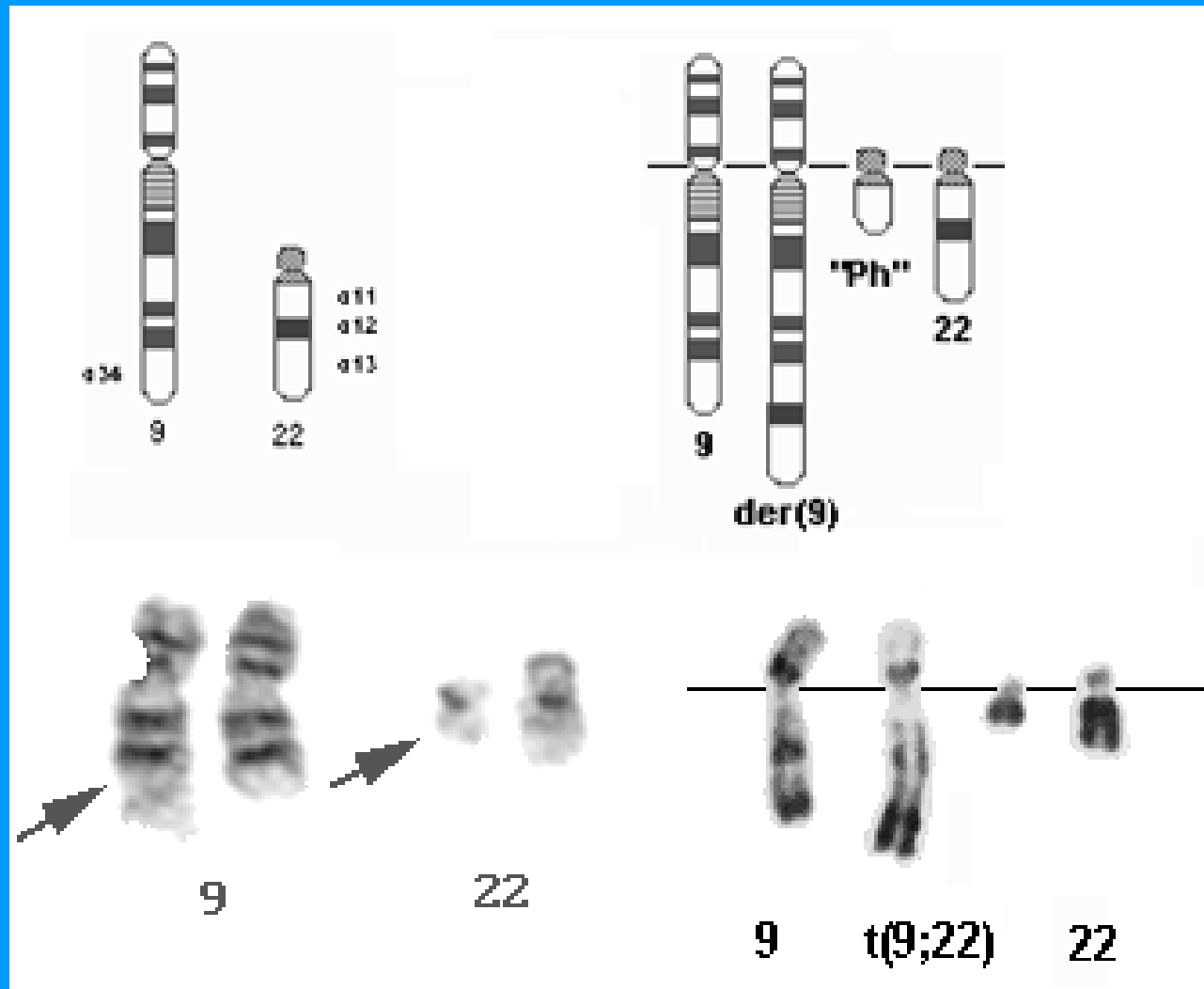
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# „Stereotypic“ course of chronic myeloid leukemia (CML)



# The Philadelphia Chromosome



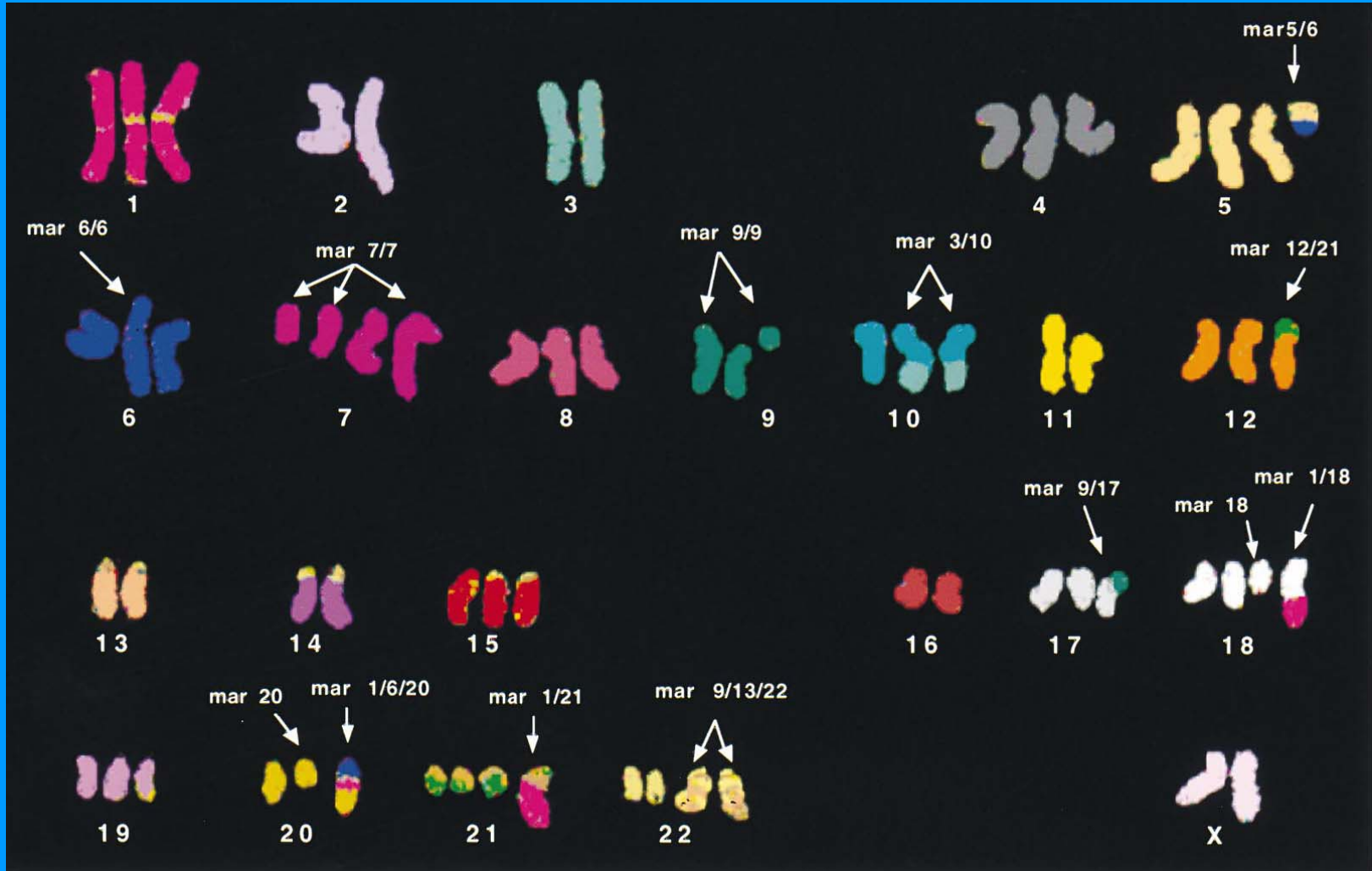
# An „almost normal“ karyotype in CML (chronic phase)



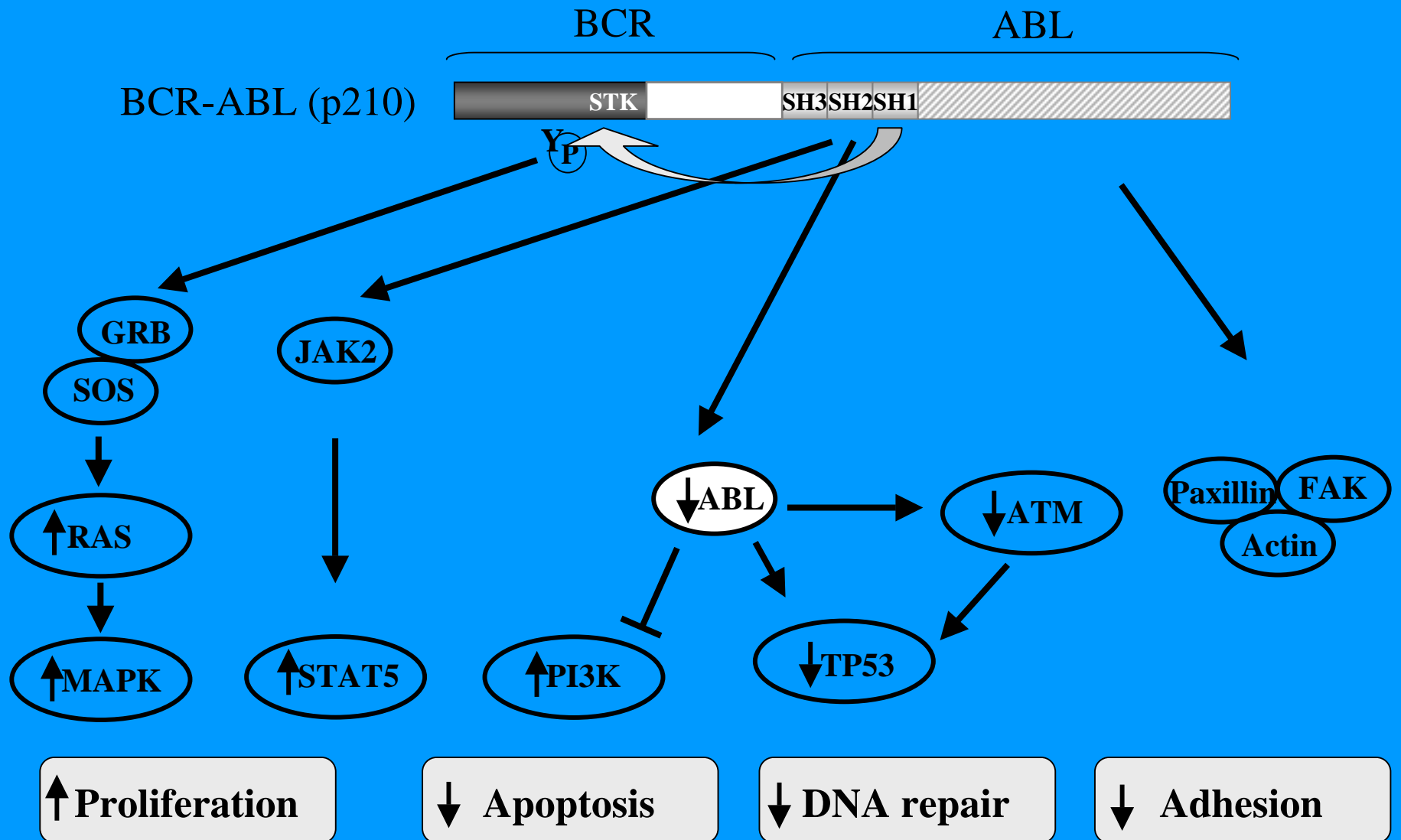
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Note: This karyotype was prepared using a FISH technique known as “chromosome painting”. As well as having a translocation from chromosome 22, chromosome 9 also has translocated material from chromosome 8.

# An extremely aberrant karyotype in CML (Cell line from blast crisis)



# Pleiotropic effects of BCR-ABL fusion



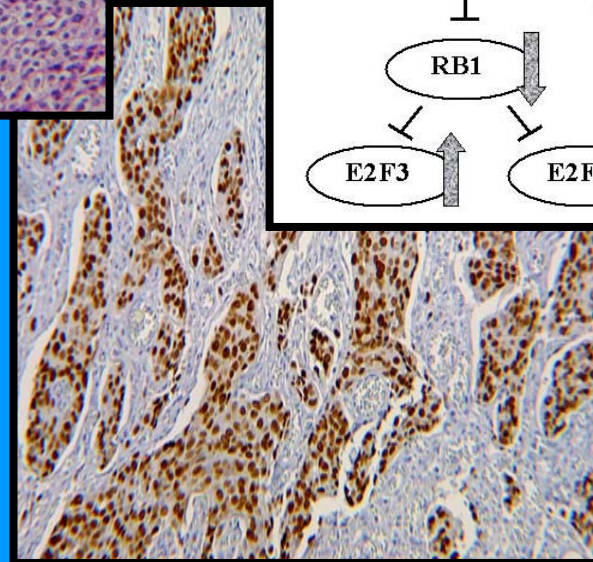
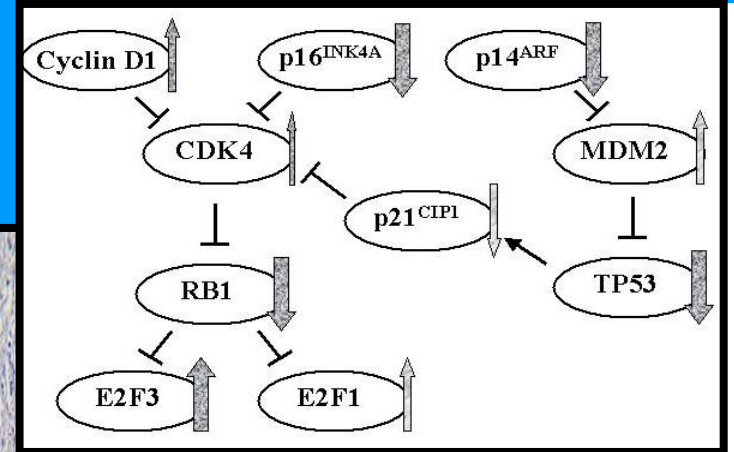
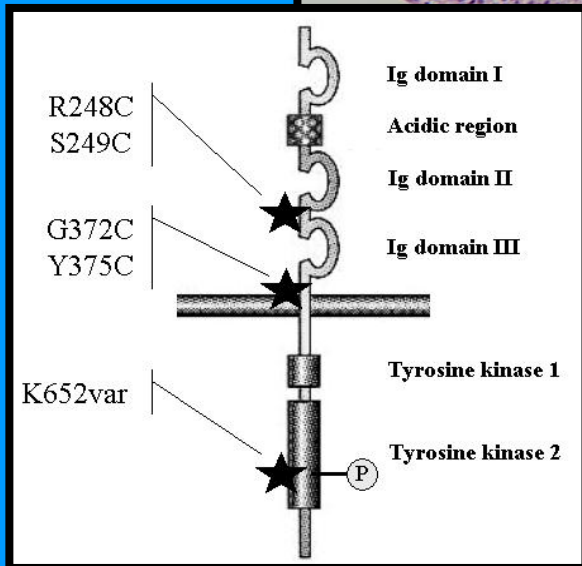
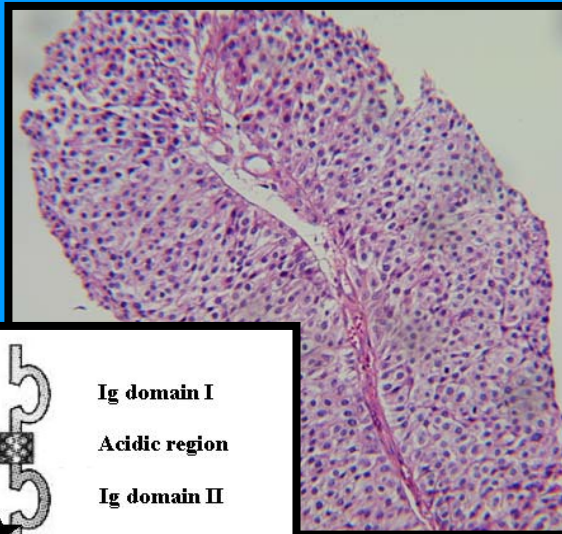
# Summary I:

## Why CML is (usually) easy to predict

- A recurrent chromosomal alteration is its cause
- Tumor progression is indicated by the appearance of additional changes although these are not as homogeneous
- Probability of resistance to therapy increases essentially with disease progression although there can be various mechanisms

# Two types of bladder cancer

## Papillary urothelial cancer

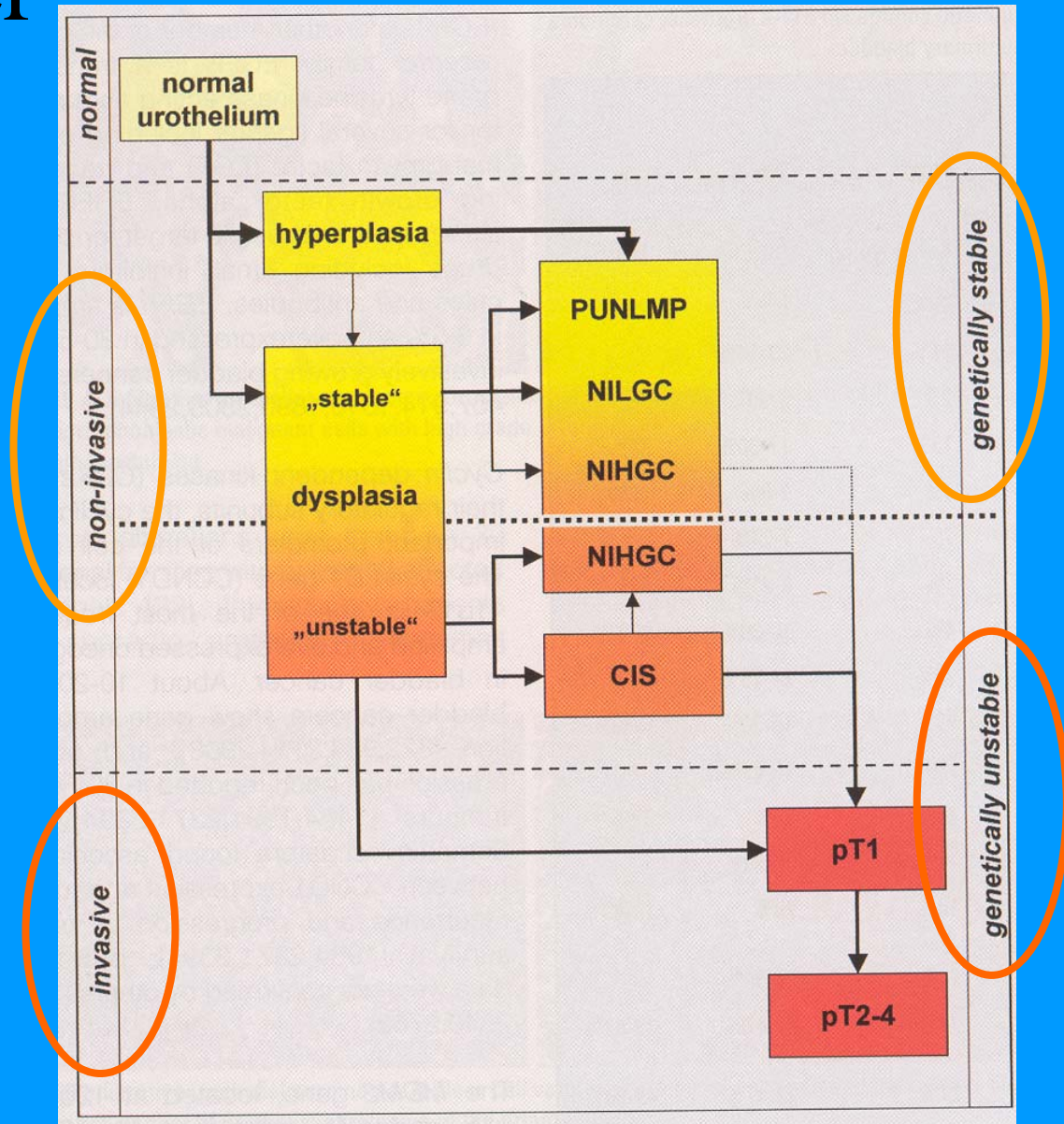


## Invasive urothelial cancer

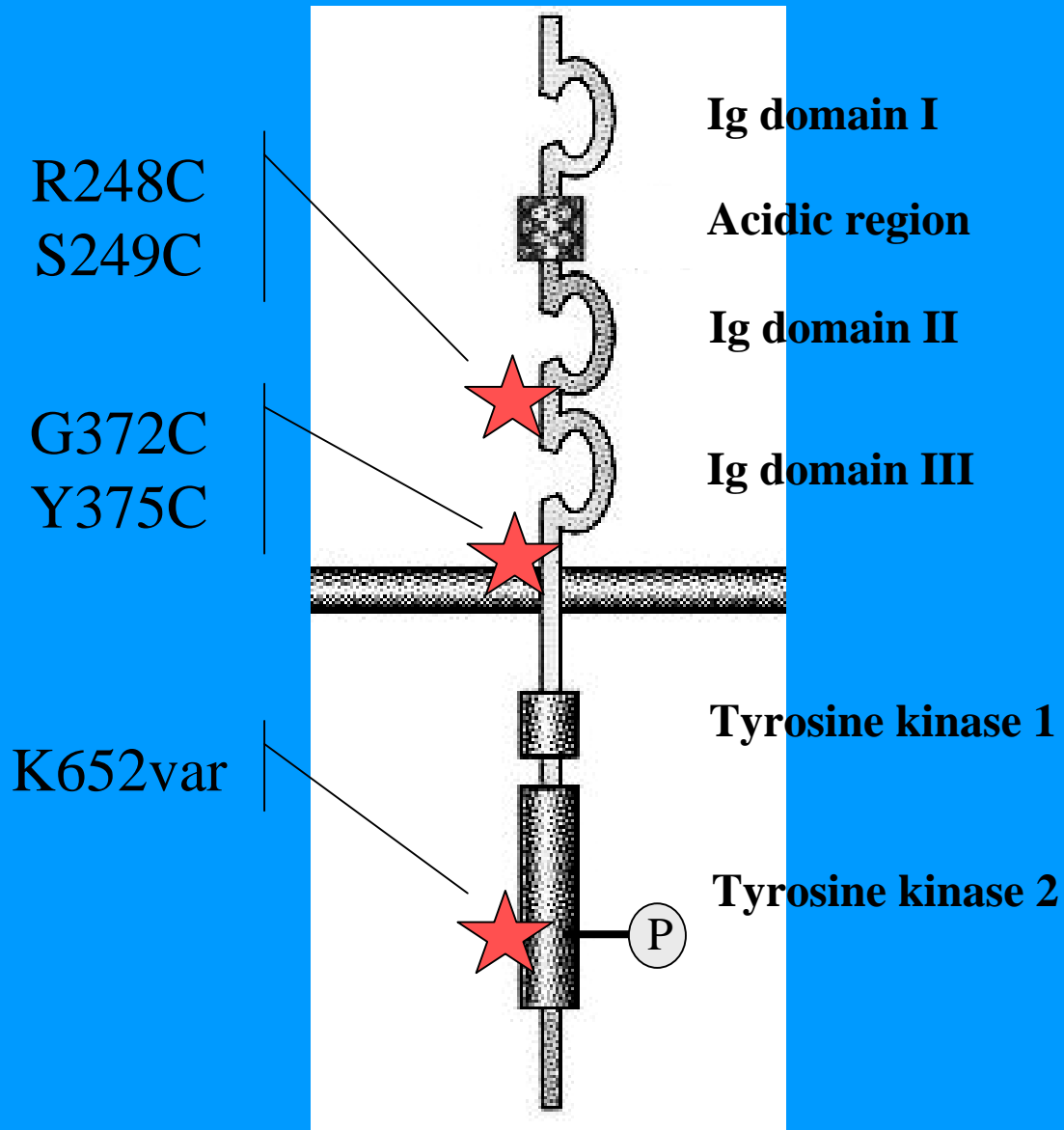


# Urothelial cancer progression and genomic stability

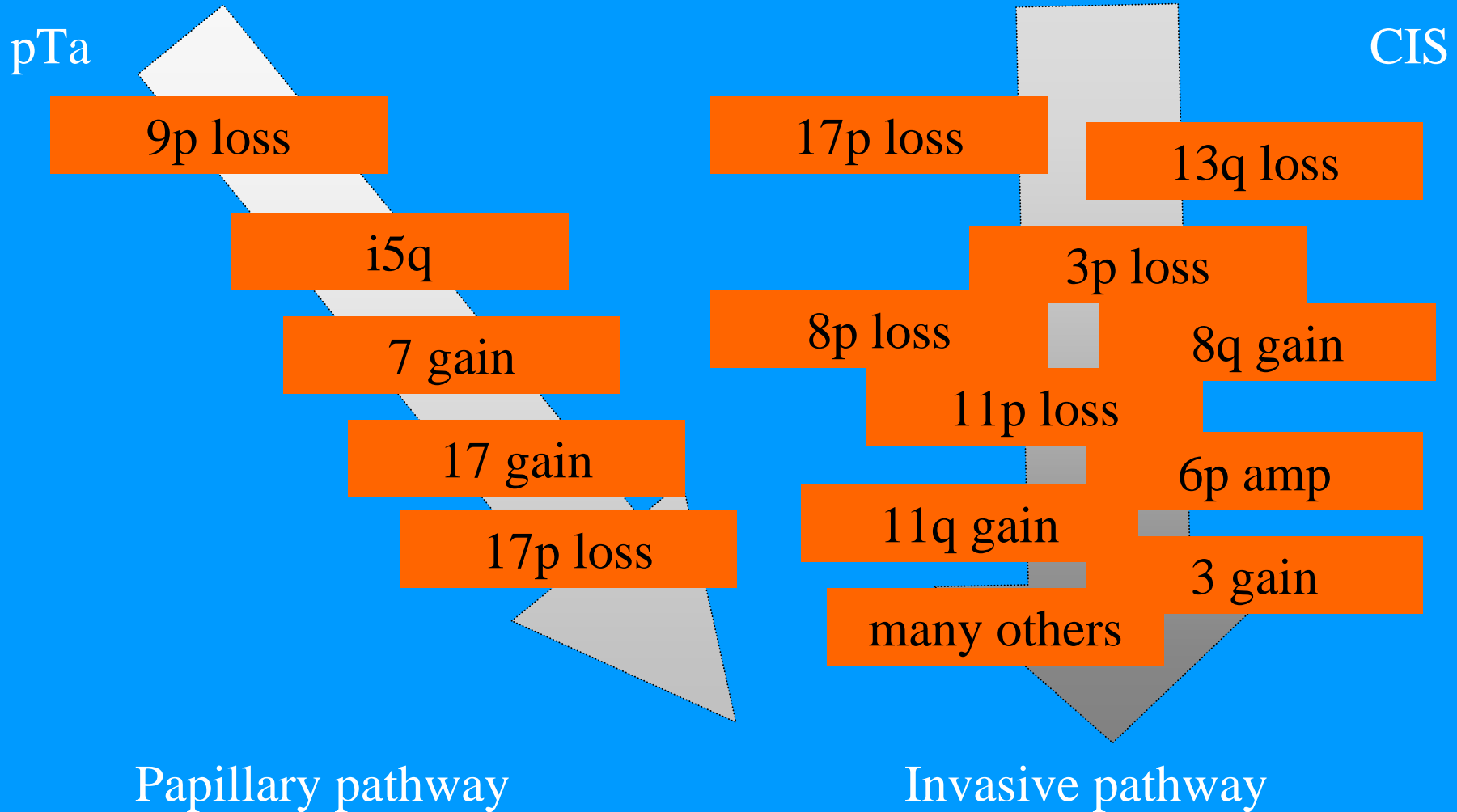
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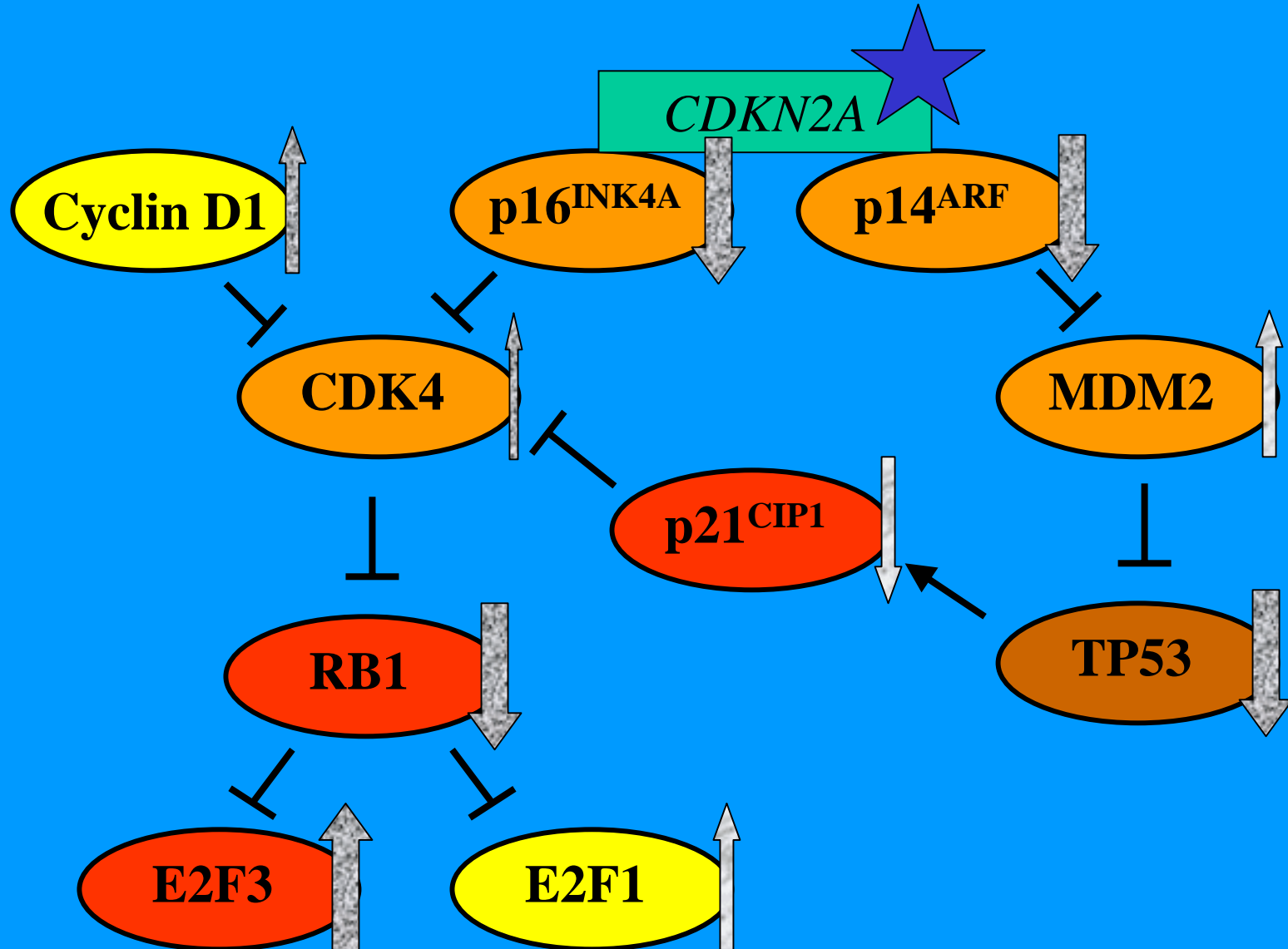
# Mutations of FGFR3 in papillary bladder cancer



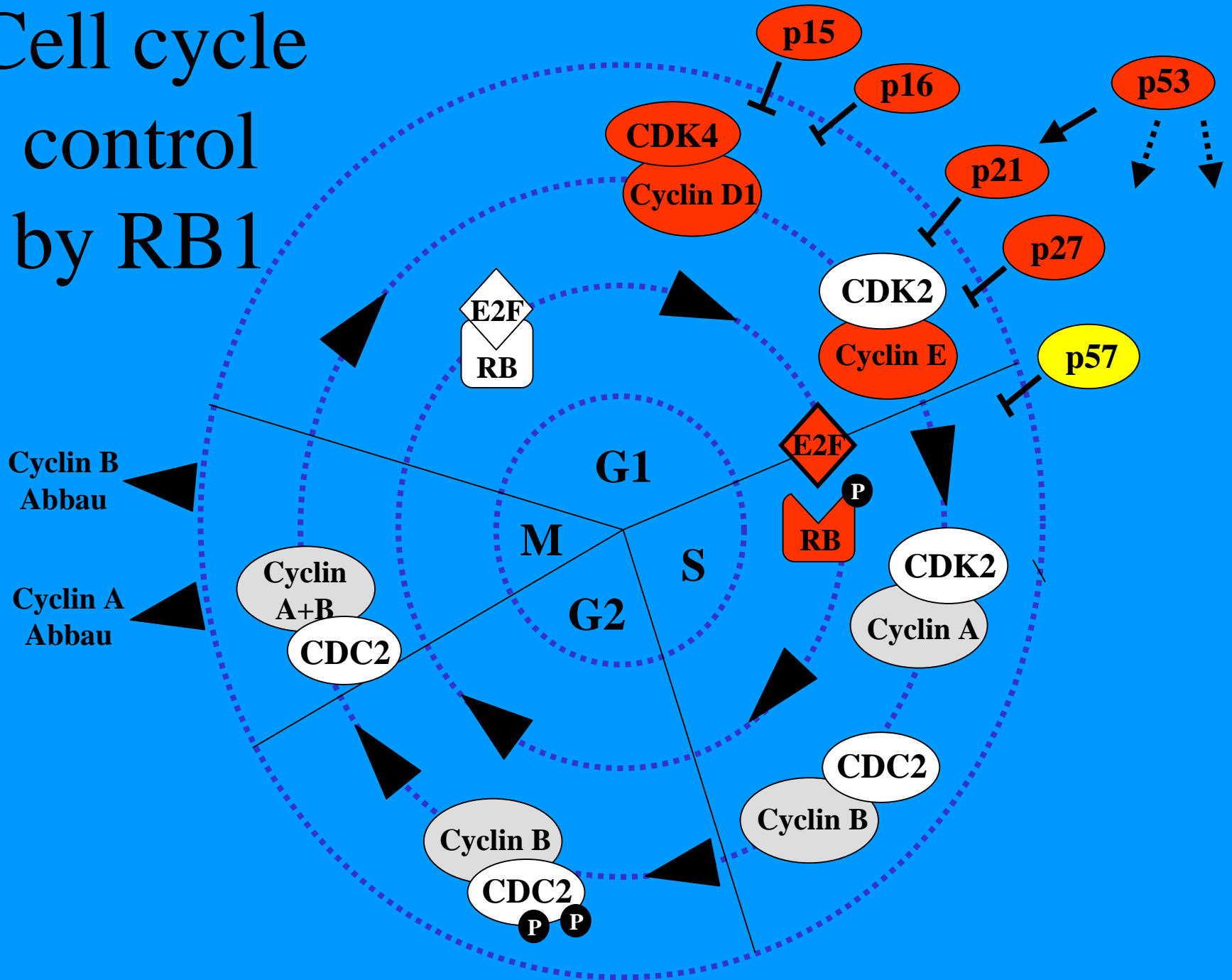
# Chromosomal changes in bladder cancers



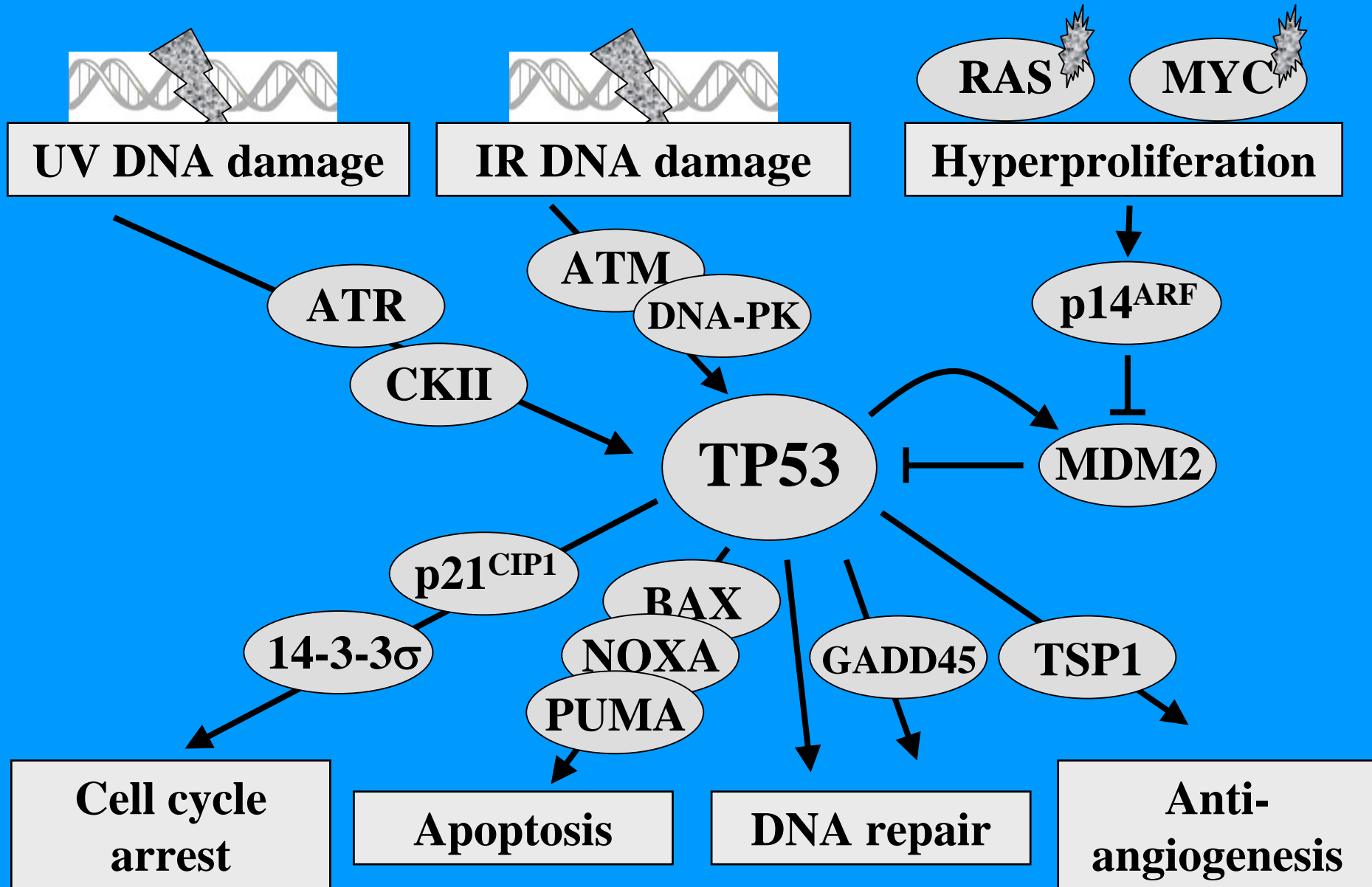
The interlinked RB1 and TP53 networks are regularly compromised in bladder cancer



# Cell cycle control by RB1

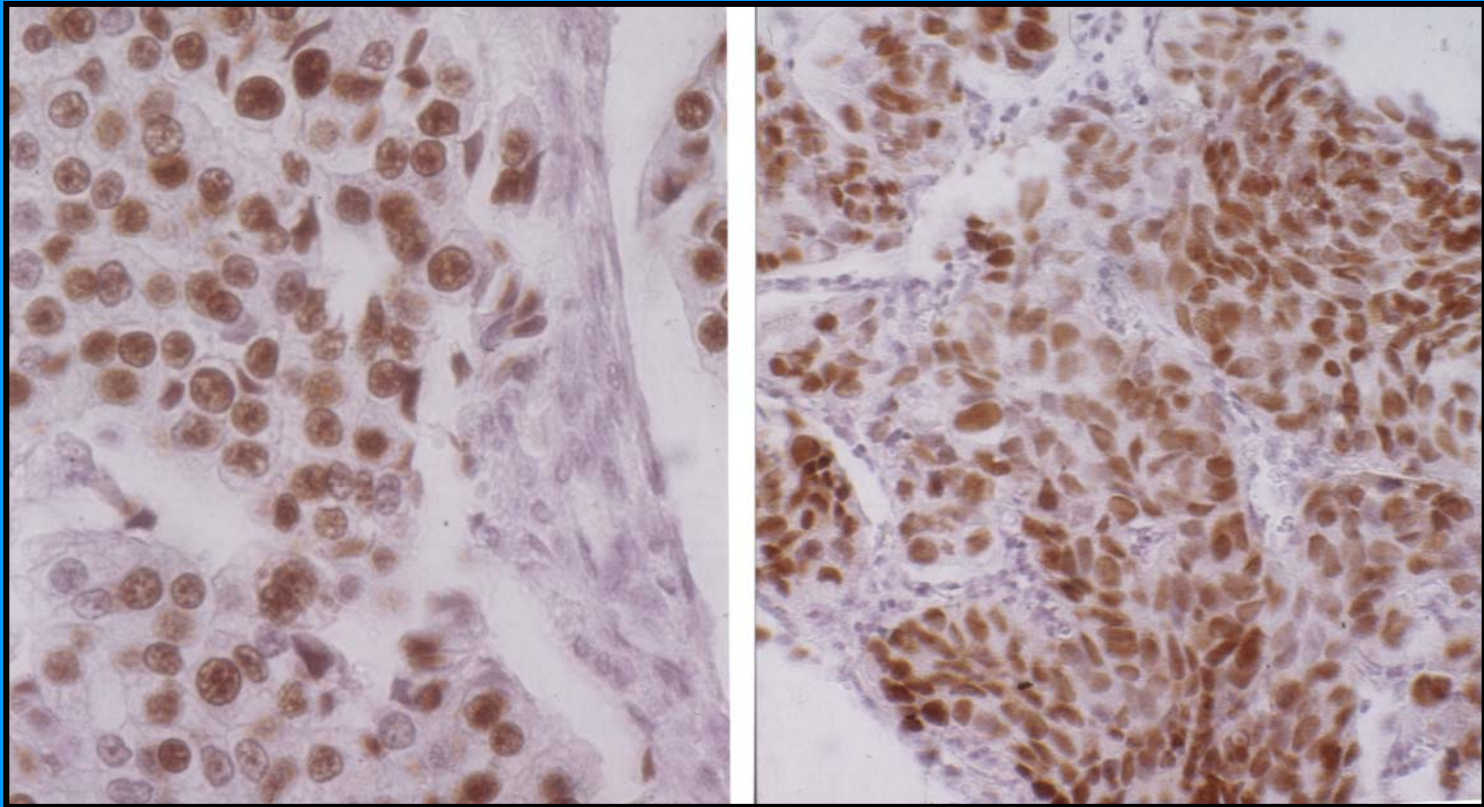


# The TP53 network

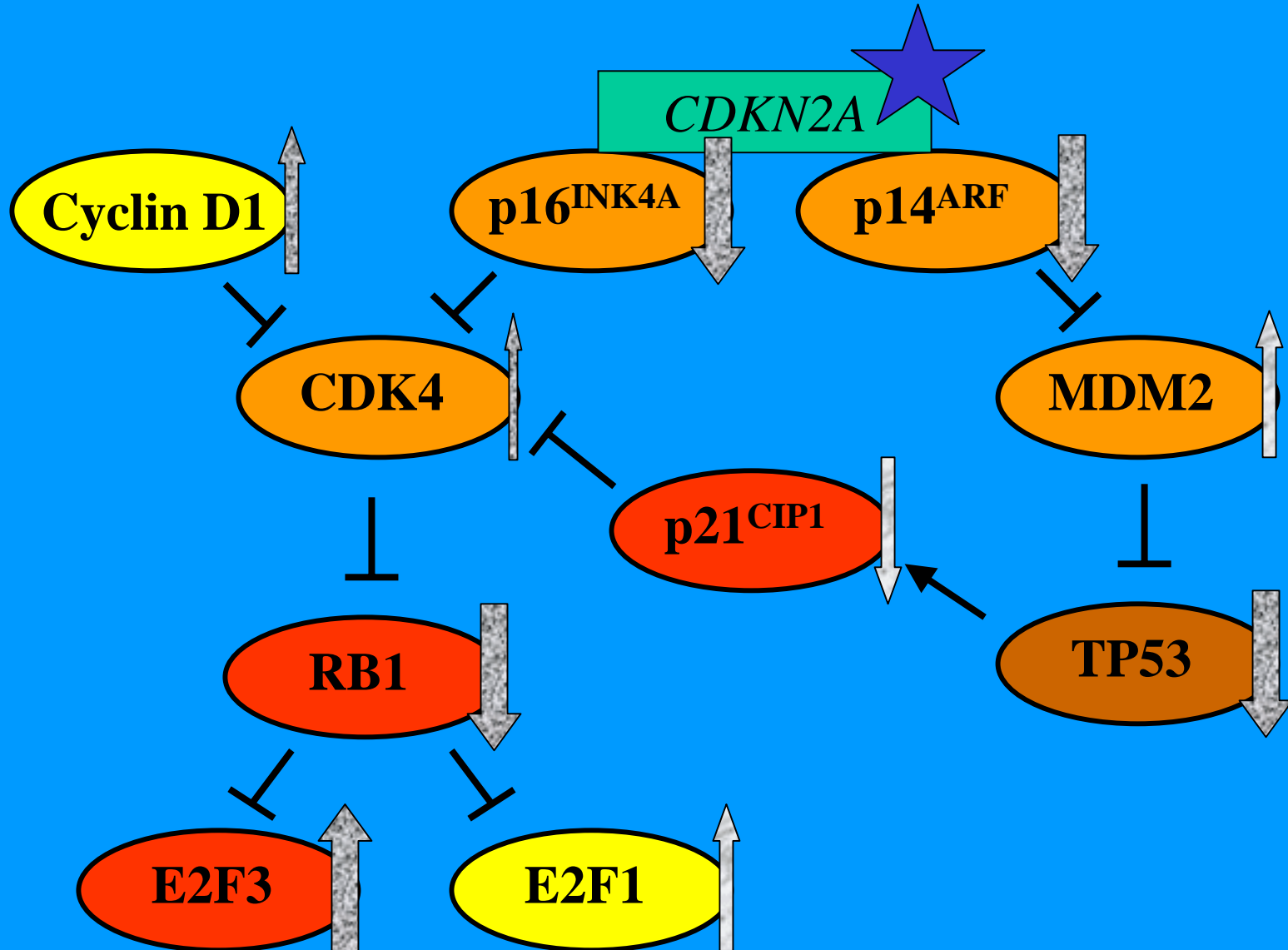




# TP53 immunohistochemistry for bladder cancer classification?

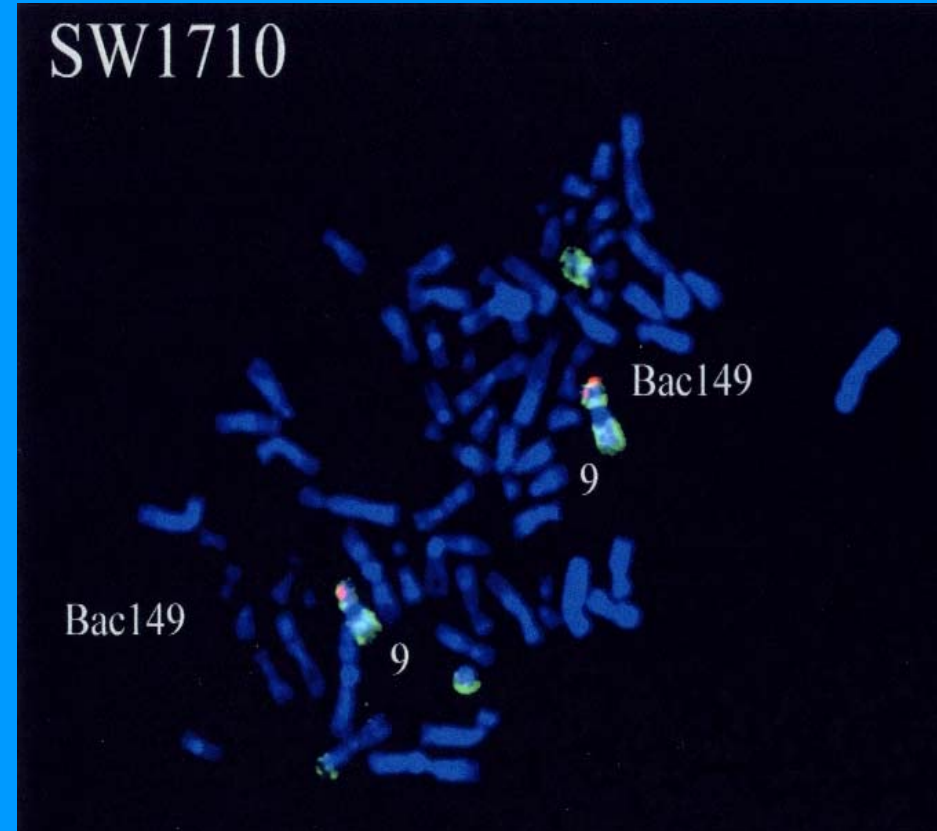
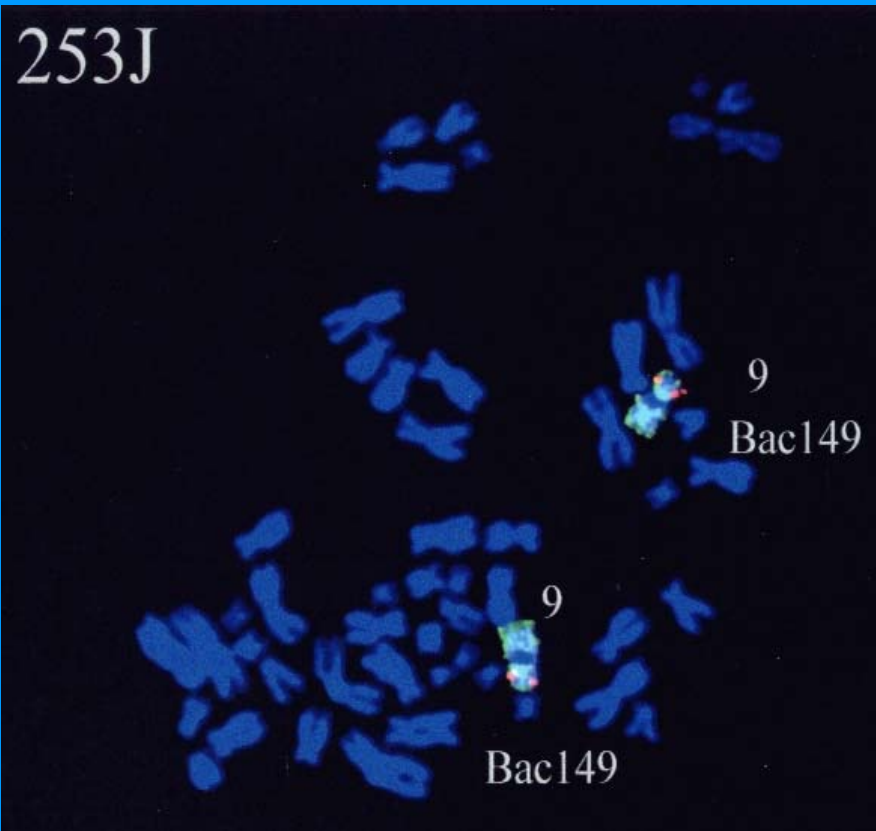


# Different disturbances of the RB1 and TP53 network in bladder cancer



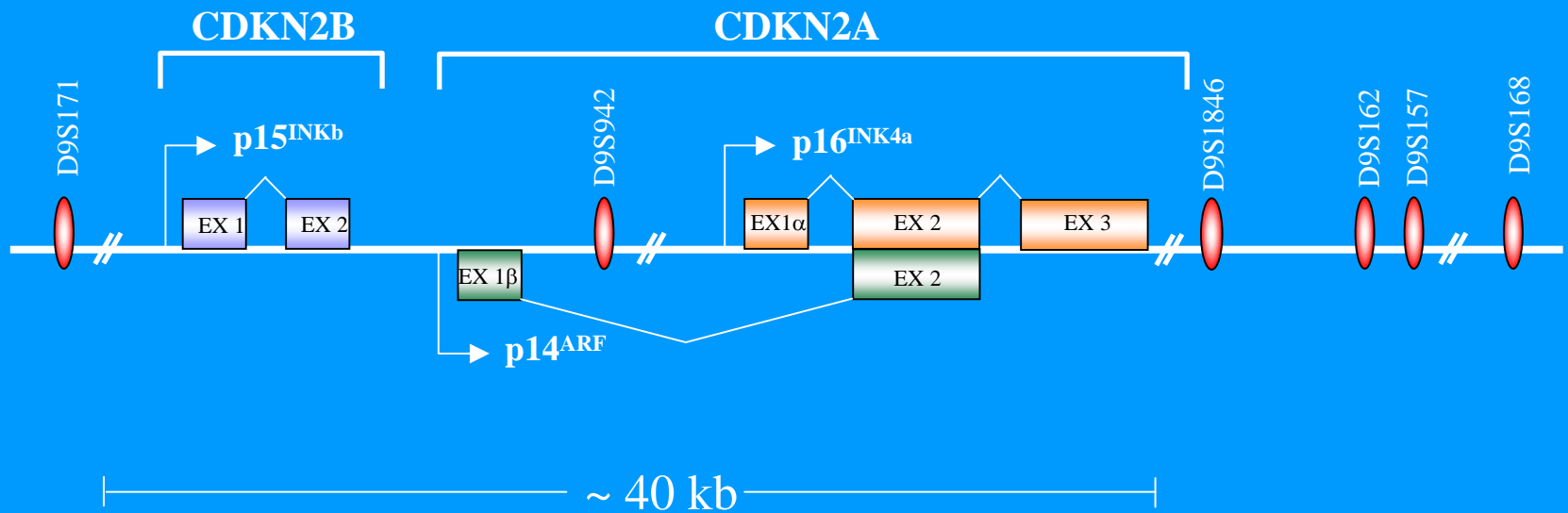


# Chromosome 9 in bladder cancer cell lines



Courtesy: Horst Hameister, Ulm

# The *CDKN2* Locus at 9p21



← Centromere

Telomere →



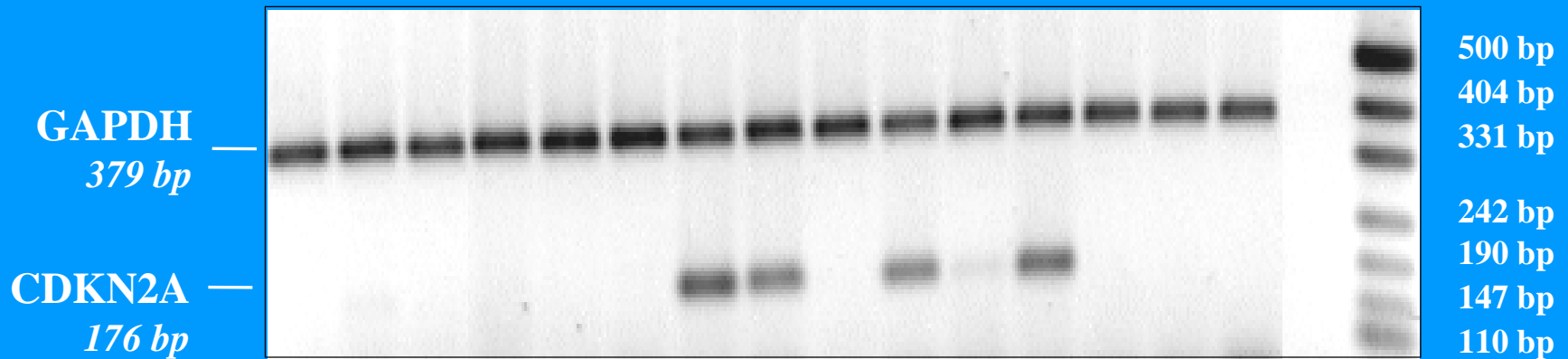
# Loss of p16<sup>INK4A</sup> expression in urological cancer cell lines

## Cell lines

Renal

Bladder

I227 1519 1892 2000 1370 1765 647v J82 SWI710 VmCub1 HT1376 5637 RT4 T24 BF1C905 H<sub>2</sub>O \*





# Mutations of p16<sup>INK4A</sup> in bladder cancer

639V Codon 55 and 69

p16<sup>INK4a</sup>

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GTC M M M **G** S A R V

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p14<sup>ARF</sup>

GGT CAT GAT GAT GGG CAG CGC CCG  
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AGT H D D **G** Q R P S

VmCub1 Codon 108 and 122

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CGT D V R **D** A W G R

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CGT L D V R **N** A W G R

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## Summary II:

### Why bladder cancer is not easy to predict (in many cases)

- A subtype of bladder cancer comprising many cases of papillary urothelial carcinoma contains a limited number of chromosomal changes and often one specific oncogene activation. **It is rarely, but still in some cases progressive.**
- Multiple chromosomal changes are indicative of more invasive subtypes; chromosomal instability generally increases with progression. **However, the relationship is not simple.**
- Specific regulatory systems (the RB1 and TP53 networks) are compromised in all invasive bladder cancers. However, the extent of inactivation may differ and different genetic and epigenetic mechanisms can be involved. **Prediction by a single alteration is therefore not robust.**

**Vielen Dank für Ihr Interesse!**

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