

A Couple of Examples of Global Regulation

I. Catabolite repression - CAP regulon

- A. misnomer, since the CAP protein is an activator
- B. catabolite-sensitive operons
- C. cAMP made by adenylate cyclase (*cya* gene) - ATP → cAMP
 - decrease energy level - increased cAMP
- D. Linked to phosphotransferase system (PTS) Fig. 13.2
 - Adenylate cyclase::II^{Glc}~P is active
 - if no glucose is available, the higher level of II^{Glc}~P
- E. CAP/CRP (*crp* gene) is usually an activator, but can also be a repressor
- F. CRP-cAMP is the active form that binds specific DNA sequence
- G. CRP-cAMP has affinity for RNA-Pol (alpha subunits)
- H. CRP regulon genes have poor upstream elements that usually increase RNA-Pol binding
- I. CRP-regulated genes usually are regulated by other regulators, so at least 2 levels of regulation needed (web of regulation)
- J. How can you construct constitutive “ON” mutations for catabolite repression? (2)
- K. Notice the effects of mutations in the *lac* promoter relative to catabolite repression

II. Heat shock response Fig. 13.13

- A. Both a regulon and stimulon with >30 genes
- B. Not only induced by heat - other stresses, too.
- C. Heat Shock Proteins (HSPs) - highly conserved among most organisms
- D. HSPs have normal functions
 - 1. Chaperones - help fold proteins: GroE, DnaK, DnaJ, GrpE
 - 2. Proteases - Lon, Clp
- E. Role of sigma-32 (σ^{32}) - major; sigma-24/sigma-E (σ^{24}/σ^E) - minor
- F. sigma-32 = *rpoH*
- G. 15x induced protein after heat shock, but not so much mRNA
- H. Role of DnaK (HSP - sigma-32-regulated)
 - 1. binds to misfolded proteins
 - 2. during heat shock is occupied with misfolded proteins
 - 3. during normal growth binds to sigma-32
 - a. prevents sigma-32 from binding to promoters
 - b. causes sigma-32 to be degraded
- I. Heat shock response is transient - cell will accommodate higher temperature