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**Transcription regulation
of plastid genes *cysT* and *cysA*
in Viridiplantae**

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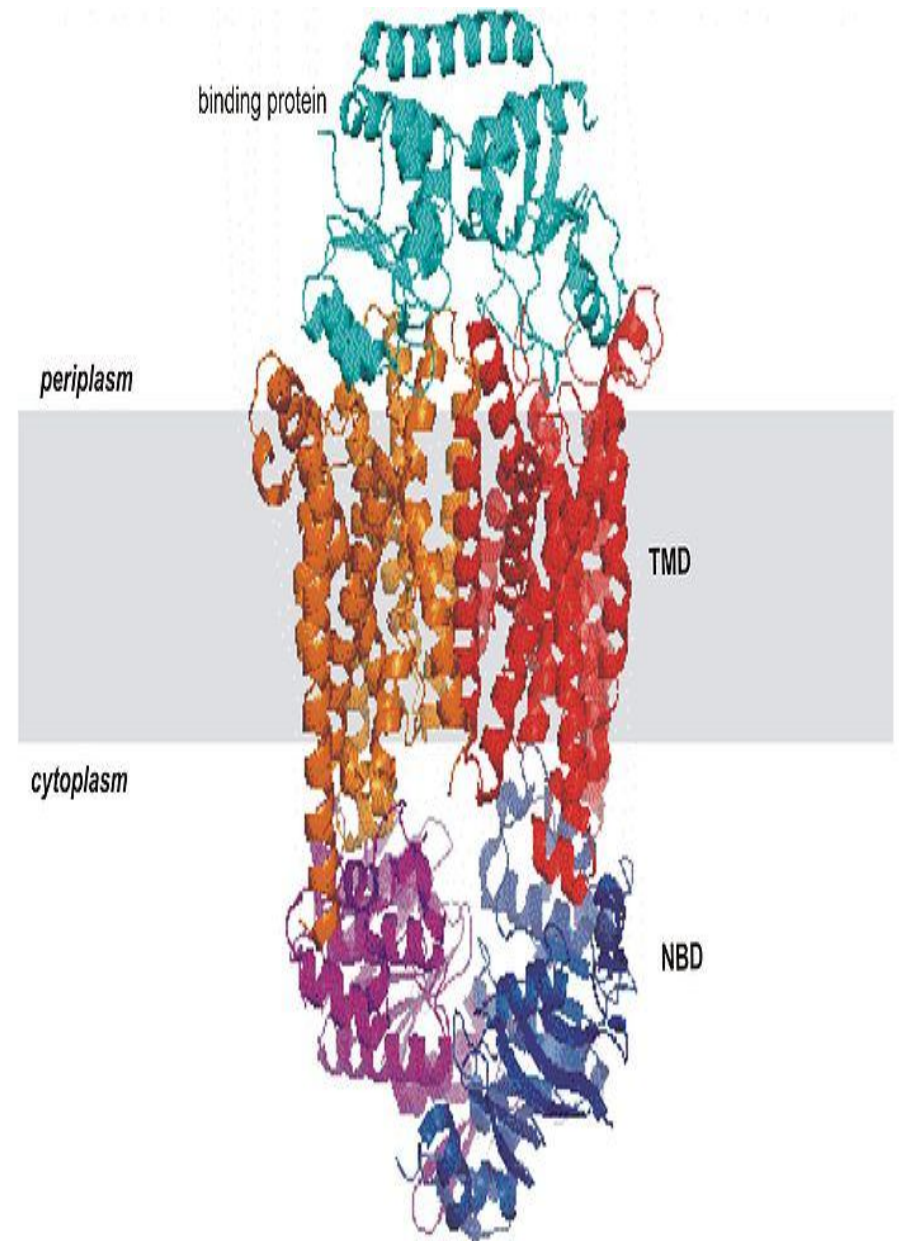
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Sulfate transport is realized by ABC transporter, in cyanobacteria it consists of 4 subunits. Among them:

CysT is a transmembrane protein.

Protein **CysA** contains ATP-binding domain and often contains TOBE domain, probably related to the **specificity to the sulfate**.

(Nuclear encoded protein CysP again determines specificity to the sulfate – out of discussion)



Firstly about *E. coli* regulation of sulfate transport and synthesis of cysteine:

DNA binds complex of **factor** CysB **with acetylserine** (ligand, sulfurless precursor of cysteine).

Regulation in *E. coli* takes place at the **transcription** level: **activation** of sulfate transport operon *cys^PTWAM*.

Our main result: sulfate transport in plastids is regulated by a **factor** at the **transcription** level: **repression** of sulfate transport genes *cysT* and *cysA*.

We have studied **expression regulation** of subunits **CysT** and **CysA**, those are encoded in **plastids of Viridiplantae species** (green algae, Anthocerotophyta, Marchantiophyta)



Anthoceros formosae and Marchantia polymorpha

Results:

1) **Most of the species have at least one suitable candidate for bacterial type promoter** in the 5'-leader regions of *cysT* or *cysA* genes. Mainly, in **Trebouxiophyceae** algae.

2) **No such promoters** were found in 5'-leader regions of both *cysT* and *cysA* in **green algae** *Nephroselmis olivacea*, *Pycnococcus provasolii*, *Bryopsis hypnoides*, *Leptosira terrestris* as well as in some Jungermannopsida species; in the 5'-leader regions of *cysA* in green algae *Chlorella variabilis* and *Chlorokybus atmophyticus*; in the 5'-leader regions of *cysT* in green algae *Zygnema circumcarinatum*

cysA and *cysT* genes promoters in plastids:

Species	<i>cysA</i>	<i>cysT</i>
<i>Nephroselmis olivacea</i>	(<i>trnE</i>)-- <i>cysA</i>	<i>rpl32</i> -- <i>cysT</i>
<i>Pycnococcus provasolii</i>	no	<i>trnP</i> -- <i>cysT</i>
<i>Bryopsis hypnoides</i>	<i>ccsA</i> -! <i>cysA</i>	<i>rpl12</i> -- <i>cysT</i>
<i>Chlorella variabilis</i>	<i>accD</i> - P - <i>cysA</i>	<i>rpl32</i> - P - <i>cysT</i>
<i>Chlorella vulgaris</i>	<i>accD</i> -- <i>cysA</i>	<i>rpl32</i> - P - <i>cysT</i>
<i>Coccomyxa subellipsoidea</i>	<i>accD</i> - P - <i>cysA</i>	<i>rpl32</i> - P - <i>cysT</i>
<i>Helicosporidium</i> sp.	no	<i>ftsH</i> - P - <i>cysT</i>
<i>Leptosira terrestris</i>	<i>orf96</i> -- <i>cysA</i>	<i>orf67</i> -- <i>cysT</i>
<i>Parachlorella kessleri</i>	<i>accD</i> - P - P - <i>cysA</i>	<i>rpl32</i> - P - P - <i>cysT</i>
<i>Mesostigma viride</i>	(<i>trnE</i>)- P - <i>cysA</i>	<i>rpl32</i> - P - P - <i>cysT</i>
<i>Chlorokybus atmophyticus</i>	(<i>trnR</i>)-- <i>cysA</i>	(<i>rpl32</i>)- P - <i>cysT</i>
<i>Zygnema circumcarinatum</i>	(<i>trnE</i>)- P - <i>cysA</i>	<i>trnV</i> -- <i>cysT</i>
<i>Anthoceros formosae</i>	<i>trnE</i> - P - P - P - <i>cysA</i>	<i>rpl32</i> - P - <i>cysT</i>
<i>Aneura mirabilis</i>	(<i>trnE</i>)-- <i>cysA</i> *	<i>rpl32</i> -- <i>cysT</i> *
<i>Marchantia polymorpha</i>	(<i>trnE</i>)- P - <i>mbpX</i>	<i>rpl32</i> - P - <i>cysT</i>
<i>Ptilidium pulcherrimum</i>	(<i>trnE</i>)-- <i>cysA</i> *	<i>rpl32</i> -- <i>cysT</i> *

! - short intergenic region, * - pseudogen; Prasinophyceae, Ulvophyceae, Trebouxiophyceae (Chlorophyta) and Streptophyta

Helicosporidia group consisting of **parasites of invertebrates** is of particular interest.

Helicosporidium genus belongs to **Trebouxiophyceae** class of **green algae**.

Helicosporidium sp. ex Simulium jonesii plastom is strongly reduced. Most genes of its plastom encode tRNA, rRNA, ribosomal proteins and bacterial type RNA polymerase subunits.

Subunit CysT of **sulfate ABC transporter** is one of two **proteins** which are not directly related to household

Result: near each promoter (except those in *Chlorokybus atmophyticus* and *Marchantia polymorpha*) **there is a site of conservative motif with consensus TAAWATGATT**, sometimes directly repeated, $W=\{A,T\}$. This site is **for binding of a repression factor with DNA in the 5'-leader region of *cysT* or *cysA* in plastids.**

The frequencies of the nucleotides for each position in the motif multiplied by 28 are shown on the right. Values greater than 45% threshold are colored.

	A	G	C	T
1	7	3	5	13
2	16	2	3	7
3	17	2	3	6
4	9	5	4	10
5	16	0	0	12
6	2	9	3	14
7	0	28	0	0
8	24	1	2	1
9	4	3	1	20
10	6	1	3	18

Because: the site is often located near the -35 box of the promoter or overlaps that box. However a significant variability of distance between the motif and the promoter box allows us to assume that the motif is a **site of repressor binding**:

>*Coccomyxa cysA*

TCACAGGAGTTCGGCGTTCGGTTCGGACGAGTTCGGCGTTCGGTTCGGACGGGTGTTGCATAGTTTTAATTACAGGTCATAAGGAGCCTACCATCTGTGGTGC

>*Coccomyxa cysT*

ACAGTAGGGTATGCATCAACTGGATCACTCACTTTACAATGATTGCTTGCTAATTGCCTCAACGTGTCAAGGTGCTTAGCGATCATCCGCTCGAAAGCGCT
CATGTGCTGCTTCTTATAAAAATCGATGCTCT

Binding sites are cyan, promoter boxes are yellow, transcription and initiation sites in the 5'-leader region of *cysA* or *cysT* in *Coccomyxa* plastids are magenta.

Thus, **predicted regulation in plastids** in contrast to *E.coli* **regulation of sulfate transport is repression**

Are there other sulfate transport genes in plastids?

Orthologous genes to either *cysA* or *cysT* ?

Results: clustering of proteins encoded in plastids was performed, and it indicates that **there are no orthologous genes to *cysA*, *cysT*, *cysW*, *cysP* in other plastids.**

Cluster databases can be found at:

<http://lab6.iitp.ru/ppc/chlorophyta/>, <http://lab6.iitp.ru/ppc/redline/>

Proteins, annotated as CysA in two red algae (*Cyanidium caldarium*, *Cyanidioschyzon merolae*) and in *Cyanophora paradoxa*, are ATP-binding **subunits of Zn or Mn transporter**. Our type regulation is **not found in these species.**

Next conclusions

There is a **conservative motif with consensus TAAWATGATT**.

Our prediction of the transcription regulation confirms that ***Helicosporidium* sp. belongs to the class** Trebouxiophyceae.

It emphasizes **importance of sulfate transport for the parasite** and can serve as a key for understanding roles of their plastids.

Absence of such regulation in *Leptosira terrestris* allows us to consider the **change of specificity** of the transporter to a substratum. The conjecture is also corroborated by **change of both proteins** CysT and CysA in this species

Other conclusions

Regulation absence in **green algae** *Nephroselmis olivacea*, *Pycnococcus provasolii*, *Bryopsis hypnoides*, and in *Marchantia polymorpha* (liverwort) can be associated with the **reducing of the corresponding proteins significance**, that is consistent with the full loss of these genes or with the pseudogenes emergence in **related species**.

We remind that two liverworts *Aneura mirabilis* и *Ptilidium pulcherrimum* have pseudogenes.

Difference between **enterobacteriaceae (*E. coli*) regulation** and **regulation in plastids** raises a question of the evolution of such regulation

Other conclusions

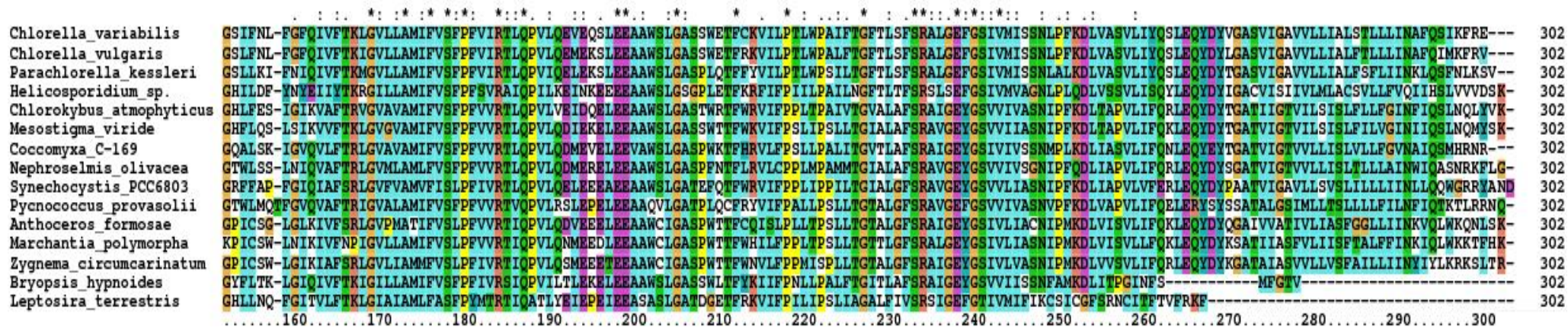
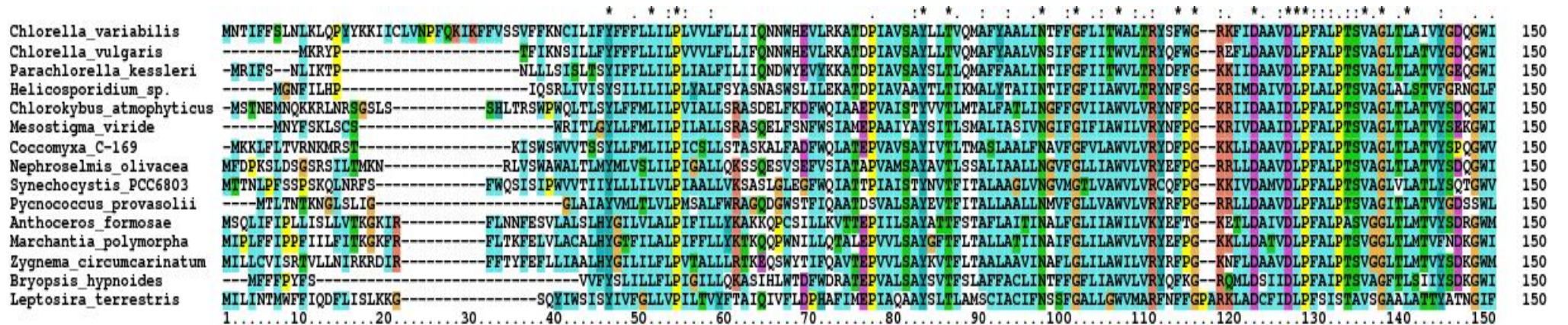
In *E. coli* both proteins CysT and CysW consist of transmembrane domains, that are very close to each other. Their genes belong to sulfate transport operon **cysPTWAM**.

But protein CysW is absent in plastids. Thus we **hypothesized** that in plastids **CysW is replaced by the second CysT copy**.

Preconditions: such situation is observed in other ABC transporters;

cysT and *cysA* **do not form an operon** in plastids, it allows us to consider possible **protein CysT abundance over protein CysA**. These are **concomitant** with the previous hypothesis

Multiple alignment of **orthologous** CysT proteins of *Synechocystis* sp. PCC 6803 cyanobacteria and in Viridiplantae plastids. Only *Bryopsis hypnoides* and *Leptosira terrestris* have shorter C-terminus:



Multiple alignment of **orthologous** CysA proteins of *Synechocystis* sp. PCC 6803 cyanobacteria and in Viridiplantae plastids. TOBE domain is often absent:

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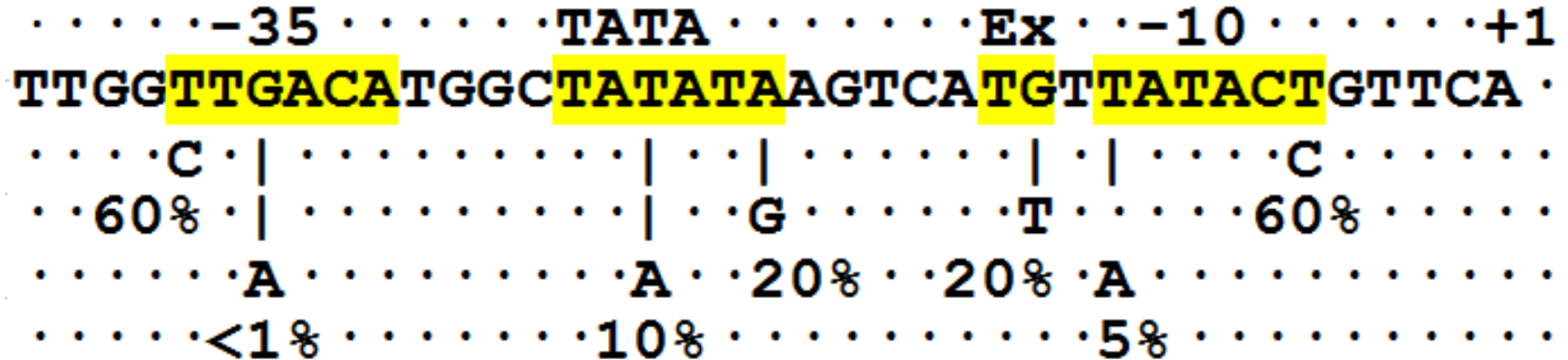
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Thank you

Bacterial type promoters were detected by the data of the mutations in *psbA-77* promoter of the *Sinapis alba* mustard plastids



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