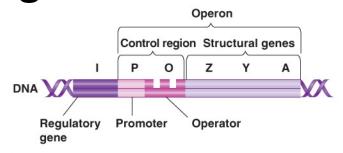
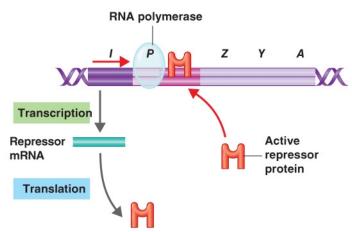
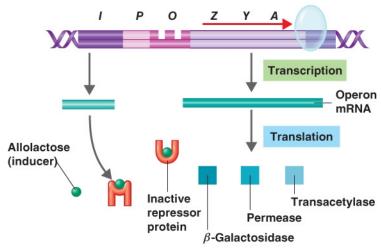
### Operon model: Negative inducible



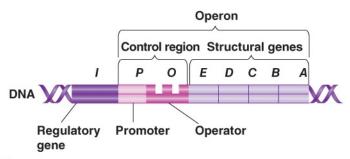
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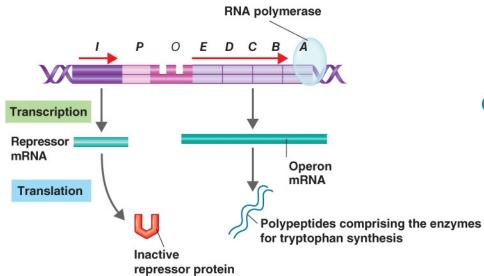
**Repressor active, operon off.** The repressor protein binds with the operator, preventing transcription from the operon.



3 Repressor inactive, operon on. When the inducer allolactose binds to the repressor protein, the inactivated repressor can no longer block transcription. The structural genes are transcribed, ultimately resulting in the production of the enzymes needed for lactose catabolism.

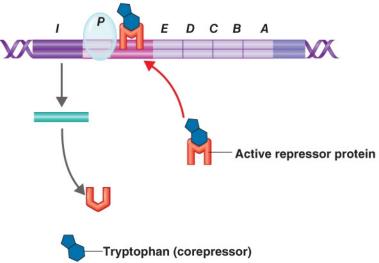


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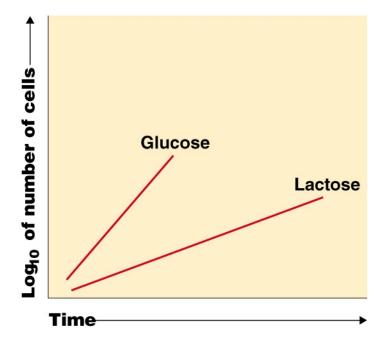


Repressor inactive, operon on. The repressor is inactive, and transcription and translation proceed, leading to the synthesis of tryptophan.

# Operon model: negative repressible

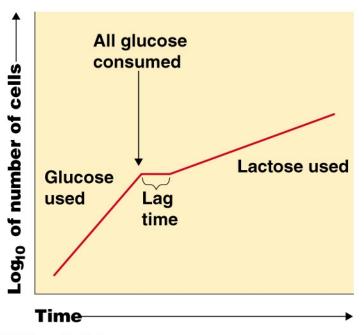


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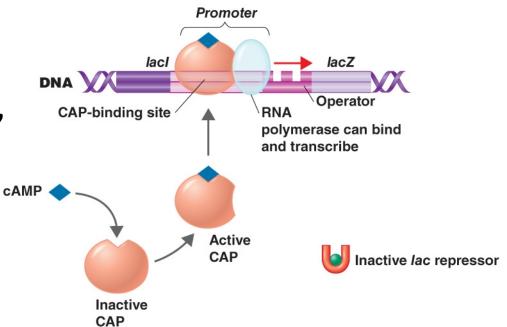
### Operon model

(a) Bacteria growing on glucose as the sole carbon source grow faster than on lactose.

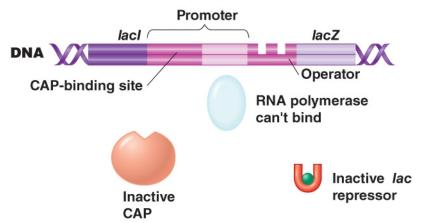


(b) Bacteria growing in a and lactose first consume the glucose and then, after a short lag time, the lactose. During the lag time, intracellular cAMP increases, the operon is transcribed, more lactose is transported into the cell, and β-galactosidase is synthesized to break down lactose.

Operon model: Positive inducible, complex



(a) Lactose present, glucose scarce (cAMP level high). If glucose is scarce, the high level of cAMP activates CAP, and the lac operon produces large amounts of mRNA for lactose digestion.



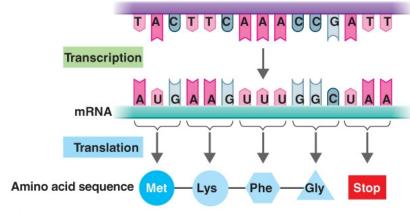
(b) Lactose present, glucose present (cAMP level low). When glucose is present, cAMP is scarce, and CAP is unable to stimulate transcription.

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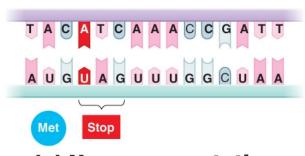
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#### **Mutations**

DNA (template strand)

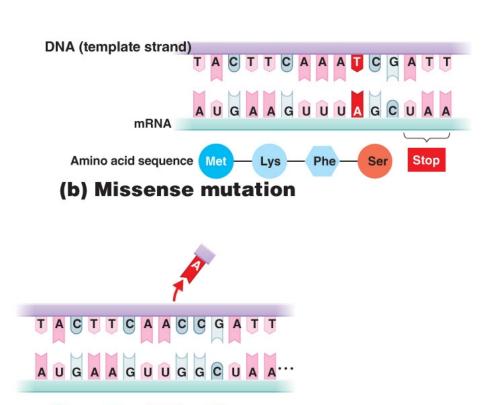


(a) Normal DNA molecule



(c) Nonsense mutation

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(d) Frameshift mutation

Leu

Lys

#### Ultraviolet light

### **Mutations**

1 Exposure to ultraviolet light causes adjacent thymines to become cross-linked, forming a thymine dimer and disrupting their normal base pairing.

Thymine dimer

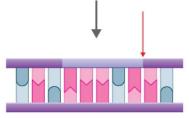




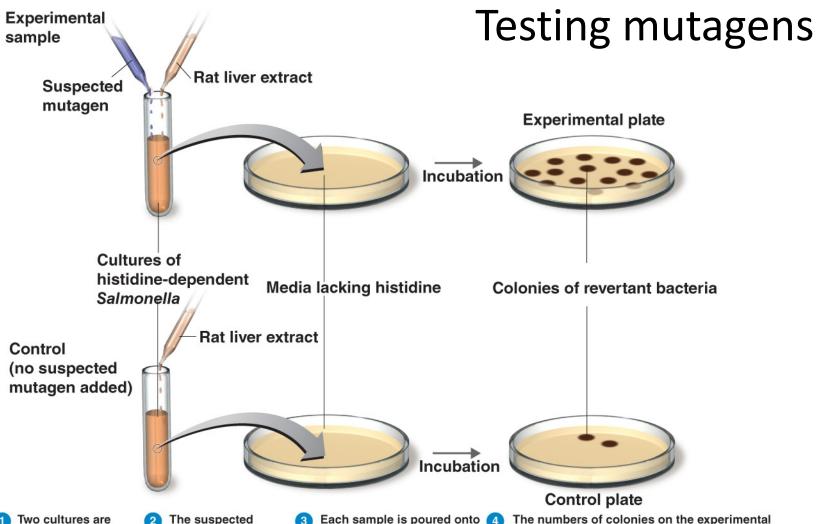
2 An endonuclease cuts the DNA, and an exonuclease removes the damaged DNA.



3 DNA polymerase fills the gap by synthesizing new DNA, using the intact strand as a template.



4 DNA ligase seals the remaining gap by joining the old and new DNA.



Two cultures are prepared of Salmonella bacteria that have lost the ability to synthesize histidine (histidine-dependent).

The suspected mutagen is added to the experimental sample only; rat liver extract (an activator) is added to both samples.

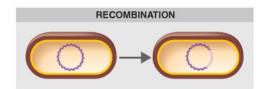
Each sample is poured onto a plate of medium lacking histidine. The plates are then incubated at 37° C for two days. Only bacteria whose histidine-dependent phenotype has mutated back (reverted) to histidine-synthesizing will grow into colonies.

The numbers of colonies on the experimental and control plates are compared. The control plate may show a few spontaneous histidine-synthesizing revertants. The test plates will show an increase in the number of histidine-synthesizing revertants if the test chemical is indeed a mutagen and potential carcinogen. The higher the concentration of mutagen used, the more revertant colonies will result.



Cyclophosphamide: a nitrogen mustard alkylating agent

### A sign of recombination



 Living encapsulated bacteria injected into mouse.



2 Mouse died.



Colonies of encapsulated bacteria were isolated from dead mouse.

(a)

Living nonencapsulated bacteria injected into mouse.



2 Mouse remained healthy.



- A few colonies of nonencapsulated bacteria were isolated from mouse;
- (b) phagocytes destroyed nonencapsulated bacteria.

Heat-killed encapsulated bacteria injected into mouse.



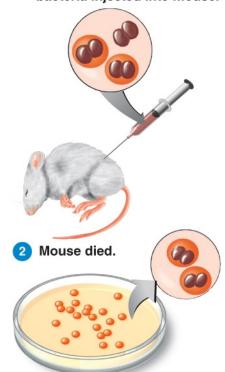
2 Mouse remained healthy.



No colonies were isolated from mouse.

(c)

 Living nonencapsulated and heat-killed encapsulated bacteria injected into mouse.

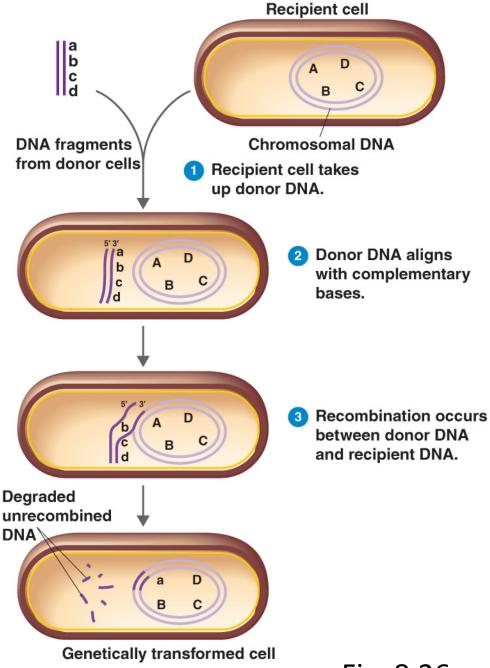


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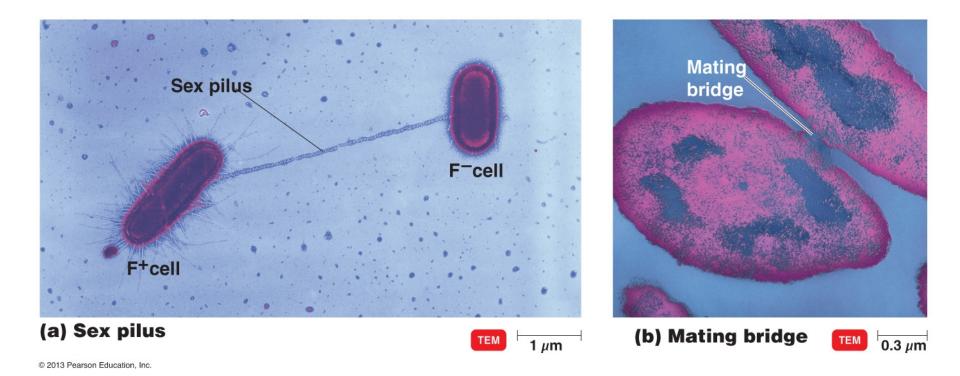
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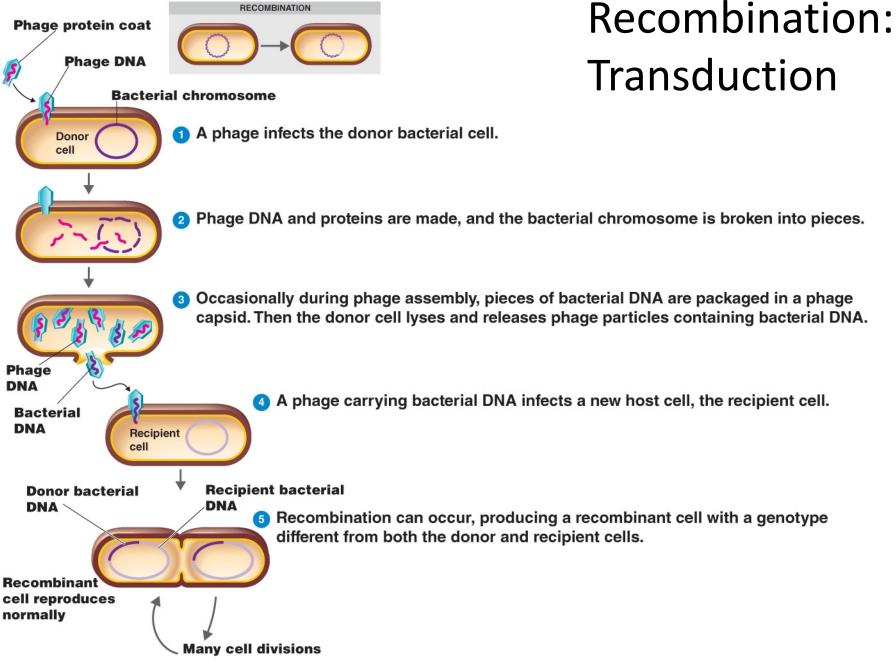
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# Recombination: Transformation

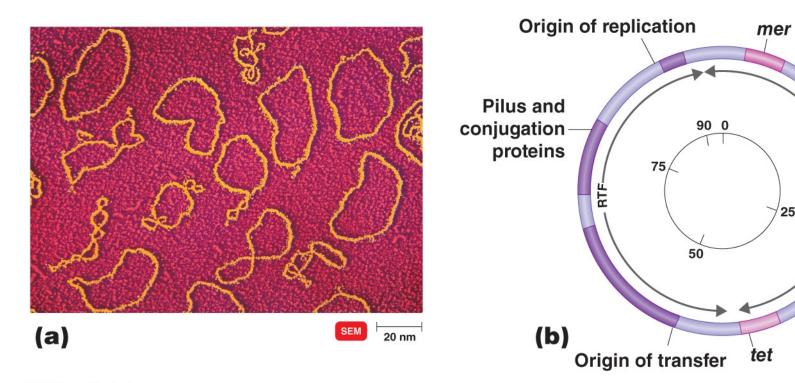


# Recombination: Conjugation





### **Plasmids**



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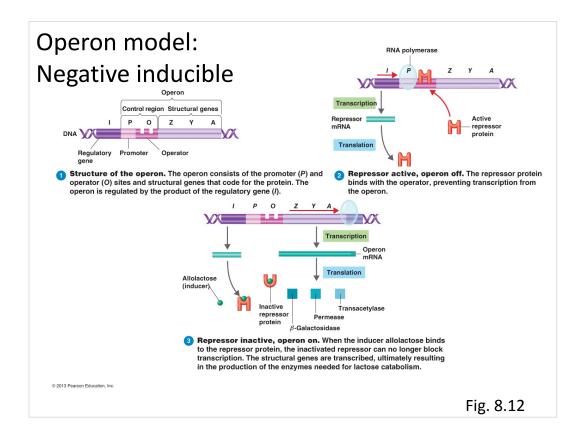
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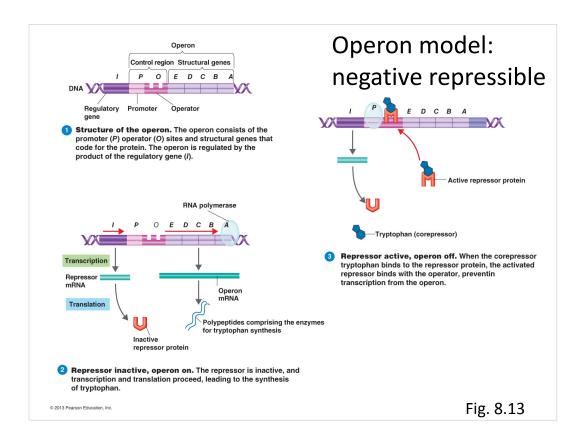
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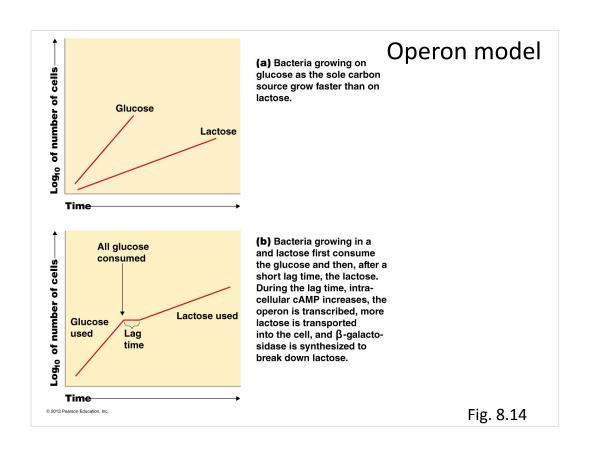
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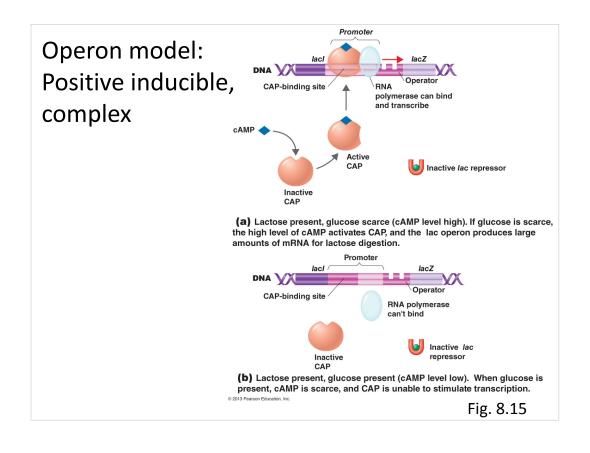
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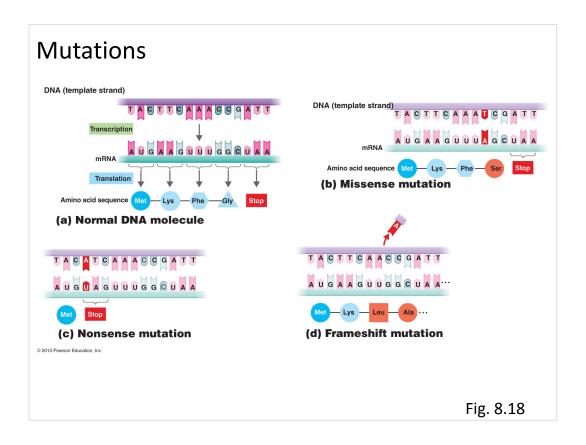


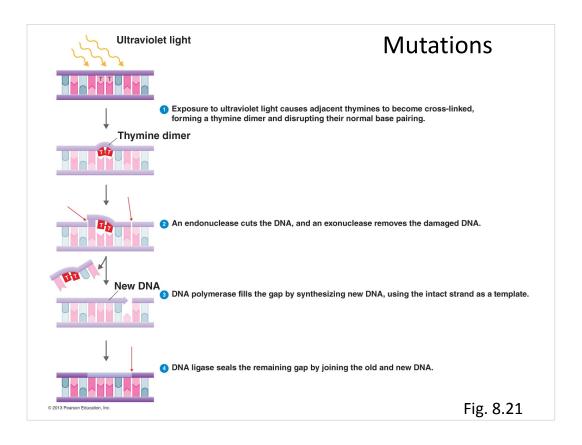


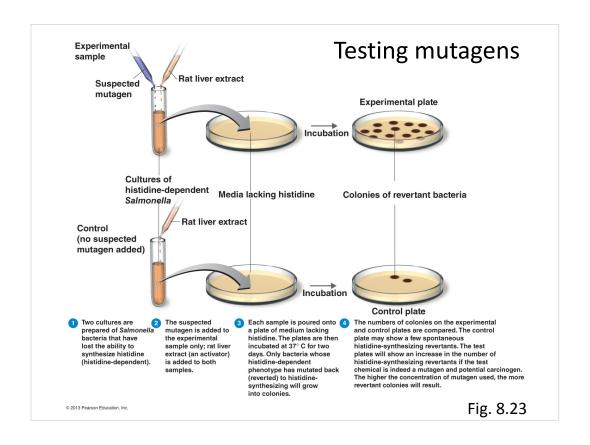




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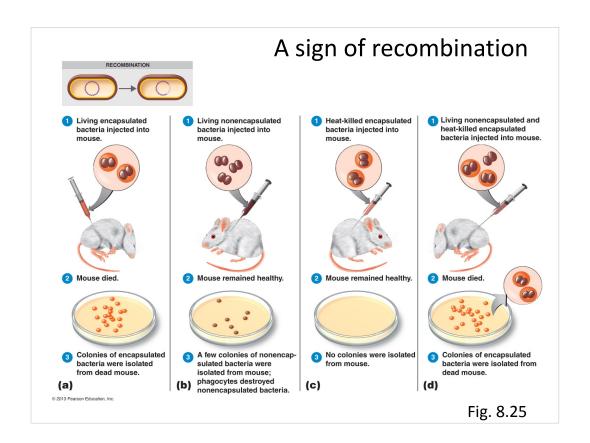


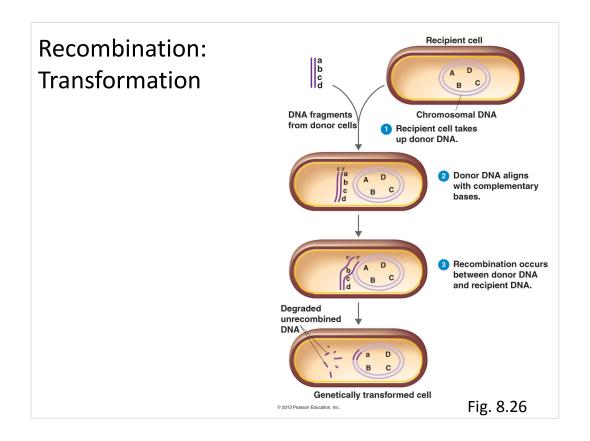




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