



# THE ESSENTIAL GENOME OF A BACTERIUM

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# WHAT IS ESSENTIAL GENOME?

Essential  
genome:

protein-coding sequences

essential structural elements

noncoding RNAs

regulatory sequences




## HOW TO IDENTIFY ESSENTIAL GENOME?

- Previously,  
relatively low-throughput transposon mutagenesis  
(Hutchison et al, 1999; Jacobs et al, 2003; Glass et al, 2006)  
in-frame deletion libraries (Kobayashi et al, 2003; Baba  
et al, 2006)
- In this study
- ultrahigh-resolution transposon  
mutagenesis+
- high-throughput DNA sequencing



*Tn5pxy1*



Hyper-saturated transposon mutagenesis



Growth selection on PYE plates

*Tn5* mutant pool



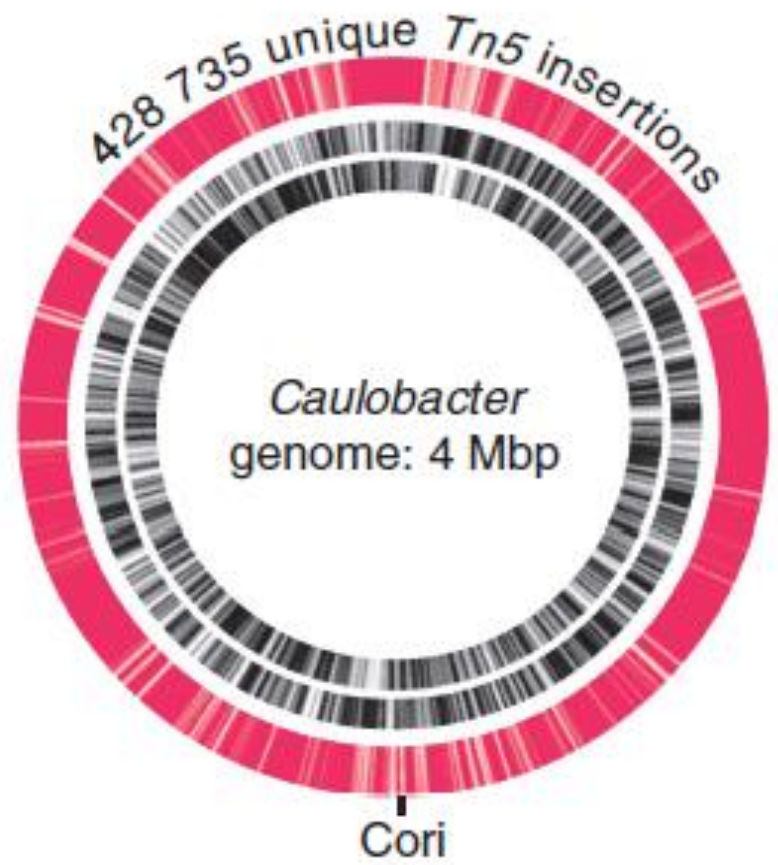
Parallel amplify

PCR

Mapped to genome

Illumina flow-cell

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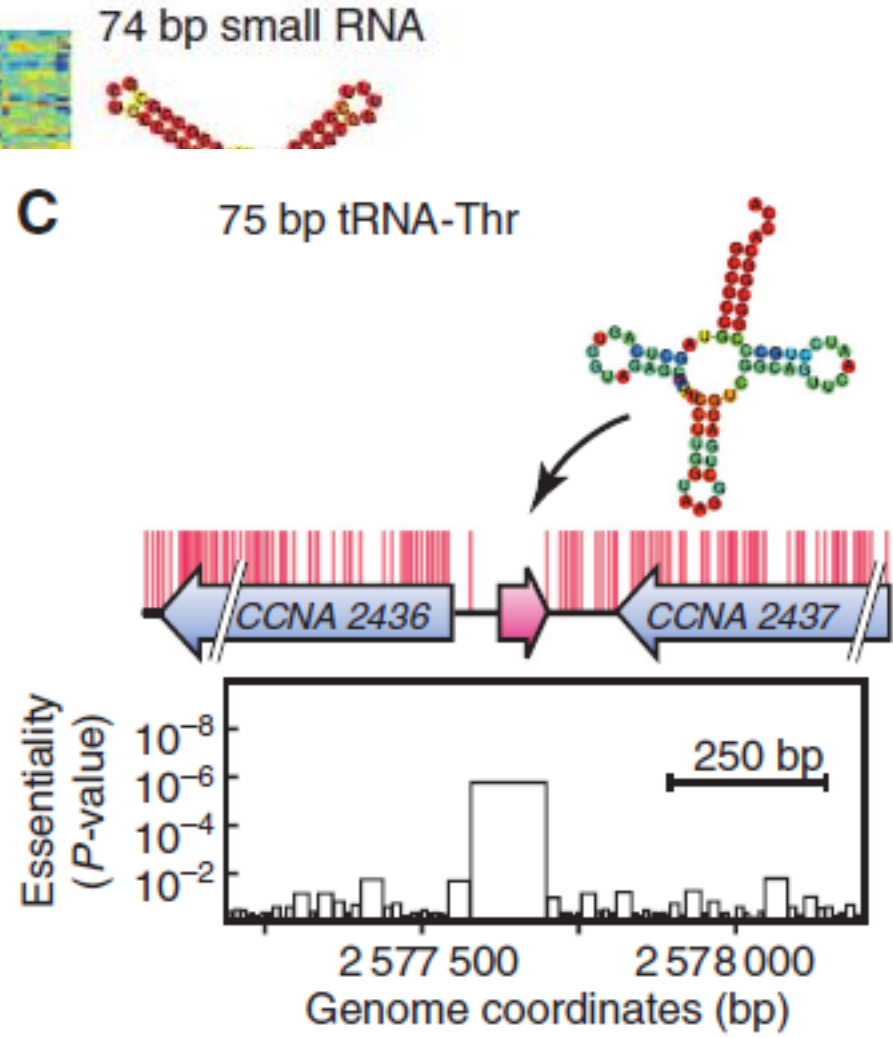
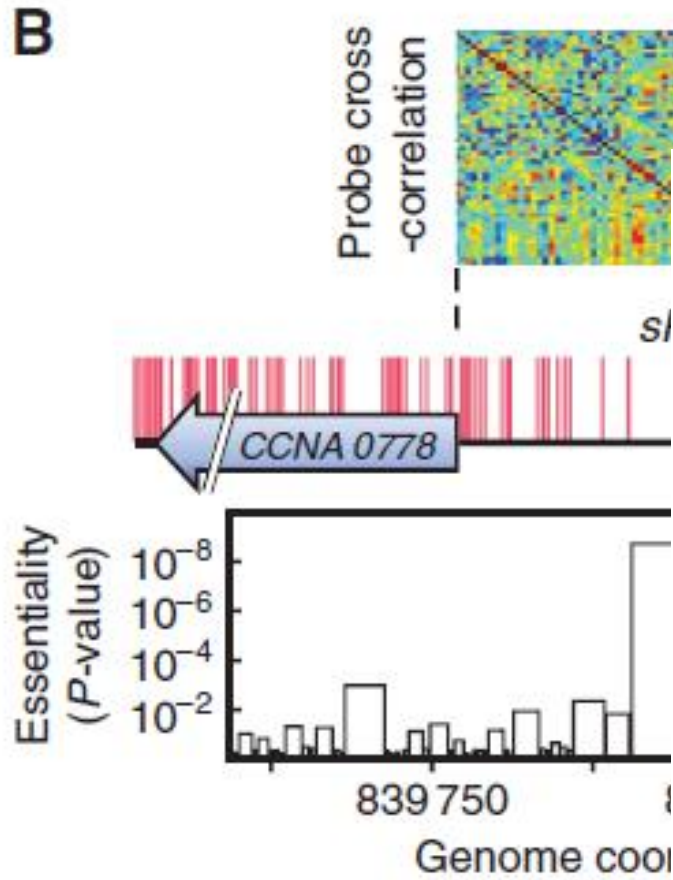


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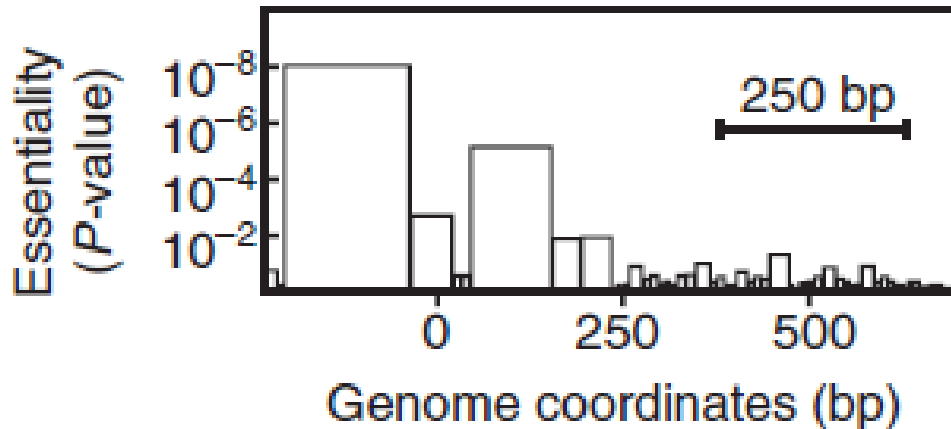
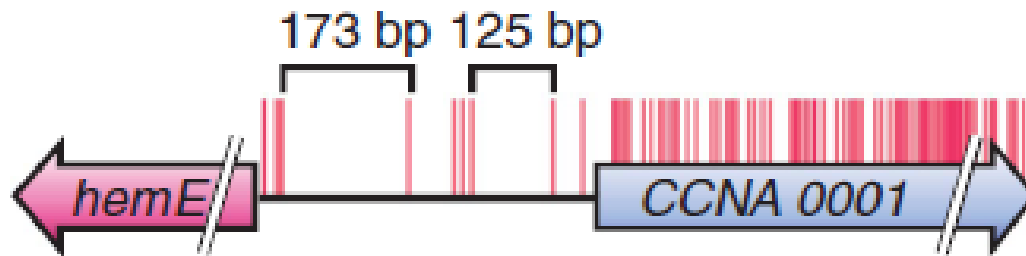
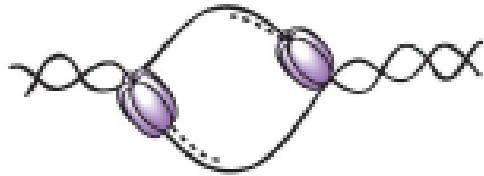
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# ESSENTIAL NON-CODING SEQ.



## D Origin of replication



- Binding site for CtrA
- Binding motif for DnaA
- Modular with DNA looping



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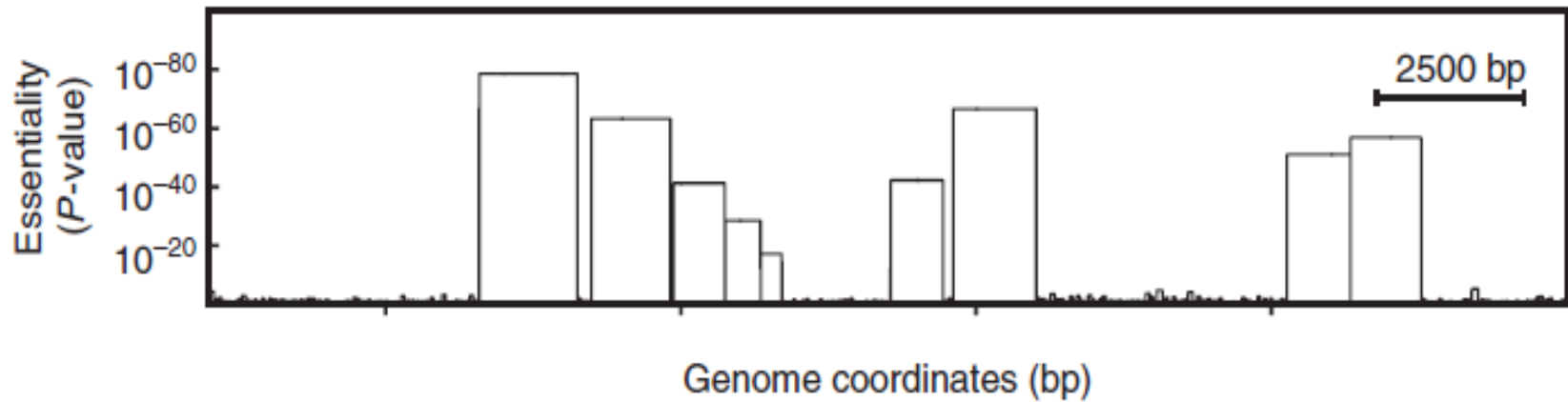
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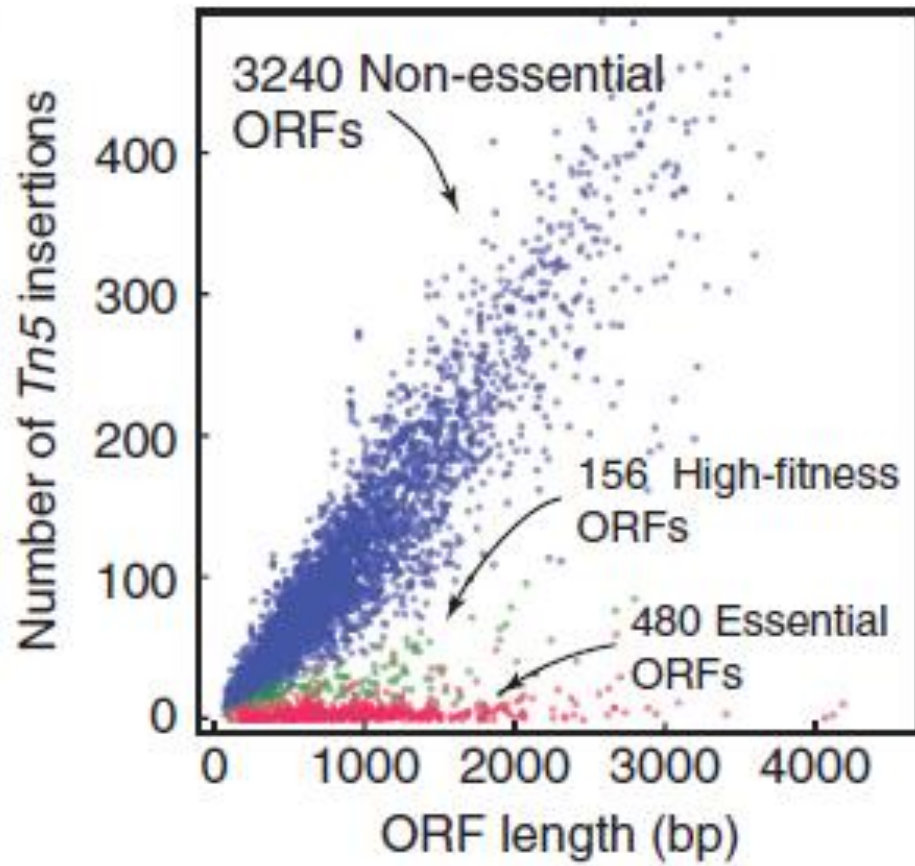


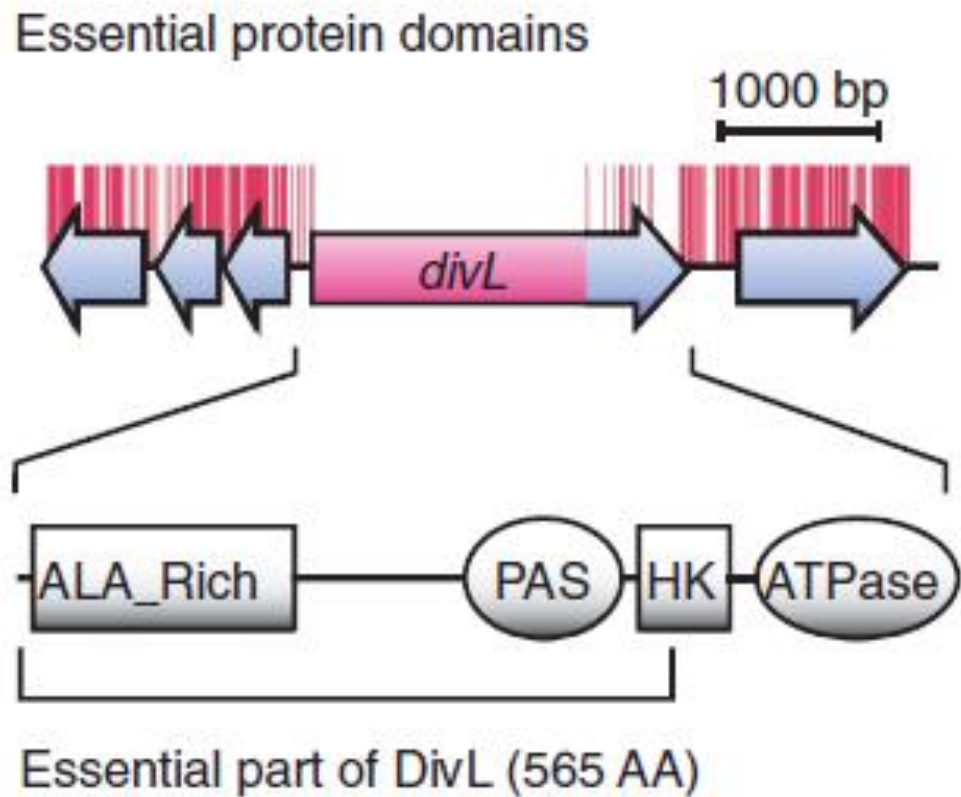
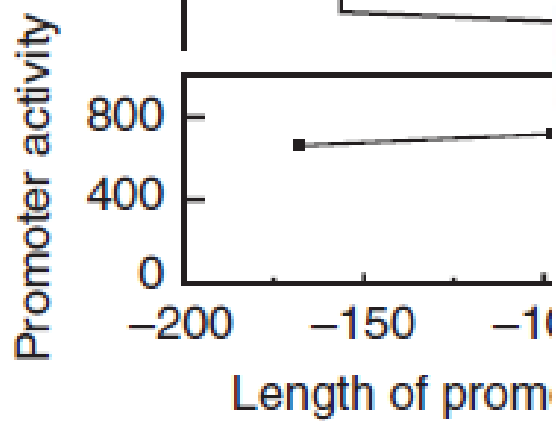
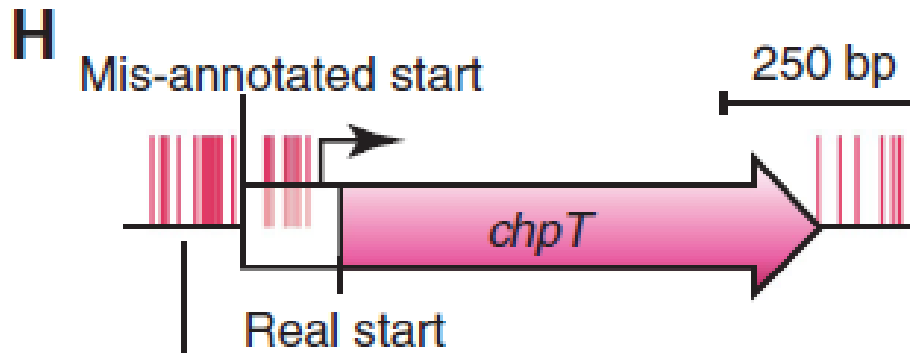
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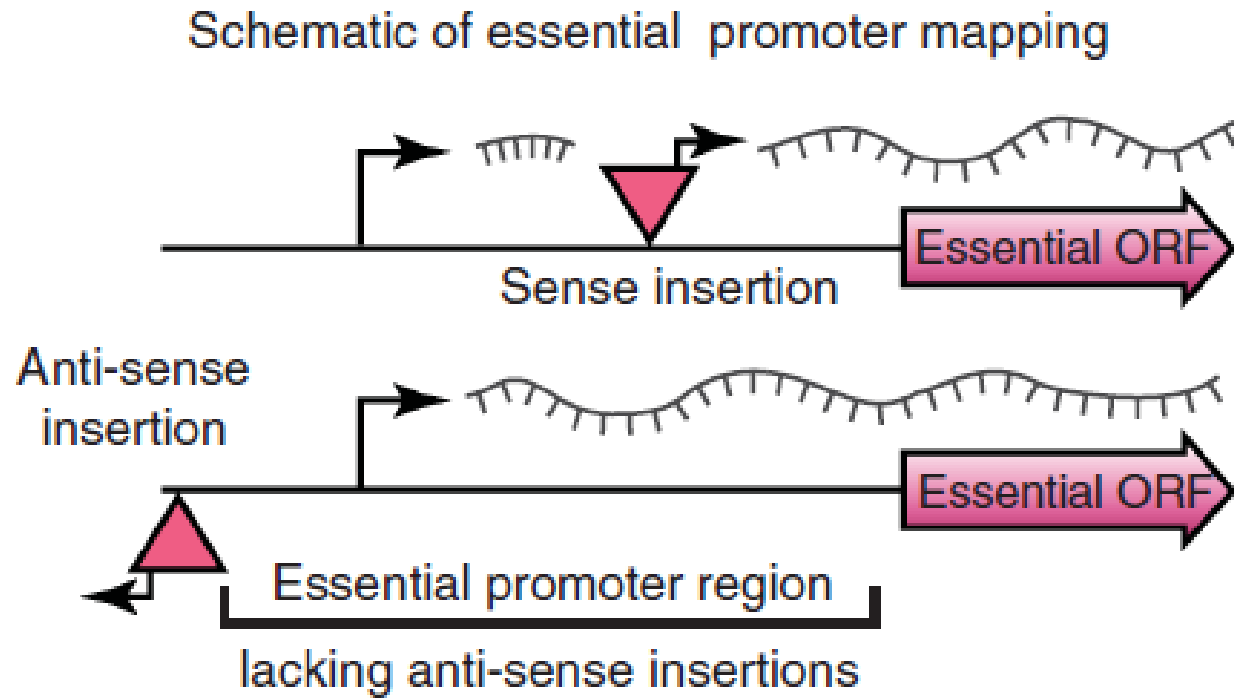
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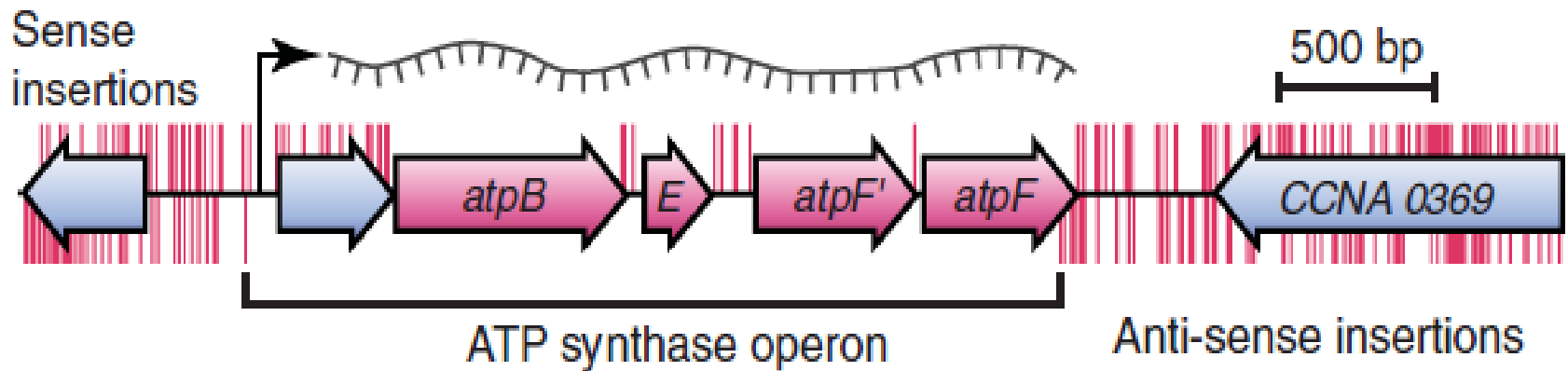
# ESSENTIAL PROMOTER ELEMENTS

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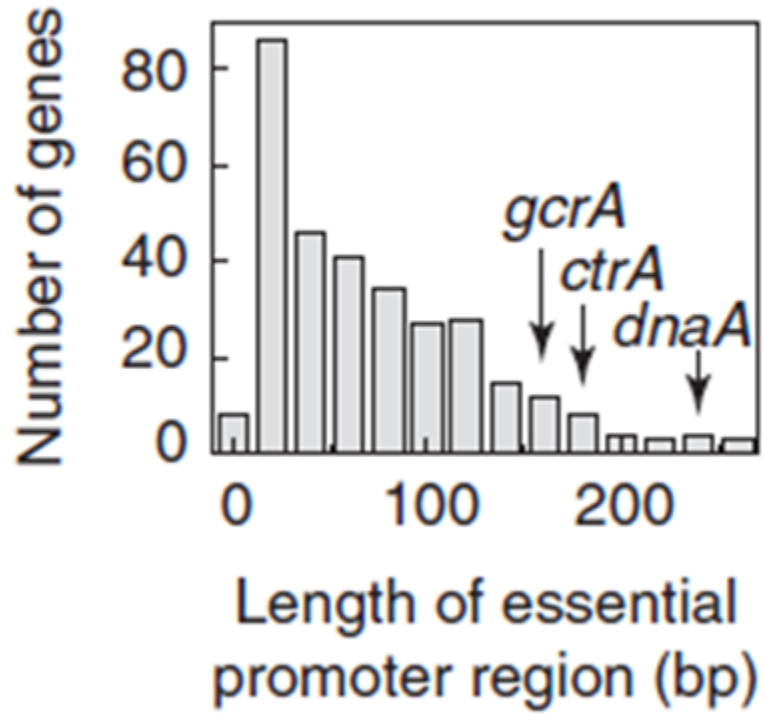


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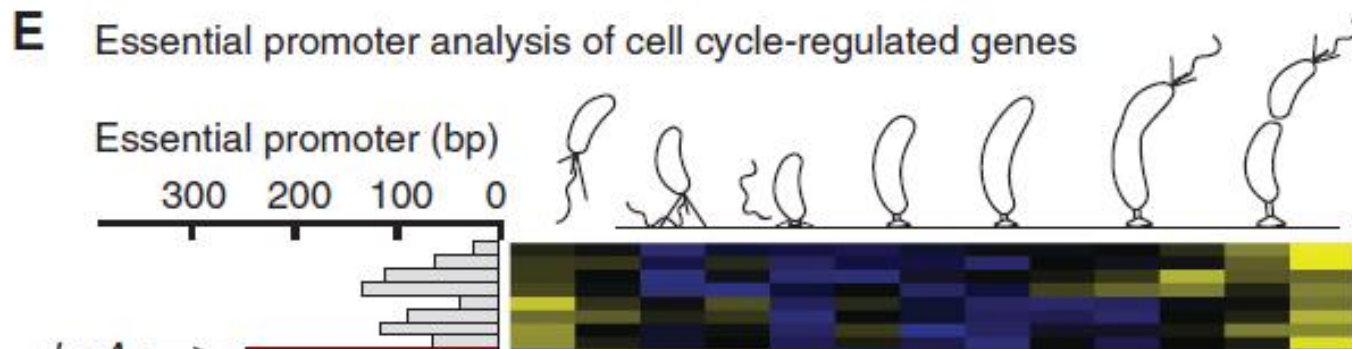
Identification of an essential operon transcript



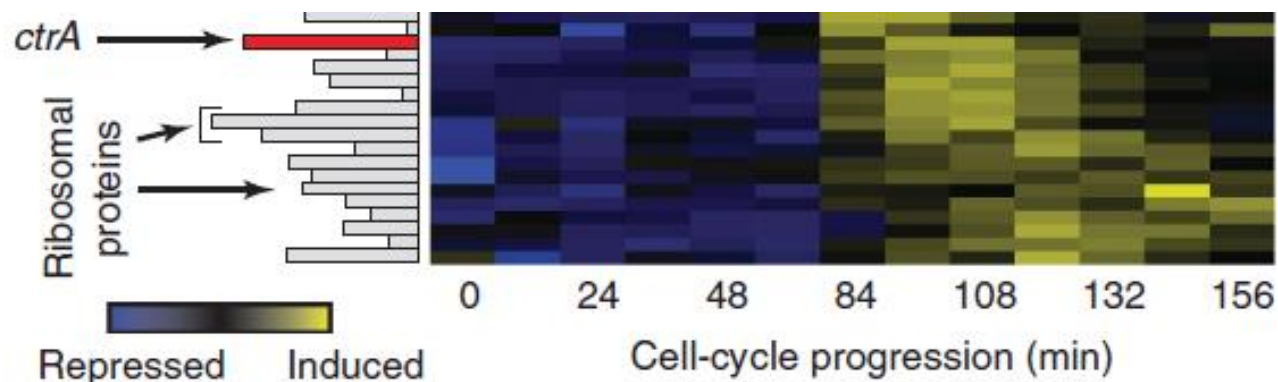
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# CELL CYCLE-REGULATED ESSENTIAL GENES



Essential genes with long essential promoter regions indicate cell-cycle hub nodes subjected to complex transcriptional regulation

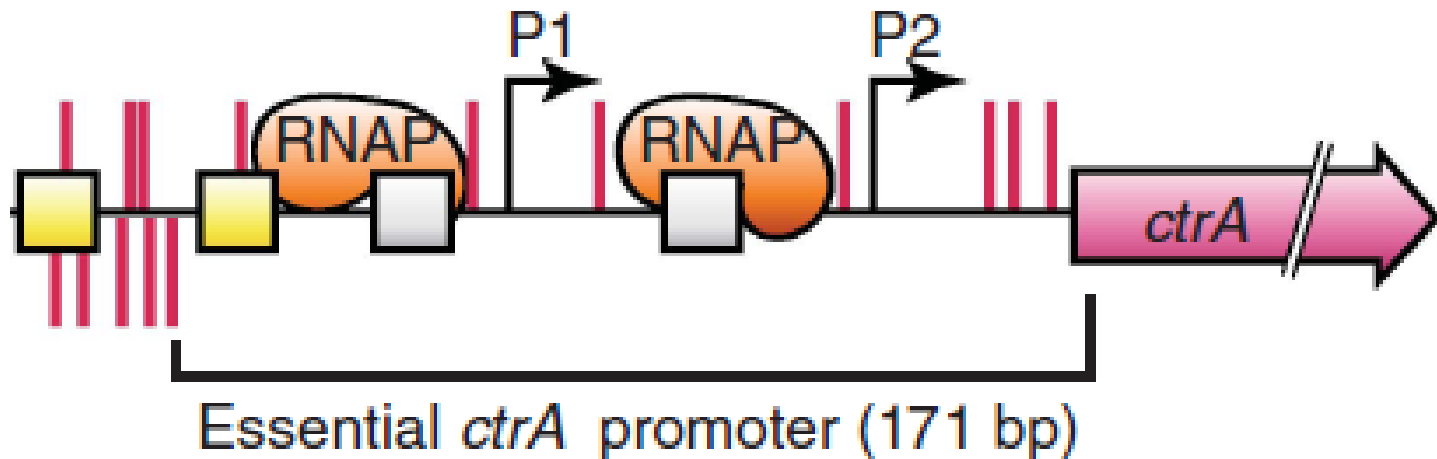


Cell cycle-expression profile





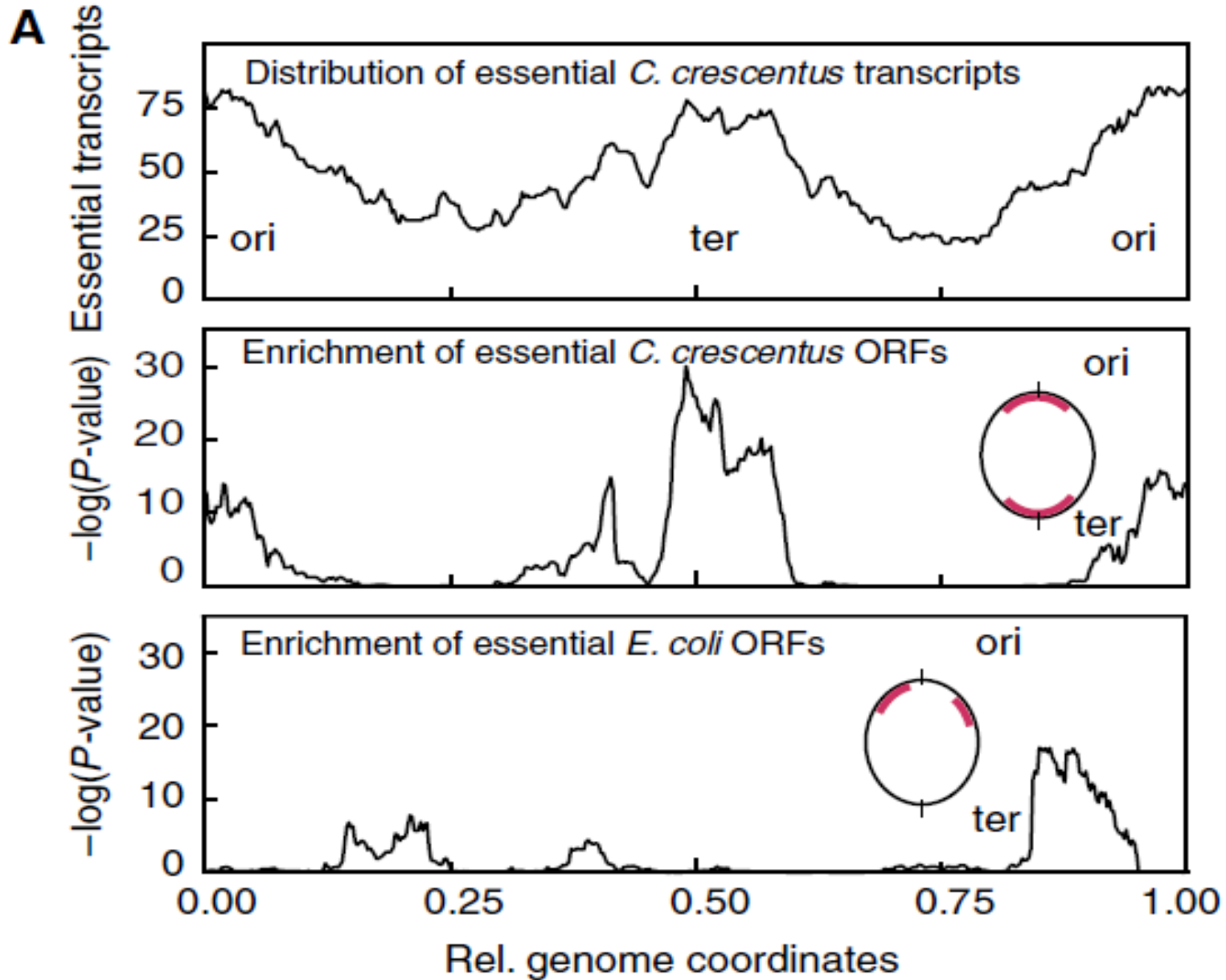
**F** Multiple TSS within essential promoter regions



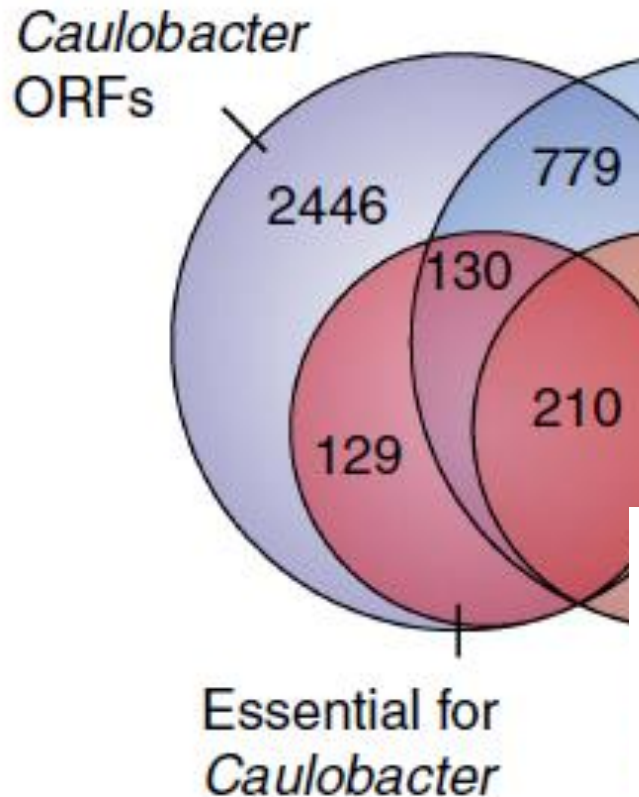
■ SciP binding site

■ CtrA binding site





# WHAT GENES CONSTITUTE THE MINIMUM SET REQUIRED FOR PROKARYOTIC LIFE?



The variations in essential gene complements relate to differences in bacterial physiology and life style.  
eg: ATP synthases

the essentiality of a gene is also defined by non-local properties that not only depend on its own function but also on the functions of all other essential elements in the genome

- The strategy described here provides a direct experimental approach that, because of its **simplicity and general applicability**, can be used to quickly determine the essential genome for a large class of bacterial species.
- The identification of all essential DNA elements is essential for a complete understanding of the **regulatory networks** that run a bacterial cell.



Thanks for your  
attention~

