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Translation Initation Modeling and its application in sRNA target prediction

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Motivation

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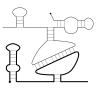
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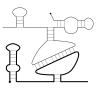
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- Just for a few of them targets are identified.

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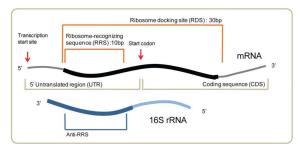
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- Solutions: model chaperon activity
 - consider conservation
 - model functional effect of the binding interaction

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Modeling Translation Initiation



(Na et al., BMC Systems Biology, 2010)

- Ribosome-recognizing sequence (RRS) corresponds with Shine-Dalgarno sequence $\rightarrow \Delta G_R$
- START-Codon tRNA^{fMet} anti-codon (3'-UAC-5') interaction $\rightarrow \Delta G_R$
- opening energy of the Ribosome docking site (RDS) $\rightarrow P_{E_X}$

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with $\alpha = 1 + K_R \cdot P_{Ex} \cdot \frac{R_T}{n} + K_R \cdot P_{Ex} \cdot m_T$

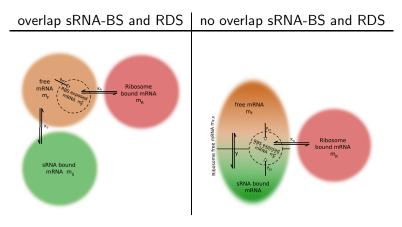
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$$\frac{dm_s}{dt} = -k_r^s \cdot m_s + k_f^s \cdot m_F \cdot s_F = 0$$
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Incorporating sRNA

overlap sRNA-BS and RDS

$$m_F = m_T - m_R - m_s \tag{1}$$

$$m_F^* = P_{EF} m_F \tag{2}$$

no overlap sRNA-BS and RDS

$$m_{F,R} = m_T - m_R \tag{3}$$

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$$m_{F,R}^* = P_{EF}\gamma m_{F,R} + P_{ES}(1-\gamma)m_{F,R} \quad \text{with} \quad \gamma = \frac{m_{F,s}}{m_s} \tag{4}$$

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$$(m_R(-1 + K_R(m_R - m_T)n_{PEF}) + K_R(-m_R + m_T)P_{EF}R_T)$$

$$(K_sm_R + K_RP_{EF}(-m_Rn + R_T)) - K_RK_sm_RP_{EF}(-m_Rn + R_T)s_T = 0$$
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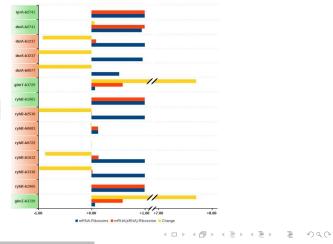
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(2)

Measure for Translation Initiation Rate

$$P_c = \frac{m_R}{m_T} \tag{3}$$

Results Positive Regulated Genes

• Example of calculated changes for some known Interactions



Regulation of Translation Initiation

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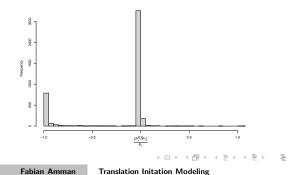
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Distribution all genes

Histogram of Initiation Rate change



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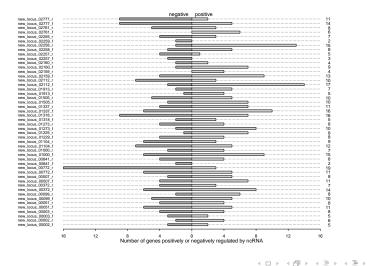
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Summary

- Summary A mathematical model of translation initiation under the influence of sRNA binding.
 - Using the information about thermodynamic binding properties sRNA-mRNA, mRNA-Ribosome (RNAplex, RNAup) and the stoichiometry of this reaction (RNAseq).
 - Summarizing this integrated information in a comprehensible measure: the relative change of Translation Initiation.
 - Future Experimental validation (quantitative/qualitative) of calculated changes in Translation Initiation.

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