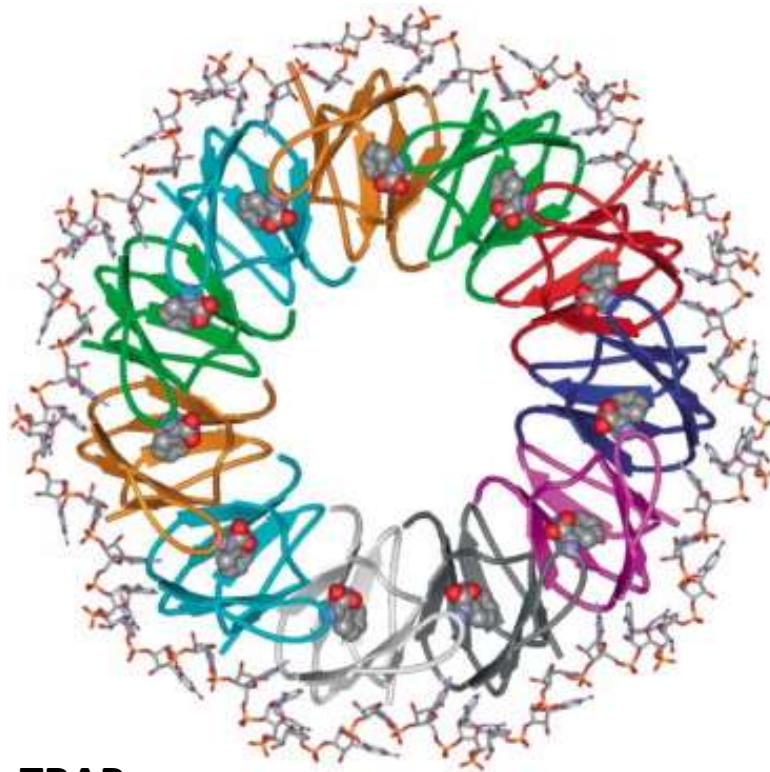


# trp OPERON



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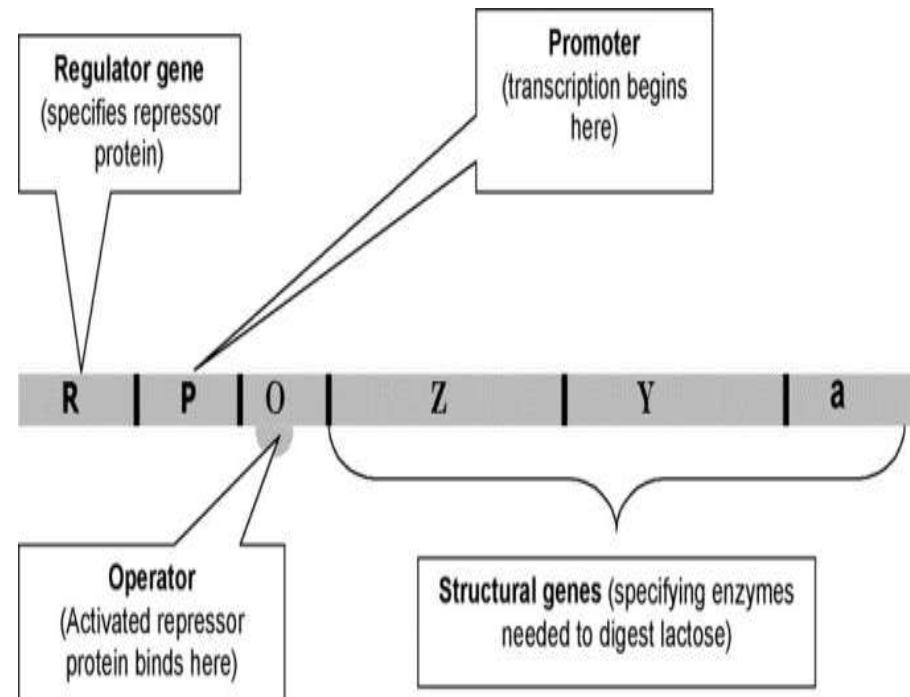
# OPERON

In genetics, an **operon** is a functioning unit of genomic DNA containing a cluster of genes under the control of a single promoter

**Promoter sequences** - DNA **sequences** that define where transcription of a gene by RNA polymerase begins

**Operator** - a segment of DNA to which a transcription factor binds to regulate gene expression by repressing it

**Structural genes** - **genes** that codes for any RNA or protein product other than a regulatory factor



# HISTORY



Jacques Lucien Monod

Discovered in 1953 by **Jacques Monod** and colleagues

The *trp* operon in *E. coli* was the first repressible operon to be discovered

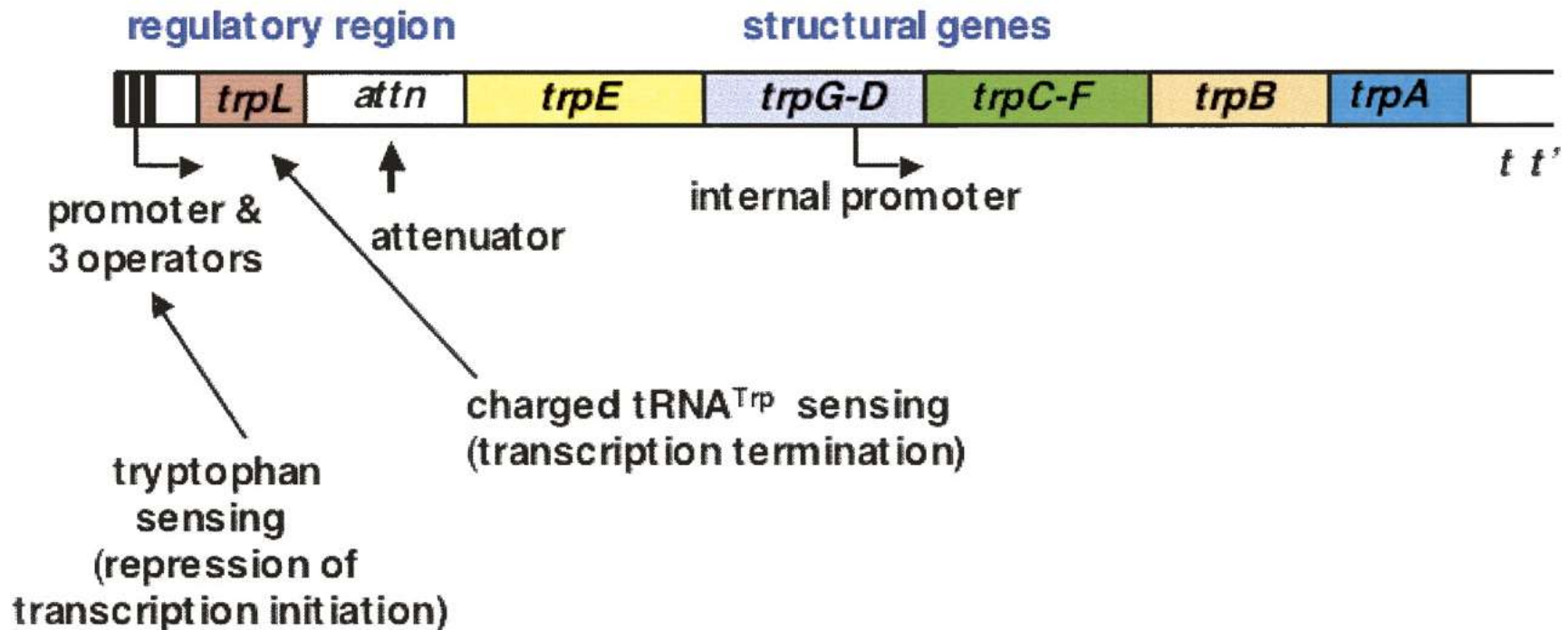
## Negative regulatory operon

A totally blind process can by definition lead to anything; it can even lead to vision itself.

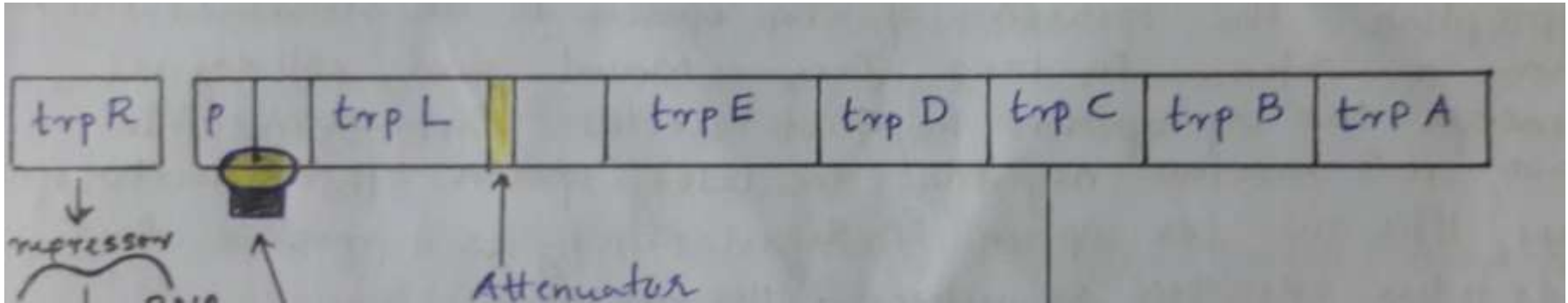
— Jacques Monod —

# trp OPERON

- group of genes that transcribed, together & codes for the components for production of **tryptophan**

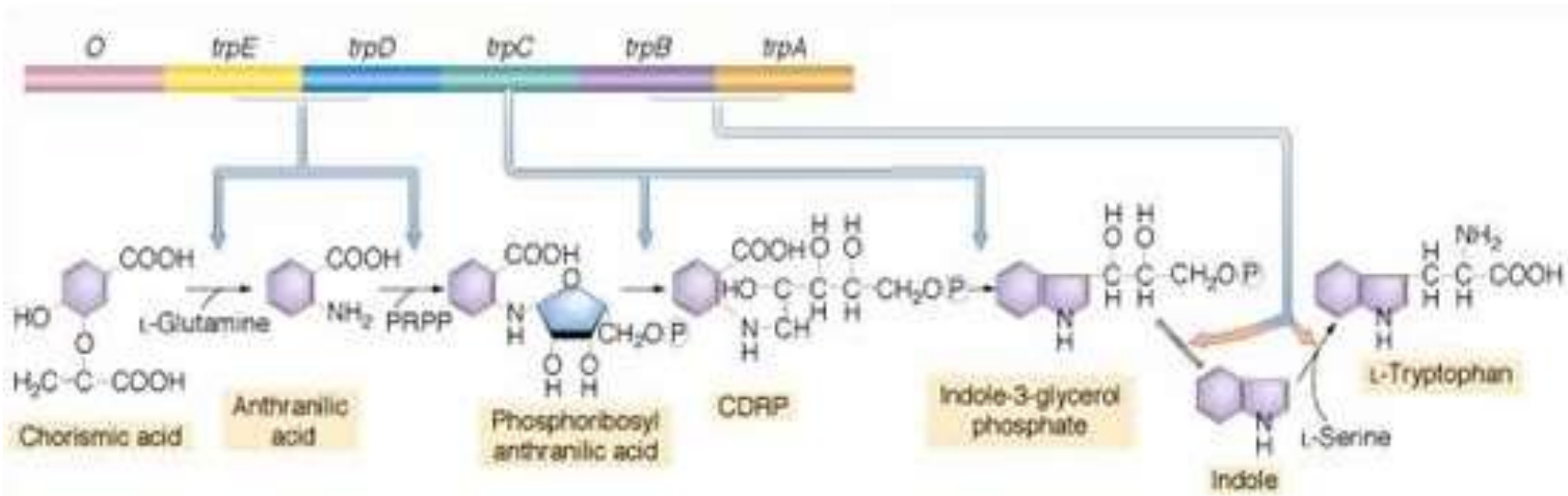


# trp OPERON - structure

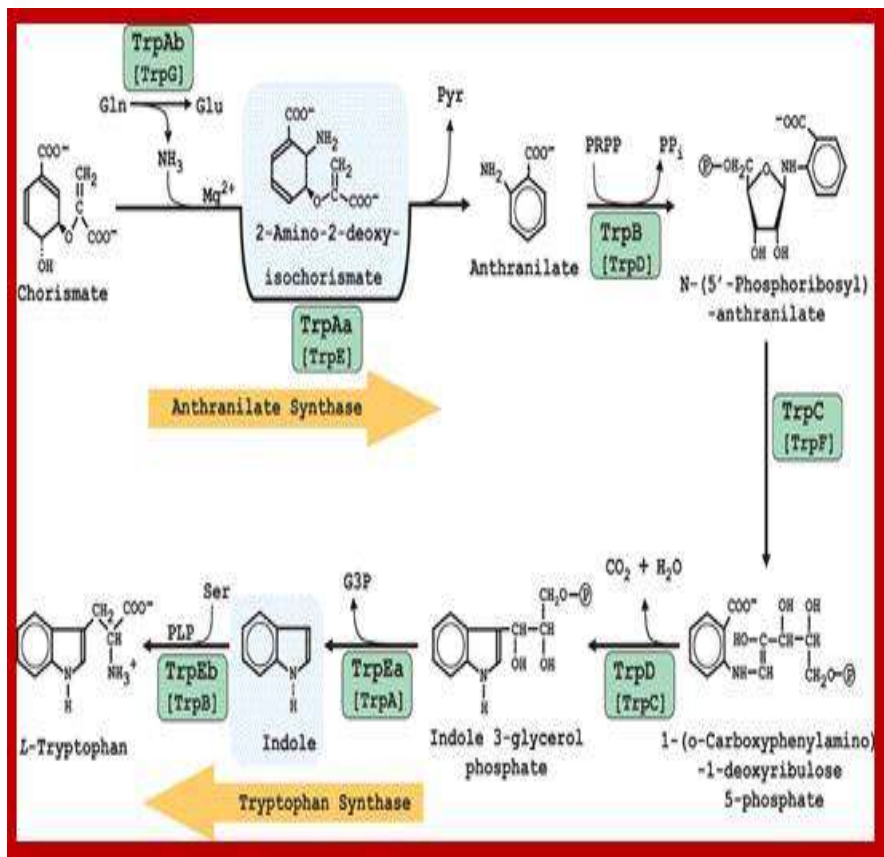


| <i>trp</i> Operon Gene | Gene Function   |
|------------------------|---|
| <b><i>P/O</i></b>      | Promoter; operator sequence is found in the promoter            |
| <b><i>trp L</i></b>    | Leader sequence; attenuator (A) sequence is found in the leader |
| <b><i>trp E</i></b>    | Gene for anthranilate synthetase subunit1                       |
| <b><i>trp D</i></b>    | Gene for anthranilate synthetase subunit2                       |
| <b><i>trp C</i></b>    | Gene for glycerolphosphate synthetase                           |
| <b><i>trp B</i></b>    | Gene for tryptophan synthetase subunit1                         |
| <b><i>trp A</i></b>    | Gene for tryptophan synthetase subunit                          |

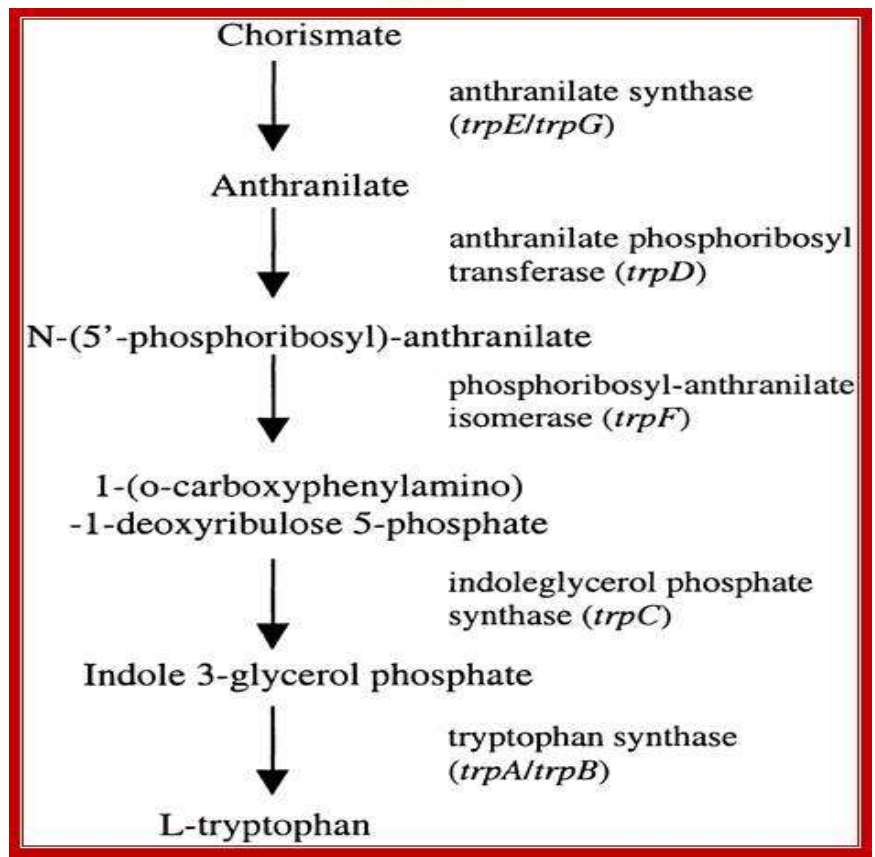
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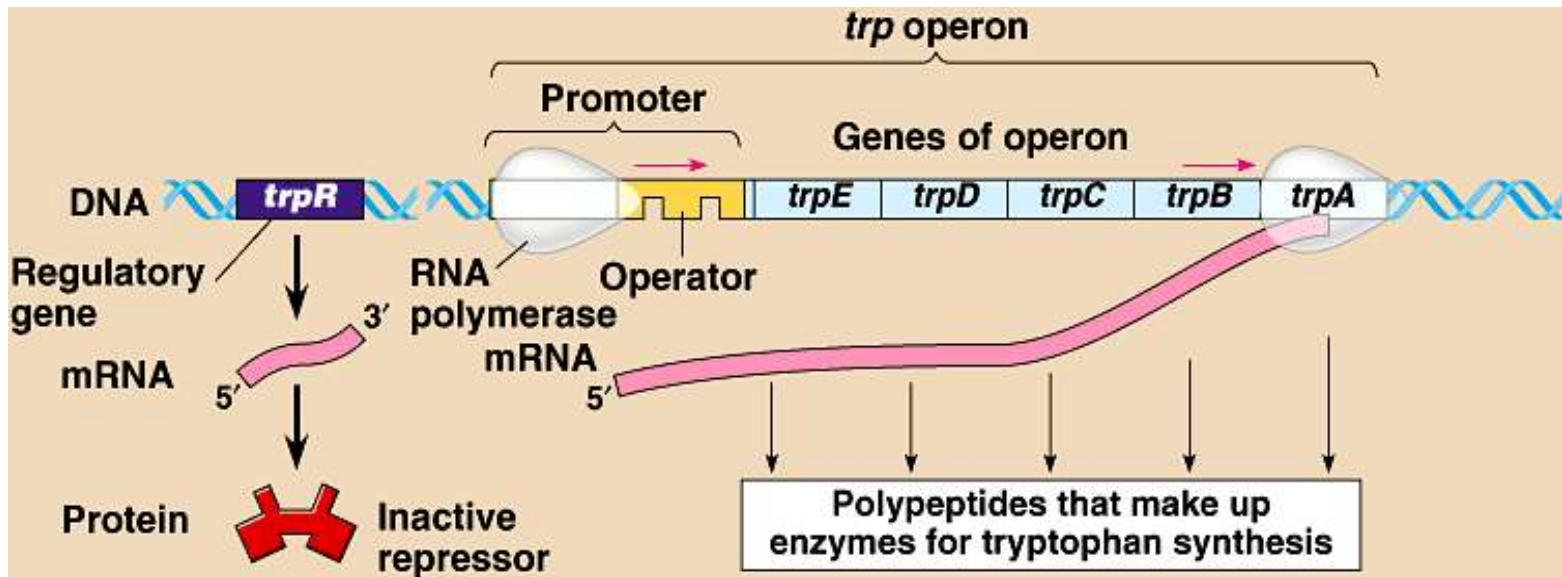
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# trp-repressible operon

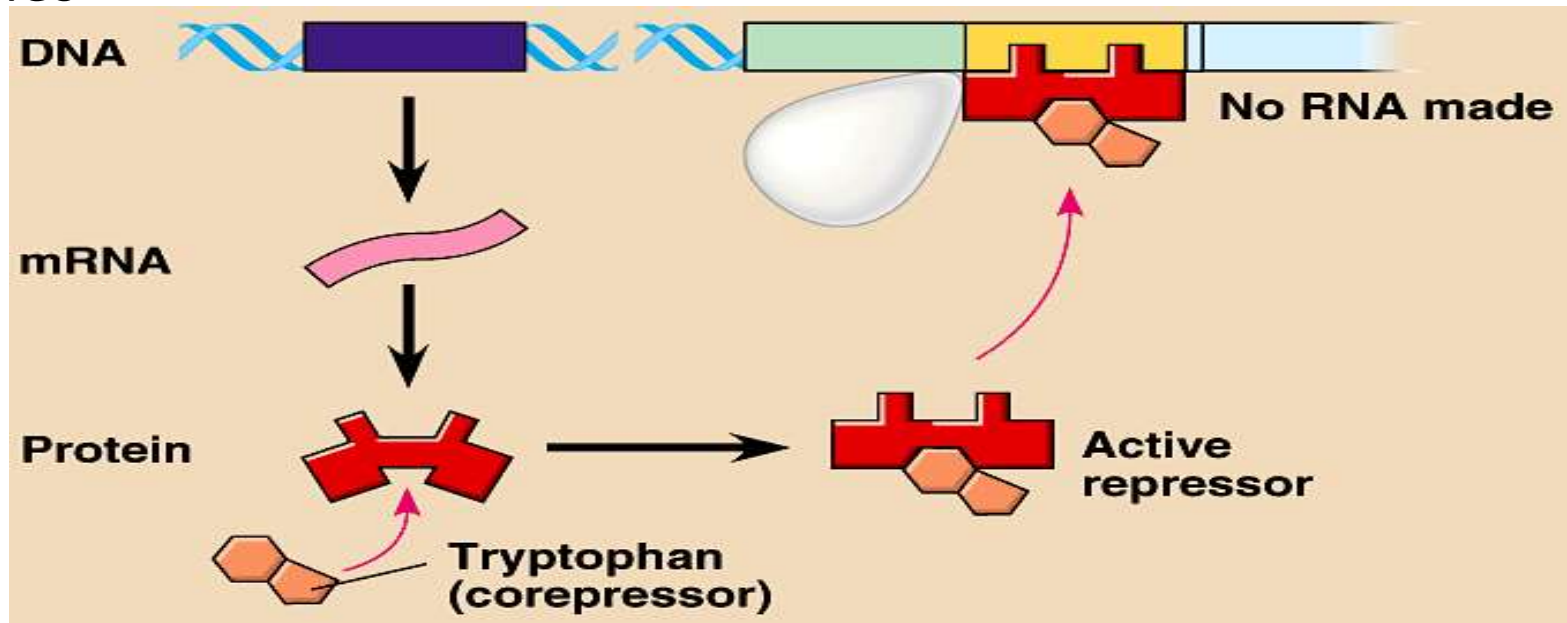
The binding of the effector molecule to the repressor greatly increases the affinity of repressor for the operator and the repressor binds and stops transcription.



A regulator gene, regulator, or regulatory gene is a gene encodes repressor protein

# Corepressor

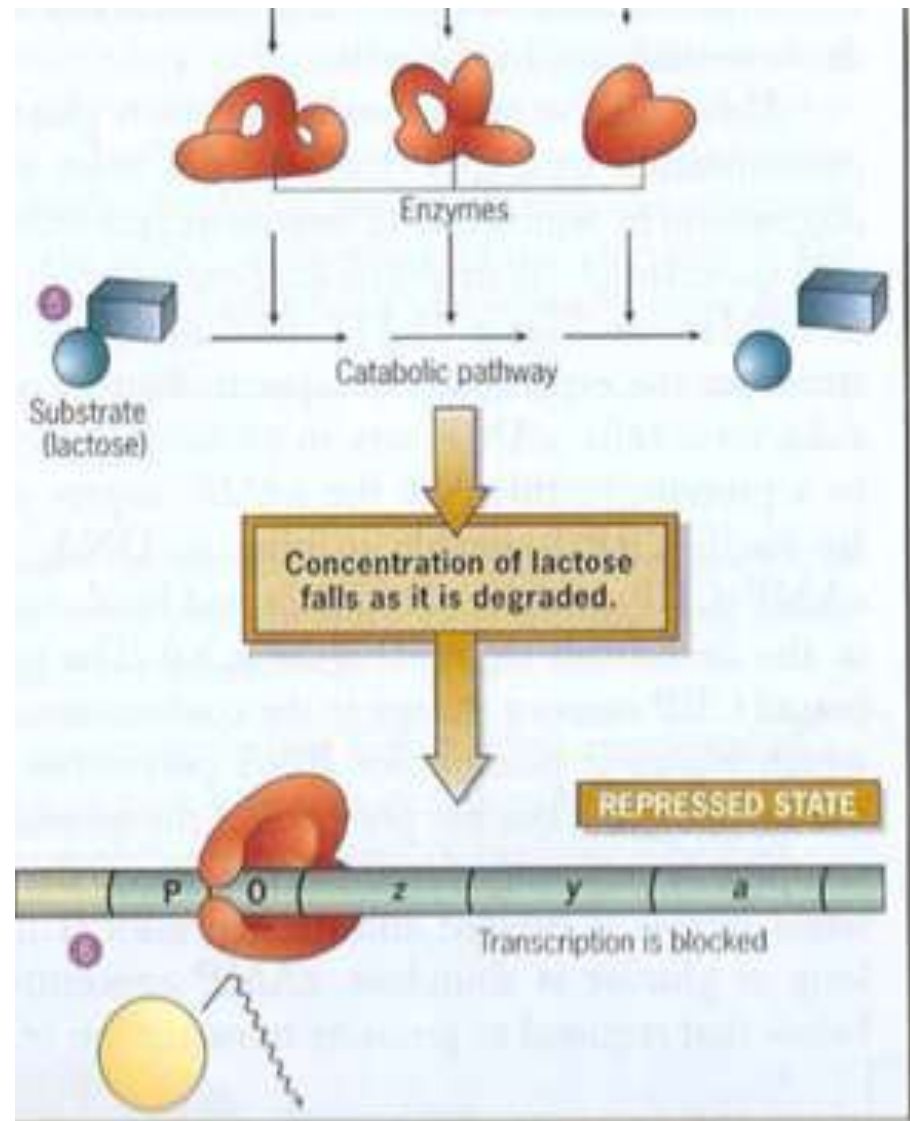
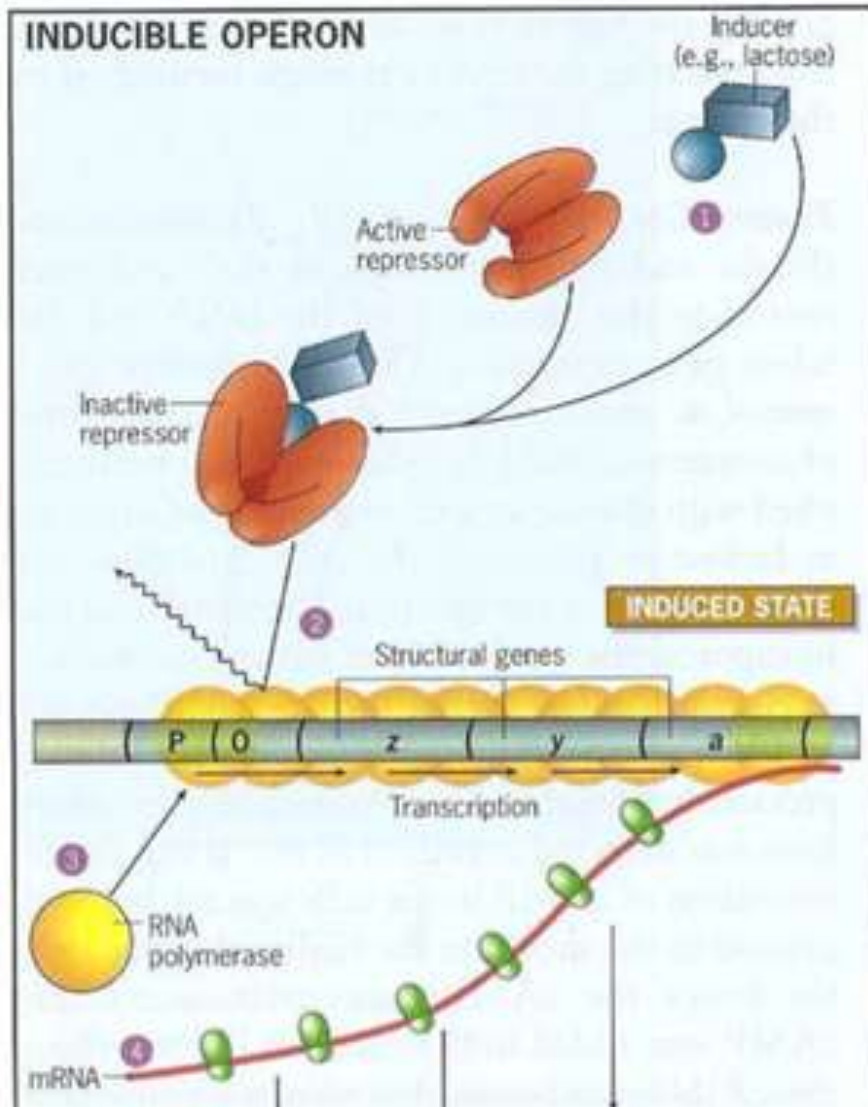
Corepressor is a substance that inhibits the expression of genes



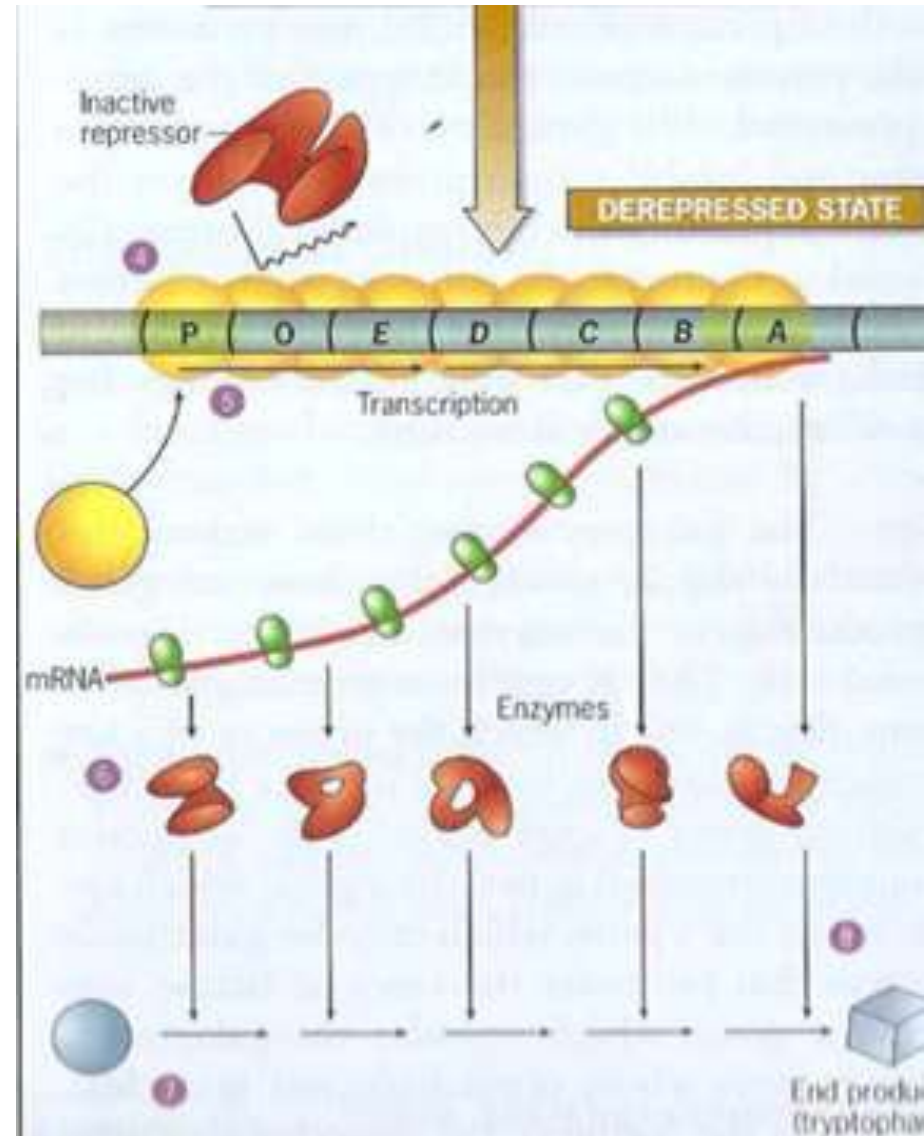
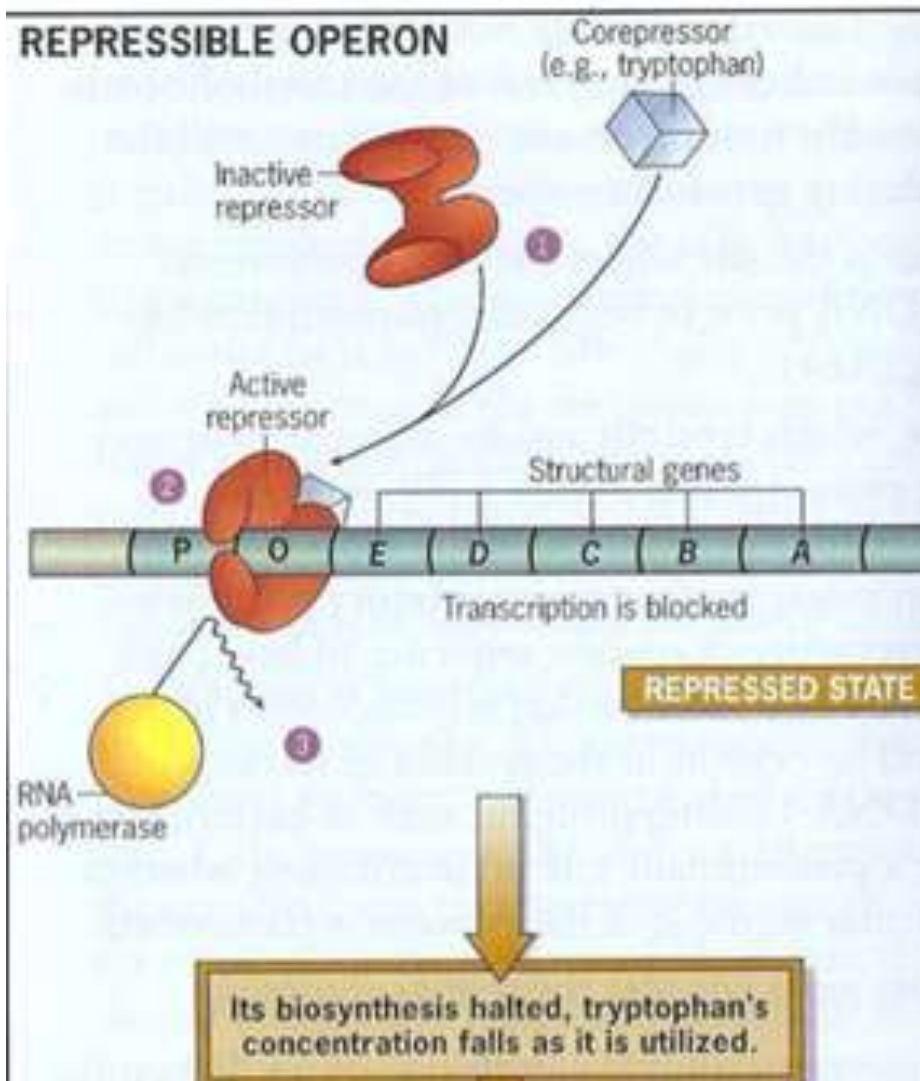
**Repressor proteins** can be DNA- or RNA-binding: DNA-binding **repressors** - block the binding of RNA polymerase to the promoter



# Inducible operon(lac)



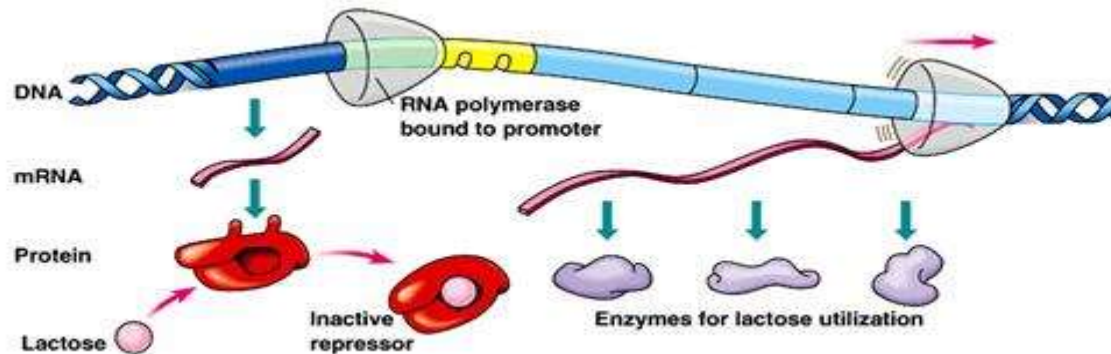
# repressible operon(trp)



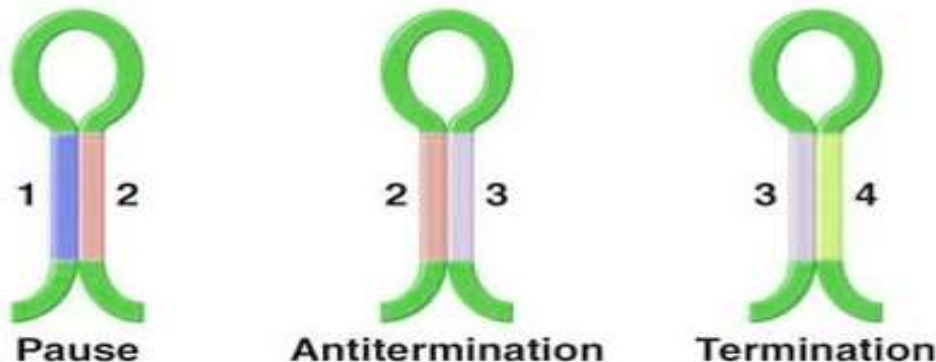
# Regulation – trp operon

The **trp operon** is controlled by both

\* *repressor protein binding to the operator region*

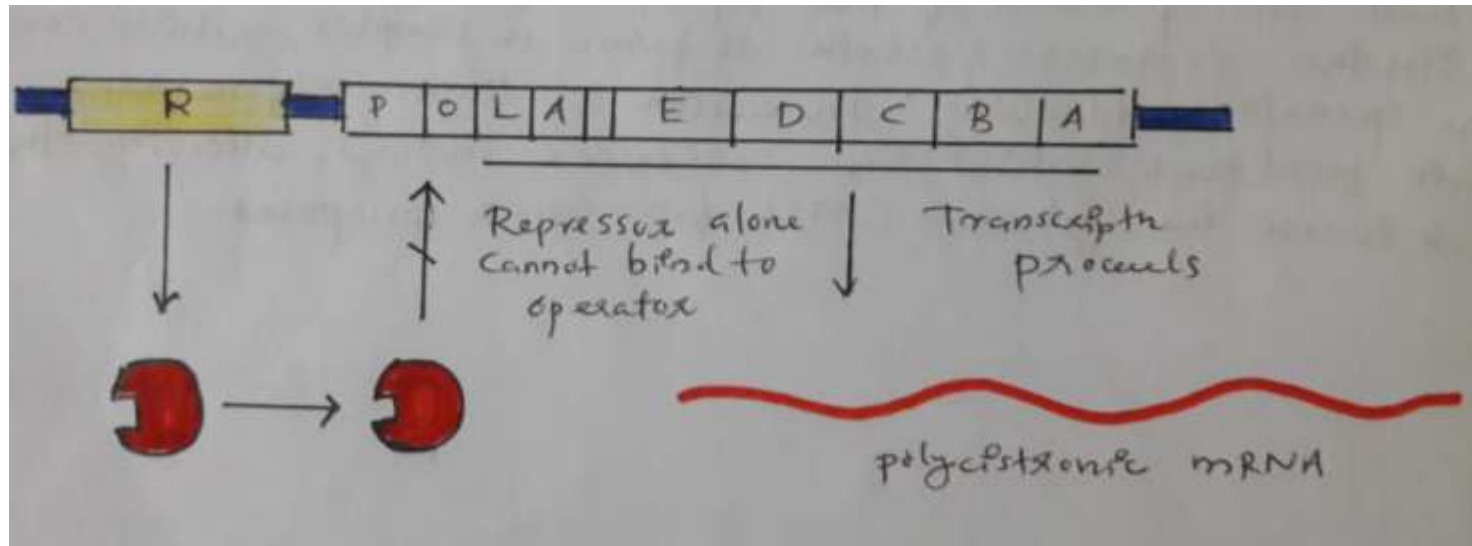


\**translation-induced transcriptional attenuation*



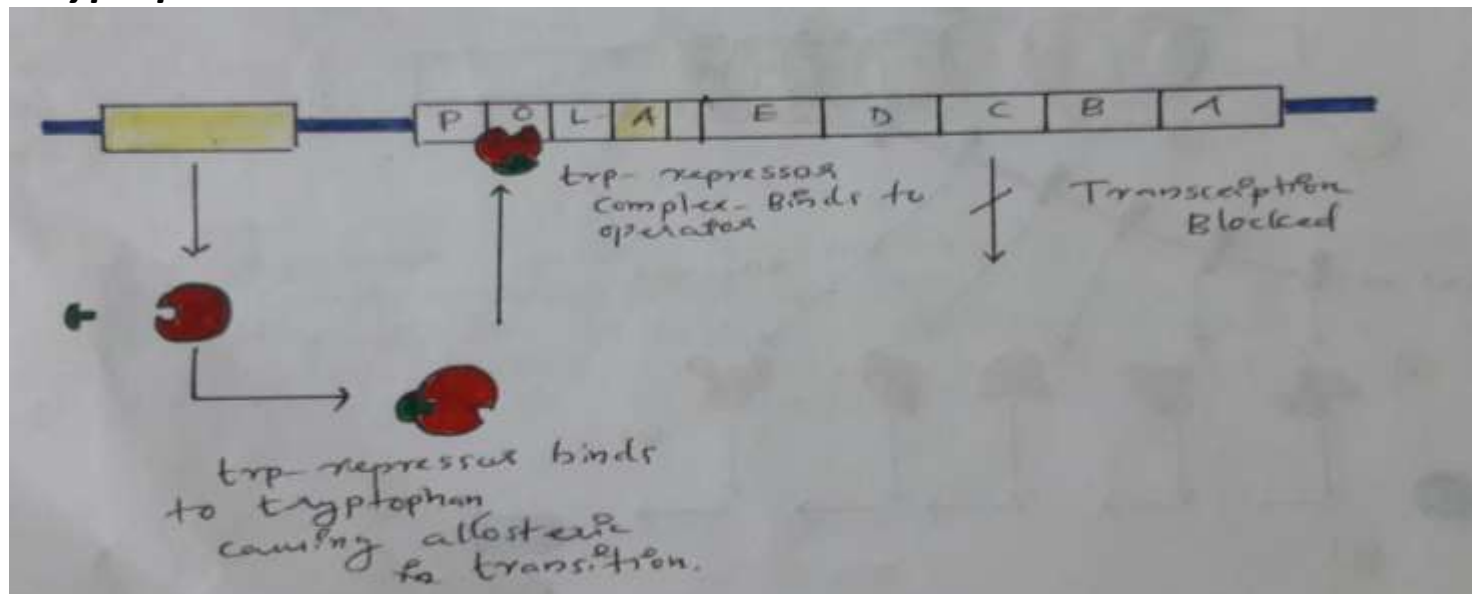
# Repression

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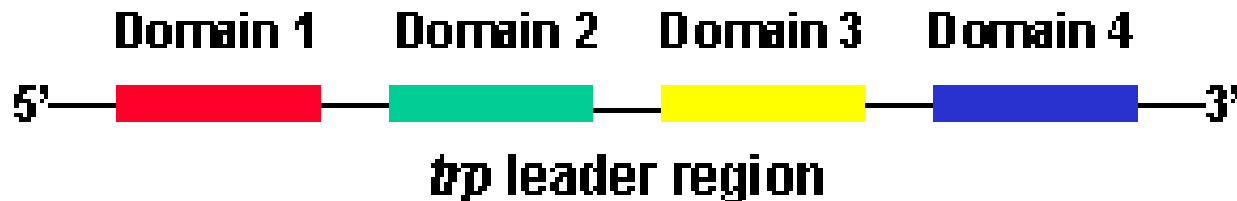
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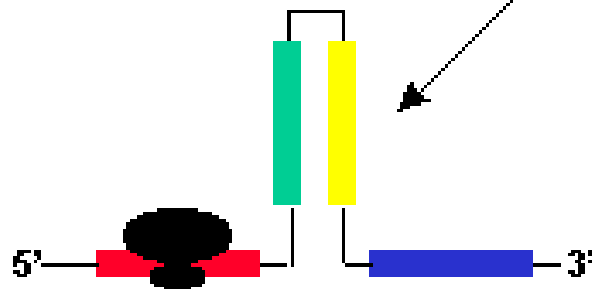
*tryptophan is present in the environment*

# Attenuation

**Transcriptional attenuation** is a regulatory mechanism that causes premature termination of **transcription** under certain conditions



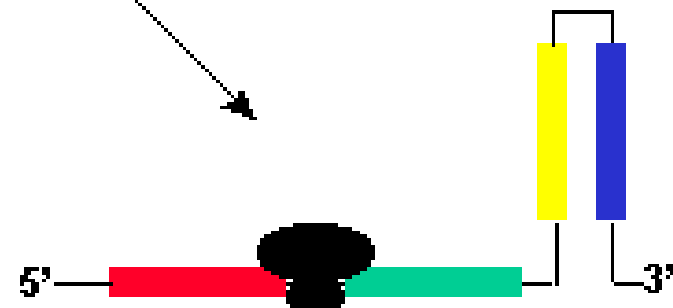
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## Low Tryptophan Levels

- Slow translation of Domain 1 peptide
- Domain 2-3 pairing occurs
- Normal full gene transcription

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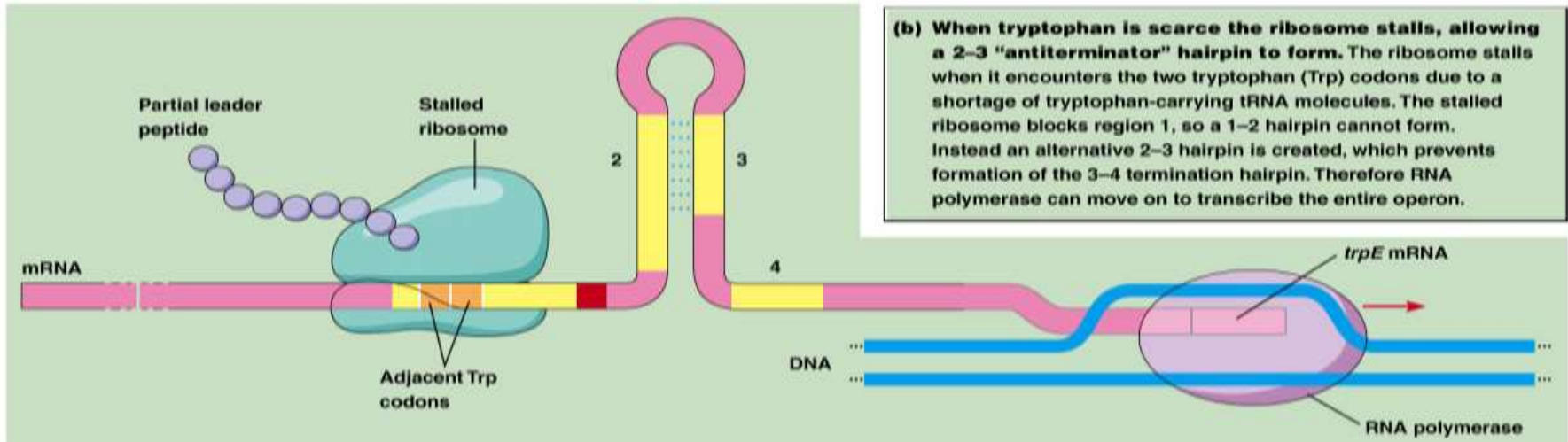
## High Tryptophan Levels

- Fast translation of domain 1 peptide
- Domain 2 blocked by ribosome
- Domain 3-4 pairing occurs
- Attenuation of transcription occurs
- Only 10% of normal mRNAs made



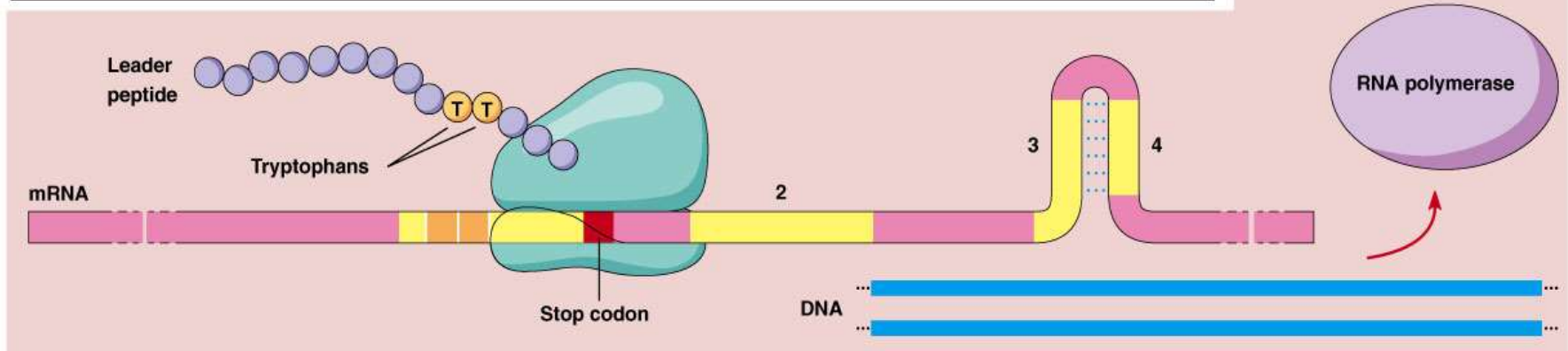
# Attenuation loops

## anti-termination hairpin



## termination hairpin

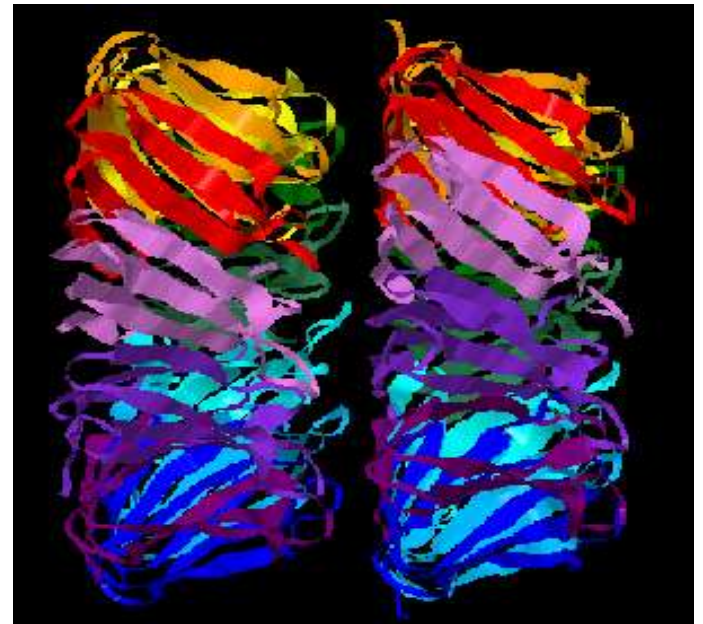
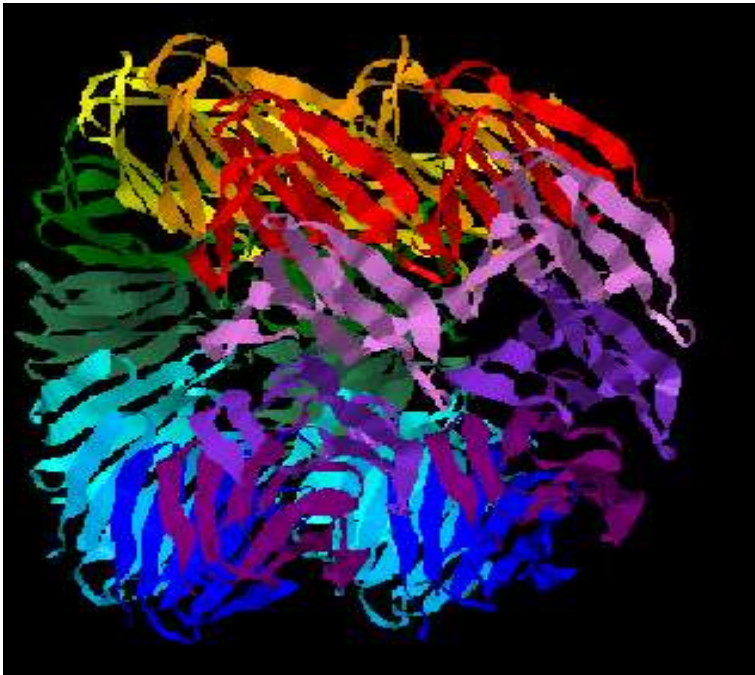
**(c) When tryptophan is plentiful the ribosome continues, allowing the 3-4 transcription termination signal to form.** The moving ribosome completes translation of the leader peptide and pauses at the stop codon, blocking region 2. As a result, the 3-4 structure forms and terminates transcription near the end of the leader sequence.

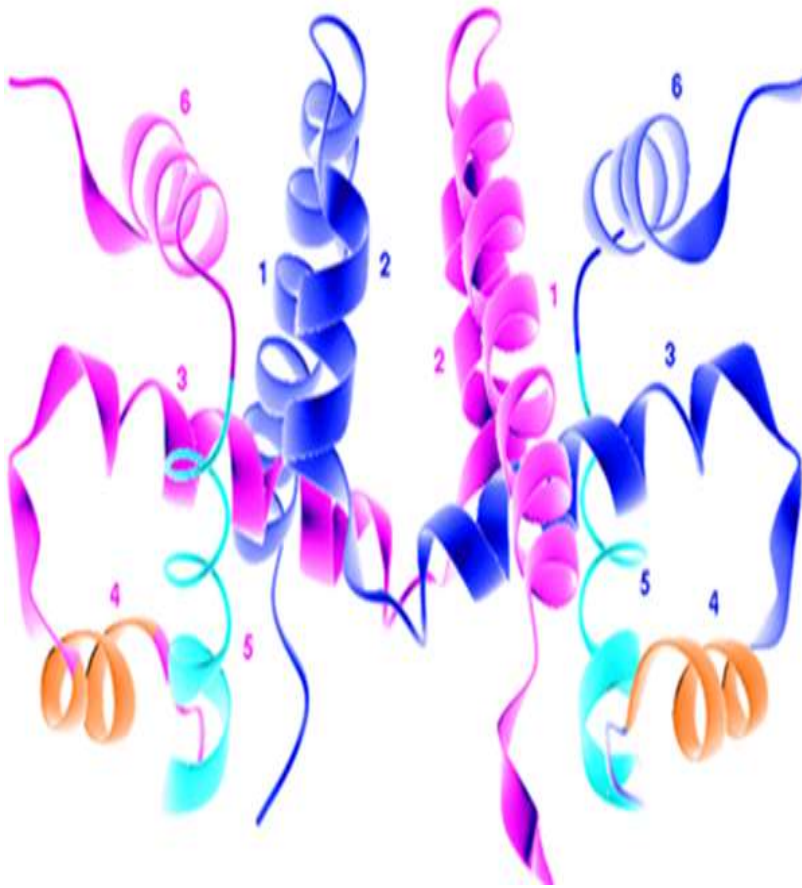




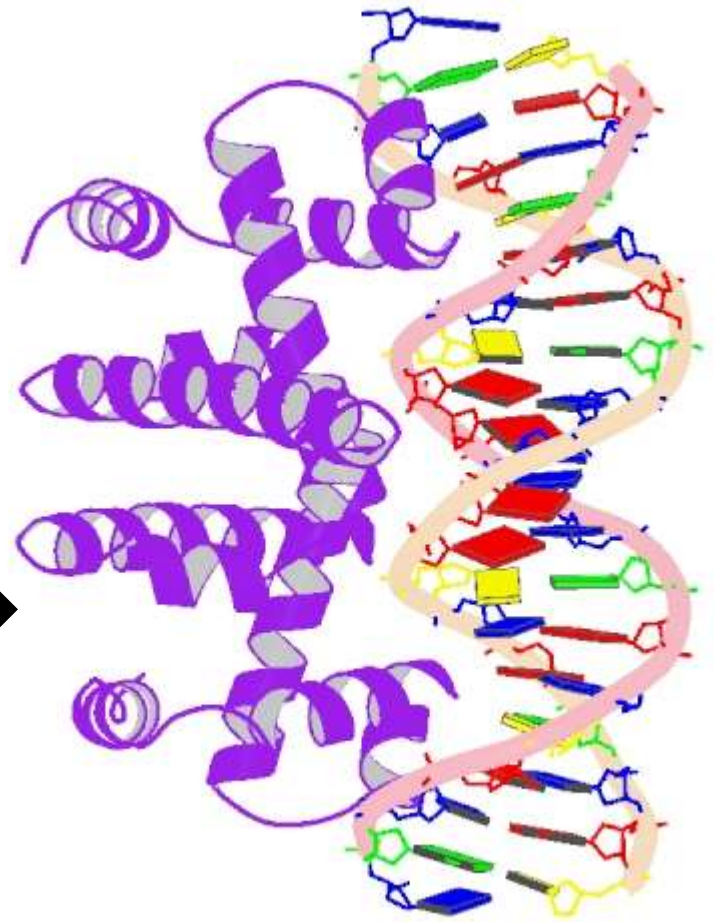
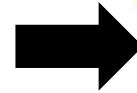
# TRAP

tryptophan mediates transcription and translation of the genes responsible for its biosynthesis. Tryptophan accomplishes this through interactions with a regulatory protein known as tryptophan-activated RNA binding attenuation protein (TRAP).





**Trp-repressor dimer**



**Trp -repressor binding to operator DNA**

**Thank you.**