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# Using attribution sequence alignment to interpret Deep Learning models for miRNA binding site prediction

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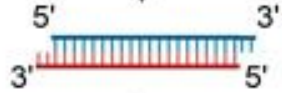
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# miRNA targeting

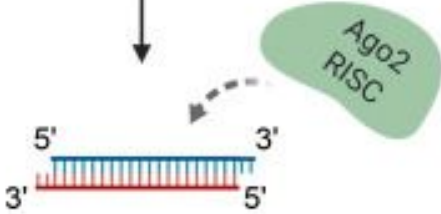
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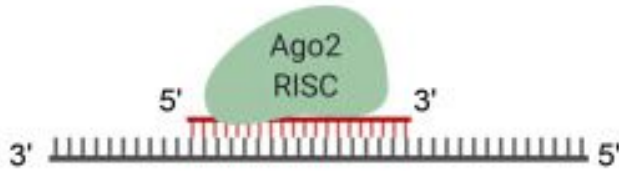
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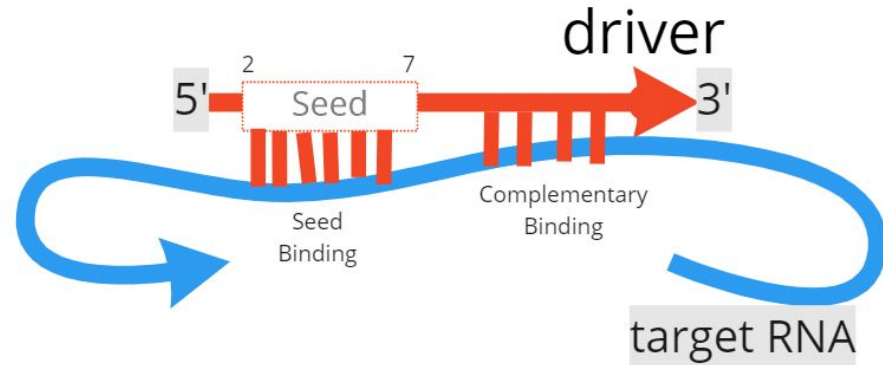
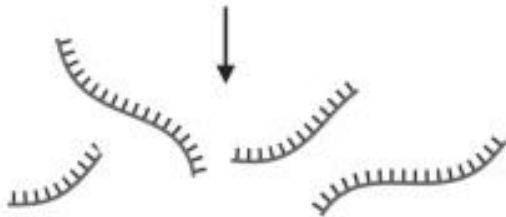
Ago2-RISC  
Integration



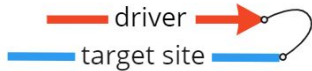
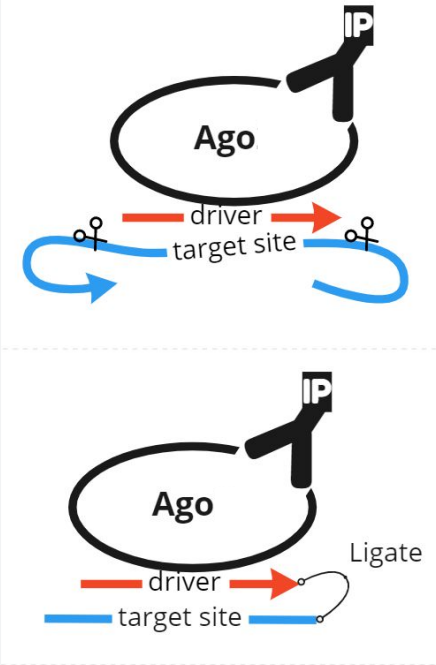
mRNA  
recognition



mRNA  
degradation



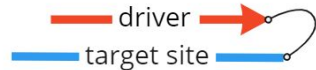
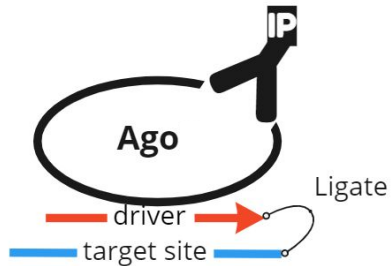
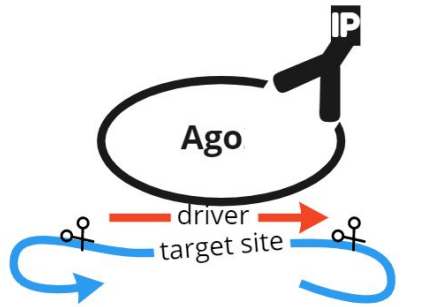
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Chimeric  
Read



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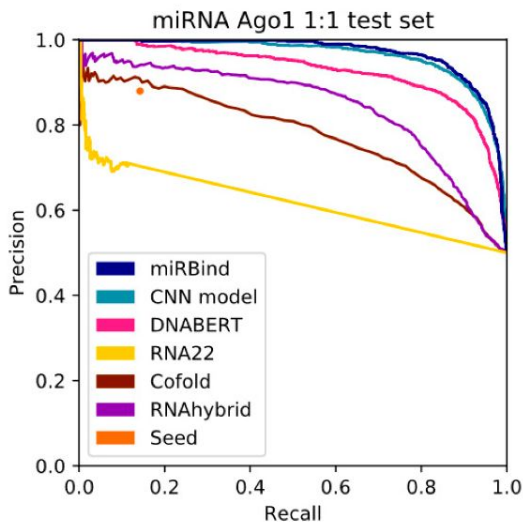
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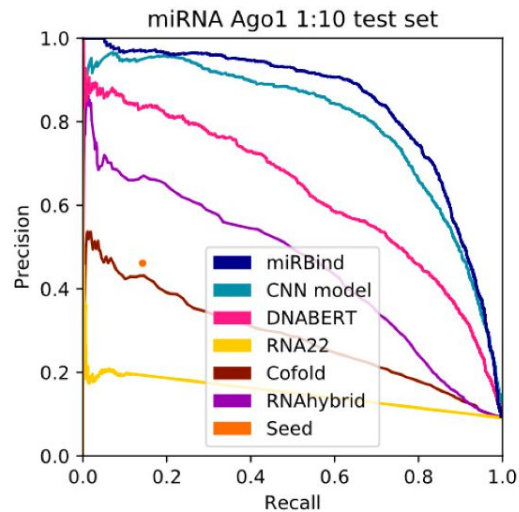
Article

## miRBind: A Deep Learning Method for miRNA Binding Classification

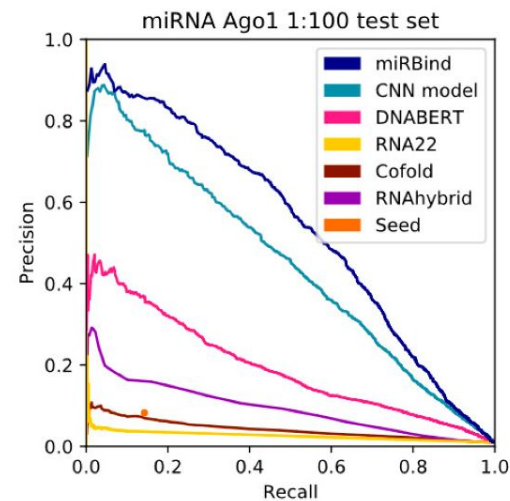
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(a)



(b)

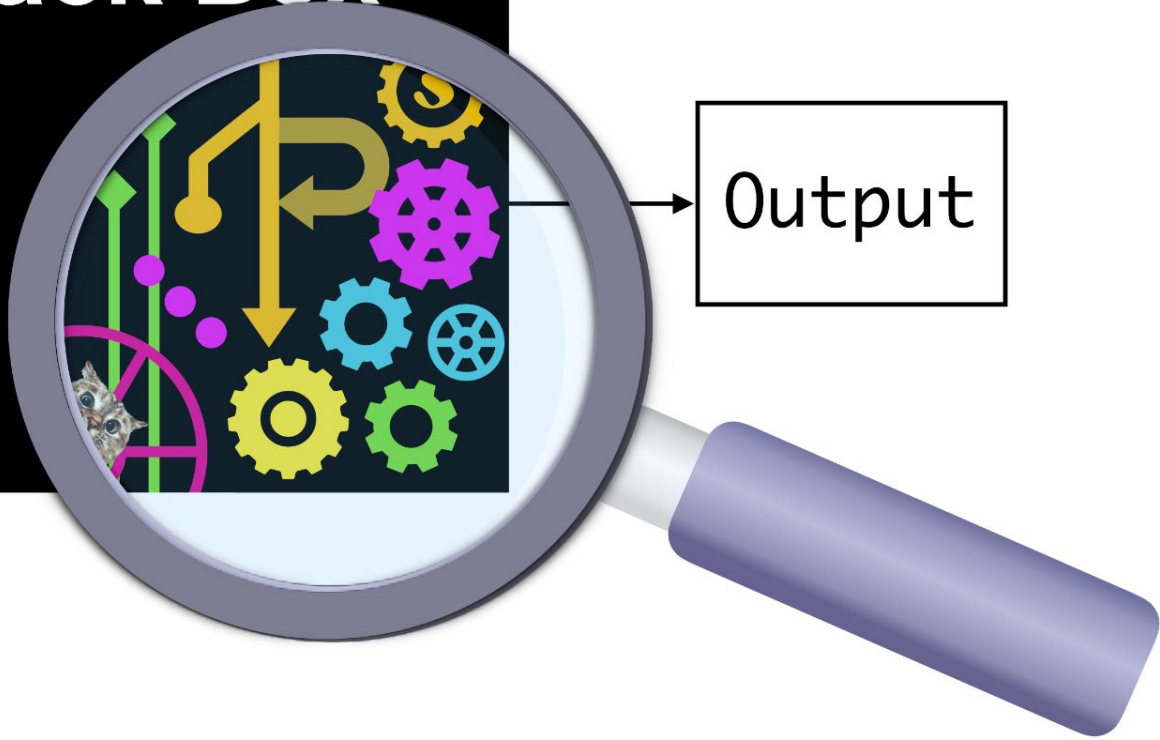


(c)

# Black Box

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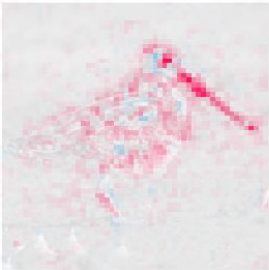
Output



# Interpreting Neural Networks



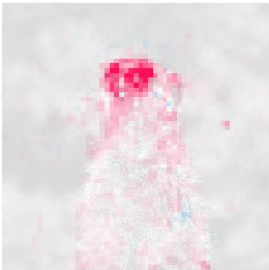
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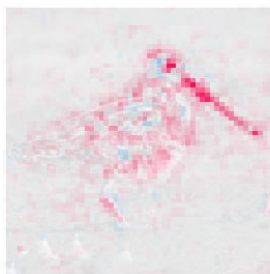
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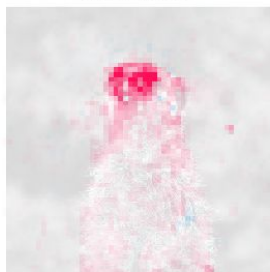
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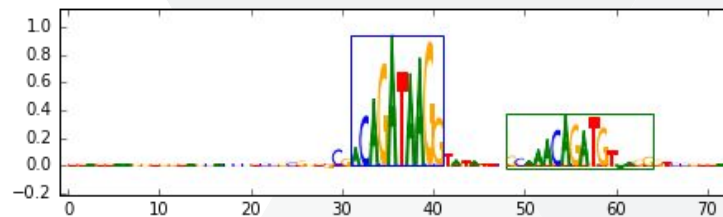
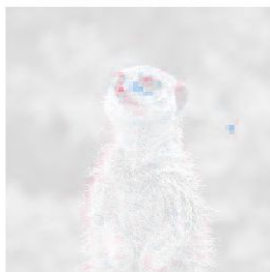
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GATA motif

TAL1 motif

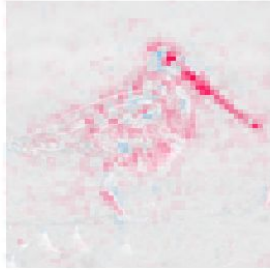




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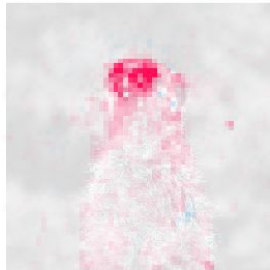
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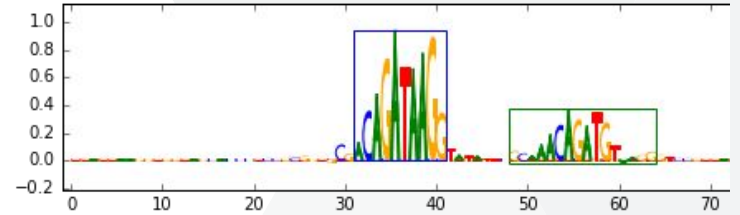
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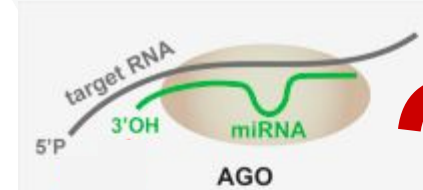


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GATA motif

TAL1 motif



How to interpret  
interaction between  
sequences



TACGTCAGTTCATGAAGCT

A

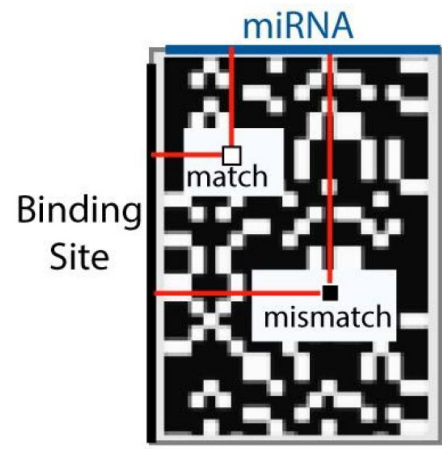
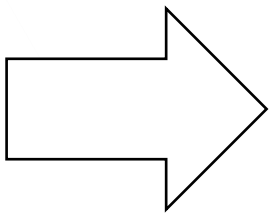
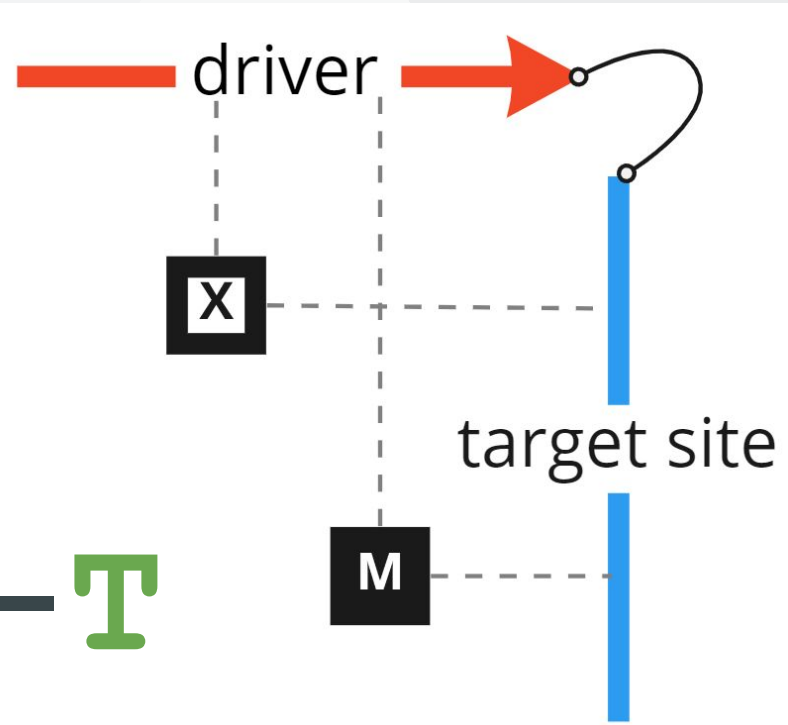
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(target ~50nt)



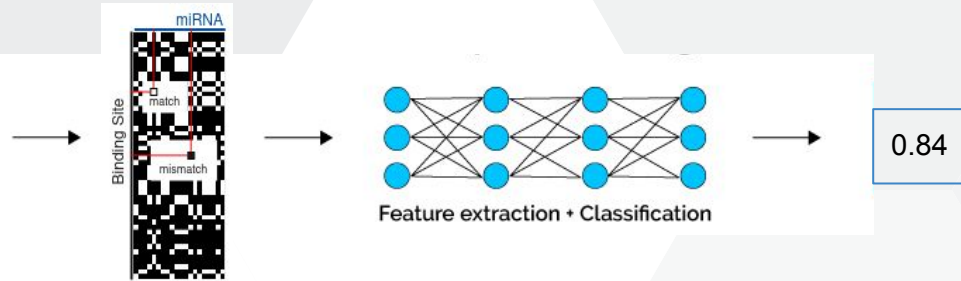
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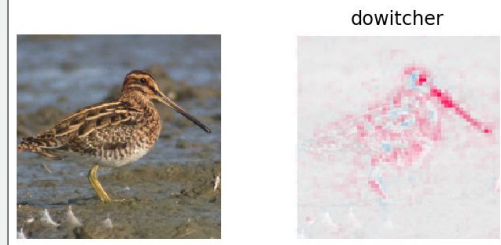
# miRBind model - interpretation

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Binding site:  
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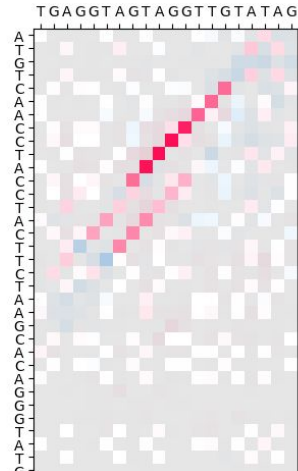
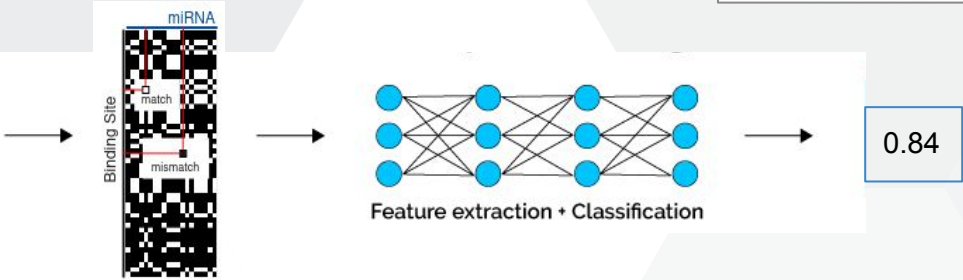


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# Visualization

miRNA: TGAGGTAGTAGGTTGTATAG

Binding site: ATGTCAACCTACCTACTTCTAAGCACAGGGTATGAAGCTCTCTTTCCACT

Predicted alignment:

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- - - - - TGAG**GTA**-**GTA**GGTTGTATAG

# Visualization

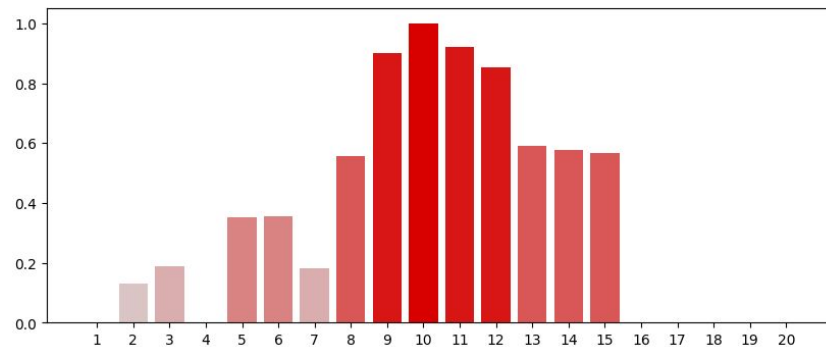
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Predicted alignment:



miRNA position importance:



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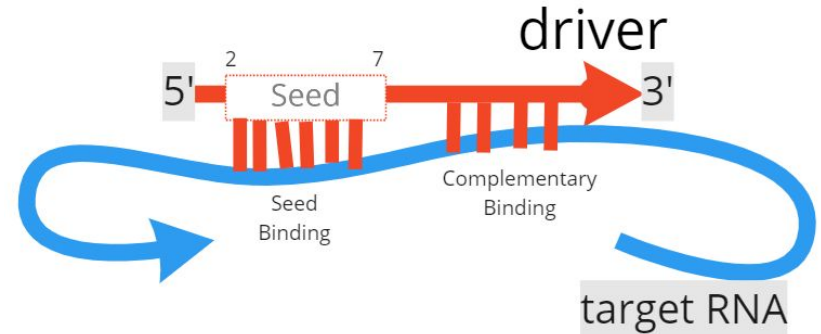
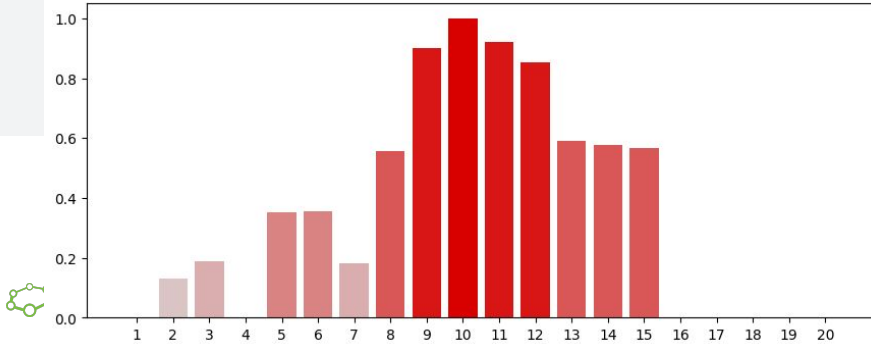
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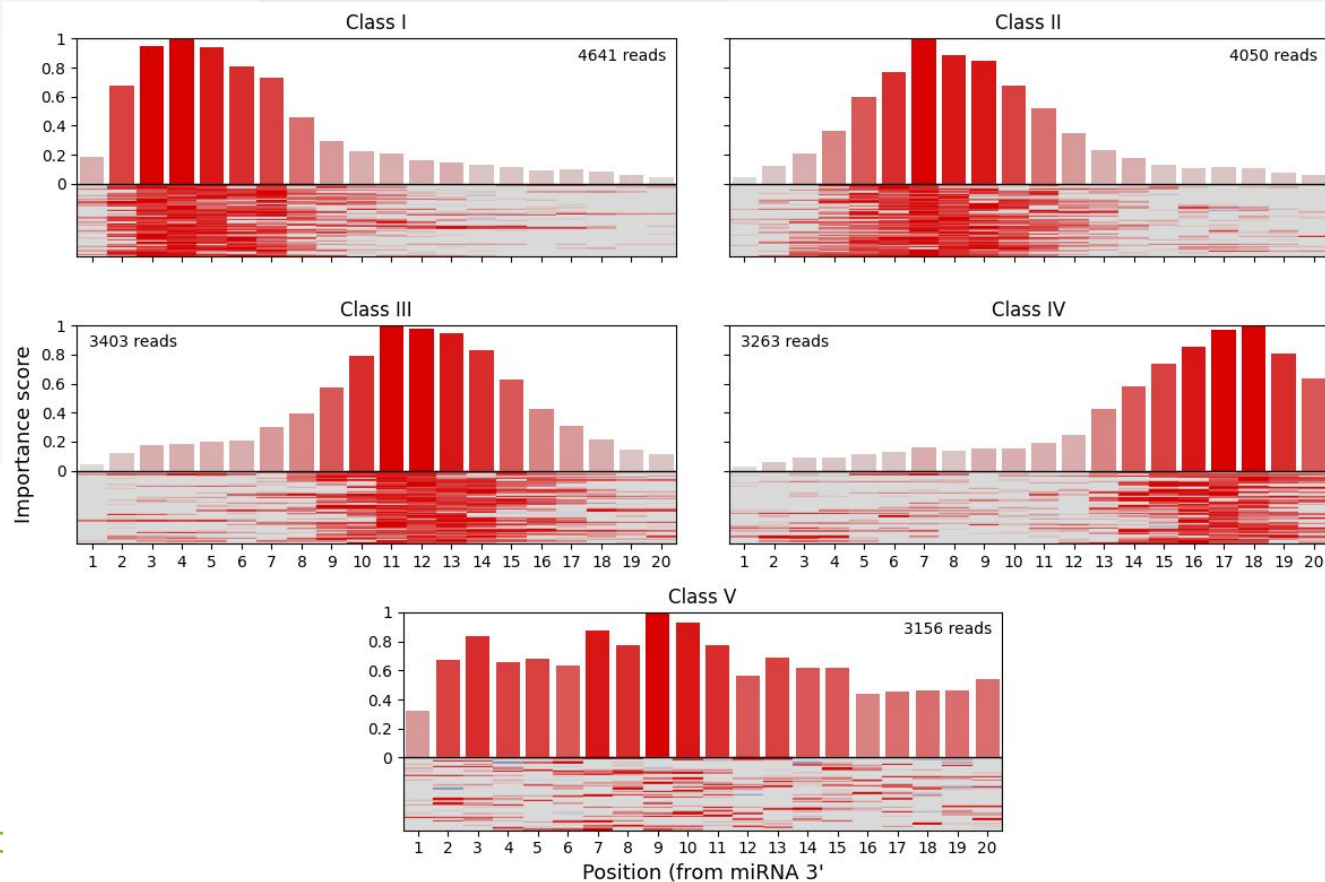
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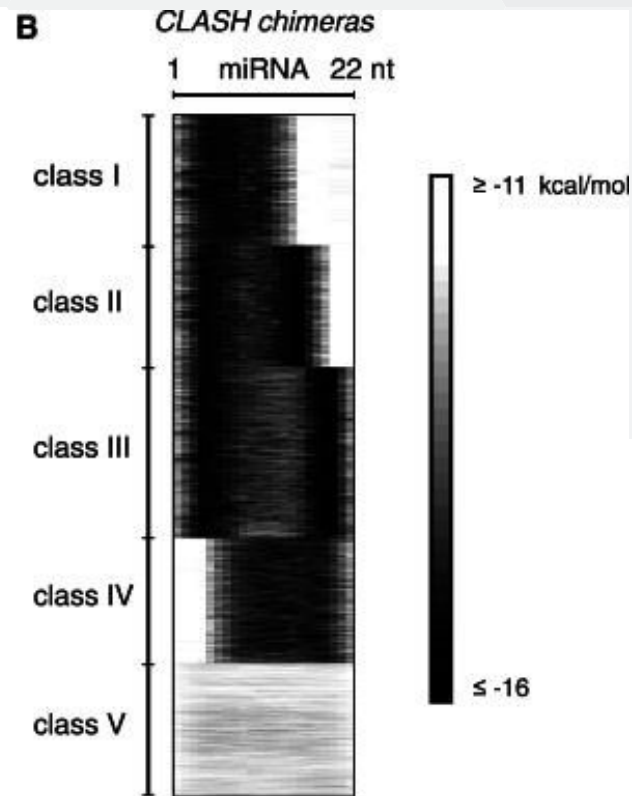
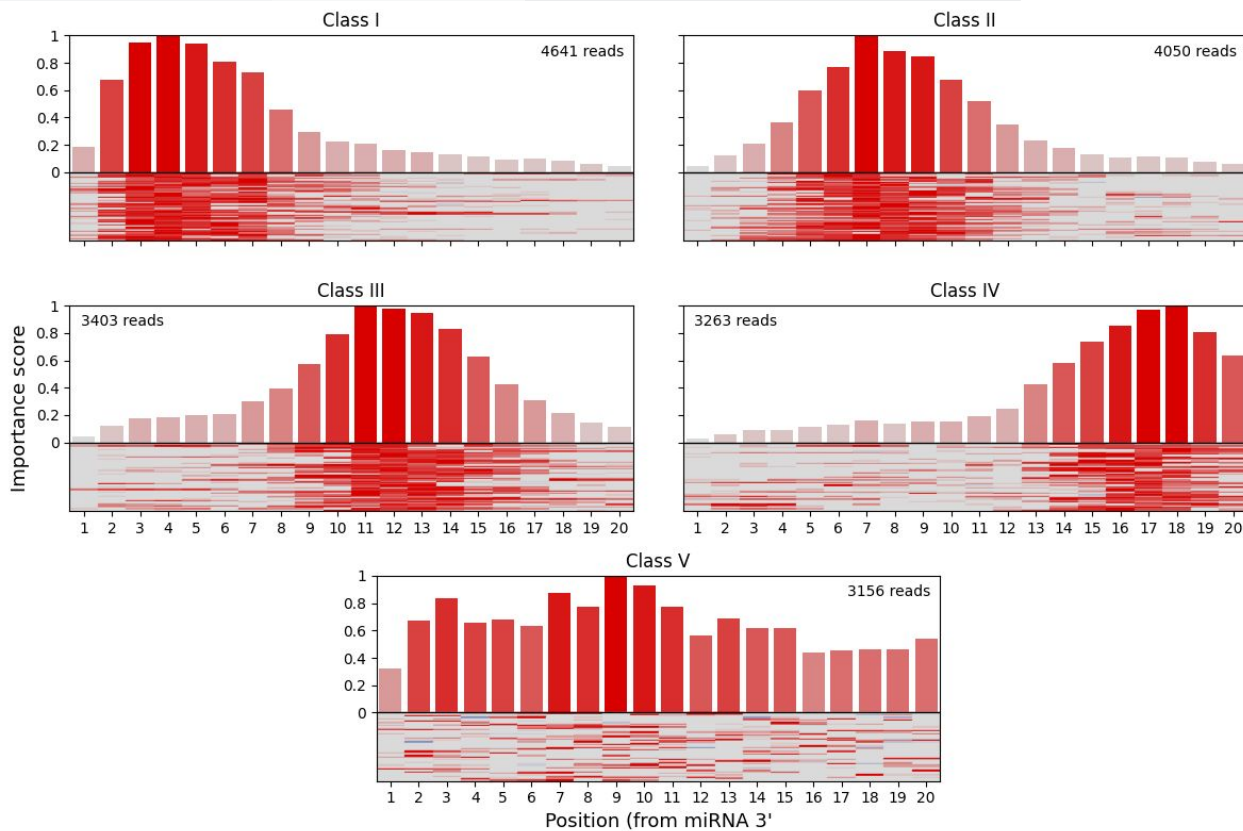


# Classes of interaction

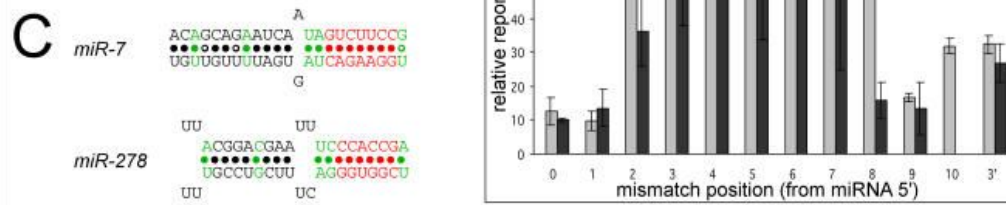
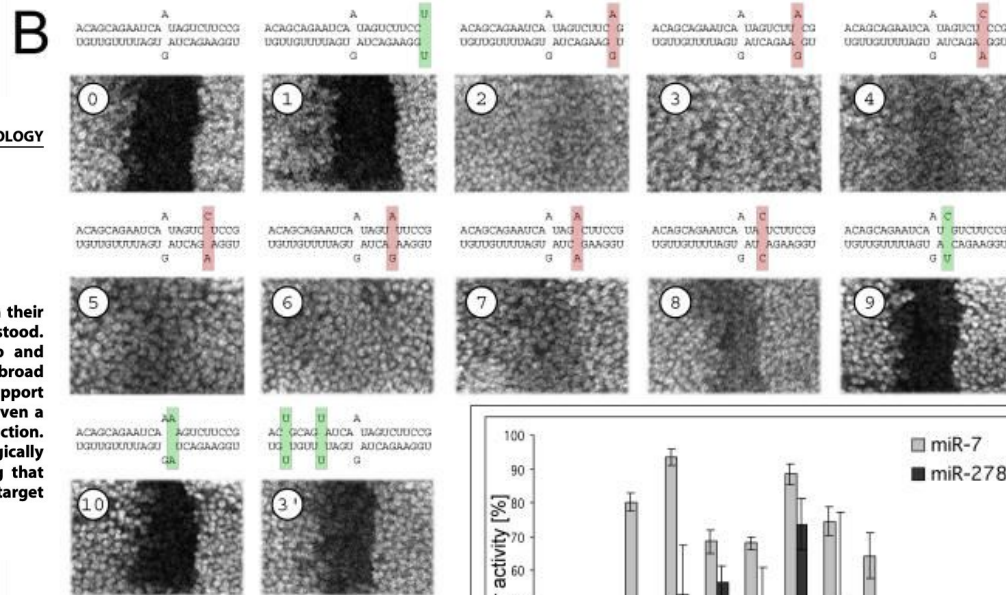
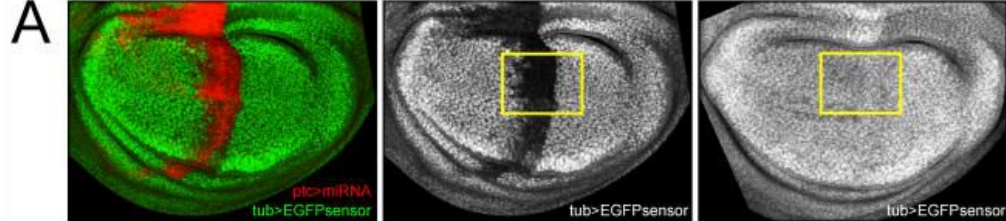




# Classes of interaction



# Mutagenesis experiment



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## Principles of MicroRNA–Target Recognition

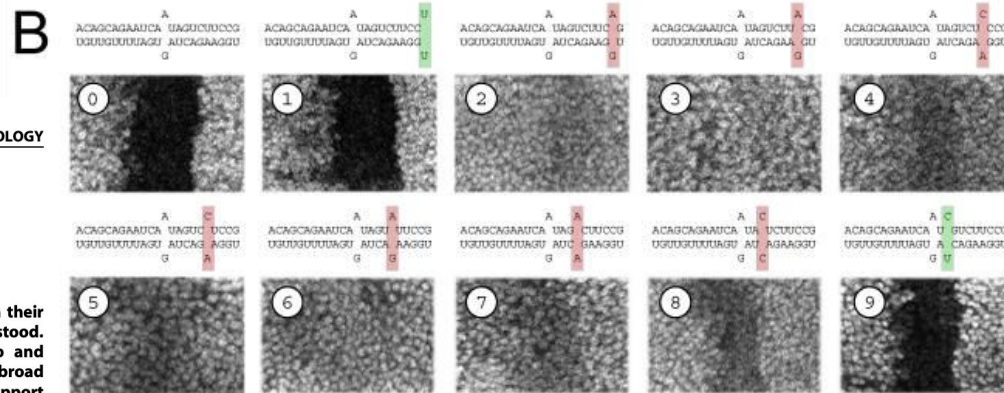
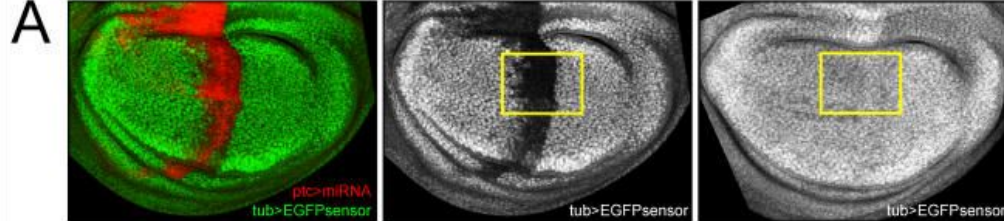
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European Molecular Biology Laboratory, Heidelberg, Germany

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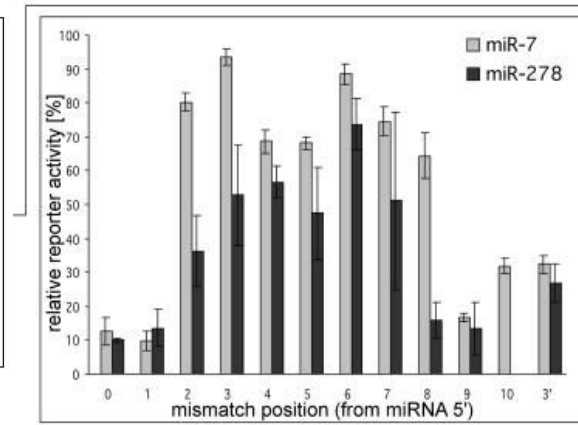
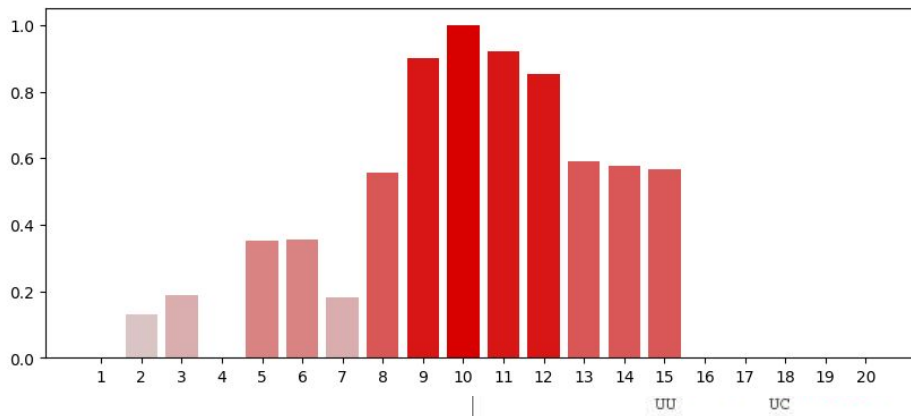
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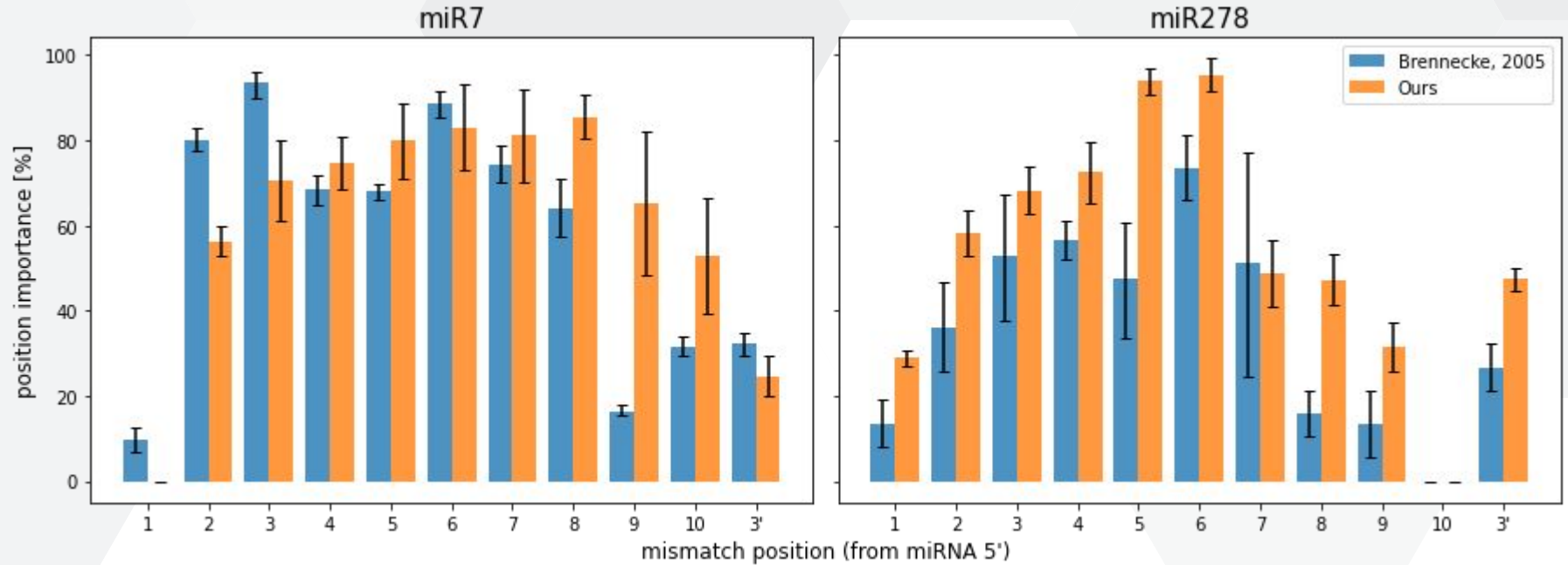
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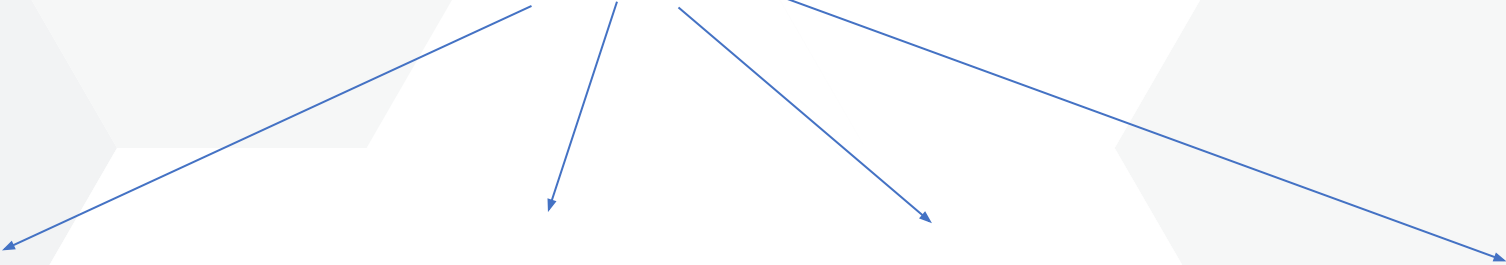
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correlation	0.59	0.85

# Scanning



Ago

ucagcauagcuacgacguc miRNA, ~20nt long



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Messenger RNA, 100s – 100,000s nt long

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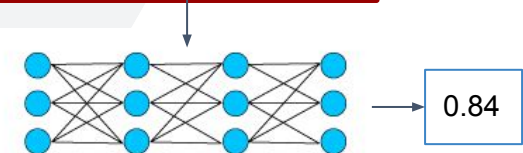
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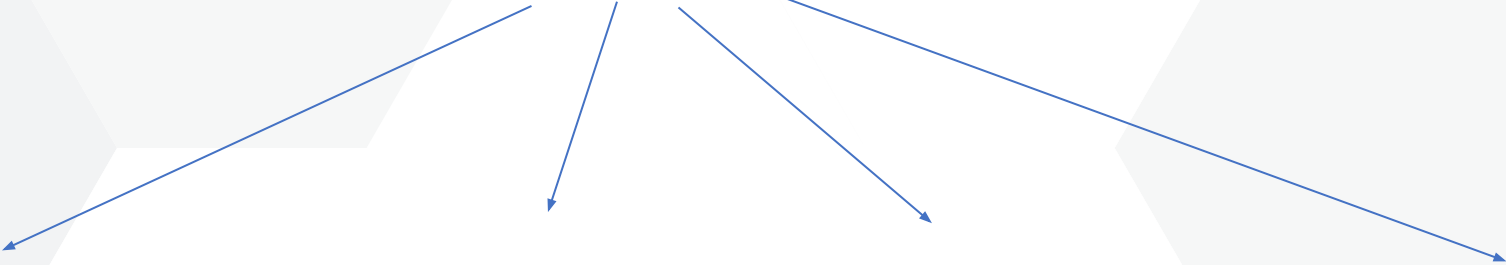


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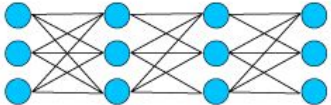
Ago

ucagcauagcuacgacguc miRNA, ~20nt long



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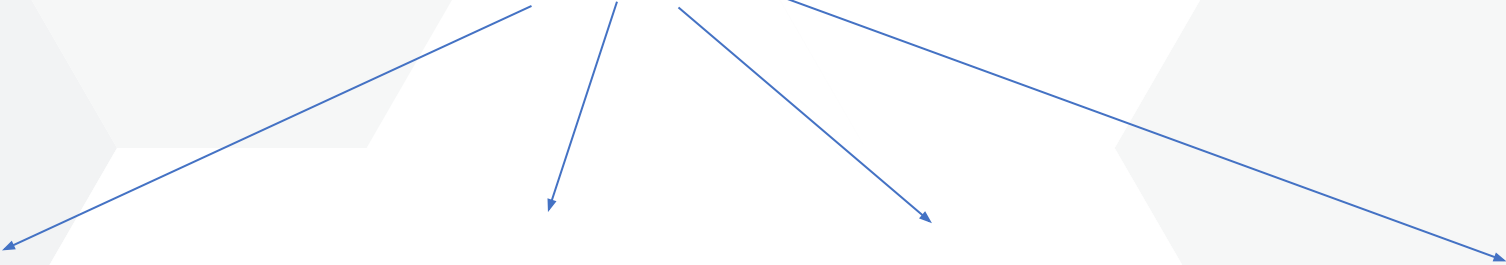
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# Scanning



Ago

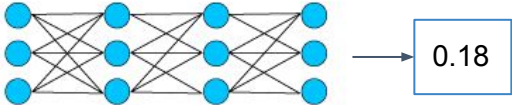
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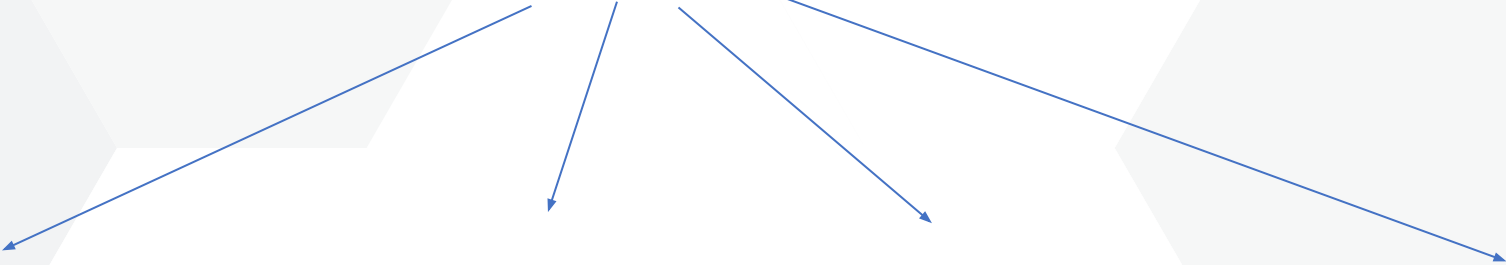




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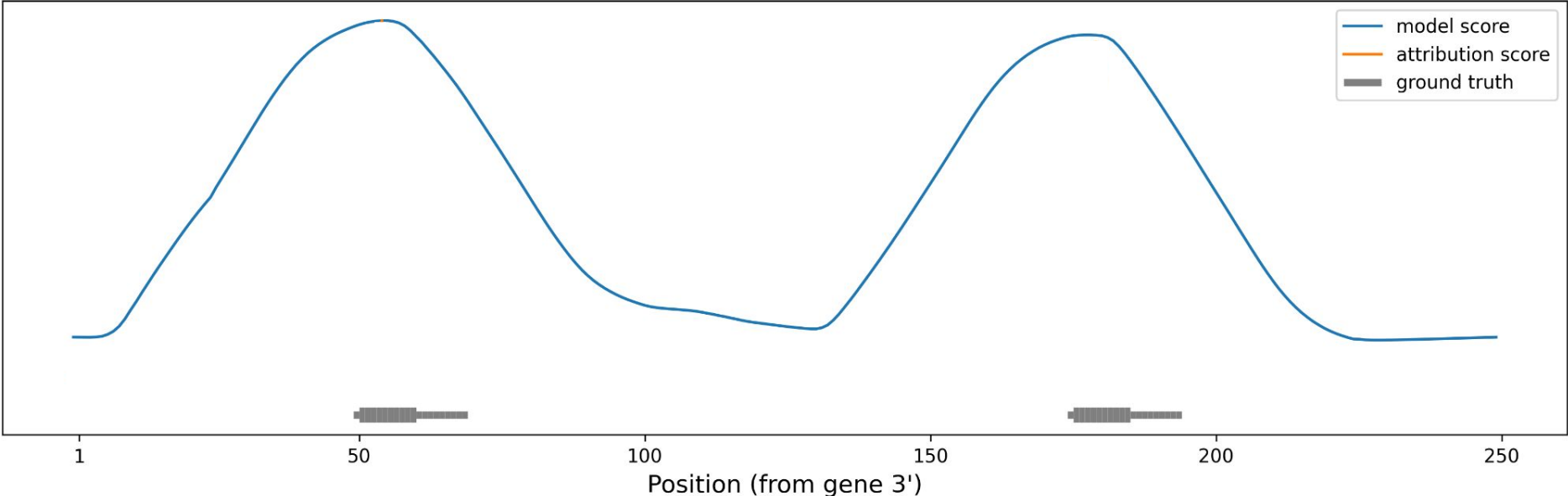


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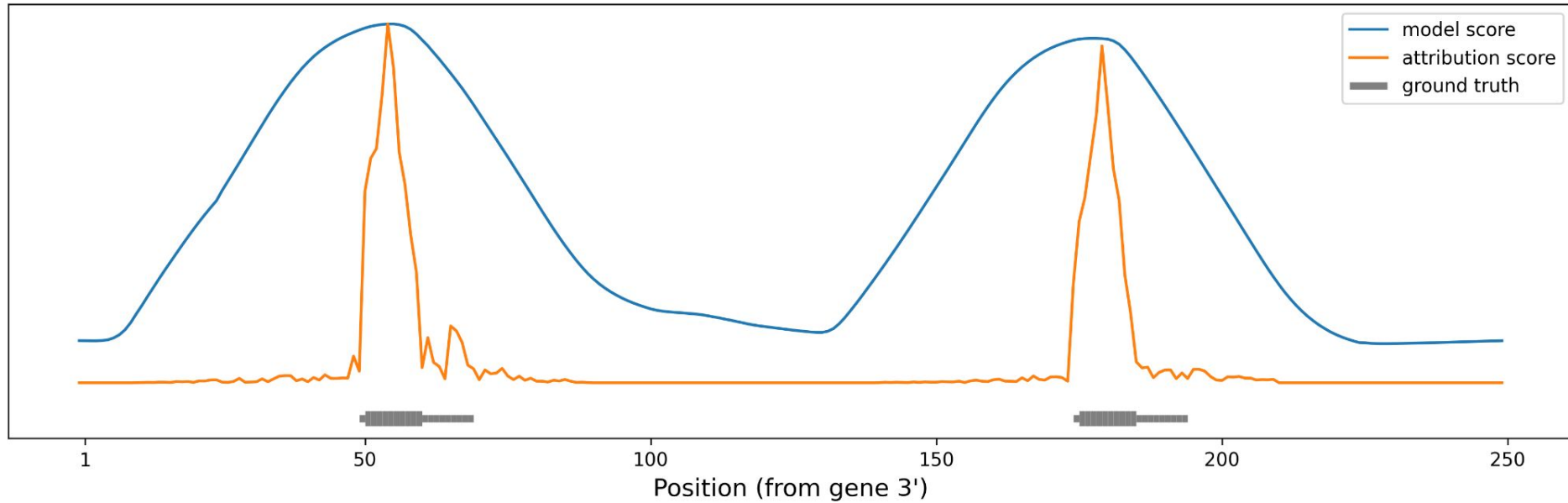
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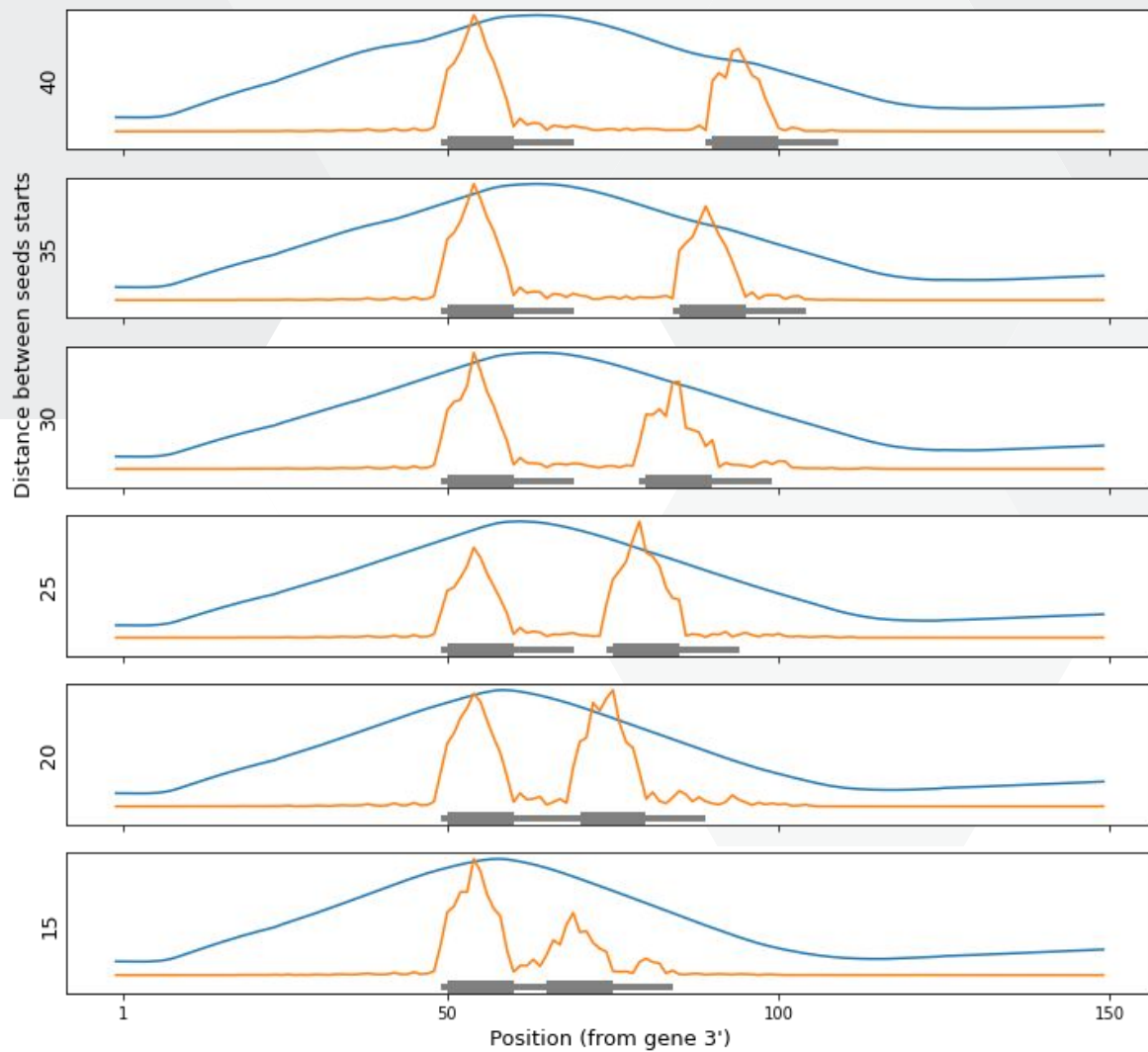
# Narrowing the peaks



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# Close by peaks



# Future plans



Ago

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miRNA, ~20nt long



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Messenger RNA, 100s – 100,000s nt long



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Output: "strength of interaction"



Thank you for your Attention!



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