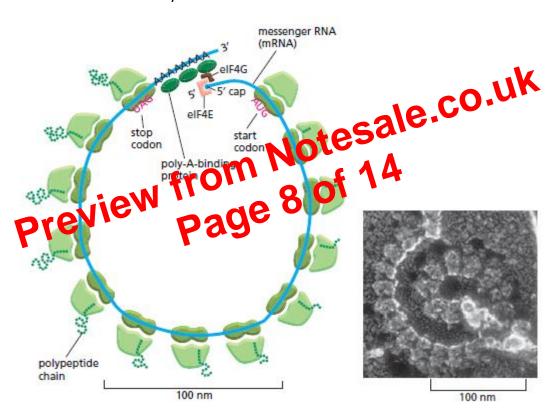
- 8. Release factors (tRNA<sup>peptidyl</sup>hydrolase) bind to STOP codon at "A" → cleaves peptide bond → forcing peptidyl transferase in LSU to catalyze addtion of H<sub>2</sub>O to peptidyl-rRNA [Example of molecular mimicry; Release factors resemble the shape of a chemically unrelated molecule, tRNA. This allows them to enter "A" site]
- 9. (COO-) end of polypeptide chain is free from tRNA → peptide chain is released into cytoplasm
  → ribosome releases mRNA

Polyribosome: A series of ribosomes simultaneously translate the same eukaryotic mRNA molecule

- Acts on eLF<sub>4</sub>-coiled mRNA
- Increases translation efficiency



(Image source: Molecular Biology of the Cell 5<sup>th</sup> edition, page 382)

## Genetic code

- Universal
- 3<sup>rd</sup> amino acid often doesn't make any difference
- Exception 1: Candida albicans (human fungal pathogen); translates CUG = serine (normally leucine)
- Exception 2: Mitochondria; translates AUA = methionine (normally isoleucine in cytosol of cell)

First base	Second base				Third base
	U	С	А	G	
U	Phenylalanine	Serine	Tyrosine	Cysteine	U
	Phenylalanine	Serine	Tyrosine	Cysteine	С
	Leucine	Serine	Stop (Ochre)	Stop (Opal)†	А
	Leucine	Serine	Stop (Amber)‡	Tryptophan	G
С	Leucine	Proline	Histidine	Arginine	U
	Leucine	Proline	Histidine	Arginine	С
	Leucine	Proline	Glutamine	Arginine	А
	Leucine	Proline	Glutamine	Arginine	G
A	Isoleucine	Threonine	Asparagine	Serine	U
	Isoleucine	Threonine	Asparagine	Serine	fiv
	Isoleucine	Threonine	Lysine	Ar∰.in€	А
	Methionine*	Threonine	Lysine 5	Arginine	G
G	Valine	Alanine	Aspartic acid	<b>/</b> ycine	U
	Valine	Aarine	Aspartis icid	Glycine	С
	Valine	Alanine	Utamic acid	Glycine	А
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