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DNA polymerase is 5' to 3' direction,

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this is the direction in which synthesis proceeds.

→ ~~Okazaki~~ Okazaki discovered the evidence of his fragments when we isolated DNA from dividing cells, and centrifugated them. He found small DNA fragments. (More complicated, but this is the digest).

(*) Replication of both the strands must be coordinated, as if they are mismatched they cannot form chromatin together, etc.

(*) 5' → 3' as the raw material is tri phosphate nucleotide releases energy like ATP from 5' end to provide energy for polymerase. Polymerase first gets the energy then does its job.

(*) ~~for~~ The polymerases on each strand comes close and form a complex and moves together. This is allowed due to looping of the lagging strand. Then coordinates replication of the strands. Diagram of loop in slides.

(*) ~~RNA~~ RNA primer binds to DNA so that polymerase can recognise it and bind to it to start replication. Okazaki fragments have ~~no~~ several such primers which are discontinuous unlike leading strand. These are removed by RNase and filled in by ligase.

(*) DNA polymerase α I does main replication, DNA polymerase α II does gap filling, etc.

(*) Gyrase release pressure of coil from helicase opening coil.

→ Ribose sugars are not allowed in Replication due to steric hindrance from -OH.

⊗ Monday Clarstest tutorial hours — syllabus is whatever taught before monday.

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⊗ There are several origins of replication in the human DNA.

Telomerase is a reverse transcriptase — takes RNA as template to synthesize DNA. very rare — only found in retroviruses apart from this.

It fixes the Okazaki fragment end shortening problem.

⊗ Helicase loading and activation is the rate determining step of DNA replication.

ORC → Origin recognition complex.