TRASCRIZIONE NEGLI EUCARIOTI

CLASSES OF EUKARYOTIC CELLULAR RNAS

- ribosomal RNA (rRNA)
  - 18S (small subunit)
  - 28S (large subunit)
  - 5.8S (large subunit)
  - 5S (large subunit)
- transfer RNA (tRNA)
- messenger RNA (mRNA)
- heterogeneous nuclear RNA (hnRNA) (precursors of mRNA)
- small nuclear RNA (snRNA)
  - U1, U2, U3, U4, U5, U6, U7, U8, U9, U10...
- small nucleolar RNA (snoRNA)

- small cytoplasmic RNA (scRNA)
  - 7SL RNA
- miRNA

THE HUMAN RNA POLYMERASES

Polymerase	Location	Product
RNA polymerase I	nucleolus	18S, 28S, 5.8S rRNA
RNA polymerase II	nucleoplasm	hnRNA/mRNA, U1, U2, U4, U5 snRNA, miRNA
RNA polymerase III	nucleoplasm	tRNA, 5S RNA, U6 snRNA, 7SL, miRNA
mitochondrial RNA polymerase	mitochondrion	all mitochondrial RNA

RNA POLIMERASI EUCARIOTICHE

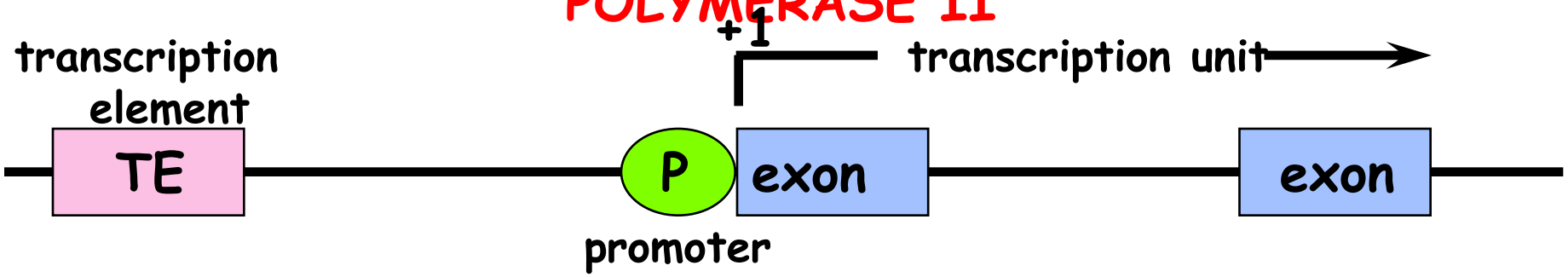
Enzimi formati da numerose subunita'

Differiscono per la sensibilita' all' alpha-amanitina
RNA pol I resistente
RNA pol II alta sensibilita' (Kd = 10^{-8} M)
RNA pol III bassa sensibilita' (Kd = 10^{-6} M)

Riconoscono promotori diversi.

Polimerasi II: il dominio carbossiterminale (CTD) della subunita' maggiore ha sequenze ripetute di 7 aa (di cui 3 serine).

TRANSCRIPTION AND PROMOTER ELEMENTS FOR RNA POLYMERASE II



Promoter (DNA sequence upstream of a gene)

- determines start site (+1) for transcription initiation
- located immediately upstream of the start site
- allows basal (low level) transcription

Transcription element (DNA sequence that regulates the gene)

- determines frequency or efficiency of transcription
- located upstream, downstream, or within genes
- can be very close to or thousands of base pairs from a gene
- includes
  - enhancers (increase transcription rate)
  - silencers (decrease transcription rate)
  - response elements (target sequences for signaling molecules)
- genes can have numerous transcription elements

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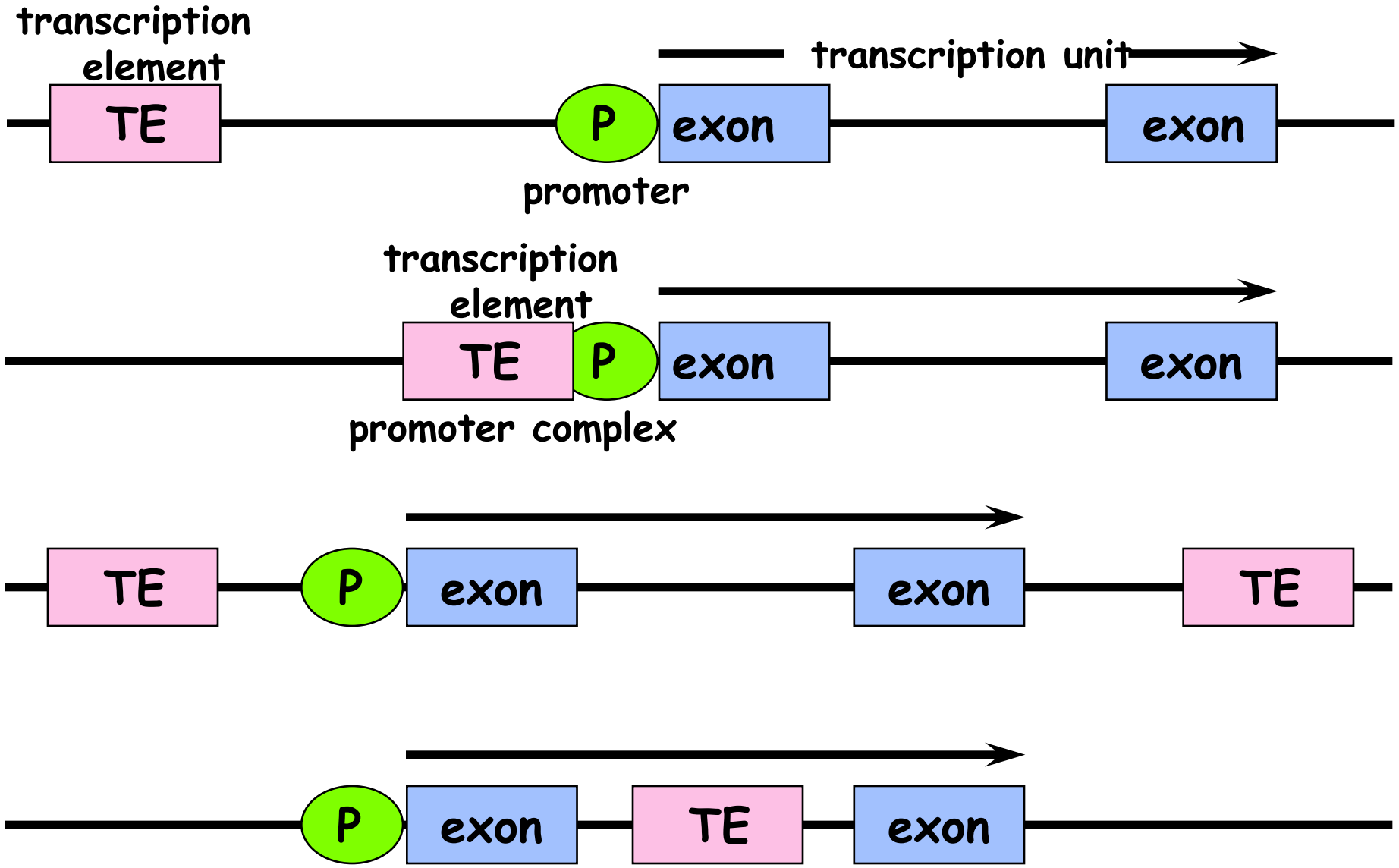
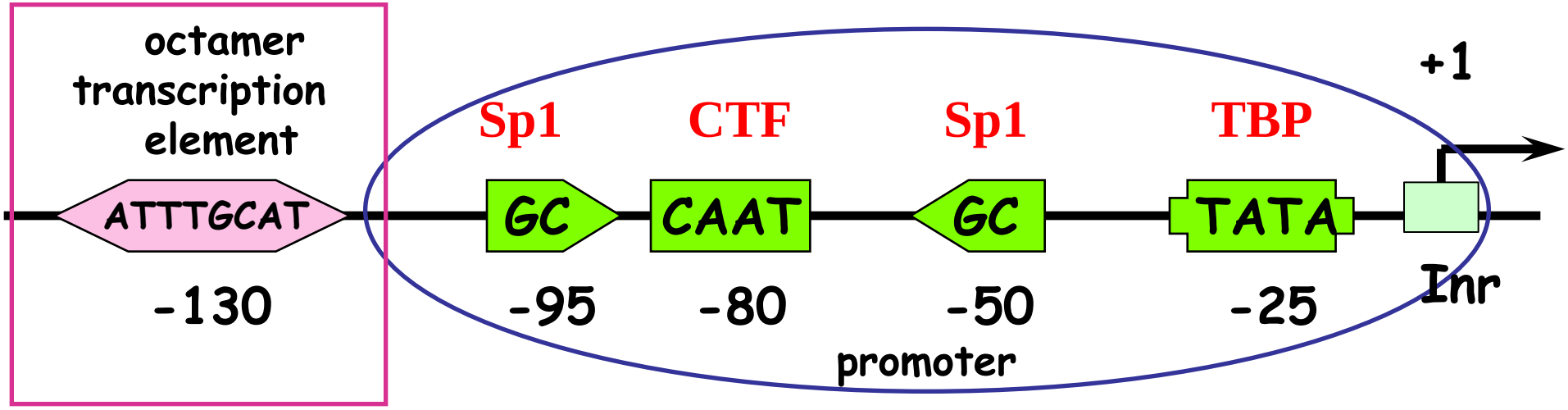


SEQUENCE ELEMENTS WITHIN A TYPICAL EUCARYOTIC GENE



TATA box (TATAAAA)

- located approximately 25-30 bp upstream of the +1 start site
- determines the exact start site (not in all promoters)
- binds the TATA binding protein (TBP) which is a subunit of TFIID

GC box (CCGCCC)

- binds Sp1 (Specificity factor 1)

CAAT box (GGCCAATCT)

- binds CTF (CAAT box transcription factor)

Octamer (ATTTGCAT)

- binds OTF (Octamer transcription factor)

PROTEINE NECESSARIE PER L'ATTIVITA' DELLA POLIMERASI II

Fattori di trascrizione generali (TFII): necessari a qualsiasi promotore della Pol II

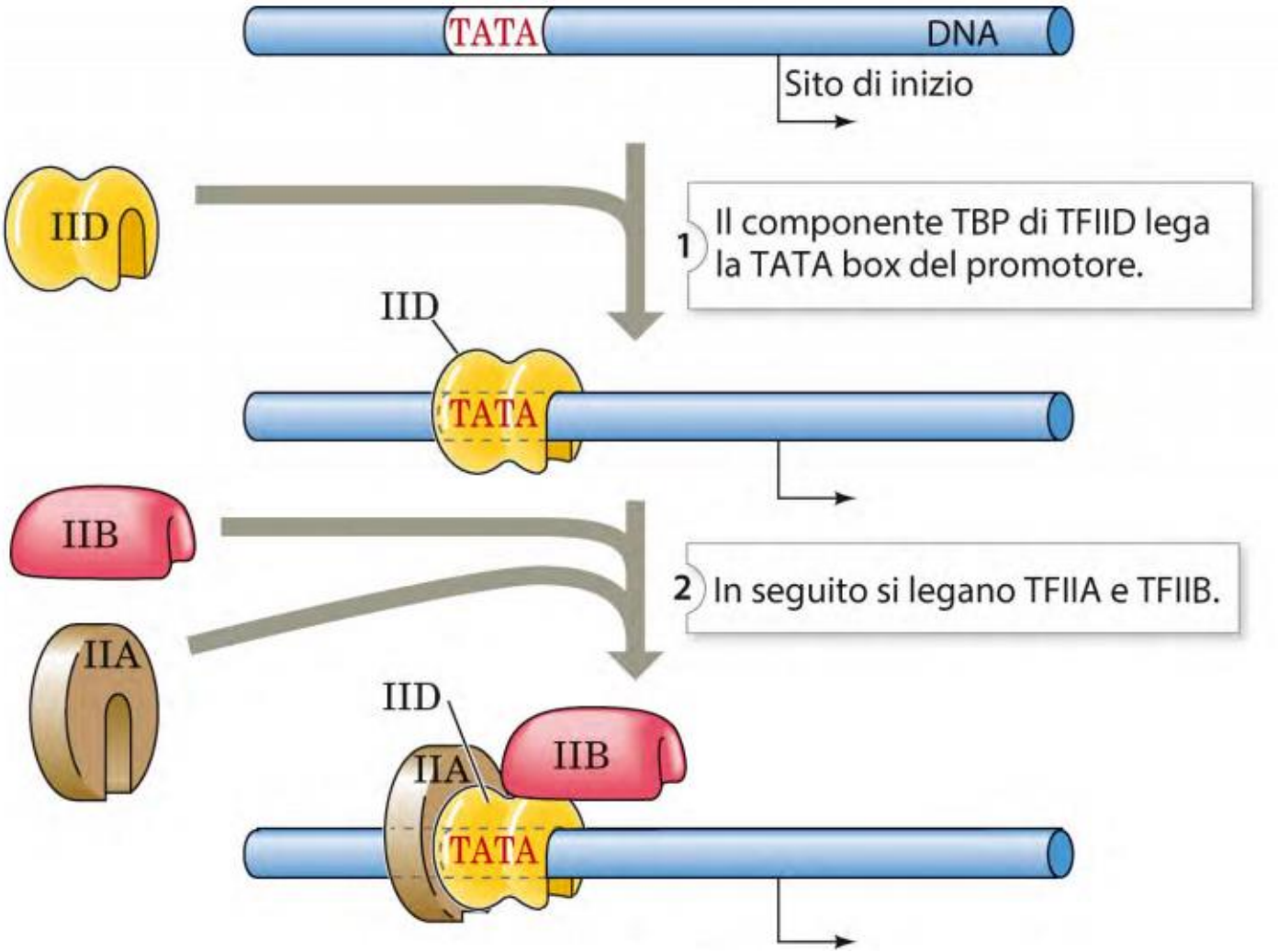
- TFIID (che comprende diverse subunita' tra cui la TBP, che lega la TATA box)
  - TFIIA, TFIIB, TFIIE, TFIIF, TFIIH[1]

intervengono nella fase di inizio: formazione del complesso di inizio della trascrizione a livello delle sequenze promotrici.

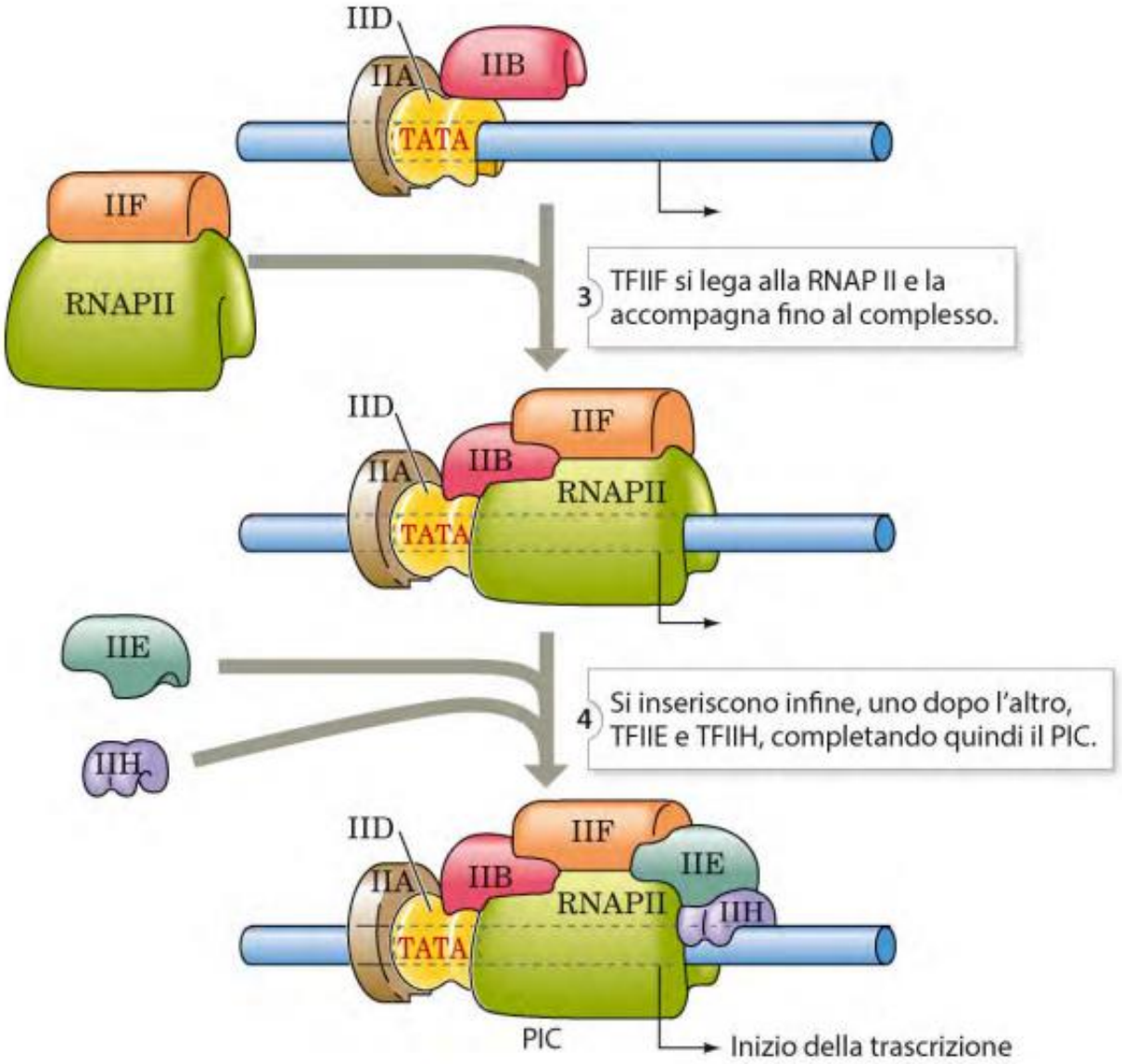
-Fattori di allungamento
-Fattori di termine

[1]TFIIH ha attivita' **elicasica**, e' coinvolto nella fosforilazione della Pol II e nella riparazione del DNA (excisione di nucleotidi).

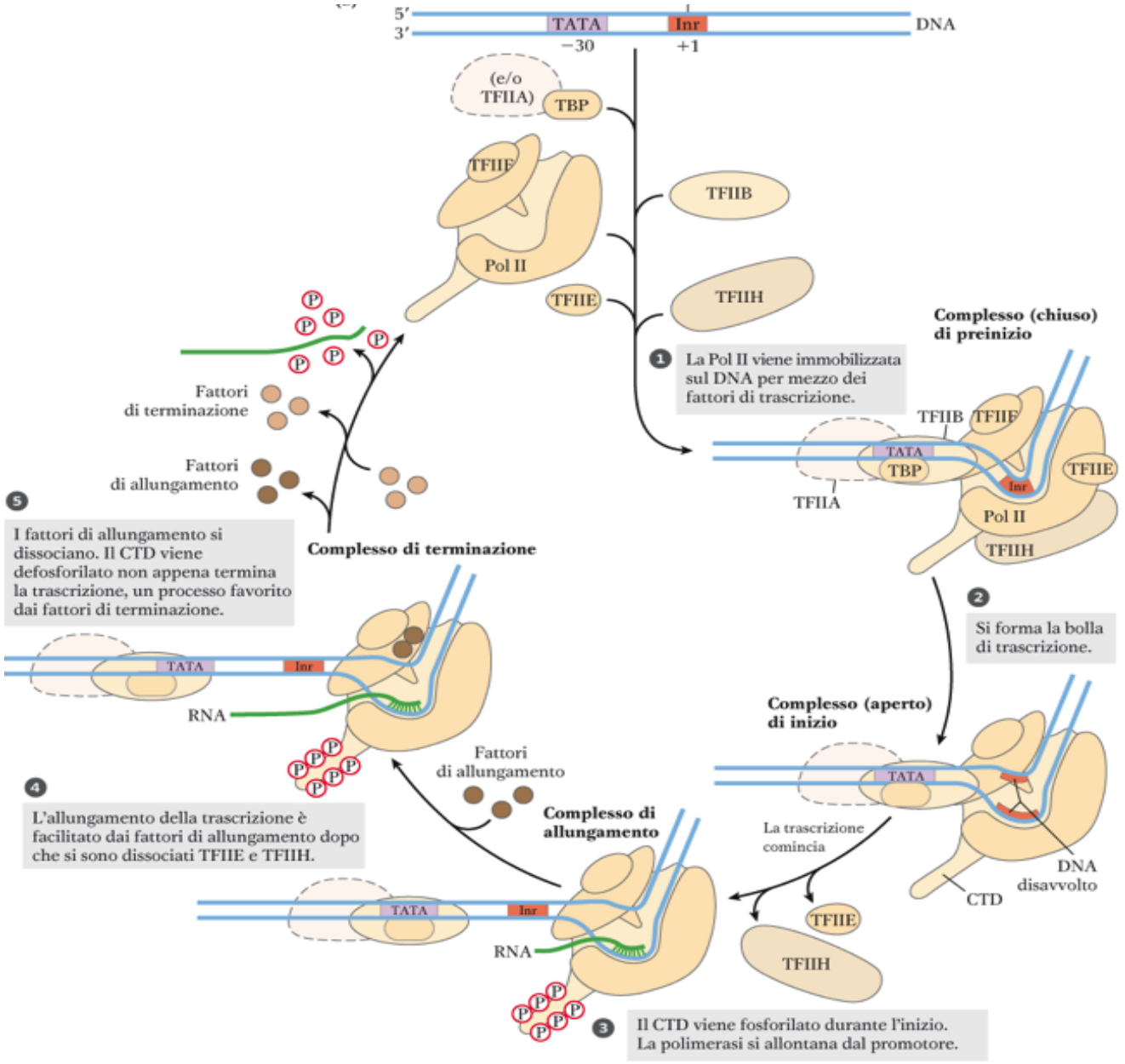
Formazione del complesso di preinizio della trascrizione promotore RNA polimerasi II (1)



Formazione del complesso di preinizio della trascrizione promotore RNA polimerasi II (2)



Trascrizione a livello dei promotori della RNA polimerasi II



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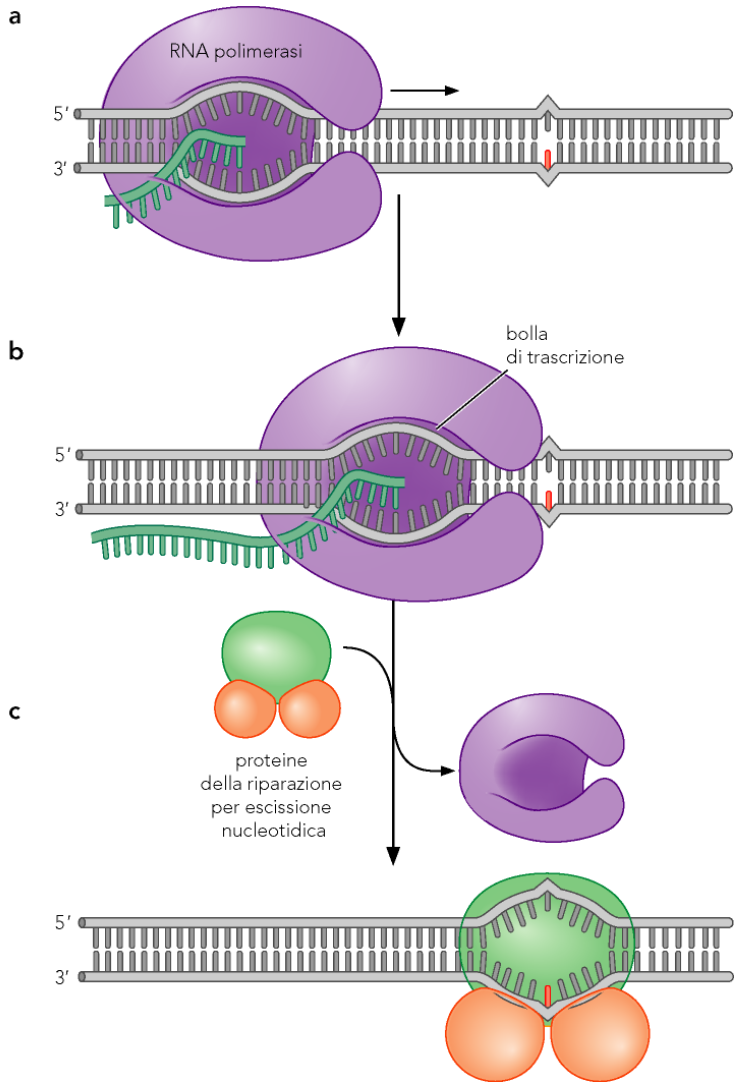
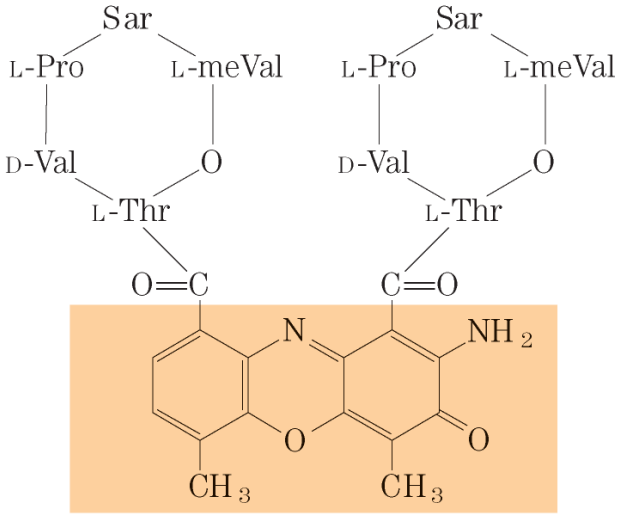
Transcription-Coupled NER

Negli eucarioti la riparazione del DNA danneggiato è piu' efficiente per i geni che vengono attivamente trascritti.

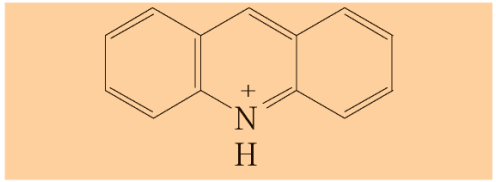
Ruoli del fattore TFIIH



Inibitori della trascrizione sia in Procarioti che Eucarioti



Actinomicina D



Acridina

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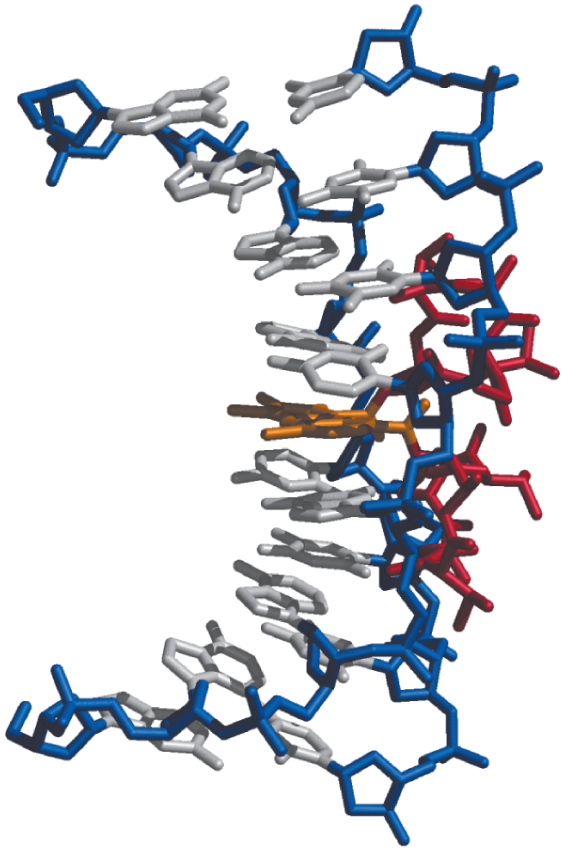

(b)

Sia l'actinomicina D che l'acridina sono intercalanti, che bloccano l'allungamento della catena da parte della RNA polimerasi

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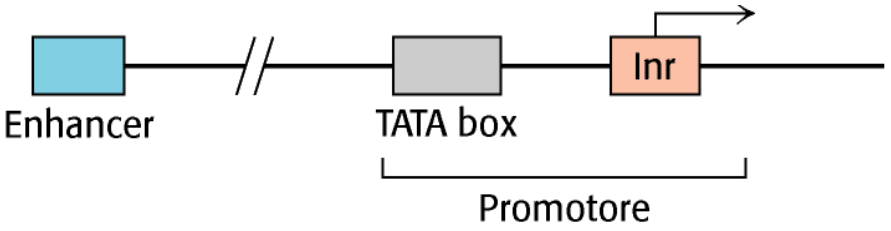
Promotori RNA polimerasi eucariotiche

RNA PolII



Inr= initiator element

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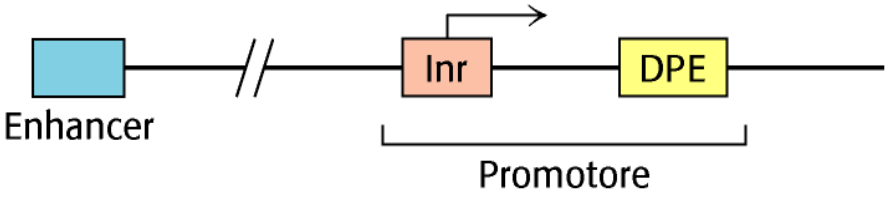
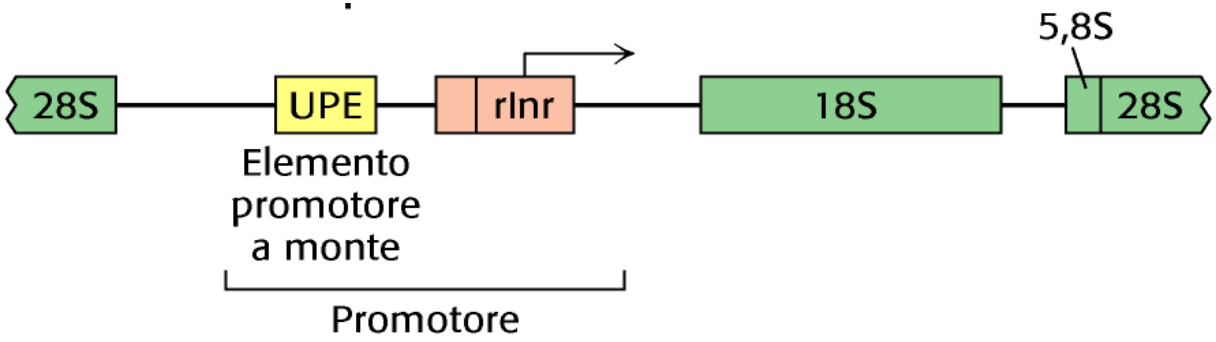
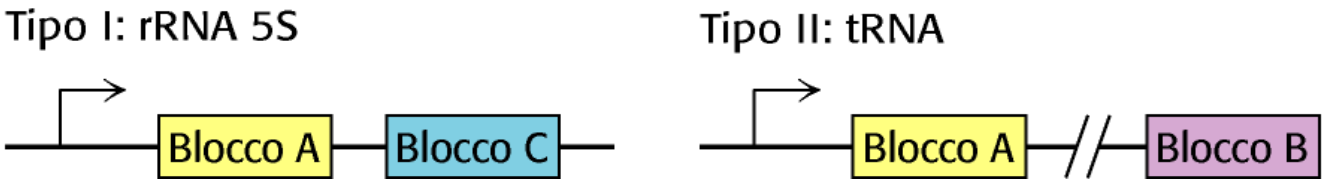


DPE= downstream promoter element

RNA PolI



RNA PolIII



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