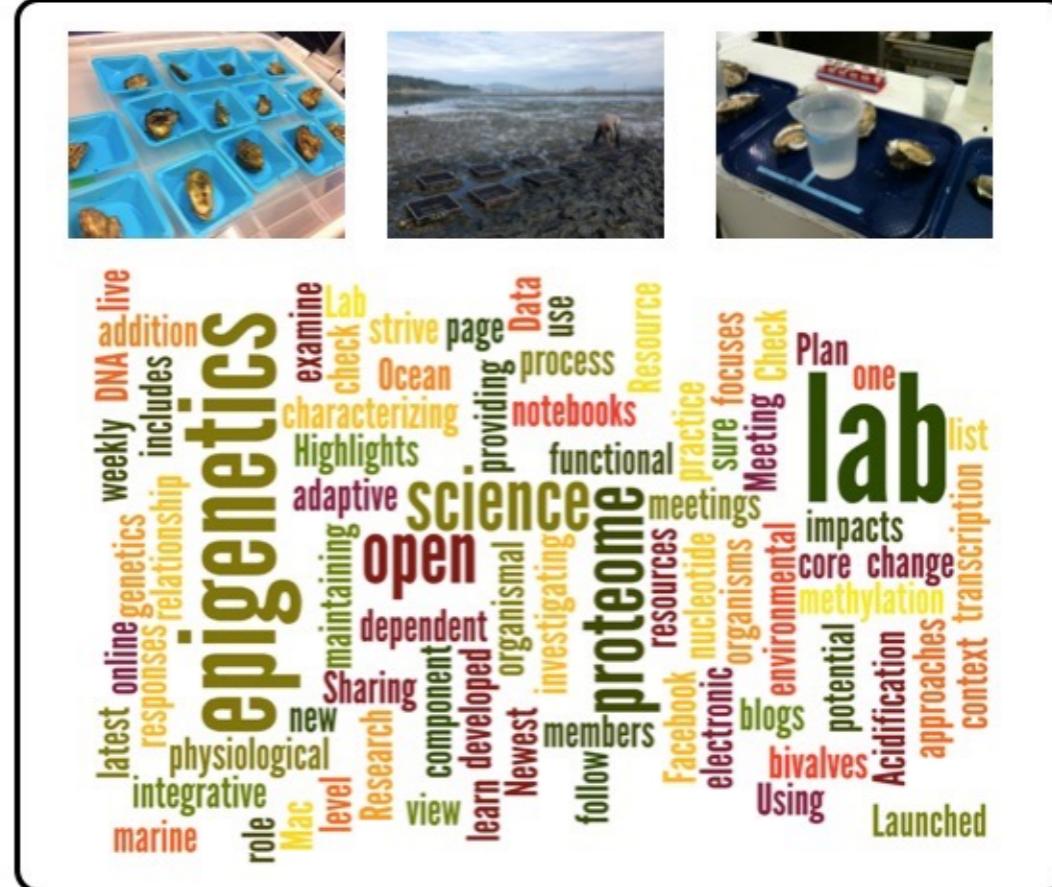


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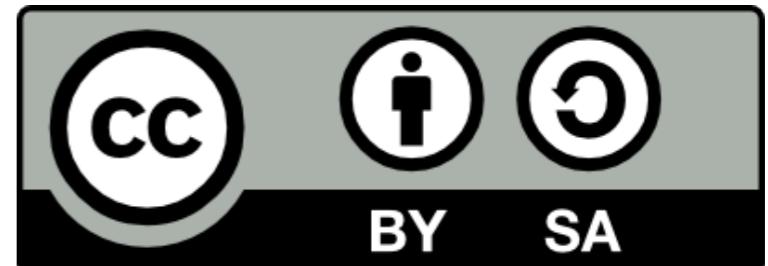


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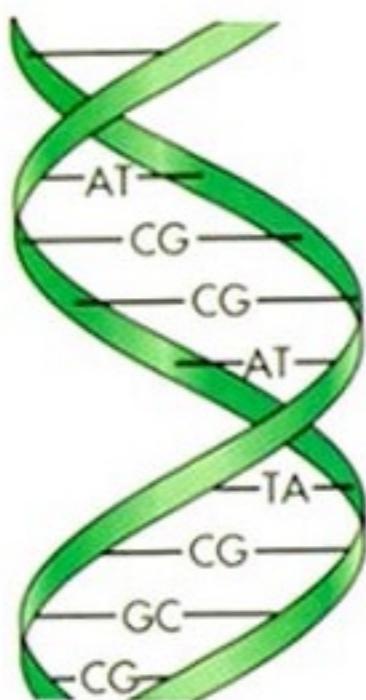


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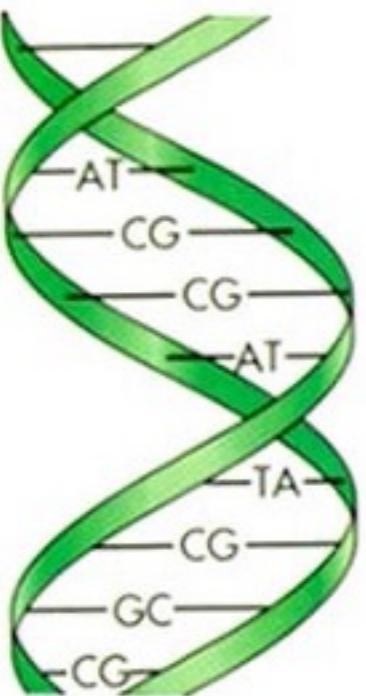
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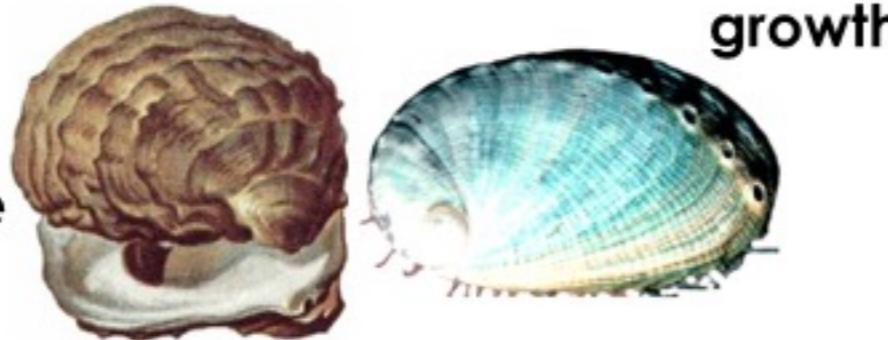
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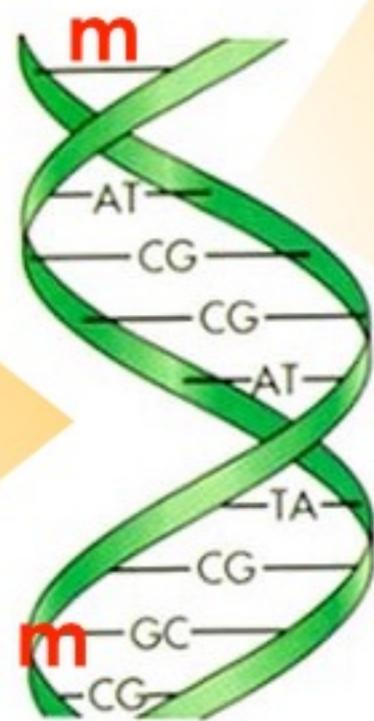
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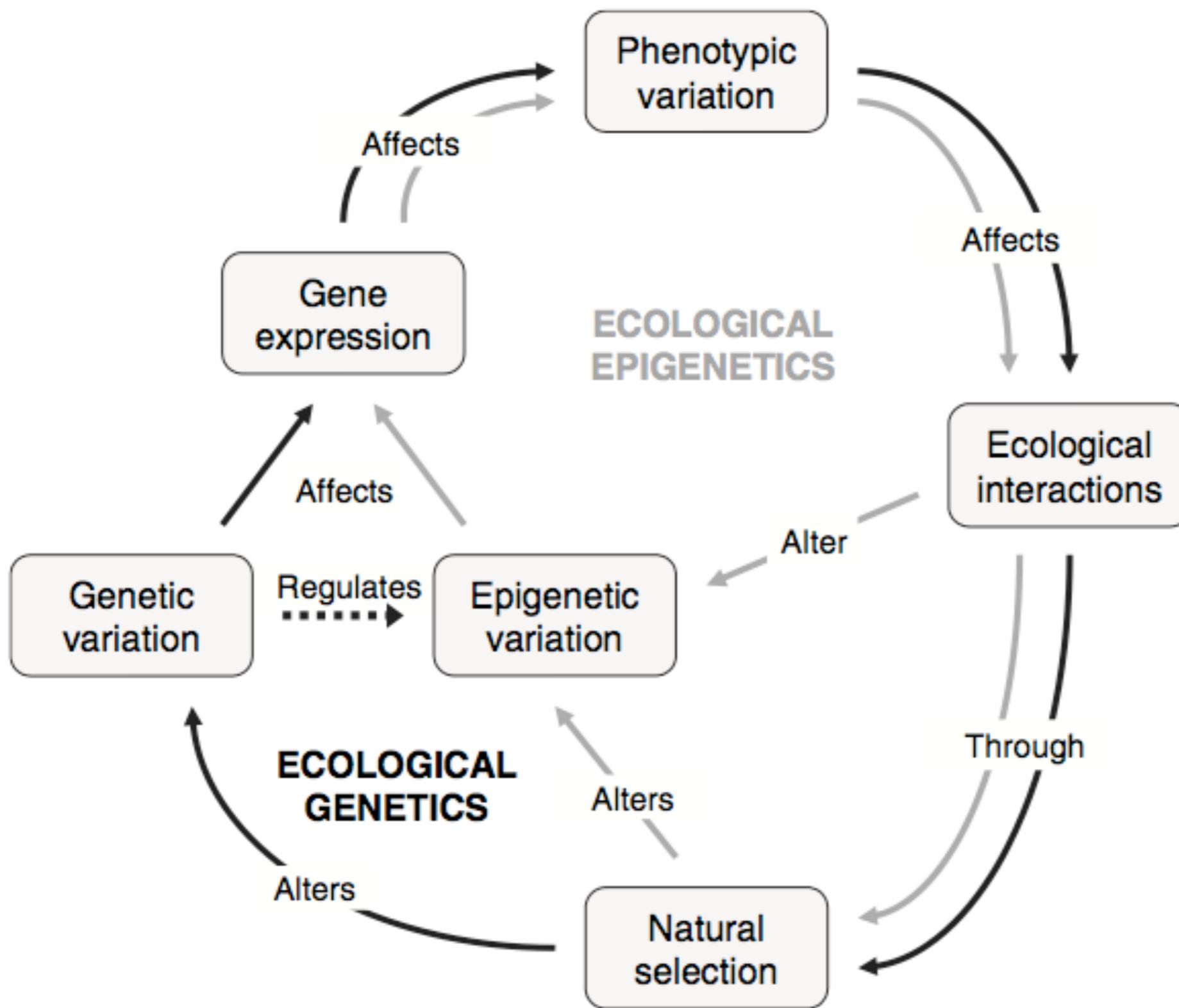
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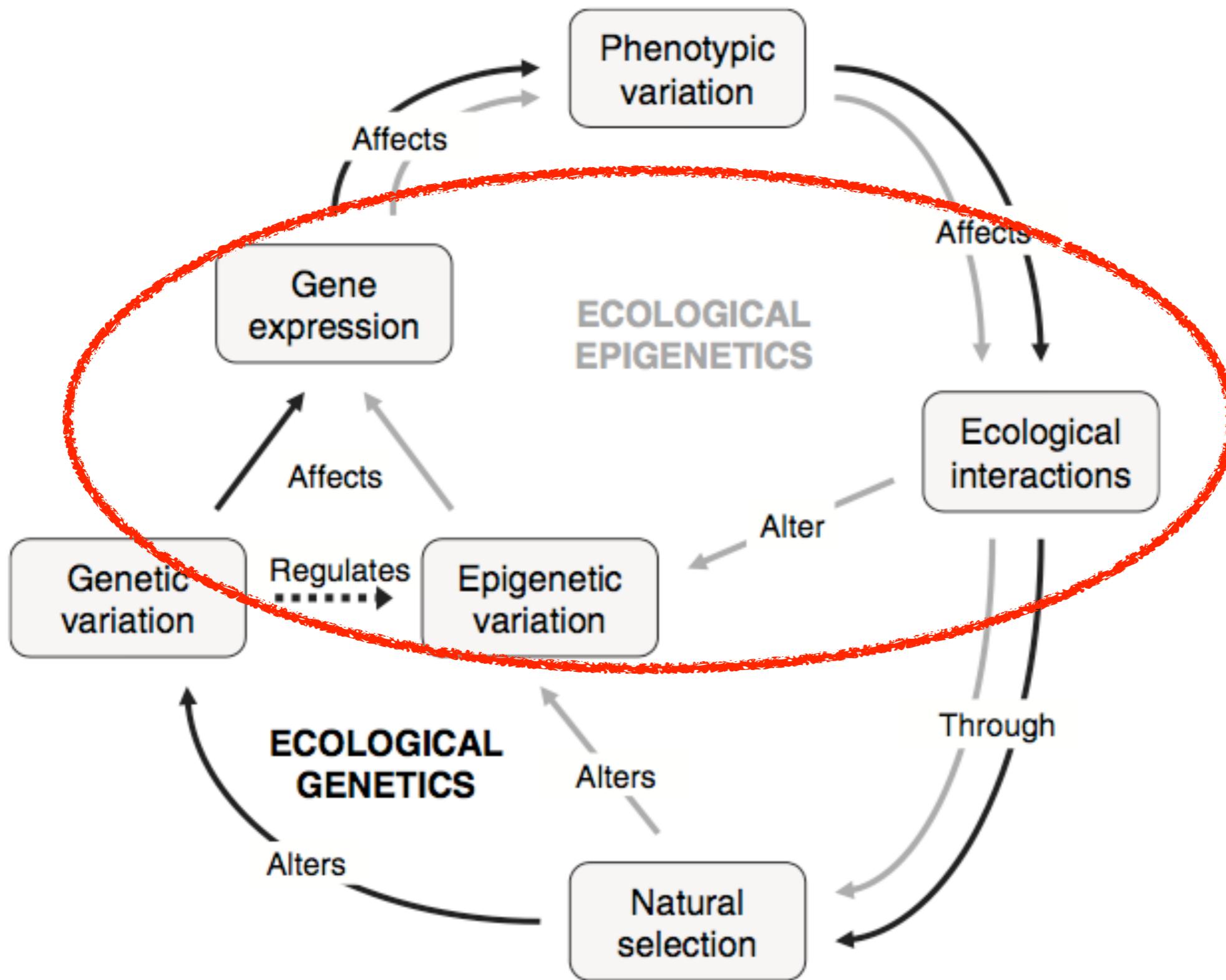
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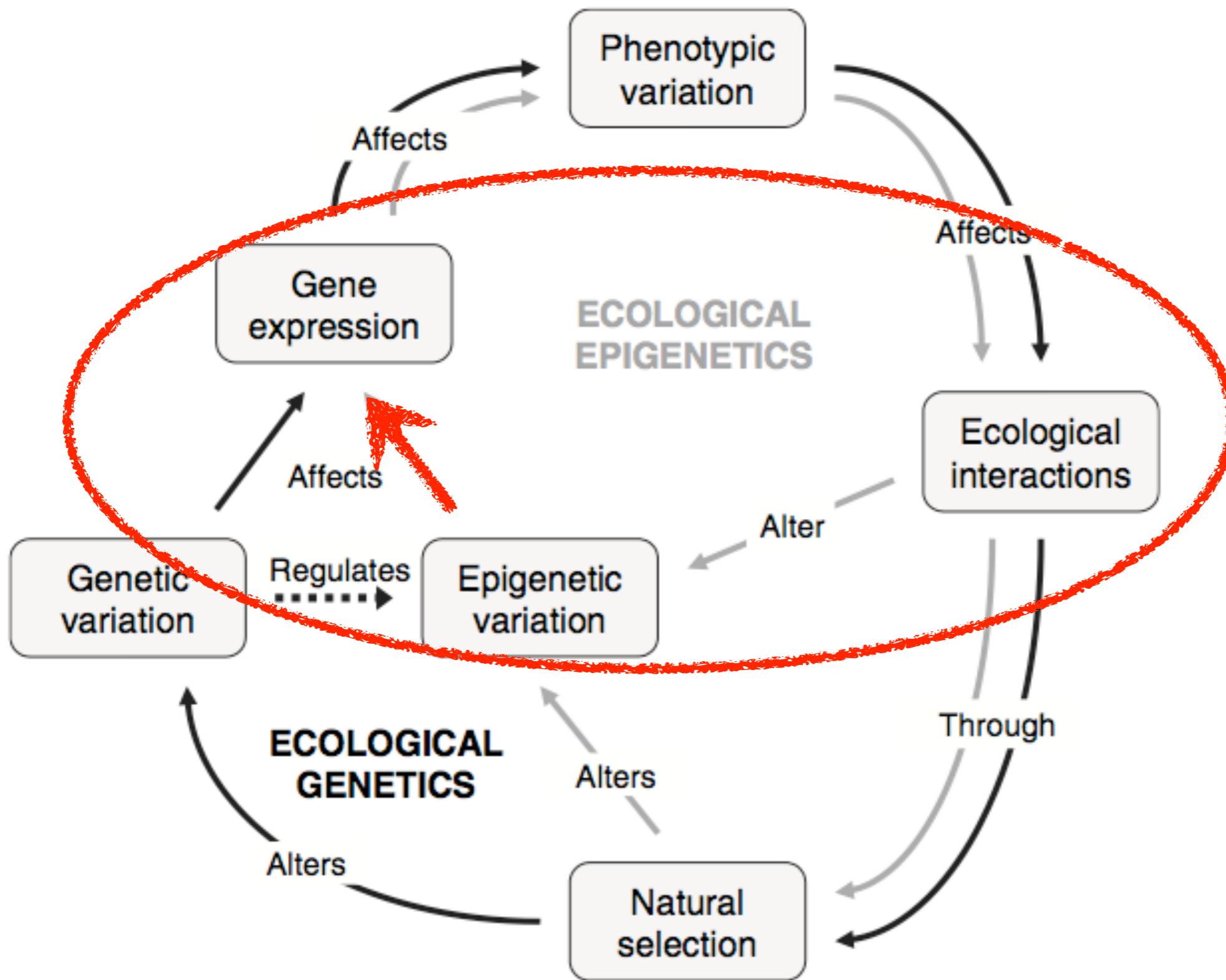


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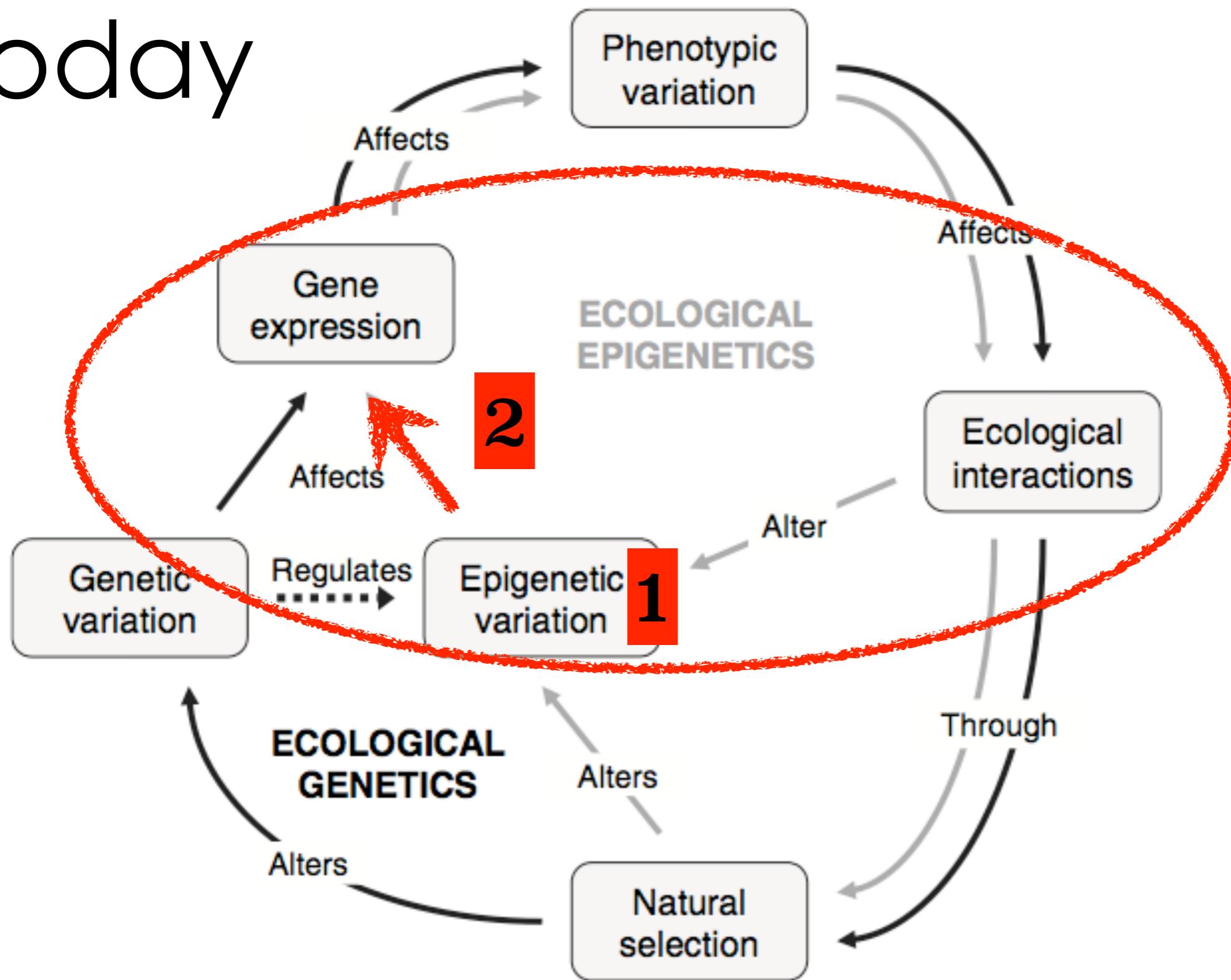








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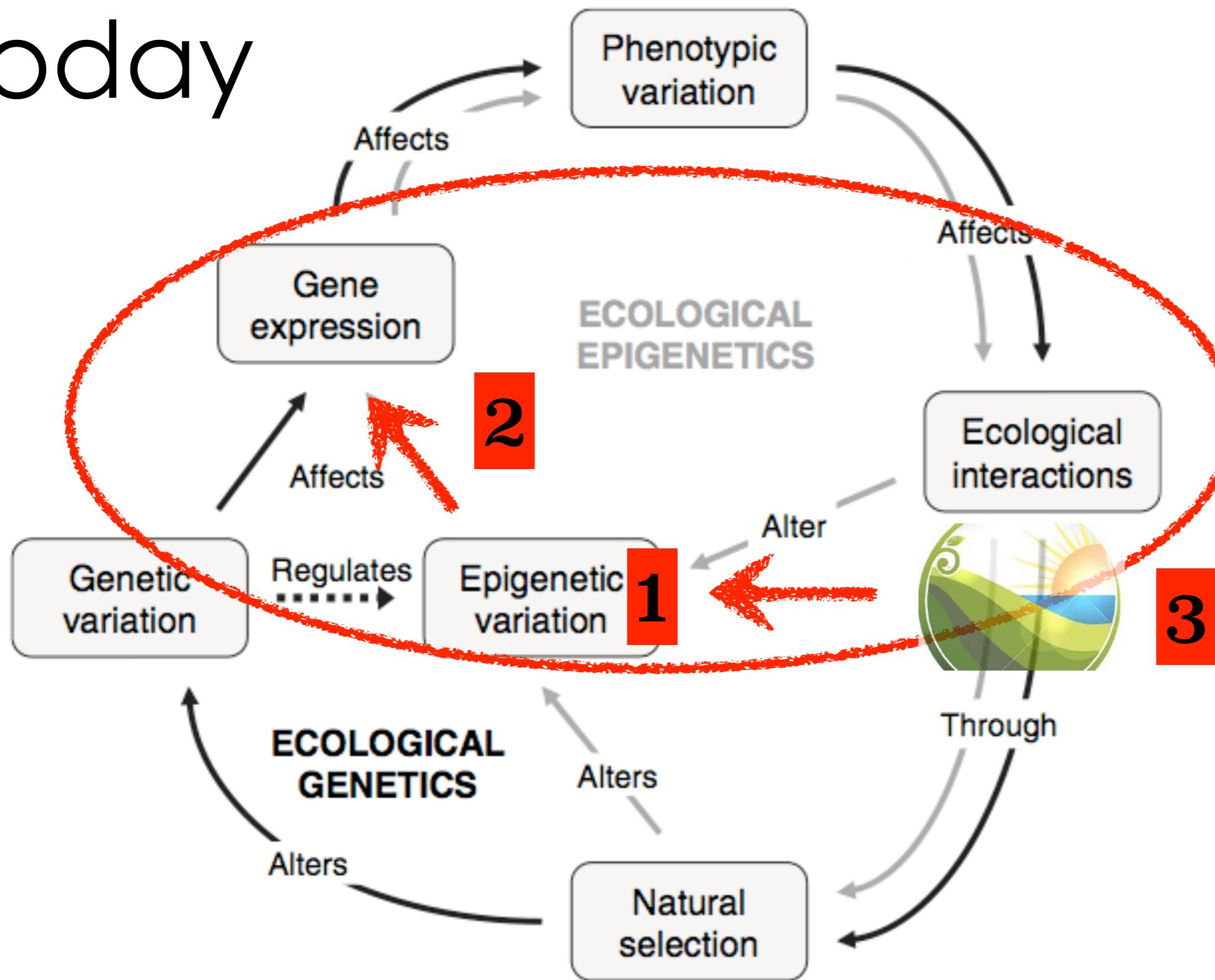
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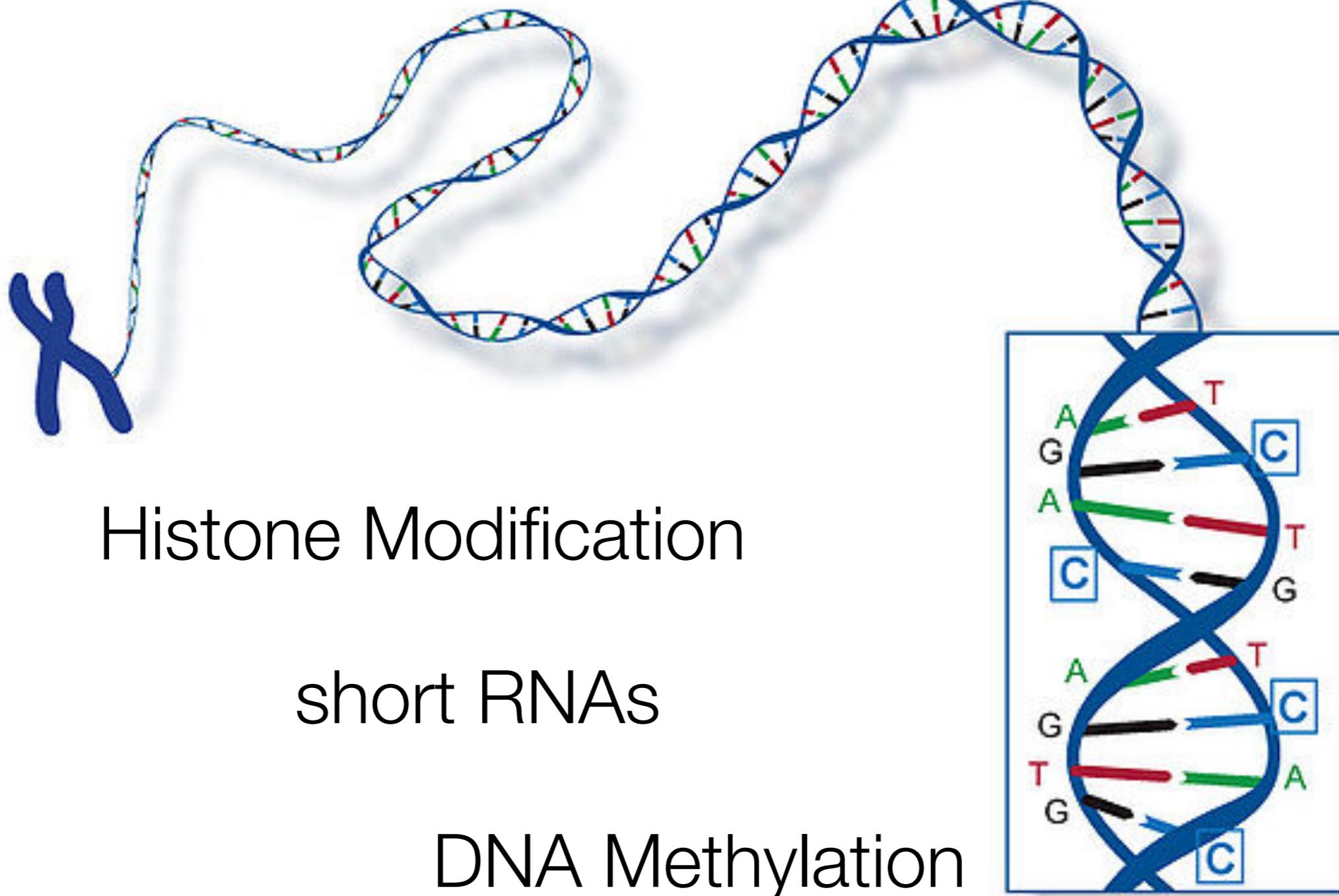
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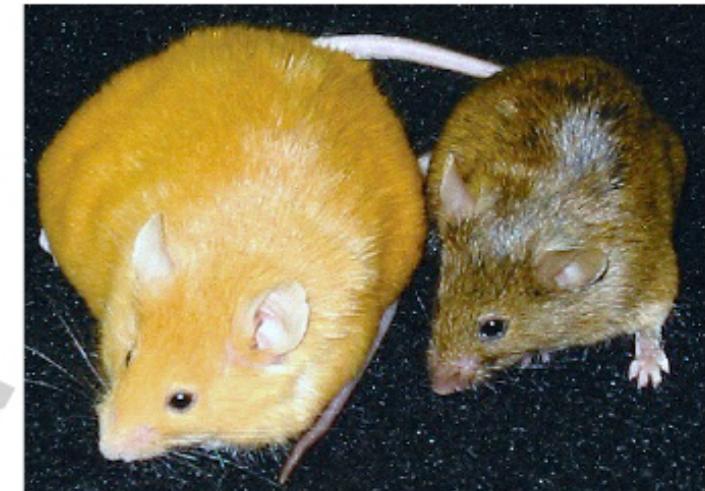
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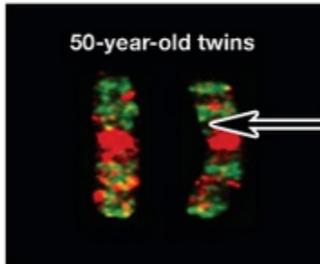
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Chromosome 3 Pairs

3-year old twins vs. 50-year-old twins



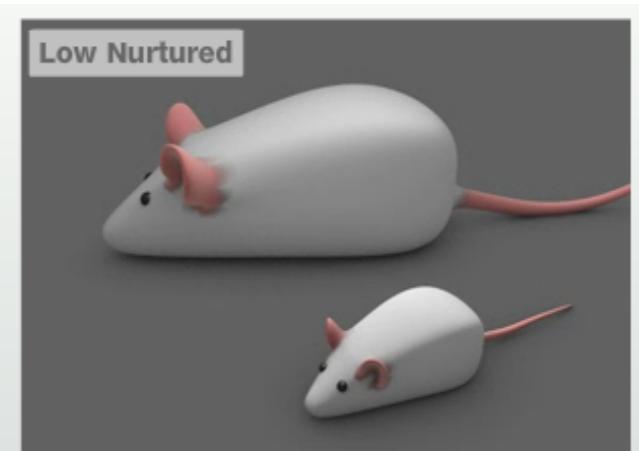
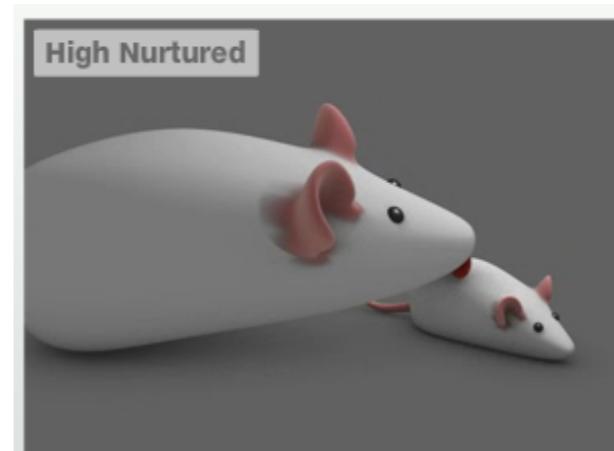
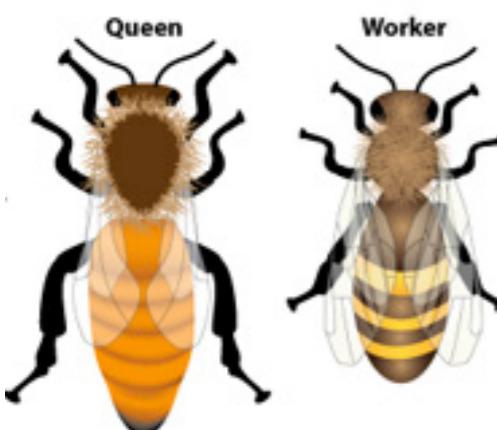
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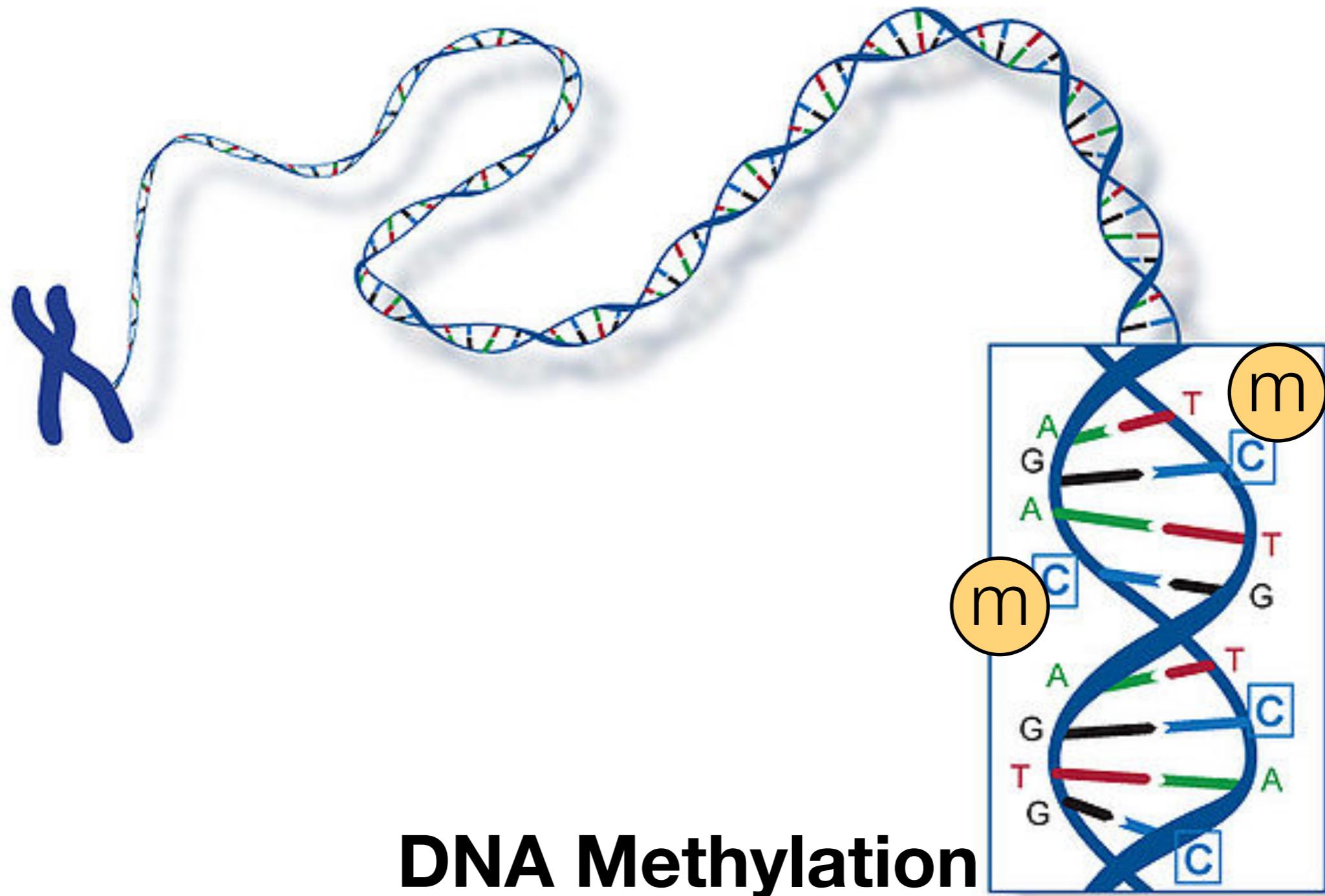


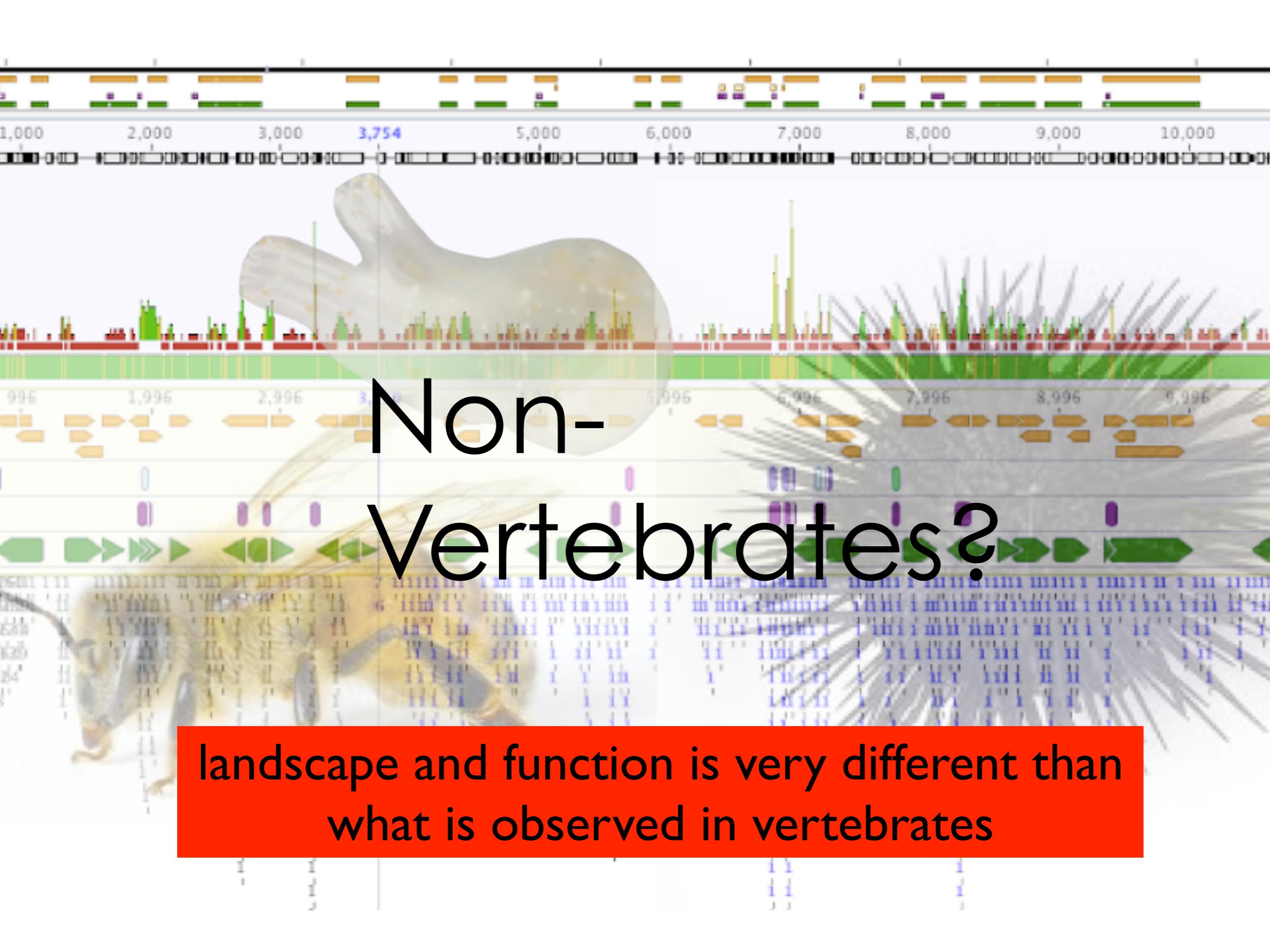
Queen Bee Larvae: Queens are raised in specially constructed cells called "queen cups," which are filled with royal jelly.



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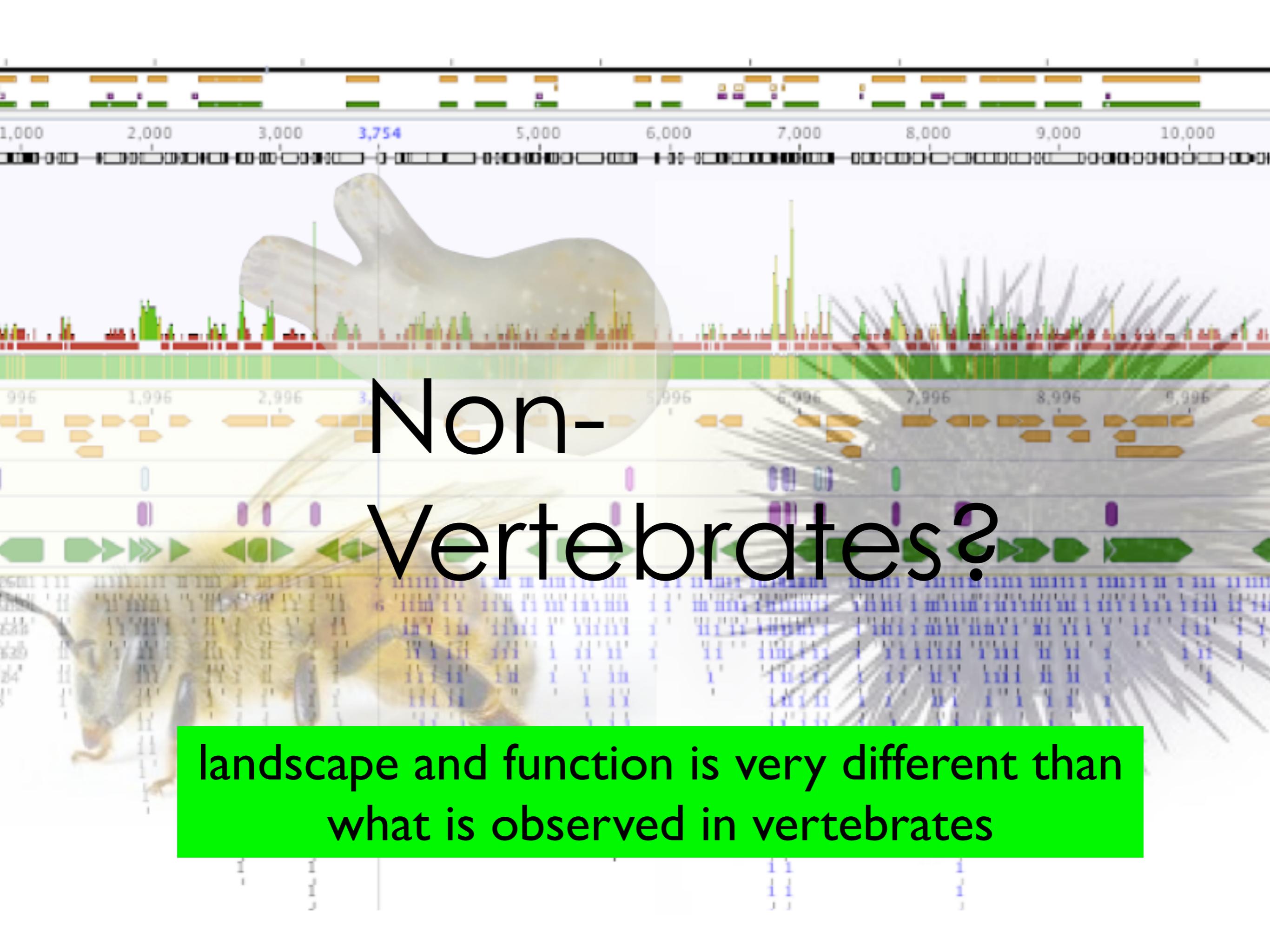
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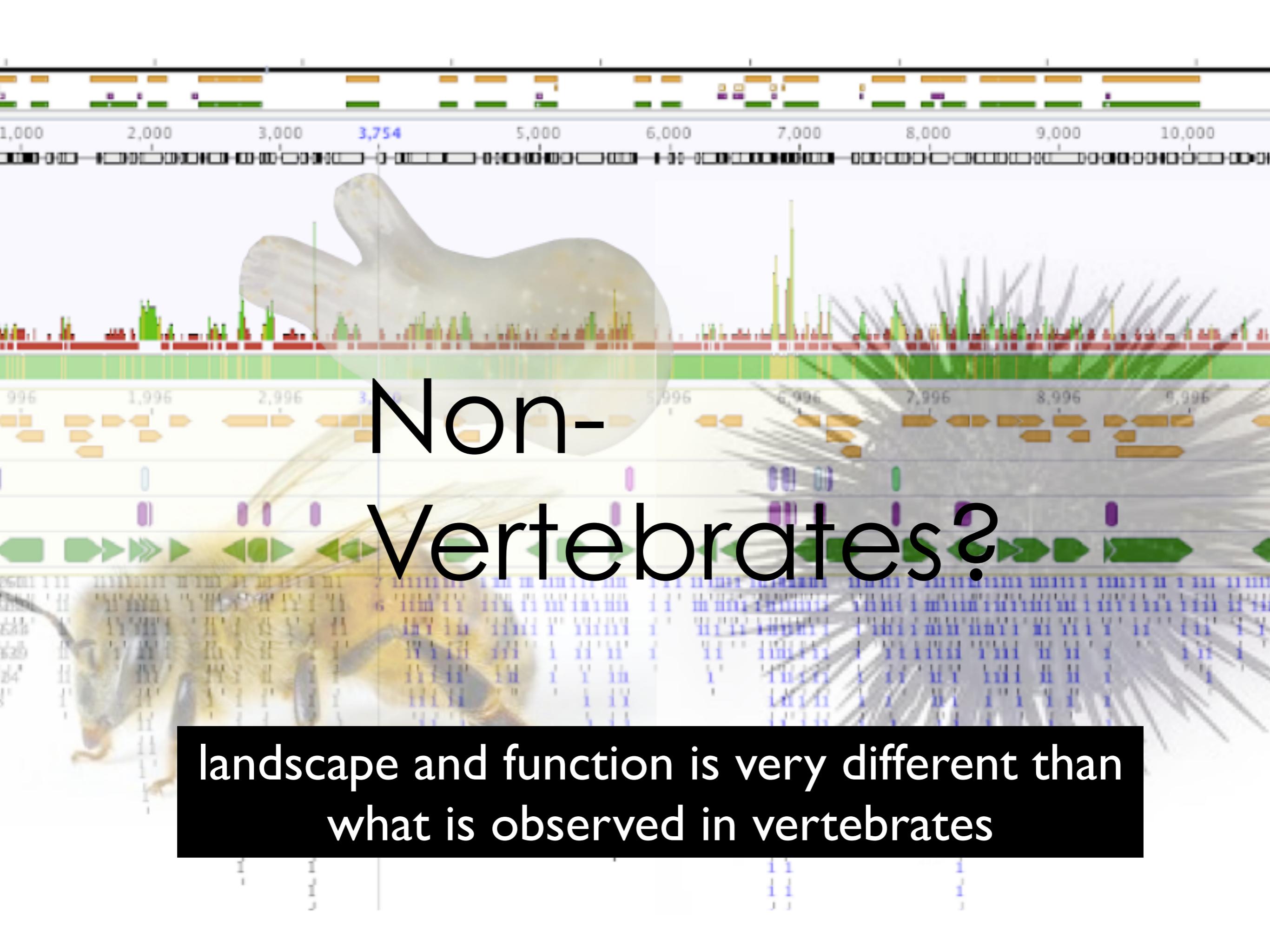
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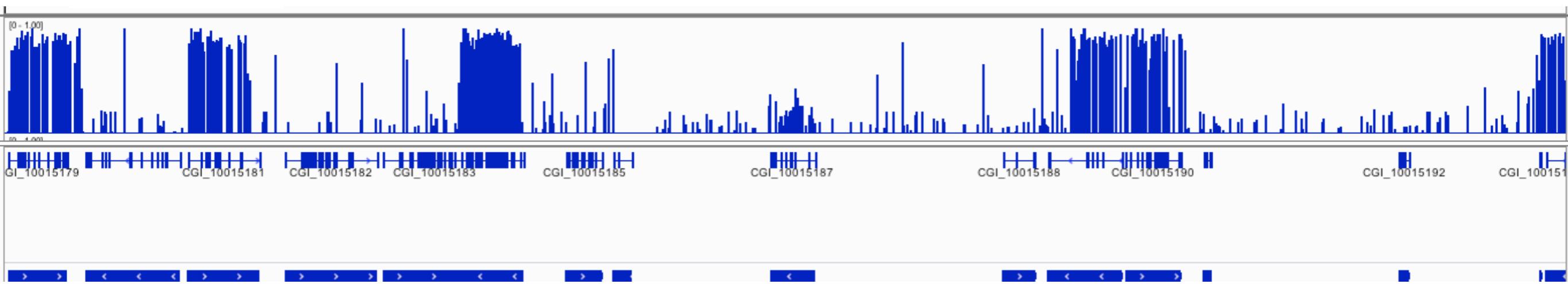
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Oysters?

Epigenetic variation **1**



mosaic

associated with gene bodies

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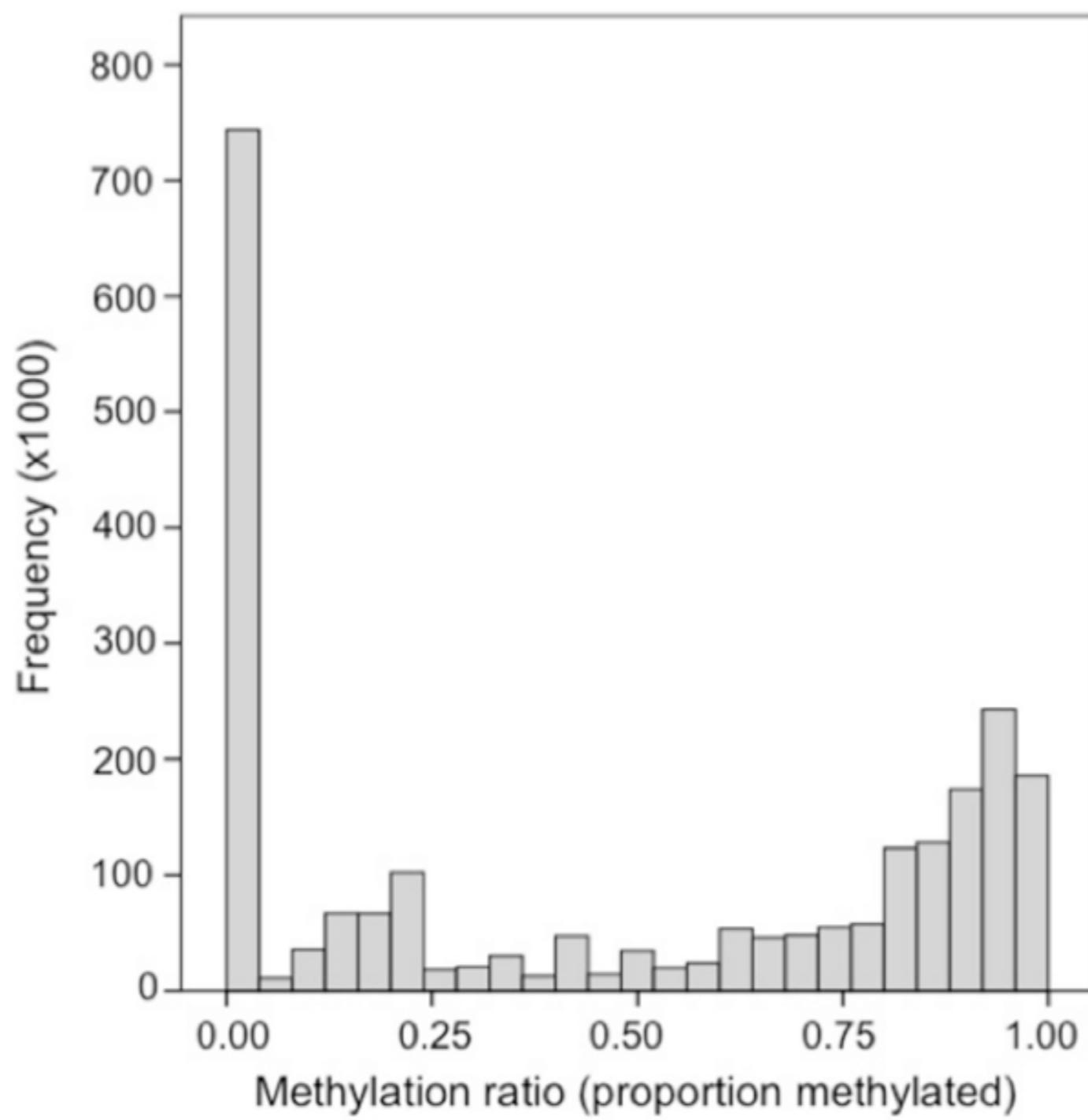
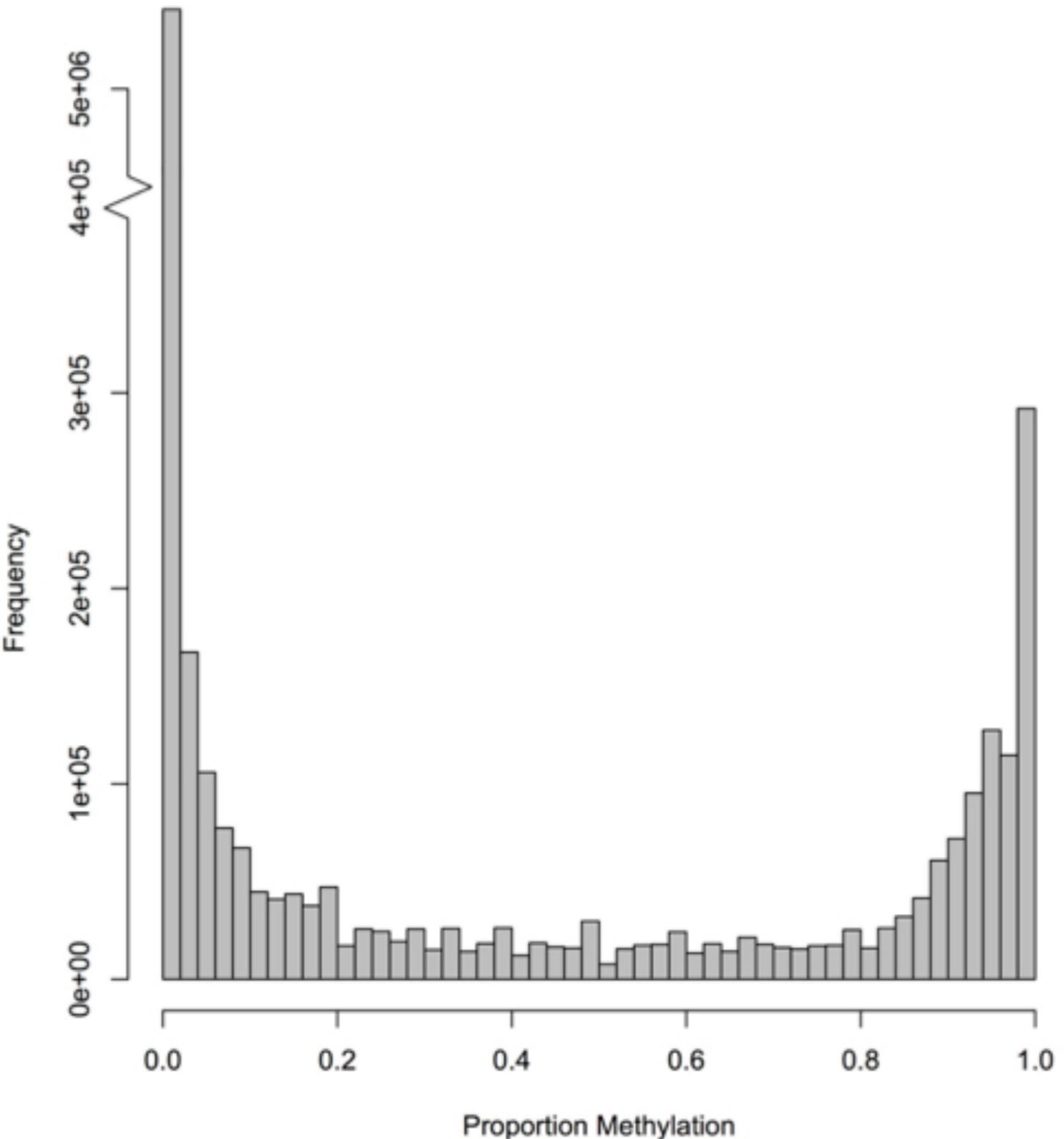
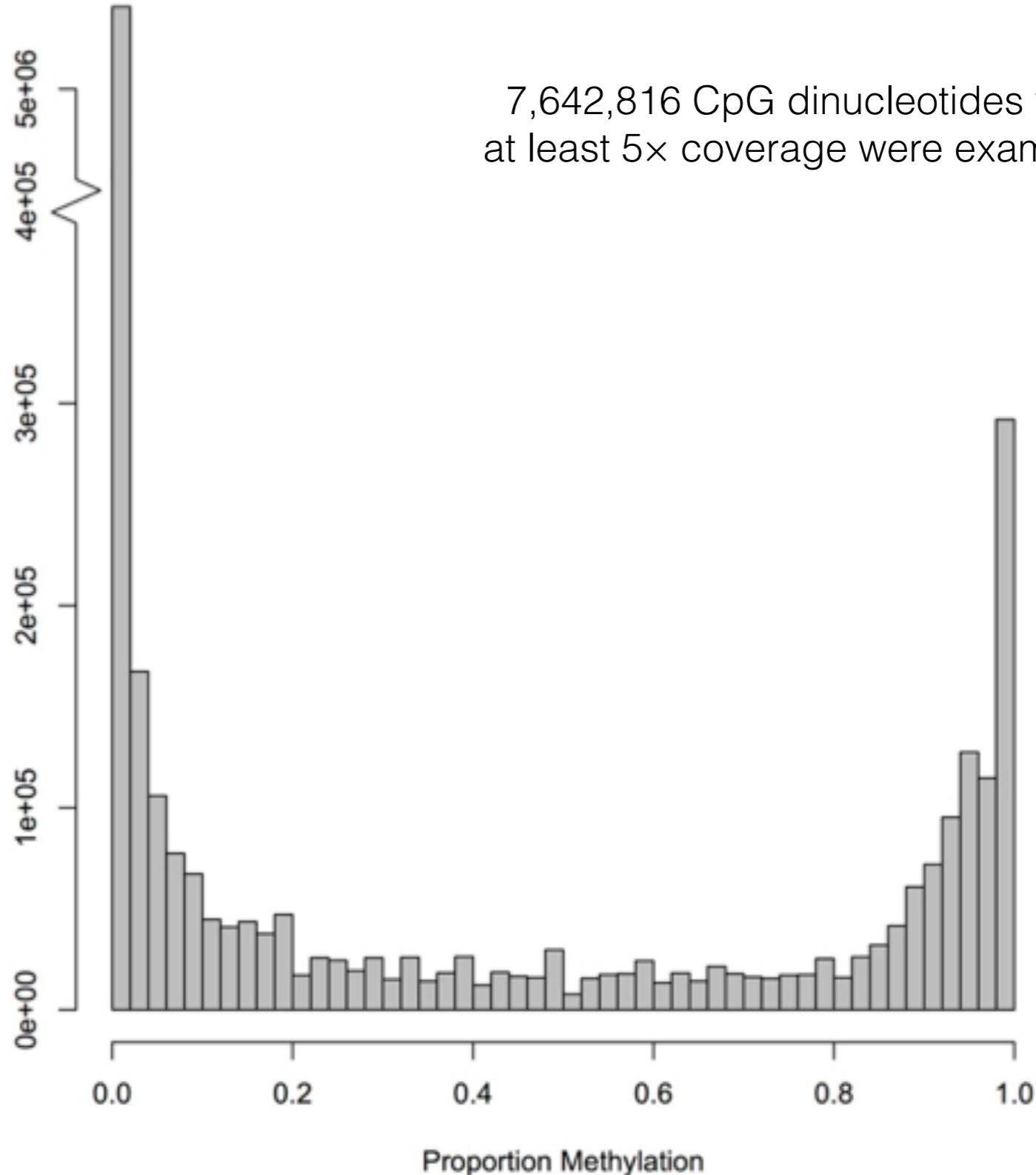
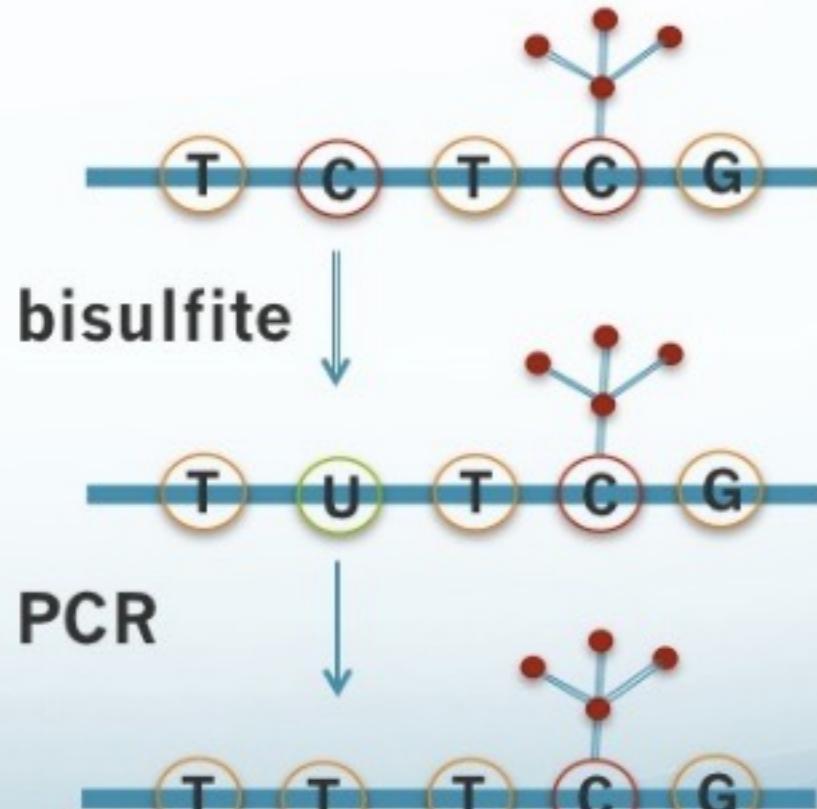


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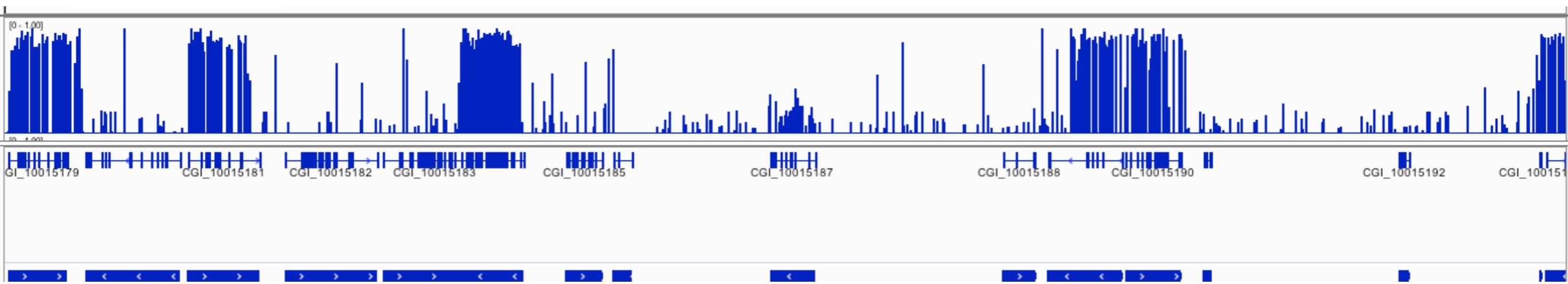


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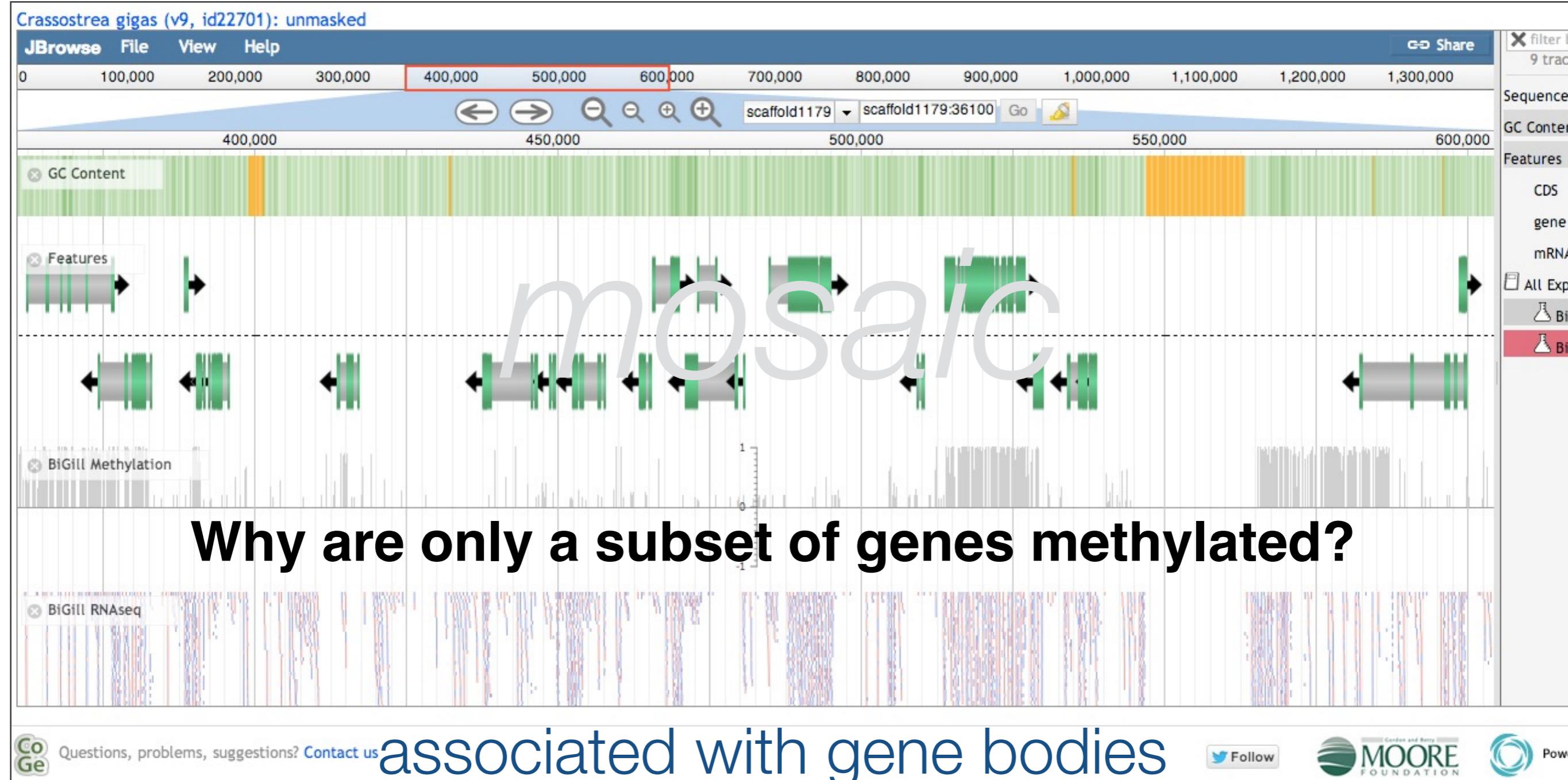
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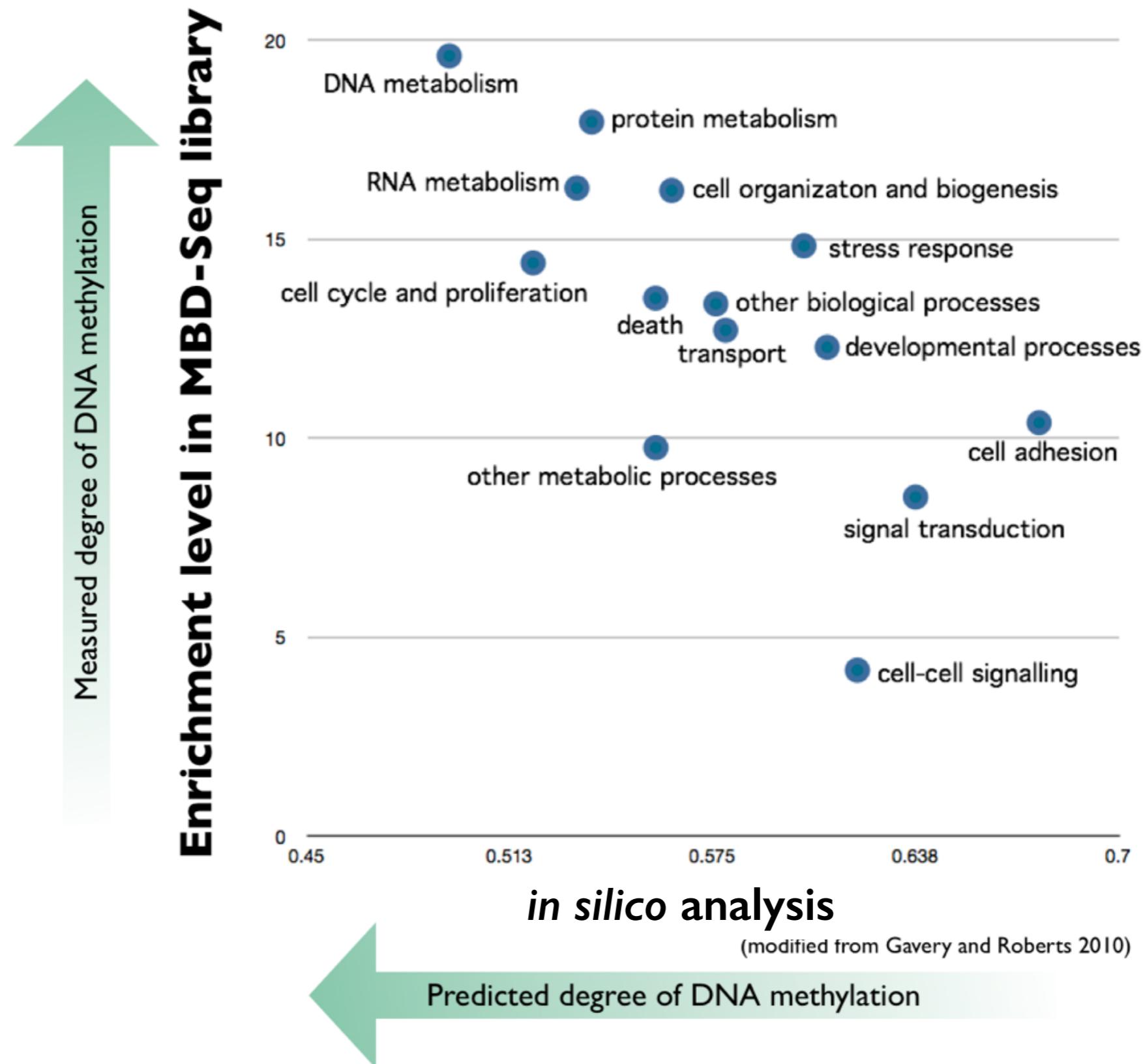
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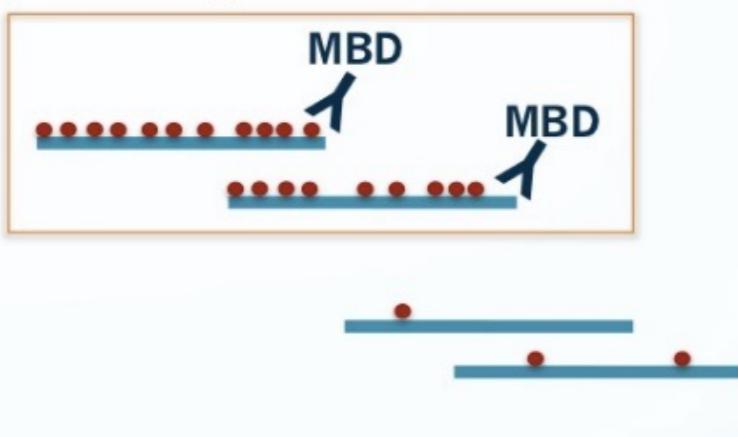




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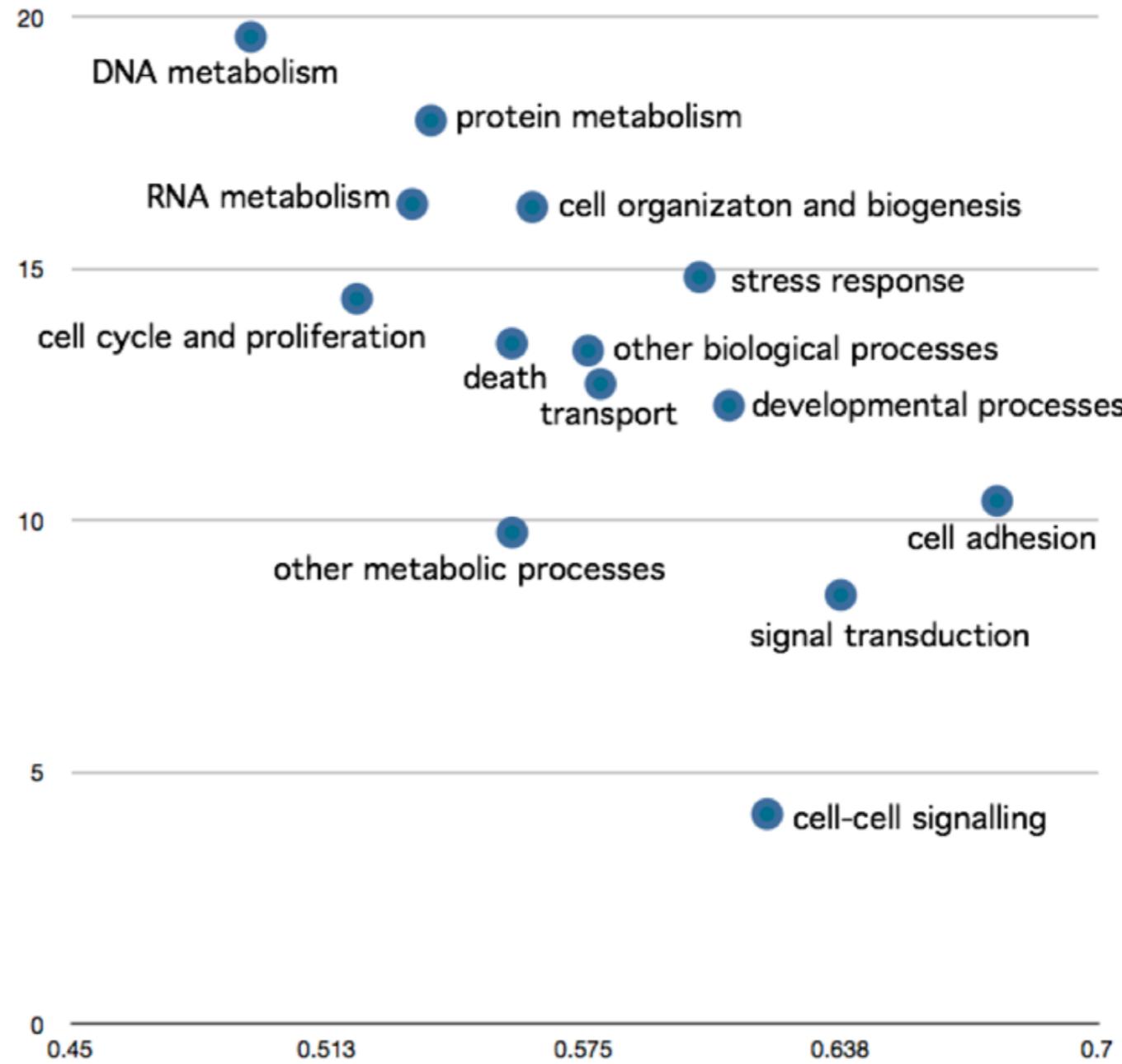


Epigenetic variation 1



Measured degree of DNA methylation

Enrichment level in MBD-Seq library



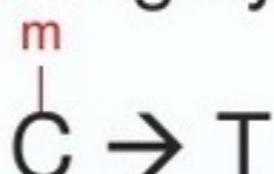
in silico analysis

(modified from Gavery and Roberts 2010)

Predicted degree of DNA methylation

in silico approach

- Principle:
 - Methylated cytosines are highly mutable

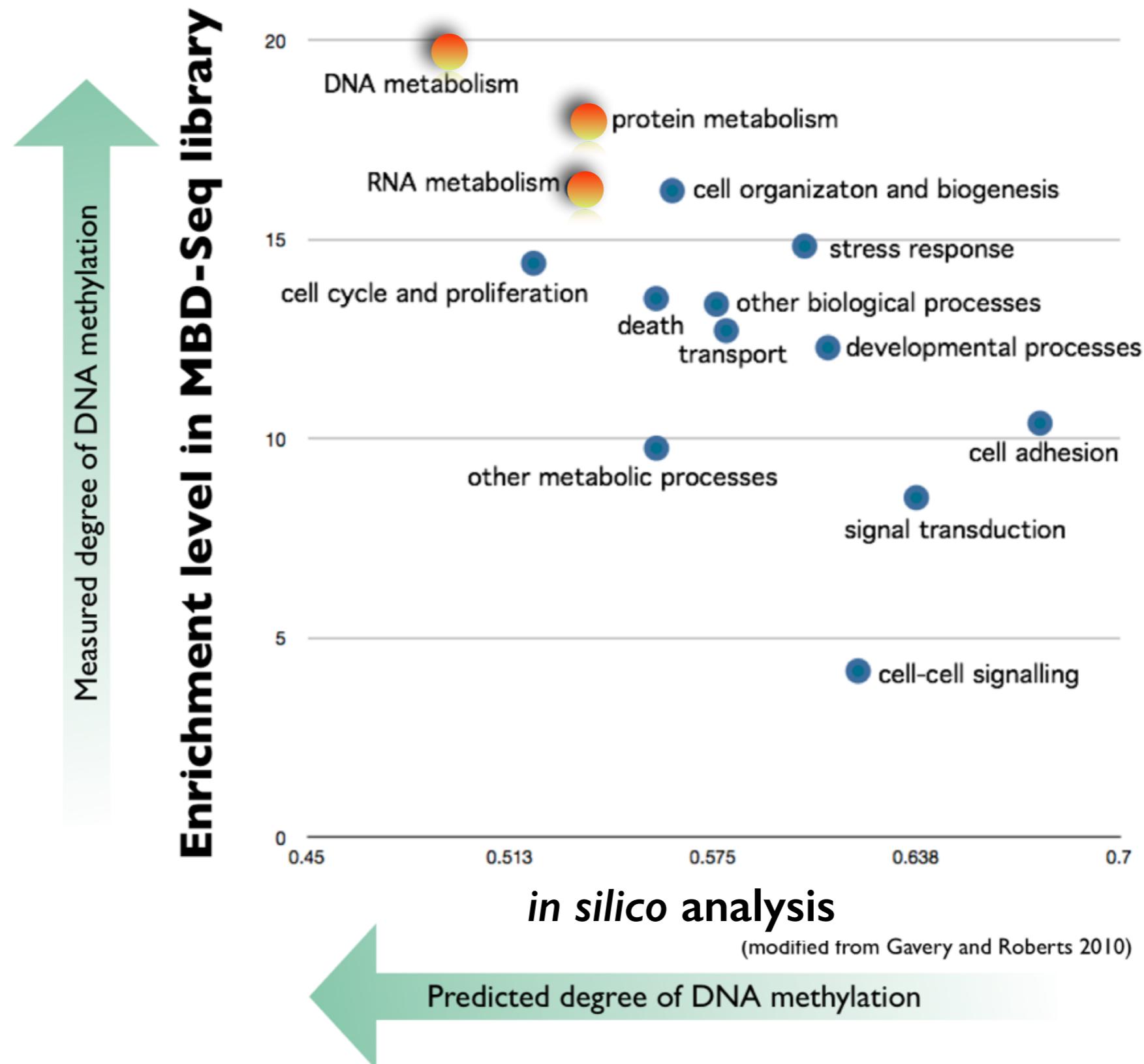


- Methylated regions of DNA are depleted of CpG dinucleotides over evolutionary time (CpG to TpG)

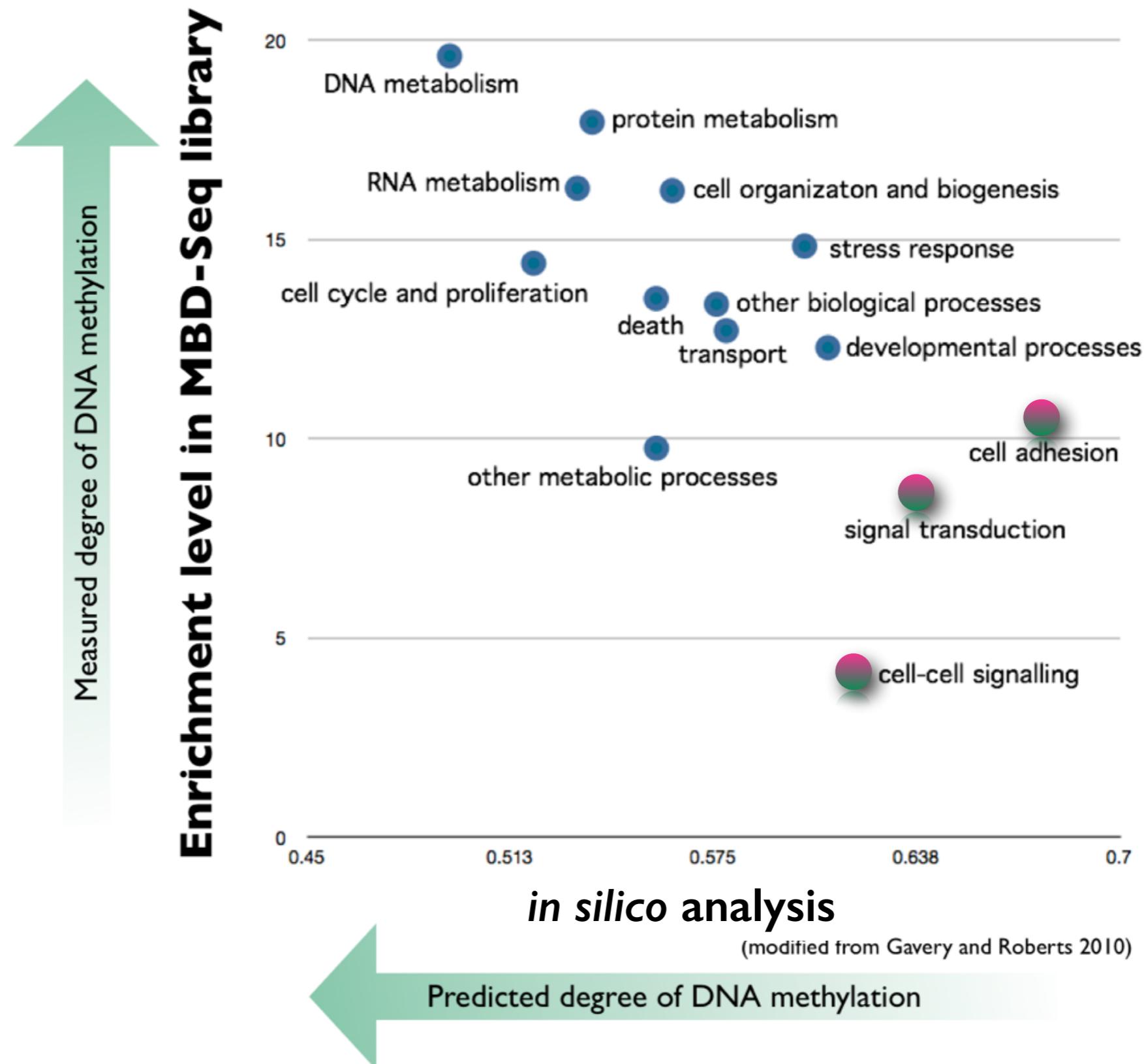
$$\text{CpG O/E} = \frac{\text{CpG observed}}{\text{CpG expected}}$$


high = unmethylated

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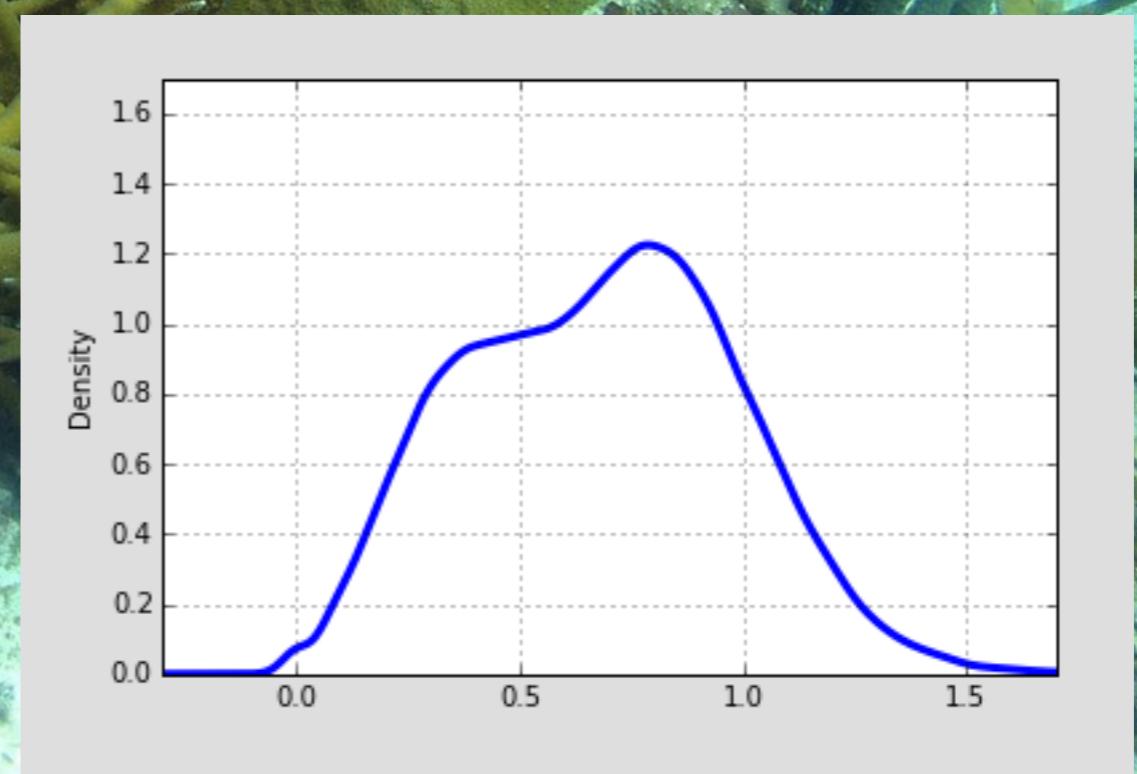
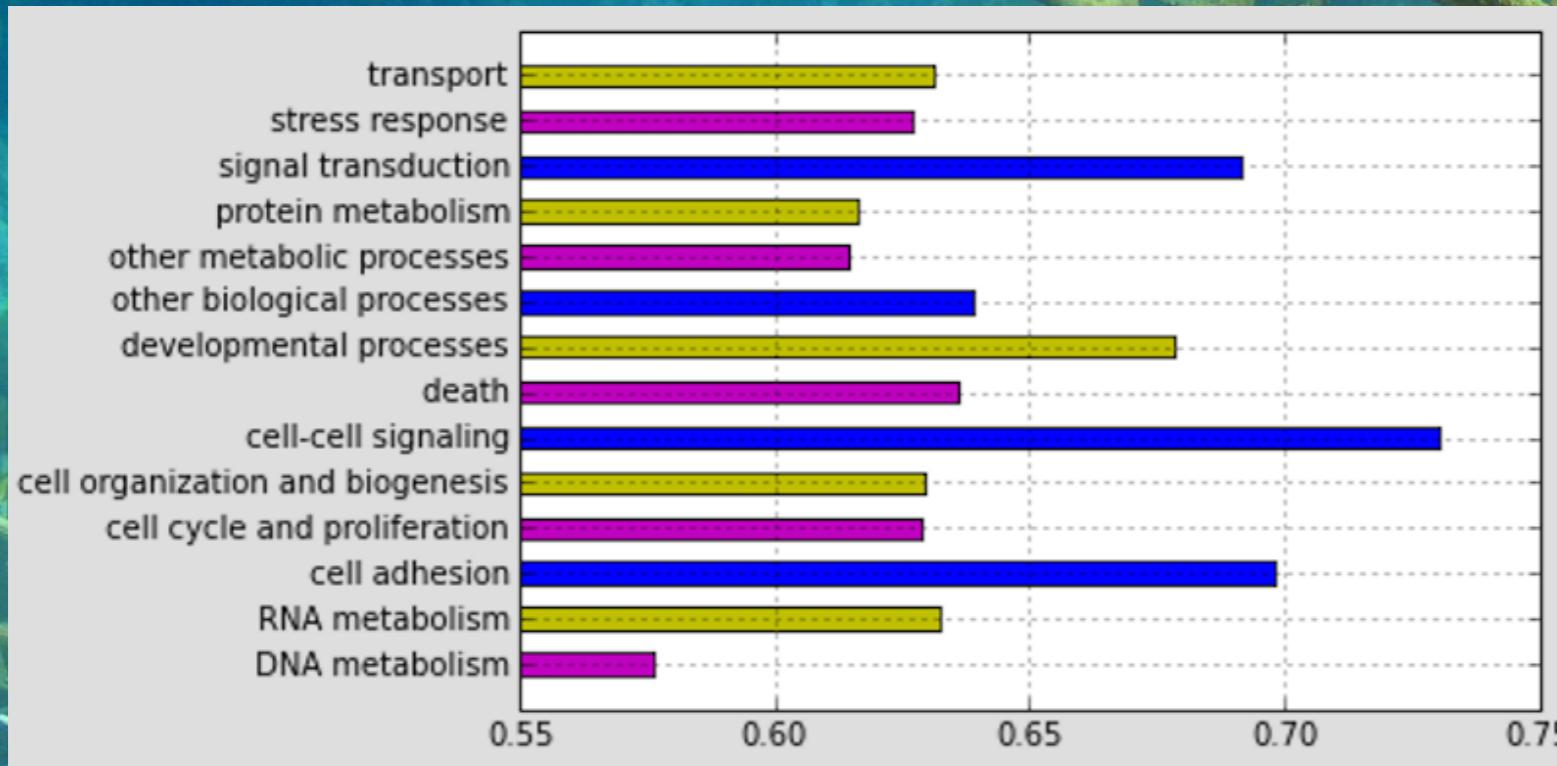
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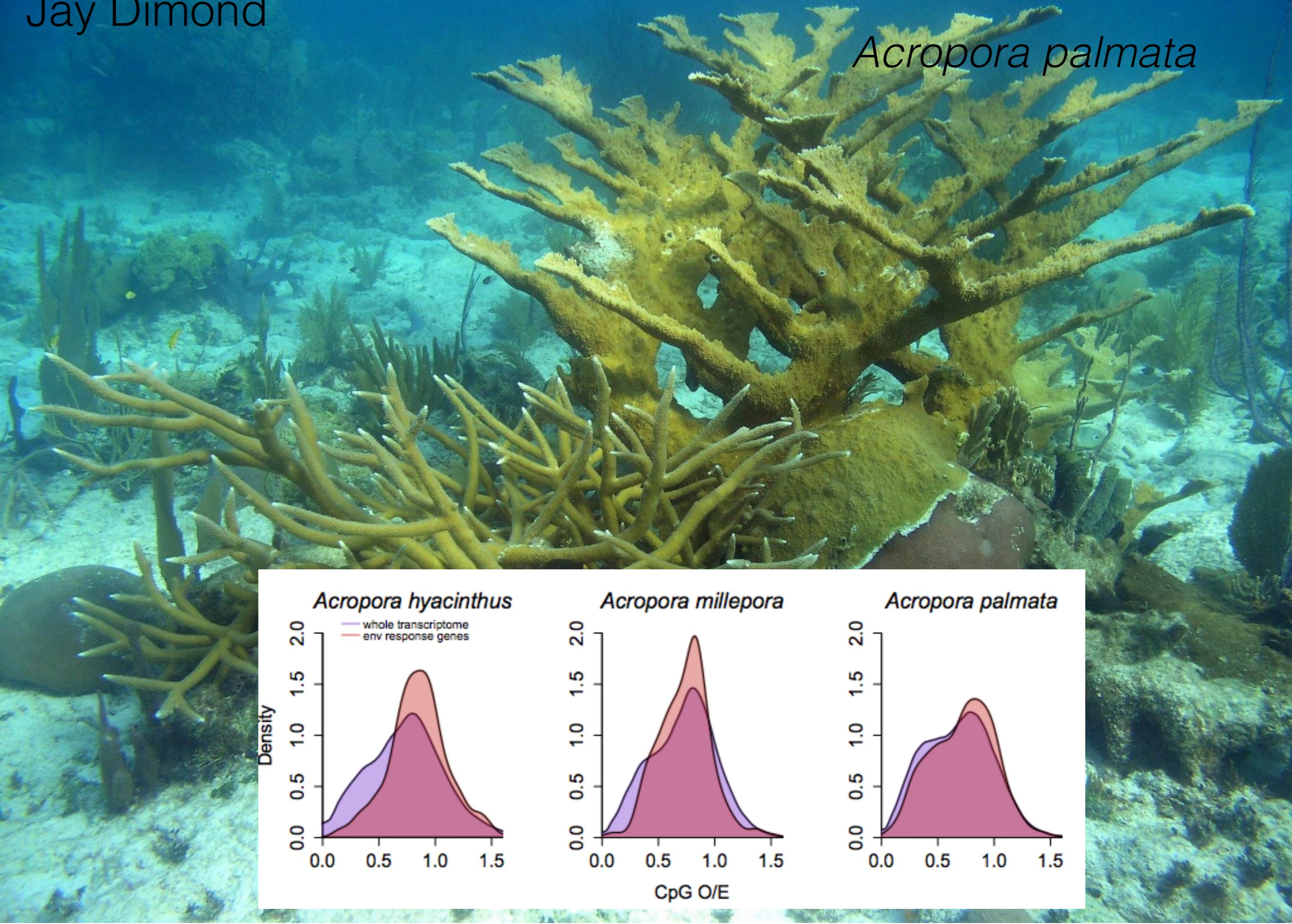
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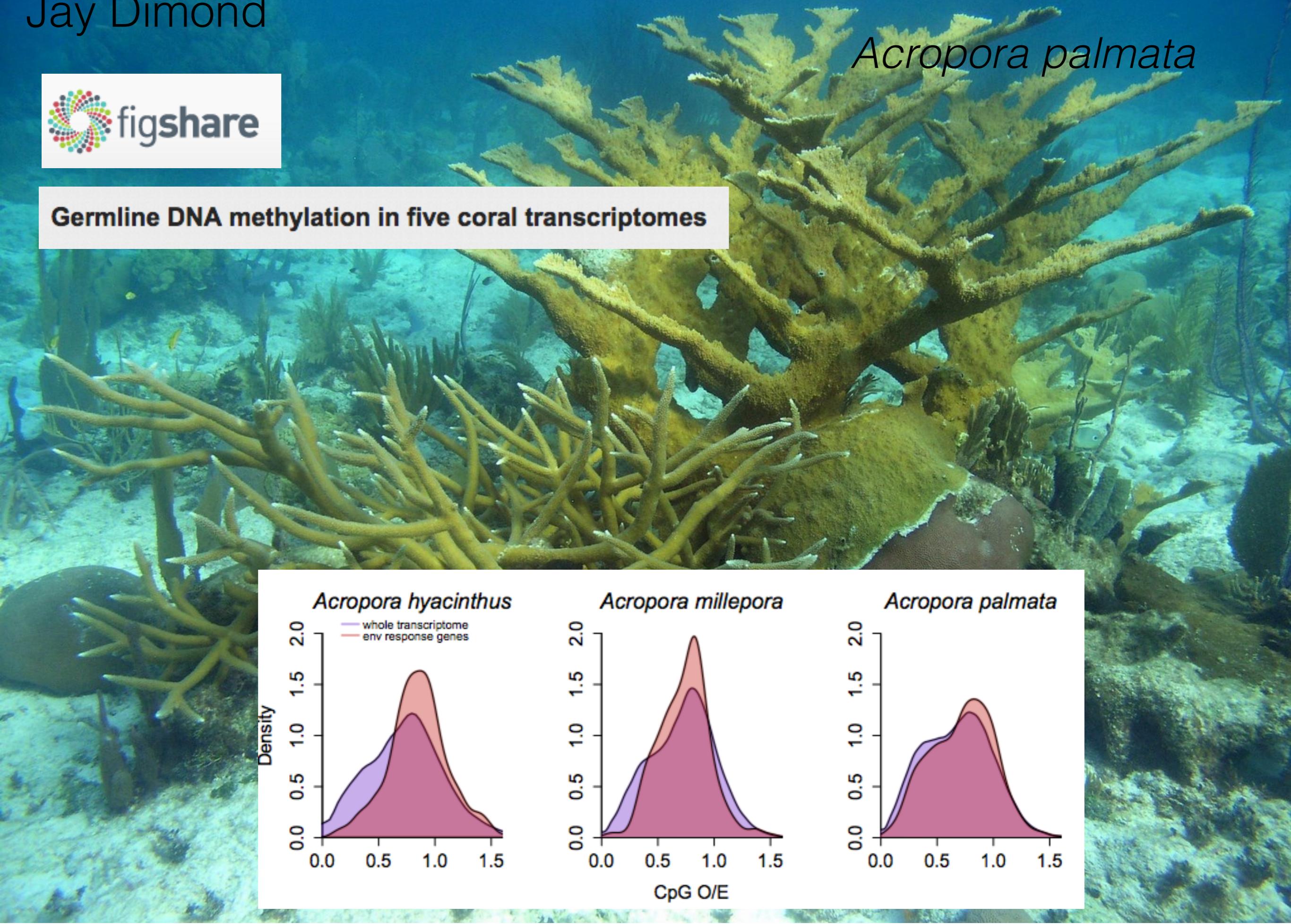


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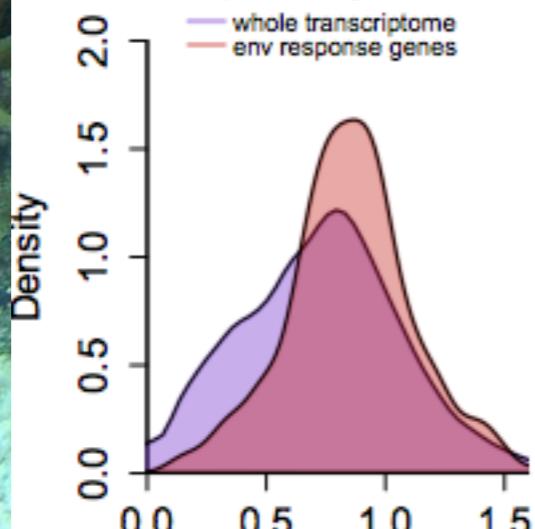
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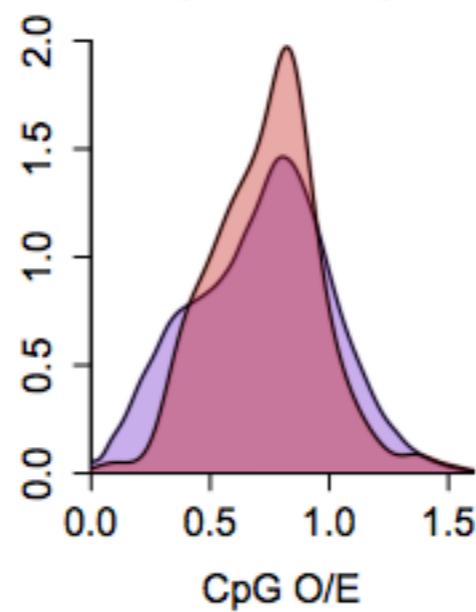
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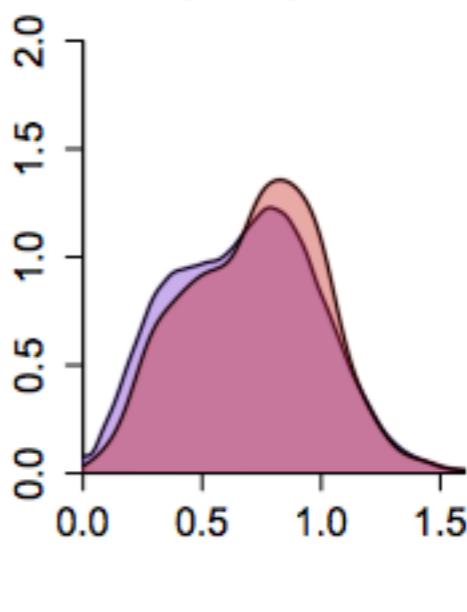
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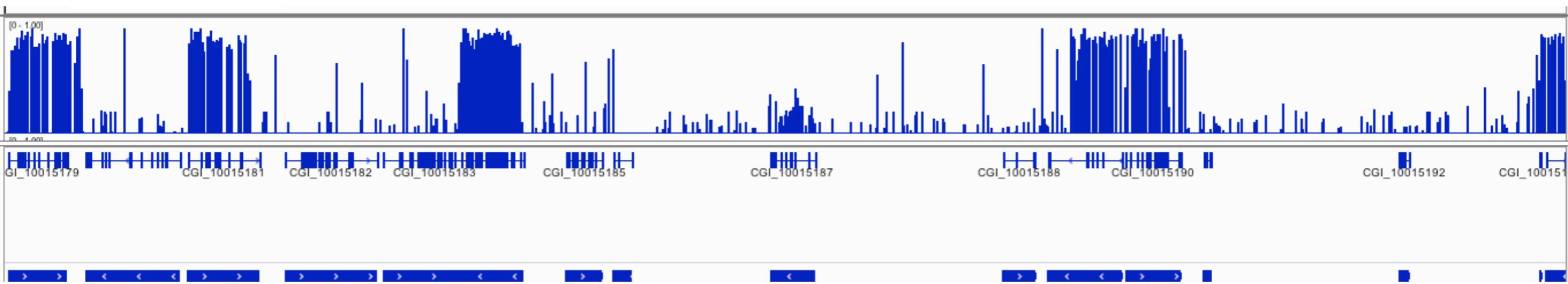
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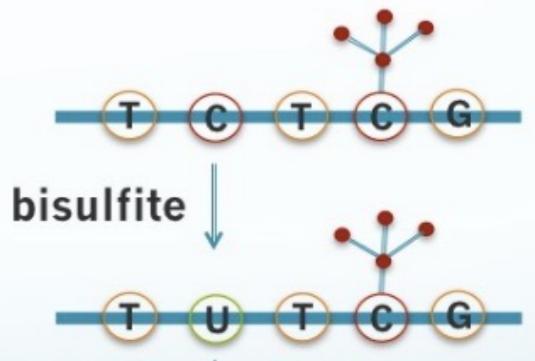


mosaic

associated with gene bodies
based on gene function

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Family and Developmental Variation



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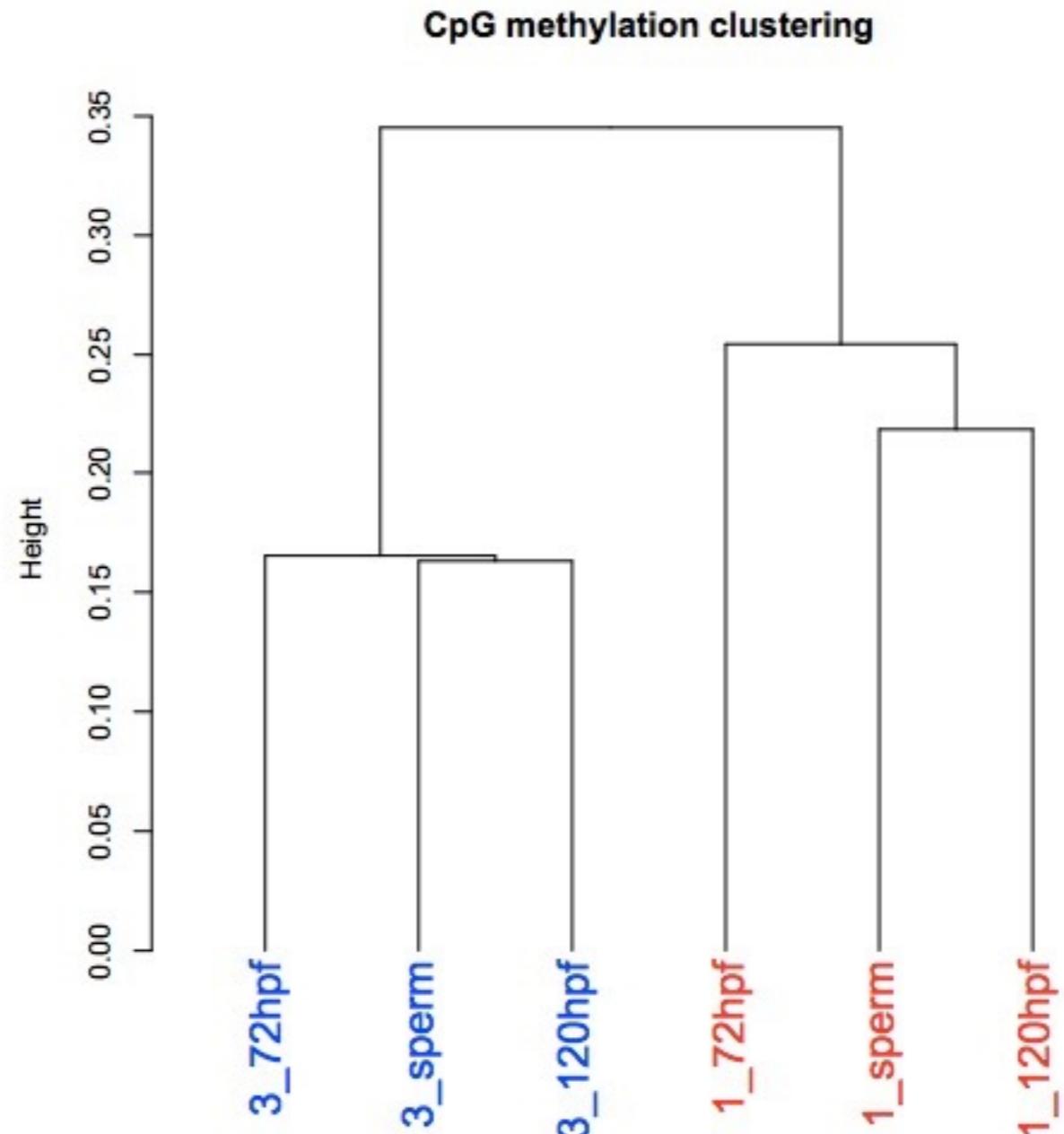
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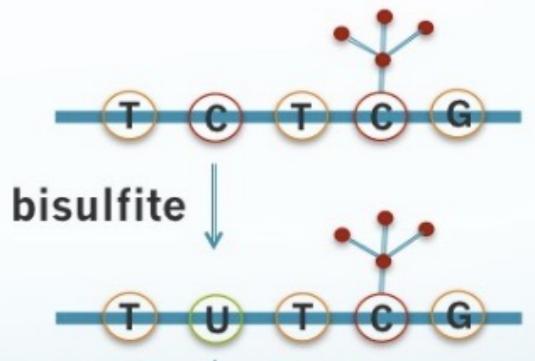
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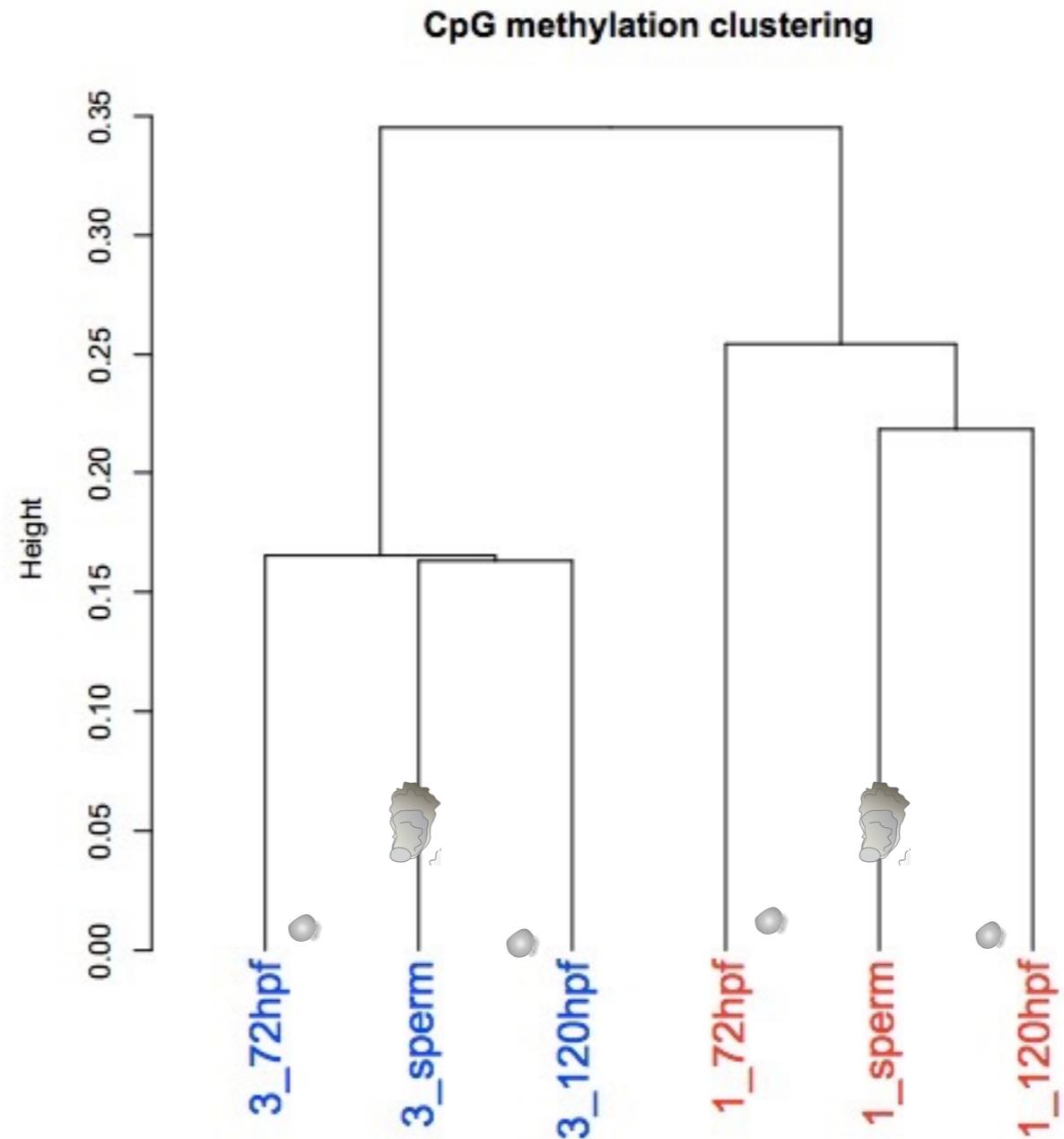
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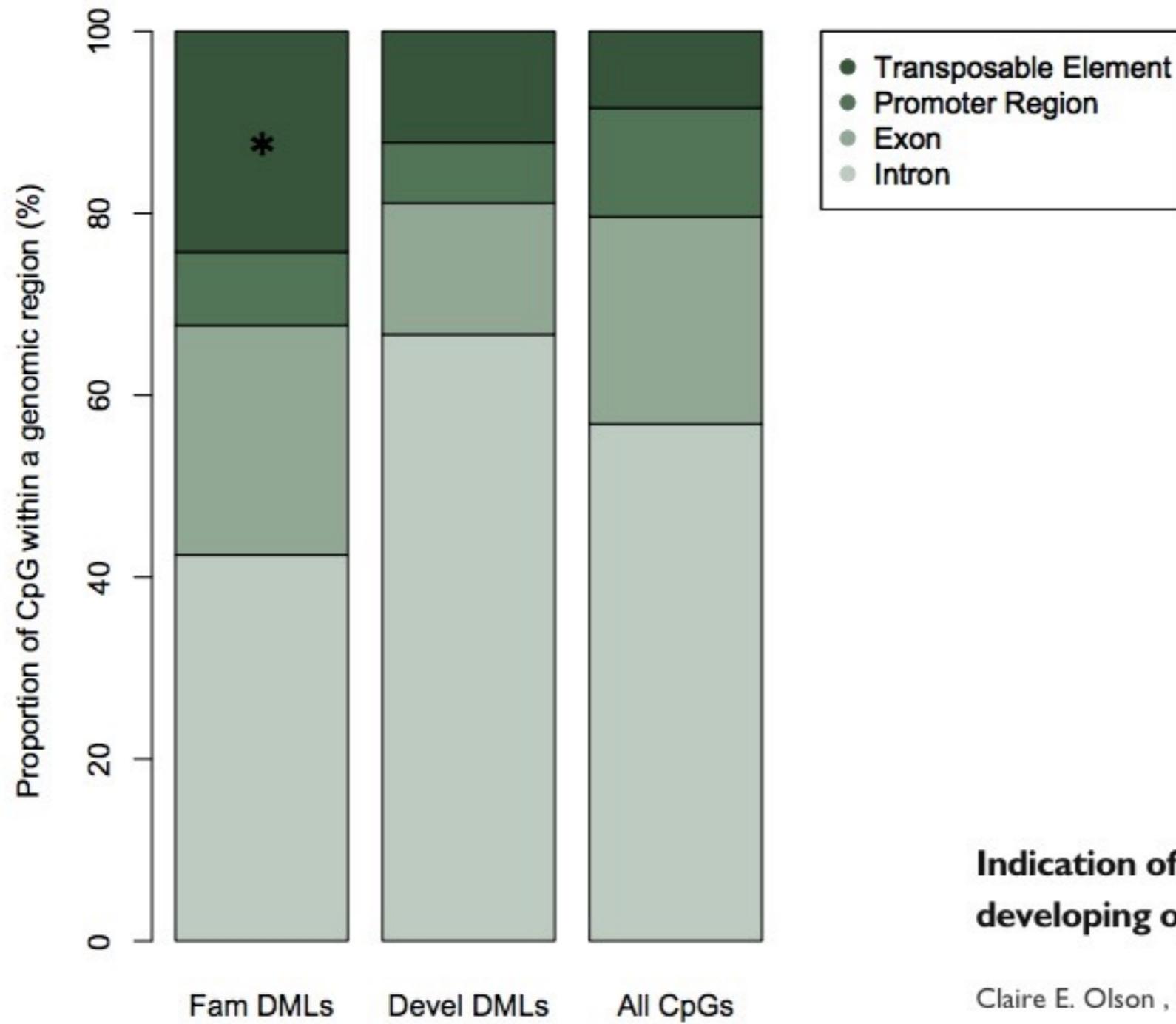
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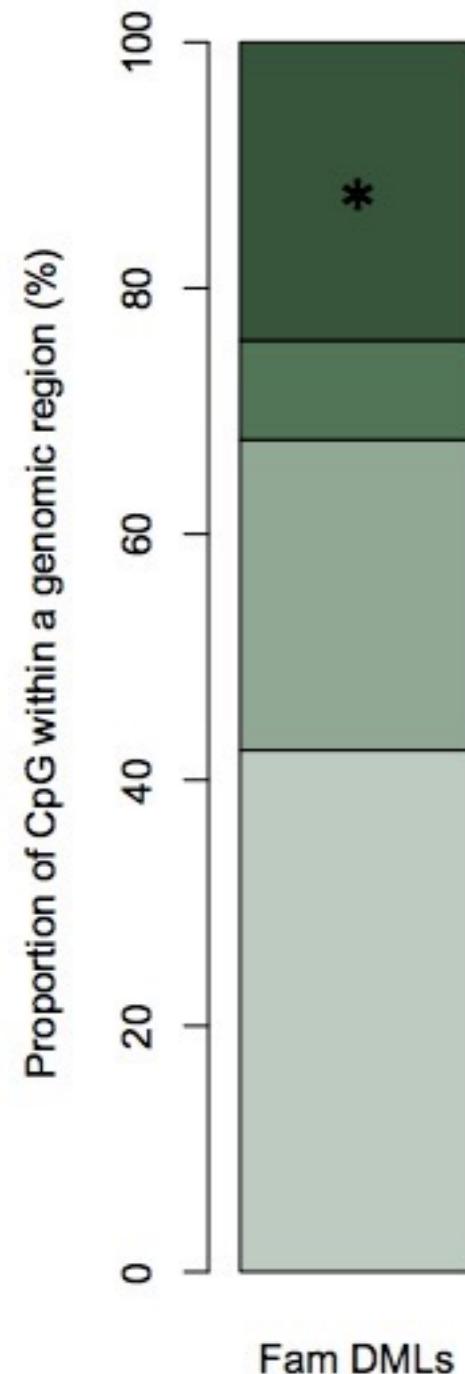


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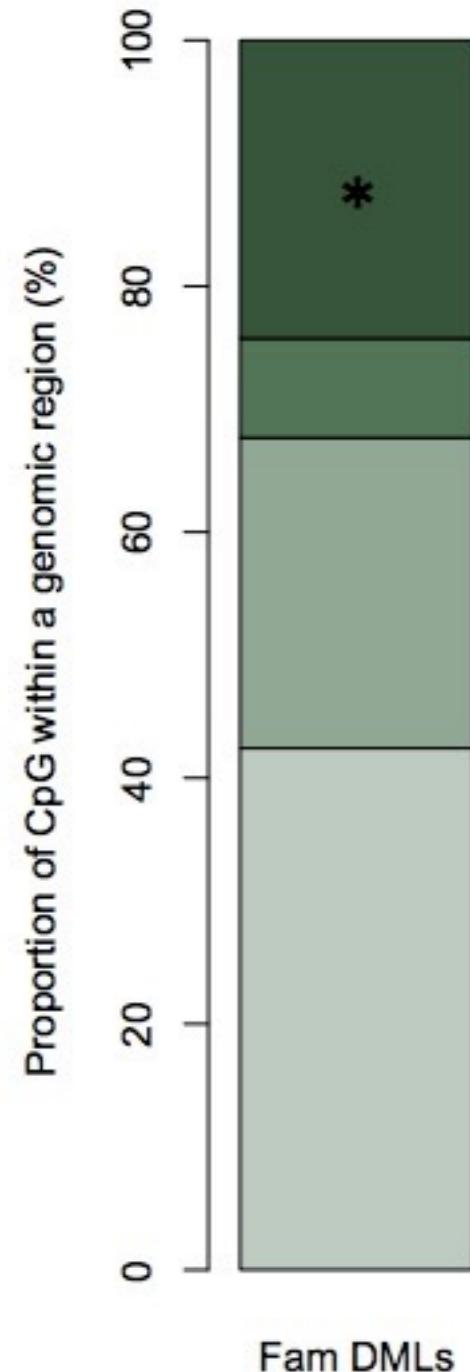
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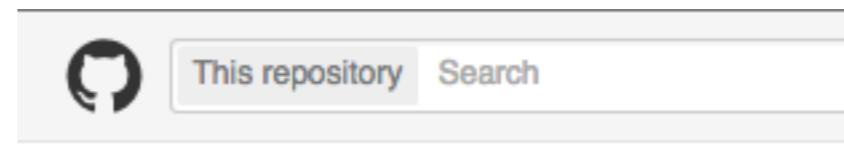
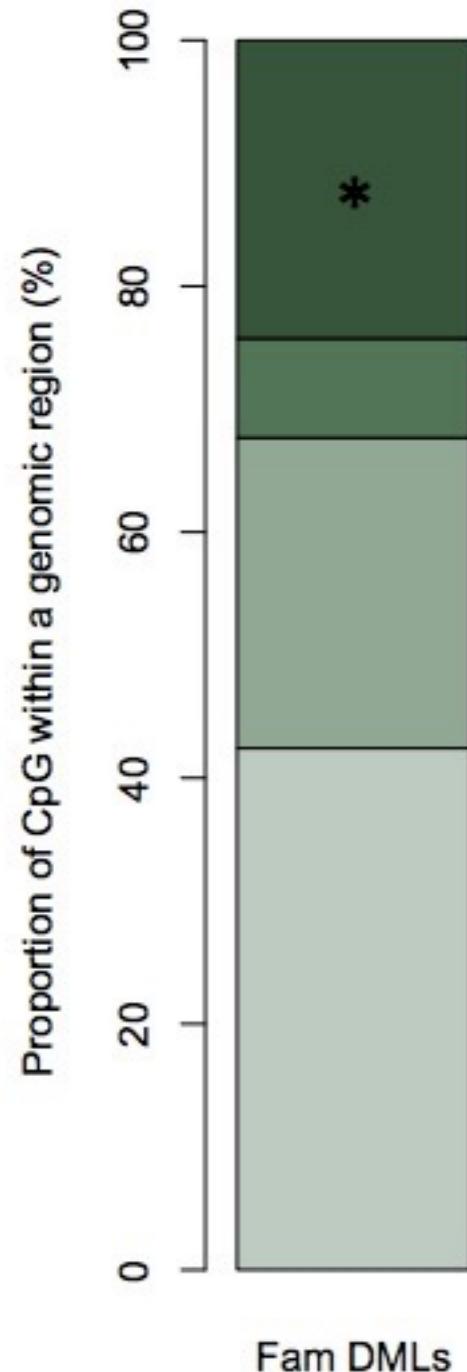


***Assumes some form
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- Evidence indicates DMRs are predominant in transposable elements

Gene
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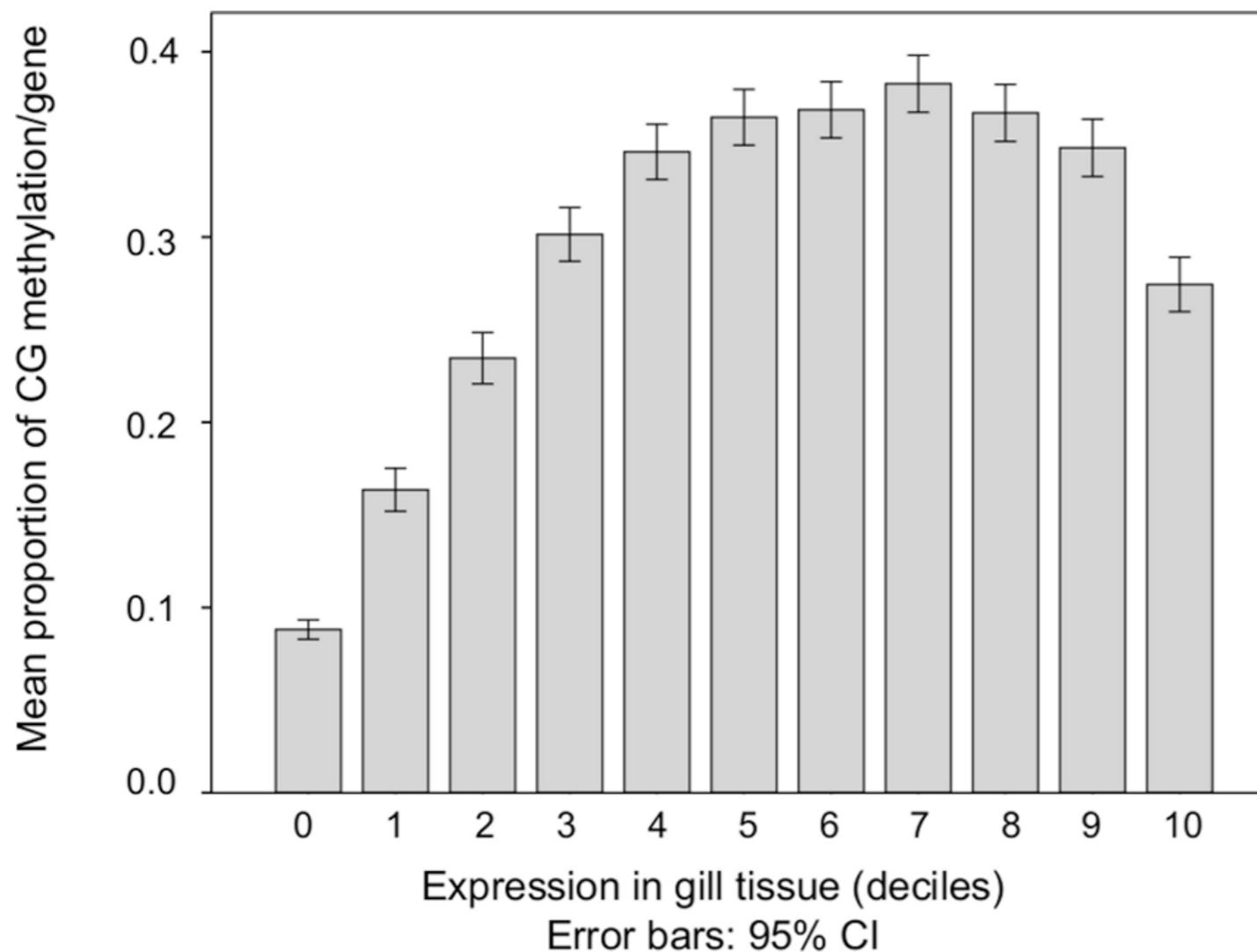
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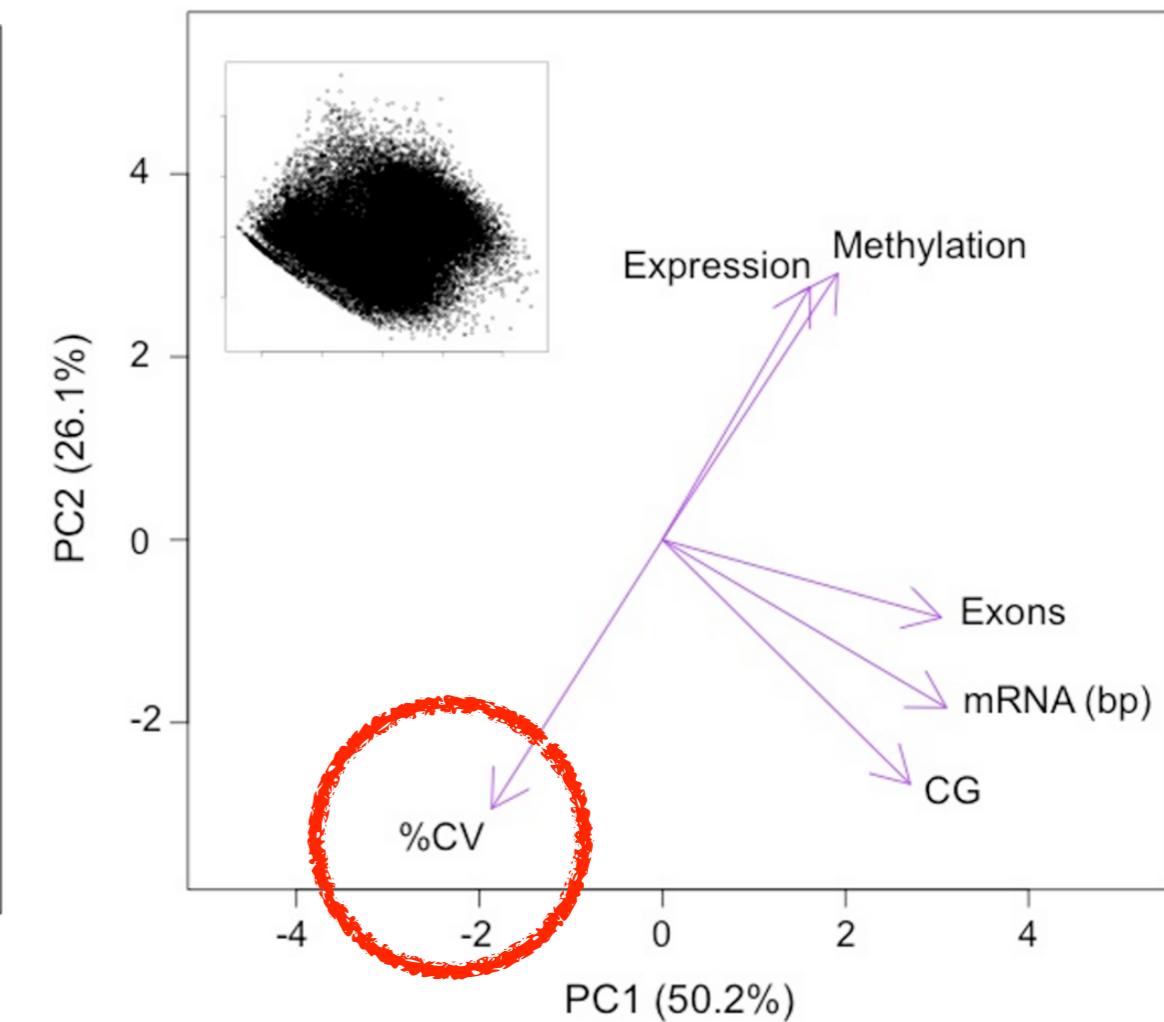
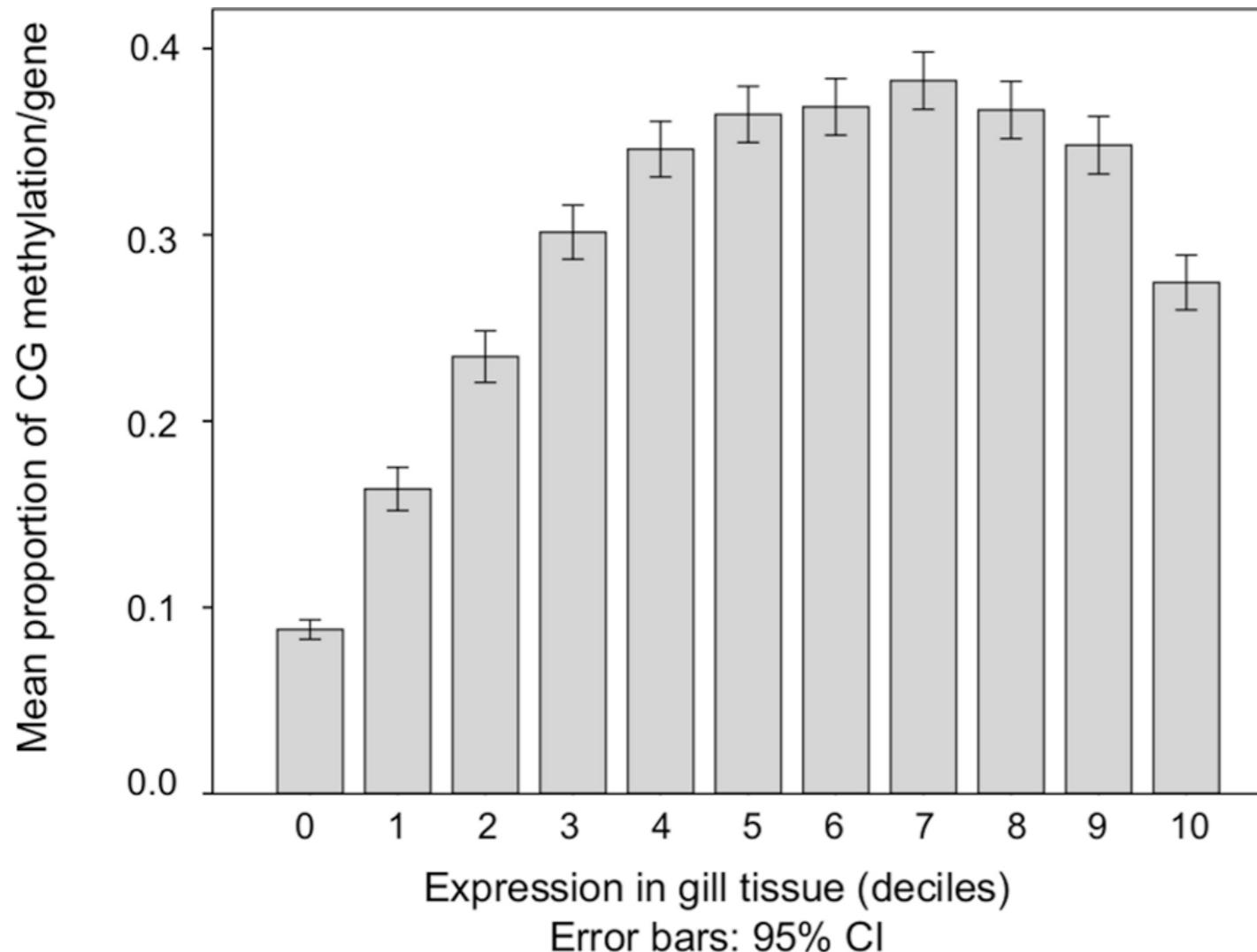
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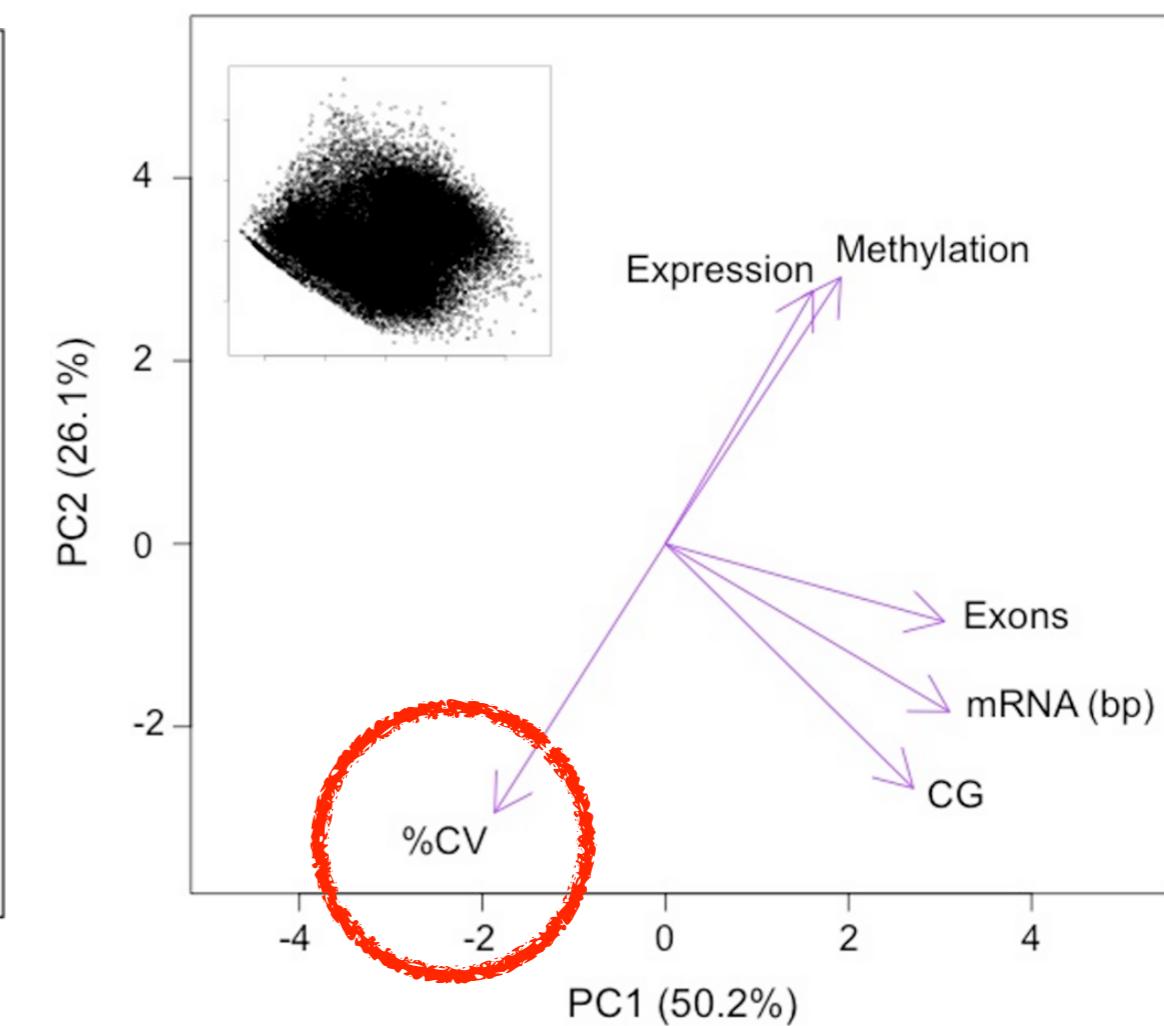
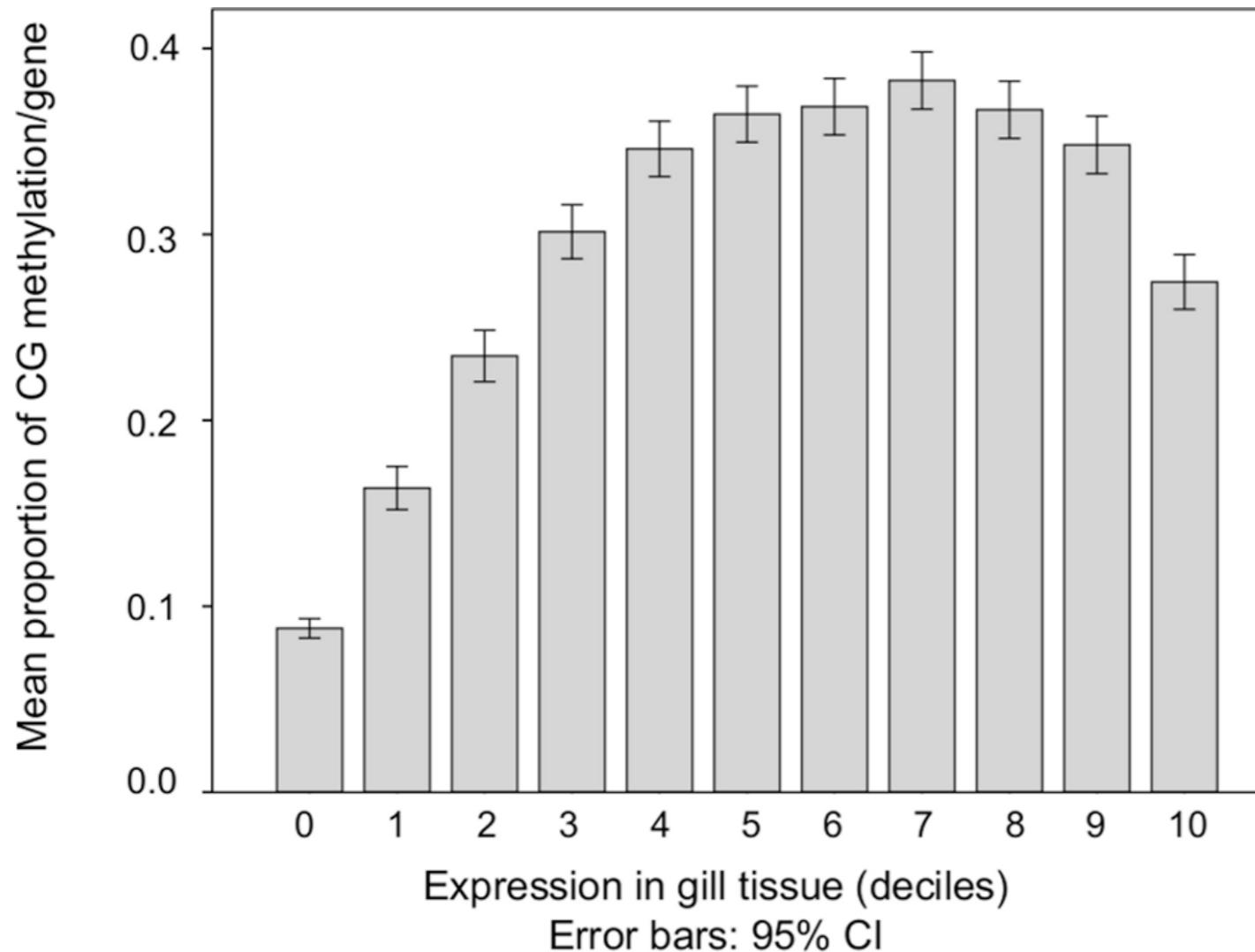
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Theory: **Does not** influence expression level
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What?

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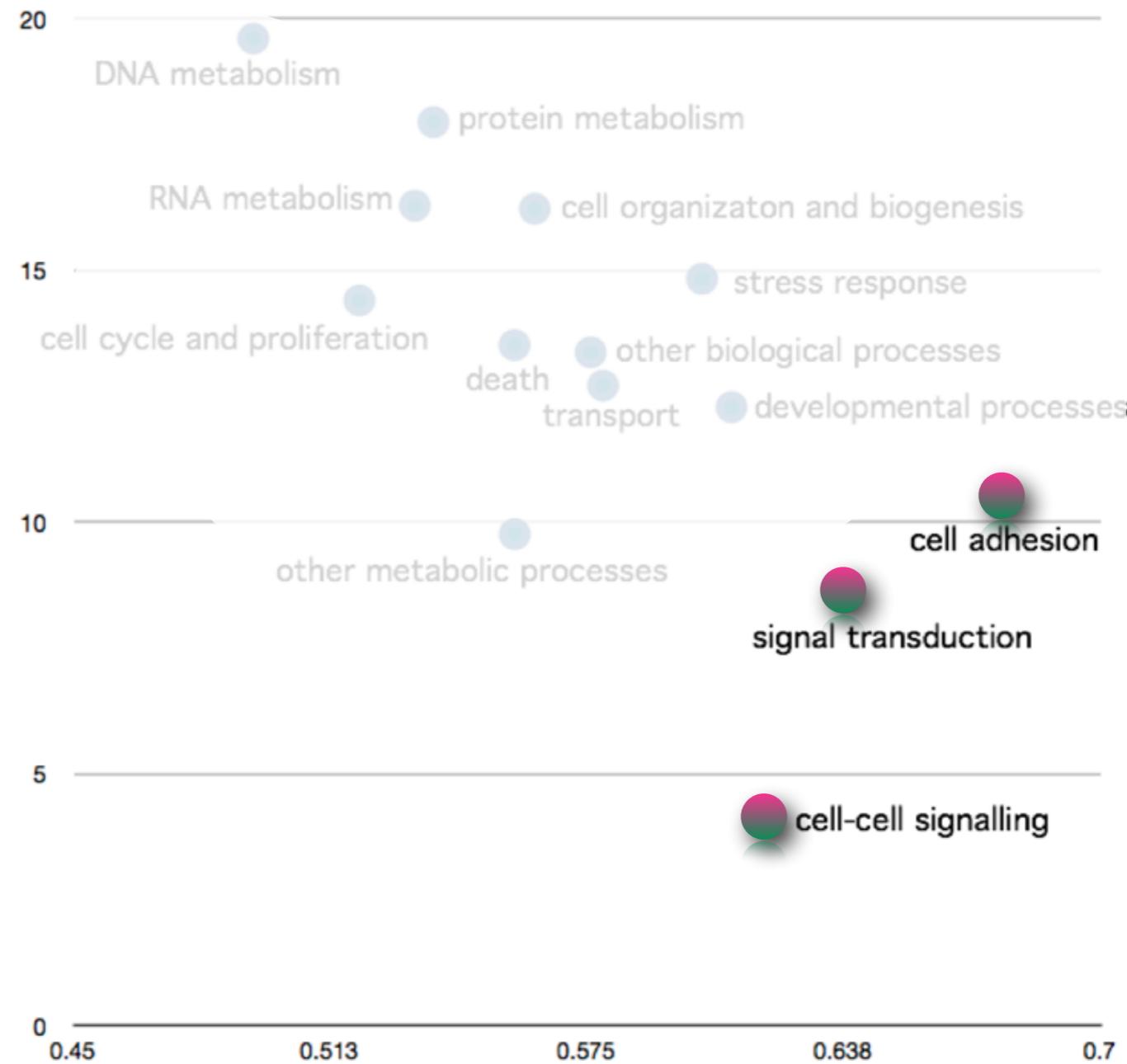
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Gene expression



Epigenetic variation

cell adhesion

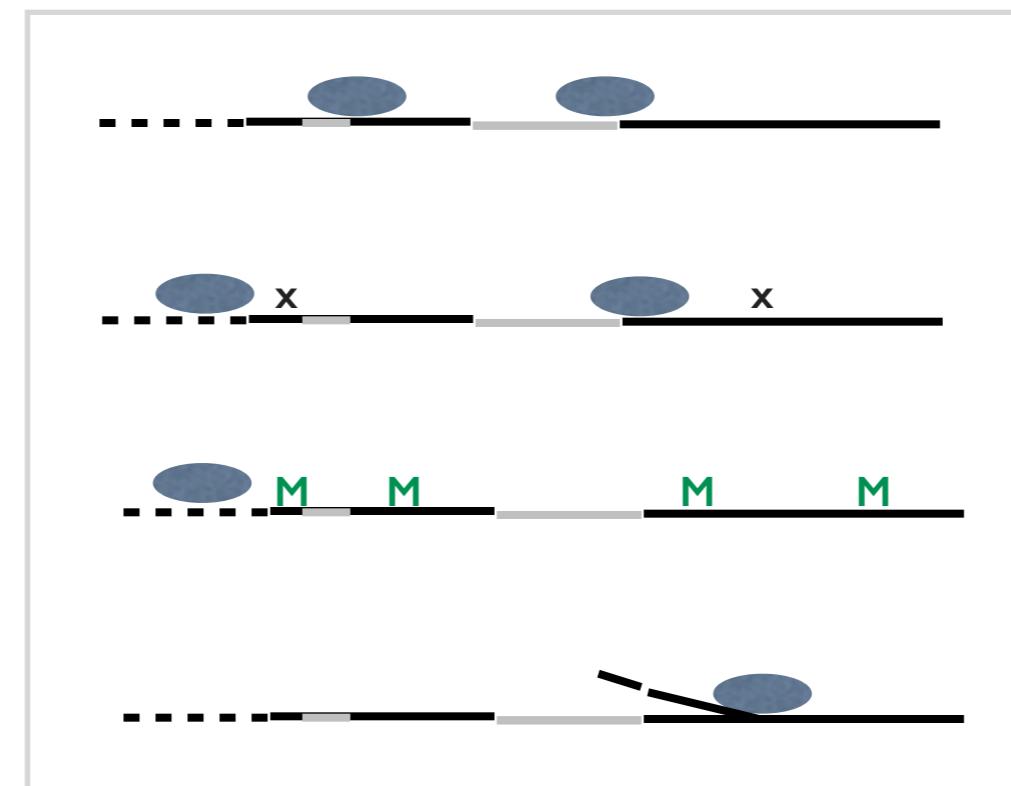
signal transduction

cell-cell signalling

sparse methylation

*tissue / temporal specific and
inducible genes*

Transcriptional opportunities



alternative start sites

sequence mutation
change AA, premature stop codon

conventional transcription
transient methylation

alternate transcript
exon skipping

Gene expression



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DNA metabolism

protein metabolism

RNA metabolism



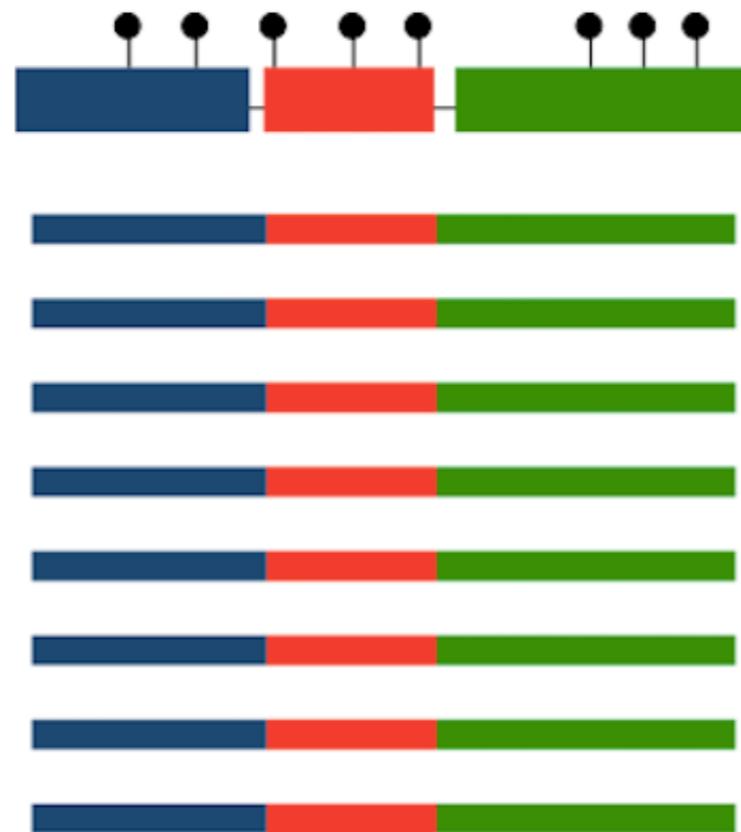
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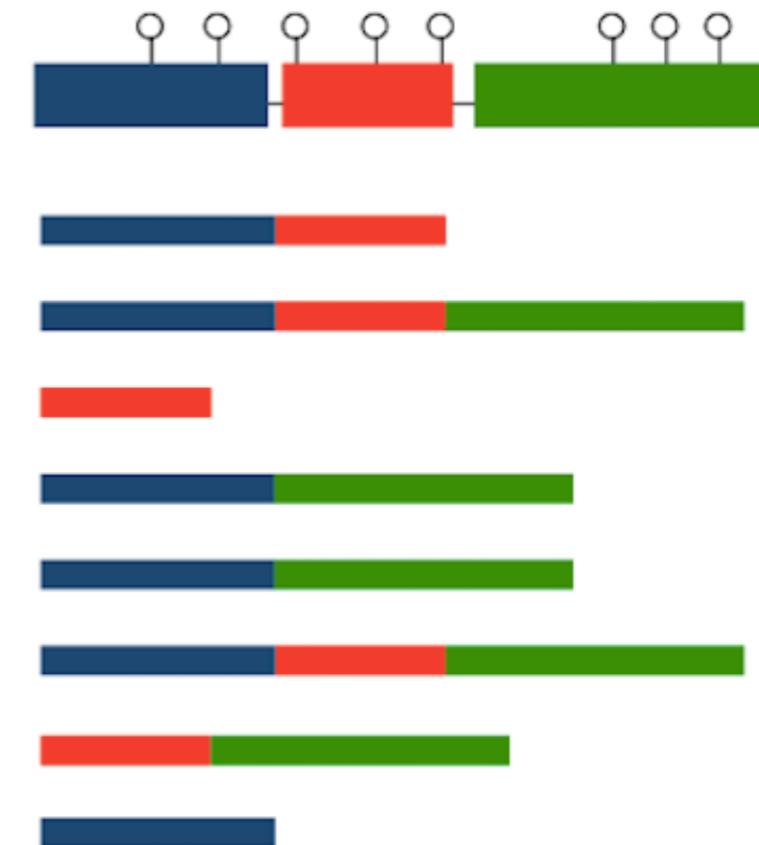
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conventional transcription
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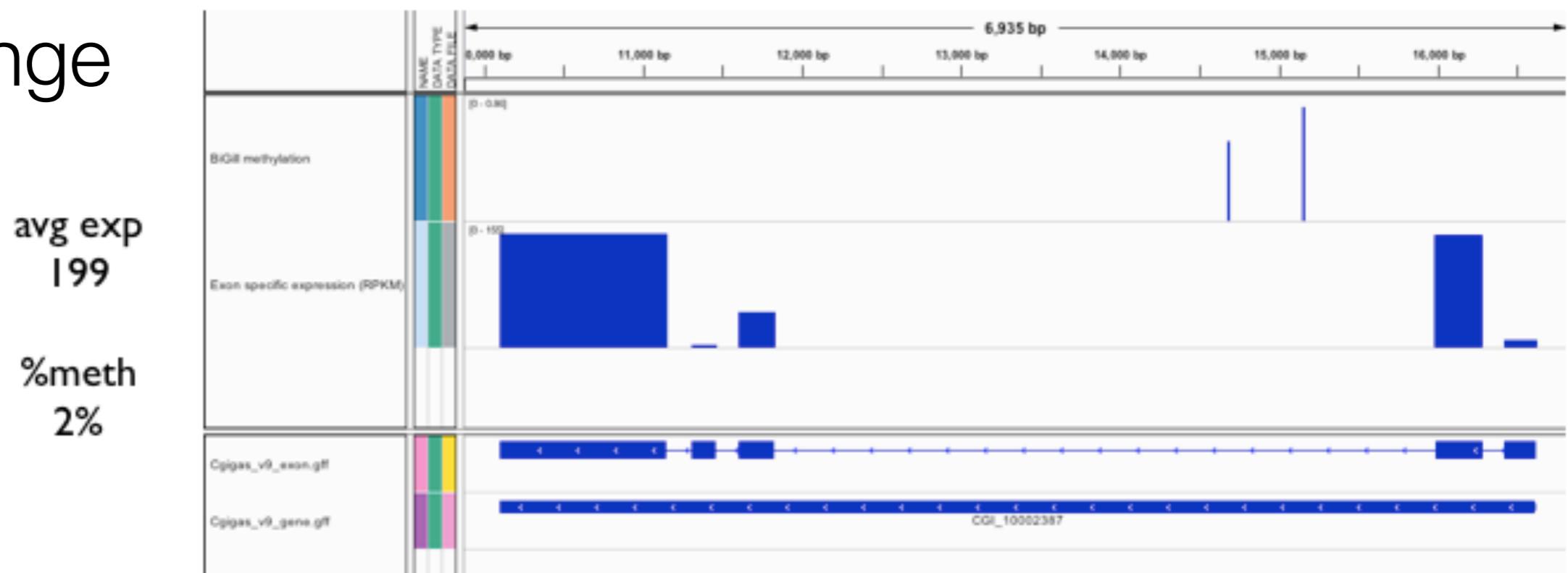
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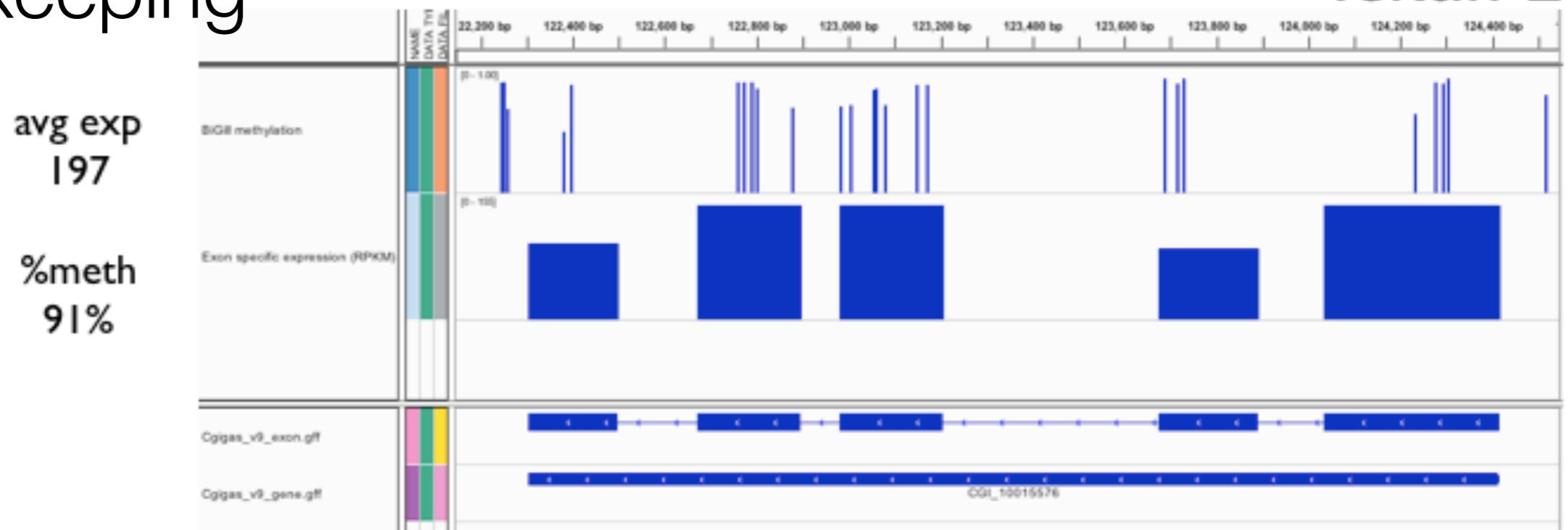
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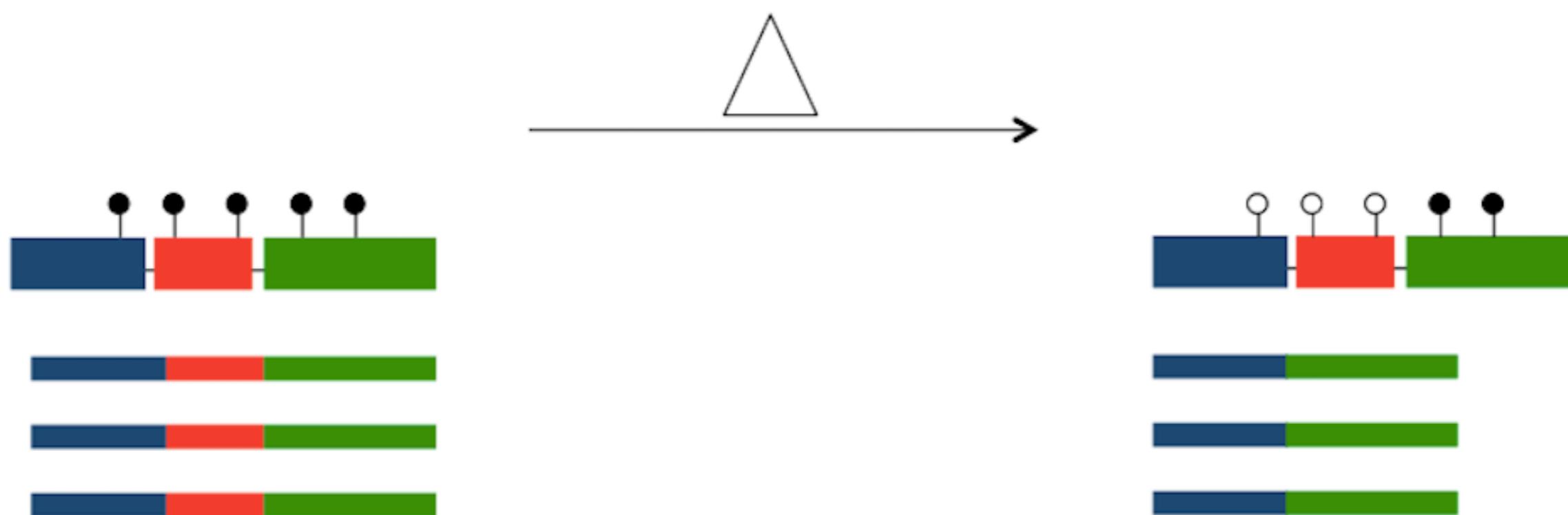


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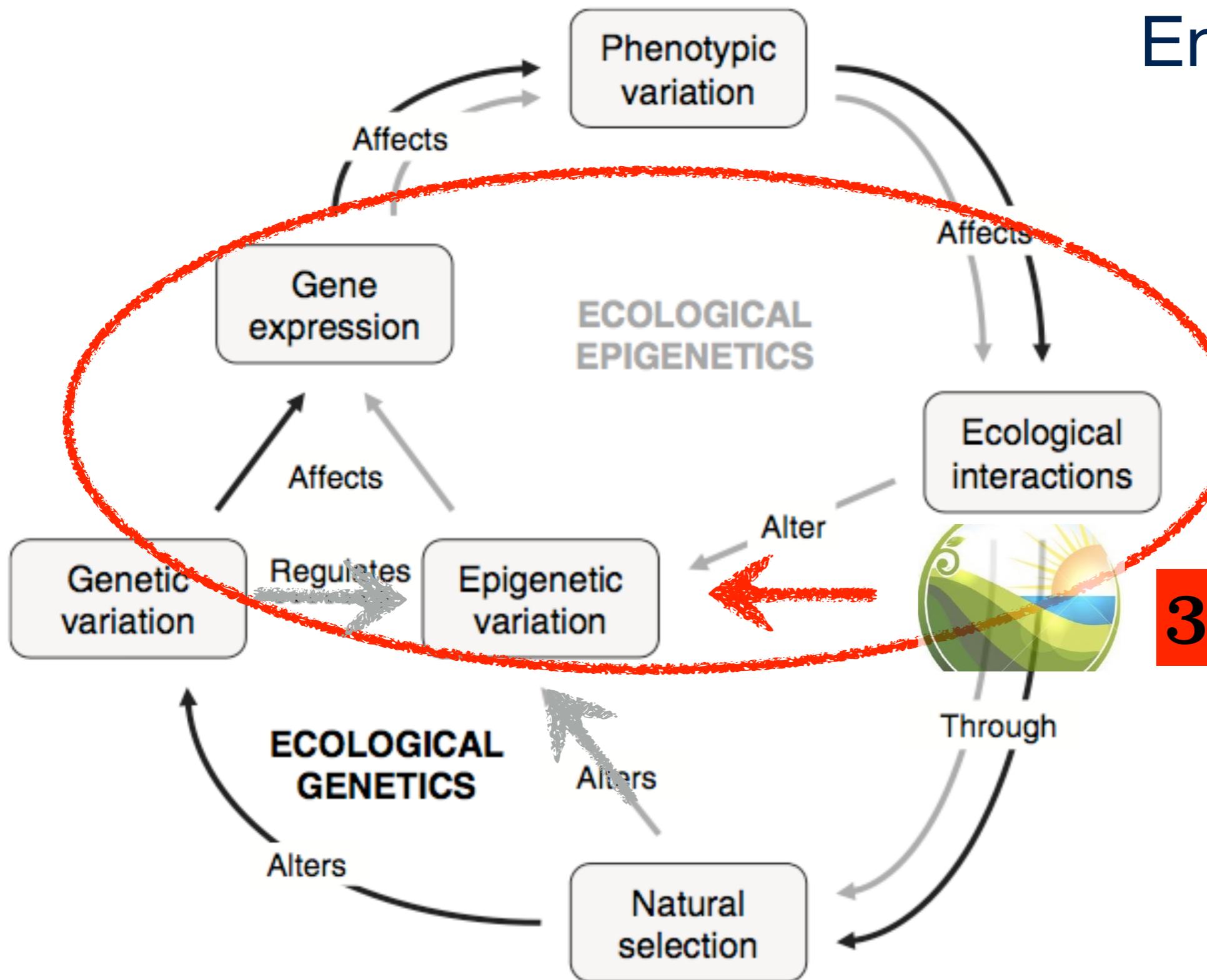
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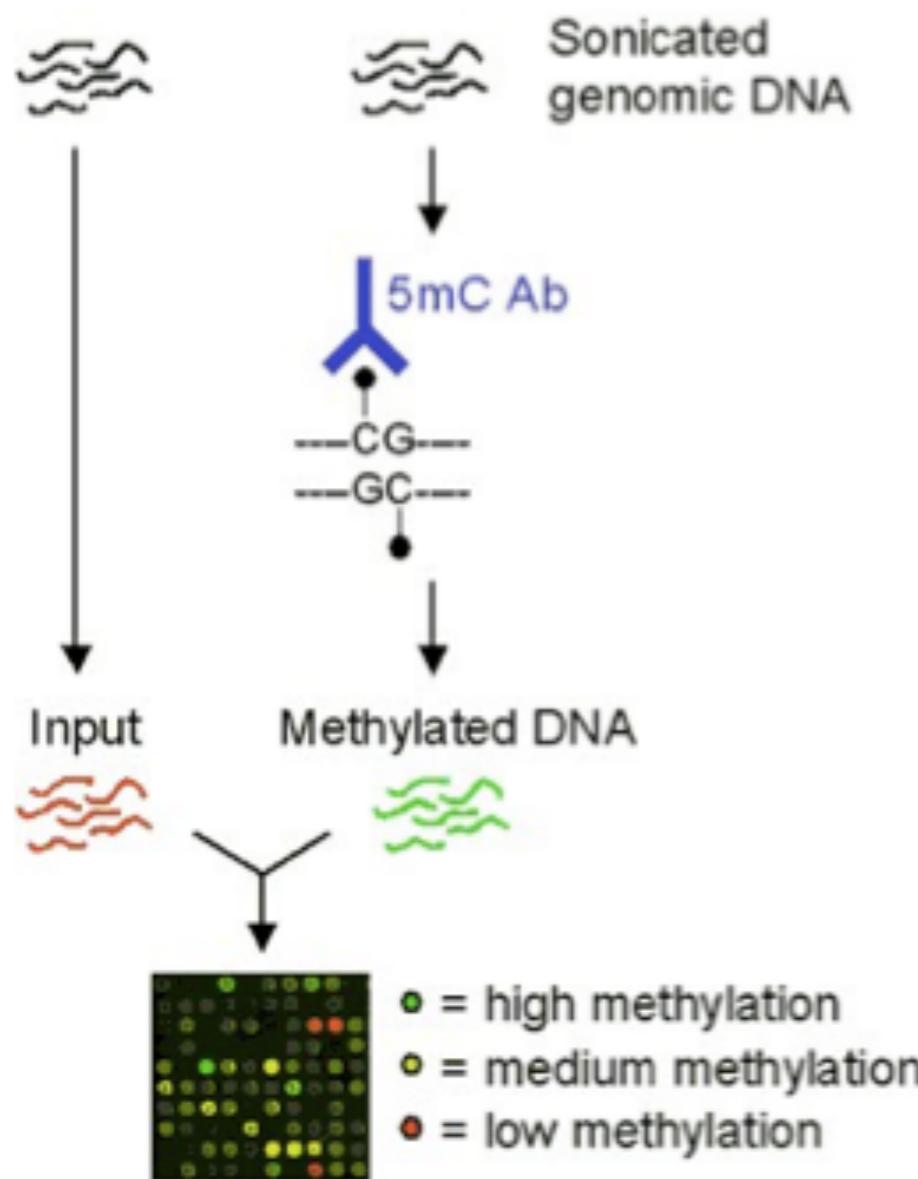
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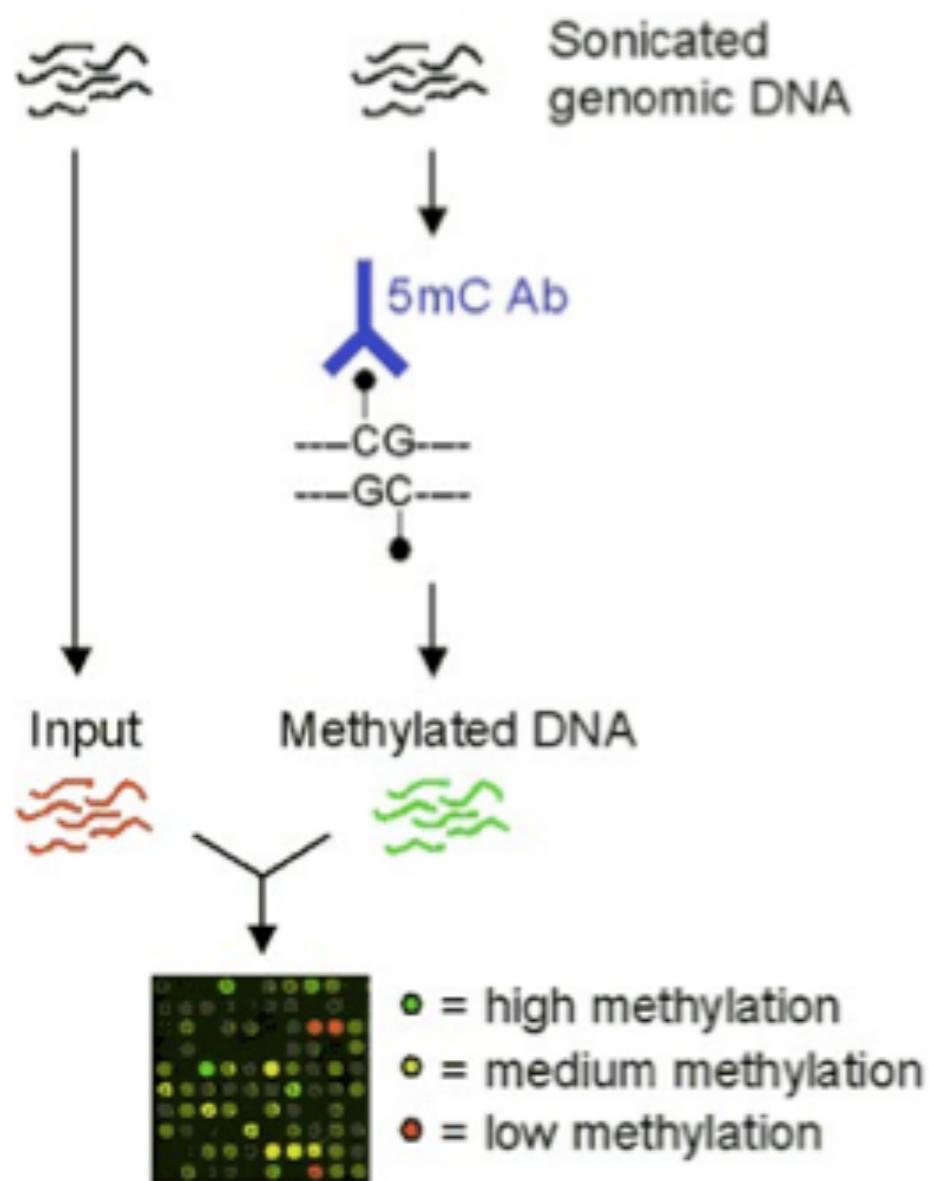
Environmental impact (Estrogens)



- 96 regions that were hypermethylated in EE2
 - 90 are in genes
 - 52 of these cross exon/intron boundary another
 - 32 are in introns
 - 6 are just in exons
- 287 regions that were hypomethylated in EE2
 - 256 are in genes
 - 138 cross exon/intron boundary
 - 114 are in introns only and
 - 4 are just in exons

Very new data

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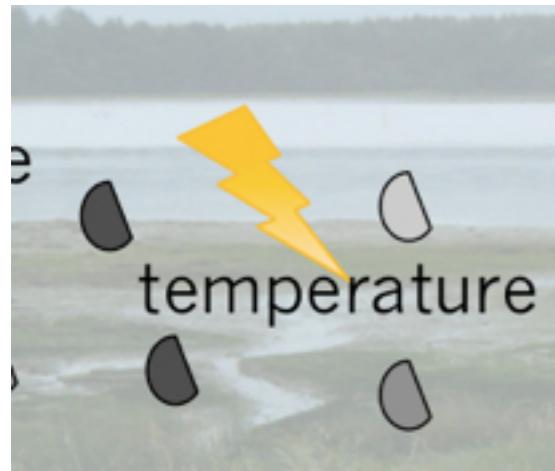


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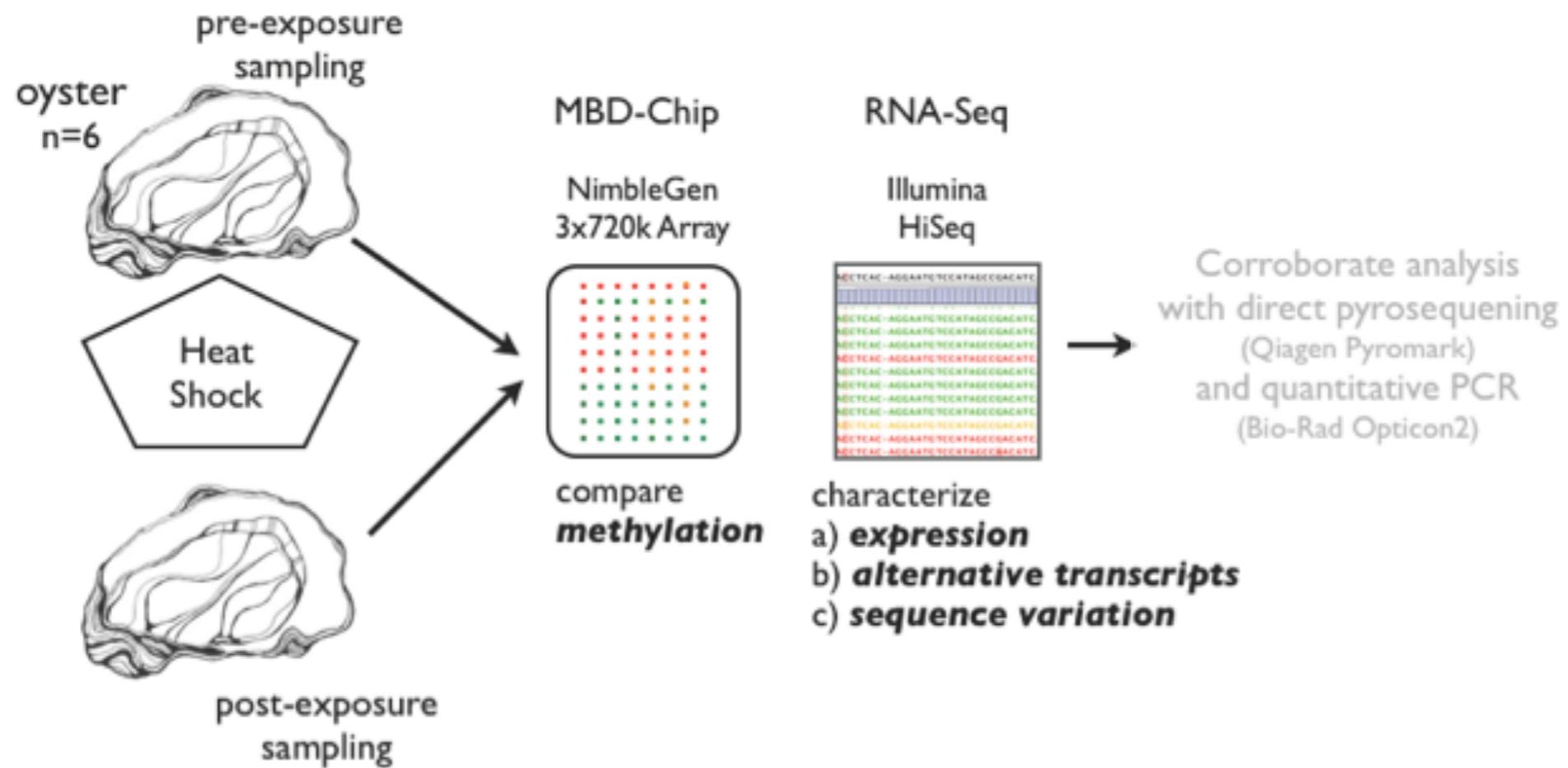
- = high methylation
- = medium methylation
- = low methylation

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Environment and gene expression

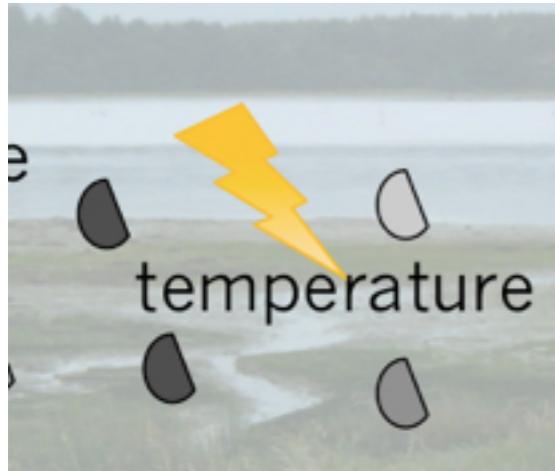


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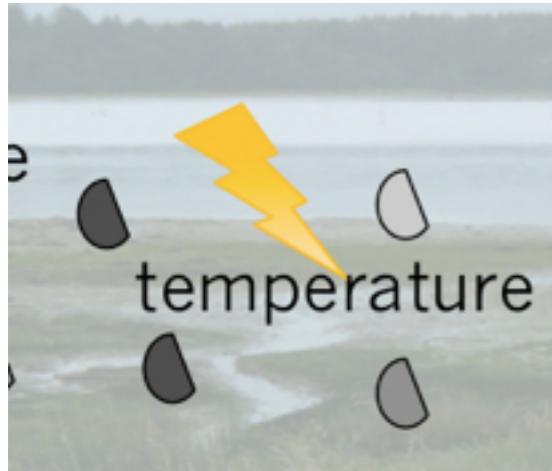


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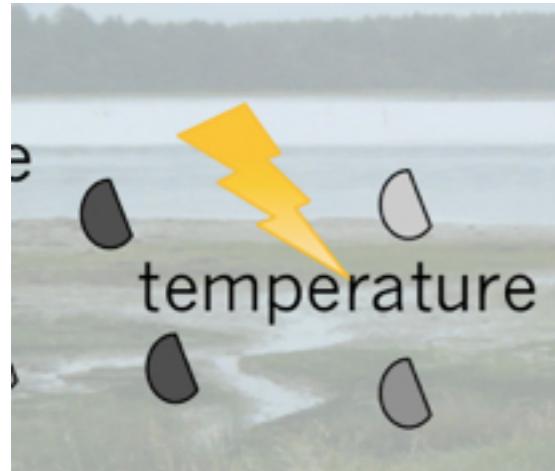
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No obvious association
with genome feature
including *differentially*
expressed
genes

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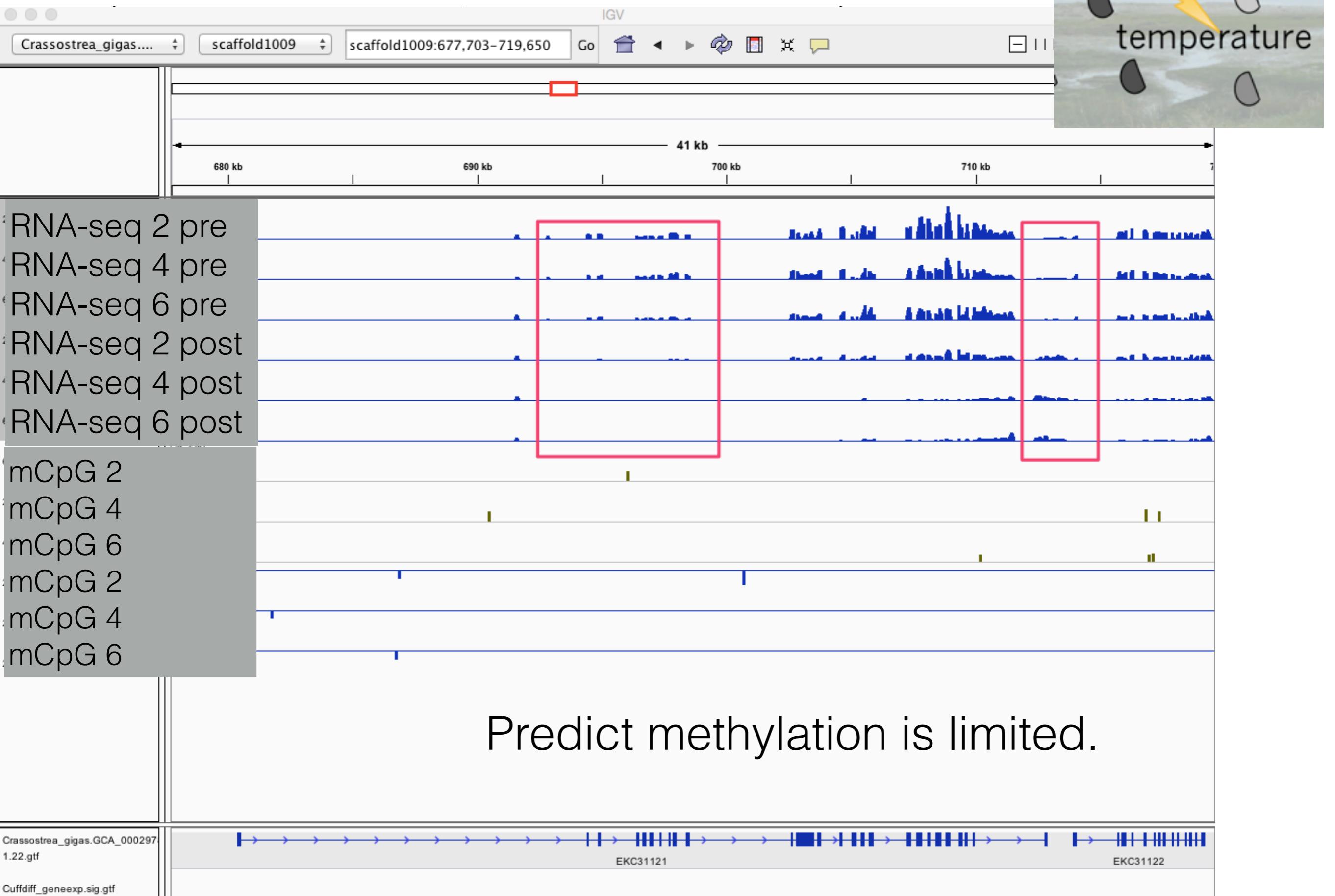


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Changes in methylation (either direction) are more prevalent in introns, repeats, and transposable elements.

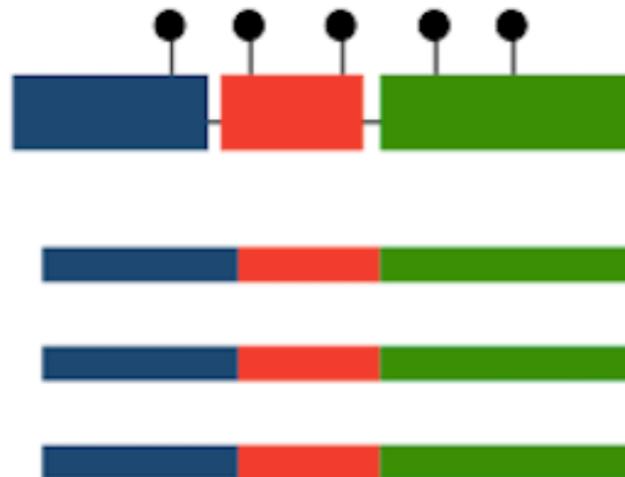
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Gene
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Epigenetic
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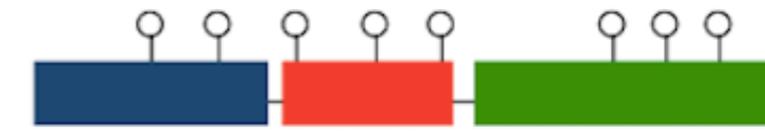
not in this experiment

not even consistent methylation changes at loci level

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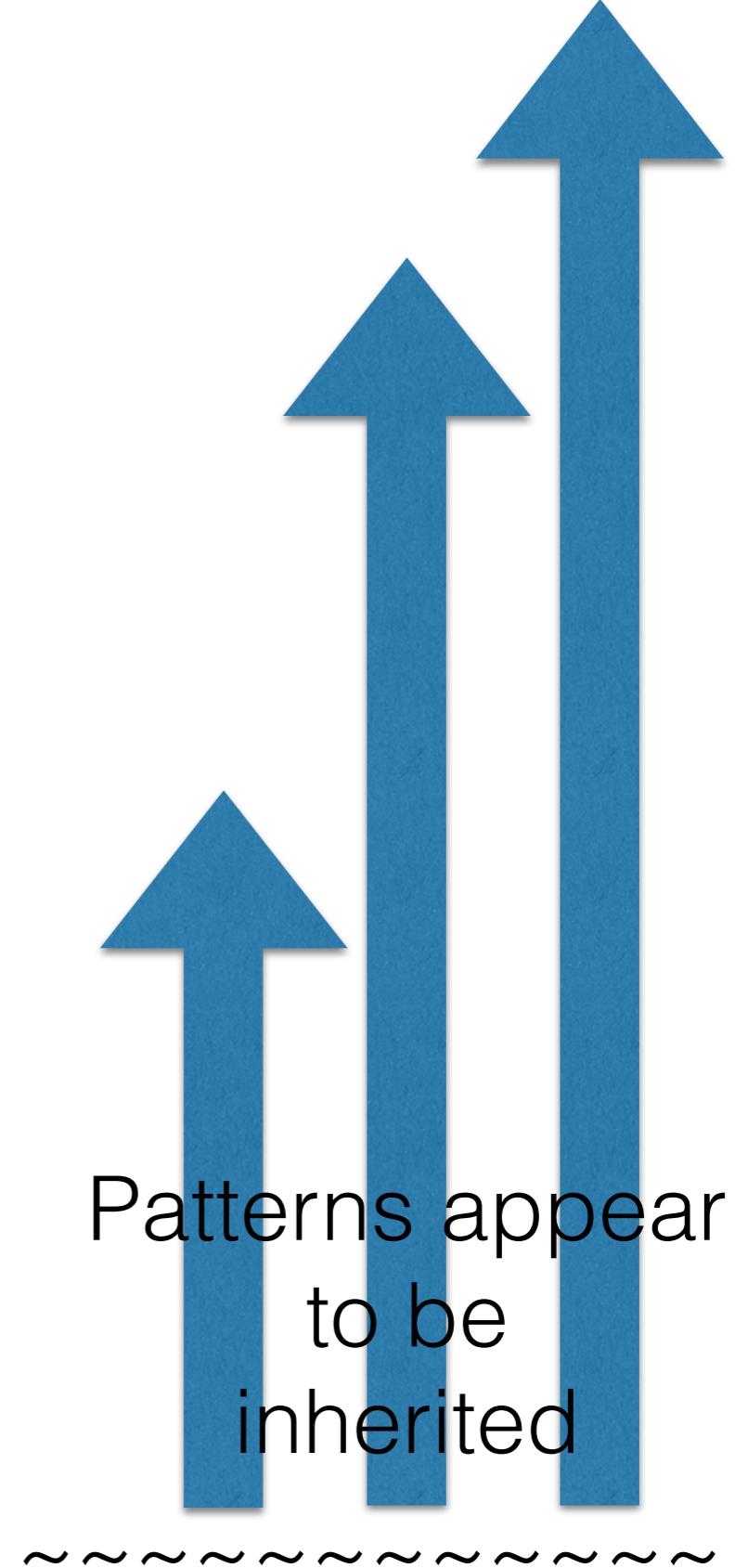


more questions....
interesting but what is controlling?

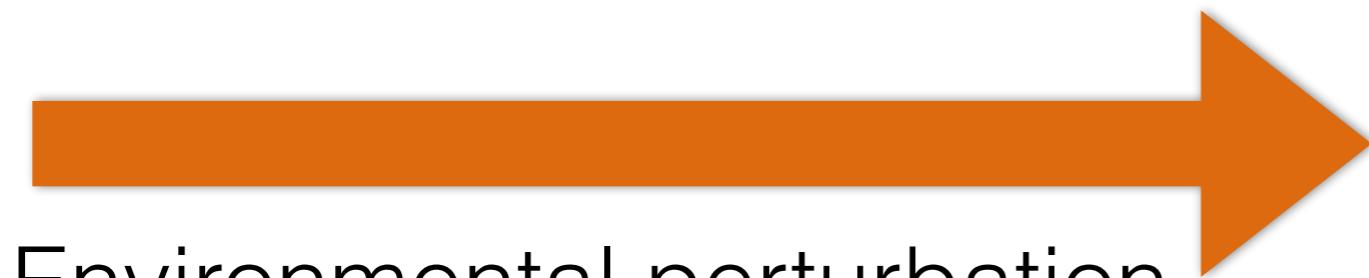
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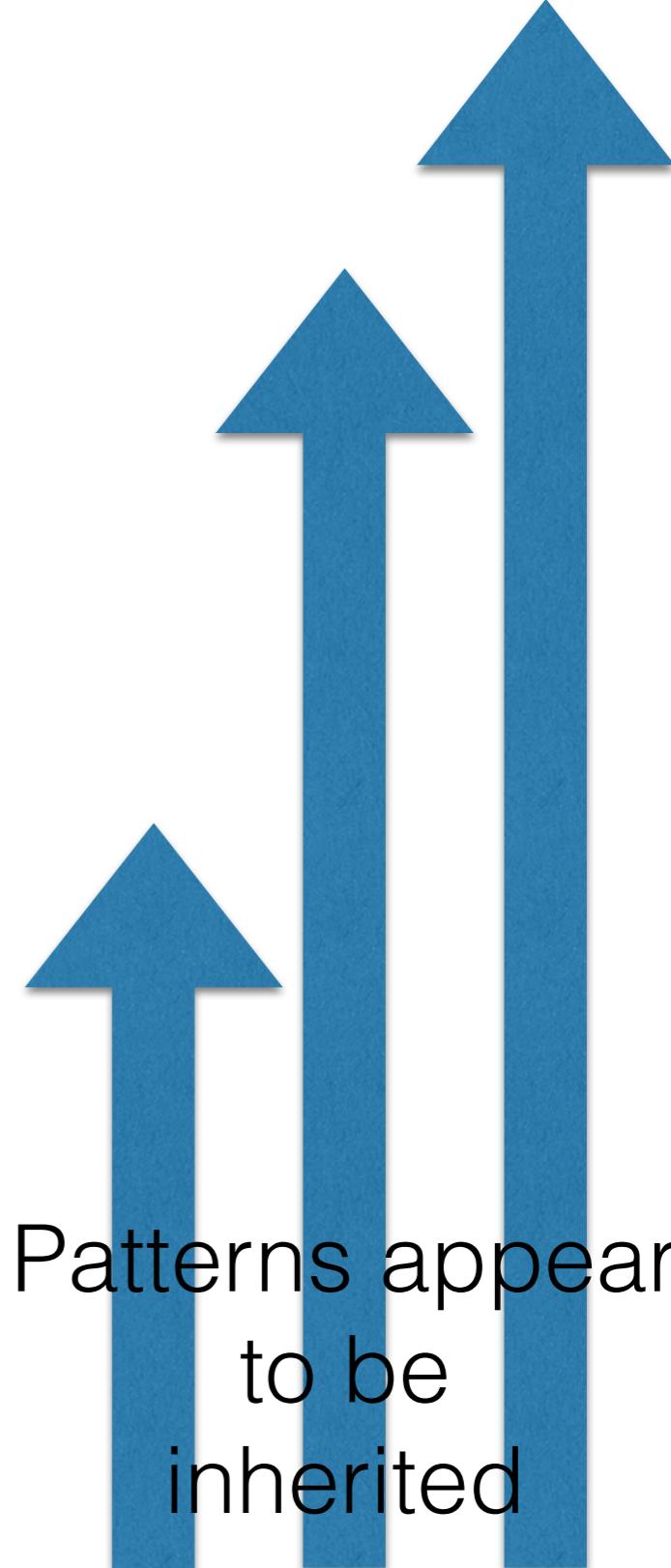
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Considerations



Environmental perturbation
impacts DNA methylation
(predominantly demethylation)

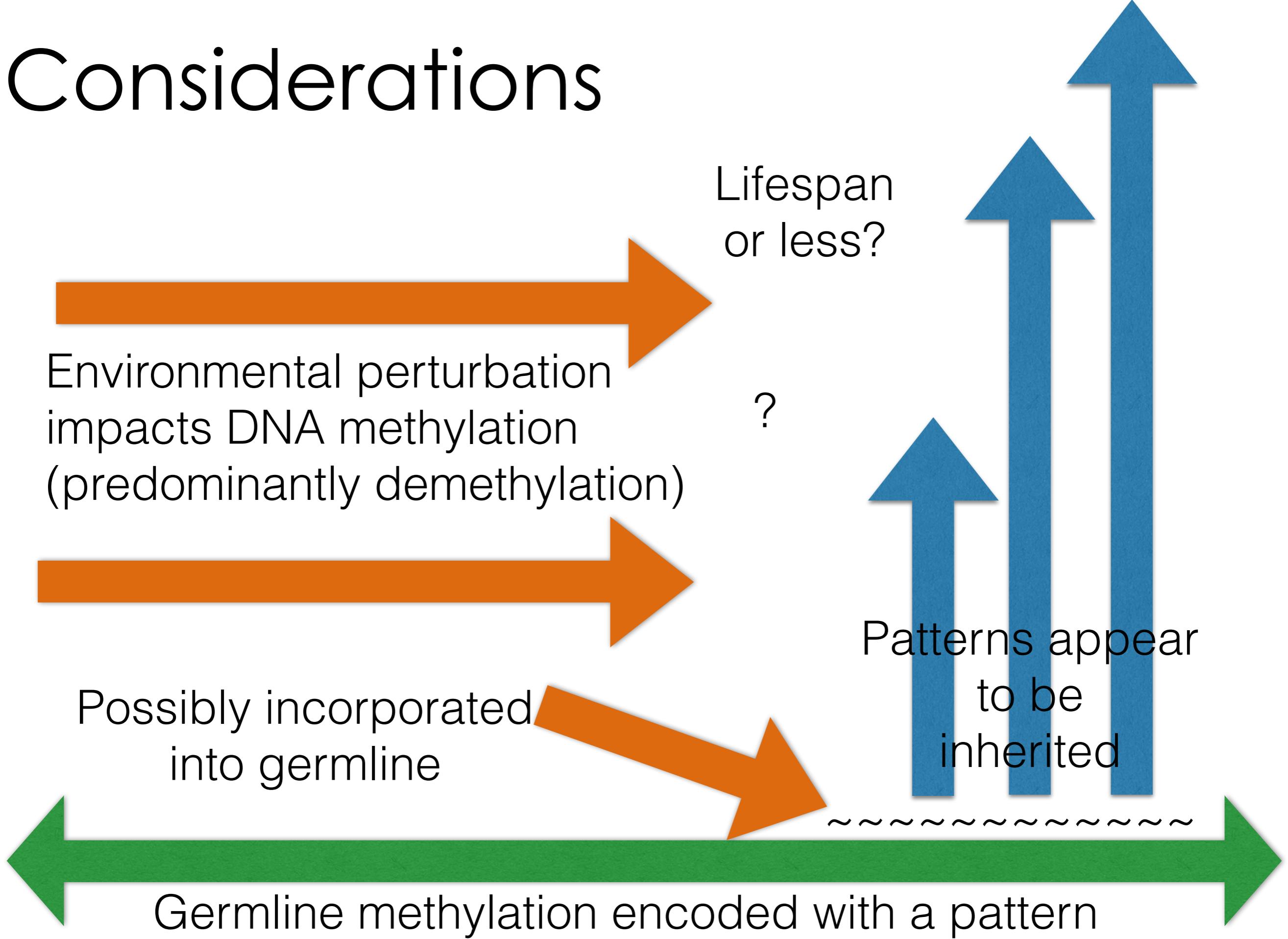


Patterns appear
to be
inherited



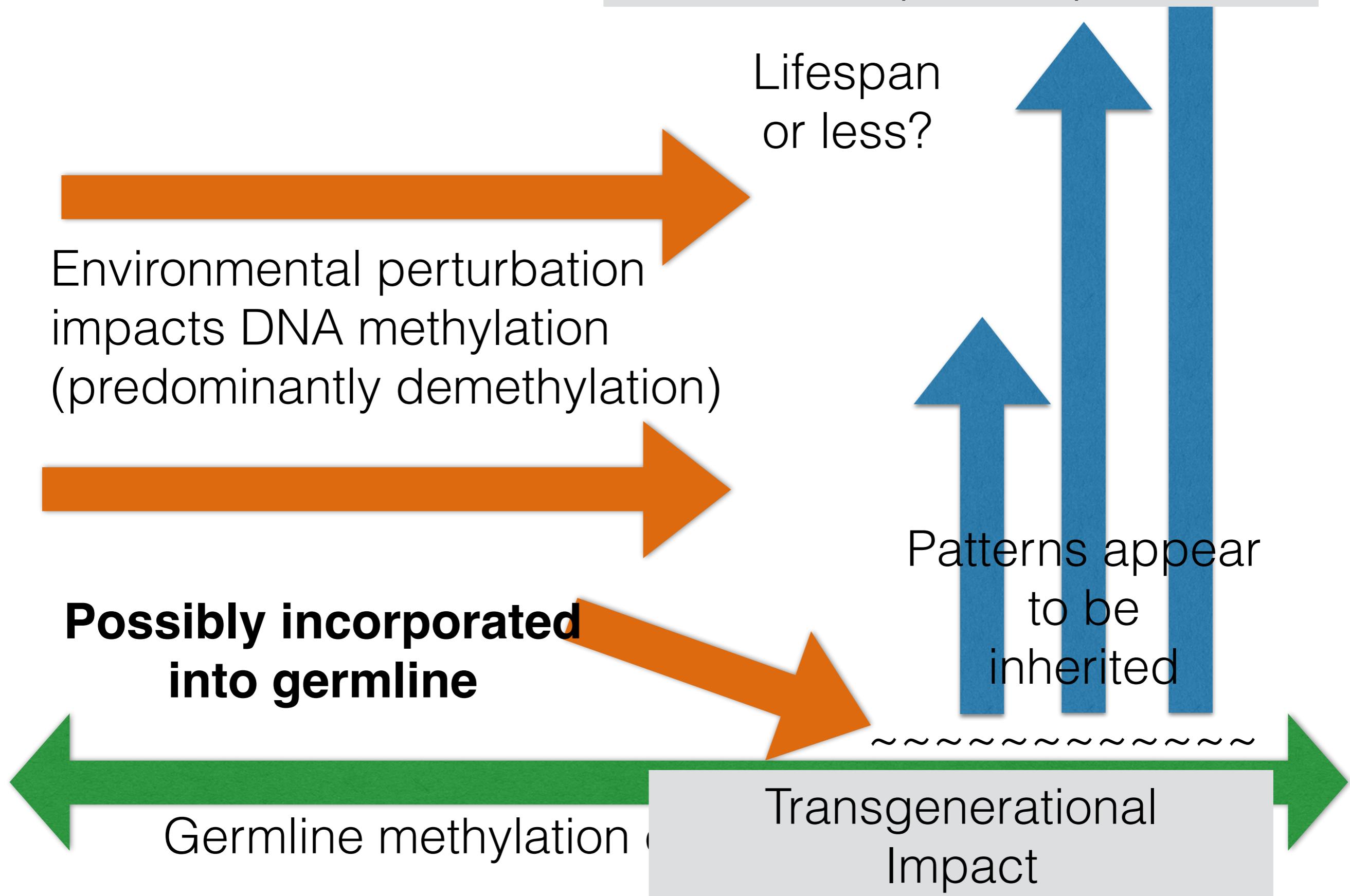
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Could this provide a “memory”
for subsequent exposure?



Next Steps

Dig into the
heat-shock data

Transposable
Elements

Consider other
epigenetic process

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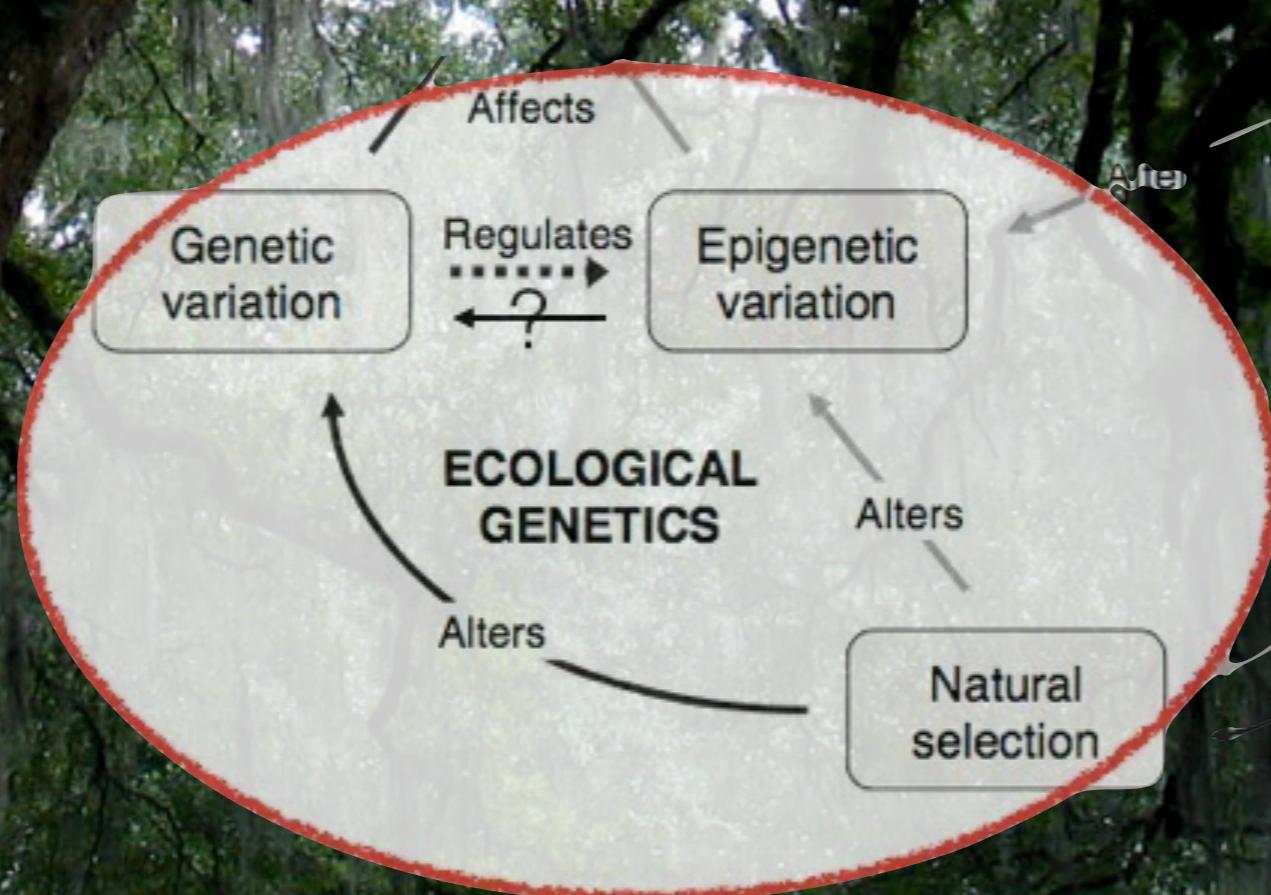


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Heritability
Plasticity
Local Adaptation

*Genetics
versus
Epigenetics*



Common Garden Experiment

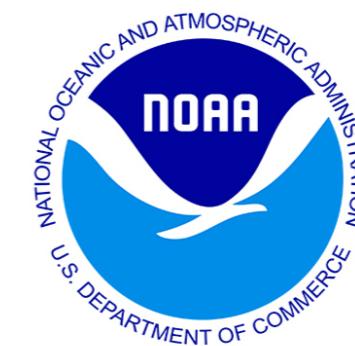


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