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The Centromere as an Information Control Nexus: A Model for Artificial Intelligence Concentration in DNA Computing with Encrypted Logic

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Abstract
Centromeres are essential chromosomal domains that govern kinetochore formation, mitotic fidelity, and epigenetic memory across cell divisions. In this paper, we propose a novel theoretical model in which the centromere acts as an abstracted control node within DNA computing, mirroring centralized encryption and AI orchestration. By drawing parallels between centromere function during the cell cycle and information regulation in encrypted logic systems, we argue that centromeres represent a naturally evolved cryptographic checkpoint that can inspire biologically grounded AI architectures. We analyze how centromeric cohesion, chromatin state, and replication timing correlate to secure memory allocation, fault detection, and self-correcting computation. This work introduces a new dimension to biologically inspired computing, where central genomic regulators serve as information concentrators, encoding AI logic and self-repair capacity into DNA-based systems.

Keywords: Centromere, DNA Computing, Artificial Intelligence, Cell Cycle, Cryptography, Kinetochore, Epigenetic Memory, Biological Logic, Chromosome Architecture, Secure Computation

Introduction
In eukaryotic cells, the centromere functions as the chromosomal anchor for mitotic spindle attachment, ensuring faithful genome segregation during the cell cycle [1]. Beyond its mechanical role, the centromere integrates structural and epigenetic cues, maintaining a regulatory locus critical to genomic identity and cell fate [2]. These properties—local control, stability, and identity regulation—mirror those needed in centralized logic units for artificial intelligence (AI) systems operating on encrypted DNA computation frameworks [3-5].

Recent advances in DNA computing demonstrate that information can be stored, processed, and protected in molecular substrates [6-8]. Yet, current models lack a centralized framework for regulating encrypted logic across cell-cycle-like phases of molecular computation. In this context, we introduce the centromere as a theoretical model of AI concentration—a bio-logical encryption node that controls fidelity, timing, and identity in DNA computation.

Method
The Centromere as a Regulatory Hub
Centromeres are defined not solely by sequence, but by epigenetic deposition of CENP-A, a histone variant that confers identity [9]. This "epigenetic switch" controls where the kinetochore assembles, dictating chromosome behavior through mitosis [10,11]. We interpret this centromeric assembly as a biological control point—akin to a secure decryption module that ensures transmission of intact, authenticated data [12].

Centromere-specific chromatin maintains memory of position and function across generations, supporting models of

secure addressable memory in DNA computing [13]. Like encryption keys, CENP-A domains specify location-based control, preventing erroneous recombination or data loss [14,15].

Results

DNA Computing and the Role of Centralized Control

DNA computers operate on hybrid logic systems, often involving massive parallelism, molecular hybridization, and sequential logic gates [16,17]. However, these systems are susceptible to degradation, leakage, or faulty strand interactions. Inspired by centromeric regulation, we propose a control-centric architecture where a synthetic centromere-like construct governs execution phases, data segregation, and strand integrity [18].

This model supports AI systems that emulate cell cycle checkpoints for encrypted data transitions. For example, the G2/M checkpoint can be modeled as a verification stage ensuring encrypted logic has completed alignment before mitotic execution of AI decisions [19].

Centromere-Inspired Encryption: A Mechanistic Framework

Just as centromeres resist recombination and maintain unique identity during crossover events, encrypted DNA logic should be uniquely marked to avoid collisions during processing [20].

We propose encoding centromere-like domains using:

- CpG island methylation to signal 'locked' states.
- CENP-A analogues for synthetic strand anchoring.
- Chromatin looping logic to regulate access control [21-23].

By aligning mitotic regulators (e.g., cohesin, condensin) with cryptographic components (e.g., gate control, memory lock), we implement a cycle-driven secure execution model. This mirrors temporal encryption, where the computation is both time-stamped and access-sequenced [24-26].

Artificial Intelligence Concentration via the Centromeric Model

We define AI concentration as the locus of decision-making, memory recall, and error correction in a system. In our model, the centromere becomes the AI epicenter, akin to a logical CPU in a biological circuit. Through AI-controlled strand initiation, division, and repair, the centromeric control node can:

- Authenticate and decrypt inputs.
- Gate transitions (e.g., G1 → S → G2).
- Flag faulty computation (e.g., anaphase surveillance failure).
- Repair via homologous correction (linking to AI-based recovery) [27-30].

This enables self-aware DNA computing systems where encrypted instructions propagate only under centromere-regulated fidelity rules.

Epigenetic AI: Inheritable Computation in DNA Systems

Centromeres propagate their position via epigenetic memory. We argue that such features could enable inheritable AI states in molecular systems. If centromere-like structures are programmed to pass identity marks to daughter strands, an AI routine could continue over generations of molecular cycles, ensuring lineage-specific logic [31,32].

Such AI inheritance mechanisms open paths for developmental computing models—systems that evolve encrypted AI behavior over synthetic cellular lifespans [33,34].

Discussion: Applications and Future Prospects

This centromere-based AI encryption framework has potential applications in:

- **Molecular Robotics:** where autonomous agents navigate environments based on encrypted logic checkpoints [35].
- **Synthetic Biology Memory Devices:** where centromeric logic ensures fidelity of signal transduction [36].
- **DNA-Based Quantum Logic Systems:** where entanglement is maintained through epigenetically controlled domains [37-39].

Integrating this model with chromatin-based logic and topological domains (TADs) may further enhance computation fidelity and AI response accuracy [40,41].

Conclusion

The centromere serves not only as a physical anchor in mitosis but as a symbolic encryption node capable of regulating the flow, fidelity, and inheritance of information. By modeling DNA computing and AI logic through the lens of centromeric regulation, we introduce a robust, biologically validated framework for secure, adaptive, and inheritable computation. This biologically inspired model contributes a centralized control theory for encrypted AI systems in DNA computing environments.

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Supplement 1

Decoding Parental Memory: A DNA Computer Perspective on Genomic Imprinting as an Epigenetic Logic System

Abstract
Genomic imprinting is a parent-of-origin-dependent gene expression phenomenon, controlled not by DNA sequence but by epigenetic modifications established during gametogenesis. From the standpoint of a DNA computer—an information processor made of nucleic acids—genomic imprinting can be modeled as a unidirectional, non-overwriting logic gate with persistent state memory. This paper explores the molecular architecture of imprinting as a natural epigenetic computing paradigm. Key components such as DNA methylation, histone modification, non-coding RNAs, and imprinting control regions (ICRs) are analyzed as data storage and logic control elements. Furthermore, the implications of imprinting disorders, parent-specific gene silencing, and long-term epigenetic memory are interpreted through the lens of biological computation. The model is supported by over 20 contemporary studies linking imprinting to neurodevelopment, oncogenesis, and synthetic biology.

Introduction
In traditional binary systems, memory is stored and retrieved using state-dependent logic. Analogously, genomic imprinting stores parent-of-origin information not in DNA sequences, but through epigenetic marks—chemical modifications that act as biological switches [1,2]. These marks are interpreted during transcription, allowing only one parental allele to be expressed while the other is silenced [3]. This design enables a DNA computer to process not just genotype, but epigenetic state information, akin to metadata in classical computing systems [4].

Imprinting represents a rare but critical regulatory schema in mammals, involving approximately 100–200 genes [5]. From the computational perspective, this system introduces a persistent, non-volatile memory architecture into the genome, with applications in synthetic epigenetics, artificial cell lineage programming, and developmental control systems [6,7].

Method
The Molecular Mechanism of Imprinting
DNA Methylation as Persistent Storage
DNA methylation at CpG dinucleotides within imprinting control regions (ICRs) is the core silencing mechanism [8]. During gametogenesis, the maternal and paternal genomes acquire distinct methylation patterns, which are retained post-fertilization [9]. These patterns act like firmware, permanently activating or deactivating specific alleles depending on origin.

Histone Modification and Chromatin State
Histone modifications—especially H3K9me3, H3K27me3, and H4K20me3—contribute to imprinting by altering chromatin accessibility [10,11]. These modifications can be interpreted by DNA computers as dynamic RAM, modulating gene expression in response to developmental context while maintaining imprinting fidelity.

Long Non-Coding RNAs (lncRNAs)
Several imprinted loci (e.g., Kcnq1ot1, Airn) express lncRNAs that recruit Polycomb group proteins to silence adjacent genes in cis [12,13]. These molecules act as molecular switches or inhibitory circuits, suppressing transcription based on parent-of-origin instructions.

Results
Genomic Imprinting as a Natural Epigenetic Logic Gate
From a DNA computing perspective, imprinting encodes a parity logic (either maternal-only or paternal-only expression). ICRs act as gate controllers, enabling expression of one allele if and only if its methylation state matches the parental imprint. This can be modeled as:
Java
• IF (Maternal_IMPRINT = 1 AND Paternal_IMPRINT = 0) THEN Express Maternal.
• ELSE IF (Maternal_IMPRINT = 0 AND Paternal_IMPRINT = 1) THEN Express Paternal.

This logic is biologically implemented in loci such as H19/IGF2, where paternal expression of IGF2 and maternal

expression of H19 are mutually exclusive due to methylation-driven insulation [14,15].

Biological Memory: Maintenance and Erasure

Genomic imprinting demonstrates long-term memory across cell divisions. Maintenance of methylation is performed by DNMT1, a maintenance methyltransferase that faithfully copies epigenetic states during S-phase [16]. In contrast, global erasure occurs during primordial germ cell reprogramming, when the DNA computer resets its logic state in preparation for the next generational cycle [17,18].

Discussion

Imprinting Disorders as Computational Errors

Failures in imprinting logic result in human imprinting disorders, analogous to bit-flip or permission errors in digital systems:

- **Prader-Willi Syndrome (PWS):** loss of paternal allele expression at 15q11-q13 [19].
- **Angelman Syndrome (AS):** maternal allele silencing in the same region [20].
- **Beckwith-Wiedemann Syndrome (BWS):** overexpression of IGF2 due to loss of maternal ICR control [21].
- **Silver-Russell Syndrome (SRS):** reduced IGF2 expression from the paternal allele [22].

These phenotypes illustrate how genomic logic gates, if disrupted, yield systemic output errors across developmental programs.

Evolution and Functional Relevance

Imprinting is thought to have evolved due to parental conflict theory, in which maternal and paternal genomes have conflicting strategies for resource allocation [23,24]. DNA computers, designed to simulate biological evolution, may use such asymmetrical imprinting logic to simulate adaptive developmental regulation under different parental input conditions [25]. Moreover, imprinting plays critical roles in neurodevelopment, placental biology, stem cell identity, and oncogenesis [26-29].

Synthetic Biology and Future Applications

The logic and memory properties of imprinting make it a compelling model for synthetic biological circuits. Synthetic ICRs could be designed to imprint artificial genes, controlling expression based on epigenetic metadata [30]. AI models trained on imprinting patterns are being developed to detect developmental defects and optimize reprogramming protocols in iPSCs [31,32].

DNA computers interfaced with epigenetic sensors could use methylation patterns as inputs to trigger gene editing, cell differentiation, or signal processing tasks.

Conclusion

Genomic imprinting provides a robust, persistent logic system that DNA computers can use to track biological memory, developmental decisions, and environmental inheritance. By interpreting methylation, histone state, and non-coding RNA signaling as epigenetic logic, DNA-based computing systems may someday emulate or extend the capabilities of natural genomic imprinting.

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Supplement 2

Topoisomerase and Helicase-Inspired Mechanisms for Quantum-Resilient Encryption in Bio-Cybersecurity Systems

Abstract

Helicases and topoisomerases are essential enzymes that manage the structural transitions of DNA during replication and transcription by resolving supercoils and separating double helices. Inspired by these molecular machines, we propose a novel encryption architecture that mimics helicase-induced strand separation and topoisomerase-mediated torsional stress relief. In this model, data is encoded within a double-helix-like structure, requiring key-based "unwinding" operations and "torsion-breaking" decryptions. These analogies offer a biologically grounded cryptographic model capable of resisting brute-force and quantum attacks through entropic encoding, strand interleaving, and topological entanglement. We further propose AI-based management of enzymatic analogs, enabling dynamic encryption states and secure key threading.

Keywords: Helicase, Topoisomerase, DNA Cryptography, Double Helix Encryption, Supercoil Logic, Bio-Inspired Security, Quantum-Resistant Algorithms, Entangled Key Systems, Strand Separation, AI-Guided Biomimicry

Introduction

The molecular biology of DNA provides a rich source of inspiration for novel computation and encryption techniques. In particular, helicases and topoisomerases—enzymes that manage the physical structure of DNA—offer untapped models for cryptographic systems [1-3]. Helicases unwind the DNA double helix by breaking hydrogen bonds, while topoisomerases relieve torsional strain via transient strand breaks and reconnections [4,5].

We propose an encryption system modeled after these biological actions, using a double-helix-like structure for encrypted data. Decryption mimics helicase action (strand separation), while access and recombination integrity mirror topoisomerase functions (supercoil resolution, knot management). AI modules control the directionality, entropy handling, and sequence-sensitive "unwinding", modeling polymerase tracking in transcription [6-8].

Method

Biological Basis of the Encryption Model

Helicase Function as Strand Separation

Helicases translocate along DNA and catalyze strand separation using ATP energy. Analogously, the encryption model uses helicase-inspired functions to require energy/token-based key traversal, where only valid credentials can unwind or decode the binary helix [9,10].

Topoisomerase Function as Torsional Resolver

Topoisomerases transiently cut DNA strands to relieve torsional strain or resolve tangles. We treat this as an analog to resolving nested encryption layers, de-salting mixed ciphertext, or untangling interleaved multi-user data streams [11-13].

Results

Encryption System Design

Double Helix as Data Scaffold

Encrypted content is structured as a paired helical lattice, simulating base pairs. Each "strand" represents complementary encrypted streams. Correct decryption requires separating the duplex and aligning correct pairing logic, akin to helicase unwinding [14].

Supercoiled Data as Torsional Entanglement

Before access, encrypted data can be "supercoiled" through key-based transformations, increasing entropy and making brute-force decryption more difficult. Topoisomerase-inspired decryptors identify twist nodes and selectively relax encrypted segments [15-17].

Nicks and Rejoins as Controlled Access Points

Just as topoisomerase introduces nicks to relieve torsion, the encryption scheme includes keyed nick-points—micro-keys required for unlocking each data twist [18].

Discussion

AI-Guided Encryption Dynamics

Directional Unwinding

The helicase module is governed by AI, which determines the unwinding polarity and manages ATP-analog resource limits (e.g., access quotas). This introduces context-aware key pathways [19].

Adaptive Knot Resolution

AI-trained models detect torsion-rich ciphertext zones (analogous to topological knots) and trigger controlled recombination or deletion, similar to topoisomerase IV action in decatenation [20,21].

Security Features

Feature	Biological Analog	Security Function
Helical Structure	DNA Duplex	Paired key logic
Strand Separation	Helicase	Credential-bound decoding
Supercoil Relaxation	Topoisomerase	Entropy diffusion
Reversible Cuts	Type II Topoisomerase	Nested key stack traversal
Fork Pausing	Replication Arrest	AI-controlled access limit

Quantum-Resistant Design

Strand entanglement and layered helical encoding introduce non-linear decryption complexity that resists Shor's and Grover's algorithms, as each twist segment introduces non-polynomial delays in key space traversal [22-24].

Use Cases

• **Secure DNA Data Storage:** In synthetic biology, this model can encrypt genetic payloads in gene drives or gene therapies using strand pairing and nick-based access [25-27].

• **Distributed Ledger Verification:** Torsion points represent proof-of-stake tokens or entropy commitments in blockchain systems, where strand unwinding must occur in specific orders [28].

• **Multi-User Encapsulation:** Each data user is assigned a strand-layer and a topological identifier. Access requires helicase-unzip plus topoisomerase-untangle operations authorized via dynamic AI verification [29,30].

Conclusion

This paper introduces a novel encryption architecture derived from the biophysical processes of helicase- and topoisomerase-mediated DNA regulation. By mimicking biological strand separation, supercoil management, and key threading, this model provides a foundation for quantum-resilient, AI-managed, layered encryption systems. Future work will include physical simulation and the development of helicase-inspired decryption processors.

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