

- 1  **Regulation of Gene Expression**  
Chapter 9
- 2  **9.1 Major Modes of Regulation**
  - Enzyme activity
  - Enzyme amount
- 3  **9.2 DNA-Binding Proteins**
  - Non-sequence specific
    - Histones
  - Sequence specific
    - Inverted repeats
- 4  **9.3 Negative control**
  - Transcription level
    - Stops transcription
      - RNA polymerase binding repressed
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- 6  **9.4 Positive Control**
  - Transcription level
    - Activates transcription
      - RNA polymerase binding enhanced
  - Inducible
    - Excess substrate (turns on)
      - Allows activator binding
  - Repressible
    - Excess product (turns off)
      - Prevents activator binding
- 7  **9.4 Positive Control**
  - Transcription level
    - Activates transcription
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### 8 9.5 Two-Component Regulatory Systems

- Prokaryotes regulate metabolism in response to environment
- signal not always transmitted directly
- Signal transduction:
  - detected by sensor & transmitted
  - Most are two-component regulatory systems

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- two proteins
  - Sensor kinase:
    - detects signal & autophosphorylates
  - Response regulator:
    - DNA-binding protein that regulates transcription
    - Absent in bacteria that live as parasites of higher organisms

### 10 9.5 Two-Component Regulatory Systems

- ~ 50 different two-component systems in *E. coli*
  - phosphate assimilation, nitrogen metabolism, & osmotic pressure response

### 11 9.6 Quorum Sensing

- response to other cells of the same species
- Quorum sensing:
  - bacteria assess their population density
  - Ensures sufficient number of cells are present
  - toxin production in pathogenic bacterium

### 12 9.6 Quorum Sensing

- Each species produces specific autoinducer molecule
  - Diffuses freely
  - high concentrations only if many cells are near
  - Binds to activator protein & triggers transcription
    - Acyl homoserine lactone
    - *V. fischeri*
    - Lux operon

### 13 9.6 Quorum Sensing

- Examples of Quorum Sensing
  - *P. aeruginosa* from free living to growing as a biofilm
  - Virulence factors of *S. aureus*

### 14 9.7 Regulation of Chemotaxis

- Modified two-component system used in chemotaxis
  - Sense changes in attractants or repellents
  - Regulate flagellar rotation
- Three main steps
  - 1) Response to signal
  - 2) Controlling flagellar rotation
  - 3) Adaptation

### 15 9.9

- Glucose always used first
  - Catabolite repression
  - Catabolite activator protein (CAP)

- 16  **9.9 lac Operon**
- Operon
  - *E.coli* (negative inducible)
- 17  **9.11 Global Control Networks**
- Heat shock proteins
    - Sigma factors  $\sigma^{70}$ 
      - Involved  $\sigma$  in normal gene transcription
    - Alternative sigma factors  $\sigma^{32}$ 
      - Normally degraded quickly
    - Stress
      - Prevents degradation
    - $\sigma^{32}$ 
      - Controls genes which code for proteins that assist in recovery
- 18  **9.14 & 15 RNA Regulation & Riboswitches**
- Small RNA's (sRNA)
    - Antisense
    - Double stranded RNA
  - Riboswitches
    - Cofactor regulation
      - Thiamine
      - Riboflavin
      - B12
    - Metabolite binds RNA
- 19  **9.16 Attenuation**
- Control occurs after initiation of transcription
    - Before it is complete
  - Number of completed transcripts is reduced
  - Tryptophan operon
- 20  **In-Class Assignment**
- Draw and explain in your own words the following regulatory mechanisms:
    - Negative control
      - Repression
      - Induction (lac Operon)
    - Positive control
      - Repression
      - Induction
    - Catabolite repression