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E. coli - 70S ribosome

30S

16S rRNA (1542 nts)

21 proteins

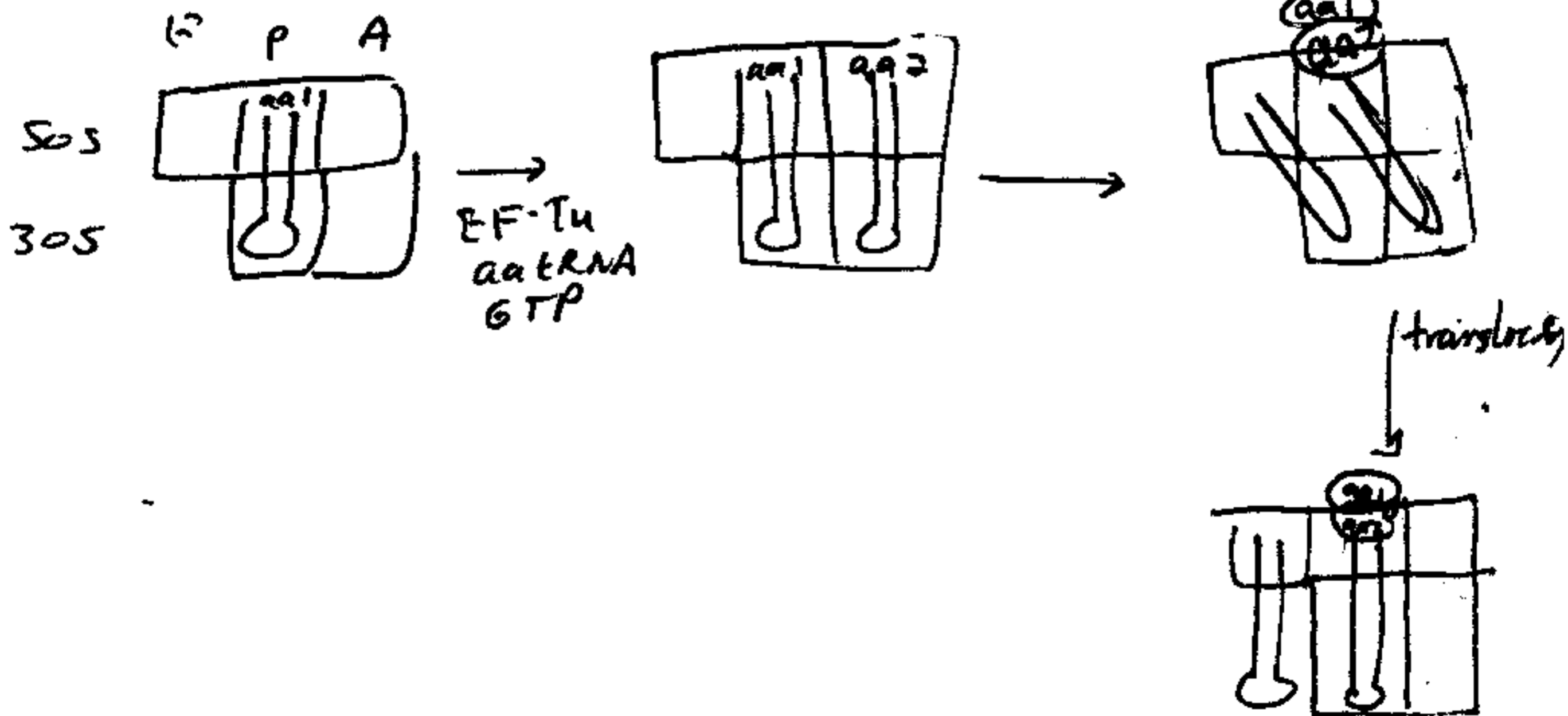
50S

5S rRNA (~120 nts)

23S rRNA (2904)

34 proteins

} peptidyl transferase activity here



Fragment Reaction (Monro 1967)

50S + (CACC)-F_{met} + puromycin

↓ Mg⁺⁺, K⁺, Methanol

F-met-puromycin

∴ 50S catalytic

1. Protein omission

Only L2, L3, L4 + 23S rRNA essential

2. Phenol + proteins

Tag ribosomes → prot K, phenol

23S rRNA + 3 proteins function as
minimal particle

Why focus on rRNA?

- ① Extreme conservation 1°, 2°
- ② Ketohexal inactivates 30S → due to modifying 16S rRNA
- ③ tRNA's bound to rRNA protect universally conserved nt.
- ④ Antibiotics bind to rRNA
- ⑤ Shine-Delgarno base pairs w/ rRNA
- ⑥ 23S binds to tRNA

23S

- six domains



- domains IV + V

appear important

50S reconstitution

-in vitro tx. 23S rRNA doesn't work well
even though natural rRNA works

why?

- ① natural RNA retains some memory of state
- ② post-tx modifications important

So... denature natural tx + still get some
activity? ∴ some modification important

In vitro complementation?

————— natural
~~~~~ in-vitro

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Mapped important  
in-vitro modification  
to region V.