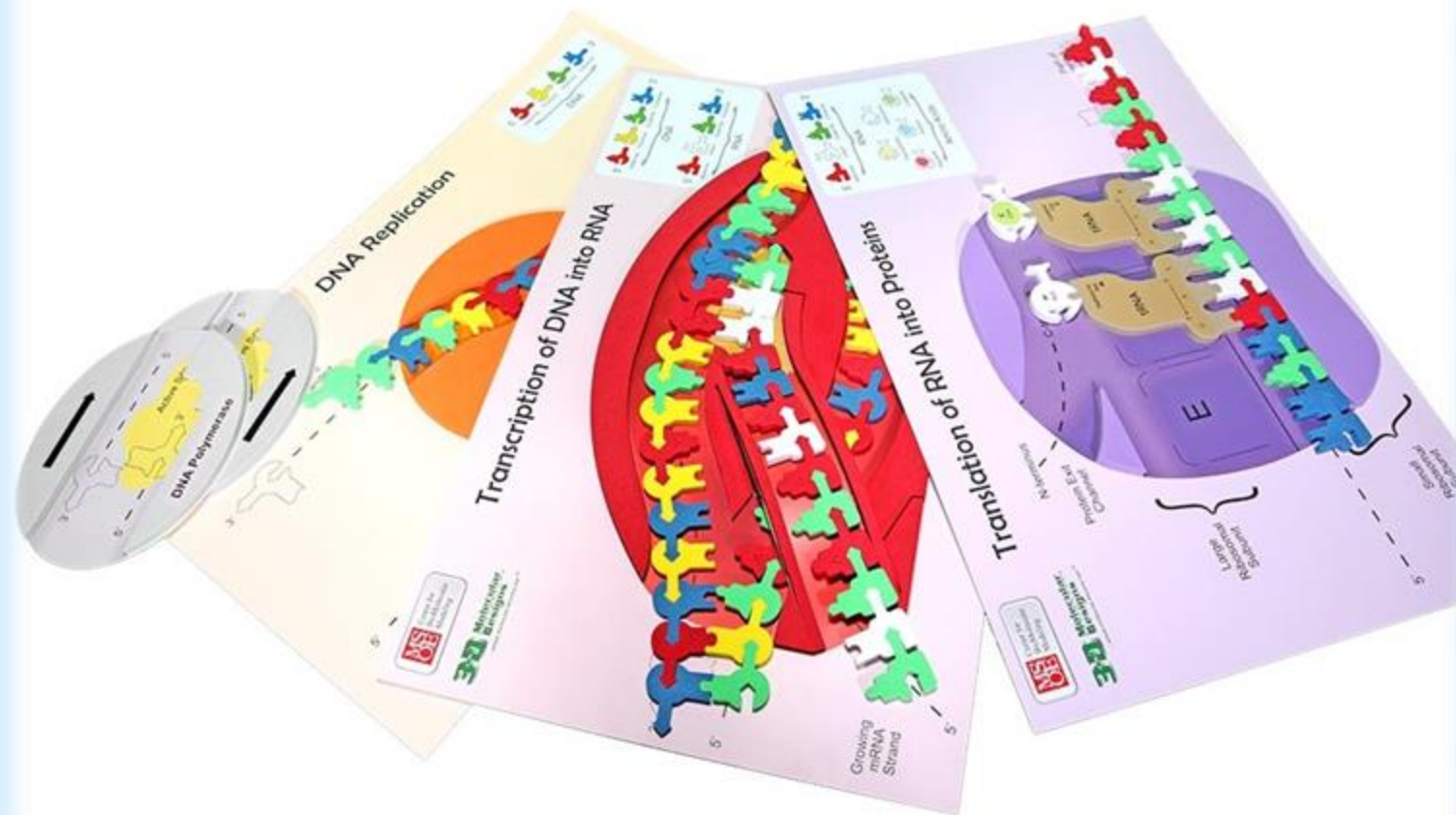
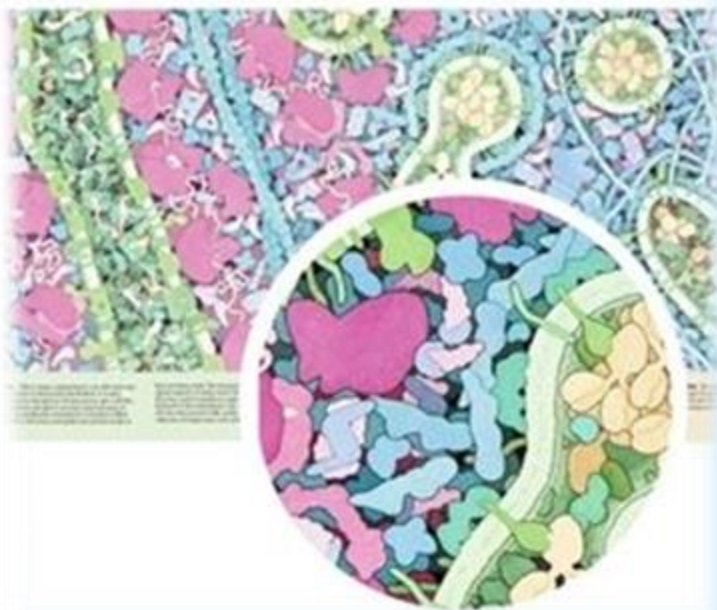


The view from 1,000,000X: a tour of the human cell

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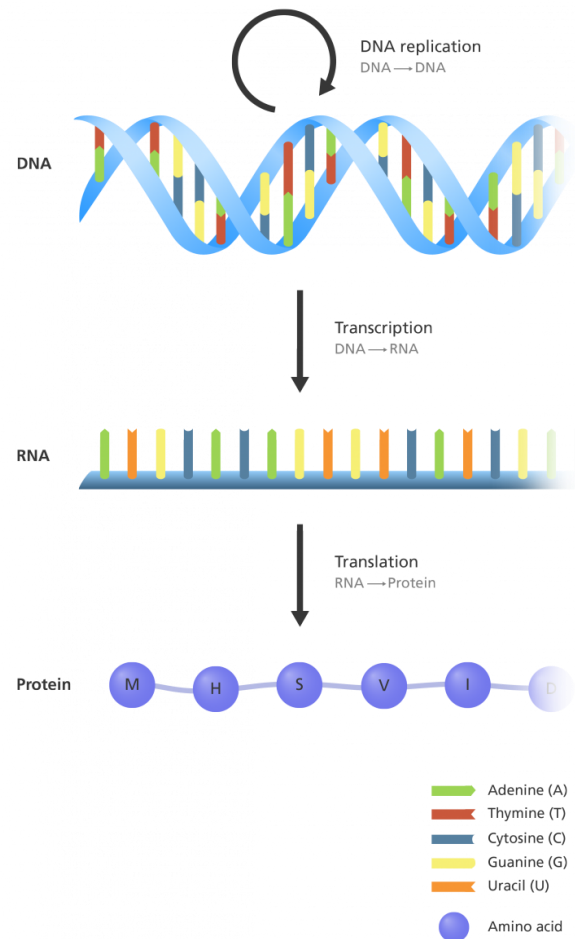




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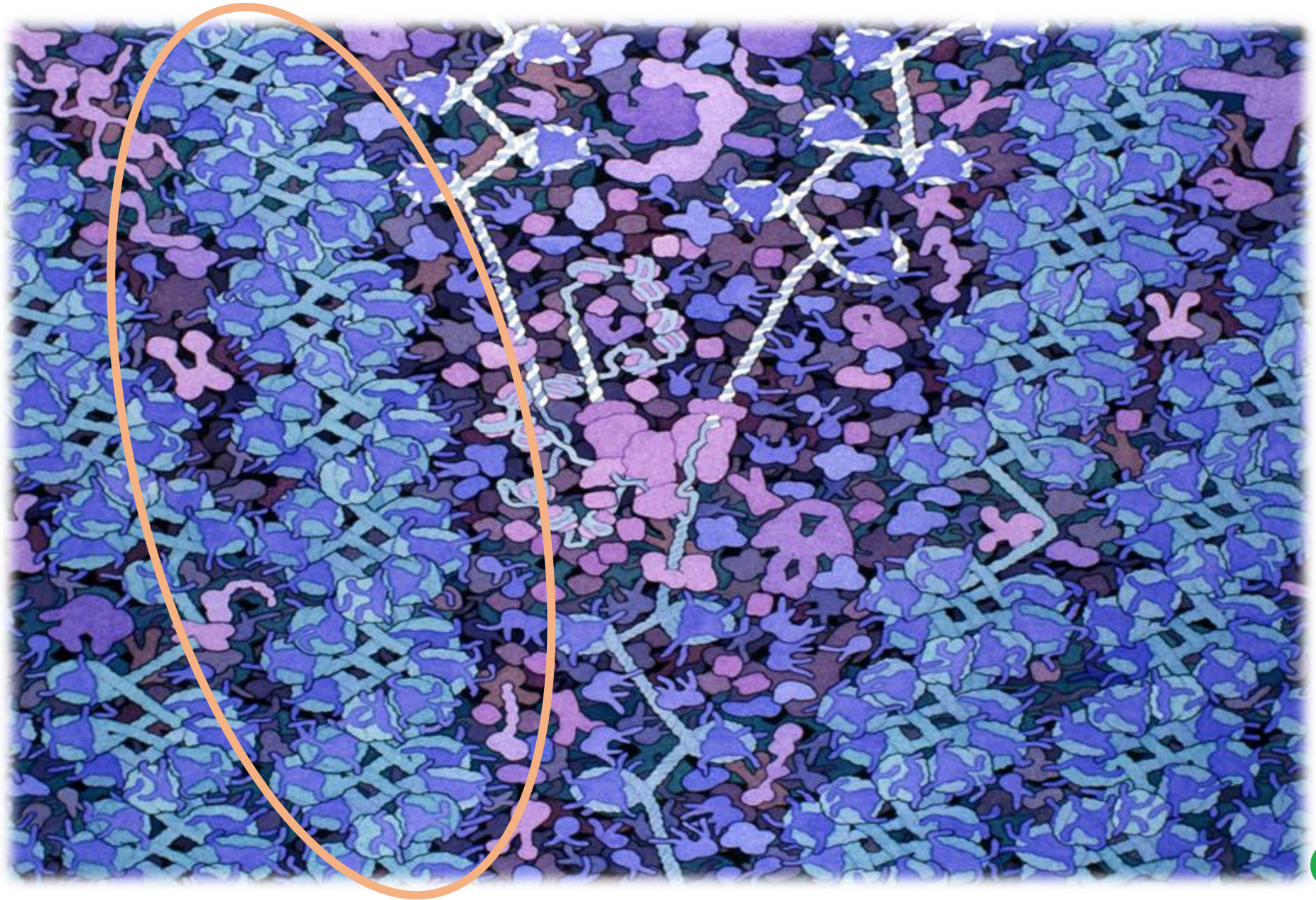
- Construct an explanation based on evidence for how the structure of DNA determines the structure of proteins, which carry out the essential functions of life through systems of specialized cells by explaining the purpose and process of replication, transcription, and translation using models of DNA and RNA.
- Examine patterns within and between side chains of amino acids.
- Model protein secondary and tertiary structure based on the primary structure of amino acid sequence.

What do your students find confusing about the central dogma?

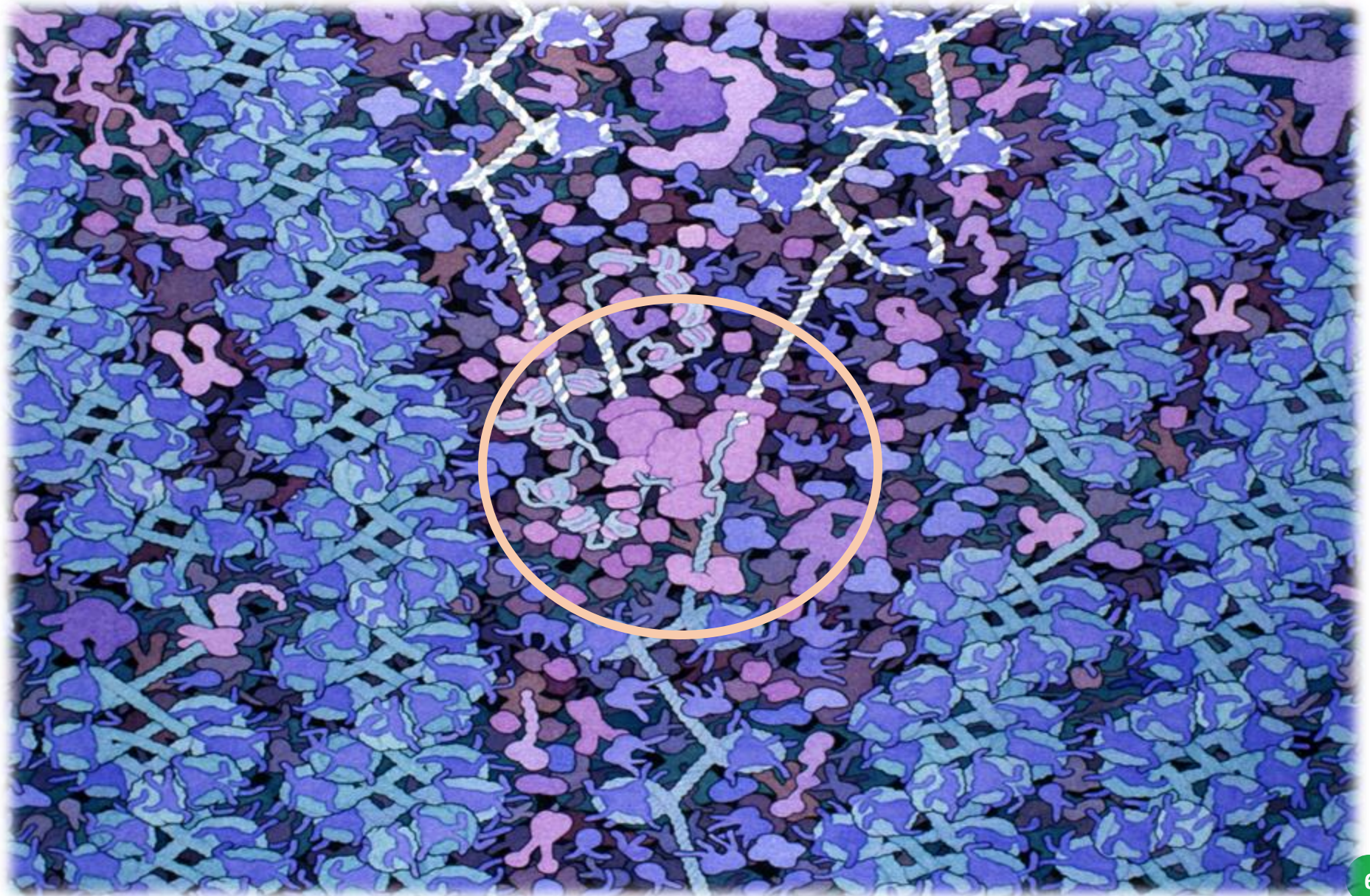


- Don't understand how the processes are related.
- Don't understand the relevance to their own body.
- All the vocabulary!

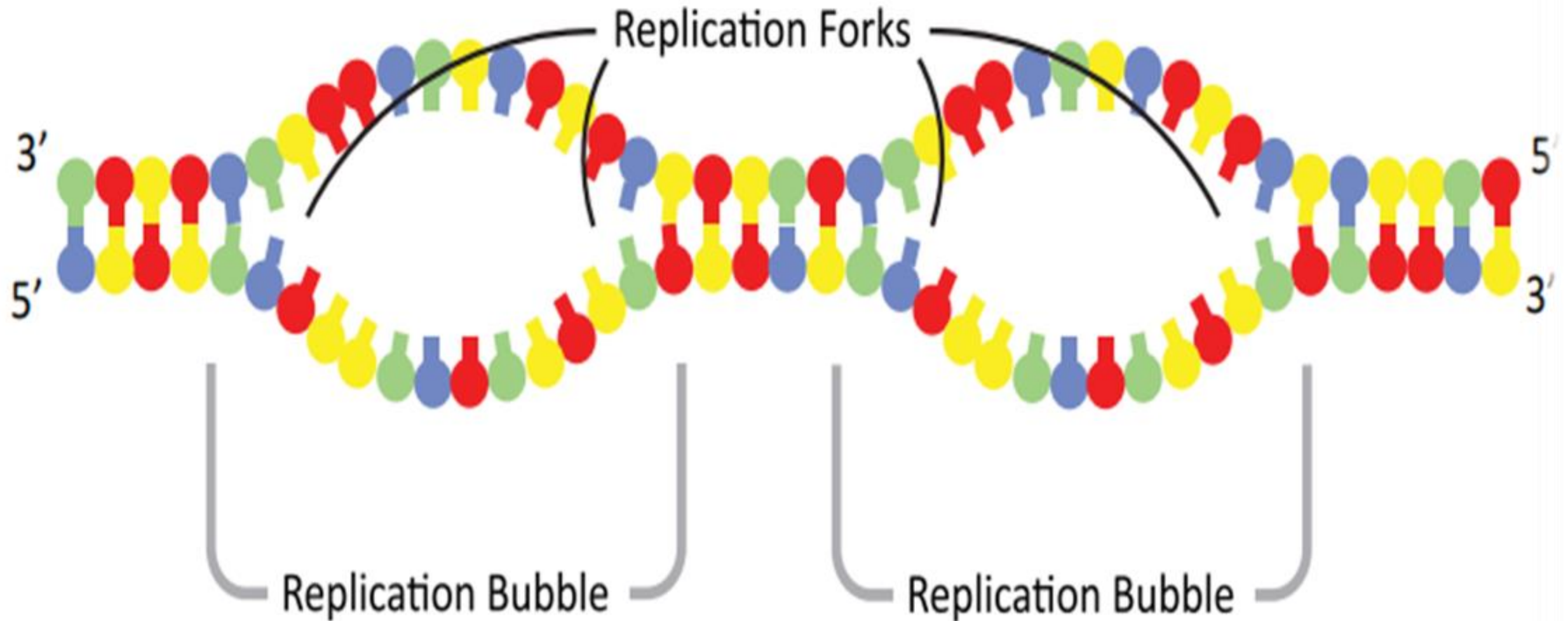
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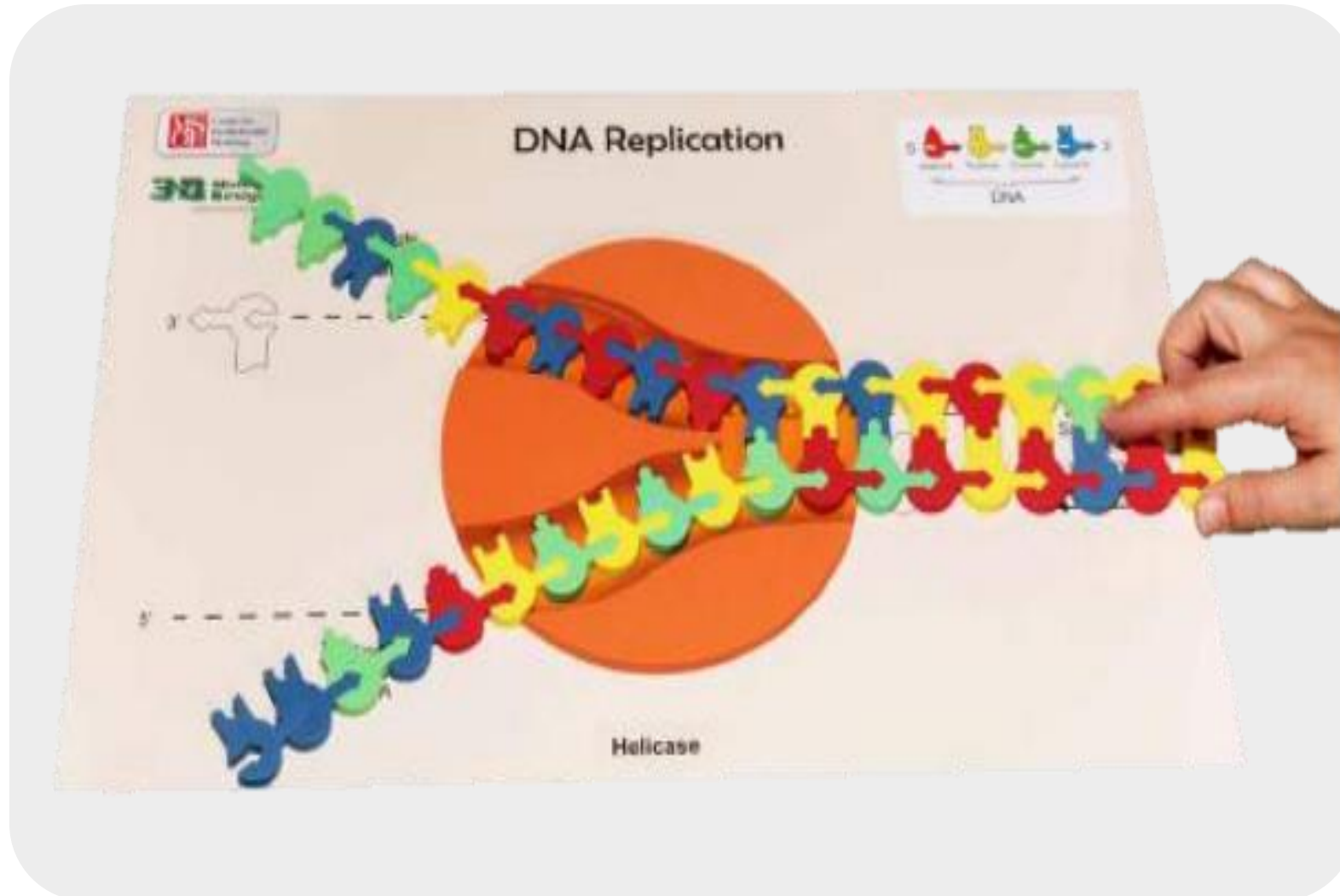
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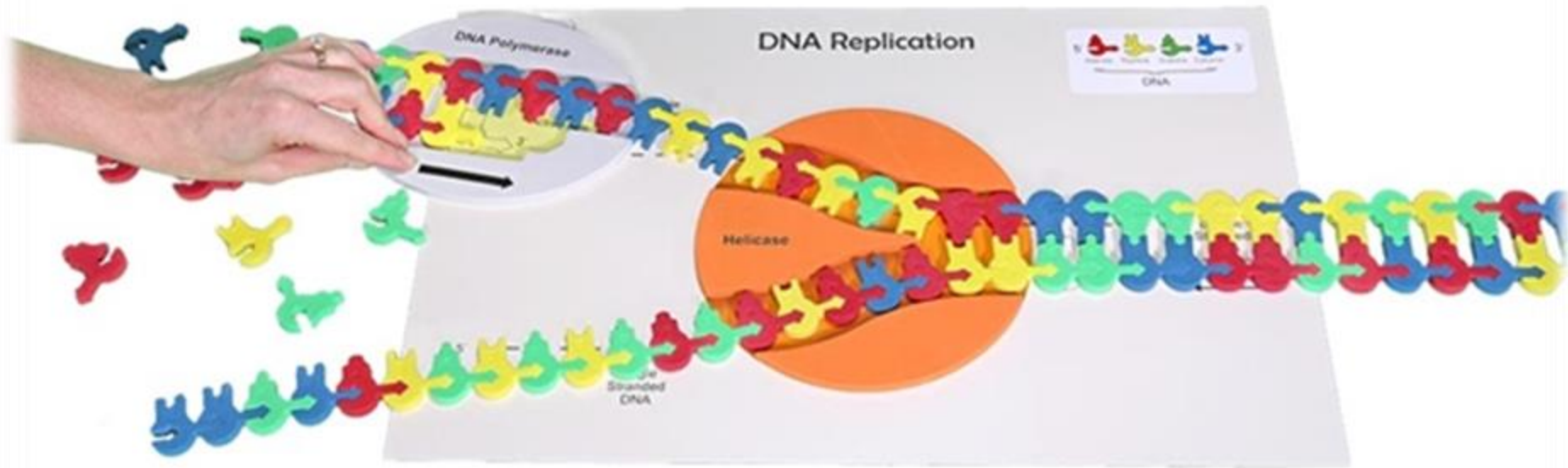
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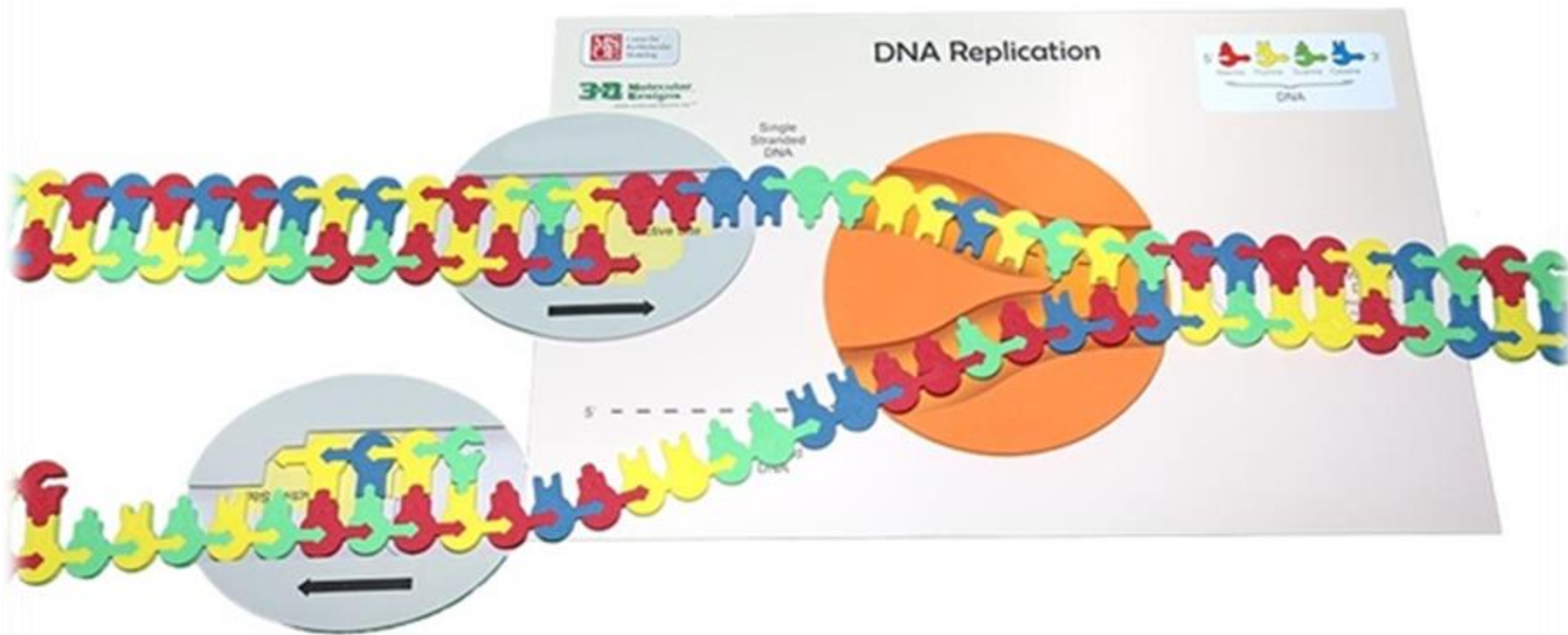
Replication



Continuous Replication



Discontinuous Replication



Comparing Leading and Lagging Strands



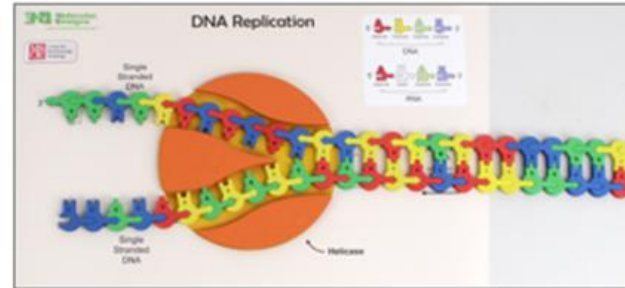


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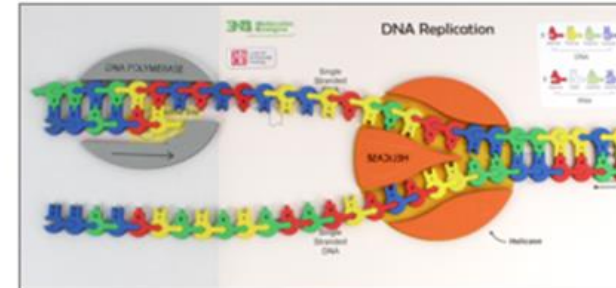
Diagram 1



Helicase unwinds the DNA at the replication fork

Helicases are enzymes that untwist the double helix and separate the two strands.

Diagram 2



DNA polymerase catalyzes the synthesis of new DNA

Leading Strand: New DNA can elongate only in the $5' \rightarrow 3'$ direction. The DNA strand that is made **continuously** is referred to as the leading strand. DNA polymerase moves toward the replication fork.

Diagram 3

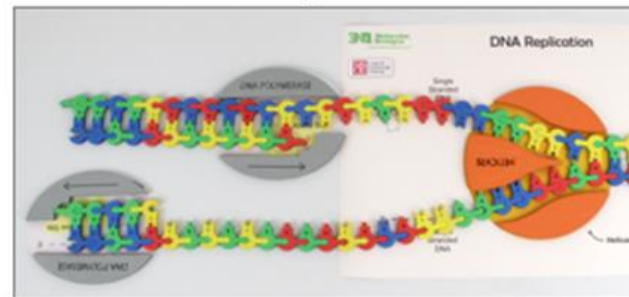
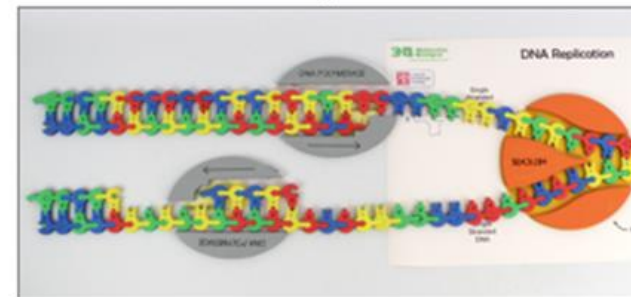
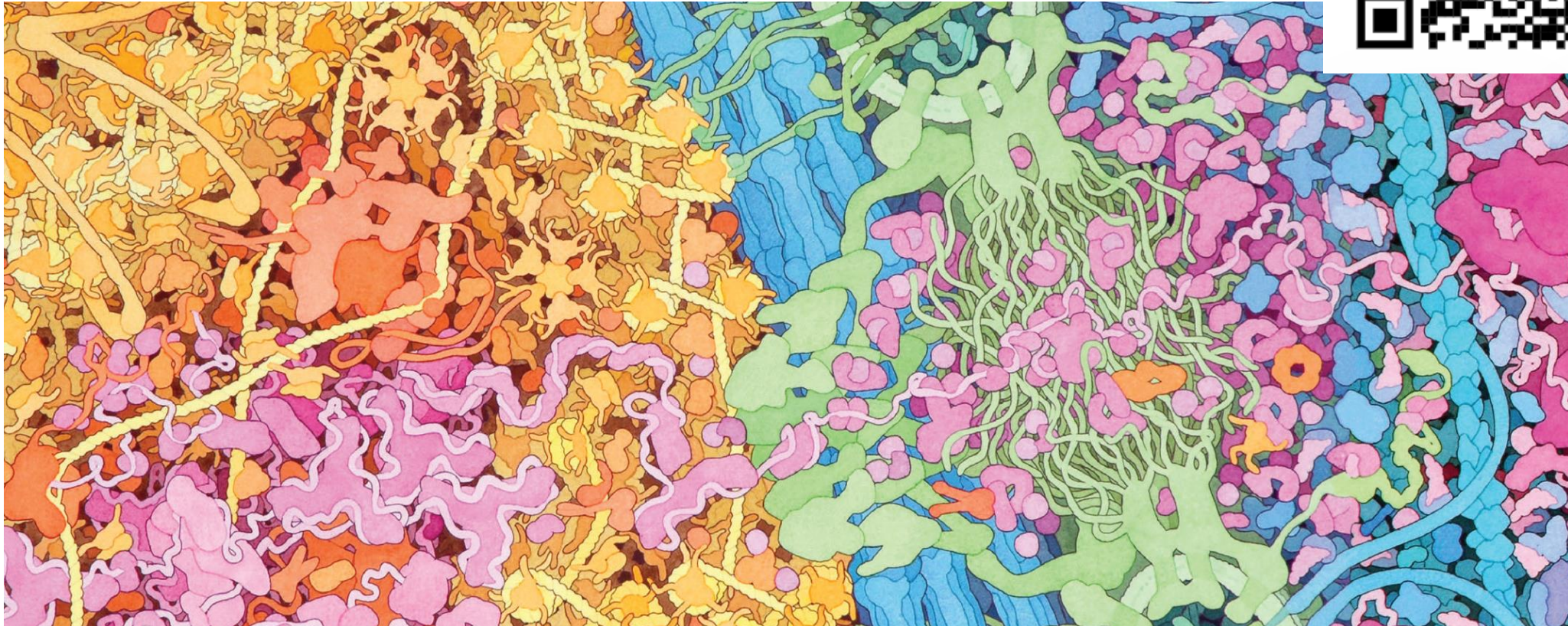


Diagram 4



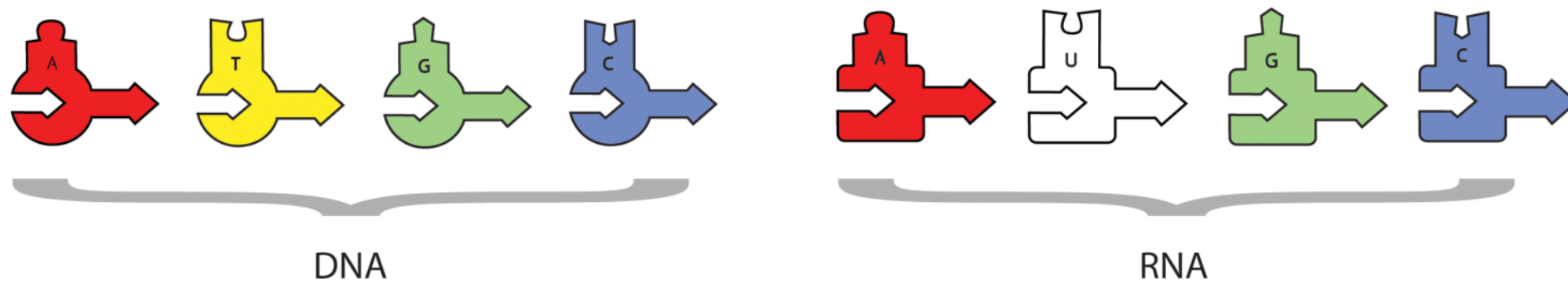
Lagging Strand: DNA polymerase must move away from the fork instead of toward the fork as it did in the leading strand in order to maintain $5' \rightarrow 3'$ DNA synthesis (diagram 3). The lagging strand is synthesized in a series of **discontinuous** fragments referred to as Okazaki fragments (diagram 4).

A brief tour through the cell

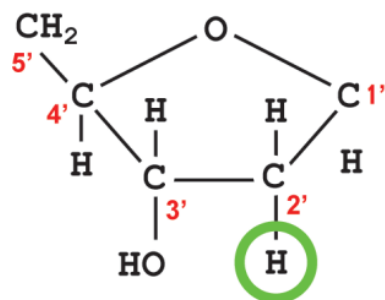


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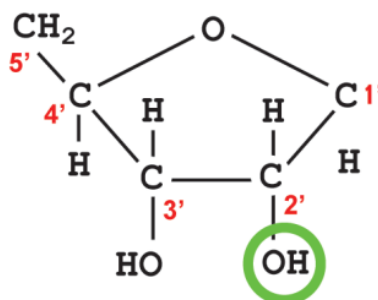
Transcription



Deoxyribose
found in DNA



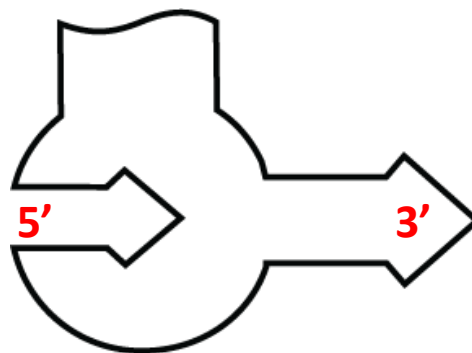
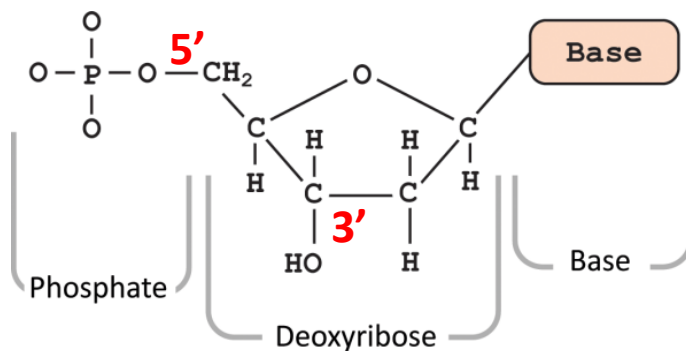
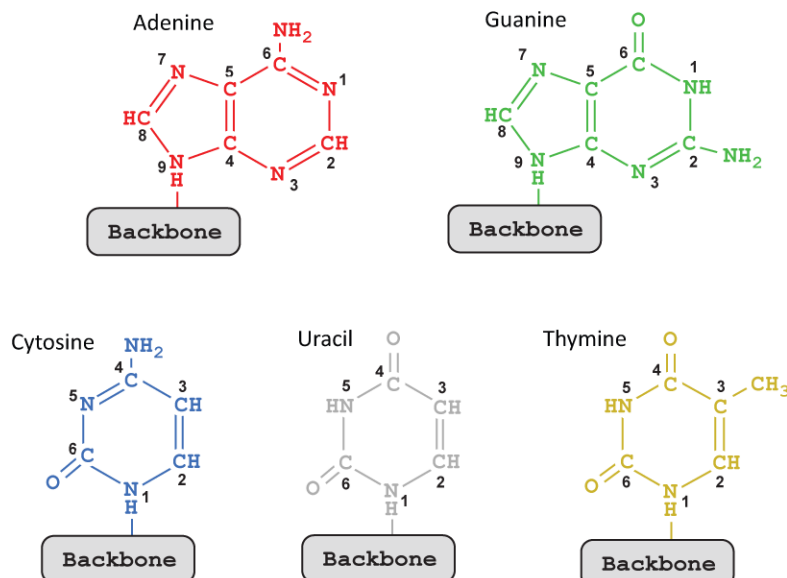
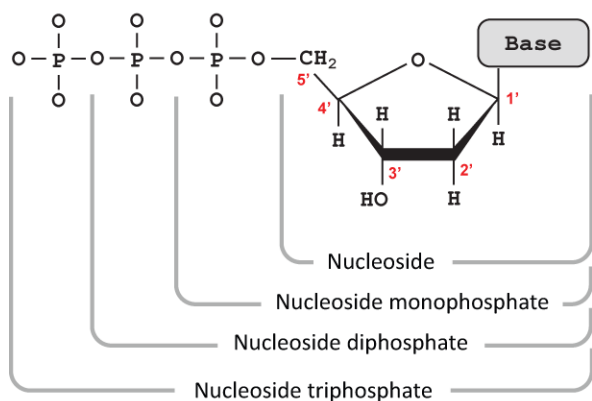
Ribose
found in RNA



Helpful Hint:

The DNA pieces are different than the RNA pieces!

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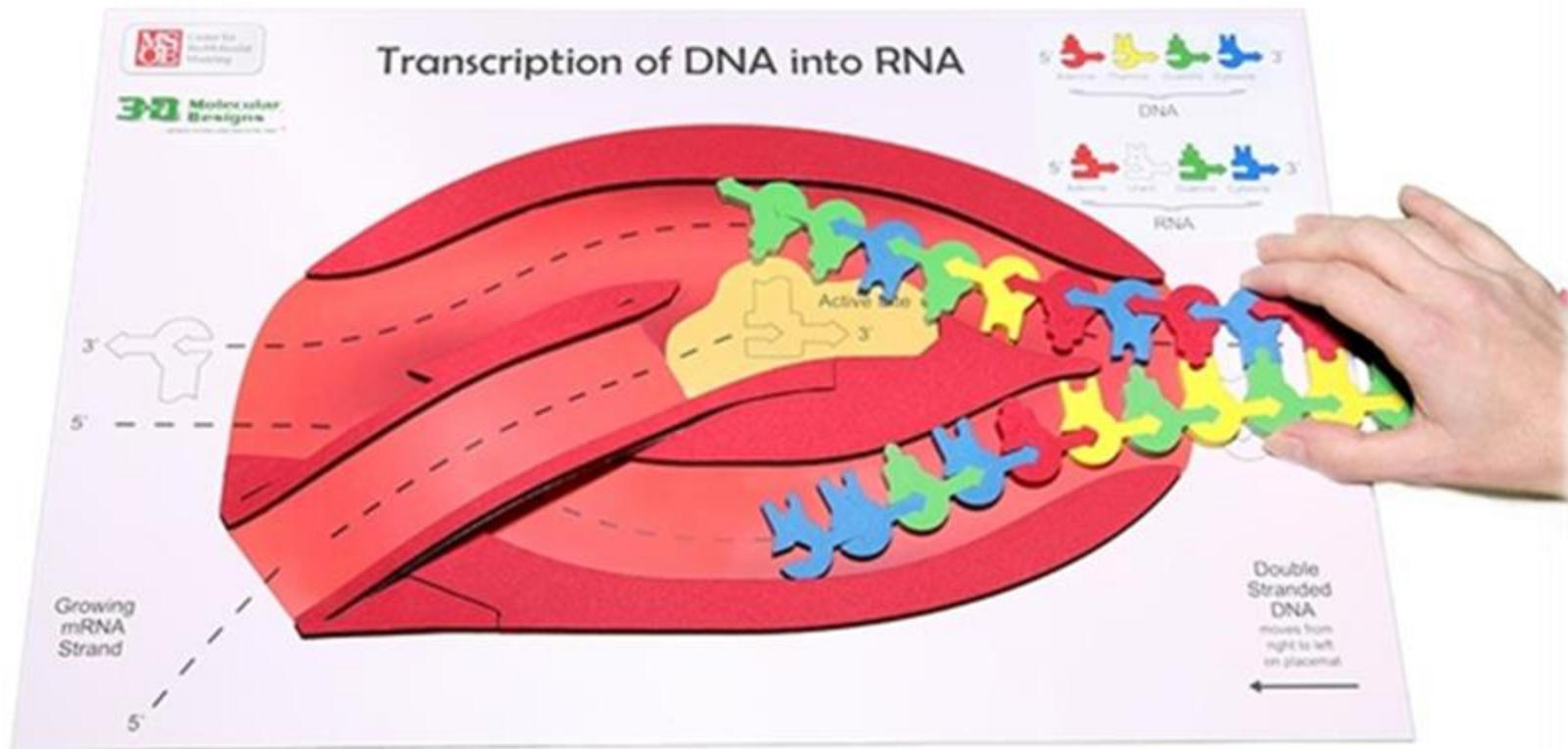


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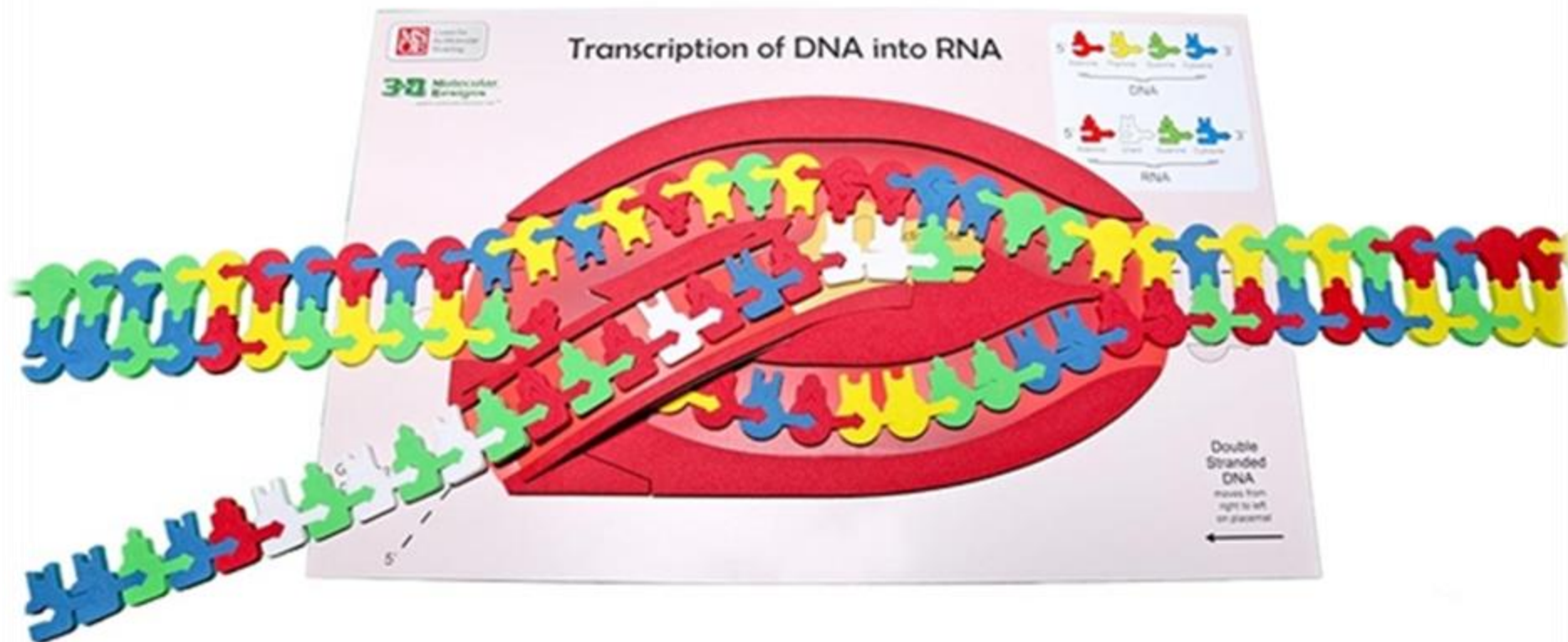
Take care in loading the DNA in the RNA polymerase.

Remember RNA is synthesized from the 5' to the 3' end.

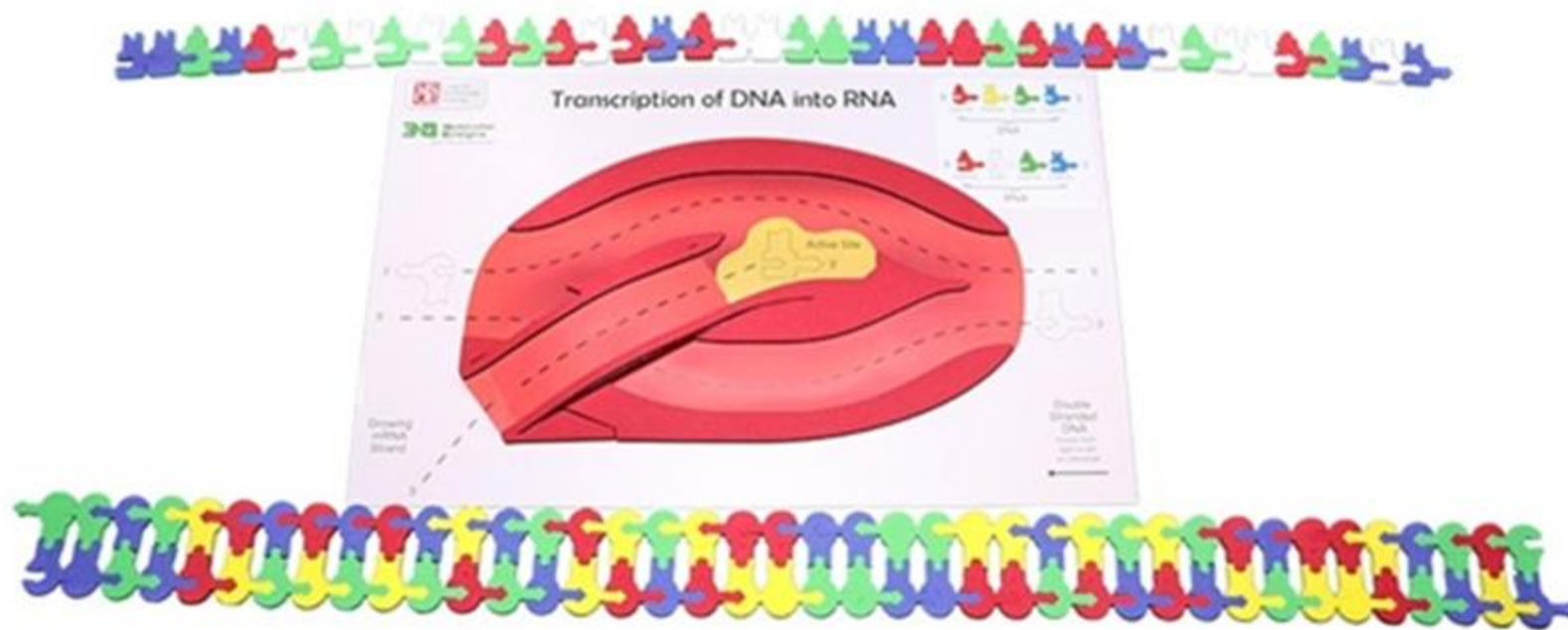
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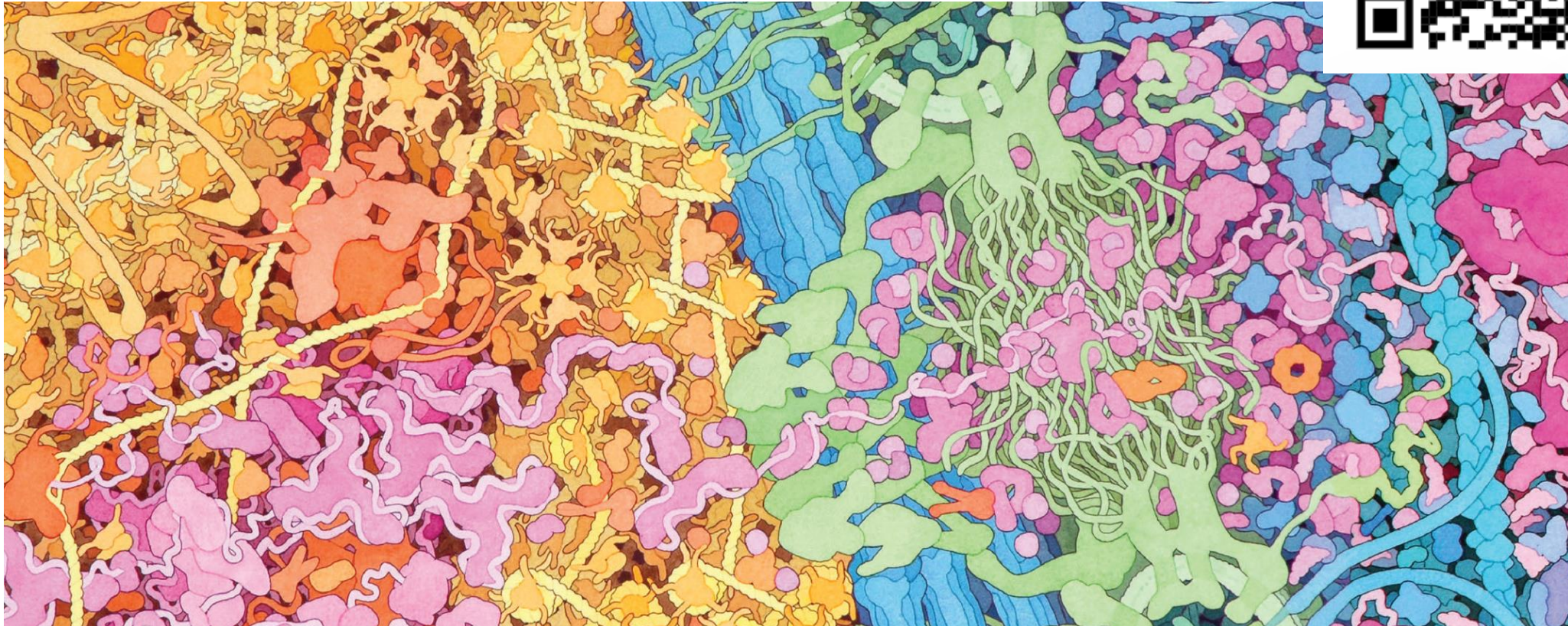
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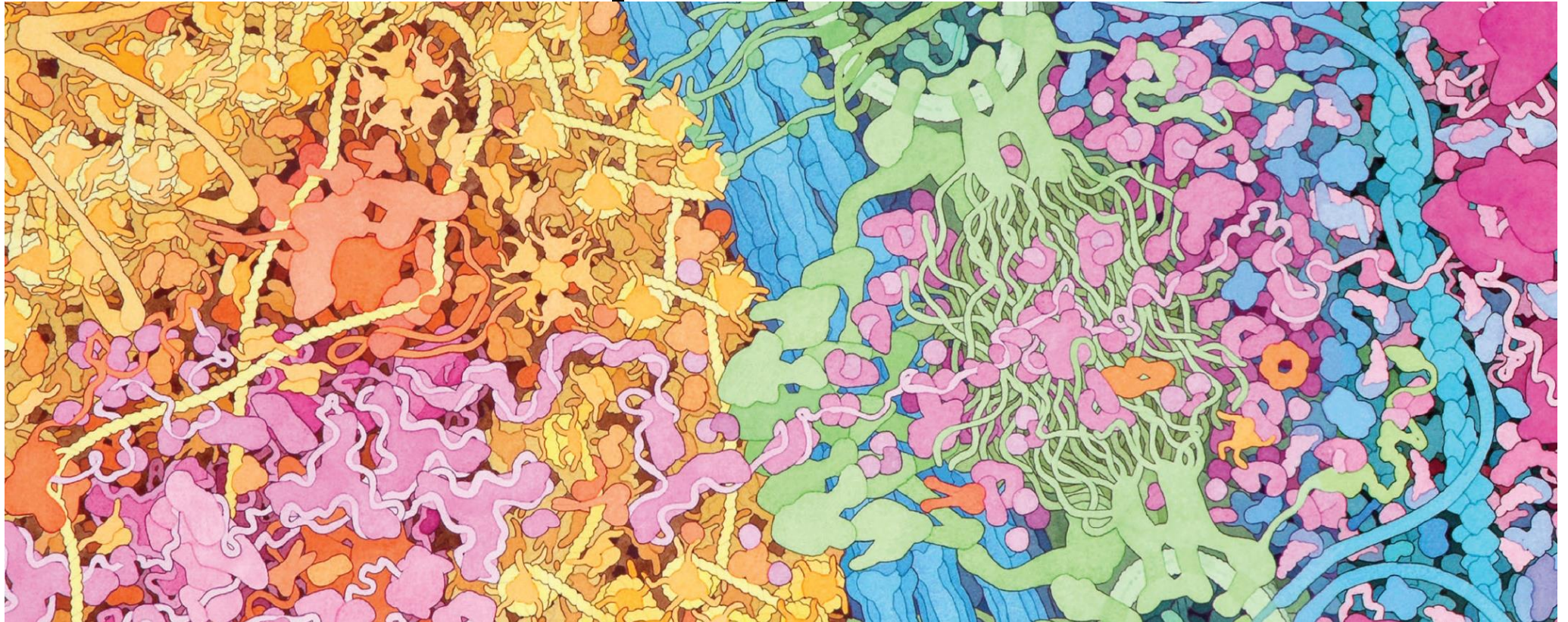


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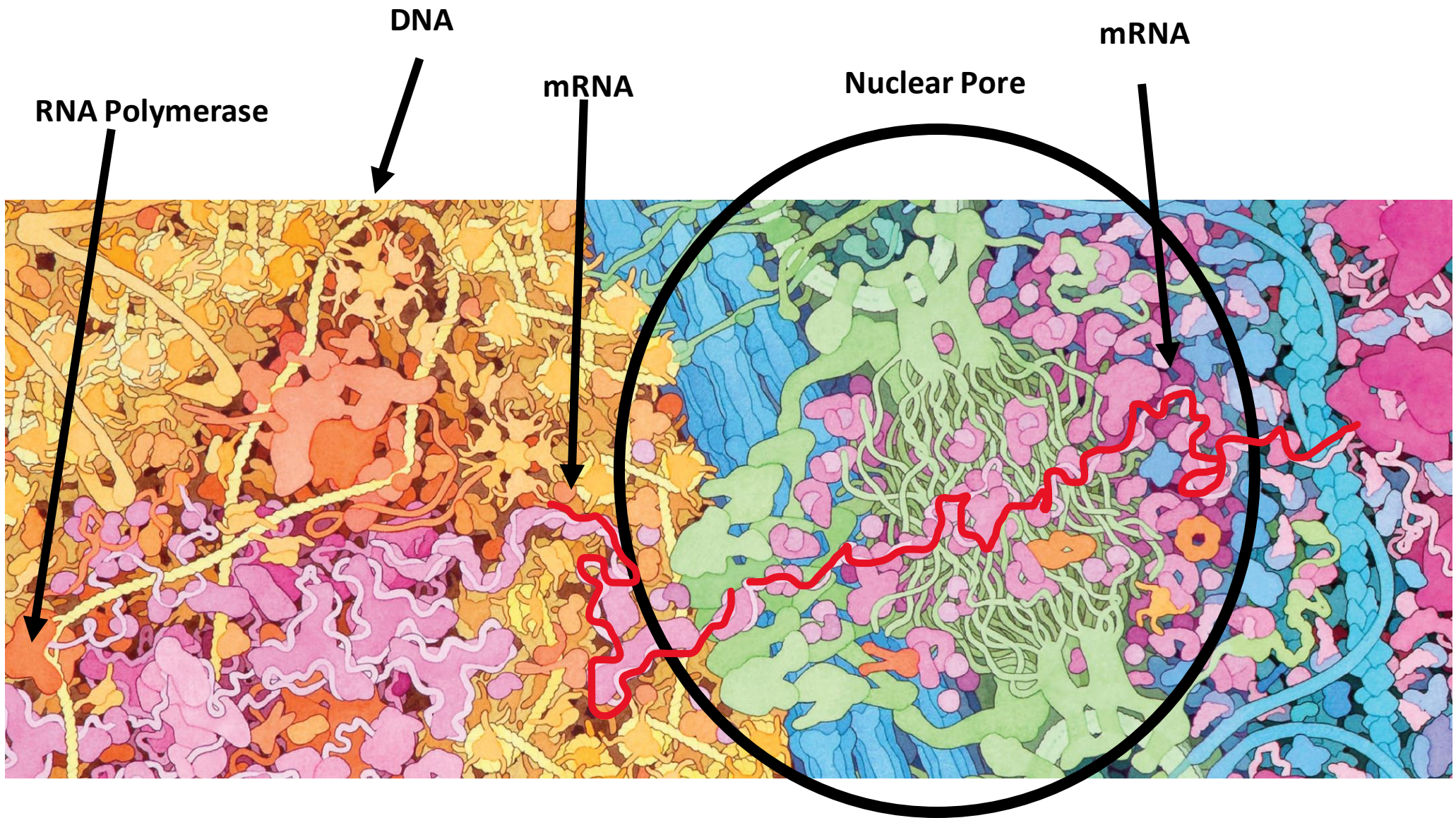
Nucleus

Nuclear
Membrane

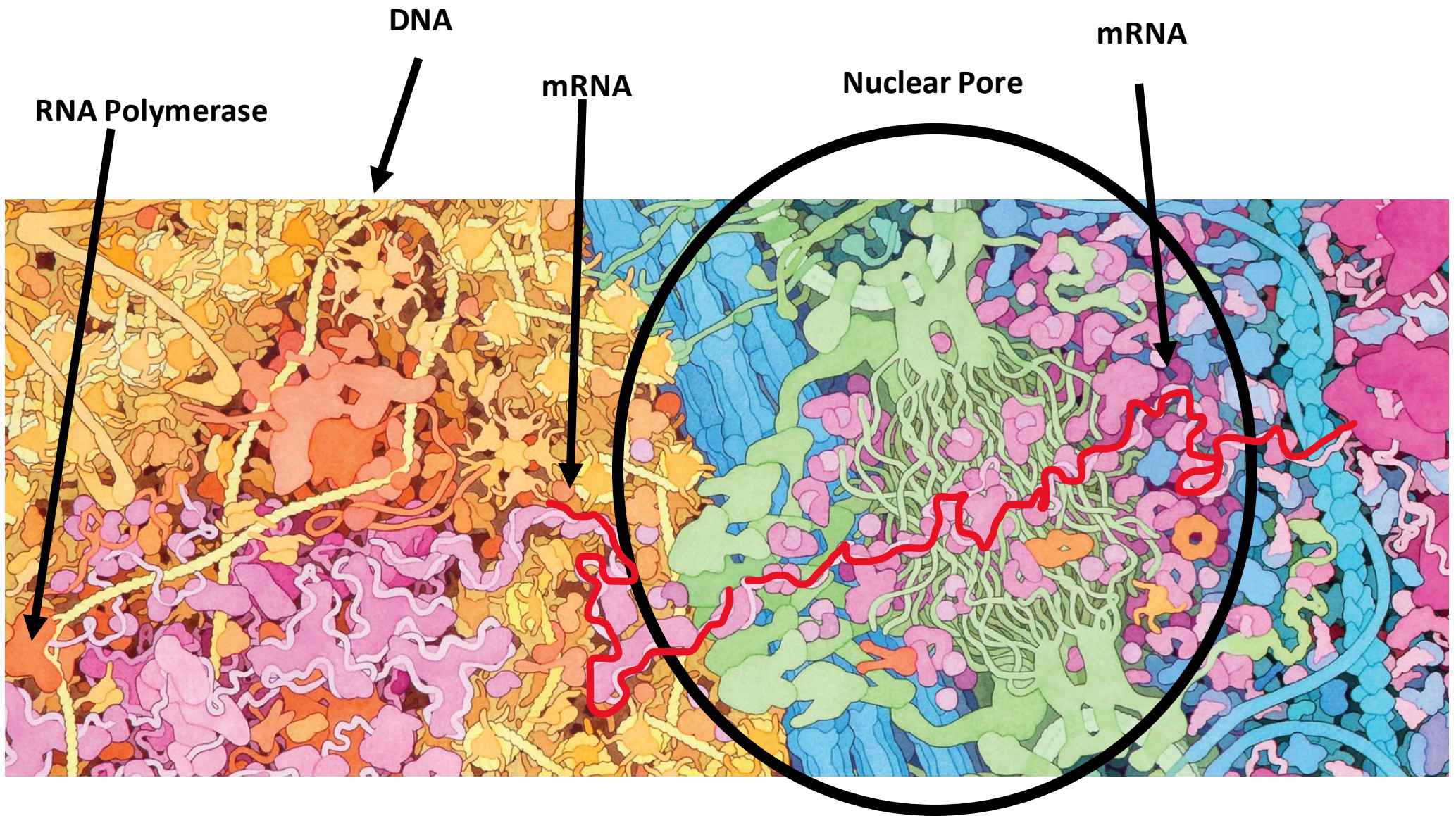
Cytoplasm



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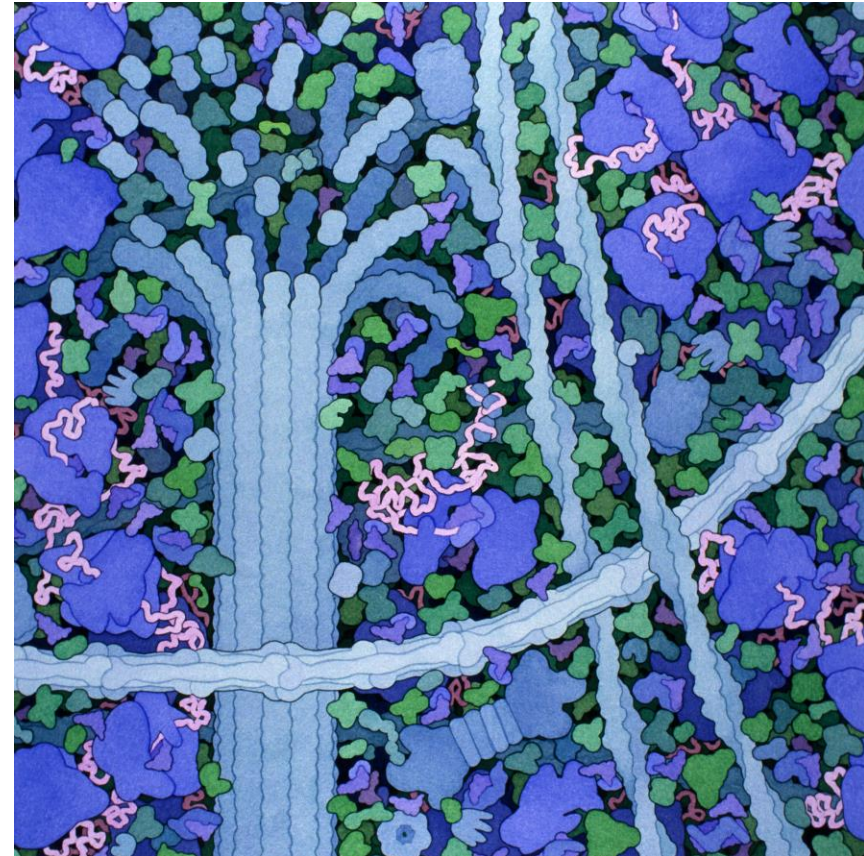
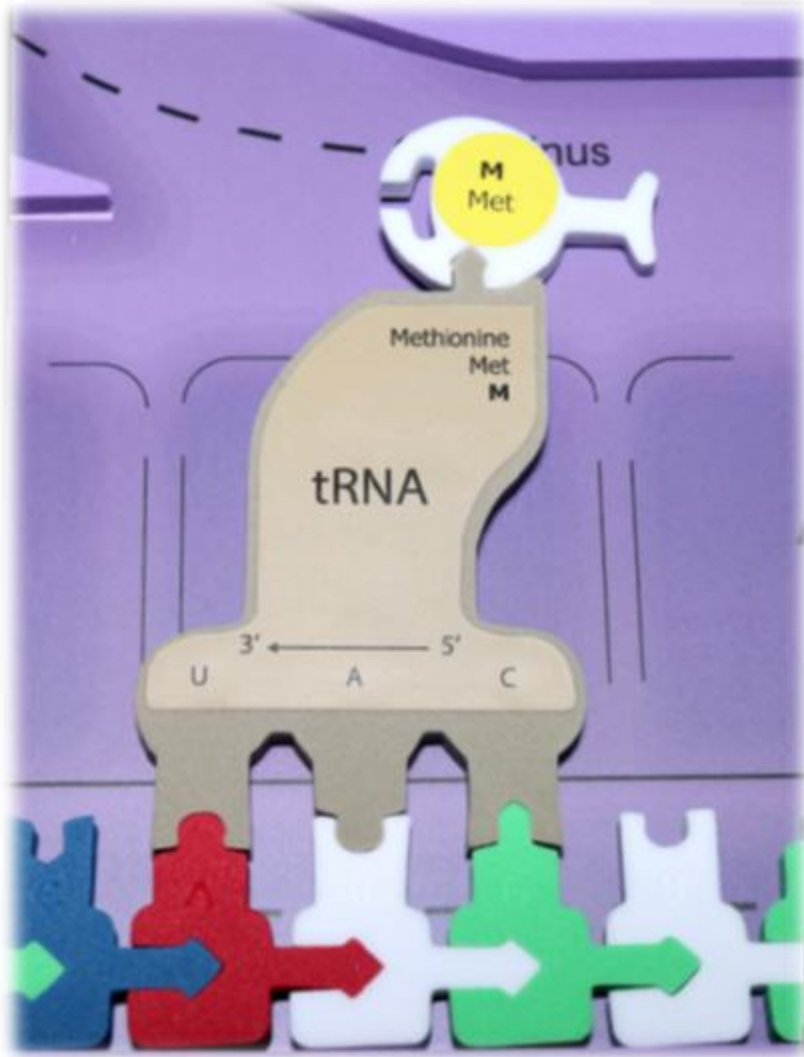


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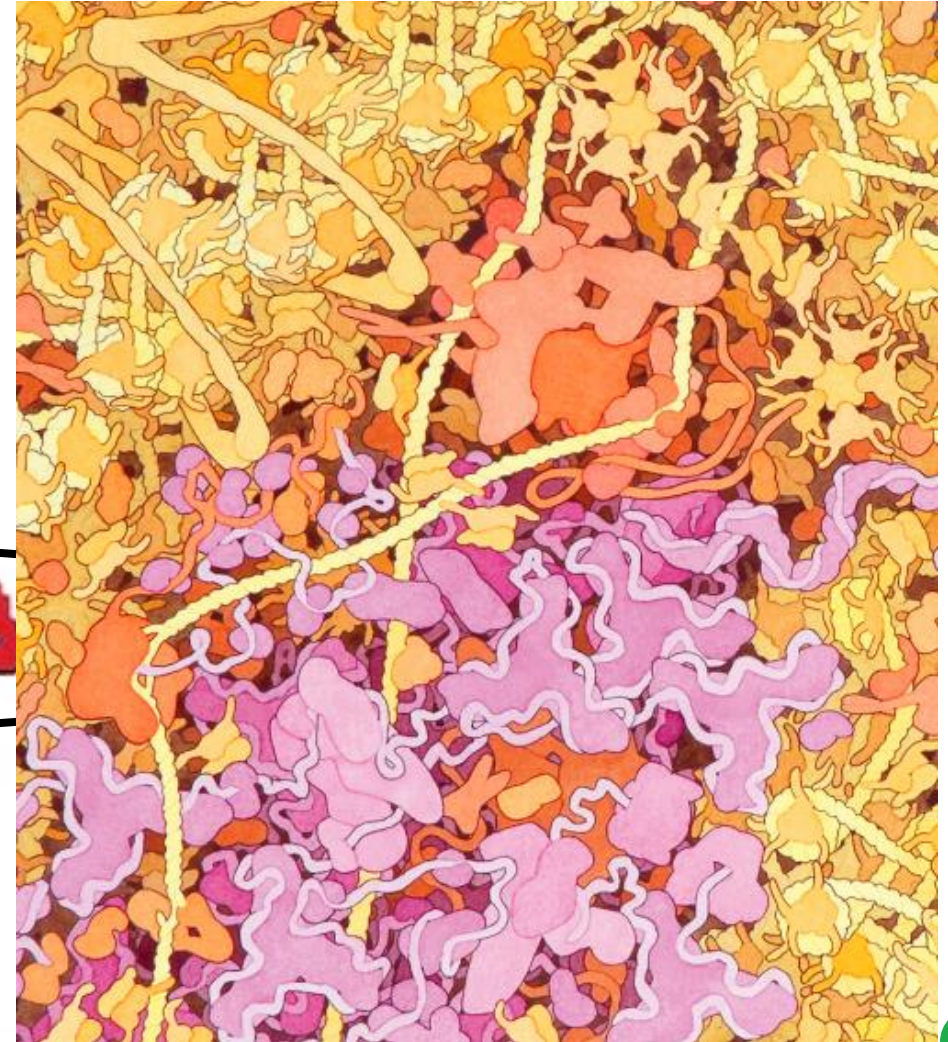
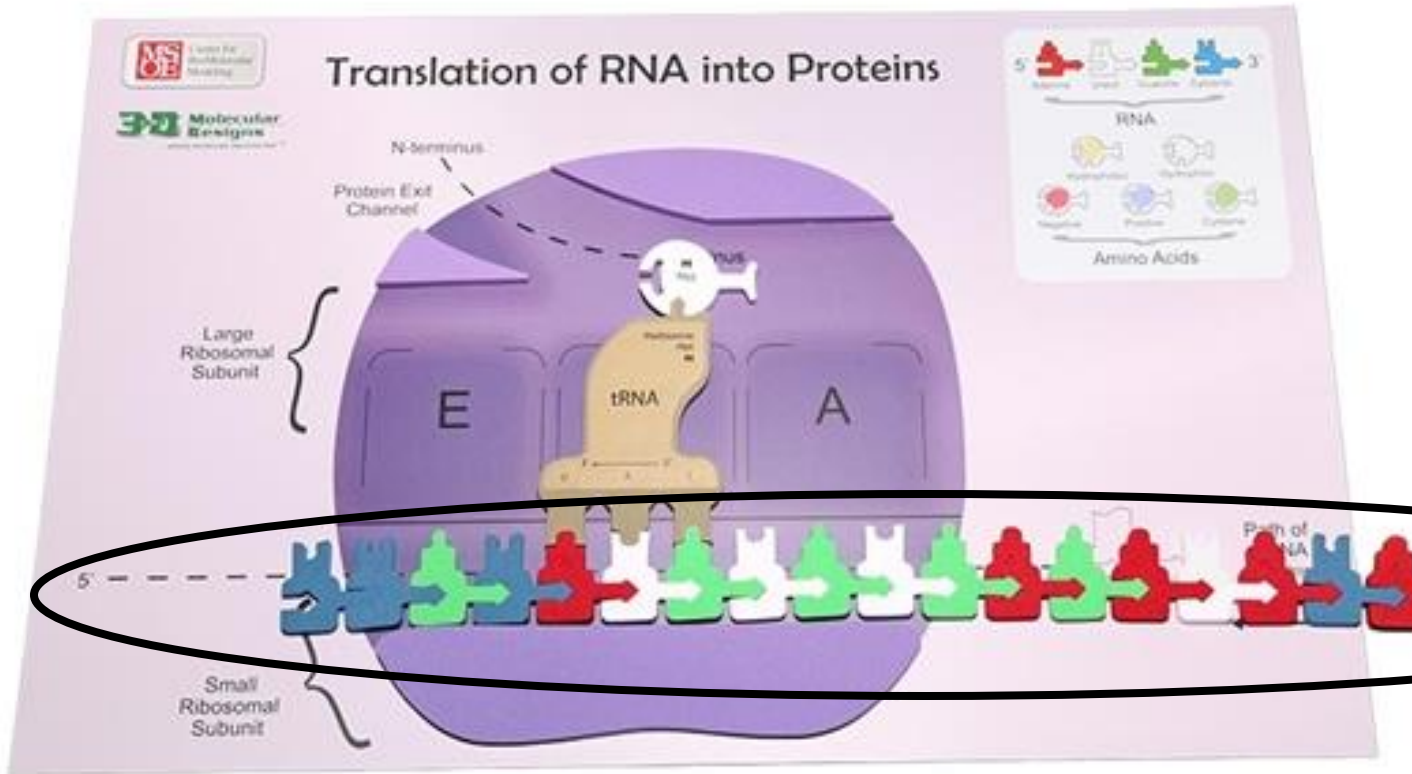
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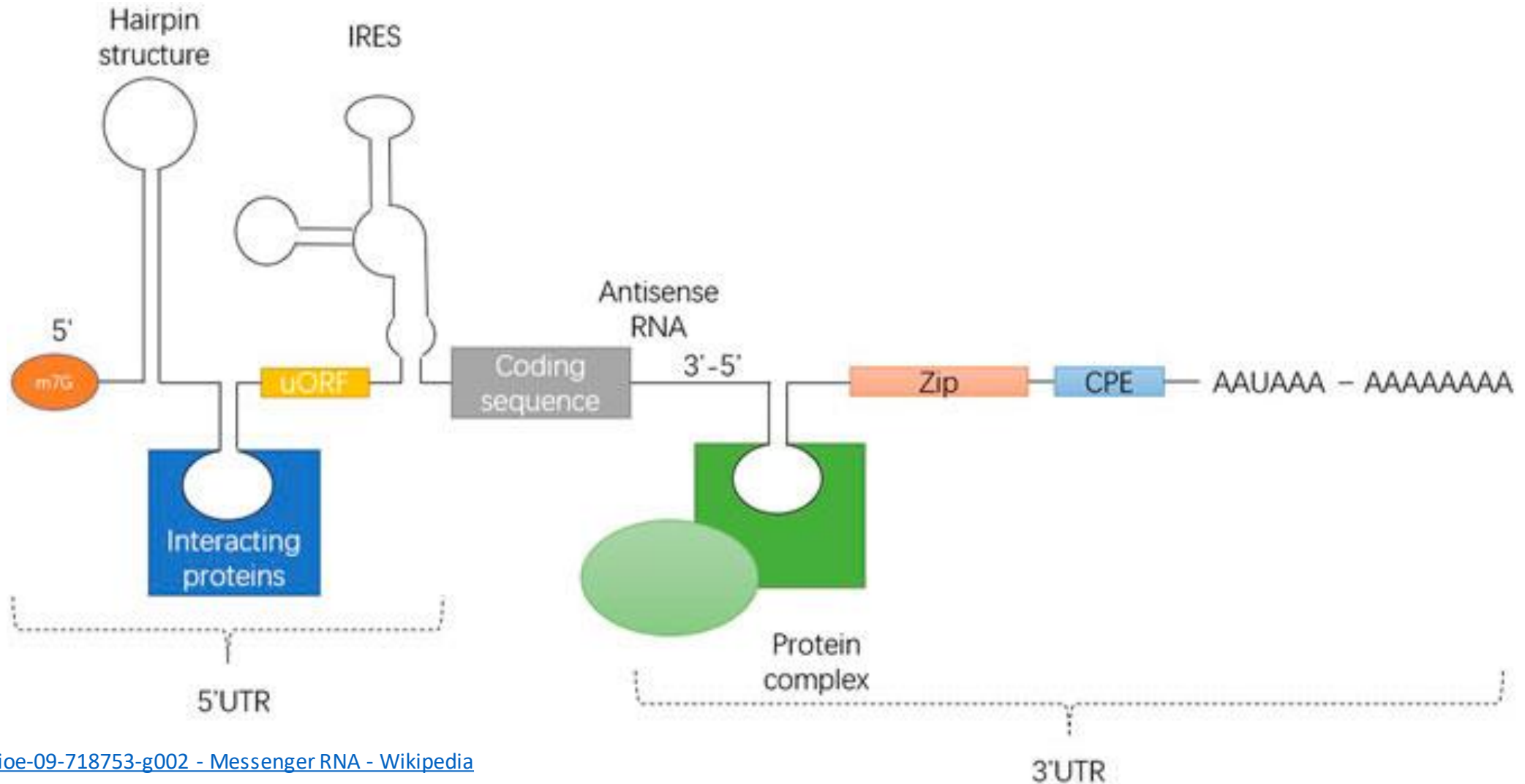


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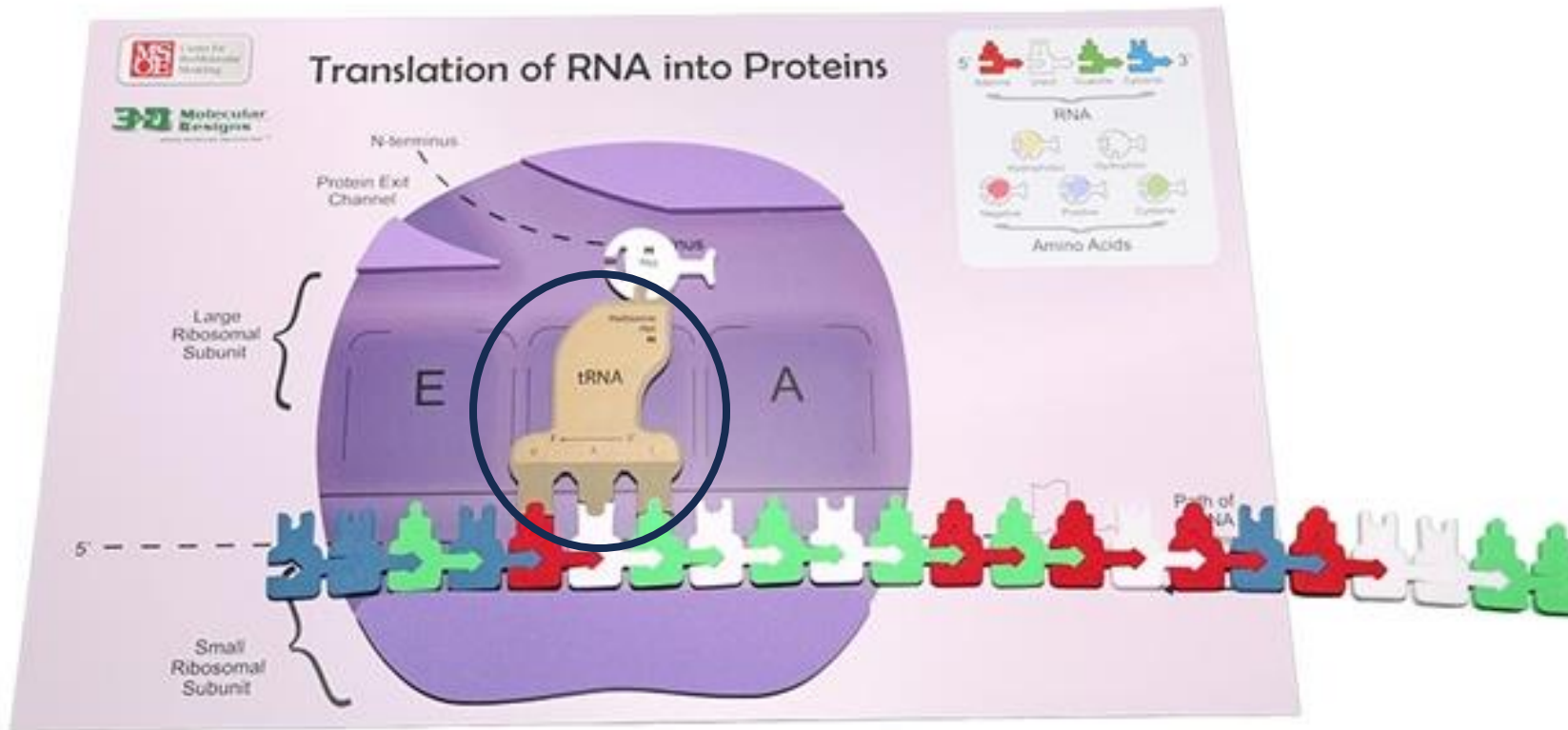
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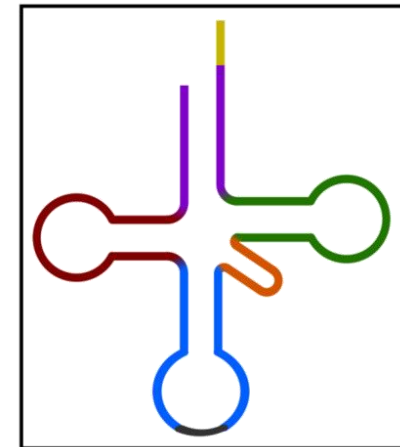
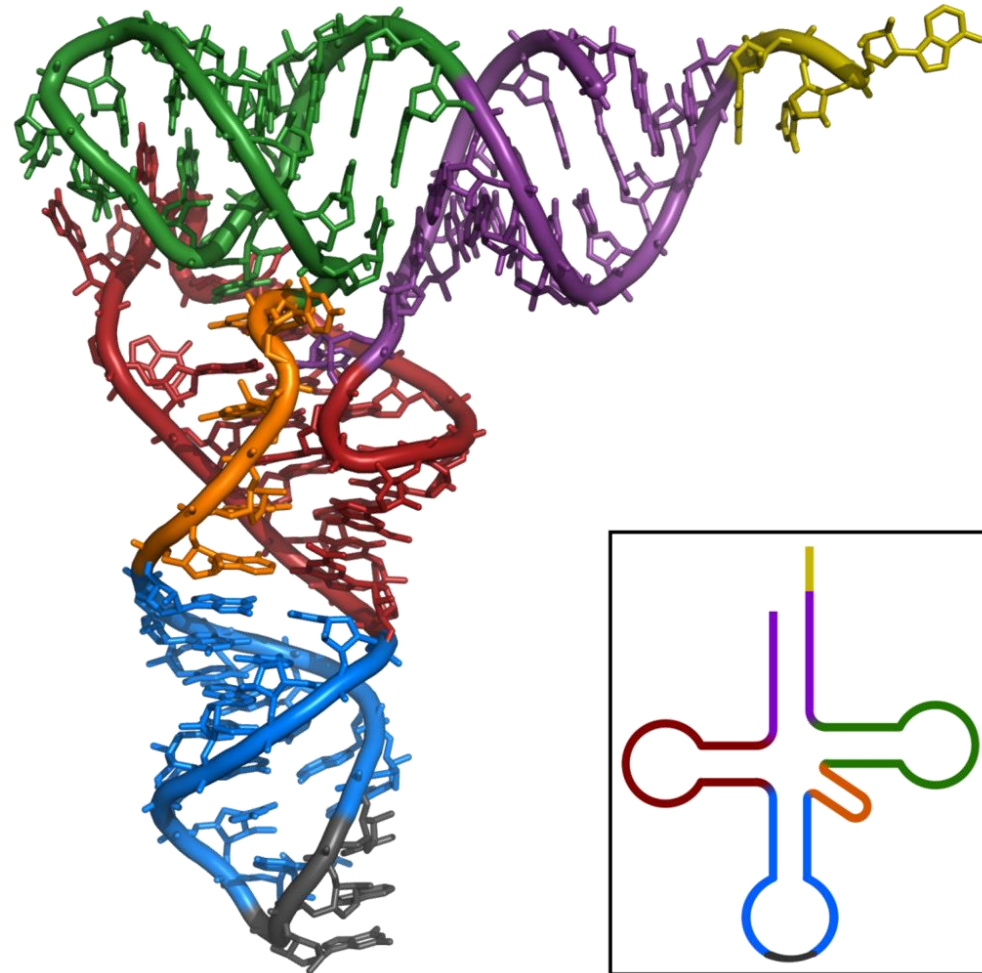
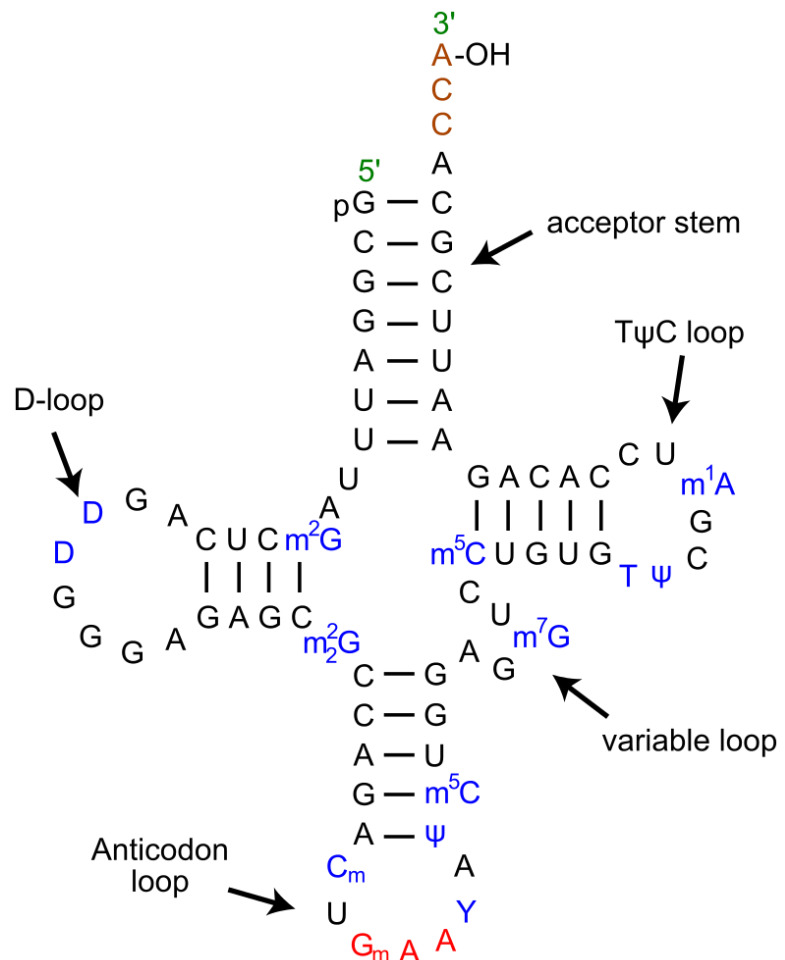
mRNA—Is this unstructured?



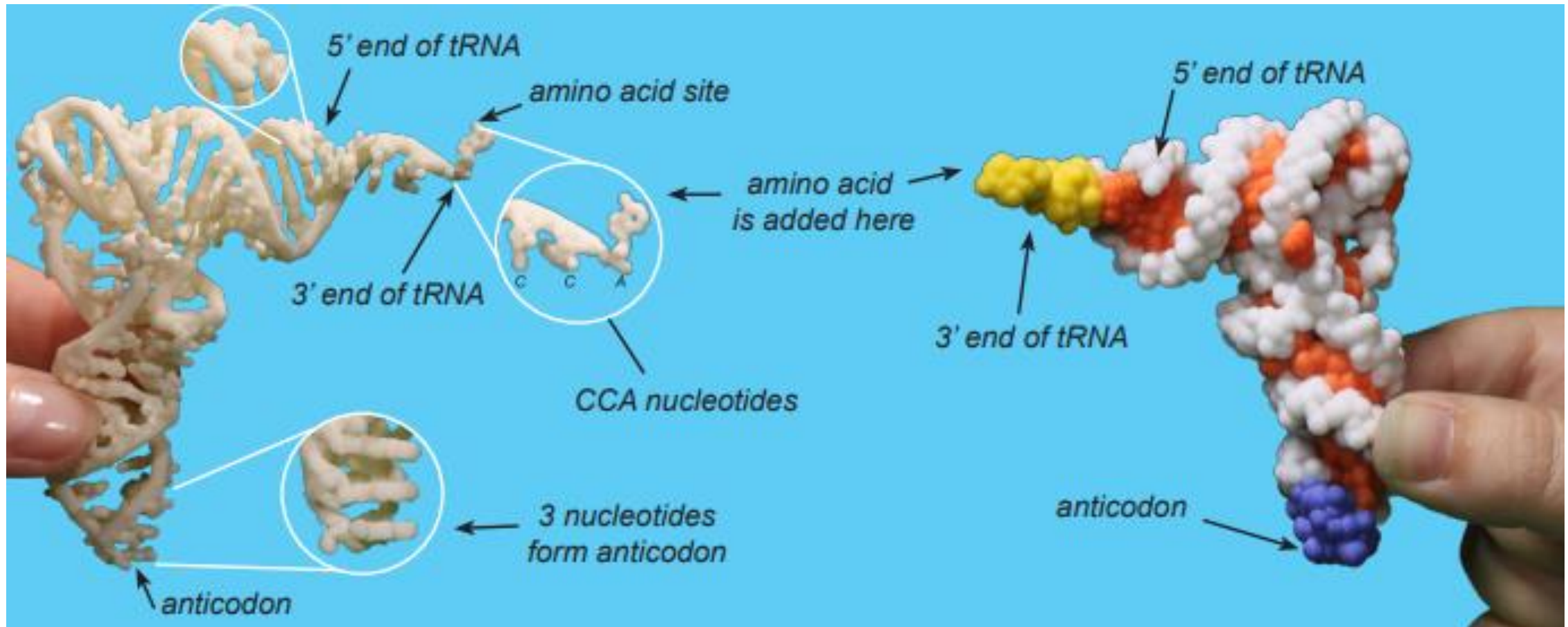
Transfer RNA



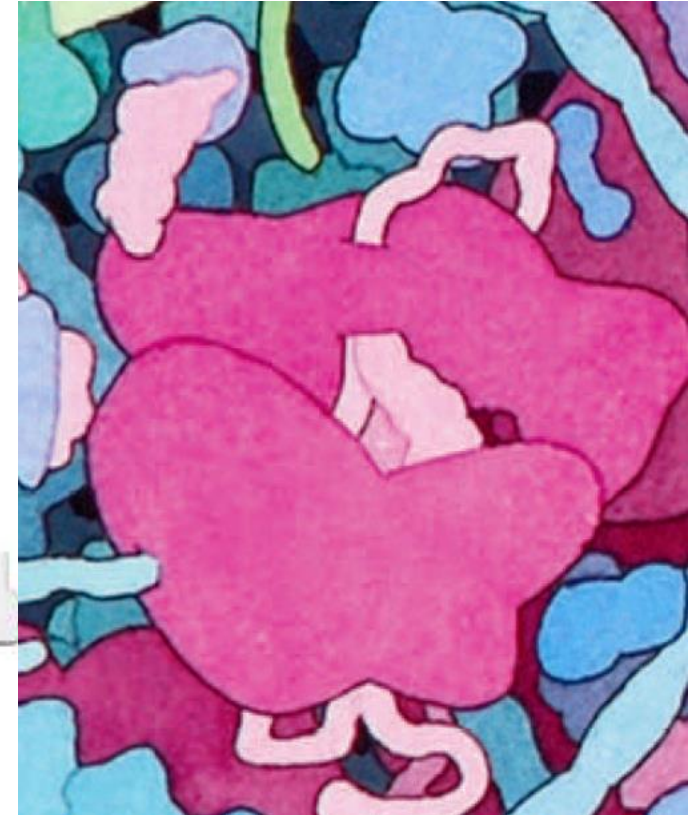
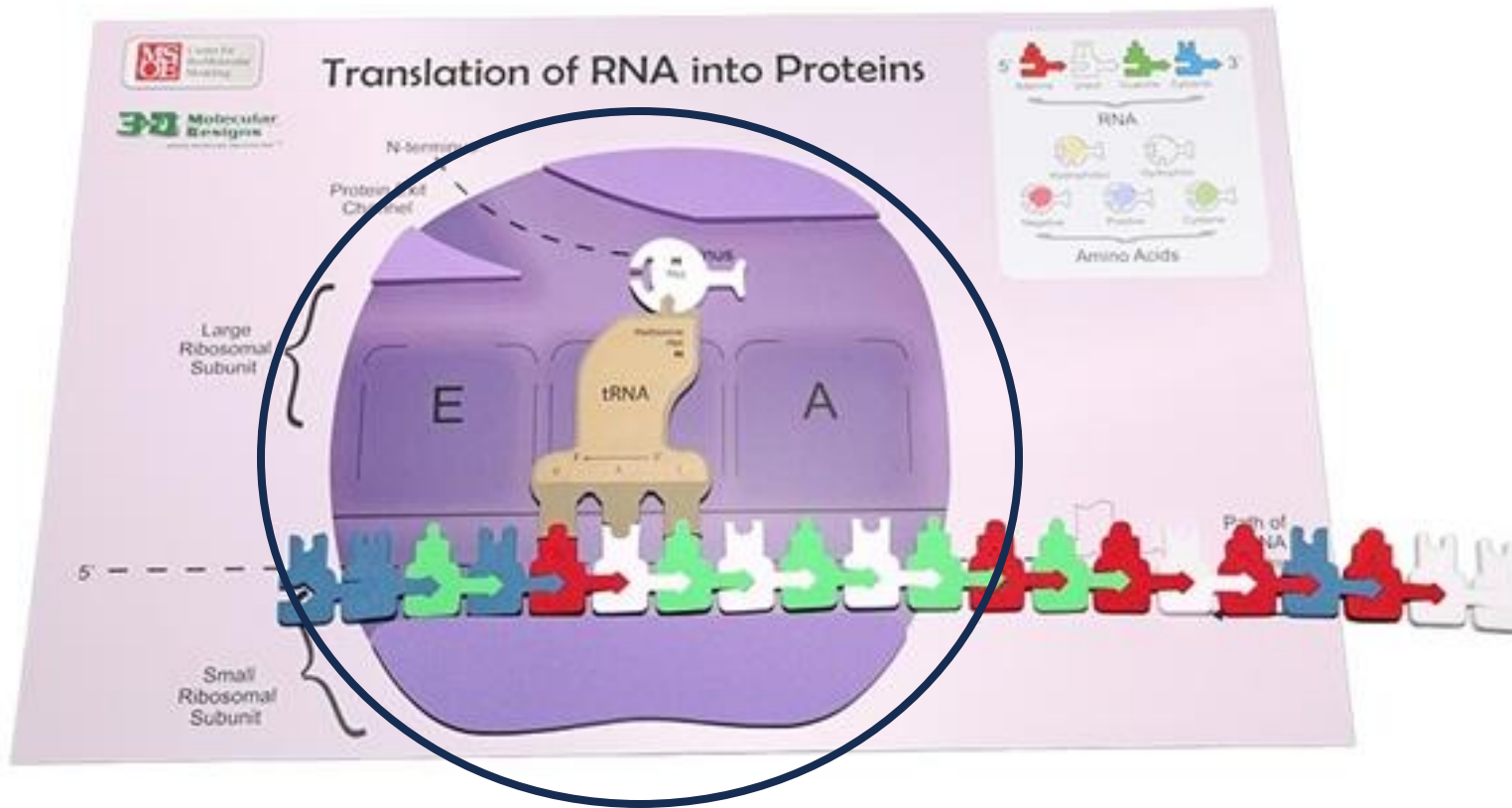
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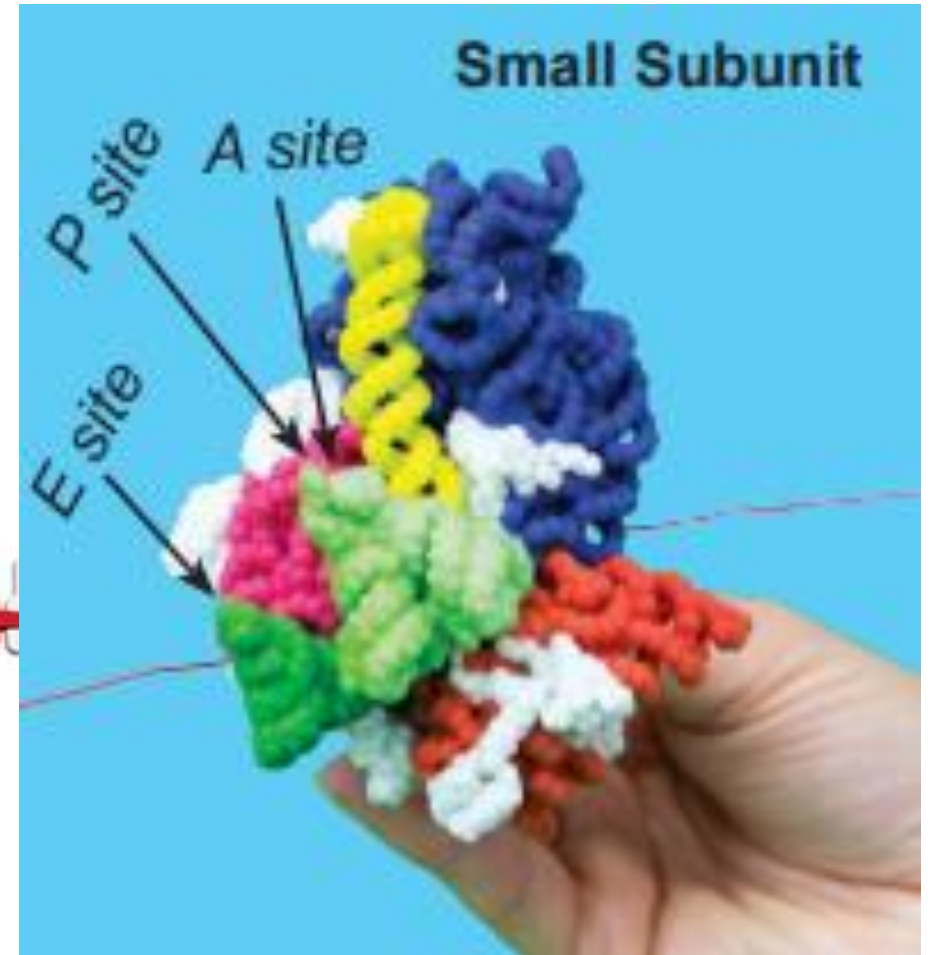
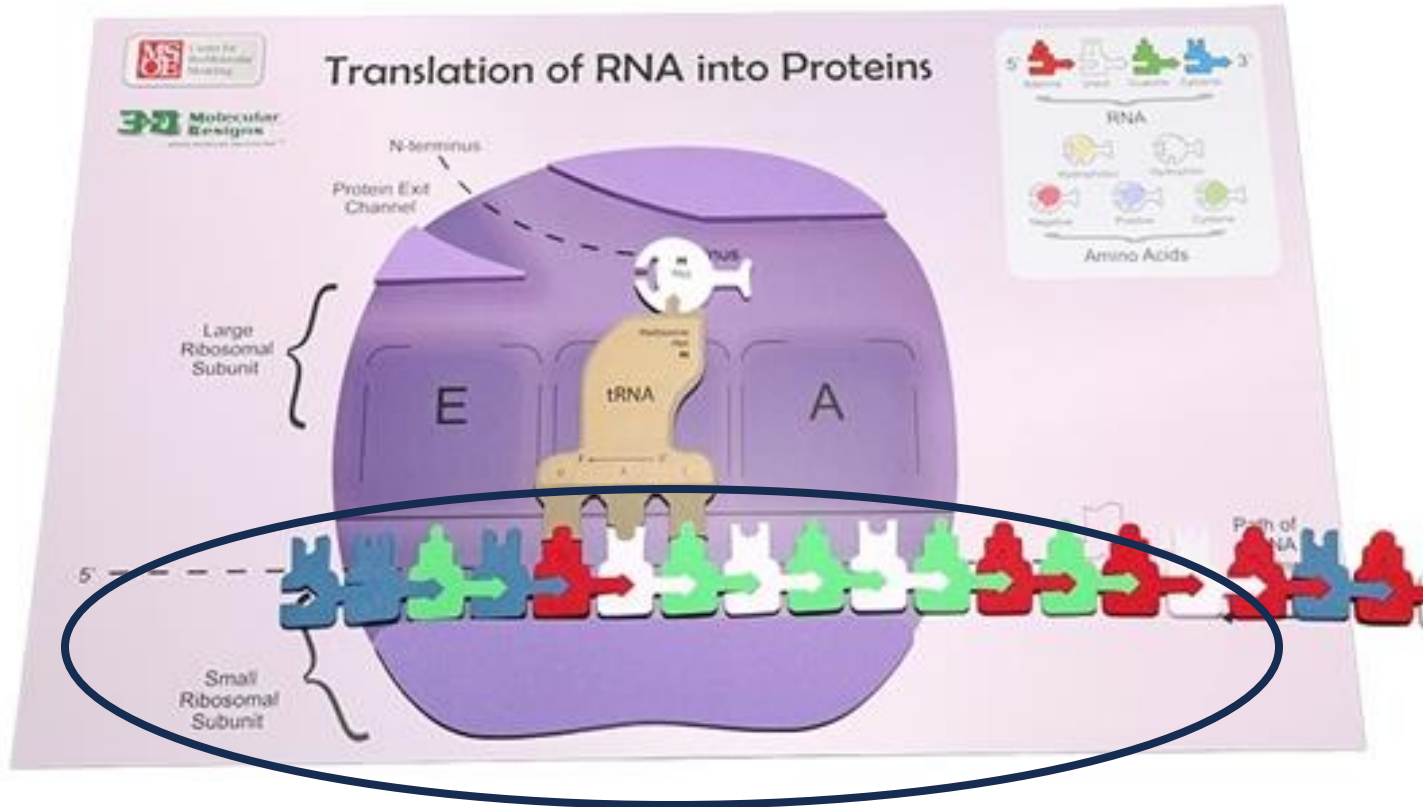
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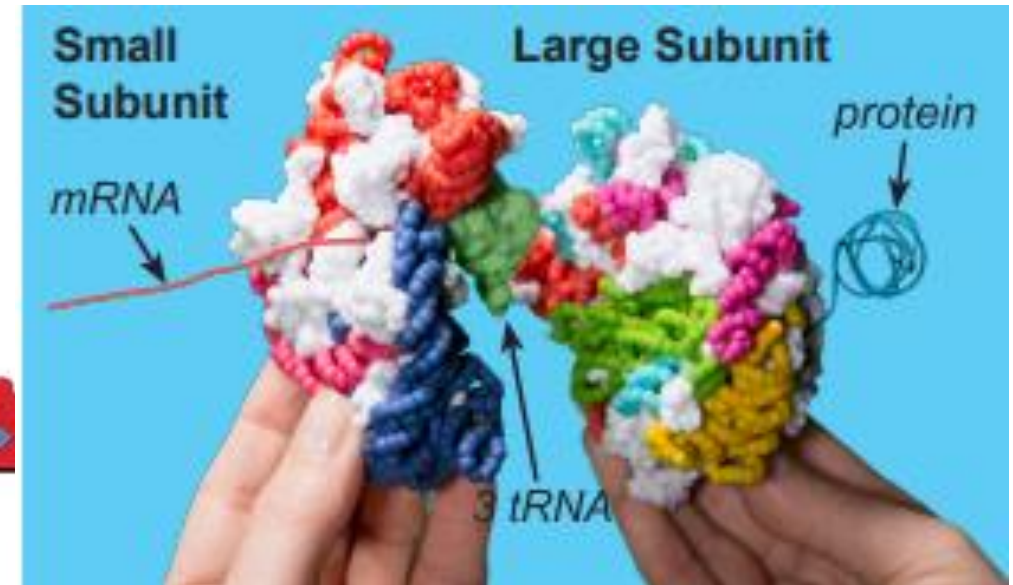
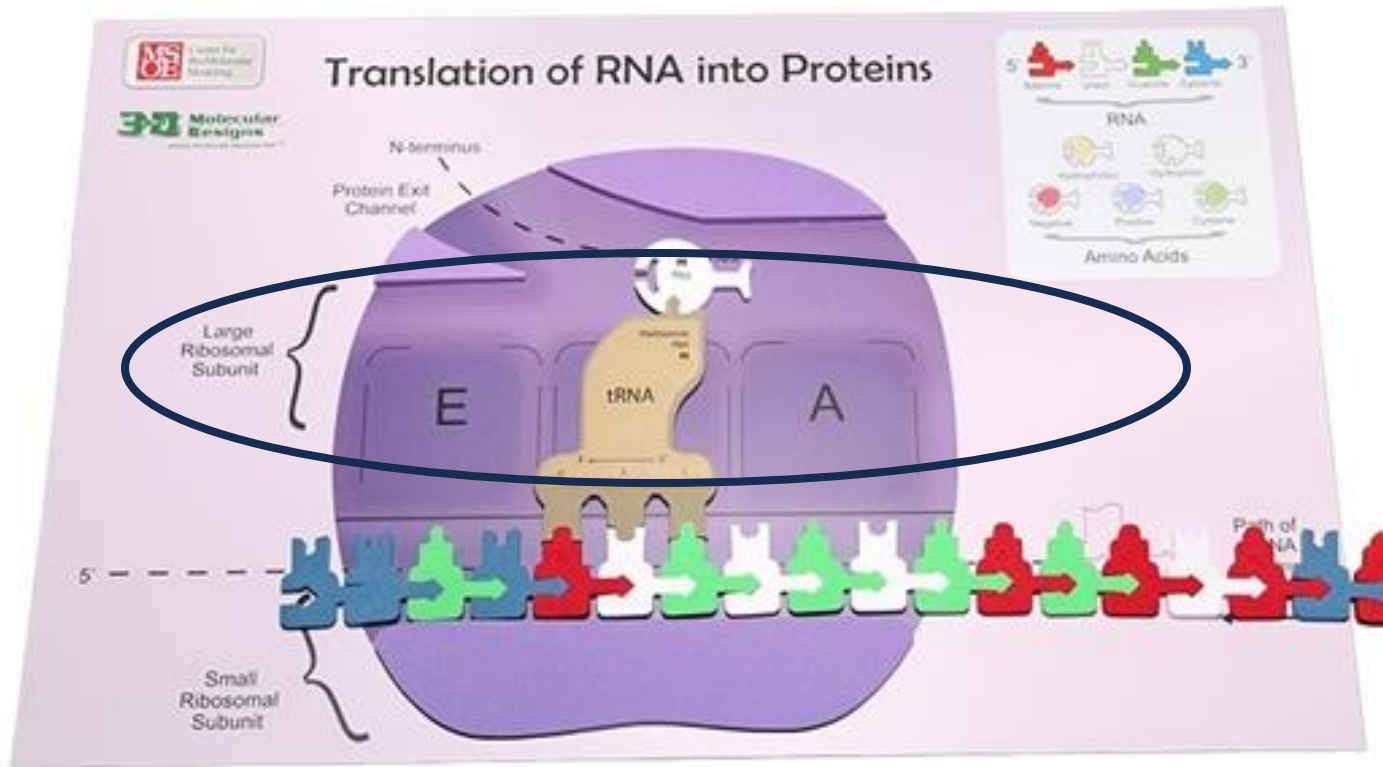
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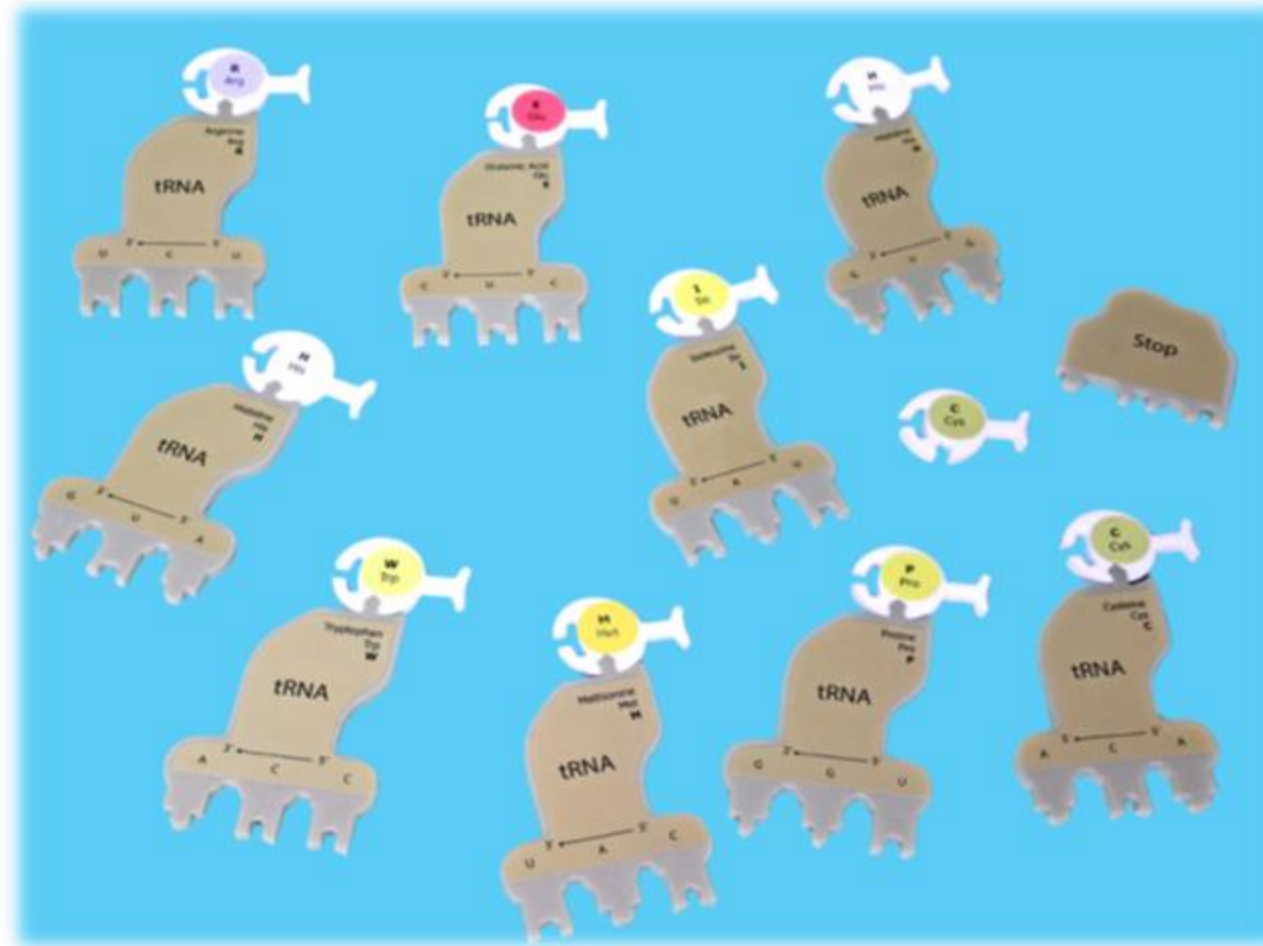
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C	CUU → Leu L CUC → Leu L CUA → Leu L CUG → Leu L	CCU → Pro P CCC → Pro P CCA → Pro P CCG → Pro P	CAU → His H CAC → His H CAA → Gln Q CAG → Gln Q	CGU → Arg R CGC → Arg R CGA → Arg R CGG → Arg R	U C A G
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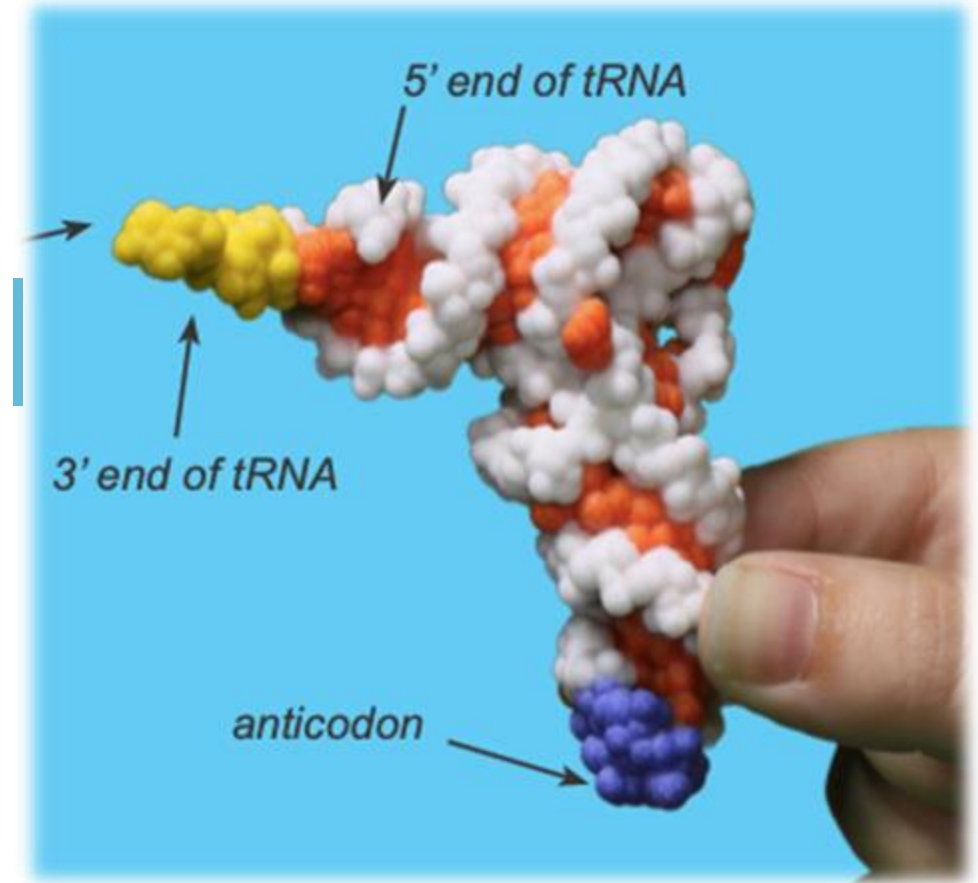
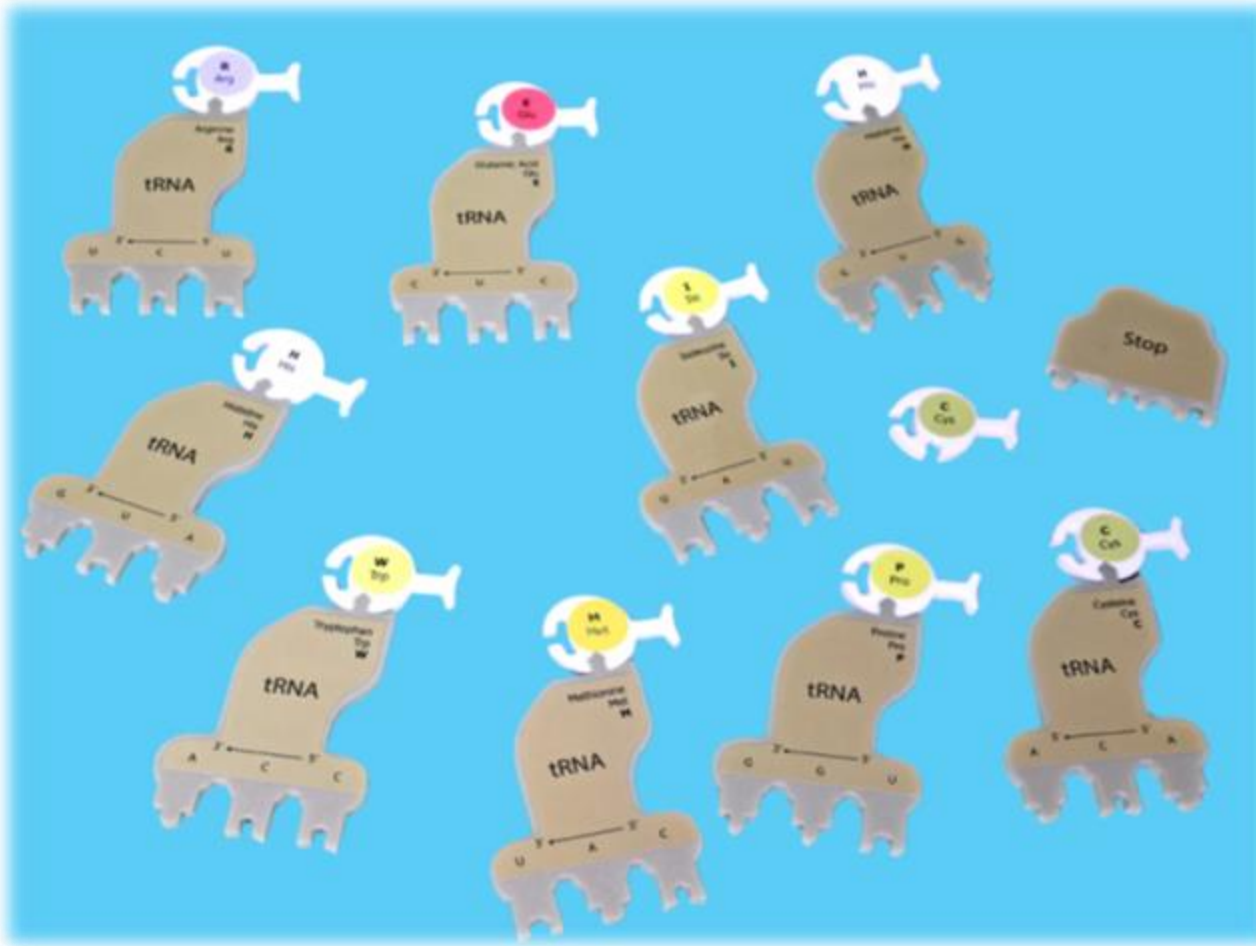
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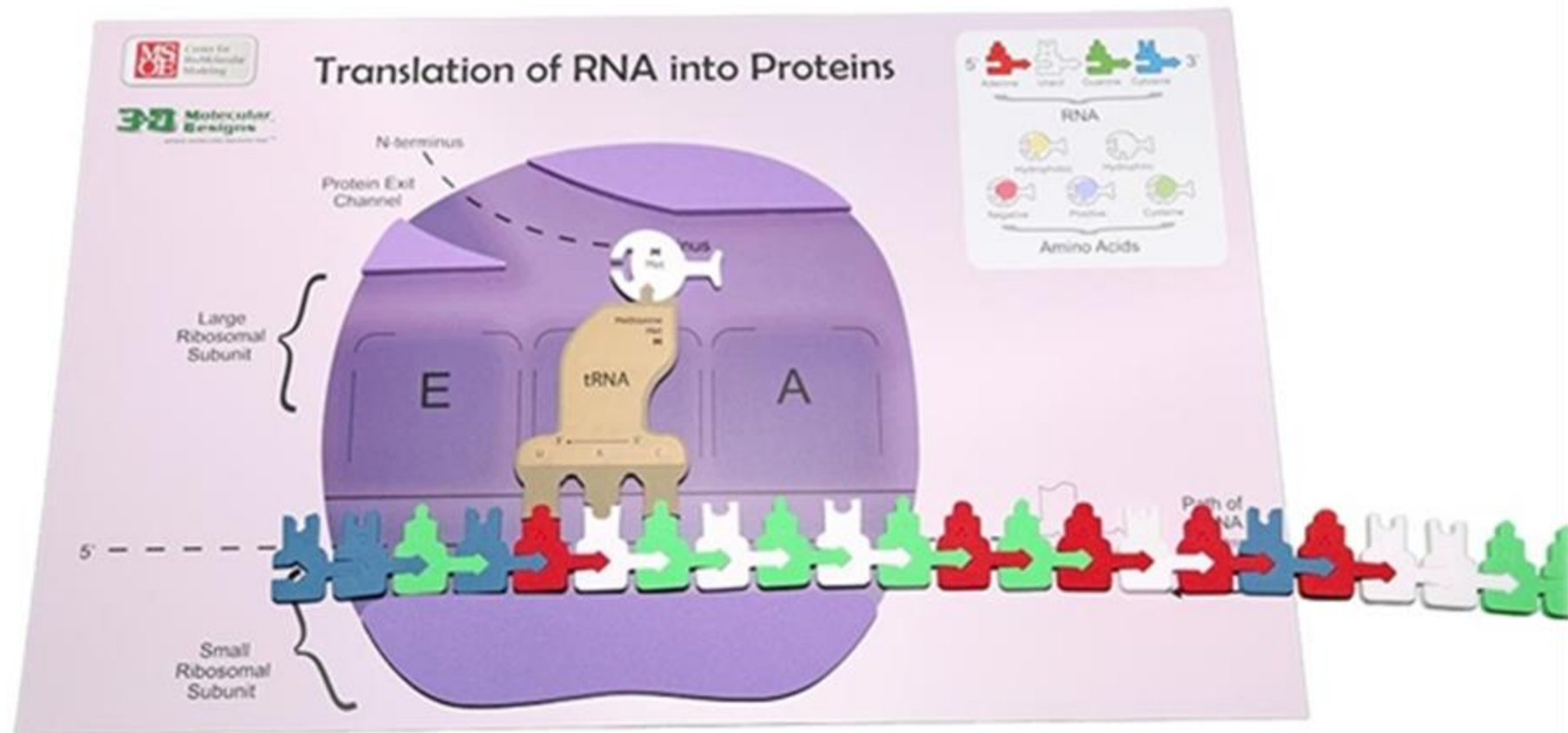
Pair the tRNA with the amino acids



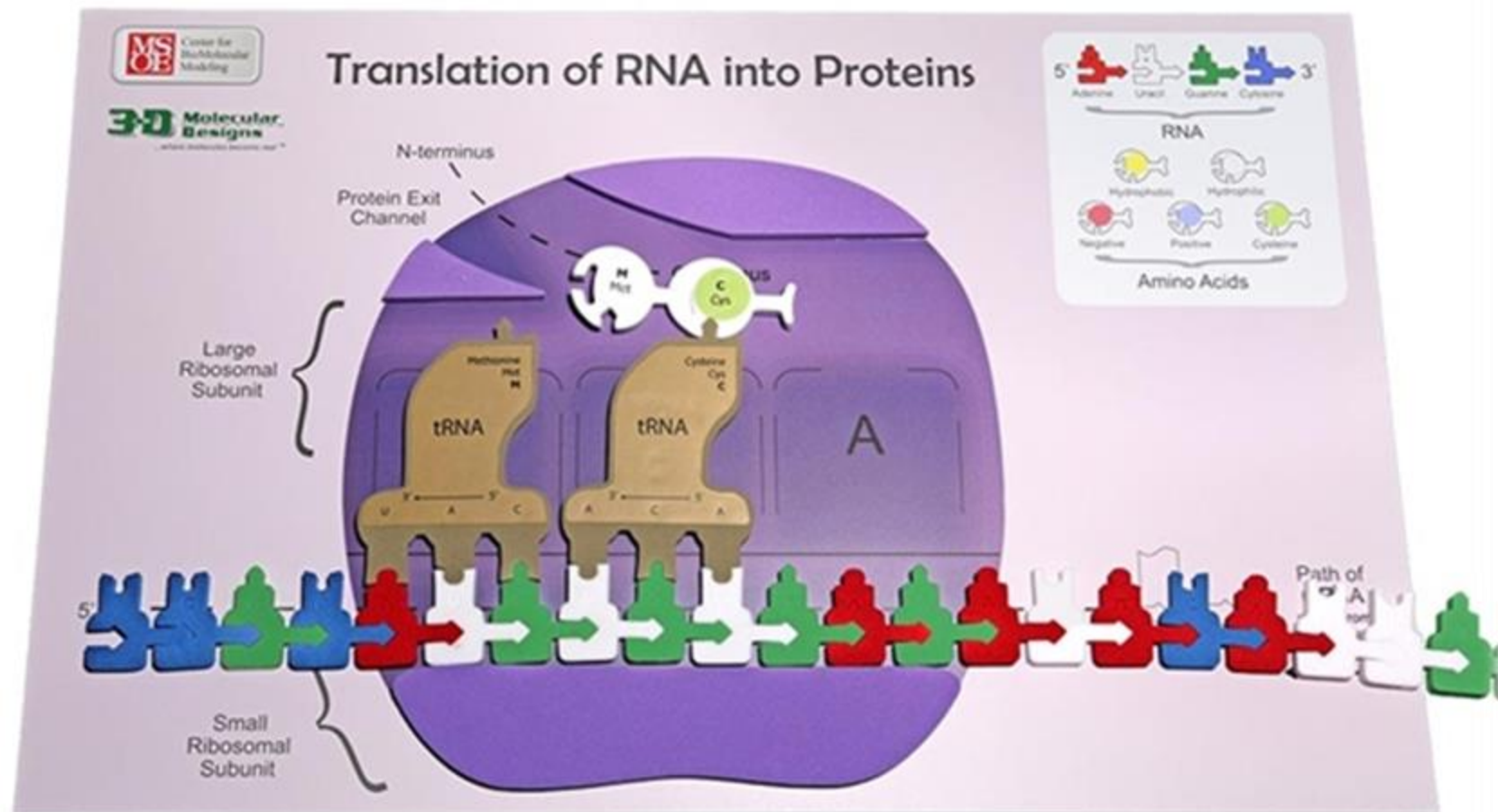
A closer look at tRNAs



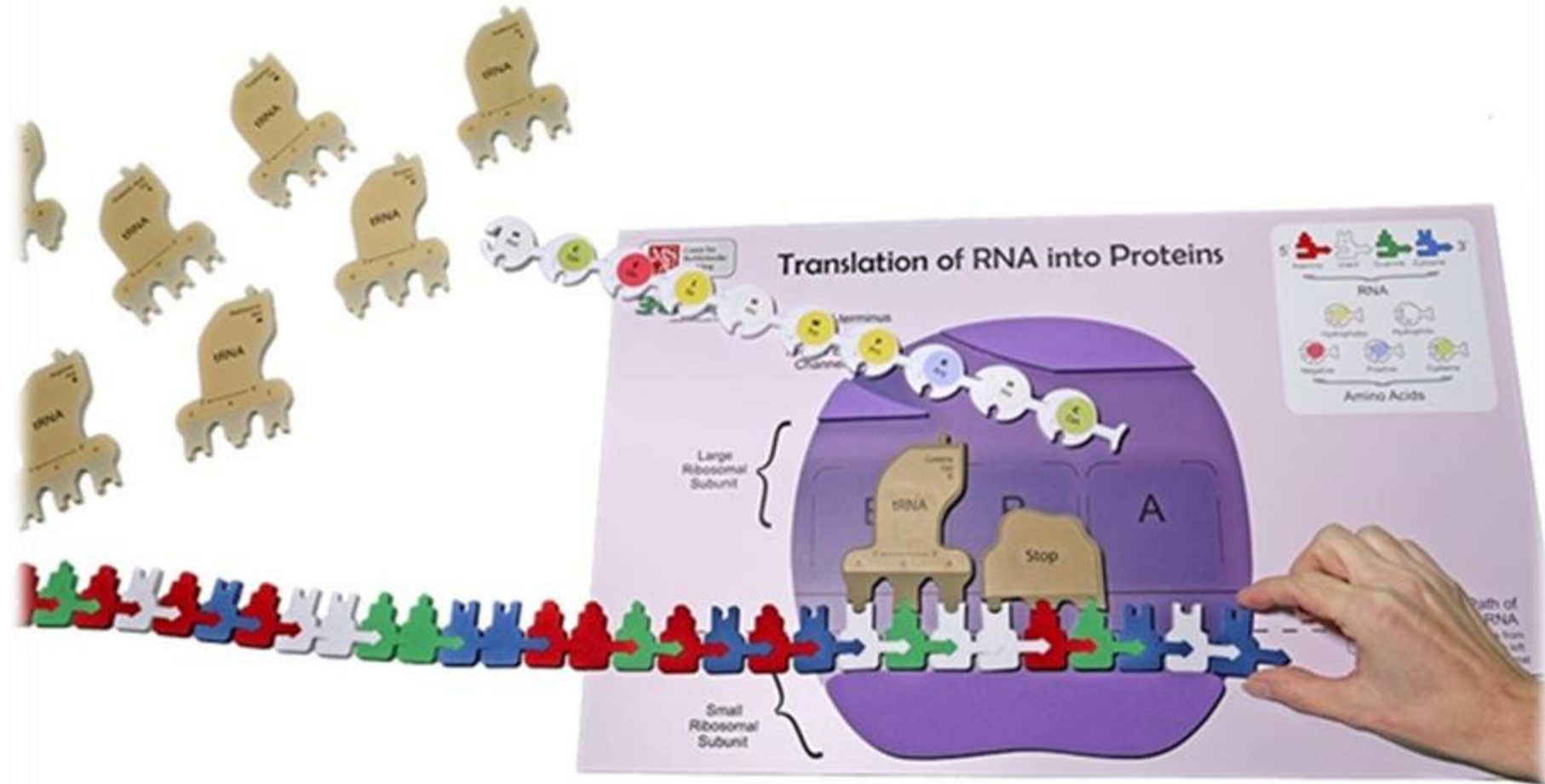
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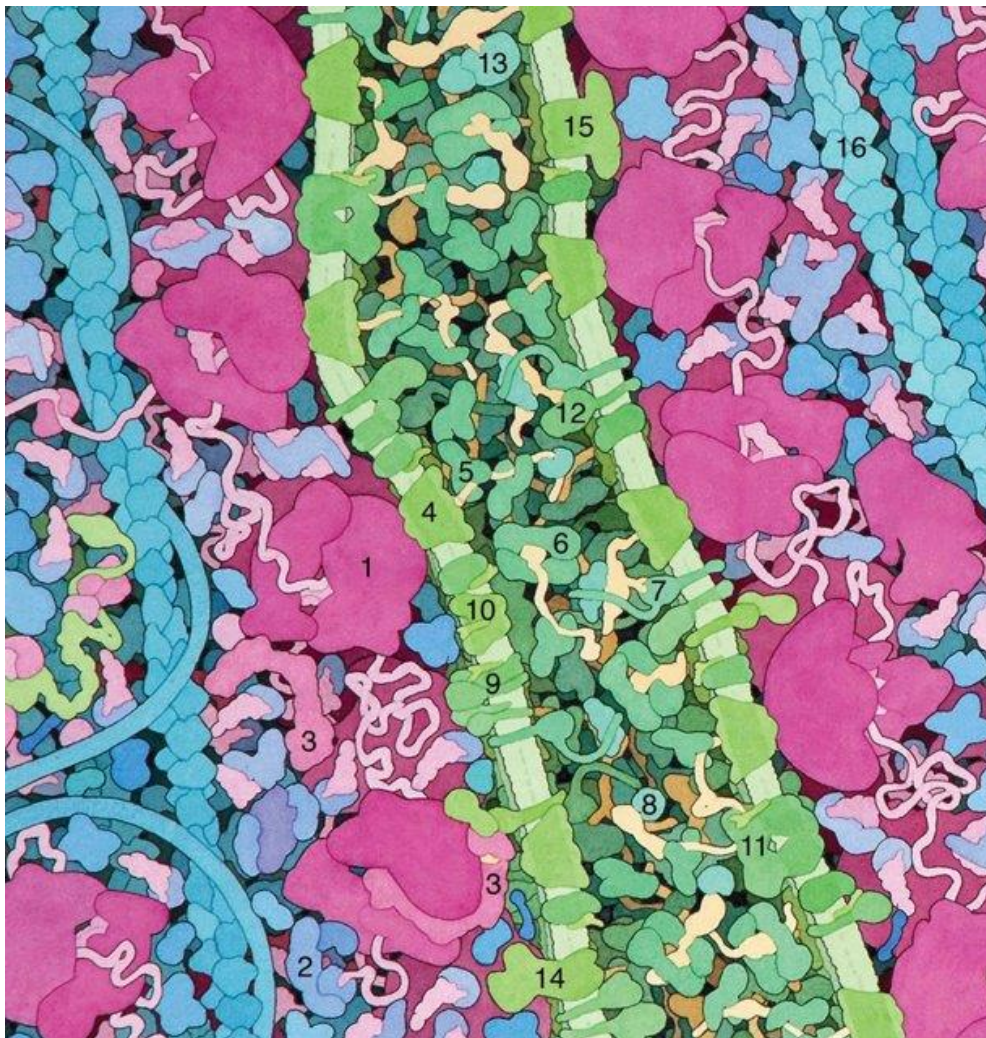
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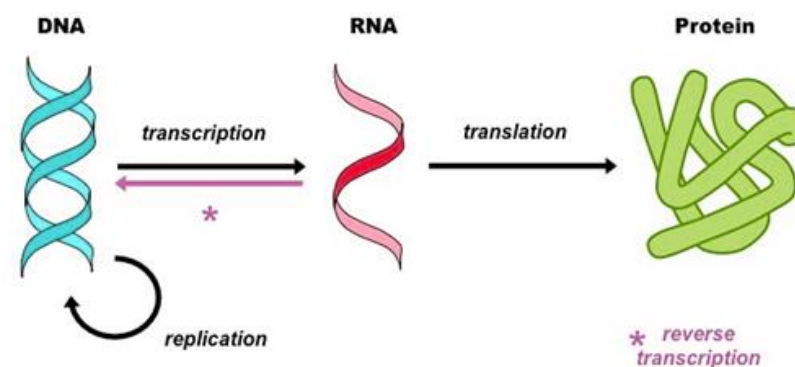
Revisit the panorama



Let's review

DNA Base	RNA Base
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C	G
A	U

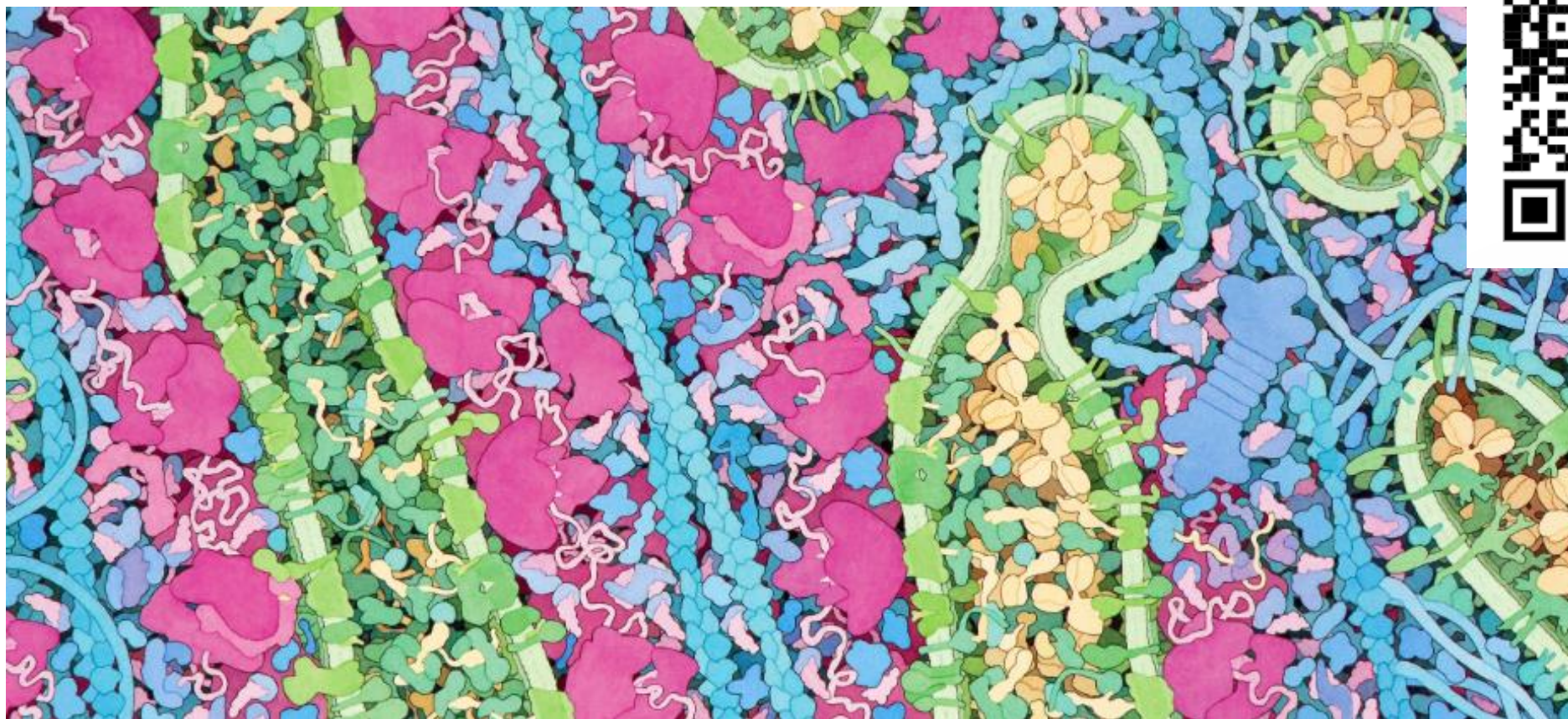
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DNA and RNA



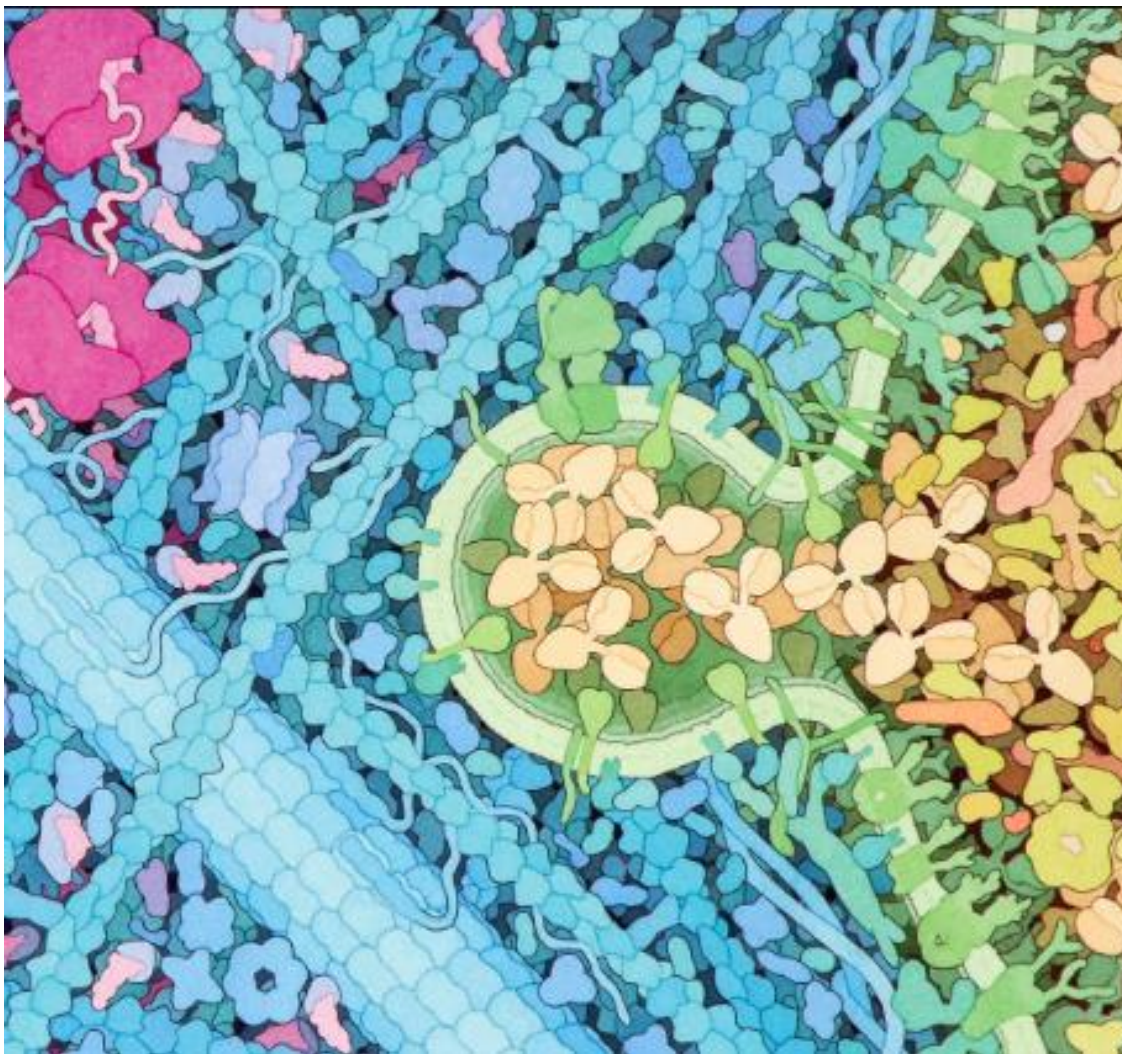
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Helpful resources

- [Tracking the Resolution of Student Misconceptions about the Central Dogma of Molecular Biology - PubMed \(nih.gov\)](#)
- [DNA → RNA: What Do Students Think the Arrow Means? - PMC \(nih.gov\)](#)
- [What's in a cell? — young people's understanding of the genetic relationship between cells, within an individual: Journal of Biological Education: Vol 34, No 3 \(tandfonline.com\)](#)
- [Teaching More by Lecturing Less | CBE—Life Sciences Education \(lifescied.org\)](#)



Additional Resources

- [Quentin Vicens and Jeffrey S. Kieft. 2022. PNAS. Thoughts on how to think \(and talk\) about RNA structure.](#)
- [Anna Marie Pyle \(Yale U./HHMI\) Part 1: RNA Structure – YouTube.](#)
- [Eukaryotic cell panorama - Goodsell - 2011 - Biochemistry and Molecular Biology Education - Wiley Online Library](#)

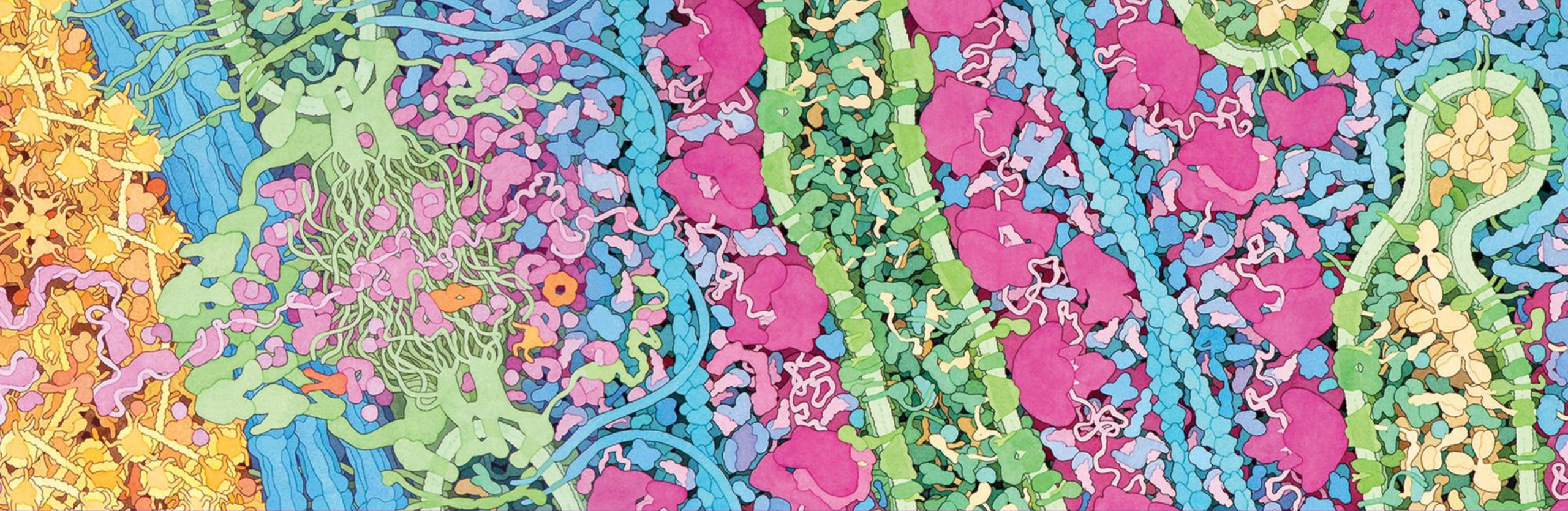
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