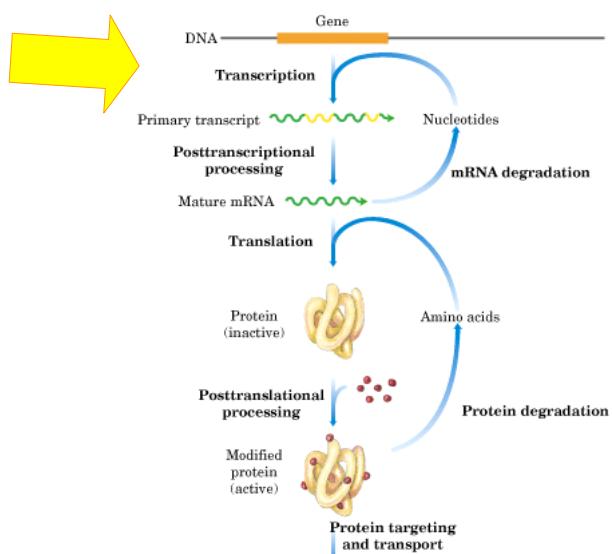




# regulación de la transcripción

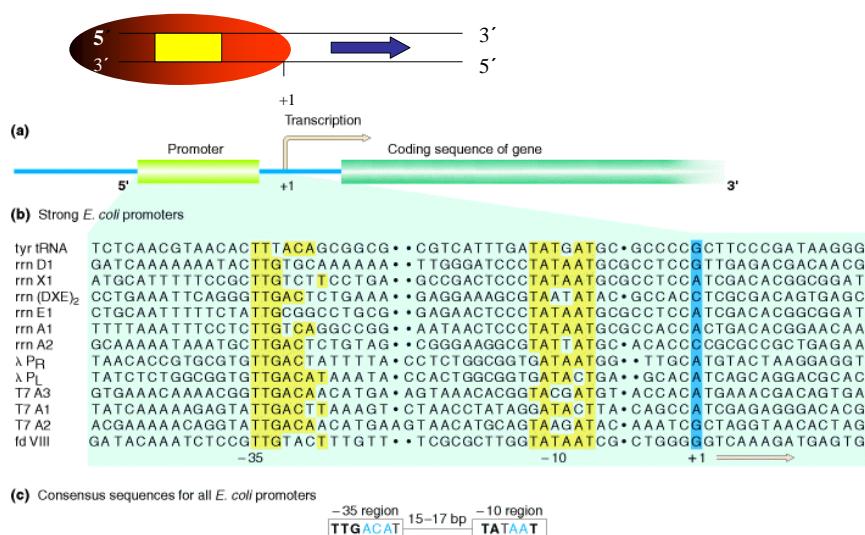
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# regulación de la transcripción en procariotas

## Promotores

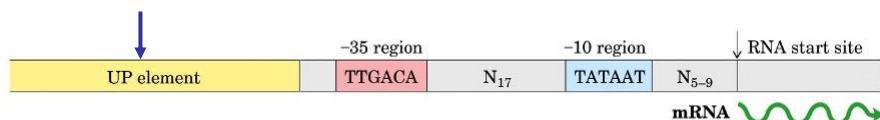
Secuencias de DNA que posicionan a la RNA polimerasa (RNAP) en el sitio de iniciación



## La RNAP reconoce dos secuencias principales en los promotores bacterianos

Operon	-35 region	-10 region (Pribnow box)	Initiation site (+1)
<i>lac</i>	ACCCCGAGGCTTACACTTTATGCTCCGGCTCGTATGTTGTGTGGAATTGTGAGCGG		
<i>lacI</i>	CCATCGAATGGCGCAAAACCTTCGCGGTATGGCATGATAGCGCCCGGAAGAGAGTC		
<i>galP2</i>	ATTATTCCATGTCACACTTTCGCATCTTGTATGCTATGGTTATTTCATACCAT		
<i>araBAD</i>	GGATCCTACCTGACGCTTTTATCGCAACTCTCTACTGTTCTCCATACCCGTTTT		
<i>araC</i>	GCCGTGATTATAGACACTTTGTTACCGGTGTTGGCTATGGCTTGGTCCCCTTTG		
<i>trp</i>	AAATGAGCTTGTGACAATTAAATCATCGAACACTTAACTAGTACGCAAGTTCACGTA		
<i>bioA</i>	TTCCAAAACGTGTTTTGTTGTTAATTGGTGTAGACTTGTAACCTAAATCTTT		
<i>bioB</i>	CATAATCGACTTGTAAACCAAATTGAAAAGATTAGGTTTACAAGTCTACACCGAAT		
<i>tRNA<sup>Tyr</sup></i>	CAACGTAACACTTTACAGCGGCGCTATTGATATGATGCGCCCGCTCCGATA		
<i>rrnD1</i>	CAAAAAAAATCTTGTGCAAAAAATGGGATCCCTATAATGCGCCTCCATTGAGACGA		
<i>rrnE1</i>	CAATTTCATTCGCGCTGCGGAGAACTCCCTATAATGCGCCTCCATCGACACGG		
<i>rrnA1</i>	AAAATAAATGCTTGACTIONTAGCGGGAGGGCTATTGACACACCCCGCGCTG		
Consensus sequence:	-35 region T T G A C A ... 16-19 bp ... 69 79 61 56 54 54	-10 region T A T A A T ... 5-8 bp ... 77 76 60 61 56 82	Initiation site A C 51 T 55 G 48 42

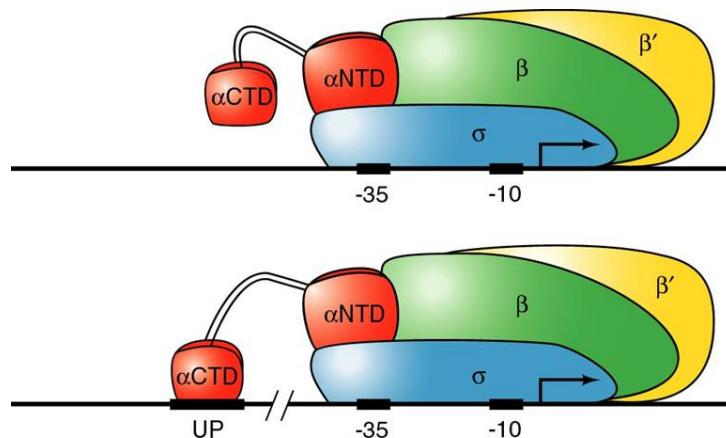
Some very highly expressed bacterial promoters contain a third RNAP recognition sequence



-35 and -10 regions are bound by the  $\sigma$  subunit of RNAP.

UP element, located between positions -40 and -60, is bound by the  $\alpha$  subunit of RNAP.

EL dominio C terminal (CTD) de la **subunidad alfa** de la RNA polimerasa **interactúa** con el **elemento UP** del promotor



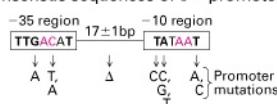
**“fuerza del promotor”**  
Las diferencias de las secuencias  
de los promotores de *E. coli* afectan la  
frecuencia de iniciación de la transcripción

(a) Strong *E. coli* promoters

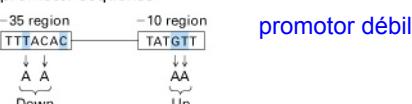
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rrn X1    ATGCATTTCGCGCTTGTCTTCTGA••GCCGACTCCCATAATGCGCCTCCATCGACACGGCGGAT
rrn (DXE)2 CCTGAAATTCAAGGGTTGACTCTGAAA••GAGGAAAGCGTAATATAC•GCCACACTCGCAGACGTGAGC
rrn E1    CTGCAATTTCCTATTGGCGCTCGCG••GAGAACCTCCCATAATGCGCCTCCATCGACACGGCGGAT
rrn A1    TTTAAATTCTCTTCTGCAAGCCGG••AATAACTCCCATAATGCGCCACCACTGACACGGAAACAA
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T7 A1    TATCAAAAAGAGTATTGTACTTAAAGT•CTAACCTATAGGATACCTTA•CAGGCCATCGAGAGGGACACG
T7 A2    ACGAAAAAACAGGTATTGACAACATGAAGTAACATCGATAGATAC•AAATGCTAGGTAACACTAG
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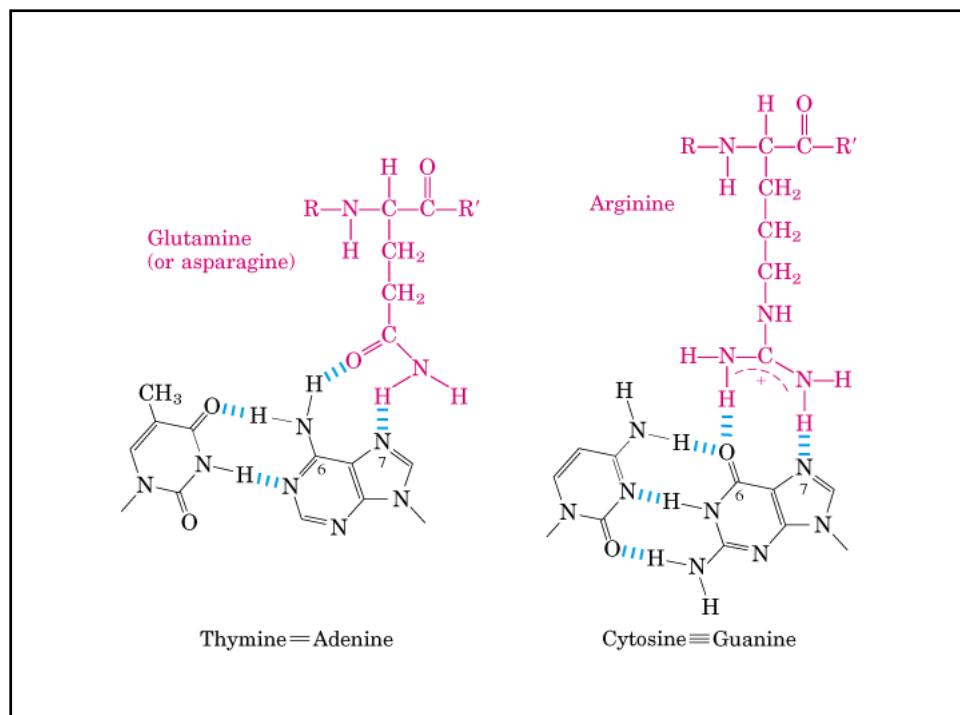
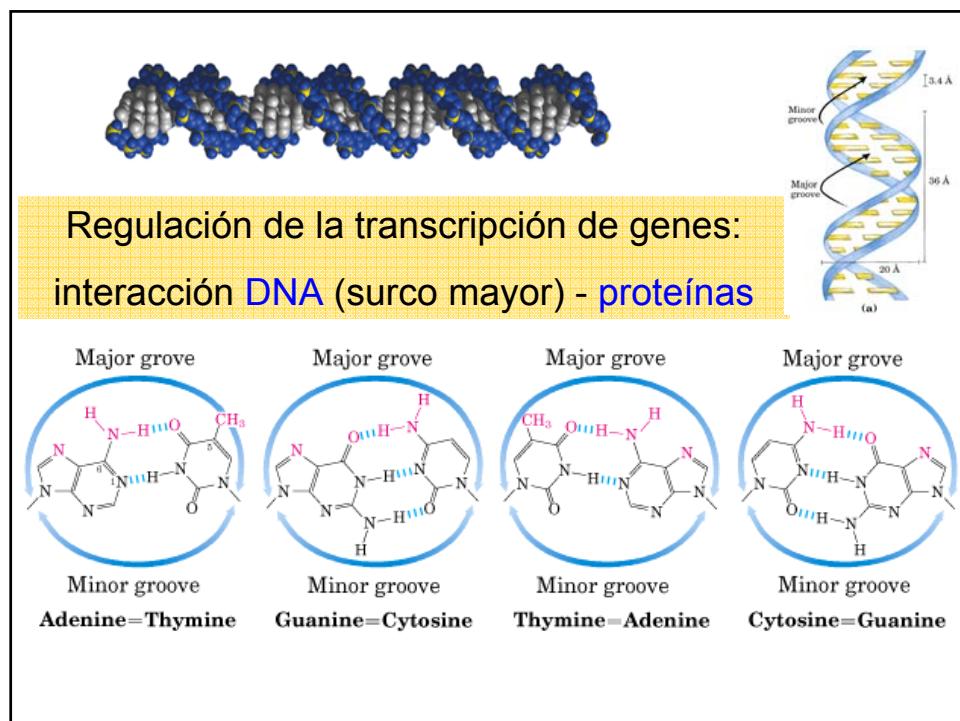
(b) Consensus sequences of  $\sigma^{70}$  promoters



(c) *Lac* promoter sequence



efectos de algunas mutaciones



## Regulación de la transcripción en procariotas

- No todos los genes se expresan igual
- El nivel de expresión es regulado por señales ambientales
- La transcripción es regulada por elementos en el DNA y proteínas que interactúan con ellos
- Típicamente se regula la etapa de iniciación

Three types of transcriptional regulatory proteins

**1. Sigma factors (positive control)**

Alter specificity of RNAP for a given promoter or set of promoters

**2. Repressors (negative control)**

Impede access of RNAP to promoter

**3. Activators (positive control)**

Enhance RNAP-promoter interaction

## Tipos de proteínas que regulan la transcripción

### 1. Factores Sigma (control positivo)

Cambian la especificidad de la RNAPol por los promotores

### 2. Represores (control negativo)

Impide el acceso de la RNAPol al promotor

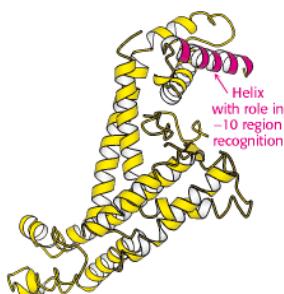
### 3. Activadores (control positivo)

Favorece la interacción RNAPol-promotor

### The $\sigma$ subunit contributes to specific initiation

It decreases the affinity of RNA polymerase for general regions of DNA by a factor of  $10^4$

Enables *RNA polymerase to recognize promoter sites*



this helix has been implicated in recognizing the TATAAT sequence of the -10 region

the promoter site is encountered by a random walk in one dimension rather than in three dimensions.

The  $\sigma$  subunit is released when the nascent RNA chain reaches nine or ten nucleotides in length. After its release, it can assist initiation by another core enzyme.

Thus, the  $\sigma$  subunit acts catalytically.

$\sigma^{70}$  Most genes

$\sigma^{32}$  Genes induced by heat shock

$\sigma^{28}$  Genes for motility and chemotaxis

$\sigma^{38}$  Genes for stationary phase and stress response

$\sigma^{54}$  Genes for nitrogen metabolism and other functions

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TCTCNCCCTTGAA

CTAAA

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CTGGNA

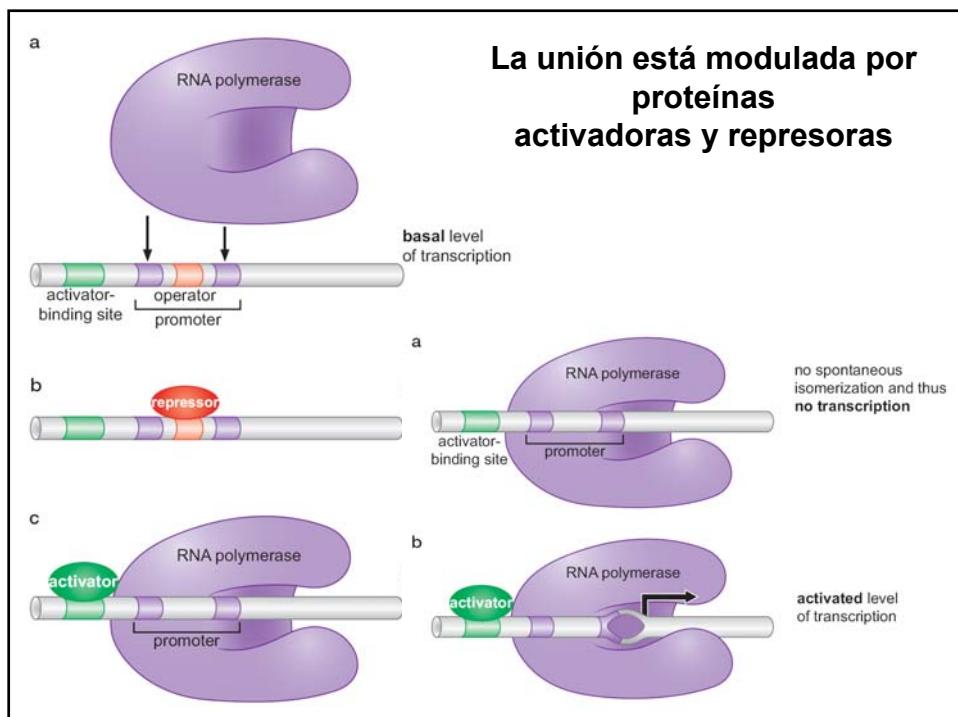
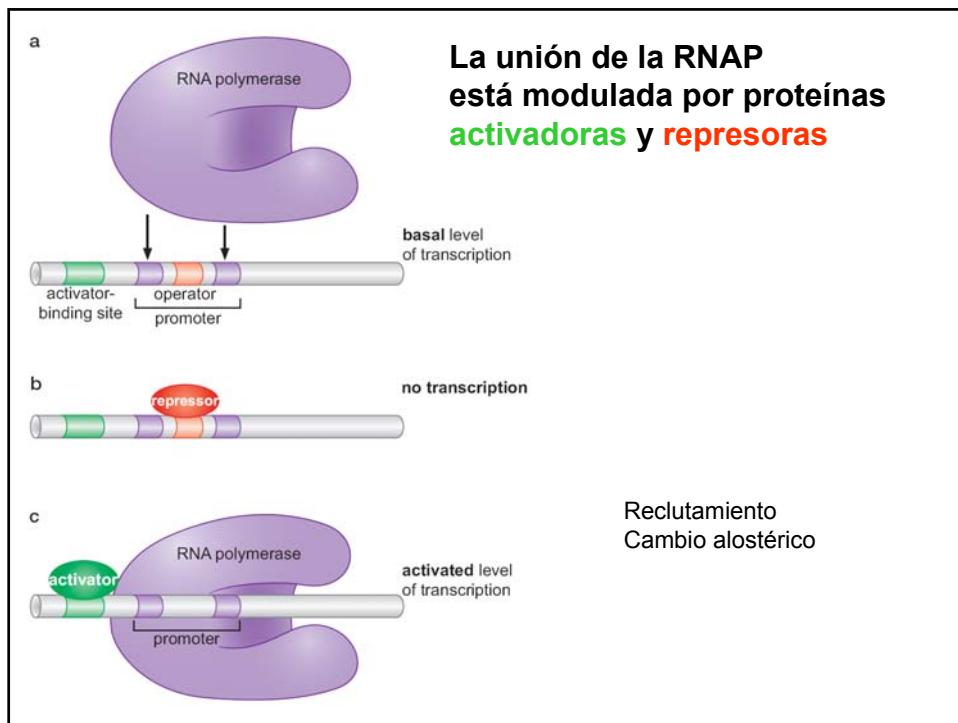
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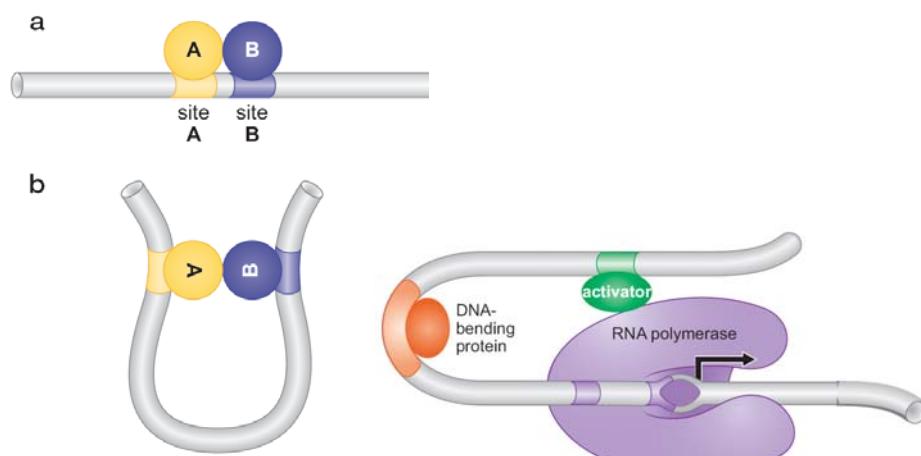
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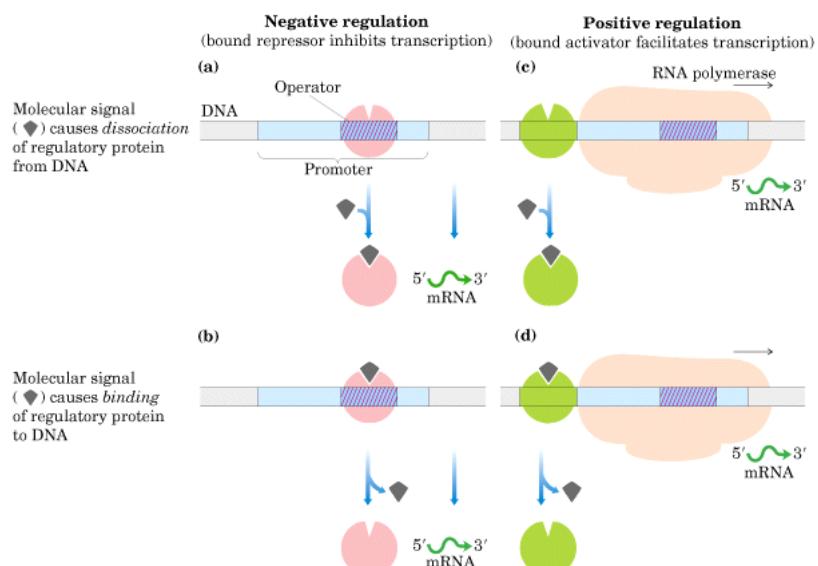
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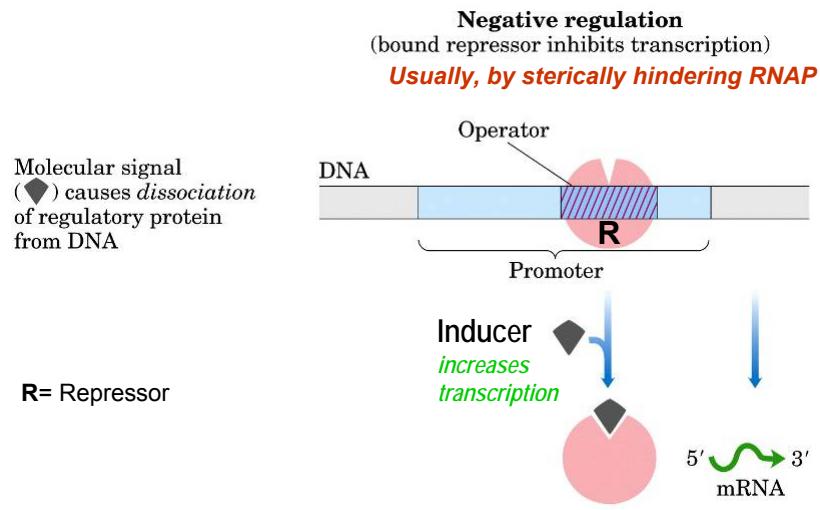
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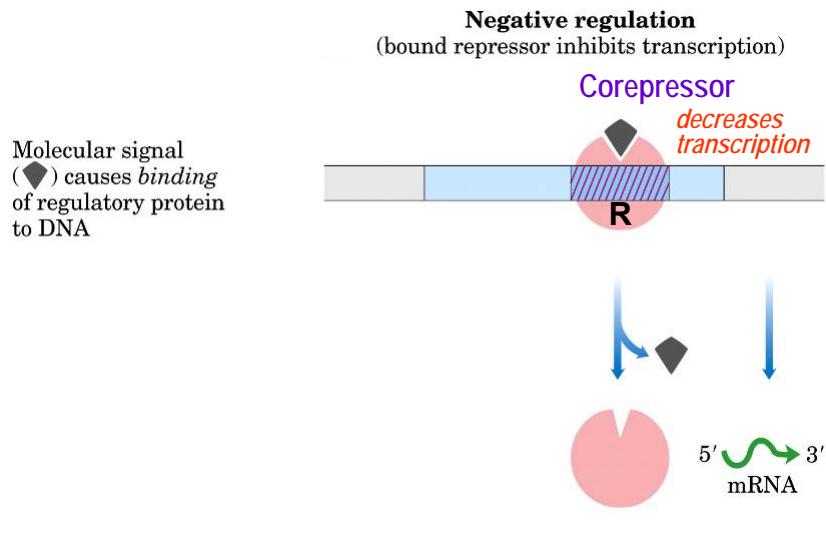
## Regulación negativa y positiva



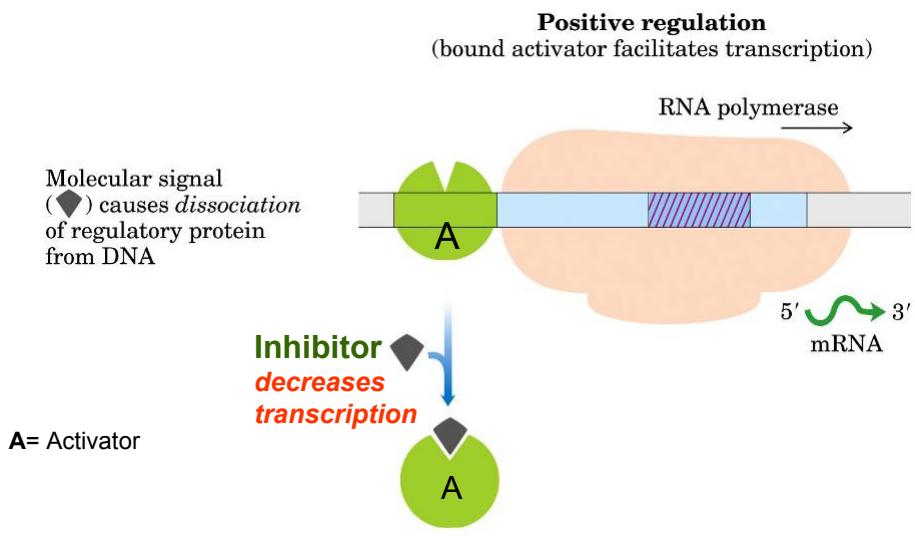
## Role of repressors at inducible promoters



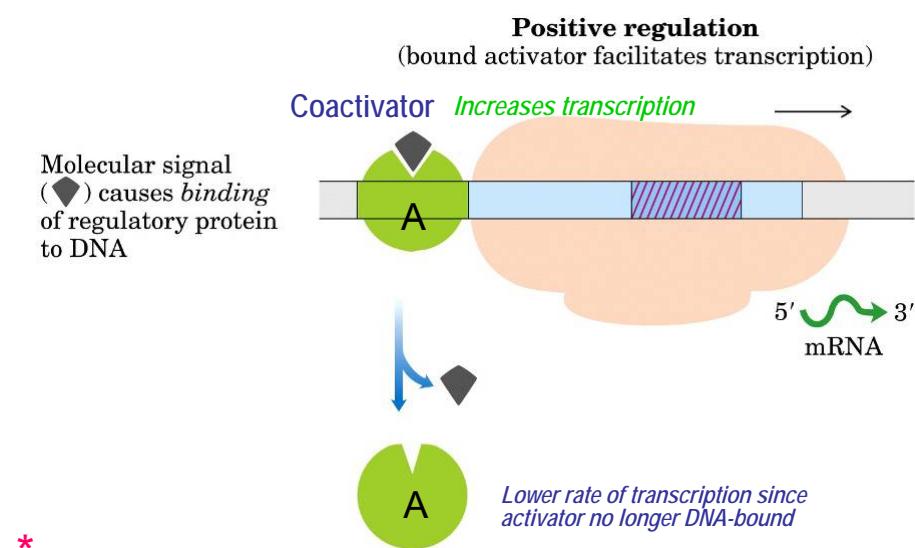
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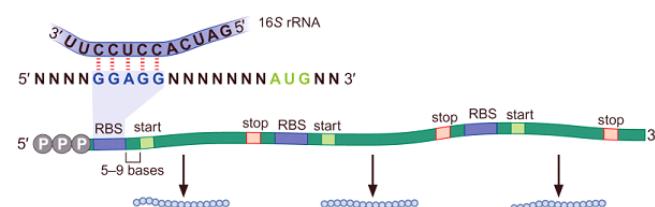
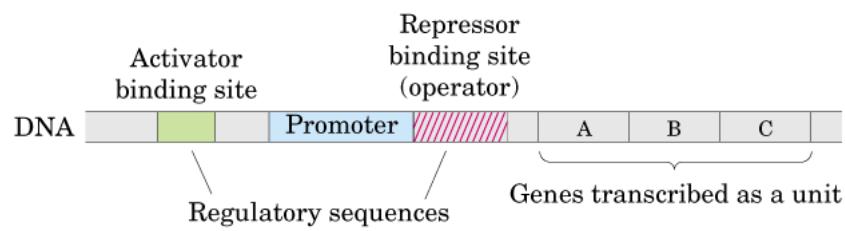
## Role of activators at promoters subject to inhibition



## Role of Activators at Promoters Subject to Coactivation



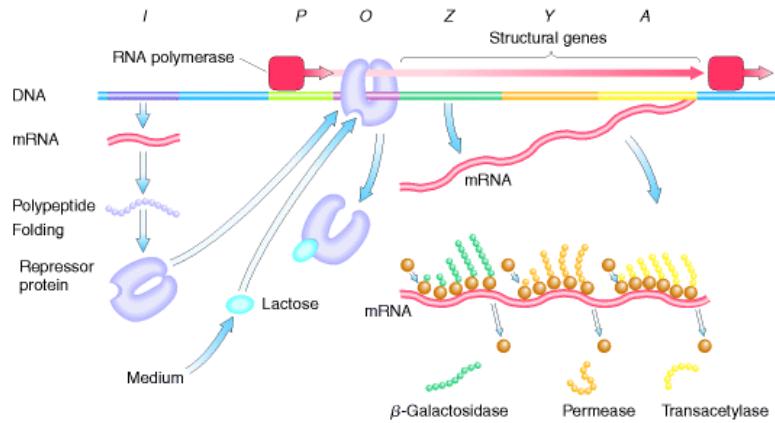
## operon



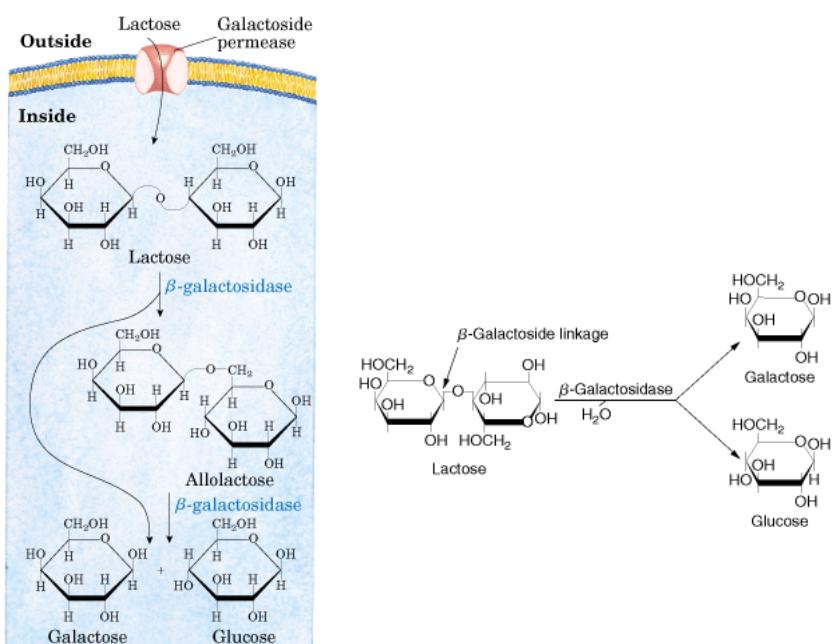
<i>lac</i> promoter		TTTACA		TATGTT	
		–35 region		–10 region	
Promoter consensus sequence		TTGACA		TATAAT	

(b)

## Lac operon



- *lacZ* codes for the enzyme  $\beta$ -galactosidase, tetramer of ~500 kD. The enzyme breaks a  $\beta$ -galactoside into its component sugars.
- *lacY* codes for the  $\beta$ -galactoside permease, a 30 kD membrane-bound protein. This transports  $\beta$ -galactosides into the cell.
- *lacA* codes for  $\beta$ -galactoside transacetylase, an enzyme that transfers an acetyl group from acetyl-CoA to  $\beta$ -galactosides.



## Binding of inducer to repressor lowers its affinity to operator

**Negative regulation**  
(bound repressor inhibits transcription)

Molecular signal  
( $\blacktriangleleft$ ) causes *dissociation*  
of regulatory protein  
from DNA

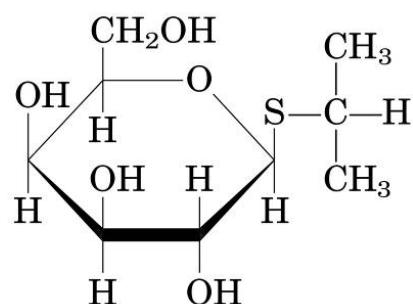
R= Repressor= Lac I

Inducer: *allo-lactose, IPTG*



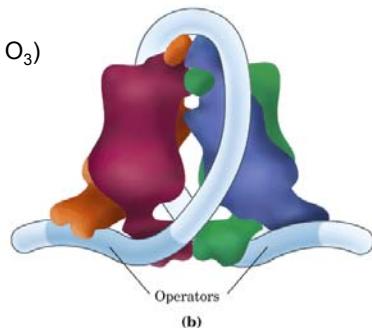
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## IPTG is a non-metabolizable inducer of the *lac* operon



### Repressor Lac I: tetrámero

Más de un sitio de unión en el DNA ( $O_1$ ,  $O_2$ ,  $O_3$ )



(a) Lac repressor



DNA [P<sub>I</sub>] I [O<sub>3</sub>] P [O<sub>1</sub>] Z [O<sub>2</sub>] Y A

(b)

Lac repressor binds cooperatively to two DNA elements:  
the main Operator  $O_1$  and a pseudo Operator ( $O_2$  or  $O_3$ )

Lac repressor



Pseudo Operator  $O_3$

Pseudo Operator  $O_2$

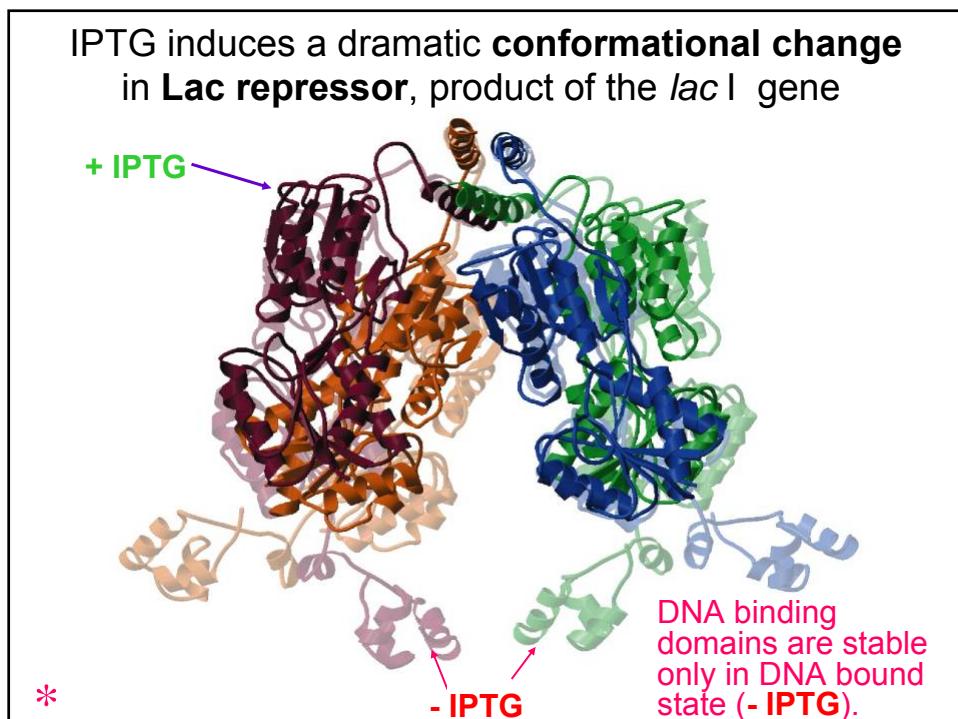
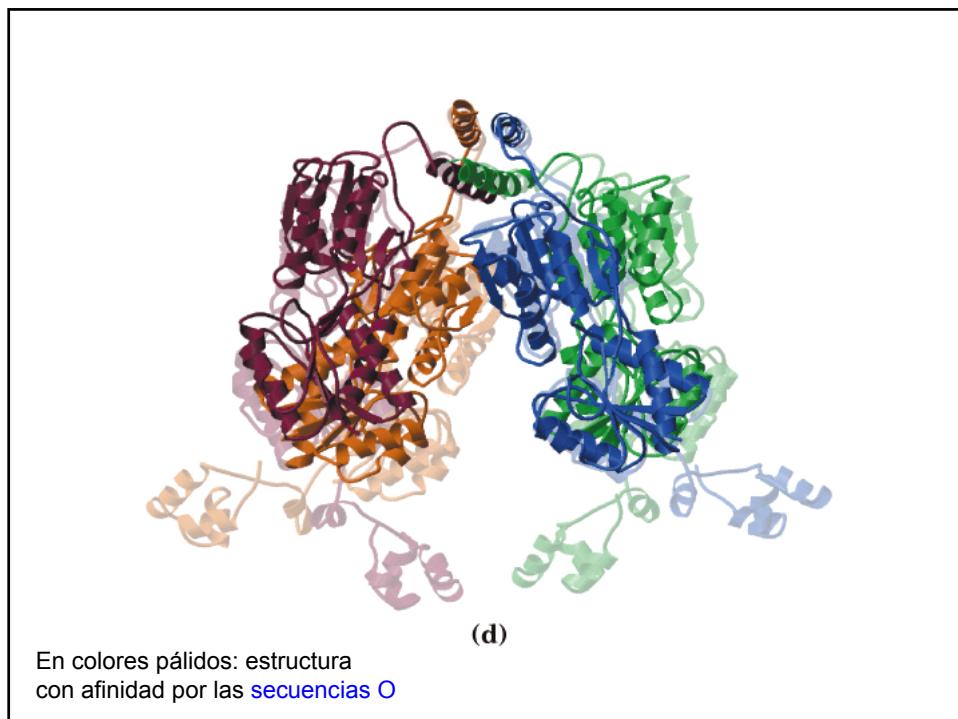
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*lac I* gene

Main Operator

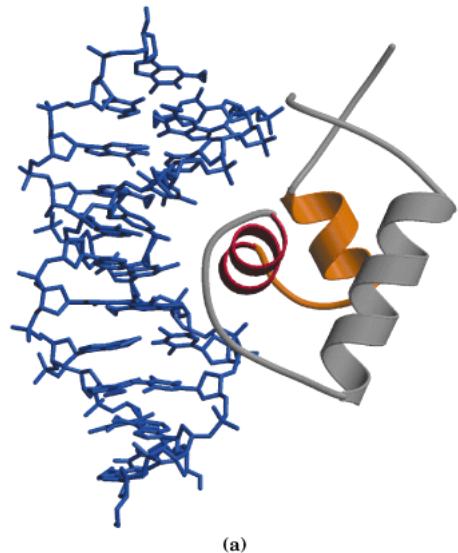
*lac ZYA* operon

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**Helix-loop-helix**

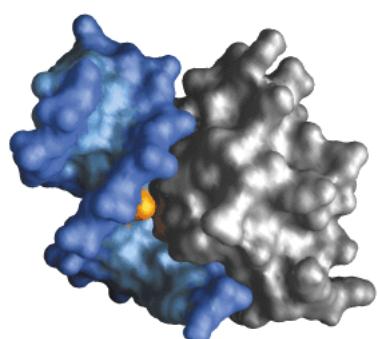
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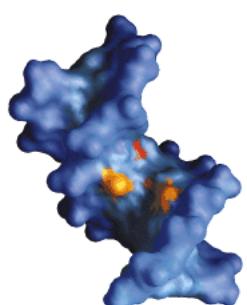
(a)

DNA

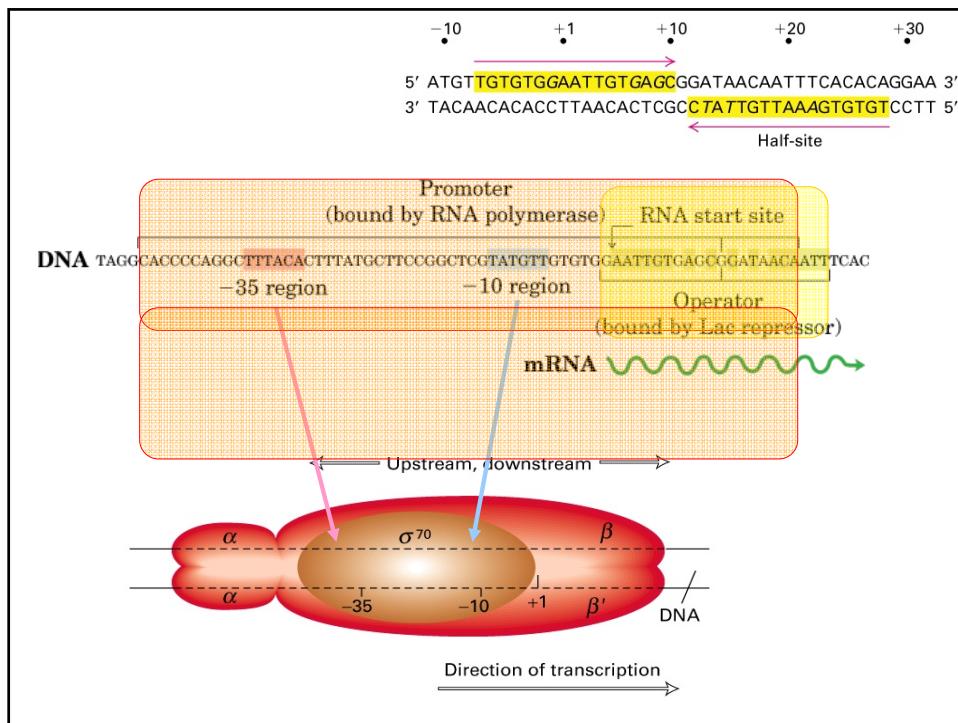
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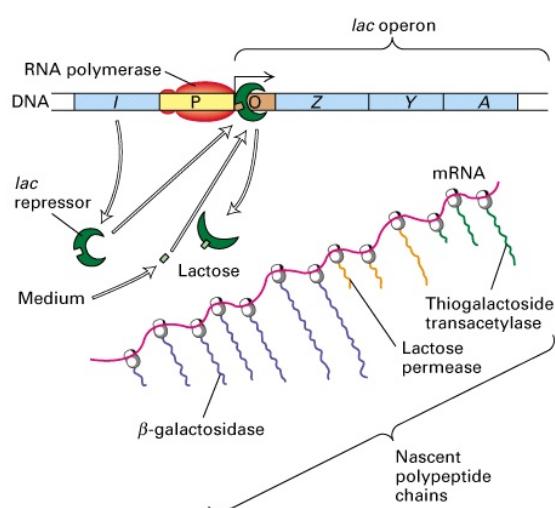
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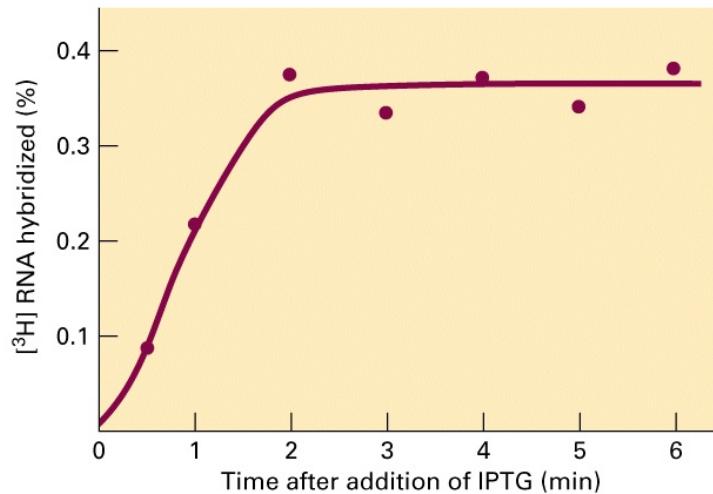
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## Control de genes bacterianos: modelo de Jacob-Monod



Biochemical experiments confirm that induction of the *lac* operon leads to an increased synthesis of *lac* mRNA



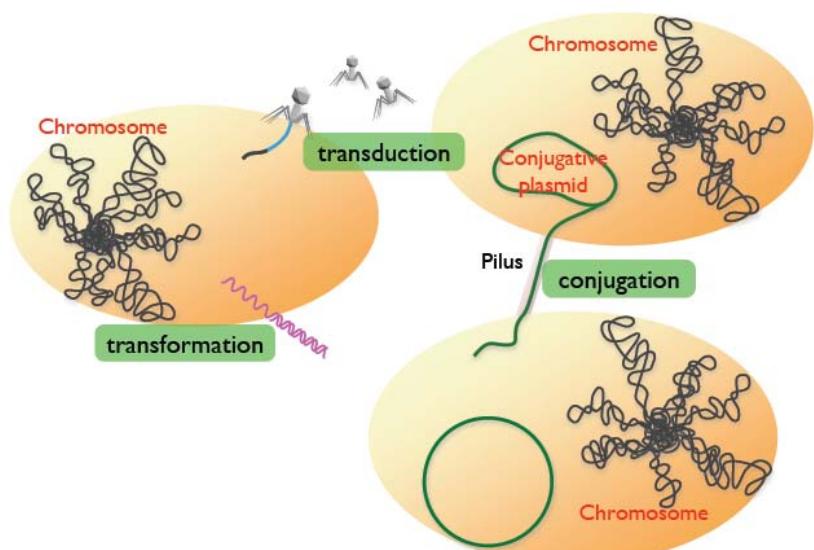
### ***Some mutants affecting lactose metabolism***

Mutant	Effect on Repressor	Resulting Phenotype
<b>O<sup>c</sup></b> (operator constitutive)	Repressor cannot bind operator.	The lac operon is always expressed, even in the absence of lactose.
<b>I<sup>-</sup></b> (inhibitor minus)	Repressor cannot bind operator.	The lac operon is always expressed, even in the absence of lactose.
<b>I<sup>s</sup></b> (super repressor)	Repressor cannot bind lactose; thus, it cannot be released from the operator site.	The lac operon is never expressed, even in presence of lactose.

## Genetic exchange in bacteria

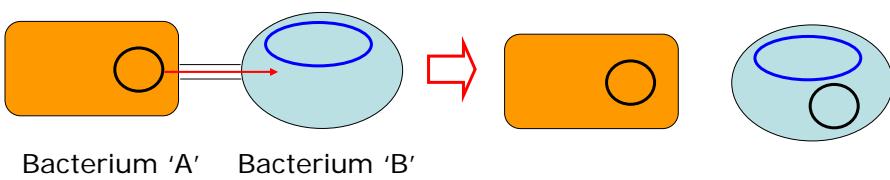
- Transformation
- Conjugation
- Transduction
- Recombination (within one bacterium; foreign DNA can recombine)

## Intercambio genético entre bacterias

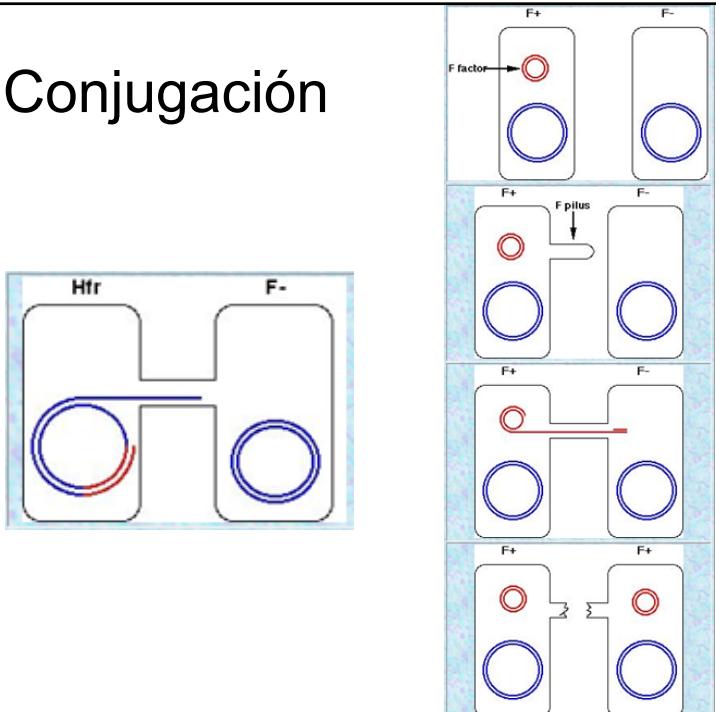


## Conjugation – ‘bacterial sex’

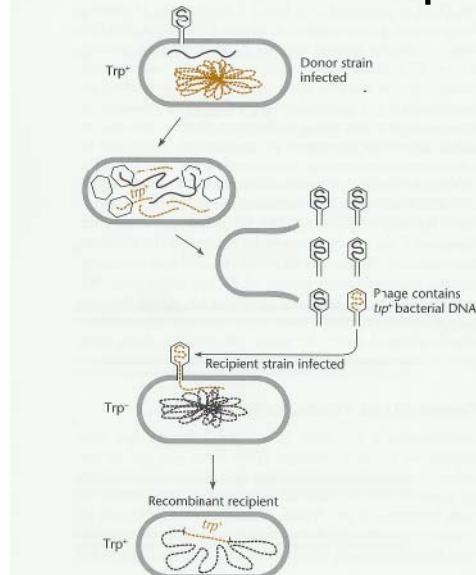
- Method of gene transfer from one bacterium to another



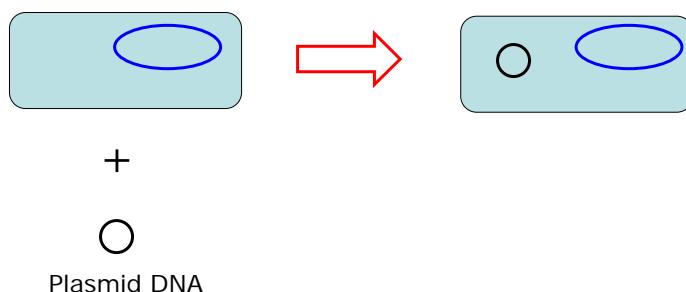
## Conjugación



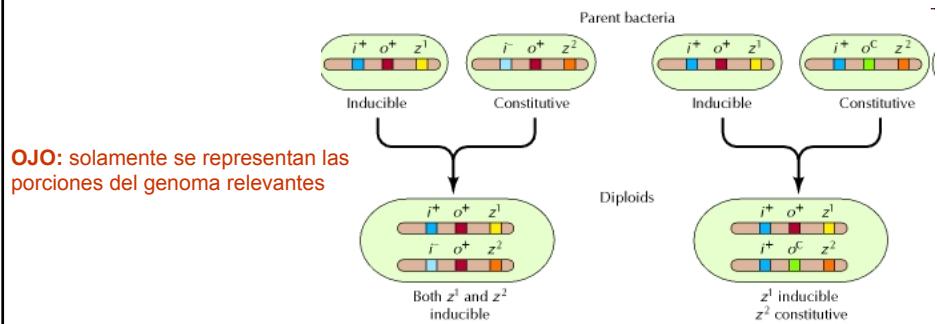
## Transduction with phage



## Transformation



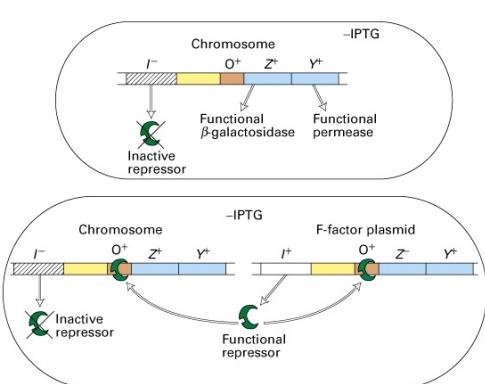
# Experimental evidence for cis- and trans acting DNA sequences



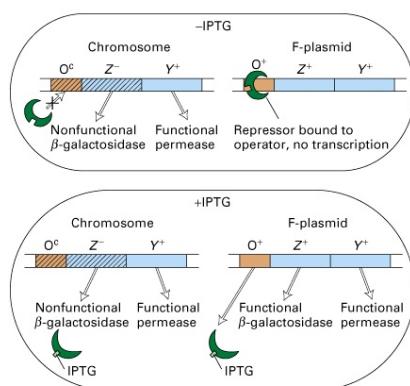
## Regulation of $\beta$ -galactosidase in diploid *E. coli*

The mating of two bacterial strains results in diploid cells that contain genes from both parents. In these examples, it is assumed that the genes encoding  $\beta$ -galactosidase (the  $z$  genes) can be distinguished on the basis of structural gene mutations, designated  $z^1$  and  $z^2$ . In an  $i^+ / i^-$  diploid (left), both structural genes are inducible; therefore,  $i^+$  is dominant over  $i^-$  and affects expression of  $z$  genes on both chromosomes. In contrast, in an  $o^c / o^+$  diploid (right), the  $z$  gene linked to  $o^c$  is constitutively expressed, whereas that linked to  $o^+$  is inducible. Therefore,  $o$  affects expression of only the adjacent  $z$  gene on the same chromosome.

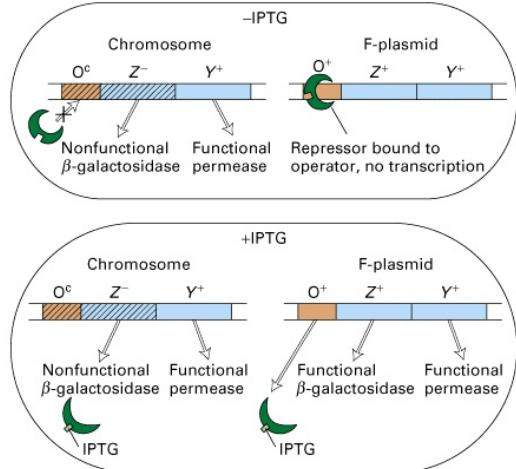
## Experimental evidence for trans-acting genes/proteins



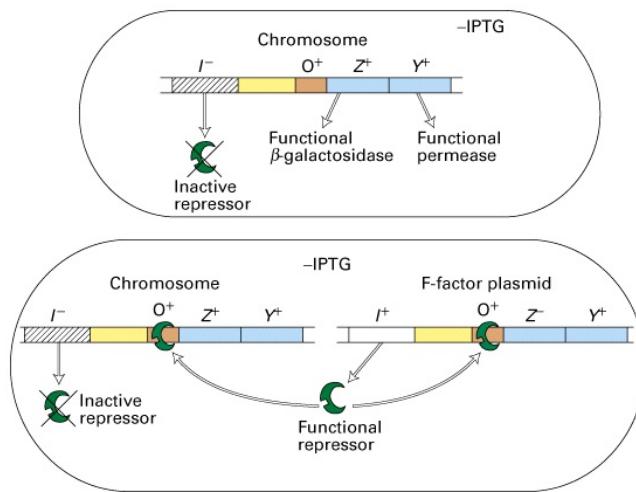
## Experimental evidence for cis-acting DNA sequences



## Experimental evidence for *cis*-acting DNA sequences



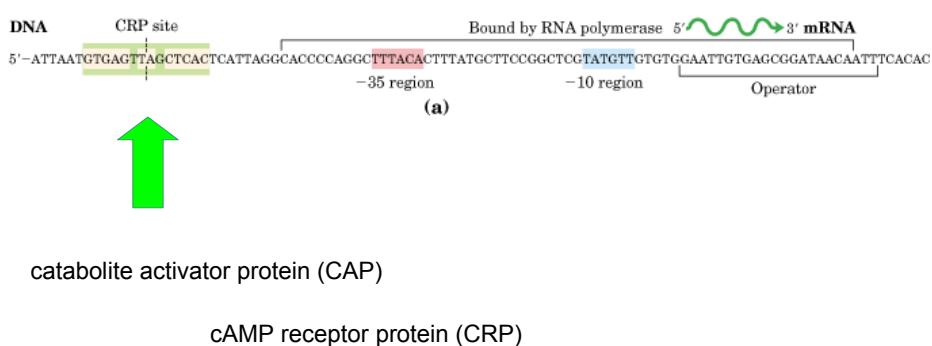
## Experimental evidence for *trans*-acting genes/proteins



## Control positivo de la transcripción del operón lac

### cAMP-CAP (cAMP-CRP)

Transcripción de mRNA-lac sólo cuando no hay glucosa



The lac control region contains three critical *cis*-acting sites

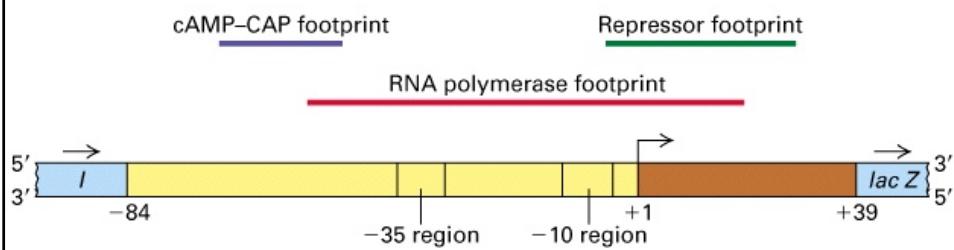
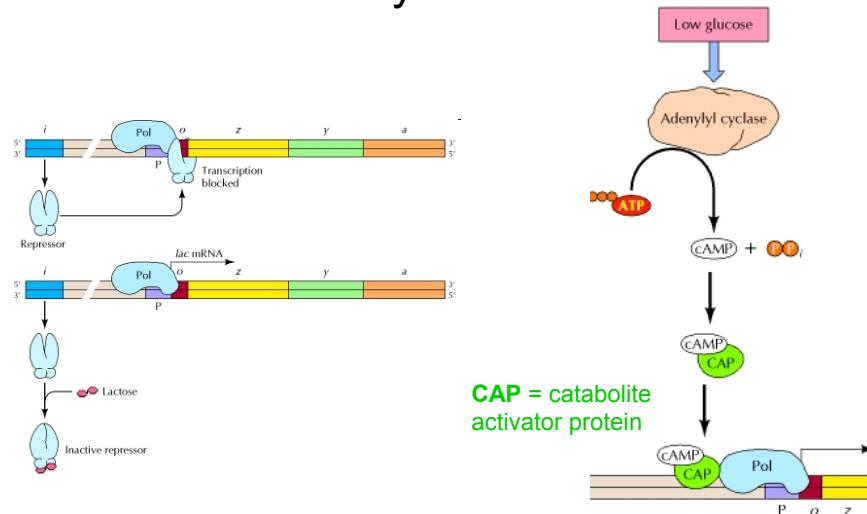
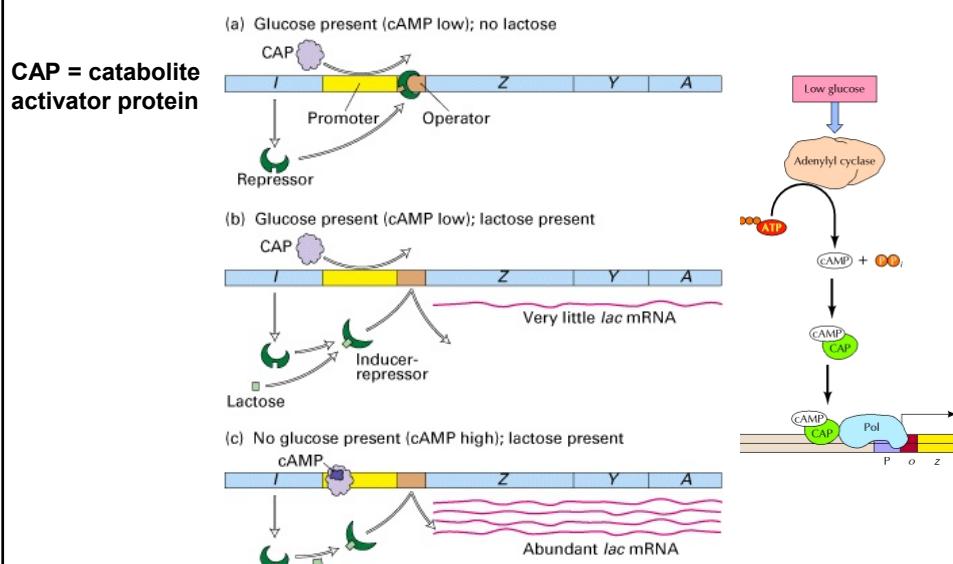


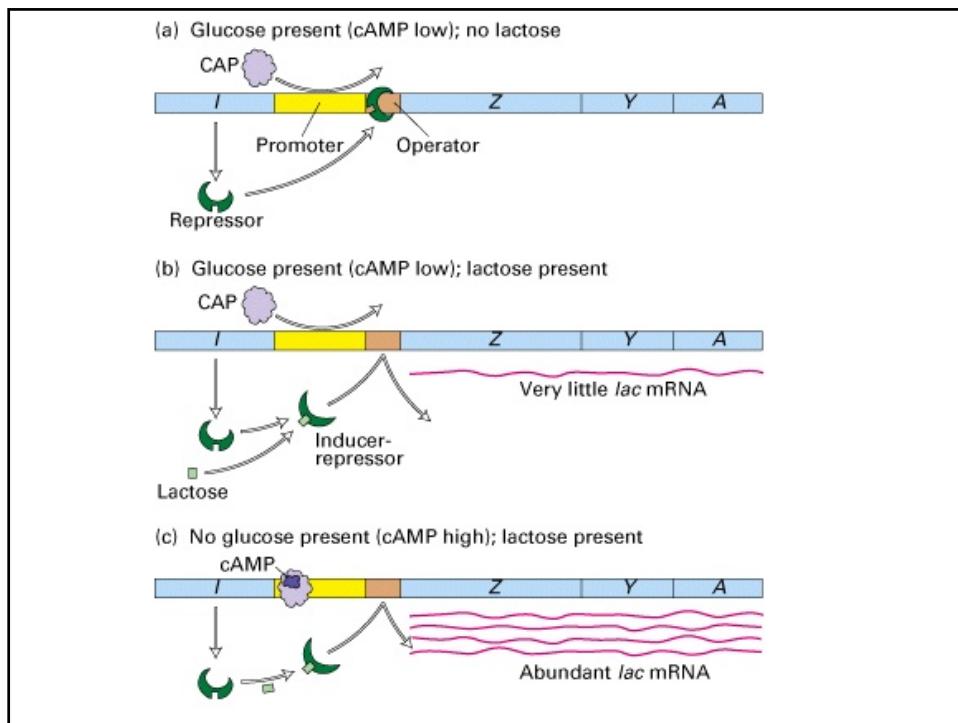
Figure 10-9

## Positive control of the *lac* operon is exerted by cAMP-CAP

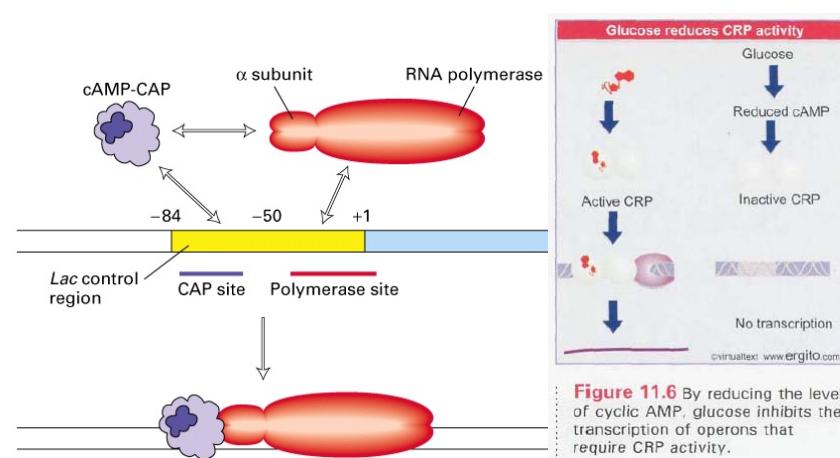


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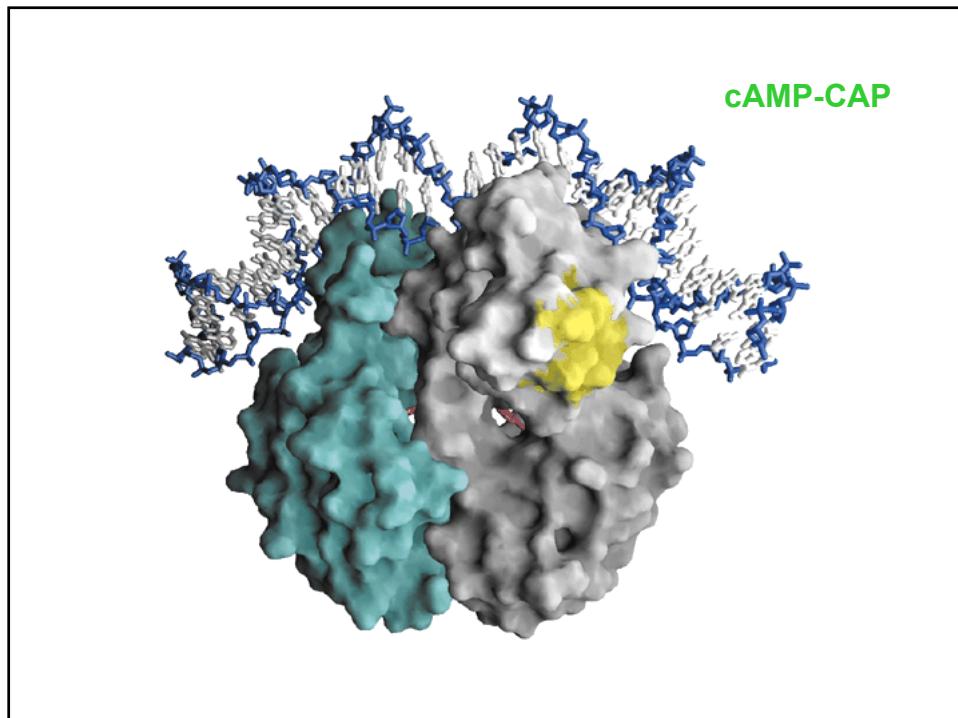
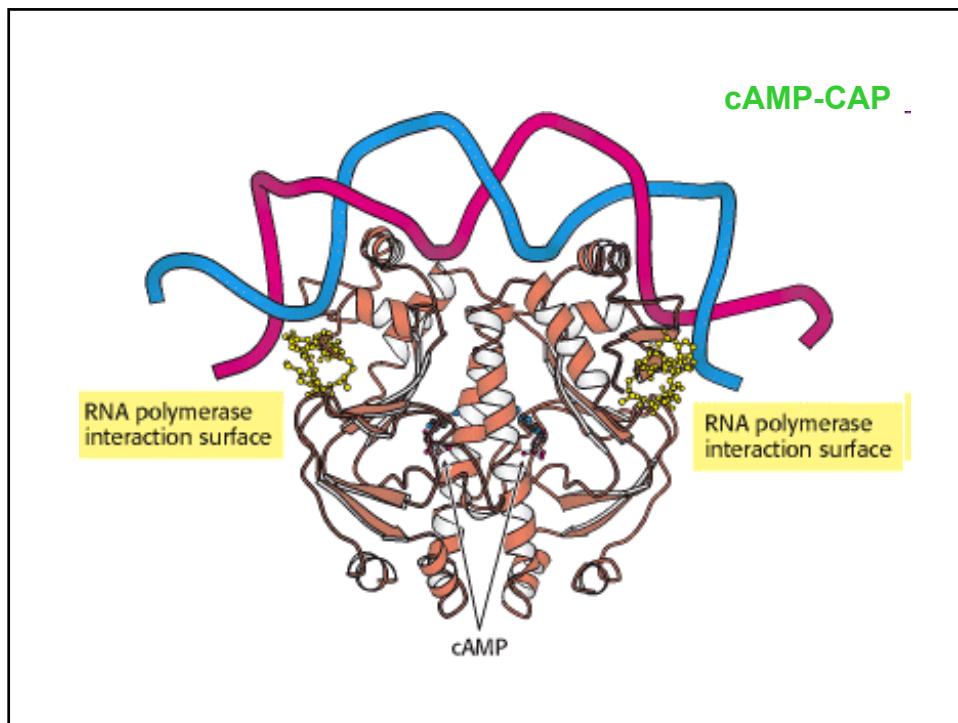




### Cooperative binding of cAMP-CAP and RNA polymerase to the *lac* control region activates transcription

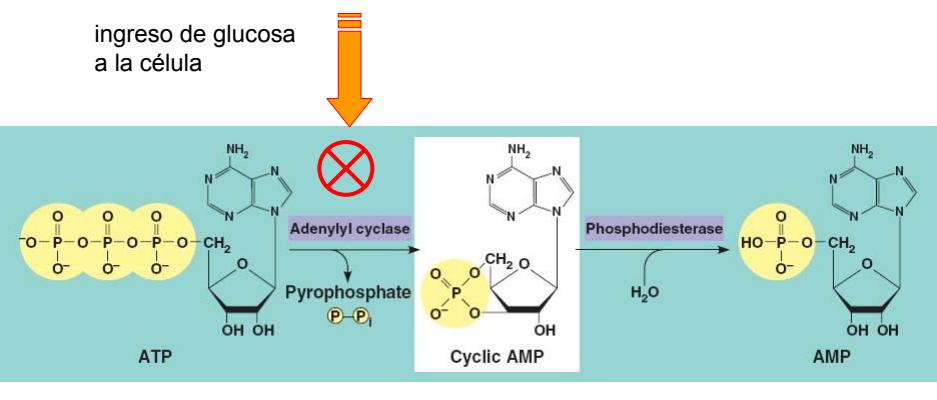


**Figure 11.6** By reducing the level of cyclic AMP, glucose inhibits the transcription of operons that require CRP activity.



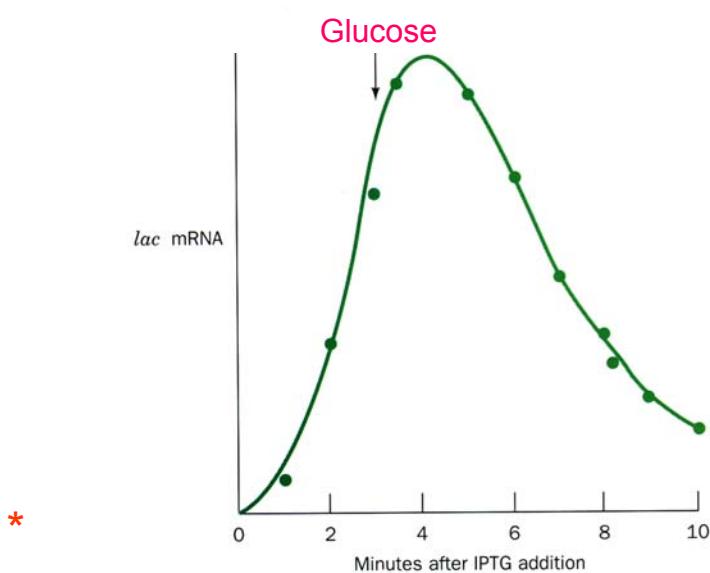
## Represión catabólica

Es el resultado de la disminución de la concentración intracelular de cAMP



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## Catabolite Repression: rapid but not immediate



Glucose does not affect the abundance of *lac* mRNA immediately because:

1. synthesis of cAMP must cease
2. intracellular cAMP levels must drop (actively transported out of cell)
3. cAMP must dissociate from CAP
4. CAP must release from lac promoter DNA
5. recruitment of RNAP, and concomitant transcription initiation, must decline
6. pre-synthesized *lac* mRNA must be degraded by intracellular RNases (responsible for the short half life of virtually all bacterial mRNAs)

## Catabolite Repression

IS NOT AN EXAMPLE OF  
NEGATIVE CONTROL

Rather, catabolite repression occurs since the **stimulatory effect of CAP is lost** (for it is **unable to bind DNA**).

**CATABOLITE REPRESSION**  
**RESULTS FROM A**  
**LOSS OF POSITIVE CONTROL**