

Prokaryotes

Eukaryotes

- Single DNA
- Circular "loop of DNA"
- No nucleus
- There are 5 DNA polymerases
- DNA repair: DNA polymerase II, IV and V
- DNA polymerase III: DNA polymerization at growing fork in E. coli (formation of newly synthesized DNA)
- The complex of primosome (Helicase + primase) and polymerase III is known as replisome
- DNA polymerase I: 5' to 3' exonuclease activity
Fills the gaps between okazaki fragment

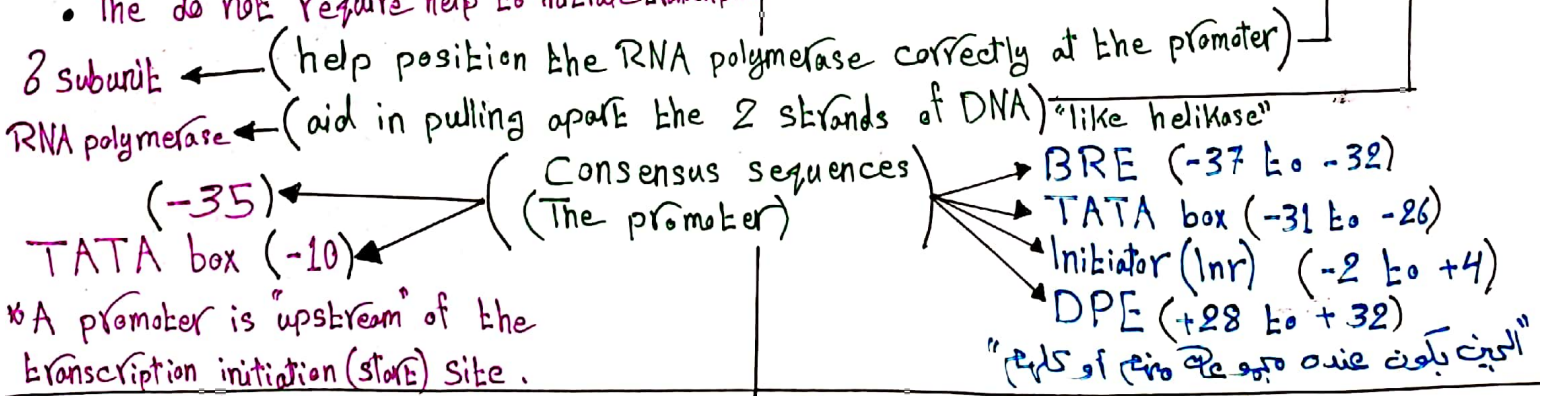
- Multiple DNA
- "Linear non-looped chromosomes"
- Have a nucleus
- There are 9 DNA polymerases
- most of them for DNA repair
- DNA polymerase Alpha (α) has high fidelity and low processivity also "the only one has primase"
- Delta (δ) and Epsilon (ϵ) both have high processivity and fidelity and have proofreading mechanism ($3' \rightarrow 5'$ exonuclease)
- Gamma (γ) has proofreading mechanism and is located in mitochondria.
- The polymerases do not have 5' to 3' exonuclease
- DNA polymerase δ fills in the gaps

Oric: 9-mer: binding site for initiator protein called DnaA.
13-mers: AT-rich region - it facilitates separation of the double strand DNA

Oric: Several autonomously replicating sequences, each containing an 11-base-pair ARS consensus sequence (ACS) and (B1/B2/B3)

- Contain a single type of RNA polymerase
- The core polymerase consists of 2 α , 1 β , 1 β' and 1 omega subunits (ω)
- σ subunit guide the RNA polymerase to the promoter region
"important in efficiency of RNA polymerase Not in RNA synthesis (not required for the basic catalytic activity of the enzyme)"
- They do not require help to initiate transcription

- Contain 3 RNA polymerase
- RNA polymerase I: transcribes rRNA genes
- RNA polymerase III: transcribes tRNA genes and one rRNA gene.
- RNA polymerase II: transcribes protein encoding genes (mRNA) and microRNA
- They require help from general transcription factors



* A promoter is "upstream" of the transcription initiation (start) site.

- Genes can be monocistronic or polycistronic

- Genes must be monocistronic

Operons ← (In order to coordinate the expression of all genes that share similar pathways) → **Promoter proximal elements (PPE)**

• mRNAs are very unstable (having a half-life of about 3 minutes)

• mRNAs are more stable (up to 10 hours, average of 30 minutes)

Mechanism of Transcription

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- The RNA polymerase binds to the promoter by help of σ subunit and form closed promoter complex
- RNA polymerase act as helicase and form open promoter complex
- Transcription is initiated by the joining of two NTPs.
- After addition of about 10 nucleotides, σ is released from the polymerase and binds to another RNA polymerase

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Initiation

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- TFIID binds to the promoter recruiting other proteins and forming the transcription pre-initiation complex.
- A member of this complex is TFIIF, which contains a DNA helicase
- TFIIF creates an open promoter exposing the DNA template to the RNA polymerase

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Elongation

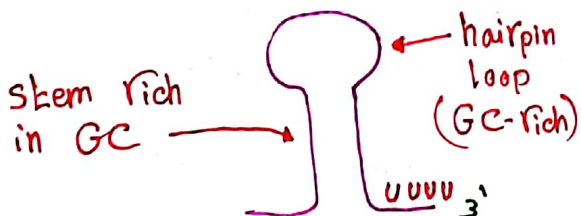
- As the polymerase moves forward, it:-
 - unwinds the template DNA ahead of it
 - elongates the RNA
 - rewinds the DNA behind it

- Movement of the polymerase is activated by the addition of phosphate groups to the "tail" of the RNA polymerase
- This phosphorylation is also catalyzed by TFIIF, which also possess a protein kinase subunits.

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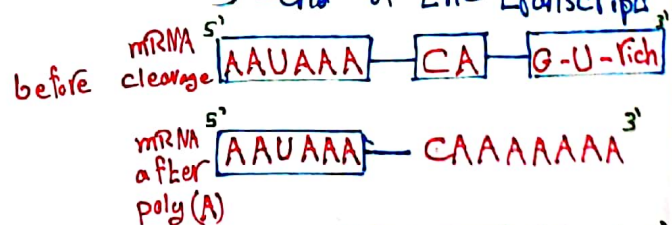
Termination

- Symmetrical inverted repeat of a GC-rich sequence followed by A residues
- Transcription of the GC-rich inverted repeat results in the formation of a stable stem-loop structure



- Termination is determined by a consensus sequence for termination in mRNA, which is AAUAAA followed 10-30 nucleotide downstream by a GU-rich sequence

- Termination is coupled to the process that cleaves and polyadenylates the 3'-end of the transcript



↳ adds ~ 200 A nucleotides to 3'