

Analysis of Gene Regulatory Regions using Comparative Genomics: From the wet lab to computer and back

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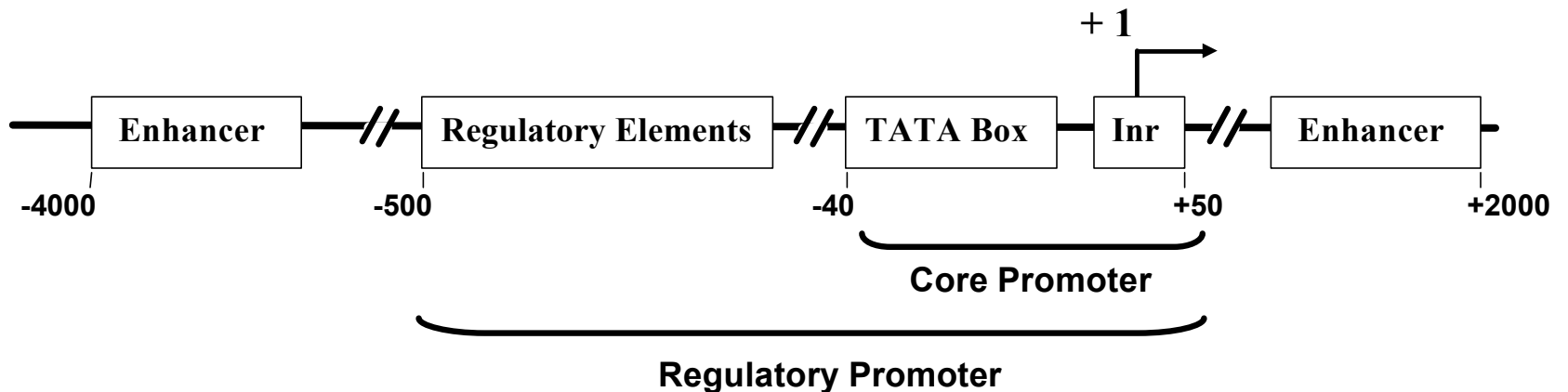
CORE PROMOTER



TATA Box: TATAAAA (about 25 base pairs upstream of the start point)

Initiator (Inr): PyPyCA \blacktriangle PyPyPyPyPy

MODEL OF TYPICAL GENE PROMOTER AND REGULATORY REGIONS



Eukaryotic Promoter Classes

• Pol I	< 1%	3/4 rRNAs (28S, 18S, 5.8S)
• Pol II with TATA-box	> 70%	} mRNAs
• Pol II without TATA-box	~ 20%	
• Pol III internal	~ 5%	} Small RNAs tRNAs 5S RNAs
• Pol III upstream with TATA-box	< 1%	
• Pol III upstream without TATA-box	< 1%	

Components of Eukaryotic Promoters and Regulatory Regions

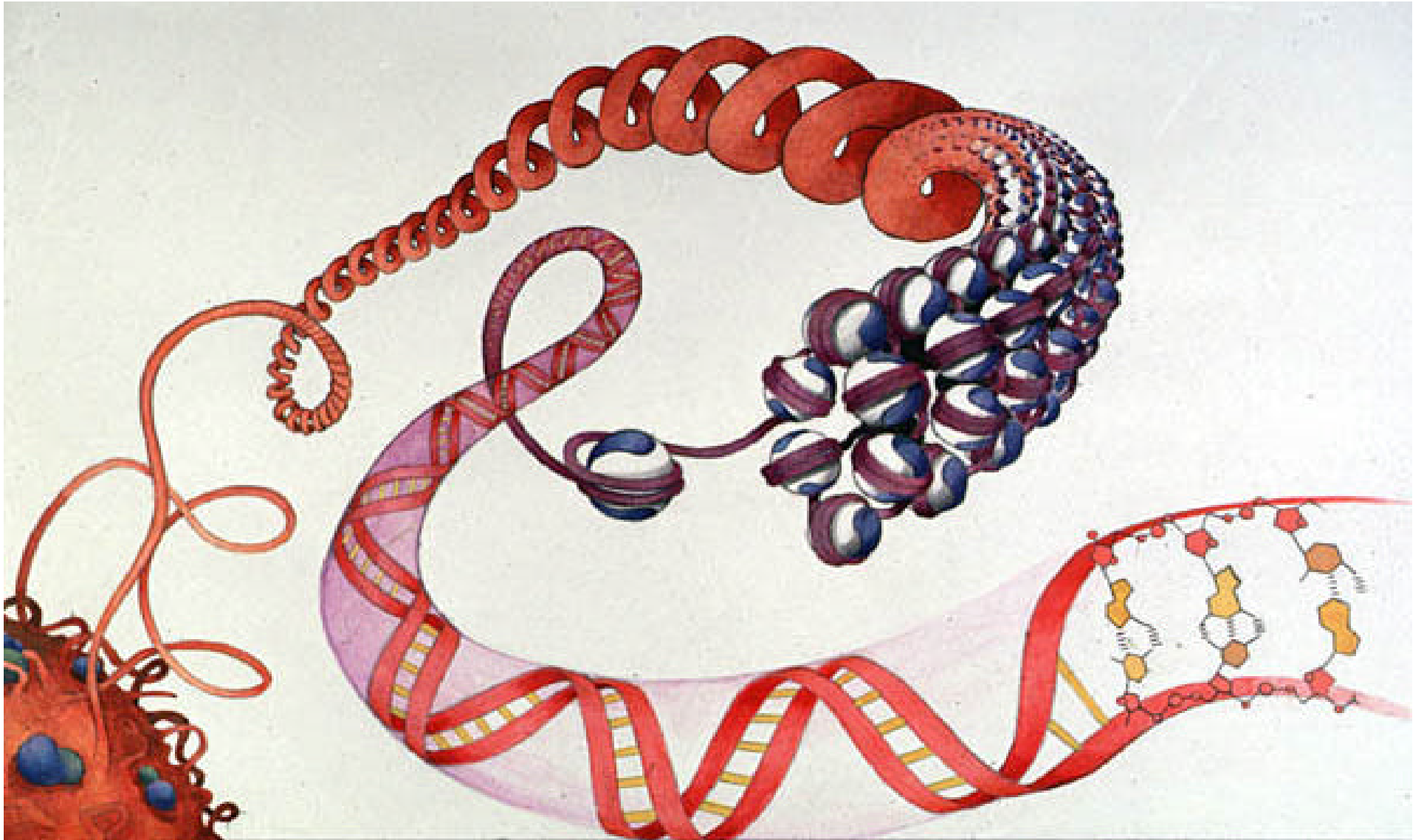
- Site selector elements TATA-box, Initiator
- Common upstream elements CCAAT-box, GC-box
- Regulatory elements HSE, SRE, GRE, etc.

- Enhancers / Silencers
- Locus control regions (LCRs)
- Scaffold / Matrix attachment sites (SARs / MARs)

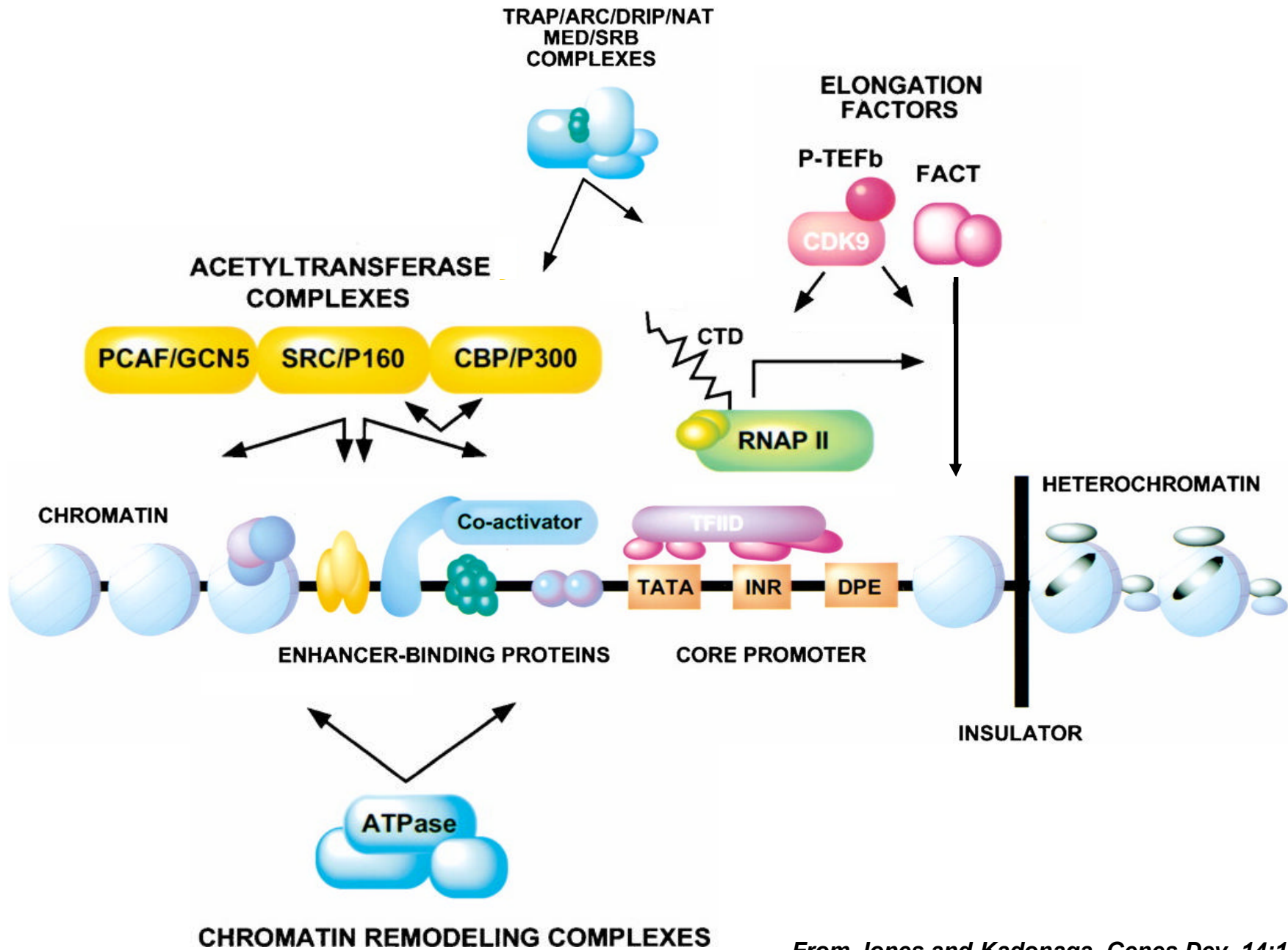
- CpG islands

Promoter Regulatory Elements: Features and Facts

- Degenerate sequence motifs
- Length: 6 to 20 bp
- Low complexity (8-12 bits)
- Binding sites of transcription factors
- Excess of binding sites over binding proteins in the nucleus
- Most in vitro binding sites not functional in vivo
- Some in vivo binding sites also not functional
- Regulatory potentials depends on cooperative effects between multiple elements



From G. Almouzni, Institut Curie, Paris



From Jones and Kadonaga, Genes Dev. 14:1992-1996, 2000.

TOOLS FOR THE IDENTIFICATION OF REGULATORY SEQUENCES AND THEIR COGNATE TRANSCRIPTION FACTORS

1. Identification and characterization of regulatory sequences

- Gene reporter assays: transient or stable transfection (CAT, Luciférase, SEAP, GFP, b-gal, etc.)
- *In vitro* transcription assay
- Sequencing, database mining (web: TESS, Euk. Pr. Database, TRANSFAC, MATINSPECTOR, TFSEARCH, etc.)
- Animal or cellular models: enhancer trap, enhancer knock-in, minichromosomes, etc.

2. Identification and characterization of specific transcription factors (TFs)

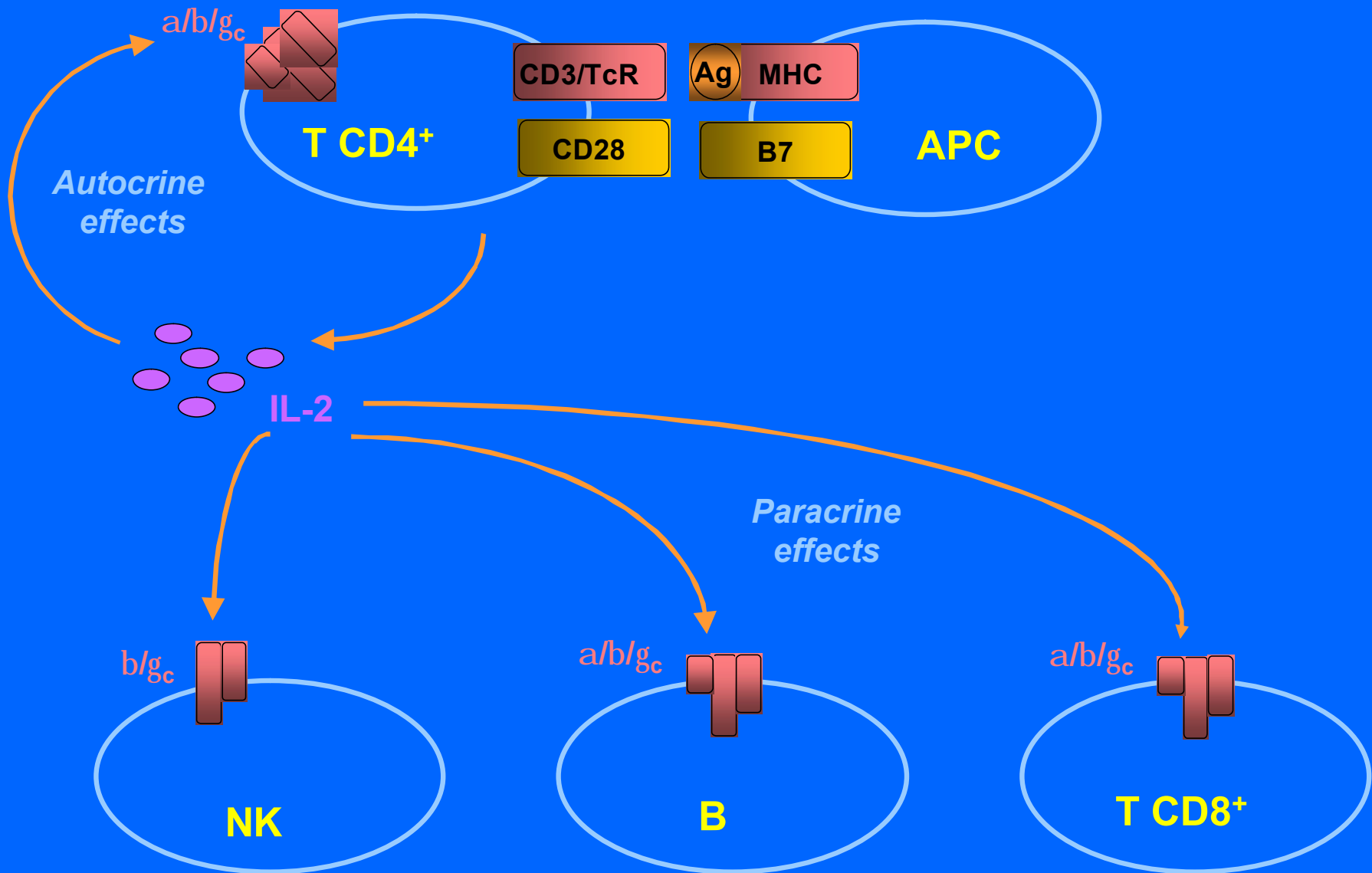
- EMSA and sequels: UV-crosslinking, pull-down assay using biotinilated oligonucleotide
- Footprint detection:
 - * *in vitro* : nucleases (DNase I hypersensitivity, S1 nuclease, Mmase) or chemical compounds
 - * *in vivo* : genomic footprinting, Chromatin ImmunoPrecipitation (ChIP) and sequels

3. TFs physical and functional interactions

- Transfection and biochemistry
- ChIP-on-chip

Control of CD25/IL-2Ra gene transcription

Primary Activation



ROLE OF THE IL-2R α CHAIN

- ➔ **SOLE IL-2 SPECIFIC CHAIN**
- ➔ **DE NOVO EXPRESSION CREATES AN HIGH AFFINITY IL-2 RECEPTOR ($K_d=10^{-11}$) IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE INTERMEDIATE AFFINITY RECEPTOR β/g_c ($K_d=10^{-9}$) SHARED WITH IL-4R, -7R, -9R AND -15R**
- ➔ **IL-2^{-/-} MICE ~ IL-2R α ^{-/-} MICE**

THE HIGH AFFINITY IL-2 RECEPTOR IS ESSENTIAL TO TRIGGER AND SUSTAIN AN EFFICIENT RESPONSE TO THE LIMITED AMOUNT OF SECRETED IL-2 AVAILABLE IN PHYSIOLOGICAL CONDITIONS

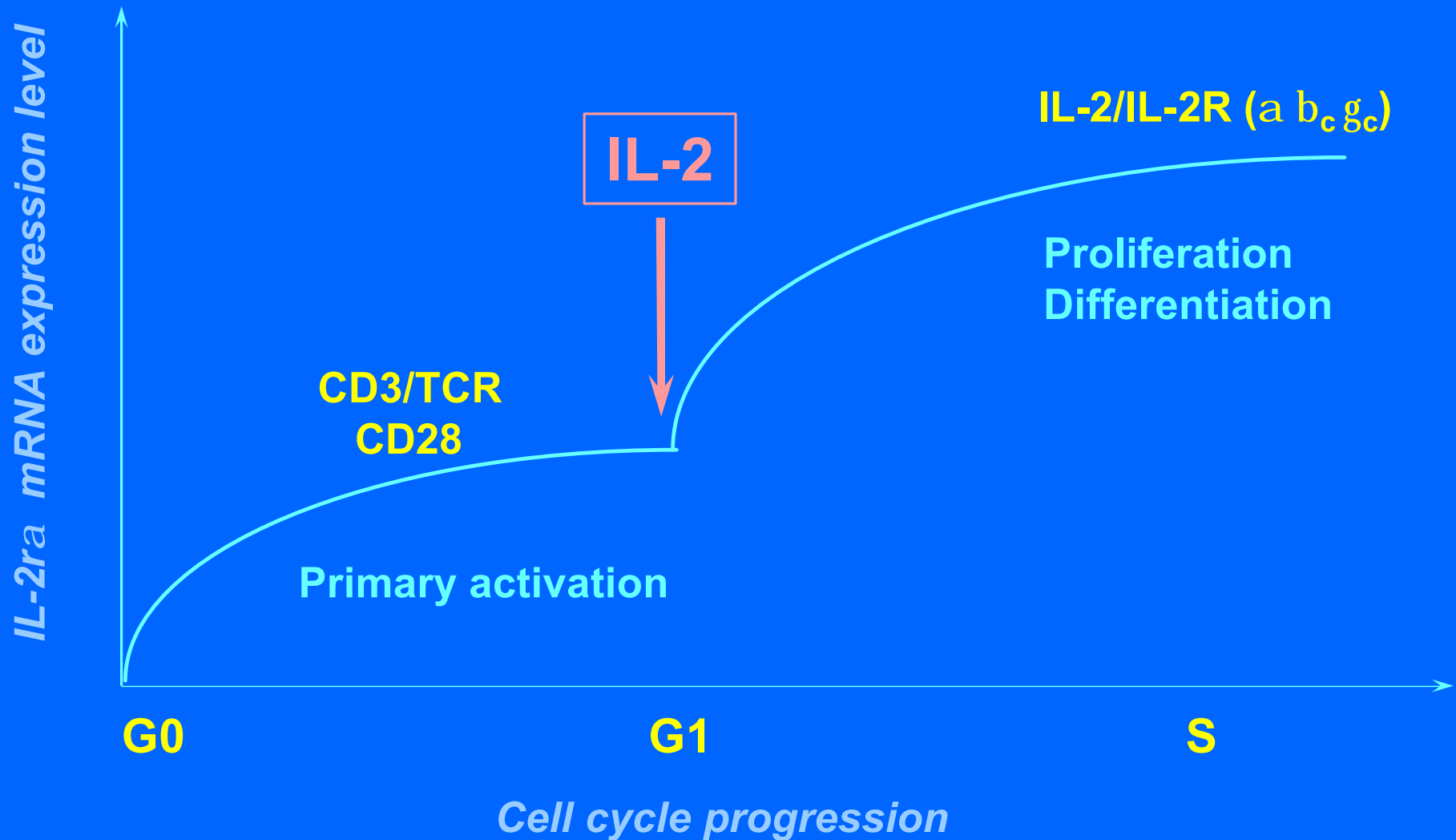
IL-2R α CHAIN EXPRESSION IS CONTROLLED A TWO MAIN LEVELS:



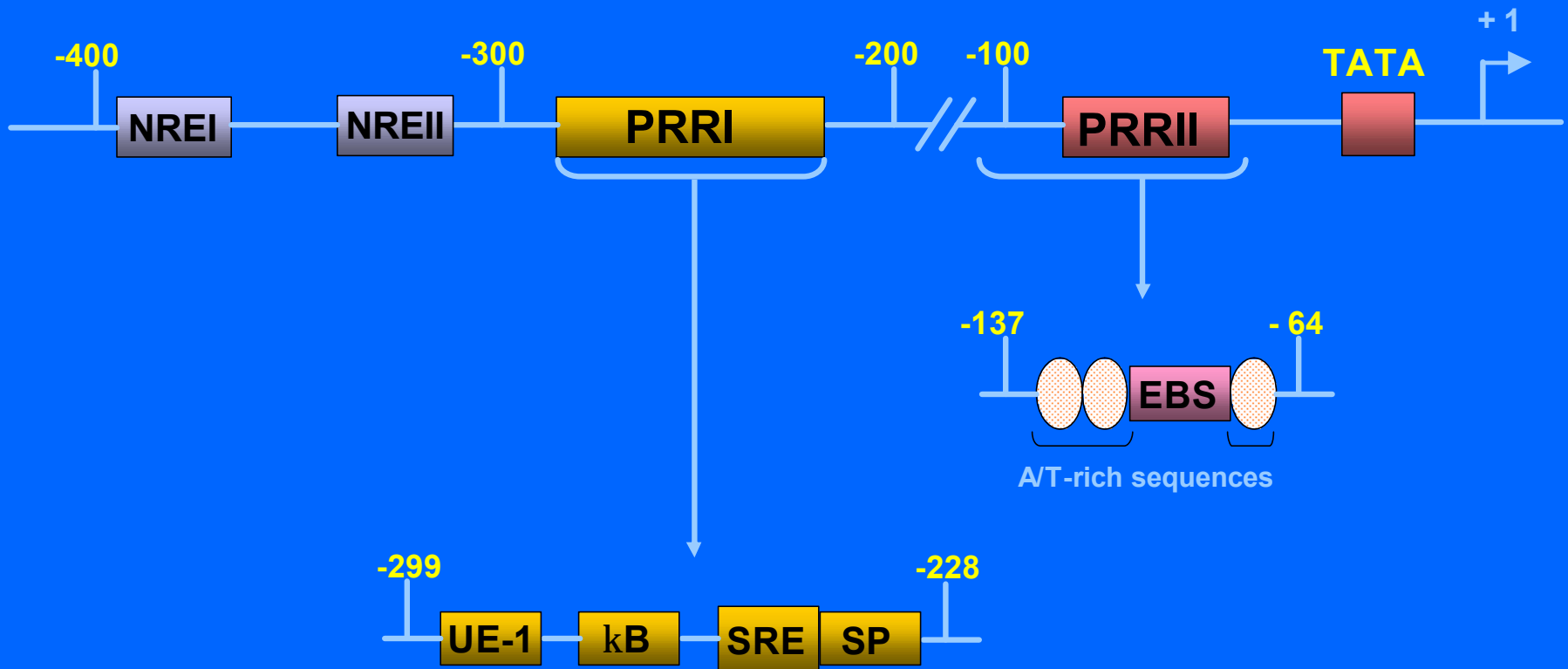
- TRANSCRIPTIONAL**

- POST-TRANSCRIPTIONAL
(mRNA stabilization)**

CD25/IL-2R α GENE TRANSCRIPTION DURING T CELL ACTIVATION

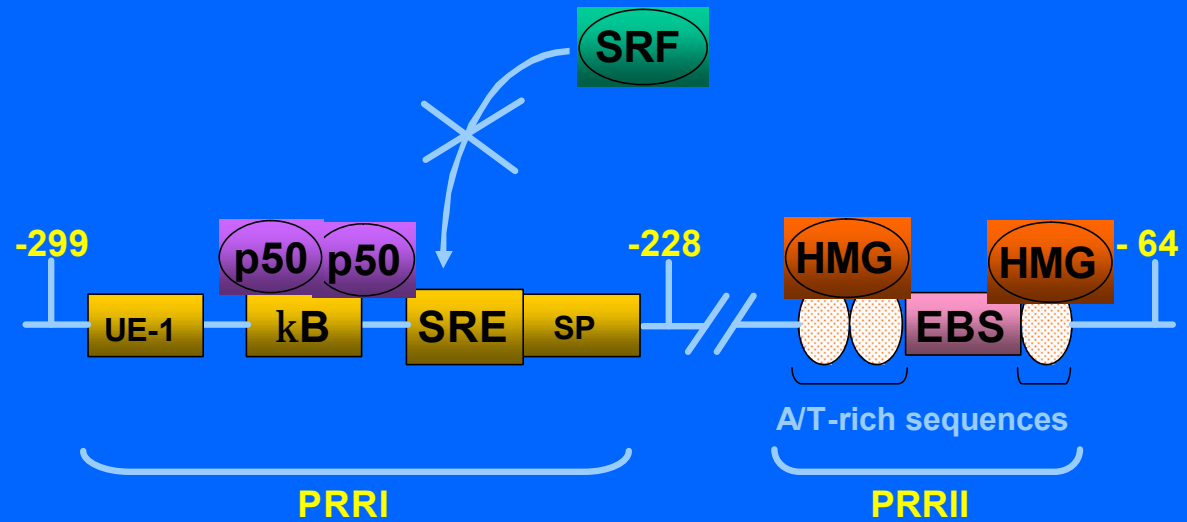


PROXIMAL REGULATORY REGIONS OF THE HUMAN CD25/IL-2R_a GENE



PRR: POSITIVE REGULATORY REGION

RESTING T LYMPHOCYTE



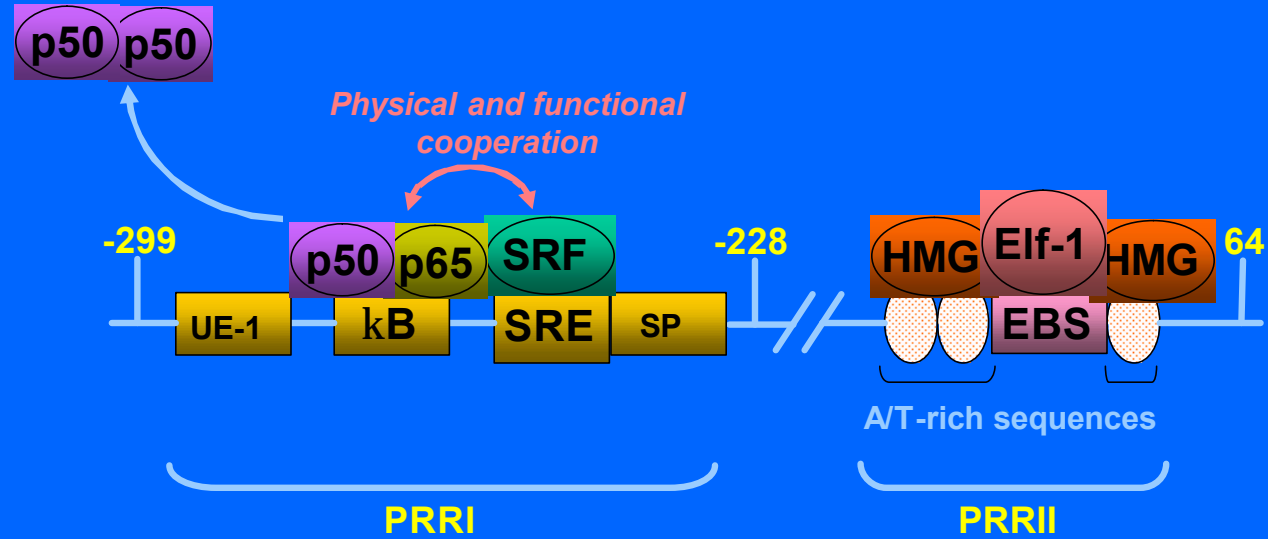
PRRI : Inactive NF- κ B p50/p50 homodimers binding

PRRII : HMGI(Y) constitutive binding

Primary
activation

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**ACTIVATED
T LYMPHOCYTE**



PRRI
(induction)

- ➔ Active NF- κ B p50/p65 or p65/c-Rel heterodimer binding
- ➔ SRF binding
- ➔ Physical and functional intercation SRF / NF- κ B

Ballard et al., Science, 1988; Toledano et al., PNAS, 1990; Costello et al., CGD, 1993;
Algarte et al., EMBO J, 1995; John et al., MCB, 1995

PRRII
(T cell specificity)

- ➔ Elf-1 binding
John et al., MCB, 1995

Homo Sapiens versus Mus Musculus PRRI/II conservation

Local identities (alignment n°6)

8724-8798	<-->	11629-11703	83%	(75 nt)
8800-8886	<-->	11704-11790	76%	(87 nt)
8887-8911	<-->	11792-11816	96%	(25 nt)
8913-8946	<-->	11817-11850	97%	(34 nt)
8954-8979	<-->	11851-11876	100%	(26 nt)
8982-8999	<-->	11877-11894	83%	(18 nt)
9003-9006	<-->	11895-11898	100%	(4 nt)
9007-9015	<-->	11901-11909	78%	(9 nt)
9017-9079	<-->	11910-11972	70%	(63 nt)
9082-9128	<-->	11973-12019	51%	(47 nt)
9129-9153	<-->	12021-12045	64%	(25 nt)
9160-9202	<-->	12046-12088	58%	(43 nt)
9203-9292	<-->	12090-12179	73%	(90 nt)
9293-9313	<-->	12181-12201	62%	(21 nt)

Seq 1 = ">HS_IL-2Ra_9.3KB genomic fragment from ENSG00000134460 5'->3'"
Seq 2 = ">MmIL-2Ra_12.5kb genomic fragment from phage Ch4C19 5'->3'"

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Local Alignment Number 6
Similarity Score: 24894
Match Percentage: 71 %
Number of Matches: 425
Number of Mismatches: 142
Total Length of Gaps: 29
Begins at (8724,11629) and Ends at (9313,12201)

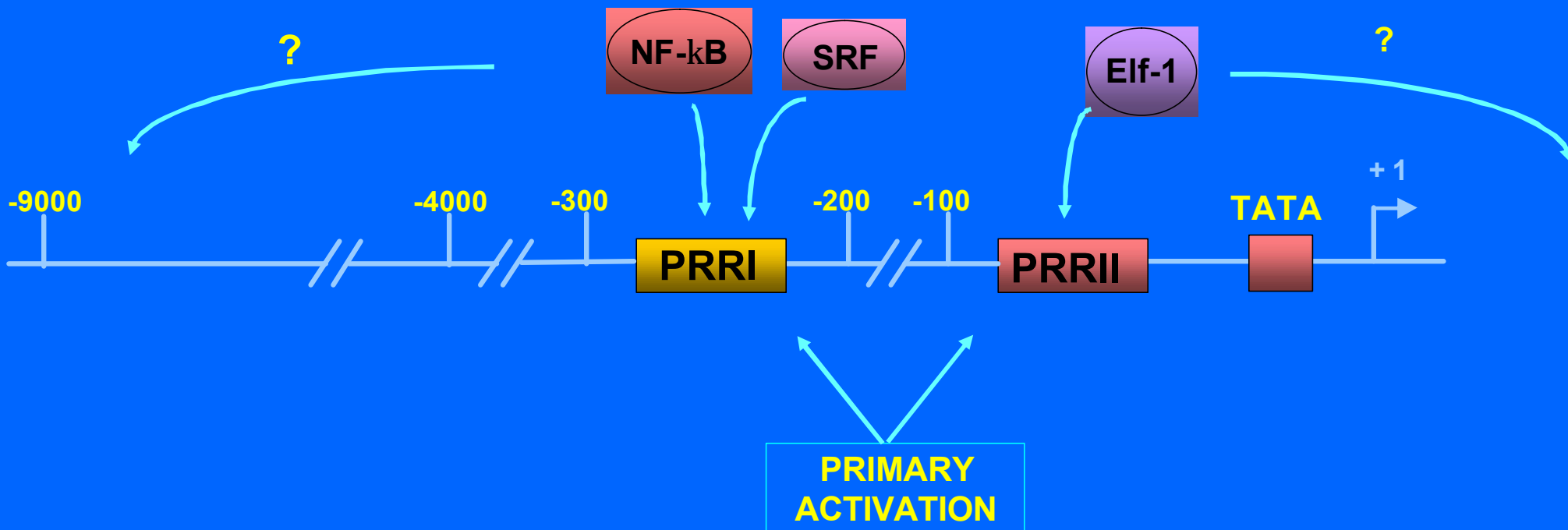
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11629  GAGGACTCAGTTTACAAAACCTAAGTGAGACCAAGGAAAGTGCCT
      |||
50     .      :      :      :      :      :      :      :
8774  GCTCACCTACCTTCAACGGCAGGGAATCTCCCTCTCCTTTTATGGGCG
      |||
11679  GCTCACCTCCTGCGCGGCAAGG AATCCCCTTTCCTTGTACAGGCA
      |||
100    GC-box :      :      :      :      :      :      :
8824  TAGCTGAAGAAAGGATTTCATAAATGAAGTTCAATCCTTTCATCAACCCC
      |||
11728  AAACAACAAAAGGACTCATAAGTGAAGCCTGATCCTTCCACCAACAC
      |||
150    .      :      :      :      :      :      :      :
8874  AGCCACACCTCC AGCAATTGAACCTGAAAAAAAAAACTGGTTTGAAA
      |||
11778  TGCCACACCTCCTAGTAATTGAACCTGAAAAAAAAAAC TGGTTTGAAA
200    .      :      :      :      :      :      :      :
      :      :      :      :      :      :      :      :
8923  AATTACCGCAAACTATATTTGTCATCAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAaCACT
      |||
11827  AATTACCGCAAACCATATTTGTCAT          AAAAAAAAAAAAAAACACT
250    Elf-1 HMGI (Y) .      :      :      :      :      :
8973  TCCTATATTTGAGATGAGAGAAGAGAGTGTAGG CAGTTTCTGGGTG
      |||
11870  TCCTATA TGAGATCAGACAAGACAG TAGGCACAAGTTCT GCTG
300    .      :      :      :      :      :      :      :
      :      :      :      :      :      :      :      :
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      |||
11914  AGCAGATCAGCCTAA TGCTTAAA TAGAACAACTCCTGGCTGTGCAT TGACA
350    .      :      :      :      :      :      :      :
9071  CTGGATGGACCCACAAGGGTGACAGCCAGGCGGACCGATCTTCCCATCC
      |||
11964  TTGCTCTAAA AGCCAAGATGACAGACTGAGAGGCTGAGCCCTGTGTTCT
400    .      :      :      :      :      :      :      :
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      |||
12012  GGCATTCTCCAGGAAGATGCAGTAAAGGGGTTG ACCCAATATA
450    .      :      :      :      :      :      :      :
9170  CTGCAGAGAAAGACCTCCGCTTCACTGCCCCGG CTGGTCCCAAGGGTCA
      |||
12056  CTGCAGAGAATTTTCATCCAGTTCCCTCCTCCATCCTGATCCCATGTGCCA
500    .      :      :      :      :      :      :      :
9219  GGAAGATGGATTACCTGCTGATGTGGGACTGCTCAGTTTCATCATG
      |||
12106  GGAAGATGGAGCCACGCTTGCTGATGTTGGGGTTTCTCTCATTAAACATA
550    .      :      :      :      :      :      :      :
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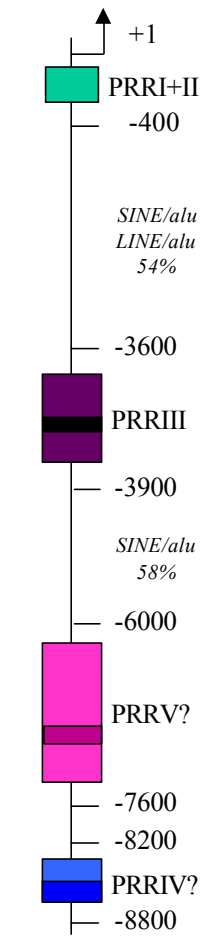
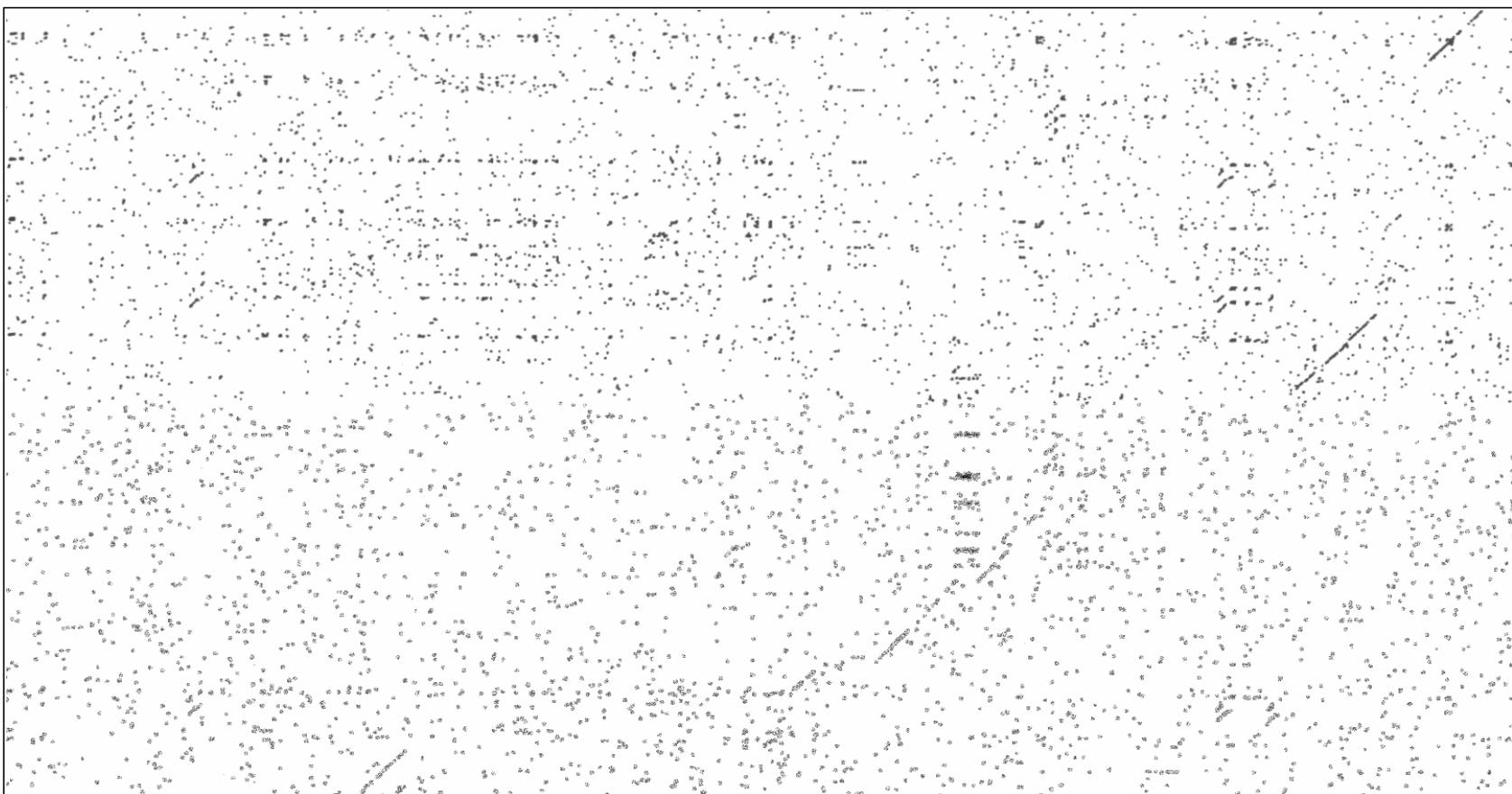
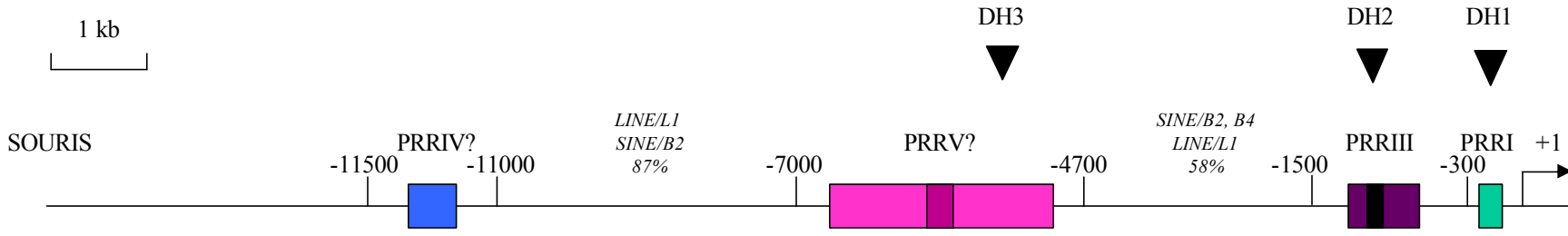
PRRI [-276,-244]

PRRII [-137,-64]

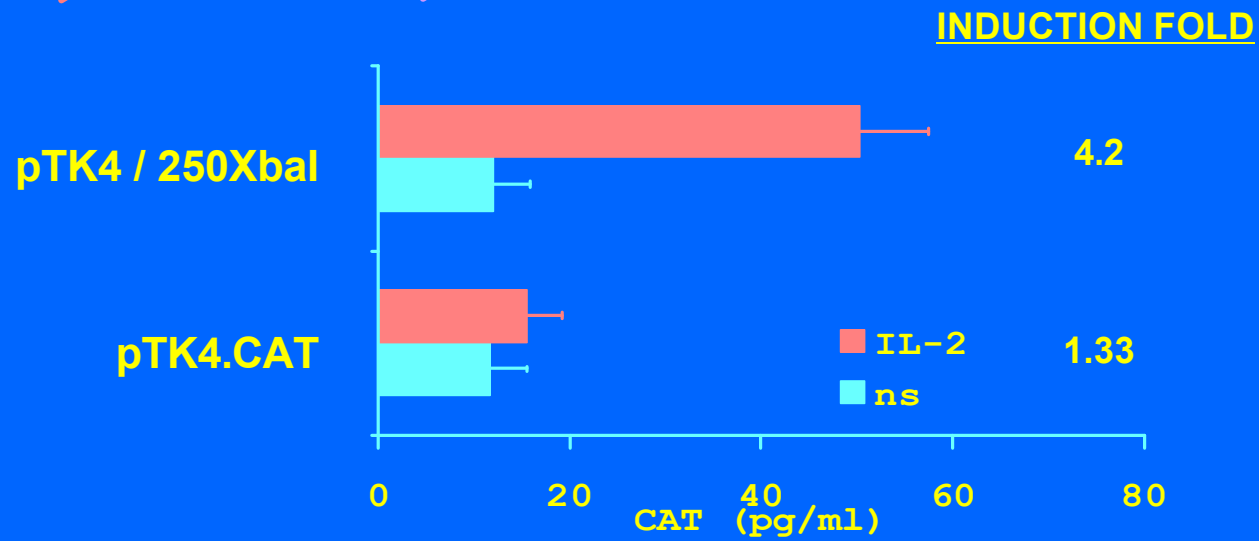
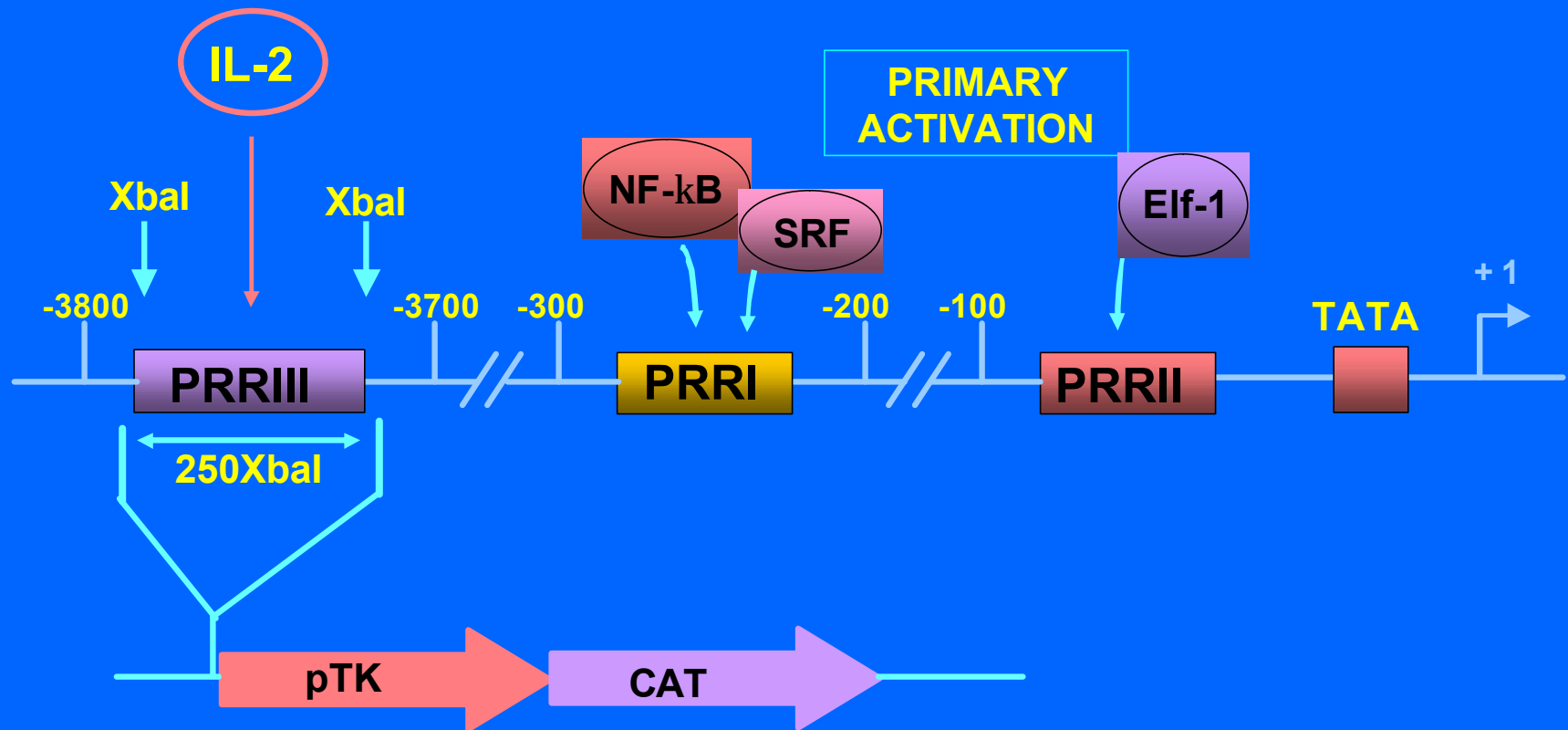
**HOWEVER NEITHER PRRI NOR PRRII, ALONE OR IN ASSOCIATION, ARE SUFFICIENT
TO ELICIT AN EFFICIENT TRANSCRIPTION
IN GENE REPORTER ASSAYS USING VARIOUS T CELL MODELS**

SEARCH FOR IL-2 AND/OR CD28 RESPONSIVE REGULATORY REGIONS WITHIN CD25/IL-2R α GENE LOCUS





HOMME



PRRIII

Homo Sapiens

GASd/EBSd

GASp/GATA

EBSp

- 3772

- 3718

TTTCTTCTAGGAAGTACCAAACATTTCTGATAATAGAATTGAGCAATTCCTGAT
IIIIIIII--IIIIIIIIII-IIIIIIIIIIIIIIIII-III-IIIIIIIII-IIIIIIIII
TTTCTTCTGAGAAGTACCAGACATTTCTGATAAGAGAGTTGAGCAACTTCCTGAT

- 1369

- 1315

Site I

Site II

Site III

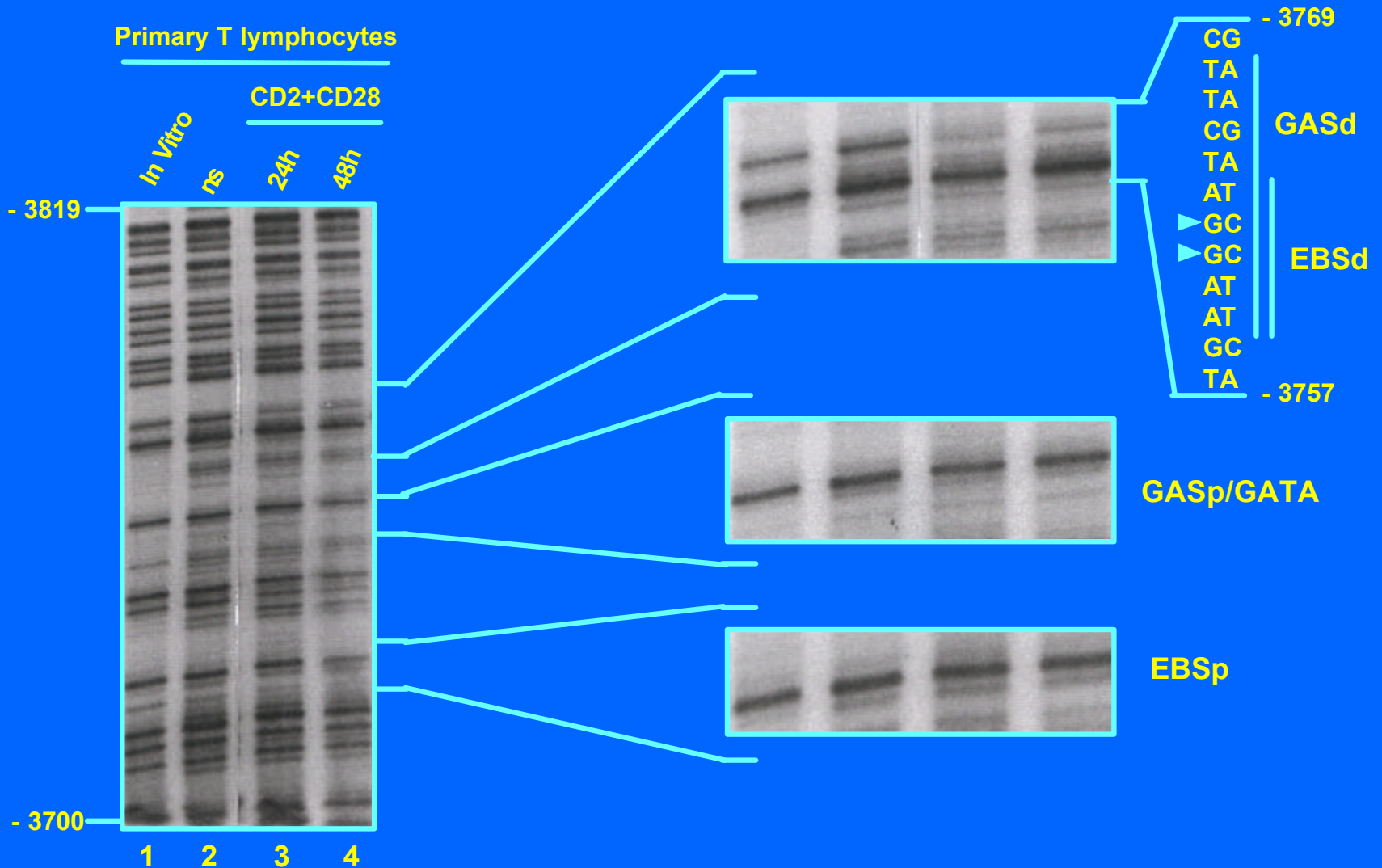
Mus Musculus

IL-2rE

In Vivo Footprinting

- 1) Methylation of guanines (major groove) and to a lesser extent of adenines (minor groove) by DMS on living cells
The level of methylation is affected by protein binding to DNA
- 2) Genomic DNA extraction
- 3) Cleavage of methylated residues by piperidine
- 4) LMP-PCR amplification of the region to be analyzed
Last amplification cycles performed with a ^{32}P -labeled primer
- 5) Analysis of the PCR products on sequencing gel

***In vivo* modification of the GASd/EBSd motif occupancy in response to CD2+CD28 costimulation in purified human primary T cells**



The GASd/EBSd motif is the only putative regulatory element within PRRIII modified *in vivo* in response to an IL-2-dependent induction in human T lymphocytes

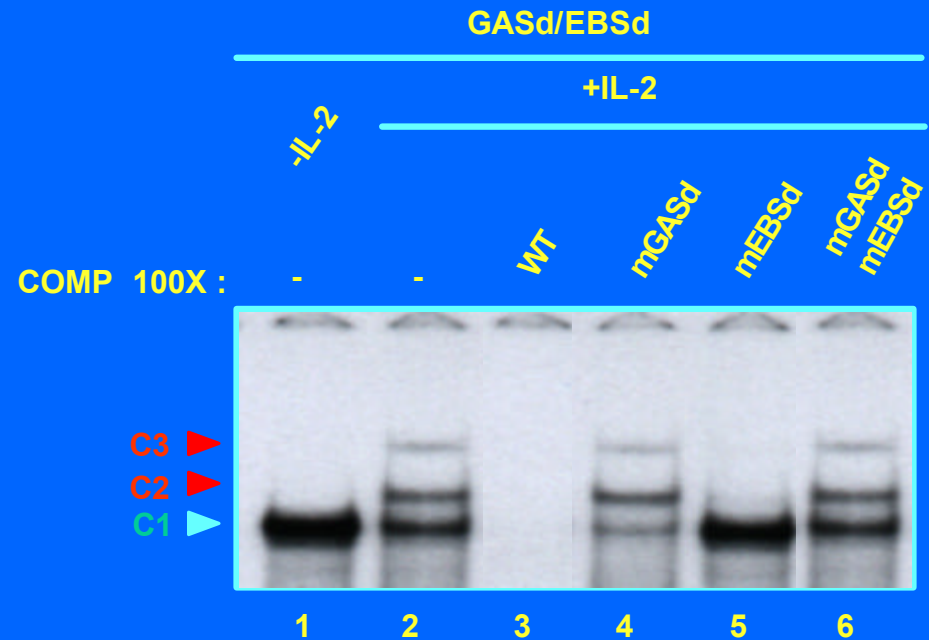
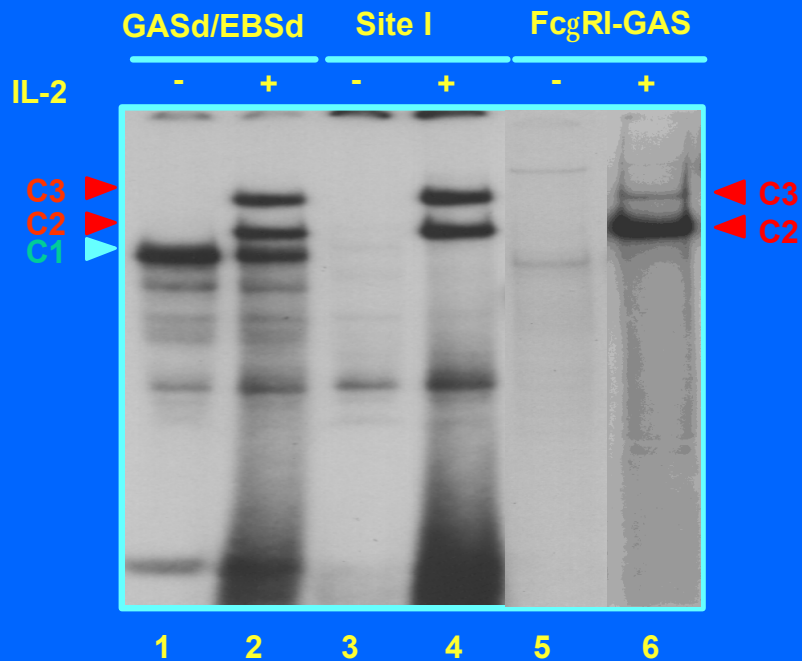
INDUCIBLE



CONSTITUTIVE

Lecine, P., Algarte, M., Rameil, P., Beadling, C., Bucher, P., Nabholz, M. and Imbert, J. Elf-1 and Stat5 bind to critical element in a new enhancer of the human interleukin-2 receptor alpha gene. Mol.Cell.Biol. 16: 6829-6840; 1996.

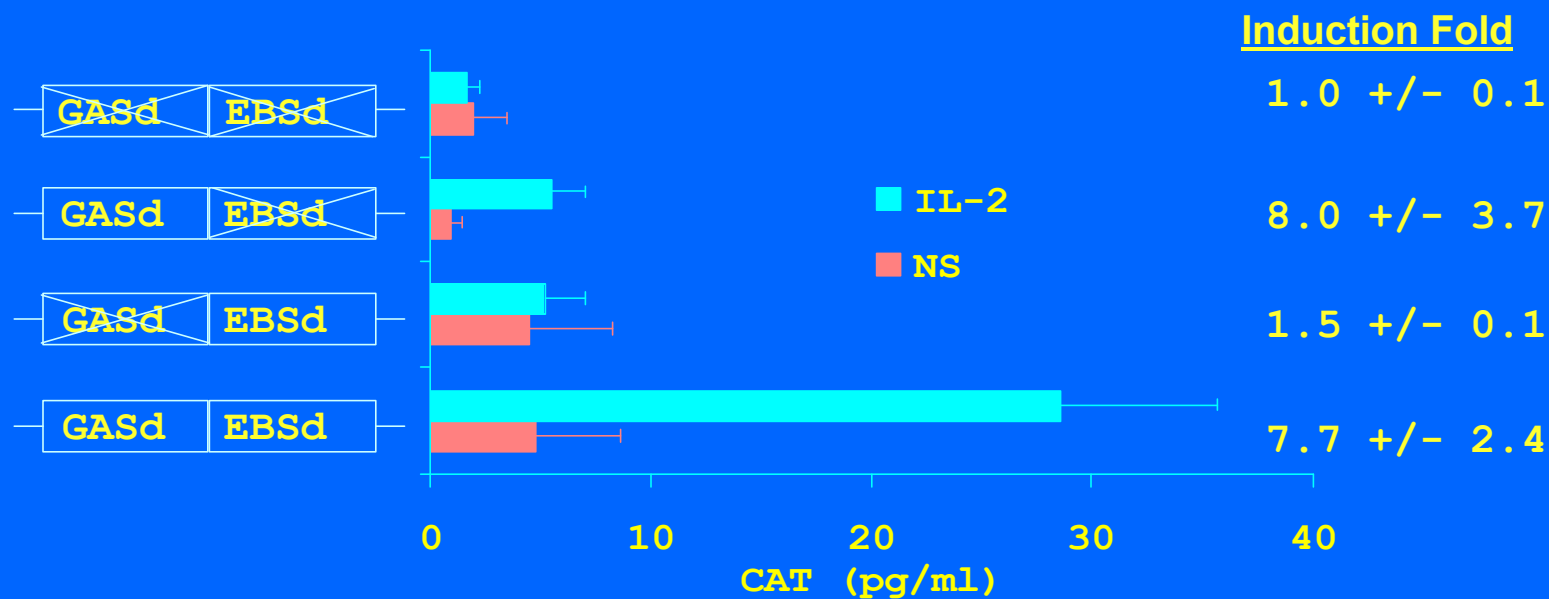
**Inducibles complex C2 and C3 are GAS-specific
Constitutive complex C1 is EBS-specific**

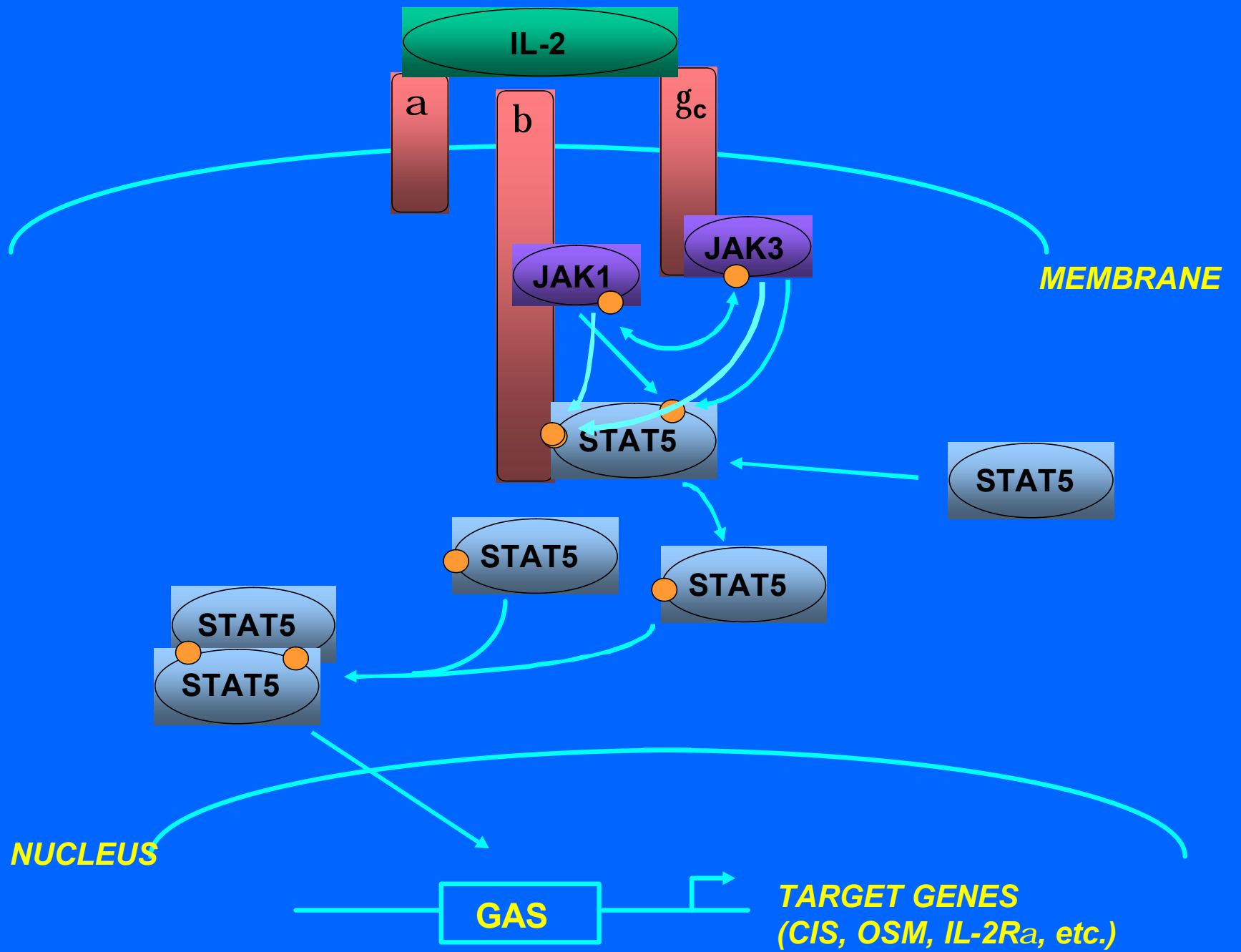


CD25/IL-2R α GASd/EBSd EMSA probe:

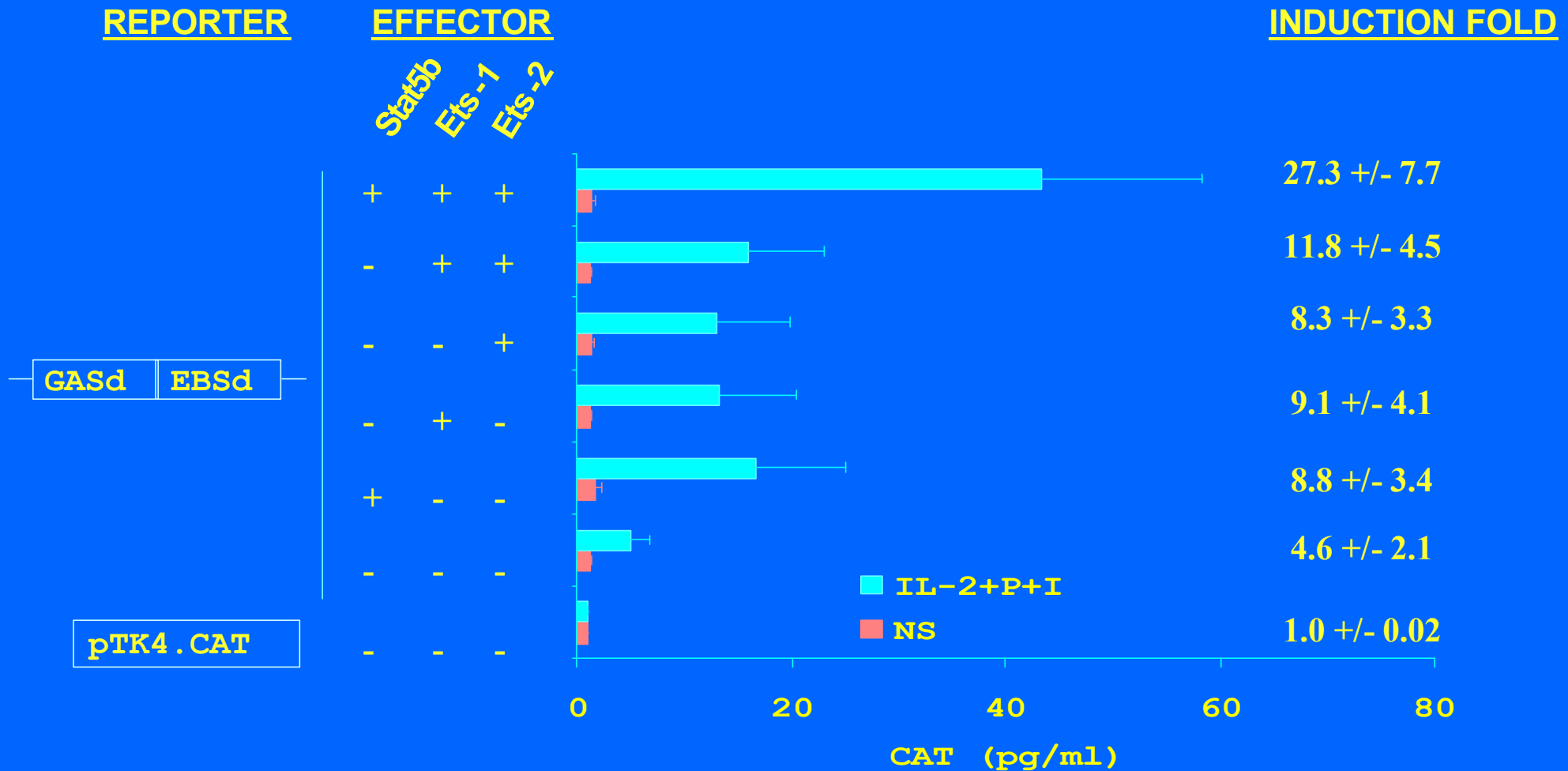
GASd
 TTTCTTCTAGGAA GTACC
 AAAGAAGATCCTTCATGG
EBSd

Disruption of the GASd motif by site-directed mutagenesis fully abolish IL-2 response

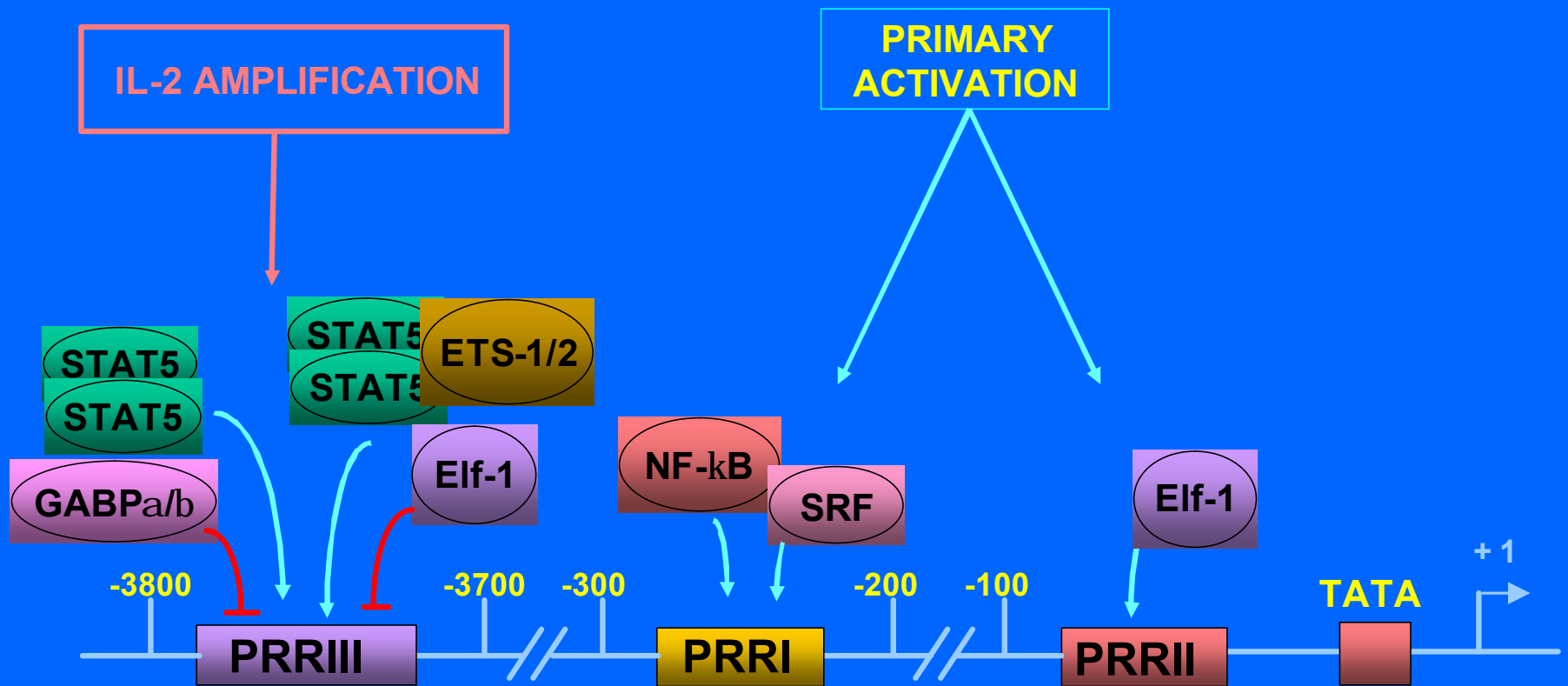




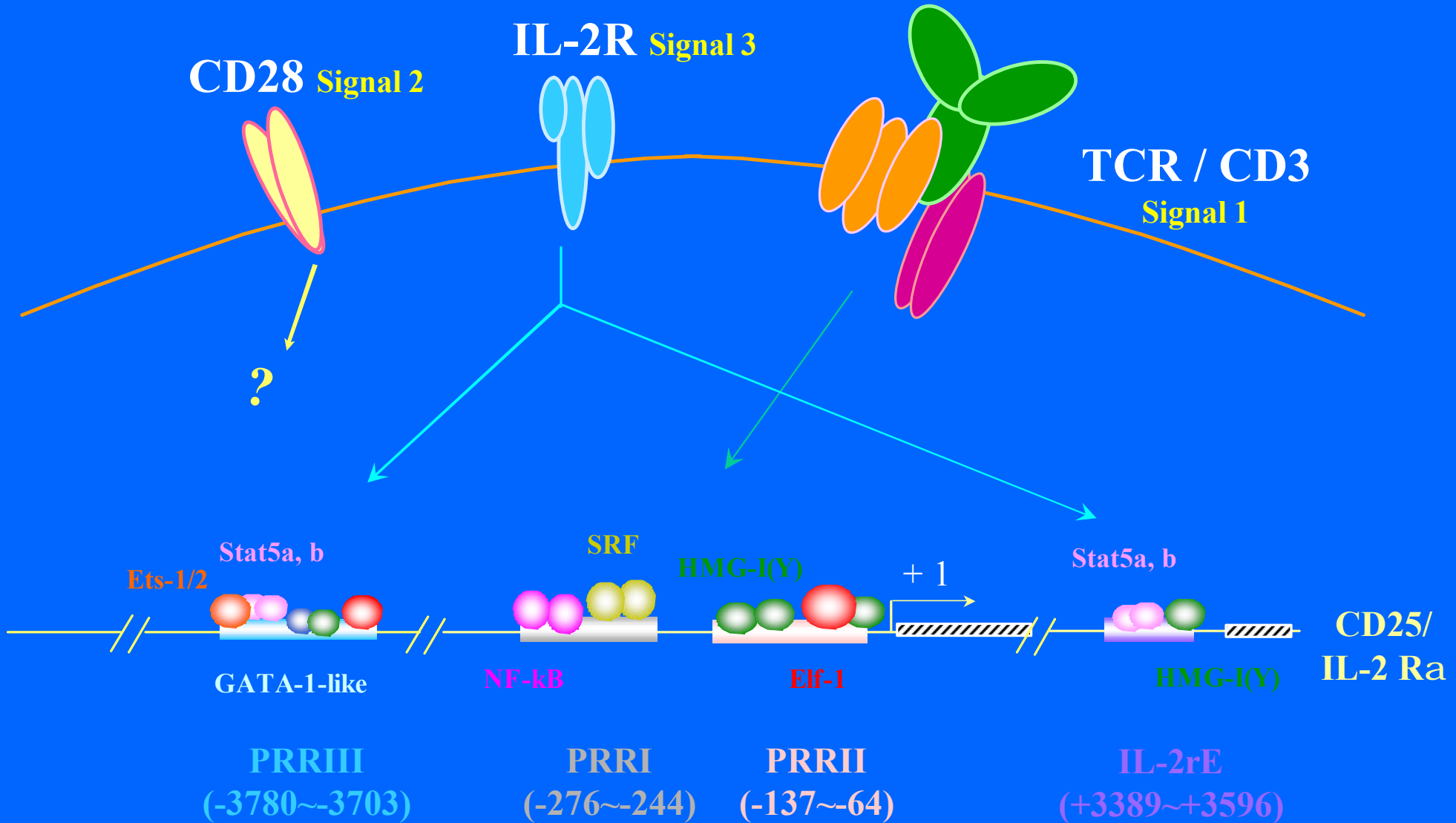
**Stat5b, Ets-1 and Ets-2 cooperate functionally
in response to IL-2 +PMA+Ionomycin**



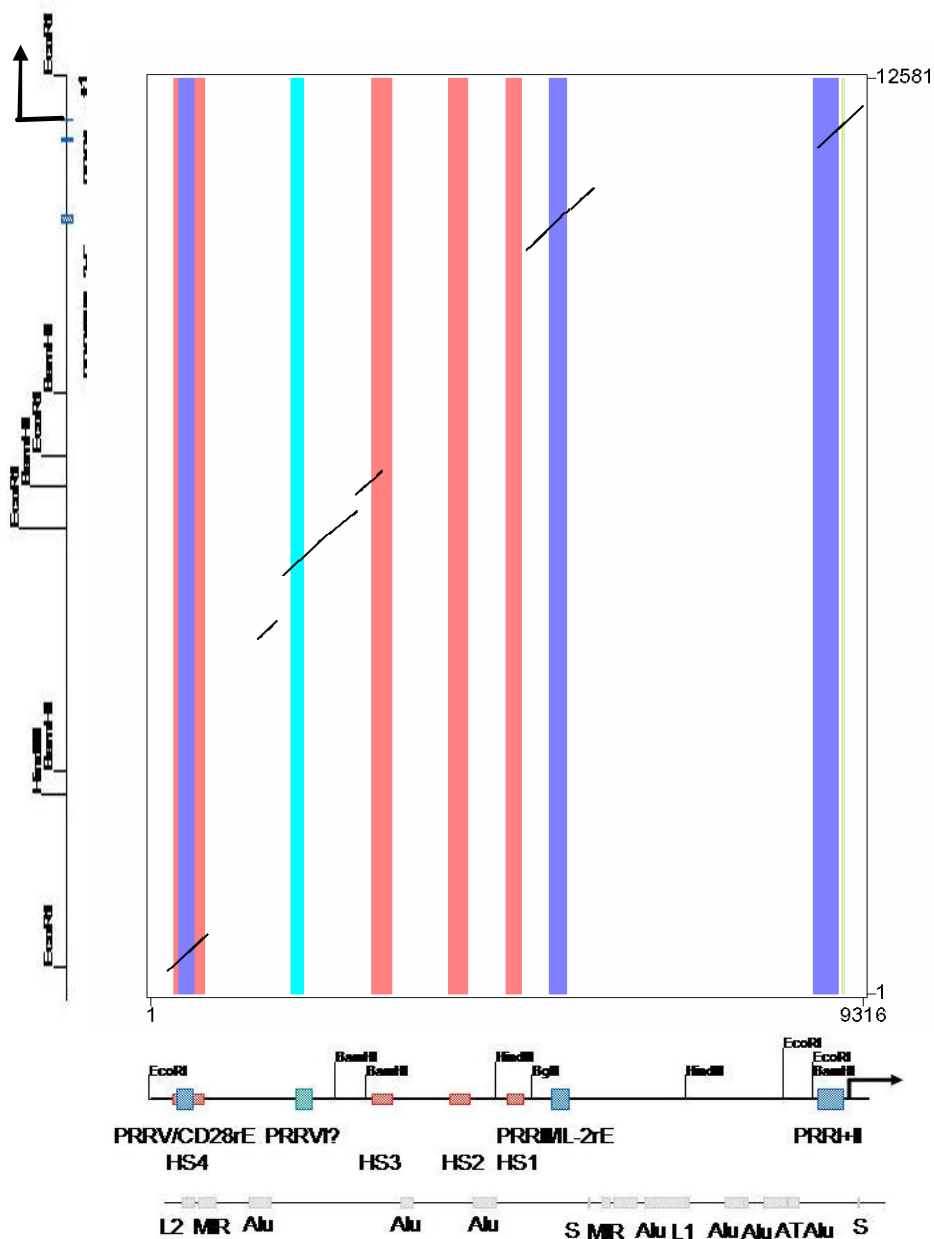
Rameil, P., Lecine, P., Ghysdael, J., Gouilleux, F., Kahn-Perles, B. and Imbert, J. IL-2 and long-term T cell activation induce physical and functional interactions between STAT5 and ETS transcription factors in human T cells. *Oncogene* 19: 2086-2097; 2000.



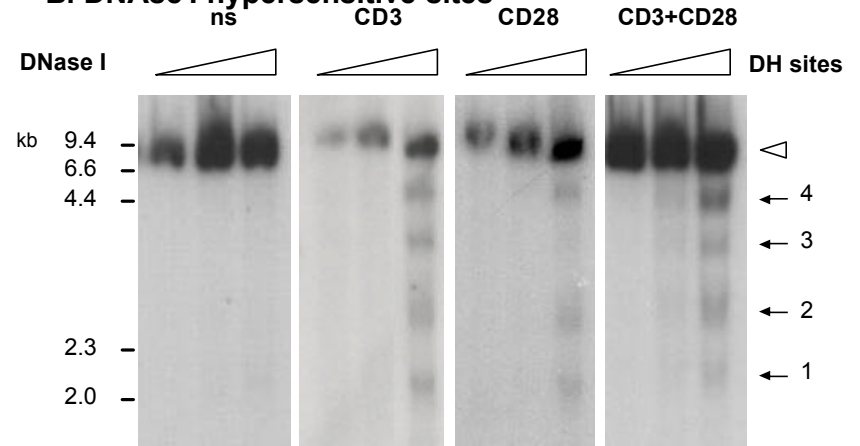
Regulatory elements and their cognate transcription factors in the human CD25/IL-2Ra gene



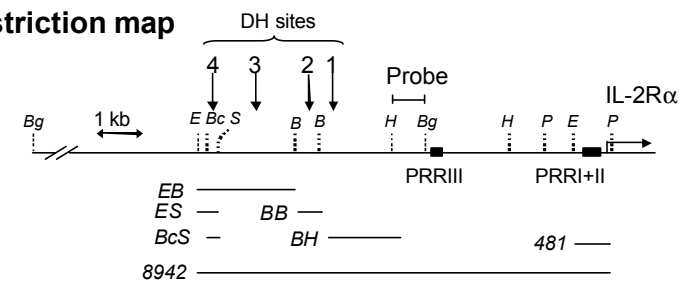
A. Homo Sapiens/Mus musculus CD25/IL-2Ra gene



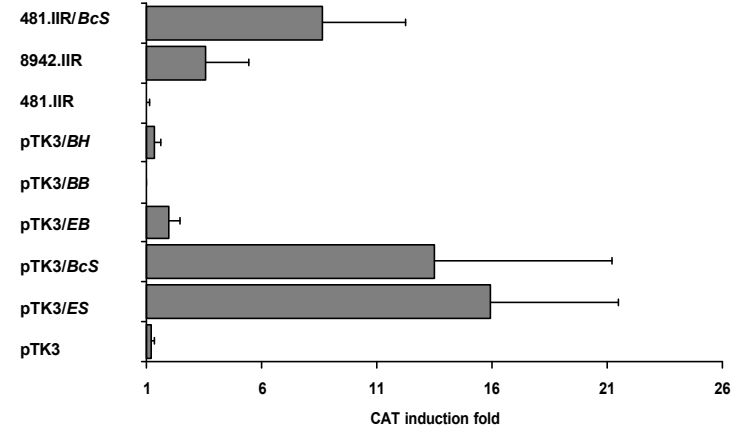
B. DNase I hypersensitive sites



C. Restriction map



C. Gene reporter assays



A Well-Conserved but not Functional Candidate for a CD28 Responsive Enhancer

Comparison of two nucleotidic sequences:

Sequence 1 : cons4HS

Sequence 2 : cons4mus

resetting to DNA matrix
LALIGN finds the best local alignments between two sequences
version 2.0u4 Feb. 1996

Please cite:

X. Huang and W. Miller (1991) Adv. Appl. Math. 12:373-381

Comparison of:

(A) cons4HS

(B) cons4mus

using matrix file: DNA, gap penalties: -16/-4

79.6% identity in 201 nt overlap; score: 612

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                                NF-ATp
                                10      20      30      40      50      60
cons4H CATAGTGGATTTTGGTTTTTCCACGGGACCCCTGTGCCCTGTCTAGTAGAATCTGGTGGGA
      ::::::::::: ::::::::::: ::::::: ::::::::::: :: :: :: ::::::
cons4m CATAGTGGATTCTGGTTTTTCCACAGGACCC-----TGTCTAGTAAAACCTAGTGGA
                                10      20      30      40      50
                                NF-kB/CD28RC  CREB  Ets
                                70      80      90      100     110     120
cons4H AATTACAAACTGCAGAAATTCAACTCAGTGCCGCAATAACAGGATGCACCTGTAGATTTC
      ::::::::::: :::: ::::::::::: : :::::: ::::::::::: ::::::::::: :::::::::::
cons4m AATTACAAGCTG-AGAAATTCAGCCTTGTGCCACAATAACAGGATGCACCTGTAGATTTC
                                60      70      80      90      100     110
                                GAS
                                130     140     150     160     170     180
cons4H GTAGAATTAGCAGCAGCATTCTTTCAATACCAGTTTGAGAGAAATAACCCGTTTGCATA
      ::::::::::: :: : :::: : :: :::: ::::::::::: :: ::::::::::: :
cons4m ACAGAATTAGCTGCTGTCTTCTCTTAACGCCAATTTGAGAGAAAGAAGCCGTTTGTCTG
                                120     130     140     150     160     170
                                190     200
cons4H GTGCCAACTGGGGCAGAATCT
      ::::::: :::::::::::
cons4m CTGCCAAACAGGGCAGAATCT
                                180     190
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The Functional PRRV/CD28rE within Human CD25/IL-2Ra Gene

Bcl-I

-8688 **TGATCAG**CCCGTGTCTCCAGAGAGCTACAAGGCAGTTTTTCAATTGGTAAAT
ACTAGTCGGCACAGAGGTCTCTCGATGTTCCGTCA**AAACT**TAACCATTTA
NFAT

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-8638 GCCCTGAGAGTGATGGGCTTGTGGCATGTGTAAGGGTTAGACAGACCTGG
CGGGACTCTCACTACCCGAACACCGTACACATTCCCAATCTGTCTGGACC
. **TRE** . **CRE/TRE**

-8588 GACTAGACA**TGAC**ACCACTCC**TGAC**GAATTATGTGAGTGTGGGTGTTTCA
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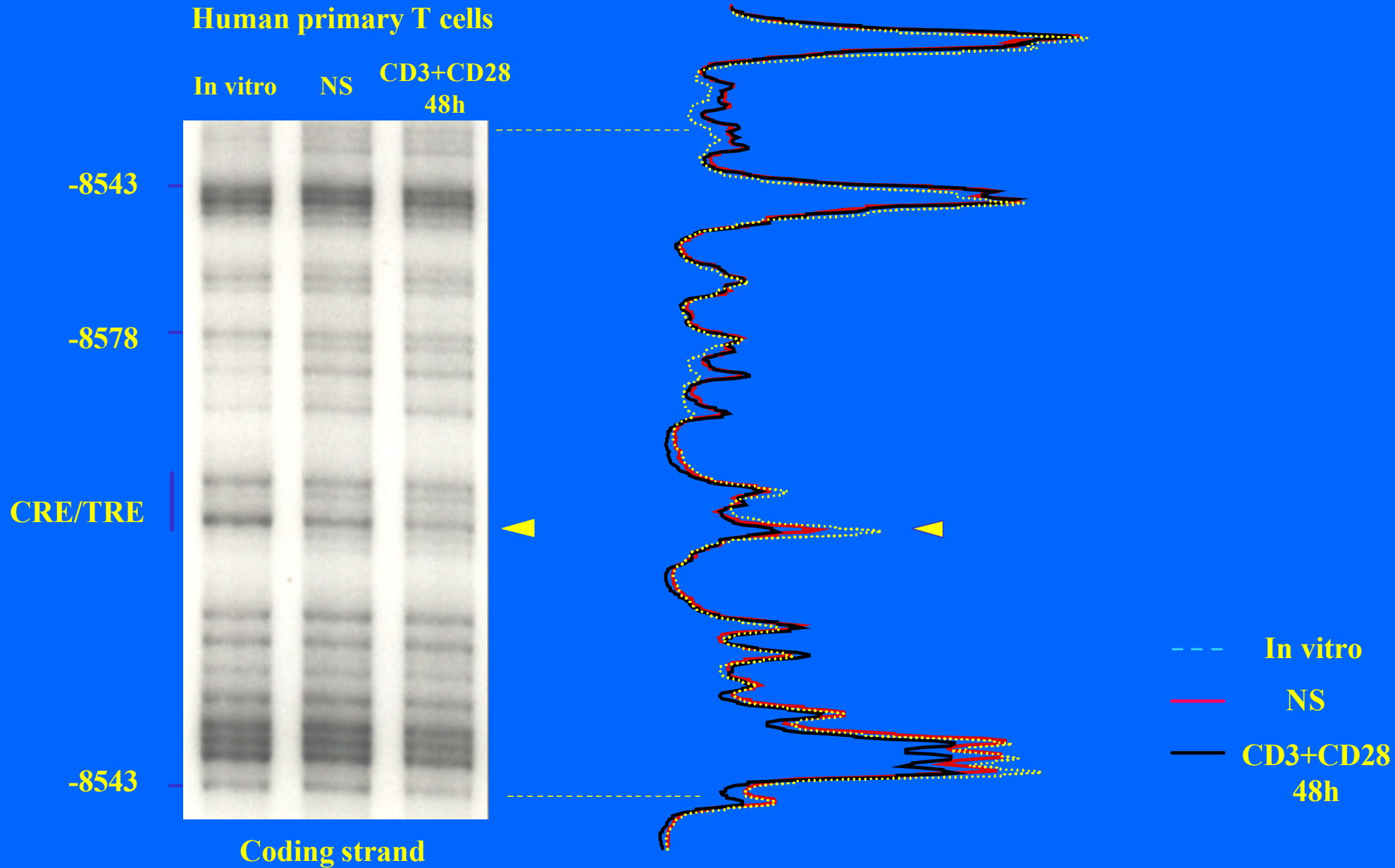
. **NFAT**

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TCF 11

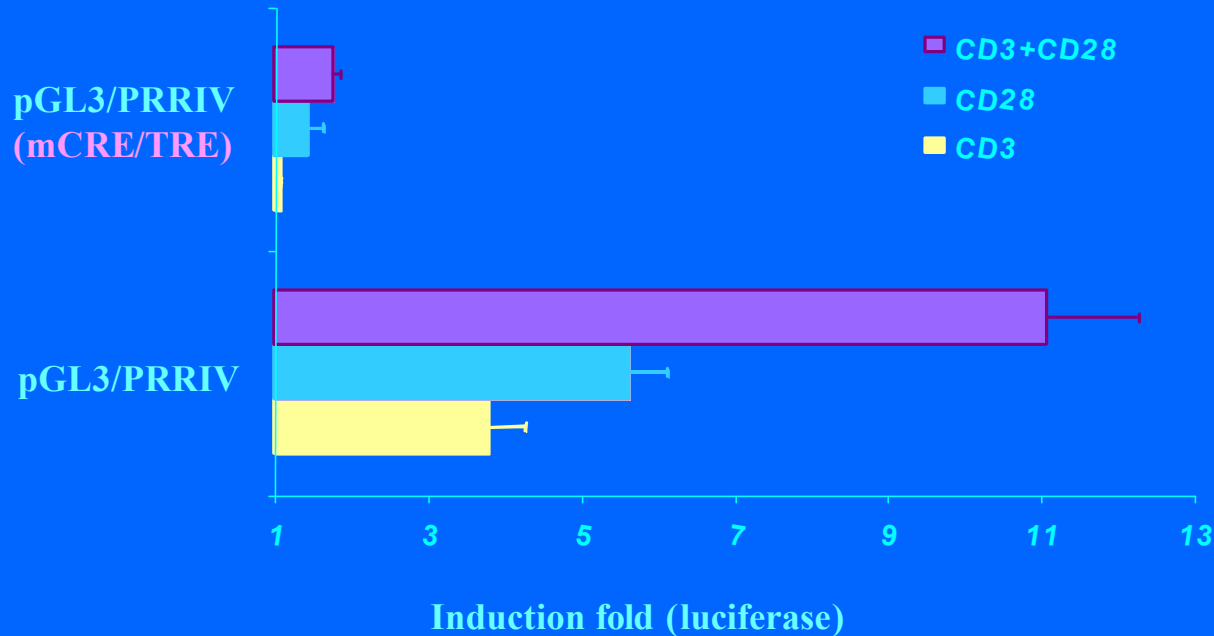
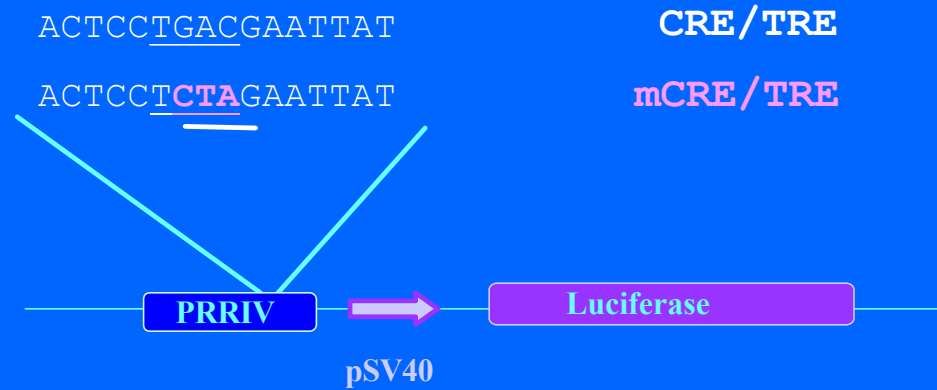
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-8488 **GCATGC**
CGTACG

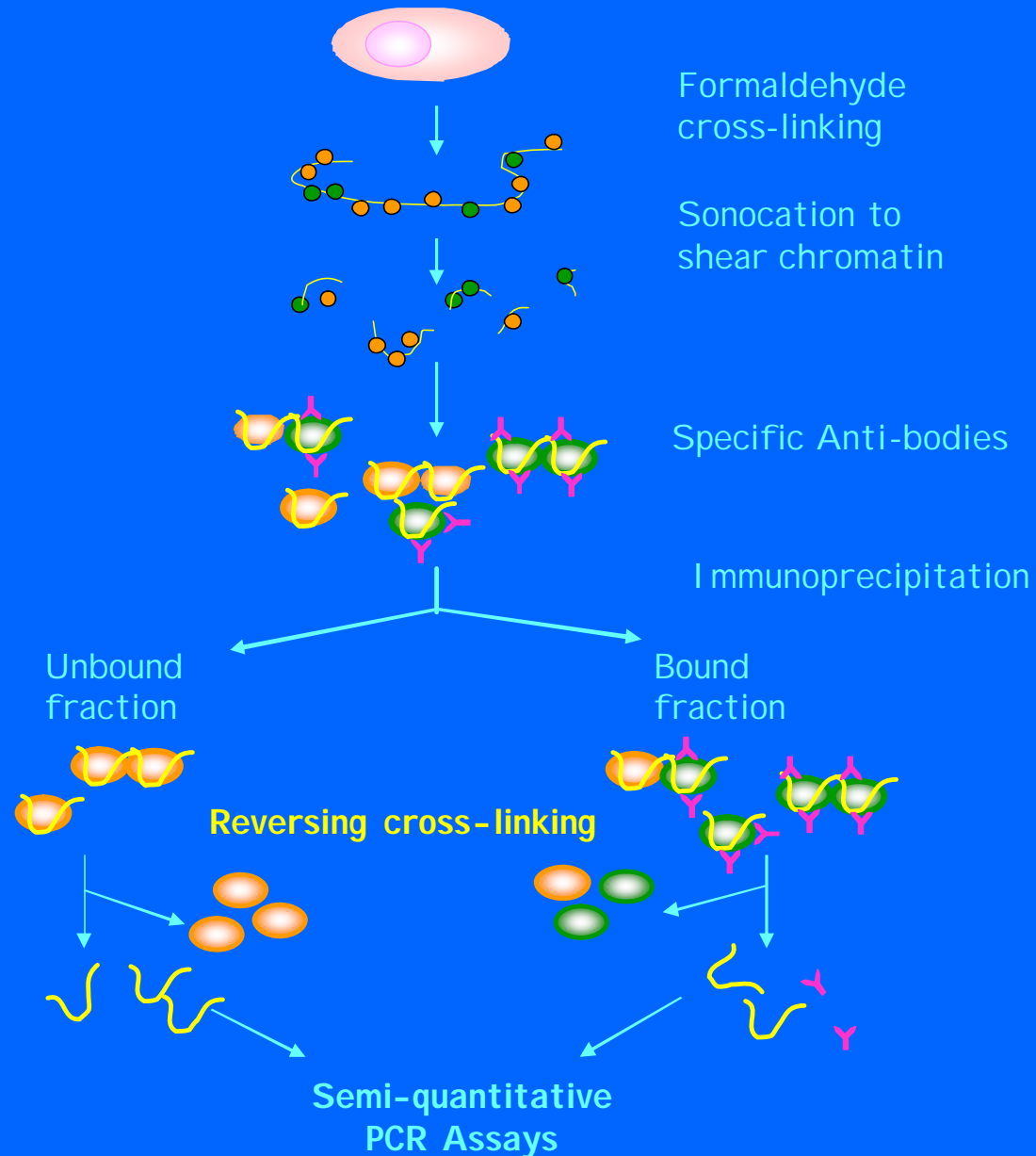
In vivo LM-PCR characterized the regulatory elements in PRRIV/IL-2Ra



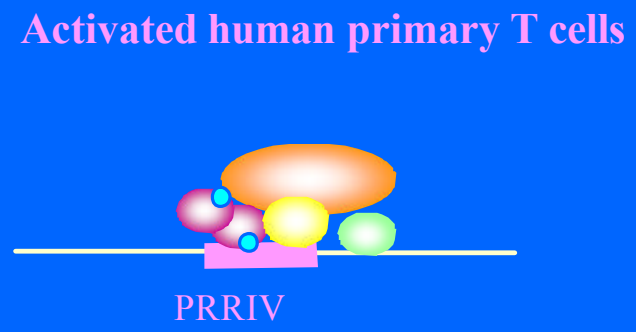
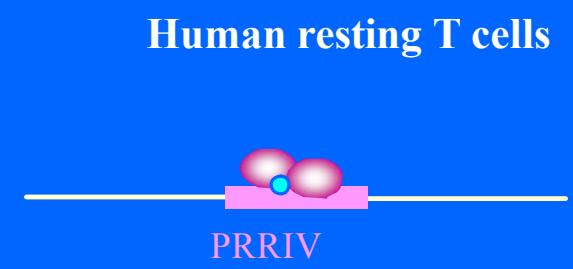
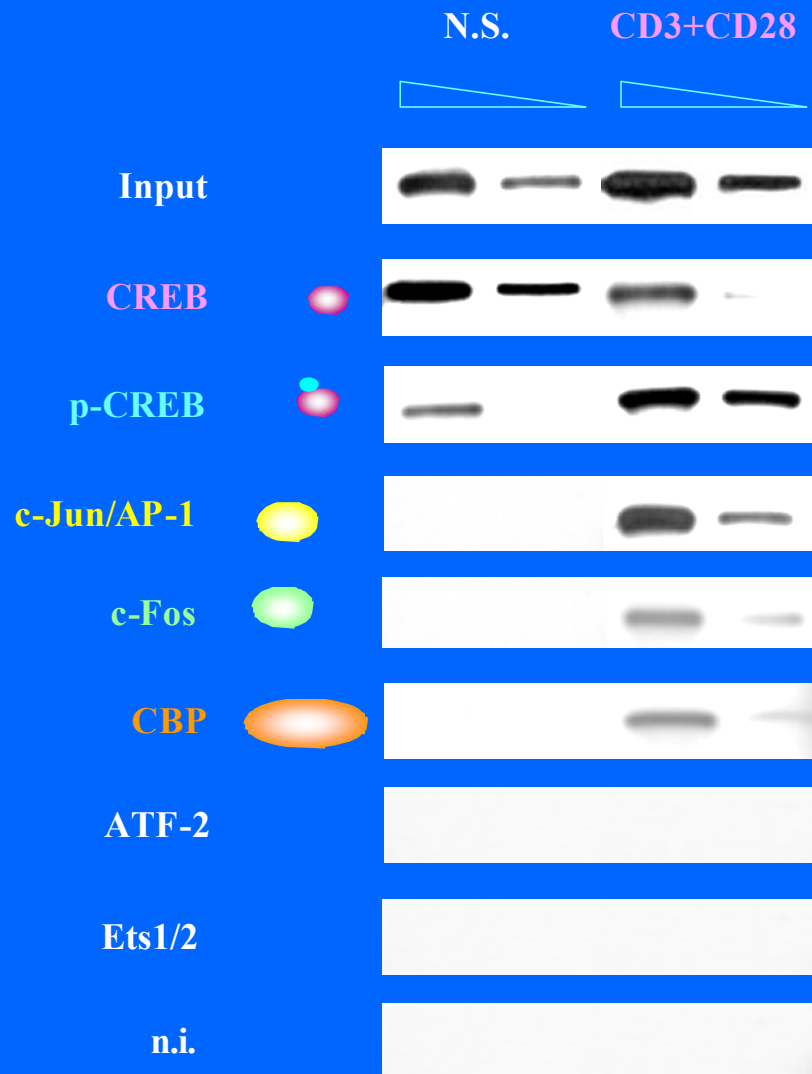
The CRE/TRE within PRRIV is essential for the response of PRRIV to TCR-CD3 and CD28 signals



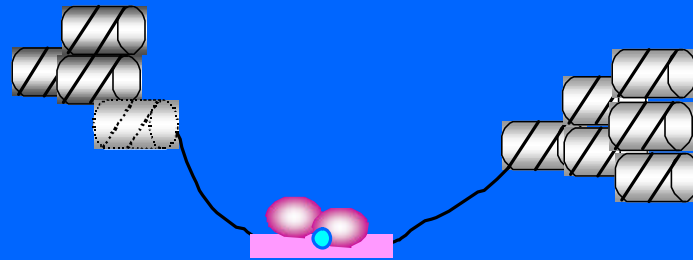
Chromatin immunoprecipitation (ChIP)



Specific recruitment of CREB, CBP, c-Jun/AP-1, and c-Fos/AP-1 to PRRIV in vivo



Resting human primary T cells



IL-2Ra gene
transcription

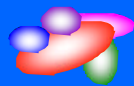
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Nucleosome



Remodelled
nucleosome



RNA polymerase II
complex



CRE/TRE

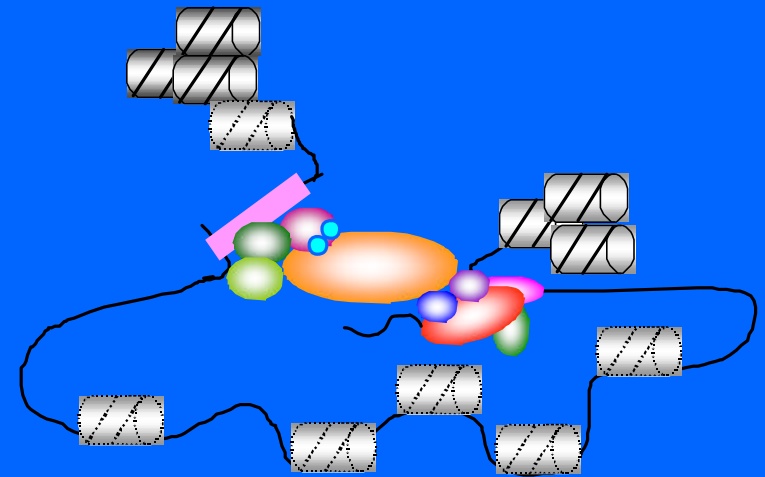


CREB



Phosphorylated
Ser¹³³ of CREB

Activated human primary T cells



On



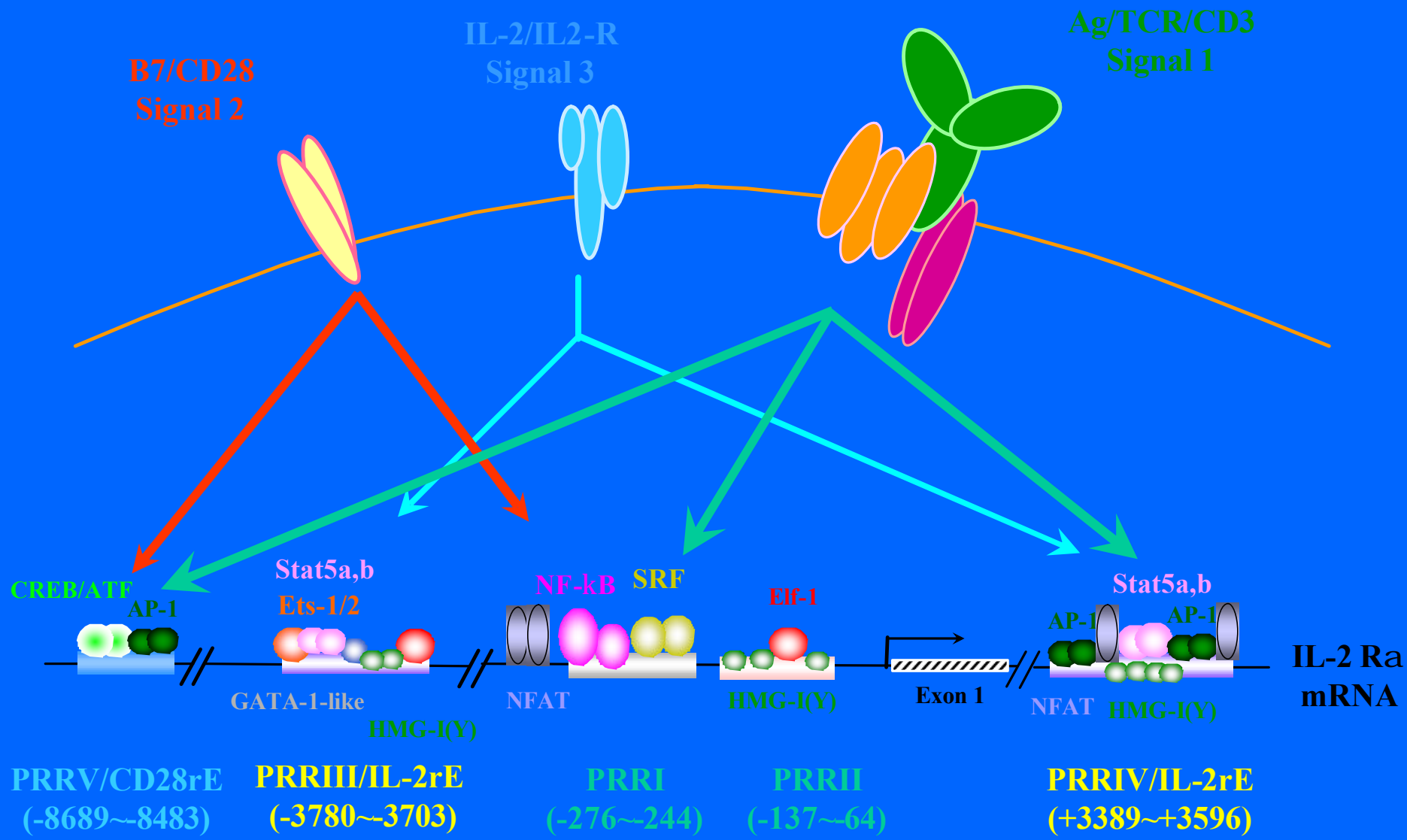
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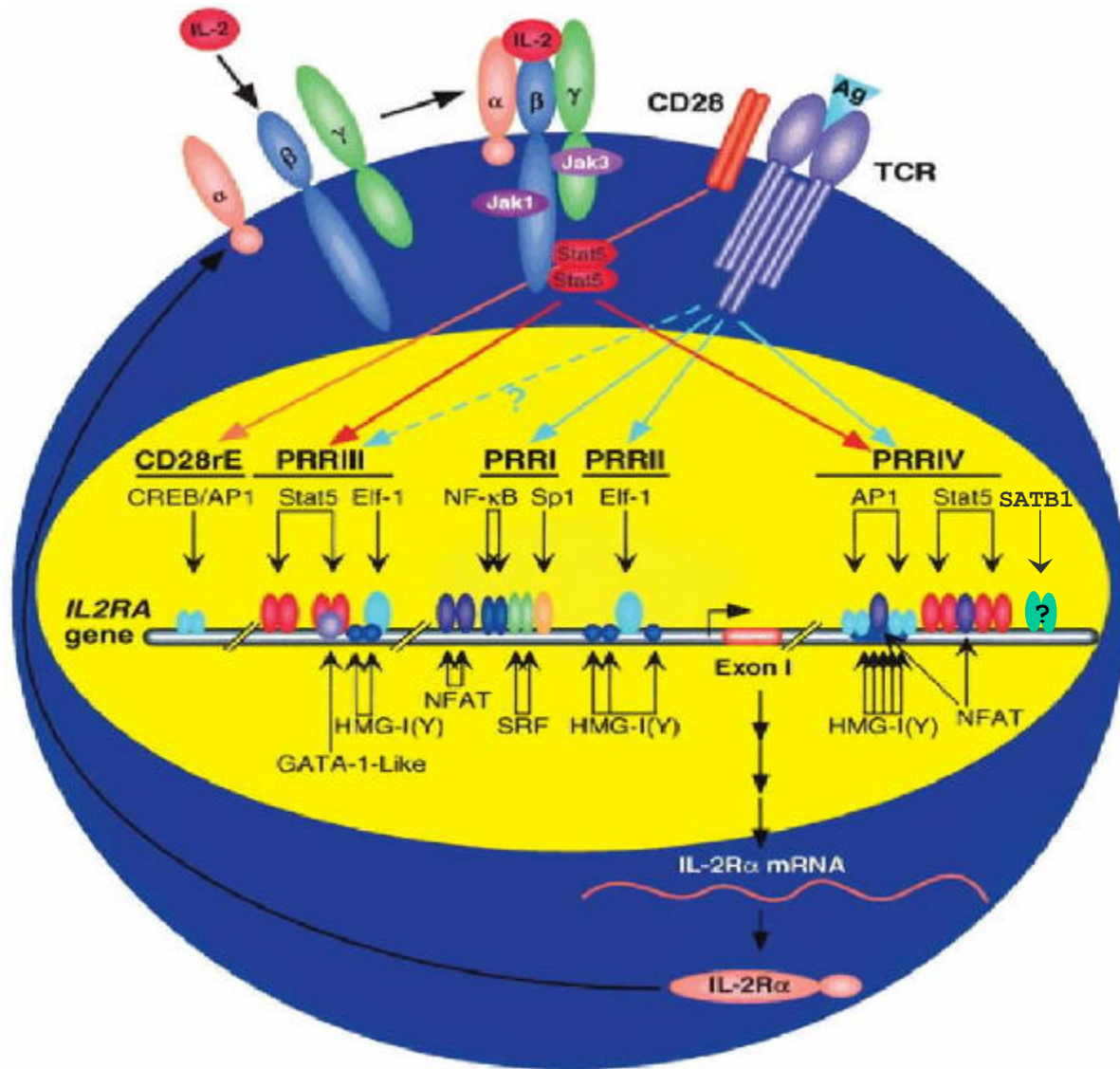


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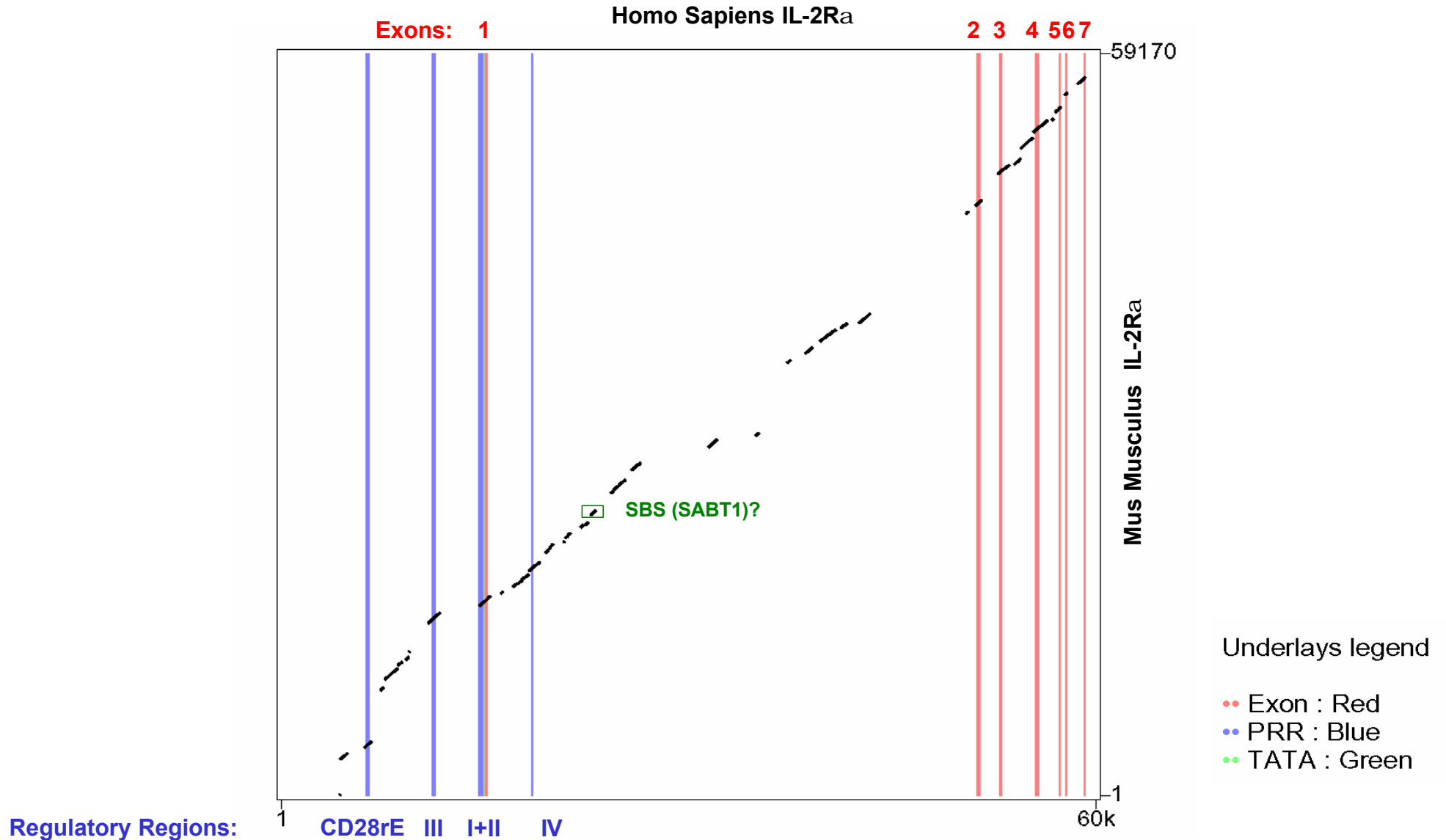


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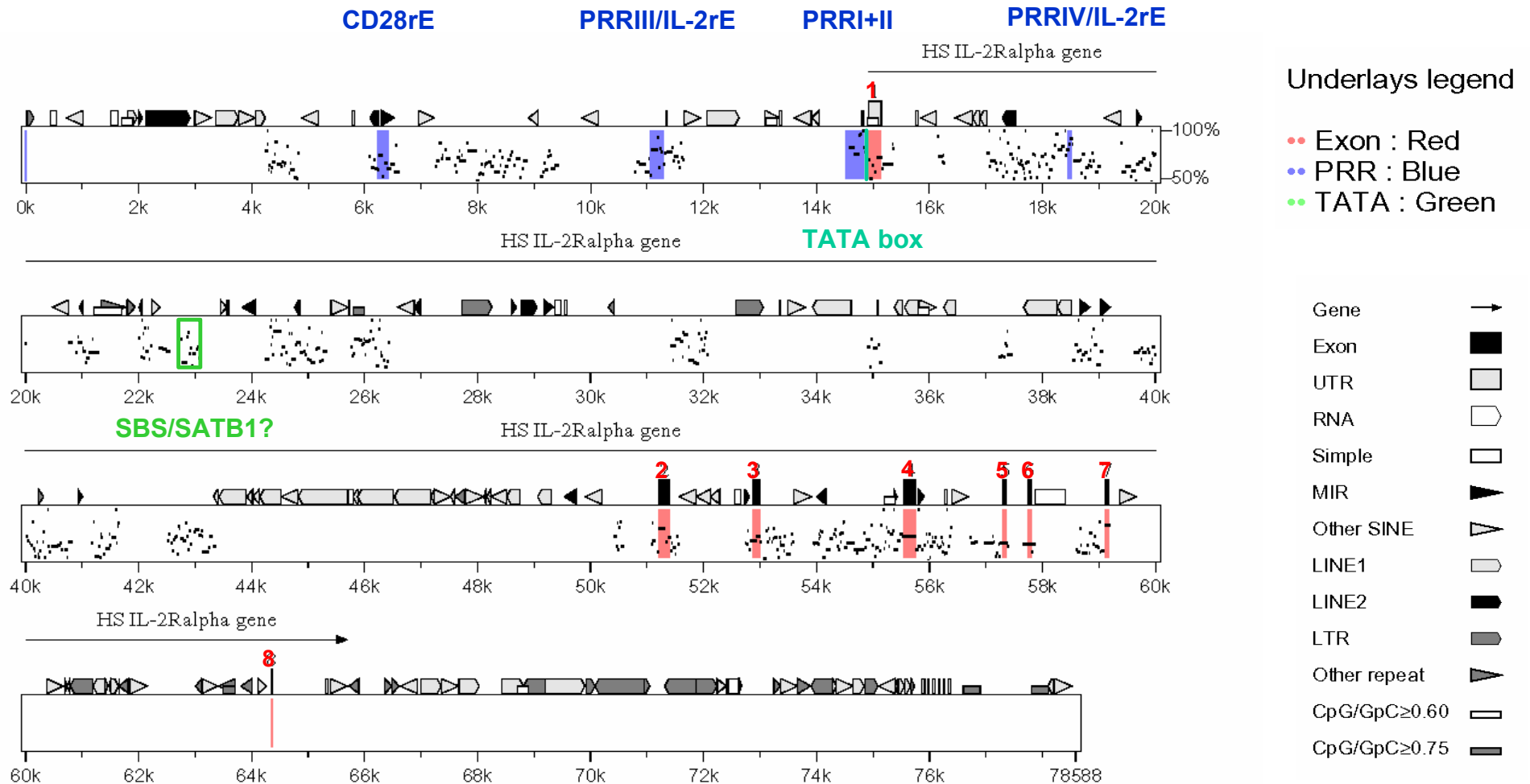




Homo Sapiens/Mus Musculus IL-2Ra locus dotplot comparison

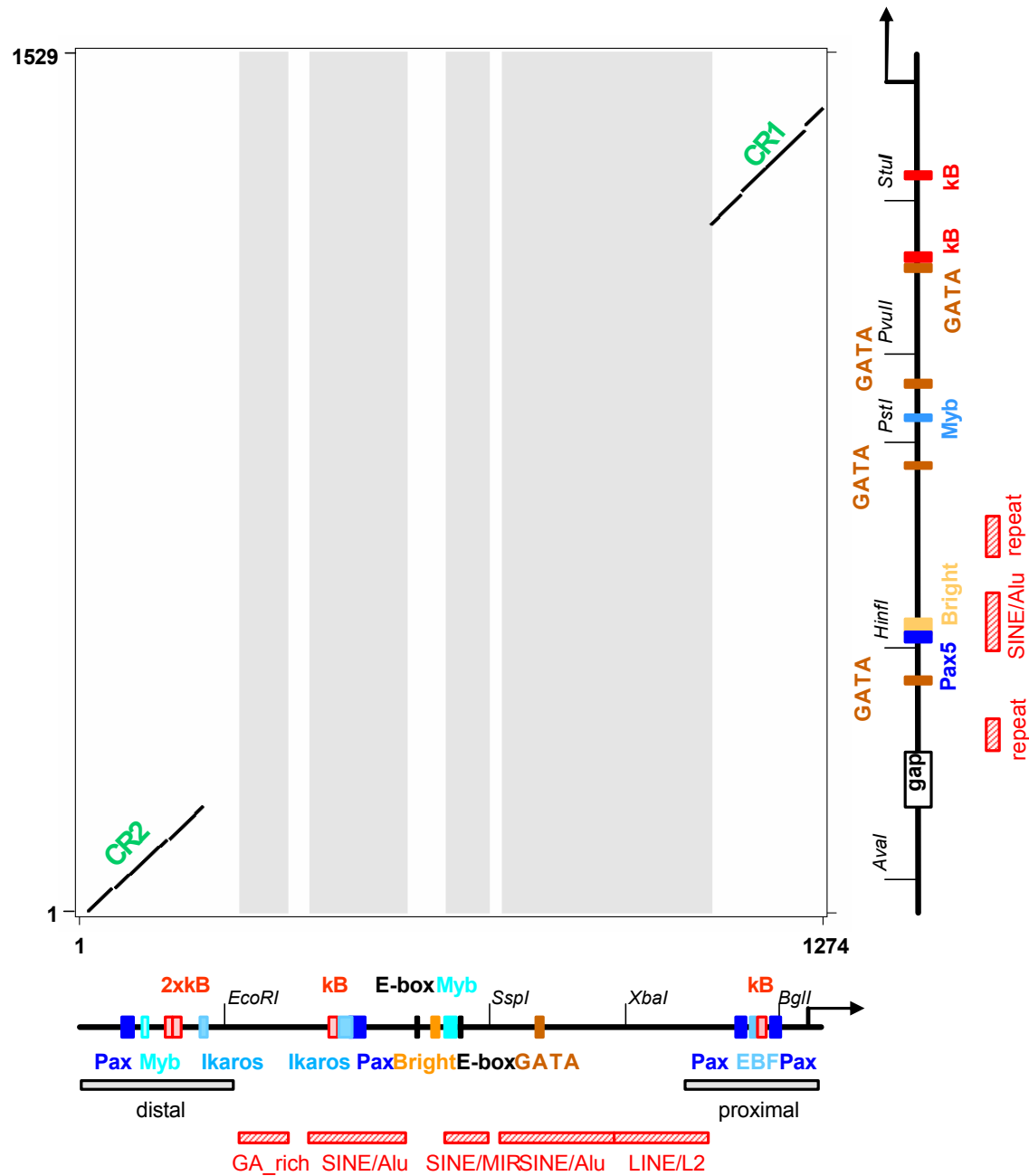


Percent Identity Plot (PIP) of Homo Sapiens and Mus Musculus IL-2Ra locus

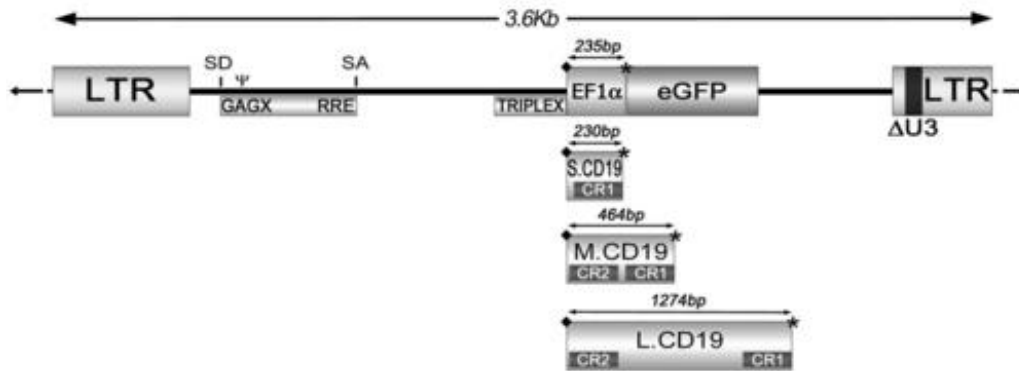


Selection of CD19 B-cell specific regulatory sequence and design of CD19-GFP lentiviral vector

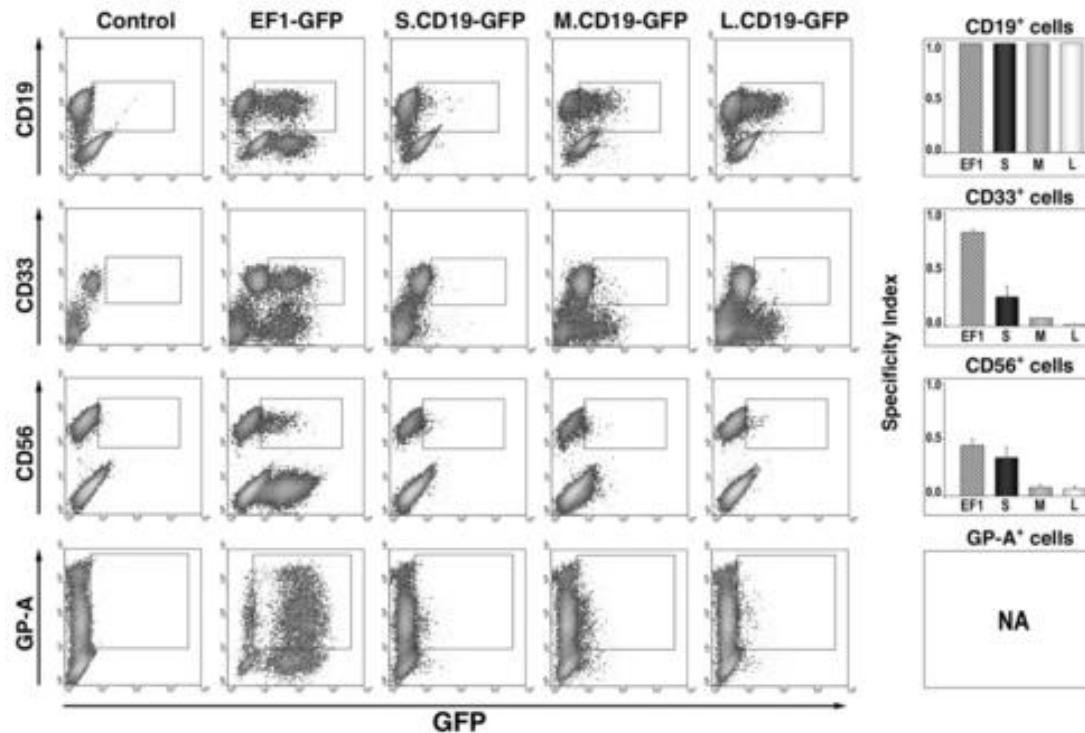
Computational analysis of homologies between Human and Mouse CD19 gene 5' regions



A. Recombinant CD19-GFP lentiviral vectors



B. GFP expression in the progeny of transduced CD34⁺ progenitor cells differentiated in vitro



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