### **CG920 Genomics**

### Lesson 6

### **Protein Interactions in Gene Regulations**

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 Practical use of methods for *in vivo* studies of protein interactions

## Importance of Protein Interactions

- Functional importance of specific protein interactions
  - Most of the proteins in the cell exist in the form of complexes which may further interact with each other
    - Proteasome
      - protein complex responsible for the degradation of obsolete proteins in the cell













## Importance of Protein Interactions

- Functional importance of specific protein interactions
  - Chromatin structure





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### DNA methylation in animals vs. in plants



## Importance of Protein Interactions

- Functional importance of specific protein interactions
  - Chromatin structure
  - Regulation of transcription

1i6h RNA Polymerase

**1lbh+1efa** lac Repressor

> **1ais** TATA-binding Protein/ Transcription Factor IIB

### **Initiation of Transcription**









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### **Multifactorial Promoters Control**

#### ProENDO16:REPORTER (sea urchin)







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### **Multifactorial Promoters Control**







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### mRNA localization

- Importance of mRNA localization
  - Control over spatiotemporal localization of gene product (protein)
    - Asymmetric cell division during development
    - Embryo polarization





Shahbabian and Chartrand, 2012





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### **mRNA** localization

- **Role of mRNA localization** 
  - Attenuating the expression of potentially toxic proteins
    - Localization of expression of MBP into myelination regions of nerve cells

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Ainger et al., 1993

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### mRNA localization Mechanisms

Diffusion and recruitment of mRNA



- During the early stages of Xenopus oogenesis, Xcat-2 mRNA is restricted to a specific structure in the cytoplasm called the mitochondrial cloud (MC, Balbiani body)
- MC movement is partly dependent on the depolymerization of microtubuls (socalled "molecular motor")
- Recruitment on the vegetal pole via interaction of MC and ER

Xcat2 mRNA

) mitochondrial cloud

Shahbabian and Chartrand, 2012









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# mRNA localization

### Mechanisms

#### Localized mRNA degradation

- During embryogenesis in Drosophila m. Hsp83 mRNA is localized at the posterior pole of embryo, similarly to NANOS mRNA
- Hsp83 mRNA is localized in the whole embryo, however, it is destabilized by cis elements both in 3'UTR (HDE) and in coding region (HIE).



- HIE elements are recognized by SMAUG protein, which mediates binding of degradation complex CCR4/POP2/NOT
- In the posterior pole the Hsp83 mRNA is protected from the effects of SMAUG by the so-called HPE element in 3'UTR; mechanism of this protection has been still unknown

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### mRNA localization Mechanisms

#### Active transport of mRNA

- ASH1 is represor of the HO endonuclease in S. cereviseae; inhibition of HO results in inhibition of mating-type switching in daughter cells
- ASH1 mRNA is actively transported by "molecular motors" associated with actin





Shahbabian and Chartrand, 2012

- ASH1 mRNA contains 4 cis elements (3 in the coding sequence and 1 in the 3'UTR), which are recognized by RNA-binding protein SHE2
- SHE2 interacts with SHE3, an adaptor protein, which links SHE2 to the molecular motor MYO4, which then binds to actin and allows transport of ASH1 mRNA into the daughter cell



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### Auxin Signalling



Jing and Strader, Plant Structural Biology, Hormonal Regulations (2018)



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### Signal transduction

- PI and signal transduction
  - through G protein and phospholipase C
  - Signalling cascades using cAMP





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### PI *in vivo* Co-immunoprecipitation

 Isolation of protein complexes using antibodies recognizing one of the interacting proteins







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### Pl *in vivo* Tandem affinity purification (TAP-tag)



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## PI in vivo

### Yeast two-hybrid assay (Y2H)

- Isolation of protein complexes using recombinant proteins, each fused to a part of Gal4 transcription factor
  - One of the proteins (bait) fused to DNAbinding domain of Gal4 (Gal4-BD)
  - The other protein (prey) fused to activation domain of Gal4 (Gal4-AD)
  - Protein interactions enable reconstitution of binding domains with activation domain and triggers the expression of a reporter gene
    - Visual detection (blue color, LacZ)
    - Auxotrophic selection (growth on medium lacking histidine, His)
  - Method used for searching for interaction partners in expression libraries of individual organisms



A. Regular transcription of the reporter gene



B. One fusion protein only (Gal4-BD + Bait) - no transcription



C. One fusion protein only (Gal4-AD + Prey) - no transcription



D. Two fusion proteins with interacting Bait and Prey

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### Pl in vivo Bimolecular fluorescence complementation (BiFC)

- Protein interaction is detected by reassociation of the fluorescent protein
  - Each of the potential interaction partners is fused to one of the subunits of the fluorescent protein, e.g. YFP
  - In case of interaction, the fluorescence appears
- Apart from identification of the interaction, this method allows you to localize the interaction within the cell





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## PI in vivo

### Membrane Recruitment Assay (MeRA)

 Method for identification of interactions of cytoplasmic proteins with the membrane proteins



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Membrane protein is fused with a fluorescecnt protein

Potential interaction partner is fused with another fluorescent protein with different emission spectra

In case of interaction the localization of the cytoplasmic protein is changed – it is colocalized on the membrane with the membrane protein





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### Signal Transduction via MSP

Recent Model of the CK Signaling via Multistep Phosphorelay (MSP) Pathway



# Is there any specificity in plant MSP?



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### Specificity of CKI1 signalling



### Specificity of CKI1 Signalling

Specificity of CKI1 interaction was confirmed in vitro



### Structure of CKI1<sub>RD</sub>



### Dynamics of CKI1<sub>RD</sub>



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# CKI1<sub>RD</sub> structural changes are associated with its binding specificity



### **Model Suggestion**



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### Discussion







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