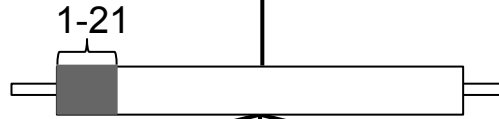


mRNA:ncRNA avoidance



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 ($P = 9.3 \times 10^{-15}$).

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/mRNA ratios and GFP expression values in 100% of these datasets (R_s are between 0.10-0.65).

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

mRNA design

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

Codon usage ($R_s = 0.29$)
Secondary structure ($R_s = 0.34$)
Avoidance ($R_s = 0.56$)
Avoidance explains more variance than other measures.

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