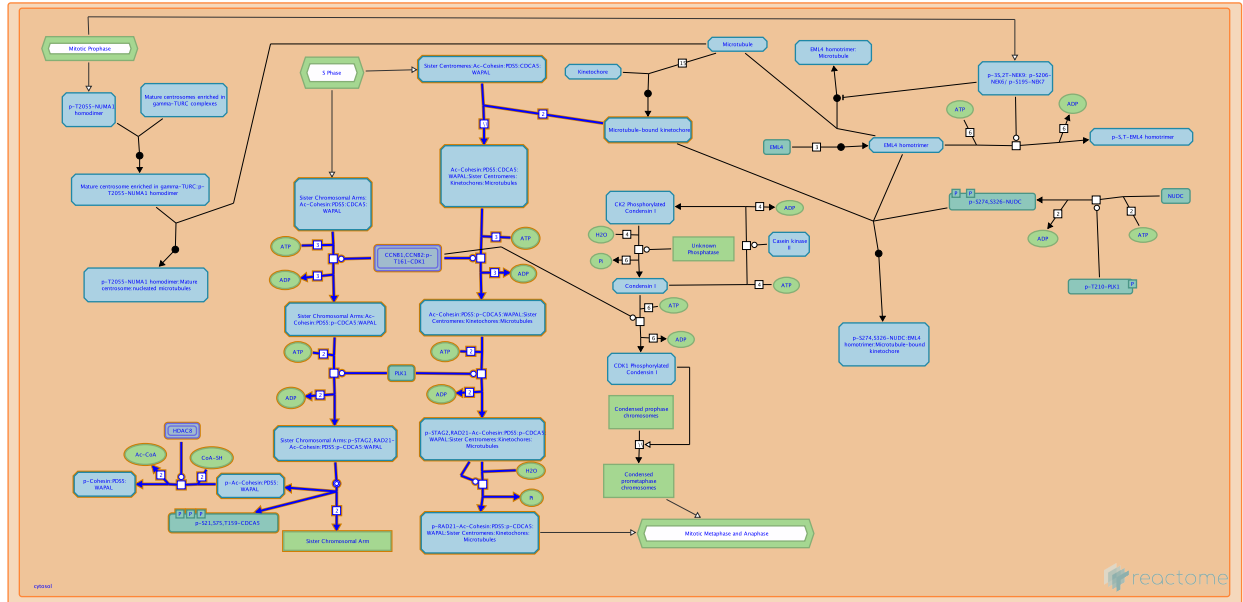


Resolution of Sister Chromatid Cohesion



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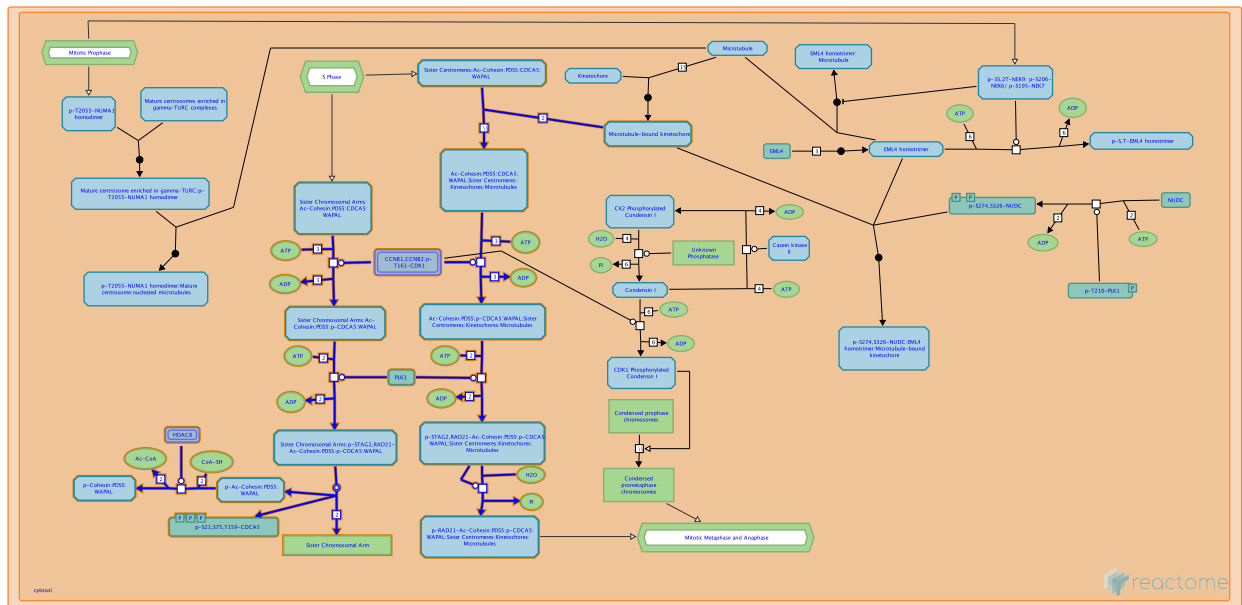
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The resolution of sister chromatids in mitotic prometaphase involves removal of cohesin complexes from chromosomal arms, with preservation of cohesion at centromeres (Losada et al. 1998, Hauf et al. 2001, Hauf et al. 2005).

CDK1-mediated phosphorylation of cohesin-bound CDCA5 (Sororin) at threonine T159 provides a docking site for PLK1, enabling PLK1-mediated phosphorylation of cohesin subunits STAG2 (SA2) and RAD21 (Hauf et al. 2005, Dreier et al. 2011, Zhang et al. 2011). Further phosphorylation of CDCA5 by CDK1 results in dissociation of CDCA5 from cohesin complex, which restores the activity of WAPAL in removing STAG2-phosphorylated cohesin from chromosomal arms (Hauf et al. 2005, Gandhi et al. 2006, Kueng et al. 2006, Shintomi and Hirano 2006, Nishiyama et al. 2010, Zhang et al. 2011).

At centromeres, kinetochore proteins shugoshins (SGOL1 and SGOL2) enable PP2A-B56 (also a kinetochore constituent) to dephosphorylate the STAG2 subunit of centromeric cohesin. Dephosphorylation of STAG2 enables maintenance of centromeric cohesion, thus preventing separation of sister chromatids until anaphase (Salic et al. 2004, Kitajima et al. 2004, Kitajima et al. 2005, Kitajima et al. 2006).

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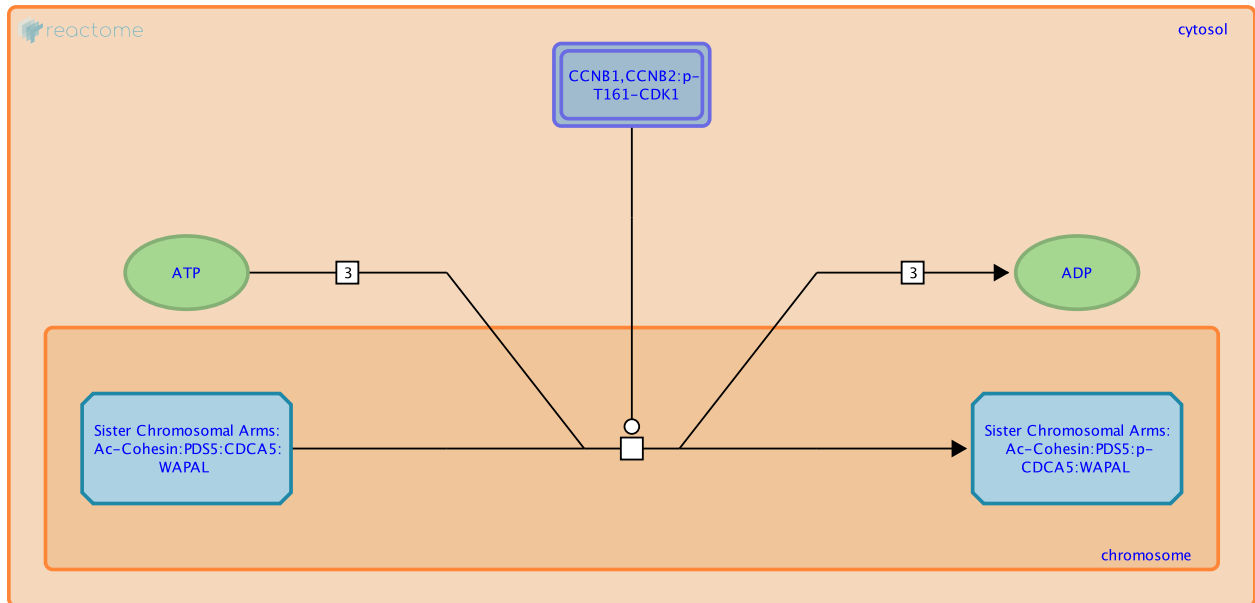
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Phosphorylation of CDCA5 (Sororin) coincides with dissociation of CDCA5 from chromosomal arms in prometaphase. Several serine and threonine residues in CDCA5 are phosphorylated by CDK1 in prometaphase, but only the three sites that perfectly match the CDK1 consensus phosphorylation sequence are shown here - serines S21 and S75 and threonine T159 (Drier et al. 2011, Zhang et al. 2011).

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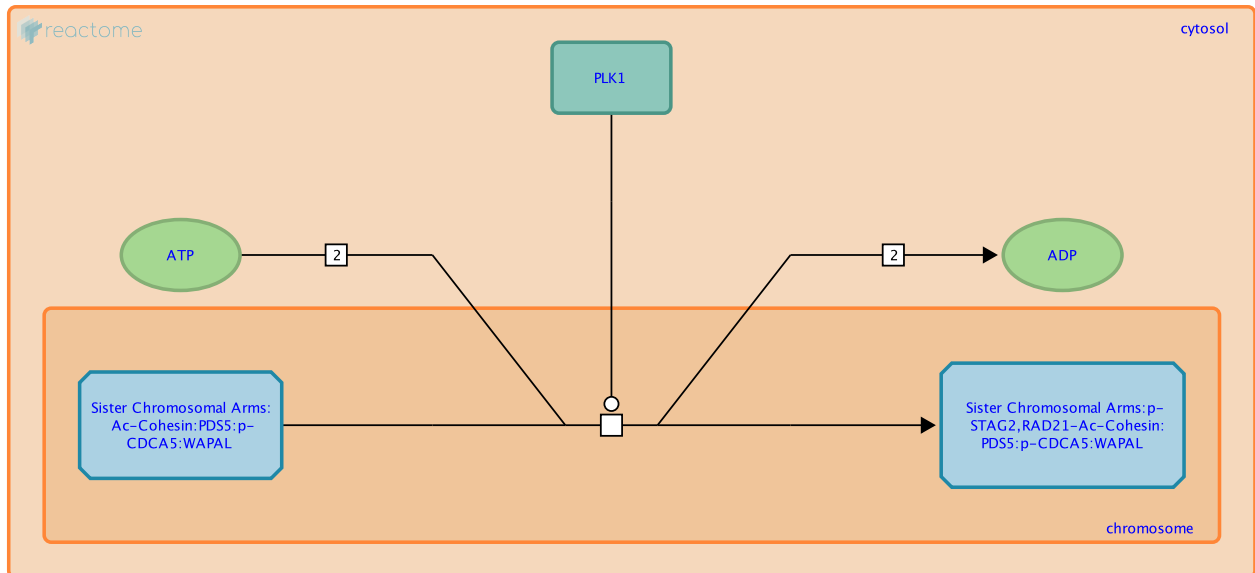
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Prior to anaphase onset, sister-chromatids are held together by cohesin complexes. PLK1-dependent phosphorylation of the cohesin subunit STAG2 (SA2) (Hauf et al. 2005) promotes dissociation of cohesins from chromosomal arms in prometaphase (Hauf et al. 2001). Besides phosphorylating STAG2, PLK1 also phosphorylates RAD21 cohesin subunit, but the phosphorylation of RAD21 is not required for the dissociation of cohesin from chromosomal arms in early mitosis (Hauf et al. 2005). There are several potential PLK1 phosphorylation sites in STAG2 and RAD21, but the exact positions of *in vivo* phosphorylation of STAG2 and RAD21 by PLK1 have not been explicitly established (Hauf et al. 2005). It is likely that the phosphorylation of cohesin-bound CDCA5 (Sororin) by CDK1 creates a docking site for PLK1 at threonine T159 of CDCA5, thus enabling PLK1 to phosphorylate cohesin subunits (Zhang et al. 2011).

Preceded by: [CDK1 phosphorylates CDCA5 \(Sororin\) at chromosomal arms](#)

Followed by: [Resolution of sister chromatids](#)

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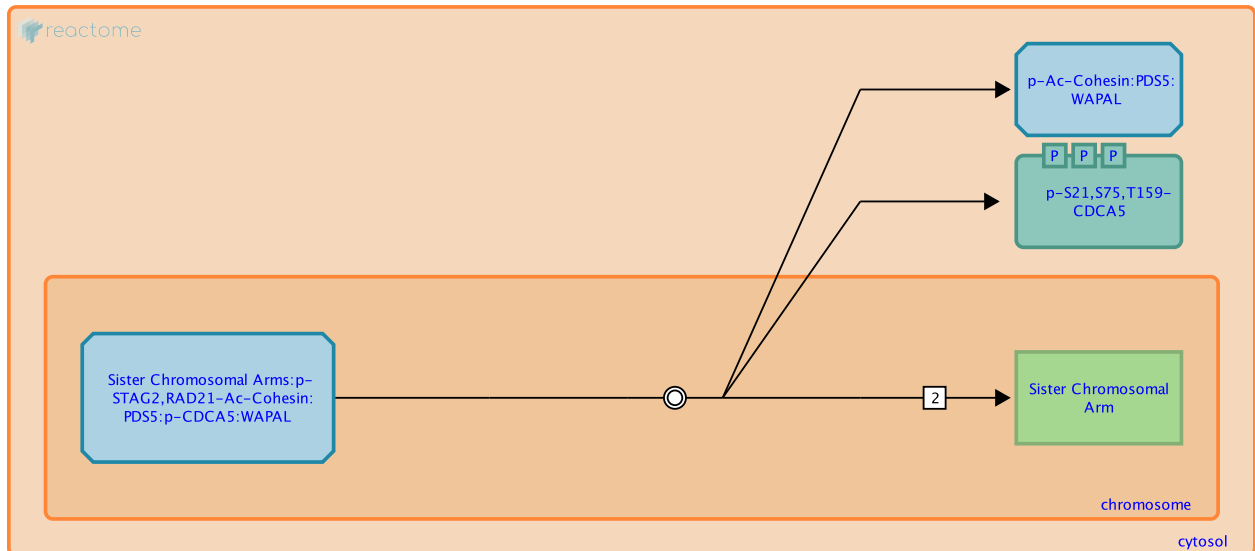
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Compartments: chromosome, cytosol



Cohesin complexes dissociate from chromosomal arms in prometaphase, leading to sister chromatid resolution. Sister chromatid resolution involves separation of sister chromosomal arms while cohesion at sister centromeres persists (Losada et al. 1998, Hauf et al. 2001, Hauf et al. 2005). Cohesin and CDCA5 (Sororin) simultaneously dissociate from chromosomal arms in prometaphase (Nishiyama et al. 2010, Zhang et al. 2011). This process, triggered by CDK1-mediated phosphorylation of CDCA5 (Dreier et al. 2011, Zhang et al. 2011) and PLK1-mediated phosphorylation of the STAG2 cohesin subunit (Hauf et al. 2005), is controlled by WAPAL (Gandhi et al. 2006, Kueng et al. 2006, Shintomi and Hirano 2009). WAPAL controls cohesion of sister chromatids likely through competing with CDCA5 for binding to cohesin-associated PDS5 (PDS5A and PDS5B) (Nishiyama et al. 2010). While the interaction of WAPAL with PDS5 depends on CDCA5 (Nishiyama et al. 2010), WAPAL maintains its association with cohesin through interaction with cohesin subunits (Kueng et al. 2006, Shintomi and Hirano 2009).

Preceded by: [Phosphorylation of cohesin by PLK1 at chromosomal arms](#)

Followed by: [Deacetylation of cohesin](#)

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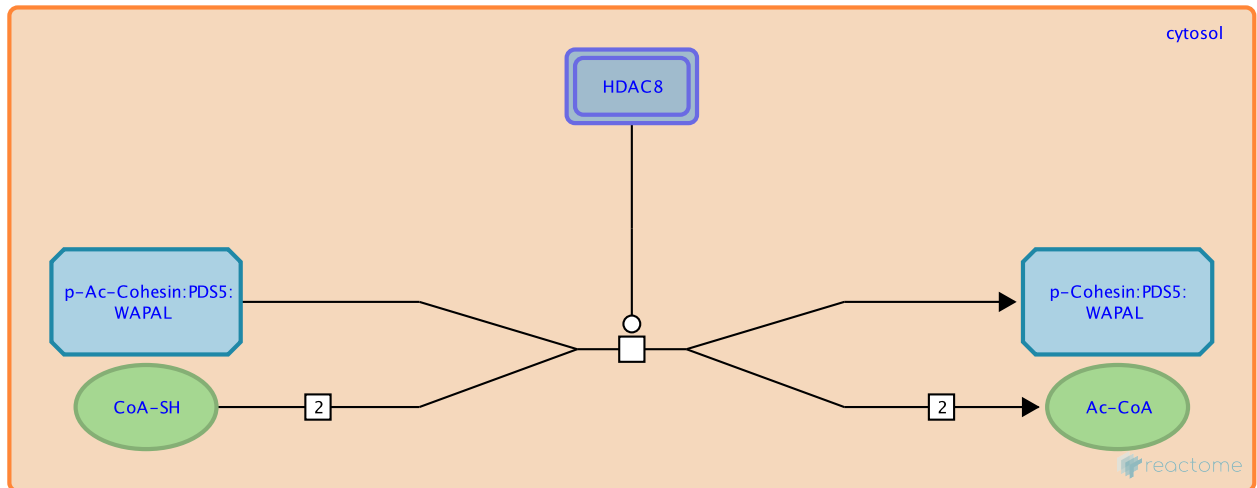
Deacetylation of cohesin ↗

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Type: transition

Compartments: cytosol



HDAC8 deacetylates cohesin in prometaphase, after cohesin dissociates from chromosomal arms (Deardorff et al. 2012).

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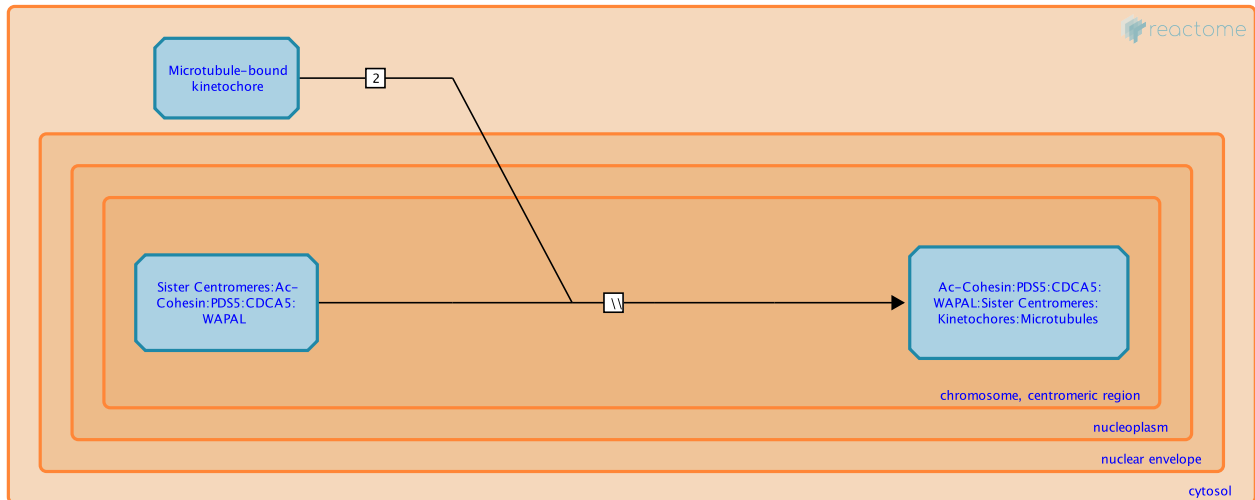
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The kinetochore assembly on centromeres of replicated chromosomes is completed by mitotic prometaphase. Some kinetochore components are associated with centromeres throughout the cell cycle while others associate with centromeres during mitosis. The sequential kinetochore assembly and kinetochore dynamics is not shown here. For a review of this process, please refer to Cheeseman and Desai 2008.

Followed by: [CDK1 phosphorylates CDCA5 \(Sororin\) at centromeres](#)

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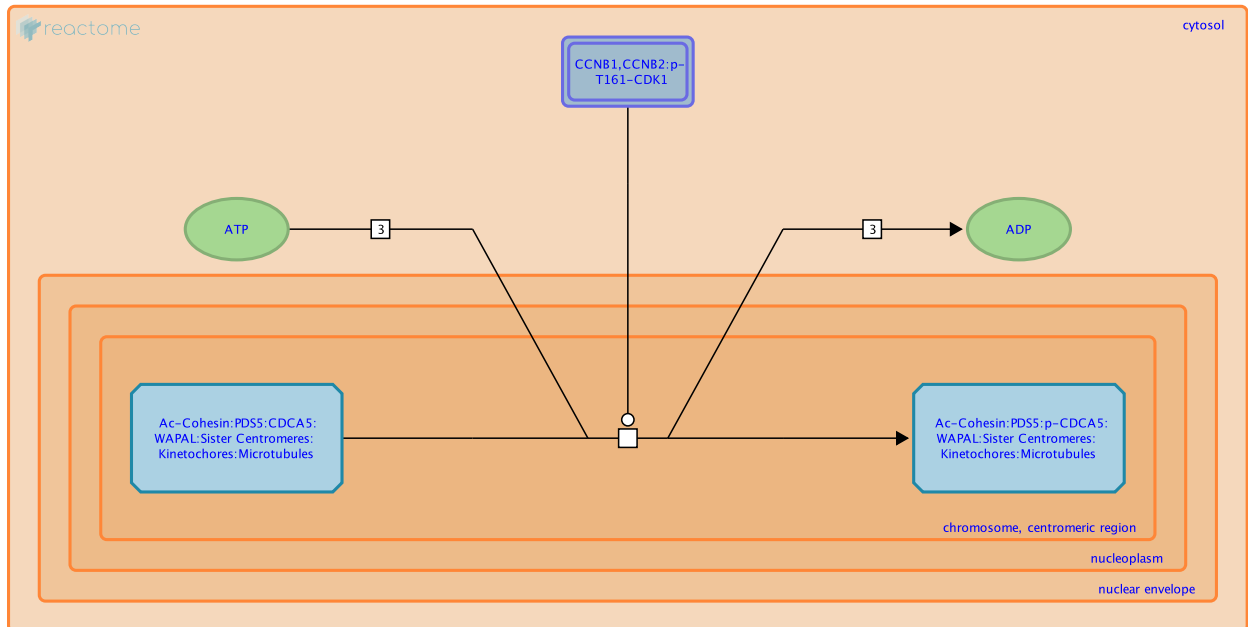
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Phosphorylation of CDCA5 (Sororin) coincides with dissociation of CDCA5 from chromosomal arms in prometaphase, but phosphorylated CDCA5 persists on centromeres throughout prophase and metaphase. Several serine and threonine residues in CDCA5 are phosphorylated by CDK1 in prometaphase, but only the three sites that perfectly match the CDK1 consensus phosphorylation sequence are shown here - serines S21 and S75 and threonine T159 (Drier et al. 2011, Zhang et al. 2011).

Preceded by: [Kinetochores assembly](#)

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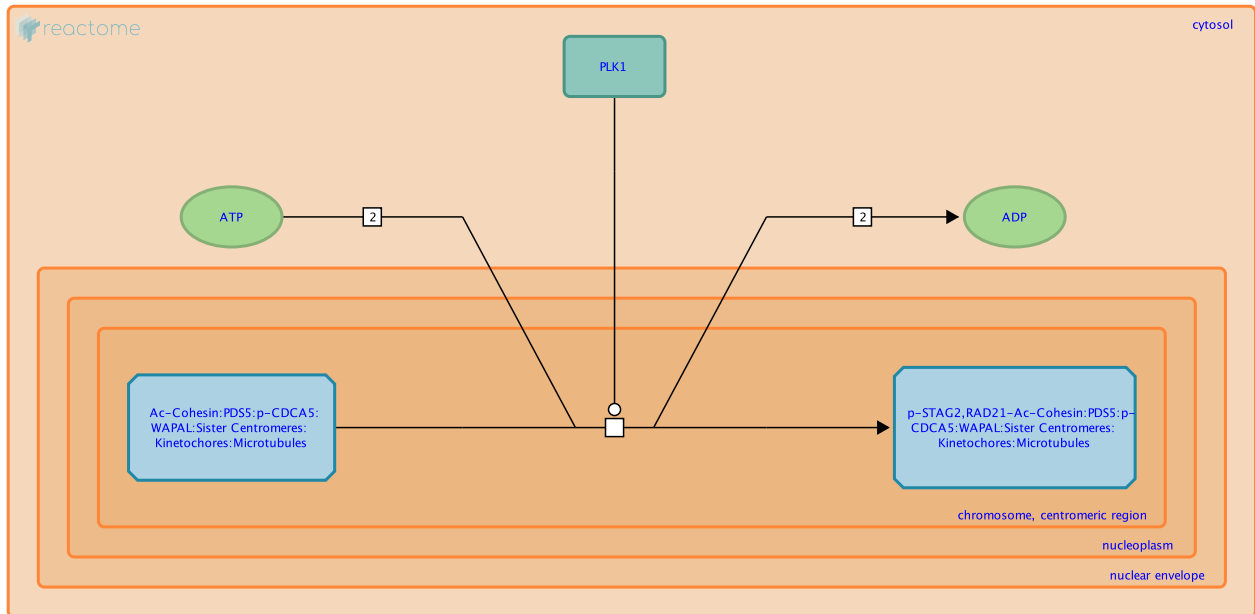
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Prior to anaphase onset, sister-chromatids are held together by cohesin complexes distributed along chromosomal arms and at centromeres. In prometaphase, PLK1, likely recruited to cohesin complexes by binding to CDK1-phosphorylated CDCA5 (Sororin) (Zhang et al. 2011), phosphorylates cohesin subunits STAG2 (SA2) and RAD21 (Hauf et al. 2005). PLK1-mediated phosphorylation of cohesin subunits at centromeres is counteracted by the phosphatase activity of PP2A complex (containing the regulatory subunit B56 i.e. PPP2R5), which is recruited to the kinetochore by shugoshin proteins, SGOL1 and SGOL2 (Kitajima et al. 2006). Therefore, while cohesin complexes dissociate from chromosomal arms in prometaphase (Hauf et al. 2001), they remain bound to centromeres until anaphase onset (Hauf et al. 2001, Hauf et al. 2005, Kitajima et al. 2006). When separase is activated after its inhibitor securin is degraded by APC/C at the onset of anaphase, RAD21 is cleaved by separase. Phosphorylation of RAD21 by PLK1 facilitates subsequent cleavage of RAD21 by separase (Hauf et al. 2005). There are several potential PLK1 phosphorylation sites in STAG2 and RAD21, but the exact positions of *in vivo* phosphorylation of STAG2 and RAD21 by PLK1 have not been explicitly established (Hauf et al. 2005).

Preceded by: [CDK1 phosphorylates CDCA5 \(Sororin\) at centromeres](#)

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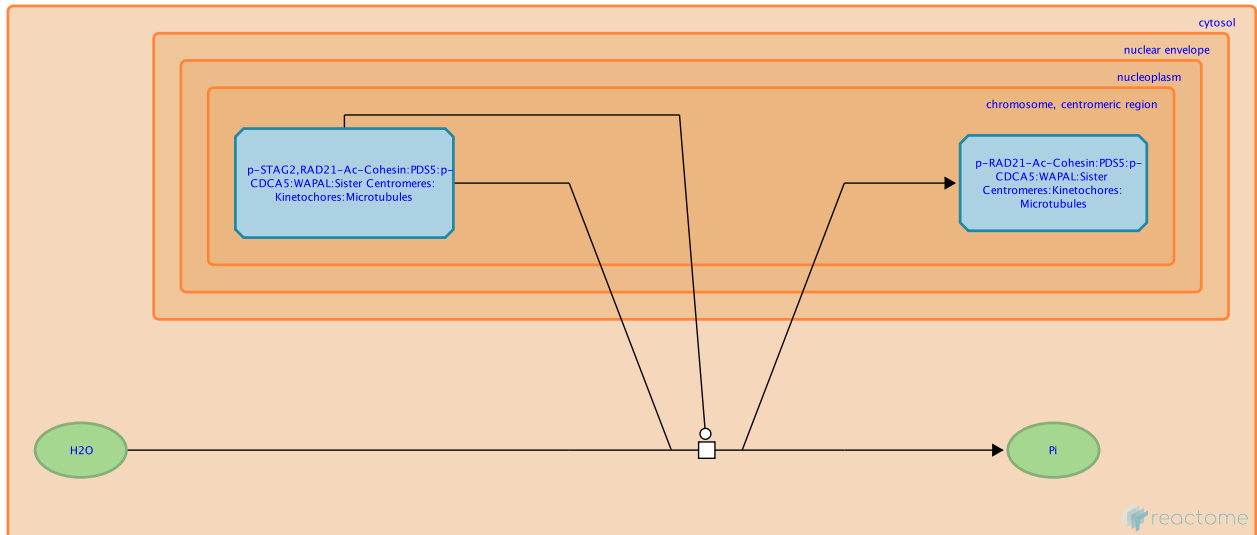
PP2A-B56 dephosphorylates centromeric cohesin ↗

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Compartments: cytosol, chromosome



PLK1-mediated phosphorylation of the STAG2 subunit of centromeric cohesin (Hauf et al. 2005) is counteracted by the kinetochore PP2A phosphatase, containing the 56 kDa regulatory B subunit (PP2A-B56 i.e. PP2A-PPP2R5). PP2A-B56 is recruited to the centromeric cohesin complex by shugoshin proteins (SGOL1 and SGOL2) (Kitajima et al. 2006), which are also kinetochore constituents (Cheeseman and Desai 2008). SGOL1 localization to centromeres is sustained by the interaction with histone H2A possessing the phosphorylation of T120 which is introduced by the protein kinase BUB1, and heterochromatin protein HP1 (Kitajima et al. 2005, Kawashima et al. 2010, Yamagishi et al. 2008). Shugoshin- and PP2A-B56-regulated dephosphorylation of centromeric STAG2 ensures that the cohesin complex remains bound to centromeres throughout prometaphase and metaphase, thereby preventing premature separation of sister chromatids (Salic et al. 2004, Kitajima et al. 2004, Kitajima et al. 2005, Kitajima et al. 2006).

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