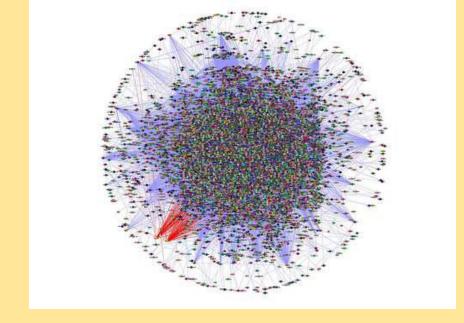
#### **TEST**

### Interaktom

- soubor všech interakcí v dané buňce nebo organismu
- meziproteinových protein.protein
- protein–DNA interaktom
- - •Interactions between molecules are central to how cells detect and respond to signals and affect:
    - ➤ Gene expression (transcription & translation)
    - > DNA replication, repair and recombination
    - **→** Signalling
    - ► And many other processes....
  - •Interactions are (mainly) mediated by many weak chemical bonds (van der Waals forces, hydrogen bonds, hydrophobic interactions)
  - Accumulation of many bonds influences affinity and specificity of interactions



#### Protein-protien

- Dvouhybridní systém
- Ko-imunoprecipitace
- Knihovna "Phage display"
- "Pull-down assay"
- "Far-western blotting"
- Proteinová "microarray"

### **Protein-Nucleic Acid Interactions**

- A wide range of Biophysical Chemistry methods have been used to study interactions between proteins and nucleic acids
- Particularly good for determining the <u>strength</u> (affinity) of the interactions
  - ➤ High affinity, μM nM: tend to involve sequence-specific interactions, e.g. restriction enzymes
  - $\triangleright$  Low affinity, mM  $\mu$ M: proteins tend to recognise aspects of "overall" structure i.e. not sequence-dependent

#### **Biophysical Chemistry Approaches for Studies of Molecular Interactions**

Wide range of Biophysical Chemistry approaches are useful for

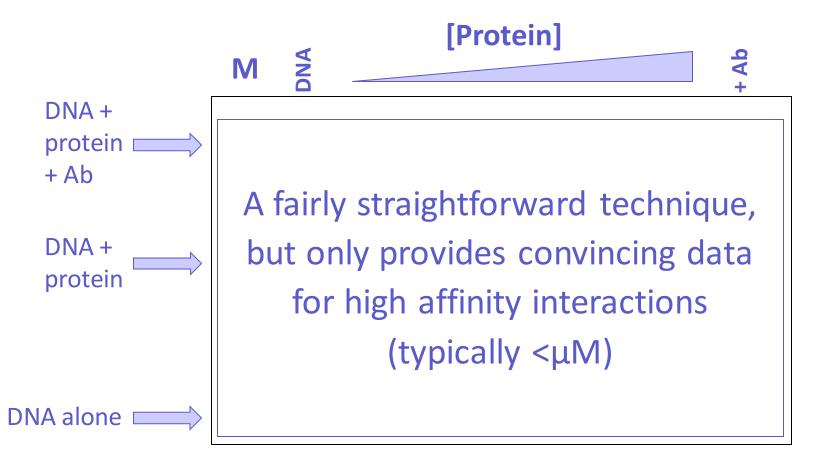
studying molecular interactions:

- > NMR
- >X-ray crystallography
- > SPR (Surface plasmon resonance)
- >ITC (Isothermal titration calorimetry)
- >CD spectroscopy (Circular dichroism)
- ➤ Gel electrophoresis
- >EPR (Electron paramagnetic resonance spectroscopy)
- ➤ Mass spectrometry
- ➤ Fluorescence
- **≻** Footprinting

Many of these techniques are particularly useful for determining the strength (affinity) of interactions

### EMSA ("Gel Shift" Assay)

• Electrophoretic Mobility Shift Assay (EMSA) or "gel shift" can provide information about protein-NA interactions

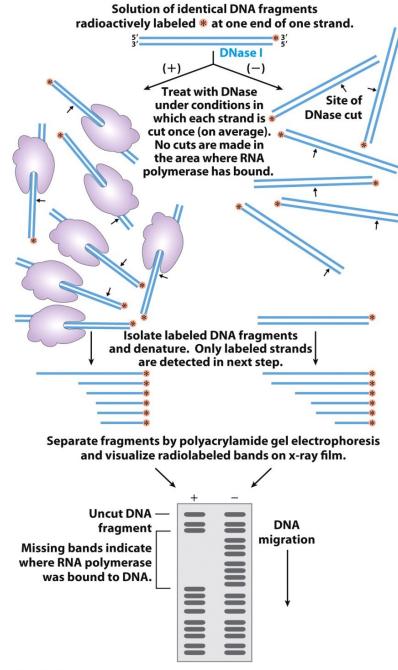


## "Footprinting" is a Technique to Identify a DNA-binding site

Premise: DNA bound by protein will be protected from chemical cleavage at its binding site

- 1) Isolate a DNA fragment thought to contain a binding site and "label" it
- 2) Bind protein to DNA in one tube; keep another as a "naked DNA" control
- 3) Treat both samples with chemical or enzymatic agent to cleave the DNA
- 4) Separate the fragments by gel electrophoresis and visualize bands on X-ray film or imager plate

# **Protein-DNA Footprinting**

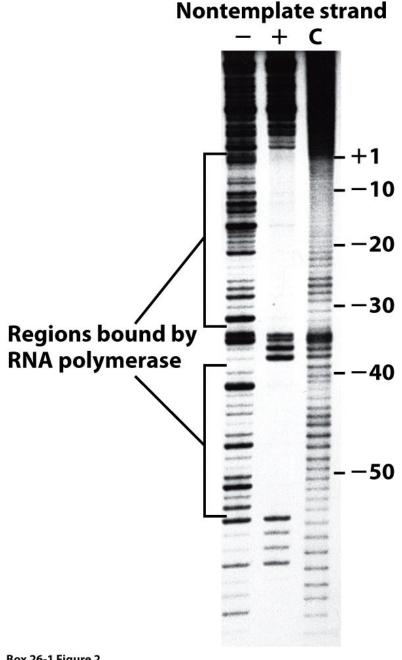


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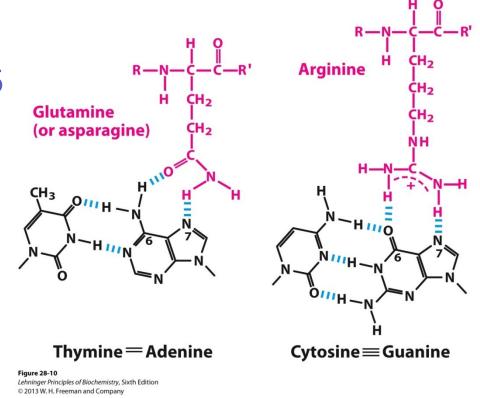
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# Footprinting Results of RNA Polymerase Bound to Promoter



### Binding of Proteins to DNA Often Involves Hydrogen Bonding

- Gln/Asn can form specific H-bond with Adenine's N-6 and H-7 H's
- Arg can form specific Hbonds with Cytosine-Guanine base pair



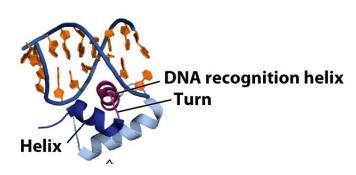
• Major groove is right size for  $\alpha$ -helix and has exposed H-bonding groups

### **DNA-binding domains**

- Proteins generally recognise aspects of nucleic acid sequence, or variations in structure and/or flexibility
- High-resolution structures of many protein-DNA complexes have now been solved
- Similar **structural domains** occur in different proteins:
  - > Helix-turn-helix
  - **≻**Zinc-finger
  - > Zinc-binding domain
  - ➤ Basic region-leucine zipper (bZIP)
  - $\triangleright \beta$ -sheet recognition

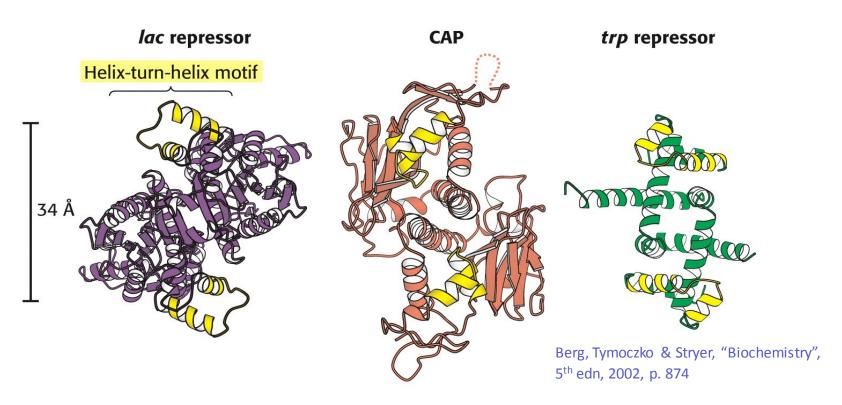
# The Helix-turn-helix Motif is Common in DNA-binding Proteins

- Each "helix-turn-helix" covers~ 20 aa
  - $\blacktriangleright$  One  $\alpha$ -helix for DNA recognition, then  $\beta$ -turn, then another  $\alpha$ -helix
  - Sequence-specific binding due to contacts between the recognition helix and the major groove
- Four DNA-binding helix-turnhelix motifs in the Lac repressor



### Helix-turn-helix

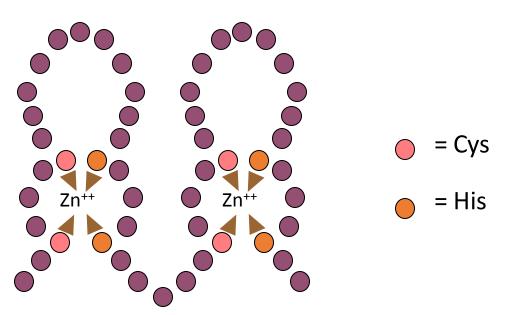
 Helix-turn-helix is most common observed DNAbinding unit in prokaryotes



Note that 34 Å corresponds to 1 turn of DNA

### Zinc-finger

- One of best-studied examples of DNA binding domain, but also binds RNA
- Each covers ~30 aa
- Binding is relatively weak, so typically there are a series of zinc fingers



### Zinc Finger Motif is Common in Eukaryotic Transcription Factors

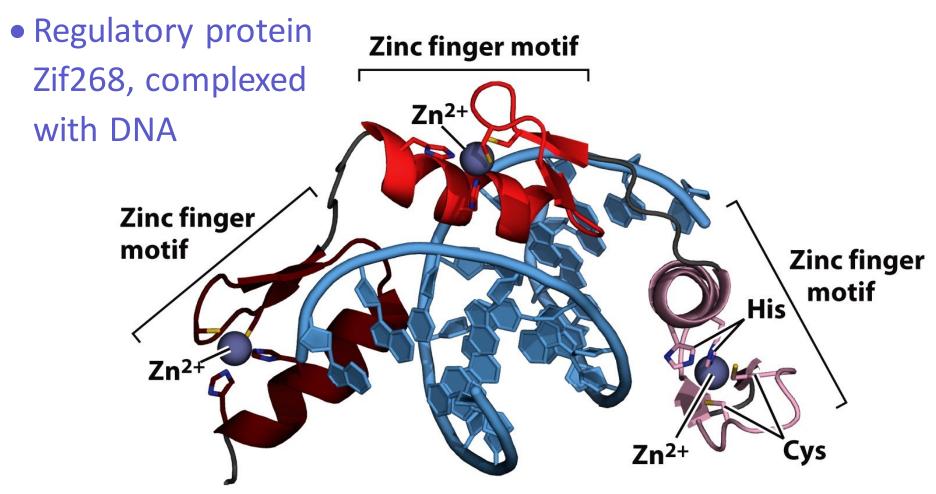
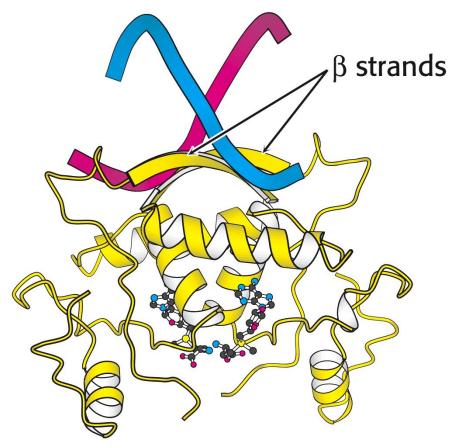


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### **β-recognition motif**

- In some prokaryotic regulatory proteins, this is an alternative DNA-binding motif
- E. coli methionine
   repressor binds DNA
   through insertion of
   pair of β-strands into
   major groove

Berg, Tymoczko & Stryer, "Biochemistry", 5<sup>th</sup> edn, 2002, p. 874



### Studium interakcí protein-protein

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