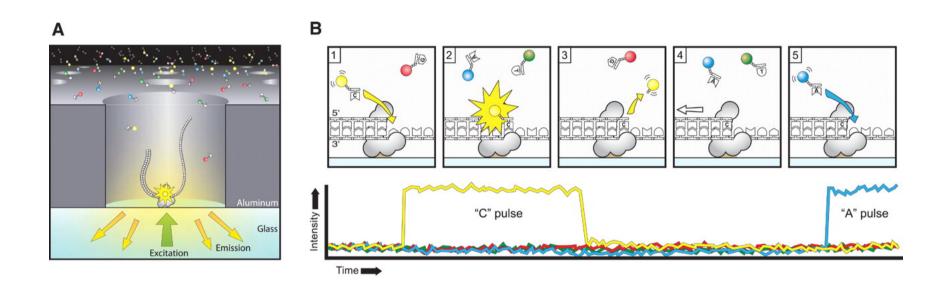
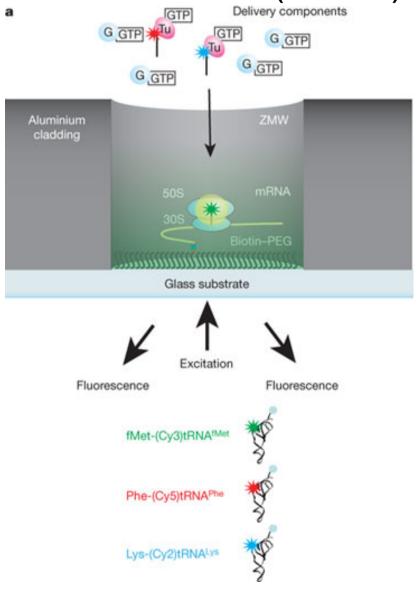
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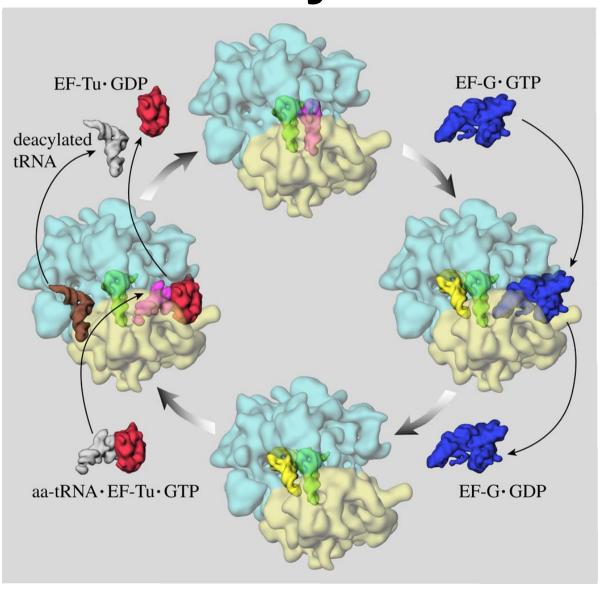
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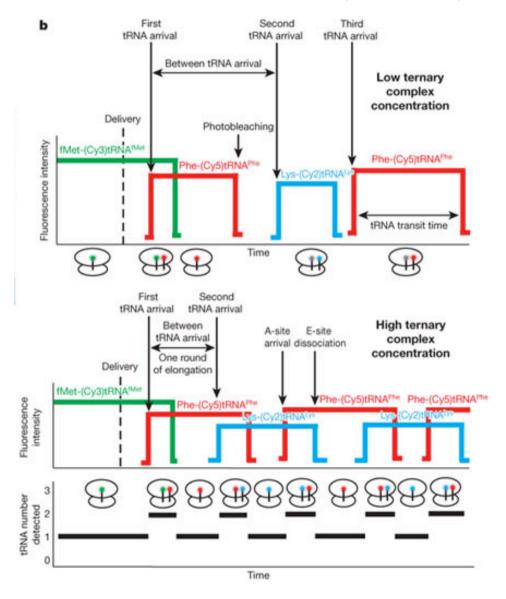
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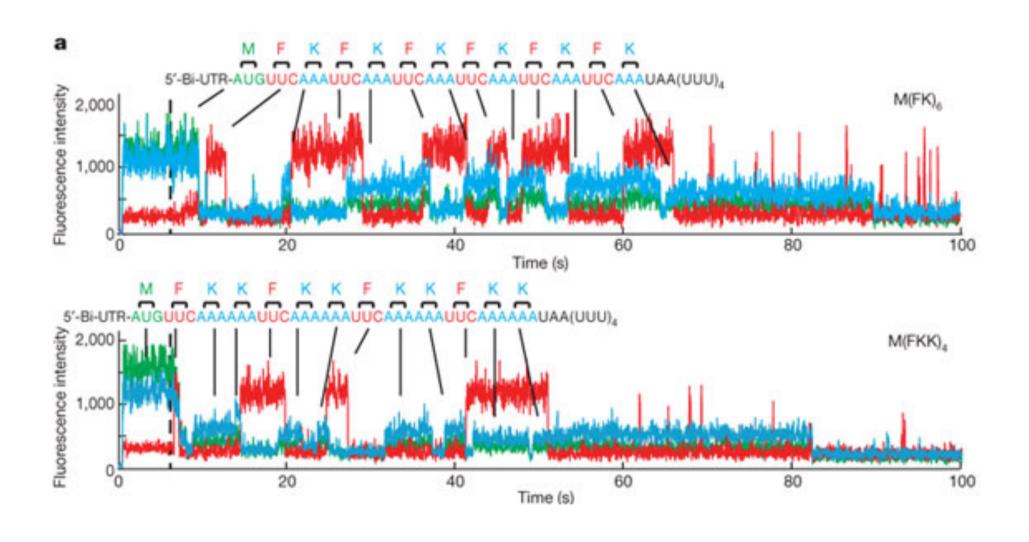
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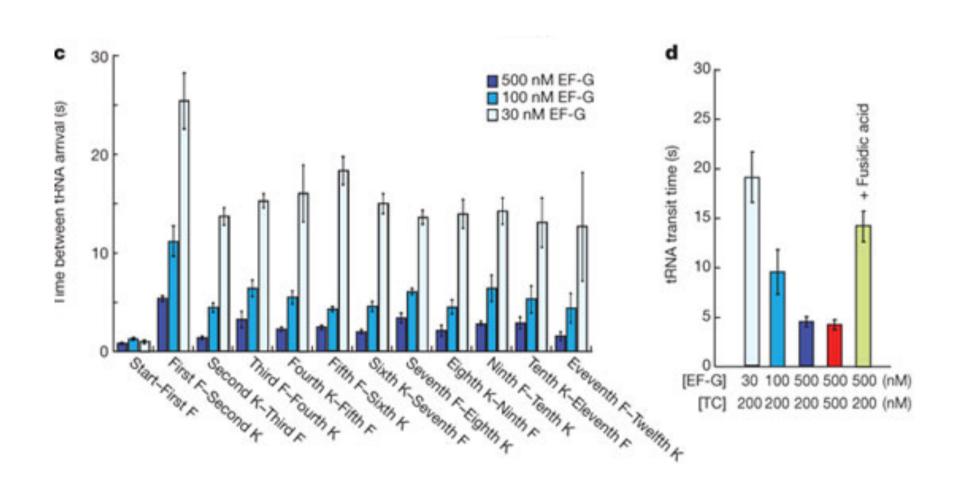
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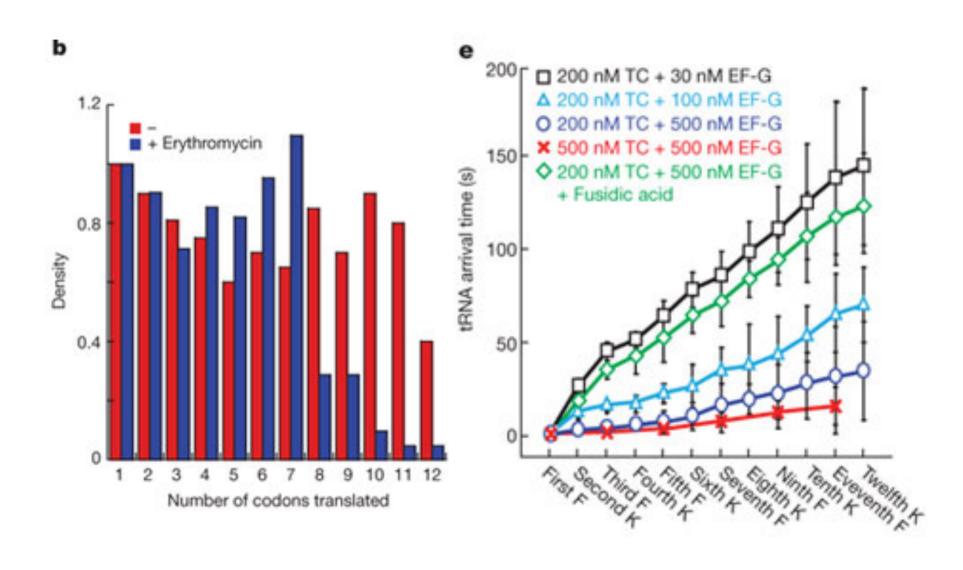
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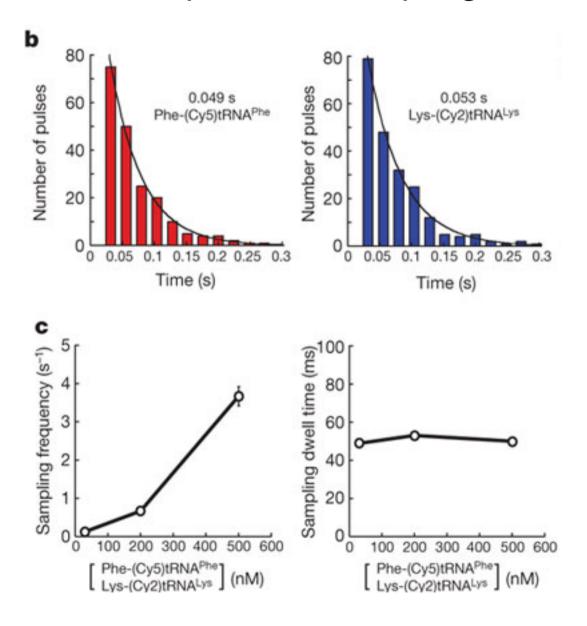
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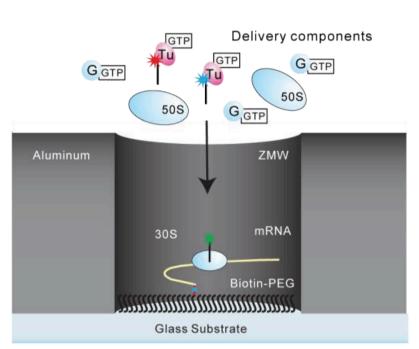
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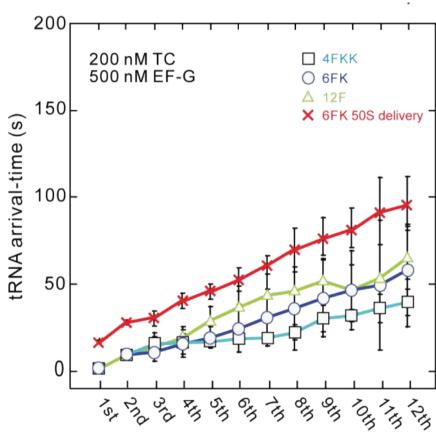


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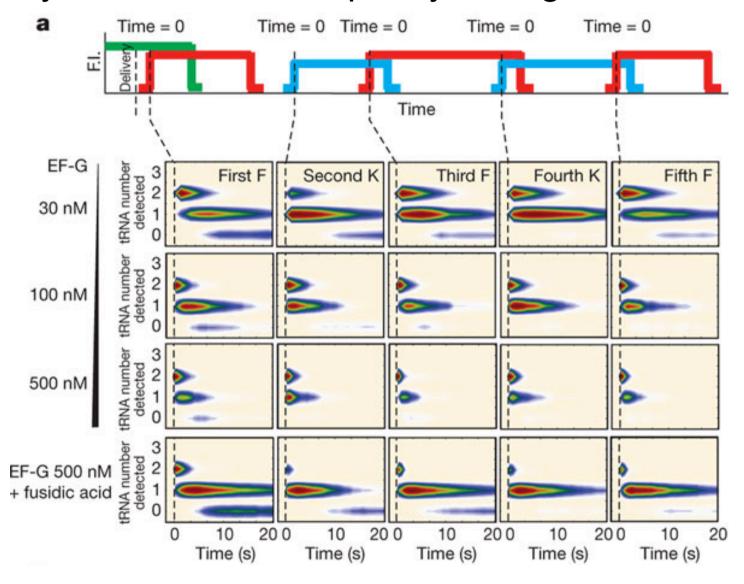


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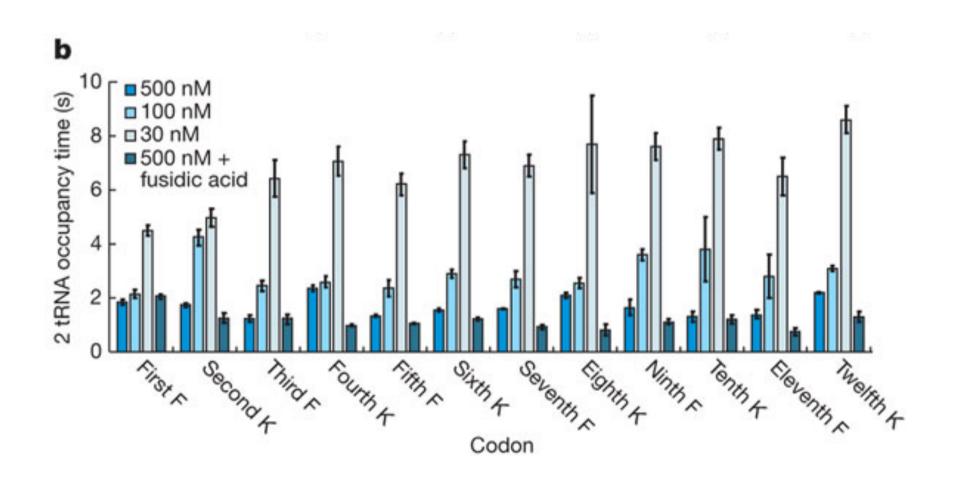




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Conclusion

- Translation can be observed in real time using single ribosomes immobilized in ZMWs
- Used antibiotics interfere translation as predicted by their mechanism
- tRNA releases rapidly form E site after translation has occurred (uncorrelated with arrival of next tRNA). Three tRNAs are rarely observed on translating ribosomes.

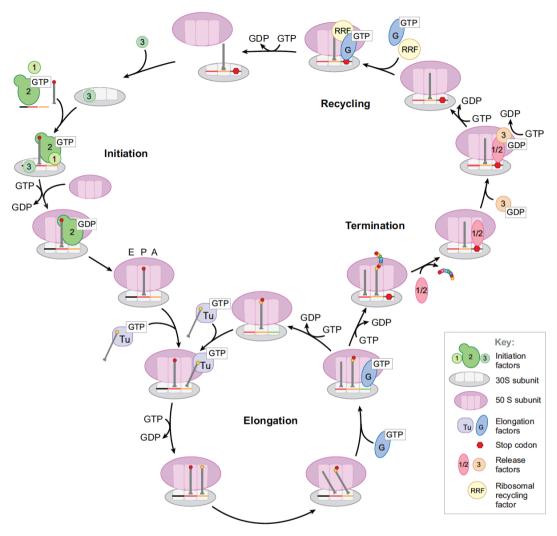
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Figure

The prokaryotic translation cycle. Shown is the current model, which has been derived from biochemical and biophysical studies. Initiation, mediated by initiation factors 1,2, and 3 (green-shaded circles), culminates in the joining of 30S (gray) and 50S (purple) subunits on the mRNA message primed with initiator tRNA (gray line with red circle) in the P site. This complex, aided by the elongation factors Tu and G (blue-shaded circles), subsequently undergoes multiple rounds of elongation. Termination, under the control of release factors 1, 2 and 3 (red-shaded circles), frees the newly synthesized polypeptide upon recognition of the stop codon. Ribosomal recycling factor (yellow circle) and elongation factor G then prepare the translational machinery for subsequent initiation events. Abbreviations: A, ribosomal A site; E, ribosomal E site; G, elongation factor G; P, ribosomal P site; RRF, ribosome recycling factor; Tu, elongation factor Tu.