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Translation elongation in bacteria

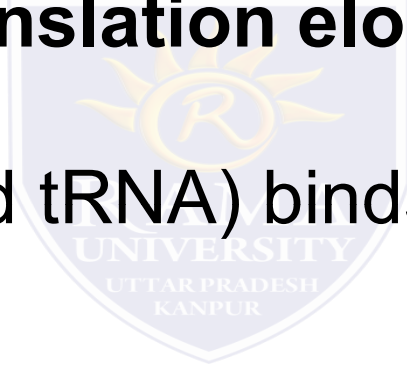
Elongation is adding more amino acids carried by tRNA to Met (the start amino acid).

What are the steps in translation elongation?

Amino-acyl tRNA (charged tRNA) binds to the ribosome's **A site**.

Peptide bond forms.

Ribosome moves (translocate) one codon downstream.

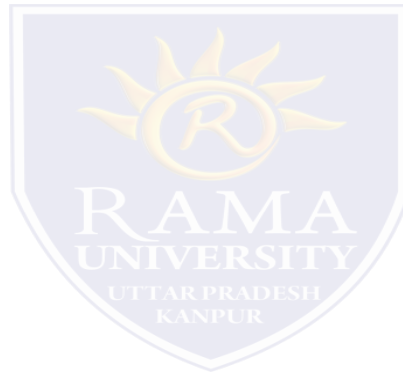


What is needed for elongation?

.Charged tRNA

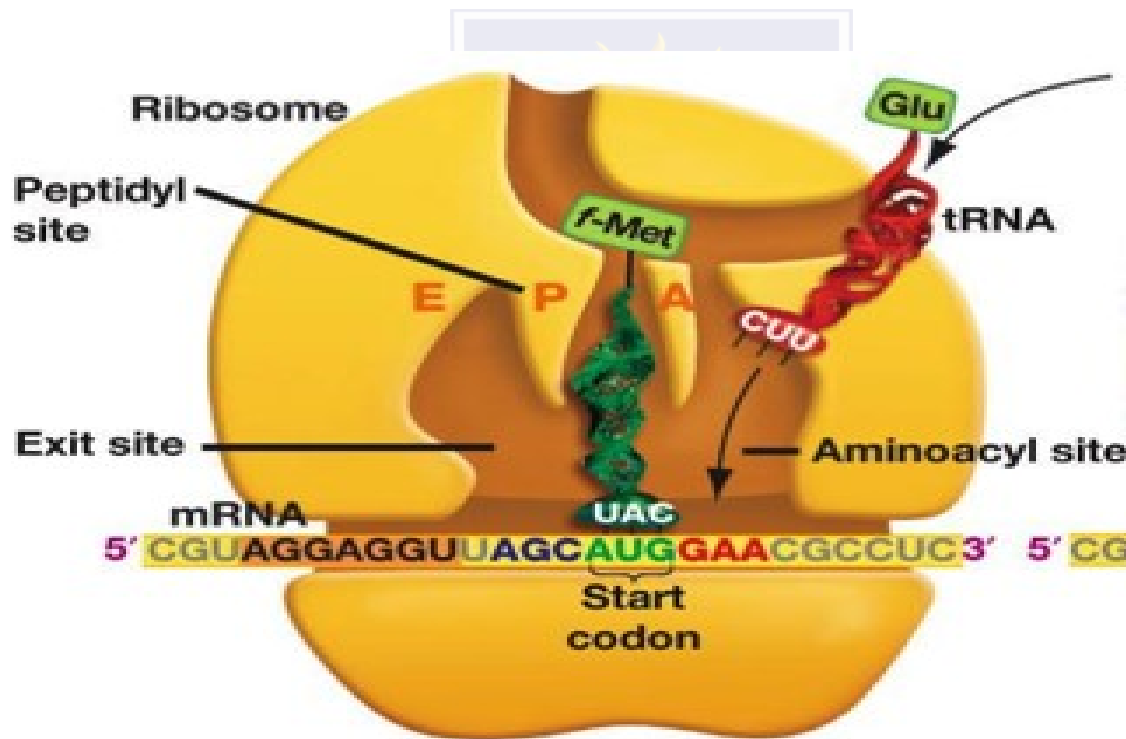
.Elongation factors (EF)

.GTP



ongation process:

1. Met tRNA is bound to the AUG codon at P site. 2. Next codon is positioned in the A site.

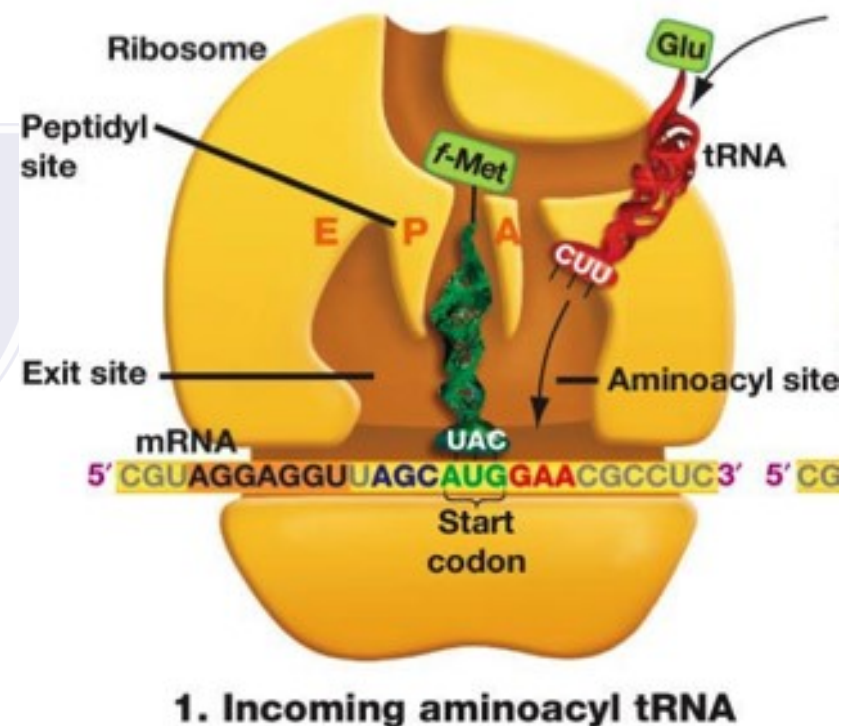


1. Incoming aminoacyl tRNA

Elongation process:

3. Appropriate amino-acyl tRNA binds to the A site.

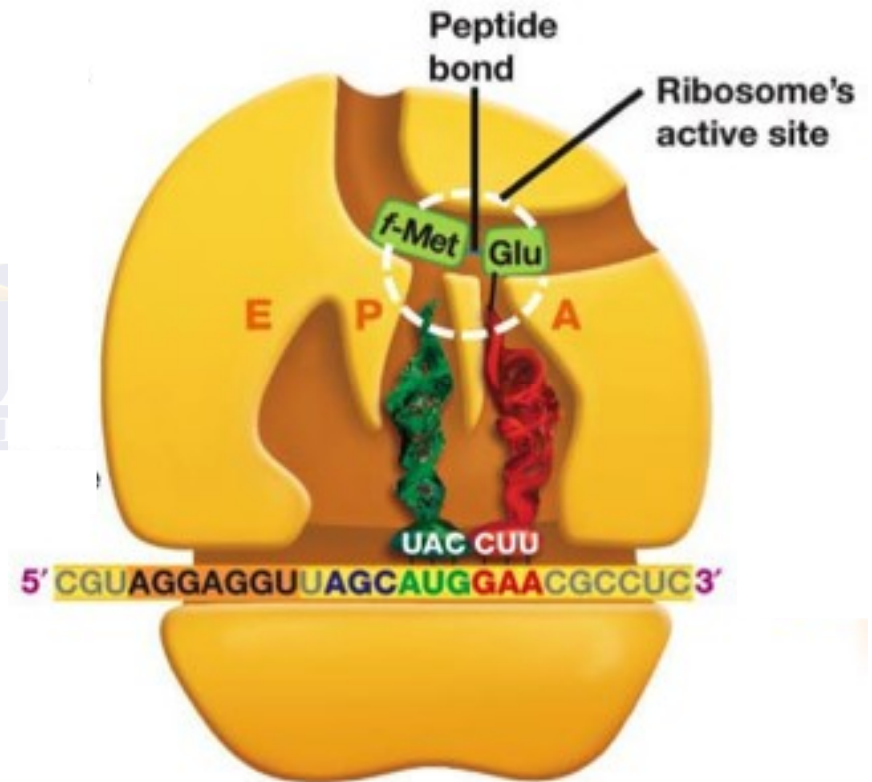
4. The charged tRNA is brought to the ribosome by elongation factors (EF and GTP).



Elongation process:

5. Two amino-acyl tRNAs are in positions P and A and a peptide bond is formed between the two amino acids.

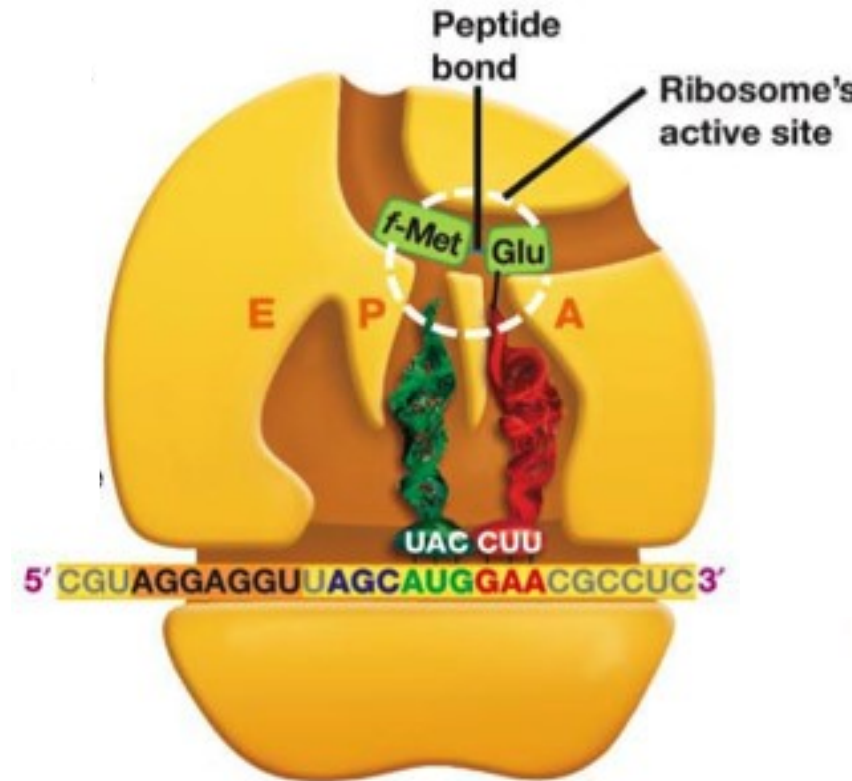
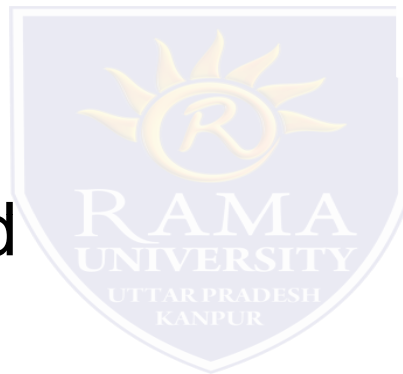
6. The bond between the amino acid and tRNA at P site is broken.



2. Peptide bond formation

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A peptide bond is formed between the free amino acid in the P site and the one in the A site by:



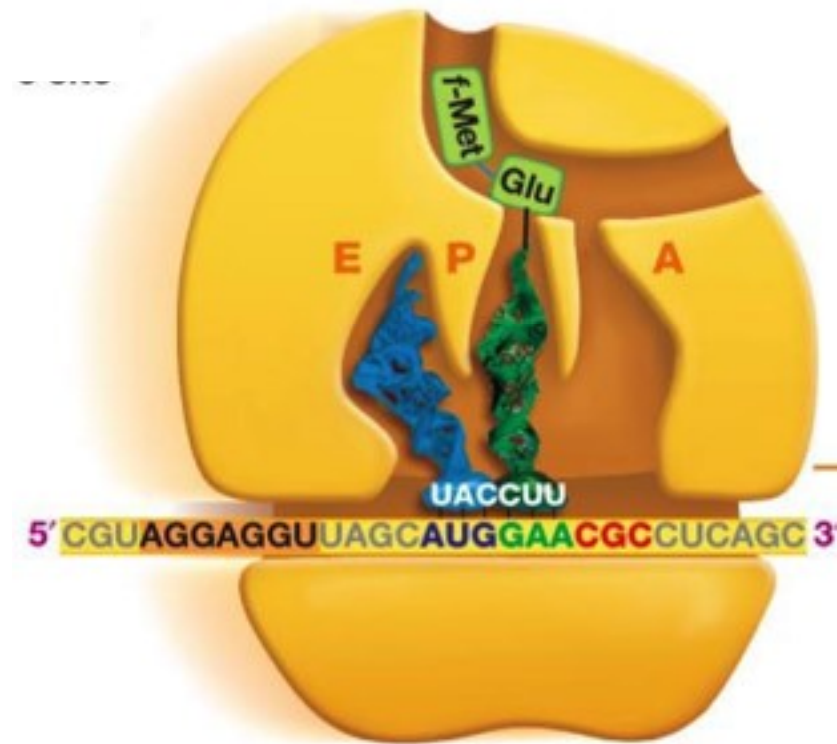
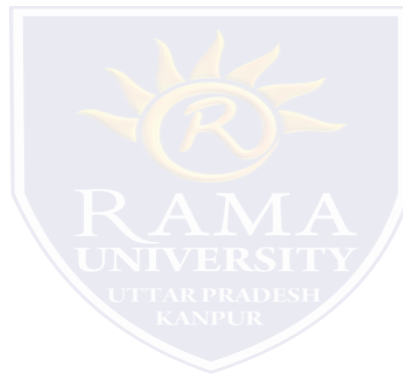
2. Peptide bond formation

Peptidyl Transferase

ongation process:

When a peptide bond is formed the free tRNA is in the E site and the tRNA at site P has two amino acids.

Ribosome moves one codon downstream (3').

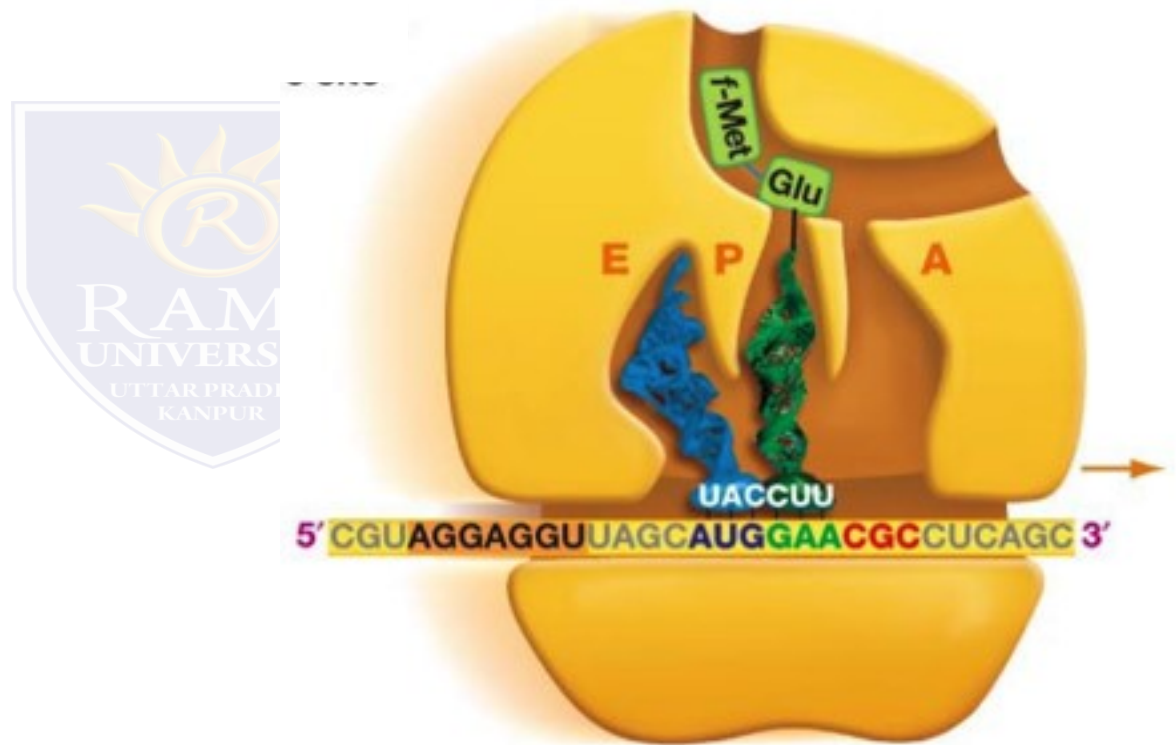


3. Translocation

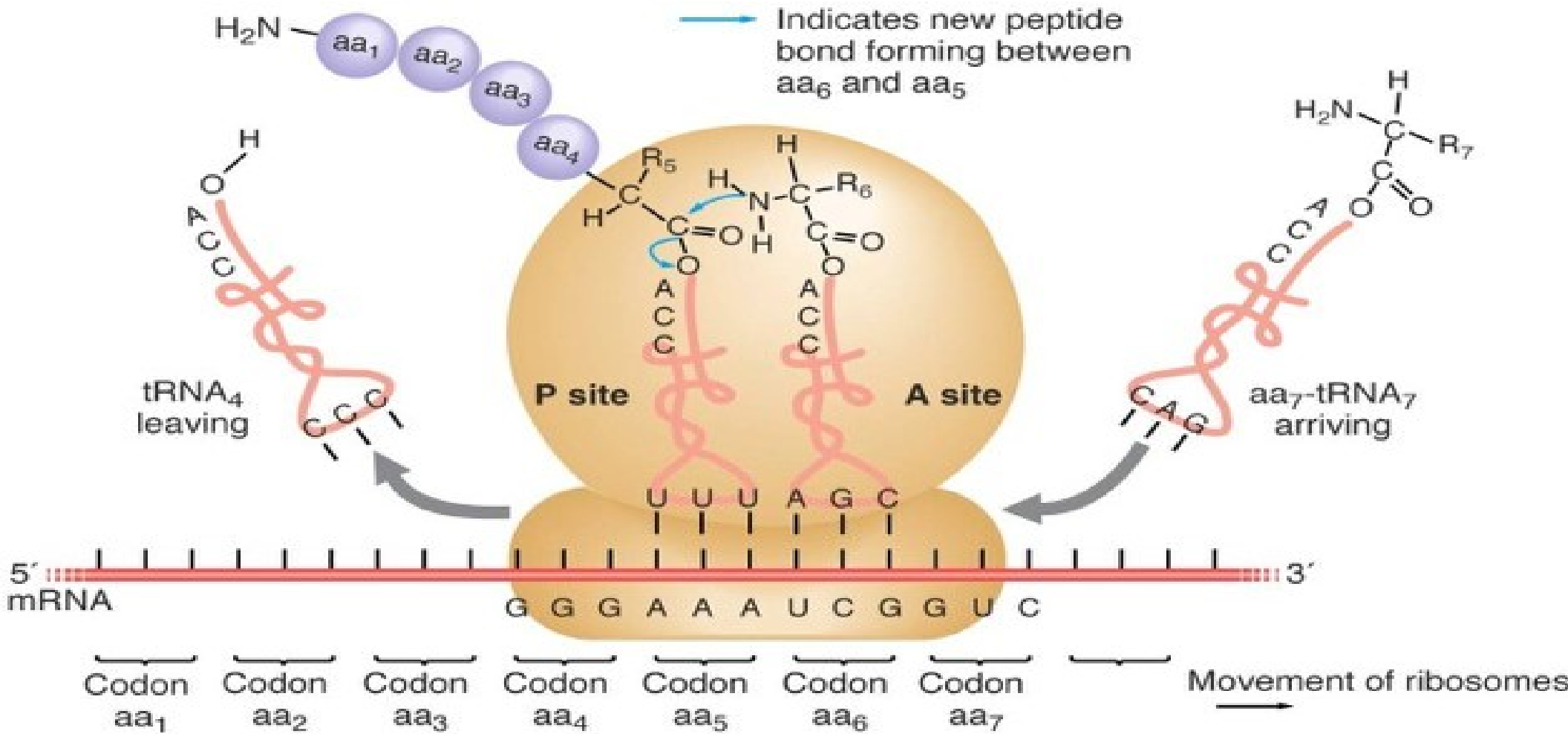
elongation process:

Free tRNA moves to the E site.

A new charged tRNA binds to the A site and the cycle repeats.



3. Translocation



ELONGATION OF POLYPEPTIDES DURING TRANSLATION



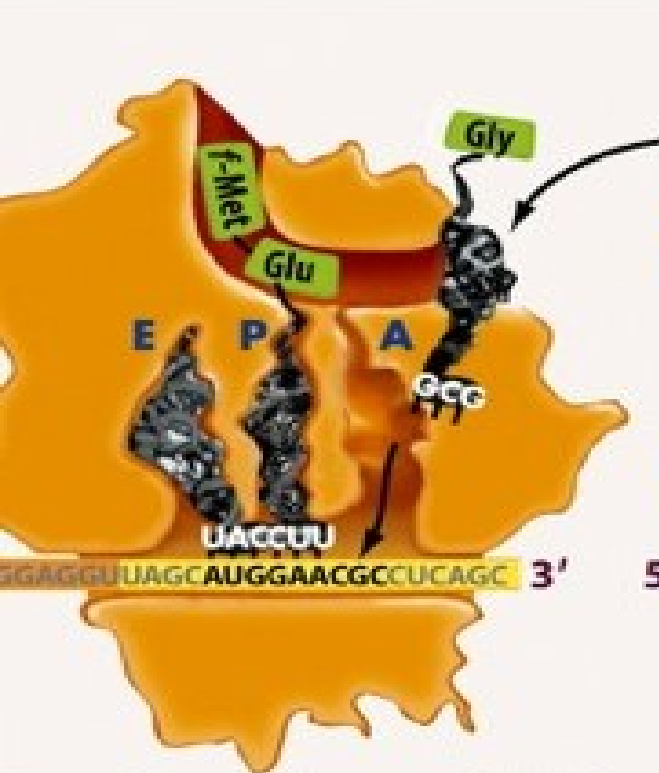
1. Incoming aminoacyl tRNA
An aminoacyl tRNA moves into A site, where its anticodon base pairs with the mRNA codon.



2. Peptide bond formation
The amino acid attached to the tRNA in the P site is transferred to the tRNA in the A site.



3. Translocation
The ribosome moves down mRNA. The empty tRNA attached to polypeptide chain moves into P site. The A site is empty.



Incoming aminoacyl tRNA
 An aminoacyl tRNA moves into A site, where its anticodon base pairs with the mRNA codon.



5. Peptide bond formation
 The polypeptide chain attached to the tRNA in the P site is transferred to the tRNA in the A site.



6. Translocation
 Ribosome moves down mRNA. The empty tRNA moves into E site. Empty tRNA from P site moves to E site, where tRNA is ejected. The A site is empty again.