

Genes

- Inducible → expressed temporarily, ↑ or ↓, complicated structure. Regulation of expression involves these
- Constitutive → "housekeeping" → expressed permanently, fixed state, simple structure

Regulation of expression

- 1) Transcription
- 2) RNA processing
- 3) RNA transport
- 4) Translation
- 5) post-translational (phosphorylation)

Type A Response:

⊙ Inducing signal → ↑ expression (continued).

→ in response to: Intracellular conc. of Nutrient. (commonly observed in prokaryotes)

Type B Response:

⊙ Regulatory signal → ↑ expression (Transient) → during development of organism.

Type C Response:

⊙ Termination of signal → Persists (↑ expression) → during development of tissue/organ.

• functioning unit of Genomic DNA, w/ single promoter, common operator ⇒ Operon.
* primarily in prokaryotes.

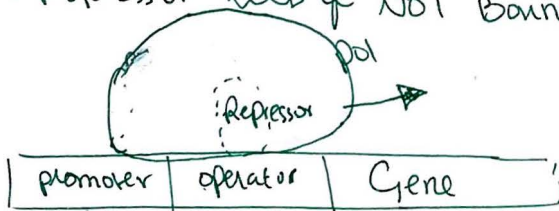
• operon = promoter + Regulator + operator + structural genes.

↓ w/ inducers & corepressors @ cytoplasm. Control operator.
 ↓ Repressor binds to it.
 ↓ Co-regulated by operon.

* Operon Classification:

- ① Catabolic (Inducible) → Lac operon
- ② Anabolic (Repressible) → Ara operon
- ③ Others

operator ⇌ Repressor → if NOT Bound → Promoter ⇌ Pol

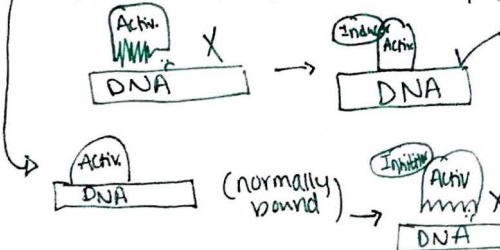


Inducer → binds Repressor → changes shape & unbinds. (un-negative control)

(-)ve control → Repressor

(+)ve control → Activator

⊙ Normally can't bind → Inducer binds to it & it changes shape & can bind.



(+)ve Inducible Operons → Activate Transcription + Activator binds to Both DNA & RNA Pol.

(+)ve Repressible Operons → Stop Transcription.

Lactose Genes.

promoter near LacZ

Lac Operon = LacZ → β -Galactosidase.

(3 structural genes)

+ LacY → β -Galactosidase permease.
(transport of Lactose across Membrane).

+ LacA → β -Galactosidase acetyltransferase.
(protects other intracellular galactosides from β galactosidase).

Inducer: Allolactose.

Repressor: Glucose.

* transcription of Lac operon → 1 polycistronic 3 genes

* LacI → diff. gene → Lac Repressor (LacI protein).

• NO Lactose: Repressor $\rightleftharpoons$ operator. (sigma $\rightarrow$ RNA pol.)

• Negative Regulation of Gene Expression:

{ Structural Genes Initially in a suppressed state }

* Lactose: Inducer → Releases LacI protein from O.

↳ Allolactose (stronger).

BOTH: Negative Allosteric effectors for Repressor.
(prevent Negative Control).

* Monod & Jacob Schem Results.

→ ① LacZ Mutants.

→ ② LacY Mutants.

→ ③ LacI Mutants: prod. β -galactosidase & permease even in absence of Lactose.
→ Constitutive Mutants.

* Reg. Site = Promoter + Operator + CAP or "Catabolism activator protein"

Requires cAMP $\leftarrow$ CAP Protein
Glc inhibits Adenylyl Cyclase.

* Glc Regulates through:

① $\downarrow$ cAMP (inhibit Adenylyl Cyclase)

② dephosphorylation & inactivation of Gal. Permease in E. Coli Membrane.
⇒ Lac I still bound.

* HIGH Glc & HIGH Lac → infrequent, Negligible transcription.

Transcription product = polycistronic mRNA.
(operon in Reg. elements)

* mRNA of Most Inducible proteins

($t_{1/2} < 2$ Mins.) high turnover

* primary function of transcriptional control:

→ Adjust Cell's Need of proteins according to environmental conditions

* polycistronic mRNA → different PP chain

* cistron (DNA) → 1 pp.
(1 hereditary unit).

* Coinducer Actions:

① Repressor → Inac. Repressor (dissociates)

② Inducer → Active Inducer (binds)

* Co Repressor Actions:

① Inac. Repressor → Ac. Repressor (Associates)

② Active Inducer → Inac. (dissociates).

Activator proteins:

① AraC → Ara operon pr.

② CAP pr. → Lac operon

Ara Operon

3 genes for
Arabinose Metab.

+ promoter + Initiator sequence

AraC (activator)

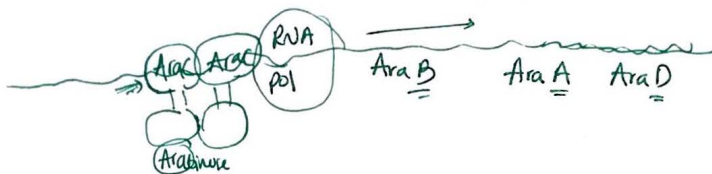
~ {Arabinose (pentose)}
Metab in E. Coli

ONLY @:

* HIGH Arabinose $\rightarrow$ HIGH expression

(NO Arabinose $\rightarrow$ no expression).

Arabinose $\rightleftharpoons$ AraC proteins $\rightleftharpoons$ Initiator
 $\rightarrow$ helps RNA polymerase bind @ promoter $\rightarrow$ transcription.



Trp. Operon

= 5 genes for Trp Synthesis + promoter + operator.

* Controlled by:

① * @ LOW Trp $\rightarrow$ HIGH Expression.

(these are Trp repressors, can't bind operator on their own).

$\rightarrow$ Trp: Corepressor; Trp $\rightleftharpoons$ Repressor $\rightleftharpoons$ operator.

* Trp Repression isn't always complete $\Rightarrow$ We have Attenuation.

② Attenuation: "pause structure", "hairpin-loop".

$\rightarrow$ high Trp $\rightarrow$ Ribosomes pass over Trp codons quickly $\rightarrow$ terminator loop $\rightarrow$ premature abortion.

$\rightarrow$ low Trp $\rightarrow$ Ribosomes stall @ Trp codons $\rightarrow$ Antiterminator loop $\rightarrow$ transcription continues.

Eukaryotic Control of Gene expression.

- Eukaryotic Genome = 1000x prokaryotic
- Additional Genetic info $\rightarrow$ Regulation

(More genetic info, greater specialisation, enormous amt that doesn't code (exons))

- (a):
- ① differentiation of tissues.
 - ② Biologic processes.
 - ③ Response to complex environmental challenges.

- Control (a):

 - ① Transcription.
 - ② processing of mRNA.
 - ③ Transport & localisation of mRNA.
 - ④ Translation
 - ⑤ degradation of mRNA
 - ⑥ Protein Activator Control.

DNA Remodelling: Histone exchange.

Using: ATP-dependent chromatin Remodelling complex

requires: ATP.

- 1 ATP Consumed $\rightarrow$ H2A-H2B dimer exchange.
- 2 ATP exchange of entire Nucleosome core

CHROMATIN

2 forms.

Euchromatin $\rightleftharpoons$ Heterochromatin.

less coiled highly condensed
less Methylation Methylated.
transcriptionally active transcriptionally inactive.

(Switch: ON & OFF Genes)

DNA: highly organised.

- Consequence:

 - 1) Better control of expression
 - 2) Controlled Access of TF

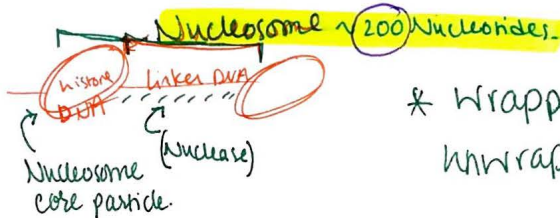
Histone octamer $\rightarrow$ 30 nm DNA fibre

= 8 subunits
= H2A + H2A + H2B + H2B +
H3 + H3 + H4 + H4

DNA linker

N-Tail terminals:
H2B
H3

Sequence specific DNA-binding protein binds to? Unwrapped.



* Wrapped $\rightarrow$ 250 ms.

Unwrapped $\rightarrow$ 10-50 ms

Chromosome length: 10,000x shorter than DNA length.

* Mechanisms:

1) Chromatin Remodelling.

* Each cell contains the same complement of genes (Exception: Ab-producing cells)

$\rightarrow$ Differential expression.

* DNA w/ -Globin gene cluster $\rightarrow$ "Active" chromatin: Reticulocytes.
 $\rightarrow$ "Inactive" : Muscle cells.

Processes:

A) Histone Acetylation & DeAcetylation:

* Lysine Residues @ Amino terminals of Histone Molecules (H3?)

$\rightarrow$ Reduces (+)ve charge $\rightarrow$ $\downarrow$ Binding affinity w/ (-)ve DNA.

Acetylation $\rightarrow$ Readier Access $\rightarrow$ $\uparrow$ Transcription

De-Acetylation $\rightarrow$ $\downarrow$ Transcription

* Catalysed by: HAT (Histone Acetyltransferases)

HD (HDAC $\rightarrow$ Histone Deacetylases)

* Acetylation: HAT + coactivator $\rightarrow$ Euchromatin.

DeAcetylation: HDAC + corepressor $\rightarrow$ Heterochromatin.

* Ubiquitination:

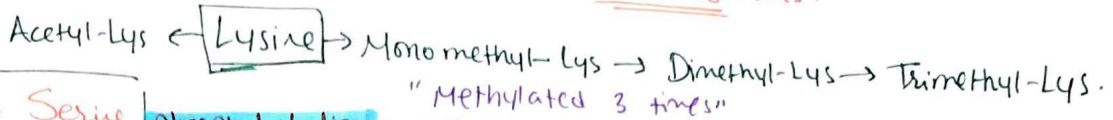
H2A $\rightarrow$ inactivation.

H2B $\rightarrow$ activation.

DNA Methylation

- Symmetrical CG sequences.
- predominantly @ Cytosine (→ 5-Methylcytosine).
- Inactivates gene expression.

* Lysine Methylation & Acetylation are competing rxns.



* Serine phosphorylation (→ phosphoserine).

* CpG Island:

DNA region w/ many CG
C can become methylated.

(→ Mammals: 70-80% of CpG Methy)

B) Modification of DNA.

Gene: Tyrosine Aminotransferase.

- Acute demethylation of deoxycytidine at a specific region in response to: Glucocorticoids
- ⇒ ↑ rate of transcription.

C) DNA binding proteins.

Serial binding of transcription factors → directly disrupts Nucleosome → prevents re-formation] ↑ Transcription

* DNA Methylation is inherited by daughter cells.

⇒ Maintenance Methylase (Maintains Methylation @ same sites after DNA Replication)

* Effects of DNA Methylation:

- 1) Inactivation of single gene expression.
- 2) " " genes from part of chromosome.
- 3) " " genes of whole chromosome (X)

in short: Most imp histone Modifications:

- 1) Acetylation.
- 2) Methylation.
- 3) Phosphorylation.
- 4) Ubiquitination.

Histone Modification sites:

H2A → Mainly Acetylation

H2B → " Acetylation → one phosphorylation & one methylation

H3 → " Methylation

H4 → " Acetylation

Modification State	effect / Meaning @ H3
Methylation	gene silencing / inactivation / heterochromatin formation.
M X A	expression
P X A	expression
M	Silencing of <u>Hox gene</u> , <u>X chromosome</u> inactivation

(شوقي لانتلايد اهل / اسهل لكه)

Hox genes → genes that control all other genes.

- HOXA @ chromosome 7 ^{control} → HOXA- 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 13.
1-13 except 8 & 12
- HOXB @ chromosome 17 → HOXB- 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 13.
1-9 + 13
- HOXC @ chromosome 12 → HOXC- 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13.
4, 5, 6, 8-13
- HOXD @ chromosome 2 → HOXD- 1, 3, 4, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13.
1, 3, 4, 8-13

(Conductor شافو، يلا
منه اول و منه آخر.)

Cells from Nerves/Muscles $\rightarrow$ diff Morphologies, same DNA.

Promoters:

Basal : 40 bp upstream $\rightarrow$ in all protein coding genes.

UPstream : 200 bp upstream $\rightarrow$ structure & binding factors vary

* Repeated Initiation $\rightarrow$ ~~REP~~ Amplification.

* Repetitive DNA sequences for: rRNA genes & tRNA genes (Hundreds)

(during early development of Metazoans they were needed for Amplification (e.g. eggshells).

* Gene amplification example:

Ca. Cells $\rightarrow$ $\uparrow$ DHF Reductase genes (Resistance to Methotrexate)

* Eukaryotic Reg is More complex than prokaryotic:

① larger genome — P: 4.6 Mb 2000 protein f: 23 X 50-250 Mb 40,000 genes.

② diff cell types

③ Absence of genomes

④ Chromatin structure.

⑤ uncoupled transcription & translation.

* Enhancers $\rightarrow$ increase activity of promoters.

$\rightarrow$ binding site for Reg. protein.

$\rightarrow$ distant, upstream or downstream, promiscuous (any, more than one), (promoters initiate lower levels of transcription)

* Silencers $\rightarrow$ Repress.

* Tissue Specific Gene Expression is Mediated by? Enhancers
enhancer-like Elements.

* Immunoglobulins $\rightarrow$ Light Chain ^{e.g.} IgG $\rightarrow$ V, J, C $\rightarrow$ 300 5 10
(25 kDa) $\rightarrow$ @ same Region of same chromosome $\Rightarrow$ Recombination (Gene Rearrangement)

Alternative RNA processing:
1) Alternative promoters.
2) intron-exon splice sites.
3) polyadenylation sites

heavy chain ^{e.g.} IgM $\rightarrow$ (Alternative polyadenylation).
(50 kDa) $\rightarrow$ mRNA
(m) 2700 bases [different Carboxyl terminal] (s) 2400 bases
remains attached to Membrane Secreted.

[2] Alternative Splicing & Processing.

→ 7 unique Troponin in 7 diff tissues.

* **Class Switching** → one gene switched off.
Closely related gene on.

* **During intrauterine life, first Hb to be produced is: Embryonic Hb.**

→ 2 Zeta + 2 Epsilon $\xrightarrow[\text{of Intrauterine Life}]{\text{by 6th Month}}$ $2(\alpha_2 + \gamma_2) = \text{HbF}$ $\xrightarrow[\text{Birth}]{\text{after}}$ **HbA₁ (97%)**
HbA₂ (3%)

* also @ Immunoglobulin (IgM or IgG)

1° Immune Response 2° immune Response.

in short:

IgM or IgG → Class Switching

light chain variation → Gene rearrangement/Recombination.

heavy chain variation → alternative adenylation

differentiate:
in prokaryotes:
← < 2 Mins

In Mammalian cells: **Most mRNA $t_{1/2}$ =** Measured in hours.

Some mRNA $t_{1/2}$ = 10-30 mins (turnover rapidly).

* **mRNA stability** is subject to Regulation

→ effective in: **Enzyme & its Normal Substrate, or Receptor & its Normal Ligand**

→ **Influenced by: Hormones.**

→ Ends of mRNA involved in its Stability

→ e.g. **Ferritin** → low Iron → stem loop @ 5' end stabilised by 90 kDa Protein (block progression of ribosome @ translation)
→ high Iron → hairpin is lost → ↑ ferritin synthesis.

* **DNA-Binding proteins:**

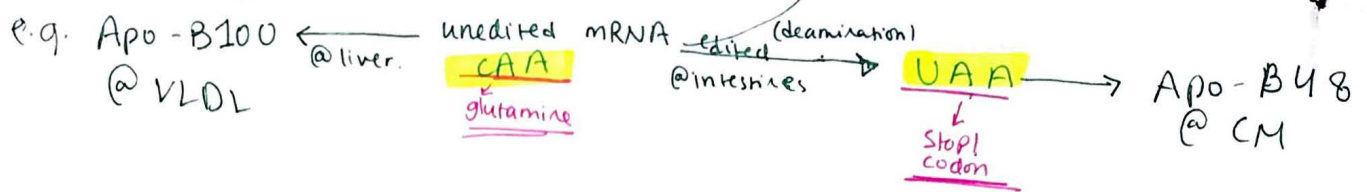
→ Steroids ↔ Nuclear hormone Receptors → bind DNA.
e.g. oestrogen. (TF)

↓ conformational change

Recruitment of coactivators → catalysis of Acetylation @ Lys @ Histones → ↑ Transcription.



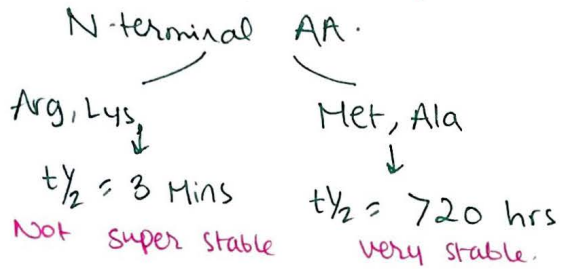
* RNA Editing.



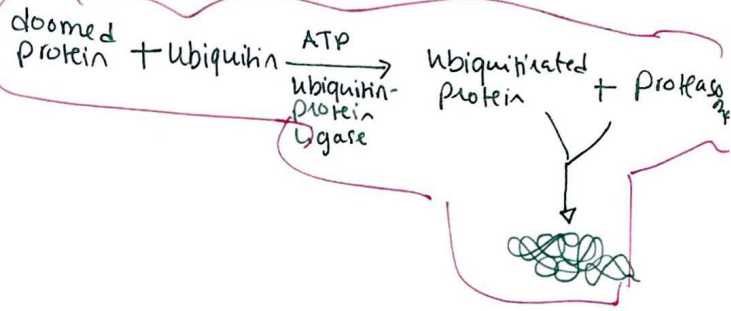
* Protein Stability.

e.g. Ubiquitin control proteolysis
Cyclin control of cell cycle.

- Stability of protein depends on?



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Summary: Eukaryotic Gene Regulation.

* Chromatin Remodelling (hetero → eu)

- ① Acetylation & Deacetylation → Lys @ Histone
- ② Methylation → Cyt @ DNA
- ③ Phosphorylation → Ser
- ④ Ubiquitination
- ⑤ DNA Binding proteins → (TF)
Steroids → Nuclear hormone receptors

DNA-Related.

- Transcription → promoters (Basal/upstream)
- Gene Amplification → rRNA & tRNA → DHF reductase in Methotrexate immunity.
- Enhancers & Repressors → produce diff. cell types.
- Class Switching → Embryonic Hb → HbF → IgM or IgG
- Gene Rearrangement → IgG light chain.

RNA-related.

- ① Alternative RNA processing:
 - A. Polyadenylation → IgH Heavy chains.
 - B. Splicing → Tropomyosin
- ② mRNA stability → ferritin
- ③ RNA editing → Apo-B100 or B48

Protein stability

- Ubiquitin-dependent proteolysis
- Cyclin control of cell cycle.