

Pneumosensor

A device equipped with a new promoter that detects CSP molecules and reacts *Streptococcus pneumoniae*.

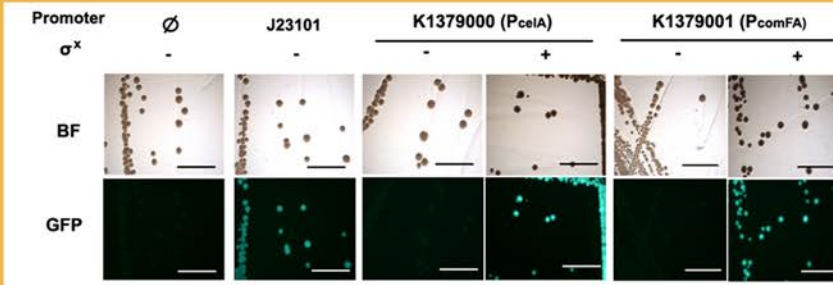


Adopted the quorum sensing pathway components to detect populations of *S. pneumoniae*



involves a highly specific reporting system

We constructed, characterized and verified the function of σ^x and combox promoter



Registry of Standard Biological Parts

Part:BBa_K1379007
 Description: Key for lock system, see Key for lock system (2014-09-23)
 This P_{comFA} Measurement Kit BBa_K1379003 assembled with σ^x generator BBa_K1379006

σ^x Generator + P_{comFA}-E0240
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Usage and Biology
 P_{comFA} (or comFA) is a σ^x -regulated promoter from *Streptococcus pneumoniae*. It is a member of the C class consensus sequence of TACGATA, where the sigma factor σ^x BBa_K1379004 (or ComX) binds to Morrison, 2009) During the exponential growth of *S. pneumoniae*, Competence Stimulating Peptide (CSP) acts as a global regulator then directs *S. pneumoniae* to enter a transient competent cell state. P_{comFA}, along with other expression of the competence protein ComFA, (BrcC)
 Vogel and his colleagues have demonstrated that orthogonal gene expression could be achieved through it. (2013). This principle has been demonstrated to work in *E. coli* (see characterization below), in which I iGEM 2014 Hong Kong, HKUST Team has cloned P_{comFA} from *S. pneumoniae* strain NCTC1465 and of and absence of a σ^x generator BBa_K1379000. Promoter P_{comFA} (BBa_K1379000), which is another C class characterized.
 The characterization start site of the promoter has yet to be experimentally located

Characterization
 For characterization, BBa_K1379007 which contain P_{comFA} Measurement Kit BBa_K1379003 assemble size used

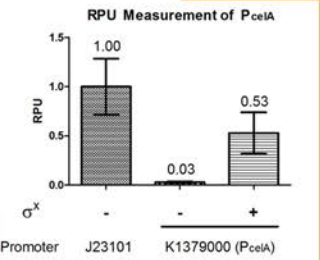
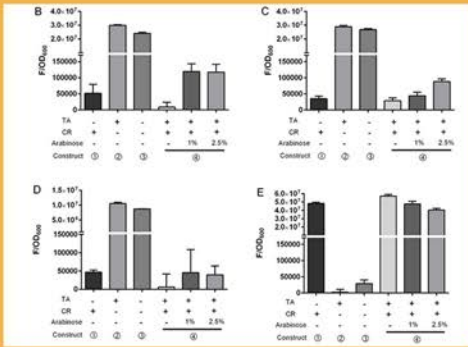


Figure 2. PceIa, has 0.53 RPU when paired with σ^x generator. P_{comFA} was measured in reference to BBa_J23101 constitutive promoter with and without σ^x generator BBa_K1379000. RPU shown was calculated from 3 replicates.

Riboregulator

We are characterizing riboregulators that already exist in Part Registry.



We are cataloging existing regulatory RNAs in the Part Registry

Riboregulators regulate translation by having two elements, a cis-repressive sequence upstream of RBS in mRNA, and a non-coding RNA device, called trans-activating RNA. The cis-repressive sequence will bind to the 5'UTR, including the RBS by Watson-Crick base pairing, the sequestration of RBS represses translation. While trans-activating RNA will form complementary bases to cis-repressive sequence and exposing RBS for ribosomal binding and allow translation.

Proposed Categories: rRNAnot, codingRBS, transcriptionalRiboregulator

Designer	Part Number	Description
Deft 2009	BBa_K175029	Weak lock
Deft 2009	BBa_K175030	Key for lock of weak RBS
Deft 2009	BBa_K175030	Medium lock
Deft 2009	BBa_K175030	Key for Medium lock
Deft 2009	BBa_K175034	(Constitutive expression of GFP with weak RBS lock and inducible production of key for the lock Composite of K175029 + K175030)
Deft 2009	BBa_K175034	(Constitutive expression of GFP with medium RBS lock and inducible production of key for the lock Composite of K175031 + K175032)
Cattech 2007	BBa_J755015	cis3-repressed, tet-regulated YFP
Cattech 2007	BBa_J755016	cis4-repressed, tet-regulated YFP
Cattech 2007	BBa_J755020	cis4-repressed, tet-regulated YFP
Cattech 2007	BBa_J755027	cis3-repressed, tet-regulated Q
Cattech 2007	BBa_J755028	cis4-repressed, tet-regulated Q
Cattech 2007	BBa_J755014	cis4-repressed, tet-regulated YFP
Cattech 2007	BBa_J755017	cis4-repressed, tet-regulated YFP
Cattech 2007	BBa_J755018	cis4-repressed, tet-regulated YFP
Cattech 2007	BBa_J755019	cis7-repressed, tet-regulated YFP
Cattech 2007	BBa_J755013	cis1-repressed, tet-regulated YFP
Cattech 2007	BBa_J755032	Ptet_cis1_YFP
Cattech 2007	BBa_J755034	Ptet_cis2_YFP
Cattech 2007	BBa_J755036	Ptet_cis3_YFP
Cattech 2007	BBa_J755038	Ptet_cis4_YFP
Cattech 2007	BBa_J755040	Ptet_cis5_YFP

We summarized existing riboregulators in a feature page

RIBOREGULATOR FEATURE PAGE

(This page was created as part of our effort in Project Riboregulator to summarize identifies riboregulators in the Part Registry and provide their users. It was written in compliance with Part Registry's format for Feature Pages. We welcome and encourage constant update and adoption of this page.)

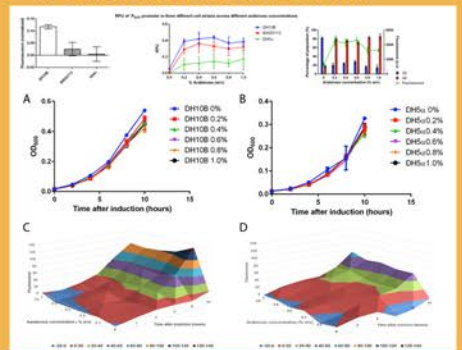
Introduction to riboregulators
 Regulatory RNAs are small RNA that regulates biological processes such as transcription or translation. The use of regulatory RNA has been a great interest in the field of synthetic biology because it provides an additional level of regulation for biological circuits and systems. Regulatory RNAs have also been used by many iGEM teams. We have identified 7 teams that have used cis-repressing (CR) and trans-activating (TA) riboregulatory system and more teams that have used riboregulators. For example, Baker 2005, UC Berkeley 2006 and Caltech 2007 combined many CR and TA devices to the Registry.

Artificial co-repressing and trans-activating riboregulator system was introduced to the iGEM community by the UC Berkeley iGEM 2006 team. The riboregulator system as a whole acts to regulate translation at the RNA level. One component of the system, a cRNA, which contains a cis-repressing sequence (of the RBS, RBS) and gene of interest. The cis-repressing sequence can form a loop form complementary base pairs with the RBS to prevent the recognition of RBS by ribosomes. The translation of RBS is also commonly described as a "lock" because it "locks" the RBS and prevent translation. The "key" to this system is the sRNA. sRNA can interact (or bind) with the cis-repressing sequence to unlock the RBS and therefore to activate translation (Figure 1).

The details of this system as described in Baker et al.'s paper: are available in translation, fast response time, tunability, independent regulation of multiple genes etc.

Team Track Chassis
 Berkeley 2006 Functional Research E. coli
 Caltech 2007 Information Processing E. coli
 Deft 2009 Information Processing E. coli
 Genovese 2011 Information Processing E. coli
 KU Leuven 2008 This team has not been assigned to a track. E. coli
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We measured performance P_{bad} in different bacterial strains



Human Practice

We analysed past Human Practice projects from 2008-2013 and wrote a report to give an insight on how projects were done in the past.

We interviewed past Human Practice judges to understand deeper its objectives and impacts

DATA ANALYSIS REPORT OF PAST HUMAN PRACTICE PROJECTS

Synthetic biology is a newly emerging field that has not yet been sufficiently known to the general public. Therefore, cover the course of events, numerous iGEM teams have put in tremendous efforts in human practice projects to provide synthetic biology to the society. This report aims to take the human practice projects of over 700 teams in the years 2008 to 2013, look to highlight the change in practice trends and the reasons in which they are distributed. Hopefully, this report can help teams to gain insight into how human practice has been used in the past to extend the synthetic biology to the society. Please refer to the table of the report, or download the complete PDF version form.



Introduction
 As the iGEM headquarters put effort to bring the topics of synthetic biology closer to the society, more and more attention was given to human practice. In year 2008 to 2013, there was a total of 707 teams who joined the iGEM jamboree and received medals.

But how well exactly has human practice developed over the years? How much attention was made in each region? Also some types more commonly done than others? To answer these questions, HKUST iGEM 2014 team gathered all the information since the year 2008, hoping to see some trends.

Type	Name	Description	Website	Achievements
"art"	"Hong Kong HKUST"	"Shared their project and iGEM to other people"	"iGEM"	"Champion"
"investigator"	"Hong Kong HKUST"	"Did an investigation on the research background, iGEM competition and other things about iGEM teams in different countries"	"iGEM"	"Champion"
"talk"	"Hong Kong HKUST"	"Gave an article about applications of their project"	"iGEM"	"Champion"
"video"	"Hong Kong HKUST"	"Made a video to introduce their project and iGEM"	"iGEM"	"Champion"
"document"	"Hong Kong HKUST"	"Wrote a specific article about their project, being for Hong Kong iGEM"	"iGEM"	"Champion"
"video"	"Hong Kong HKUST"	"Documented the possible safe applications of their project"	"iGEM"	"Champion"
"video"	"HKUST Hong Kong"	"They received a prominent position and a university award about their project's attitude towards synthetic biology"	"iGEM"	"Champion"
"talk"	"HKUST Hong Kong"	"Had a career centre to give talks to the nurses and administrative staff about iGEM, synthetic biology, the project and future career treatment"	"iGEM"	"Champion"

Start-up kit handbook for Human Practice to help future iGEM teams create meaningful projects

PURPOSE OF HUMAN PRACTICE: CLICK!

- Classifying projects
- Working with other teams
- Implementing knowledge
- Building common bonds
- Checking down

WHAT IS HUMAN PRACTICE?

Effort to connect synthetic biology to the society

Human practice is a link between society and synthetic biology. Why? covers the social, ethics, and legal considerations of the project.

We also promote synthetic biology by holding talks and workshops



We even made a search engine to facilitate search of human practice projects we analyzed.