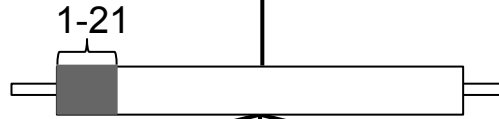


mRNA:ncRNA avoidance



Evolutionary conservation

1,582 bacterial &
118 archaeal genomes
189,074 core mRNAs
110,085 core ncRNAs

97% of bacteria & archaea show signatures of avoidance (extrinsic or intrinsic).

Sliding window analysis of *T. thermophilus* ribosomal RNA shows regions of avoidance distributed on SSU ribosomal RNA but less than expected in protein binding regions ($P = 2.49 \times 10^{-17}$).

Proteomics/Transcriptomics & GFP expression

2 species (*E. coli* &
P. aeruginosa)
10,317 mRNA & protein
measurements
14,388 GFP expression data
points

Avoidance significantly correlates with protein abundances and GFP expression values in 100% of these datasets (R_s are between 0.11-0.65, P values are between 0.01 - 3.17×10^{-41}).

Sliding window analysis of GFP expression data shows 5' end of mRNAs influence avoidance more than other regions.

mRNA design & GFP transformation

13 synthetic GFP mRNAs sampled from high/low codon usage, 5' end internal secondary structure and avoidance using 52 biological replicates

Codon usage ($R_s = 0.29$, $P = 0.016$)
Secondary structure ($R_s = 0.34$, $P = 0.006$)
Avoidance ($R_s = 0.56$, $P = 6.9 \times 10^{-6}$)
Avoidance explains more variance than other measures.

The mRNA with high CAI, low internal secondary structure and high avoidance has maximal expression.