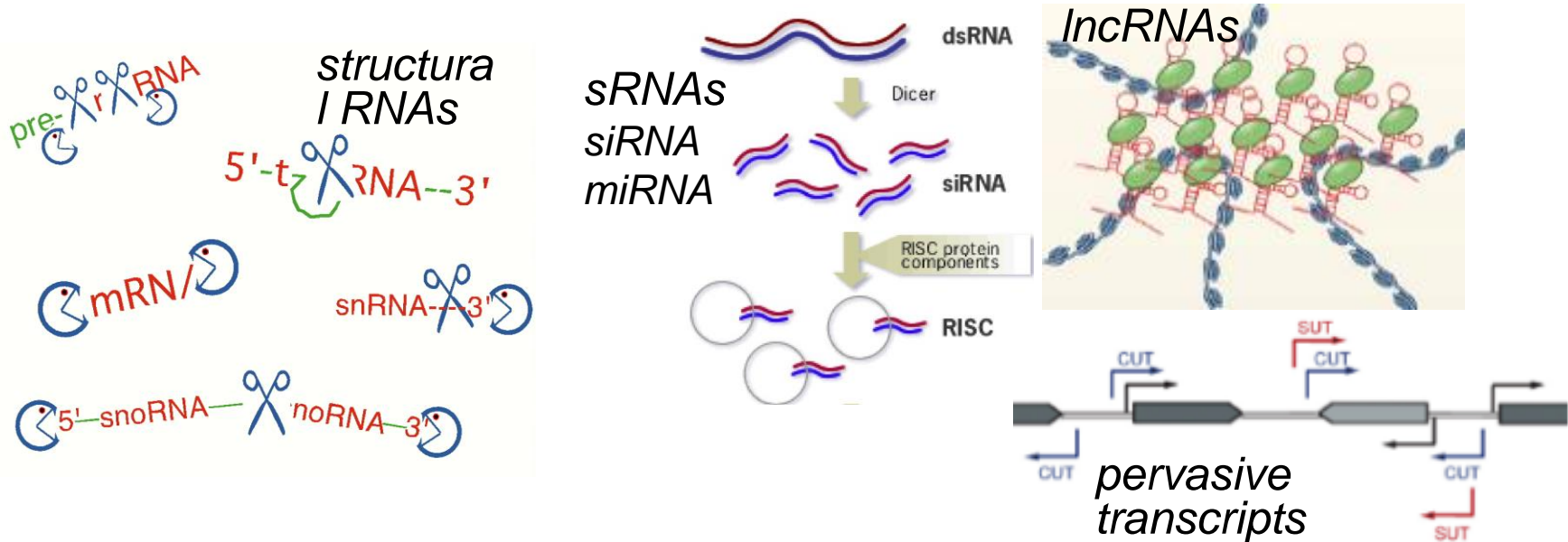


# ncRNAs

## czyli RNA są różniste, kuliste, w kształcie grzyba i cygara



- Czy może nam pani powiedzieć, na terenie jakiego zakładu się obecnie znajdujemy?
- Tego ni mogę powiedzieć, bo to jest tajemnica państwowa! Mogę tylko powiedzieć, że mam 5 złotych od bombki.
- Czy pani jeszcze może nam powiedzieć, jakie bombki produkujecie?
- Panie, różne, **różniste**. Tu się robi tak: **kuliste, w kształcie grzyba i cygara**.
- Cały czas mowa o o bombkach choinkowych.
- Też. A, a wie pan, jaki mamy asortyment? Od A do N...

# ncRNA

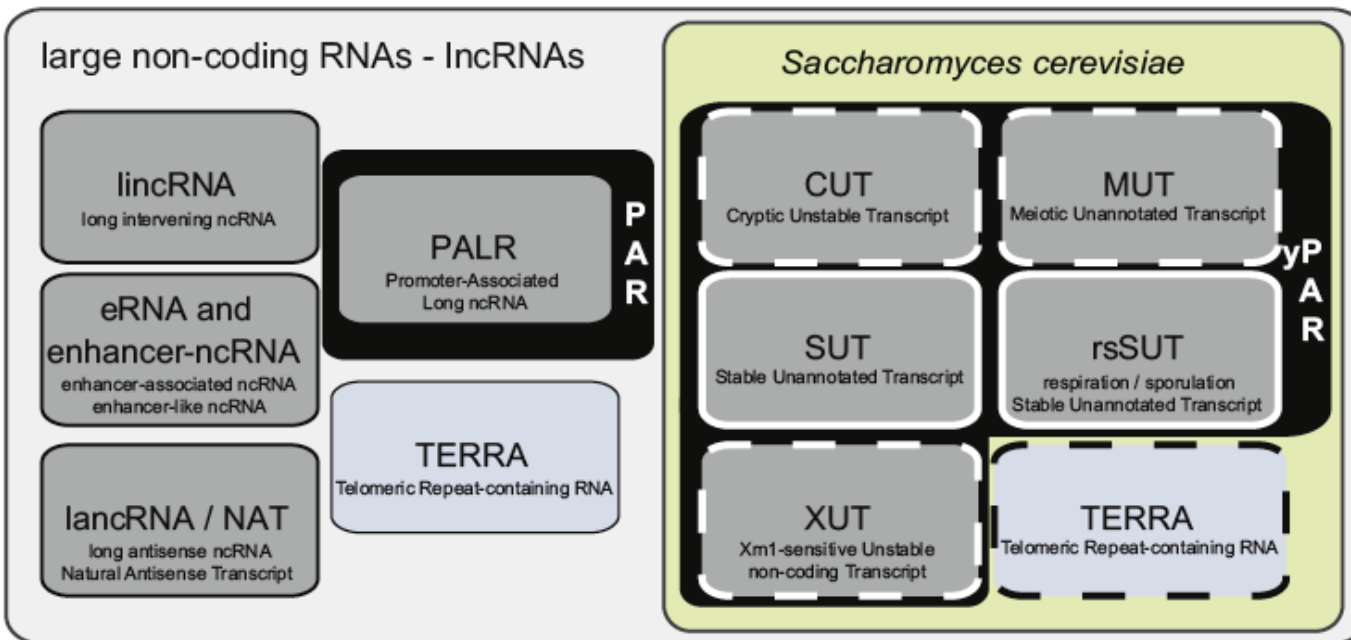
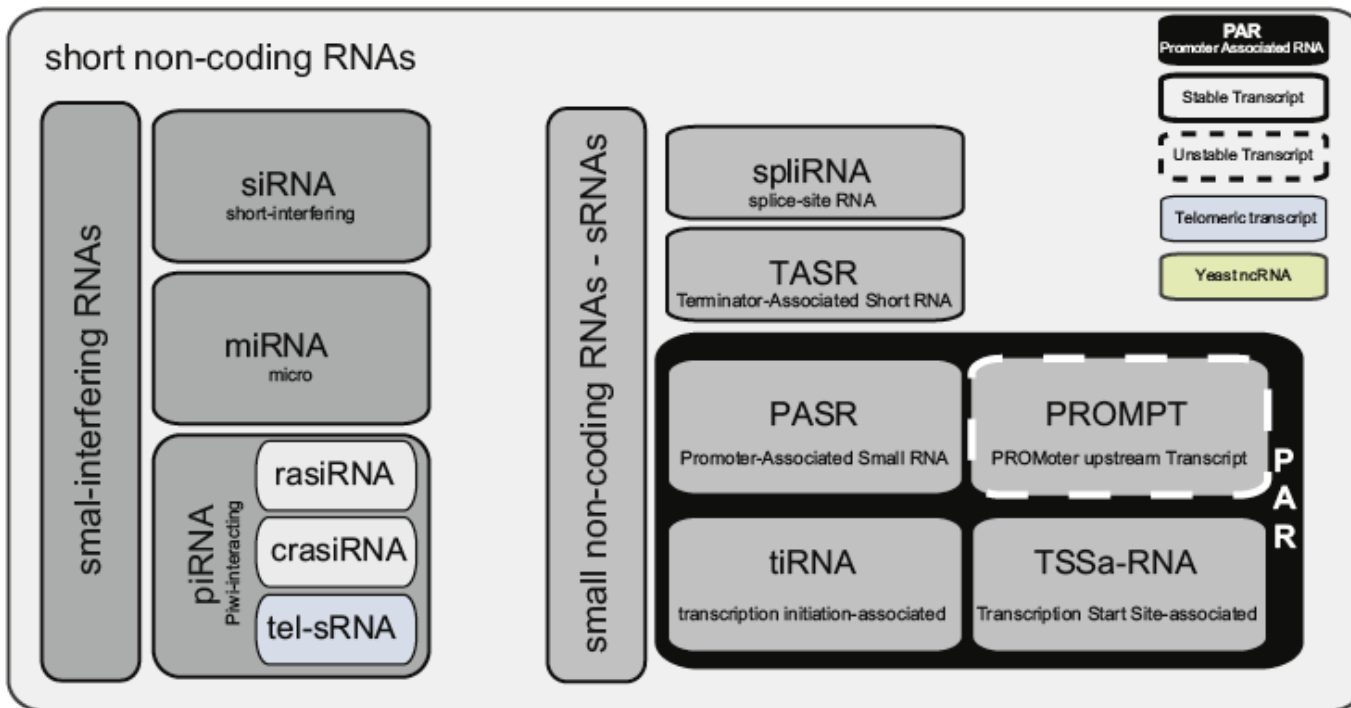
## • Housekeeping

- constitutively expressed
- required for normal function and cell viability
  - **tRNA** and **rRNA** – translation
  - **snRNA** – spliceosome components, pre-mRNA splicing
  - **snoRNA** – rRNA processing and modification, **scaRNA** (CB specific)
  - RNA components of **RNase P** and **RNase MRP** – endonucleases: tRNA and rRNA processing
  - Signal Recognition Particle **SRP RNA** – protein secretion to ER
  - **tmRNA** tRNA-mRNA hybrid- targeting nascent proteins for degradation
  - **gRNA** – guide RNA in RNA editing
  - **telomerase RNA** – synthesis of telomers

## • Regulatory

- expressed temporarily (development, response to stimuli)
- affect gene expression at the level of transcription or translation
  - **sRNAs**: **siRNA** (exo-siRNAs and endo-siRNAs; ta-siRNA; nat-siRNA; lsiRNAs); **miRNA**; **piRNA** – act in TGS or PTGS
  - **lncRNAs** – much less known, usually act in TGS (chromatin level)

# ALL ncRNAs ?



# INVISIBLE RNAs

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## Cryptic Pol II Transcripts Are Degraded by a Nuclear Quality Control Pathway Involving a New Poly(A) Polymerase

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## Accumulation of unstable promoter-associated transcripts upon loss of the nuclear exosome subunit Rrp6p in *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*

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## Bidirectional promoters generate pervasive transcription in yeast

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## RNA Exosome Depletion Reveals Transcription Upstream of Active Human Promoters

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## Divergent Transcription from Active Promoters

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## Post-transcriptional processing generates a diversity of 5'-modified long and short RNAs

Affymetrix/Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory ENCODE Transcriptome Project\*

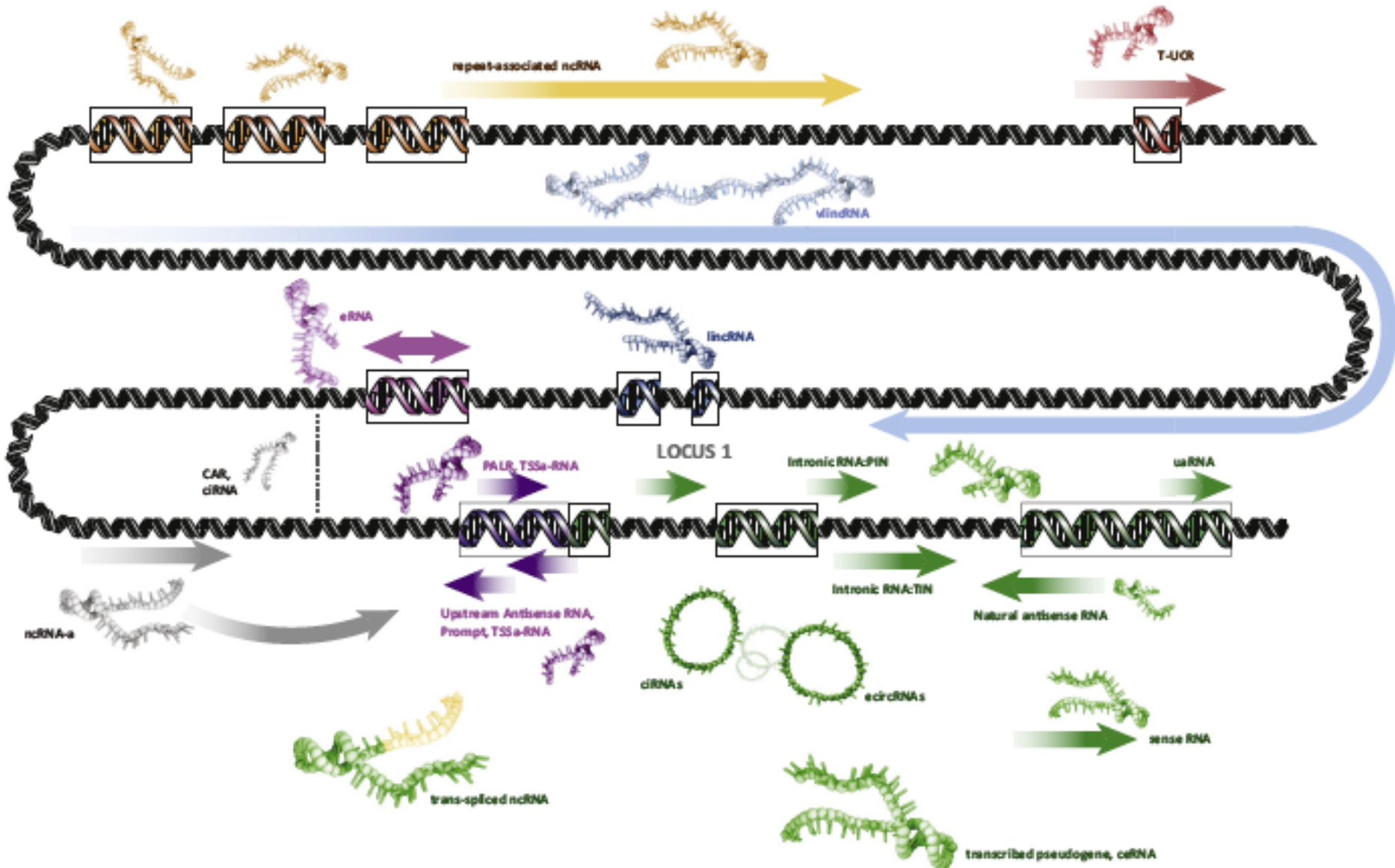
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Cell 131, 1340–1353, December 28, 2007

## Genome-Wide High-Resolution Mapping of Exosome Substrates Reveals Hidden Features in the *Arabidopsis* Transcriptome

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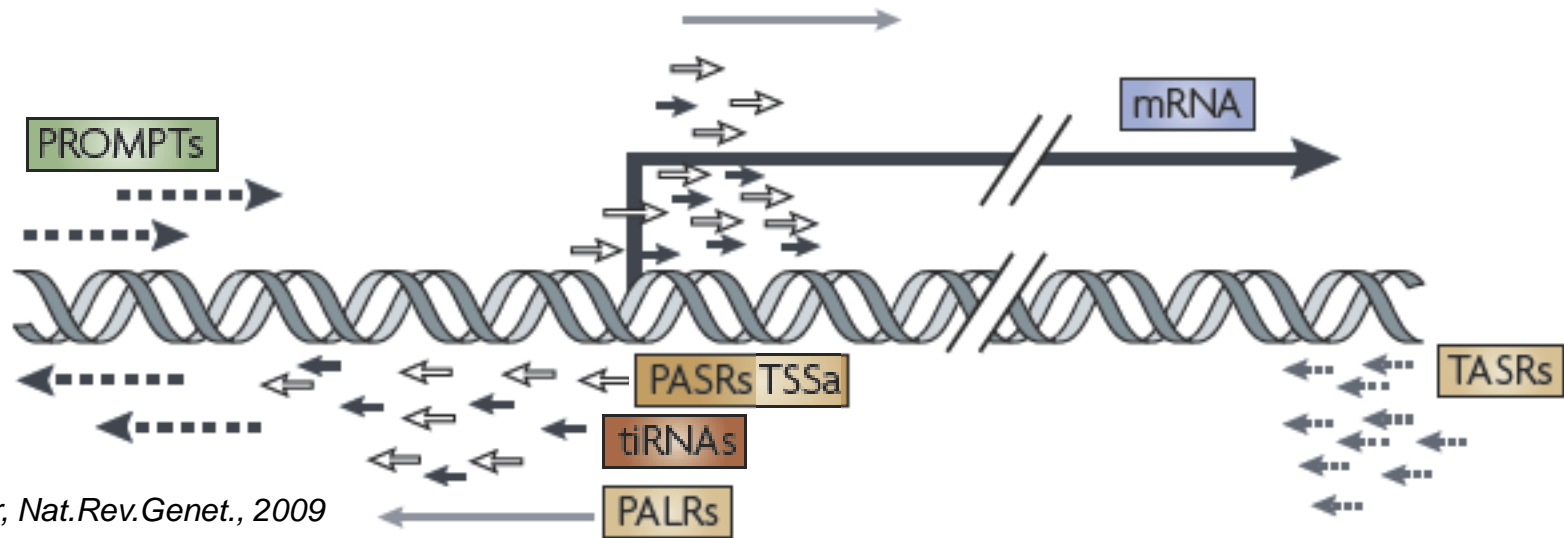
# LONG ncRNAs





# PERVASIVE TRANSCRIPTION OF THE GENOME

All possible types of RNAs, detected by tiling microarrays and “deep sequencing”, SAGE and GRO, accompany major coding transcripts



Jacquier, Nat.Rev.Genet., 2009

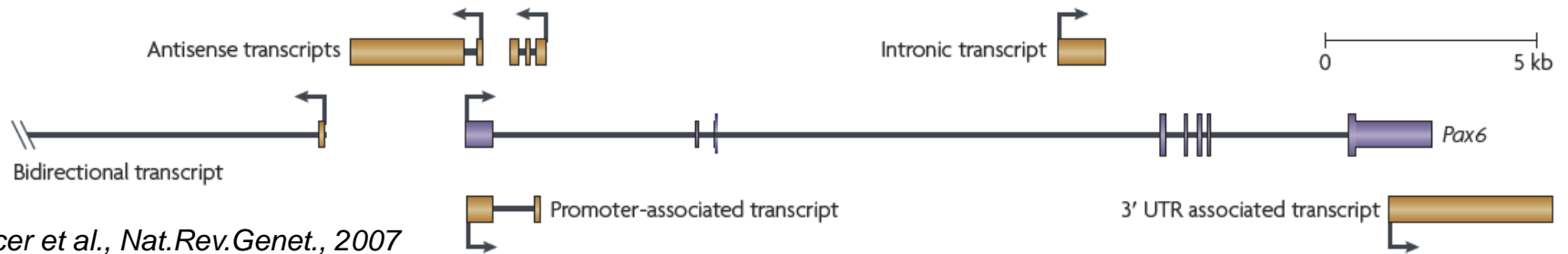
(1) **protein-coding mRNA**; (2) **PROMPT - promoter upstream transcripts (short)**; (3) **PASR- promoter-associated sRNAs (< 200 nts)**; (4) **TSSa transcription start site-associated RNAs (20-90 nts)**; (5) **TASR –terminator associated sRNAs (< 200 nts)**; (6) **PARL - promoter-associated long RNAs (> 200 nts)**; (7) **tiRNAs - tiny transcription-initiation RNAs (18 nts)**

**SAGE, CAGE, GRO tags**

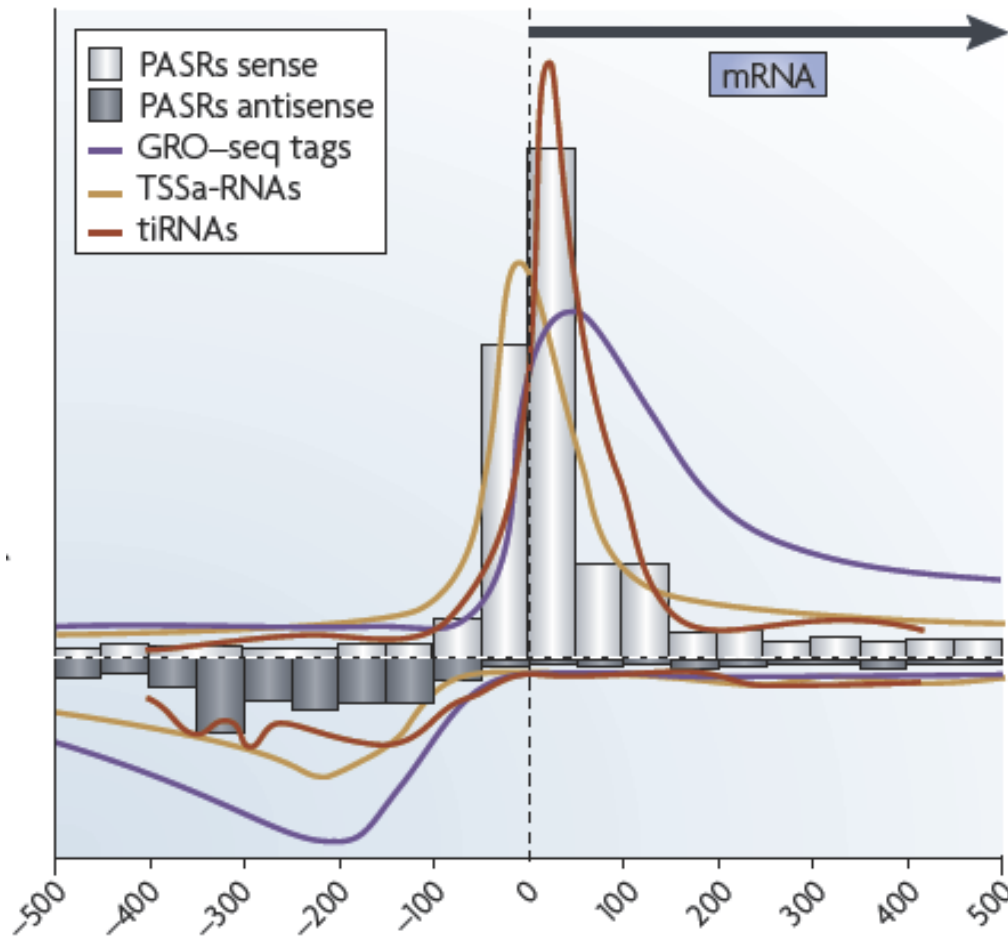
**antisense RNAs (can be long)**

**CUTs, SUTs - cryptic unstable or stable unannotated transcripts (200-600 nts)**

## PRESENCE of ncRNAs



*Mercer et al., Nat.Rev.Genet., 2007*

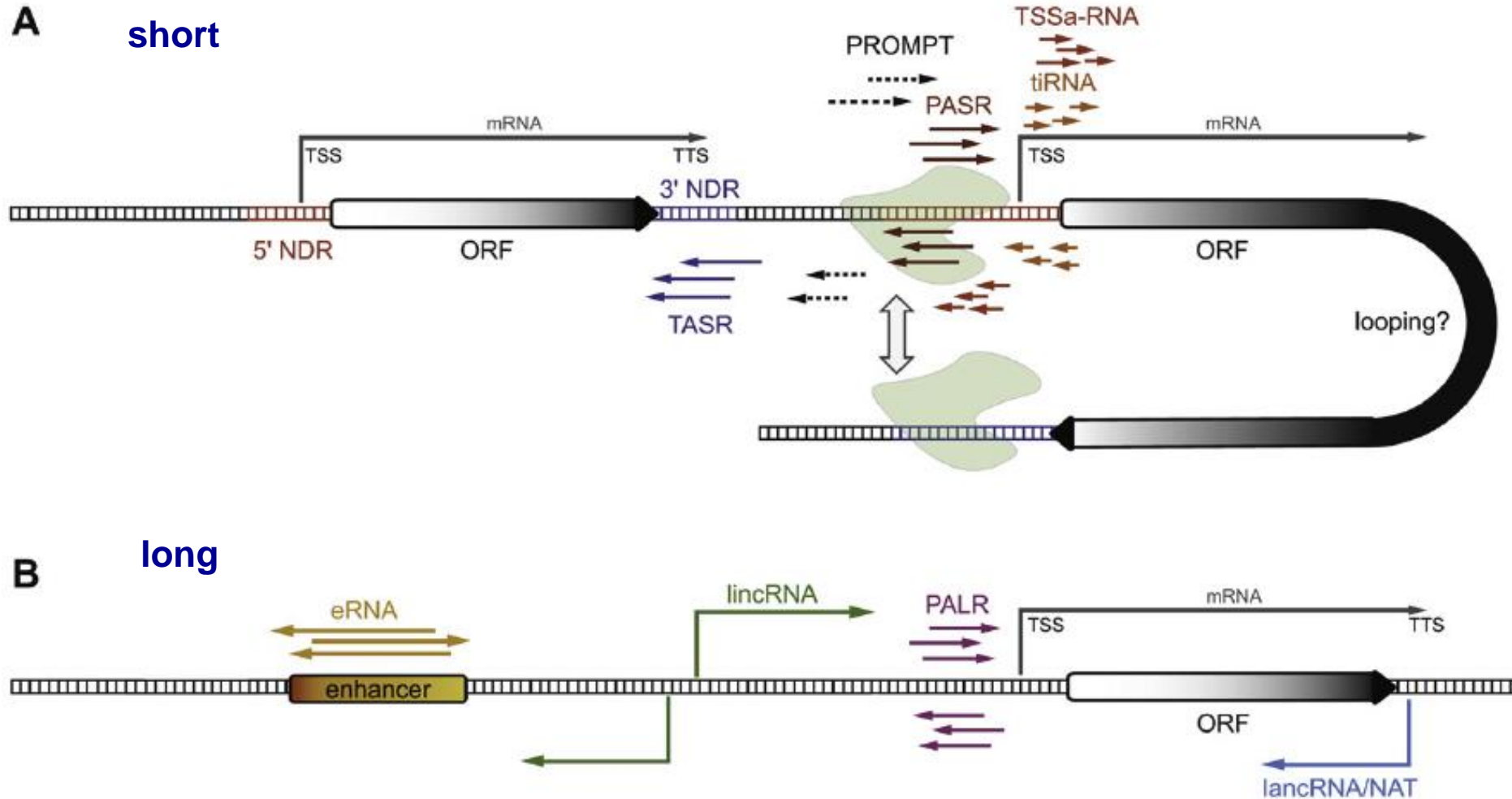


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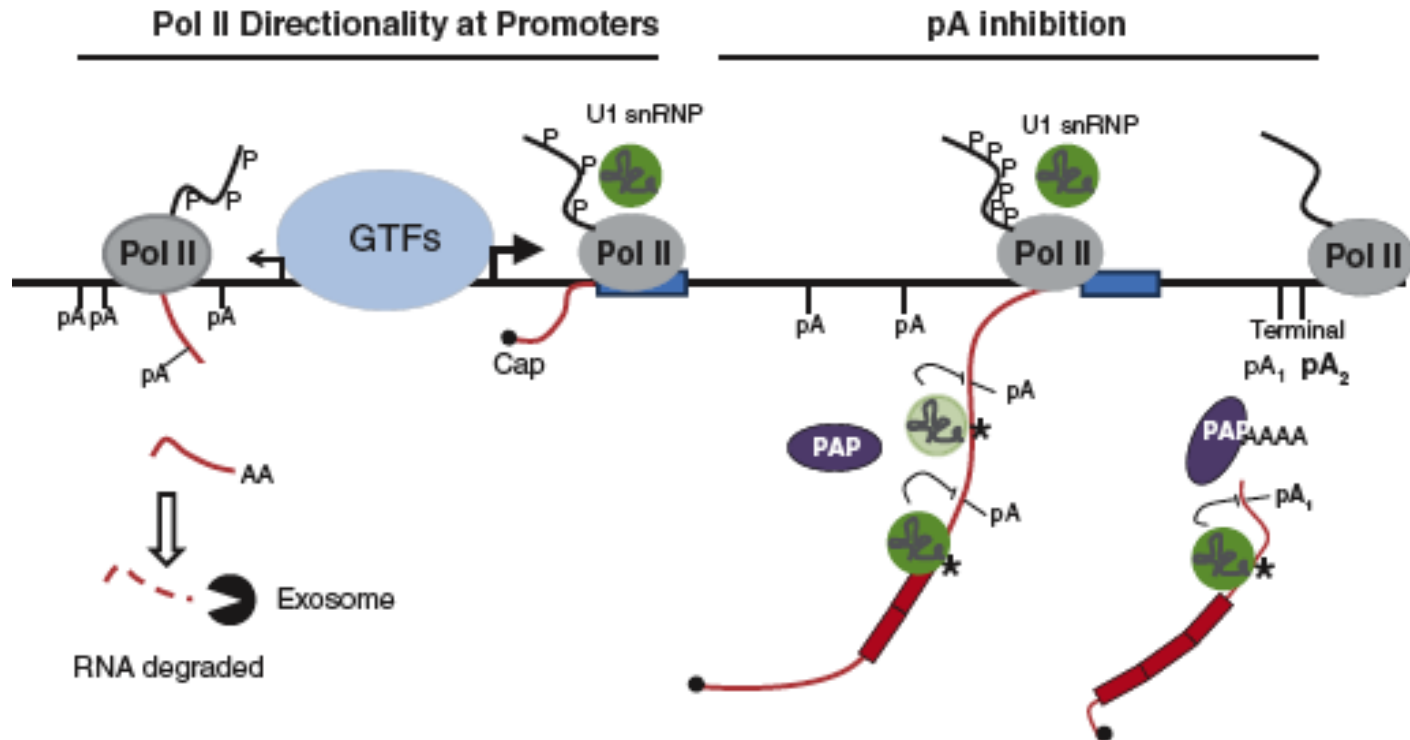
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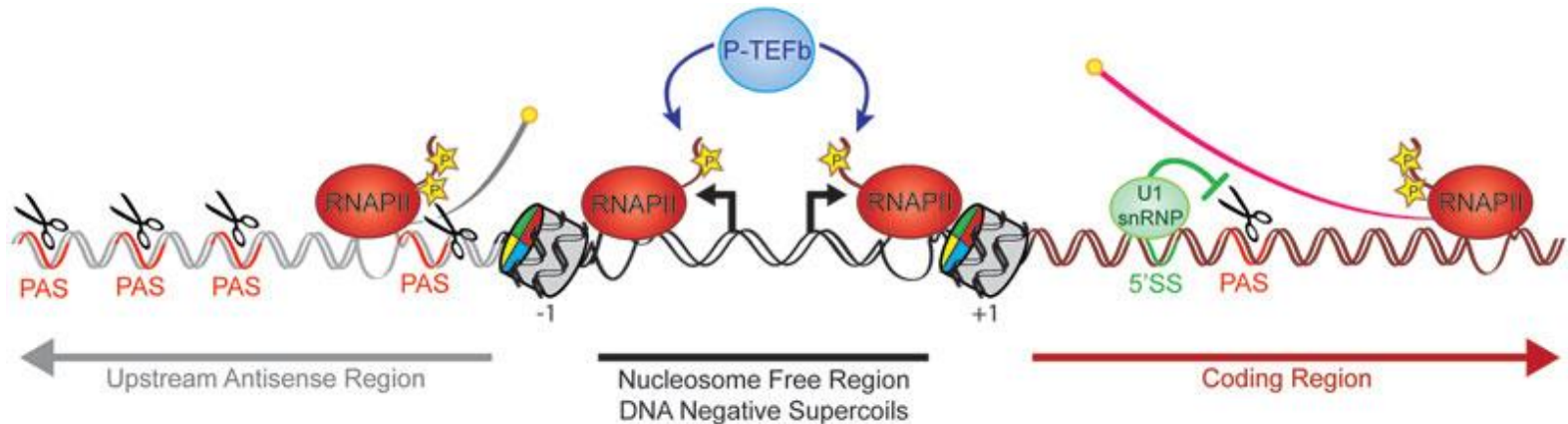
# GENOMIC ORGANIZATION of ncRNA



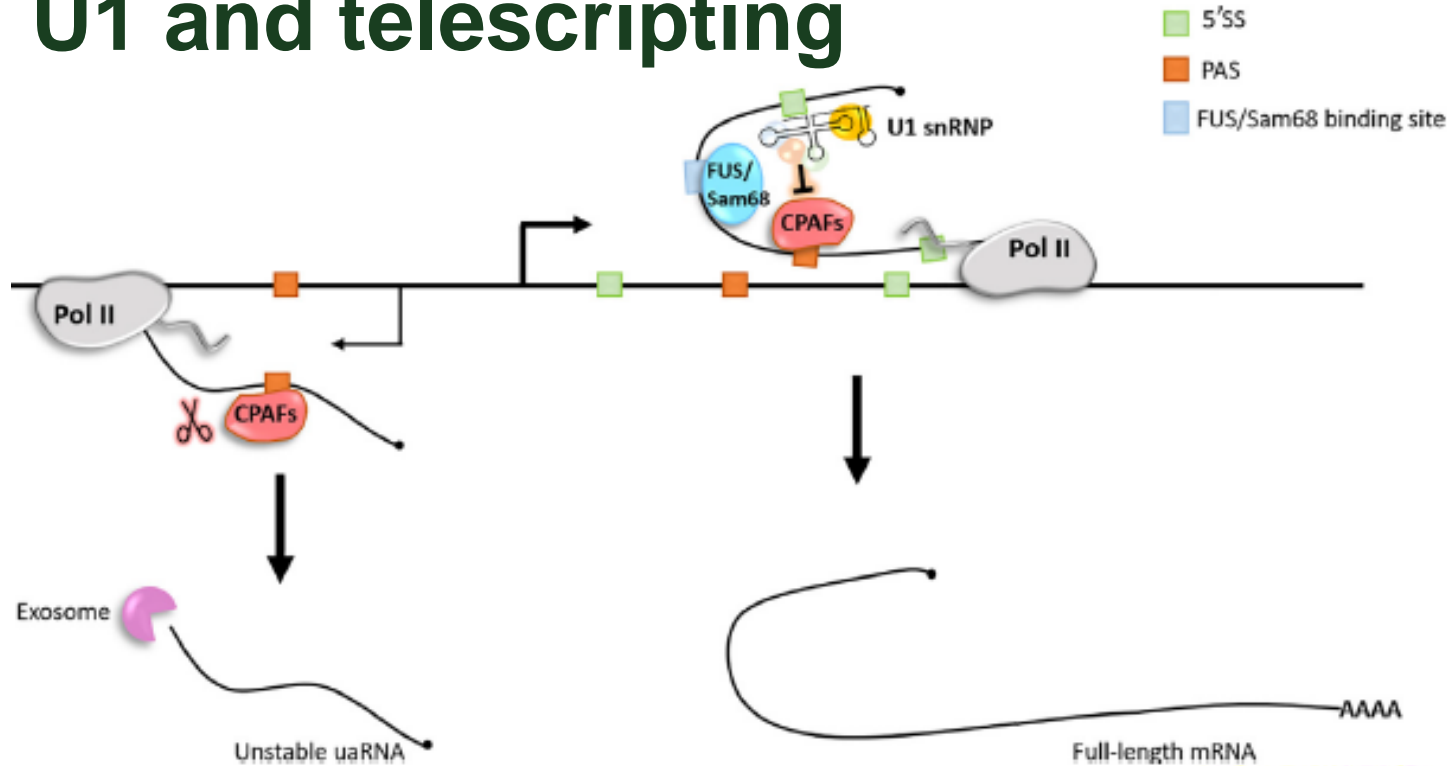
# U1 and non-coding transcription (telescripting)



**U1 participates in pA site selection and Pol II directionality at promoters**



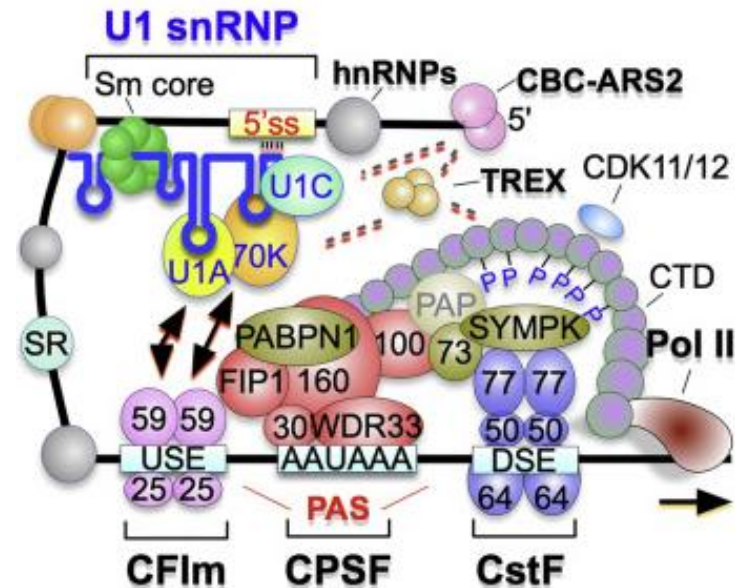
# U1 and telescripting



Studniarek, Egloff and Murphy, TiG 2020

**U1 controls promoter directionality by suppressing cryptic PAS usage in the sense direction.**

**In the antisense direction, depletion of 5'SSs favours PAS usage, giving rise to short unstable transcripts degraded by the exosome**



# CUTs, SUTs, XUTs, MUTs and ALL THAT JAZZ

**CUT** = Cryptic Unstable Transcripts

**SUT** = Stable Unannotated Transcripts

**SAT** = Ssu72-associated Transcripts

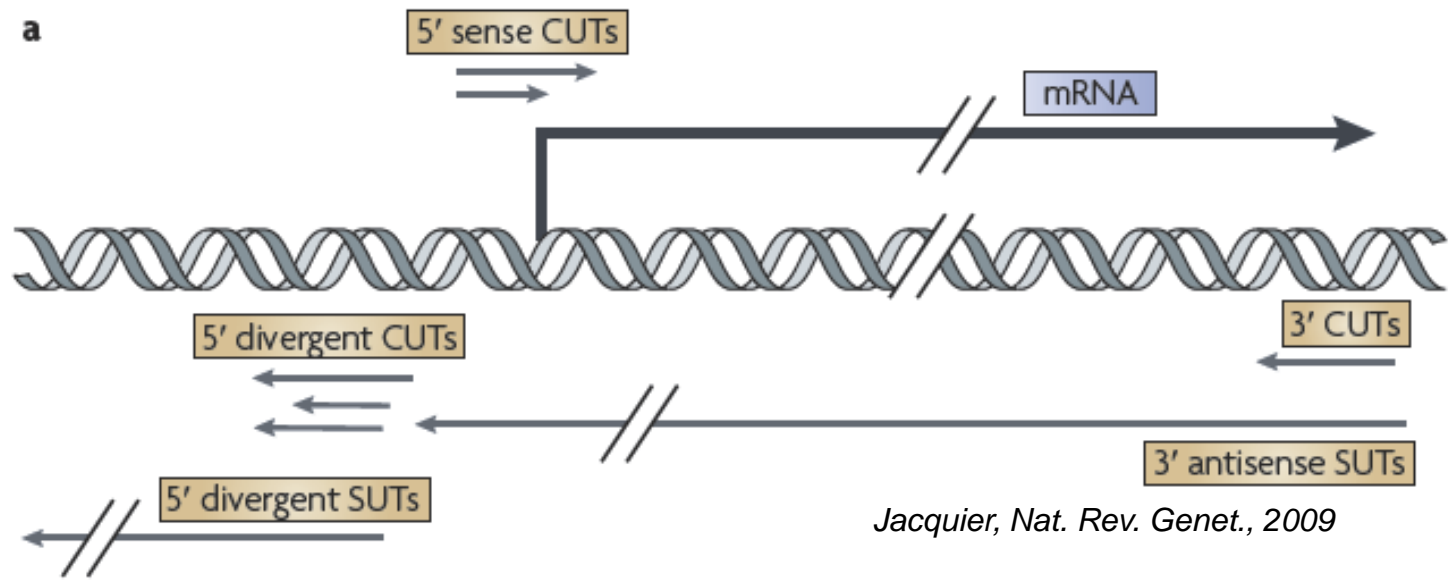
**XUT** = Xrn1-dependent Unstable Transcripts

**MUT** = Meiotic Unstable Transcripts

**NO LONGER  
TRANSCRIPTIONAL NOISE**

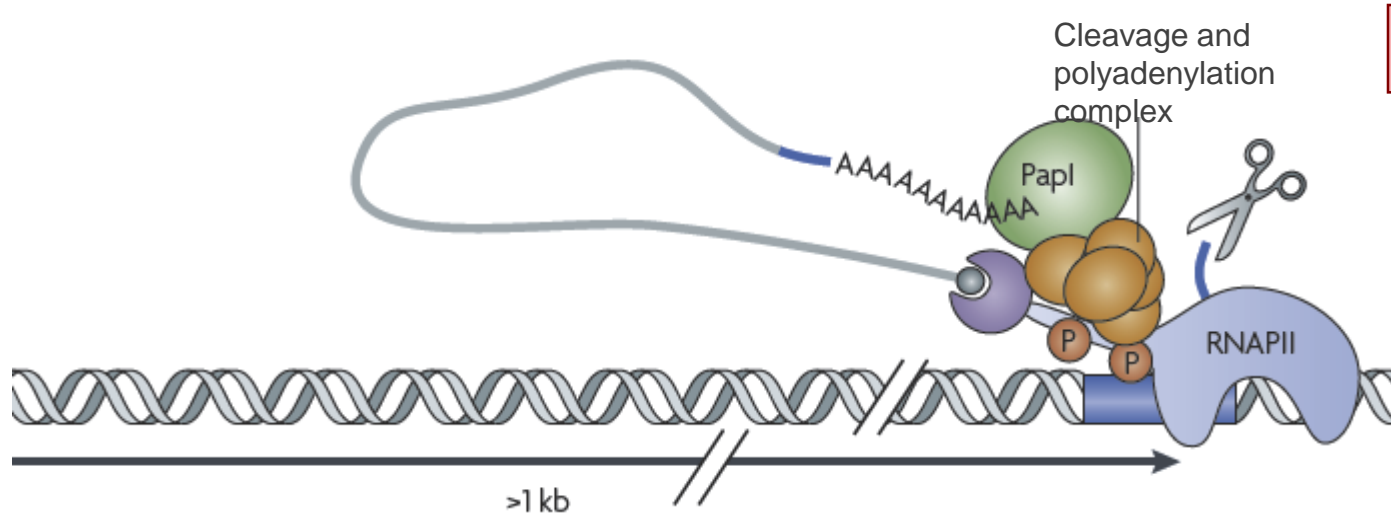
*(yeast, mammals, worms,  
plants - all organisms?)*

- not visible in normal wild-type cells
- accumulate in RNA degradation mutants (EXOSOME, XRN family, TRAMP) or various metabolic conditions (aging, nutrient change, cell cycle etc)
- originate from widespread bidirectional promoters
- „mRNA-like” Pol II transcripts (capped, polyadenylated)



# ncRNA instability and their termination mode

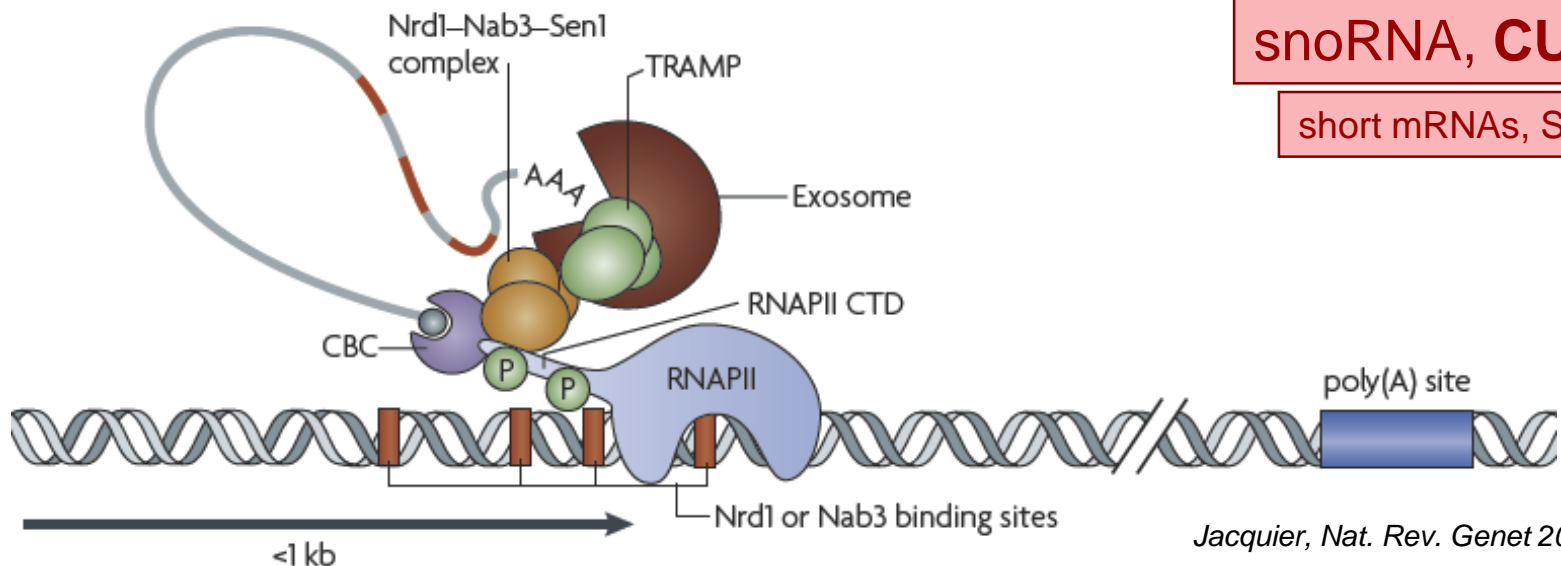
## 3' end CLEAVAGE and POLYADENYLATION (CP)



**mRNAs, SUTs**

**snoRNAs, CUTs**

## Nrd1/Nab3/Sen1-dependent termination



**snoRNA, CUTs**

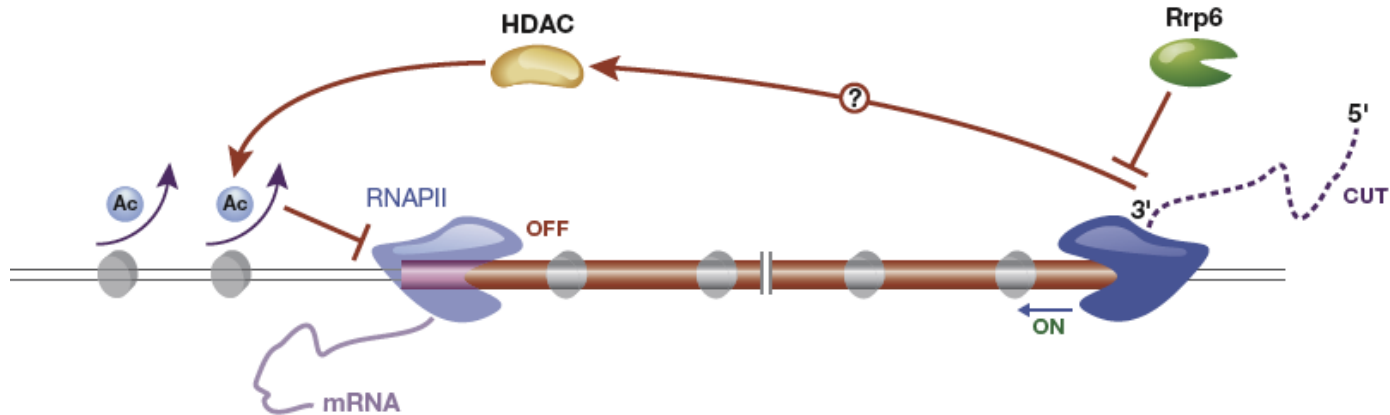
**short mRNAs, SUTs**

- are detected in TRAMP or exosome mutants
- are terminated by Nrd1/Nab3-dependent mechanism and polyadenylated by Trf4/TRAMP
- Nrd1/Nab3, TRAMP and exosome complexes interact
- some CUTs (SRG1, IGS1-R) are polyadenylated by Pap1
- some CUTs are exported to the cytoplasm (XUTs) and degraded by Xrn1
- ncRNP composition is largely unknown

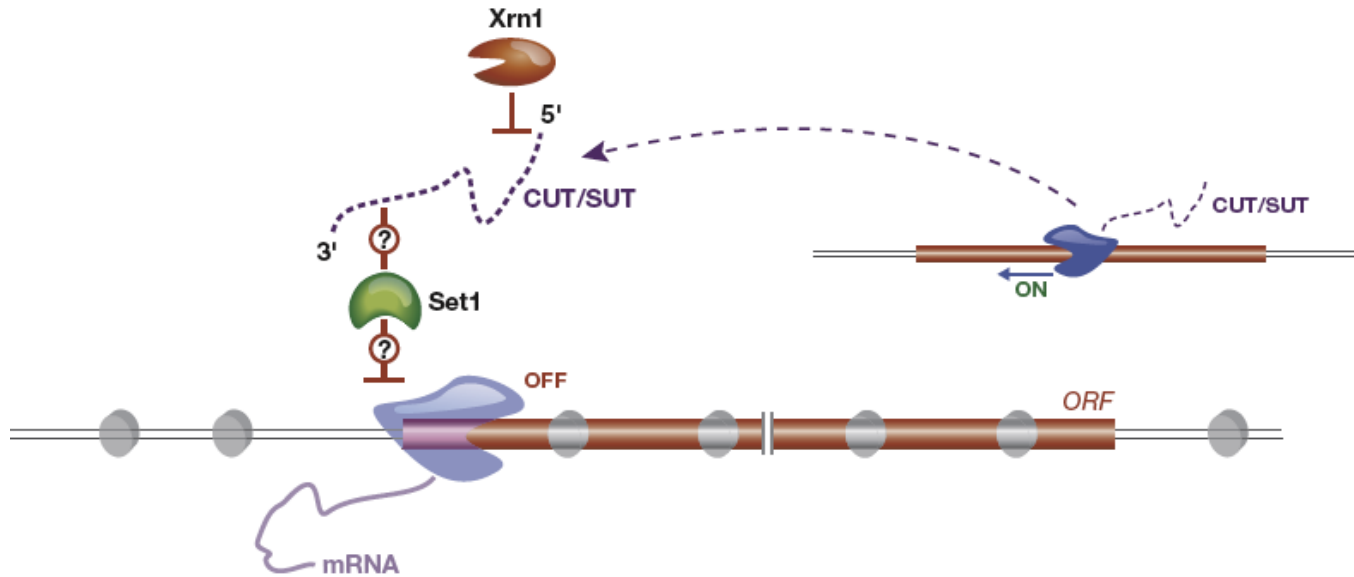
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# CUT ACTION *in-cis* or *in-trans*



CUT transcribed *in-cis*, when stabilized, recruits chromatin modification enzymes (HDAC) to gene promoter

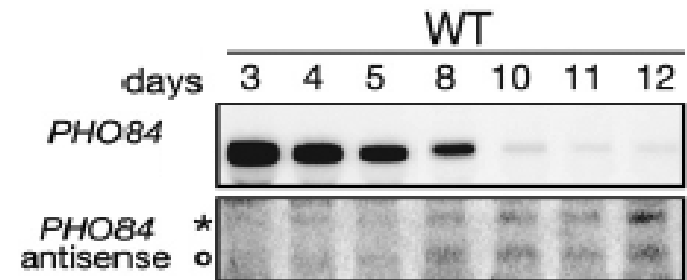
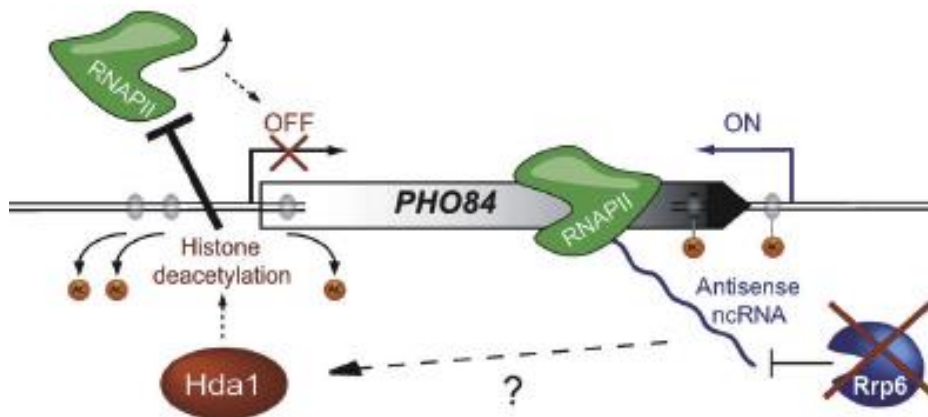
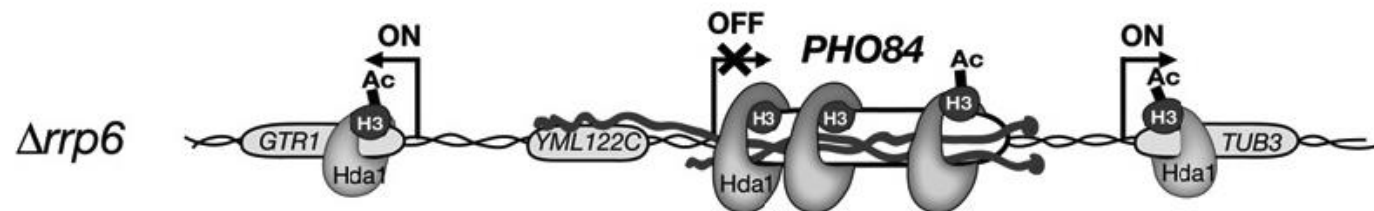
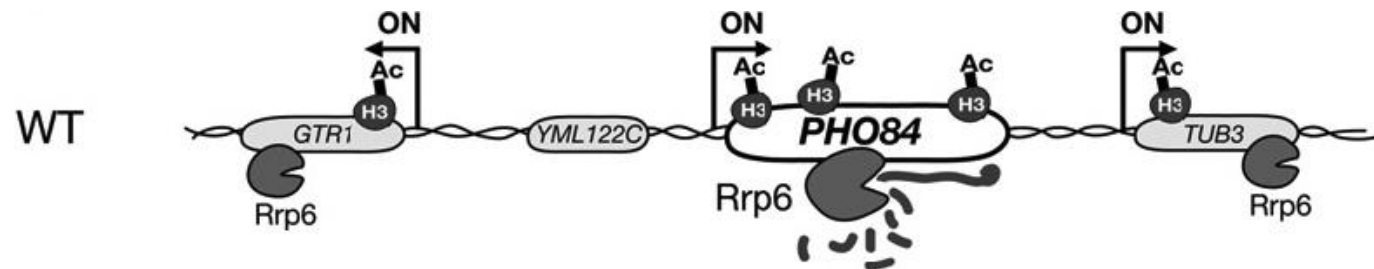


CUT transcribed from a distant locus, when stabilized, recruits chromatin modification enzymes (HTM) to inhibit transcription

# PHYSIOLOGICAL FUNCTIONS of CUTs

Regulation of gene expression via antisense RNA and epigenetic modification:  
***PHO84*** (inorganic phosphate transporter)

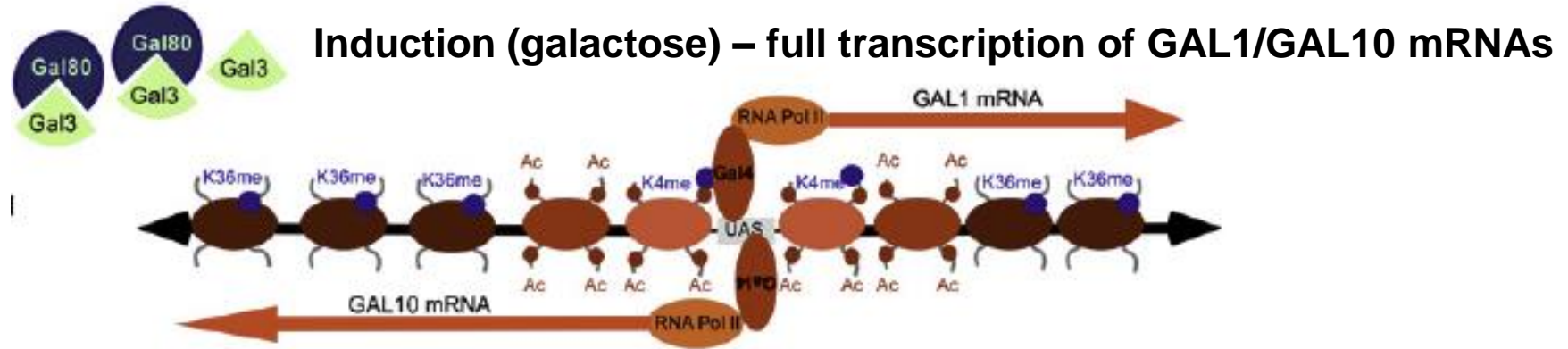
Stabilization of as CUT leads to H3K18 deacetylation by **Hda1** at *PHO84* promoter



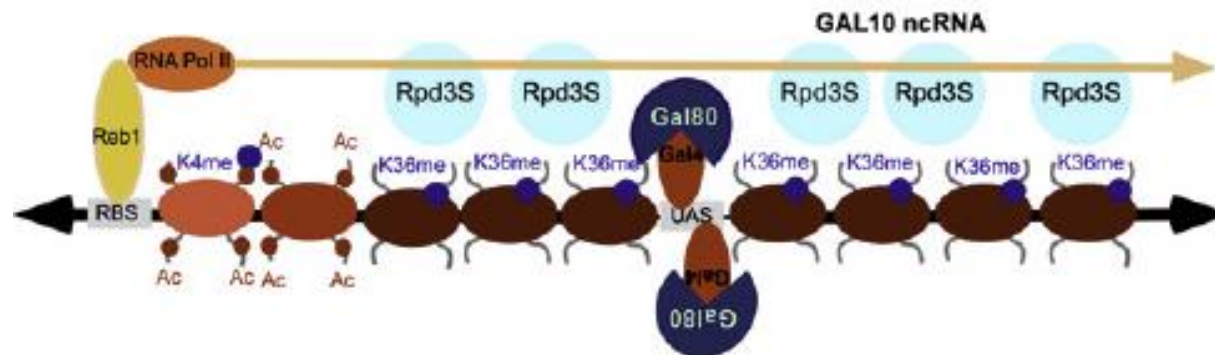
Similar *PHO84* silencing occurs in aging yeast

# PHYSIOLOGICAL FUNCTIONS of CUTs

## Regulation of gene expression via antisense RNA and epigenetic modification: *GAL10-GAL1* locus

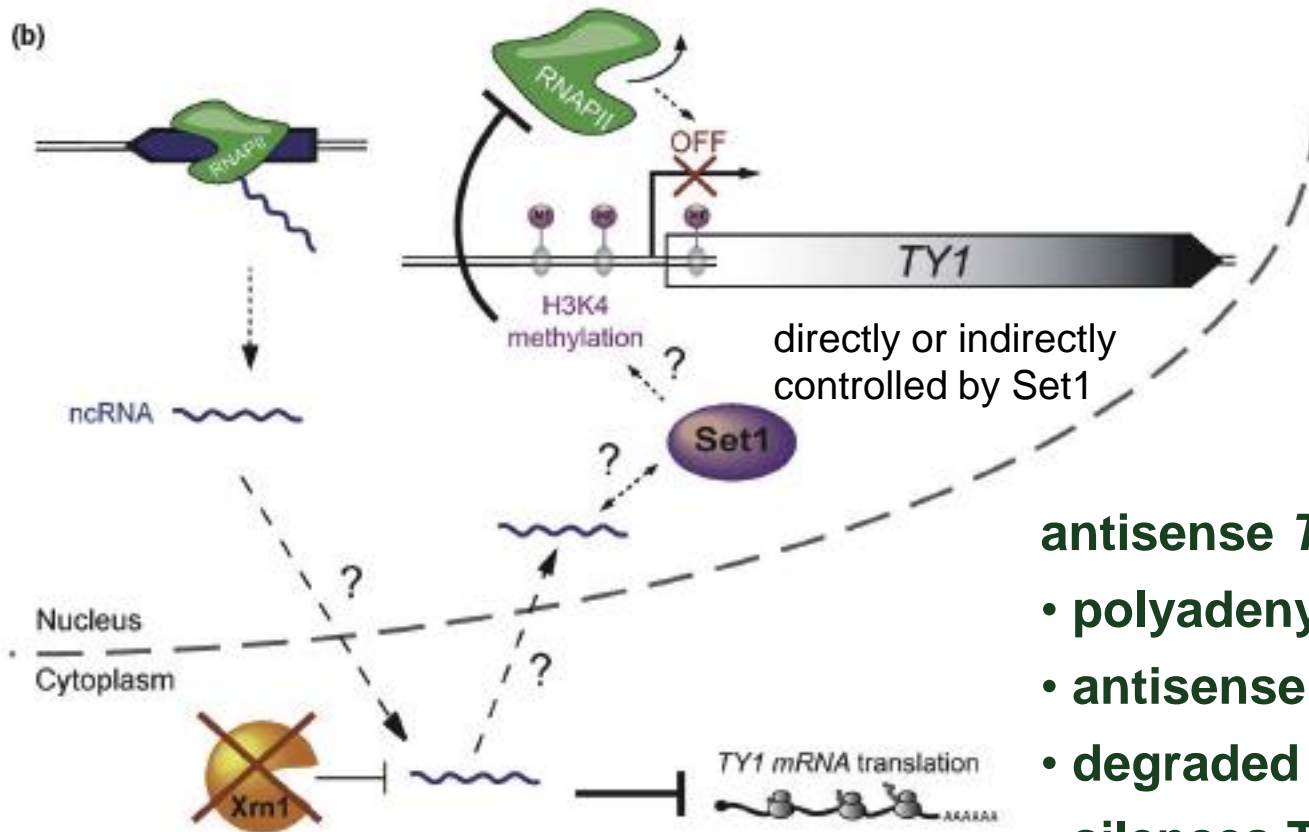


**Repression (glucose) – Gal80/4 inhibitor binding at UAS inhibits transcription of GAL1/GAL10 mRNAs and allows Reb1 binding within GAL10 gene. This induces transcription of CUT RNA, which in turn leads to H3K36 histone methylation by HTM Set1 and Set2, histone deacetylation via recruitment of histone deacetylase complex Rpd3S, and further inhibition of mRNA transcription**



# PHYSIOLOGICAL FUNCTIONS of XUTs

## Transcriptional silencing of the Ty1 transposon

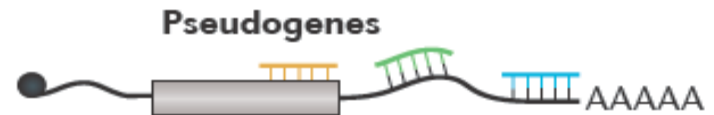
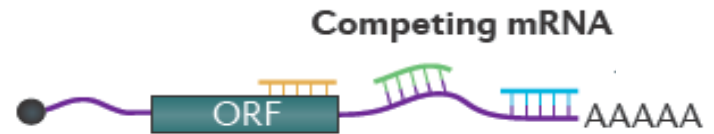
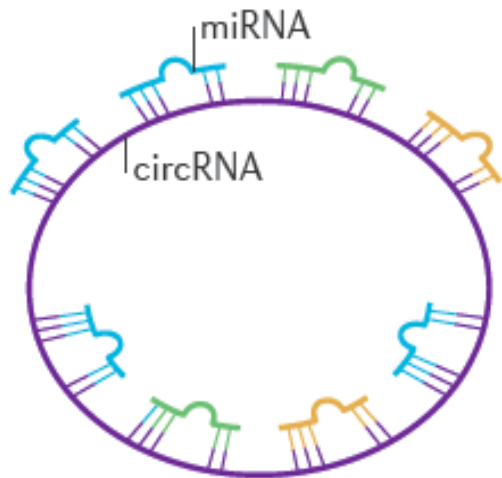


### antisense *TY1* XUT

- polyadenylated Pol II transcript
- antisense to *TY1* promoter
- degraded by cytoplasmic Xrn1
- silences *TY1* expression by promoting histone deacetylation and trimethylation (by Set1)
- can act *in-trans*

# miRNA sponges

**Non-coding or coding competing RNAs that bind and sequester miRNAs and in this way stabilize their mRNA targets**



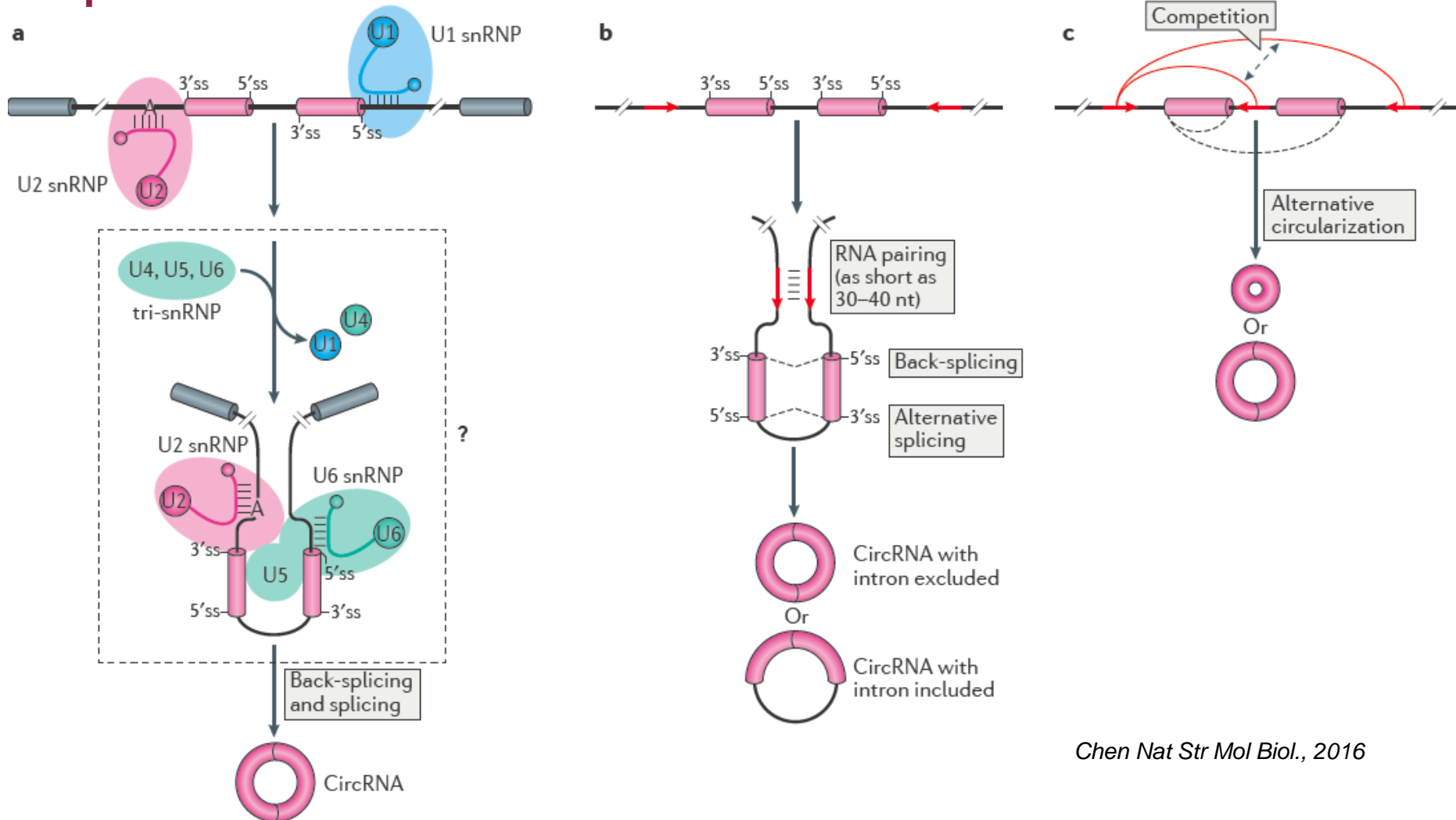
The diagram illustrates the regulation of PTEN and its downstream effects. In the nucleus (N), PTENpg1asRNA $\alpha$  (a black line with a poly-A tail and a Ploycomb DNMT binding site) inhibits PTEN (a blue rectangular protein). In the cytoplasm (C), PTENpg1asRNA $\beta$  (a black line with a poly-A tail and a PTEN binding site) binds to PTEN (a red oval). This binding leads to two pathways: 1) PTEN mRNA (a blue line with a yellow box, green box, and brown box labeled MRE) is translated into PTEN protein (a blue line with a yellow box, green box, and brown box), which then leads to 'Growth arrest apoptosis'. 2) PTENpg1asRNA $\beta$  binds to PTEN protein, which then leads to 'Other mRNAs as ceRNAs (VAPA, VCAN, CNOT6L, ZEB2...)'.





# Circular RNAs: circRNAs

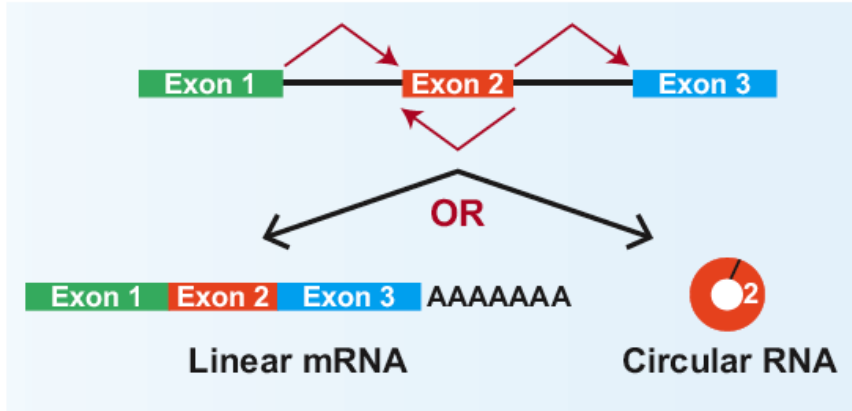
Made of exons, arise by noncanonical back splicing catalysed by the spliceosome



*Chen Nat Str Mol Biol., 2016*

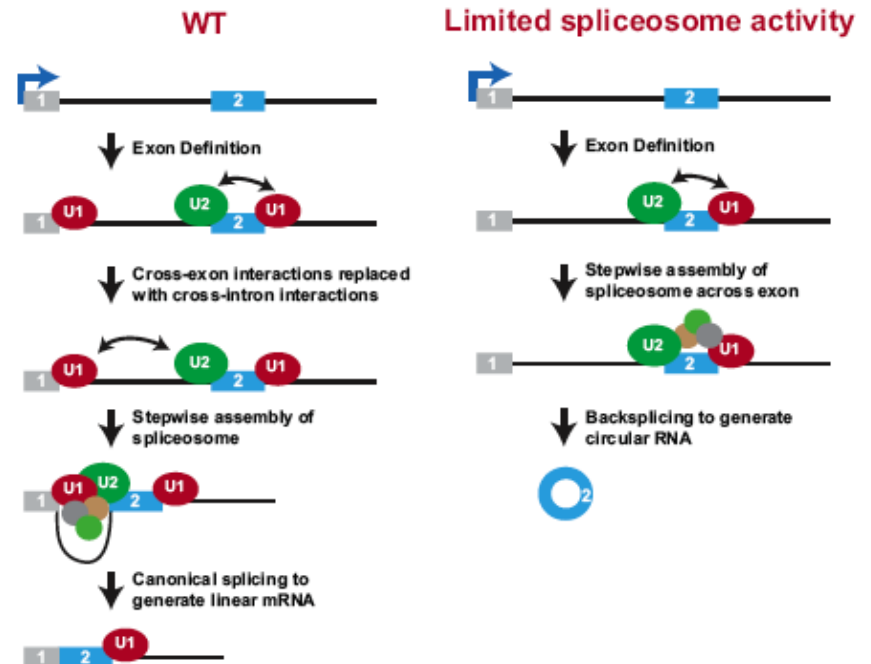
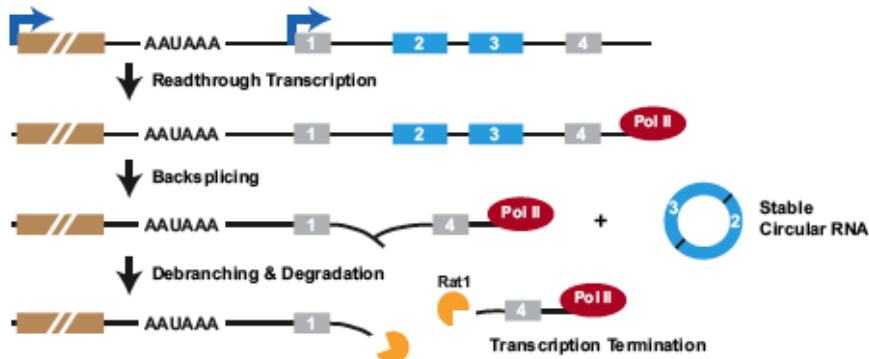
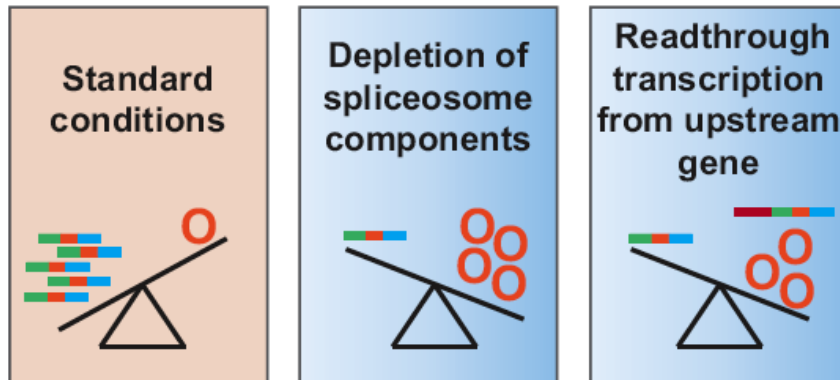
CircRNA synthesis may be stimulated by some RNA binding proteins (Mbl, QKI) that bind to intronic sequences and stabilize short hairpins

# circRNA expression



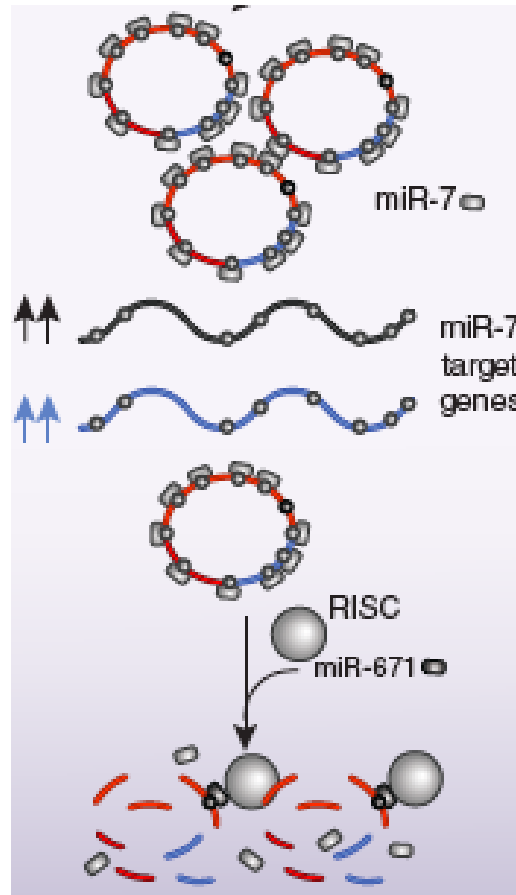
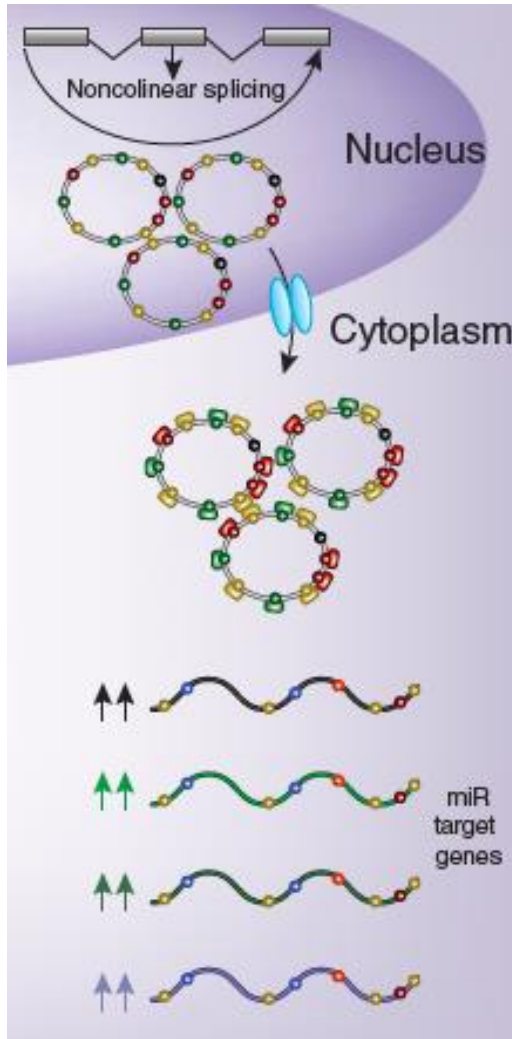
- circRNA expression is stimulated by
- inhibition of canonical splicing (depletion of spliceosome components)
  - readthrough transcription

The amounts of linear vs. circular RNA can be modulated:

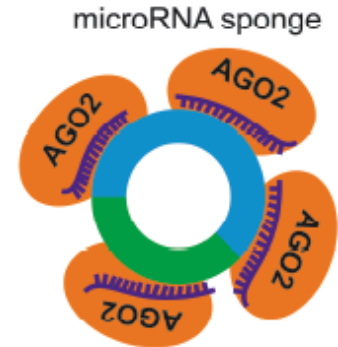


# circRNAs: functions

Some circRNAs contain miR-responsive elements and sequester miRNAs  
 Are often regulated via miRNAs and degraded by Ago2 Slicer  
 CircRNAs with distinct MREs may sequester different miRNAs  
 CircRNAs may also sequester proteins



Taulli et al., Nat Str Mol Biol., 2013  
 Cortes-Lopez and Miura, YJBM, 2016



<b>circRNA</b> CDR1a3	<b>microRNA sponged</b> miR-7 (+70 sites)
circRNA-Sry	miR-671
circRNA-CER	miR-138 (38 sites)
circRNA-001569	miR-136
circ-HRCR	miR-145
circ-Foxo3	miR-223
circHIPK3	miR-36, miR-49, miR-433, and 5 other miRNAs.
	miR-124 and 8 other miRNAs.

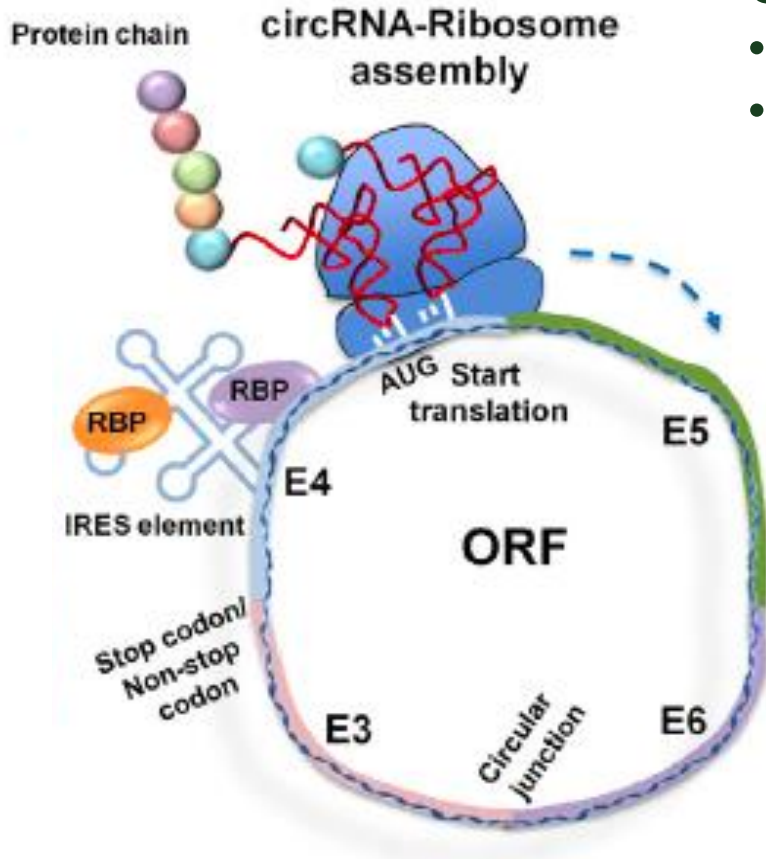


<b>circRNA</b> circ-Foxo3	<b>Interacting Proteins</b> ID-1, E2F1, FAK, HIF1α p21-CDK2
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# but circRNAs can be translated...

## CircRNA translation:

- in a cap-independent manner (IRES)
- often driven by m<sup>6</sup>A modification

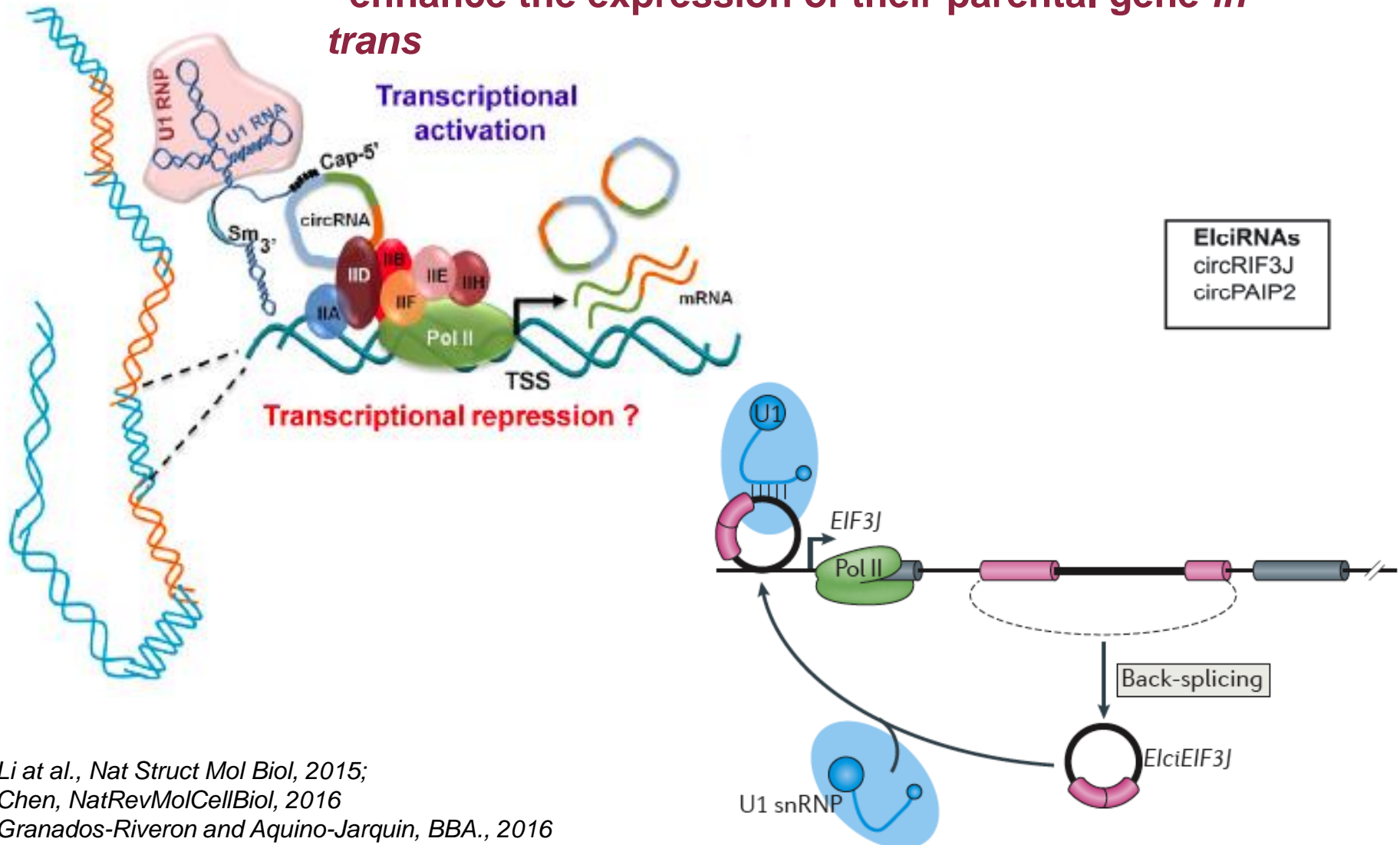


Model	CircRNA feature	Sequence feature	Peptide/protein
<i>Virus</i>			
Hepatitis delta (δ) virus (HDV)	Circular single-stranded RNA	OFR with a TGA stop codon	Protein of 122 amino acids
Rice yellow mottle virus	Covalently closed circular RNA (220 nt)	Infinite ORF, IRES-dependent sequence	16-kDa highly basic protein
<i>Bacteria</i>			
<i>Escherichia coli</i>	795-nt circular mRNA	Infinite GFP ORF, IRES-independent sequence	GFP
<i>Mammals</i>			
HEK-293 cells	Single exon minigene	IRES-dependent sequence	GFP
HEK-293 cells	Exonic	Poly-A tail-independent translation	NH2-terminal portion of NCX1 protein (70-kDa)
Rabbit reticulocyte lysate	Exonic	Cap-independent translation, IRES-independent sequence, poly-A tail-independent translation	EGF, IGF-1, IGF-2
HeLa cells	Exonic		

# circRNAs may regulate transcription

## exon-intron circRNAs (ElciRNAs)

- associate with U1 snRNP in the nucleus
- enhance the expression of their parental gene *in trans*



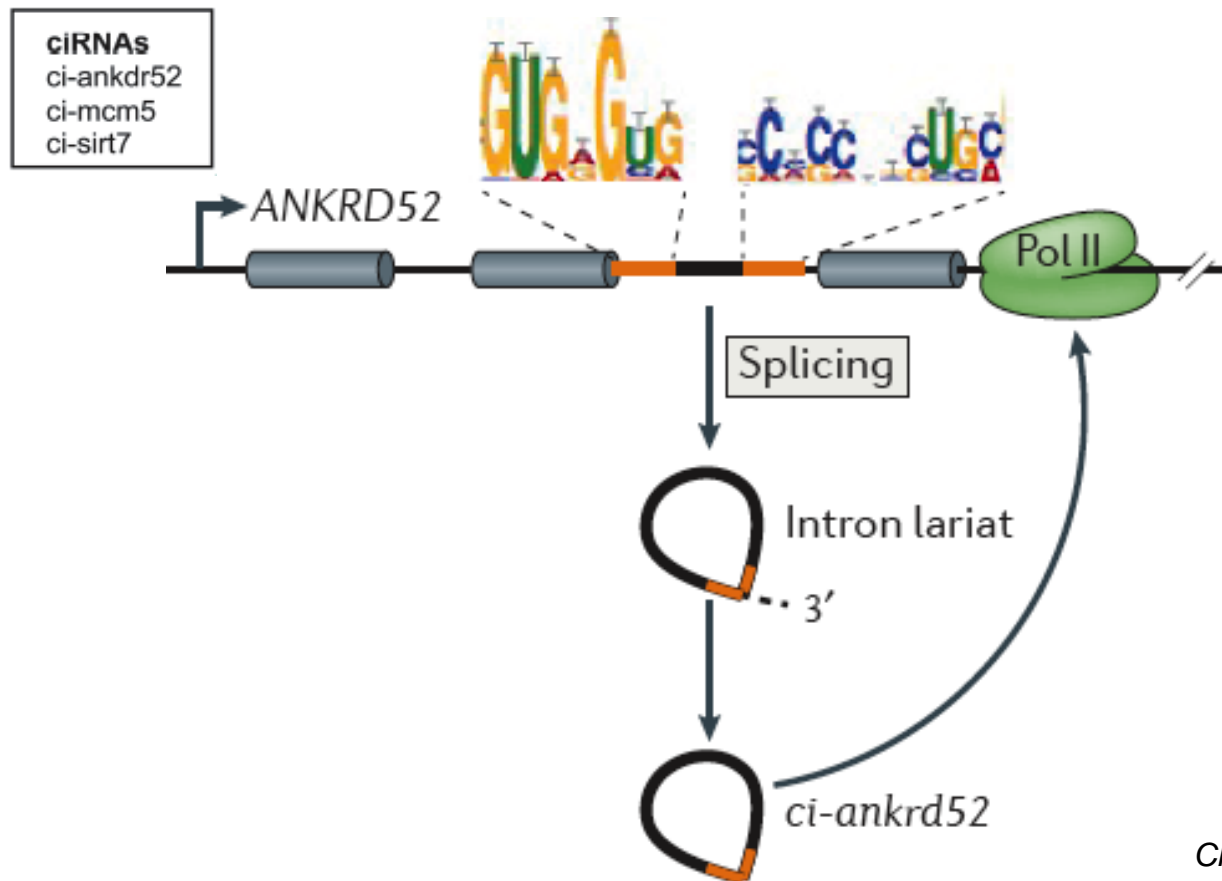
Li et al., Nat Struct Mol Biol, 2015;

Chen, NatRevMolCellBiol, 2016

Granados-Riveron and Aquino-Jarquin, BBA., 2016

# Circular intron-derived ciRNAs regulate transcription

- accumulate in human cells due to lariat debranching defect, in the nucleus
- processing depends on GU-rich motive near 5' splice site and branchpoint
- interact with phosphorylated Pol II and modulate Pol II elongation
- regulate the expression of their parental gene

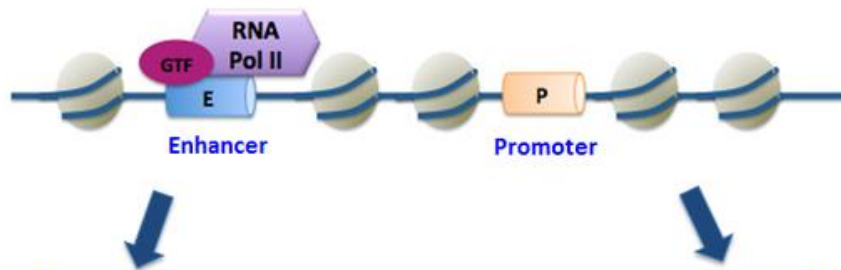




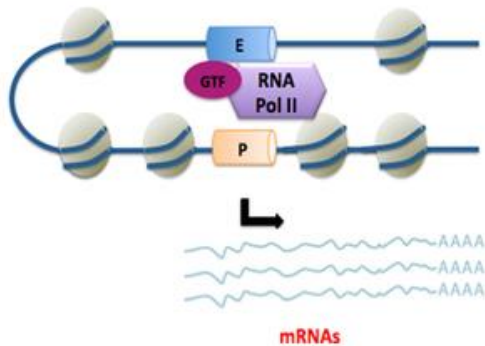
# Enhancer RNAs: eRNAs

**eRNAs: short** (not always, up to 2 kb) **ncRNAs** transcribed from enhancer regions

## Recruitment of RNA Polymerase II Transcription Complex to Enhancers

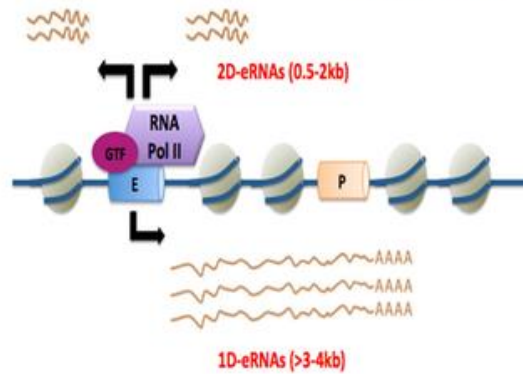


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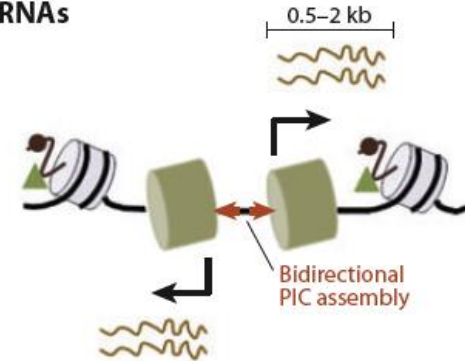
### mRNA Transcription

### eRNA Model

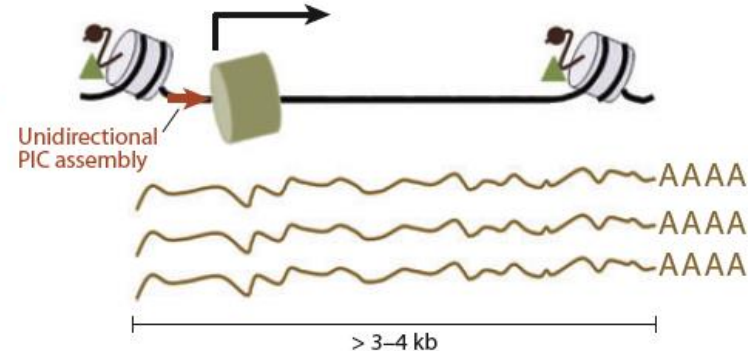


### eRNA Transcription

### a 2d-eRNAs



### b 1d-eRNAs

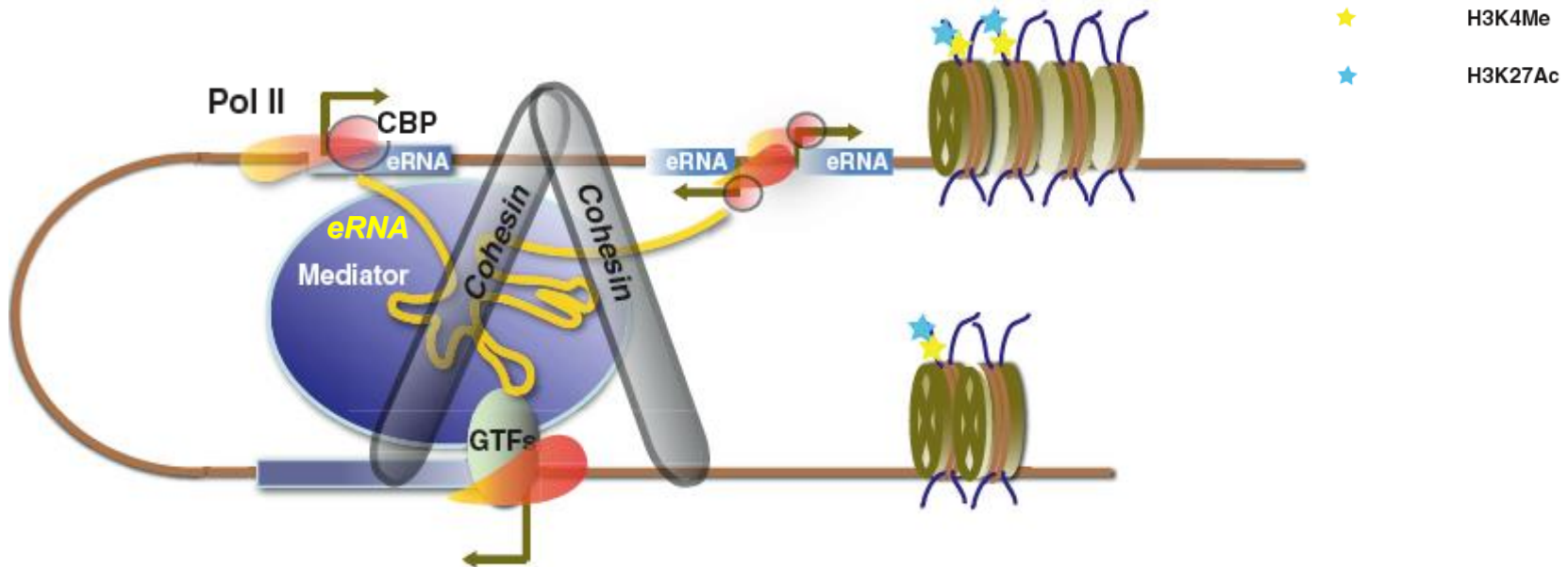
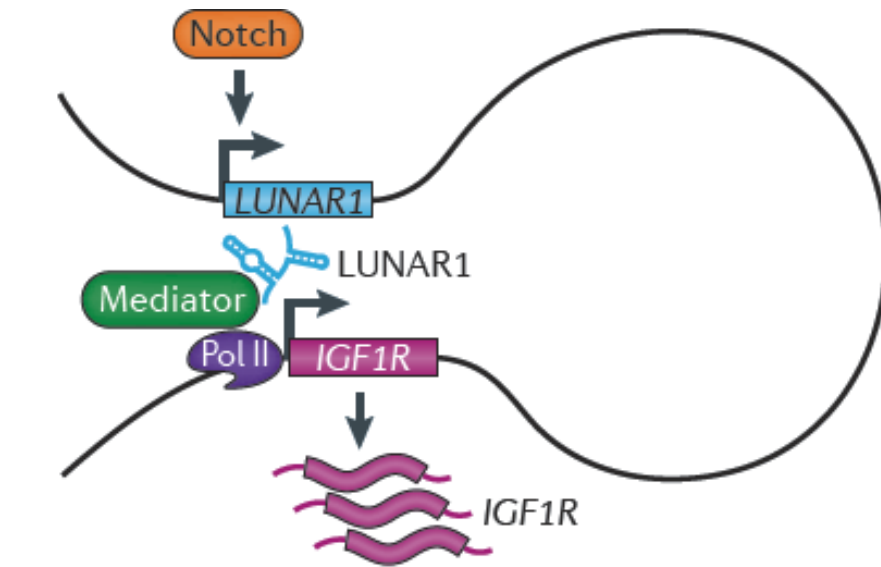


**2d-eRNAs: bidirectional, comparatively short, nonpolyadenylated**  
**1d-eRNAs: unidirectional, long, polyadenylated**

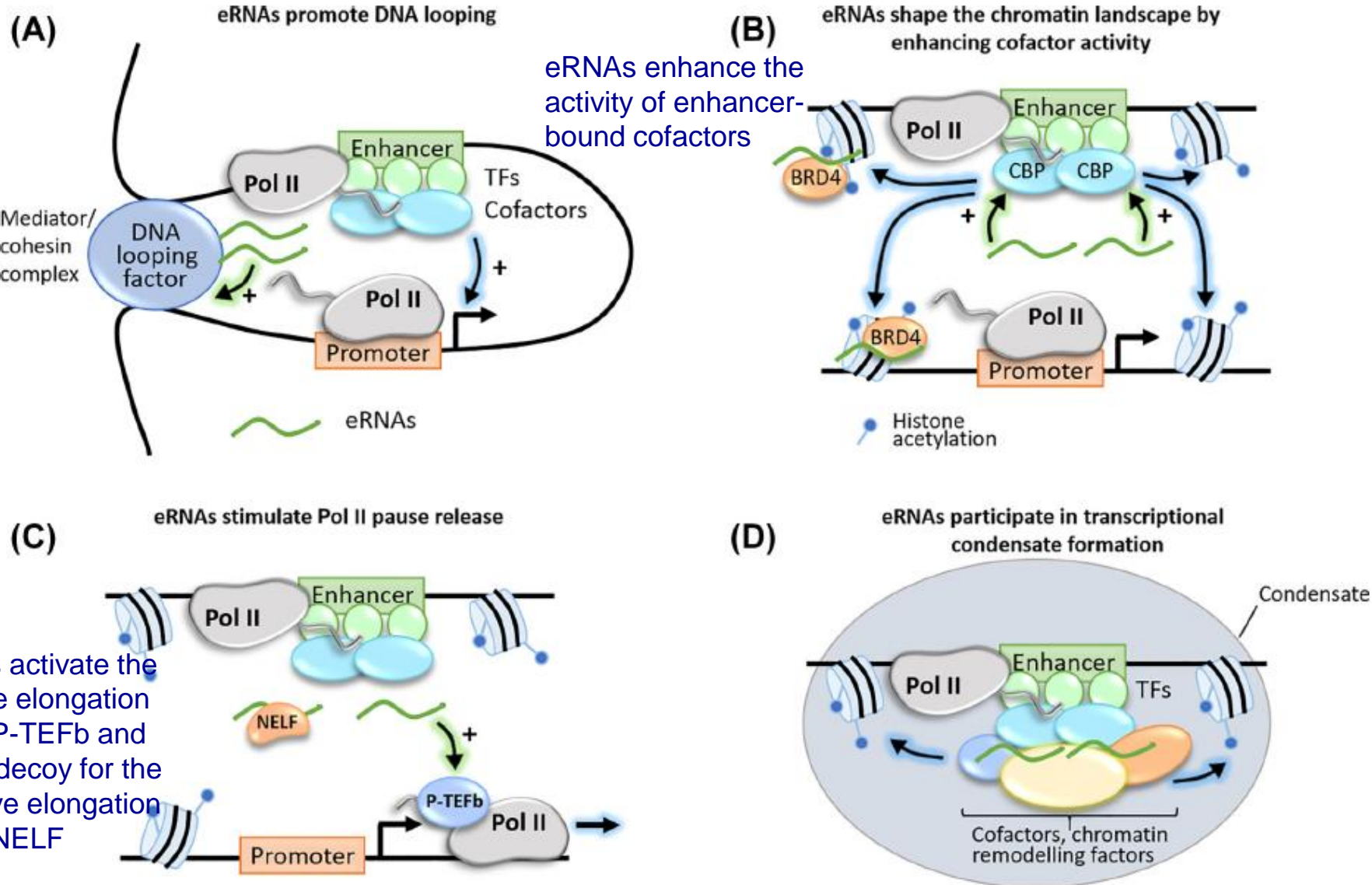
# eRNAs: functions

## Chromosome looping

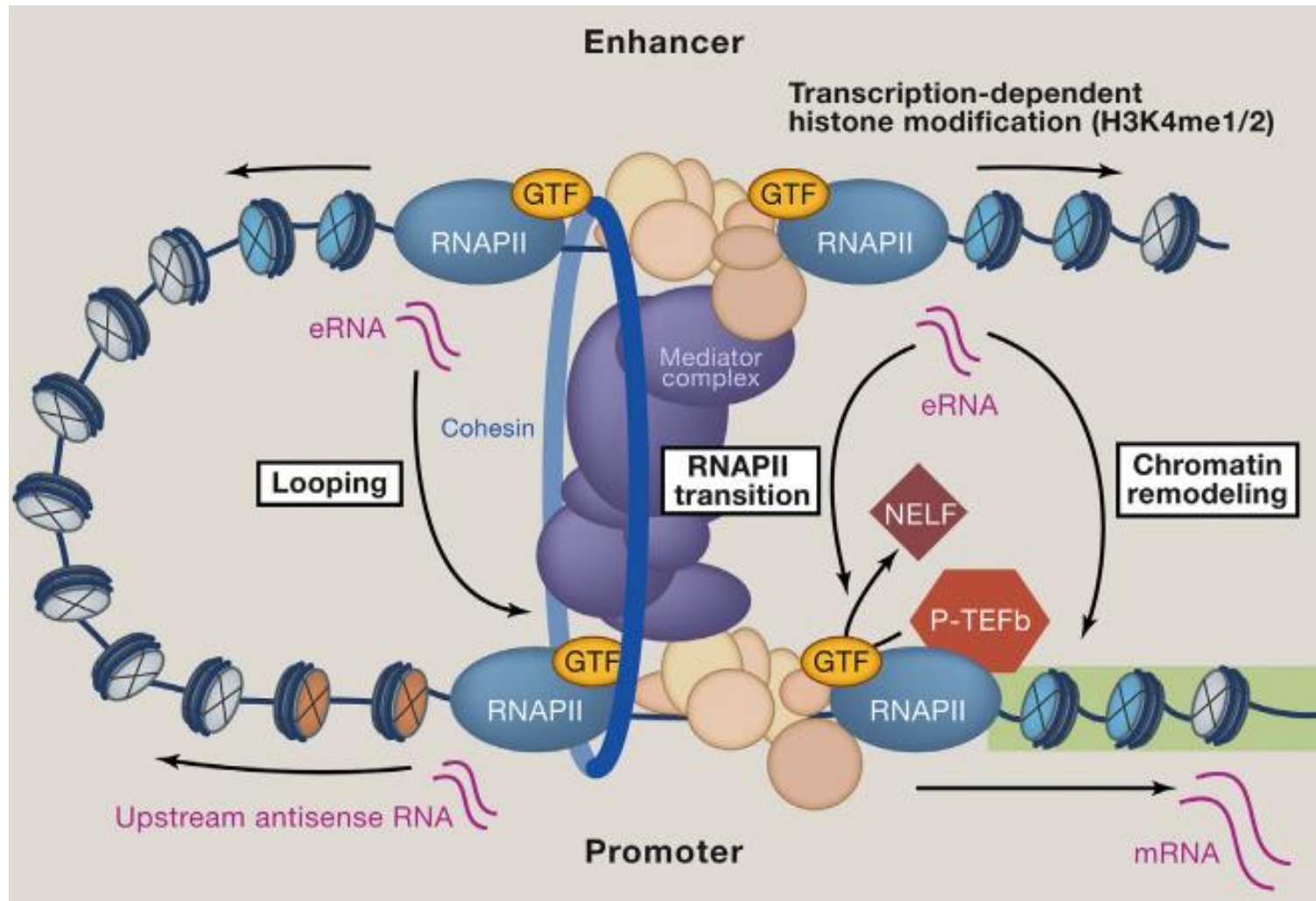
eRNAs interact with DNA looping factors (Mediator, cohesin) to stabilize enhancer-promoter interactions and stimulate PolII activity



# eRNAs: functions



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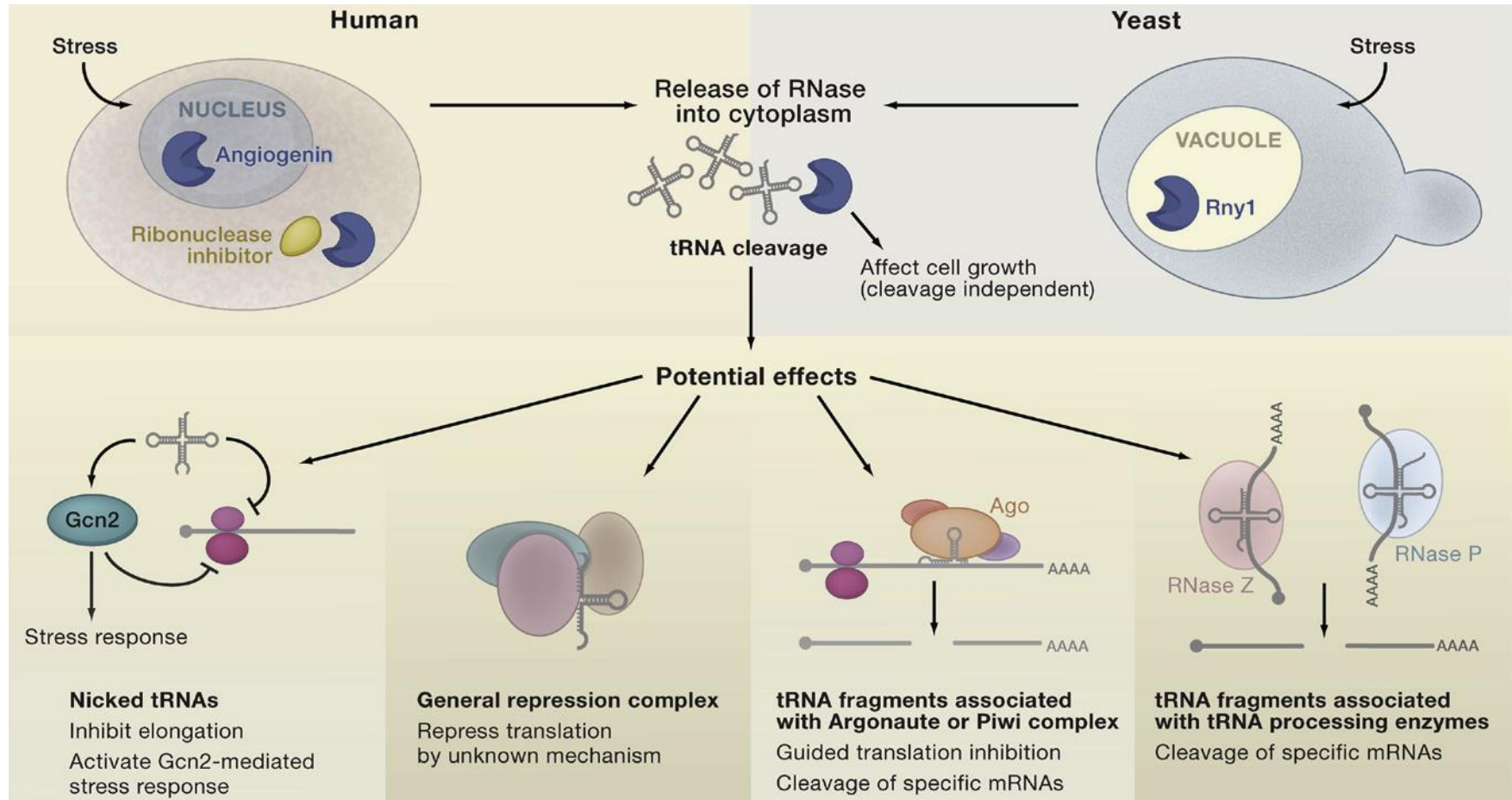




# Unusual ncRNAs: tRFs tRNA-derived RNA fragments

## Stress-induced enzymatic tRNA cleavage

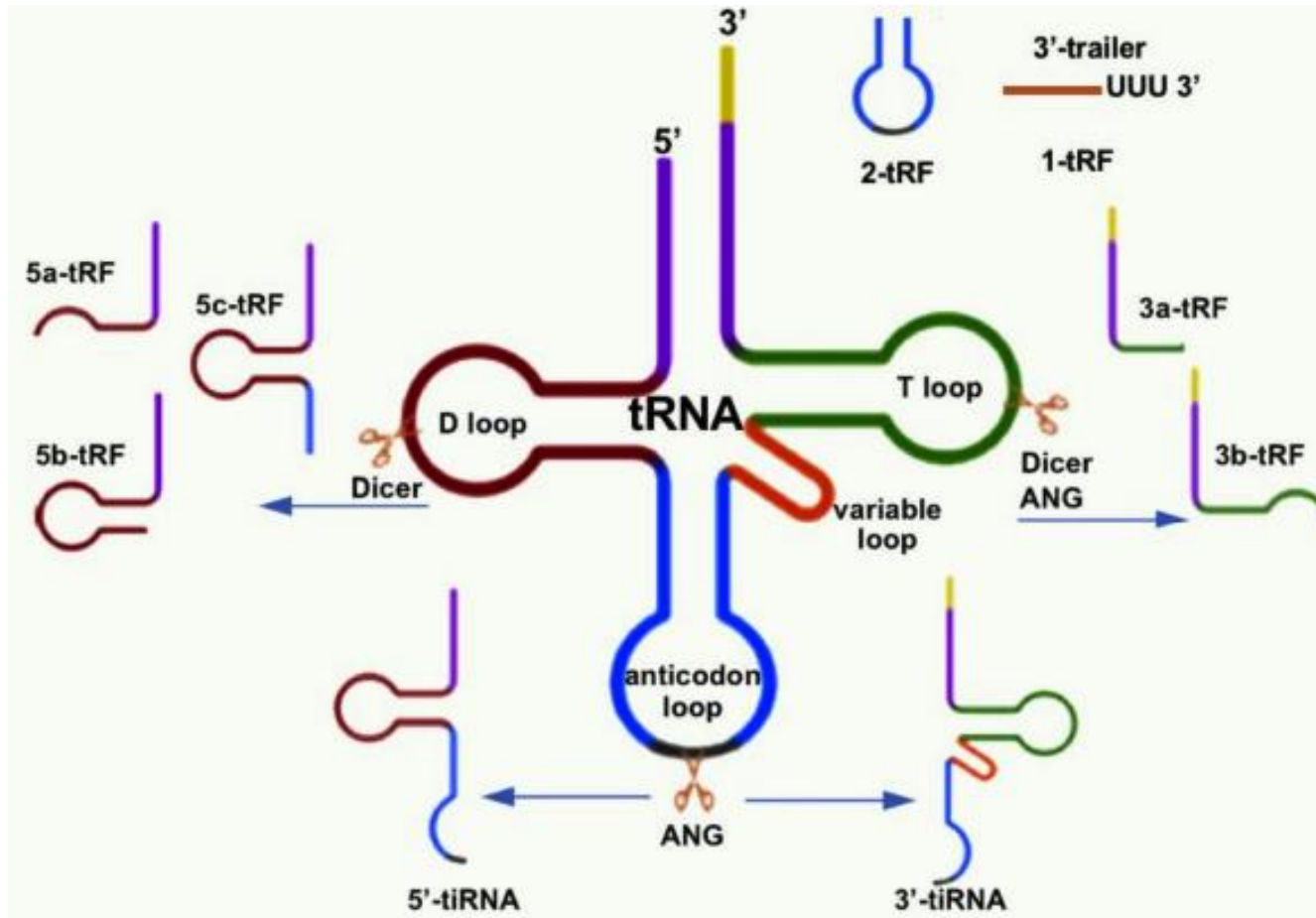
(*S. cerevisiae*, *D. melanogaster*, *A. thaliana*, *A. nidulans*, human cell lines)



Thompson and Parker, Cell, 2009

- act as miRNAs
- regulate translation
- regulate cellular stress response
- role in disease: cancer, viral infection, metabolic and neurological disease

# Unusual ncRNAs: tRFs tRNA-derived RNA fragments



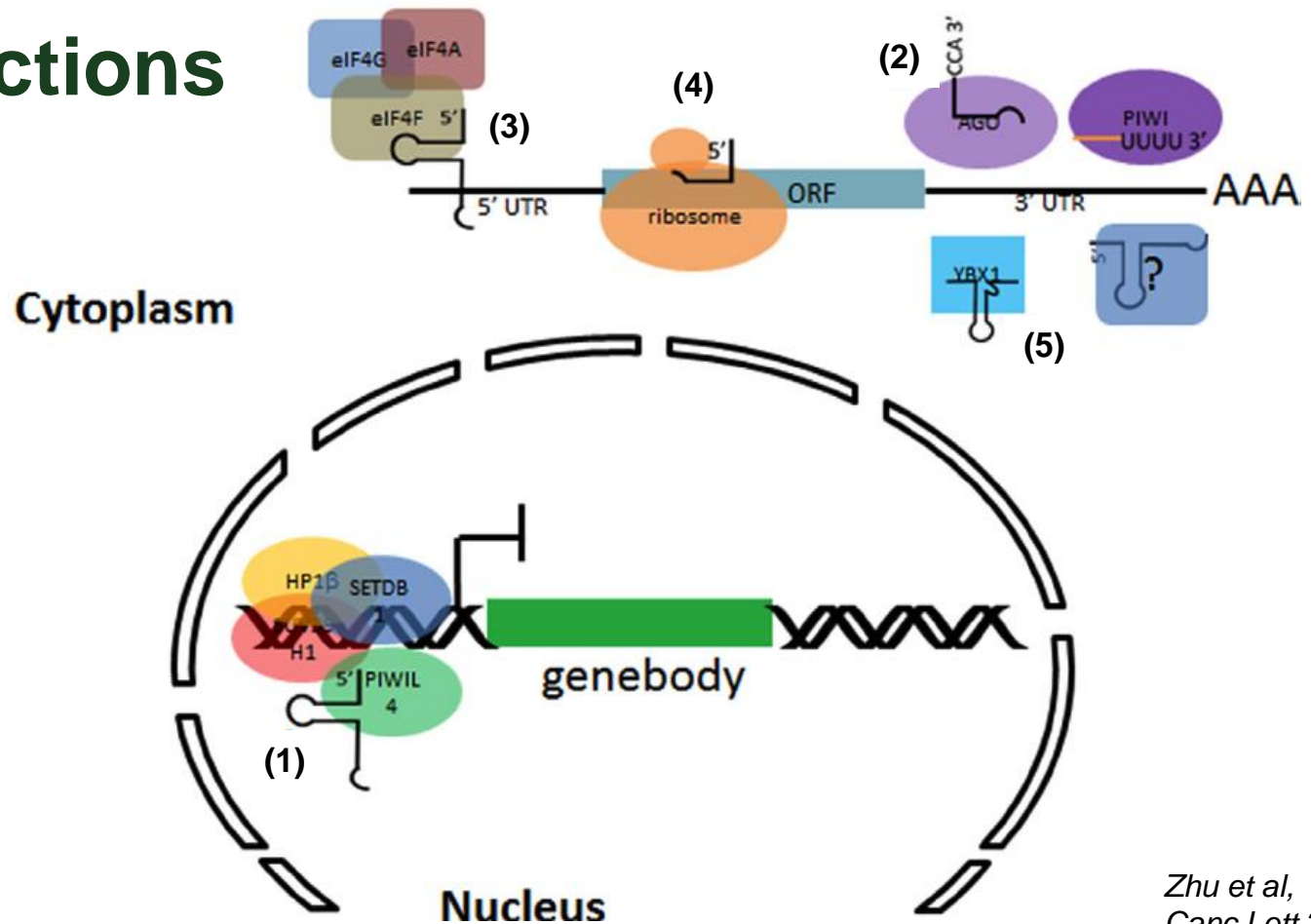
*Li et al,  
Gene 2018*

- > 17 short abundant tRFs (13-26 nts), generated by RNase Z from mature (5' and 3' ends) and precursor (3' trailer) tRNAs (cytoplasm, prostate cancer).
- Abundant Dicer-dependent class I tRFs from mature 3' and 5' ends (HeLa)
- Class II tRFs from RNaseZ 3' cleavage to Pol III termination (cytoplas) associate with Ago2-3. Regulation of silencing via association with Ago proteins?





## tRFs: functions

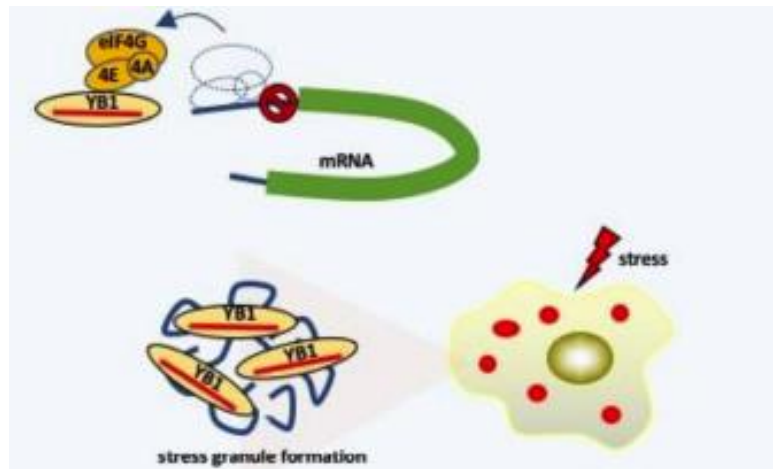


Zhu et al,  
Canc Lett 2018

- (1) **tiRNAs incorporated with Piwi suppress gene transcription**
- (2) **tRFs associated with AGO/Piwi and suppress target gene expression.**
- (3) **tiRNA inhibits translation by displacing translation initiation factor from mRNA**
- (4) **tRFs can suppress translation through affecting ribosome elongation**
- (5) **tRFs can reduce mRNA stability by displacing YBX1 from 3'UTR of mRNA**

**Translational repression** by angiogenin-derived 5'-tiRNAs with terminal 5'-oligoG

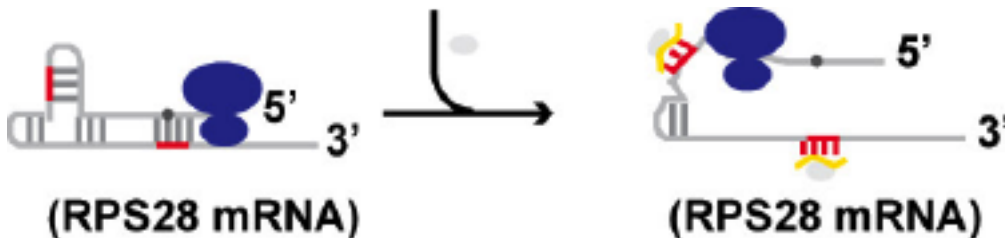
- represses translation *in vitro* and *in vivo*
- displaces eIF4G/eIF4A from uncapped transcripts and eIF4F from m<sup>7</sup>G cap
- triggers formation of stress granules (SGs)
- translational repressor YB-1 contributes to tiRNA-mediated repression



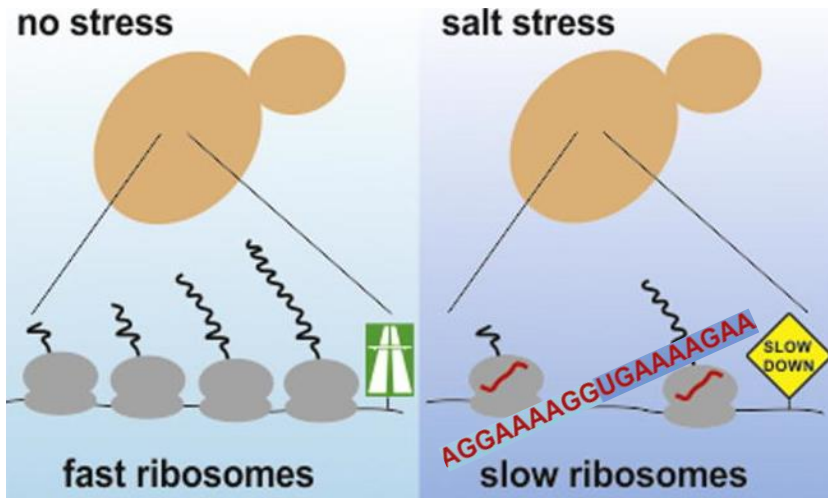
## tRFs: functions

**Translational activation** by affecting ribosome biogenesis

- LeuCAG3' tsRNA binds to *RPS28* and *RPS15* mRNAs and enhances their translation by disrupting secondary structure
- *RPS28* and *RPS15* stimulate biogenesis of 40S ribosome, and so affect cell viability and apoptosis



# Unusual ncRNAs: stress derived RNA fragments

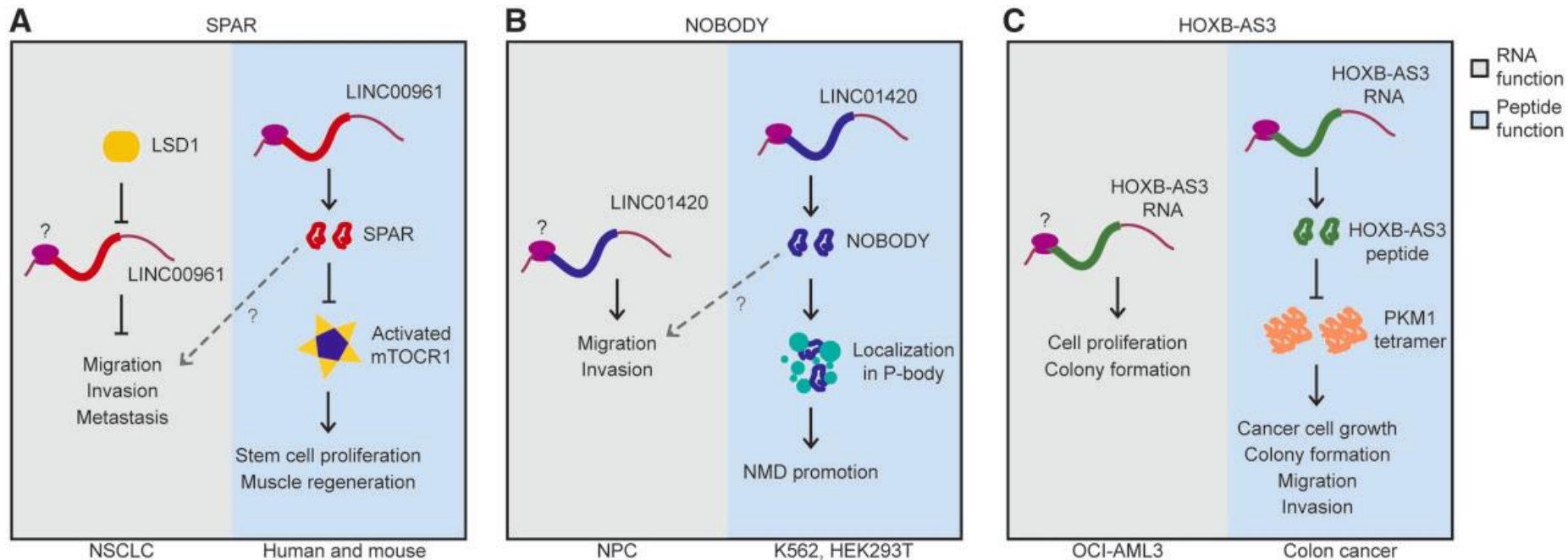


**18-mer ncRNA derived from *TRM10* mRNA during salt stress in yeast**

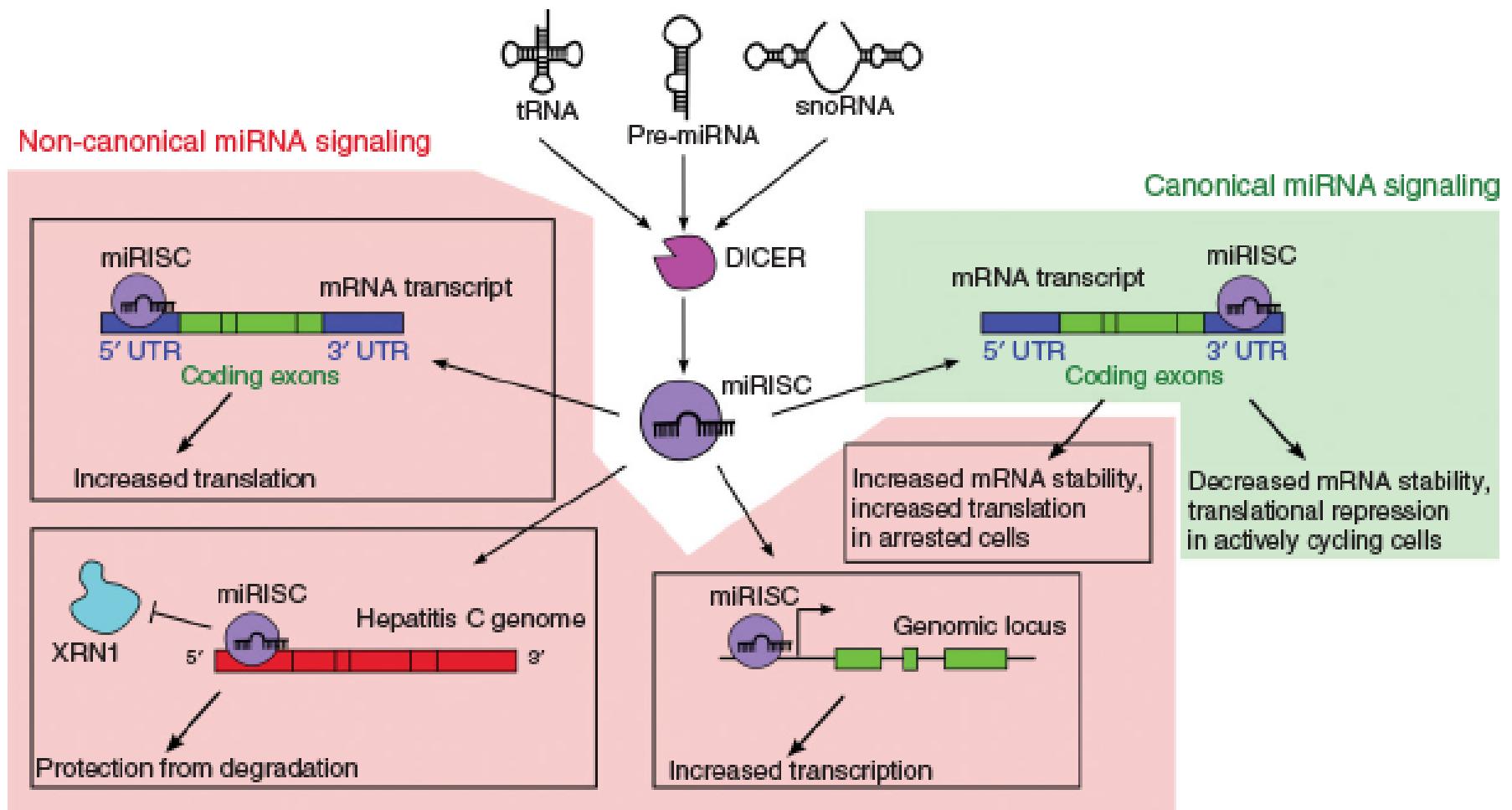
- associates with polysomes
- inhibits general translation

# ncRNAs and sPEP (small peptides)

## Some ncRNA code for sPEP with a functional potential



# Non-canonical miRNAs





Catalanotto et al., *IntJMoISci*, 2016

- present in the nucleus and nucleolus
- form a smaller nuclear miRISC complex with AGO2/AGO3, DICER and also TRBP and TNRC6A (TGA)

**A**

REPRESSOR COMPLEX

TRBP PDCD4 AGO

miRNA

mRNA

TF

RNApol II

**B**

ACTIVATOR COMPLEX

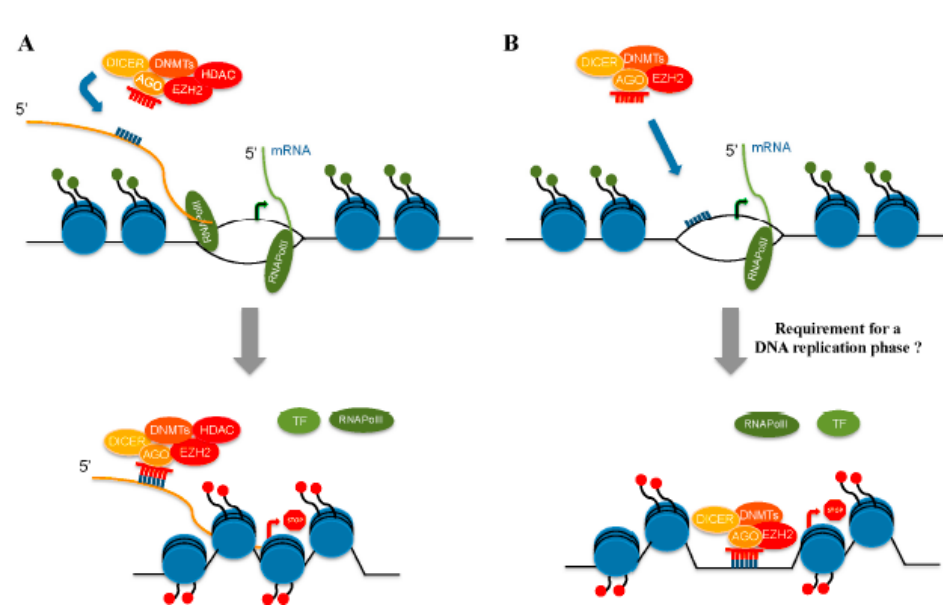
AGO

miRNA

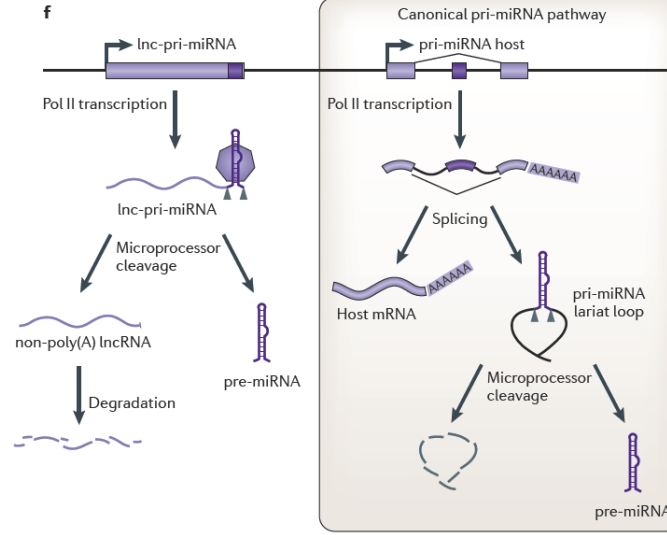
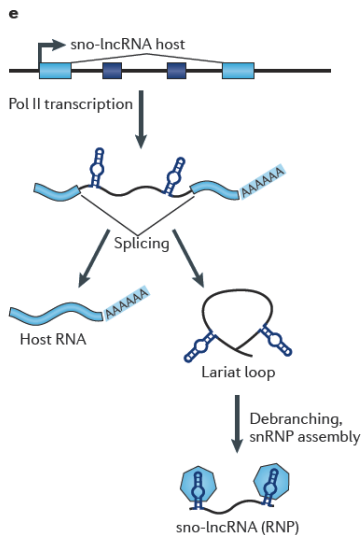
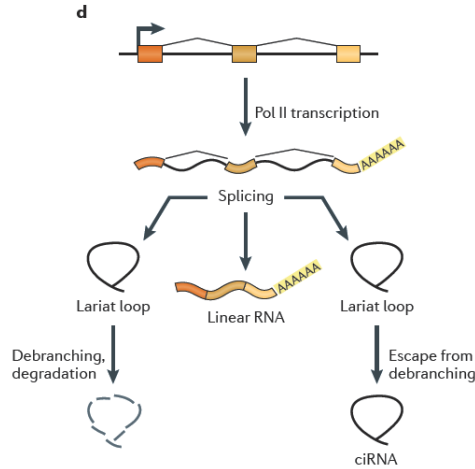
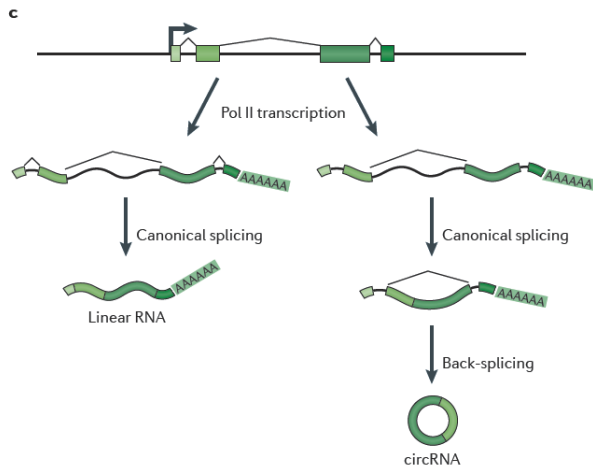
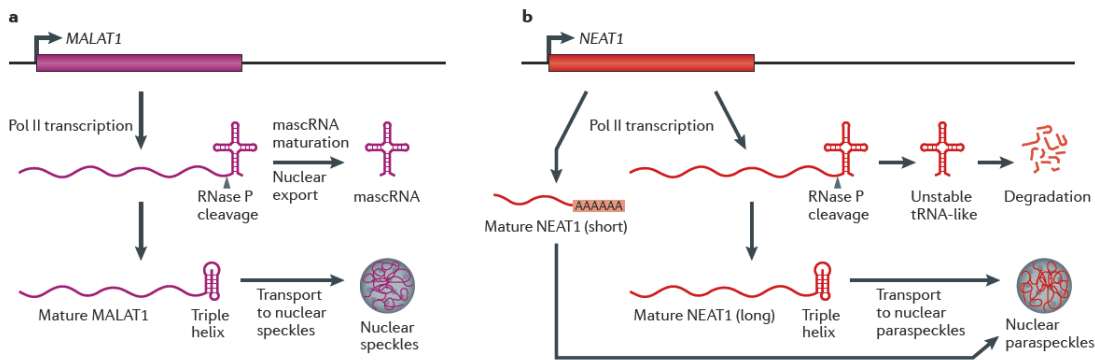
mRNA

TF

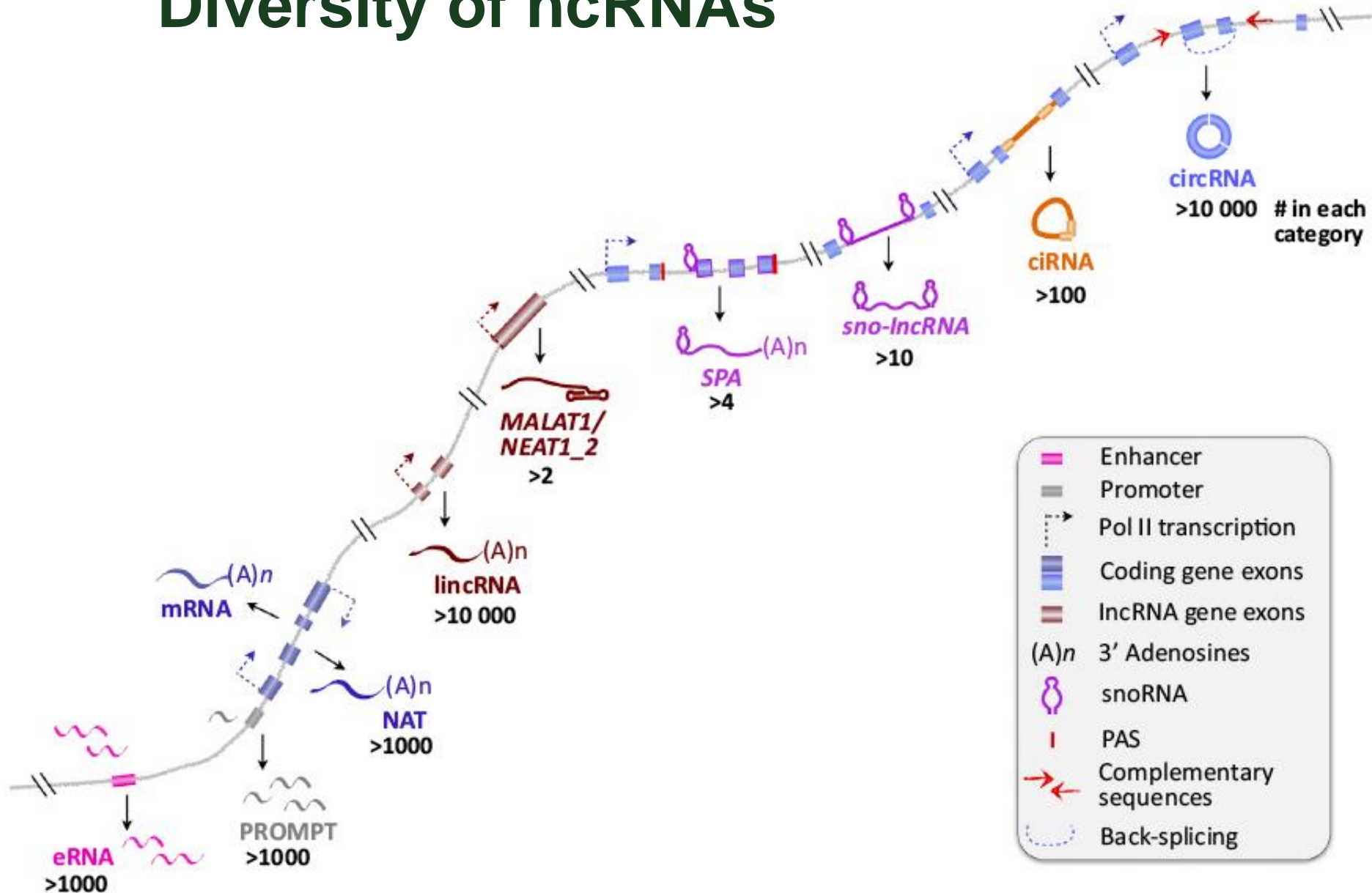
RNApol II



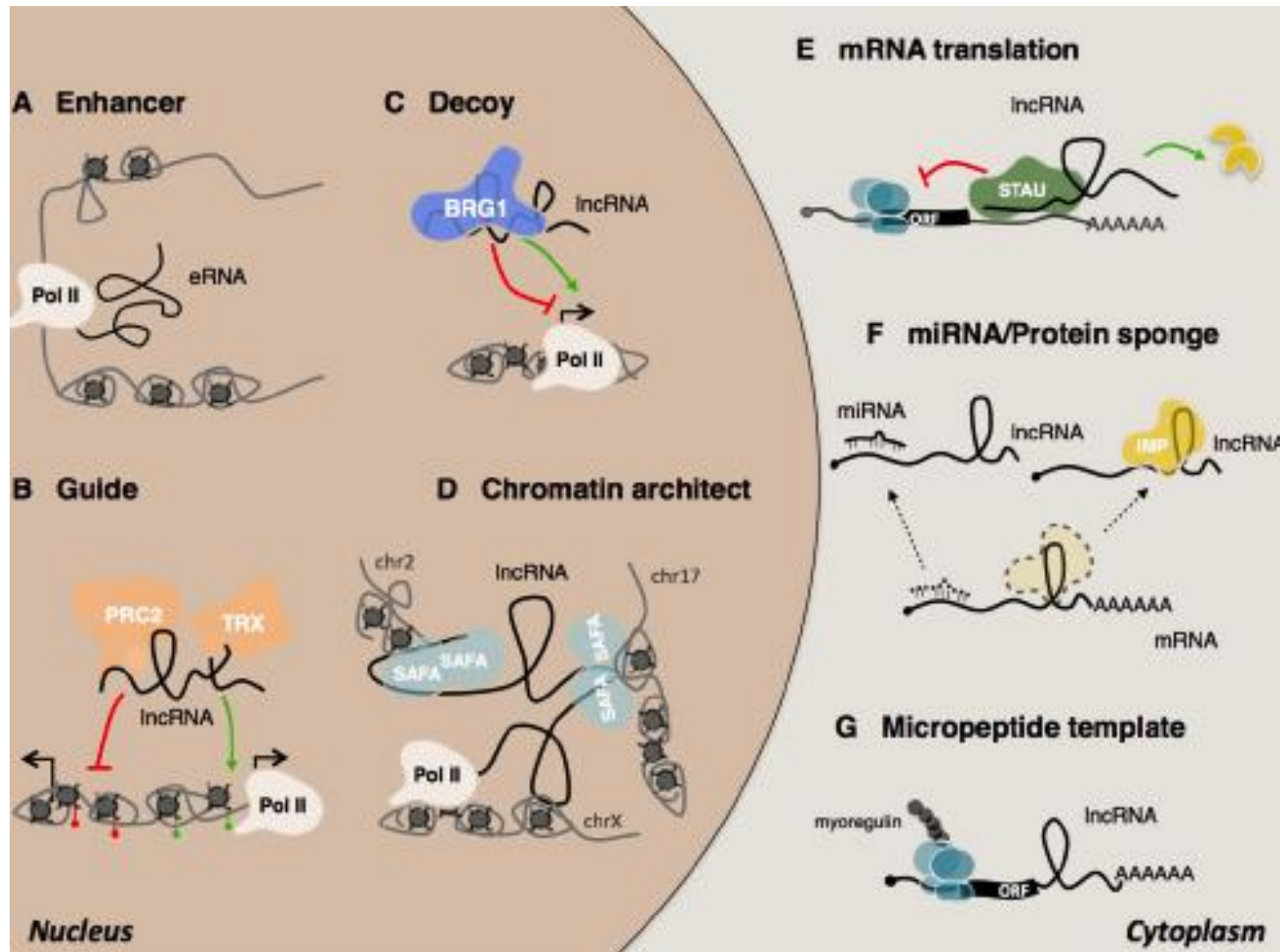
# Unusual ways of ncRNAs



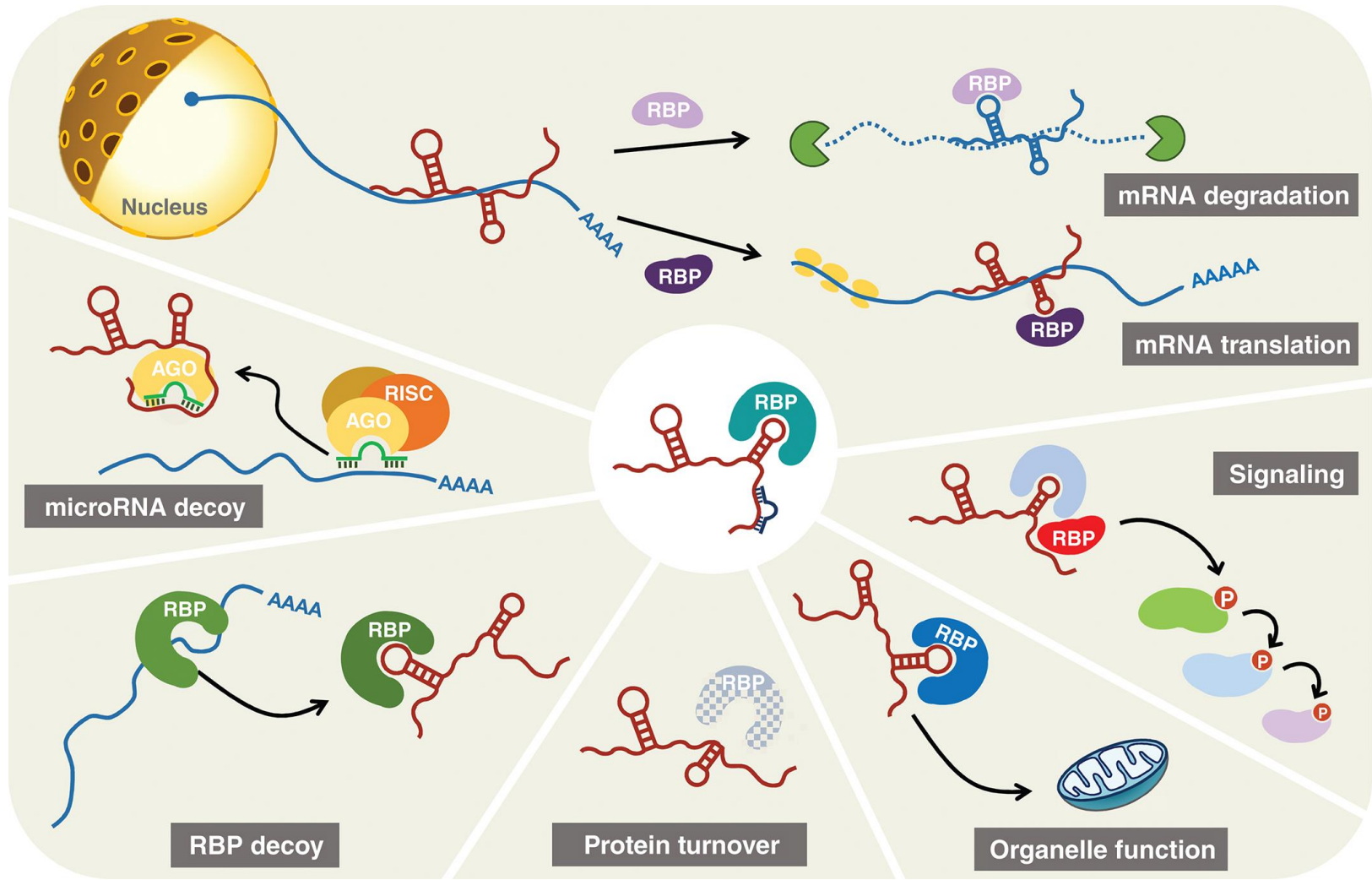
# Diversity of ncRNAs



# Diversity of ncRNA functions



# Diversity of ncRNA cytoplasmic functions



## TAKE-HOME MESSAGE

- The majority of eukaryotic genomes are transcribed giving rise to a variety of RNAs
- At least some of the “invisible” transcripts in some conditions form functional ncRNAs
- These usually act in transcriptional silencing *in-cis* or *in-trans* by recruiting modifying enzymes (DNA, histones) to promoters or interacting with DNA (pRNA)
- Defects in ncRNA level or activity correlate with several diseases