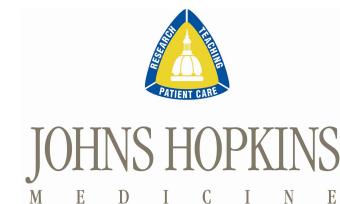


High-Resolution Genome-Wide Mapping of integration sites of the DNA transposon *Hermes* in *S. cerevisiae*

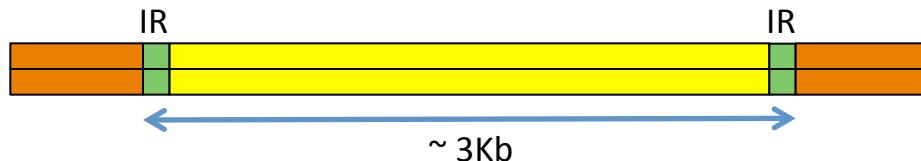
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Introduction

HERMES



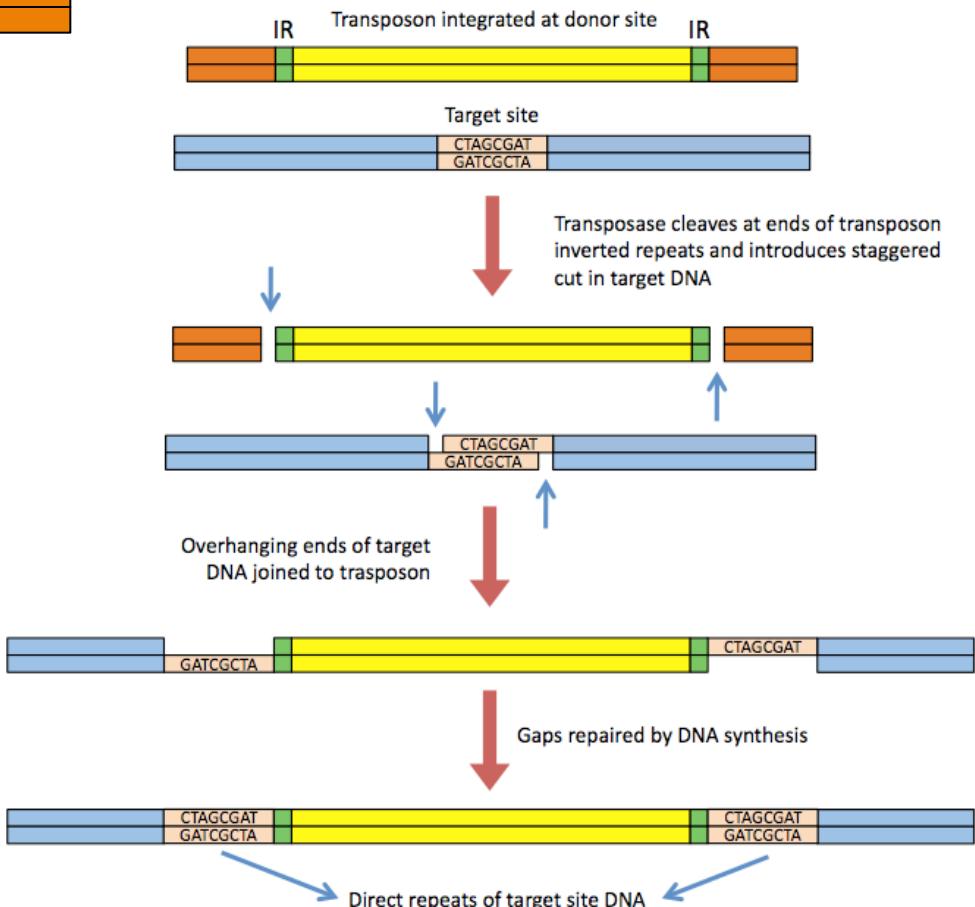
Features of *Hermes*

- DNA transposon (cut and paste mechanism)
- initially isolated from *Musca domestica* (Warren et al., 1994)

Most transposon insertions are non-random

- can target specific sequences
- can target genomic features

TRANSPOSITION

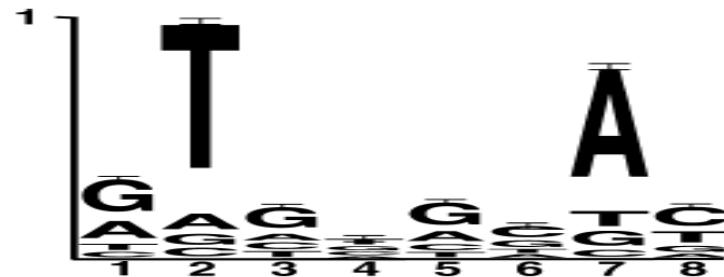


PREVIOUS STUDIES OF HERMES INTEGRATION SITE PREFERENCE

- in *D. melanogaster* (Guimond et al. 2003)

Genome size= 122.6 Mb

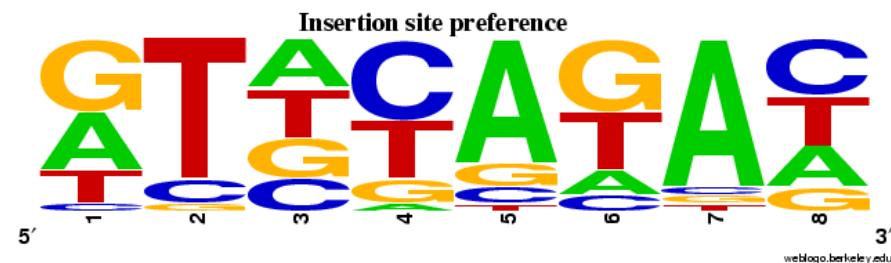
Number of unique insertions=252



- in *A. aegypti* (Sarkar A. et al. 1997)

Genome size=3.9Kb

Number of unique insertions=24



- in *S. pombe* (Evertts A. G. et al. 2007)

Genome size=14.1 Mb

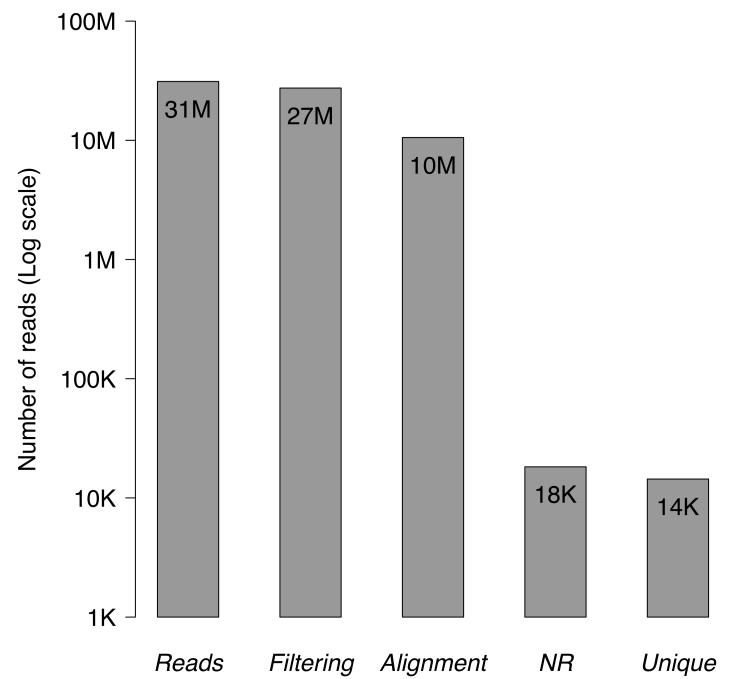
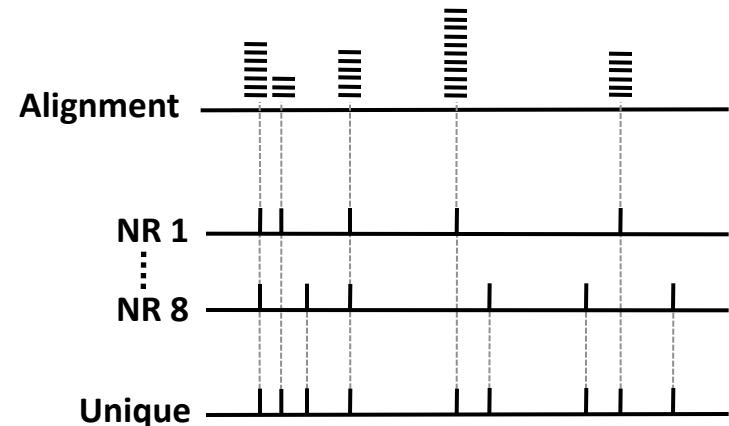
Number of unique insertions=26



Methods

EXPERIMENTAL DESIGN

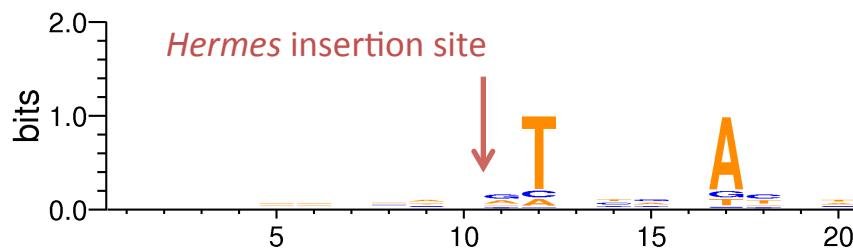
- 1) Transformation of yeast with *Hermes* transposon + transposase
- 2) Digestion of the DNA with Msel and EAH (EcoRI, HindIII, AflIII) enzymes
- 3) Amplification by transposon specific linker mediated PCR
- 4) Massively parallel sequencing (454 and Solexa, **31M reads**)
- 5) Filtering of the reads (**27M reads**)
- 6) Alignment of the reads to the yeast genome with Bowtie (**10M reads**)
- 7) Identification of the non-redundant (NR) and unique insertions (**14394 insertions**)



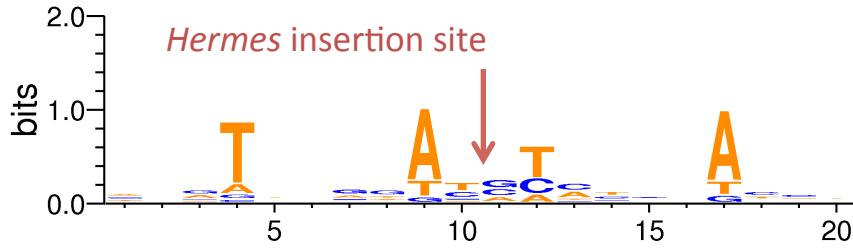
Results

SEQUENCE ANALYSIS OF HERMES INTEGRATION SITE

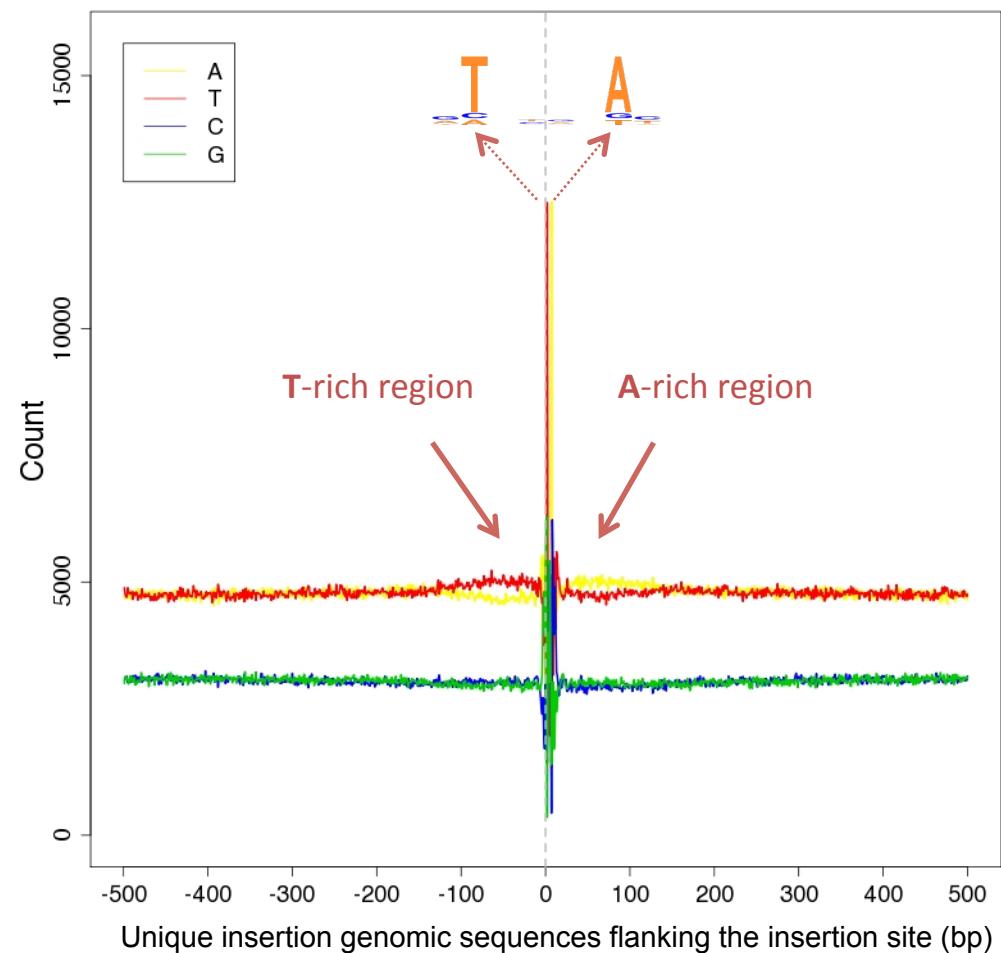
All 14394 unique insertions



46 insertion sites are bidirectional



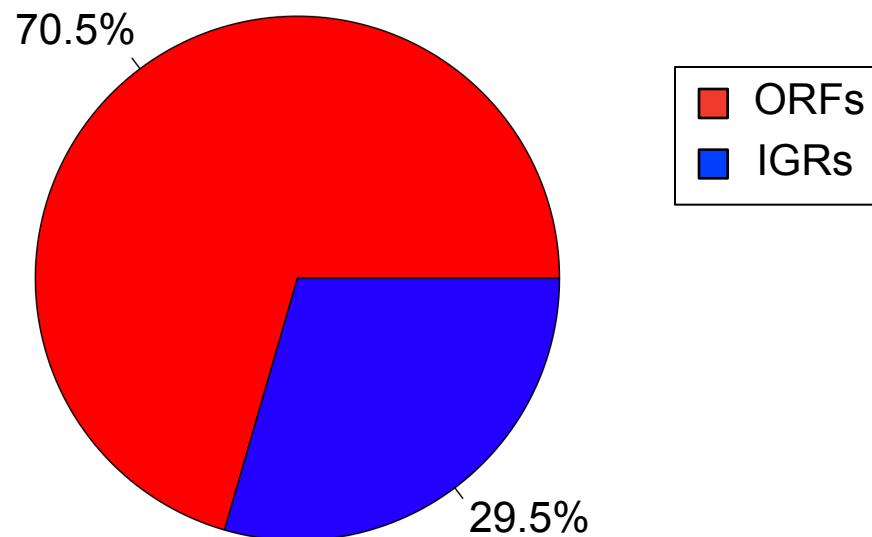
Nucleotide composition of target sequences



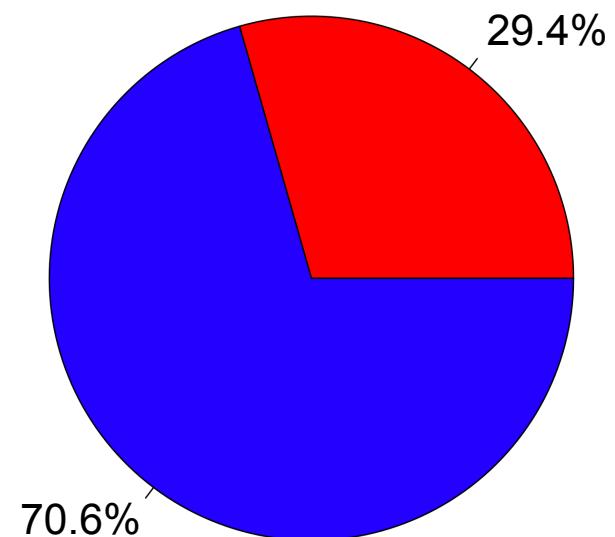
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HERMES INTEGRATES OUTSIDE OF ORFS

Yeast genome

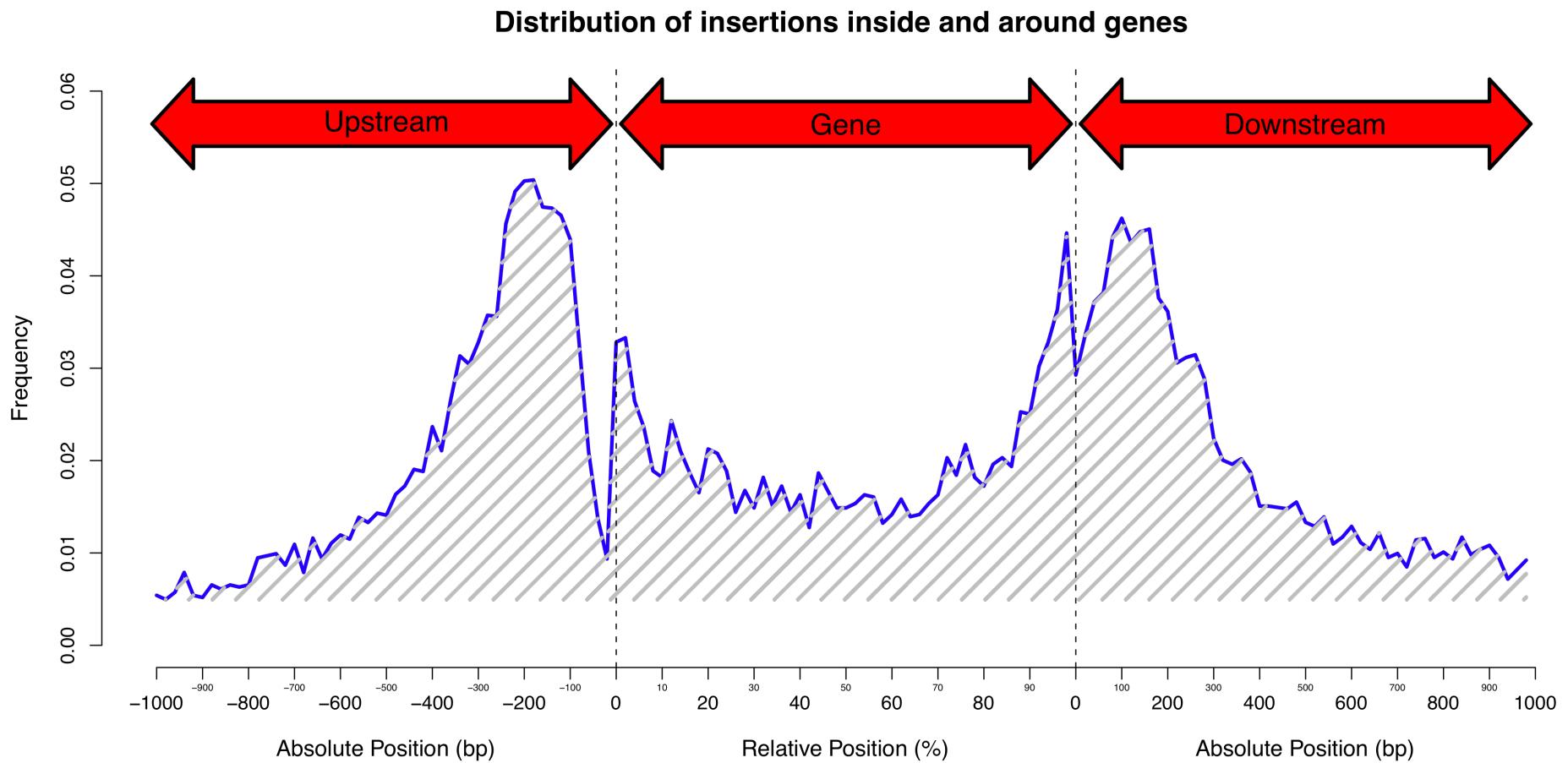


Hermes insertions



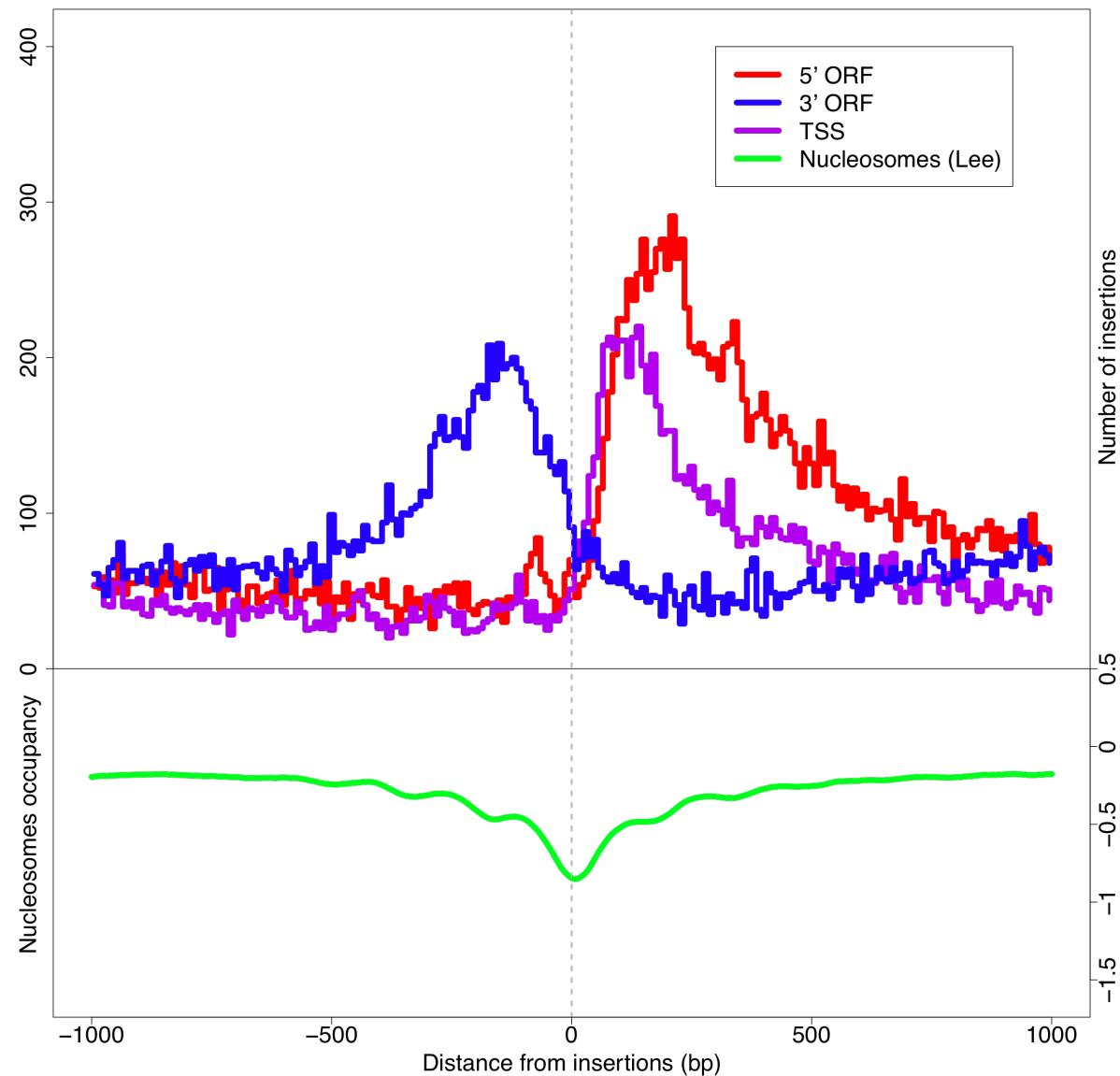
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INSERTION SITE DISTRIBUTION IN THE GENOME



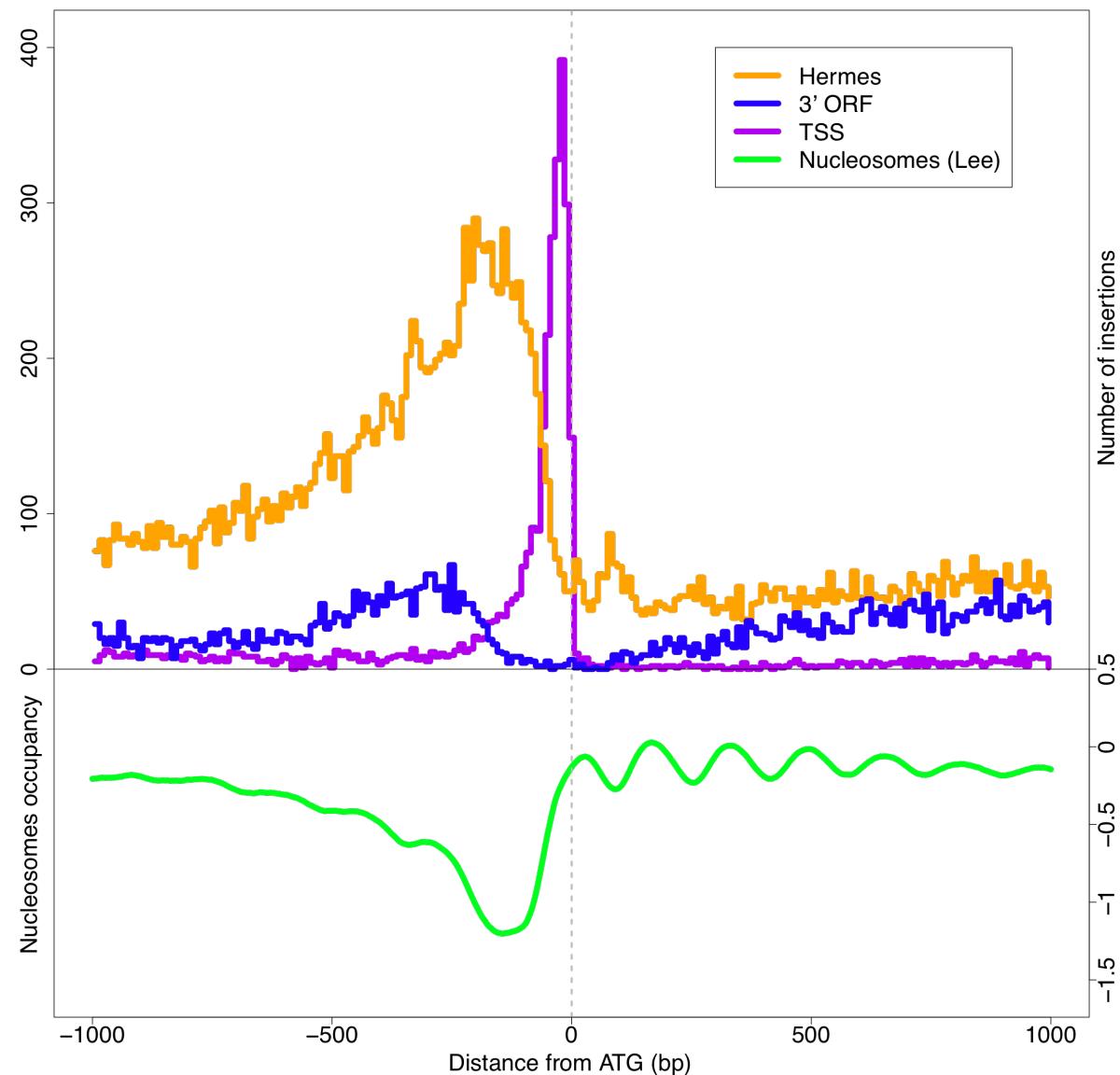
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INSERTION SITE FEATURES



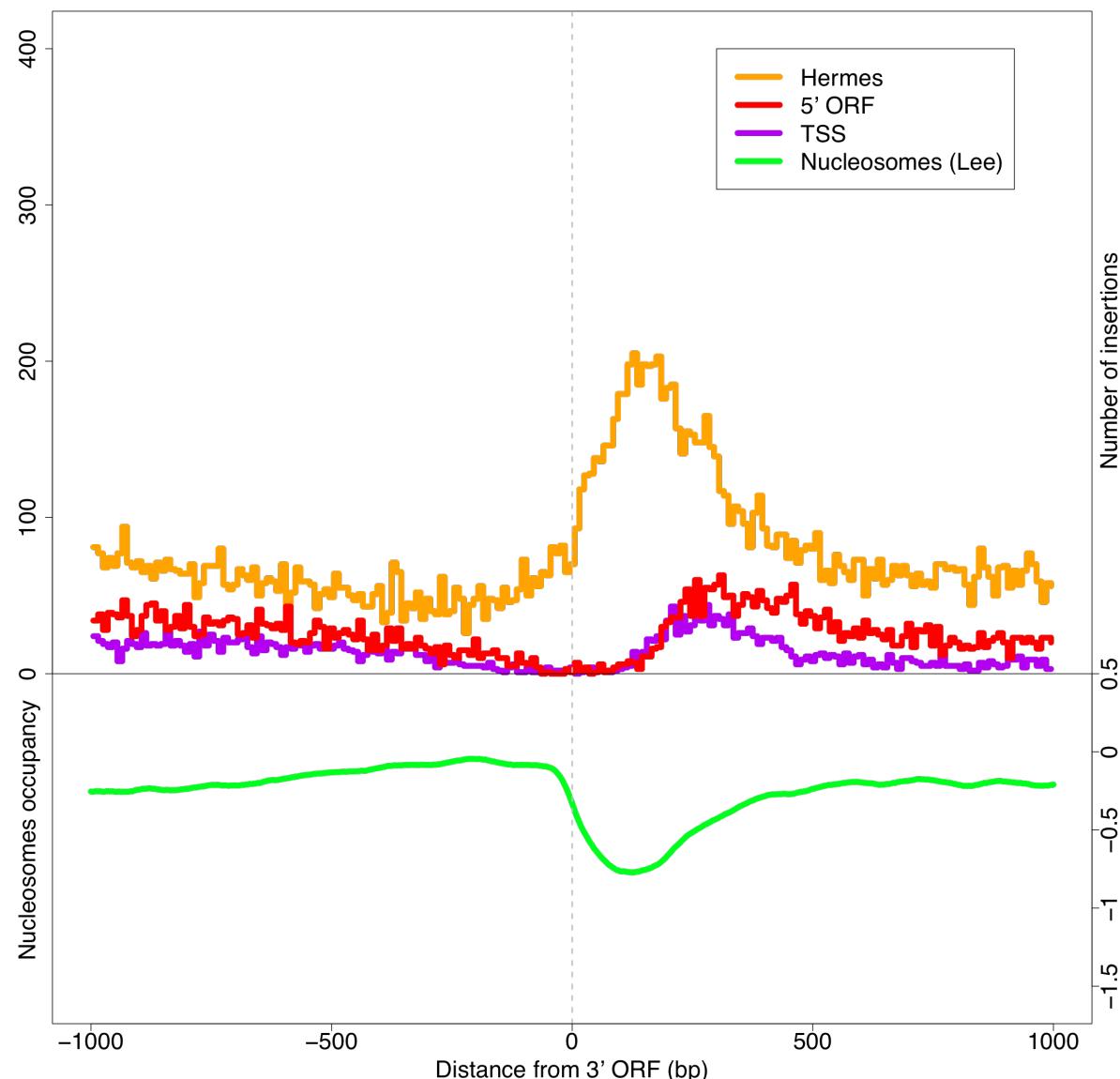
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ATG-CENTERED VIEW



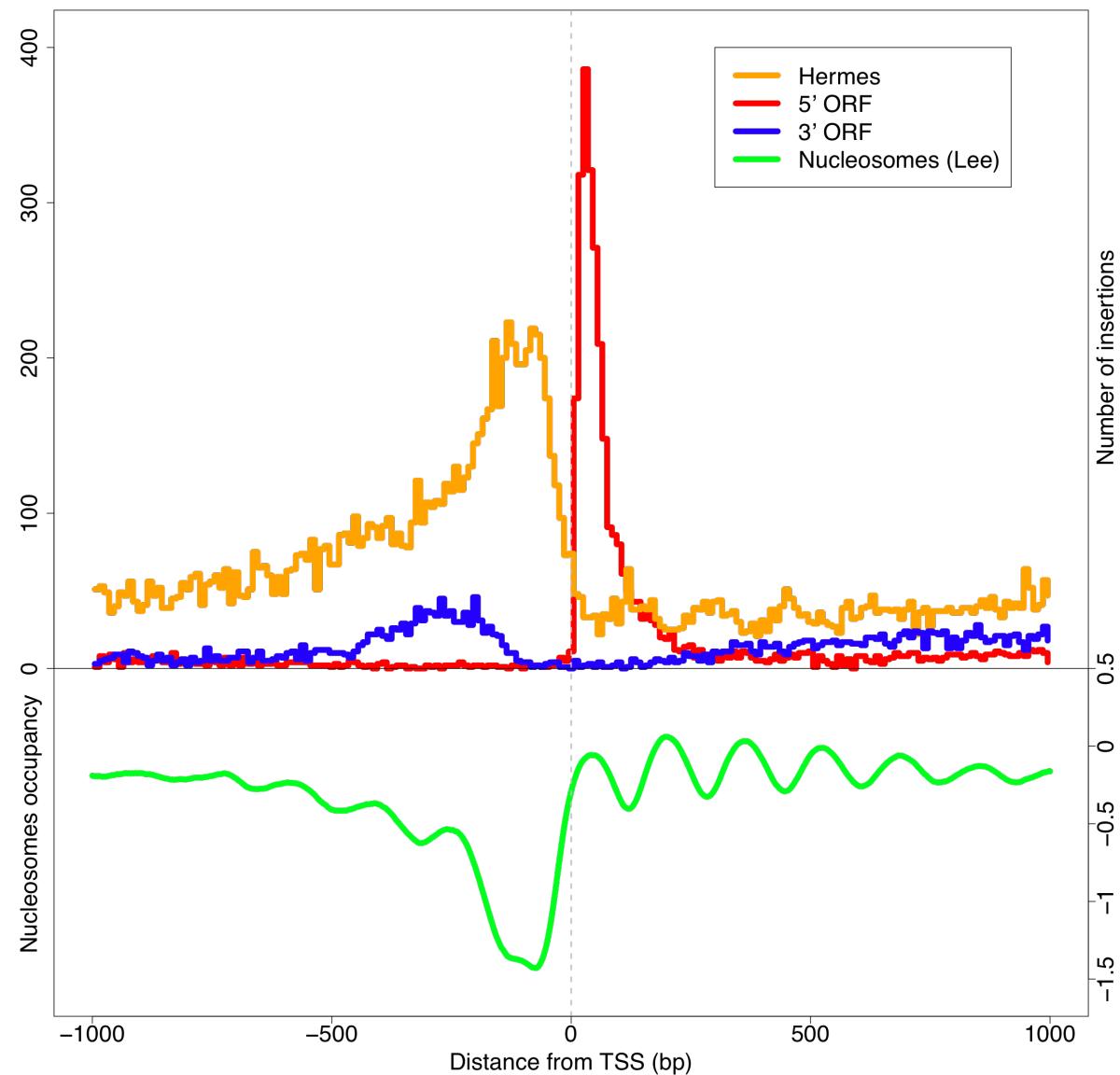
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ORF 3p END-CENTERED VIEW



Results

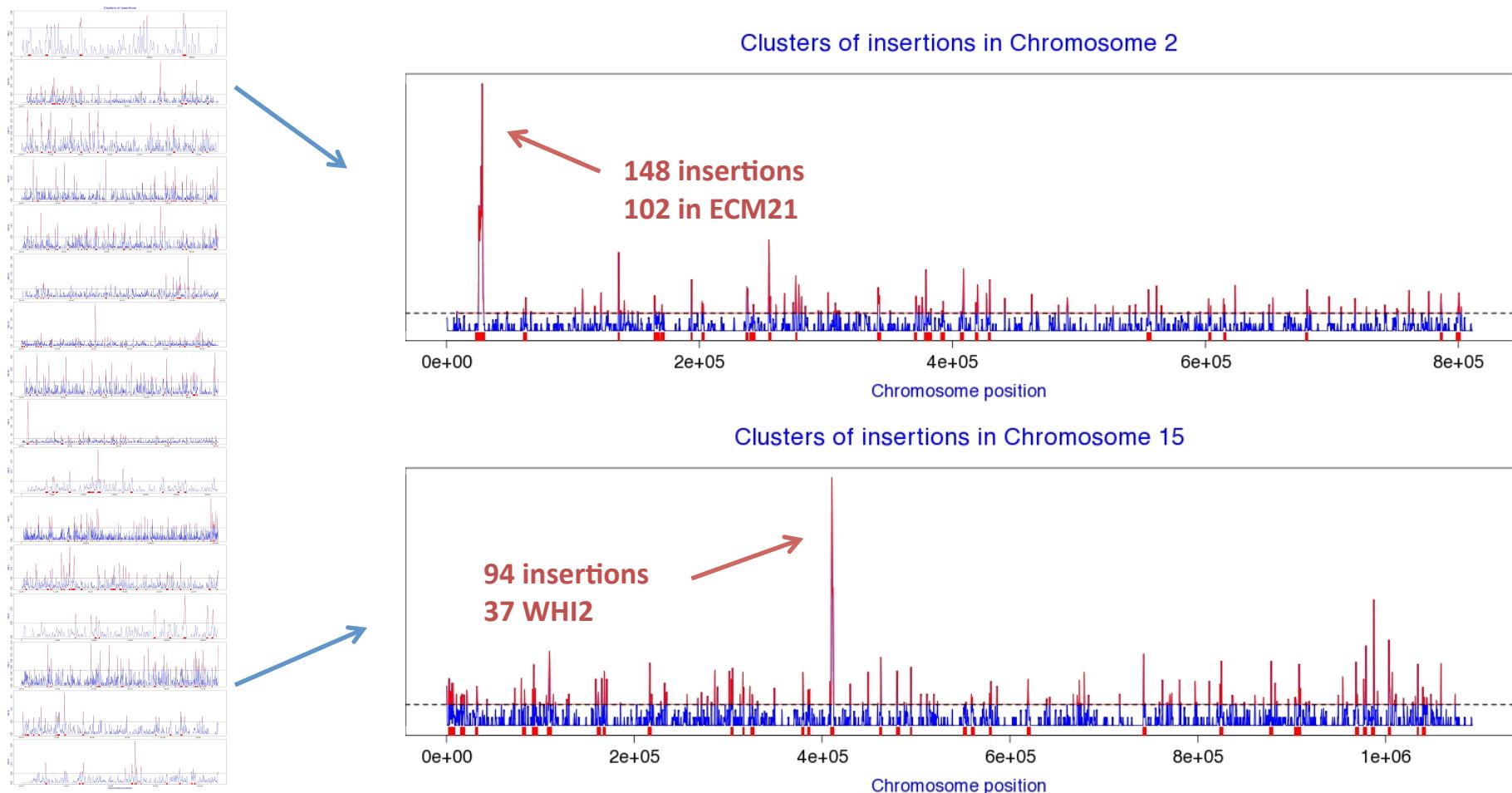
TSS-CENTERED VIEW



Results

HOT REGIONS OF THE YEAST GENOME

1. Clusters: **365** regions where at least 10 insertions are no more than 1Kb apart



Results

HOT REGIONS OF THE YEAST GENOME

- Number of times (frequency) the same event occurs in independent experiments

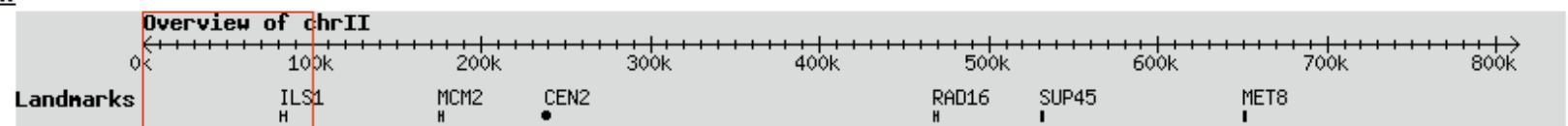
# Repeated sites	1/8	2/8	3/8	4/8	5/8	6/8	7/8	8/8
insertions	14394	2563	826	354	71	12	6	5

# Repeated sites	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8+
Simulated data	17151	501	23	1	1	0	0	0

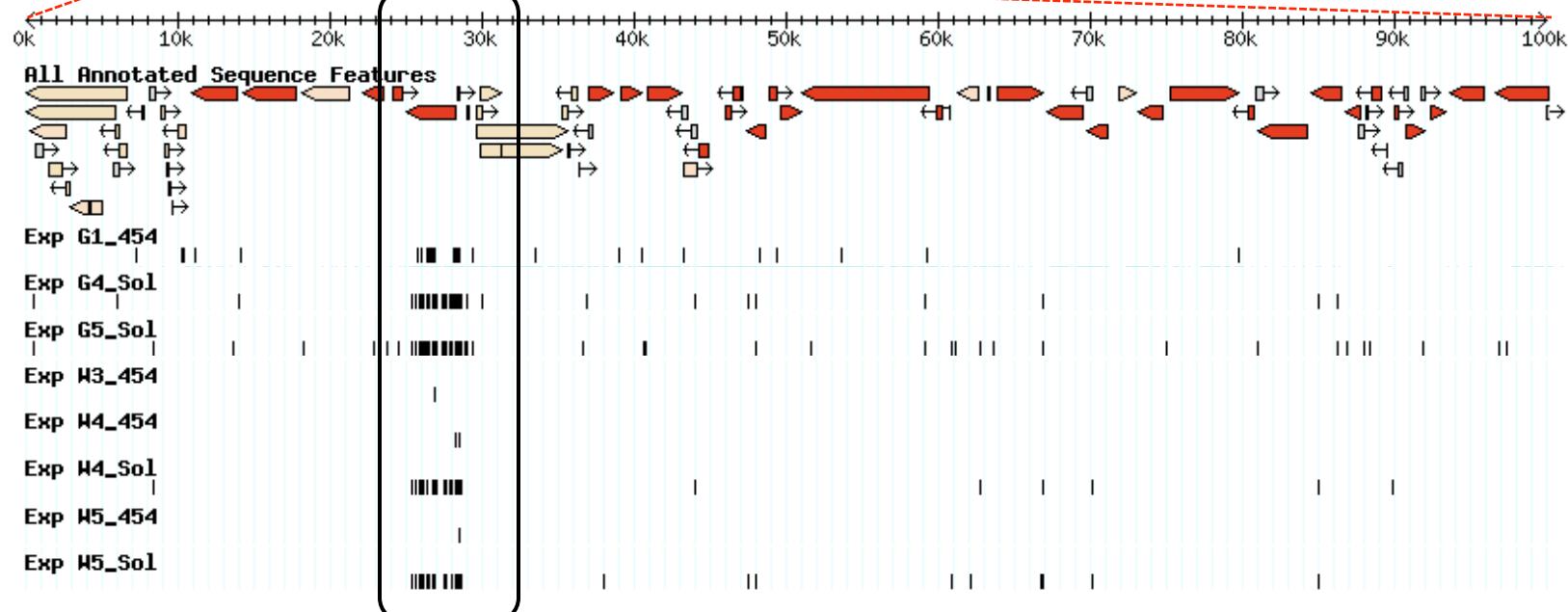
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ECM21 LOCUS IN CHROMOSOME II

Overview



Details

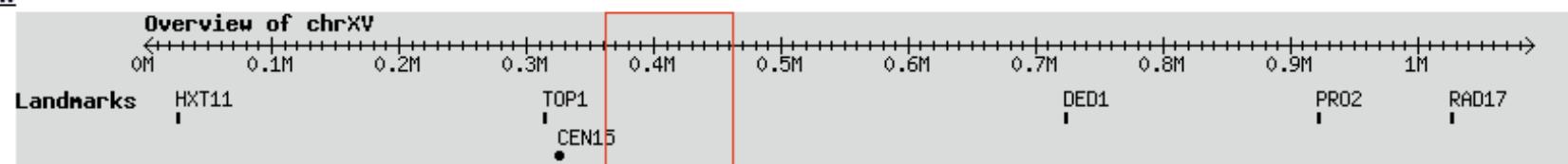


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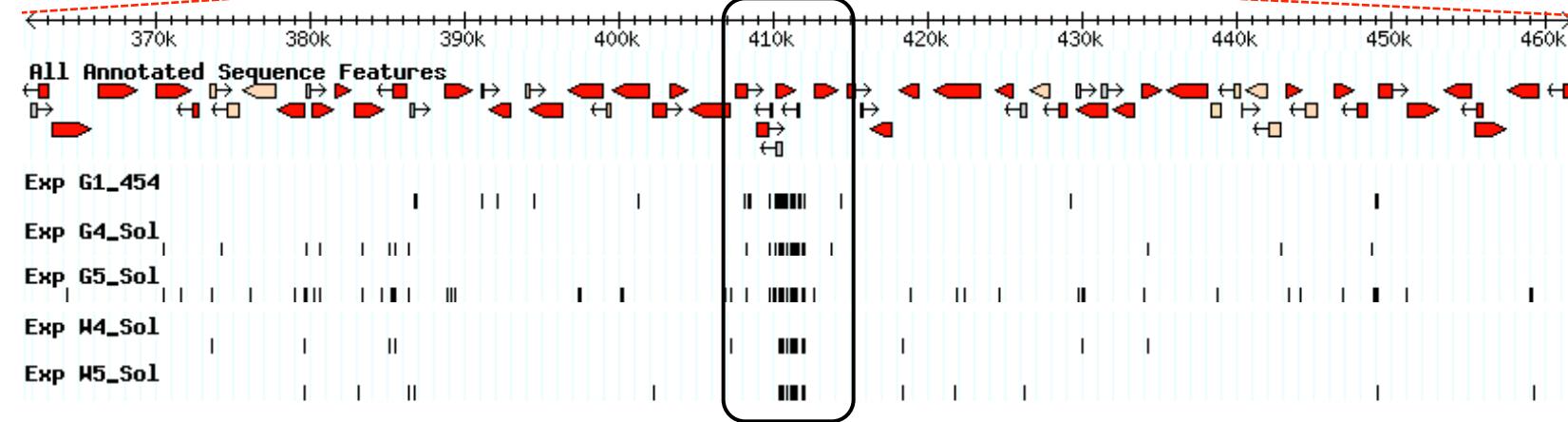
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WHI2 LOCUS IN CHROMOSOME XV

Overview



Details



Conclusion

- *Hermes* insertion sites are determined in part by the DNA sequence and in part by the genome features
- *Hermes* tends to insert upstream of ATG and TSS, and downstream of ORF 3p-end, but the strongest correlation is with nucleosome free regions (NFRs)
- *Hermes* preferentially inserts in intergenic regions (IGRs) over ORFs
- Some regions in the yeast genome are more prone to accumulate insertions (for examples ECM21 and WHI2)

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