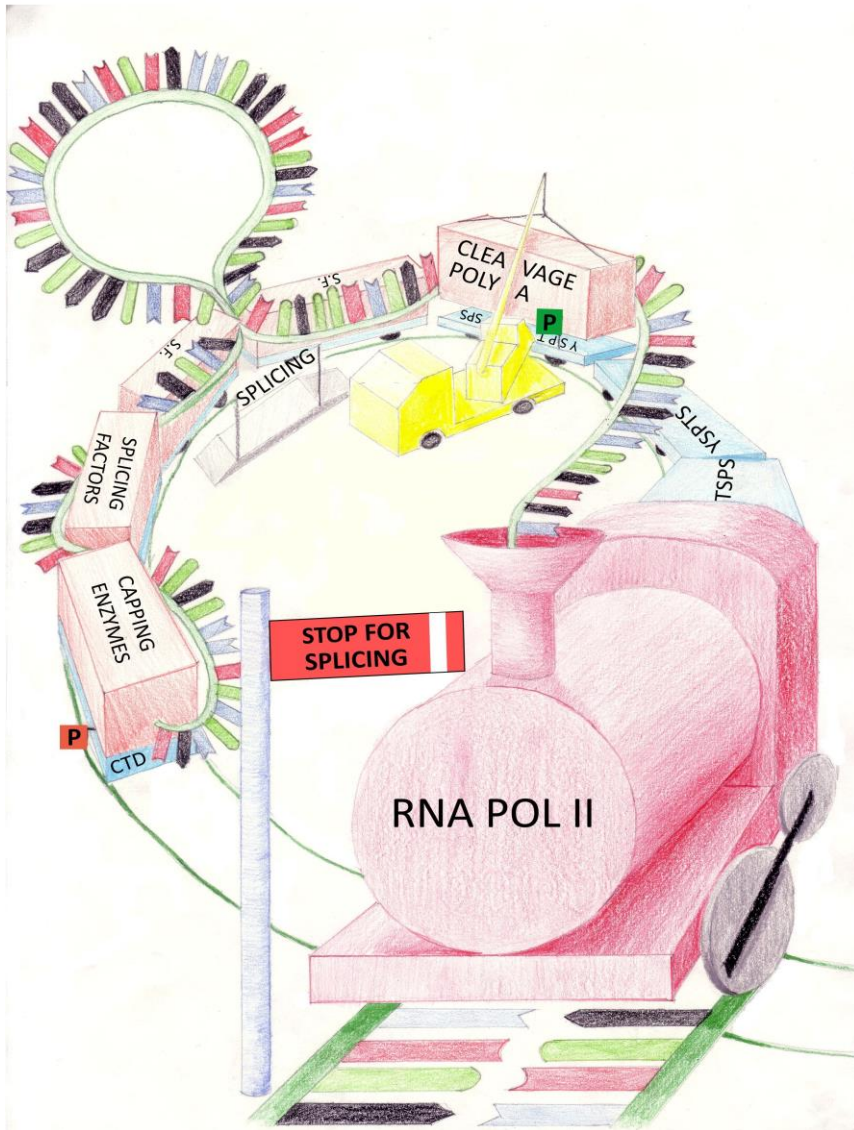
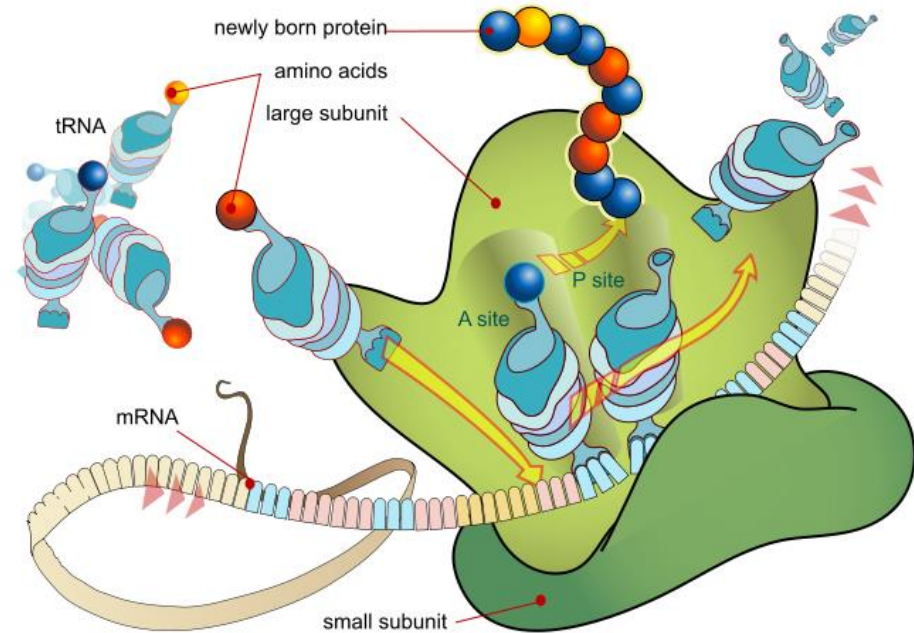


RNA MACHINERIES



TRANSCRIPTION - RNAP⁺
SPLICING - SPLICEOSOME
3'end FORMATION - CPA



TRANSLATION - RIBOSOME⁺

RNA POLYMERASES

RNA Pol I

Core subunits
(similar in all)



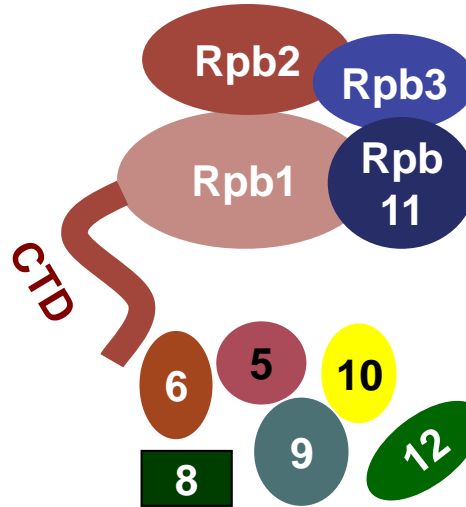
Common
subunits
(same in all)



+ 4 others

RNAs: ribosomal RNA
35S precursor contains
18S, 5.8S and 25S rRNAs

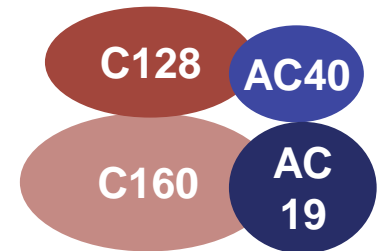
RNA Pol II



+ 2 others

mRNA, most snRNAs
(U1, U2, U3, U4, U5, U11,
U12, U4atac), snoRNAs,
microRNAs, telomerase
RNA, ncRNAs

RNA Pol III

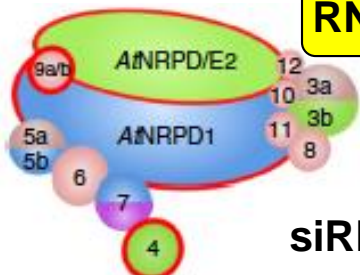


+ 5 others

tRNA, 5S rRNA, U6
snRNA, U6atac snRNA,
7SK RNA, 7SL RNA,
RNase P RNA,
RNase MRP RNA

Additional plant Polymerases

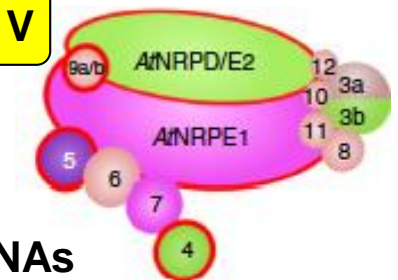
RNA Pol IV



siRNAs

Involved in transcriptional gene silencing

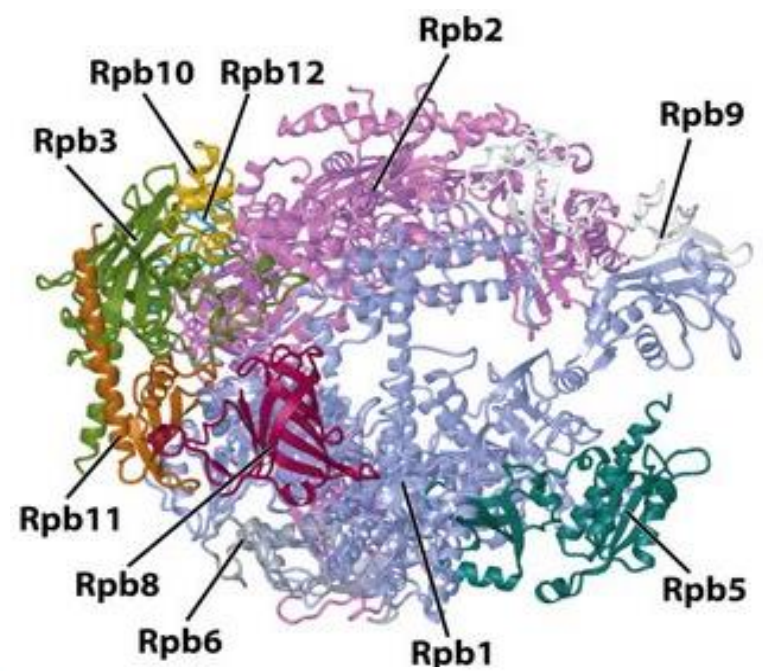
RNA Pol V



lncRNAs

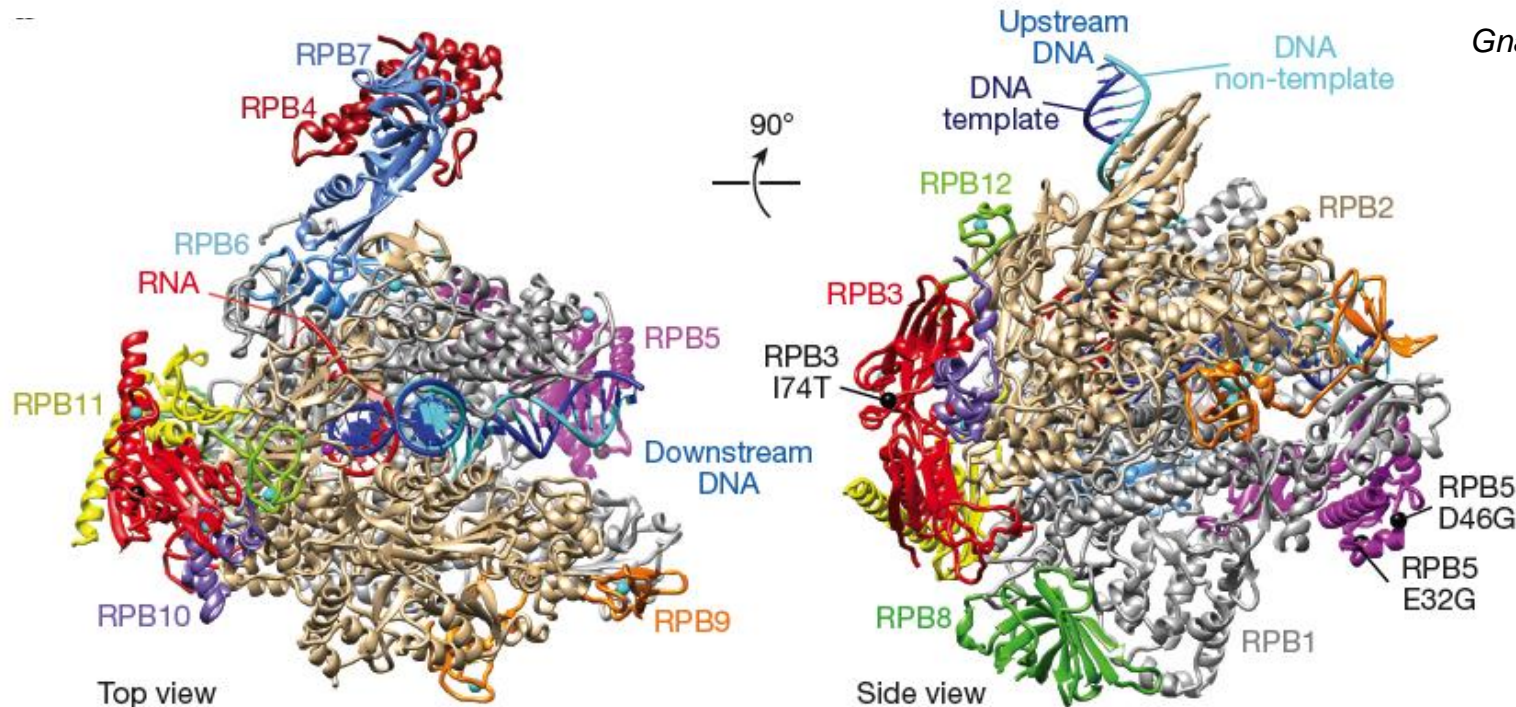
Yeast Pol II

- 12 subunits
- core by specific **Rpb1-3, 9 and 11**
- **Rpb5-6, 8, 10 and 12** - shared by Pol I-III
- specific subcomplex **Rpb4/7** not essential
- associated factors RAP74, RAP30 (TFIIF)

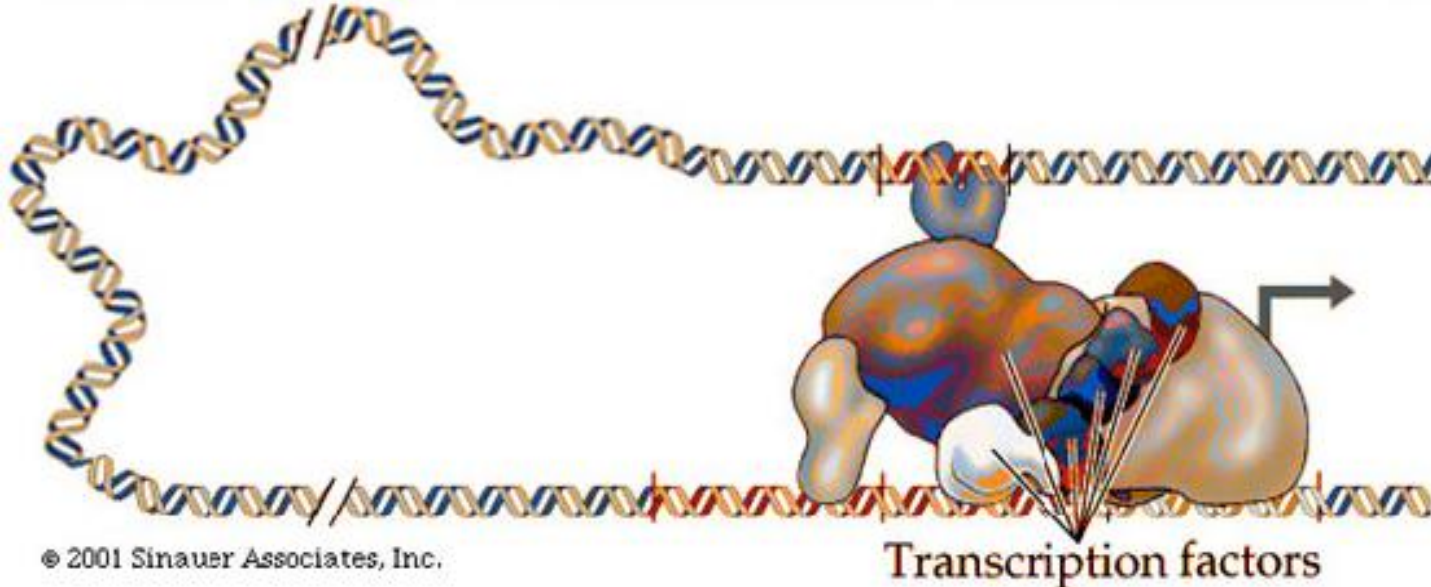
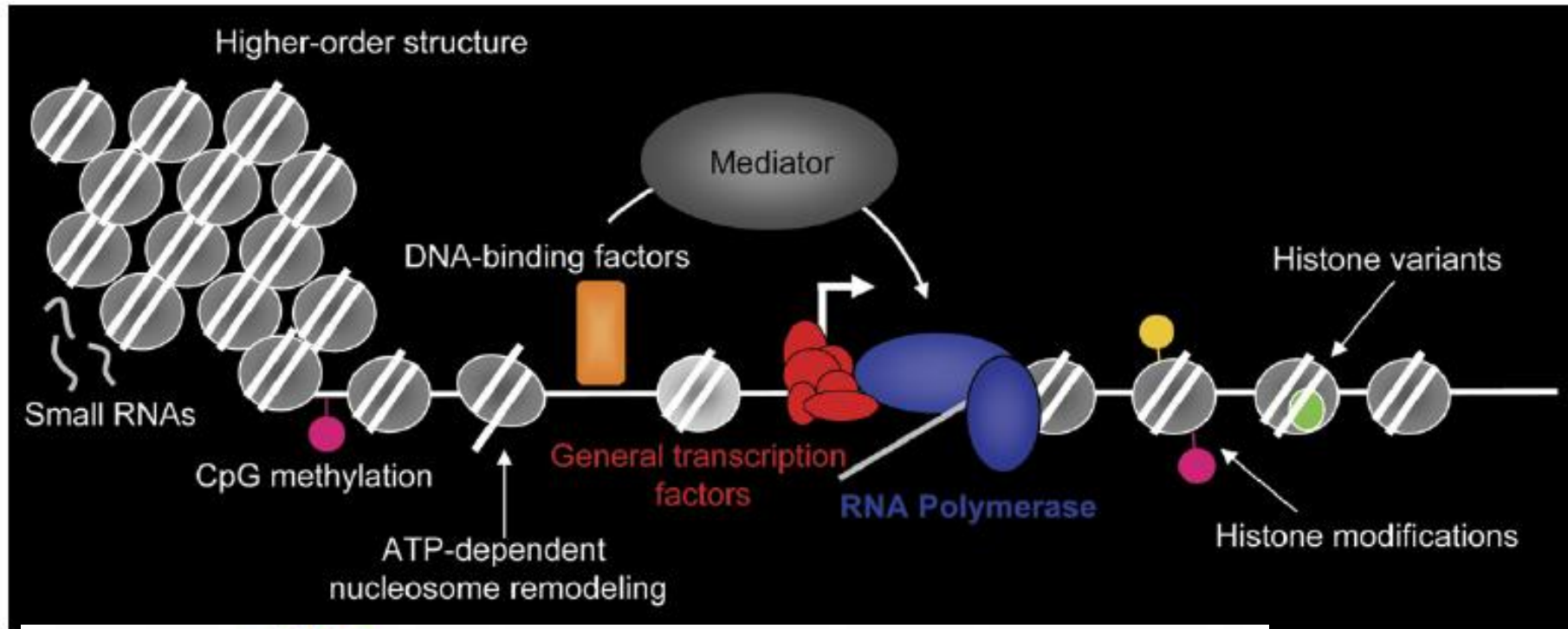


Gnatt et al, Science, 2001

Mammalian Pol II

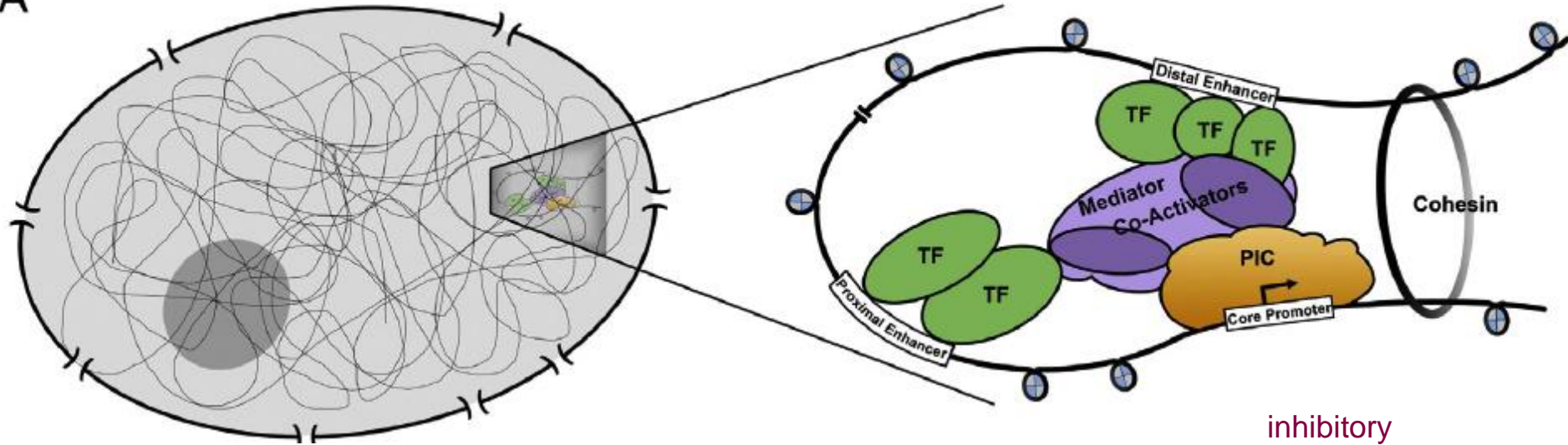


Pol II (RNAPII) in the cell

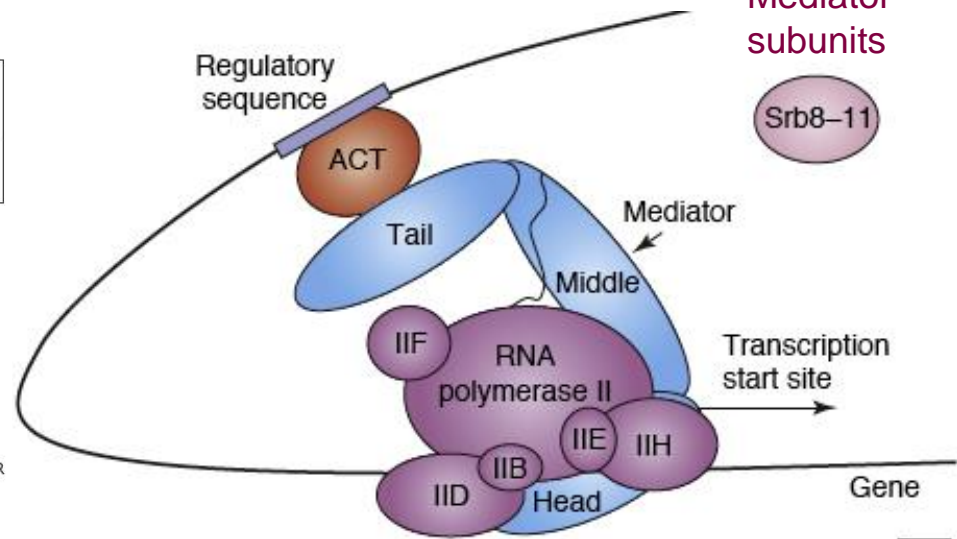


Pol II (RNAPII) in the cell

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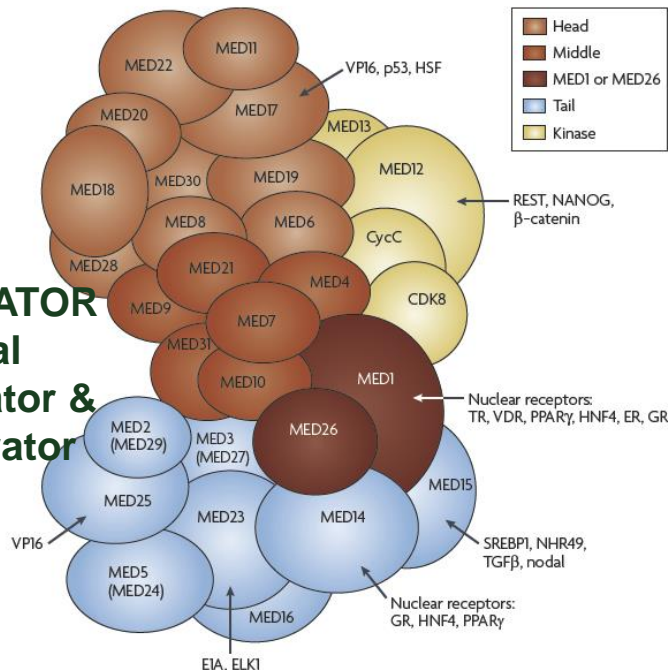


inhibitory
Mediator
subunits

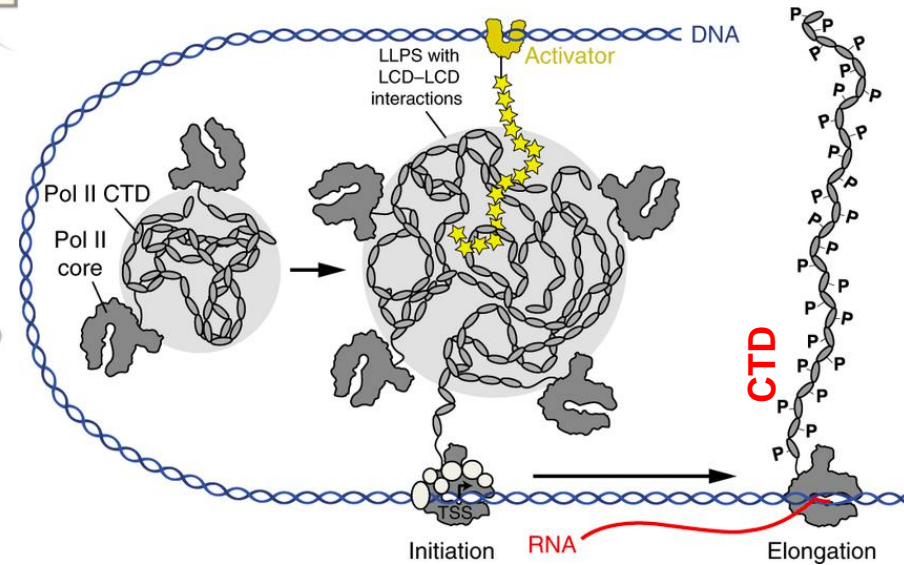
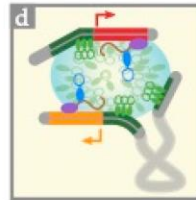
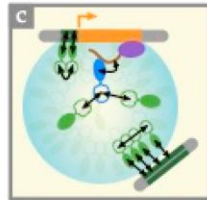
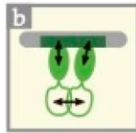
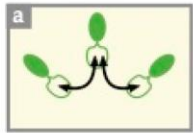
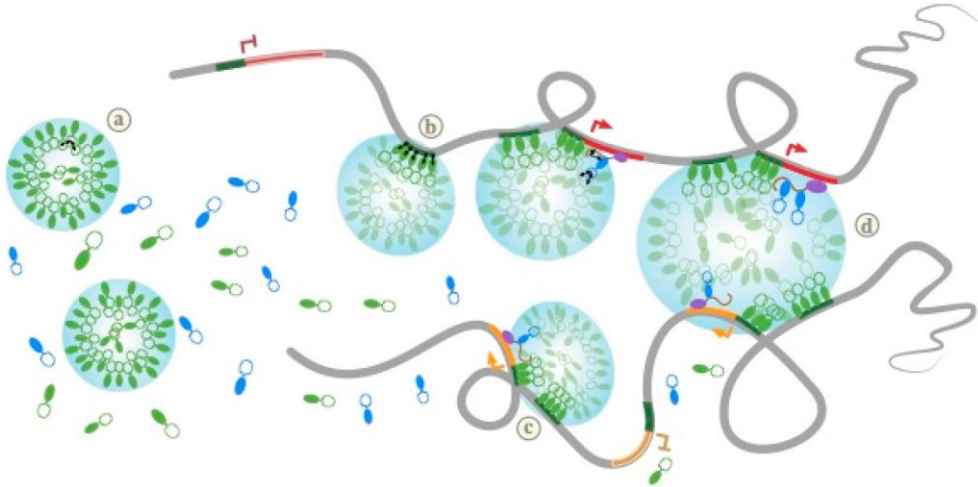
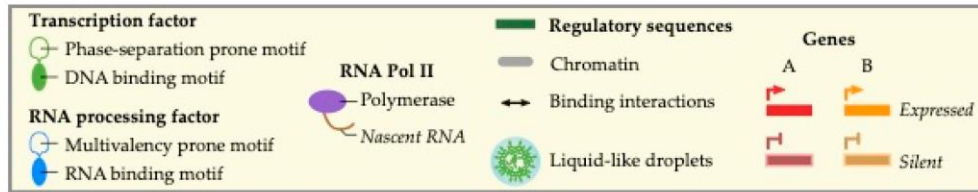


ACT - trx activator
II B D E H F – trx factors

**MEDIATOR
central
activator &
integrator**



Pol II (RNAPII) in the cell



LLPS, droplets

Liquid-like phase separation

Transcriptional condensates are formed by phase-separation self-assembly driven by IDR (Intrinsically Disordered Region)-containing proteins (e.g. CTD in Pol II)

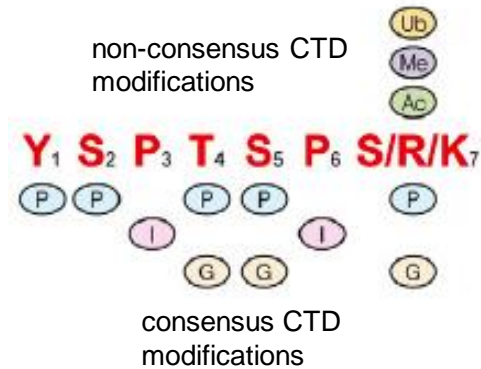
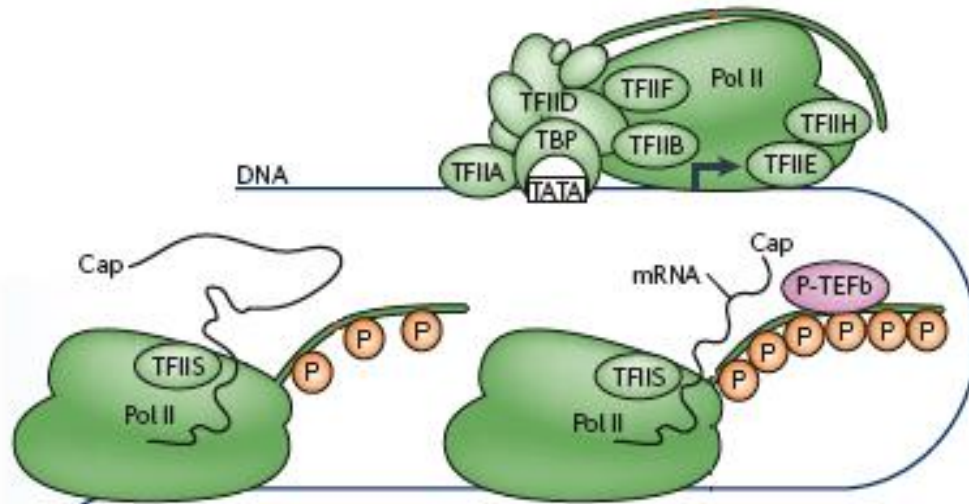
CTD-driven phase separation

Activators recruit/nucleate Pol II hubs near promoters. Initiation-coupled CTD phosphorylation removes individual Pol II enzymes for transcription elongation.

Lesne et al., 2019 Genes

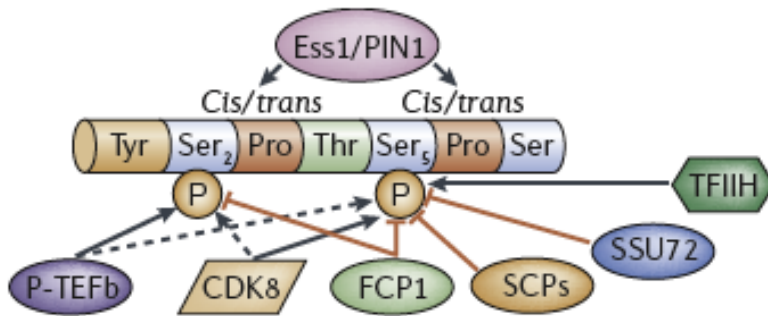
Boehning et al, 2018, Nat Struct Mol Biol

Pol II C-terminal domain (CTD)

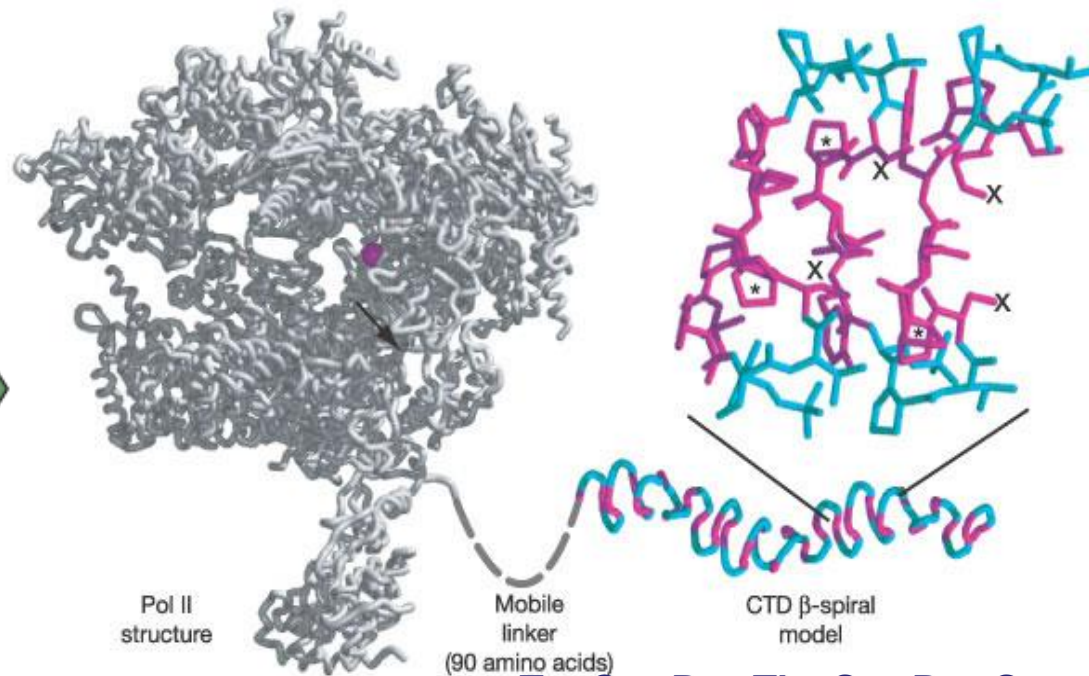


26 (yeast) - 52 (human) repeats

Goodrich and Kugel, Nat. Rev. Mol. Biol., 2006



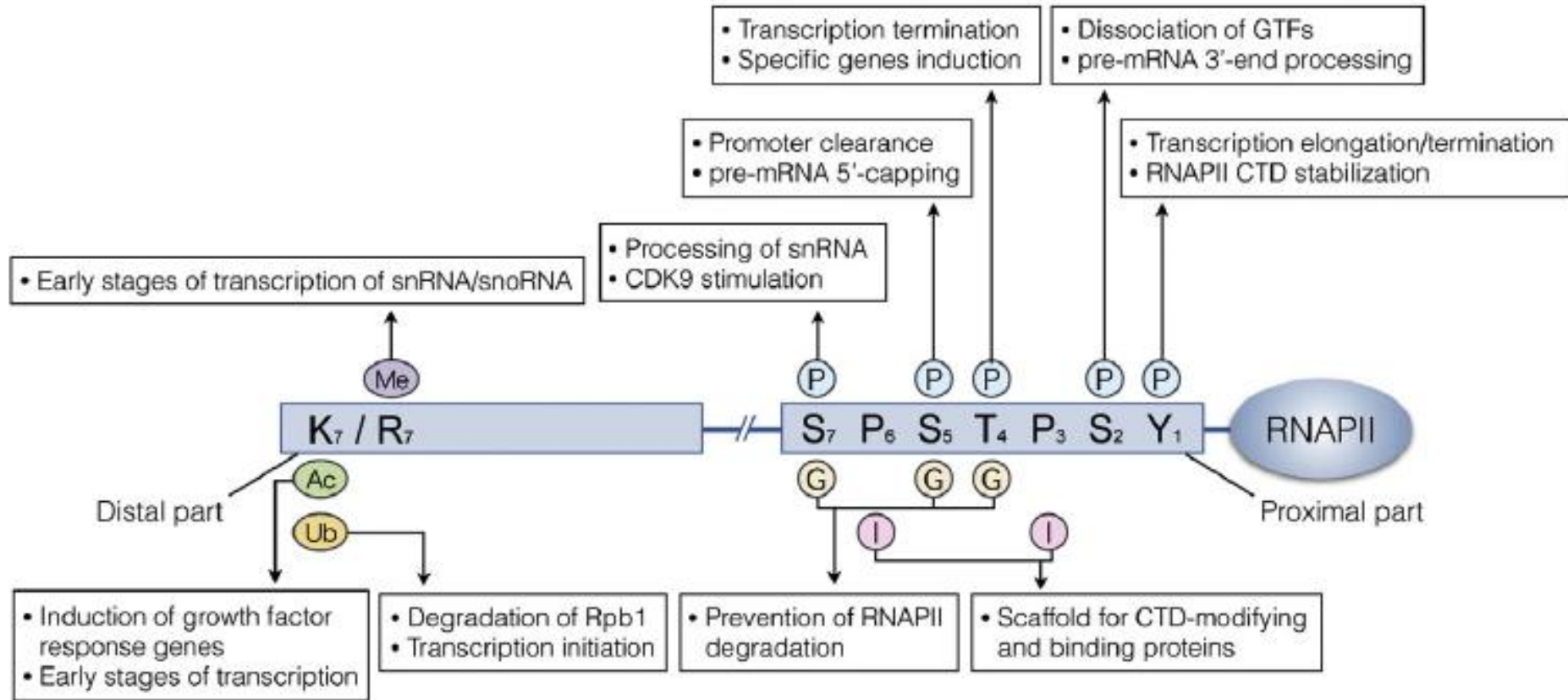
Saunders et al, 2006, Nat.Rev.Mol.Cel.Biol



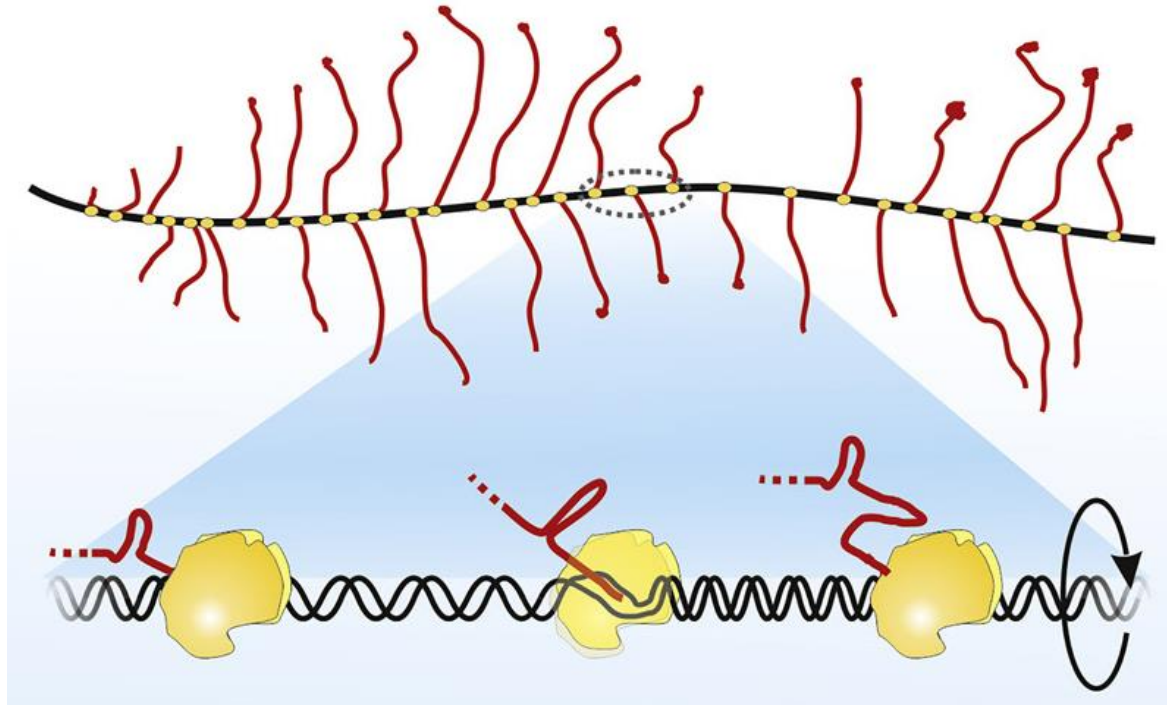
Meinhart and Cramer, 2004

Tyr₁Ser₂Pro₃Thr₄Ser₅Pro₆Ser₇

CTD CODE



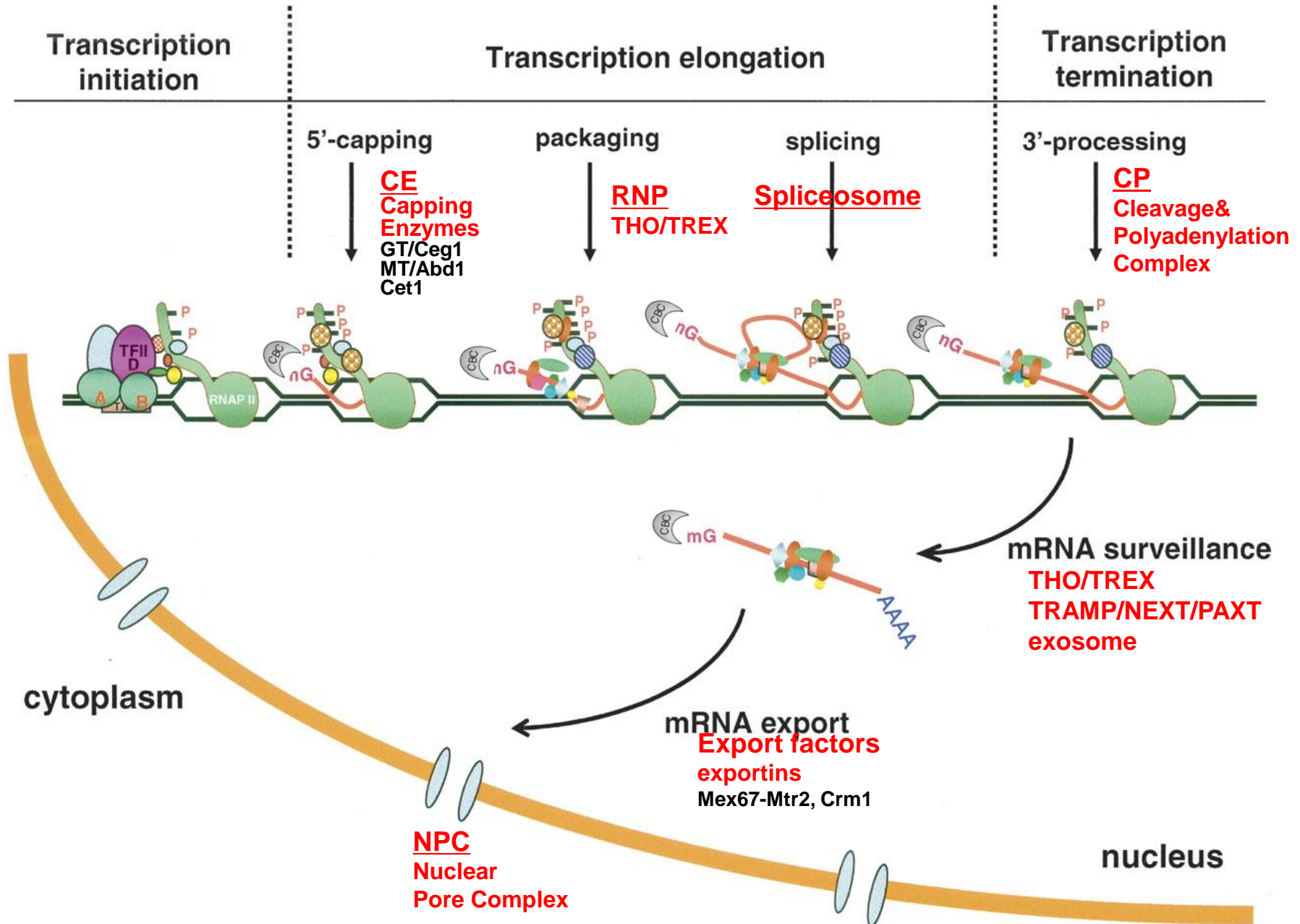
NASCENT TRANSCRIPTS



Nascent transcript = during formation, newly formed, still bound by Pol II

- nascent RNAs couple RNA processing with transcription elongation and chromatin modification
- nascent RNAs modulate binding of proteins to regulatory elements (chromatin)
- regulatory effects of nascent transcripts can be enhanced by gene looping
- high concentrations of nascent RNAs can initiate formation of nuclear bodies
- sometimes the function is conferred by nascent transcription (activity) and not the transcript itself

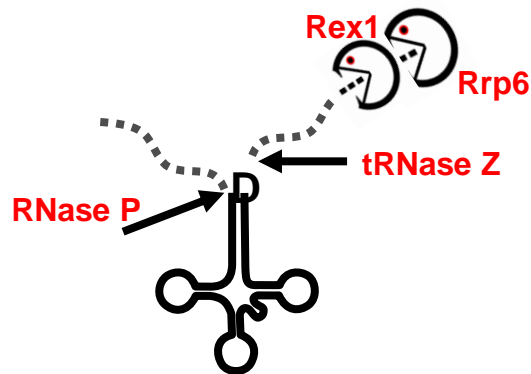
CO-TRANSCRIPTIONAL PROCESSES



POST-TRANSCRIPTIONAL PROCESSES

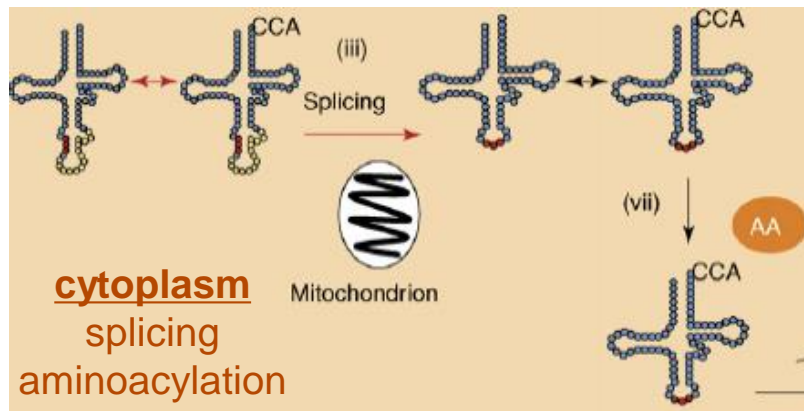
tRNA PROCESSING

- 5' end by RNase P
- 3' end by tRNase Z or
- by exonuclease Rex1 and Rrp6



tRNA SPLICING

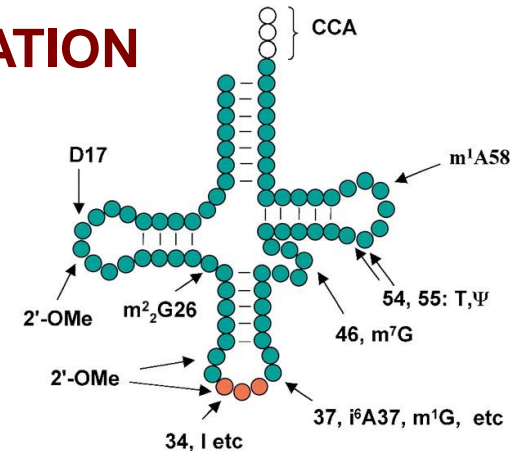
In the cytoplasm on the mitochondrial membrane (YEAST!!)



Hopper and Shaheen, TiBS, 2008

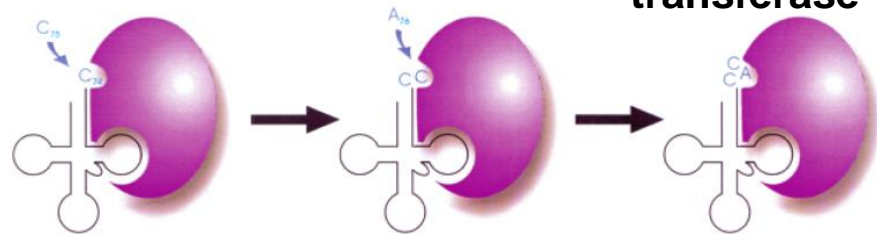
tRNA MODIFICATION

by RNA modifying enzymes

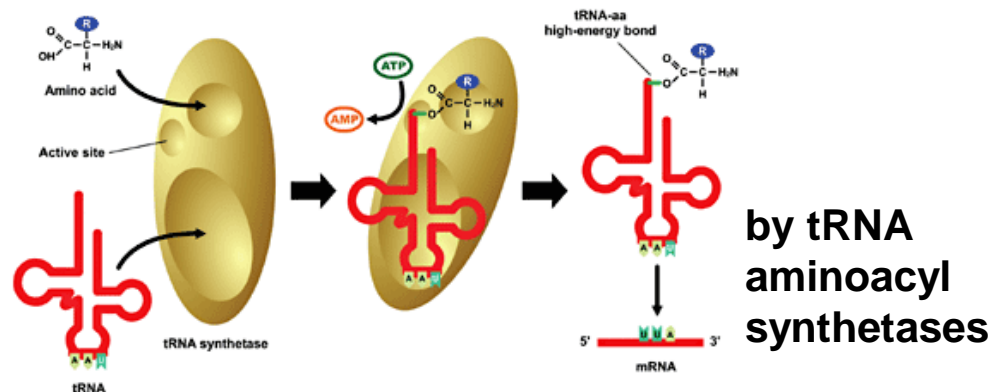


tRNA CCA ADDITION

by tRNA nucleotidyl-transferase



tRNA AMINOACYLATION



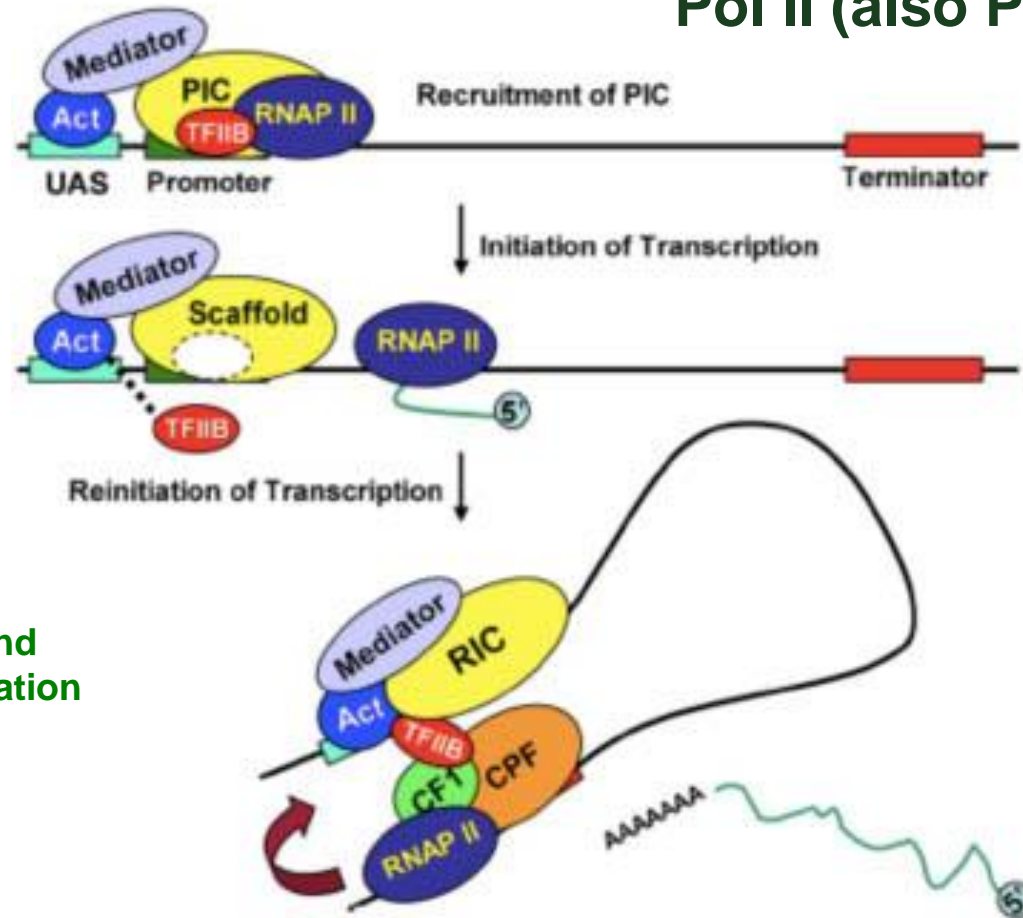
GENE LOOPING

Pol II (also Pol I)

PIC
Preinitiation
Complex

Scaffold
transcription
factors
(TFIID, A, E, H)

CF1, CPF
Cleavage and
Polyadenylation
Complex

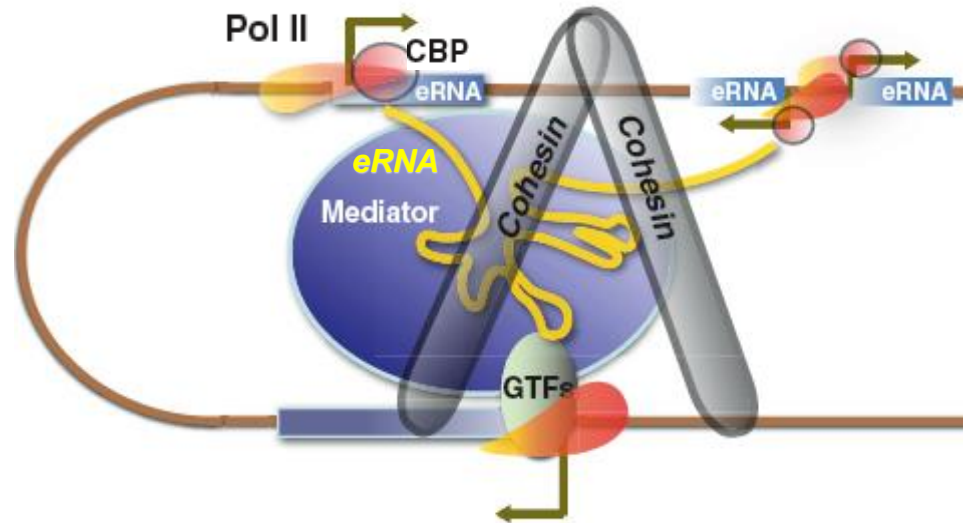
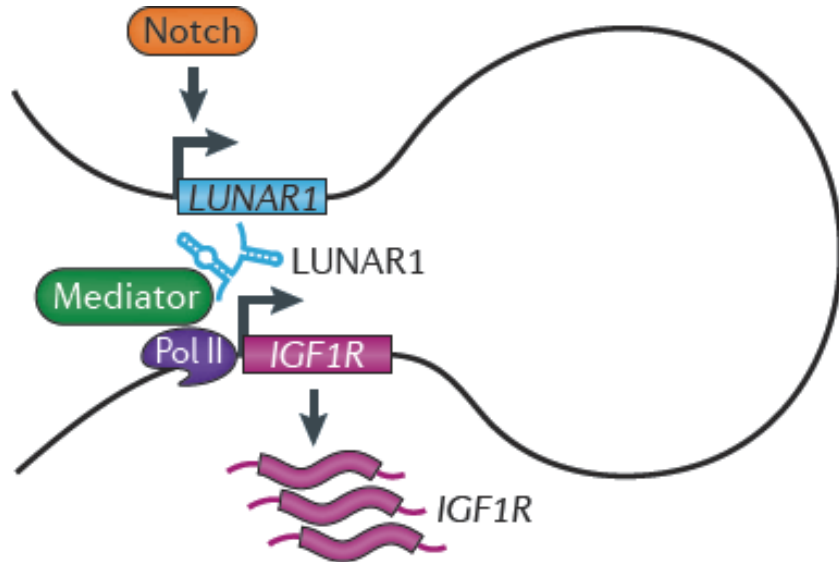


Loop formation requires interaction between factors at the promoter (TFIIB) and terminator (Rna15 from CF1) /in mammals: transcription factors, nuclear receptors, insulators, chromatin remodellers, Polycomb, architectural proteins/

Loop function: facilitation of transcription reinitiation of PolII, but also repression of gene expression (PcG, DNA methylation)

GENE LOOPING

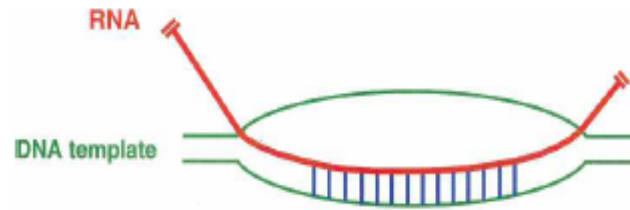
via Mediator and enhancer RNAs (eRNAs)



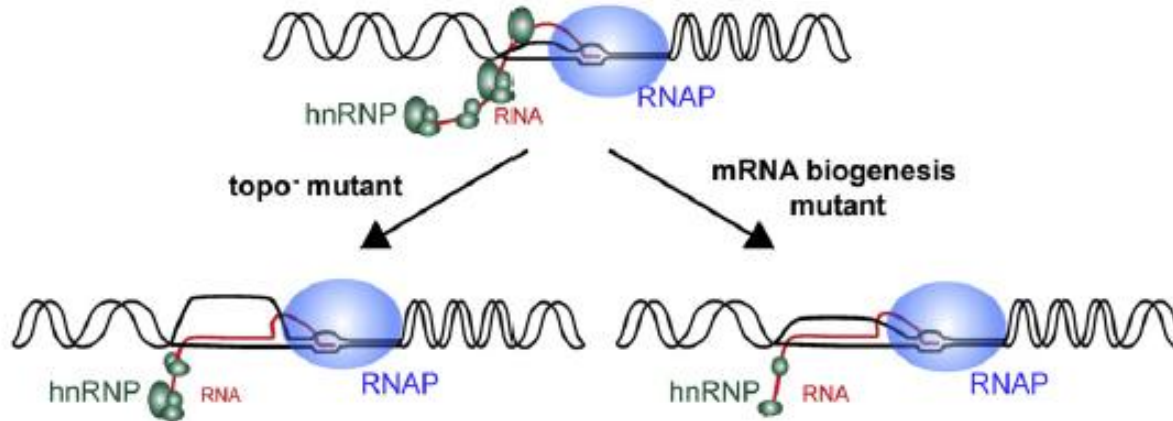
Some eRNAs (e.g. *LUNAR1* near the *IGF1R* locus) mediate chromosome looping between enhancers and nearby genes via Mediator or MLL protein complexes

R-LOOPS

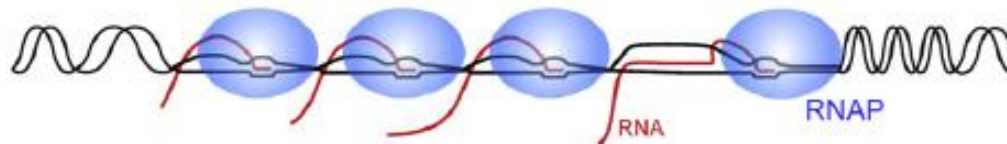
DNA::RNA hybrids formed during transcription before RNP packaging



A Transcription associated R-loop formation



B RNAP roadblock



R-loops

- accumulate in RNP biogenesis mutants (*tho*, *sen1*, mRNA export)
- negative effects: polymerase stalling, termination defects, replication fork stalling, DNA damage, genetic instability
- prevented by topoisomerases, helicase Sen1, THO complex, resolution (cleavage) by RNase H

SPLICEOSOME

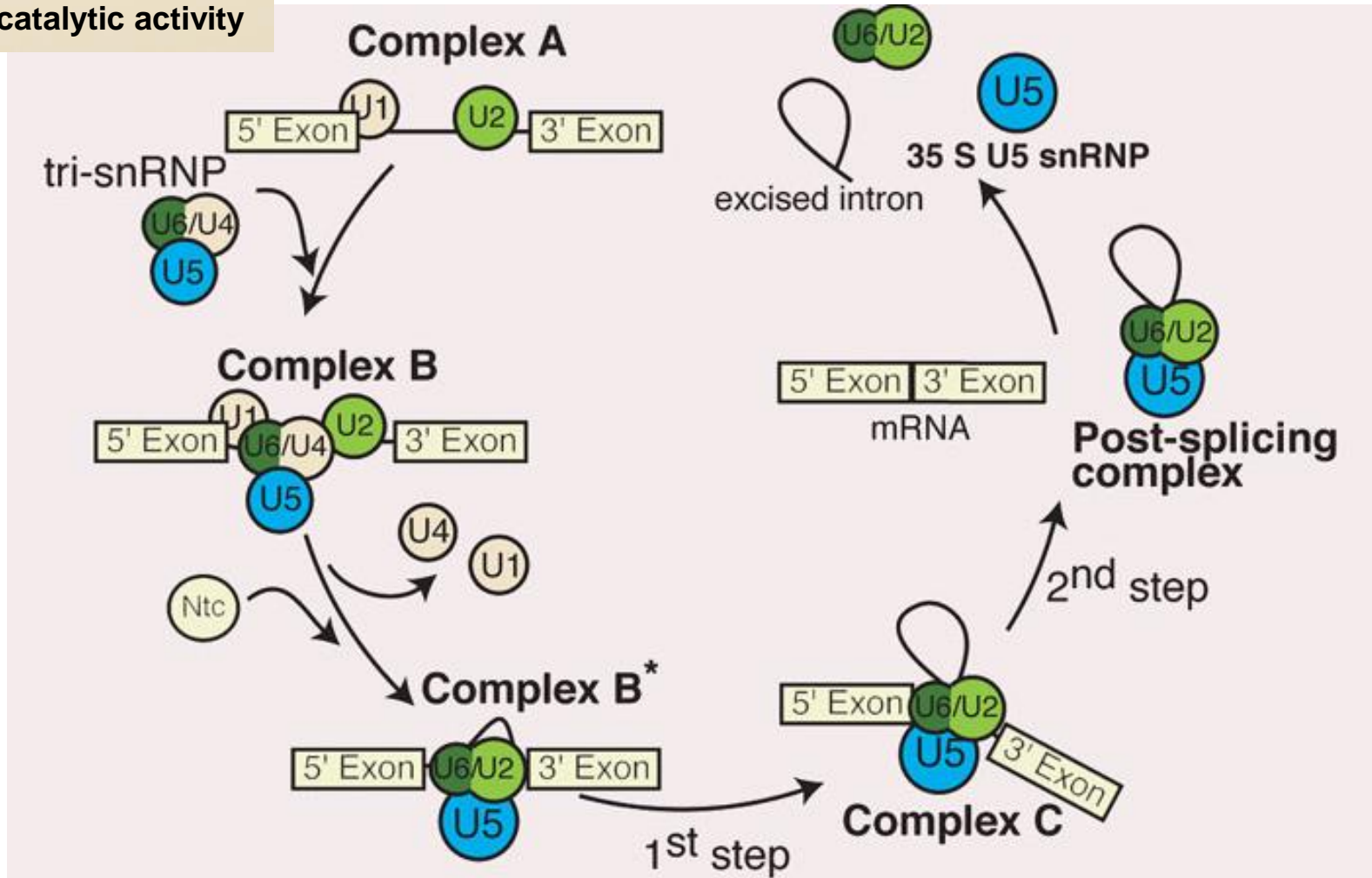
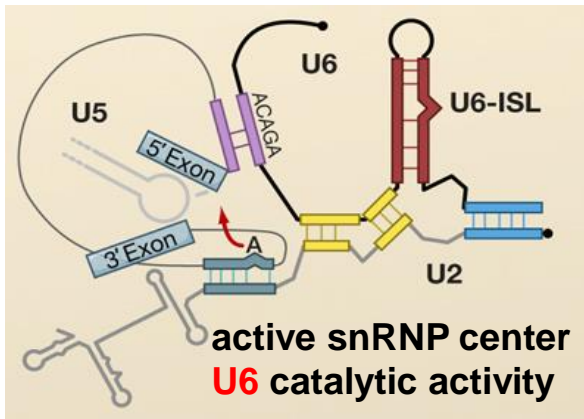
5 snRNAs: U1, U2, U4, U5, U6

Core Sm or LSM (U6) proteins

Specific snRNP proteins

Splicing factors

1.7 - 3 MDa

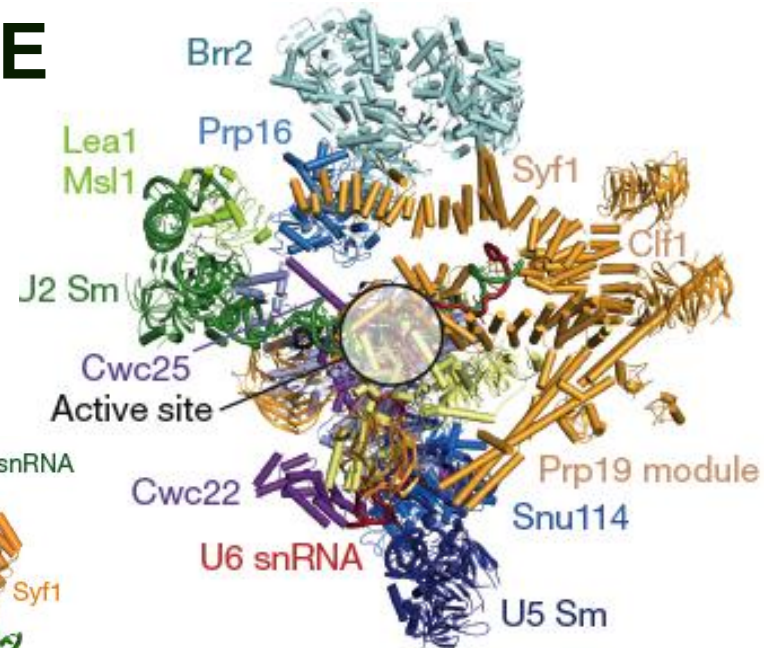


SPLICEOSOME

Cryo- EM

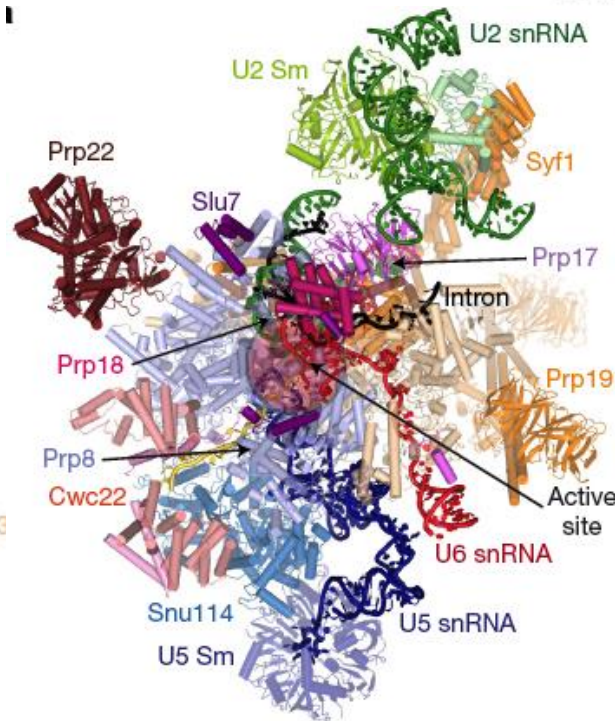
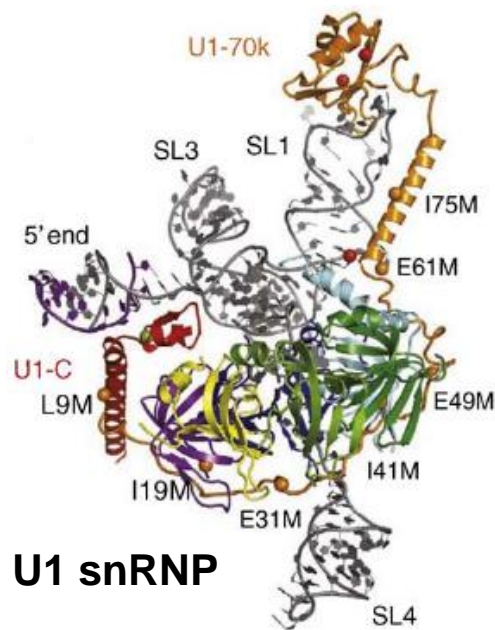
C complex yeast

Galej et al, Nature, 2016



U1 snRNP

Krummel et al, Nature, 2009



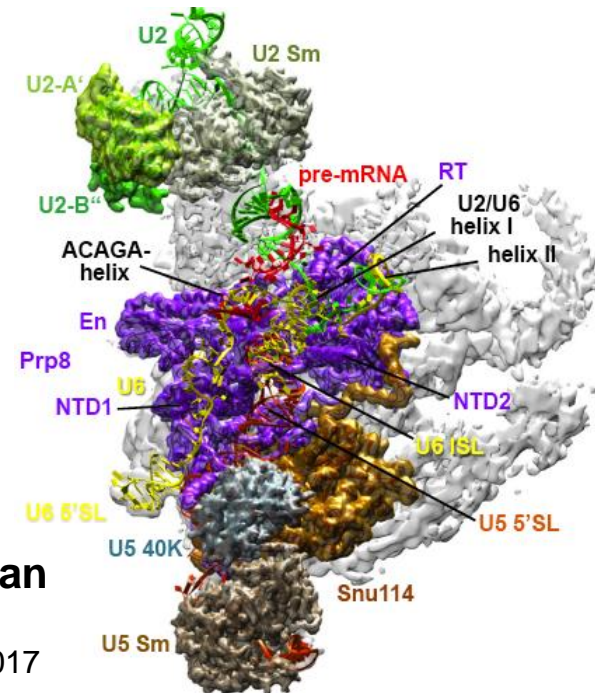
C* complex yeast

Fica et al, Nature, 2017

C* complex human

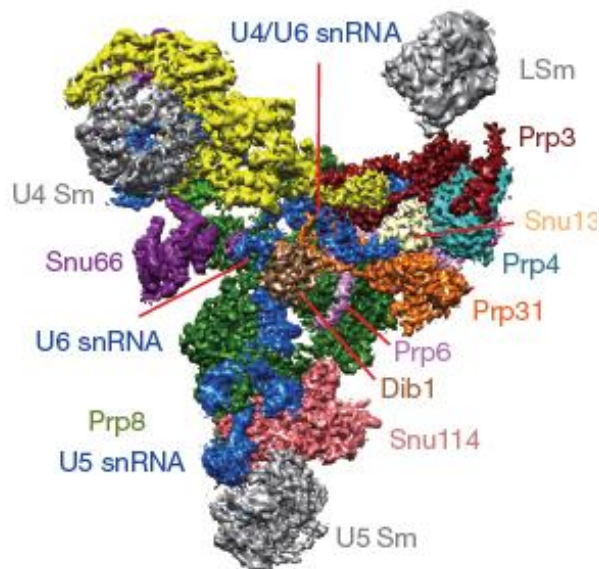
second step

Bertram et al, Nature, 2017

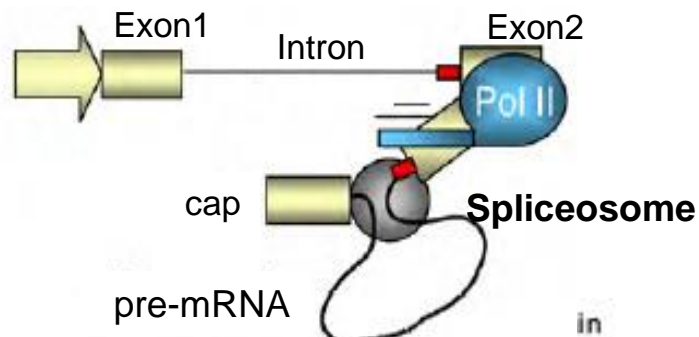


U4/U6.U5 tri-snRNP

Nguyen1, Galej et al, Nature, 2016*

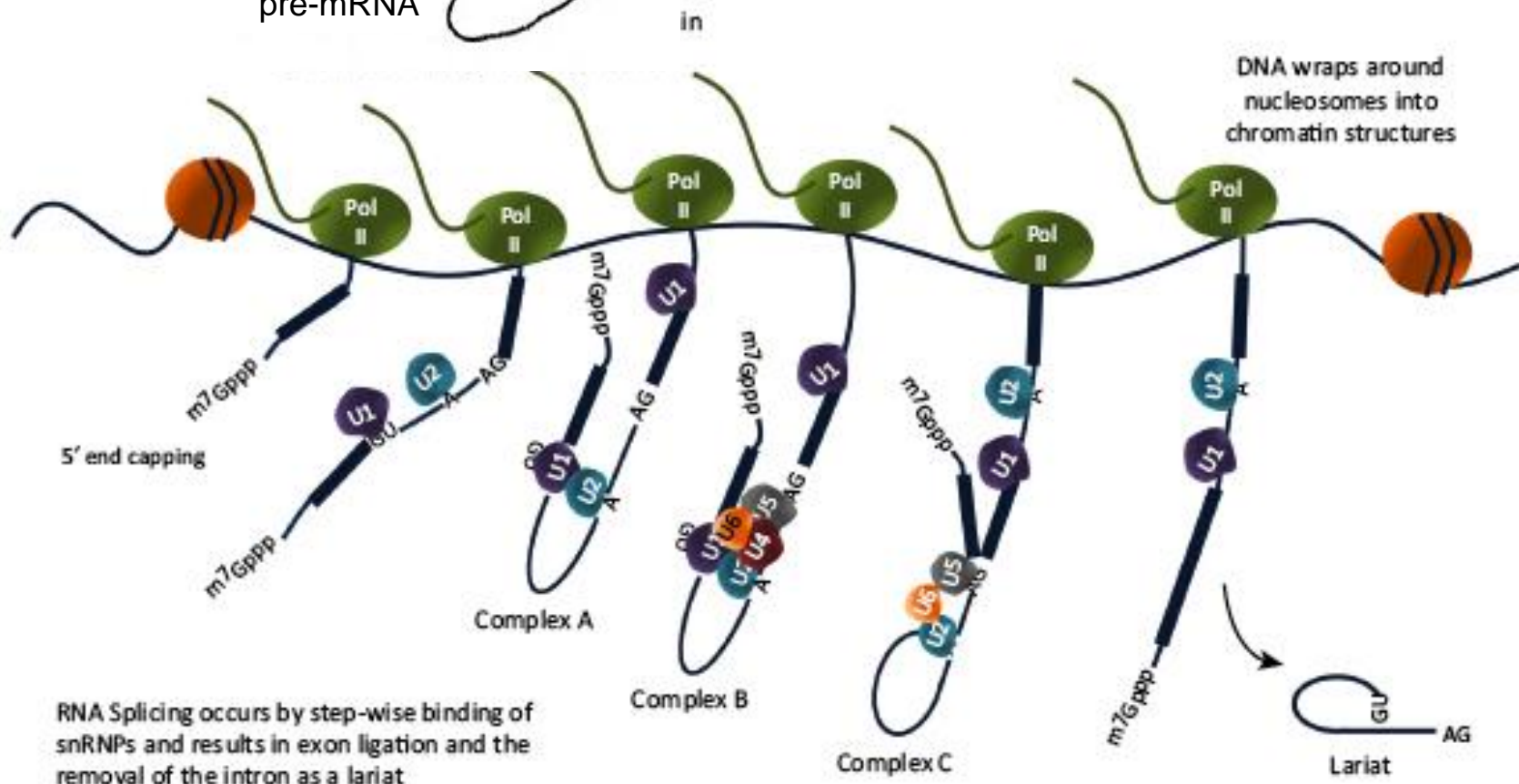


SPLICING: co-transcriptional process



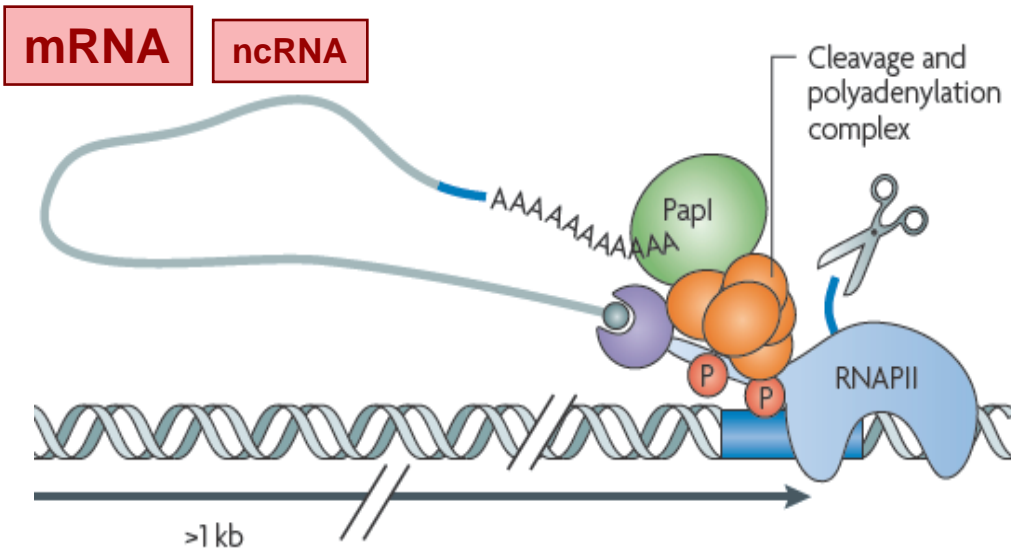
- spliceosome assembly (**Ser5-P**)
- majority of splicing (up to 70-80%)

Munoz et al., *TiBS*, 2009

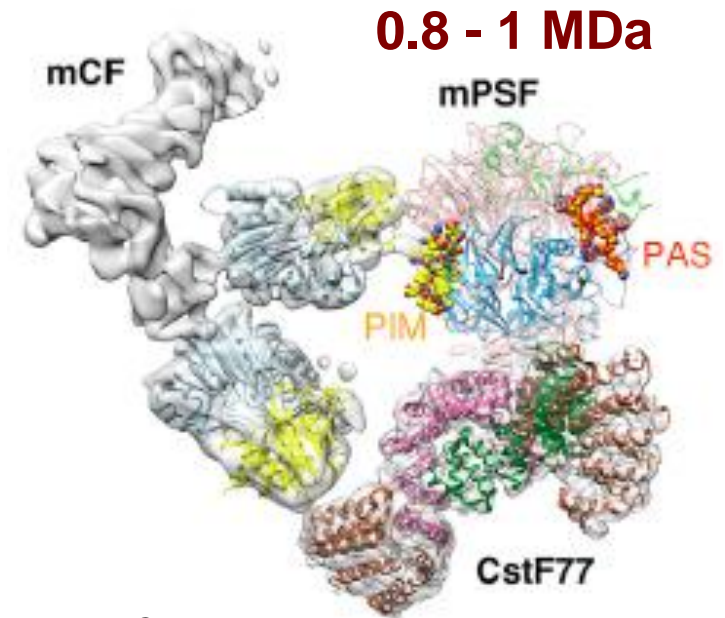


Wong et al., *TiG*, 2014

CPA Cleavage and Polyadenylation

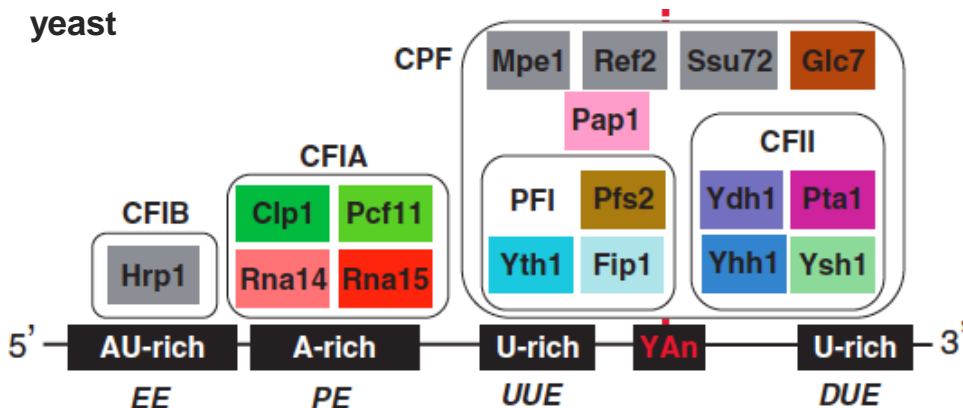


Jacquier, Nat. Rev. Genet, 2009

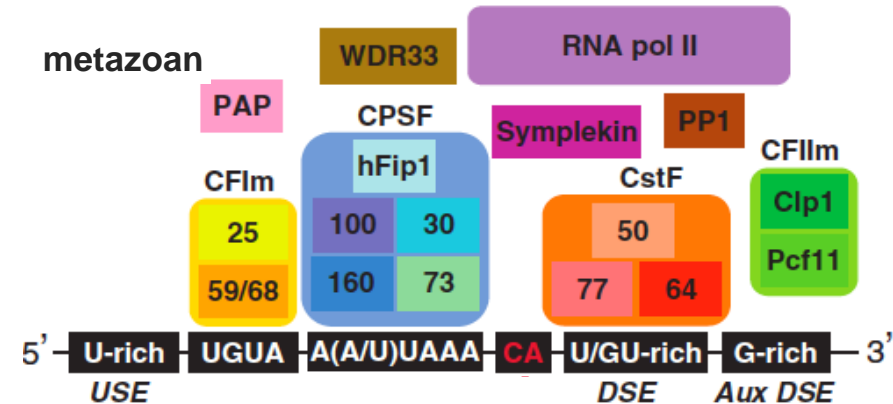


Zhang et al, Mol Cell, 2019

yeast



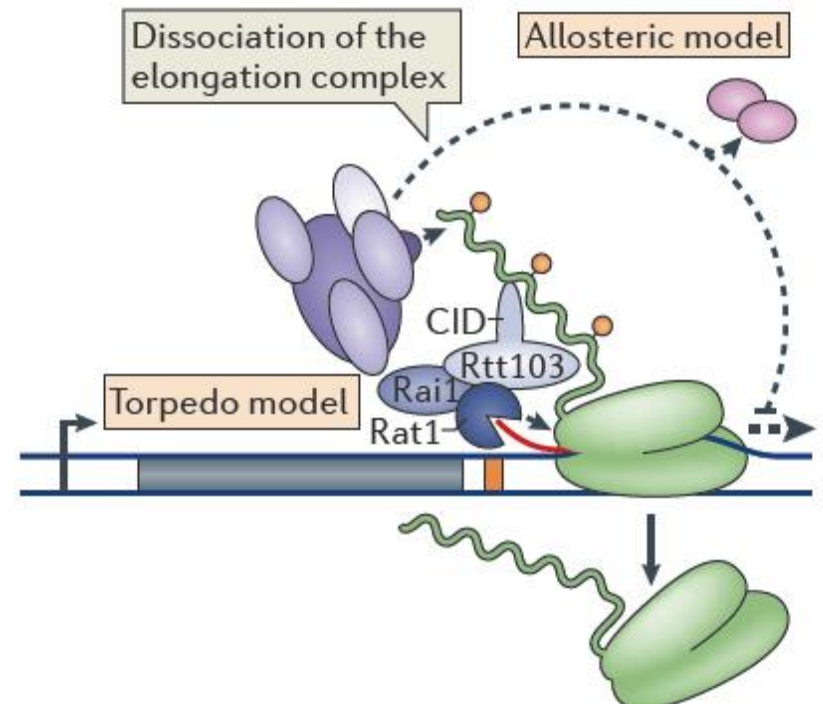
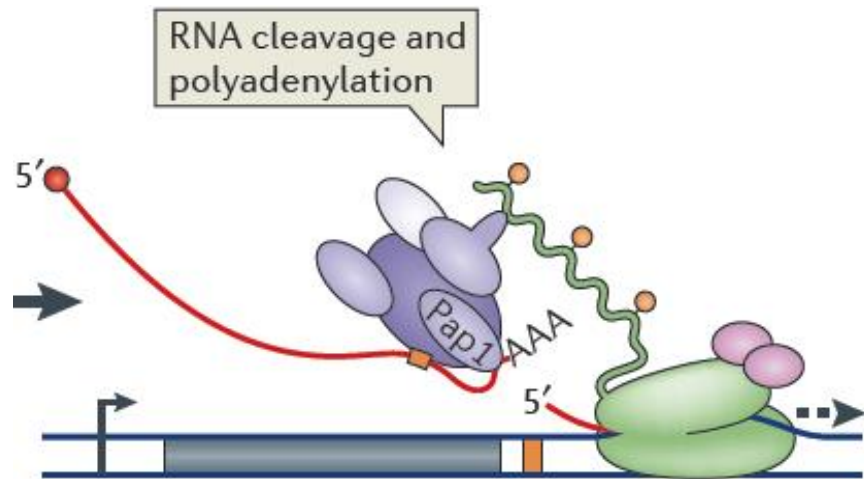
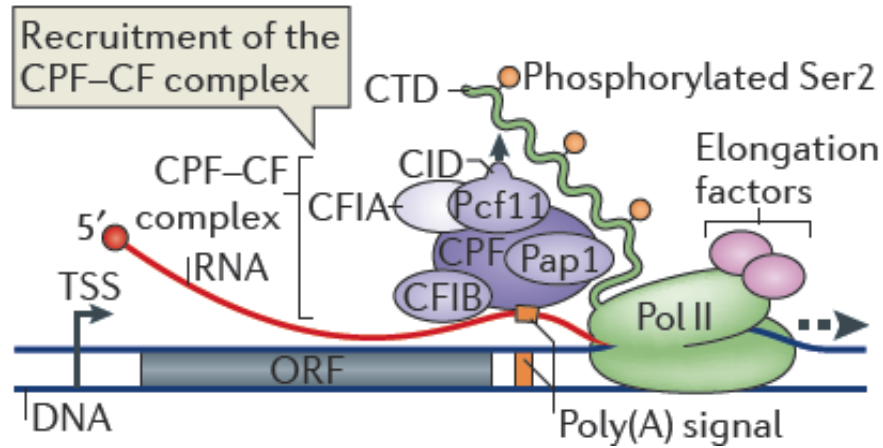
metazoan



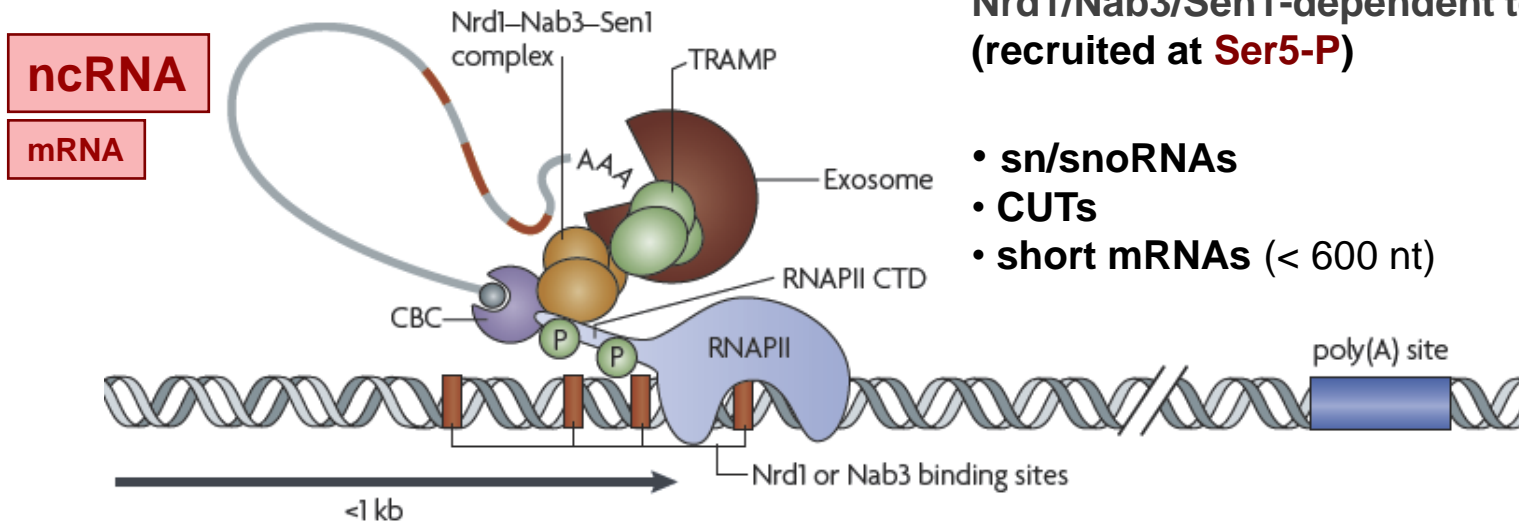
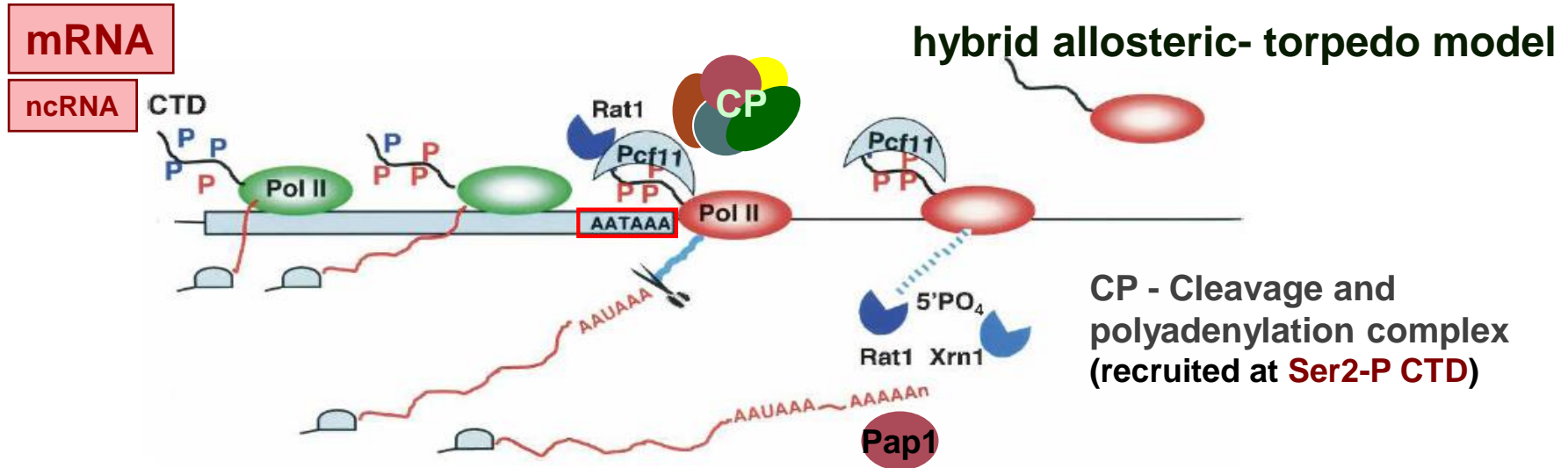
Cleavage by CPSF-73 (human), Brr5/Ysh1 (yeast)

Millevoi and Vagner, NAR, 2008

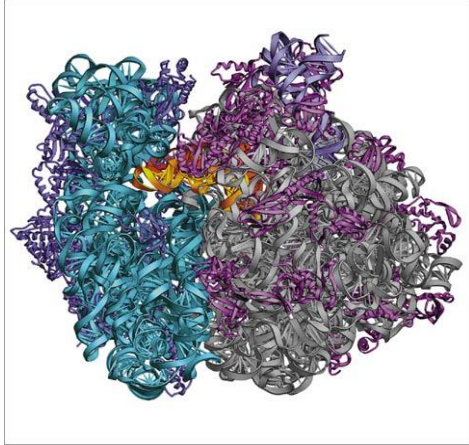
CPA: mRNA 3' end formation transcription termination at mRNA genes



POL II TRANSCRIPTION TERMINATION



RIBOSOME



3.3 (yeast) – 4.3 (humans) MDa

Ribosome is a ribozyme

- No ribosomal protein with a peptidyl transferase (PT) activity
- Drugs (chloramphenicol) that inhibit PT bind to the 23S rRNA (PT loop)
- Mutations that provide resistance to these drugs map to the PT loop
- Nearly all (99%) of proteins can be stripped from the large subunit and it still retains the PT activity
- Only RNA chains are close enough to the PT center (structure)
- Ribosomal proteins are important for ribosome stability and integrity, but NOT for catalysis

TRANSLATION CYCLE

Cryo-EM of dynamic ribosomal processes

