

## زیست شناسی مولکولی، جلسه پنجم

۱- بیان ژن

۲- ژن های کدکننده و غیرکدکننده پروتئین

۳- مراحل بیان ژن در پروکاریوت ها و یوکاریوت ها

# GENE EXPRESSION

How is a gene expressed?

DNA → RNA → protein

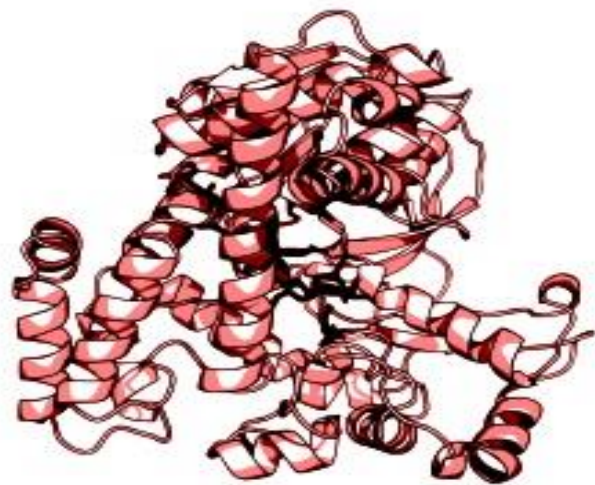
- DNA → RNA
  - Transcription
- RNA → protein
  - Translation



Gene

mRNA

Protein



Function

ncRNA



Function

**1- Transcription**

**2- Post transcriptional modifications**

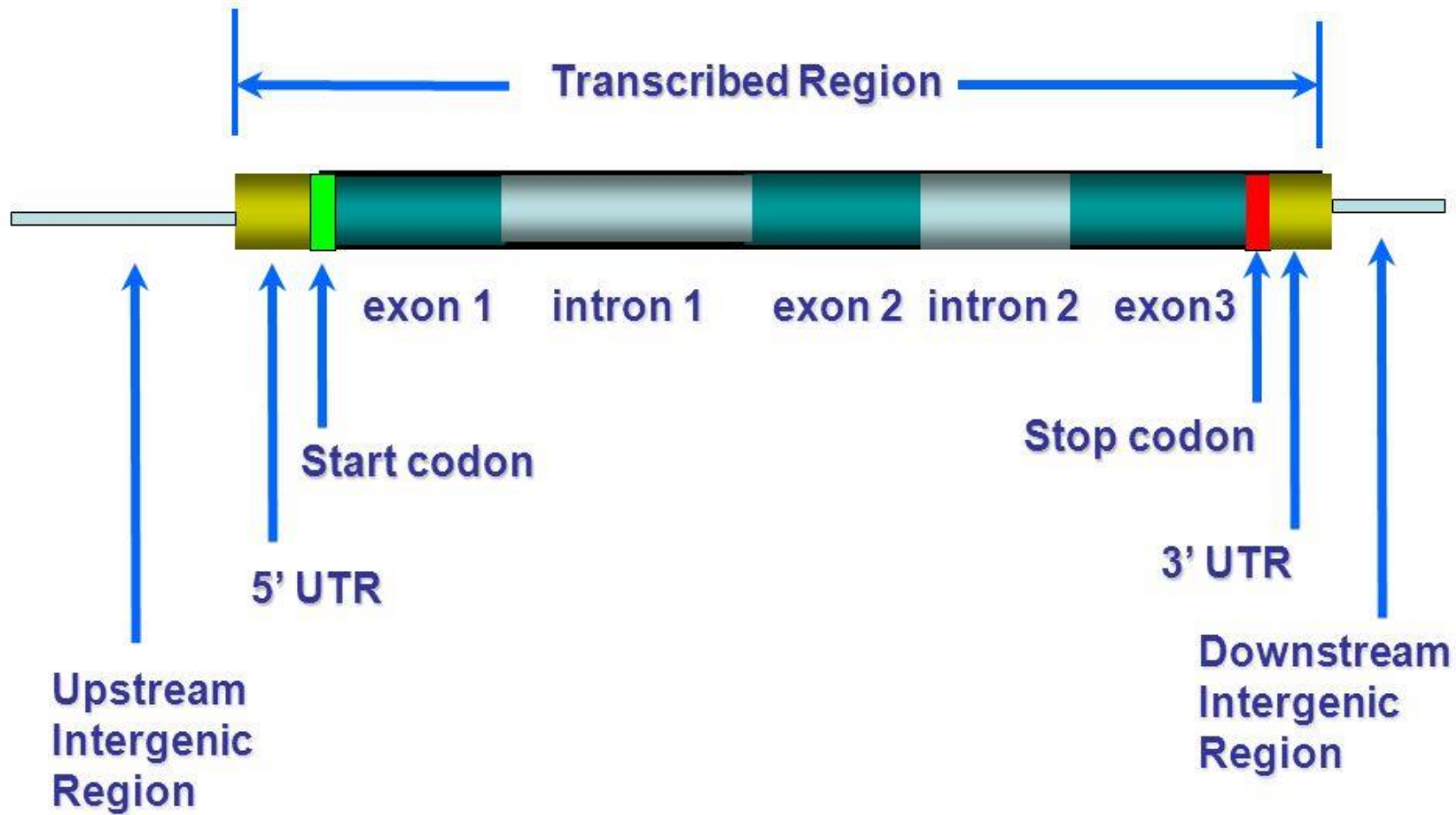
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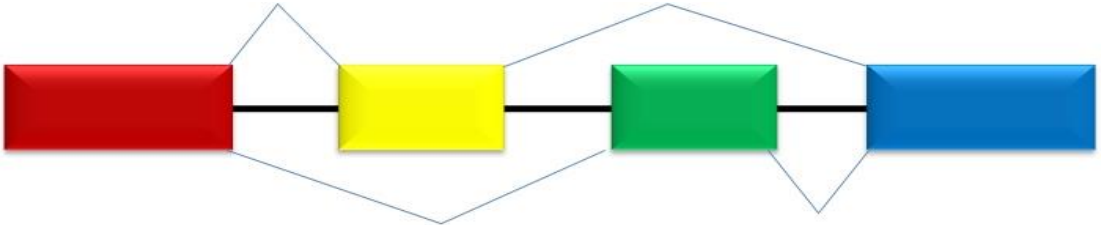
**4- Post translational modifications**

# زیست شناسی مولکولی، جلسه ششم

**Splicing، انواع و مکانیسم های آن**

# Eukaryotic Gene Structure\*





pre-mRNA



splicing



alternatively  
spliced  
mRNAs

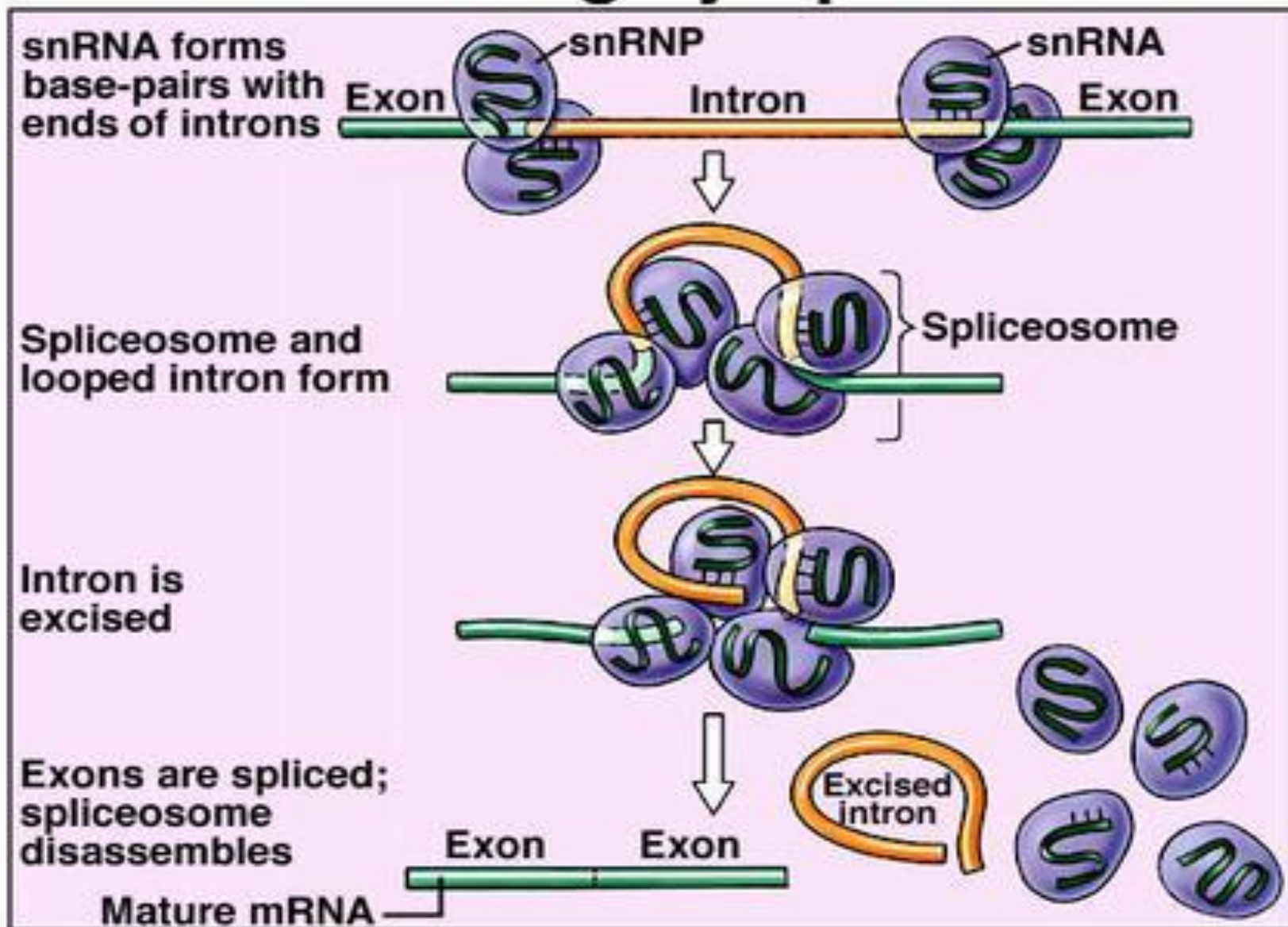


translation



protein  
isoforms

# RNA Processing by Spliceosomes



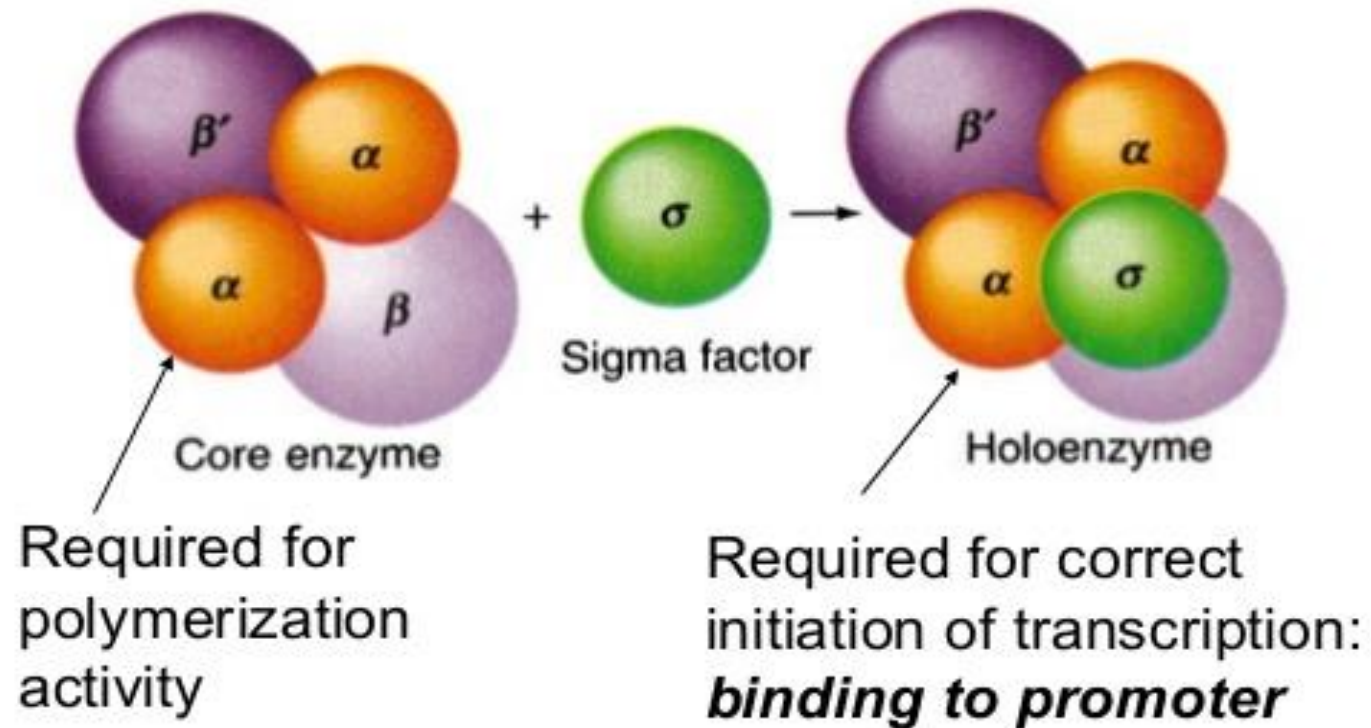


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تنظیم بیان ژن در پروکاریوت ها

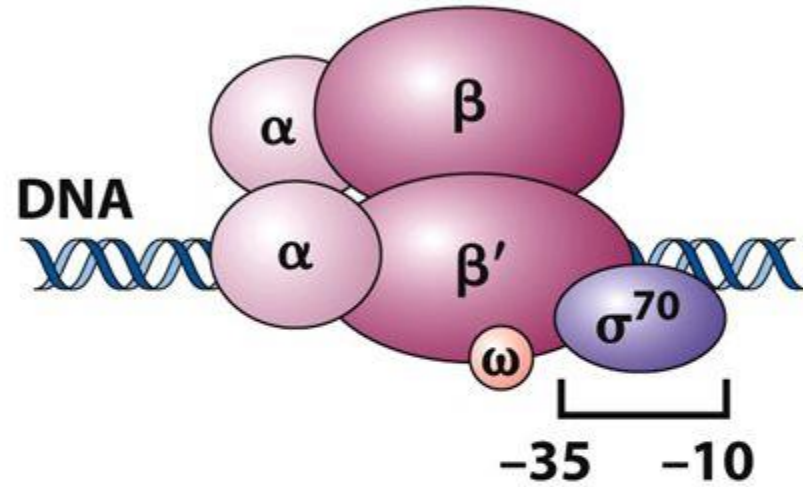
# *E. coli* RNA polymerase

2 $\alpha$ , 1 $\beta$ , 1 $\beta'$ , 1 $\omega$  and  $\sigma$  factor



# Transcription Initiation in Prokaryotes

## (a) RNA polymerase binding to promoter



## (b) Initiation

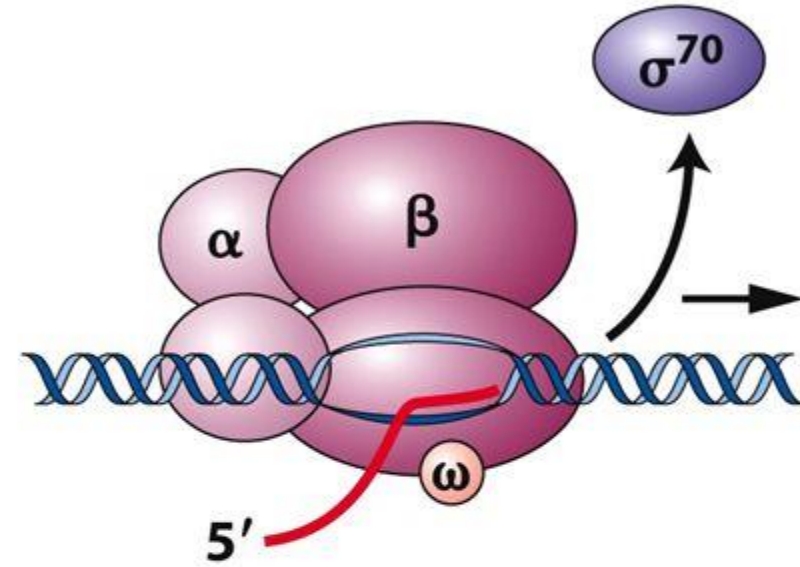


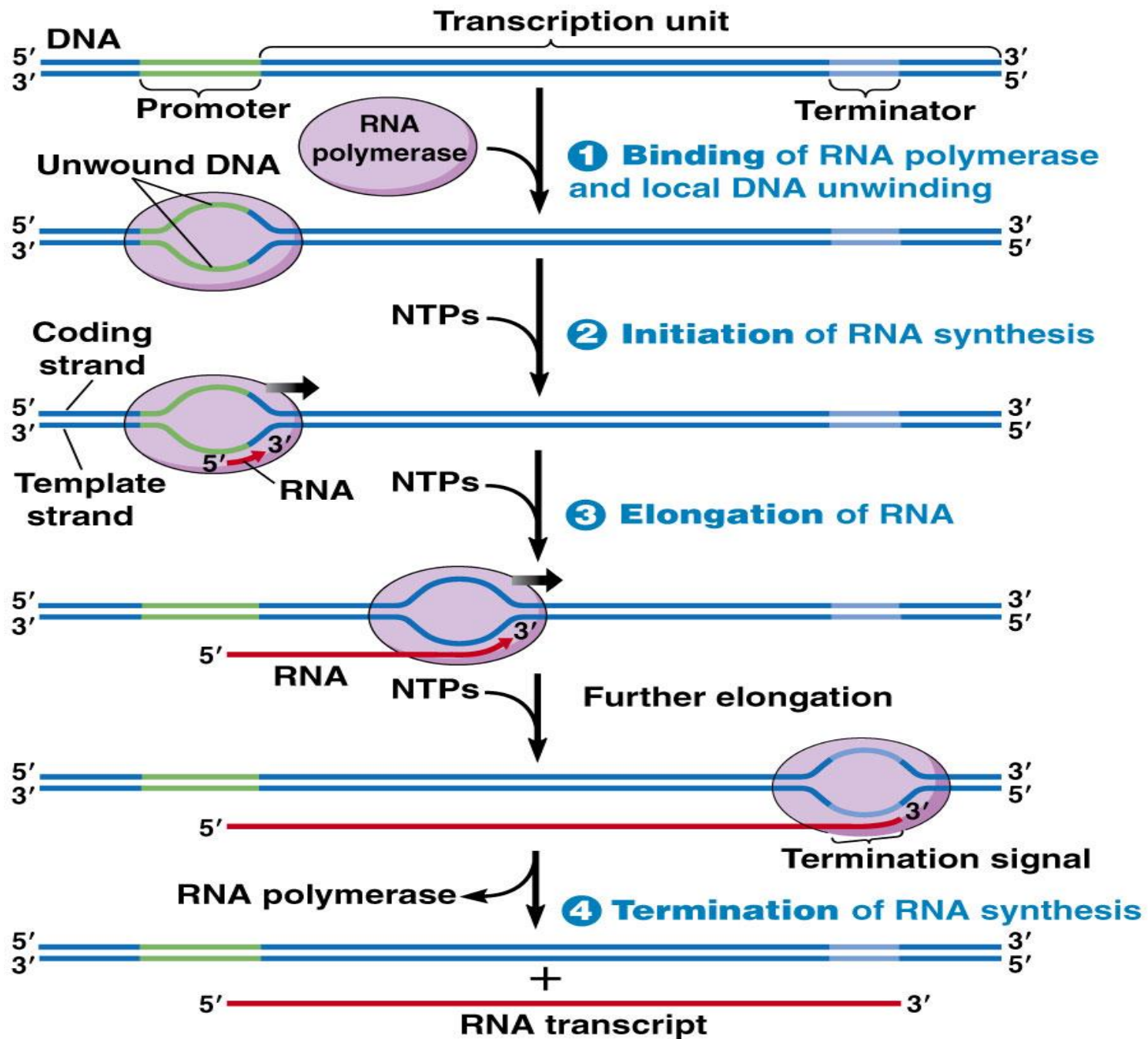
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$\sigma$  subunit positions RNA polymerase for correct initiation.

Upon initiation of transcription,  $\sigma$  subunit dissociates.

## Transcription of Prokaryotes

- **Initiation phase:** RNA-pol recognizes the promoter and starts the transcription.
- **Elongation phase:** the RNA strand is continuously growing.
- **Termination phase:** the RNA-pol stops synthesis and the nascent RNA is separated from the DNA template.



## OPERON in gene regulation of prokaryotes:

**Definition:** a few genes that are controlled collectively by one promoter

**Its structure:** Each Operon is consisted of few structural genes( cistrons) and

some cis-acting element such as promoter (P) and operator (O).

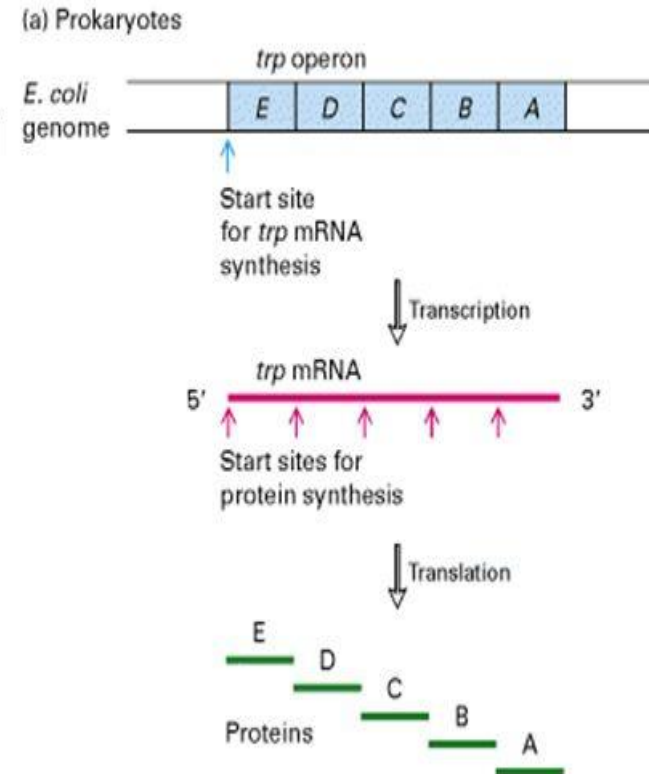
**Its regulation:** There are one or more regulatory gene outside of the Operon that produce trans-acting factors such as repressor or activators.

### **Classification:**

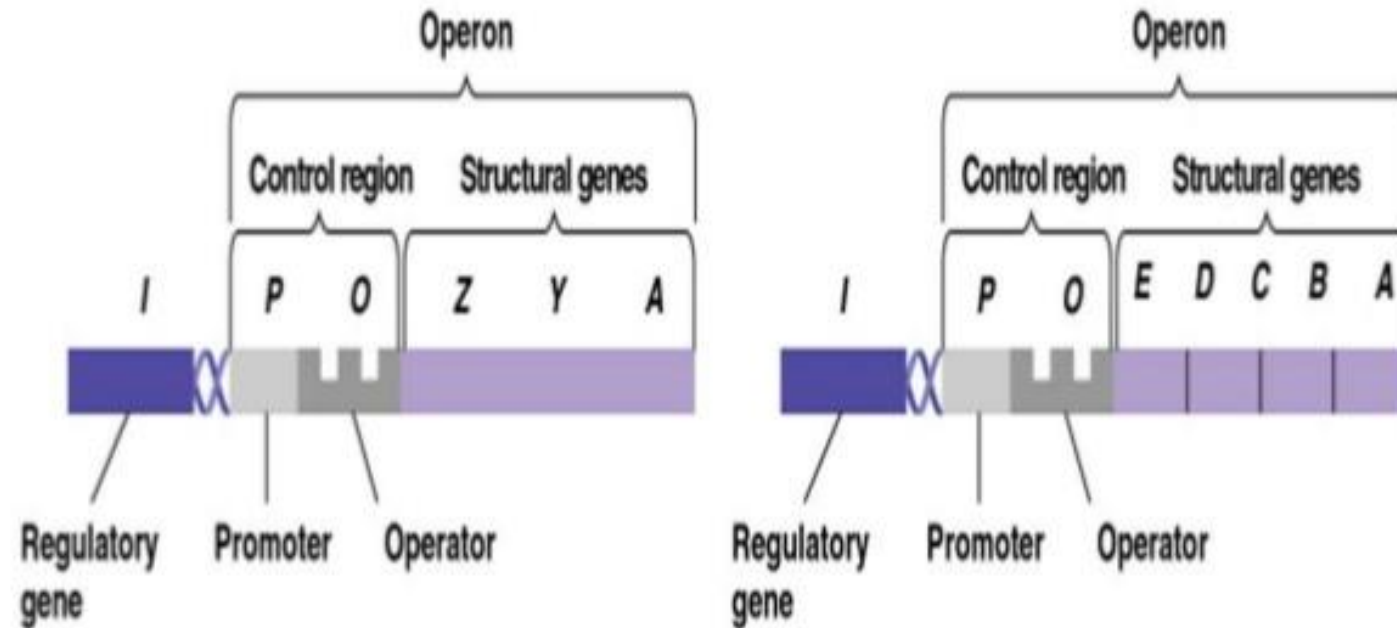
- 1- Catabolic (inducible) such as Lac OPERON
- 2- Anabolic (repressible) such as ara OPERON
- 3- Other types

# Prokaryotic Transcription

- Operons  
Groups of related genes transcribed by the same promoter
- Polycistronic RNA  
Multiple genes transcribed as ONE TRANSCRIPT
- No nucleus, so transcription and translation can occur simultaneously



# GENERAL STRUCTURE OF AN OPERON



**1 Structure of the operon.** The operon consists of the promoter (*P*), and operator (*O*) sites, and structural genes which code for the protein. The operon is regulated by the product of the regulatory gene (*I*).



## *Types of operon*

### ➤ **Inducible operons:**

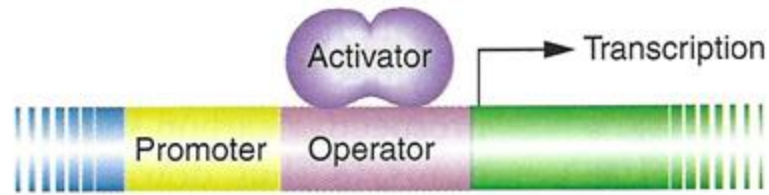
- They include genes that encode for enzymes that take part in metabolic pathways.
- The expression of the gene is controlled by the substrate.
- Example is the "Lac Operon".

### ➤ **Repressible operons:**

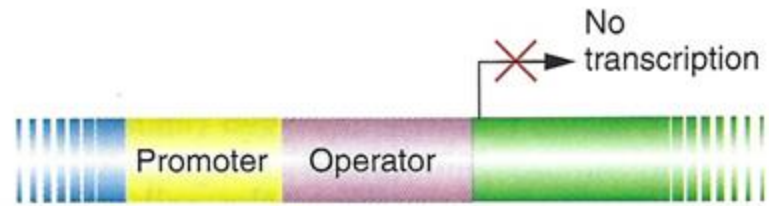
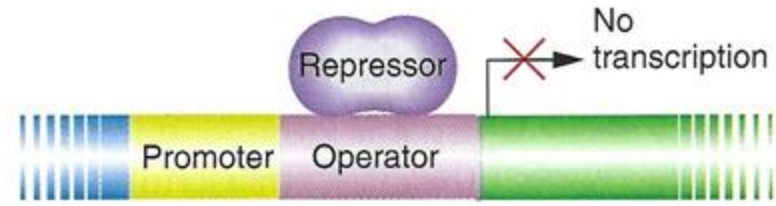
- They include genes that encode for enzymes involved in biosynthetic pathways.
- The expression of the gene is controlled by the end-product of the pathway.
- Example is the "Trp Operon".

# Positive and negative regulation

Positive regulation



Negative regulation



(No activator)

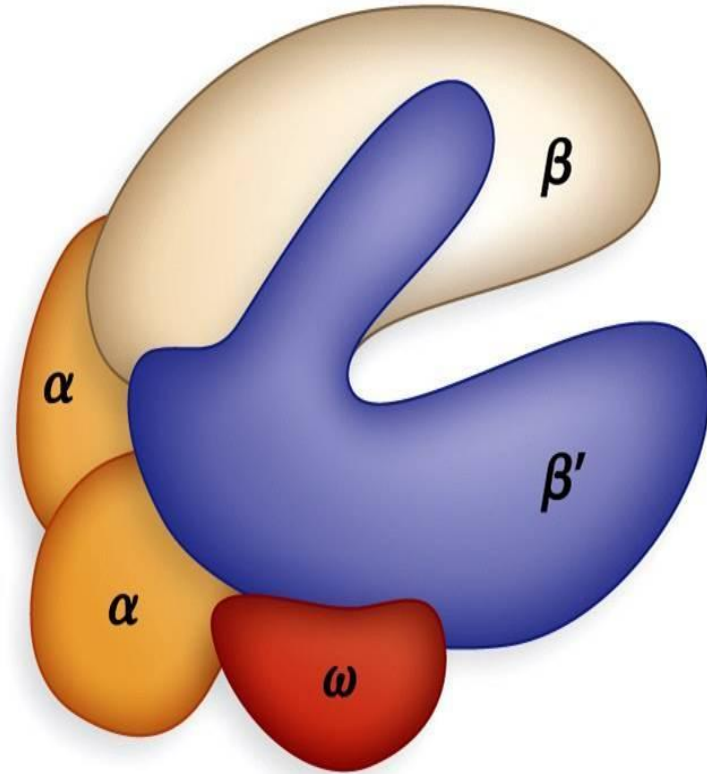


(No repressor)

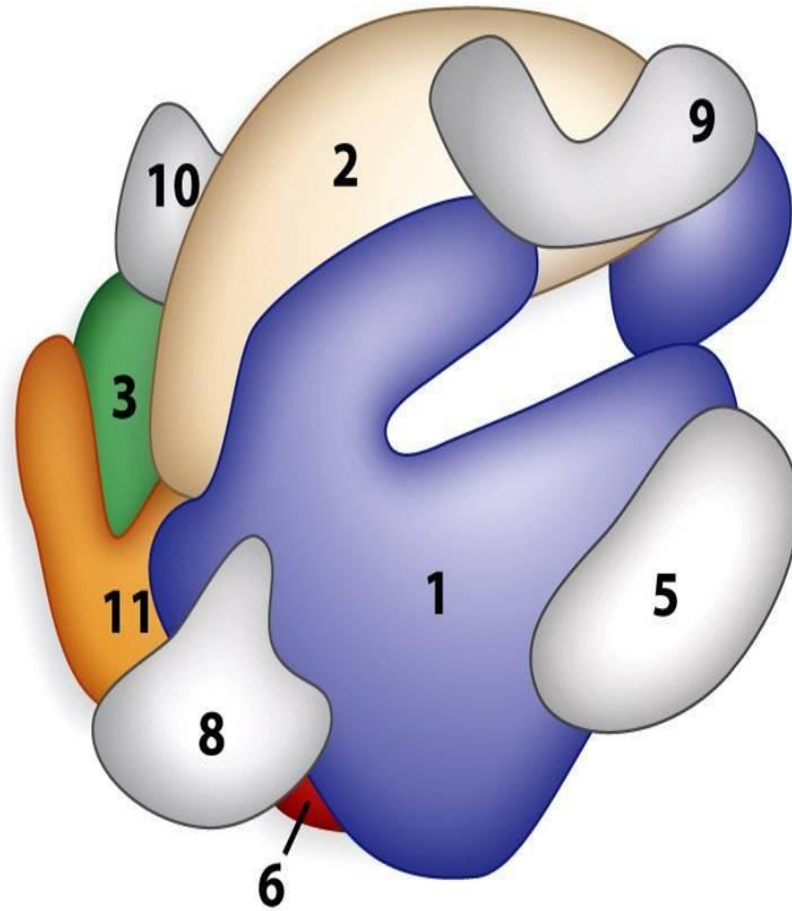
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## Bacterial RNA polymerase



## Eukaryotic RNA polymerase II



**Figure 15-21**

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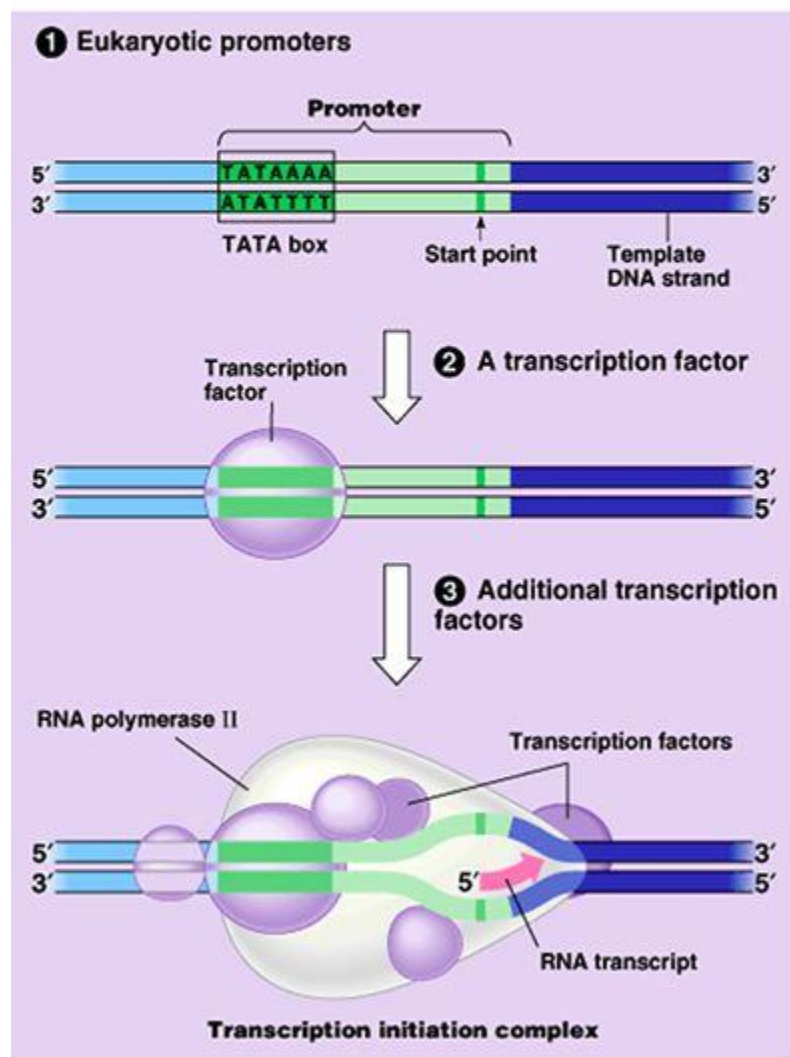
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# Eukaryotic RNA Polymerases

- Three DNA dependent RNA polymerases:  
**RNA Pol I, II, and III**
- All 3 are big, multimeric proteins (500-700 kD)
- All have 2 large subunits with sequences similar to  $\beta$  and  $\beta'$  in E. coli RNA polymerase, so catalytic site may be conserved
- All interact with general transcription factors-**GTFs**
- RNA Pol II is most sensitive to  **$\alpha$ -amanitin**

Enzyme	Location	Product
RNA Polymerase I	Nucleolus	rRNA
RNA Polymerase II	Nucleoplasm	mRNA
RNA Polymerase III	Nucleoplasm	tRNA
mt RNA Polymerase	Mitochondria	mtRNA

# Eukaryotic Transcription



**1. Initiation** – Transcription factors adhere to the TATA box in the promoter signaling RNA Polymerase II to attach. Additional transcription factors attach and the transcription initiation complex is formed. Enhancers/silencers

**2. Elongation** – RNA Polymerase II unzips the DNA and pairs the template with complementary mRNA nucleotides.

**3. Termination** – RNA Polymerase II reaches the polyadenylation (AAUAAA) sequence and releases the pre-mRNA.

[transcription](#)

\*Gene expression is most often regulated at transcription

**Table 28.1: Difference between Prokaryotes and Eukaryotes Transcription**

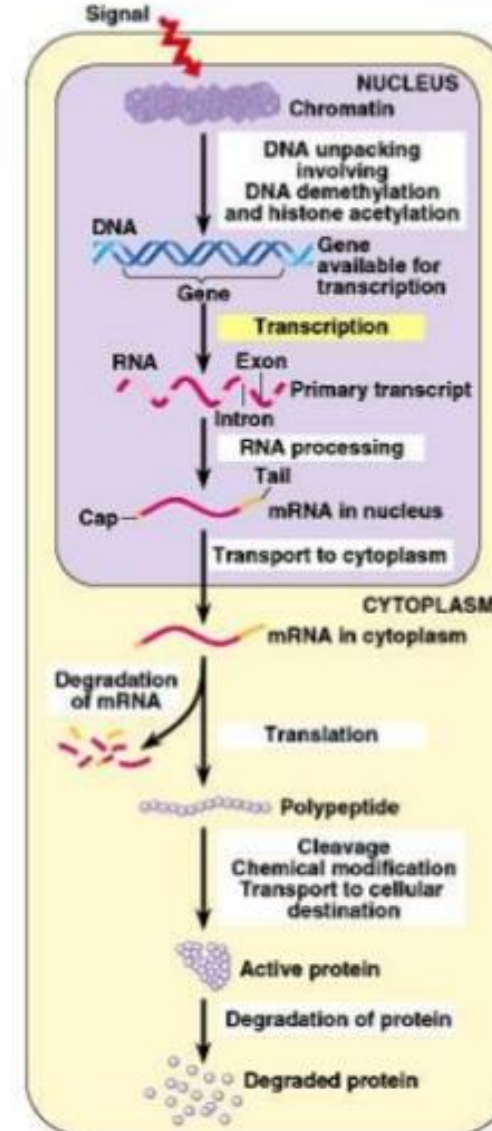
<b>Prokaryotic Transcription</b>	<b>Eukaryotic Transcription</b>
Polycistronic type of transcription	Monocistronic type of transcription
Occurs in cytoplasm	Occurs in nucleus
Coupled transcription –translation process occurs	Coupled transcription –translation process not occurs.
Single type of RNA Polymerase required for synthesis of all type of RNA	Three different type of RNA Polymerase required for synthesis of all type of RNA
No need of any transcription factor for initiation.	Its require transcription factor for initiation
RNA Polymerase are made up by 5 subunits	RNA Polymerase are made by 10-15 subunits



## Points of control

- The control of gene expression can occur at any step in the pathway from gene to functional protein

1. packing/unpacking DNA
2. transcription
3. mRNA processing
4. mRNA transport
5. translation
6. protein processing
7. protein degradation



# *Regulation of gene expression*

## *Prokaryotes*

- Mainly at transcriptional level
- Sets of genes transcribed together (polycistronic)
- E.g. *lac* operon and *trp* operon in bacteria

## *Eukaryotes*

- Other levels of regulation include posttranscriptional and posttranslational regulation
- Each gene transcribed independently (monocistronic)