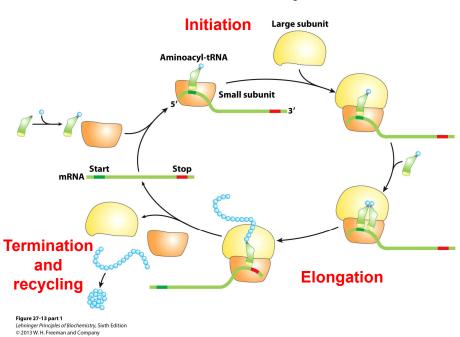
#### Ch 27.2- Protein synthesis

- 1) Assembling the machinery and overview
  - Ribosomes: RNP, structure and properties
  - Aminoacyl-tRNA: structure and recognition
  - Basic mechanisms and architecture
- 2) A stepwise process
  - Initiation: steps up to formation of 1st peptide bond
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#### The translation cycle



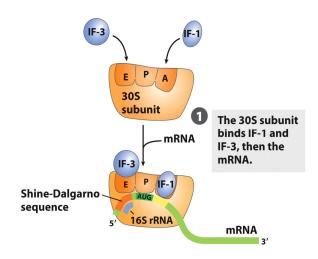
## Stage I: Initiation

#### Steps in bacterial initiation

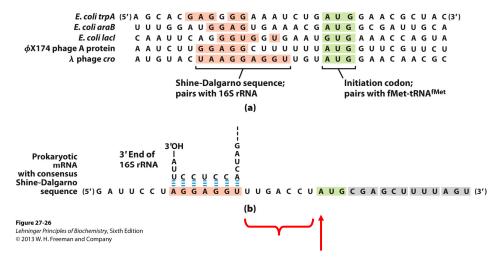
- Binary complex formation (30S/mRNA)
   30S subunit binds IF1 and IF3
   Shine-Dalgarno (SD) sequence guides ribosome to AUG
- 2) Ternary complex formation (30S/mRNA/init-tRNA) GTP-IF2 brings in fMet-tRNA<sup>fMet</sup> selection of initiator tRNA by initiation factors
- 3) Formation of the initiation complex Hydrolysis of GTP
   50S subunit binds
   Initiation factors exit

# Stage I: Initiation

#### Formation of the binary complex:



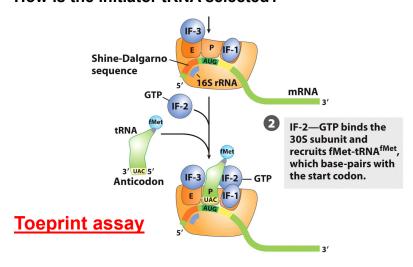
#### Bacteria: Shine-Dalgarno recognized by 16S rRNA



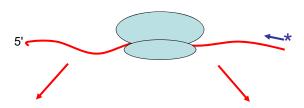
variable distance: how to select AUG??

# Stage I: Initiation

Formation of the ternary complex: How is the initiator tRNA selected?



## **Toeprint vs. Footprint**



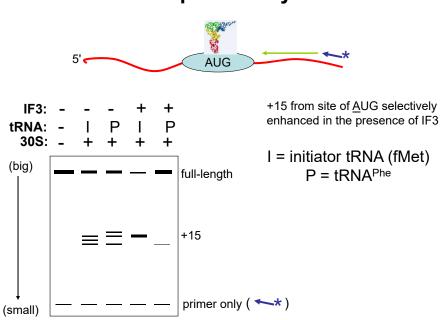
#### **Footprint:**

- labeled mRNA
- add nuclease/chemical modifier and probe for protected regions
- directly visualize RNA cleavage events

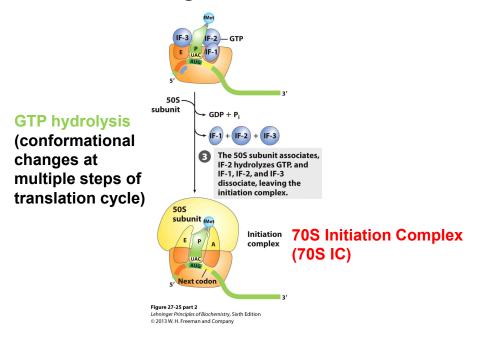
#### **Toeprint:**

- labeled primer annealed to unlabeled mRNA
- add reverse transcriptase and make cDNA copy of mRNA
- pause sites when transcriptase runs into ribosome (30S subunit)

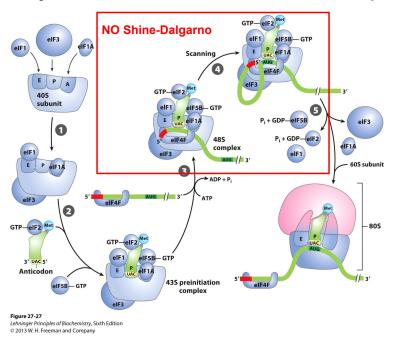
# **Toeprint assay**



Stage I: Initiation



## Eukaryotic initiation: similar, but more complex



#### **Stage 2: Elongation**

#### Steps in **bacterial** elongation

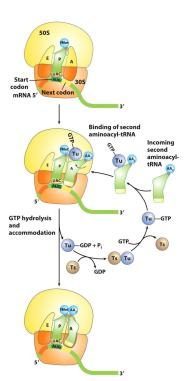
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  - formation of hybrid states
- 3) Translocation
  - Requires **EF-G**: molecular mimicry

#### Binding of the incoming aa-tRNA

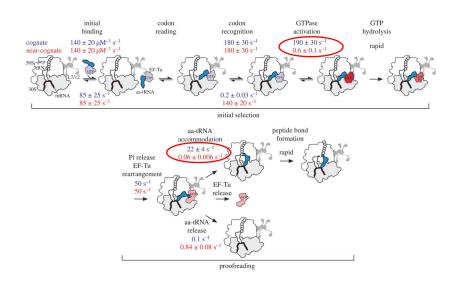
- Anticodon end of tRNA enters A-site
   if correct: conformational change,
   triggers fast GTP hydrolysis
- 2) Accommodation: acceptor end enters A-site

Both steps: kinetic basis for fidelity

3) Recycling of **EF-Tu\*GDP**- **EF-Ts** is a GTP exchange factor



## Kinetic steps involved in tRNA selection



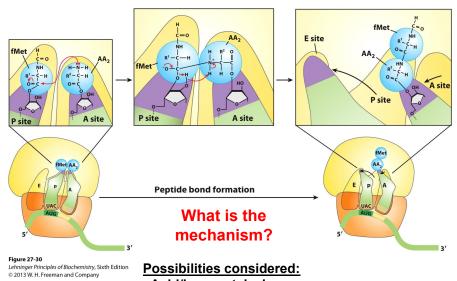
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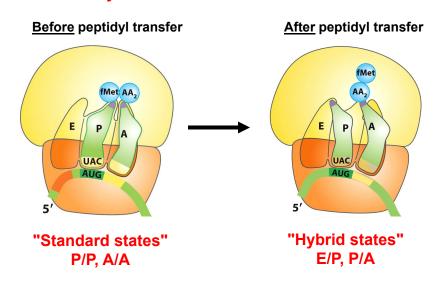
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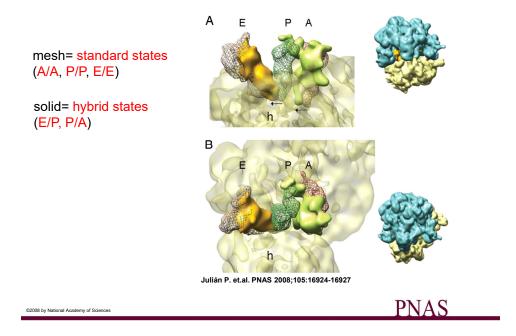
- Possibilities considered: - Acid/base catalysis
- Metal ions
- Ribosome as an entropy trap, role of tRNA 2'-OH

## **Peptidyl transfer reaction**

#### Formation of hybrid states:

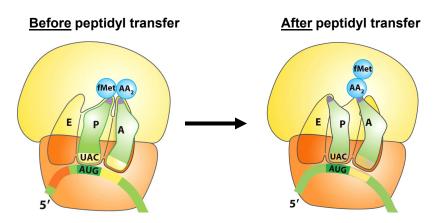


# Hybrid states visualized by cryo-EM



## **Peptidyl transfer reaction**

#### Formation of hybrid states:



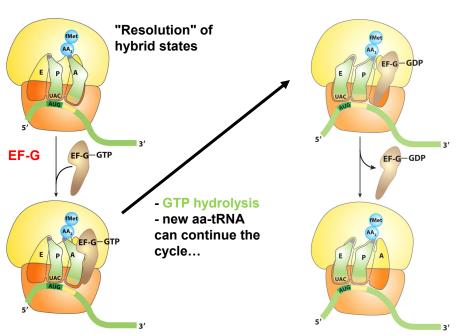
Problem: How to bring in next aa-tRNA?

## **Stage 2: Elongation**

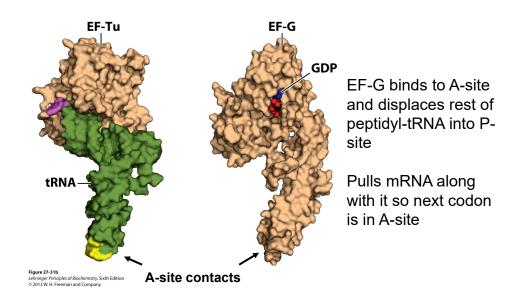
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#### **Translocation**



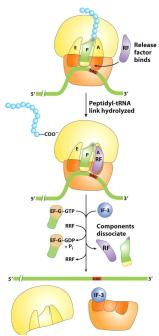
#### **Molecular mimicry Part I: EF-G**



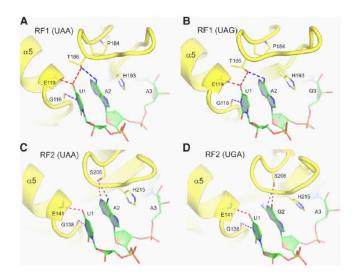
#### Stage 3: Termination... and beyond

- 1) Release factors
  - Bacteria: RF1 and RF2 (RF3 non-essential)
  - RF1: UAG, UAA; RF2: UGA, UAA
  - Eukaryotes have a single eRF for all 3 stop codons
  - Bind and induce peptidyl transfer to OH<sub>2</sub> instead of NH<sub>2</sub>
  - Molecular mimicry again
- 2) Dissociation and recycling
  - RRF (Ribosome recycling factor) and EF-G\*GTP (hydrolysis of GTP)
  - 50S and 30S dissociate: IF3 rebinds 30S to restart cycle
- 3) Folding and processing of final protein products

# Termination and ribosome recycling

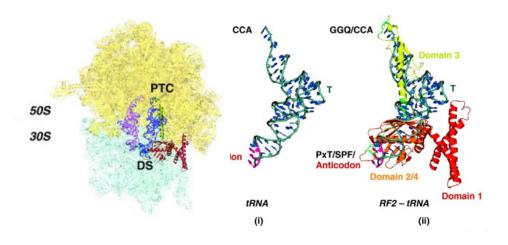


# Recognition of stop codons by RFs



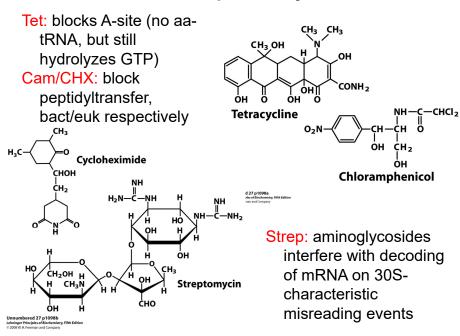
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## Molcular mimicry Part II: release factors

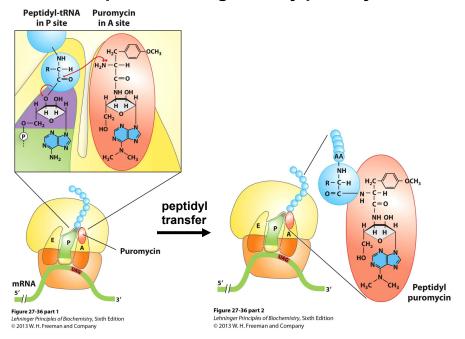


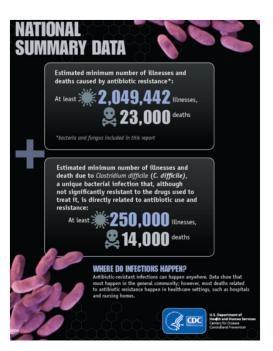
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#### Inhibitors of protein synthesis



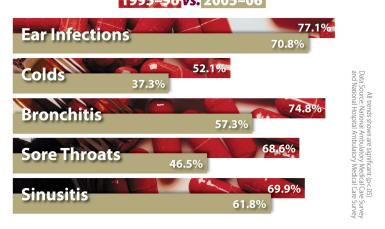
# Disruption of elongation by puromycin





cdc.gov/drugresistance/threat-report-2013

# A decade's difference: Doctor visits resulting in antibiotic prescription 1995–96 vs. 2005–06



## Ch 27.2- Protein synthesis: Part II

#### A stepwise process

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#### Questions:

- How is fidelity achieved?
- What are roles for energy consumption?
- What are differences/similarities eukarya vs. bacteria?