

REVIEW: Ch. 16



1. Diagram the structure of an **operon**, including 3 DNA components and 3 other molecules involved in its regulation.
2. ** Compare the utility and regulation of an **inducible** system for catabolic genes, and a **repressible** system for anabolic genes.

Ch. 16b Objectives: Students should be able to....

1. Compare & contrast the 3 different mechanisms of **Horizontal Gene Transfer** in bacteria: **Transformation**, **Conjugation**, **Transduction**. Define and explain the mechanism of **Transposition**.
2. **Ch. 16B:** Describe 4 factors that **differentiate eukaryotic chromosomes/genome** from a **prokaryotic** chromosome/genome.....
3. Compare/contrast **4** differences between **Eukaryotic and Prokaryotic GENE structure** (including regulatory sequences).....
4. Describe and explain the function of **3 modifications that occur to a eukaryotic transcript** before it is translated.
5. Diagram/define and **explain the utility** of **2** examples **EACH** of eukaryotic **Transcriptional**, **Posttranscriptional**, **Translational** & **Posttranslational** regulation.
6. **Ch. 11:** Describe and Diagram the **4 phases of the cell cycle**, and how they are regulated by **Cyclin/CDK complexes**.
7. Diagram and compare the **4 main phases of Mitosis, Meiosis I & Meiosis II**.
 - Chromosome, Chromatid, Centromere, Centriole, Spindle, Cortical MT's, Spindle fibers/ MT's, Sister Chromatid, Homologous Chromosome, Nuclear Envelope, **Cytokinesis** (plants/animals).

❖ **Objectives and Study Guide Questions are your HOMEWORK between classes!!! DUE every Wed/Thur at the end of Lecture!!**



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B. A Repressible System: trp Operon

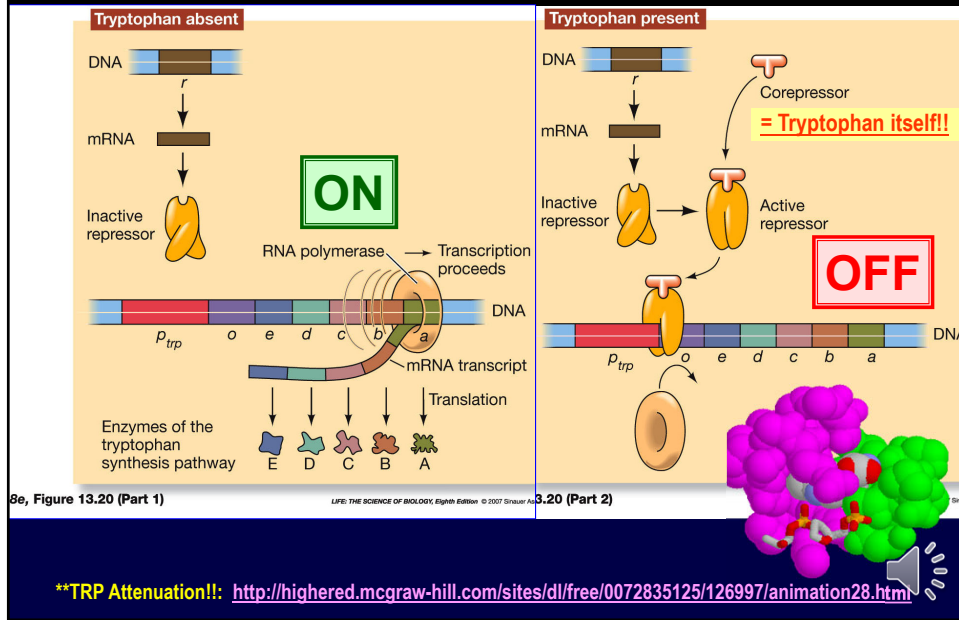
- The *trp* operon is a **repressible system**:
 - **the end product of a BIOSYNTHETIC PATHWAY (anabolic) represses the synthesis of enzymes involved in its own synthesis.**
 - Eg: tryptophan is such an end product
- Tryptophan acts as a **corepressor** by binding to an inactive repressor protein and making it active (*****ALLOSTERIC REGULATION!*****).
 - When the activated repressor binds to the operator, transcription is turned OFF.

<http://highered.mcgraw-hill.com/olcweb/cgi/pluginpop.cgi?it=swf::535::sites/dl/free/0072437316/120080/bio26.swf::The%20Tryptophan%20Repressor>
<http://nortonbooks.com/college/biology/animations/ch14a03.htm>
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(B.) TRP Operon



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Operon Regulation: Summary

OPERON TYPE	ACTIVITY of	"Ligand" Molecule Absent	"Ligand" Molecule Present
Inducible, ~lac (Catabolic)	Repressor Protein	ON	OFF (lactose "inducer")
	CAP Protein	OFF	ON (if ↑ cAMP, NO glucose!)
Repressible, ~trp (Anabolic)	Operon (transcription)	OFF	ON
	Repressor Protein	OFF	ON (tryptophan "corepressor")
	Operon (transcription)	ON	OFF

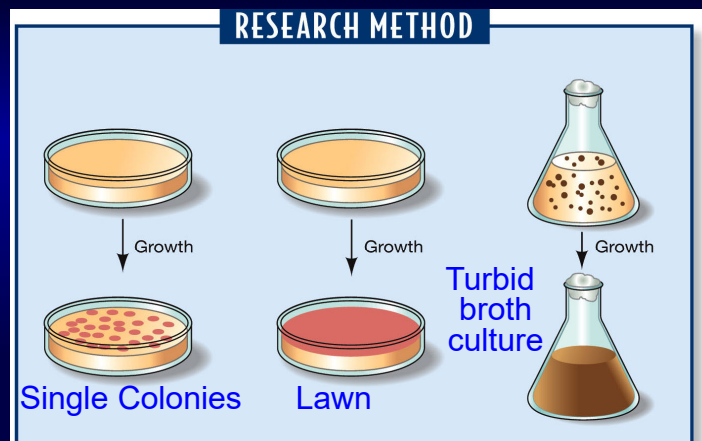
[Reminder: both signal molecules/ Ligands bind to the Repressor protein, **allosterically** changing its activity. Inducer, or Corepressor?]

- **Positive Control:** Regulatory Protein **ACTIVATES** genes.
- **Negative Control:** Regulatory protein **REPRESSES** genes.

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16.4) Prokaryotes: Reproduction, Mutation, & Recombination

- When bacteria divide, they form **clones of identical cells**, which can be observed as **colonies** when grown on solid media.



CLONING: <http://www.sumanasinc.com/webcontent/animations/content/plasmidcloning.htm>

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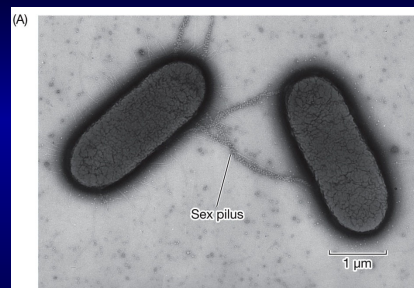
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Prokaryotes: Recombination A. Conjugation

- HORIZONTAL GENE TRANSFER:** A bacterium can transfer its genes to another bacterium by **conjugation**, **transformation**, or **transduction**.

- In **Conjugation**, a bacterium attaches to another bacterium and passes a partial copy of its DNA to the adjacent cell.



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<http://www.blackwellpublishing.com/trun/artwork/Animations/conjugation/conjugation.htm>

E. coli cell strx: <http://www.blackwellpublishing.com/trun/artwork/Animations/Overview/overview.html>

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Lederberg and Tatum's Experiment

EXPERIMENT

HYPOTHESIS: Genetic recombination can occur in bacteria.

METHOD

Strain 1 of *E. coli* requires methionine and biotin for growth.
met-, bio-

Strain 2 of *E. coli* requires threonine and leucine for growth.
thr-, leu-

RESULTS

Complete medium

Minimal medium

Genetic Complementation!!

CONCLUSION: The prototrophic colonies growing on minimal medium could have arisen only by genetic recombination between the two different strains.

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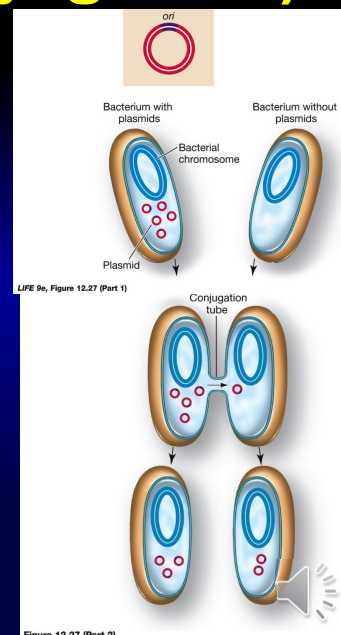
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R-Factors (conjugation)

- **Plasmids** are small bacterial chromosomes independent of the main chromosome.
- **R factors**, plasmids that carry genes for **antibiotic resistance**, are a serious public health threat.

http://www.hhmi.org/biointeractive/animations/conjugation/conj_frames.htm



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“Gene Replacement”

Homologous Recombination:

→ “Gene Replacement”

➤ **RecA Protein, RecBCD.**

➤ DNA taken up into prok. cell:

- must replicate independently, OR
- be integrated into the host genome!!

(B) DNA (from donor chromosome) Sites of crossing over

Chromosome of recipient cell

Division

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<http://www.blackwellpublishing.com/trun/artwork/Animations/Recombination/recombination.html>

<http://www.1lecture.com/Microbiology/Bacterial%20Transformation%20animation.swf>

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Recombination: B. Transformation

- In Transformation, genes are transferred between cells when fragments of (bacterial) DNA are taken up by a cell from the medium. (Frederick GRIFFITHS!)
 - *Source of DNA often irrelevant! (RE's, etc.)*
- These fragments may recombine with the host chromosome, permanently adding new genes.

(A) Transformation

Bacterial cell

Bacterial chromosome

Chromosome of recipient cell

Recombination/Integration

Method:
<http://www.dnalc.org/resources/animations/transformation2.html>

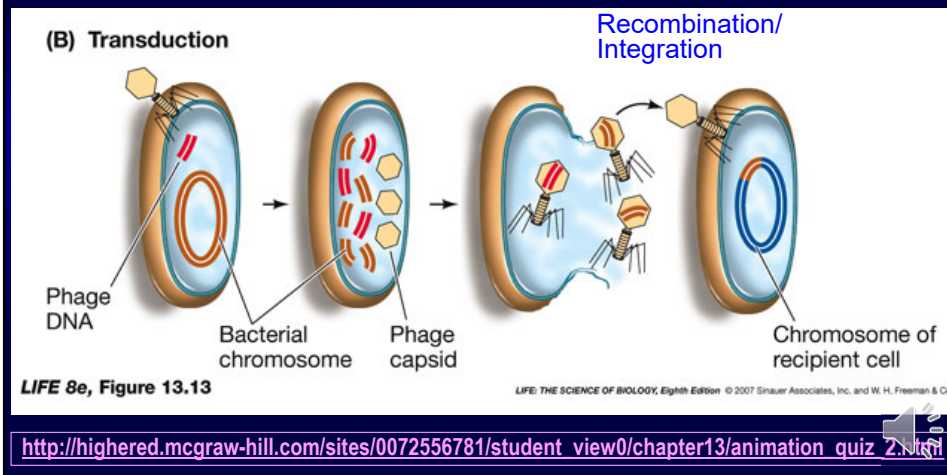
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http://highered.mcgraw-hill.com/sites/0072556781/student_view0/chapter13/animation_quiz_1.html

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Recombination: C. Transduction

- In **Transduction**, phage **capsids** carry **bacterial DNA** from one bacterium to another.



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Prokaryotes: Recombination D. *** Transposition

• **Transposable Elements:**

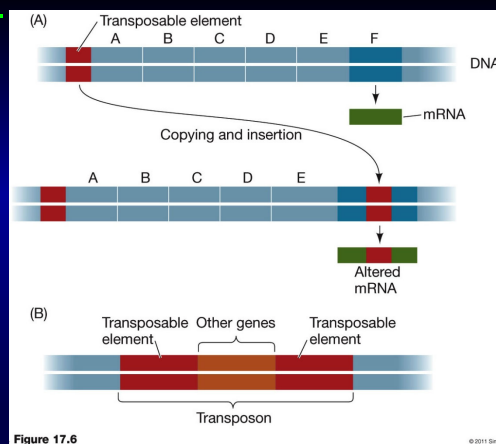
- movable stretches of DNA
- can jump from place to place on the bacterial chromosome
 - by actually moving (**non-replicative**) or
 - by making a new copy, inserted at a new location (**replicative**).
- Also called "**Insertion Sequences**" in bacteria.

• **Can disrupt/ inactivate genes!!**

- "**Transposon Mutagenesis**"

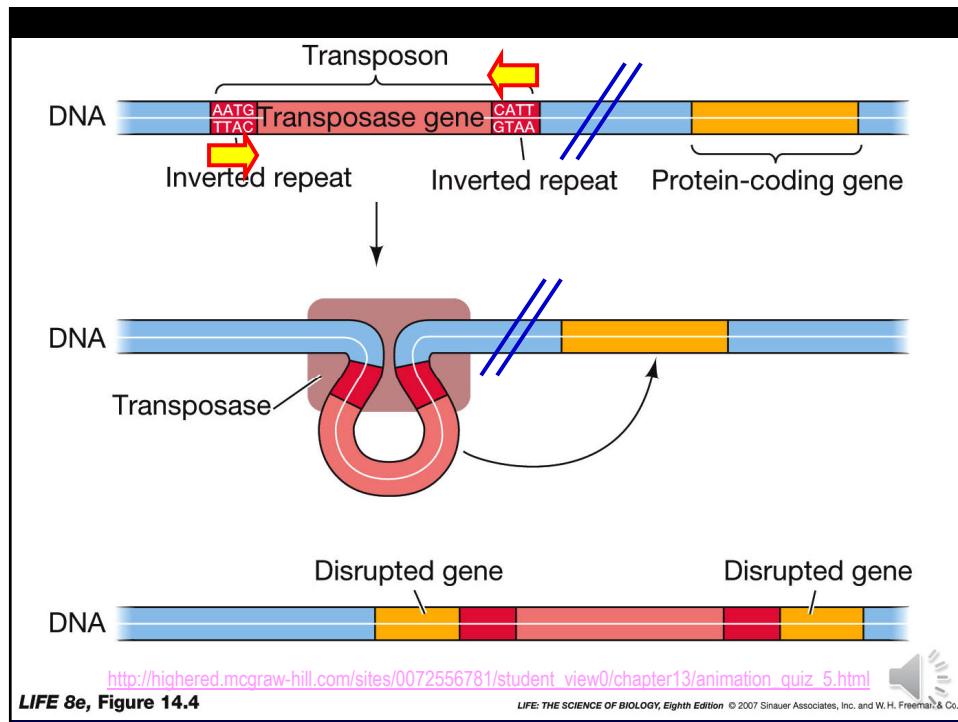
• **Complex Transposon:** carries other genes besides **Transposase** (excision & integration)

- eg: antibiotic resistance



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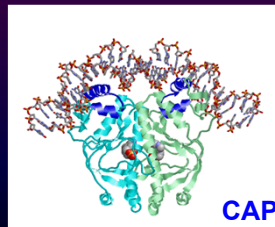
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BIOL 230 – Molecular Biology Major Concepts (Chs. 13-16a, Prok.)

- Central Dogma:** DNA → RNA → Protein; **5' → 3' = N → C**.
- One Gene-One Polypeptide** – ARG⁻ mutants (*Beadle/Tatum*)
- Transcription** of a gene begins at a **promoter**, ends at a **terminator**
- Translation** starts with **charging a tRNA** → ribosome + AA-tRNA + mRNA → at AUG to STOP (UAA, UAG, UGA)
- Point mutations**– **Silent, Missense, Nonsense, Frameshift**
- Bacteriophages** – lytic or lysogenic cycles; prophage; provirus, **Retrovirus**.
- OPERON Regulation in prokaryotes** – many genes/ mRNA transcript = **polycistronic**; 1 promoter & 1 operator
 - Positive & Negative Regulation;
 - Constitutive vs. Inducible genes
 - Repressible vs. Inducible operons – **LAC** & **TRP**
- Horizontal Gene Transfer:**
 - Conjugation
 - Transformation
 - Transduction
 - ❖ Other Recombination: Transposition, Transposase



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16.5) The Eukaryotic Genome

- Eukaryotes have more DNA in their genomes than prokaryotes.
 - But in some cases there is no apparent relationship between genome size and organism complexity.
- Humans: Protein-coding regions make up ~ 1.2%, <20,000 genes (18-19K!!)
 - An average gene has 27,000 base pairs.
 - All human genes have many introns. **TITIN** has 362; 38K aa.
 - Over 50 percent of the genome is transposons and other repetitive sequences.

A Comparison of Prokaryotic and Eukaryotic Genes and Genomes

CHARACTERISTIC	PROKARYOTES	EUKARYOTES
Genome size (base pairs)	10 ⁶ -10 ⁷	10 ⁸ -10 ¹¹
Repeated sequences	Few	Many
Noncoding DNA within coding sequences	Rare	Common
Transcription and translation separated in cell	No	Yes
DNA segregated within a nucleus	No	Yes
DNA bound to proteins	Some	Extensive
Promoters	Yes	Yes
Enhancers/silencers	Rare	Common
Capping and tailing of mRNA	No	Yes
RNA splicing required (spliceosomes)	Rare	Common
Number of chromosomes in genome	One	Many

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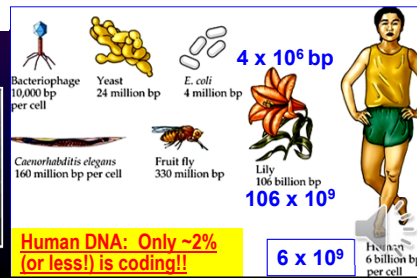


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A. The Eukaryotic Genome

- Eukaryotic DNA is separated from the cytoplasm within a **nucleus**. **Nuclear Envelope!!** → More levels of control!
 - The initial mRNA transcript of the DNA often modified before it is exported to the cytoplasm.

TABLE 17.1
Representative Sequenced Genomes

ORGANISM	HAPLOID GENOME SIZE (Mb)	NUMBER OF GENES	PROTEIN-CODING SEQUENCE
Bacteria			
<i>M. genitalium</i>	0.58	485	88%
<i>H. influenzae</i>	1.8	1,738	89%
<i>E. coli</i>	4.6	4,377	88%
Yeasts			
<i>S. cerevisiae</i>	12.5	5,770	70%
<i>S. pombe</i>	12.5	4,929	60%
Plants			
<i>A. thaliana</i>	115	28,000	25%
Rice	390	37,544	12%
Animals			
<i>C. elegans</i>	100	19,427	25%
<i>D. melanogaster</i>	123	13,379	13%
Pufferfish	342	27,918	10%
Chicken	1,130	25,000	3%
Human	3,300	24,000	1.2%

Mb = millions of base pairs

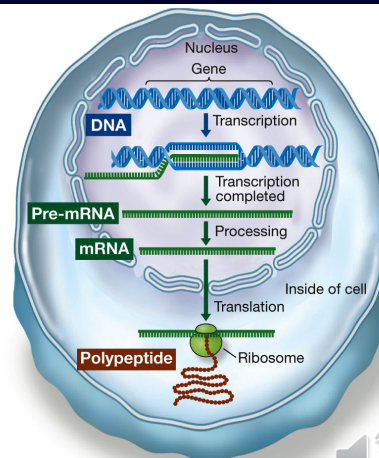


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B. Repetitive Sequences in the Eukaryotic Genome

- Highly repetitive DNA is present in up to millions of copies of short sequ's.
 - It is not transcribed. Its role is unknown.
 - Satellite DNA** → Forensic DNA Fingerprinting!
 - Eg: VNTR's, ~ D1S80!!
- TELOMERES**: Telomeric DNA is found at the ends of chromosomes – *prevent degradation of linear chromosomosomes from loss of 5' ends.*
 - Telomerase** → (5'-TTTGGGGTTT-3')_n = produced from RNA template for 5' end of chromosome strand..... (GOOD ANIMATION!)
 - <http://bcs.whfreeman.com/lodish5e/pages/bcs-main.asp?v=chapter&s=10000&n=00010&i=10010.03&o>
- Some moderately repetitive DNA sequences, such as those coding for **rRNA's**, are transcribed.
 - Mammals: **Four different rRNAs: 16S, 5.8S, 28S** = transcribed as a single transcript. Humans have **280 copies of the sequence on five different chromosomes**; and **5S**.
- Transposons**: Some moderately repetitive DNA sequences are transposable, or able to move about the genome (**Transposase**). = **40% of Human Genome!!! (<10% in other euk)**
 - Eg: **Alu DNA sequences in humans (used for DNA Fingerprinting – Biol 110/225 Lab!!!)**

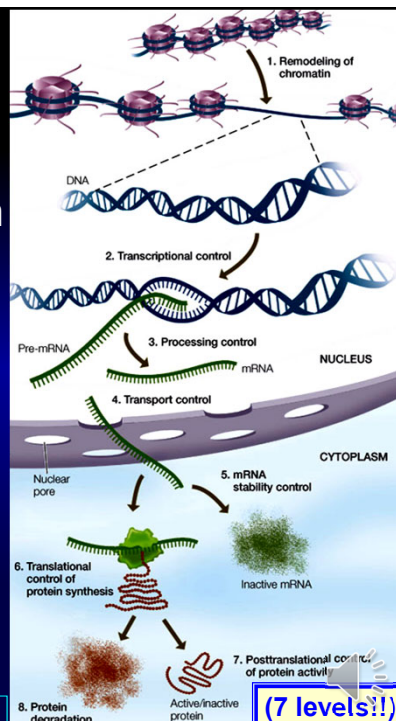
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16.6) Transcriptional Control

- Eukaryotic gene expression can be controlled at the several levels of regulation:

- Transcriptional** (1-2),
- Posttranscriptional** (3-5),
- Translational** (6), &
- Posttranslational** (7).

Fig. 16.13



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Selective Transcription: 3 Rpols

- Major method of control of eukaryotic gene expression is **Selective Transcription**.
 - by specific proteins binding to regulatory regions on DNA
 - (similar to prokaryotes!! But **only SOLITARY GENES!**)
- **Conserve energy**: if you don't need it, why even make the mRNA transcript??
 - Lots of energy to synthesize RNA, process mRNA, export it, translate to protein, and modify protein!!
 - **** Transcriptional control saves the most energy!!! ****

- *****
- **3 Eukaryotic RNA polymerases**; transcribe only:
 1. **Rpol-II** → protein-coding genes to mRNA.
 2. **Rpol-I** → rRNA coding sequences.
 3. **Rpol-III** → tRNA and small nuclear RNAs.

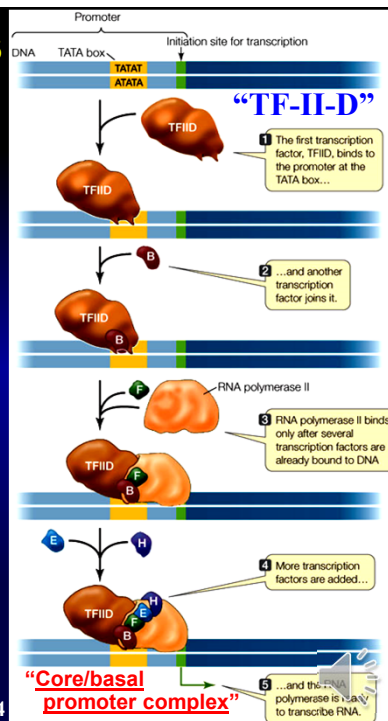
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A. Transcription Factors

- ❖ A series of **Transcription Factors** must bind the promoter before Rpol can.
 - **TFIID** →
 - **recruits many other factors!!**
- ❖ **PROMOTER**: has common sequences (**TATA Box**), and specific sequences.
- ❖ Tsc'l initiation by **RNA Polymerase-II** also depends on the binding of **regulatory** proteins: **Activator** proteins, and **Repressor** proteins.

<http://vcell.ndsu.nodak.edu/animations/transcription/movie.htm>

Fig. 16.14



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Enhancers & Silencers

Enhancers and Silencers

- Far from promoter, in either direction
- Bind a regulatory protein:
 - **Activator** → Enhancer
 - **Repressor** → Silencer
- **Cause DNA to bend** to Promoter/Transcription Complex → **Increase or decrease Tscn.**
 - Various protein interactions determine speed of transcription!

Bend DNA to Promoter/ Site of Tscn

Figure 16.15

<http://www.dnalc.org/resources/3d/13-transcription-advanced.html>
<http://highered.mcgraw-hill.com/olc/dl/120080/bio28.swf>

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B. Coordinate Regulation

- **Simultaneous control of widely separated genes:**
 - possible by Regulatory Proteins that bind to **common sequences in their promoters.**
- **Coordinate Regulation**
 - Function in same cellular process(es)
 - Eg: Plant drought

1 A stressor (e.g., drought) activates transcription of a regulatory protein through a drought-sensitive transcription factor.

2 Binding of the regulatory protein to the stress response element (SRE) stimulates transcription of genes A, B, and C...

3 ... which produce different proteins participating in the stress response.

Euk. Genes Monocistronic!!

Fig. 16.17

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C. Chromatin Remodeling

- **Epigenetics** → covalent modification of DNA affects transcription: **Methylation, Acetylation.**
- **Remodeling of chromatin** occurs during transcription.
 - Initiation: Remove **nucleosome.**
 - Acetylation of histones (**Acetyl Transferases vs. Deacetylases**)
 - Then move Tscn complex thru rest of nucleosomes.

ACETYLATION (–COCH₃): ***
<http://www.chemistry.mtu.edu/~thompson/res/research.html>
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vQ-GvPJH8T4>

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Heterochromatin & X-inactivation

- **Heterochromatin** is a condensed form of DNA that cannot be transcribed.
 - found in the inactive X chromosome of female mammals.
 - (vs. **Euchromatin**) http://highered.mheducation.com/sites/0072995246/student_view0/chapter24/x_inactivation.html
- **C-Methylation** (tsc-inactive genes) & **XIST gene**

One active X, all others inactivated

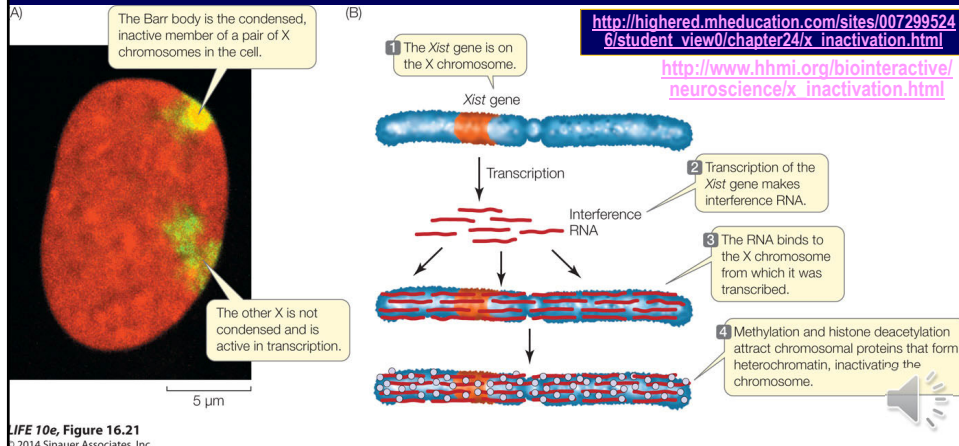
1. **Random** (maternal or paternal X is inactivated)
2. **Regulated by an RNA!**
 - = Product of the **XIST gene**
 - **X-Inactive Specific Transcript**

<http://www.hhmi.org/biointeractive/x-inactivation>

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Model for X-Chromosome Inactivation

- The Inactive X has one gene that is only lightly methylated and transcriptionally active, called ***Xist***.
 - The RNA transcribed from *Xist* is not an mRNA; remains in the nucleus.
- This RNA transcript is called **interference RNA (RNAi)**.
 - **Binds the X chromosome that transcribes it; triggers inactivation.**
 - **Methylation and histone DEacetylation → attract histones → heterochromatin!**
- Active X Chromosome has ***Tsix* (anti-*Xist* gene)** RNA bound to its *Xist* gene.

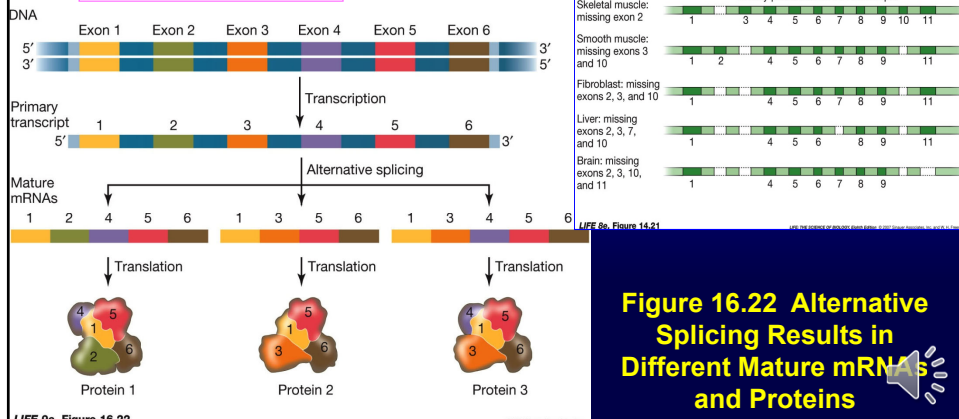


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16.7) Posttranscriptional Control

- (A.) Because eukaryotic genes have several exons, **Alternate Splicing** can **produce different proteins**
- → from different combinations of Exons!!!

ONE GENE:
→ Multiple proteins!!
→ Not in prok.!



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Posttranscriptional Control

- (B.) The **stability of mRNA** in the cytoplasm can be regulated by the **binding of proteins**.
 - Influenced by **5' Cap and 3' Poly A tail**
 - E.G.: **tubulin** binds its own mRNA when in excess → speeds degradation
 - Specific **AU-rich nucleotide sequences** within some mRNAs mark them for rapid breakdown by a **ribonuclease complex** called the **EXOSOME**.
 - Signaling molecules, such as growth factors, are made only when needed and then break down rapidly.
 - Also, **Micro-RNAs** bind mRNA → breakdown, or inhibit Tsln.
- (C.) [Includes **RNA Processing** – 4 types!!]
 - 5' G cap, 3' Poly A tail, splicing of introns, (& alternate splicing)

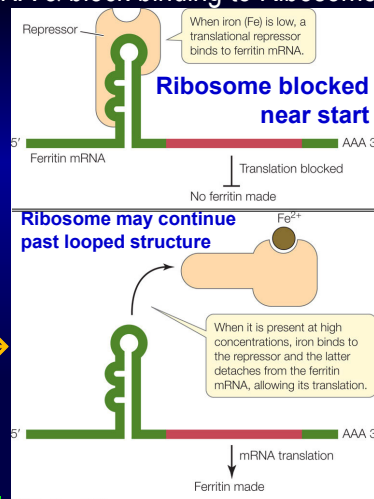
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16.8) Translational Regulation

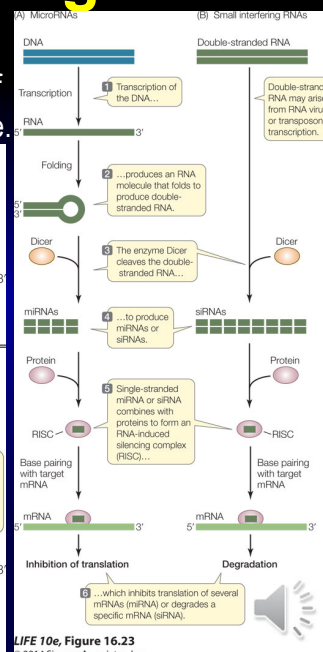
- A. Translational repressors &
- B. Inhibiting RNAs can inhibit translation of mRNA; Bind mRNA & block binding to Ribosome.

Eg:

- **Ferritin**
(binds free iron in cyto) mRNA bound by Tsln/ Reprsr when ↓Fe⁺⁺
➢ ↑Fe⁺⁺ → binds Tsln Repr → releases mRNA →
- **miRNAs**,
- **siRNAs....**



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16.9) Posttranslational Control

A. Proteasomes degrade proteins targeted (by **Ubiquitin**) for breakdown (signal = N-term. AA).

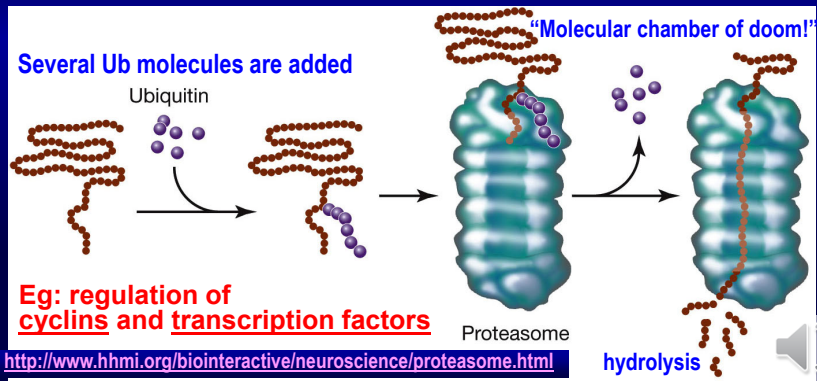


Fig. 16.24

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B-C. Post-Translational Modifications to Proteins

Translation

Posttranslational processing

- Proteolysis**: Cleaving the polypeptide allows the fragments to fold into different shapes.
- Glycosylation**: Adding sugars is important for targeting and recognition.
- Phosphorylation**: Added phosphate groups alter the shape of the protein.

Acylation

B. Covalent Modifications

<http://vcell.ndsu.nodak.edu/animations/proteinmodification/movie.htm>

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Protein synthesis in cytosol

Protein synthesis in nucleus

C. Protein Destinations

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REVIEW: Eukaryotic Gene Regulation

1. Transcriptional: (Chs. 14 & 16)

- a) **Promoter** (core = TATAA Box); **RNA Pol (3!)**; **Transcription Factors**
- b) **Enhancers** (distant DNA sequences) – bound by **Activators** (proteins)
- c) **Silencers** (distant DNA) – bound by **Repressors** (proteins)
 - Bend DNA to promoter & transcription complex!
- d) Coordinate Regulation
- e) Chromatin Remodeling – Heterochromatin, Inactive X

2. Posttranscriptional: (Chs. 14 & 16)

- a) RNA Processing – **5' cap, 3' tail, splicing** (exons; alternate splicing)
- b) Nuclear Export
- c) mRNA stability

3. Translational: – <http://vcell.ndsu.nodak.edu/animations/translation/movie.htm>

- <http://www.dnai.org/a/index.html> --> code --> putting it together
- Translational Repressors

4. Posttranslational: (Chs. 14 & 16)

- a) Proteolysis – **Ubiquitin, Proteasome.**
- b) Chemical modification – glycosylation, phosphorylation, acylation (lipid)
- c) Transport/Delivery – **signal peptide cleavage; cellular destination/compartment**