



Molecular Bio Notes

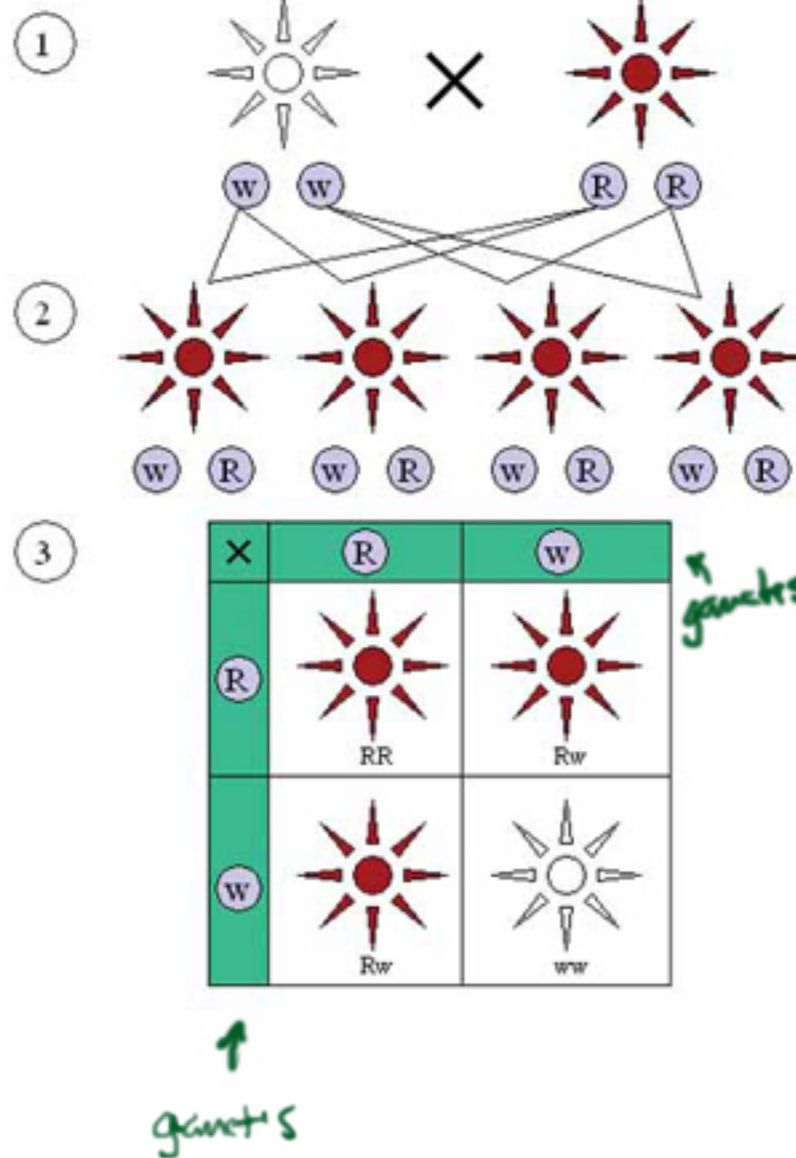
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Mendel

- allele - alternative forms of genes
- organism inherits one allele from each parent
- Law of segregation
- Law of Independent Assortment



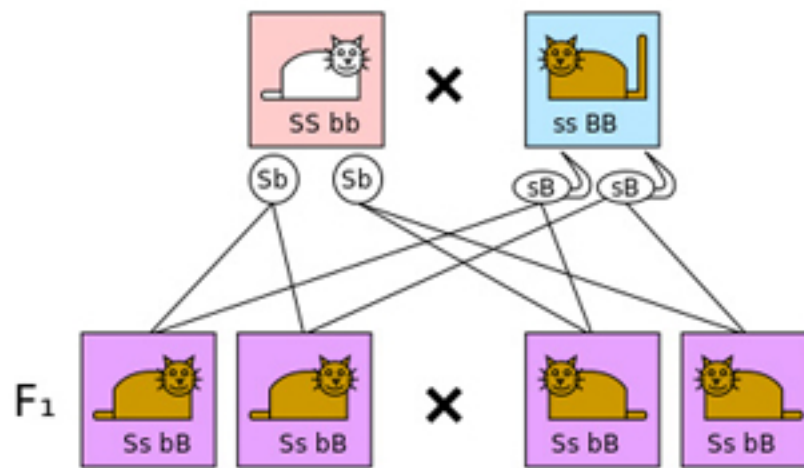
parental
• true breeding
• homozygous

F1 - first
filial

F2.

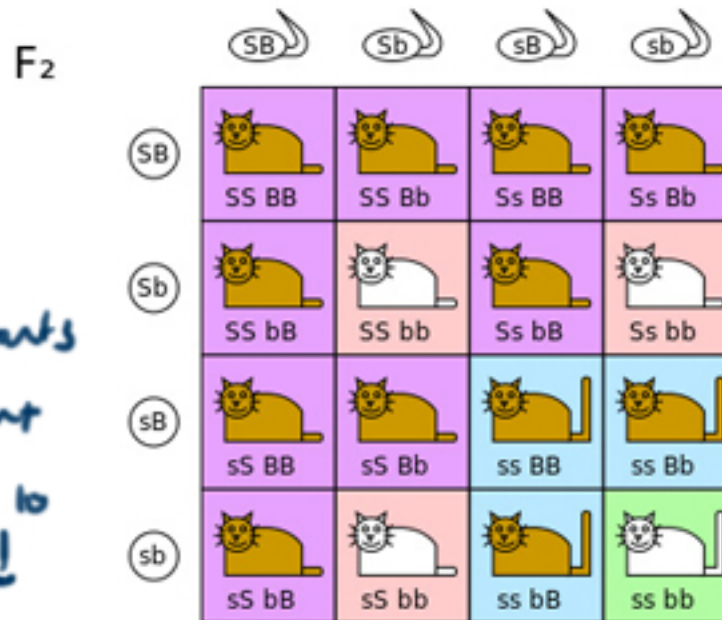
3:1 phenotypic
ratio

demonstrating
independent
assortment
exception
= linkage



Dihybrid cross

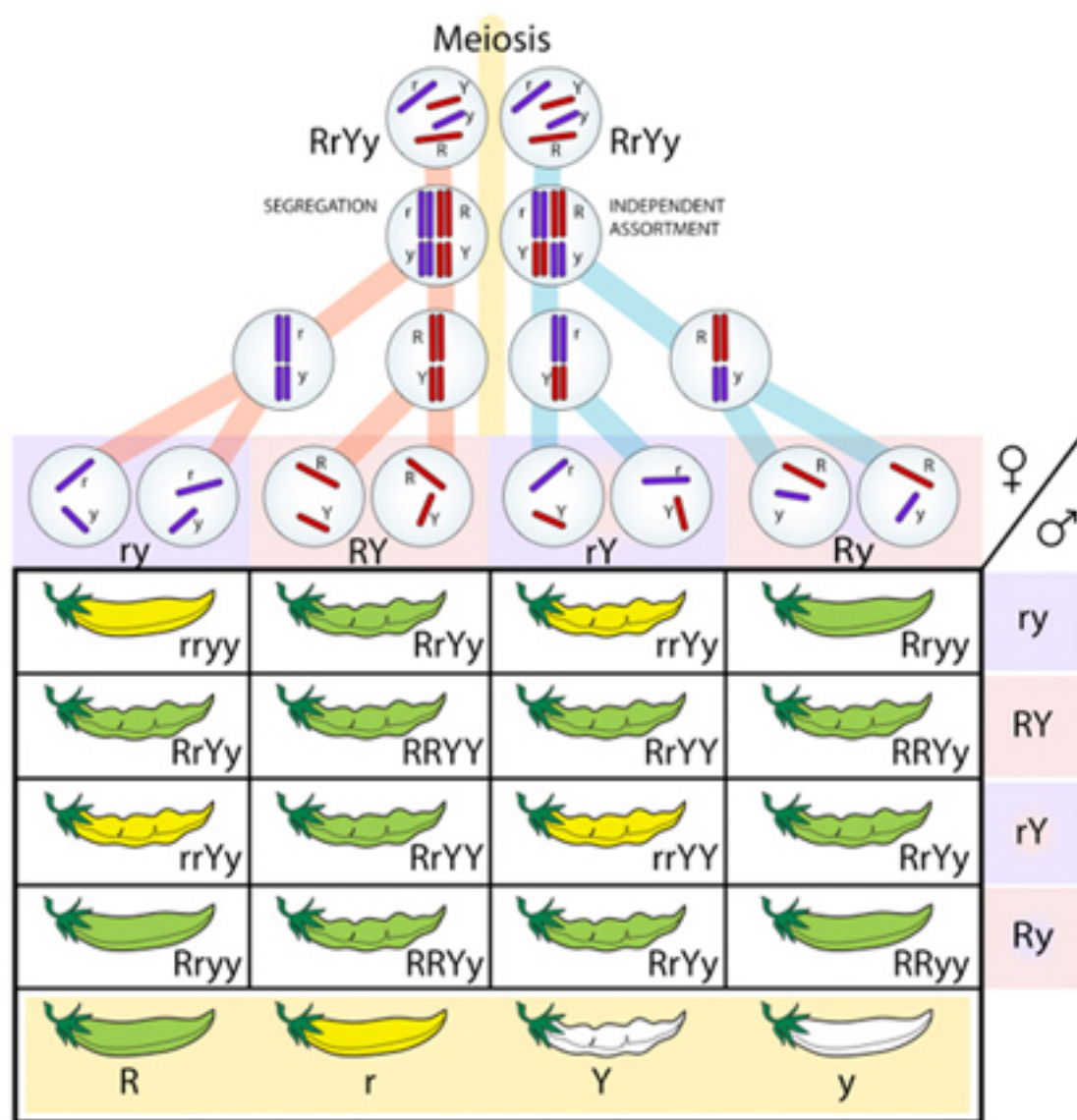
← dihybrids



9:3:3:1

phenotypic ratio

MCAT!
• genotype of parents
will be different
• often don't have to
fill them all in!

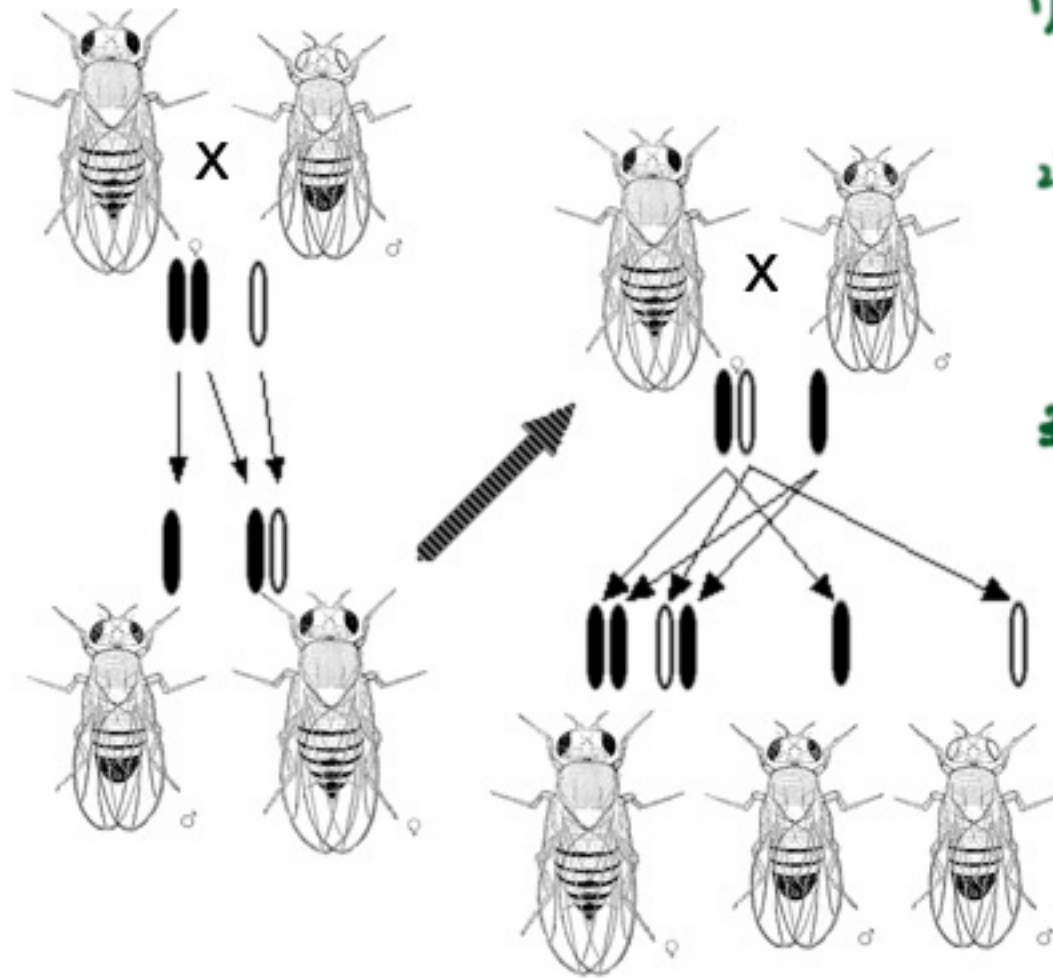




Thomas
Hunt
Morgan

- Sex linked trait on X chromosome

- Demonstrate of Chromosomal theory of inheritance



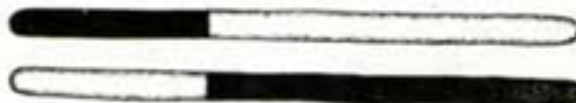
1) Noted white eyed mutant males

2) Mated these with true breeding red eyed females

3) F1 - Red eyed males and females

4) F2 -
 $\frac{1}{4}$ white eyed males

Crossing
Over



Morgan identified

- Miniature winged mutant - also sex linked
- isolated miniature winged white eyed male
- repeated original experiment.
- expected 25% miniature winged white eyed males

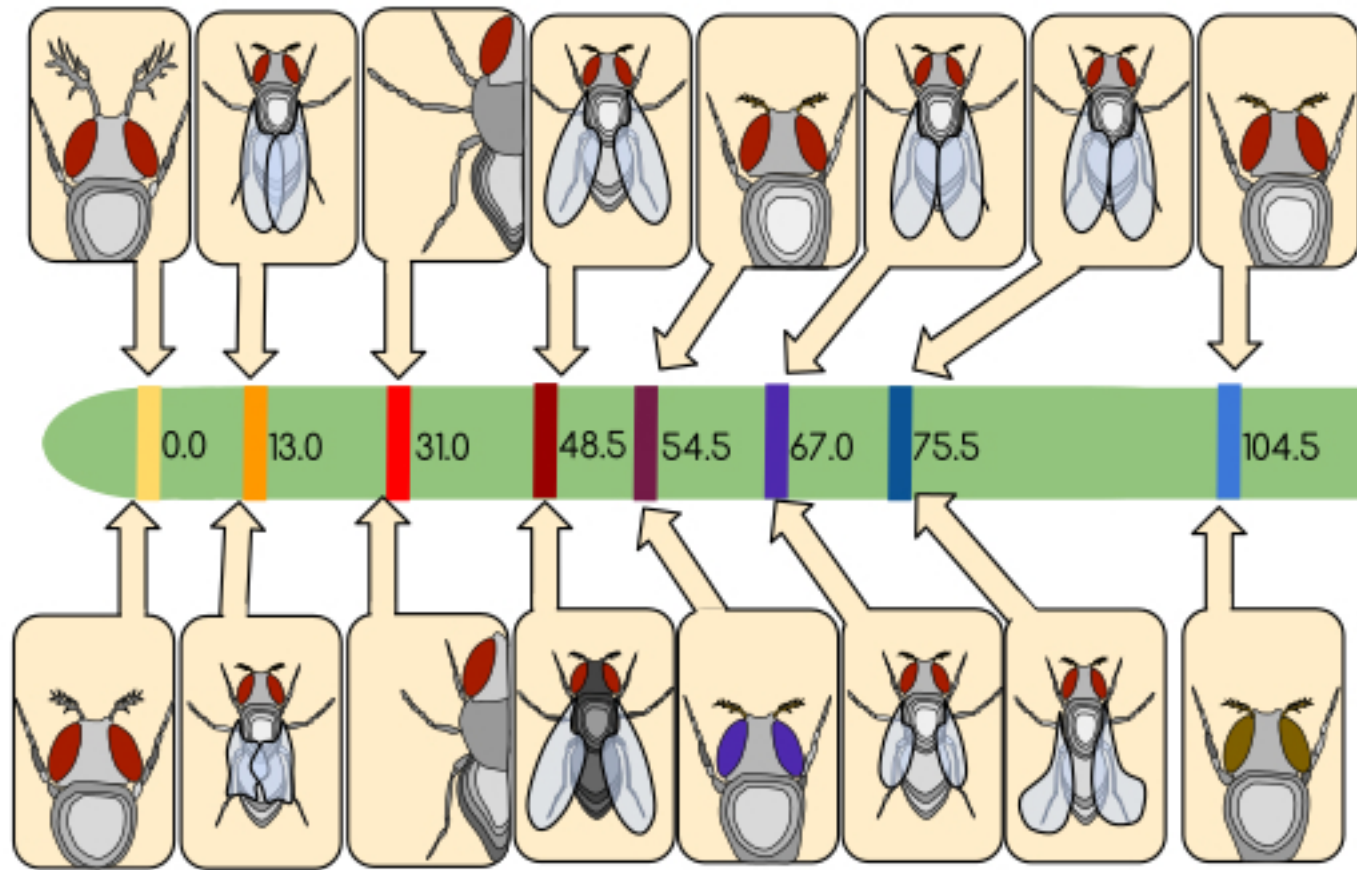
However - the two
assorted
independently.

FIG. 64. Scheme to illustrate a method of crossing over of traits often the chromosomes.

Sturysant

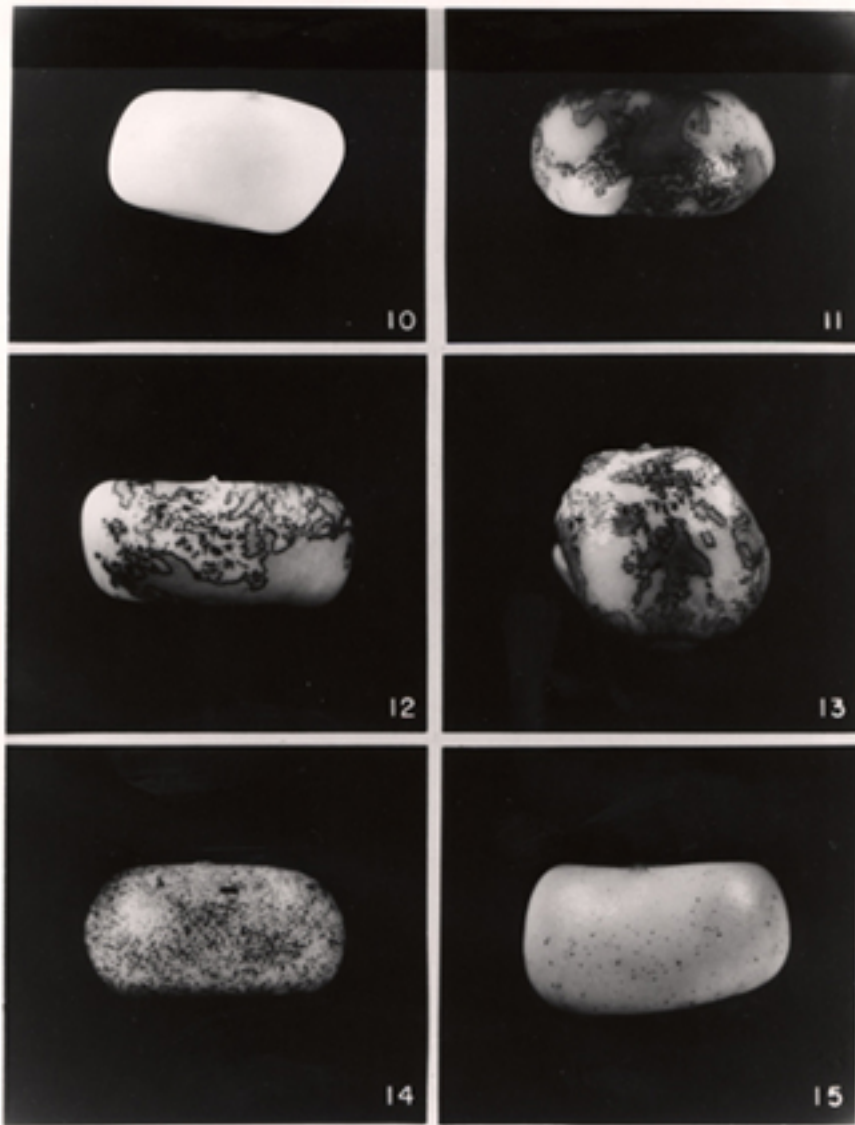
gene mapping

Wild type
AA



Mutant Type
aa

Recombination frequency
of 1% = centiMorgan



Barbara McClintock

Activator (Ac) - gene for
synthesis of
anthocyanin pigment

Dissociator (Ds) - disrupts
activator



transposon

mobile genetic elements

1) transposons

2) virus

3) plasmids - origin of
replication



Friedrich Miescher

→ alkaline extraction of nuclei

- Series of steps -

→ produced nuclein

- high in phosphorus

+ sugars + bases

capsule
↓

rough strain
(nonvirulent)

smooth strain
(virulent)

heat-killed
smooth strain

rough strain &
heat-killed
smooth strain



Griffiths transformation

Avery - showed that
the genetic material
survived trypsin,
RNase but
DNase destroyed it.

DNA must be the
genetic material !

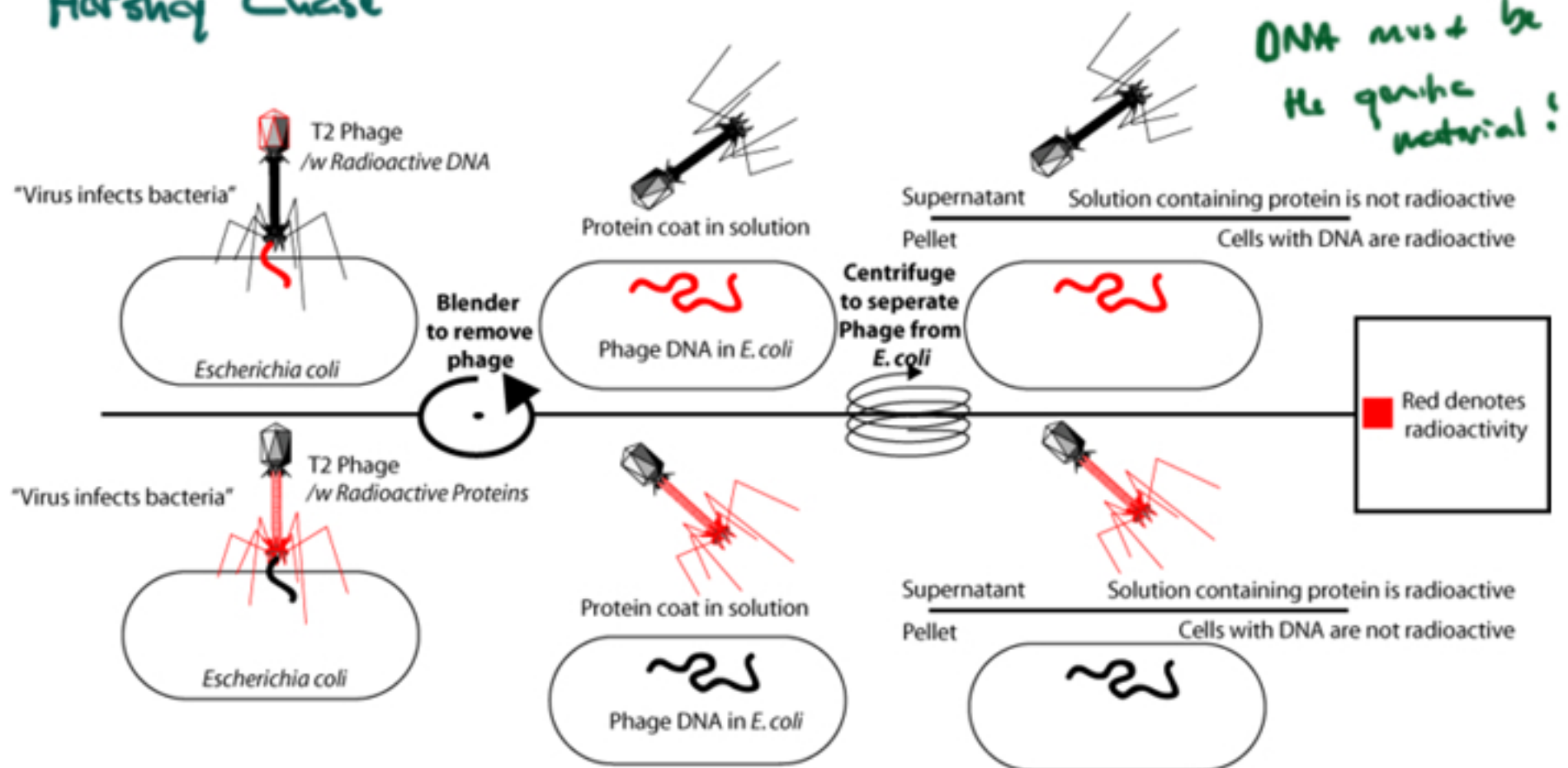
mouse lives

mouse dies

mouse lives

mouse dies

Harshay Chase



Two experiments - incubated the virus

1) ^{32}P - Follow DNA

β^- emitters $\rightarrow$ 2) ^{35}S - Follows Protein

β^- emitters

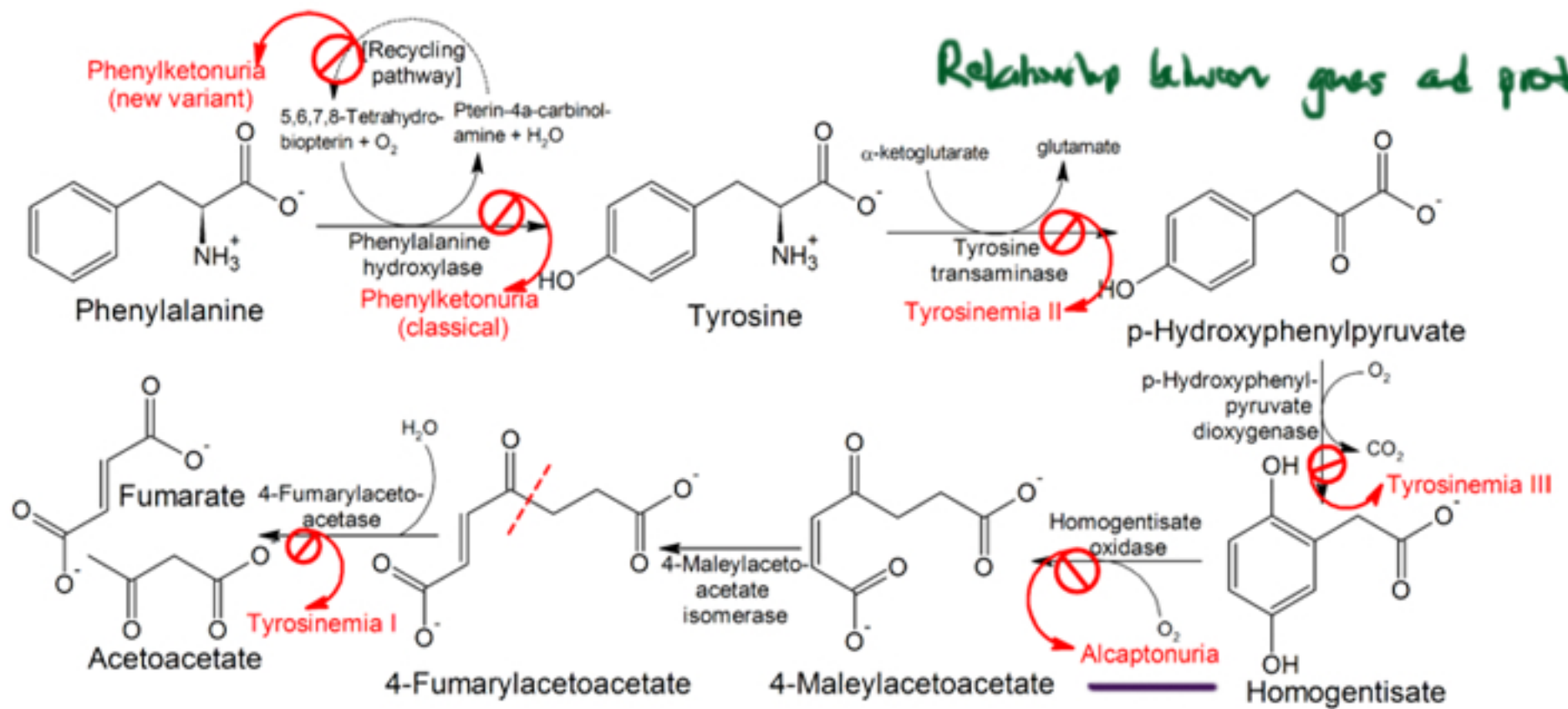
^3H , ^{14}C , ^{32}P , ^{35}S

Don't memorize

Baltimore System

- I - dsDNA
- II - ssDNA
- III - dsRNA
- IV ssRNA (+) $\rightarrow$ ssDNA
- V (-) ssRNA $\rightarrow$ viral polymerase
- VI ssRNA-RT $\rightarrow$ dsDNA
- VII dsDNA-RT

Relationship between genes and proteins



• Alcaptonuria

- trait that obeyed Mendelian inheritance

• One gene one enzyme hypothesis

- not quite right
 - multi subunit enzymes
 - splicing variants
 - some genes encode RNAs

Archibald Garrod

RESULTS

Classes of *Neurospora crassa*

Beadle and
Tatum

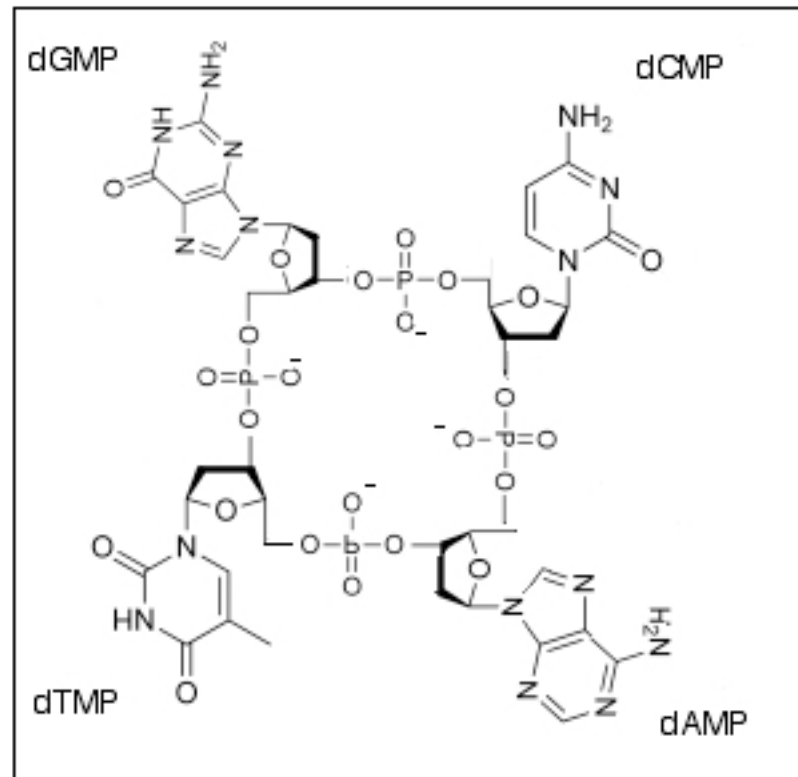
Condition

	Wild type	Class I mutants	Class II mutants	Class III mutants
Minimal medium (MM) (control)				
MM + ornithine				
MM + citrulline				
MM + arginine (control)				

• irradiating *Neurospora* to produce mutants
(most fungal tissue is haploid)

precursors $\xrightarrow{\text{I}}$ ornithine $\xrightarrow{\text{II}}$ citrulline $\xrightarrow{\text{III}}$ arginine

What is the
structure of
DNA



Not this!
• Disproven by Chargaff.

Chargaff's Rules

Through careful experimentation, Chargaff discovered two rules that helped lead to the discovery of the double helix structure of DNA.

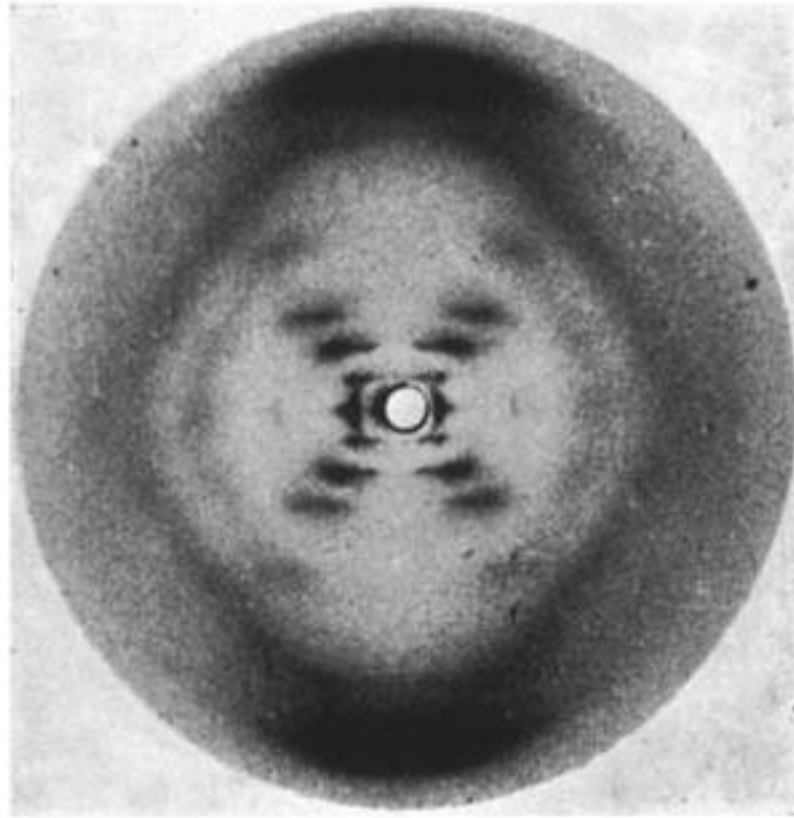
The first rule was that in DNA the number of guanine units equals the number of cytosine units, and the number of adenine units equals the number of thymine units. This hinted at the base pair makeup of DNA.

The second rule was that the relative amounts of guanine, cytosine, adenine and thymine bases varies from one species to another. This hinted that DNA rather than protein could be the genetic material.

$$[A] = [T]$$

$$[G] = [C]$$

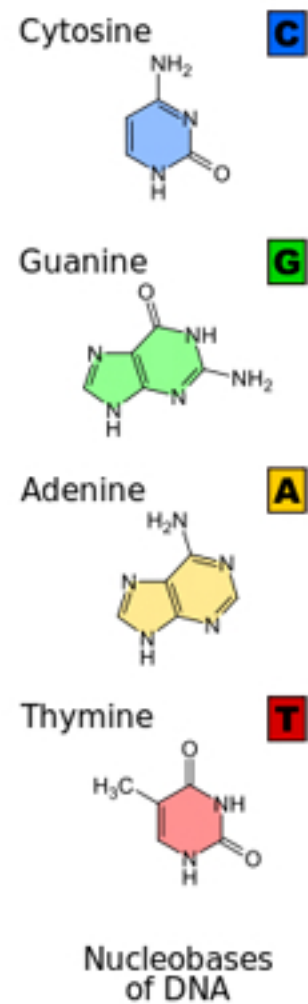
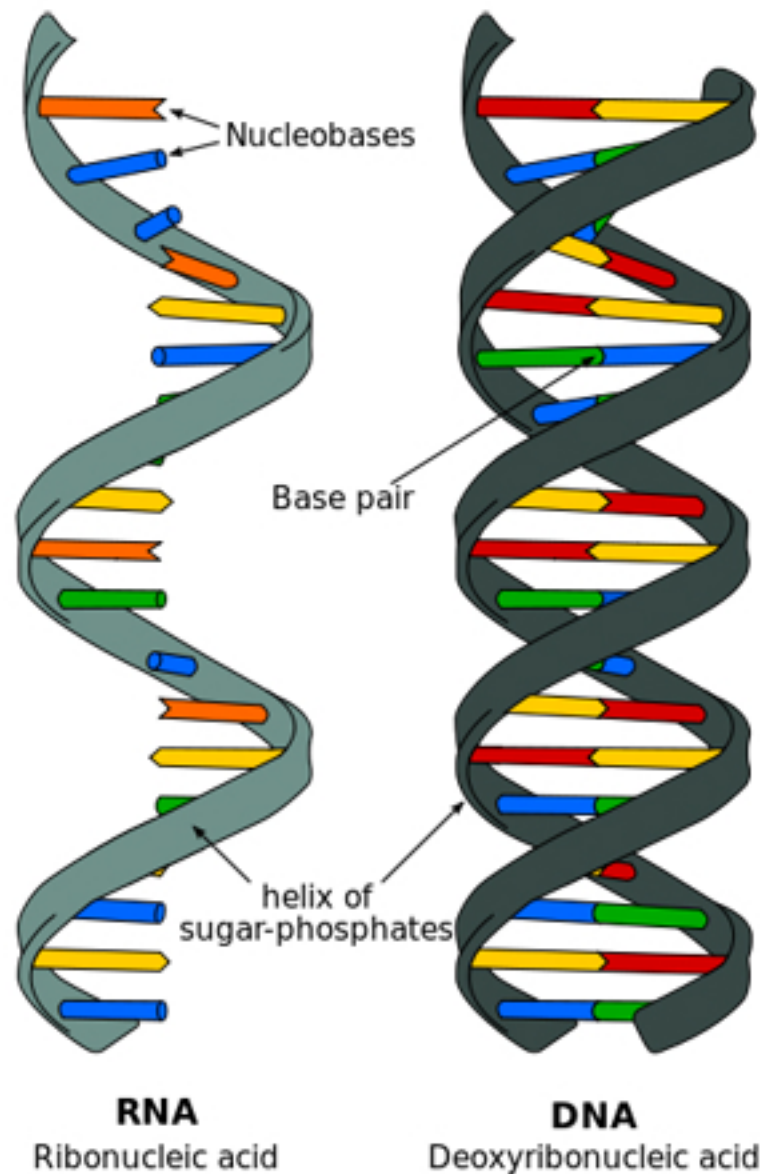
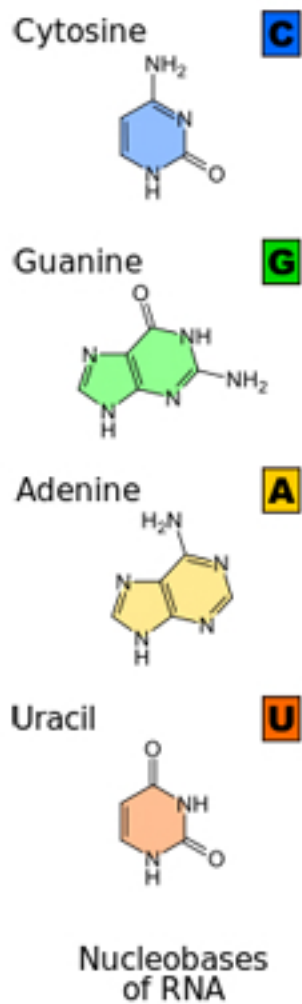
Rosalind Franklin

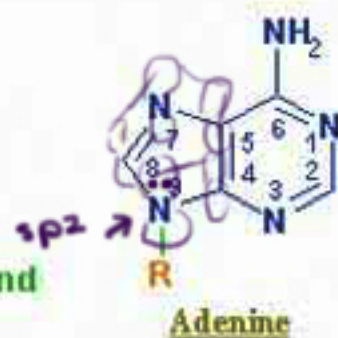
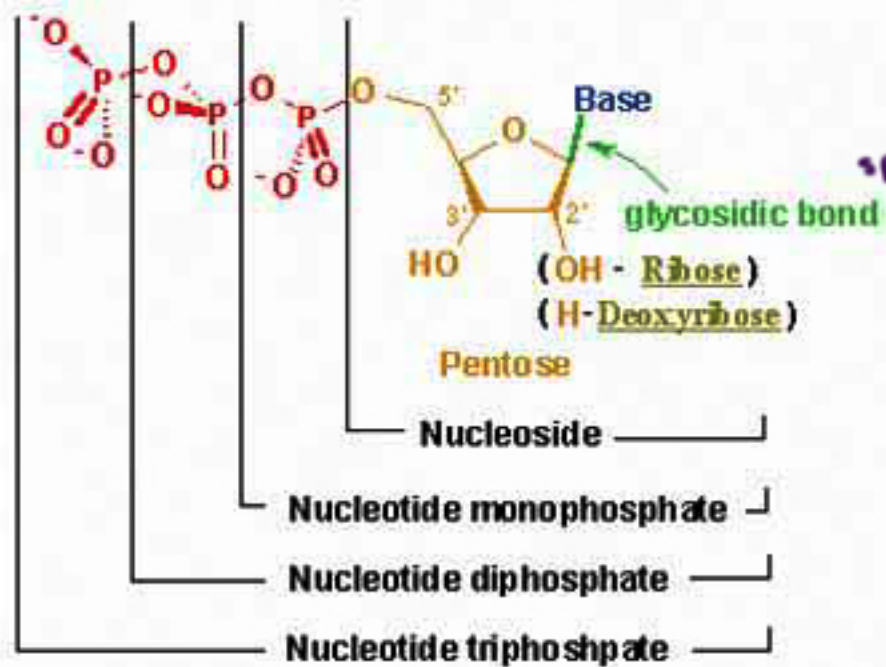


$$2d \sin \theta = n\lambda$$

Bragg's Law

Watson
&
Crick

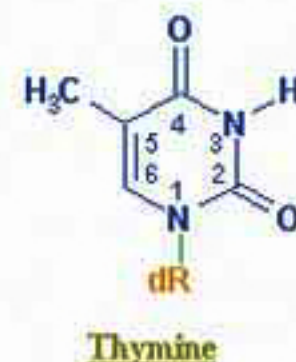
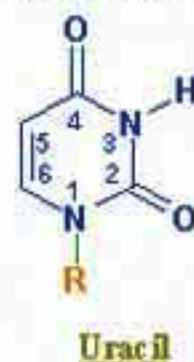




Purines

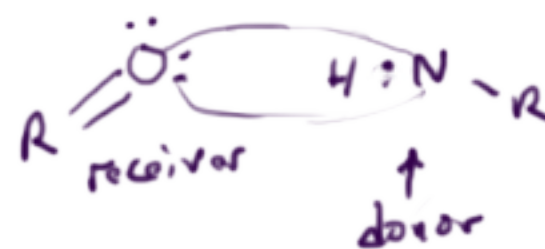


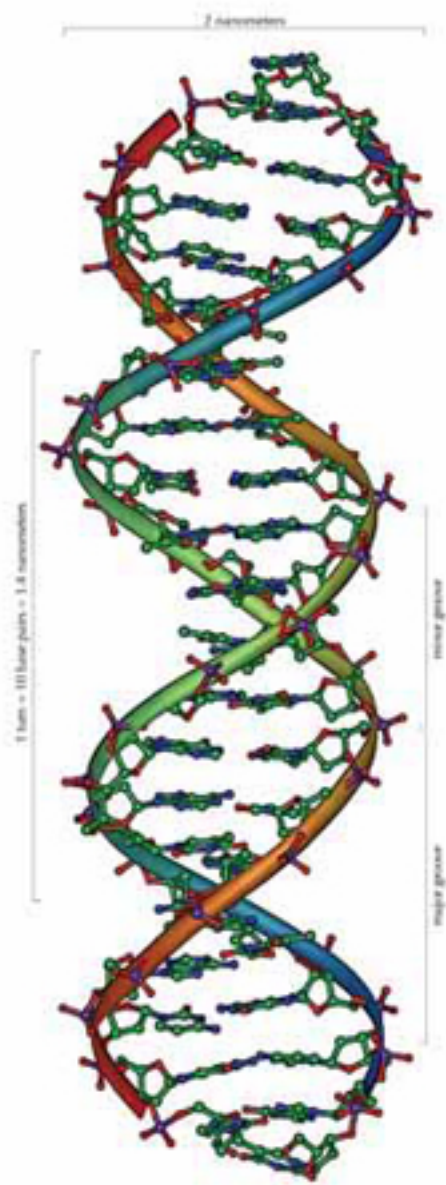
Pyrimidines



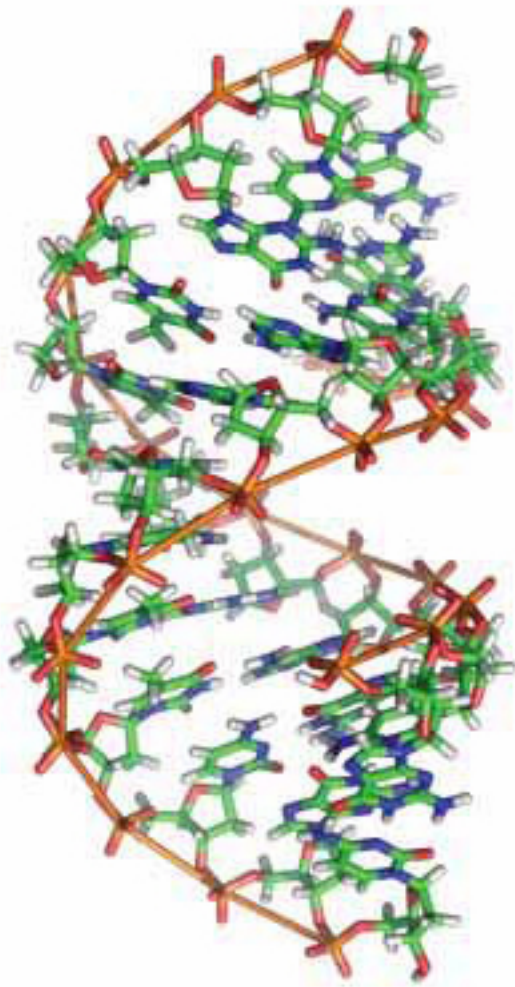
(methylated uracil)

All rings are aromatic





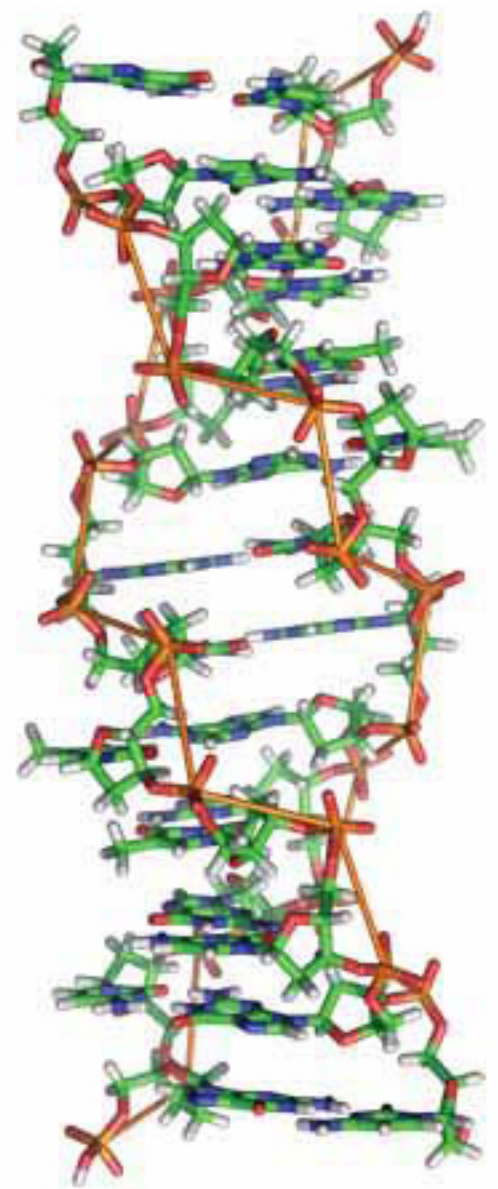
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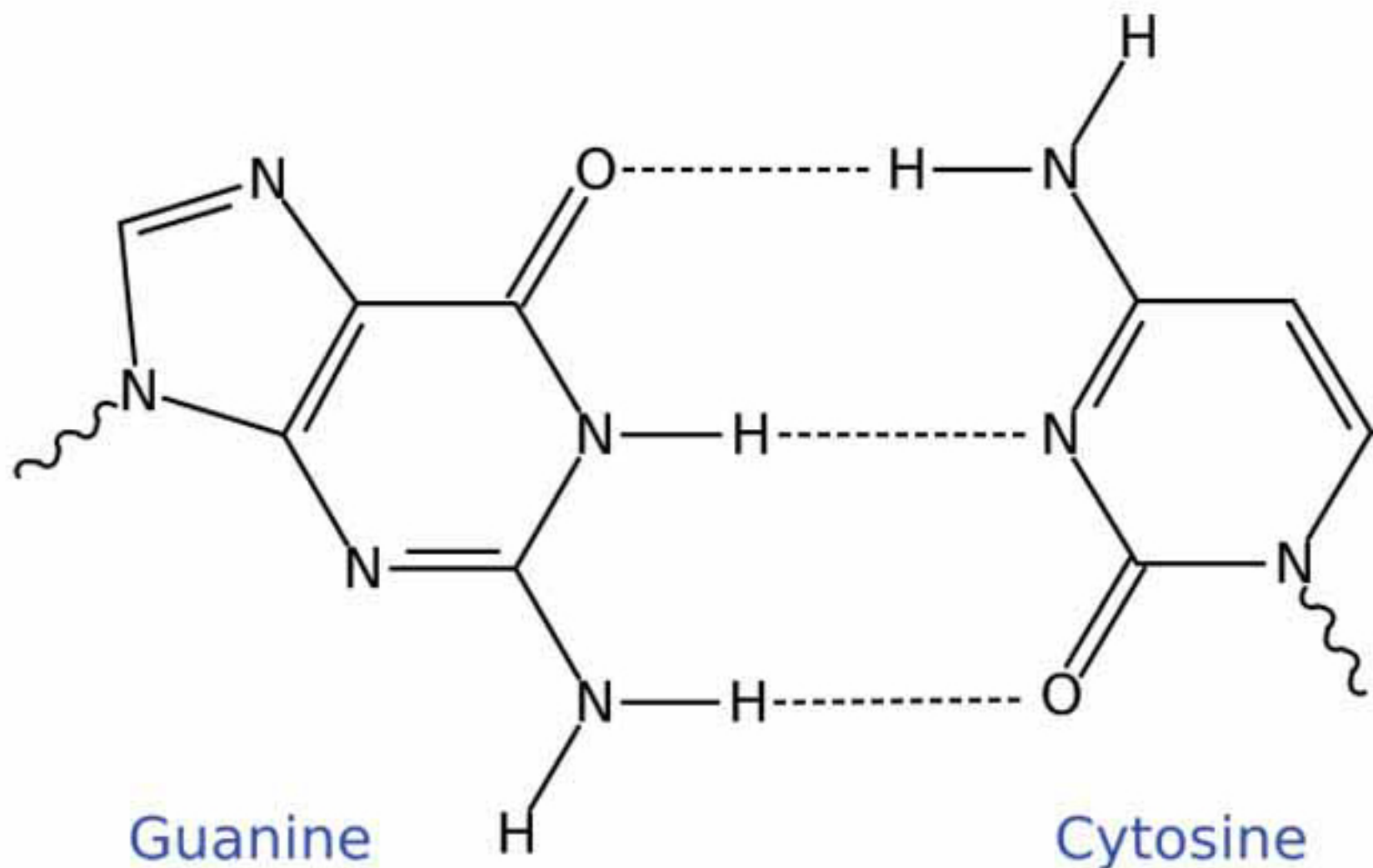
A Form



B Form

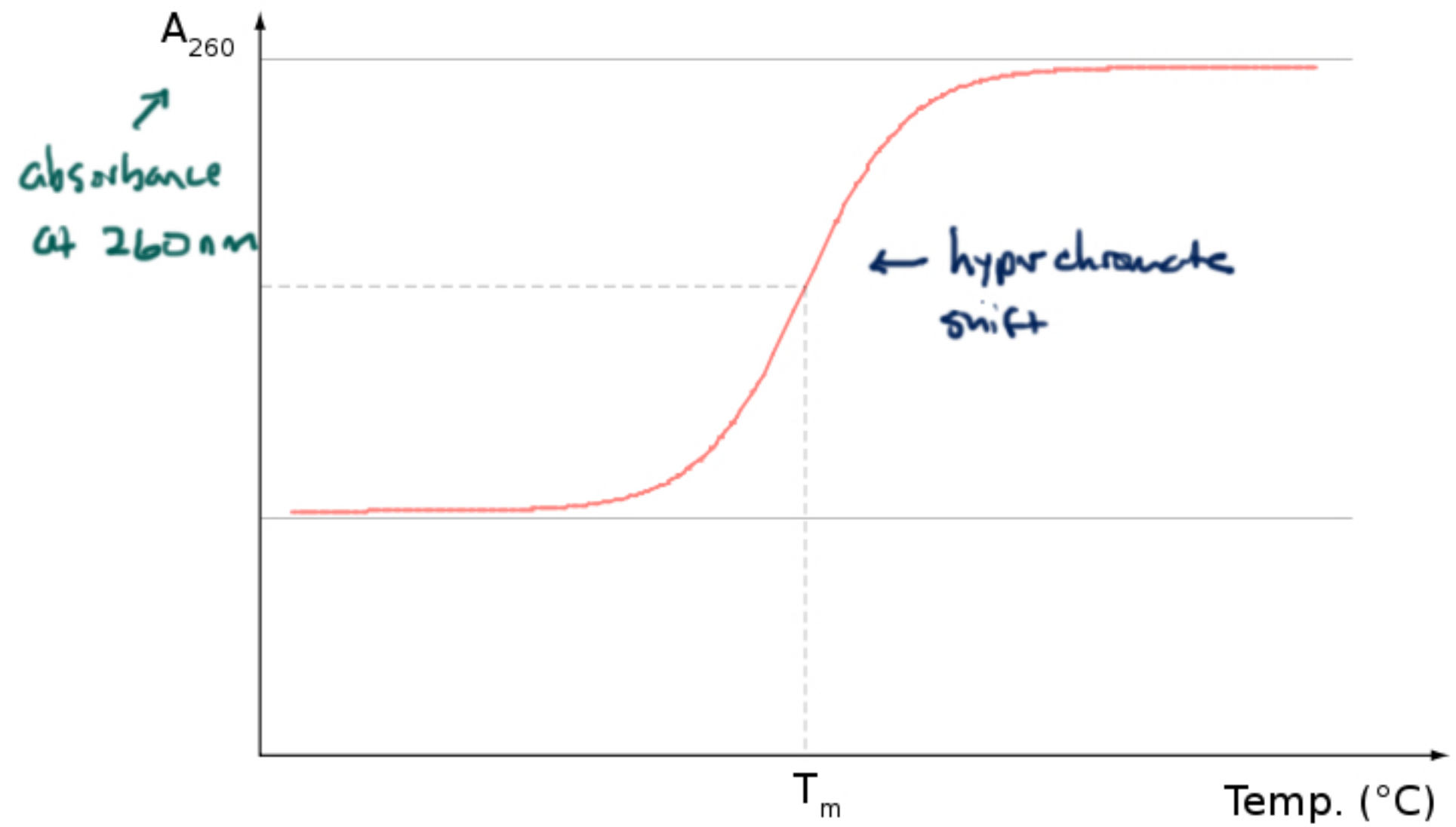


Z Form
(left handed)



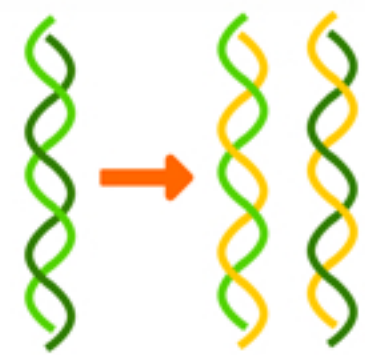
$G \equiv C$

$A = T$

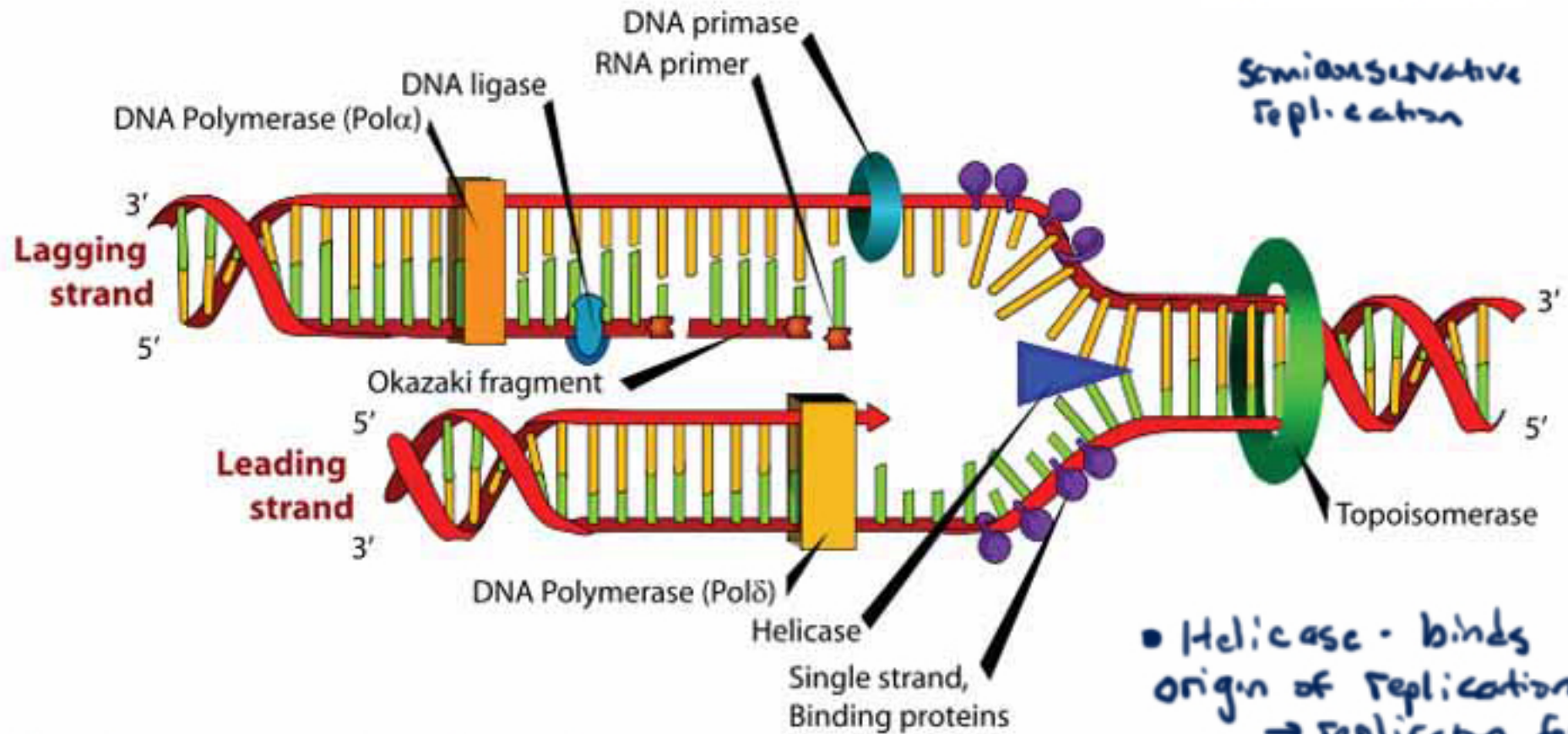


Melting DNA is synonymous
with denaturation (unzipping)

DNA Replication



Semiconservative
Replication



- Helicase - binds origin of replication → replication fork (note binding proteins)
- Primase - short complementary RNA

- Pol δ has proofreading - 1 mistake per billion

• steric forces shift how the polymerase domain to exonuclease domain.

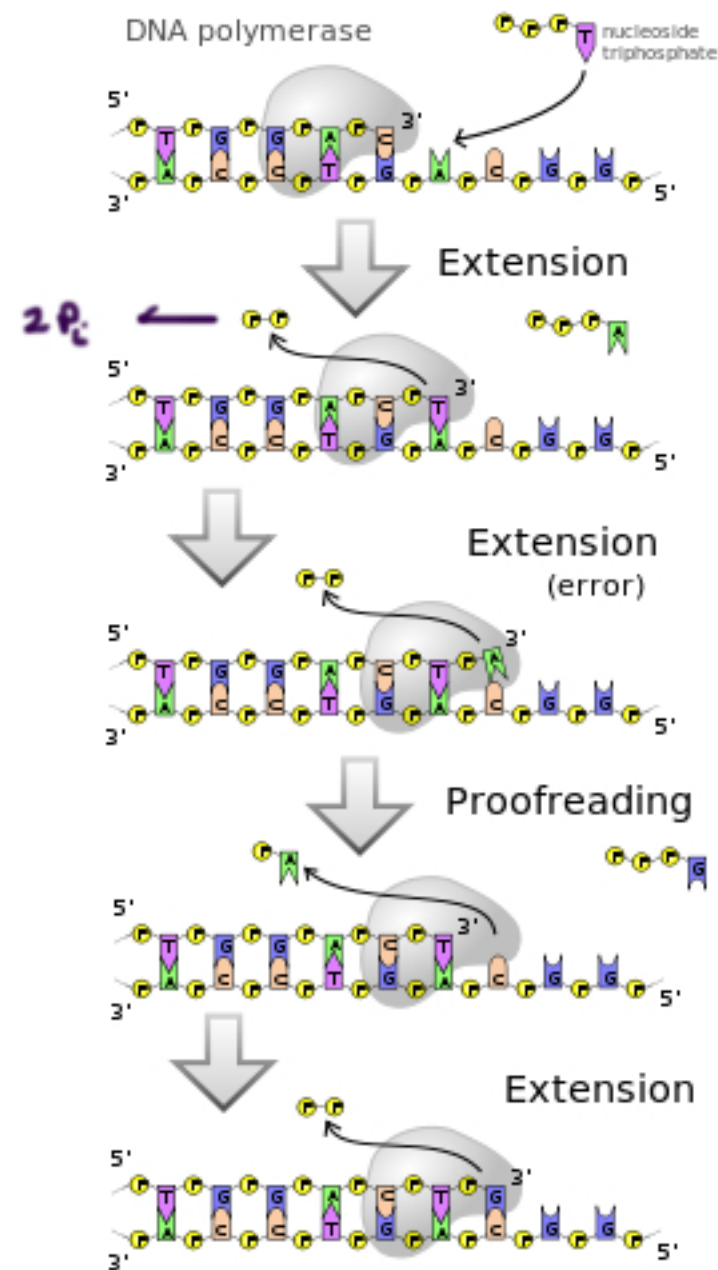
• misses 1 in a billion of these - these require mismatch repair

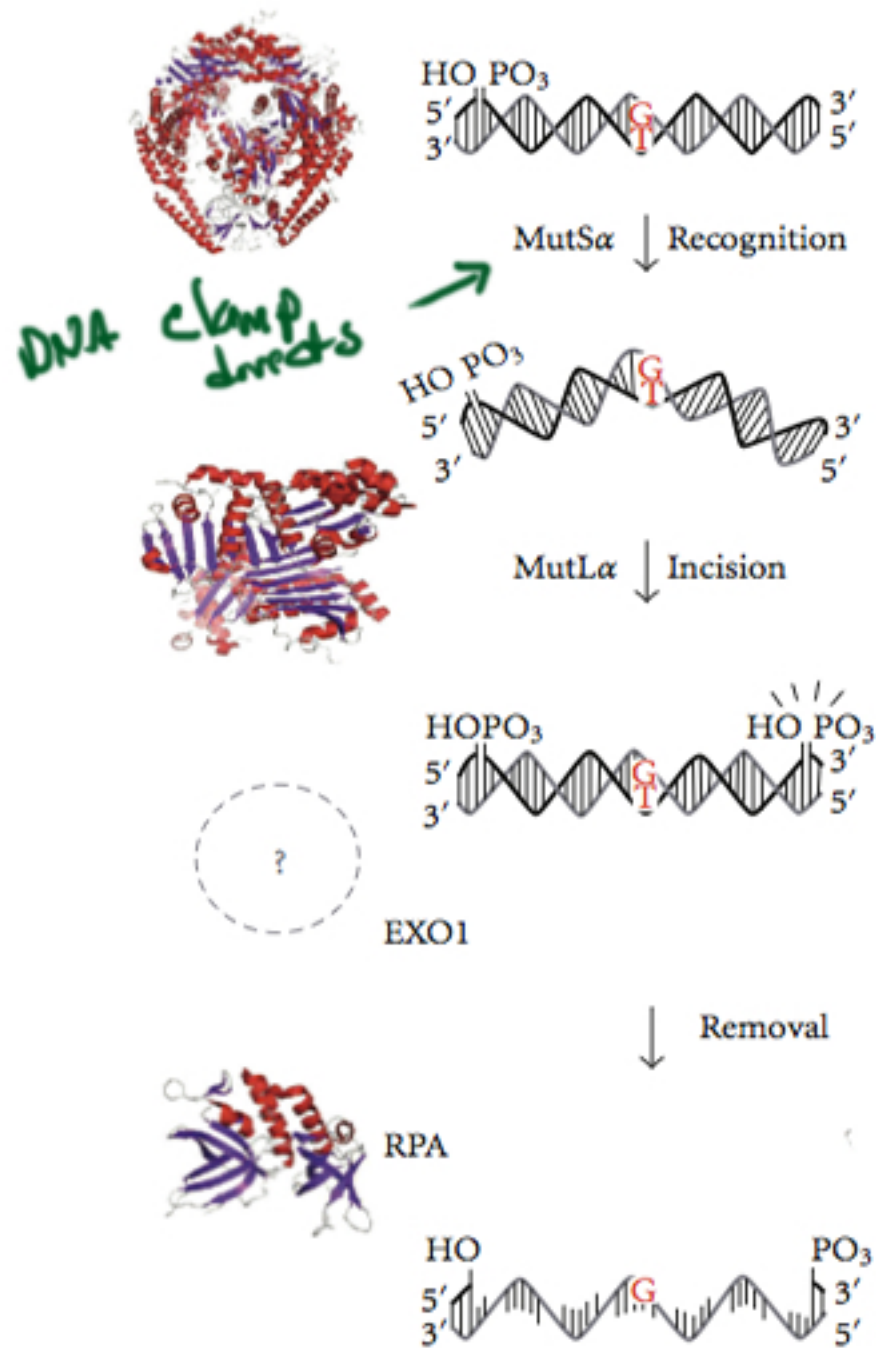
- topoisomerase
- specific exonuclease remove RNA primer pol δ fills in.

- DNA polymerase reads 3' → 5' writes 5' → 3'
- leading strand and lagging strand (multiple primers and Okazaki fragments - DNA ligase)

Proofreading

Note - In elongation
 $3' - OH$ is nucleophile
 for phosphoryl transfer
 attacks of α - liberates
 pyrophosphate.



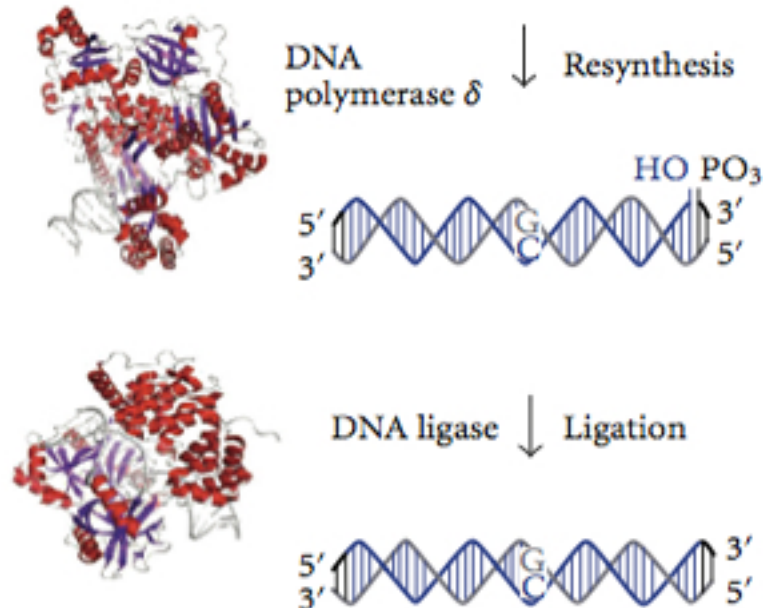


Mismatch
Repair

exonuclease

and

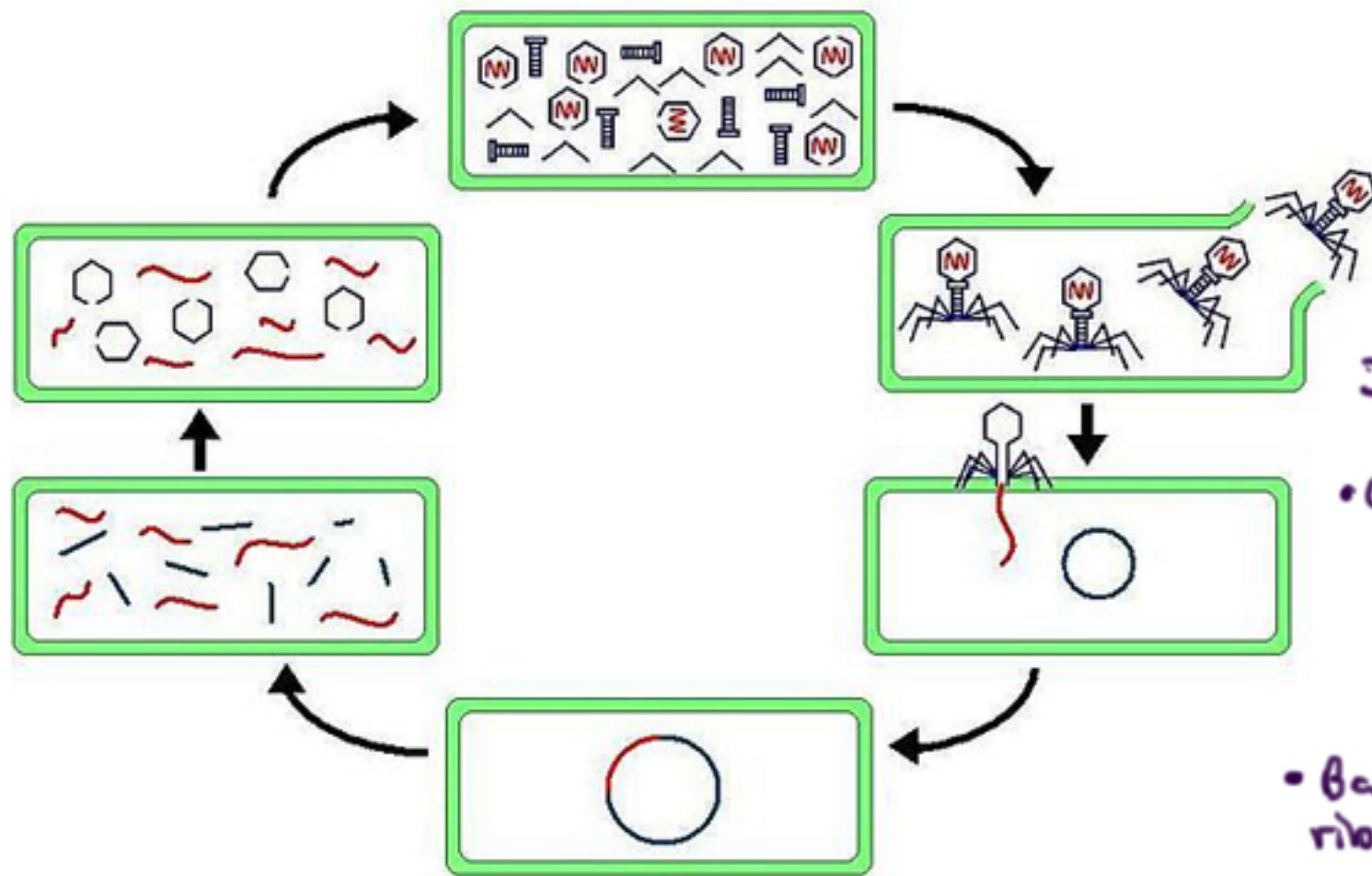
- homologous and nonhomologous end joining



also:

- nucleotide excision repair - for pyrimidine dimers from UV

- base excision repair - for things like deamination of cytosine → uracil



Discovery of mRNA by disproving the ribosome hypothesis.

Jacob, Brenner, et al

• Grew bacteria in $^{15}\text{NH}_4\text{Cl}$ + ^{13}C glucose
 ↑ heavy →

• Bacteria formed heavy ribosomes (old ribosomes)

• Infected with T4 phage and transferred to light media.

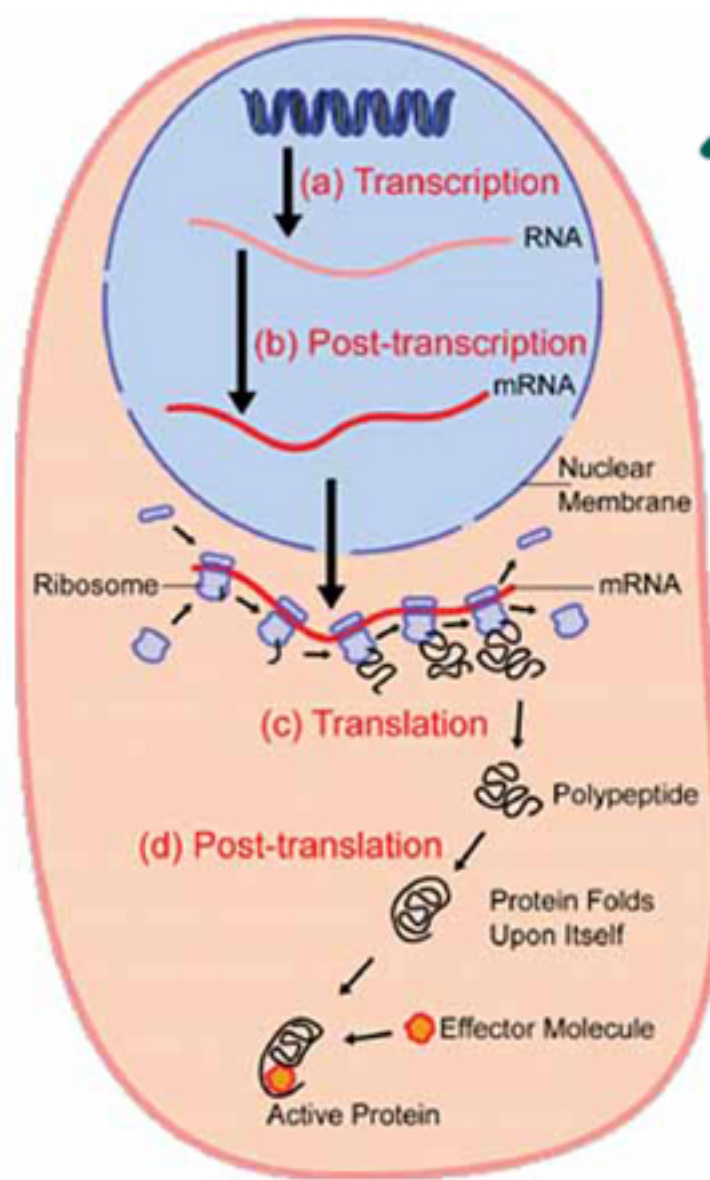
• Did the cells make new ribosomes?

• Only found old ribosomes

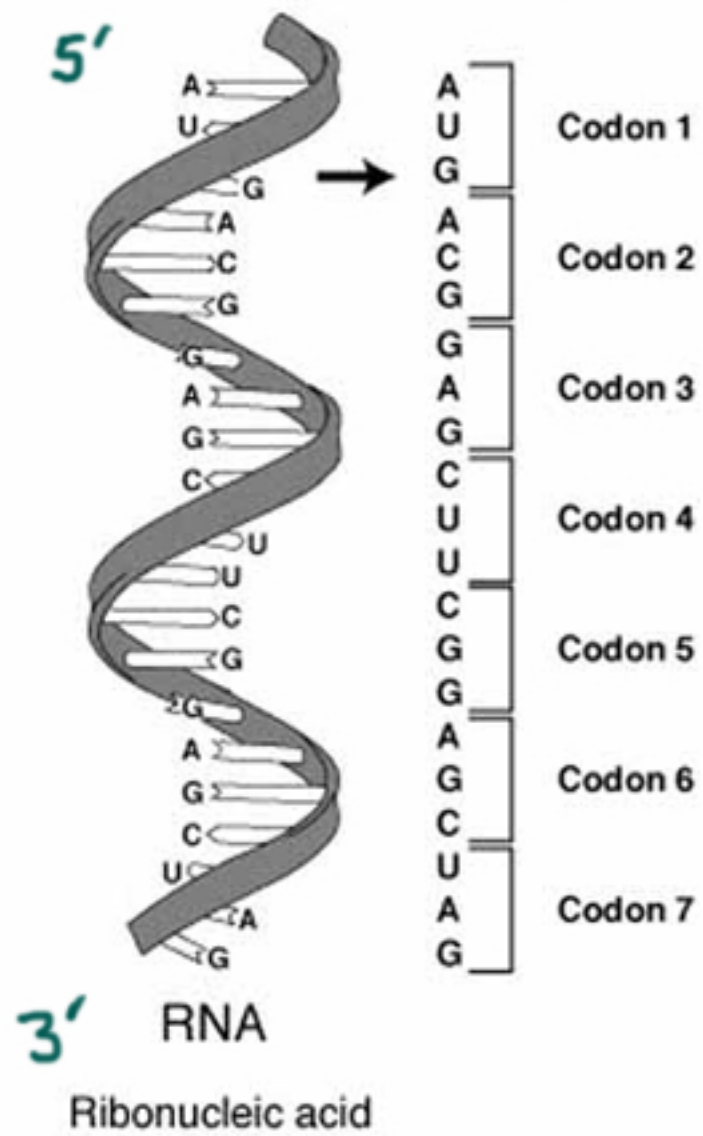
Conclusion - Another form of RNA was carrying the information for peptide sequence - mRNA

Central Dogma

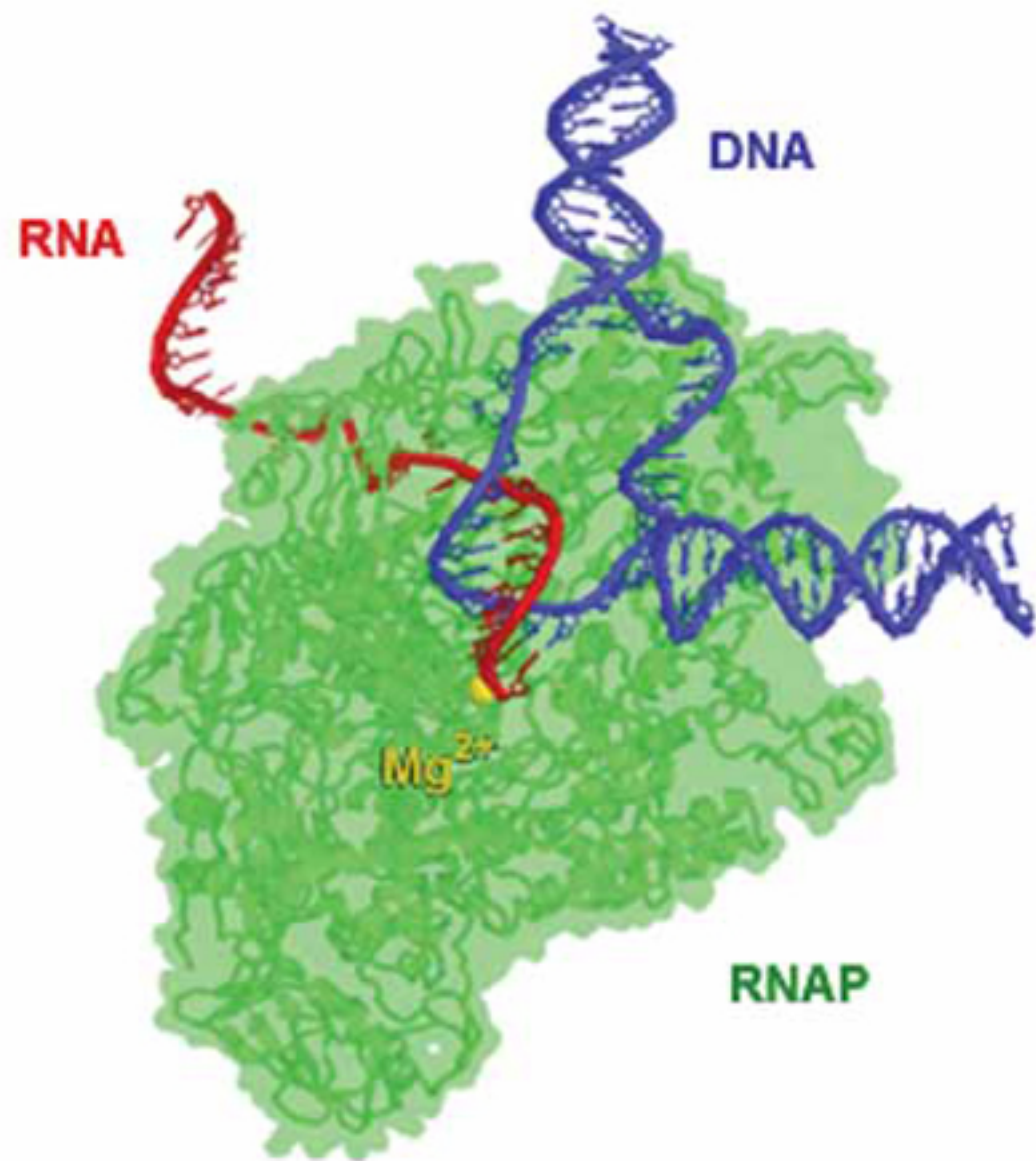
Transcription & Translation



- Let's overview regulation of gene expression
- Transcriptional Control
 - Chromatin modeling
 - DNA methylation
 - Transcription factors
- Post transcriptional
 - Alternative splicing
 - polyA tail • RNA half life • 3' untranslated region sequences
 - 5' cap
- RNA interference
- Translational Regulation
- Posttranslational modification, activation, inhibition etc.



More in translation



Prokaryotes

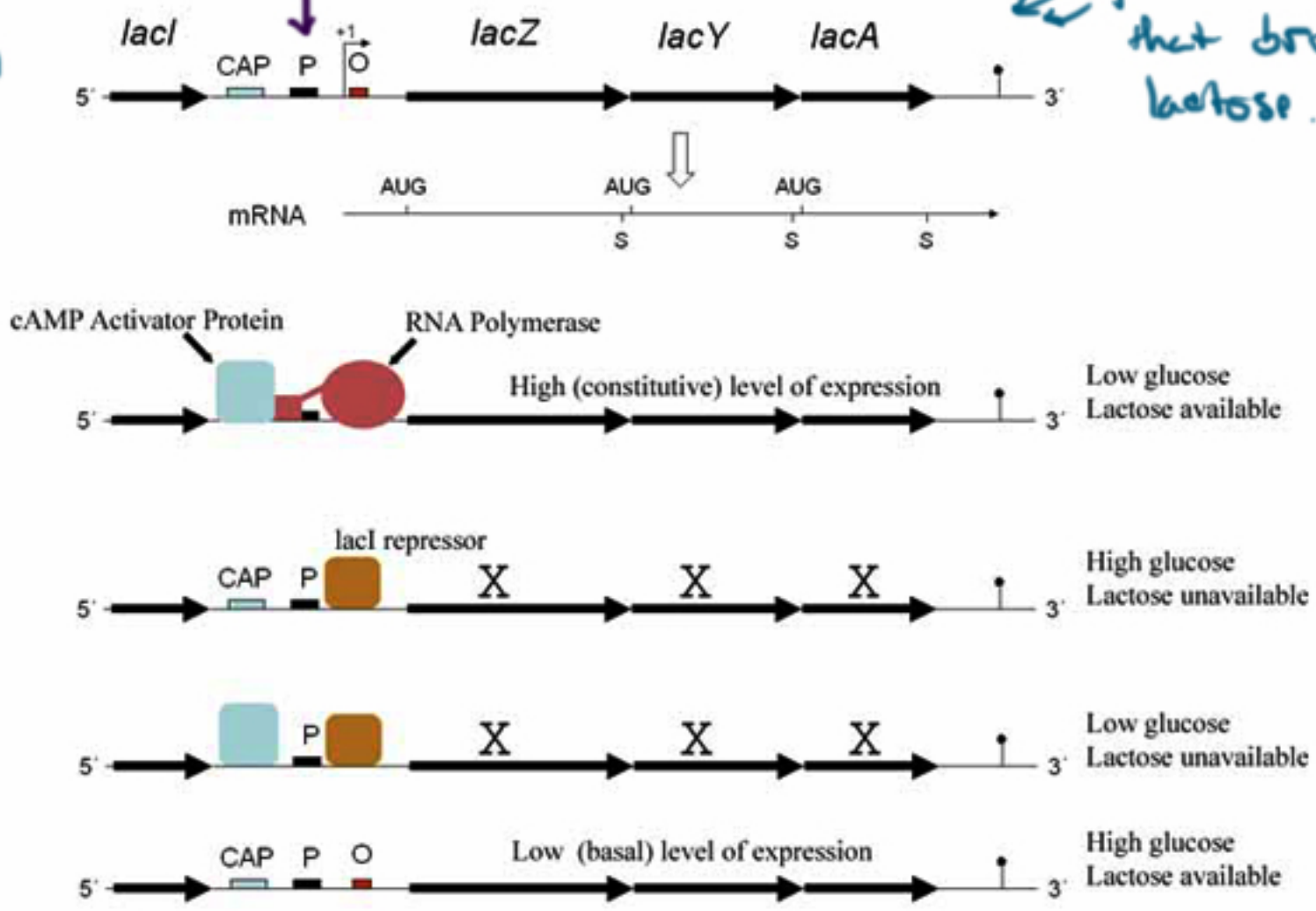
Lac operon
- an
inducible
operon

when glucose
is low cAMP
is high in
E. coli

The lac Operon and its Control Elements

Promoter - where RNA polymerase binds

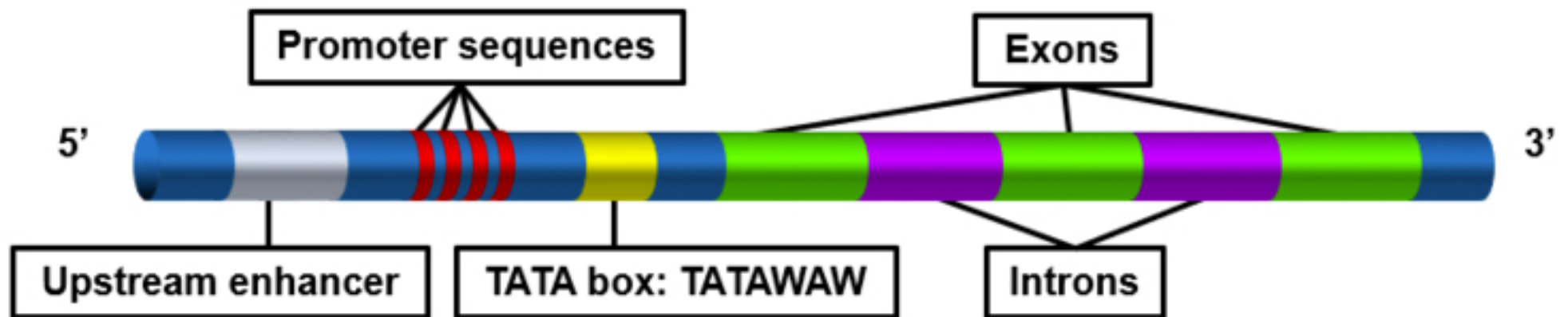
genes for proteins
that break down
lactose.



Polycistronic

- Single promoter - a single reading frame with multiple genes
- Doesn't happen with eukaryotes

eukaryotic gene



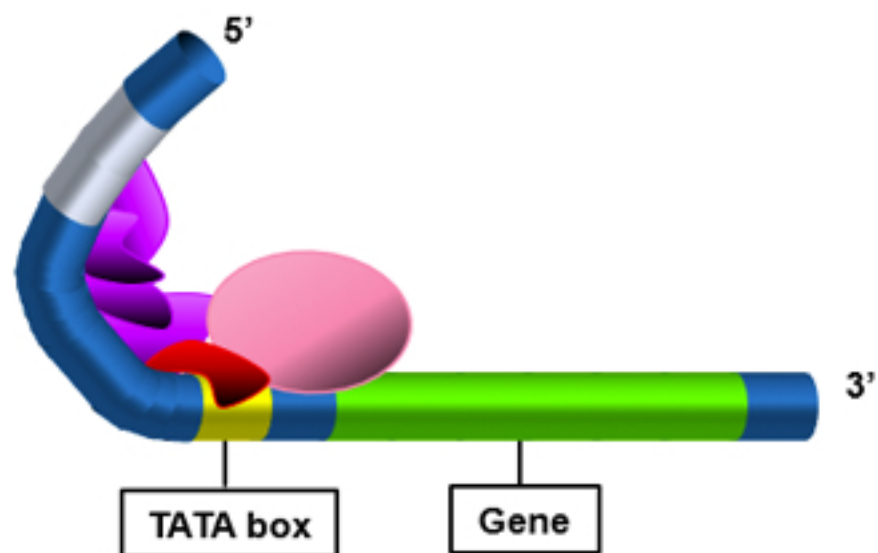
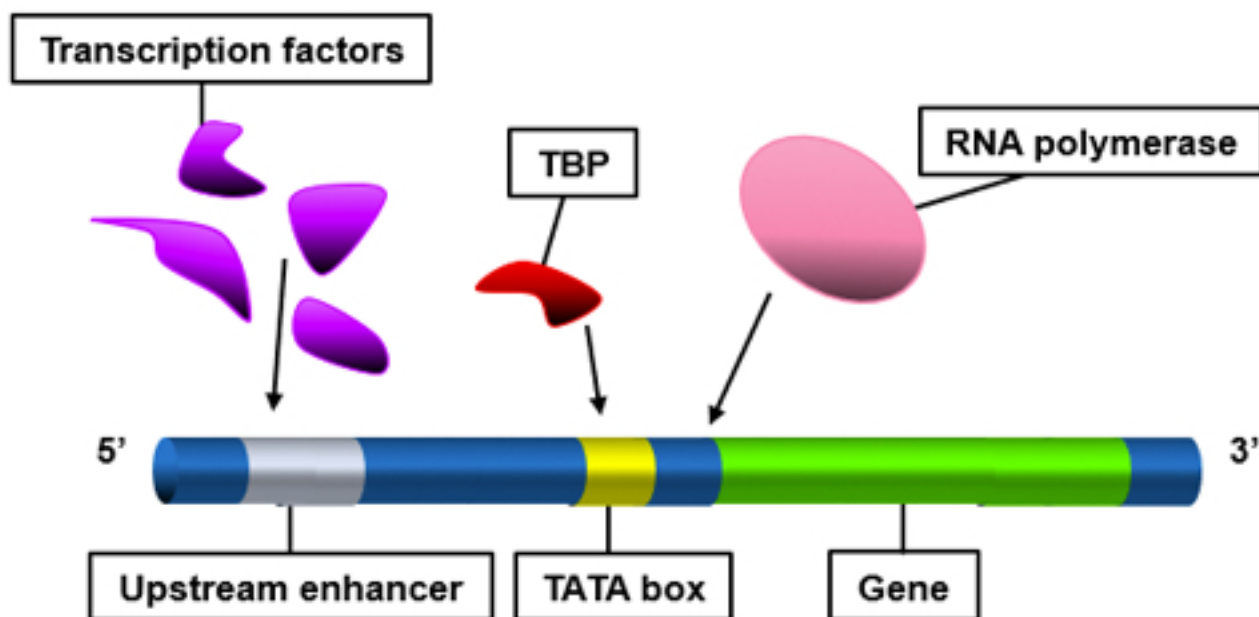
↑
binding of
specific
transcription
factors

↑
Region of core promoter. Sites for binding
of general transcription factors

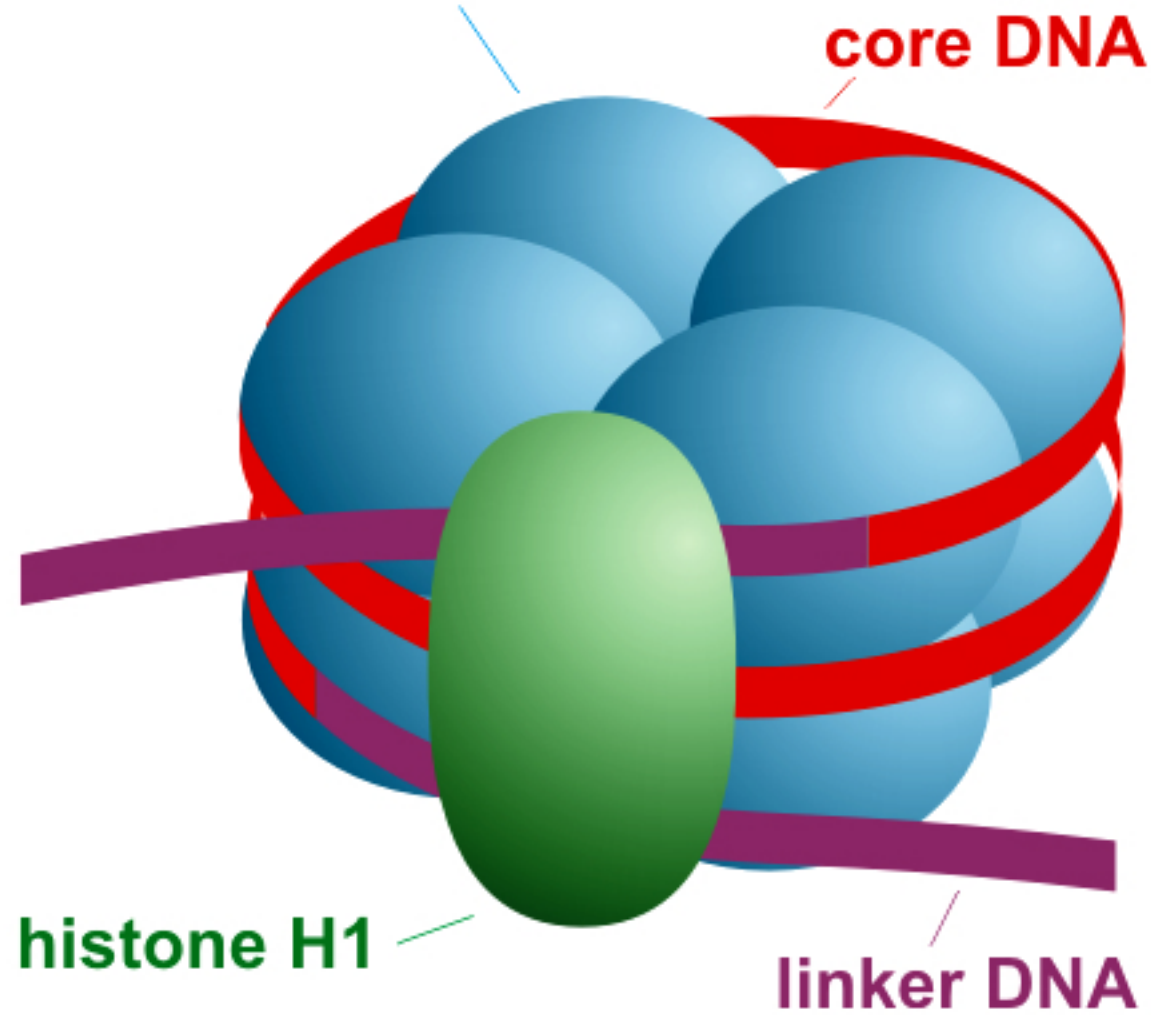
- TATA box - bind TBP
- B recognition element
- Inr (initiator element)

- DNA to which transcription factors bind often includes inverted repeats.

— AGAACA nnn TGTCT —
— TCTTGT nnn ACAAGA —



octamer of core histones:
H2A, H2B, H3, H4 (each one $\times 2$)



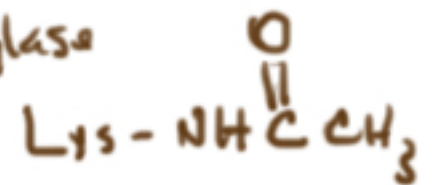
high pI - lots of lysine



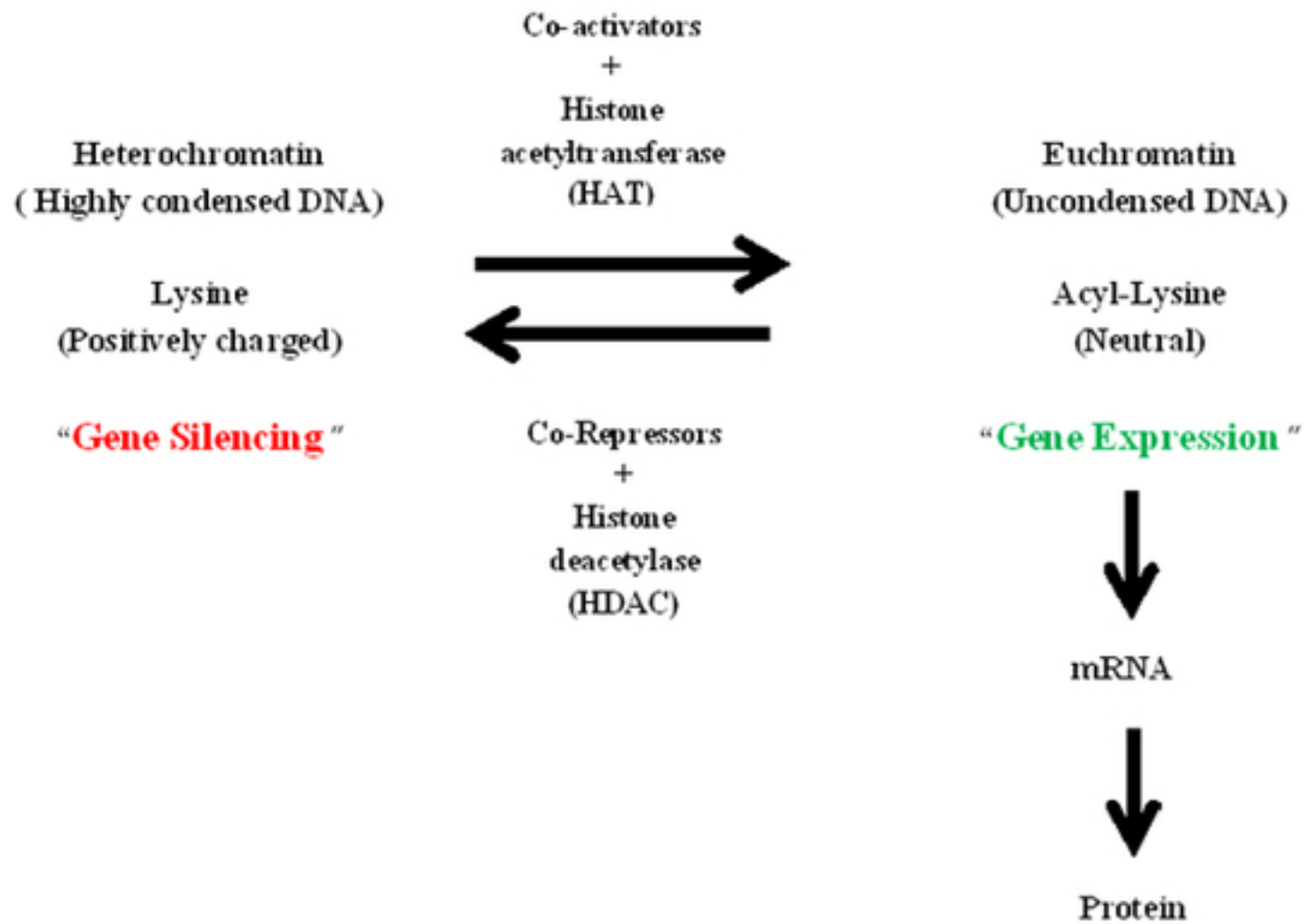
heterochromatin

histone deacetylase

histone acetyl
transferase

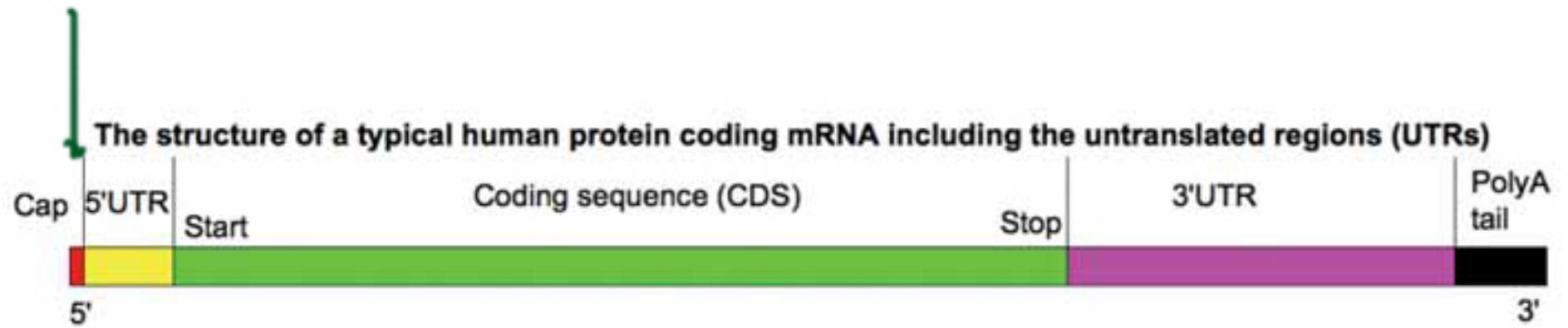


euchromatin



triphosphate
bridge
+
methylguanosine

mRNA



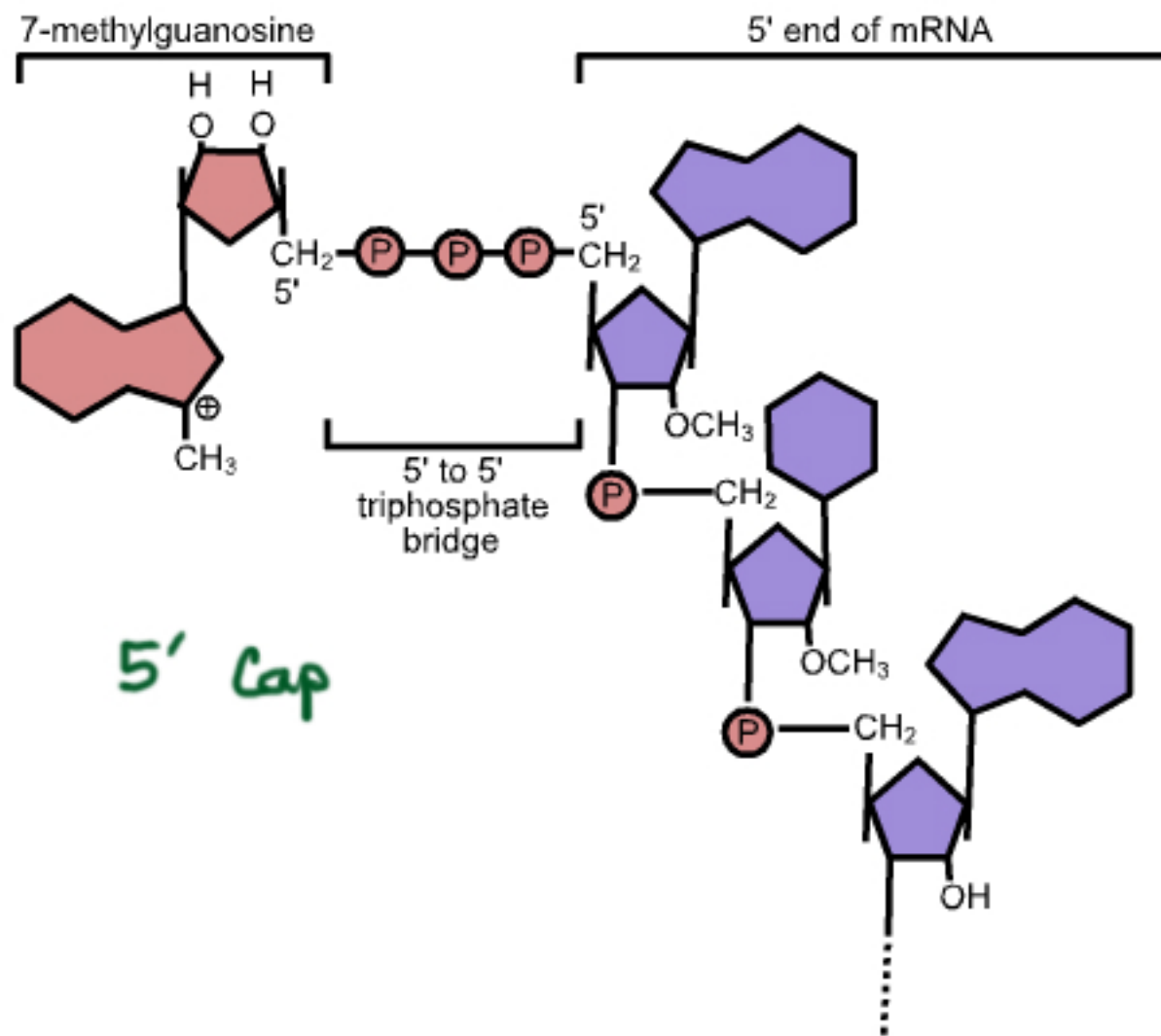
primary
RNA
transcript



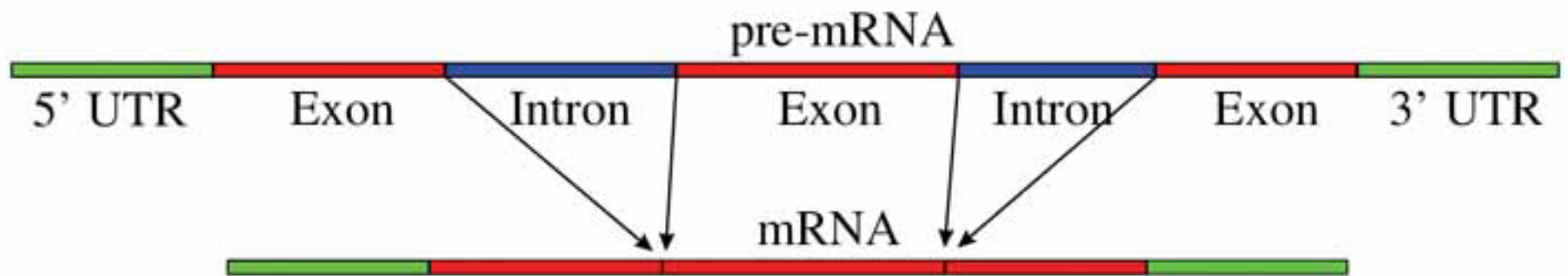
5' cap
poly A tail
splicing



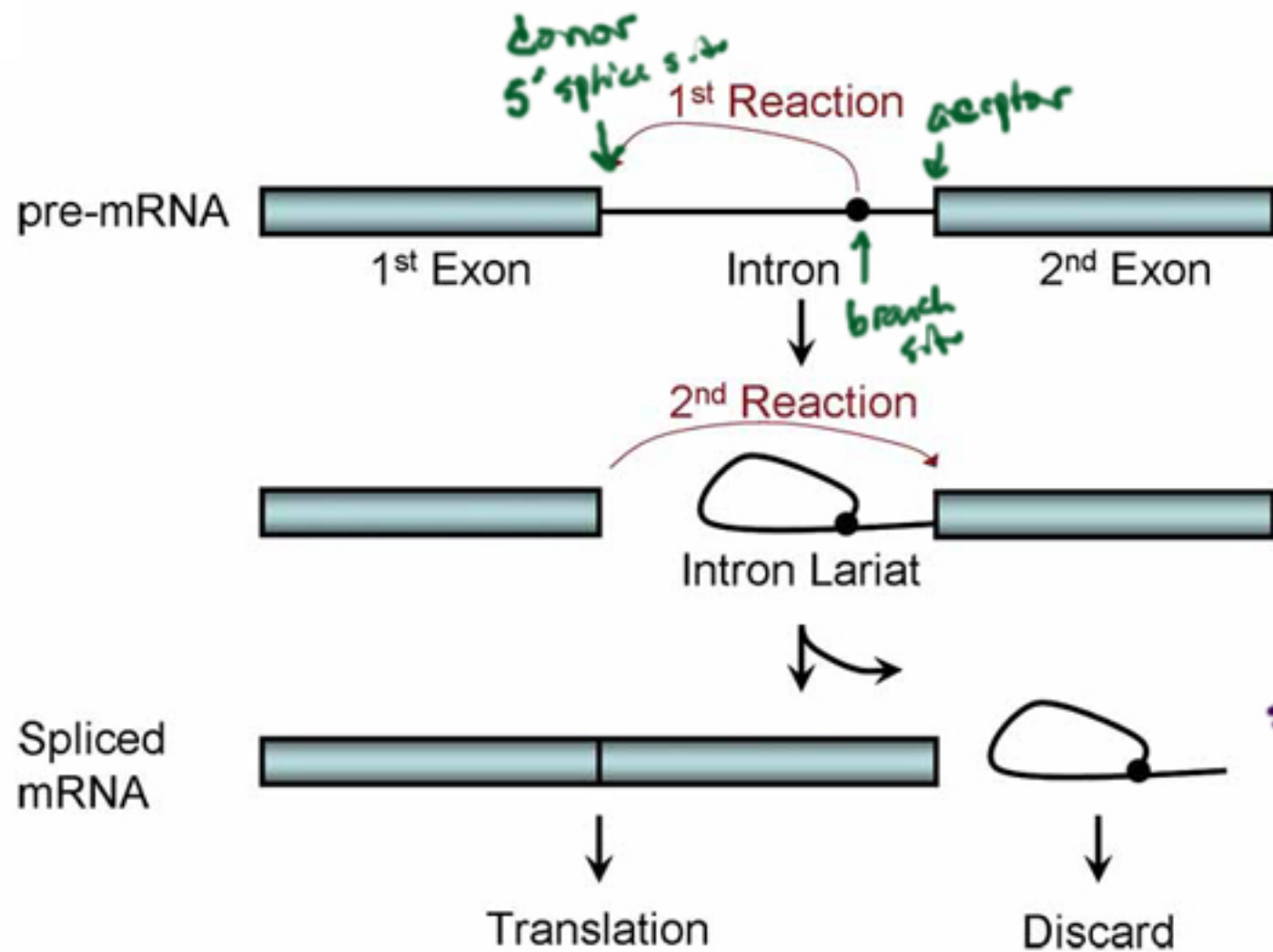
mRNA



Splicing

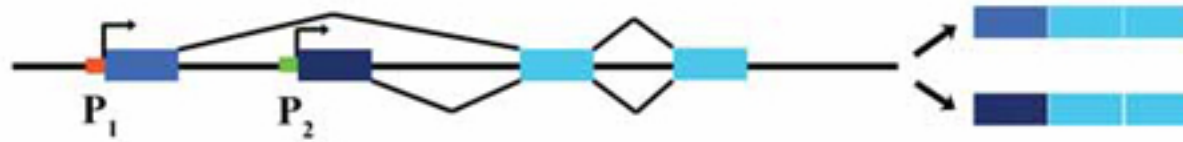


introns are excised



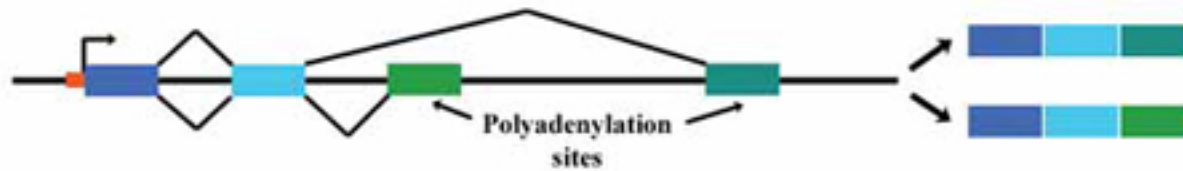
Transesterification reactions
catalyzed by
spliceosome
= complex of
snRNPs
↑
snRNA + protein
self splicing
introns also exist

(a) Alternative selection of promoters (e.g., *myosin* primary transcript)

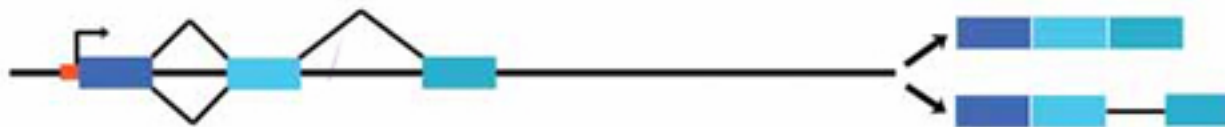


Alternative
Splicing

(b) Alternative selection of cleavage/polyadenylation sites (e.g., *tropomyosin* transcript)



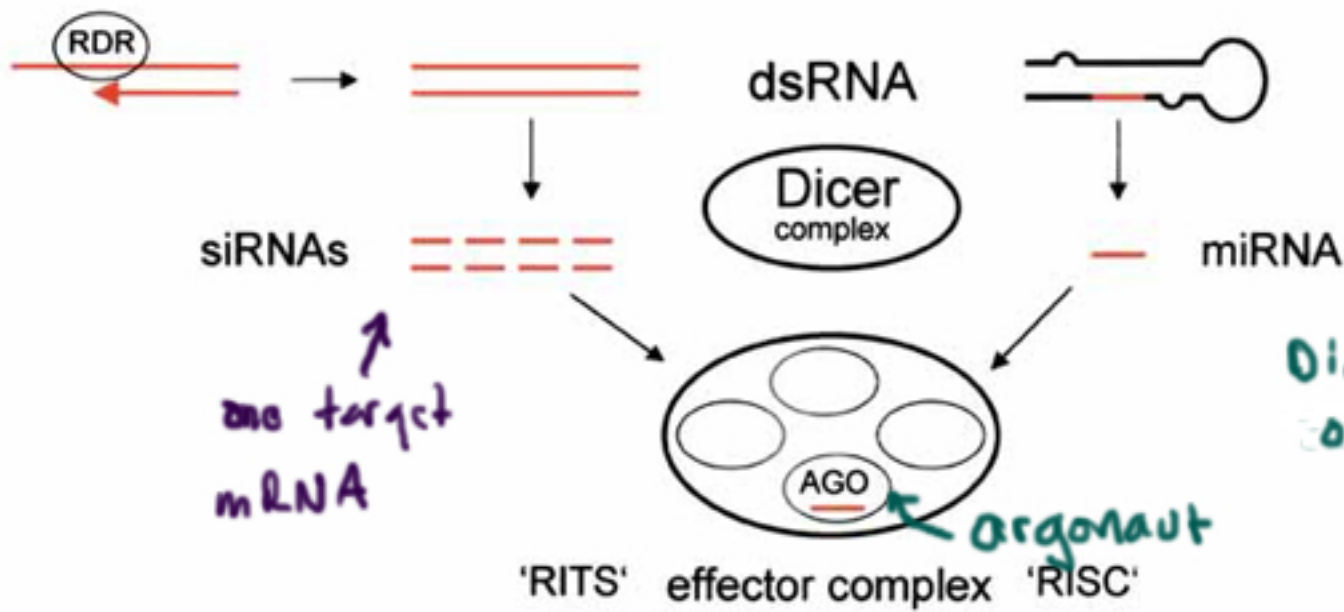
(c) Intron retaining mode (e.g., *transposase* primary transcript)



(d) Exon cassette mode (e.g., *troponin* primary transcript)



different modes are
supplement

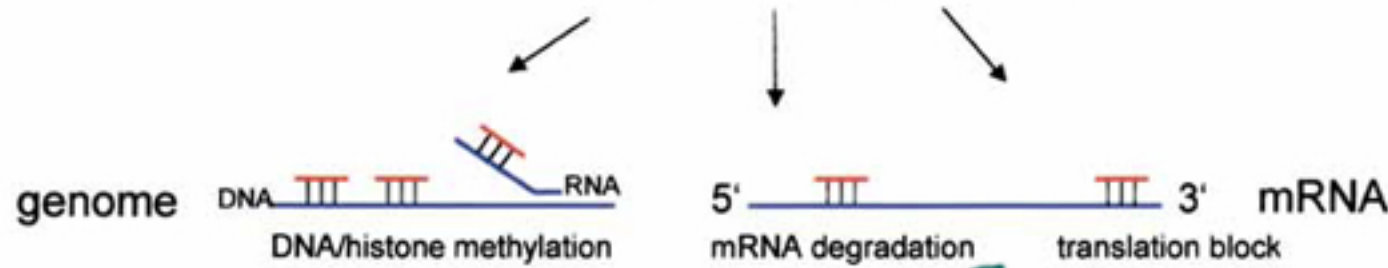


RNA interference

Dicer cleaves precursor of siRNA and miRNA

one target mRNA

argonaut



TGS

RNAi/PTGS

degradation carried out by slicer

heterochromatin
transgene silencing, transposon control

virus resistance

development

50s

30s

70s



Svedberg
coefficient

- "sedimentation
coefficient"

speed of migration
under centrifugation

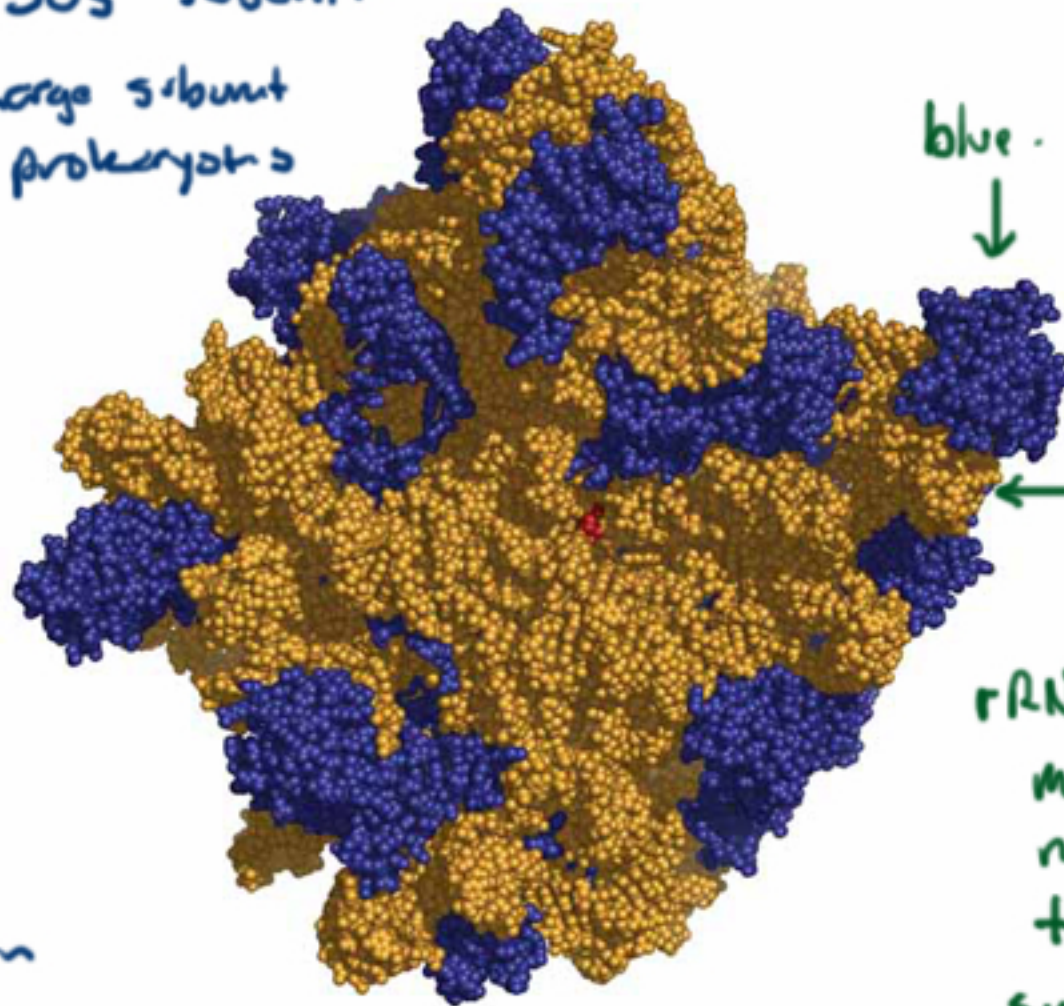
- logarithmic with mass -

eukaryotes

60s

40s

50s subunit
Large subunit
prokaryotes



blue - protein
↓

← orange
rRNA

rRNA -

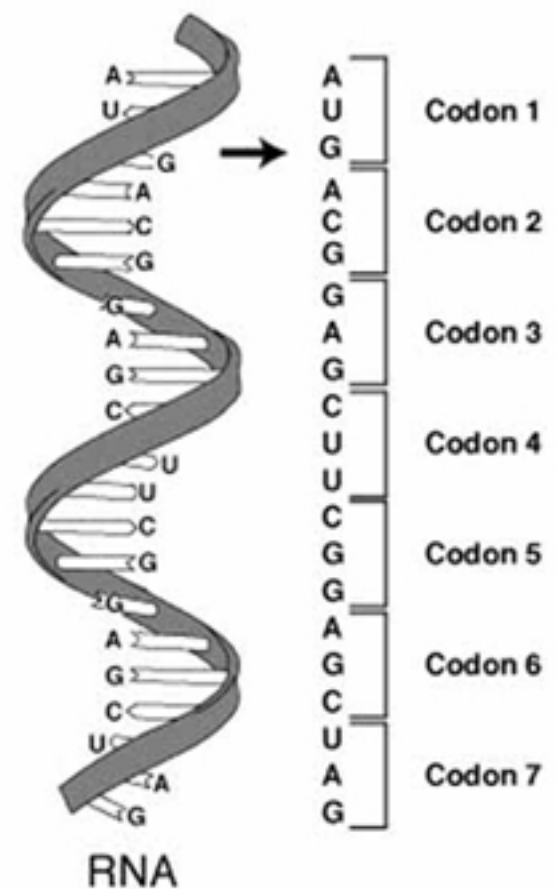
many modified
nucleosides (like
+ RNA)

such as
pseudouridine
(N & C switched)

ribozyme - RNA enzyme
peptidyl transferase is
a ribozyme

		Second Base					
		U	C	A	G		
First Base	U	UUU } Phe	UCU } Ser	UAU } Tyr	UGU } Cys	U	Third Base
		UUC } Phe	UCC } Ser	UAC } Tyr	UGC } Cys	C	
		UUA } Leu	UCA } Ser	UAA } STOP	UGA } STOP	A	
		UUG } Leu	UCG } Ser	UAG } STOP	UGG } Trp	G	
	C	CUU } Leu	CCU } Pro	CAU } His	CGU } Arg	U	
		CUC } Leu	CCC } Pro	CAC } His	CGC } Arg	C	
		CUA } Leu	CCA } Pro	CAA } Gln	CGA } Arg	A	
		CUG } Leu	CCG } Pro	CAG } Gln	CGG } Arg	G	
	A	AUU } Ile	ACU } Thr	AAU } Asn	AGU } Ser	U	
		AUC } Ile	ACC } Thr	AAC } Asn	AGC } Ser	C	
		AUA } Ile	ACA } Thr	AAA } Lys	AGA } Arg	A	
		AUG } Met or Start	ACG } Thr	AAG } Lys	AGG } Arg	G	
	G	GUU } Val	GCU } Ala	GAU } Asp	GGU } Gly	U	
		GUC } Val	GCC } Ala	GAC } Asp	GGC } Gly	C	
		GUA } Val	GCA } Ala	GAA } Glu	GGA } Gly	A	
		GUG } Val	GCG } Ala	GAG } Glu	GGG } Gly	G	

wobble
here



Ribonucleic acid

64 possible codons

61 code amino acids

3 stop - UAA, UGA, UAG

There are only 20 amino acids

Consequences of alteration

- silent mutation
- missense mutation
- nonsense mutation - stop

Others - trinucleotide repeat

- loop out structure
- also in repair
- splice site mutation
- frameshift

no punctuation

- degenerate
- universal

not specific
from protein
sequence → RNA



tRNA

• modified nucleobases

↑
aminoacyl
attachment site

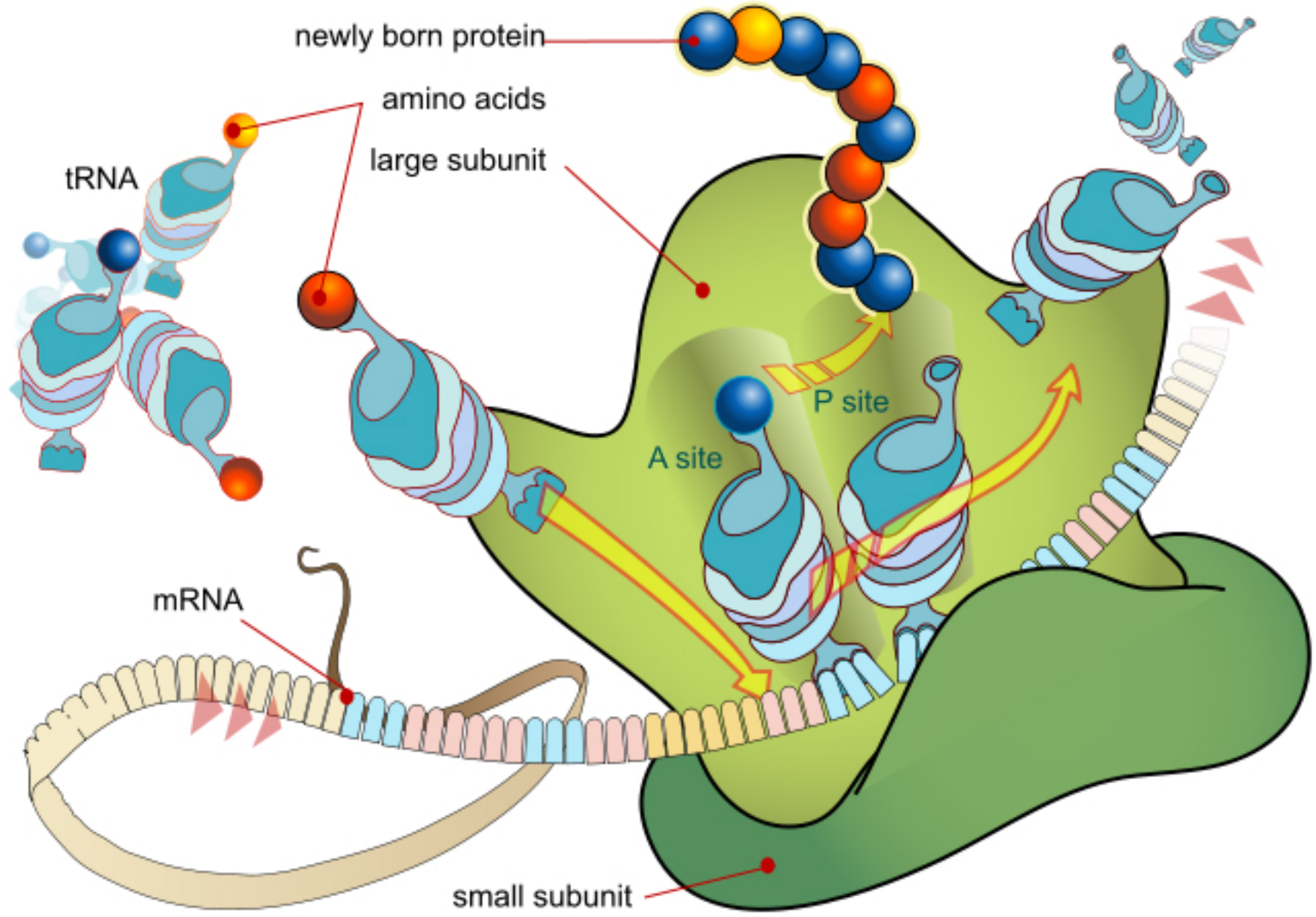
aminoacyl tRNA synthetase

↑ ↑
there are a bunch of
these - also has
proofreading and editing

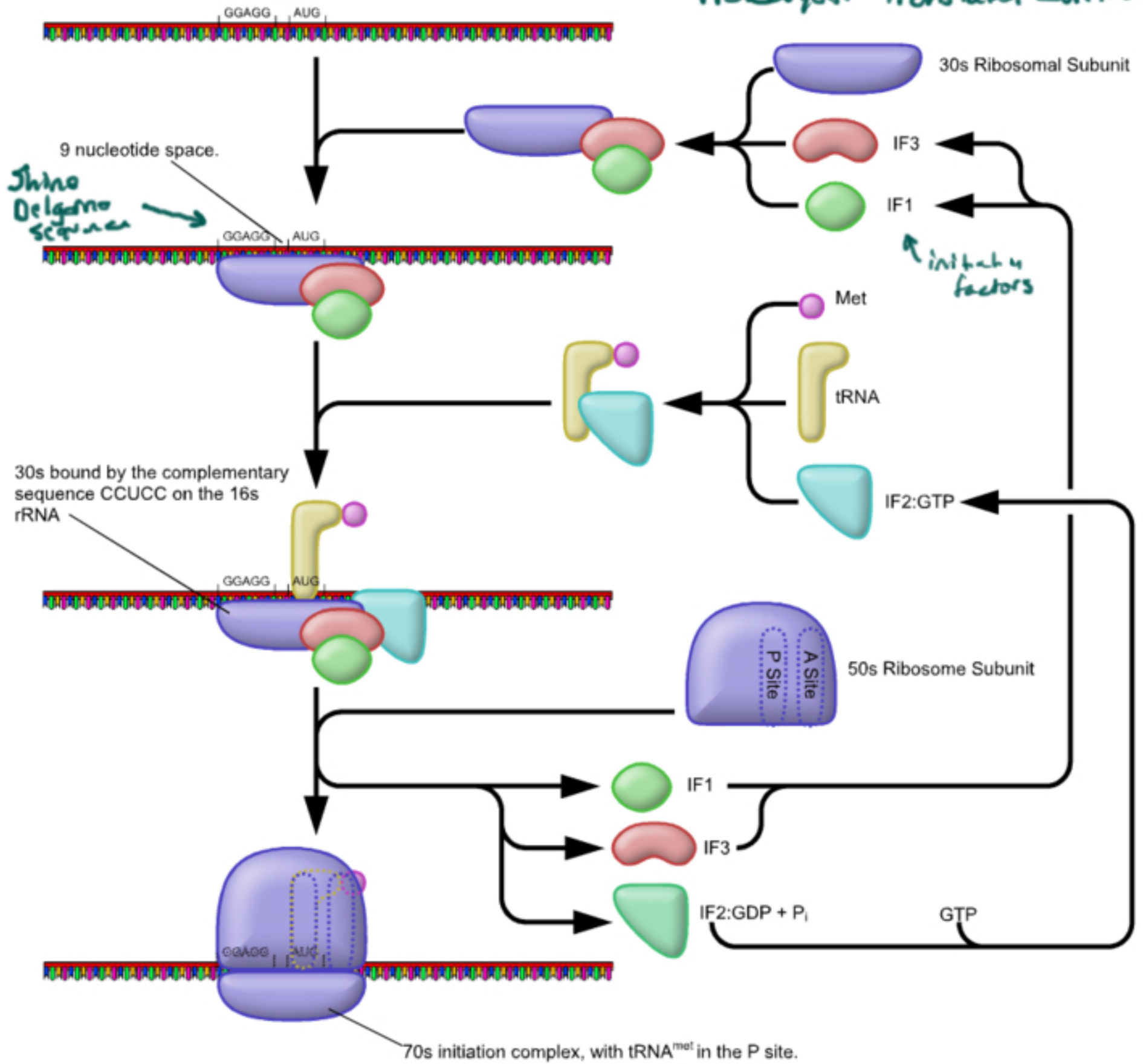
← anticodon

↑ antiparallel binding

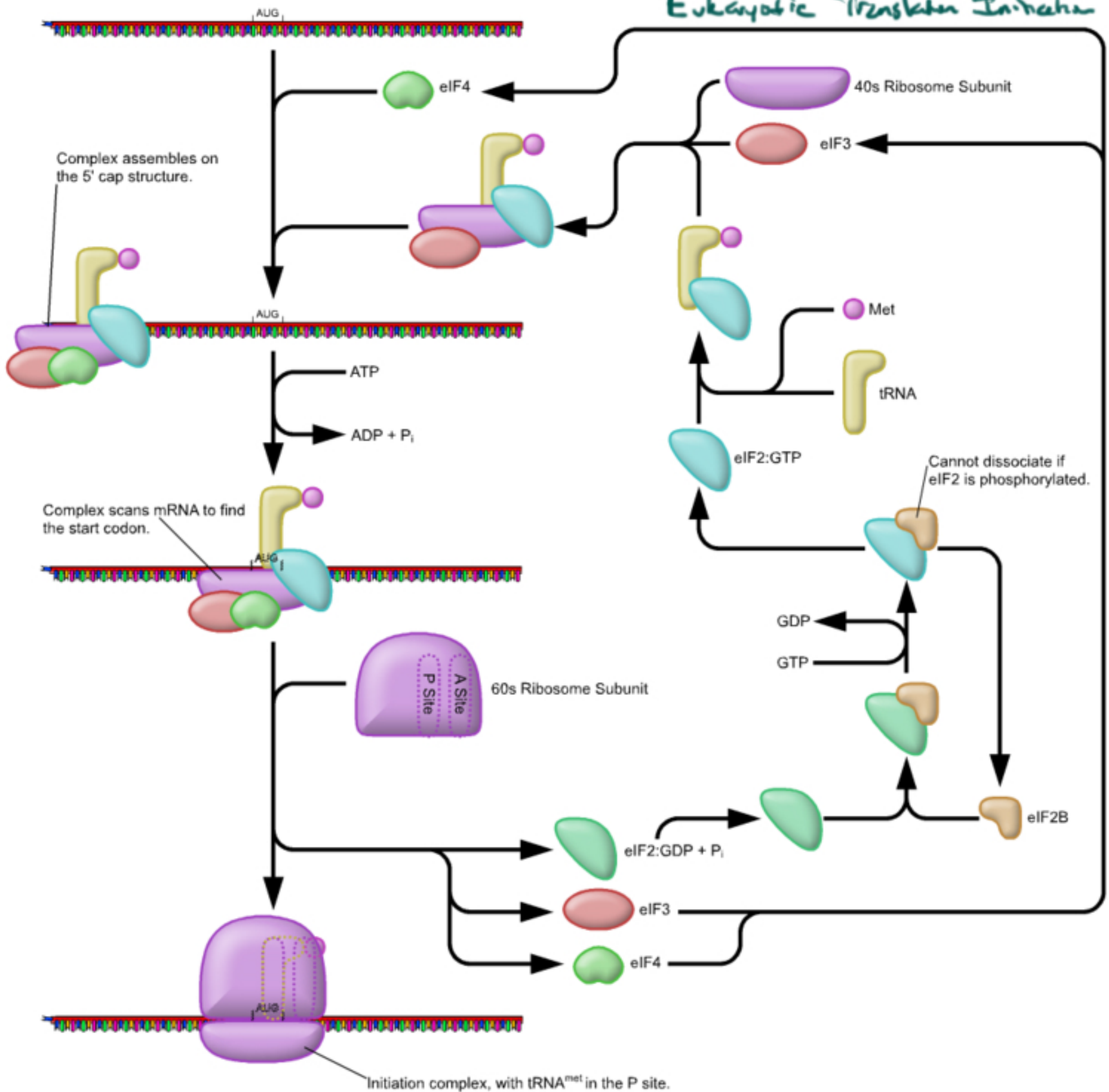
You still express tRNA sequence
5' → 3' - it will read in reverse
of the mRNA sequence.



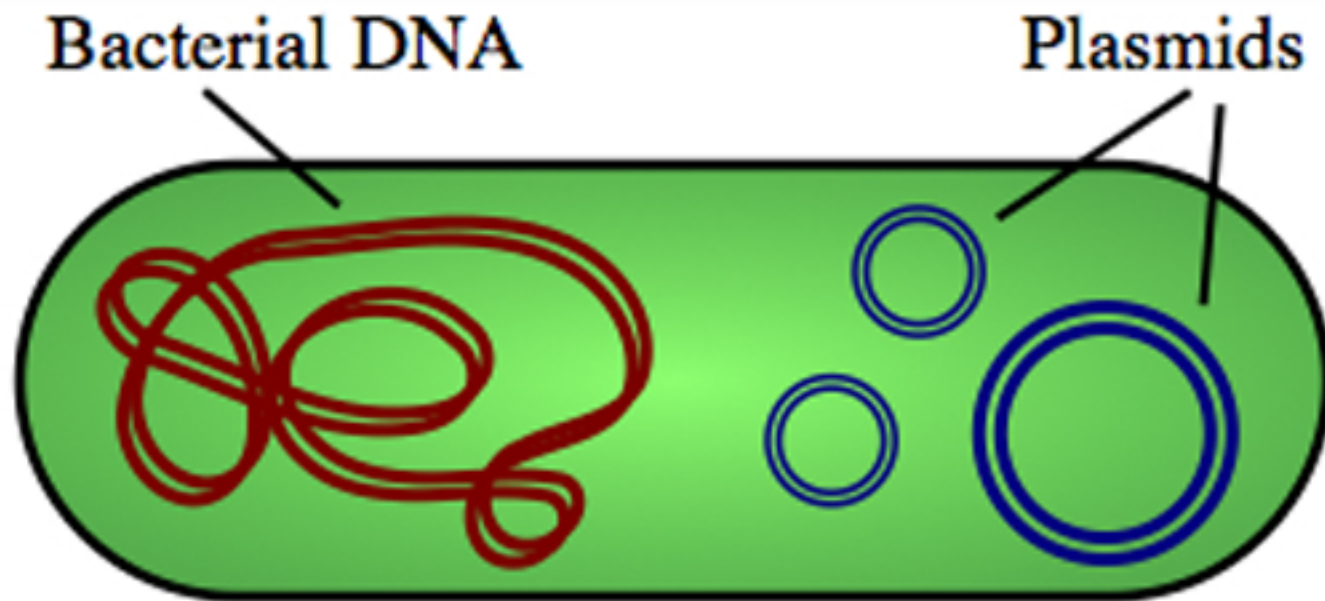
Prokaryotic Translation Initiation



Eukaryotic Translation Initiation

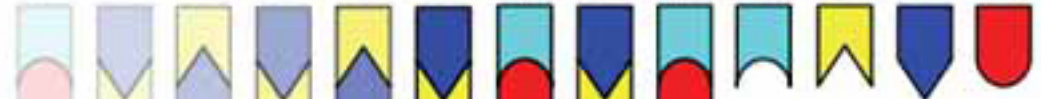


DNA Lab



Cohen and Boyer
Transformed bacteria with
recombinant plasmid.
Using restriction enzyme -
(restriction endonuclease)

T G C G C G T G T T C G A



A C G C G C A C A

A G C C C C A C C T



A G C T T C G G G G T G G A

- 2 fold palindromic symmetry
- sticky ends are identical

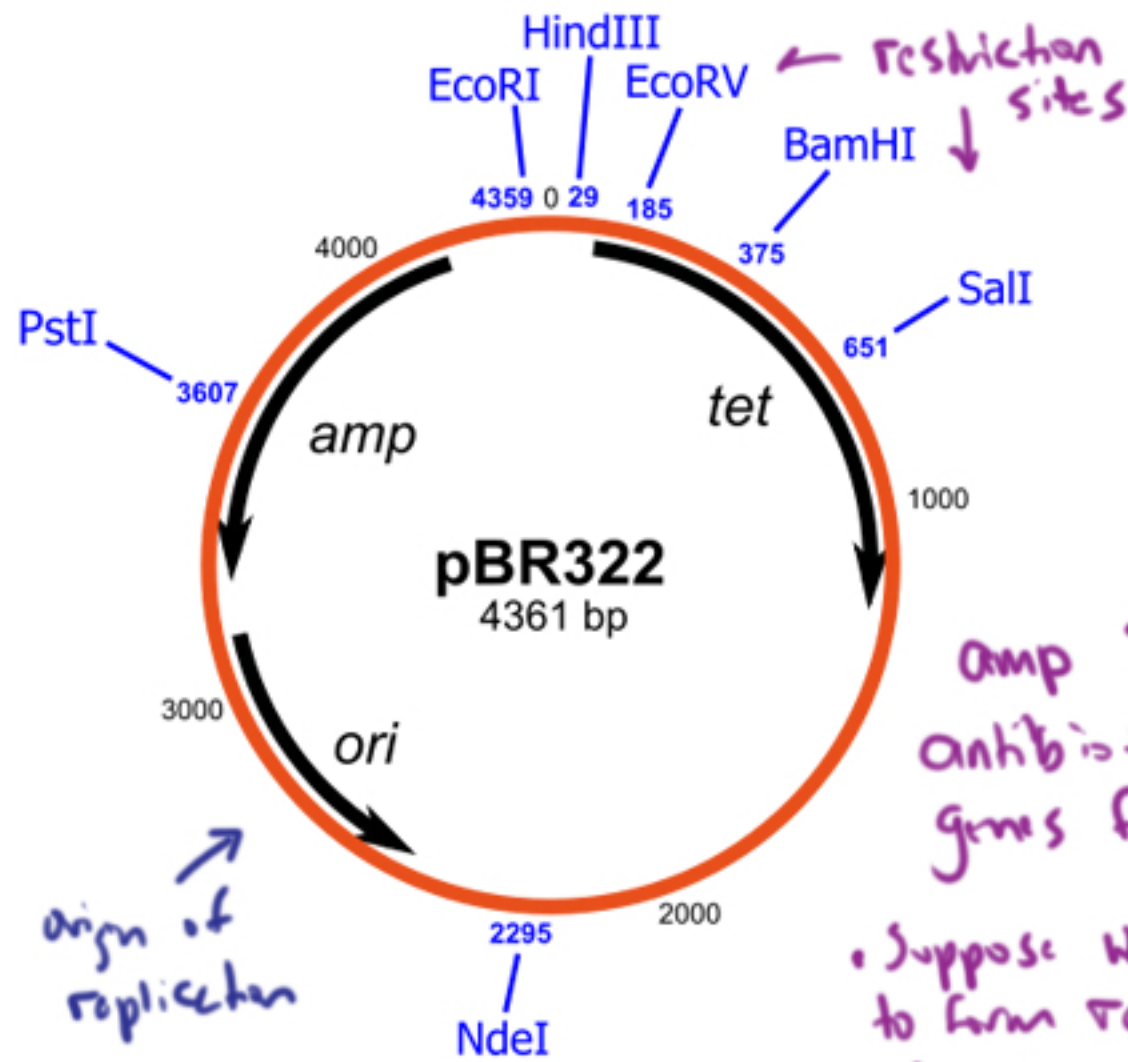


T G C G C G T G T T C G A A G C C C C A C C T



A C G C G C A C A A G C T T C G G G G T G G A

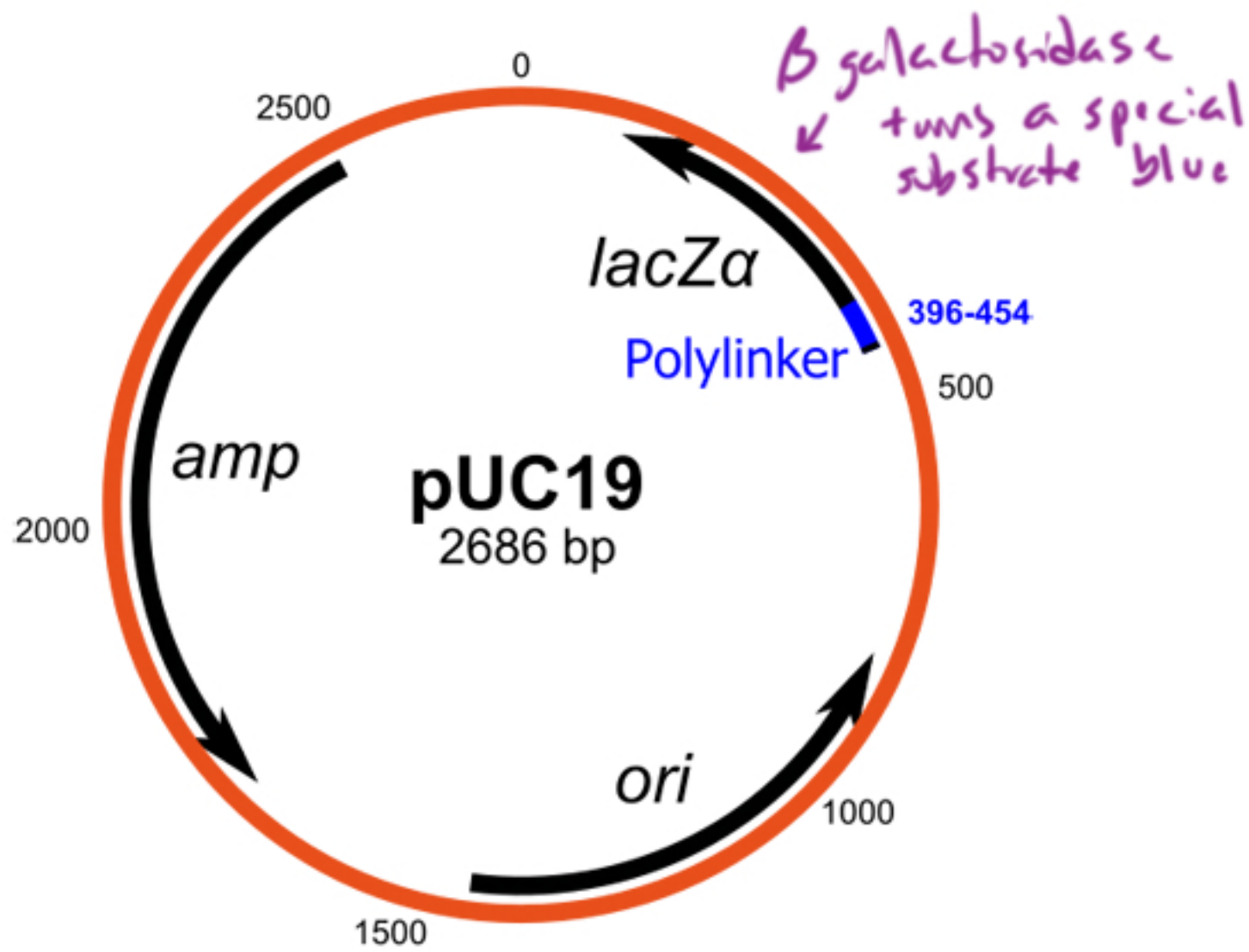
Any DNA cloned by same restriction enzyme may ligated.

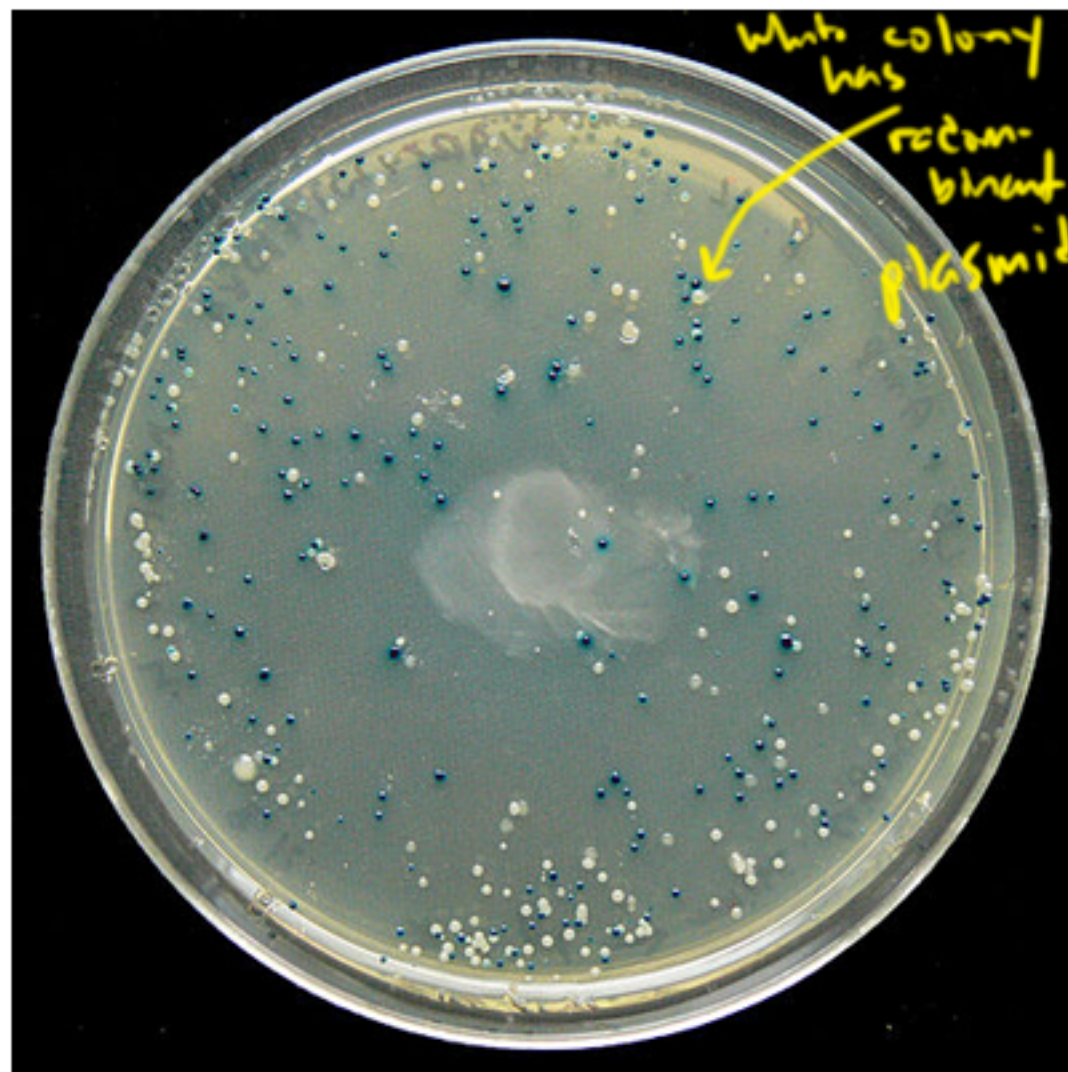


amp & *tet*
antibiotic resistance
genes for screening

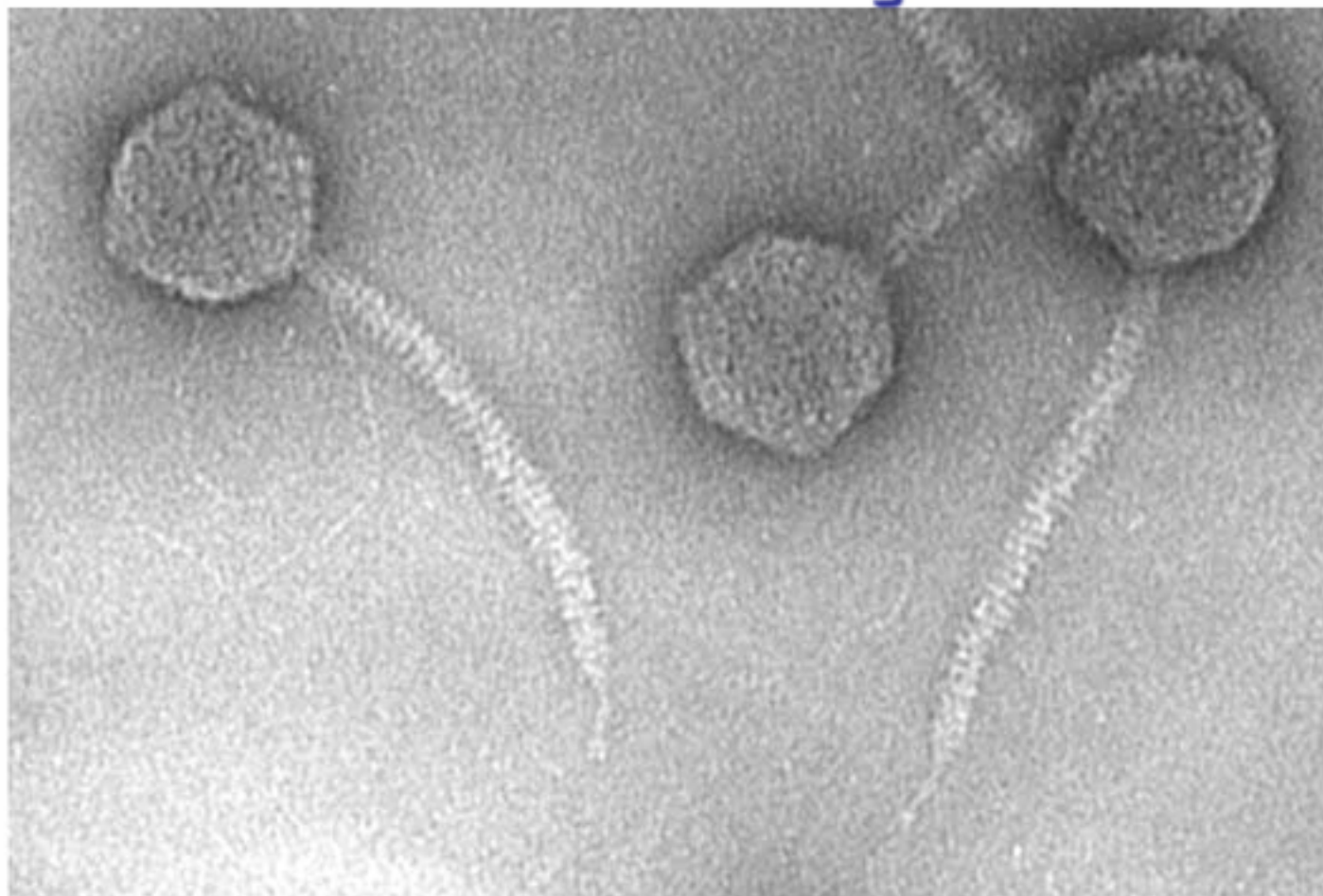
• Suppose we used BamHI
to form recombinant
plasmids and transform
bacteria.

- Is a colony ampicillin
resistant? It received plasmid
- Is tetracycline resistance
missing? The plasmid
was recombinant.

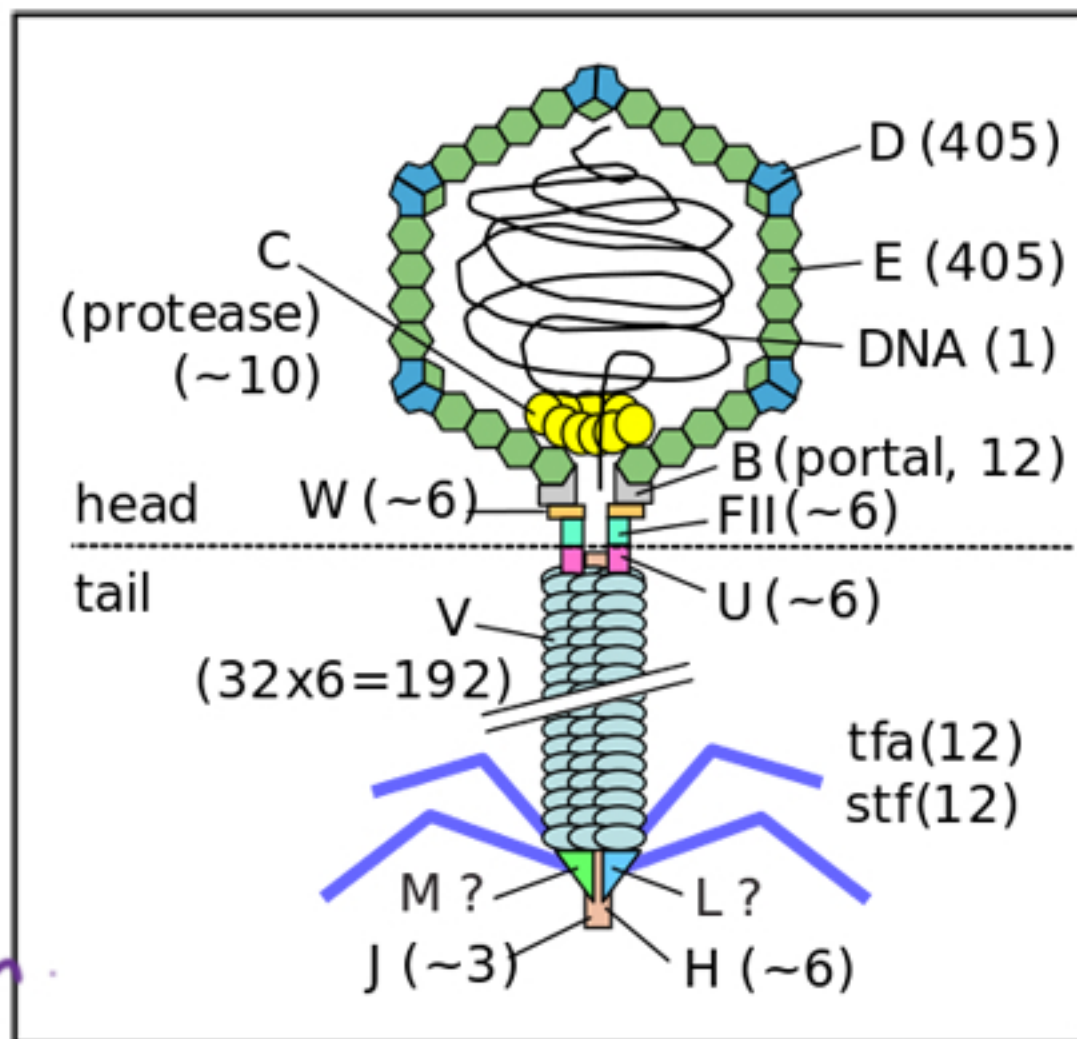




Lambda phage



2 Phage



Important note
- viral self-assembly

with a phage
scaffolds of DNA
called cohesion
ends (Cos)

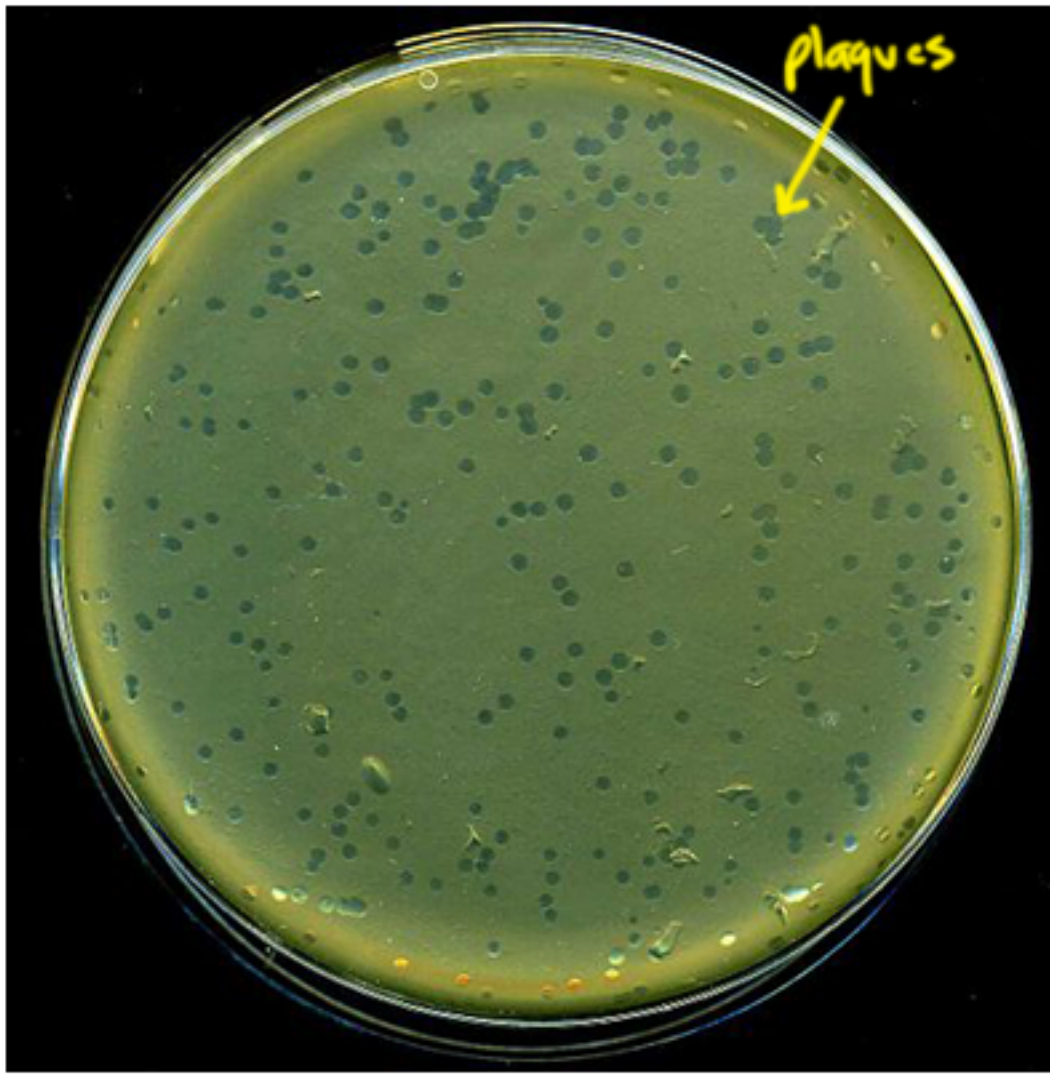
Certain capsid
proteins recognize and bind
cohesion ends and
nucleate self-assembly

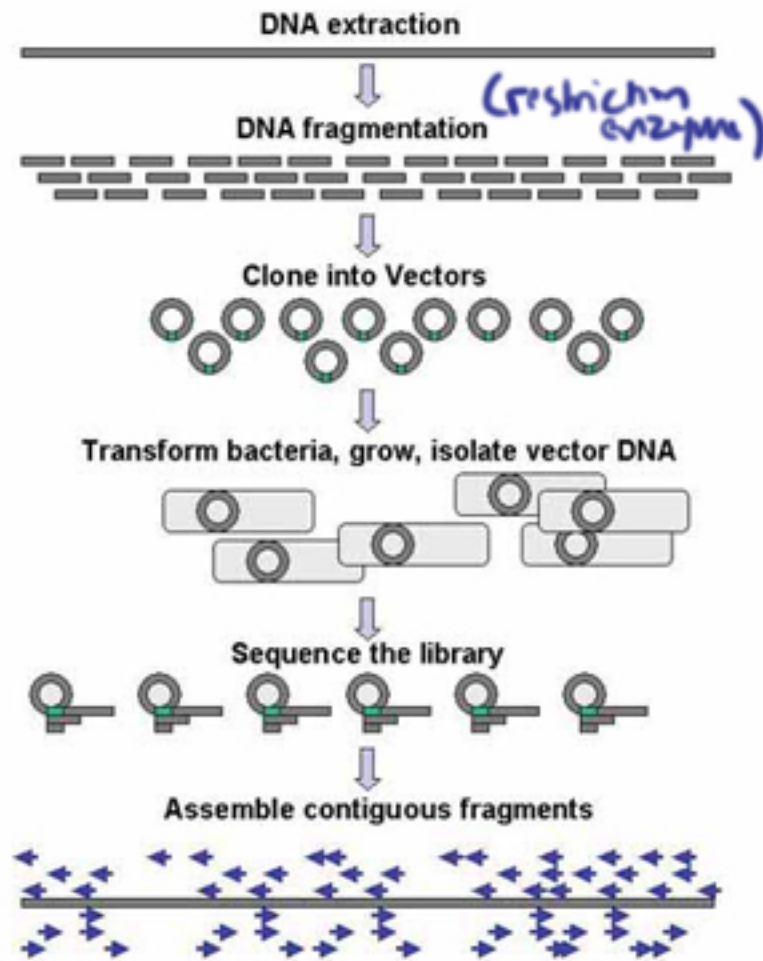
2 phage
can accommodate
several tens of
thousands of
bp DNA in
its stuffer region.

The virus will
self assemble as a recombinant.

A



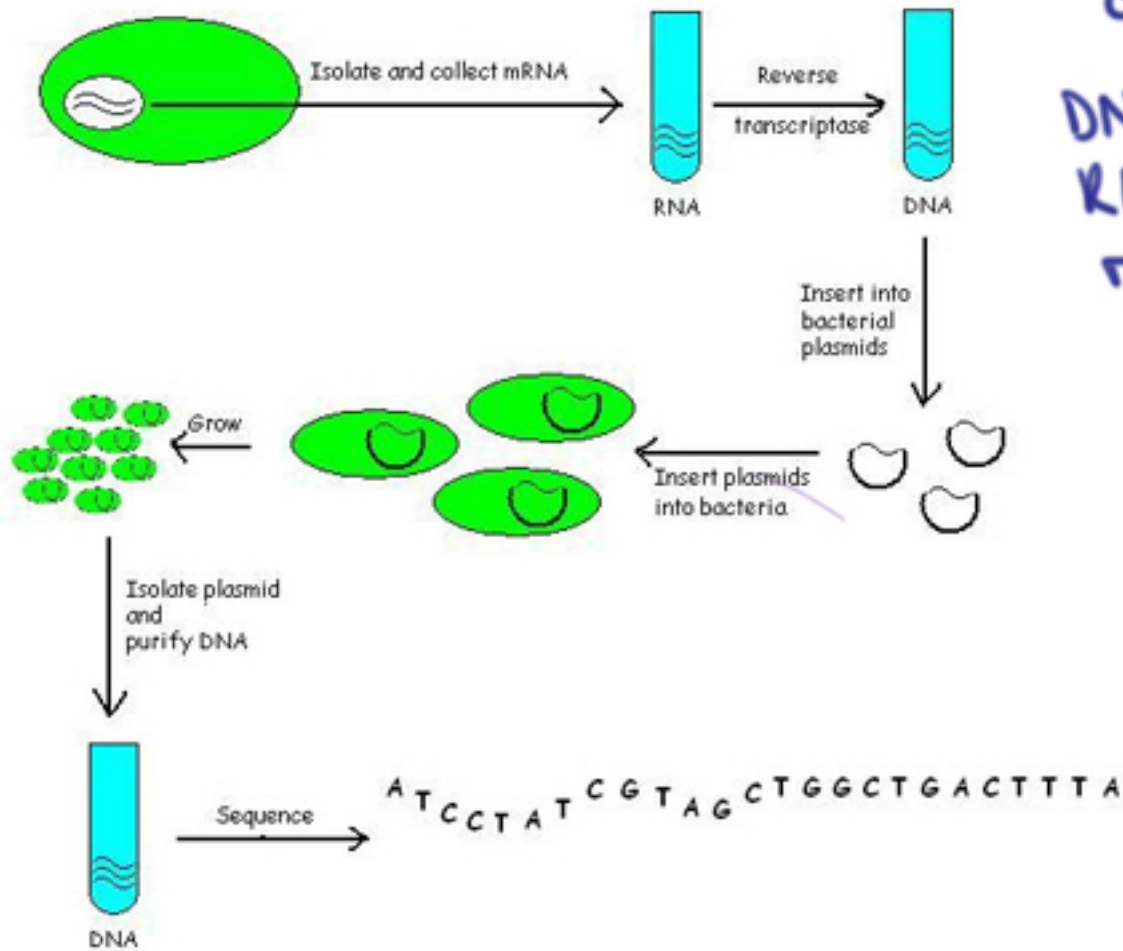




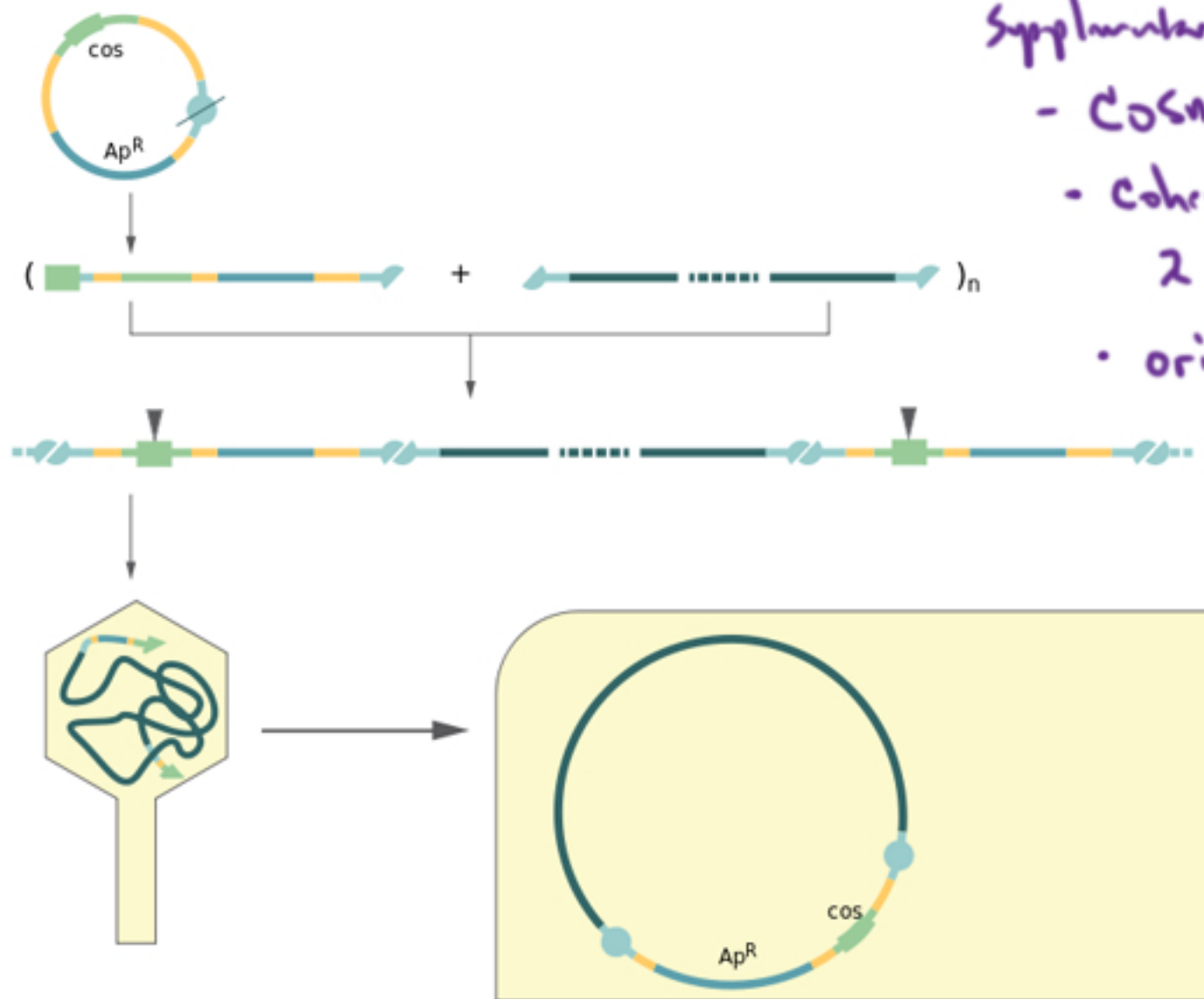
DNA Library

shotgun
sequencing

Formation of a cDNA Library



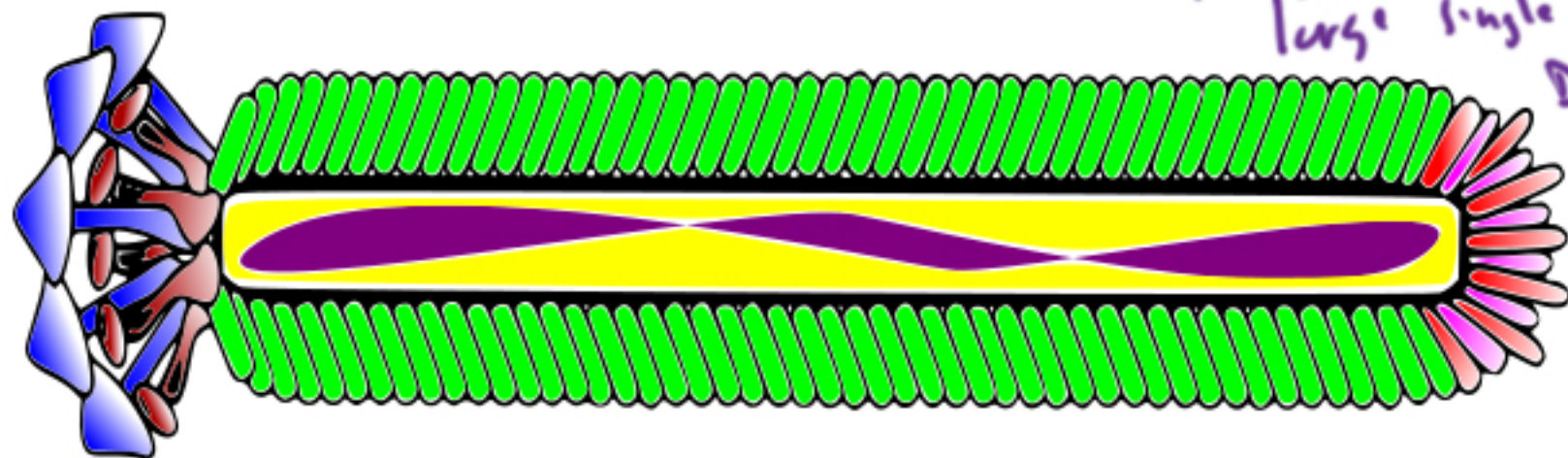
cDNA -
Complimentary DNA
DNA formed from
RNA using
reverse transcriptase



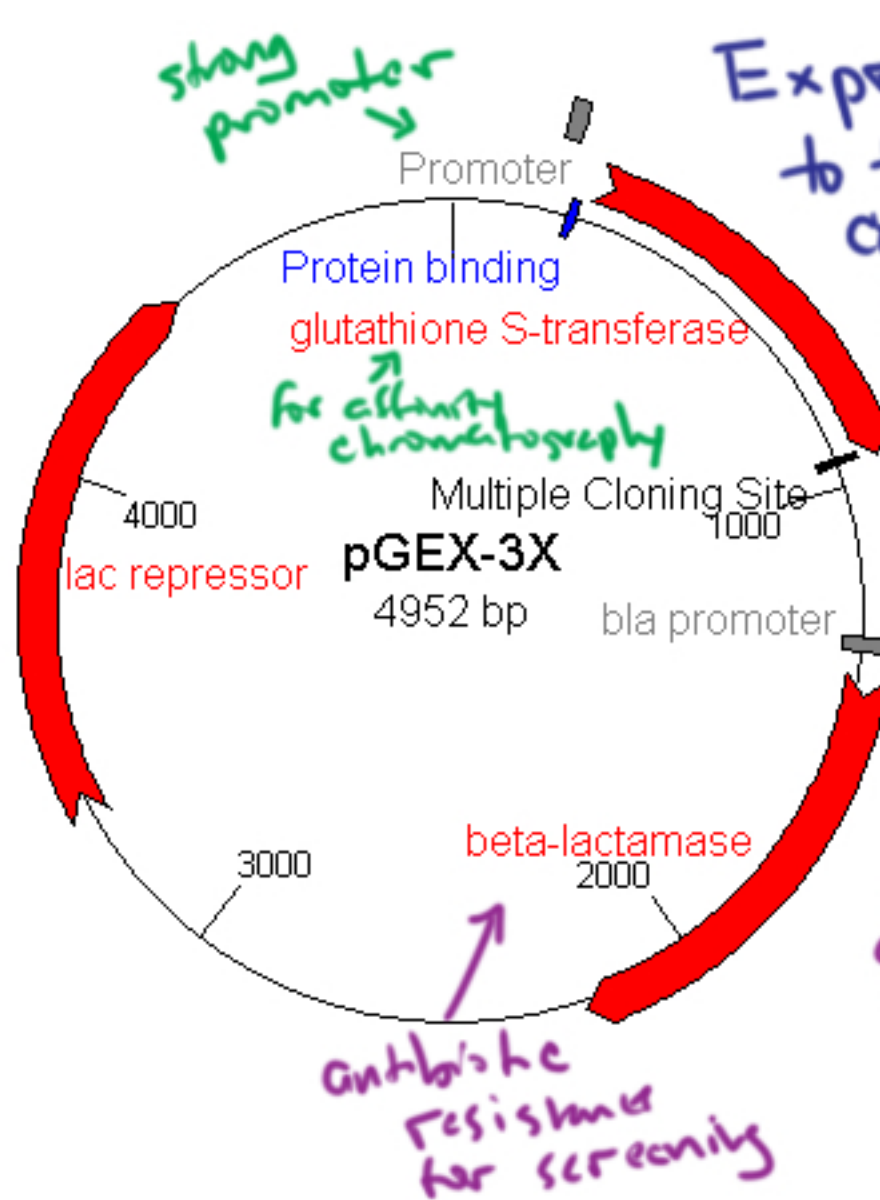
Supplementary
- cosmid

• cohesion ends of
2 phage

• origin of replication
of a plasmid.

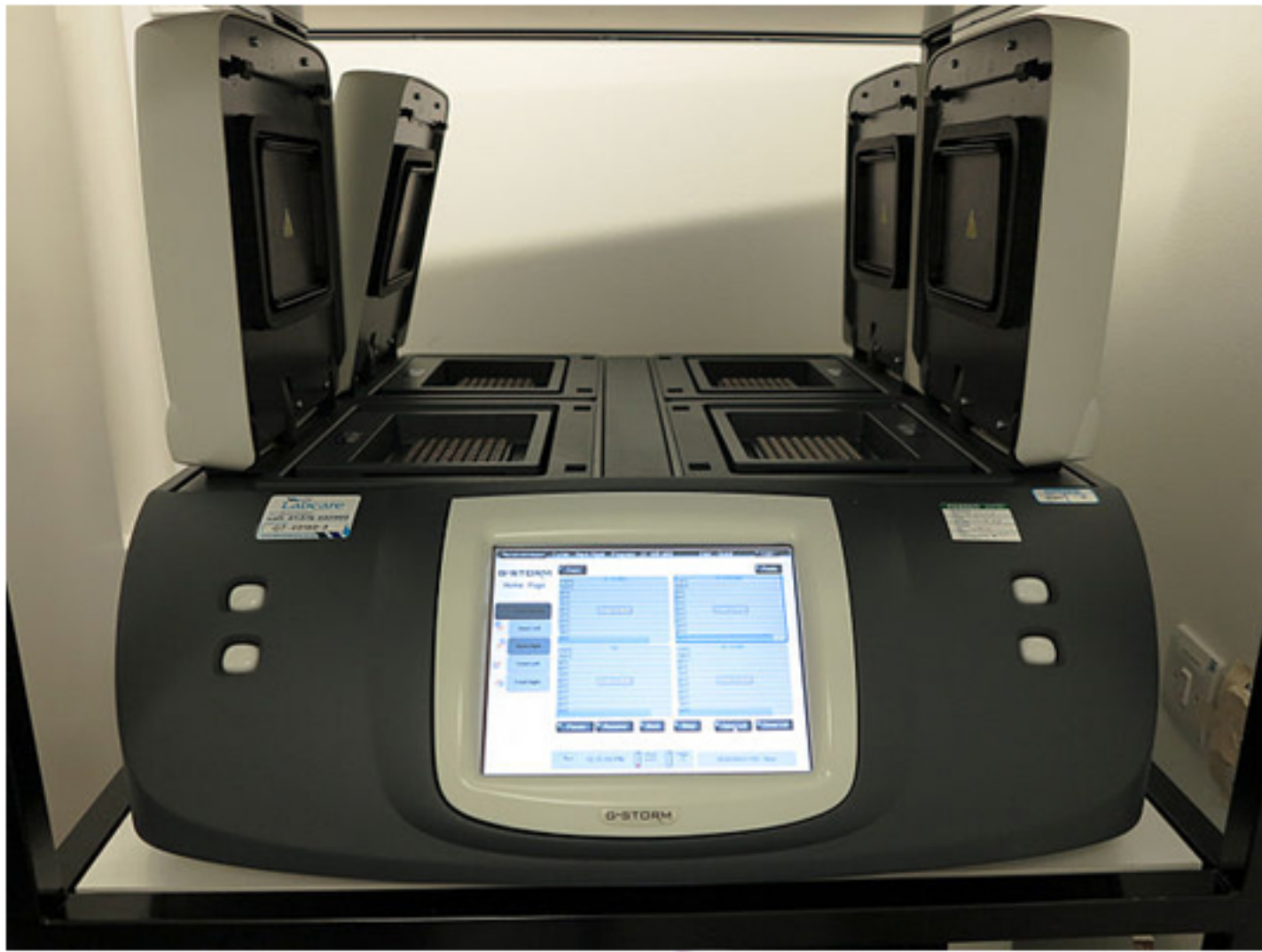


Expression vector
to turn a bacterial
colony into a protein
factory



β lactams -
class of antibiotics
like penicillin

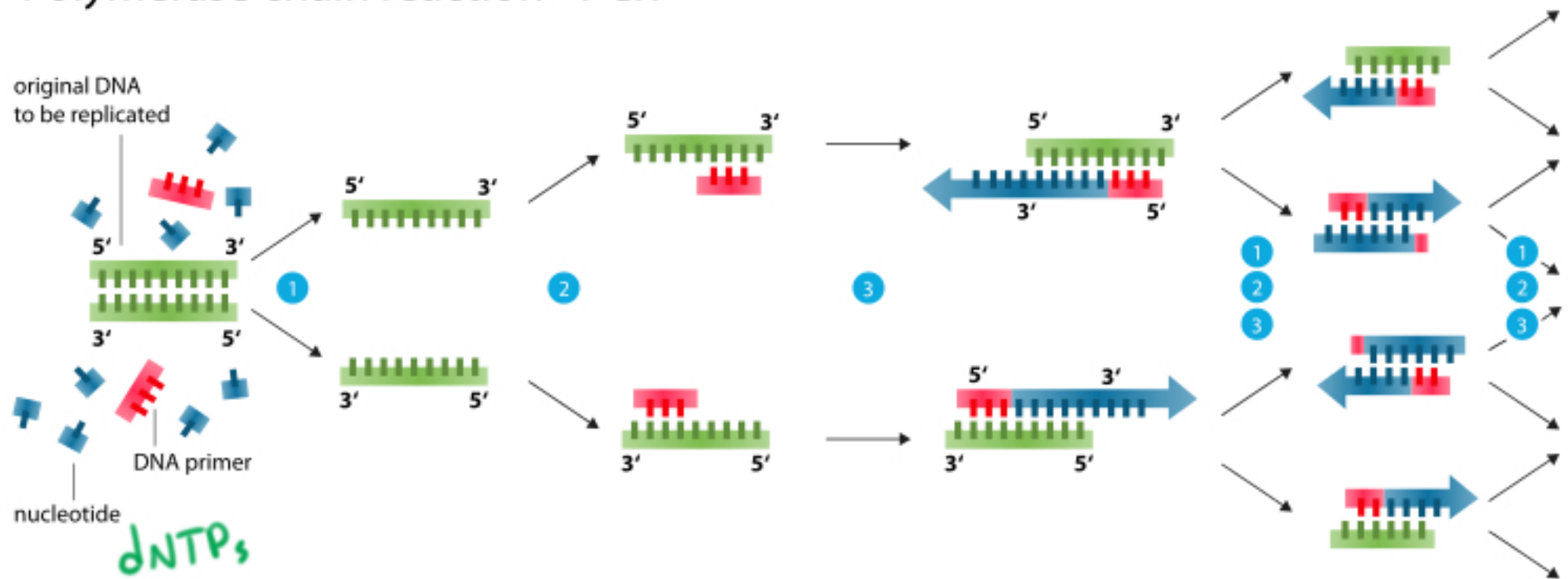
can control
rate with
lactose
levels →



- denature
- anneal primers
- elongate

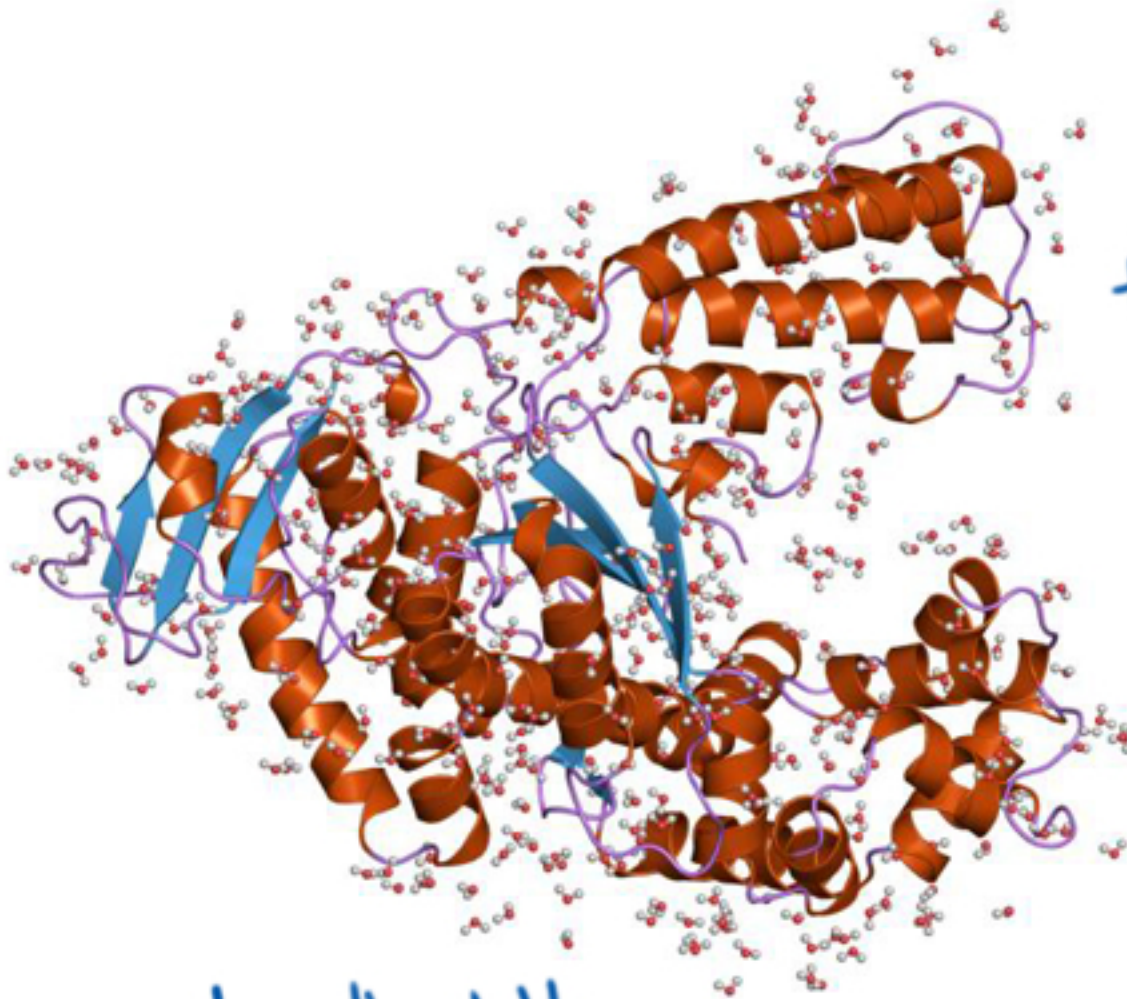
thermal cycler for PCR
(polymerase chain reaction)
to turn a small amount of DNA
into a large amount

Polymerase chain reaction - PCR



- 1 **Denaturation** at 94-96°C
- 2 **Annealing** at ~68°C
- 3 **Elongation** at ca. 72 °C

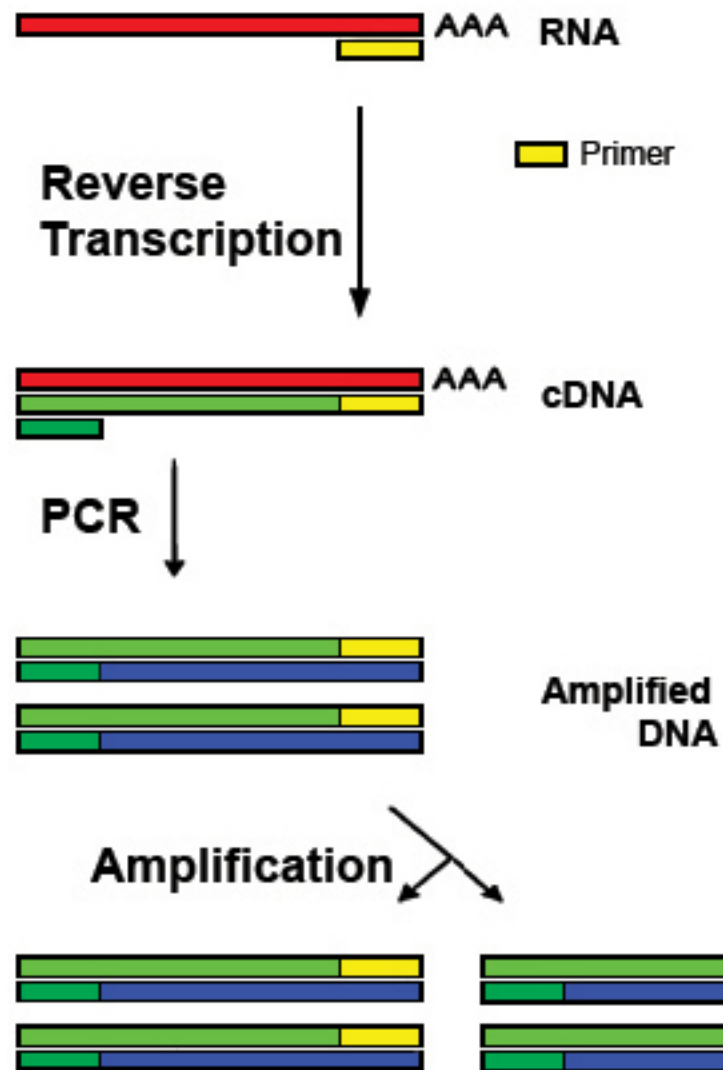
Taq
polymerase



Taq
thermoaquaticus

- bacteria
discovered in
oceanic
hydrothermal
vents

thermally stable
DNA polymerase

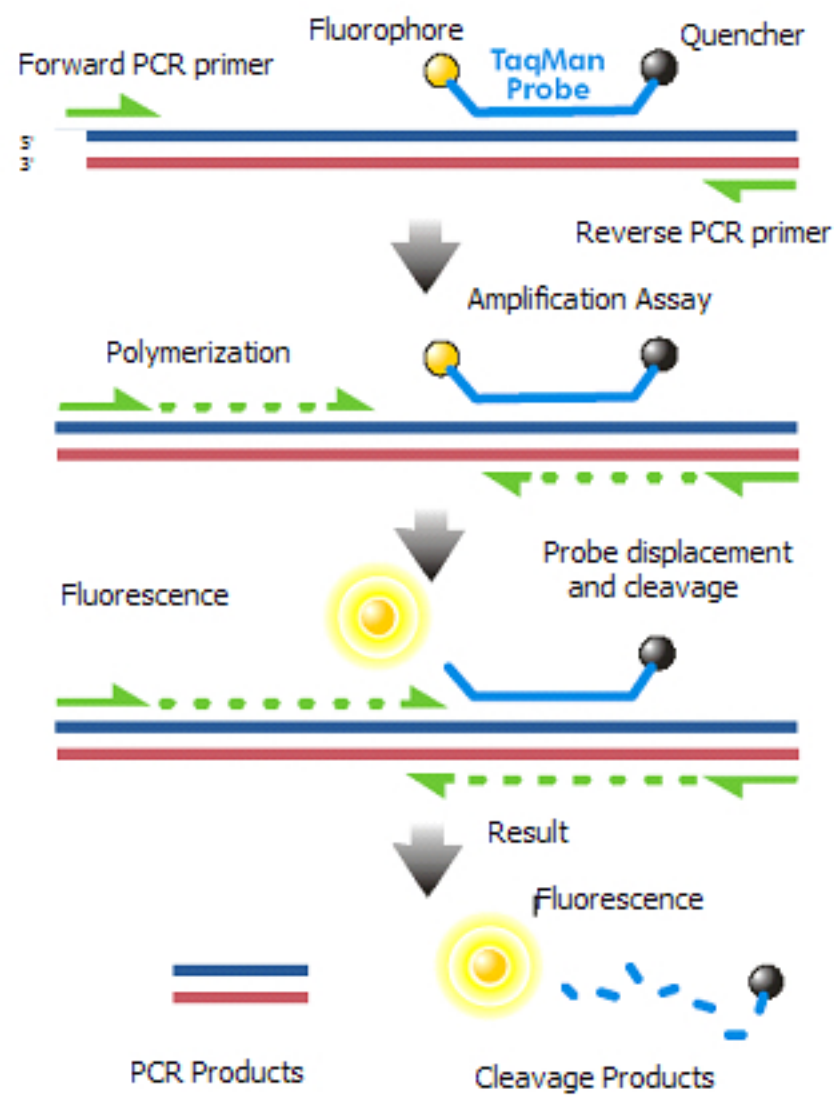


RT PCR
↑
reverse
transcriptase

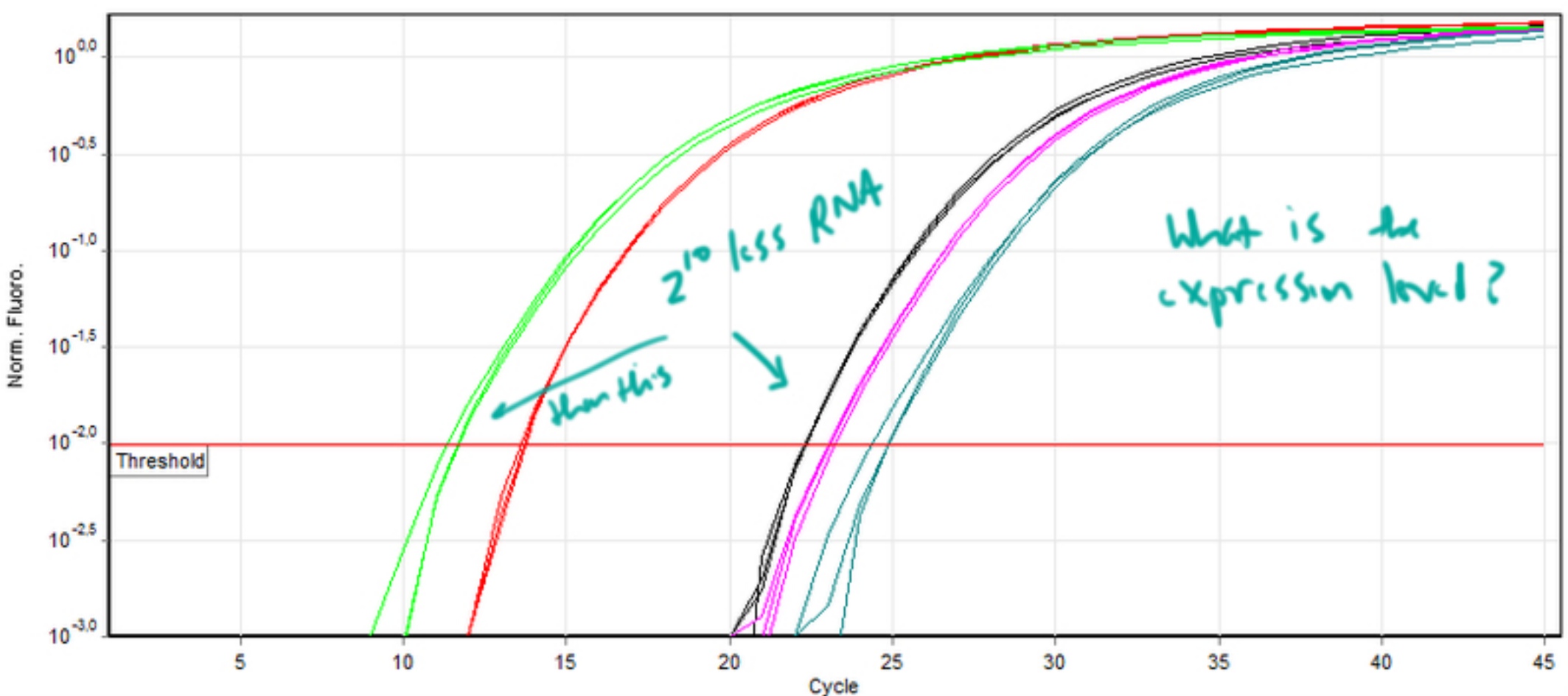
(RT is not
'real time')

How many cycles
does it take to
achieve threshold
of detection?

This depends on
how much you
started with.

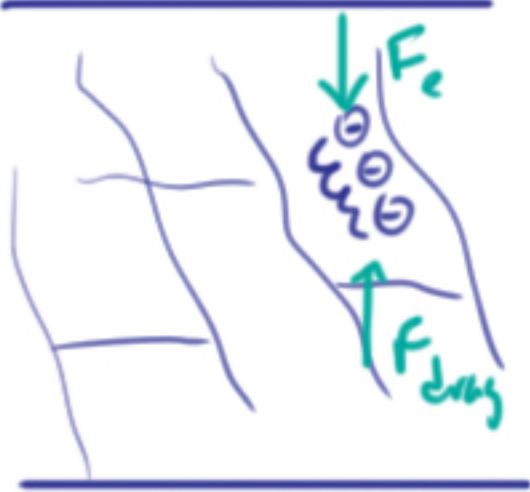


Real Time
PCR
"Quantitative
PCR"

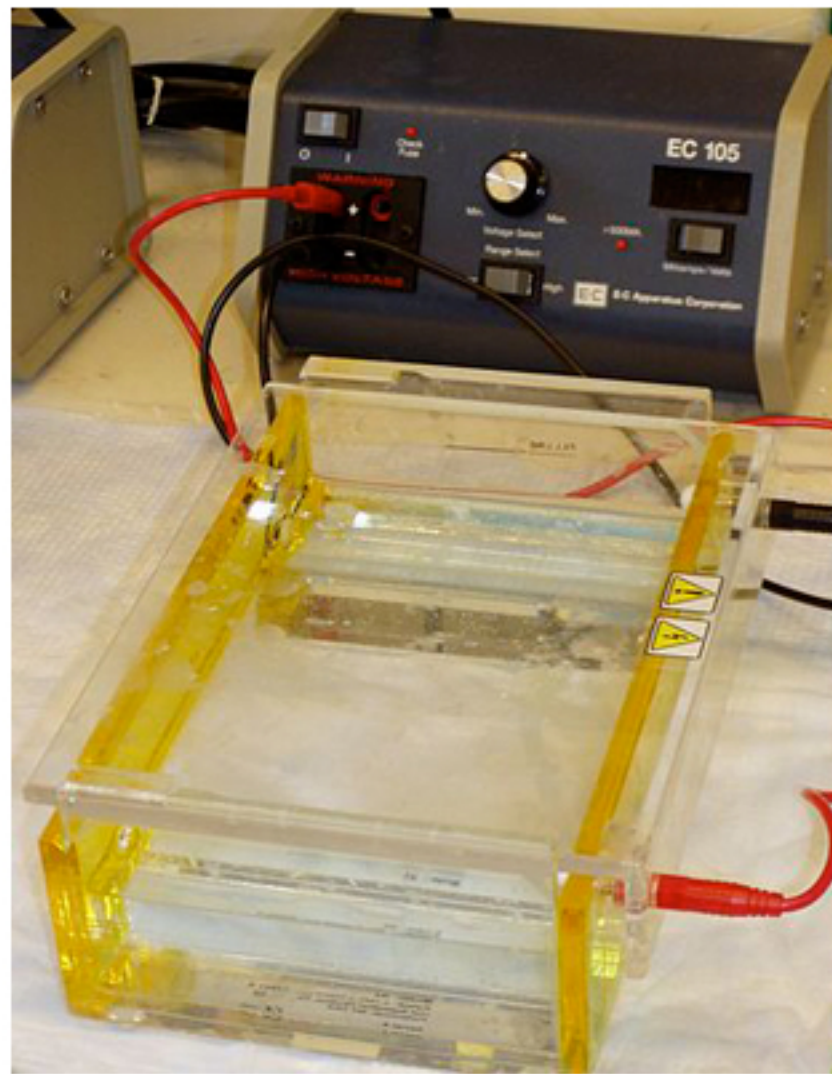


Data from Real Time RT PCR

cathode



anode



DNA and RNA
electrophoresis

PAGE - polyacrylamide
gel electrophoresis

or
agarose (for
bigger strands)

Denaturing (PAGE)
urea - $\text{H}_2\text{N}-\text{C}(=\text{O})-\text{NH}_2$

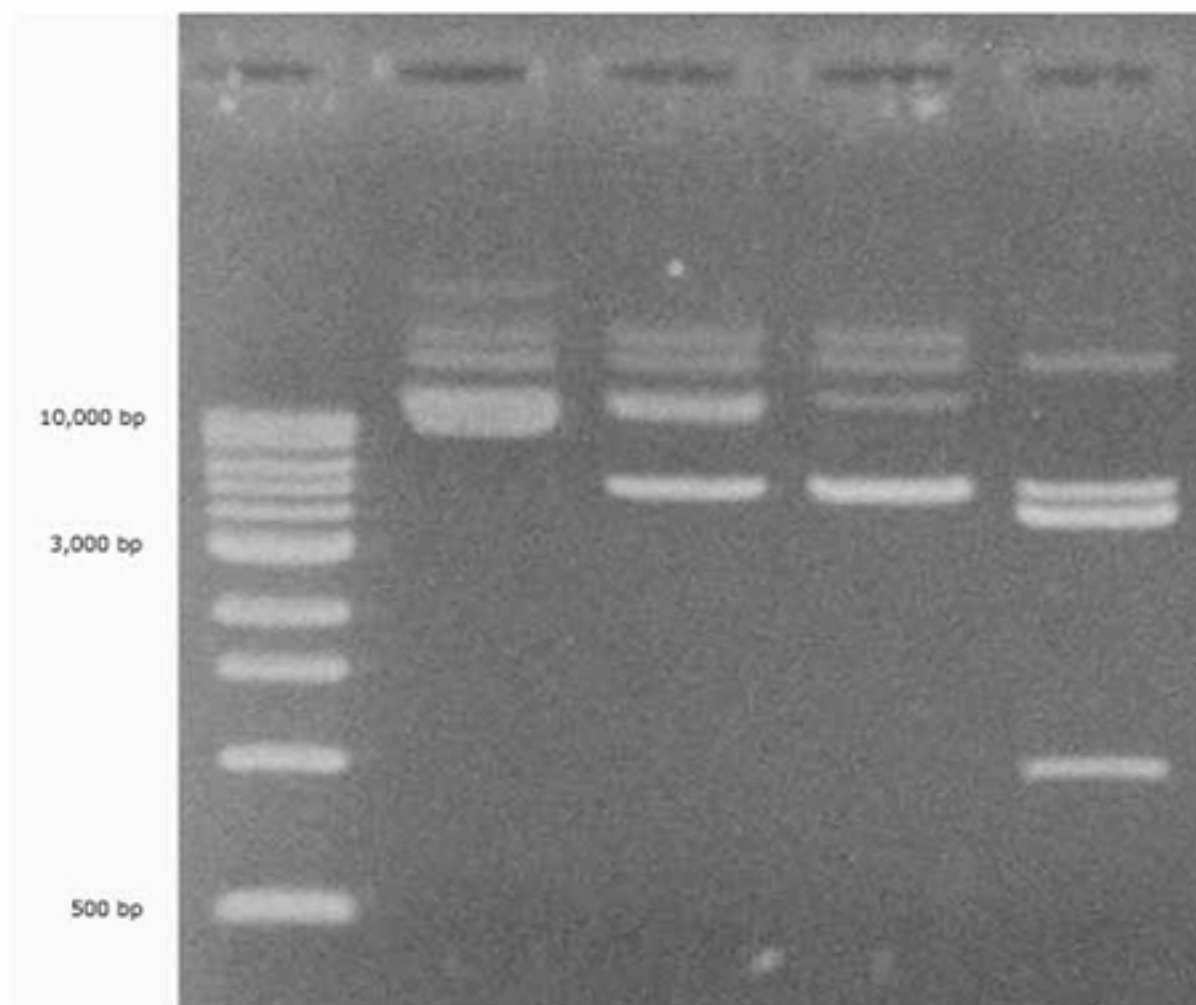
or
Native (double strand)

Post Electrophoresis - staining or autoradiography (^{32}P labeled DNA)
photographic visualizing of
radionuclides

- Blotting - Southern DNA
Northern RNA



agarose gel

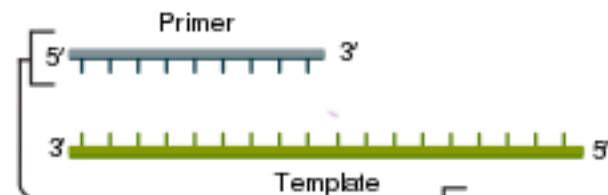


agarose gel stained with
ethidium bromide

Sanger Sequencing

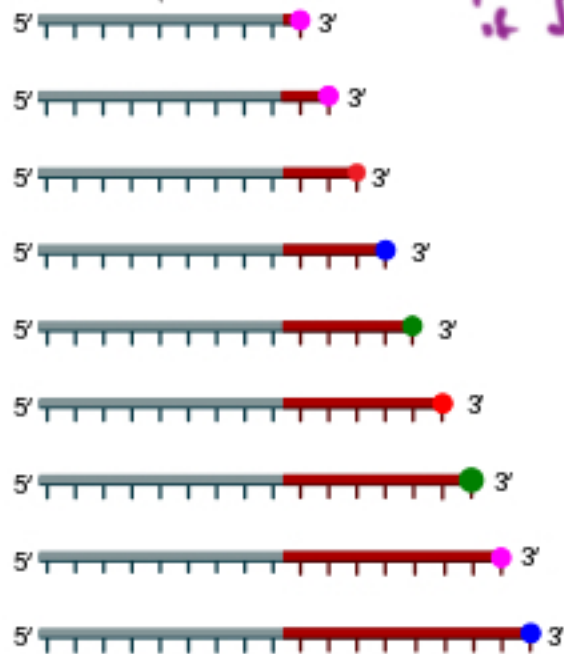
① Reaction mixture

- ▶ Primer and DNA template
- ▶ DNA polymerase
- ▶ ddNTPs with flouorochromes ▶ dNTPs (dATP, dCTP, dGTP, and dTTP)



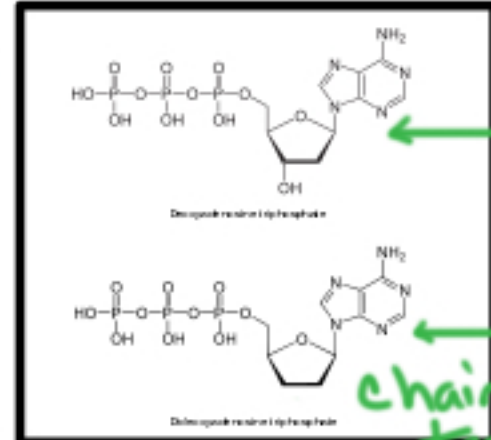
ddNTPs
ddTTP
ddCTP
ddATP
ddGTP

② Primer elongation and chain termination



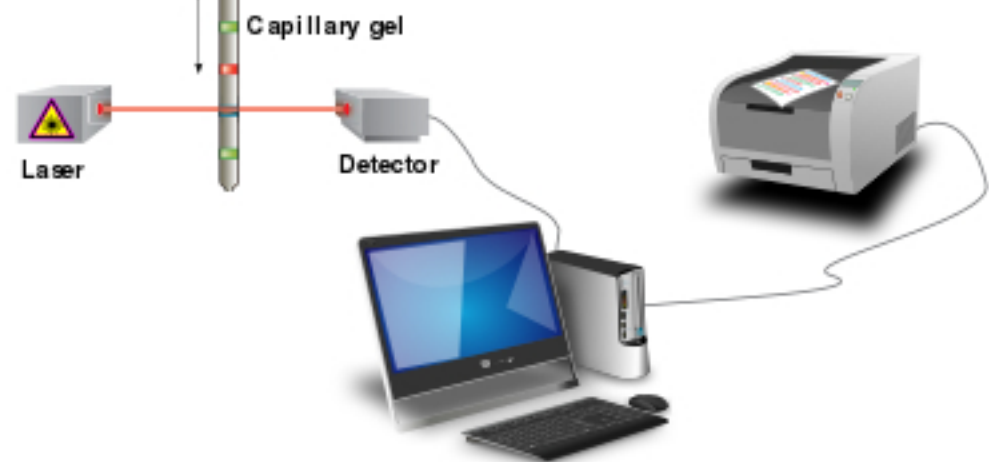
the regular nucleoside triphosphates plus a small amount of these dye terminators

you get fragments of different length

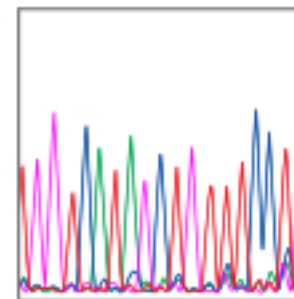


dNTP
ddNTP
chain terminator

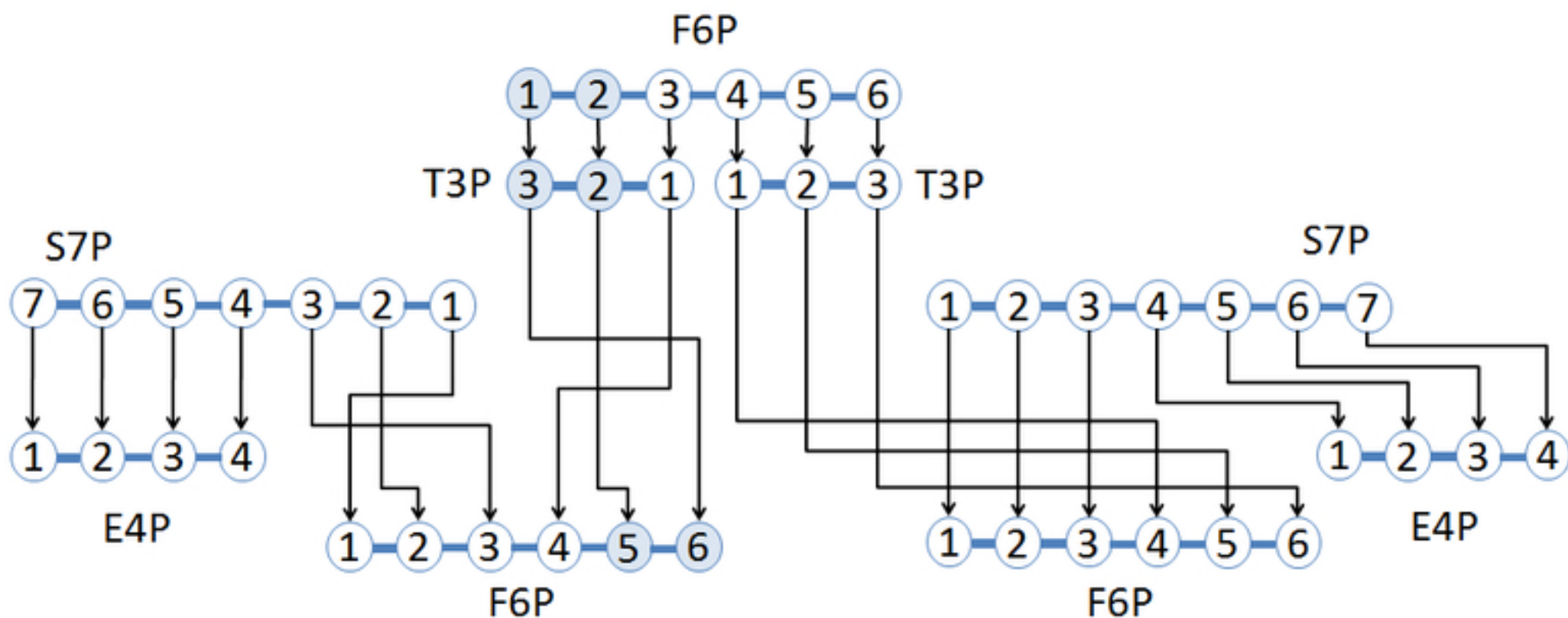
③ Capillary gel electrophoresis separation of DNA fragments



④ Laser detection of flouorochromes and computational sequence analysis



Chromatograph



Radiolabeling

- β^- emitters

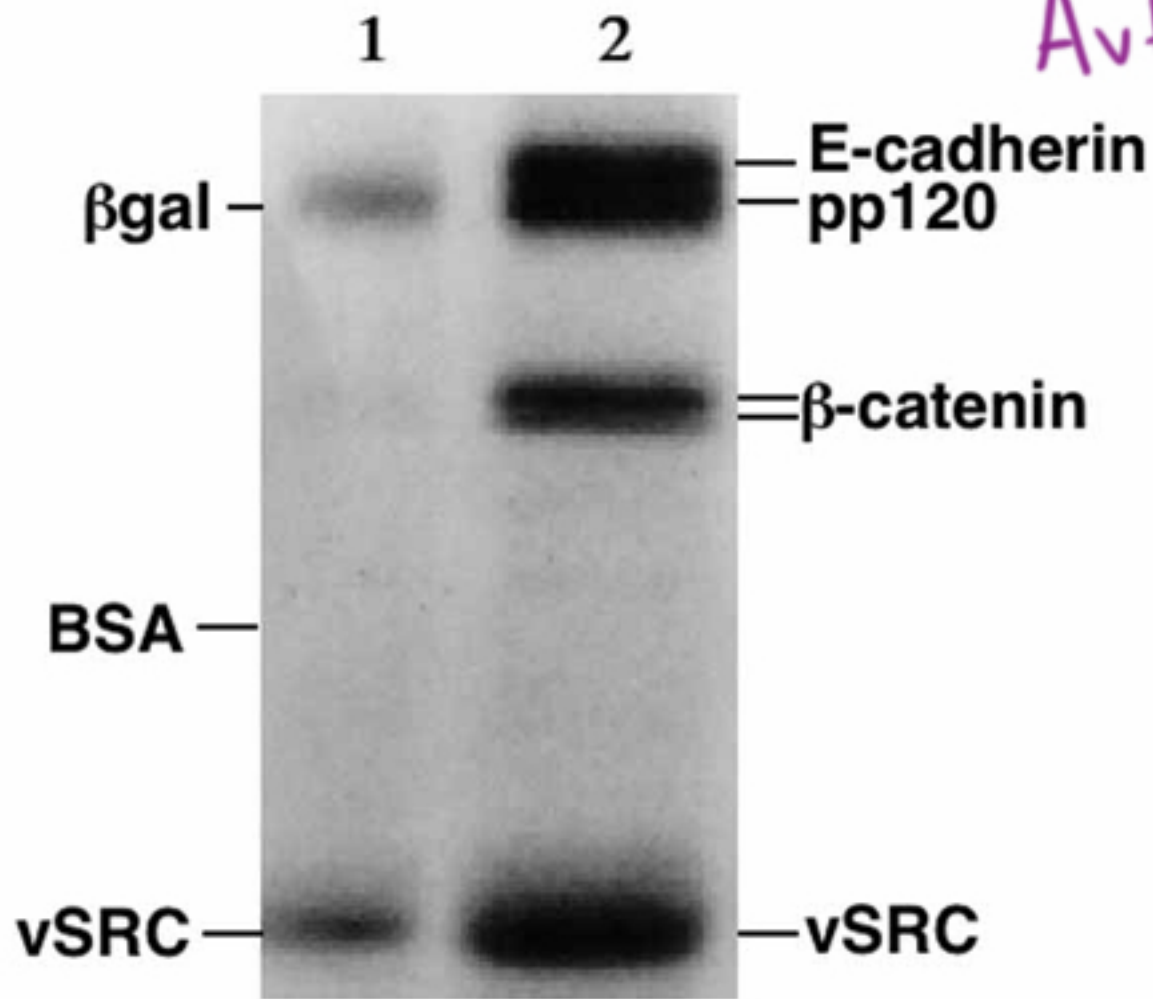
^3H , ^{14}C , ^{32}P , ^{35}S

- β^+ emitter ^{18}F

- Heavy

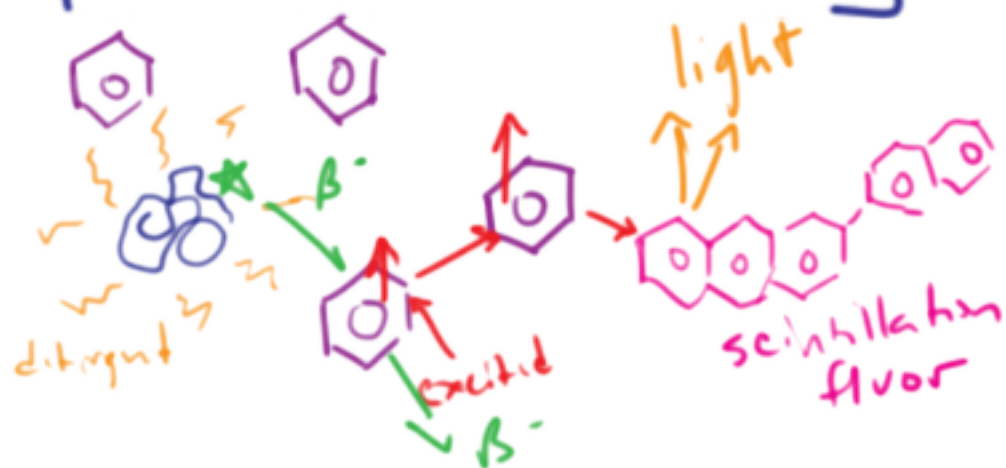
^2H , ^{13}C , ^{15}N , ^{18}O

Autoradiography

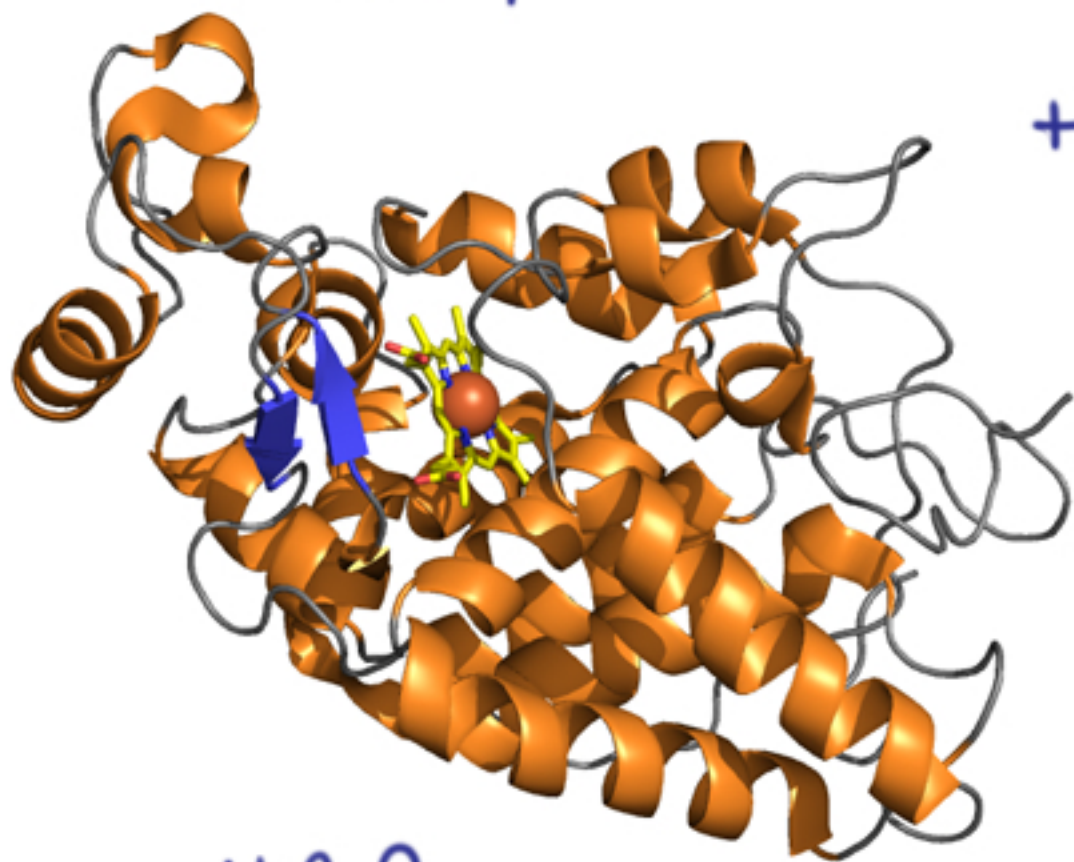




Liquid Scintillation Counting



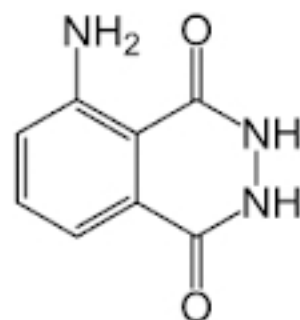
Enzyme Label



HRP

Horse radish Peroxidase

+

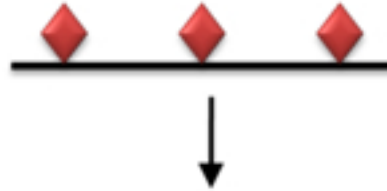


Lumihol

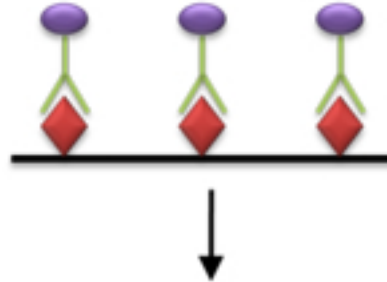
→ light

often on secondary
antibody in
Western blotting

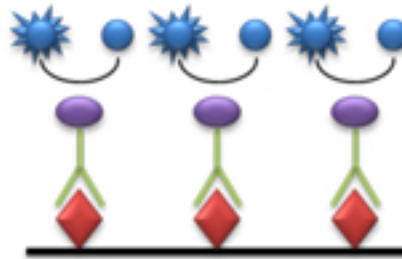
Virus Sample on Surface



Antibody with enzyme
conjugate attached to
viral antigen

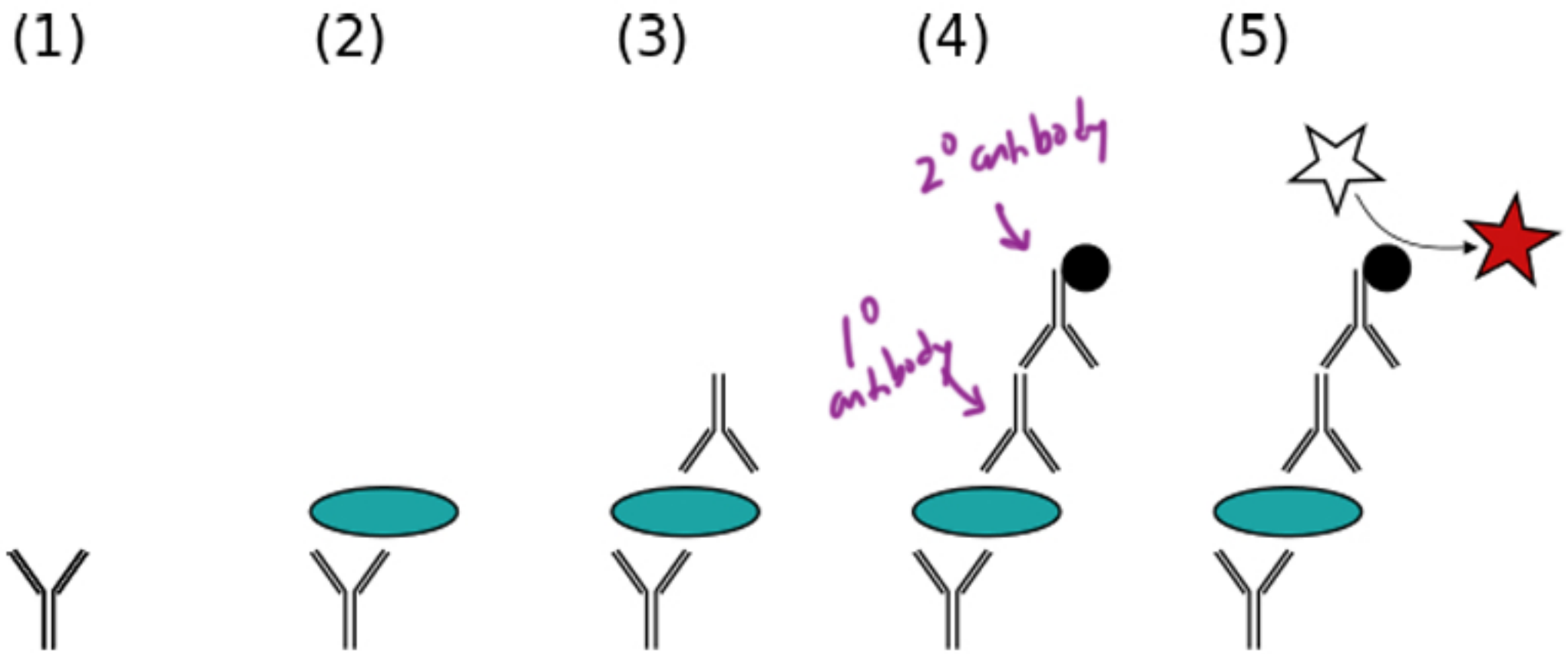


Substrate and enzyme
interaction create color
change for detection



ELISA

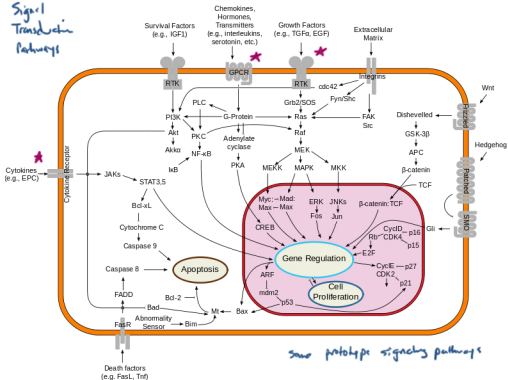
enzyme linked
immunosorbent
assay



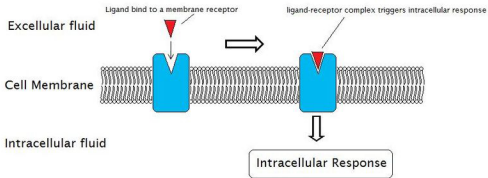
making monoclonal antibodies.

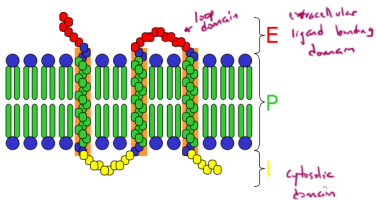
- harvest a B cell from rat thymus
- fuse this with multiple myeloma cell such as HLT (Henrietta Lacks)
- creates a hybridoma - leads to an antibody producing cell culture

Signal Transduction Pathways

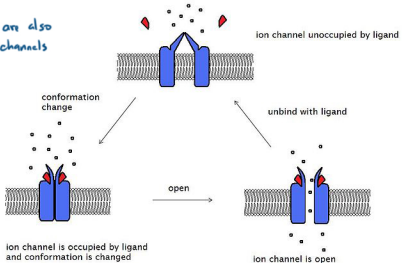


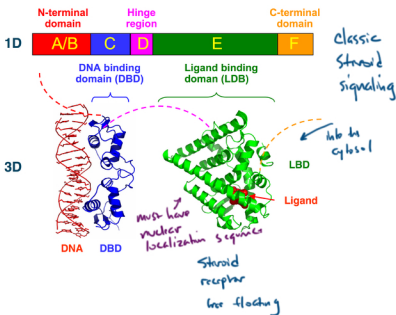
some prototype signaling pathways





There are also
ion channels

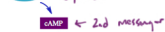
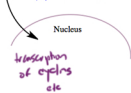
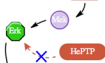
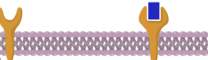




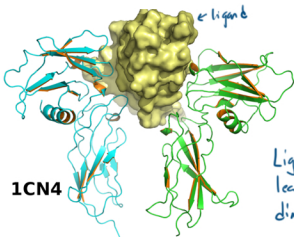
simplified pictures of
a couple of
archetypal pathways

MAP
kinase
signaling

MAPK/ERK Pathway



Cytokine
receptors
(growth factor
receptors
&
cytokine
receptors)

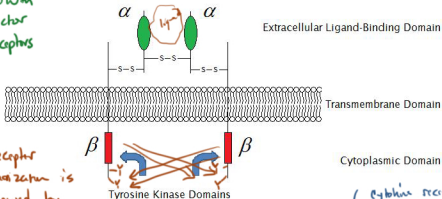


Ligand binding
leads to
dimerization

EPOR-EPO

erythropoietin receptor
- a cytokine receptor

Growth Factor Receptors



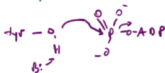
- Receptor dimerization is followed by transautophosphorylation

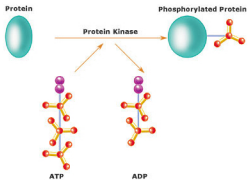
Growth factor receptors possess

- Phosphorylated intrinsic receptor tyrosine kinase. tyrosines serve as docking sites for signaling proteins (with SH2 domains)

Cytoplasmic Domain

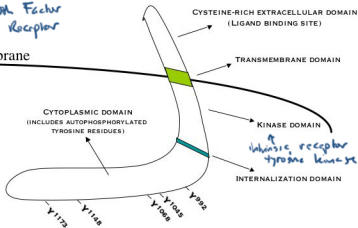
(cytokine receptors are just like this but they utilize a non receptor tyrosine kinase)





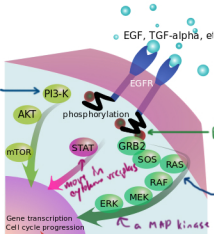
Growth Factor Receptor

Cell membrane

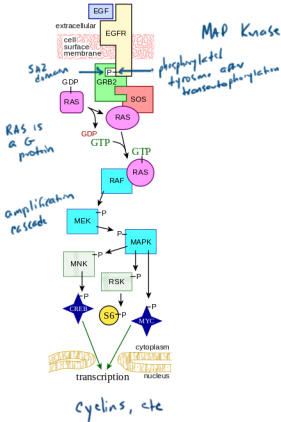


Some simplified
archetypal
pathways

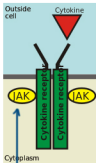
phosphatidylinositol
3-Kinase
(don't confuse
with phosphatase
c)



RAS is a G protein
(don't confuse with
GPCR)
activated by
exchange of
GDP with GTP
driven by
GTPase activity

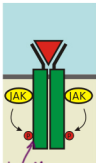


Cytokine Receptor

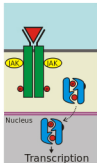
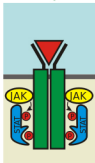


non receptor
tyrosine
kinase

Janus
Kinase



JAK STAT



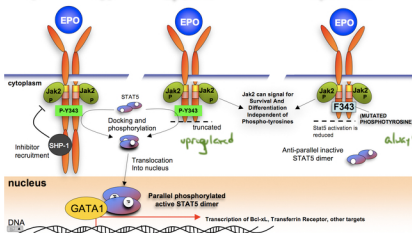
Truncated Epo Receptors

MEAT 101c

EpoR Wild-type

EpoR-H

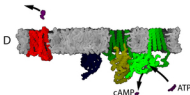
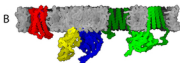
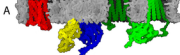
EpoR-HM

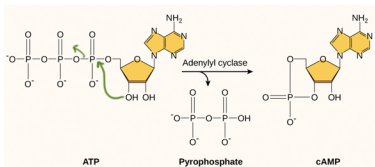


expt. in liver

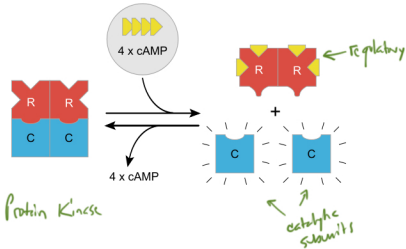
glucagon → Hormone

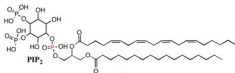
2nd Messengers





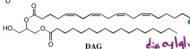
↓ *unre*
-ΔG
2P_i





Phosphatidyl inositol
diphosphate

Phospholipase
C



diacylglycerol

2 - steps in membrane



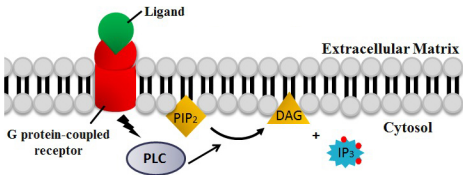
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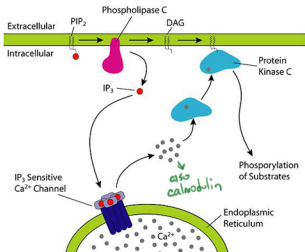
inverted triphosphate

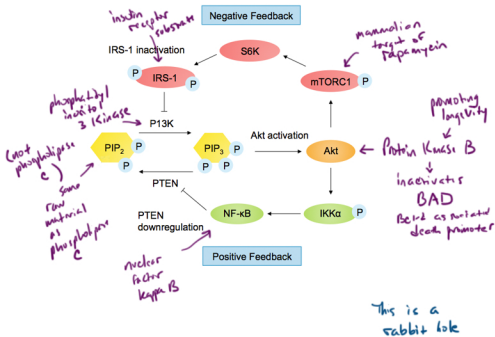
ayto sol

$$\text{IP}_3 \rightarrow \text{Ca}^{2+} + \text{DAG} \rightarrow \text{Protein Kinase C}$$

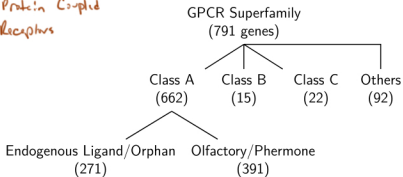
$\downarrow$
 Calmodulin

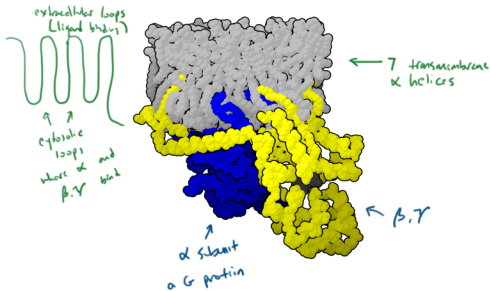


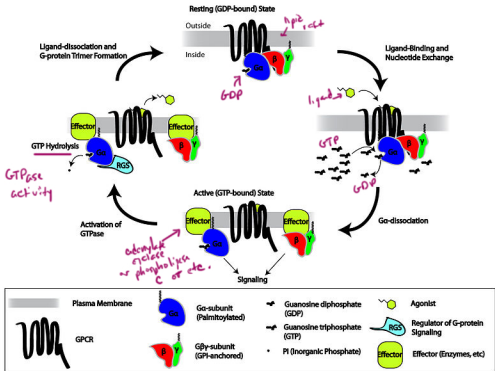




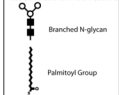
G Protein Coupled Receptors



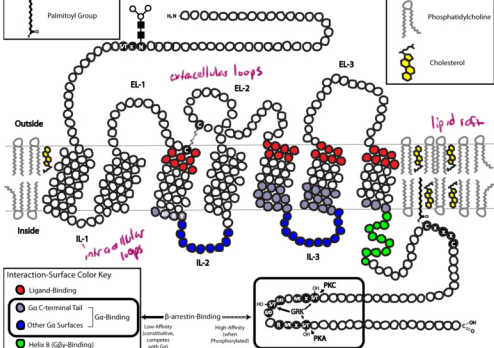
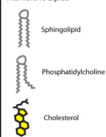




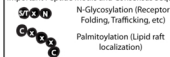
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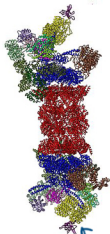
Membrane Lipids



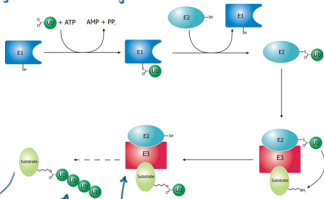
Important Peptide Motifs and Consensus Sequences



Targeted Protein Degradation



Proteasome



ubiquitin

E3 ligase
(lots of these
for many specific
target proteins)

Gene Nomenclature

one gene
in a pathway



leuA

bacterial gene

italics

all lower case

LeuA

bacterial protein

normal font

1st letter capitalized

α subunit



rpoA



RNA polymerase

DNA polymerase III



polC

leuA

leuA273



allele

wild type



leuA⁺

mutant or knock-out



leuA⁻

In diploid organisms
these superscripts may
reflect the entire genotype
+/-

temperature
sensitive
↓

leuA^{ts}

*leuA*_{am}

↑
amber mutation

- nonsense mutation
stop.

ΔleuA



deletion

leuA-lacZ

leuA:lacZ



fusion

Insertion of
a transposon

leuA::Tn 10

↑
insertion

neomycin
phosphotransferase
was inserted



$\Delta leuA::nptII(Kan^R)$



leuA was
deleted



confers resistance
to Kanamycin

Bacterial Proteins or Phenotypes

DnaA

LeuA⁻

Amp^R

- not italics

- 1st letter capitalized in bacteria

Human gene

CTLA4

all caps
italics

SHH

Human

Shh

Rat or Mouse

A Human Gene Family

SERPIN1 *SERPIN2* *SERPIN3*

Human Gene

SHH

Human Protein or Phenotype

SHH

Rat Gene

Shh

Rat Protein or Phenotype

SHH