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I. INTRODUCTION

Over 120,000 Americans have Transthyretin Amyloid Cardiomyopathy (ATTR-CM), one in 2700 Americans, 5000-7000 new cases a year, men seven more times likely than women. (Institute for Clinical and Economic Review, 2024). A haunting disease with an extremely poor prognosis, but usually goes undiagnosed and leads to heart failure. (*Transthyretin Cardiac Amyloidosis | ATTR-CM for HCPs | Therapy Area*, n.d.) When a patient in the past was given a diagnosis, it was usually a liver or heart transplant, and sometimes an LVAD (Left Ventricle Assisting Device) which are all surgical and extremely high risk. In the four years after the onset of symptoms, half of the patients will die. To explore treatments and possibly cures, I have looked at one of the leading

treatments that show extreme recovery and remission and a new promising gene editing drug. I saw the existence of both treatments to be together and work hand in hand. The disorder thickens the wall of the left ventricle, making it harder for adequate pumping function, reducing ejection fraction rate, and being put at risk for heart failure. The main risk factor for developing ATTR-CM is HCM (Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy), this genetic condition causes the wall of the heart to become thickened as well and can cause heart failure. Induced Pluripotent Stem Cells (IPSCs) as well as new CRISPR gene editing can completely eradicate the symptoms and possibly even the disease entirely; both treatments are showing promising signs separately and together they could work together in unison without any negative interactions or interferences. 39% of patients who received stem cells alone were in total remission (*BU Study: Stem Cell Transplantation for AL Amyloidosis Leads to Long-term Survival and Possible Cure in Selected Patients | Clinical & Translational Science Institute*, 2022). I hypothesized that two treatments with good outlooks can work together and treat transthyretin amyloid cardiomyopathy.

II. MATERIALS AND METHODS

a) Study Design

Patient statistics were monitored with IPSCs and without them as well as monitoring patient statistics and outcomes with CRISPR-Cas9 and without from 1994-2024. The two treatments were never given to the same patient in the same care plan but were compared from treatment to treatment. Statistics were monitored and documented from outside sources in citations. Patients received one dose of CRISPR gene editing through IV between November 2020 and April 2021. Patients were either given 0.1mg per kg or 0.3mg per kg of RNA dose. Patients were aged 18-80, with a range of weight between 50-90kg (Gillmore et al., 2021). IPSCs were given to specific patients and statistics were done on life expectancy, state of disease, and prognosis. This study was conducted in Auckland, New Zealand. (*BU Study: Stem Cell Transplantation for AL Amyloidosis Leads to Long-term Survival and Possible Cure in Selected Patients | Clinical & Translational Science Institute*, 2022).

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b) Ethics Review

Ethics are usually a sensitive topic in stem cell research because they are derived from a human embryo, Induced Pluripotent Stem Cells are adult somatic cells taken from skin or blood (not embryonic) but were taken to the lab and going through cellular reprogramming by erasing and reshaping and remodeling the cells "differentiation memory". This can happen by expressing four transcription factors: Oct4, Sox2, Klf4, and c-Myc. This brings the cells into an undifferentiated embryonic form without using or being an embryo. The main disadvantage of this on the ethical side would be that this could turn into an actual embryo if exposed to the correct conditions.

III. RESULTS

An induced knockout was the result of the CRISPR-Cas9 gene editing. Patients who received 0.1mg per 1kg had a reduced transthyretin concentration of 52%, and patients who received 0.3mg per 1kg had a reduced transthyretin concentration of 87%. Over 95% of transthyretin production was halted, 91% of transthyretin expression was reduced and showed few adverse effects. 12 months after the mRNA was delivered to the hepatocytes the production and expression of transthyretin was still maximally suppressed (Gillmore et al., 2021). Boston University researchers say hematologic complete remission was achieved in 39% of patients with a median survival of 15 years and 30% of those patients survived longer than 20 years (after onset of symptoms). A permanent reduction of transthyretin production and concentration was claimed. (*BU Study: Stem Cell Transplantation for AL Amyloidosis Leads to Long-term Survival and Possible Cure in Selected Patients | Clinical & Translational Science Institute, 2022*).

IV. DISCUSSION

The results show a promising future and do support my hypothesis that the two treatments together would be beneficial and treat patients with ATTR-CM better than they have ever been. Patients going into remission, living longer, and having a better quality of life is something we all should strive for. Results show that separately the treatments are working extremely well. The growing understanding of gene editing, stem cells, and diseases, will come up with new treatment plans and objectives, where we once wanting to give medications for symptoms to go away, to now giving stem cells and CRISPR gene editing and truly having hope for remission in people suffering from this. Using the two treatments in unison as one treatment plan will save lives and be revolutionary to the treatment of cardiomyopathy. 39% of patients in remission with one of the treatments alone is incredible, this fully supports my hypothesis, there is no room for misunderstanding

when numbers like these are being produced. Stopping the production of transthyretin proteins with CRISPR-Cas9 will cause the protein to be restricted and the stem cells will repair and enhance cardiac tissue in need.

Past treatments have never come close to the current treatments. With current technology, we can access and do things we have never imagined happening. Once we used stem cells from embryos and now, we can derive stem cells from skin and blood cells. Our technology and field have grown tremendously. Treatments for transthyretin cardiomyopathy have never been better. This is the first time we have seen patients completely cured of the disease. Not being on lasting drugs, having impairments, symptoms, and living restricted lives. When these two treatments are used together, they will without a doubt change the course of treatment for ATTR-CM.

V. CONCLUSION

The results of the two studies support my hypothesis undoubtedly. I can see a future where we have cures for diseases like this one, where a diagnosis is not a sentence, where we have a chance. These treatments open a window for that opportunity.

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NET-seq and MNase-seq Analysis of Gene Response of *S. Cerevisiae* in Galactose Environment

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Introduction- Earth has diverse and extreme environments so, for an organism to survive, it is vital that it is able to respond to changes in temperature, availability of food and even other organisms. For organisms to function properly, and adapt to these conditions, gene expression at the right time is essential. Gene expression is the process by which information in DNA is transferred to RNA molecules that create proteins for various functions. The control over the creation of proteins for a situation is essentially what gene expression and gene regulation is¹. For instance Himalayan rabbits that were bred at temperatures less than 20 C had black sections of fur, while those bred at 35 C or more had completely white fur, suggesting differentiated gene expression for a changed condition- temperature². The first step of gene expression is transcription, therefore measuring the levels of transcription of genes in different conditions can be an indicator of the effects of gene regulation. In order for transcription to occur, mRNA segments, named "transcripts", are copied from DNA, so finding which mRNA transcripts are copied can indicate gene expression for various times and conditions. SAGE and Northern Blot techniques measure mRNA segments to analyze gene expression..

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The organism analyzed in this paper is yeast, more specifically the *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* species, or baker's yeast. This organism is well studied in the genetics field, due to its similarity to human cells, as it is eukaryotic and has homologous proteins to that of mammals. It is also the first eukaryotic organism to be fully DNA sequenced⁶, having 16 chromosomes and 5331 actual protein coding genes⁷. It is also very cost effective and easy to acquire, since it can be found in almost any store both scientific and general. This paper will focus on the changes in the yeast's gene response and such when presented with a changing environment- in this case to have a different source of food. This test could be significant because yeast can utilize glucose better than galactose, which they need to add enzymes and such to modify as a viable food source. One such change can be the gene expression of the GAL group that regulates the metabolism of galactose that is not activated in a glucose environment. When galactose is the sole carbon source, the galactose-metabolizing enzymes are expressed at 1000 times their level in glucose⁸.

This paper will measure the overall effects on gene expression in *S. Cerevisiae* with the addition of a galactose environment.

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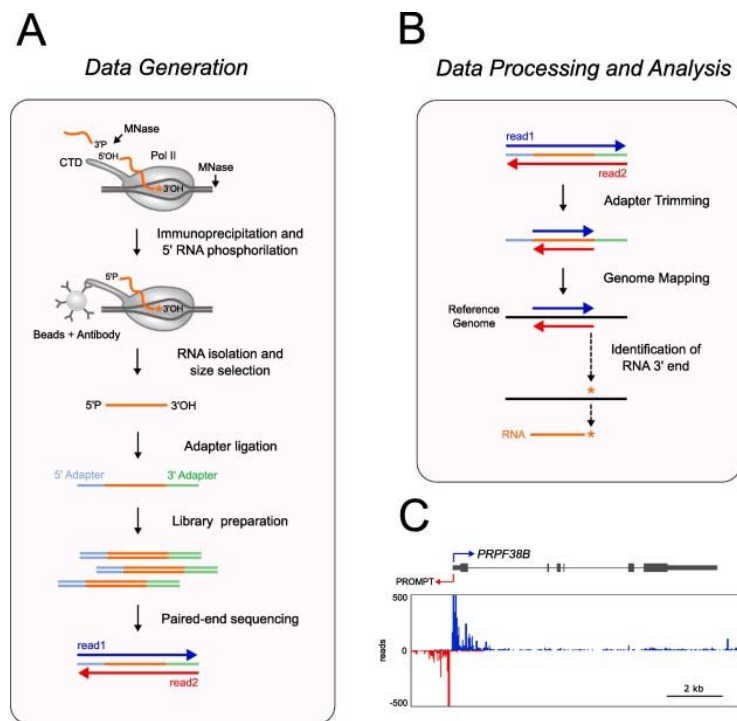


Figure 1: The schematic diagram of the NET-seq method. Reference: See Figures section of References

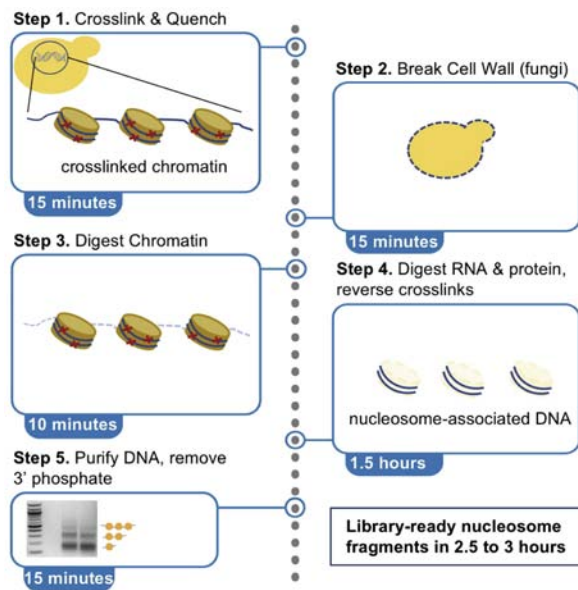


Figure 2: The schematic diagram of MNase seq method Reference: See Figures section of References

II. METHOD

a) Preparation of *Saccharomyces Cerevisiae*

The yeast were originally placed in a glucose environment to be intended as the control group. Yeast was then cultured in the glucose environment for two hours under a constant temperature of 37 deg. C. Then samples of *S. Cerevisiae* were transferred into the galactose environment, for 5, 15, and 60 minutes to see the changes in gene expression when a change in environment and food source was presented, with each

of the time periods in which the samples were collected to be the experimental groups.

b) Acquiring Data

Saccharomyces cerevisiae was prepared for and NET sequenced, for when the samples were in glucose, and sequenced periodically when the yeast was placed in galactose for 5 minutes, 15 minutes and 60 minutes. MNase sequencing was also prepared for and performed on the yeast when they were originally in a glucose environment and when they were in the galactose environment for 60 minutes.

c) Analyzing the Data

The sequencing data was analyzed in MATLAB. First, an average gene profile was created to show the typical behavior of all the genes, named metagene. This allows for greater insight about the overall trends across all the base pair positions. In order to find the genes that have had a significant change from switching to galactose environment, a t-Test with significance of 0.05 was performed on each of the meta gene datasets. The gene profiles of genes that responded to the change of environment (category: responsive genes) were compared to the genes that did not (category: non-responsive genes). The chromatin and promoter information of these two categories of genes was further investigated using the MNase sequencing dataset.

d) Antisense Transcription

Antisense transcription was also considered and the transcription levels for responsive and nonresponsive genes were graphically represented, in both sense and antisense genes, for both NET-seq. The antisense transcription levels were compared with the sense transcription levels, in the responsive and non responsive genes. The promoter regions of the sense and antisense transcriptions were also analyzed for differences. To find the promoter region, only the first 100 genes were graphed as the data started from a position of about -1000 bp to 500 bp of the transcription starting site (TSS). Therefore, the promoter would be somewhere in the region from -1000 to 1bp.

gluconeogenesis, or to synthesize glucose from other carbon compounds, with the use of signaling. These processes control the transcriptional and translational activities, especially with the Snf3/Rgt2 glucose-sensing pathway and the Snf1 signal transduction¹. Galactose was chosen for the experimental group because the yeast cells cannot directly perform glycolysis to gain energy like in glucose, but *S. Cerevisiae* and other species of yeast utilize GAL genes, which are activated only in the presence of galactose to regulate transport and metabolism of the sugar, and have to modify galactose using enzymes to use as food², thus opening the potential to see varying degrees of gene expression changes with the difference in environment.

Out of *S. Cerevisiae*'s 5331 genes, the t-test of the meta-genes resulting from the NET-seq data of the *S. Cerevisiae* (Appendix section 1,2) with a significance level of 0.05 showed 4849 genes responded to the change in environment from glucose to galactose in 5 minutes. 4918 genes responded to change in environment in 15 minutes and in 60 minutes 4756 genes responded to changes. There were 4141 genes that responded in the above 5-minute, 15-minute and 60-minute groups, therefore about 78.7% of the total genes were considered to be active to the environment change. Figure 3 shows the mean NET-seq levels of all the genes, regardless of the activity levels. The similarity of the graphs of the galactose mean NET-Seq levels to that of the glucose graph across all the genes decreases as more time is spent in the galactose environment- this change is most apparent at the beginning of 15 minutes of being in the galactose environment, indicating approximately the time when the genes started to respond to galactose. Figure 3 further demonstrates that the genes located between -200bp to -100bp relative to TSS and 700bp to 750 bp relative to TSS have increased transcription the most.

III. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

A glucose environment is *S. Cerevisiae*'s natural environment, as it is their primary and most efficient source of energy. The presence of glucose suppresses metabolic activity to perform

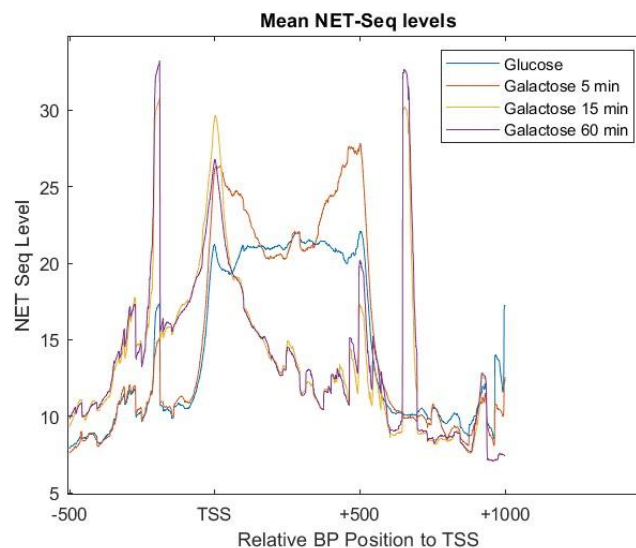


Figure 3: The average NET seq levels for *S. Cerevisiae* in glucose and galactose environment for all time intervals

Focusing the transcription differences between the glucose and galactose 60-minute group, Figure 4 suggests that the responsive gene showed a higher NET-seq level consistently than when it was in a glucose environment, thus it was

activated and more transcription had occurred when it was in galactose. This gene in particular helps to control lipid and amino acid metabolism in the yeast³, thus it being activated will help the yeast get such nutrients from the galactose environment.

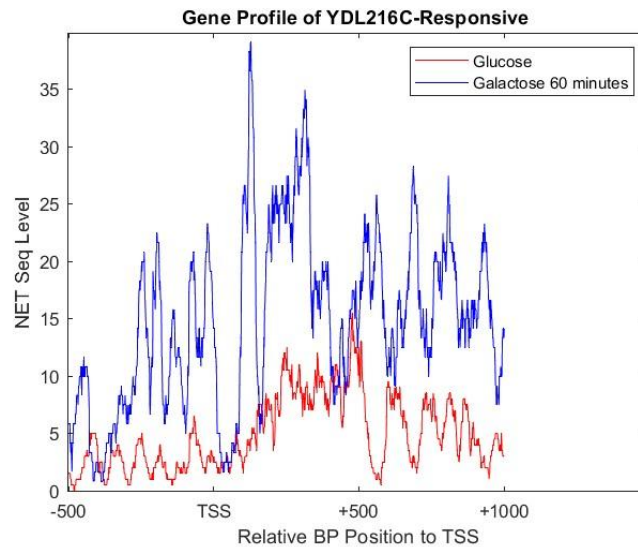


Figure 4: Gene profile based on NET-seq levels of YDL216C, which responded to galactose in 60 minutes of exposure

On the other hand, as shown in Figure 5, the gene YOR255W was a nonresponsive gene that had a very low net seq level when it was in a glucose environment. It does not show consistently high net seq levels when exposed to the galactose environment, even having no NET-seq levels periodically, such as between 0-200 and 600-800. This gene is responsible for helping create protein for the outer spore walls for the yeast

during mitosis⁴. Therefore, it logically, does not have that much of an active role when the yeast is transferred to a galactose environment, as it only activated in some stage of mitosis, but its periodic rise and fall in net-seq levels does indicate when the yeast is undergoing mitosis, especially seen between 800-1000bp.

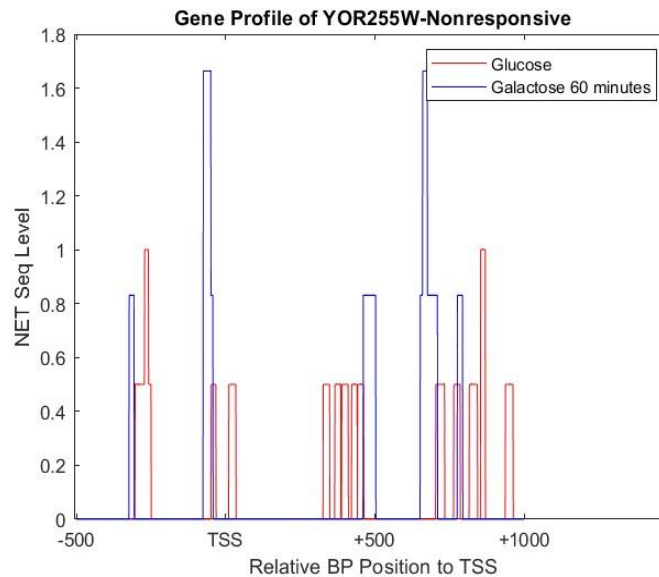


Figure 5: Gene profile based on NET-seq levels of YOR255W, which responded to galactose in 60 minutes of exposure

Antisense transcription is generally lower than the sense transcription due to promoters of the antisense strand being less noticeable and less transcriptable than the sense promoters⁵. It still is important to gene expression as they can quickly respond and integrate with various stimuli, and variate quickly sending the genes into on or off positions⁶. They thus can allow for greater survivability of an organism in different environments overtime due to evolution, and must be studied further due to their relative uncertainty

over why they function the way they do. The levels of transcription for sense and antisense genes in the 60 minute interval for the galactose environment were compared in Figure 6. According to the acquired NET-seq data, the levels of transcription of responsive genes are inverse of each other, where a high level of transcription in the forward strand corresponds to a lower level of transcription in the reverse strand. This is apparent especially in the 200-800 region.

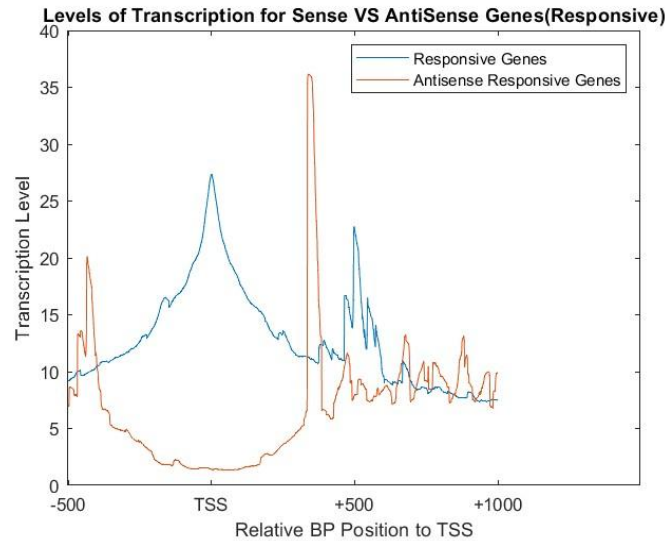


Figure 6: Levels of transcription in genes that responded to galactose in 60 minute interval in both sense and antisense direction using NET-seq data

Figure 7 shows the levels of transcription for sense and antisense genes in the 60 minute interval for the galactose environment. These genes generally have a lower transcription level than the responsive genes,

and generally even less antisense transcription levels. This was hypothesized since the nonresponse genes remain dormant as they are not affected by the change in environment.

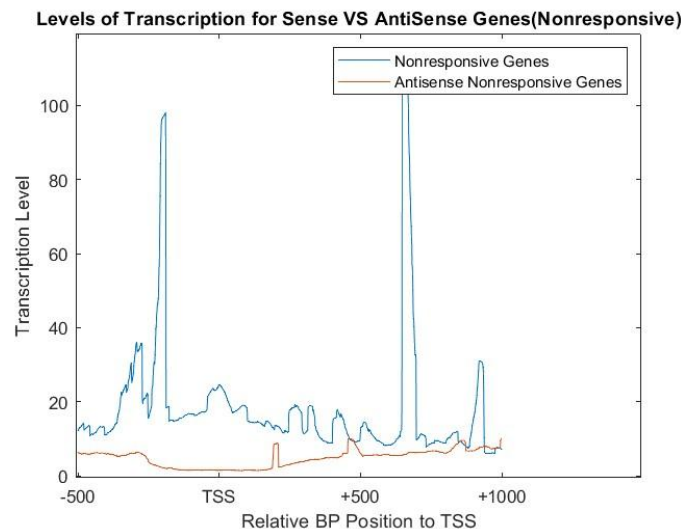


Figure 7: Levels of transcription in genes that did not respond to galactose in a 60 minute interval in both sense and antisense direction using NET-seq data

Figure 8 shows the MNase seq levels of the responsive and nonresponsive genes. The promoter is approximately between -355 to -400 bp relative to the TSS, as it is indicated by lower than usual MNase seq levels. The overall MNase seq levels are very consistent with the responsive and non responsive genes. The location of the histone proteins are also evident, beginning at about relative to 500bp to the TSS, where

there is a regular sinusoidal pattern where a higher MNase-seq signal indicates less transcription, blocked by the DNA being wrapped around the histone, and lower levels are where DNA strands likely will be transcribed, as the region is between the histone proteins.

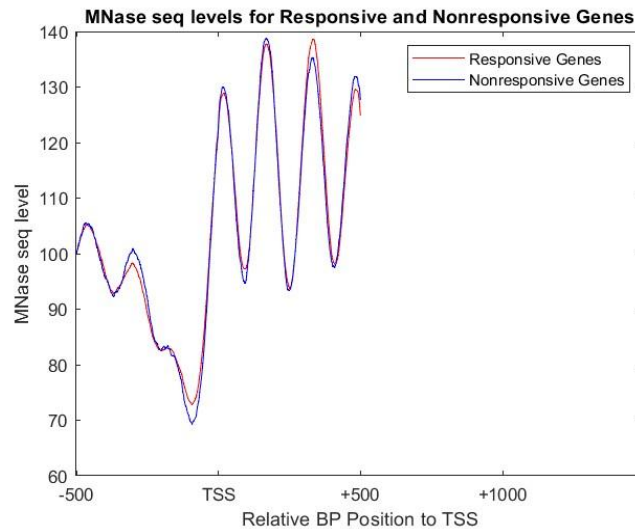


Figure 8: MNase seq levels for both responsive and non responsive genes when exposed to 60minutes of a galactose environment, in order to identify the possible promoter region

Additionally, histone modifications can also play a role in gene regulation in yeast- specifically for those genes that did respond to galactose. These processes can affect various chromatin related activities like DNA repair⁷ and can do this by repressing or activating transcriptional activity. The exact effects depend on the type of histone modification under question, the organism and the genes that have been affected. However, various studies describe that histone methylation, a type of histone modification, does correspond with increased gene expression along with histone acetylation, along with DNA acetylation. In *S.cerevisiae* specifically, the histone acetylation depends on the transcription levels of the yeast by targeting the nucleosomes where RNA polymerase II accumulates⁸, but in some instances the process itself is needed to facilitate transcription in yeast- by regulating bonds between histones and DNA.

IV. CONCLUSION

The transition from a glucose to a galactose environment has various effects on *S. Cerevisiae*, especially on a genetic level, with various aspects of gene expression such as activation of genes, transcription levels and antisense activity all have changed. Overall, the results point out that there is more of such gene expression when the yeast has switched to a galactose environment, and these levels have

increased as more time was spent in the galactose environment, indicated by the number of genes (nearly 80%) that have responded to the galactose environment, the average net-seq levels and the gene profiles. Antisense transcription has been higher for responsive genes than in non responsive genes. These results are logical as the galactose environment forces the yeast to perform gluconeogenesis and other processes that require many of the genes to be activated to carry out regular functions that do not need such higher levels of activity in its natural glucose environment, which does not need modification.

Further research can be done on this organism's gene expression, for instance utilizing various other techniques such as ChIP-seq data to gain more information about histone modifications, and RNA-seq for final transcript levels. There can also be more environments in which the *S. Cerevisiae* can be placed in, such as sucrose or lactose, or a combination to find how gene expression changes. The amount of time spent in these environments could also be changed. Such analysis can provide various insights into the changes larger, eukaryotic organisms, especially people can respond to on a genetic level. This can further the understanding of how genes regulate human function, and how problems with the regulation in the presence of a changing environment can create better health treatments such as more accurate and individualized diet plans, better screening techniques that can detect

genetic irregularities with various stimuli and predict risks for patients.

Limitations of the Study

Our research was limited due to time and resources for data analysis, which resulted in no CHIP-seq test analysis and also testing of histone modification behavior with transcription. It is recommended to run tests using these parameters to increase data collection range.

Ethical Approval

No ethical approval was needed for this study.

Informed Consent

Informed consent form was submitted to the journal.

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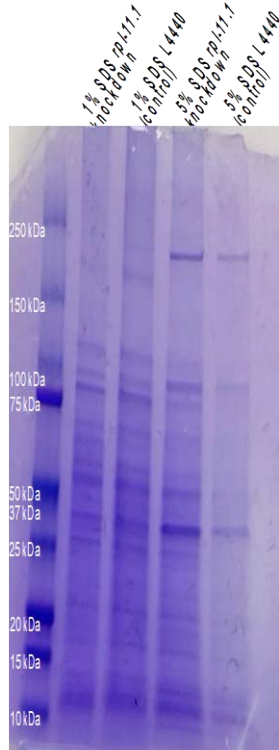


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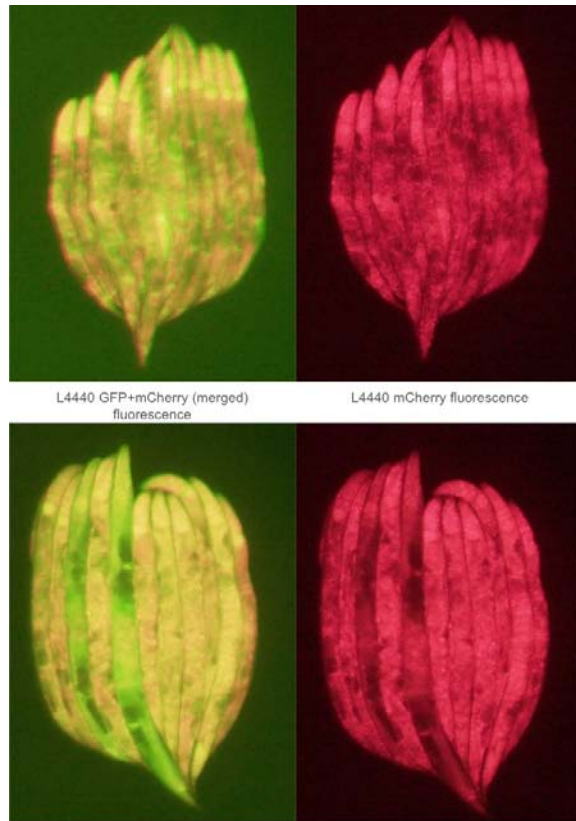


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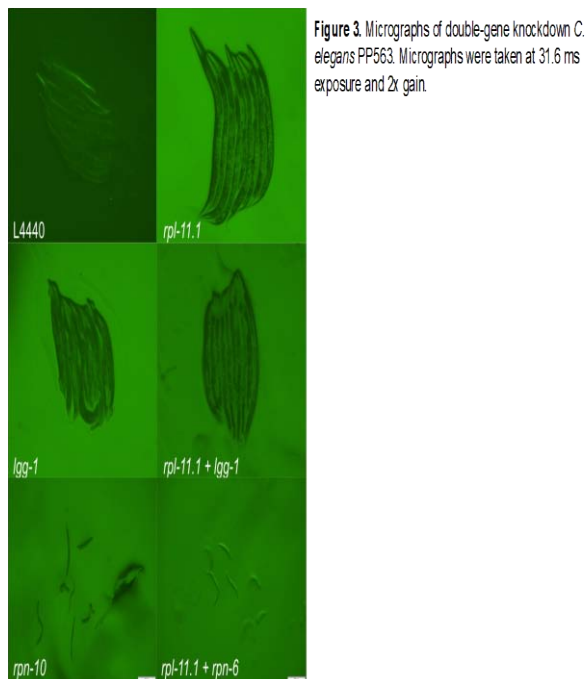


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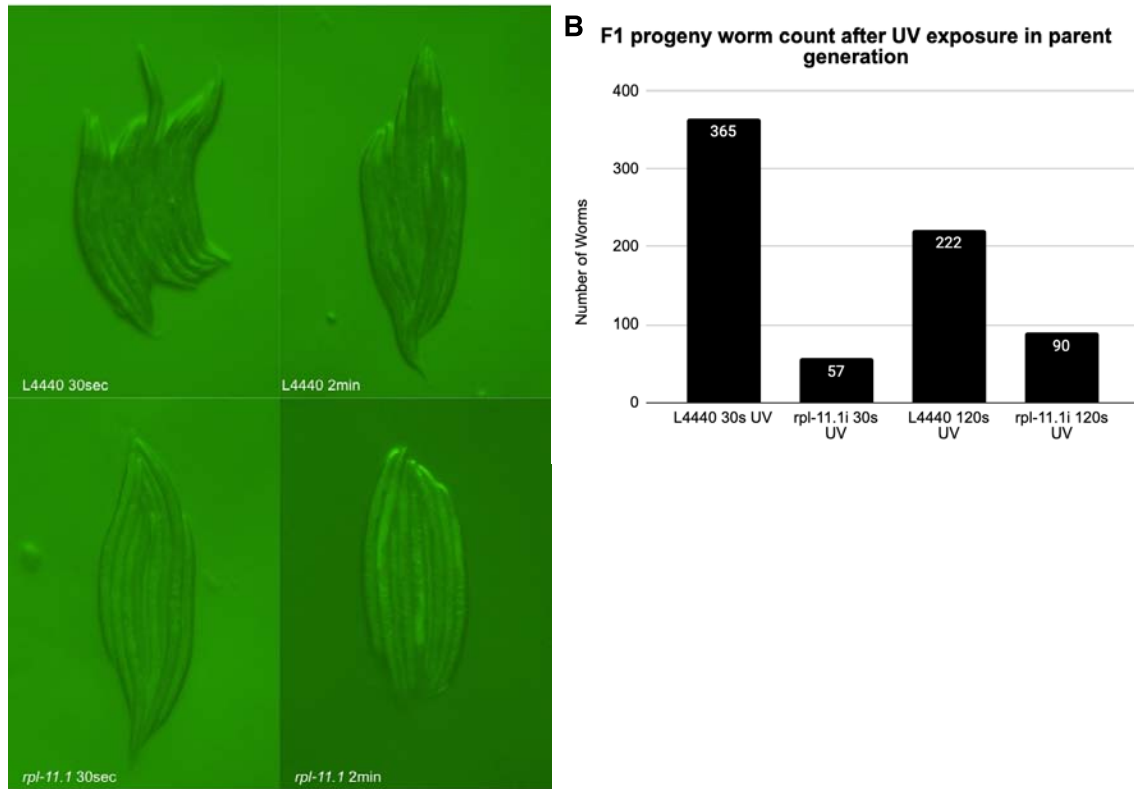


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NATO's first scientific research organization was AGARD, dedicated to aerospace research and the development of scientific cooperation. The goal of the DRG, established in 1967, was to promote technical cooperation among allied countries in research and new technologies, leading to the development of defence equipment. From the merger of AGARD and DRG, the RTO was formed, operating in the field of defence research and technology. Since 2012, STO has been operating to meet the scientific and technological needs of the Alliance. In 1996, NM&S was founded, developing Alliance approaches to simulation to improve operations. NATO has also created specialized maritime scientific research organizations. SACLANTCEN, NURC and CMRE were active between 1959 and 2022, conducting research in anti-submarine warfare, underwater acoustic phenomena and their application in surveillance, detection, oceanography and port security. NATO's scientific research organizations make a significant contribution to strengthening the Alliance's security and defence forces.

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I. INTRODUCTION

Scientific and research development is the main driving force behind societies and modern civilization. Since the beginning of the scientific and technological revolution (the third industrial revolution) initiated in the 1950s, there has been a rapid

development of science and technology in highly civilized societies. This was an international trend, the result of the Cold War arms race and, at the same time, the activities of large corporations operating in oligopoly conditions and competing with each other in the field of new products. During the Cold War, seeing the need to develop the Alliance, its leaders realized the need to undertake scientific research aimed at strengthening the pact's forces. The establishment and development of NATO's scientific research institutions was a response to these demands.

Analysing the activities of these institutions, it should be stated impartially that it has brought a significant impact on the increase in combat readiness of the Alliance forces. Its distinctive feature is the great reduction in the duration of the process from the inception of an innovation to its implementation. Many cutting-edge technologies were developed and incorporated, including information processing, environmental protection, new equipment and hardware. It was important to create platforms for cooperation between scientists from Alliance member countries, so that the flow of ideas and experience became possible. Today, research focuses on defence issues on land, sea, air and space.

The presented text aims to present the history and present day of the activities of NATO's scientific and research institutions. For its purposes, a research hypothesis was formulated: the development of NATO's scientific and research institutions has made a significant contribution to the work of strengthening the defence of the Alliance. The questions posed were: how did the various organizations contribute to the realization of NATO's tasks, and how did the Alliance's policy on the development of these organizations change. The text consists of subsections showing the activities of individual scientific research organizations, presented in a chronological context.

II. METHODOLOGY

The basic research material (source materials) was information obtained from official NATO documents, published on websites. They concern, among other things, the activities of individual organizations and reports of the Alliance. These materials are fully reliable

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and show as fairly as possible the activities of the organizations discussed in the text. In addition, book items were used in several places. Critical analysis of these materials made it possible to compile the text and formulate answers to the questions posed.

III. RESULTS

a) AGARD

NATO's first scientific research institution, the Advisory Group for Aerospace Research and Development (AGARD), was established in 1952. It had four sections (cooperation, aeronautics, flight test and instrumentation, and wind tunnel and model tests). The task was to promote and improve the exchange of information on aeronautical and space research work and development among NATO countries. AGARD also provided scientific and technical advice and assistance to the NATO Military Committee in the field of aerospace research and development, with particular emphasis on military applications. The number of scientists grew from 100, to 200 in 1960 and more than 500 in the 1990s. AGARD's highest authority was the National Council of Delegates, consisting of appointed representatives from each member country (Van J. A. 2001). The organization aimed to bring together leading scientists of NATO countries in the fields of science and technology related to aerospace in the following topics:

- Recommending effective ways for member countries to use their research and development capabilities for the mutual benefit of NATO,
- Providing scientific and technical advice and assistance to the military,
- To stimulate progress in aeronautical science related to defence strengthening,
- Improving cooperation among member countries in aerospace research and development,
- Exchanging scientific and technical information,
- Providing assistance to member countries to enhance their scientific and technical capabilities.

Participation in the sections generally lasted three years, although it could be extended. The specific areas of interest of each section changed relatively quickly with the passage of time and technological advances. Each section determined the research and publication program in its specialty, within the general AGARD guidelines set by the Board of Directors. The result of the work was, among other things, the publication of 70-90 scientific papers per year.

As document analysis testifies, during its existence AGARD organized the exchange of scientific information of military significance. Their goal was to strengthen NATO's defence forces and enhance the scientific capabilities of member states. The organization evolved over the years and consisted of a Council of Delegates, reporting to the NATO Military

Committee, and thematic sections. The Council of Delegates provided guidance to the sections and approved their work program. In January 1998, AGARD and DRG merged.

b) DRG

NATO's second science and technology organization, the Defence Research Group (DRG), was established in 1967. It was realized that, despite the end of the Cold War, the development of research contributes to the defence of the Alliance's forces. The main emphasis was intended to be placed on the development of international cooperation. This idea was very correct, as it allowed for increased exchange of scholars and a wider and faster flow of information.

Unlike AGARD, which focused on research, the DRG's main objective was to foster technical cooperation between NATO countries on research and new technologies. The DRG consisted of some 500 outstanding specialists from each Alliance country. They specialized in defence research and development. They worked within the framework of eight sections and two special expert groups. Scientific and research issues included:

- Physics and electronics,
- Optics and infra,
- Operations research,
- Human and biomedical sciences,
- Electronic warfare,
- Air warfare,
- Information processing technology,
- Camouflage,
- Combat engineering technology (AGARD, RTO and STO History, 2020).

An analysis of the source materials reveals that during the 1990s, there was a growing recognition within NATO that there was unnecessary duplication of effort between the DRG and AGARD. There was also some concern about the number of people involved, which had grown to more than 1,000 scientists, engineers and administrators. As a result, NATO Secretary General Javier Solana disbanded the DRG and AGARD in April 1997 as part of a restructuring of defence research and technology. The NATO Research and Technology Organization (RTO) was established, taking over the responsibilities of its predecessors (Daniel, Caraher, 1-6).

c) RTO

The RTO began operations in January 1998, with the NATO Research and Technology Agency (RTA) as its executive body. The RTO was NATO's main defence science and technology organization. It promoted and conducted research and information exchange, developed and maintained the Alliance's long-term research and technology strategy. It was also

involved in advising NATO members on research and technology issues. The organization promoted cooperation between Alliance bodies and NATO member and partner countries to maximize the effective use of modelling and simulation (Proceedings of the 1st NATO Research and Technology Organization (RTO), Human Factors and Medical Panel Symposium, 2006; Tolk, 2006)).

The RTO had a Research and Technology Council, a technical section and technical teams. It was supported in its work by the RTA. About 140 research works were carried out annually in the technical teams. The most important body in the RTO was the Research and Technology Board (RTB). Its purpose was to direct and/or coordinate defence research and technology. Its board consisted of three defence research and technology specialists from each NATO country (NATO Research and Technology Organisation, 2017). The purpose of RTB was to conduct and promote joint research and information exchange. The task was to promote the development and effective use of national defence research and technology to meet the military needs of the Alliance, maintain technological superiority and provide advice to NATO. The RTO carried out its mission with the support of an extensive network of member country experts. It also ensured effective coordination with other NATO bodies involved in defence technology-related scientific and research activities (Curtis et al., 2013).

The research used to carry out the RTO's tasks was:

- Developing and maintaining a coordinated long-term strategy for NATO defence research and technology,
- Ensuring coordination and harmonization of work programs within NATO structures,
- Coordinating research and technology programs and activities between Alliance countries, as well as within NATO,
- Providing advice on research and technology issues to NATO's higher bodies,
- Financing joint studies and research projects,
- Conducting and promoting joint research activities, including tests and practical work,
- Promoting and facilitating the exchange of information on research and technology among NATO member states,
- Providing assistance to member states to enhance their scientific and technological capabilities.

These tasks were carried out in sections created for specific issues for a specific period of time. They were staffed by the most prominent scientists from member countries. Workshops, symposia, field trials, lecture series and training courses were organized. Their important function was to ensure the continuity of specialists, in addition to formulating long-term plans

and research. Cooperation with Central and Eastern European countries was undertaken within the framework of the Partnership for Peace program. The RTO attached particular importance to this activity, as research cooperation was one of the more promising areas for initial cooperation (Curtis et al., 2013).

The RTA was the executive arm of the RTO, organizing a wide range of research, workshops and symposia through which scientists met and exchanged knowledge. The RTA had a rotating staff of about 30 civilian employees and 20 military personnel from member countries (NATO Research & Technology Organization Publications: NATO Collection, 2012). Its activities were carried out by six technical sections covering a broad spectrum of scientific and research activities:

- Vehicle Technology Panel (AVT),
- Human Factors and Medicine (HFM) Panel,
- Information Technology Panel (IST),
- Systems Analysis and Studies Panel (SAS),
- Systems Concepts and Integration Panel (SCI),
- Sensors and Electronics Technology Panel (SET),
- NATO Modelling and Simulation Group (NMSG),
- Information Management Committee (IMC)(NATO Structures: Research & Technology Organisation (RTO, 1997).

During its existence, the RTO was the sole centre of NATO's defence research and technology activities. Its mission was to promote and conduct joint research and information exchange. The goal was to promote the development and effective use of national defence research and technology to meet the military needs of the Alliance, maintain technological superiority and provide advice to decision-makers from NATO and Allied countries.

d) STO

The NATO Science & Technology Organization (STO) has been in operation since July 1, 2012, continuing the achievements of AGARD (1952-1996), DRG (1967-1996) and RTO (1998-2012). It was established to meet the scientific and technological needs of the Alliance. Its mission is to generate, share and disseminate advanced scientific knowledge, technological advances and innovations resulting from activities under the Collaborative Program of Work (CPoW). The STO acts as a forum through which representatives of Alliance member and partner countries have the opportunity to jointly define research needs, conduct research and promote its results, exchange knowledge, experience and information.

The executive bodies of the STO are:

- Office of the Chief Scientist (OCS), supporting the NATO Chief Scientist in his role as Chairman of the Science and Technology Board (STB) and Senior

Scientific Advisor to NATO Senior Management (Science & Technology Board and Office of the Chief Scientist, 2013).

- Collaboration Support Office (CSO) providing executive and administrative support for activities under the collaborative business model (Collaboration Support Office (CSO), 2023).
- The Centre for Maritime Research and Experimentation (CMRE), which organizes and conducts scientific research and technology development, providing innovative and tested scientific and technical solutions to meet the Alliance's defence and security needs. Its tasks focus on maritime affairs, but can extrapolate to other domains to meet current needs (About the NATO Science & Technology Organization, 2015).

The STB's responsibilities include:

- Providing strategic guidance for science and technology in NATO by issuing the NATO S&T (Science & Technology) Strategy and NATO S&T Priorities.
- Directing and leading the STO Work Program.
- Providing science and technology advice in NATO decision-making processes.

There are seven sections within the STO:

- Applied Vehicle Technology (AVT).
- Human Factors and Medicine (HFM).
- Information Systems Technology (IST).
- Systems Analysis (System Analysis & Studies, SAS).
- Systems concepts and integration (Systems Concepts & Integration, SCI).
- Electronics and sensors (Sensors & Electronics Technology, SET).
- Modelling and Simulation (NATO Modelling and Simulation Group, NMSG). (Pages - Panel/Group Page, 2015).

Each year, more than 6,000 scientists and engineers from NATO and partner countries work on some 300 research projects. This results in the publication of highly regarded scientific literature published by STO: Technical Reports (TR), Educational Notes (EN) and Meeting Proceedings (MP). Research results are also published in specialized peer-reviewed journals (Nato.int., Collaboration Support Office (CSO), 2015).

e) NM&S

Within the STO is the NATO Modelling and Simulation Group (NM&S) (Mscoe.org., 2023). In November 1996, the Conference of National Armaments Directors (CNAD) established the NATO Simulation Policy and Applications Steering Group to develop the Alliance's approach to simulation for improving operations (including defence planning, training,

exercises, support). CNAD recommended identifying recommended technical standards to support interoperability and use of simulation through the Modelling & Simulation Master Plan (MSMP). CNAD and the Military Committee (MC) approved it in November 1998. Two organizational structures were established: The NATO Modelling & Simulation Group (NMSG) and the Modelling & Simulation Co-ordination Office (MSCO) providing scientific, executive and administrative support to the NMSG (AGARD, RTO and STO History, 2020). The purpose of the MSMP is to promote cooperation among Alliance bodies, its member states and partner countries to maximize the effective use of modelling and simulation (M&S). The institution has three permanent subgroups:

- Military Operational Requirements Subgroup (M&S Subgroup).
- M&S Standards Subgroup (M&S Standards Subgroup).
- Planning and Programs Committee (Planning and Programs Committee) (Mscoe.org., 2023).

f) SPS

In 1958, the NATO Science Program was implemented to promote the training of scientists in Alliance countries and the position of Scientific Advisor to the NATO Secretary was created. On November 6, 1969, the Committee on the Challenges of Modern Society (CCMS) was established to combine research conducted in the various NATO countries and to create a common base for sharing experiences. Alliance members were increasingly aware of widespread environmental problems that could threaten the well-being and progress of their societies. There was already serious concern about the state of the environment and its degradation due to civilization. The potential offered by the development of technology and the possibility of its application for environmental protection was recognized. In the first decades of the Committee's activity, some 1,500 projects were funded, resulting from the cooperation of more than 6,000 scientists from Alliance countries. 650 scientific books and several thousand peer-reviewed scientific articles were published. More than 60,000 scholars took part in NATO-funded projects of so-called "Advanced Research," 12,000 were awarded NATO scientific fellowships (Science for Peace and Security (SPS) Programme, 2020). Scientific and research cooperation has also been established with the countries of the Mediterranean Dialogue (SPS News. 50 years. 1958-2008, 2008).

On January 1, 2003, the Committee received new regulations, the NATO Science and Environmental Protection Division was liquidated, and the Science Committee and its program were transferred to the newly established Public Diplomacy Division (PDD). On

January 1, 2004, the NATO Program for Security Through Science was established. Research for safety has become a priority. In 2006, after the merger of the Scientific Committee and the Committee on the Challenges of Contemporary Society, the SPS (NATO Committee on Science for Peace and Security) was established.²⁰ On November 1, 2010 (SPS News. N. 75 (3), 2006-2007). SPS was transferred from the PDD Division to the Emerging Security Division Challenges Division, ESCD) (New NATO division to deal with Emerging Security Challenges, 2020).

The SPS promotes dialogue and practical cooperation between NATO member states and partner countries based on scientific research, technological innovation and knowledge exchange. It offers financing, expert advice and support for tailored security activities that meet NATO's strategic objectives. It connects the scientific community with NATO through collaborative science that addresses emerging security challenges. Through SPS activities, researchers, scientists and experts play an important role in helping the Alliance identify, understand and respond to vulnerabilities and threats (Science for Peace and Security, 2020). Research includes: counterterrorism, energy security, cyber defence, defence against chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear (CBRN) agents and environmental security. The aim is to increase support for NATO-led operations and missions and increase awareness of security developments, including through early warning, to prevent crises (SPS - Key Priorities, 2020).

In 2013, the program was revised to focus SPS on larger-scale strategic activities beyond purely scientific cooperation. The SPS program is managed by NATO's Political and Partnerships Committee, which includes representatives of the countries involved in the cooperation. The evaluation of proposals submitted to the SPS program is carried out by a NATO body established for this purpose (Independent Scientific Evaluation Group, ISEG).

Since its establishment, STO has continued NATO's policy of conducting scientific and research work. An analysis of its activities allows us to conclude that its activities aim to best meet the collective needs of the Alliance and partner countries in science and technology. It conducts its activities by generating, sharing and disseminating advanced scientific knowledge, technological developments and innovations resulting from the many activities carried out in the security and environmental fields. It provides information and technology to meet the needs of the Alliance in an ever-changing security environment. What is noteworthy is that at present STO brings together the world's largest security and defence research network. It brings together scientists from member countries, engineers and analysts, industry and academia. STO's activities ensure that NATO maintains its military and

technological edge to meet current and future security challenges.

g) *Maritime Scientific and Research Institutions*

The purpose of NATO's maritime scientific and research institutions was and is to continuously improve the efficiency of the operational activities of the Alliance's naval forces, test and implement innovative technologies, develop international cooperation in the scientific sphere of the Alliance member states, and protect the marine environment.

IV. SAACLANTCEN

On May 2, 1959, the SAACLANT ASW Research Centre (SAACLANT AWS Research Centre, SAACLANTCEN) was established. On October 20, 1962, the Centre came under the direction of the Supreme Allied Commander Atlantic (SAACLANT). The scientific council that advised SAACLANT in the early years evolved into the Scientific Committee of National Representatives (SCNR).

Initially, the scientific program mainly covered underwater acoustics, oceanography, evaluation of submarine warfare systems concepts and methods. Scientific groups were organized according to research criteria. The Underwater Acoustic Research Group conducted theoretical analysis, computer modelling and experiments at sea. The Oceanographic Research Group (The Oceanographic Research Group) built on this work by studying the marine environment and the interactions between the atmosphere and the sea. The groups were supported by the Technical Support Department. It carried out digital calculations, engaged in electronic and acoustic engineering. The research ships "Aragonese", "Maria Paolina G." and "Manning" were used.

Until the mid-1970s, the Centre's research focused mainly on the open seas, a potential battlefield against Soviet submarine forces. Research in these bodies of water resulted in a number of scientific papers and implementations of new technologies. Some were among the innovative, including work on electromagnetic and surface effects at extremely low frequencies. There was a focus on acoustics and the use of sonar. Spatial frequency interference patterns of continuous waves, Frequency modulation (FM) techniques of sonar were developed. FM sonar was the most successful, and digital FM technique is still part of active sonar. The Reliable Acoustic Path project resulted in the construction of a "Deep Panoramic Sonar" based on a multiple array system known as MEDUSA (Mediterranean Experimental Deep Underwater Sonar Apparatus). This was the first active sonar developed at SAACLANTCEN, and was used in experiments until 1973. In the mid-1970s, SAACLANTCEN pioneered the use of underwater links to hydrophone buoys, resulting in a

significant increase in data recording efficiency (Twenty Years Of Research At The Saclant, 1979).

In 1975, SACLANTCEN's scientific division was reorganized into two main divisions: the Environmental and Systems Research Division and the Operational and Analytical Research Division. The former had four working groups: deep-sea research, shallow water research, applied oceanography and signal processing, while the latter had three: effectiveness research, tactical research and theoretical studies. The focus was on littoral water research, oceanography and acoustics. In the late 1970s, work began on towed arrays, and testing of the first experimental linear hydrophone array began.

In 1988, a state-of-the-art NRV "Alliance" research and development unit with very low noise levels was put into service. To date, it is considered one of the quietest in the world. It spends an average of 170 days a year at sea on scientific research missions. Research on submarine detection and reconnaissance continued. In the early 1980s, work began on Low Frequency Activated Sonar (LFAS), from the Active Adjunct Project, using a passive towed sonar array and a high-power, low- to mid-frequency emitter. The goal of the Deployable Undersea Program Surveillance Systems (DUSS) program was to develop a static system for use in shallow waters. The project began in the early 1990s with conceptual studies, followed by initial sonar system development and at-sea testing. Improvements to the prototype resulted in DEMUS (Deployable Experimental Multistate Undersea System), delivered 2003.

In 1999, the Sound Ocean Living Marine Resources (SOLMAR) program was launched. This was a multinational, multidisciplinary project aimed at developing tools and/or procedures with which to ensure that there are no marine mammals in the vicinity of the sonar before and during its use. To achieve the research plans, a series of SIRENA sea trials were conducted between 1999 and 2003. Oceanographic measurements were conducted, including temperature, salinity, nutrients, fluorescence and phytoplankton. Sea surface temperature, surface currents and real-time wave action were also studied using satellite remote sensing (Ryan, 2008, 39). In 2002 SOLMAR was transformed into the Marine Mammal Risk Mitigation (MMRM) project. The passive acoustic sonars implemented in the instrument suite were the result of evolving methods and technologies used in subsequent research cruises under the SIRENA program. In addition, the impact of sonar on human factors was studied in all programs, including the work of divers (NATO Undersea Research Centre, 2006-2008, 1-21).

In 1986, a five-year survey of the Greenland, Iceland and Norwegian Seas (GIN) began. Advanced high seas Military Oceanography (MILOC) surveys continued. The goal was to detect and combat submarines and protect maritime communication routes. New technologies were implemented to improve

sonar and underwater detection systems. With MILOC, oceanographic and acoustic databases supporting modelling were created, resulting in better use of operational sensors.

On November 16, 2009, the coastal CRV "Leonardo" was put into service. The 29-meter-long vessel is equipped with a variety of scientific and on-board facilities, in addition to having a very quiet propulsion system.

The number of scientists at SACLANTCEN, employed on temporary contracts, was up to 50. They were supported by administrative and technical teams, mainly the Engineering Department (ED), which provided the means to conduct experiments to develop or verify scientific theories. The Centre had a facility unique in Europe, the Oceanography Calibration Laboratory, which had been in operation since the early 1980s, supporting the activities of SACLANTCEN and NATO's naval and research laboratories. The Centre's scientific output was particularly valuable to member countries with less scientific and research capacity, helping to bridge the gap between their institutions and scientists in the US and UK. The organization was transformed into NURC in 2012.

An analysis of source materials shows that the establishment of SACLANTCEN was the result of the Cold War situation that had prevailed in the world since the 1950s. It was well realized that the Alliance's maritime security was of utmost importance. The main threat was Soviet submarine forces. In the first period of its activity, the organization's scientific program focused mainly on problems related to underwater acoustics, oceanography, evaluation of the concept of anti-submarine warfare systems and methods. Significant successes were achieved in the field of research and application of modern sonar. In the mid-1970s, moreover, SACLANTCEN pioneered the use of underwater links to hydrophone buoys. In 1988, the modern NRV research vessel "Alliance" was put into service, and in 2009, another for offshore research, "Leonardo." Particularly noteworthy is the launch of work on marine environmental protection, including the SIRENA program.

a) NURC

The NATO Undersea Research Centre (NURC) conducted world-class maritime research to support NATO's operational and transformational requirements. Emphasis was placed on the underwater area and solving maritime security problems. Subjects included research in underwater acoustic phenomena and their application to surveillance, detection, oceanography and port security (Barbagelata, Guerrini, Troiano, 2008, 24-33).

NURC's notable achievements include the development of a rapid detection algorithm for autonomous mine countermeasures, the

implementation of a real-time multistate ASW simulation centre, a performance indicator for next-generation underwater surveillance networks, and numerical modelling of wave-current interactions at sea. NURC has a broad set of equipment for conducting experiments at sea: a fleet of AUVs (Autonomous Underwater Vehicle), ROVs (Remotely Operated Vehicle) and seabed survey platforms. NURC has developed research programs whose technologies have been adapted to underwater monitoring. Several projects used for military and civilian purposes have been developed, including the design and implementation of advanced environmental monitoring systems (BARNY, SEEP, SEPTR), which are used by many scientific centres around the world conducting oceanographic research.

The continuation and development of SACLANTCEN's research became NURC. The cited text shows that the previous scientific research work was continued and enriched with modern underwater warfare technologies and, importantly, continued to address issues related to monitoring of the marine environment. It should be noted here that the latter work is also used by civilian institutions.

b) *CMRE*

The Centre for Maritime Research and Experiments (Centre for Maritime Research and Experiments, CMRE) was established by the North Atlantic Council (NAC) on July 1, 2012, becoming the successor to NURC. It is the hardware organ of STO. CMRE's task is to organize scientific research and development of maritime-related technologies, providing innovative and field-proven technologies to meet the defence and security needs of the Alliance.

CMRE conducts cutting-edge research and experiments from concept development to prototype demonstration in a maritime operational environment. The centre employs specialists in, among others: oceanography, modelling and simulation, and acoustics. It has experienced engineering staff (ED) ensuring quick implementation of conceptual prototypes for trials and experiments. The centre has developed and tested at sea a large number of naval prototypes for anti-submarine warfare, mine countermeasures, maritime and port security and environmental monitoring.

CMRE provides advisory support on maritime defence and security issues to allied countries. It is equipped with a fleet of AUVs and a world-class marine sensor system. It is conducting deep advanced work on multi-static active sonar for searching and tracking a new generation of silent submarines (CMRE - Littoral ISR, 2023). The research project was also "Maritime Security-Port and Ship Protection"(CMRE - Port & Ship Protection, 2020). In turn, the Maritime Surveillance System (Maritime Situational Awareness, MSA) uses

information from the Automatic Identification System (AIS). It applies anomaly detection algorithms and filters to provide NATO maritime surveillance forces with information about unusual situations, such as unexpected ship stops or radical course changes (CMRE - Maritime Situational Awareness, 2020). CMRE develops an annual research and development plan. His current scope of work includes research problems such as artificial intelligence, big data analytics, underwater acoustics, oceanography and autonomous systems (Science and Technology Organization Centre for Maritime Research and Experimentation, 2020).

In 2012, CMRE was established to replace NURC. As can be seen from the presented material, since its establishment it has been one of the world's leading institutions dealing with issues related to the development of maritime research and technologies. Scientific and research work is carried out in nine thematic areas and brings together the most outstanding scientists from the Alliance member countries.

V. CONCLUSION

The presented material, based on official NATO documents, shows the development of the Alliance's scientific and research institutions. They have played an extremely important role in strengthening NATO's defence potential and contributed to the significant development of technology and international cooperation. It should also be emphasized that thanks to them, the Alliance has become one of the leaders in programs and implementations related to environmental security.

Throughout its history, NATO has always attached great importance to conducting scientific and research work. S&T activities include scientific research, technology development, testing, field applications, experiments and a range of related scientific activities including systems engineering, operational research and analysis, synthesis, integration and validation of knowledge obtained through the scientific method. Thanks to NATO's policy, its scientific and research agendas are considered world-leading. It should be emphasized once again that the development of NATO's scientific and research institutions has made a significant contribution to strengthening the Alliance's defence and ensuring international security.

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