

Table 2–2 The Approximate Chemical Composition of a Bacterial Cell

	PERCENT OF TOTAL CELL WEIGHT	NUMBER OF TYPES OF EACH MOLECULE
Water	70	1
Inorganic ions	1	20
Sugars and precursors	1	250
Amino acids and precursors	0.4	100
Nucleotides and precursors	0.4	100
Fatty acids and precursors	1	50
Other small molecules	0.2	~300
Macromolecules (proteins, nucleic acids, and polysaccharides)	26	~3000

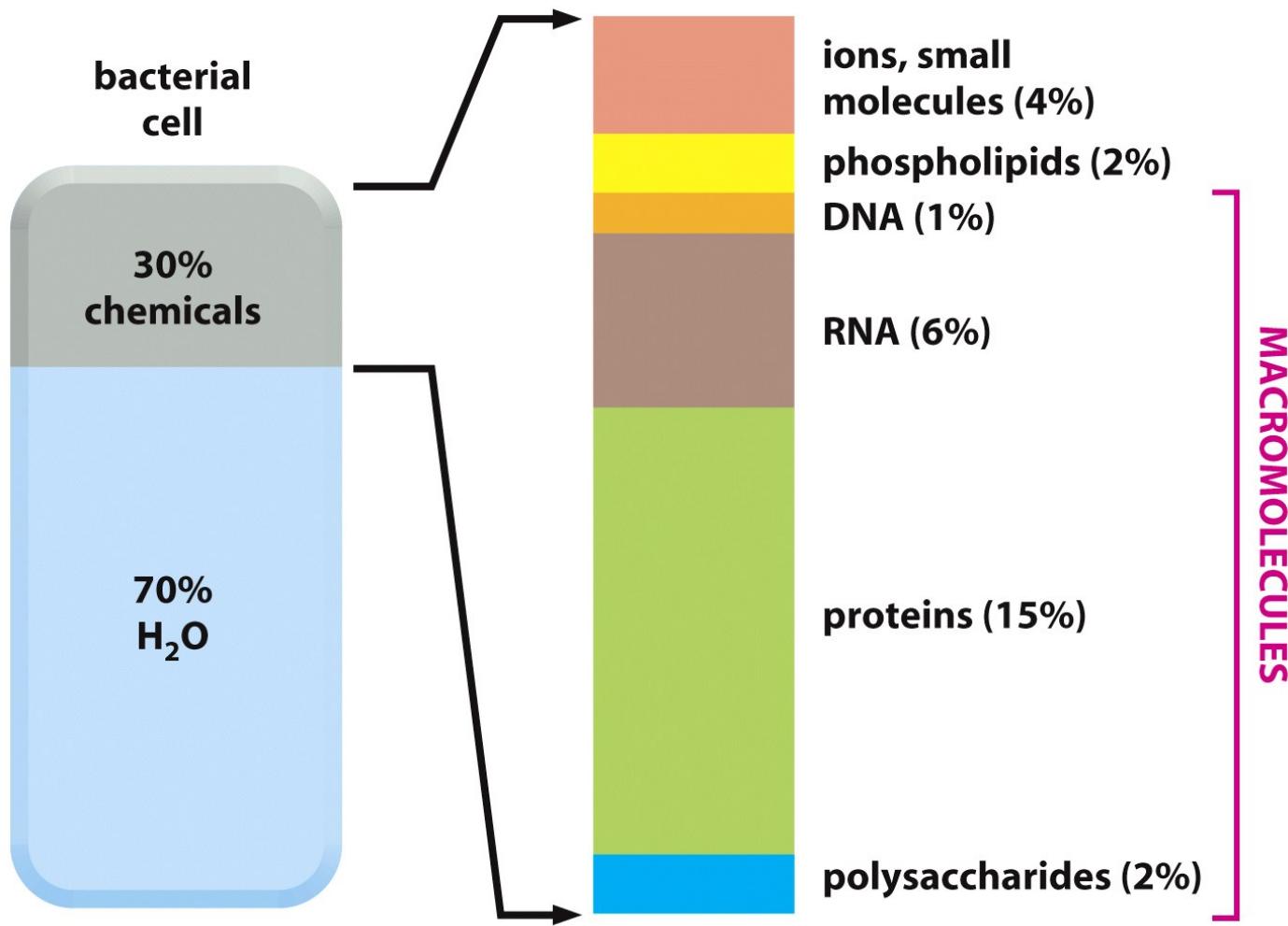


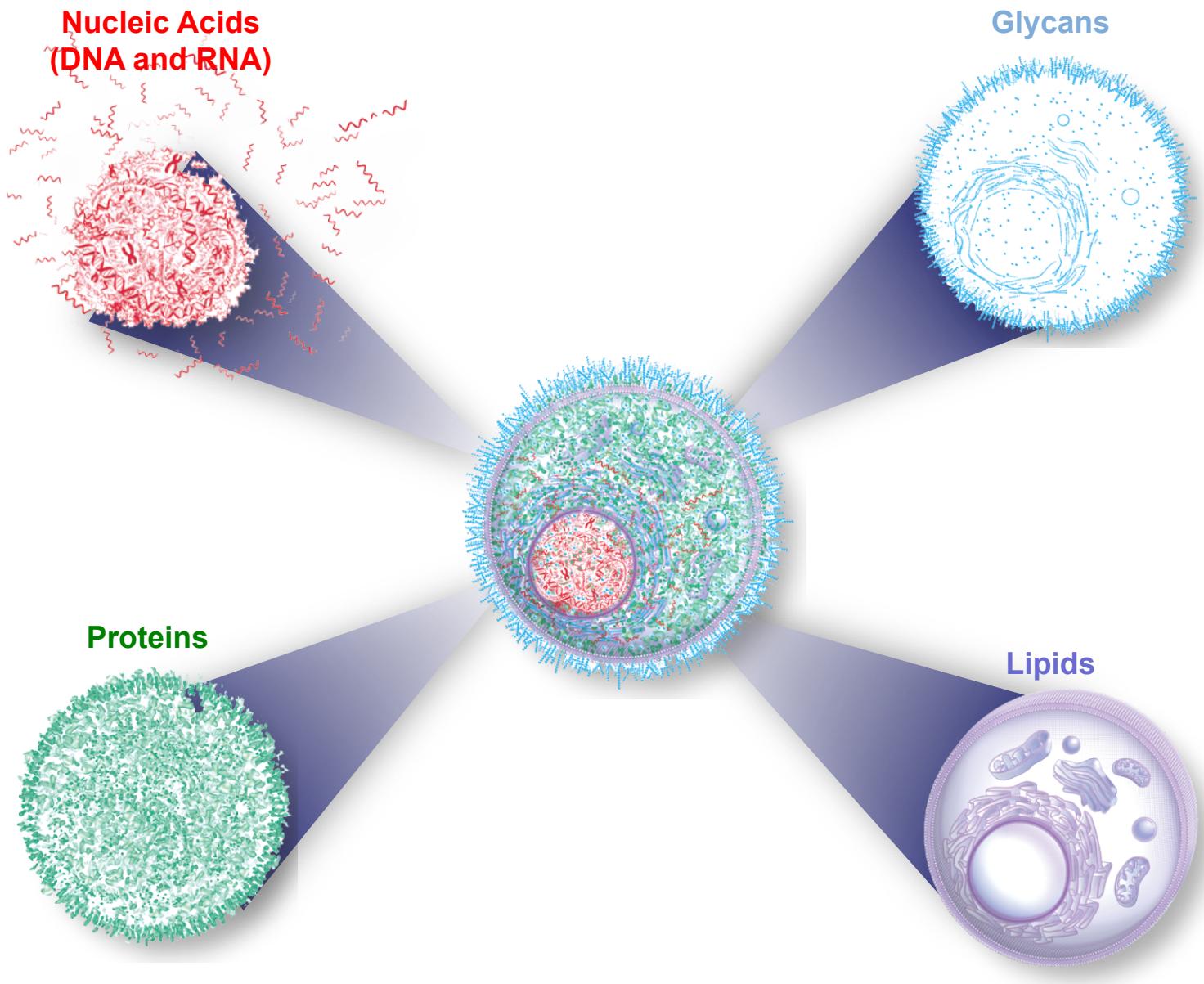
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Table 2–3 Approximate Chemical Compositions of a Typical Bacterium and a Typical Mammalian Cell

COMPONENT	PERCENT OF TOTAL CELL WEIGHT	
	<i>E. COLI</i> BACTERIUM	MAMMALIAN CELL
H ₂ O	70	70
Inorganic ions (Na ⁺ , K ⁺ , Mg ²⁺ , Ca ²⁺ , Cl ⁻ , etc.)	1	1
Miscellaneous small metabolites	3	3
Proteins	15	18
RNA	6	1.1
DNA	1	0.25
Phospholipids	2	3
Other lipids	–	2
Polysaccharides	2	2
Total cell volume	$2 \times 10^{-12} \text{ cm}^3$	$4 \times 10^{-9} \text{ cm}^3$
Relative cell volume	1	2000

Proteins, polysaccharides, DNA, and RNA are macromolecules. Lipids are not generally classed as macromolecules even though they share some of their features; for example, most are synthesized as linear polymers of a smaller molecule (the acetyl group on acetyl CoA), and they self-assemble into larger structures (membranes). Note that water and protein comprise most of the mass of both mammalian and bacterial cells.

Cells are Composed of Four Types of Molecular Components



FROM THE TEXTBOOK: THE FOUR FUNDAMENTAL CELLULAR MACROMOLEULES AND STRUCTURAL COMPONENTS

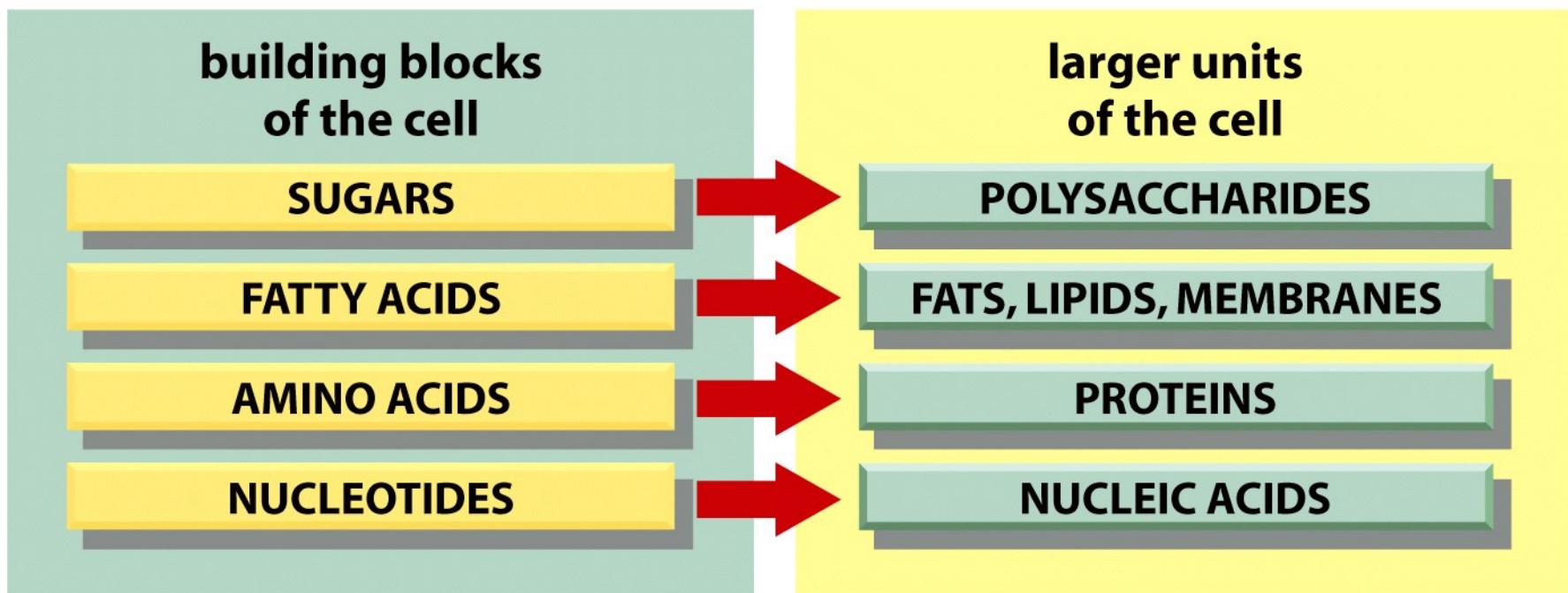
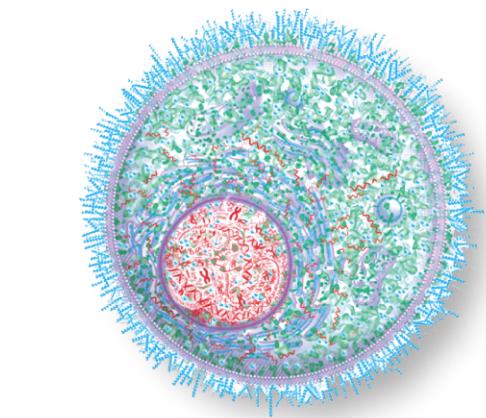
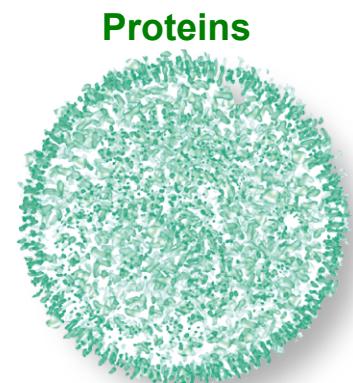
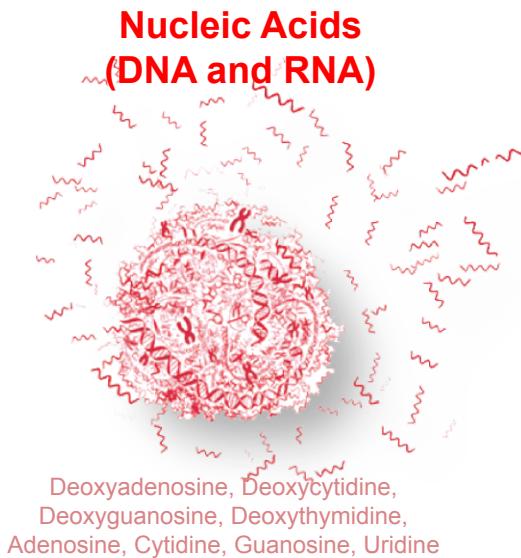
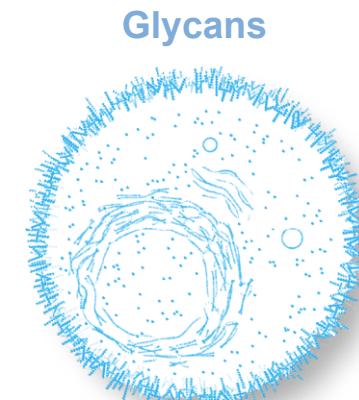


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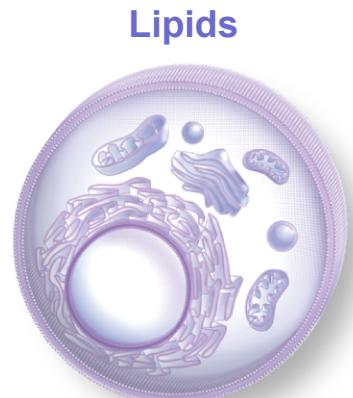
Cells are Composed of Four Types of Molecular Components: Comprised of 70 Building Blocks



dA, dC, dG, dT, rA, rC, rG, rU
A, R, D, N, C, E, Q, G, H, I, L, K, M, F, P, S, T, W, Y, V
Fuc, Gal, Glc, GlcA, Man, GalNAc, GlcNAc,
NeuAc, Xyl, Kdn, Kdo, Ara, Araf, Bac, Col, Frc,
GalF, GalA, GlcLA, Hep, Leg, ManUA, FucNAc,
GalNAcUA, ManNAc, ManNAcUA, MurNAc,
PerNAc, QuiNAc, Per, Pse, Rha, Tal
Fa, Gl, Glpl, Pk, Pl, Scl, Sphl, Stl



Fucose, Galactose, Glucose, Glucuronic Acid, Mannose, N-Acetylgalactosamine, N-Acetylglicosamine, Neuraminic Acid, Xylose, Nononic Acid, Octulosonic Acid, Arabinose, Arabinofuranose, Bacillosamine, Colitose, Fructose, Galactofuranose, Galacturonic Acid, Glucolactillic Acid, Heptose, Legionaminic Acid, Mannuronic Acid, N-Acetylglucosamine, N-Acetylgalacturonic Acid, N Acetylmannosamine, N-Acetylmannosaminuronic Acid, N-Acetylglucosaminic Acid, N-Acetylperosamine, N Acetylquinovosamine, Perosamine, Pseudaminic Acid, Rhamnose, Talose



SUBUNIT



sugar

MACROMOLECULE



polysaccharide / glycan



amino
acid



protein



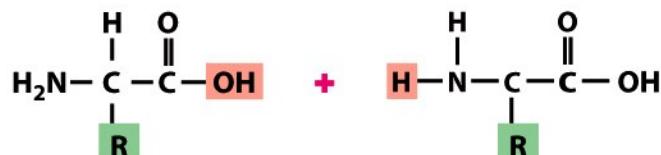
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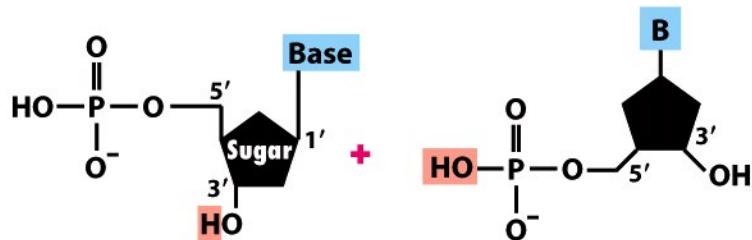
nucleic acid

KEY MOLECULAR BONDS OF LIFE

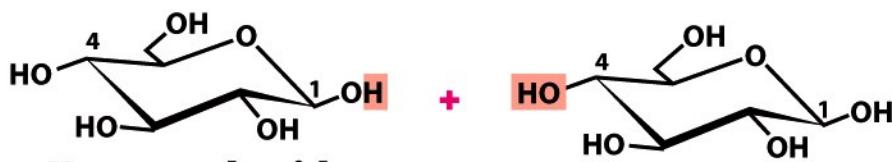
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Amino acid

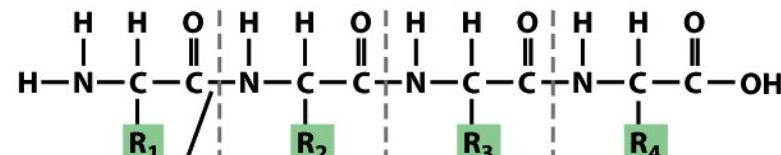


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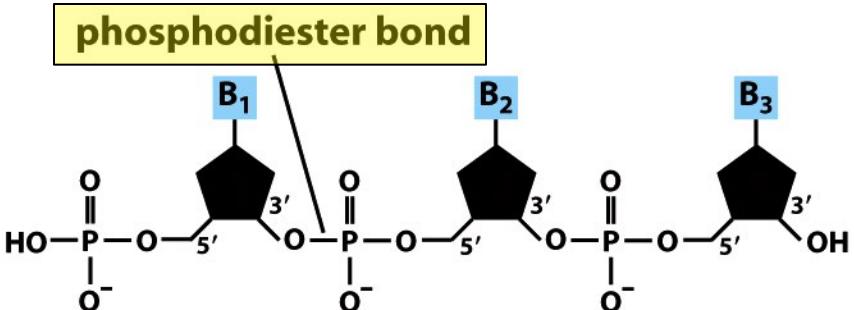


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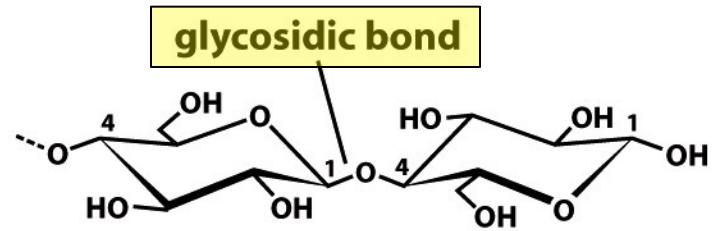
POLYMERS



peptide bond
Polypeptide



Nucleic acid



Polysaccharide

LIPIDS

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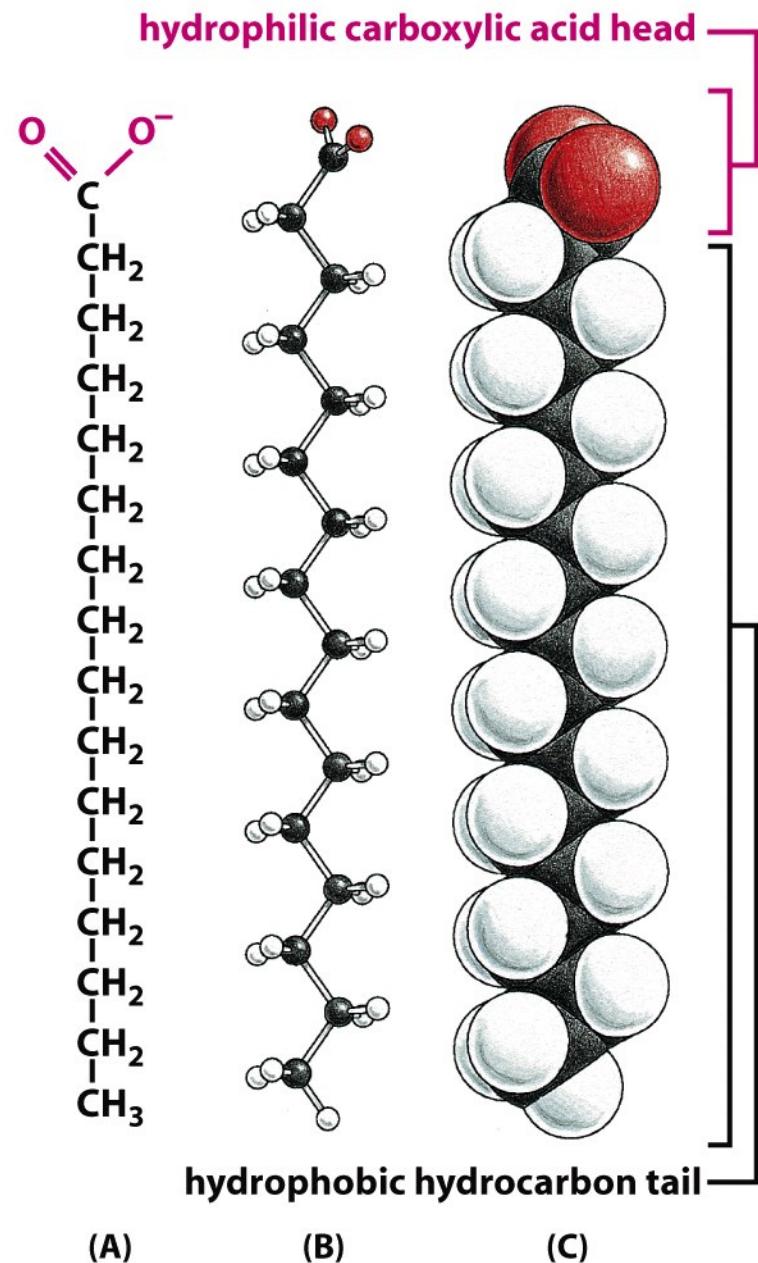
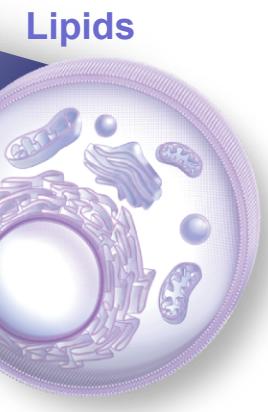
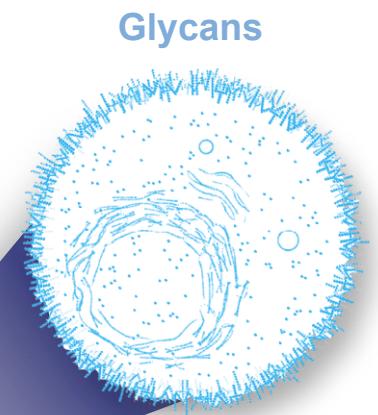
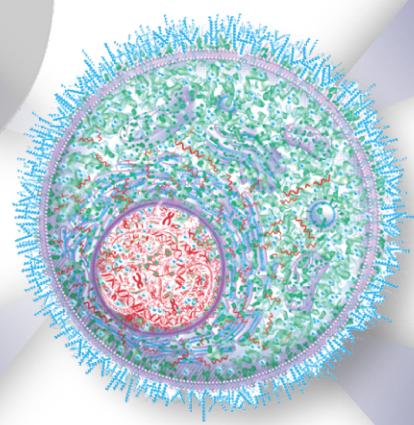
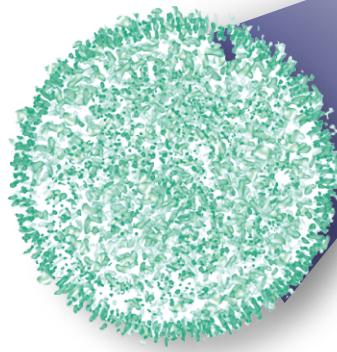
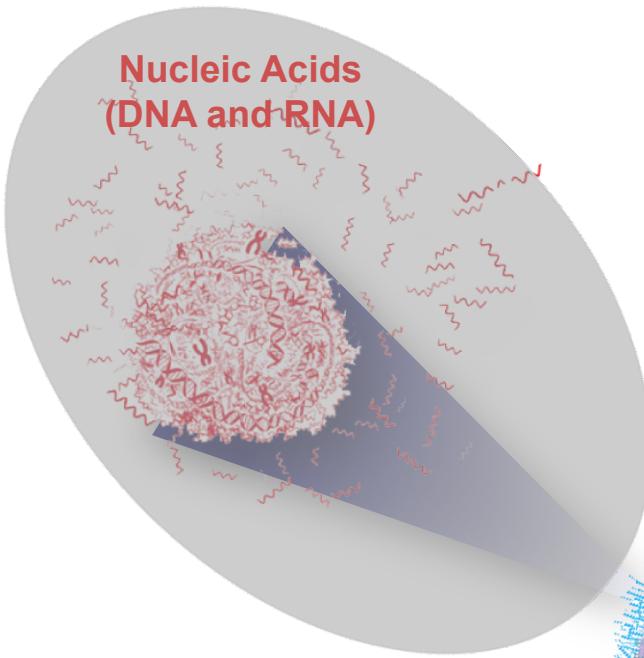


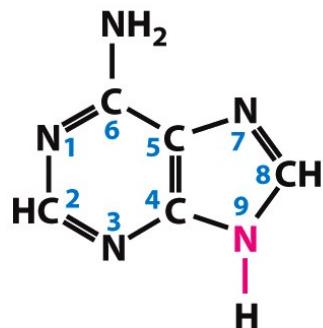
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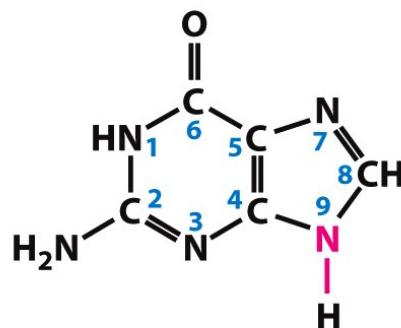


STRUCTURE OF THE PRINCIPAL BASES OF NUCLEOSIDES / NUCLEOTIDES

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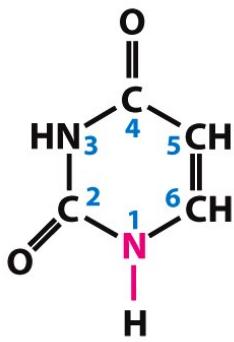


Adenine (A)

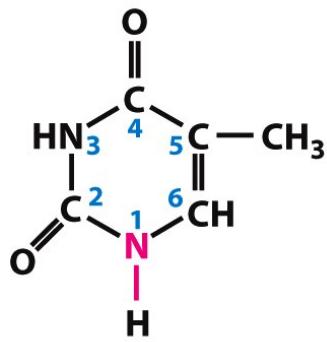


Guanine (G)

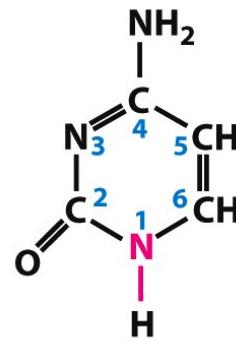
PYRIMIDINES



Uracil (U)

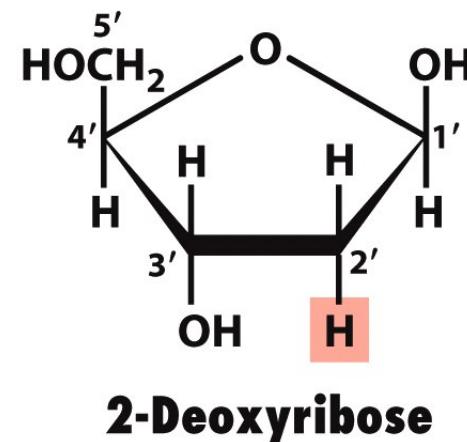
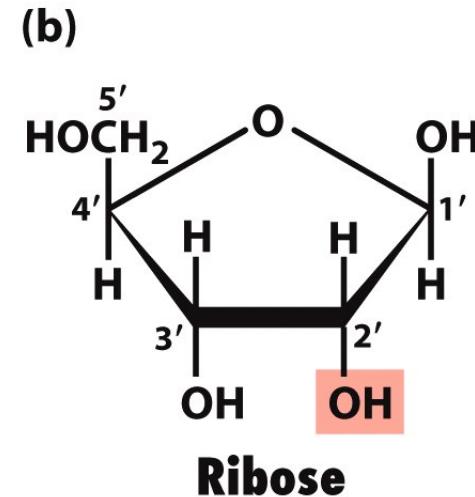
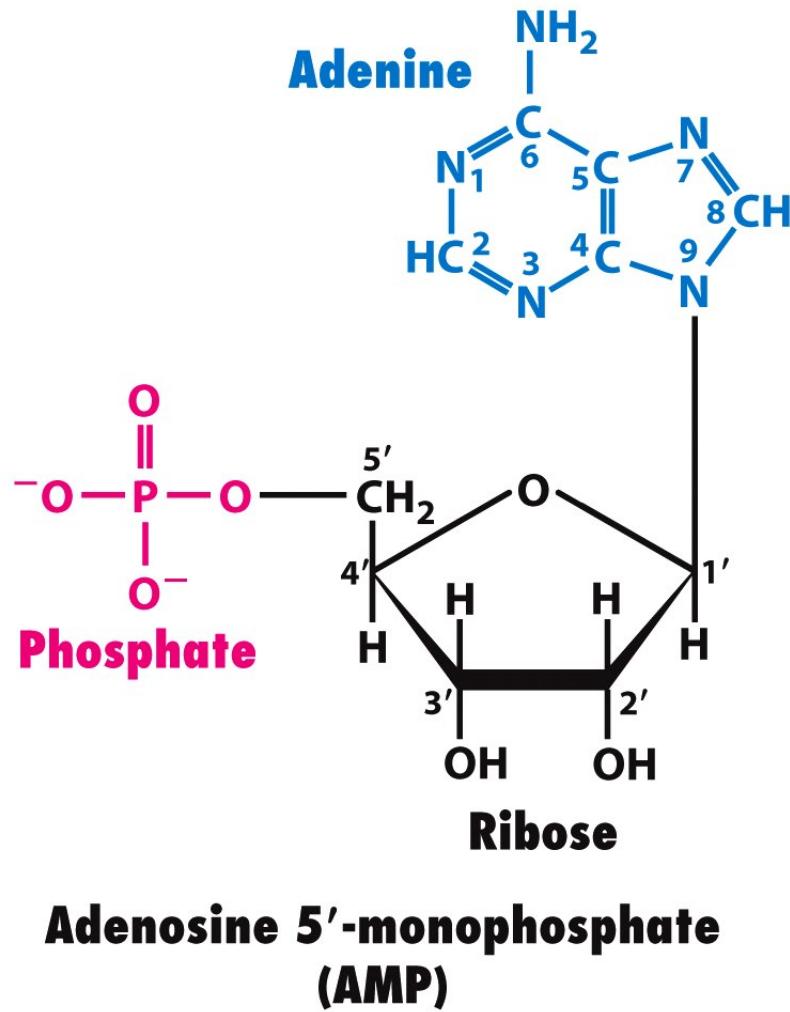


Thymine (T)



Cytosine (C)

STRUCTURE OF NUCLEOTIDES /NUCLEOSIDES

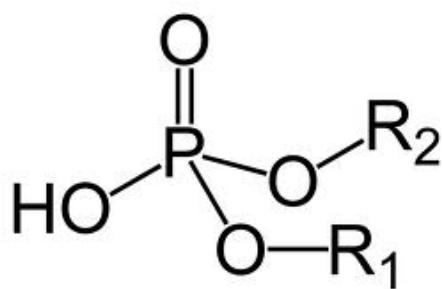


NUCLEOTIDES / NUCLEOSIDES

TABLE 2-3 Terminology of Nucleosides and Nucleotides

BASES	PURINES		PYRIMIDINES	
	ADENINE(A)	GUANINE(G)	CYTOSINE(C)	URACIL(U) THYMINE(T)
Nucleosides { in RNA in DNA	Adenosine	Guanosine	Cytidine	Uridine
	Deoxyadenosine	Deoxyguanosine	Deoxycytidine	Deoxythymidine
Nucleotides { in RNA in DNA	Adenylate	Guanylate	Cytidylate	Uridylate
	Deoxyadenylate	Deoxyguanylate	Deoxycytidylate	Deoxythymidylate
Nucleoside monophosphates	AMP	GMP	CMP	UMP
Nucleoside diphosphates	ADP	GDP	CDP	UDP
Nucleoside triphosphates	ATP	GTP	CTP	UTP
Deoxynucleoside mono-, di-, and triphosphates	dAMP, etc.	dGMP, etc.	dCMP, etc	dTMP, etc.

NUCLEIC ACIDS: DNA



Phosphodiester bond

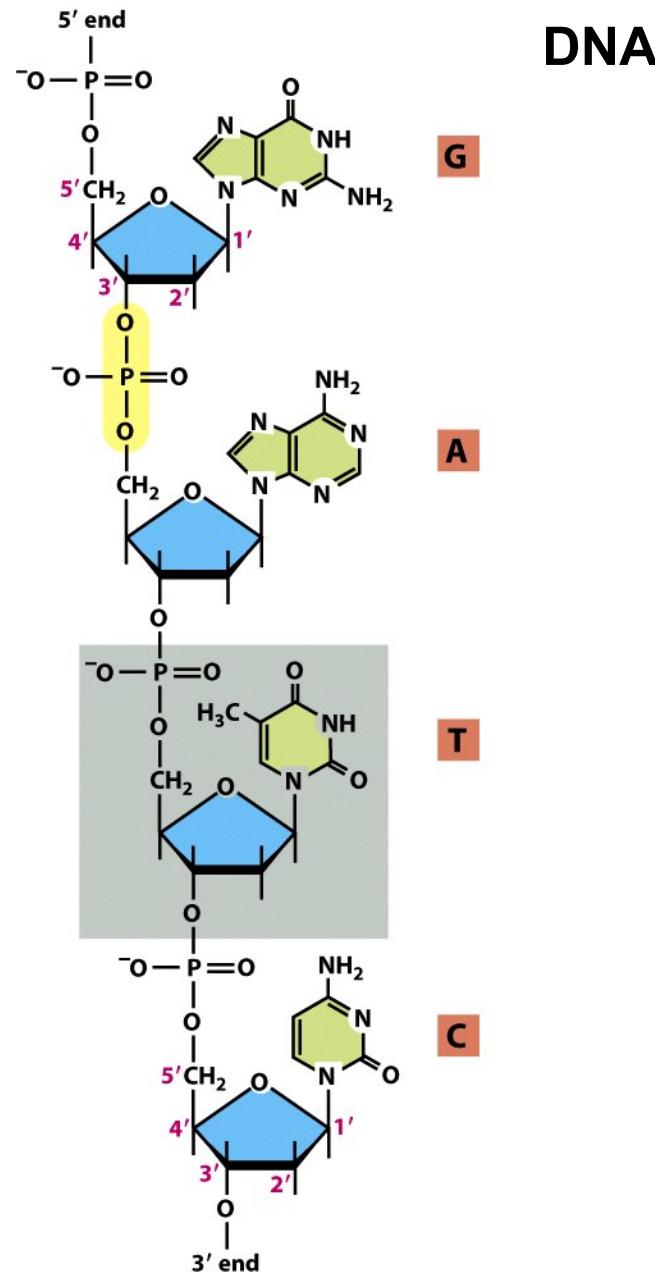


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One DNA Strand, a Complement of the Other DNA Strand....

DNA strand



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The Structure of DNA

double-stranded DNA

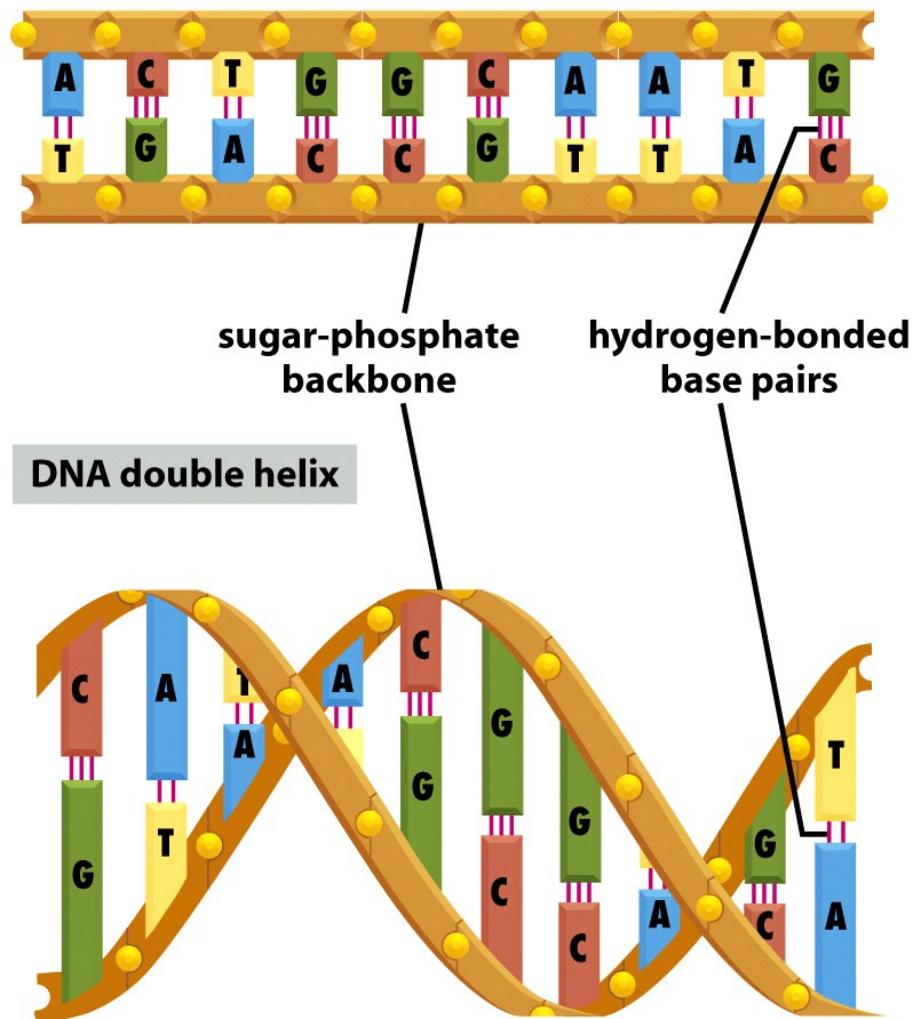


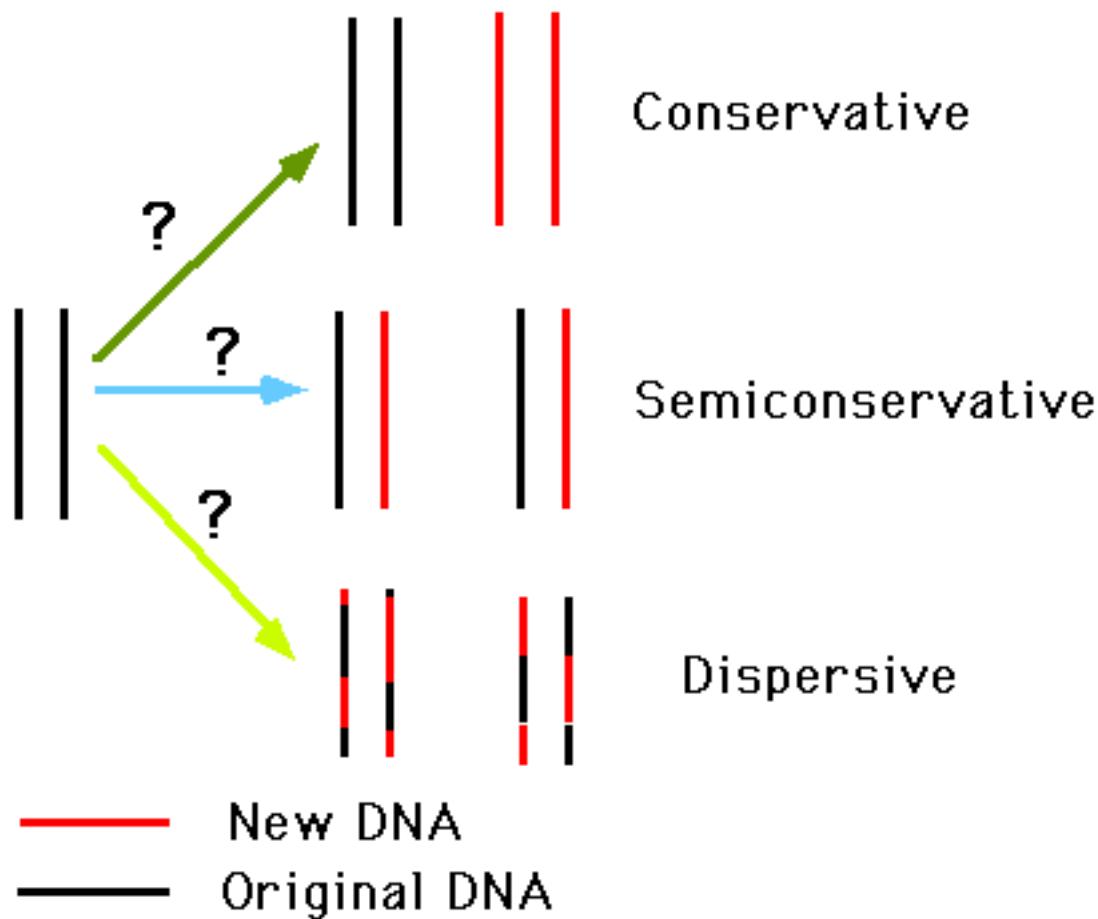
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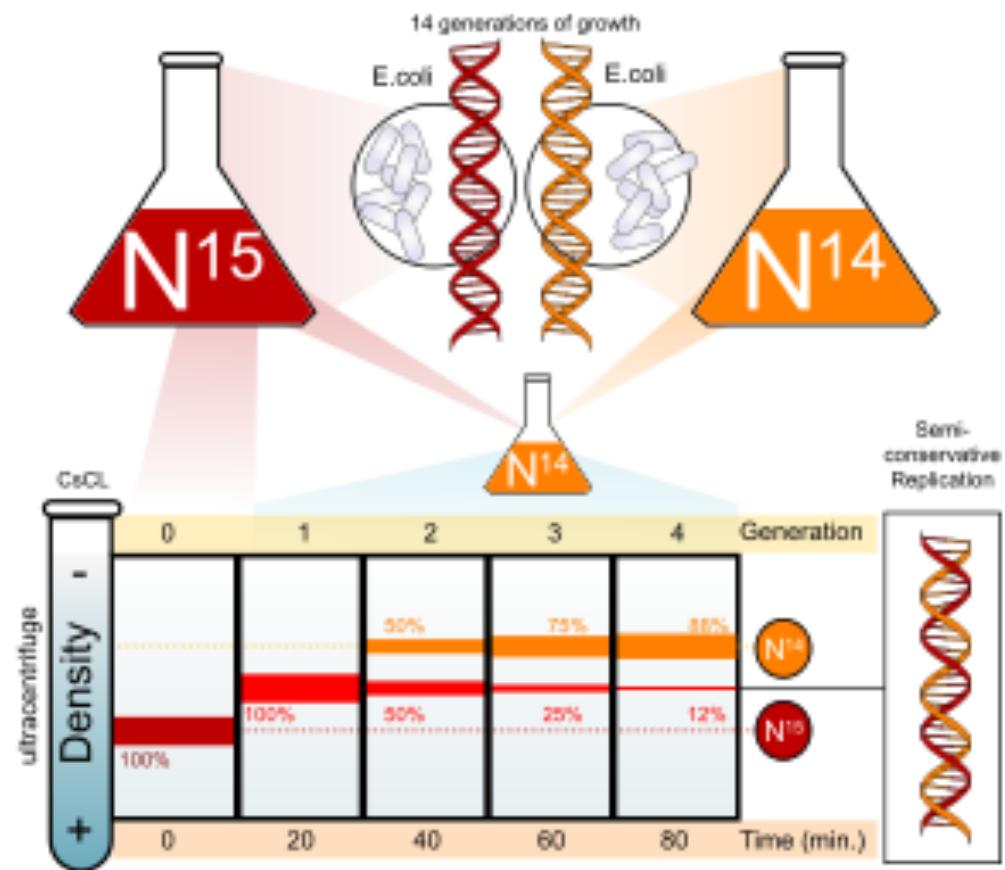
James Watson
Francis Crick
Nobel Prize, 1962

How does DNA Replicate?

Different suggestions on possible mode of DNA replication



The Meselson-Stahl Experiment



Frank Stahl



Matthew Meselson

DNA Replication is Semi-Conservative!

templated polymerization of new strand

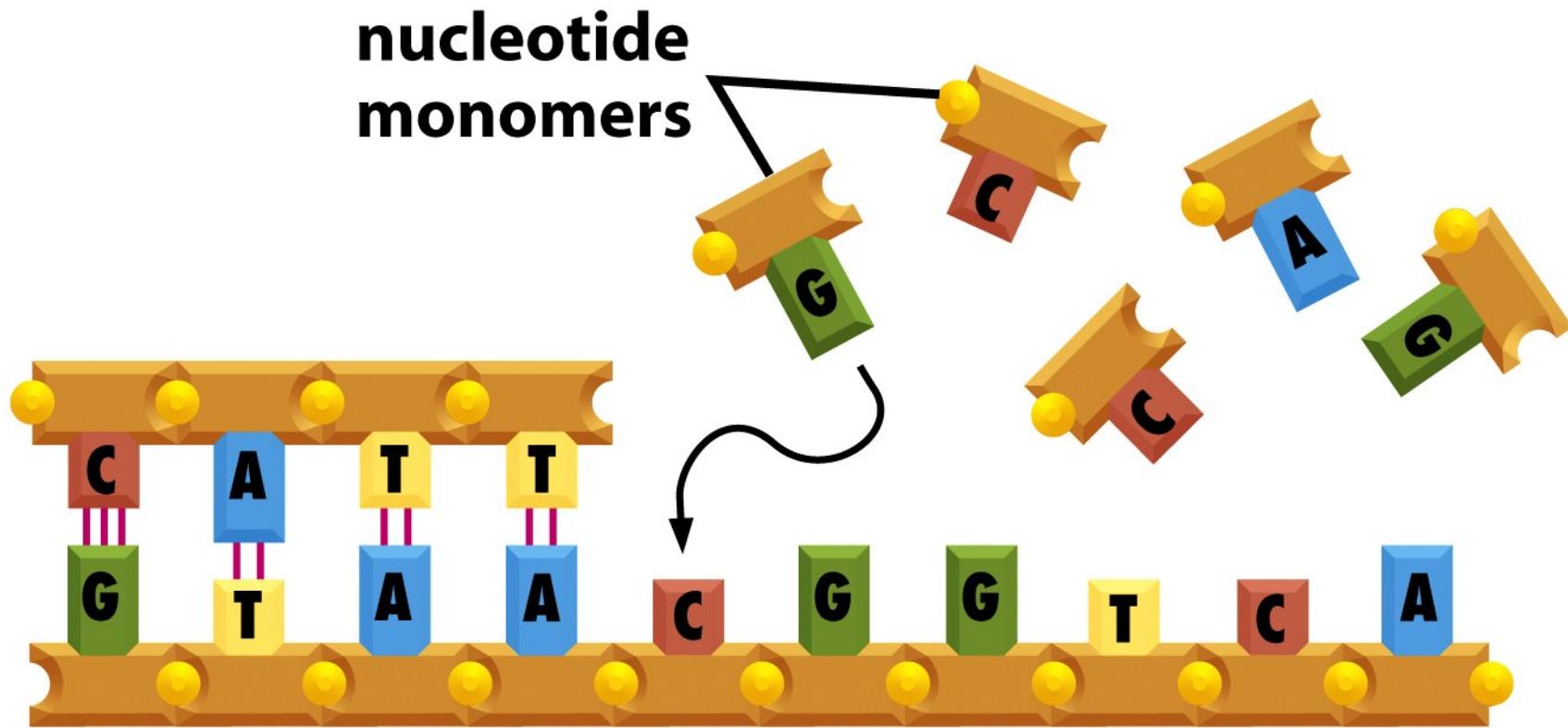


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Semi-Conservative DNA Replication

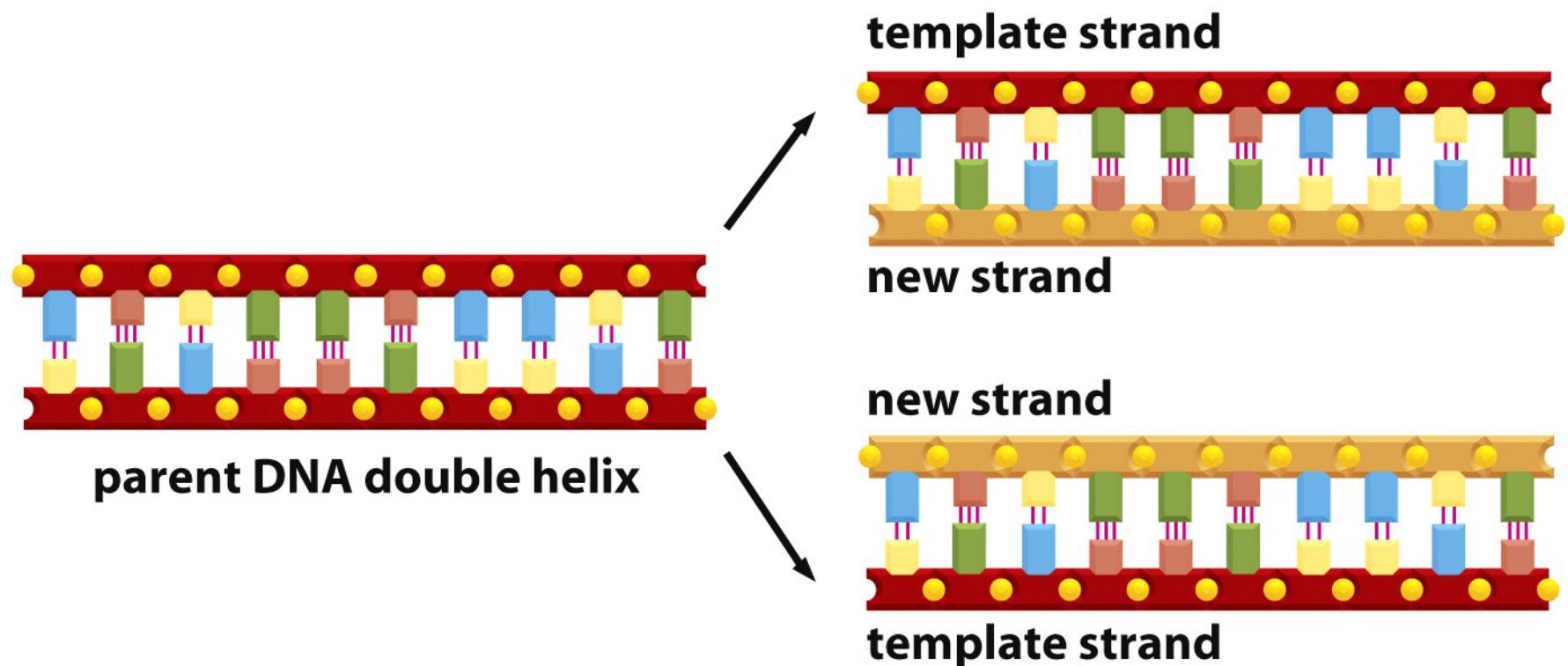


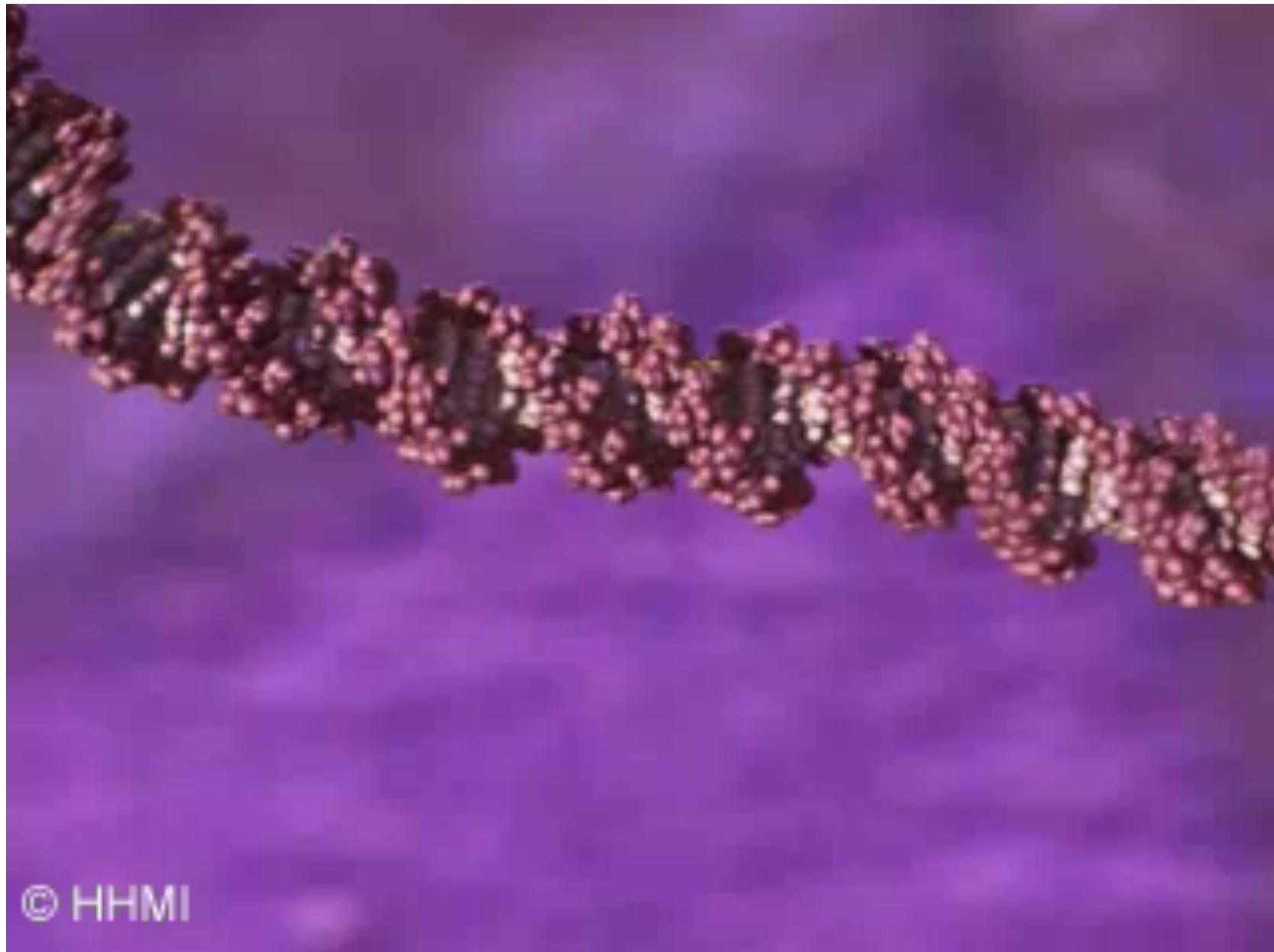
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DNA Replication

Movie 5.4



**In the Cell, DNA is packaged as Chromatin
Movie 4.2**



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Inheritable and Somatic Changes to the Genomes of Organisms

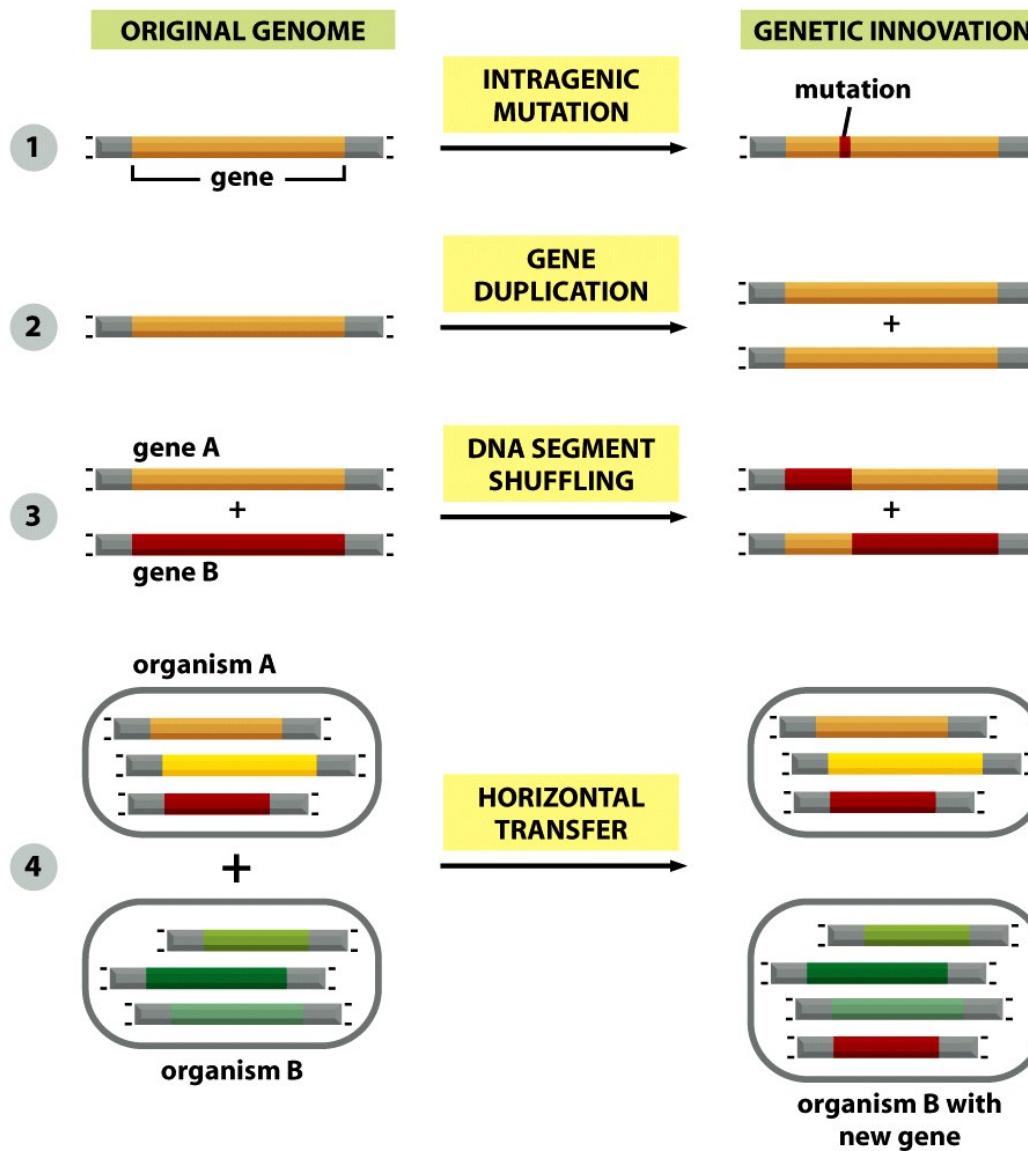


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What is a Gene Ortholog?

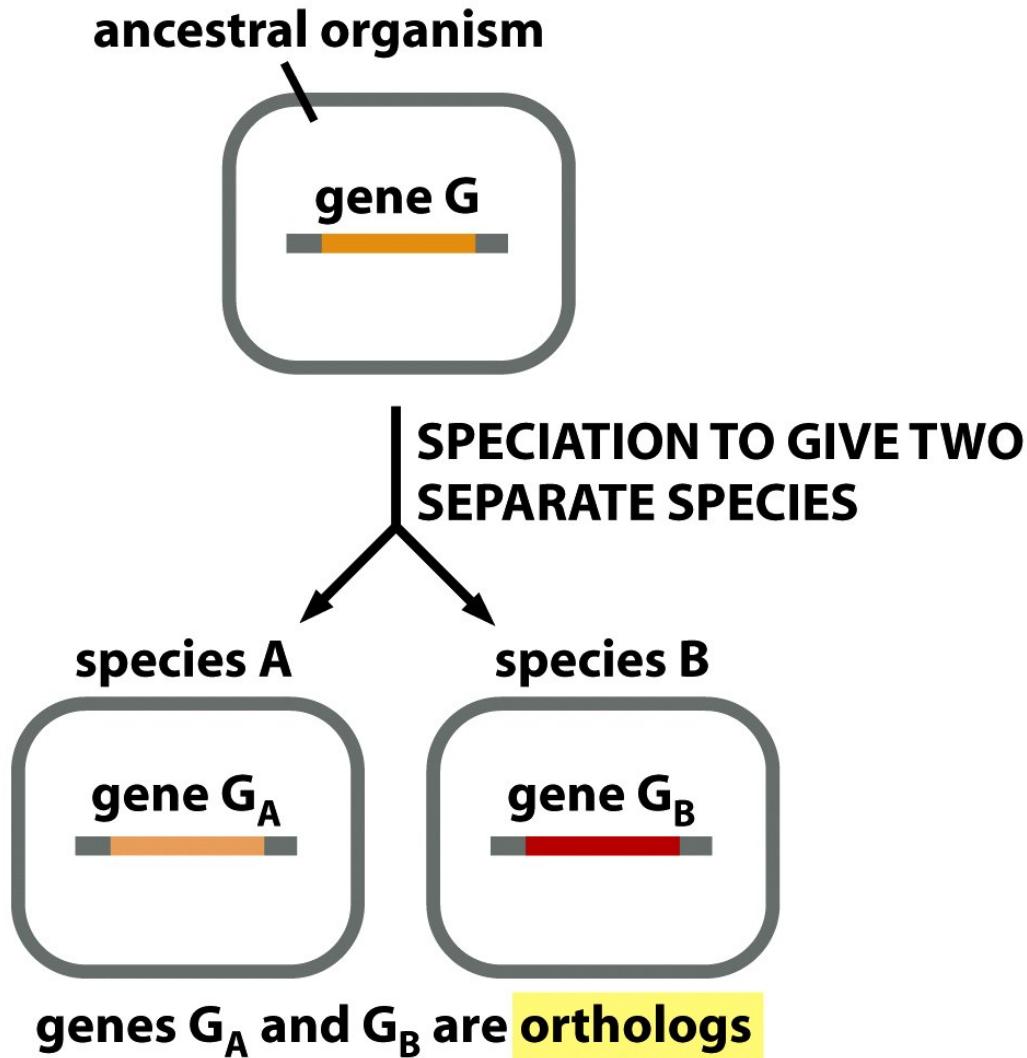


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What is a Gene Paralog?

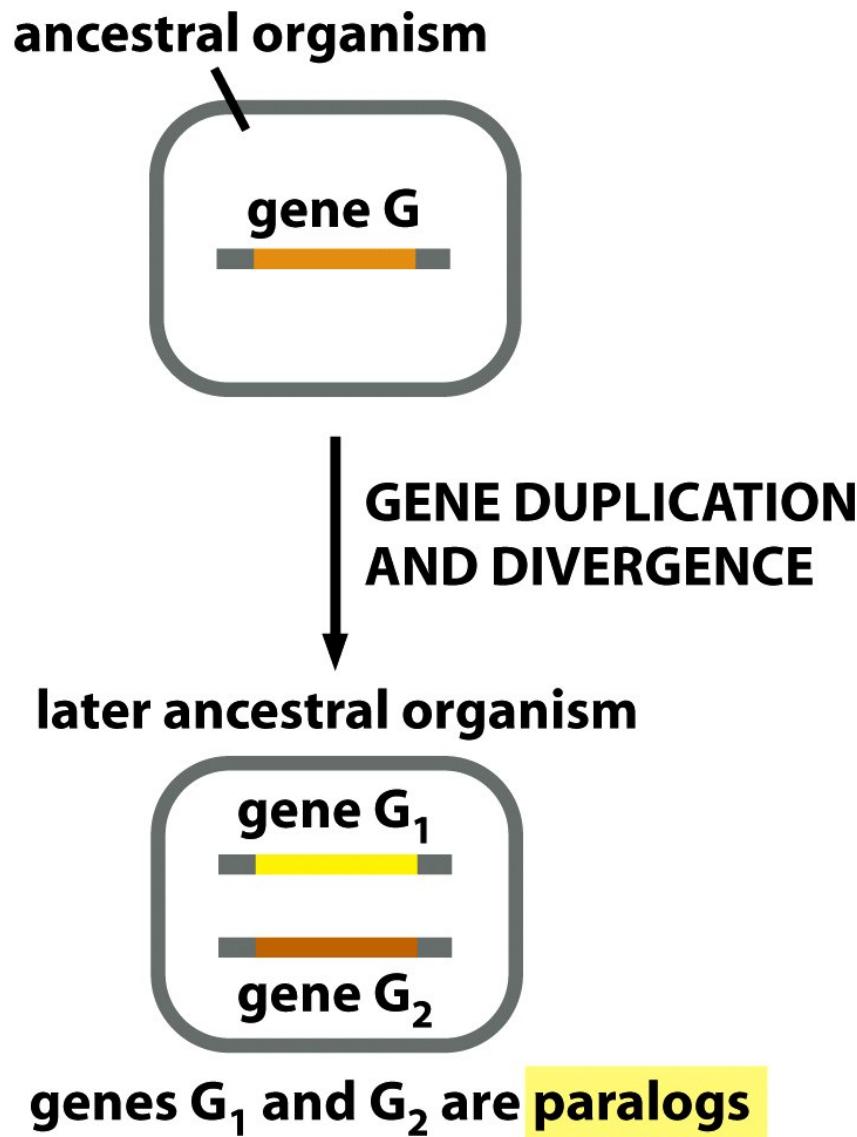
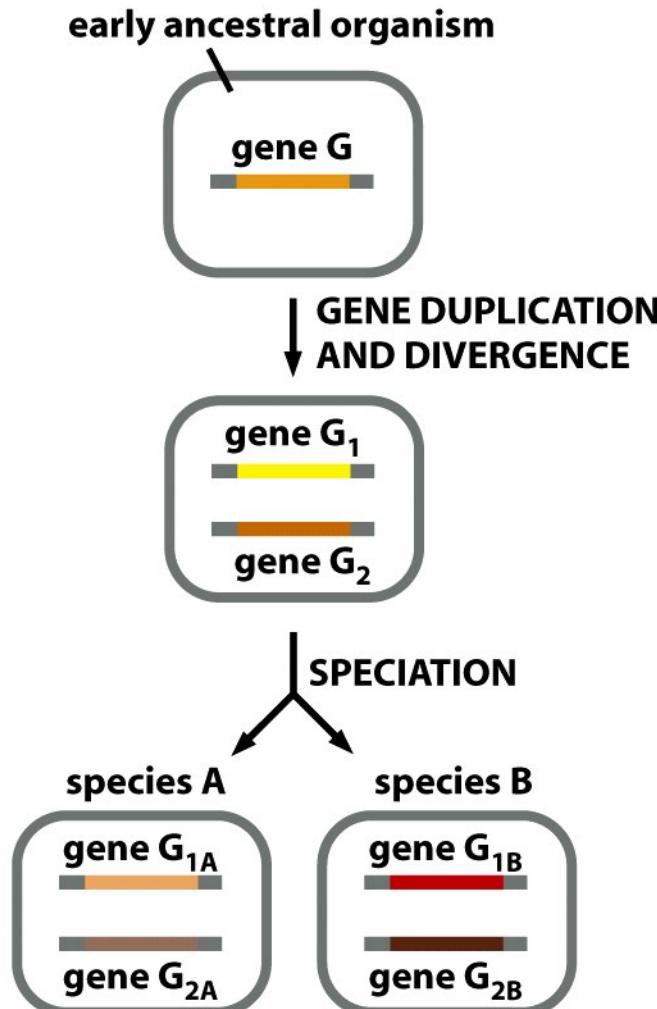


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It Can Be More Complicated

**Genes related by descent
in either way are homologs**

all G genes are **homologs**

G_{1A} is a **paralog** of **G_{2A}** and **G_{2B}**

but an **ortholog** of **G_{1B}**

Gene Evolution: The Globins

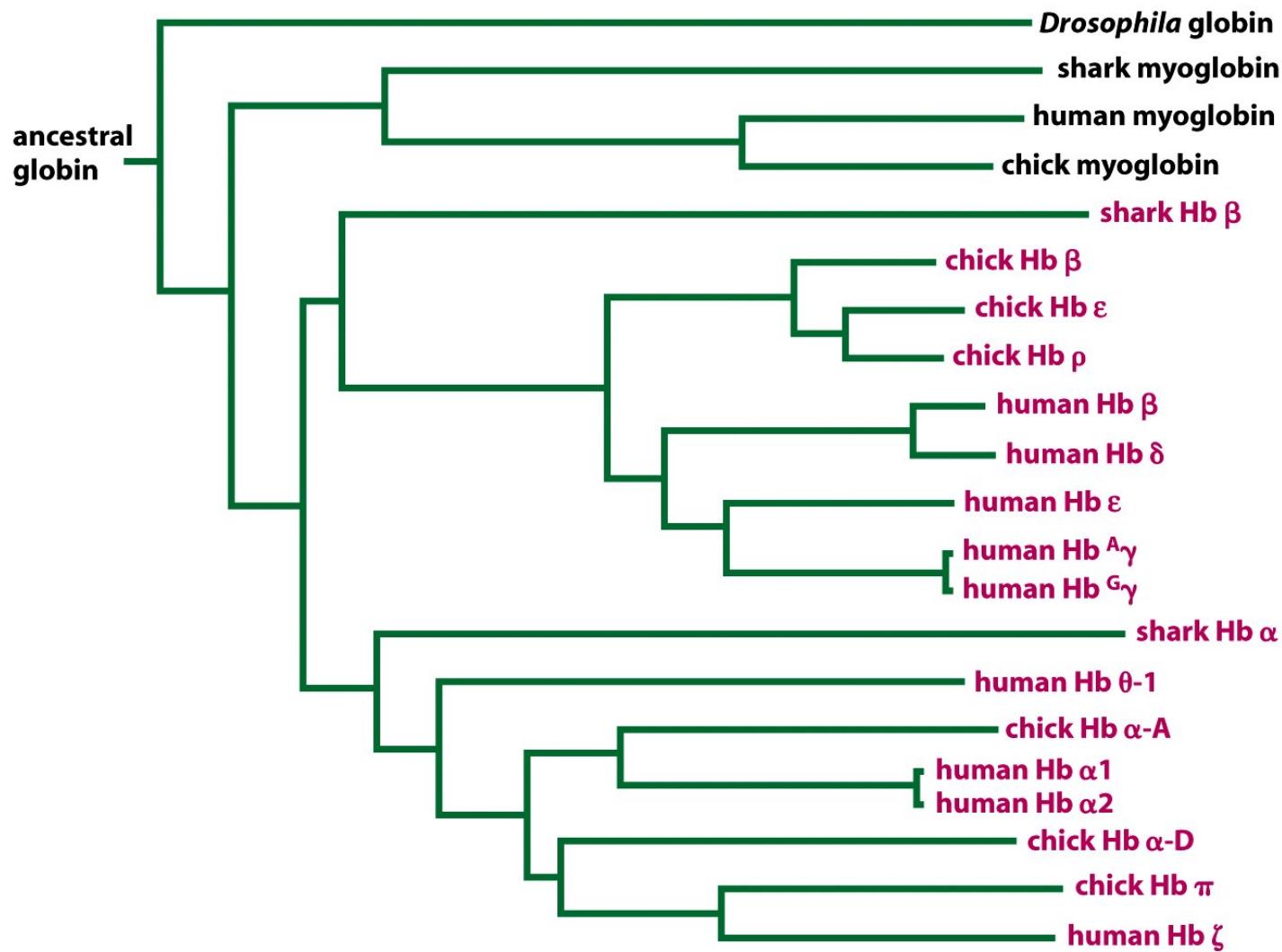


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Time / nucleotide changes →

NUCLEIC ACIDS: RNA

Phosphodiester bond

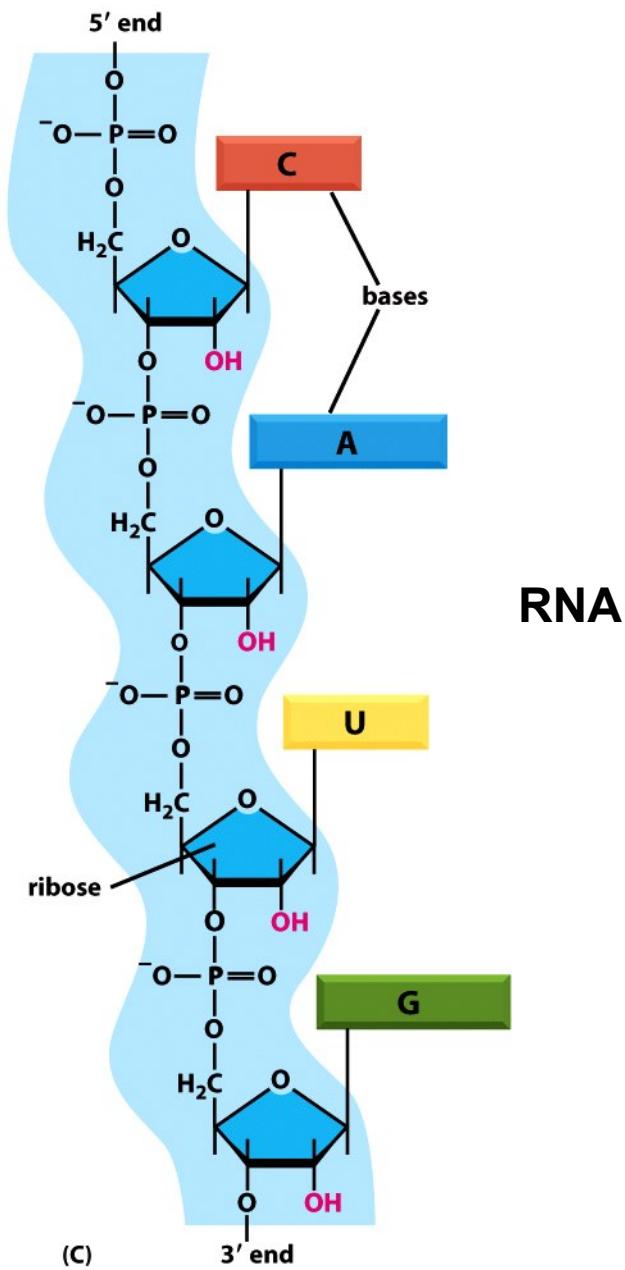
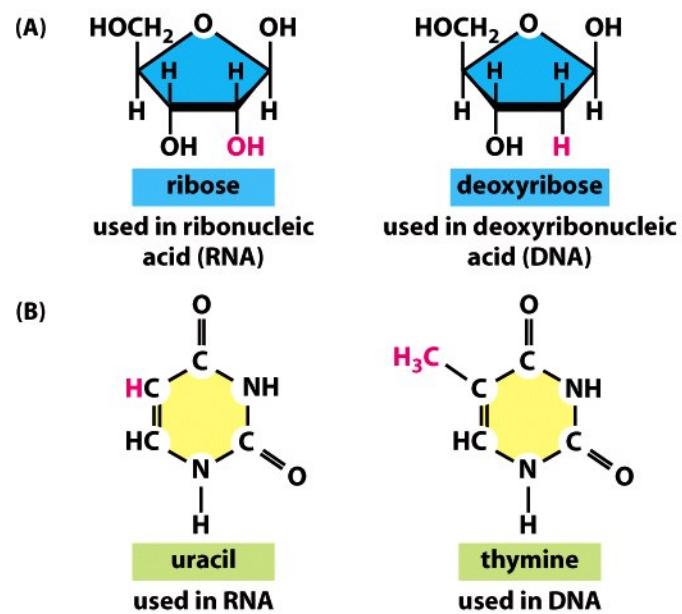


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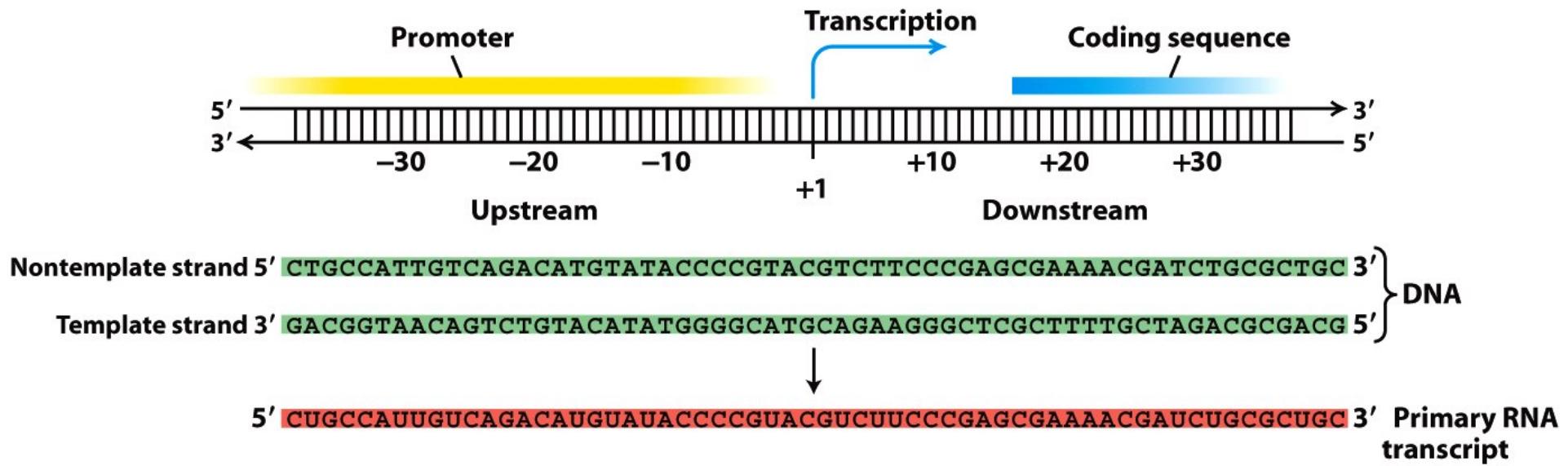
RNA Transcription

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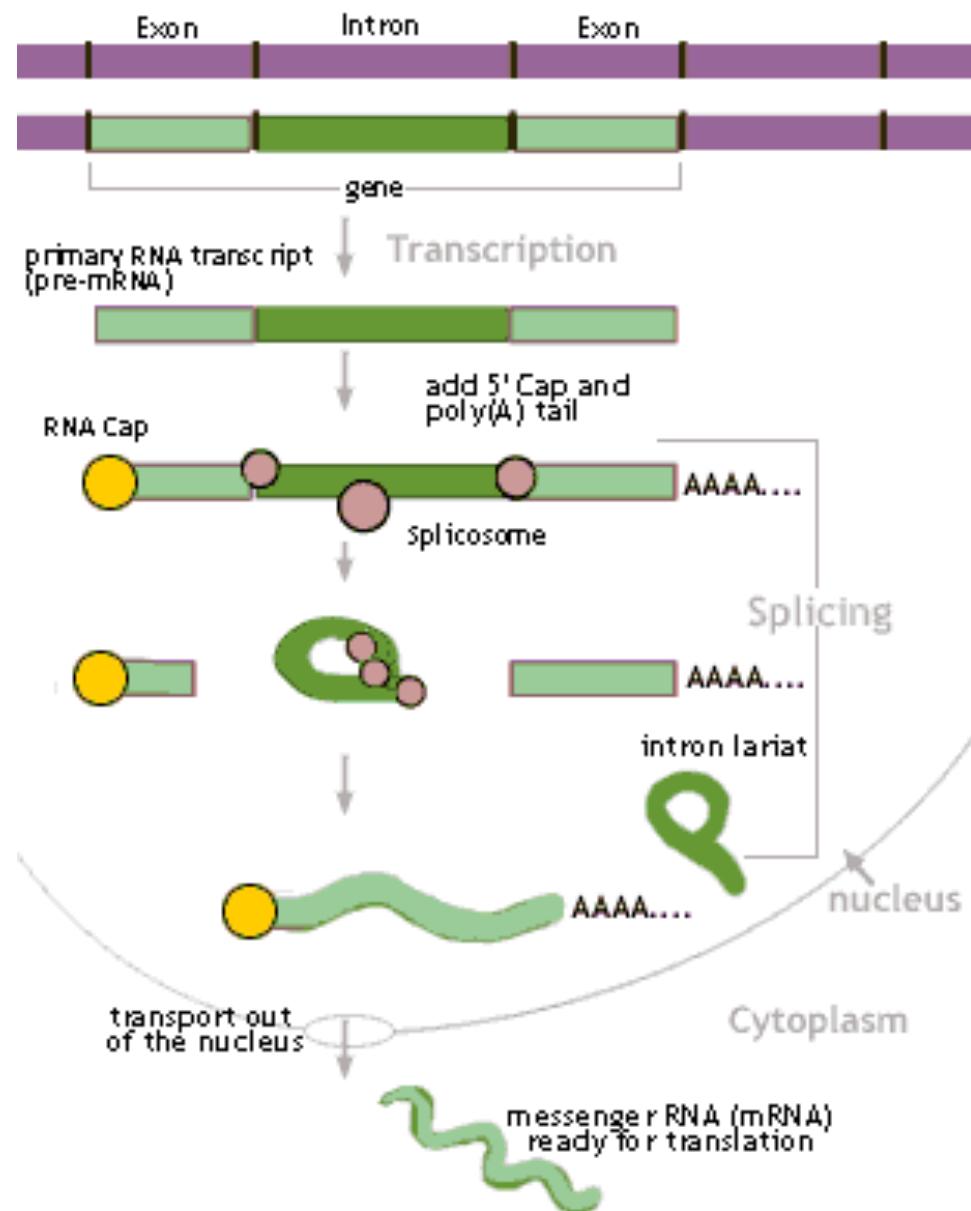


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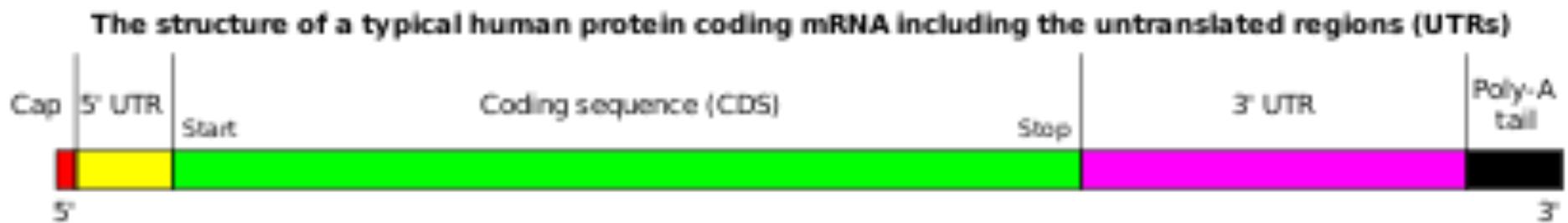
Major Features of the Gene and its encoded mRNA



DNA to RNA (for Protein Encoding Genes: 5% of genome)

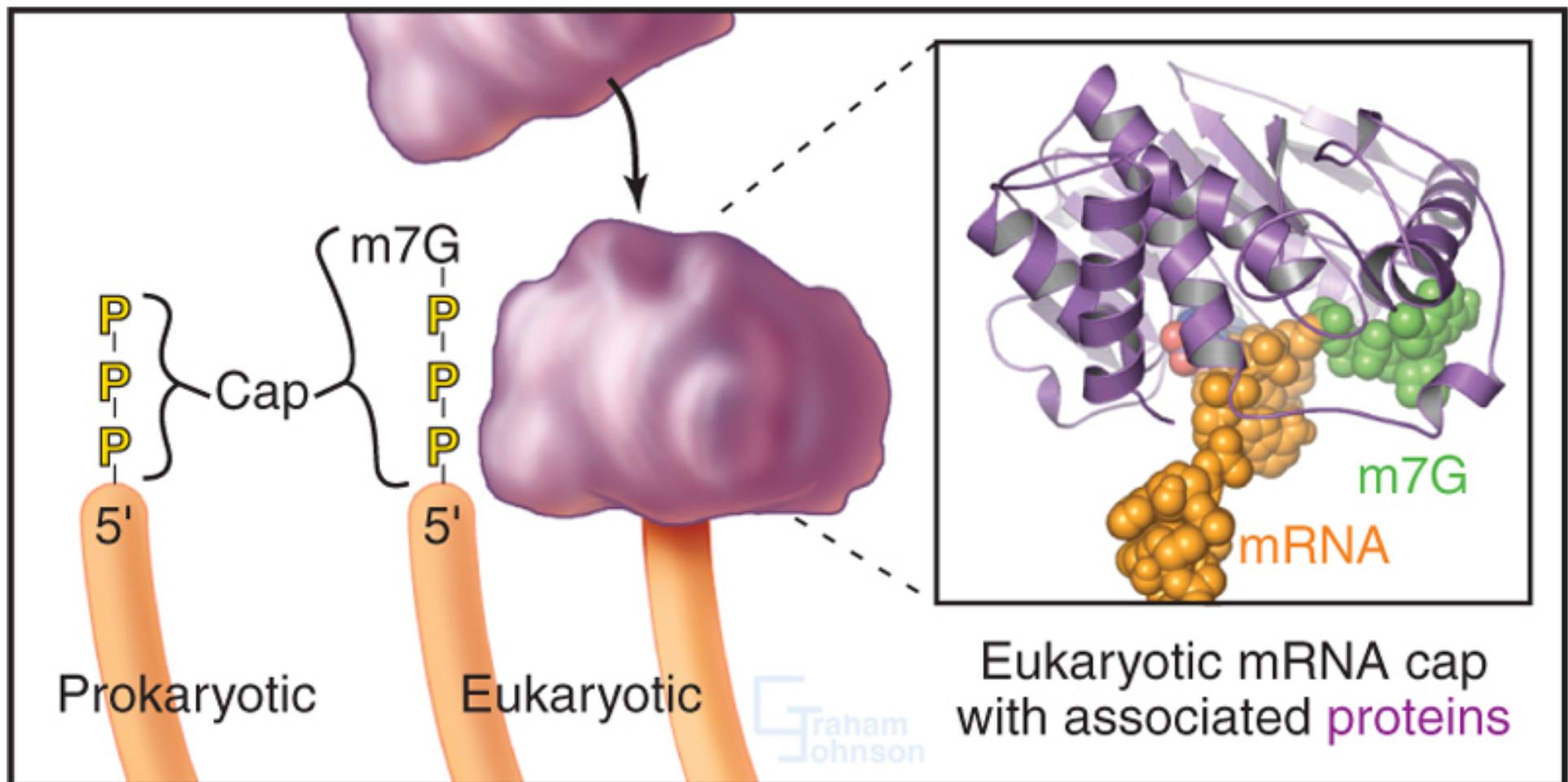


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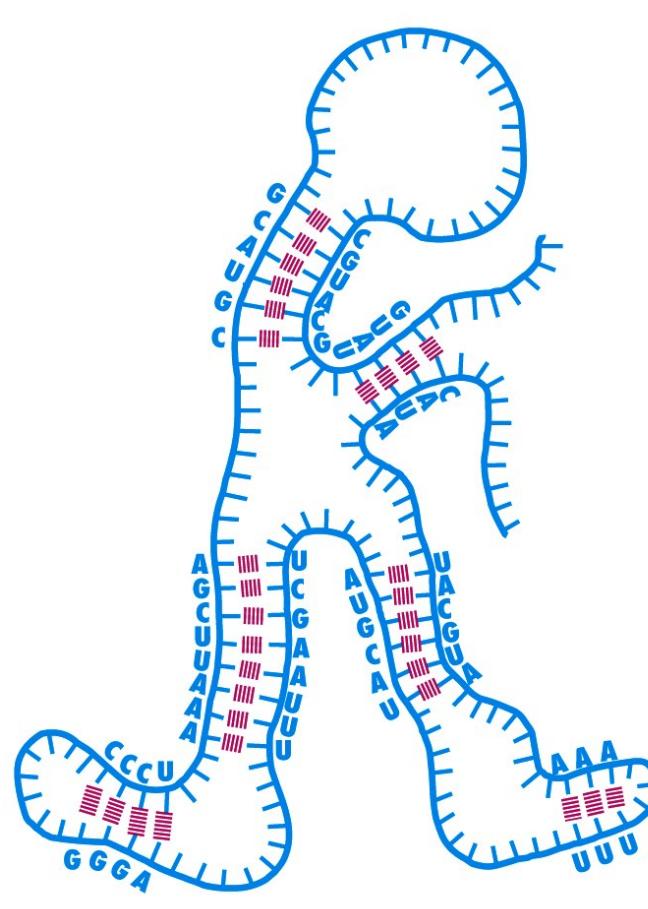


The 5' CAP and 3' polyA tail help protect eukaryotic mRNAs from premature degradation

mRNA 5' Structural Features



RNA has Tremendous Structural Diversity mostly through nucleotide base pairing

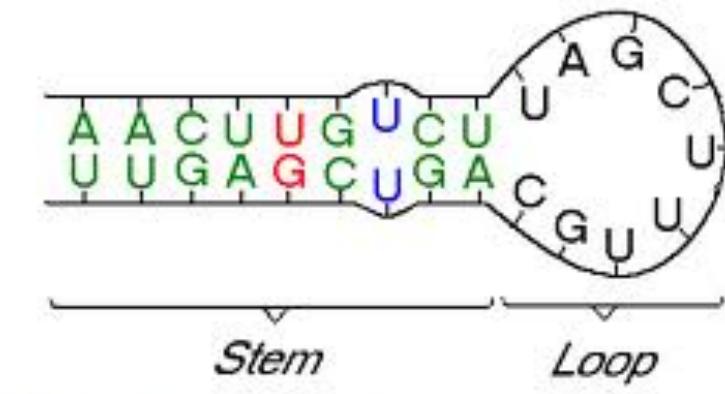


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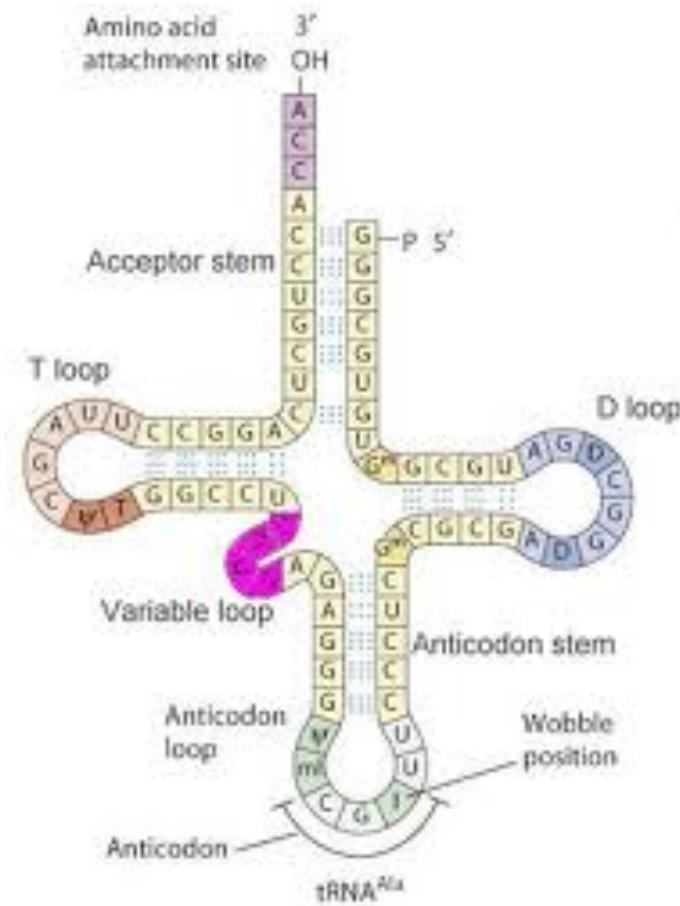


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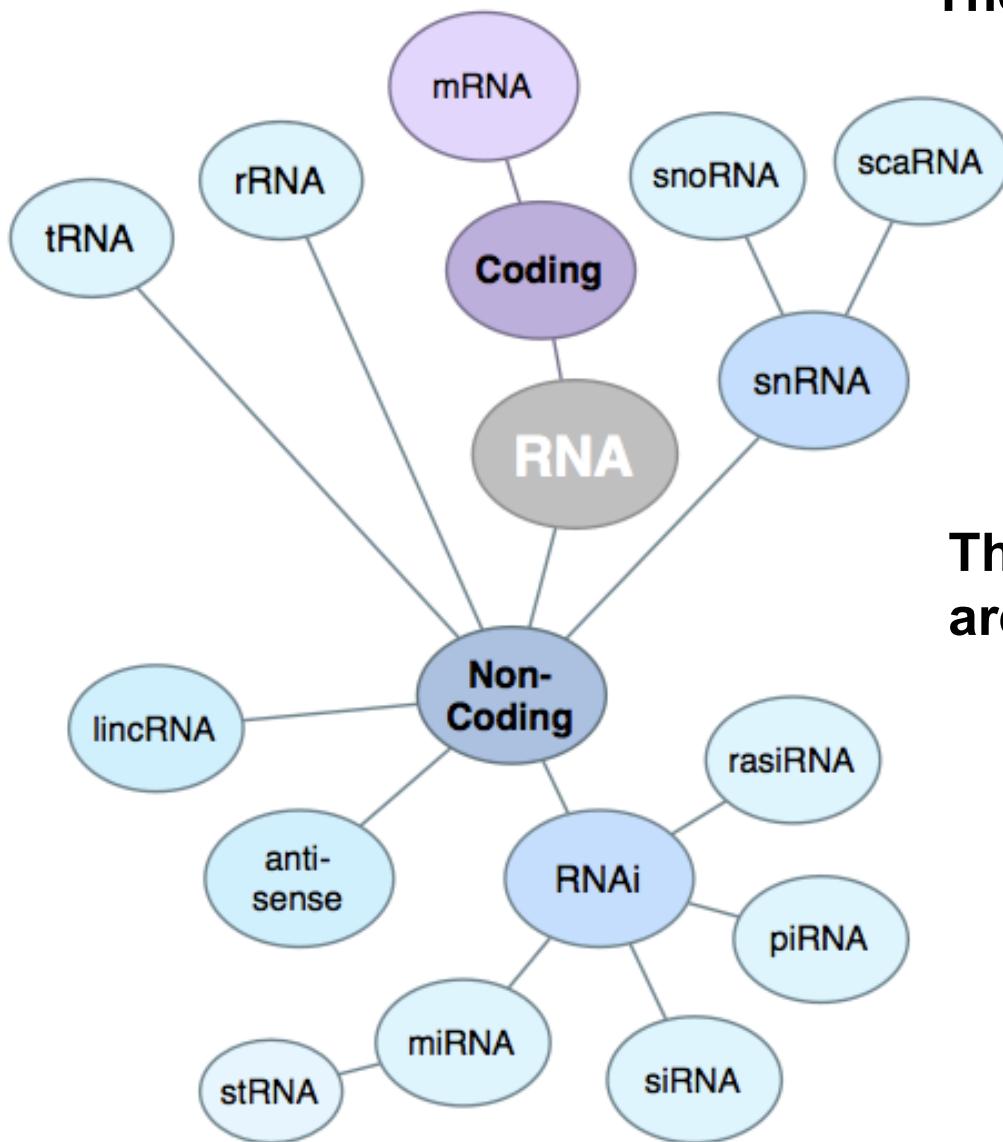
- Watson-Crick pairs
- UG pairs
- Mismatch



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RNA World

There are Many Types of RNAs



The majority of RNA species
are non-coding RNAs (ncRNA)

Many Types of RNAs are Made: Each Has a Different Function

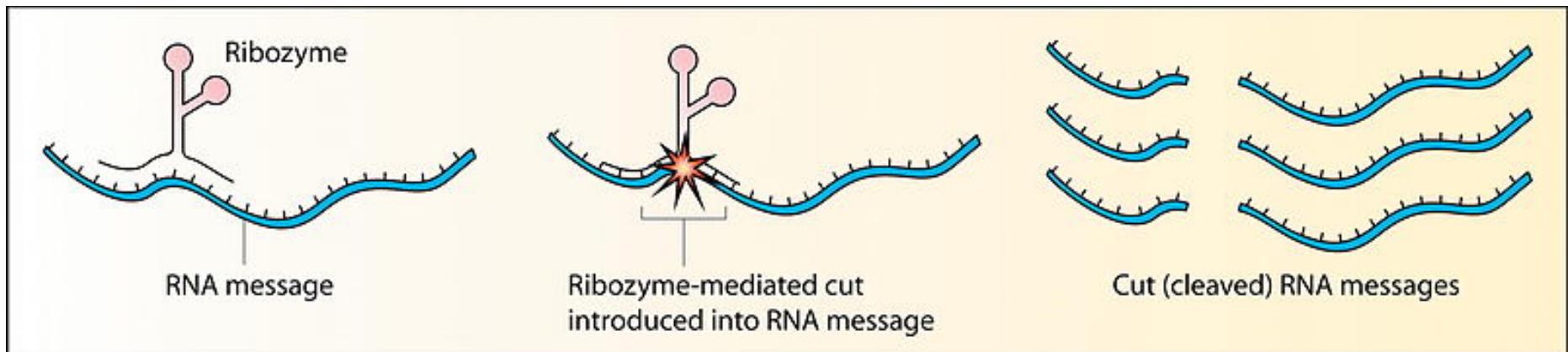
Table 6–1 Principal Types of RNAs Produced in Cells

TYPE OF RNA	FUNCTION
mRNAs	messenger RNAs, code for proteins
rRNAs	ribosomal RNAs, form the basic structure of the ribosome and catalyze protein synthesis
tRNAs	transfer RNAs, central to protein synthesis as adaptors between mRNA and amino acids
snRNAs	small nuclear RNAs, function in a variety of nuclear processes, including the splicing of pre-mRNA
snoRNAs	small nucleolar RNAs, used to process and chemically modify rRNAs
scaRNAs	small cajal RNAs, used to modify snoRNAs and snRNAs
miRNAs	microRNAs, regulate gene expression typically by blocking translation of selective mRNAs
siRNAs	small interfering RNAs, turn off gene expression by directing degradation of selective mRNAs and the establishment of compact chromatin structures
Other noncoding RNAs	function in diverse cell processes, including telomere synthesis, X-chromosome inactivation, and the transport of proteins into the ER

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The functions of some RNAs are still unknown

RNA can be an Enzyme!



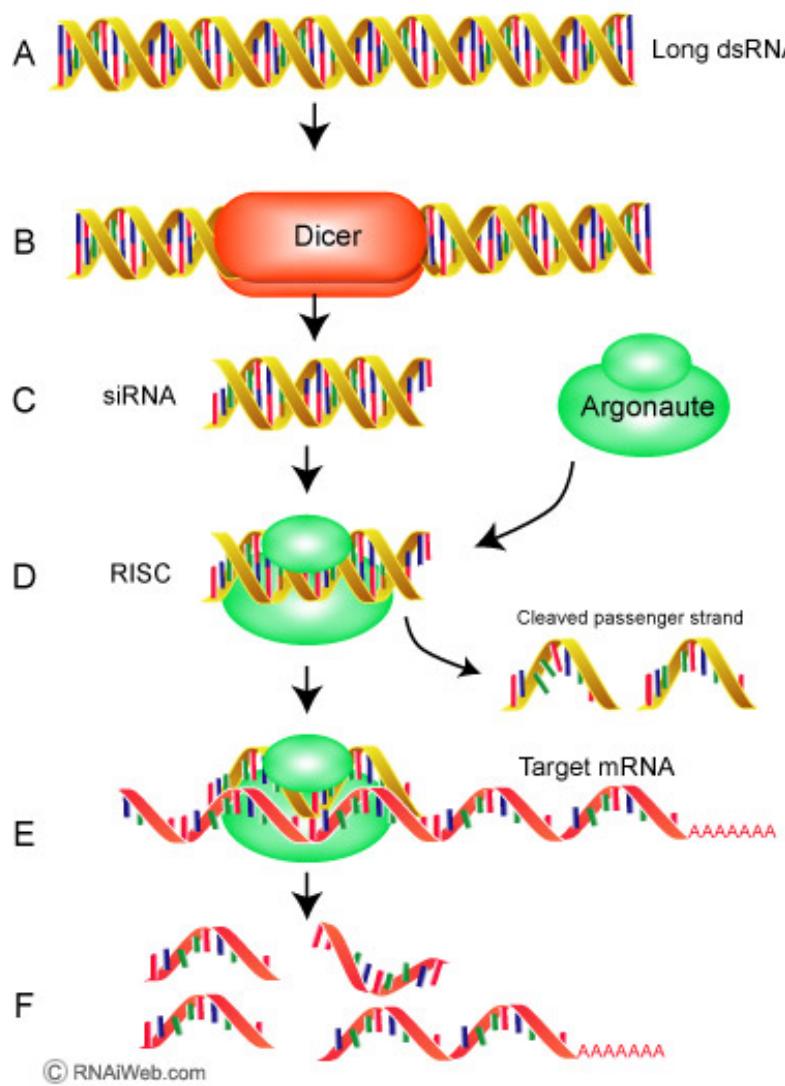
Ribozymes cleave RNA



Tom Cech
Nobel Prize 1989

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RNA interference (RNAi) of translation/protein synthesis



Andrew Fire



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