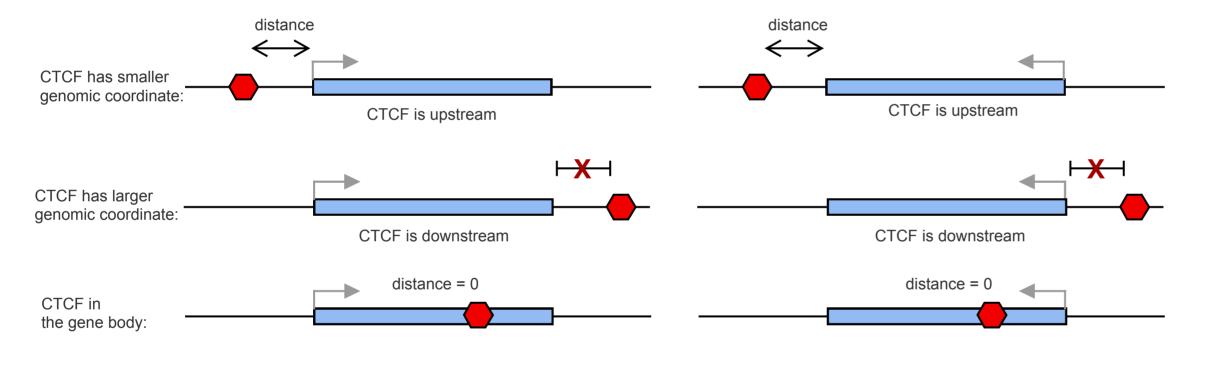


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distance
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genomic coordinate:
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from gene,
has larger
                                                                                                       CTCF is upstream
genomic coordinate:
                                      CTCF is downstream
                                          distance = 0
                                                                                                         distance = 0
CTCF in
the gene body:
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