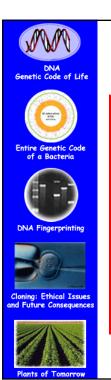


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Lecture 3
What Are Genes & How Do They Work:
Part One

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# THEMES Gene Structure & Function Part One

- What is the Function of a Gene?
- What are the Properties of Genes?
- How Was DNA Discovered?
- What is the Evidence That DNA is the Genetic Material (Griffith and Avery Experiments)?
  - Is Transformation Universal?
- What is the Structure of DNA?
- What is the Structure of a Chromosome?
- What is the Colinearity Between Genes & Proteins (how does DNA-protein)?
- How Do We Know That Genes Function Independently of One Another?
- What is the Anatomy of a Gene?
- How Do Switches Work to Control Gene Activity?
- What Are the Possibilities For Manipulating Genes in the Future?





# Understanding Genetic Engineering

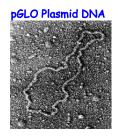
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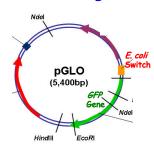


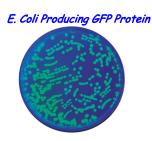


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# What Are the DNA Implications of Generating an E. coli Cell Producing GFP Protein?







- 1. DNA Replicates
- 2. DNA Directs the Cell to Produce a Specific Protein & Express a New Trait
- 3. DNA is Stable From Cell Generation to Generation i.e. Cells Derived From the Original Transformed E. Coli Express the GFP Gene.
- 4. The E. coli GFP Gene Transformation Experiment Shows Directly That DNA is the Genetic Material!



## Other Experiments We Discussed Showing That DNA is the Genetic Material









Researchers Say They Created a 'Synthetic Cell'

By NICHOLAS WADE
The genome pioneer J. Craig Venter has taken another step in his quest to create synthetic life, by synthesizing a



What Were Considered the Properties of a Gene BEFORE It Was Known That DNA Was the Genetic Material - In the 1930s and 40s?

- 1. Replication Transmitted With Chromosomes
- 2. Stability (Mutations)
- 3. Universality
  - a) All Cells
  - b) All Organisms
- 4. Direct Cell Function/Phenotype

r First Half of 20th Century Proteins Were Considered the Genetic Material

- How Can These Properties Be Tested Experimentally?
- · What Predictions Follow From These Properties?

If DNA is the Genetic Material, THEN What.....?

How Was DNA Shown to be the Genetic Material?



# How Was DNA Shown to be the Genetic Material?



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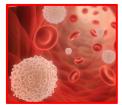


## Frederick Miescher Discovered DNA in the Nuclei of White Blood Cells in 1869 150 Years Ago





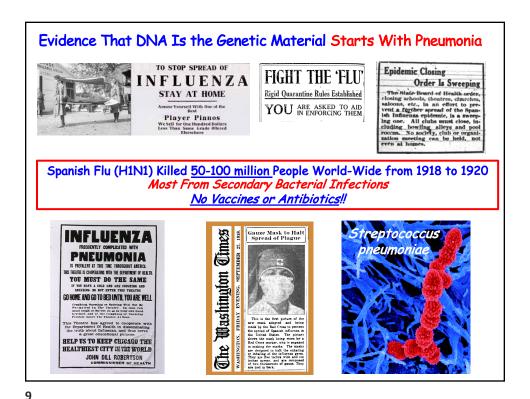




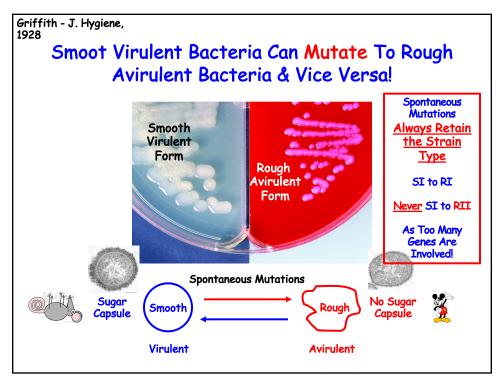


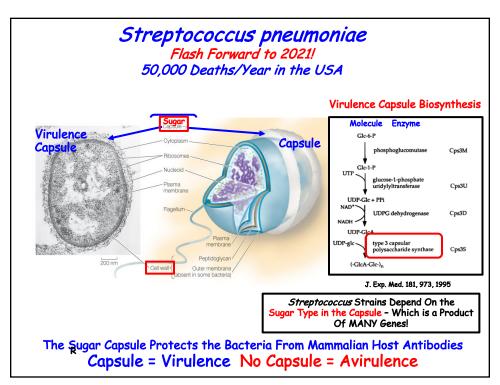


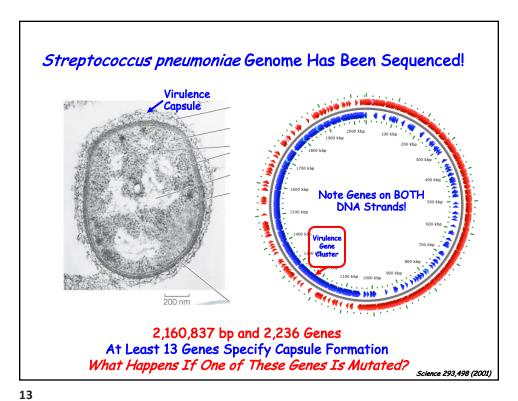
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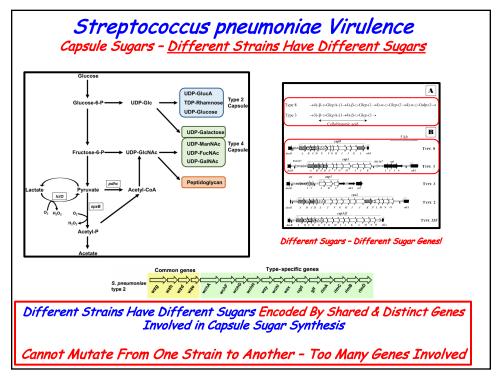


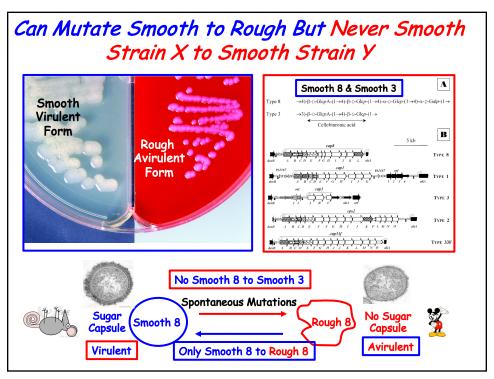
Frederick Griffith & The Transforming Principle The First Genetic Engineering Experiment (unintentional!) Healthy Lung Infected <u>Note</u>: Diffferent Smooth Strains of treptococcus Frederick Griffith Exist in Nature 1879-1941 Type I, II, Invented the Word "Transformation" Not Understood For Another 50 Years

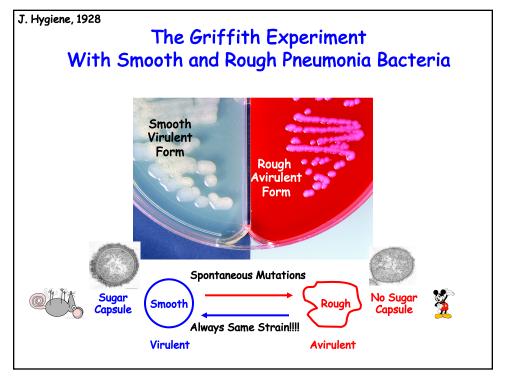


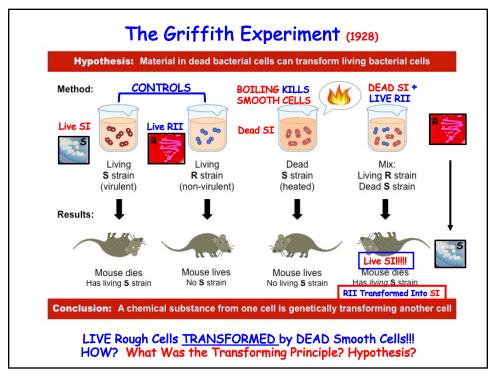






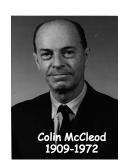


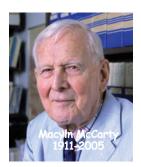




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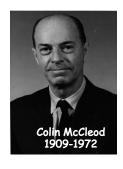
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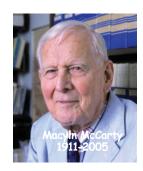
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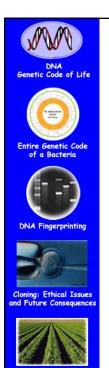


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Induction of Transformation by a Desoxyribonucleic Acid Fraction Isolated from Pneumococcus Type III

By OSWALD T. AVERY, M.D., COLIN M. MACLEOD, M.D., AND MACLYN McCARTY, M.D.

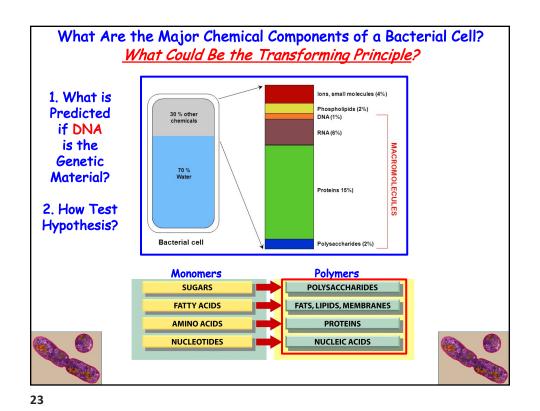
# Avery et al. Questions?

- 1. Does the *Transforming Principle C*ome From the Mouse or Bacteria?
- 2. If From the Bacteria -- What Substance?
- 3. How Devise Techniques to Determine What the Transforming Principle is
  - a) Transformation in Test Tube
  - b) Isolation of Macromolecules
  - c) Isolation of Enzymes (e.g., DNase, RNase)

Design Experiments To Show!!!

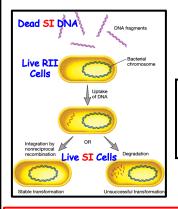
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## Does the Transforming Principle Come From the *Mouse* or *Bacteria*? Mix in Test Tube Look at Morphology on Agar Plate (a) Live RII Heat-killed S components in medium Time Bacteria & Bacterial Extract Can Transform Smooth Rough Virulent Rough II to Smooth I!! Form Conclude: (1) Mouse Not Involved & (2) Molecules Inside Bacteria Contain Transforming Principle



The Critical Experiment by Avery et al. Showing That DNA is the Genetic Material Hypothesis: The genetic material of the cell is either protein or nucleic acid (DNA or RNA) Remove lipids and sugars from → Lipids Heat-killed | a solution of heat-killed S cells. Proteins, RNA and DNA remain Treat solutions with **DNase** enzymes to destroy protein, RNA or DNA NO PROTEIN Add R cells Add R cells Add R cells Add to culture containing living R cells. Observe for transformation by testing for the presence of virulent S cells No S cells S cells S cells appear Conclusion: Transformation requires DNA, therefore it is the genetic material of the cell No DNA - No Transformation!

# How Did Avery et al. Experiments <u>Verify the</u> <u>Hypothesis</u> That DNA is the Genetic Material?



PredictionsResultsReplicationYesPhenotypeYesStableYes

- 1. DNA Satisfies Criteria For Being the Genetic Material
- 2. Replicates
- 3. Directs Production of Strain/Capsule Type
- 4. In All Progenitor Cells

#### Cell Processes

- 1. SI DNA Taken Up By RII-Cells & Incorporated Into Chromosomes
- 2. SI Genes
  Transcribed Into
  SI mRNAs
- 3. SI mRNAs
  Translated Into
  Smooth I Proteins
- 4. Smooth I Proteins
  Helps Construct
  Sugar Capsule and
  Protects Bacteria
  From Antibodies
  ∴ Cells Virulent

Transformation is a Basic Genetic Engineering Process Today! Transformation=Ability of Cell Phenotype To Be Changed by DNA!

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# Genetic Engineering/Transformation Involves Incorporating Engineered DNA or Genes Into the Chromosomes of Different Organisms

#### Genotype

#### Engineered Gene MUST

- 1. Enter Target Cell
- 2. <u>Use</u> Target <u>Cell Machinery</u> <u>Enzymes</u> to Become Part of <u>Chromosome</u>
- 3. <u>Replicate</u> With Target Cell Chromosome
- 4. <u>Use Target Cell Protein Synthesis</u>
  <u>Machinery</u> to <u>Make a New Protein</u>
  - → Phenotype Trait!

### Engineered Gene CAN BE

- 1. From Same Organism
- 2. From Different Organism
- 3. From a Combination of Organisms Stitched Together by Genetic Engineering

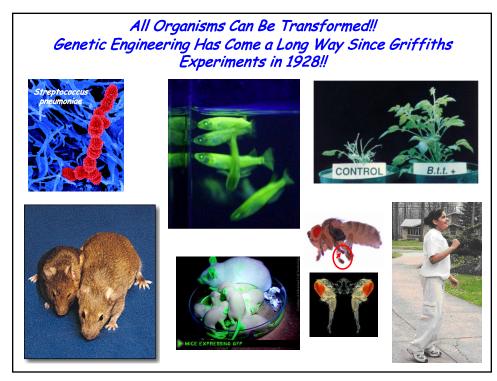
Gene Engineering Shows that Gene Processes Are Universal!!!

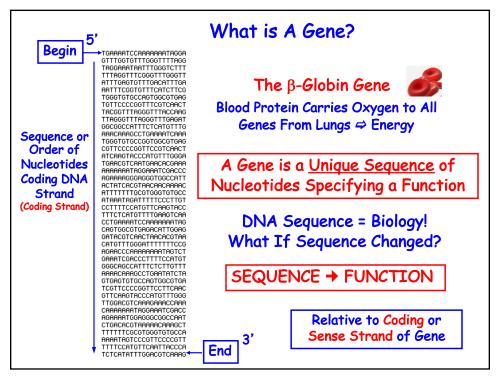


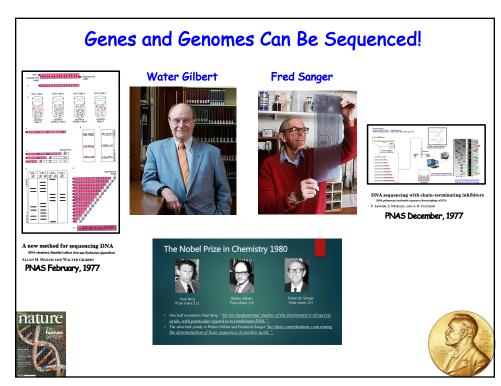
**Phenotype** 

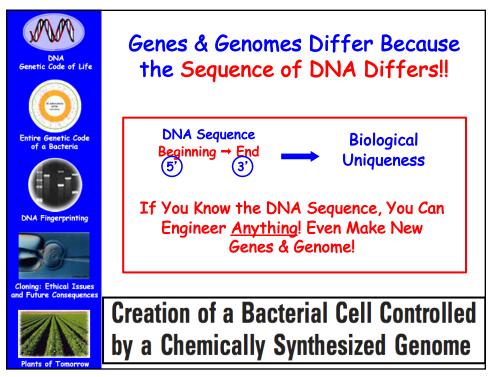


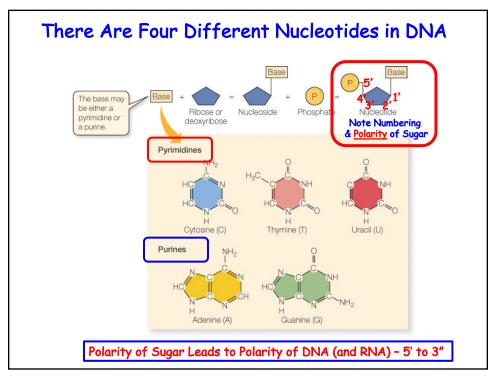


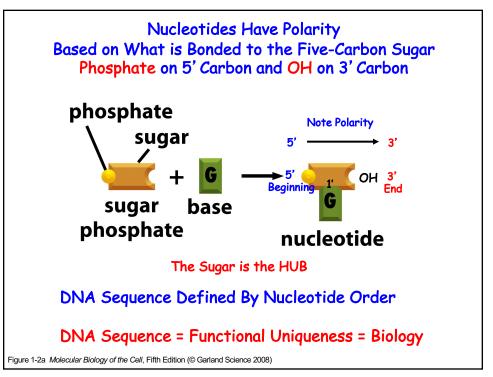


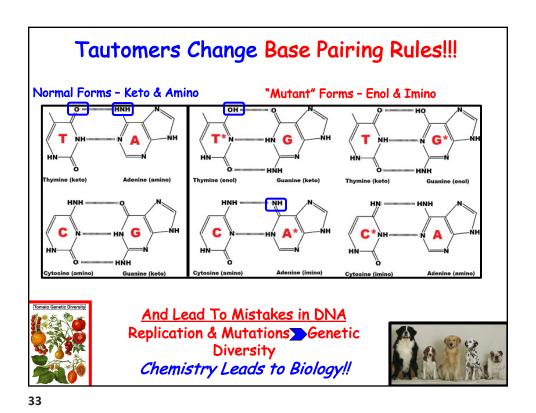












Nucleotides Are Joined By 5' to 3' Phosphodiester Bonds

Polarity Defined By Sugars & Order Specified By Bases

(b) Short-Hand Notation

(c) A G

Phosphodiester bond

Polynucleotide formation

Phosphodiester bond

S' c-A-G 3'

Phosphodiester bond

Nucleotides That Join 5' to 3'

2. This is the Basis For All of Biology

3' a' end

Nucleotide That Join 5' to 3'

A Basis of All Genetic Engineering

# Clues to the Double Helix-Chargaff's Rules Purines = Pyrimidines

#### TABLE 6.1 Chargaff's Data on Nucleotide Base Composition in the DNA of Various Organisms

	Percentage of Base in DNA				1	Ratios	
Organism	Α	Т	G	С		A:T	G:C
Staphylococcus afermentams	12.8	12.9	36.9	37.5		0.99	0.99
Escherichia coli	26.0	23.9	24.9	25.2		1.09	0.99
Yeast	31.3	32.9	18.7	17.1		0.95	1.09
Caenorhabditis elegans*	31.2	29.1	19.3	20.5		1.07	0.96
Arabadopsis thaliana*	29.1	29.7	20.5	20.7		0.98	0.99
Drosophila melanogaster	27.3	27.6	22.5	22.5		0.99	1.00
Honeybee	34.4	33.0	16.2	16.4		1.04	0.99
Mus musculus (mouse)	29.2	29.4	21.7	19.7		0.99	1.10
Human (liver)	30.7	31.2	19.3	18.8	Г	0.98	1.03

\*Data for C. elegans and A. thaliana are based on those for close relative organisms.

Note that even though the level of any one nucleotide is different in different organisms, the amount of A always approximately equals the amount of T, and the level of G is always similar to that of C. Moreover, as you can calculate for yourself, the total amount of purines (A plus G) nearly always equals the total amount of pyrimidines (C plus T).

### What Would You Predict For a Single-Stranded DNA?

THE COMPOSITION OF THE DESOXYPENTOSE NUCLEIC ACIDS OF THYMUS AND SPLEEN\*  $\,$ 

r ERWIN CHARGAFF, ERNST VISCHER,† RUTH DONIGER, CHARLOTTE GREEN. AND FERNANDA MISANI

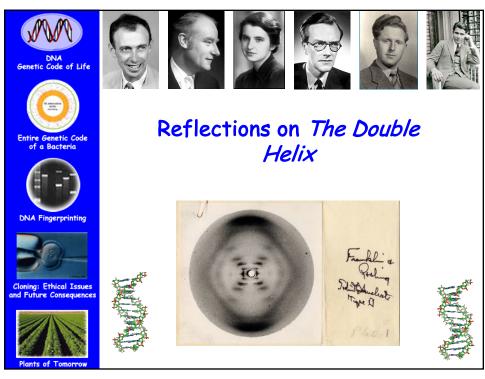
J. Biological Chemistry, July, 1948

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# MOLECULAR STRUCTURE OF NUCLEIC ACIDS

### A Structure for Deoxyribose Nucleic Acid

WE wish to suggest a structure for the salt of deoxyribose nucleic acid (D.N.A.). This structure has novel features which are of considerable biological interest. Nature, April 25, 1953

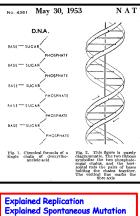
We are much indebted to Dr. Jerry Donohue for constant advice and criticism, especially on interatomic distances. We have also been stimulated by a knowledge of the general nature of the unpublished experimental results and ideas of Dr. M. H. F. Wilkins, Dr. R. E. Franklin and their co-workers at



### GENETICAL IMPLICATIONS OF THE STRUCTURE OF DEOXYRIBONUCLEIC ACID

By J. D. WATSON and F. H. C. CRICK

Medical Research Council Unit for the Study of the Molecular Structure of Biological Systems, Cavendish
Laboratory, Cambridge Nature, May 30, 1953

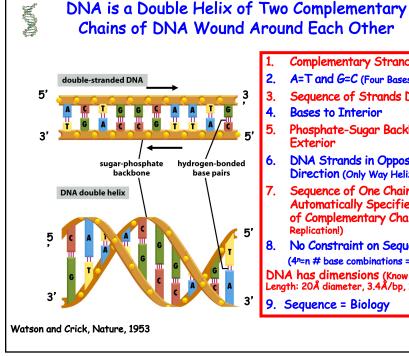


Our model suggests possible explanations for a number of other phenomena. For example, spon-taneous mutation may be due to a base occasionally occurring in one of its less likely tautomeric forms. Again, the pairing between homologous chromosomes at meiosis may depend on pairing between specific bases. We shall discuss these ideas in detail else-where.

where.
For the moment, the general scheme we have proposed for the reproduction of deoxyribonucleic acid must be regarded as speculative. Even it it is correct, it is clear from what we have said that much remains to be discovered before the picture of genetic duplication can be described in detail. What are the polynucleotide precursors? What makes the pair of chains unwind and separate? What is the precise role of the protein? Is the chromosome one long pair of deoxyribonucleic acid chains, or does it consist of atches of the acid joined together by protein? Despite these uncertainties we feel that our proposed structure for deoxyribonucleic acid may help to solve one of the fundamental biological problems—

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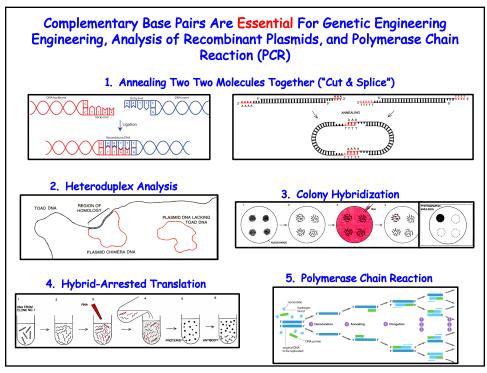
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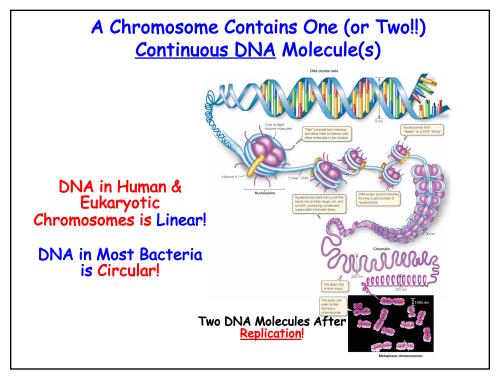


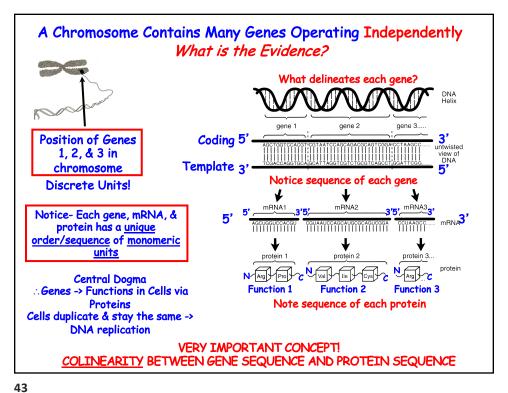
- Complementary Strands
- A=T and G=C (Four Bases)
- Sequence of Strands Differ
- **Bases to Interior**
- Phosphate-Sugar Backbone on Exterior
- DNA Strands in Opposite Direction (Only Way Helix Fits)
- Sequence of One Chain Automatically Specifies Sequence of Complementary Chain (Basis of Replication!)
- No Constraint on Sequence (4n=n # base combinations = Diversity)

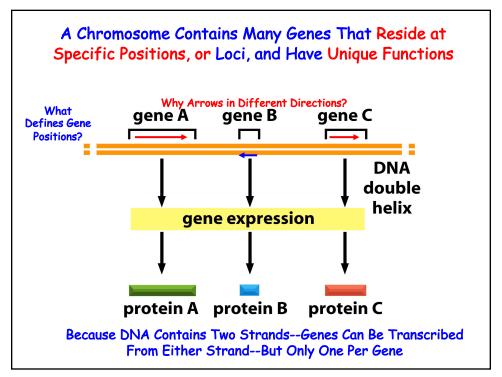
DNA has dimensions (Know # bp Know Length: 20Å diameter, 3.4Å/bp, 10bp/turn)

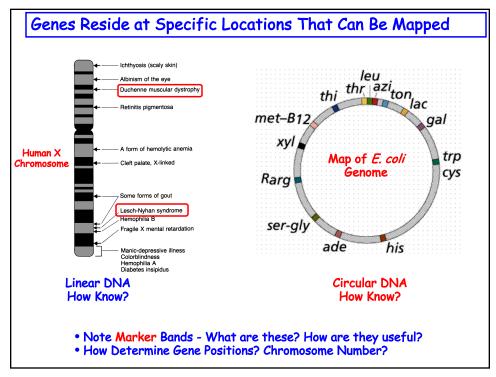
Sequence = Biology

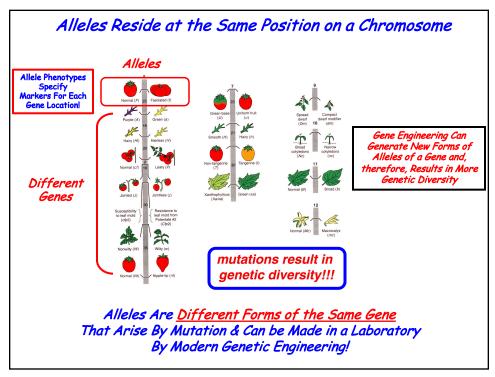


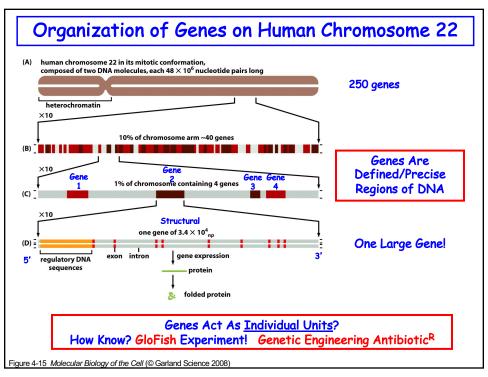


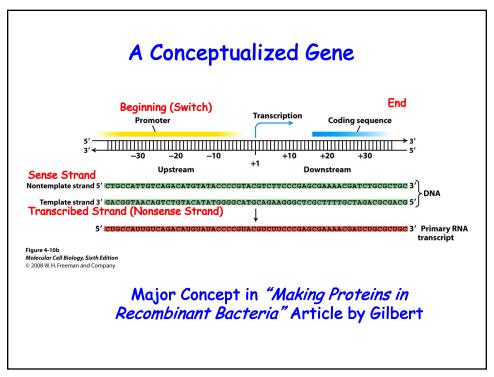














# A "Simple" Gene Reviewed

- Sense Strand = Genetic Code
- 2. Sense Strand = 5' → 3' Direction (all DNA
- sequences specified 5' → 3')

  Anti Sense Strand = Complement of Sense Strand & is Transcribed Strand
- 4. mRNA = Same Sequence As Sense Strand & Complementary to AntiSense Strand
- 5. mRNA = 5' → 3'
- Switch Turns Gene On Not Transcribed But Upstream of Coding Region

Genes Function As Independent Units! How Know? Design Experiment to Show!

"Everything" Follows the Double Helix & Its Rules -Anti-parallel Chains & Complementary Base Pairing!

