Transcription unit organization in Prokaryotes

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1   Abstract.

Here we show that a lot can be learned of the transcription unit (TU) organization of prokaryotes by analyzing the number of genes of directons, stretches of genes in the same strand with no intervening gene in the opposite strand, and of the inter-genic distances. We give a detailed study of *Escherichia coli* K12, compared with data on experimentally determined TUs available thought RegulonDB [1]. We use *E. coli* K12 as a basis to compare the tendencies in TU organization of other prokaryotes.

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