

Model-based genome-wide determination of RNA chain elongation
rates in *Escherichia coli*
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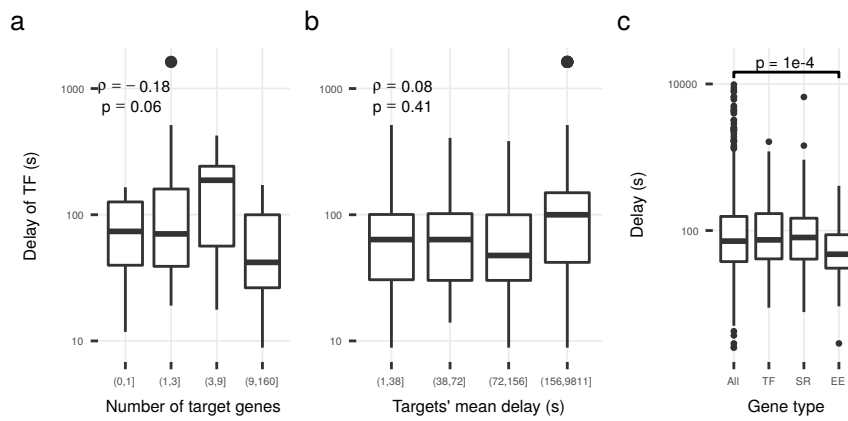


Figure 1: Essential genes (EE) have a short regulation delay while transcription factor proteins (TFs) have an average regulation delay. **a, b:** There is no general difference in regulation delays between TFs with different numbers of target genes or different mean regulation delays of target genes. **c:** The 113 essential genes in our growth condition have a lower than average regulation delay. The regulation delays of TFs and stress response (SR) genes overall do not differ from those of all genes.

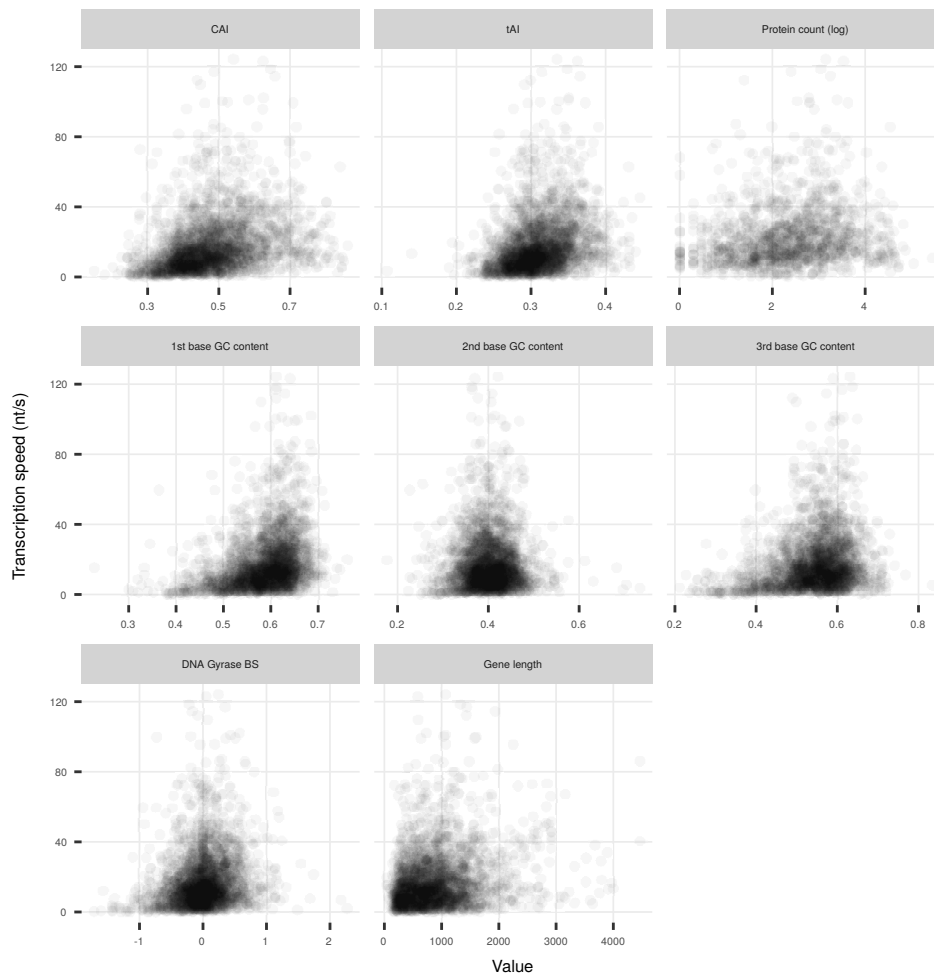


Figure 2: Each observation corresponds to one gene. DNA gyrase Binding Strength (BS) is measured in log-fold change in a two-colour microarray experiment upon cleavage at sites bound by DNA gyrase [2].

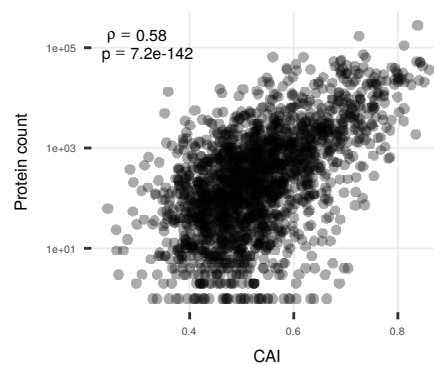


Figure 3: Protein counts strongly correlate with the Codon Adaptation Index in M9 minimal medium.

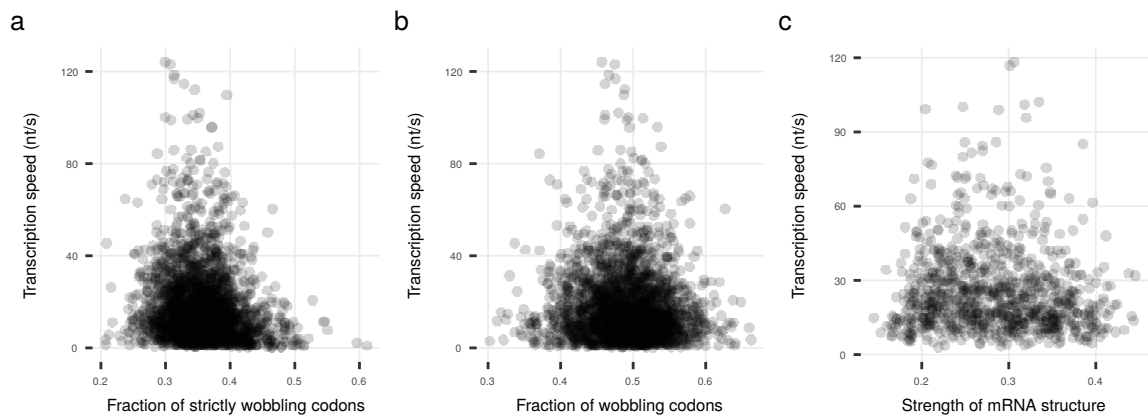


Figure 4: Codon wobbling and the strength of the mRNA structure negatively influence transcription speed. Codons with only **a**: wobble base pairing tRNAs and **b**: those with additional non-wobble base pairing tRNAs slow down transcription. **c**: Strong mRNA structure tends to slow down transcription similarly to codon wobbling.

Table 2: The contribution of different relative codon abundances to transcription speed. a: correlation with transcription speed. b: belongs to the group of rare codons or has low associated tRNA levels [3]. c: has only strictly matching anticodons or has only wobble-base pairing anticodons [1].

Codon	ρ^a	p	Rare codon ^b	Non-isoaccepted ^c	Only isoaccepted ^c
AUA	-0.26	2.220e-16	X		X
UUA	-0.237	2.220e-16	X	X	
UCA	-0.226	2.220e-16	X	X	
AGA	-0.207	2.220e-16	X	X	
AGG	-0.198	2.220e-16	X	X	
ACA	-0.197	2.220e-16	X	X	
AAU	-0.182	2.220e-16			X
UUU	-0.182	2.220e-16			X
GGA	-0.177	2.220e-16		X	
AGU	-0.158	2.220e-16			X
CGA	-0.158	2.220e-16			X
AUU	-0.133	7.124e-12			X
CUA	-0.125	1.107e-10	X	X	
CUU	-0.124	1.309e-10			X
UAU	-0.123	1.633e-10			X
UUG	-0.107	3.615e-08			
CCC	-0.102	1.565e-07	X	X	
CAA	-0.099	3.425e-07		X	
CGG	-0.099	3.425e-07	X	X	
UGU	-0.095	1.108e-06	X		X
UGG	-0.091	2.810e-06		X	
CCU	-0.082	2.439e-05	X		X
UAG	-0.073	1.718e-04			
GGG	-0.05	1.282e-02			
UGA	-0.039	5.827e-02		X	
ACG	-0.037	7.395e-02			
UAA	-0.035	8.631e-02			
AUG	-0.03	1.512e-01		X	
ACU	-0.029	1.665e-01			X
CCA	-0.026	2.005e-01	X	X	
UCG	-0.025	2.201e-01			
CUC	-0.024	2.356e-01		X	
CAU	-0.022	2.871e-01			X
GCU	-0.021	2.918e-01			
UCU	-0.017	3.958e-01			X
GUC	-0.009	6.730e-01	X	X	
GCA	-0.008	7.224e-01			
GUU	-0.007	7.334e-01			X
UGC	0.003	8.944e-01		X	
AAG	0.007	7.334e-01			X
GUA	0.009	6.730e-01			X
AAA	0.023	2.726e-01		X	
AGC	0.032	1.232e-01		X	
UCC	0.041	4.170e-02	X	X	
GCC	0.066	7.600e-04		X	
AUC	0.07	3.611e-04		X	
UAC	0.071	2.828e-04		X	
GAU	0.076	1.048e-04			X
UUC	0.083	1.998e-05		X	
GAG	0.094	1.310e-06			X
GUG	0.11	1.418e-08			X
CAG	0.115	2.870e-09		X	
AAC	0.122	2.253e-10		X	
CAC	0.125	1.130e-10		X	
GGU	0.132	9.286e-12			X
ACC	0.143	1.400e-13		X	
GCG	0.162	2.220e-16			X
GGC	0.191	2.220e-16		X	
CGC	0.197	2.220e-16			X
GAA	0.201	2.220e-16		X	
GAC	0.225	2.220e-16		X	
CUG	0.228	2.220e-16			
CCG	0.247	2.220e-16			
CGU	0.263	2.220e-16		X	

Table 3: Variable importance in speed prediction by Random Forest without use of the mRNA half life. The variables are ranked by importance, larger values indicate more important variables.

Variable	Importance
mRNA level	169.7
RNAP density	98.7
mRNA level	62.7
RNAP density	8.7
CAI	6.7
tAI	5.7
gene length	4.1
3rd base-GC bias	3.5
1st base-GC bias	

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