



Improving CHiP-exo DNA-binding and gene expression predictions with a multi-species fungi language model

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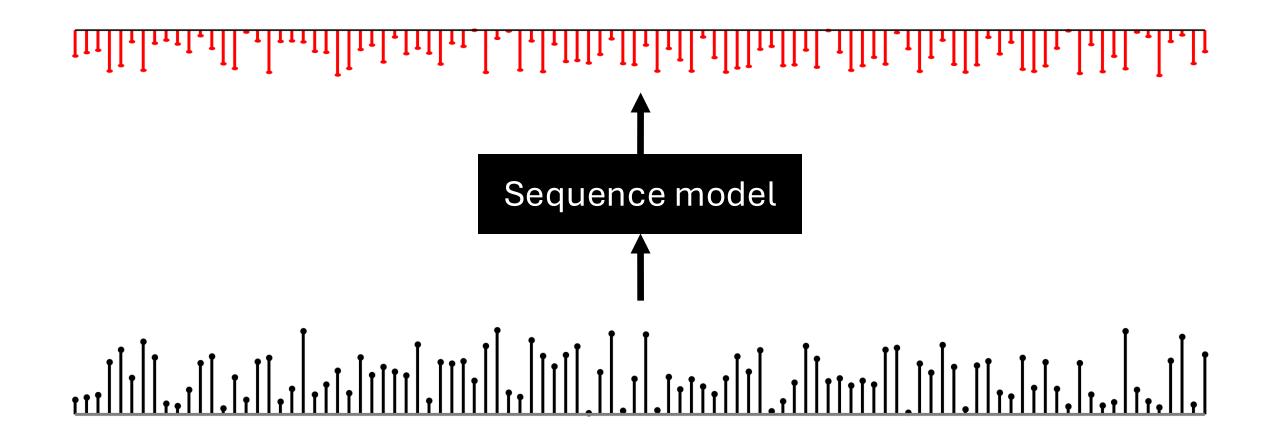








Photo with you!



Sequence models map a sequence to a sequence

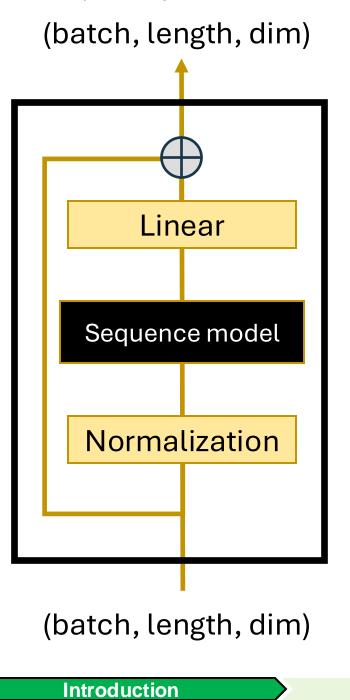
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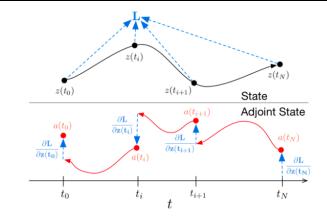
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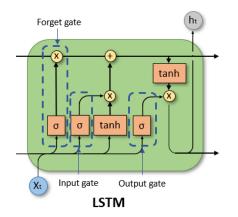
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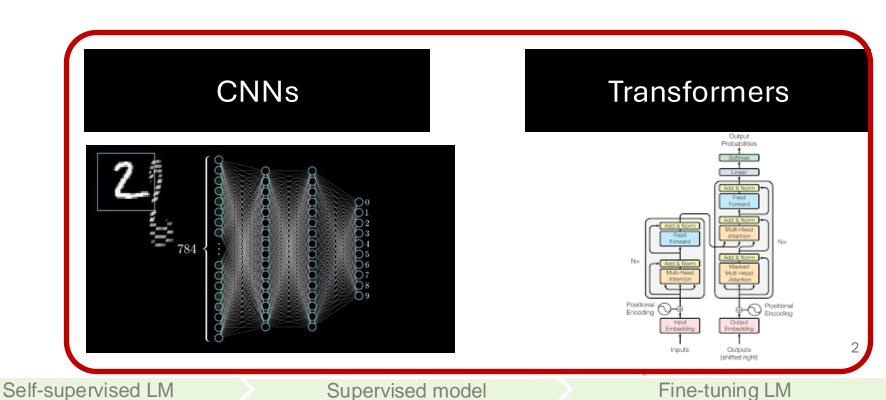


Neural ODEs



RNN





Input Prompt: Recite the first law of robotics

Output:

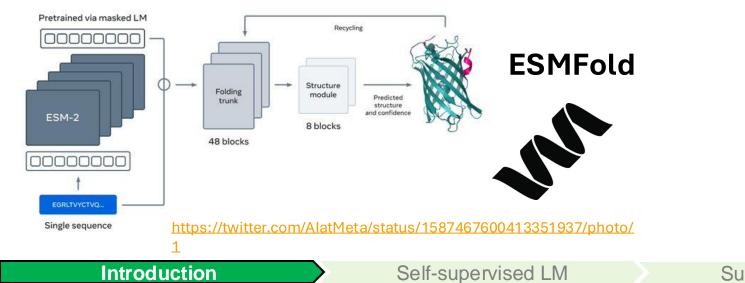


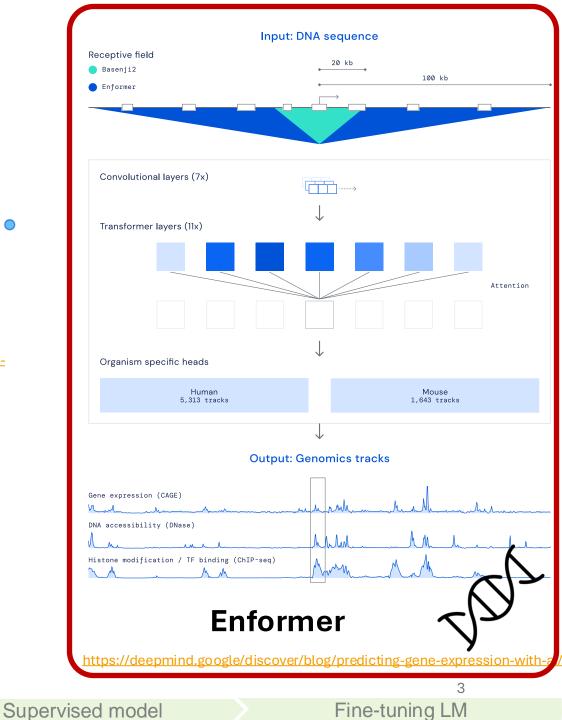
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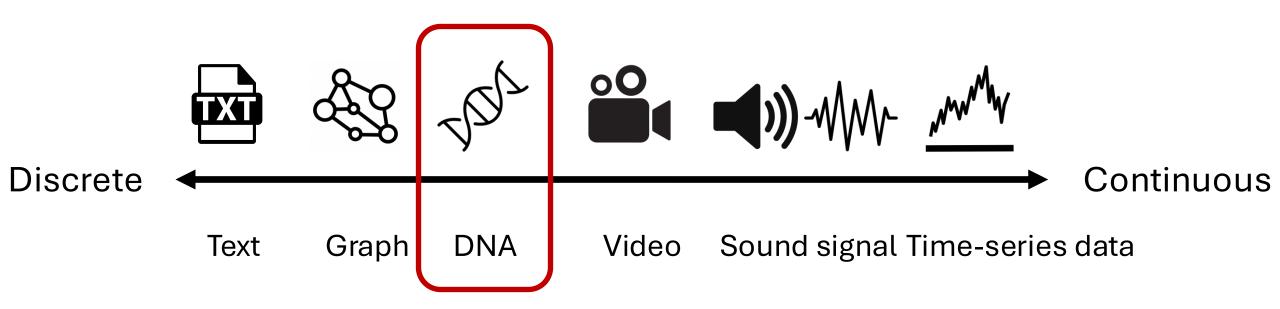
Output

https://deepmind.google/discover/blog/wavenet-agenerative-model-for-raw-audio/





Spectrum of Sequential Data



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DeepMind

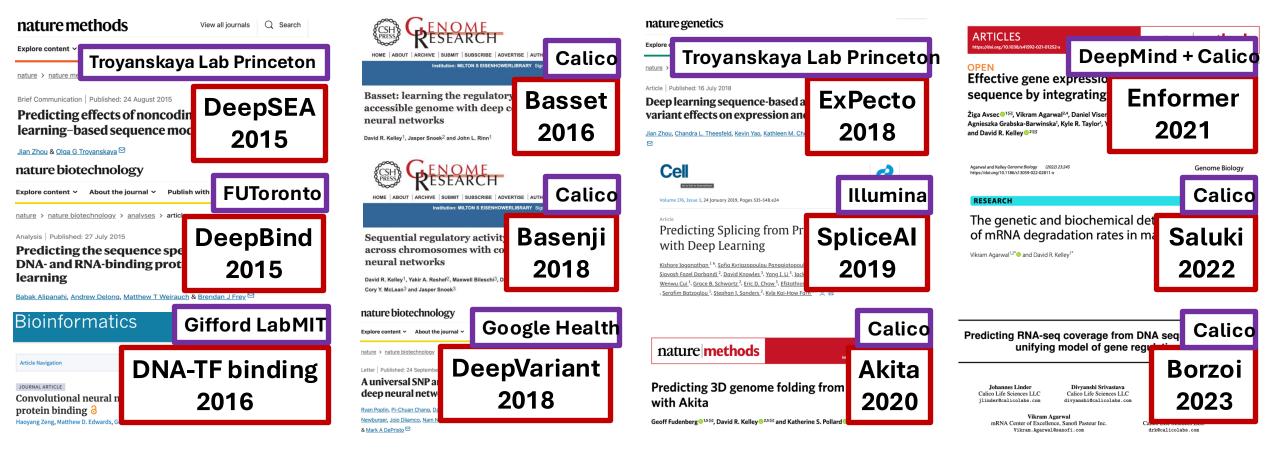
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5 Fine-tuning LM

Why Deep learning sequence models to DNA?

Calico





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Laboratory

Foundation model

 Stanford researchers called transformers "foundation models" in an August 2021 paper because they see them driving a paradigm shift in Al.

GPT-3, GPT-4 by OpenAI • Gemini by Google Tasks Claude by Anthropic Question • Llama 3 by Meta Answering Data Sentiment Analysis Text Information Images Extraction Adaptation Speech MM Training Foundation Image Model Captioning Structured Data Object Recognition 3D Signals Instruction

Bommasani, R., Hudson, D. A., Adeli, E., Altman, R., Arora, S., von Arx, S., ... & Liang, P. (2021). On the opportunities and risks of foundation models. arXiv preprint arXiv:2108.07258.

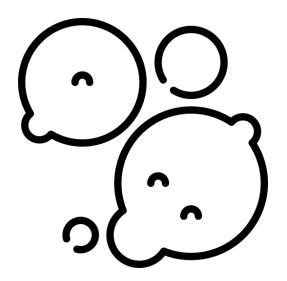
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Foundation model

- Versatility: wide range of downstream tasks
- **Transfer learning**: learn general representation of data. Task-specific is limited
- Efficiency: computational efficiency of fine-tuning models
- Generalization: "zero-shot" or "few-shot"
- Emergent abilities:
 - basic arithmetic
 - simple programming tasks
 - summarization, translation, or question-answering.

Goals

• Building an interpretable fungi LLM to help Calico



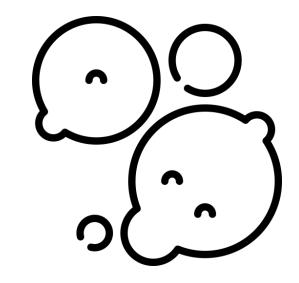
construct gene regulatory networks (GRN) in the future.

- Predicting ChIP-exo, histone marks, and RNA-Seq
- Does fine-tuning a pretrained LM outperform training a new model

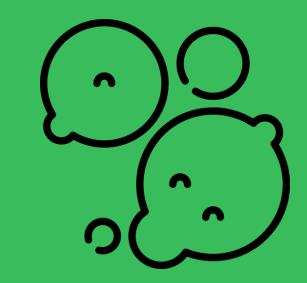
from scratch under the exact model architecture?

Why yeast?

- Simple Eukaryotic Model
- Rapid Growth and Easy Culturing
- Genetic Manipulability
- Well-Characterized Genome
- Conserved Regulatory Mechanisms



Part I



Fungi Language Model

- Q: To what evolutionary distance should we include in our LM?
- Q: What is the quality of the annotation? Coding vs non-coding regions
- Q: How repetitive are the genomes?

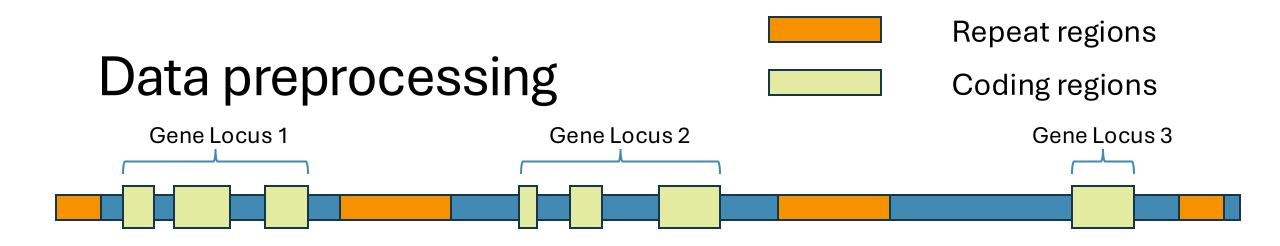
Why building a Fungi Language Model?

- Yeast genome is small. 12Mbps.
- Thousands of fungal genomes with high quality. No supervised

measurements

• Language model pre-training on all available genomes followed by

transfer learning to the smaller yeast genome.

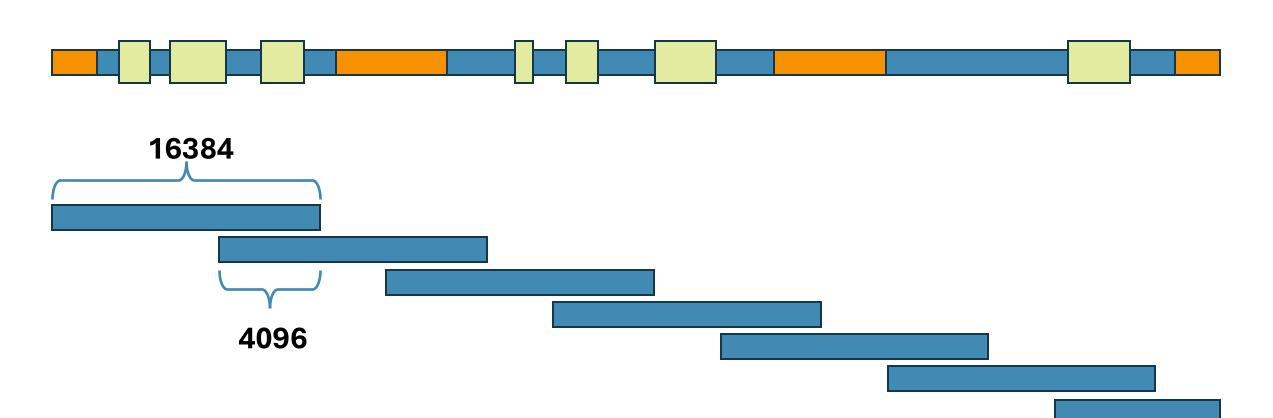




Data preprocessing



Coding regions

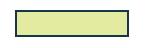


~ 7 genes per window

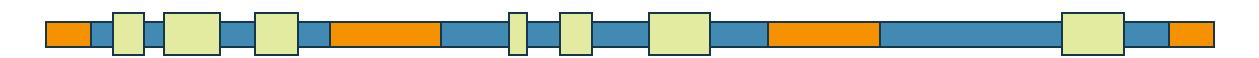
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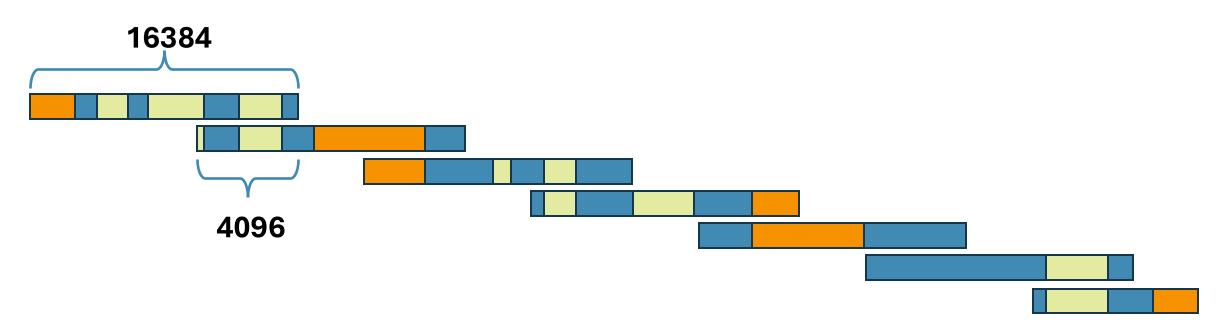


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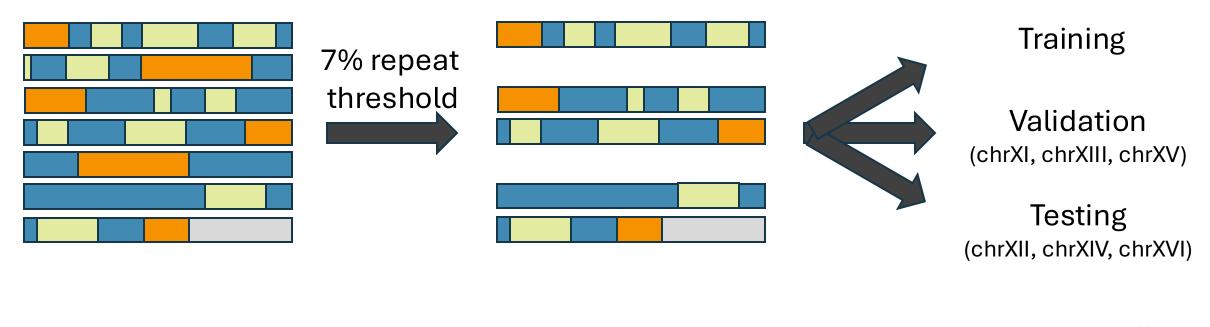


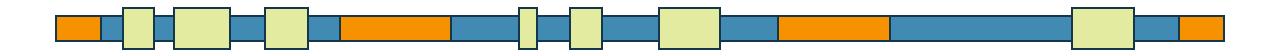
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Coding regions







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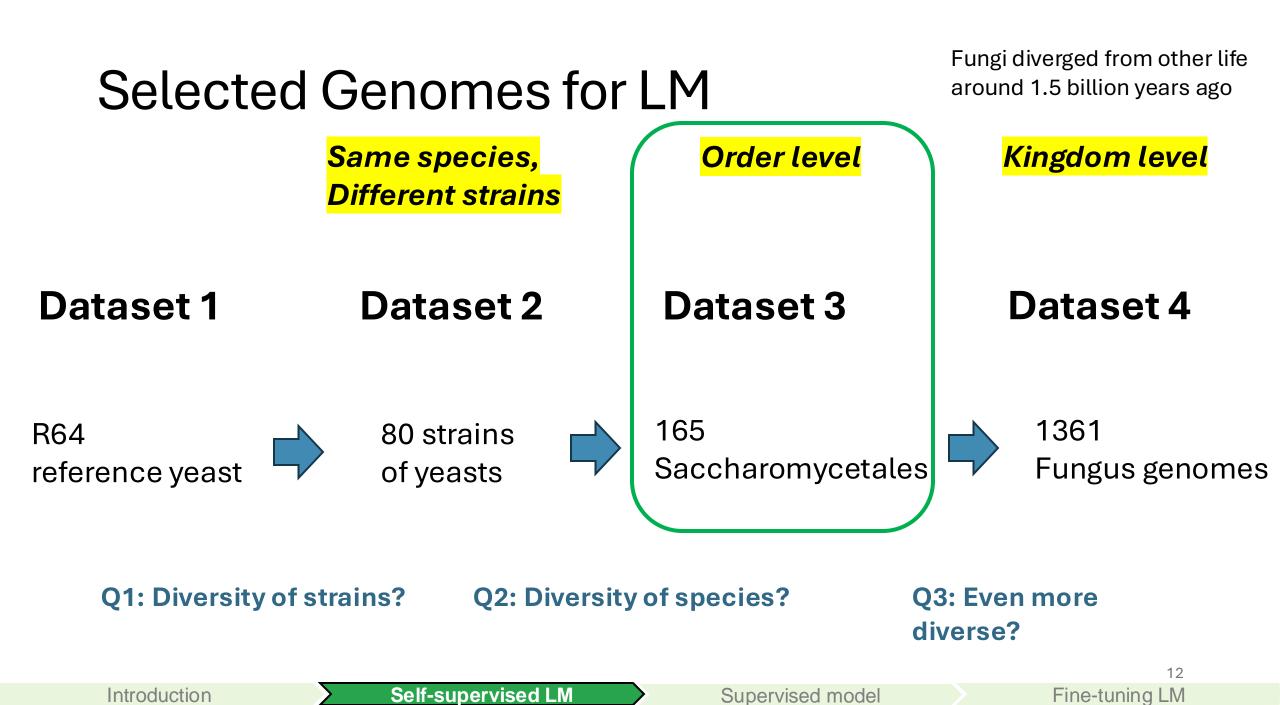


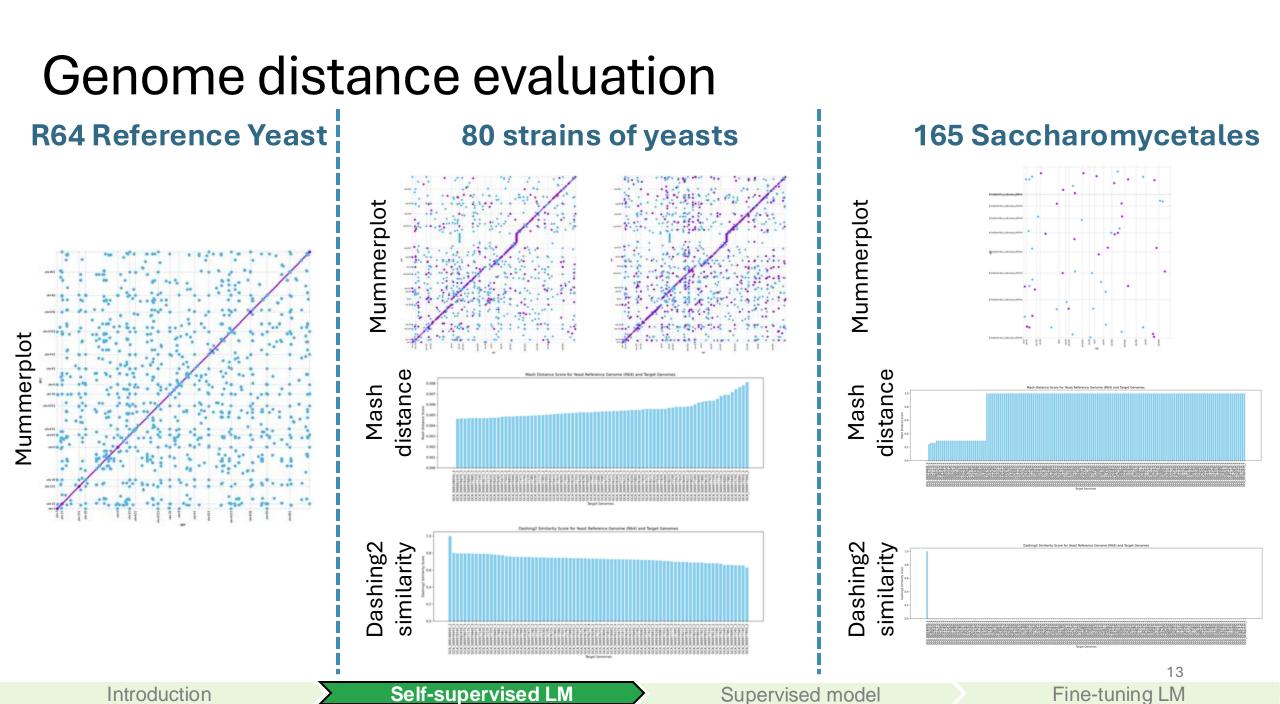
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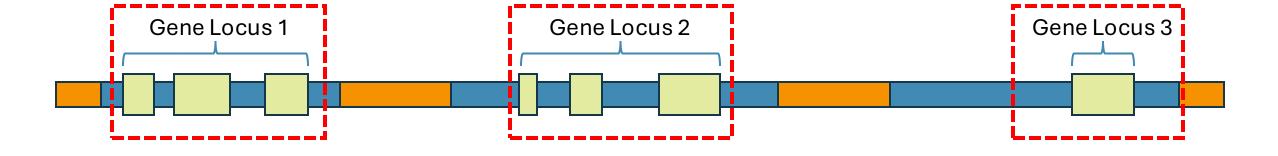


Supervised model

Fine-tuning LM





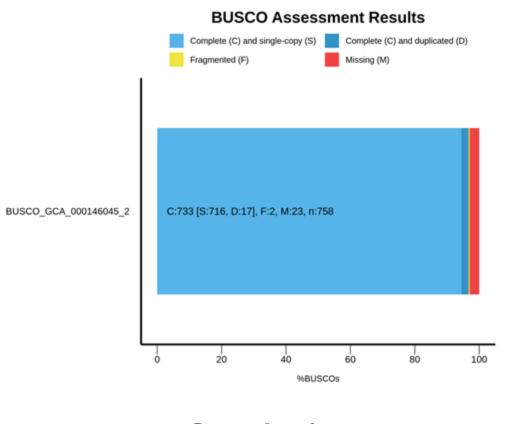


Q2: What is the quality of the annotation? Coding vs non-coding regions?



Genome annotation completeness evaluation

R64 Reference Yeast

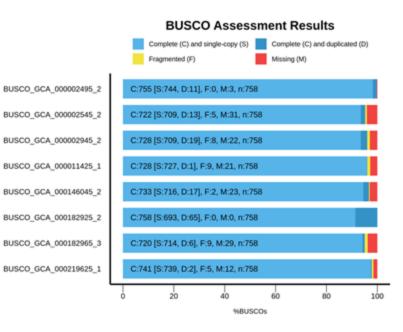


Conclusion: ~95% completeness

80 strains of yeasts

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Mosé Manni, Matthew R Berkeley, Mathieu Seppey, Felipe A Simão, Evgeny M Zdobnov, BUSCO Update: Novel and Streamlined Workflows along with Broader and Deeper Phylogenetic Coverage for Scoring of Eukaryotic, Prokaryotic, and Viral Genomes. Molecular Biology and Evolution, Volume 38, Issue 10, October 2021, Pages 4647-4654

The following protocol covers the various BUSCO running modes and workflows, BUSCO setup, guidelines to interpret the results, and additional analyses, e.g., for building phylogenomic trees and visualizing syntenies using BUSCO results

Manni, M., Berkeley, M. R., Seppey, M., & Zdobnov, E. M. (2021). BUSCO: Assessing genomic data quality and beyond. Current Protocols, 1, e323, doi: 10.1002/cpz1.323

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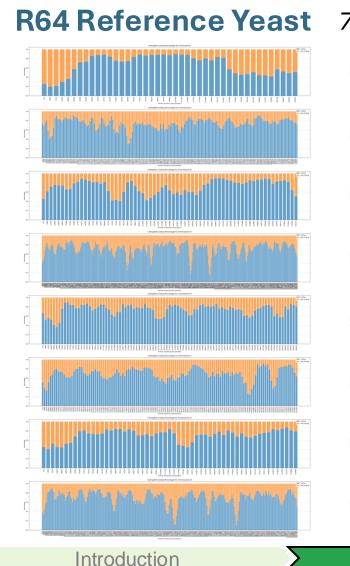
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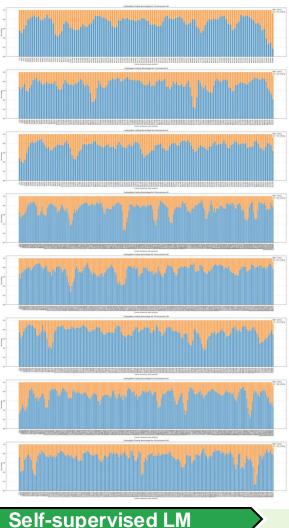
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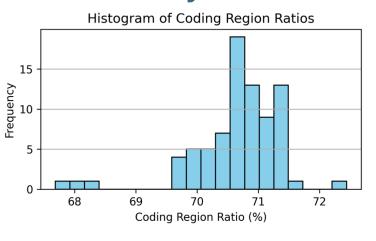
Genome evaluation – coding / noncoding regions



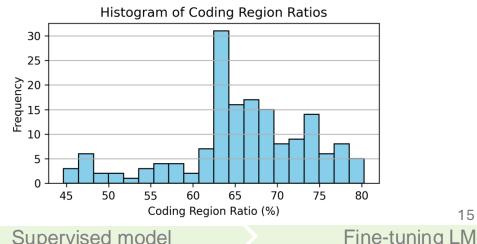
72.46% coding regions



80 strains of yeasts



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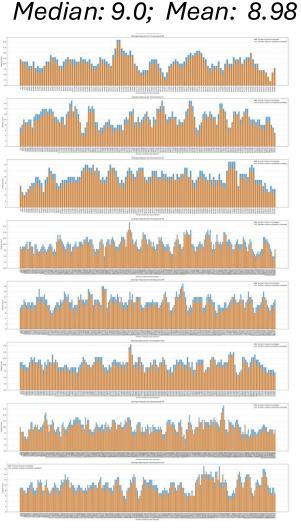


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Genome evaluation – # genes per window

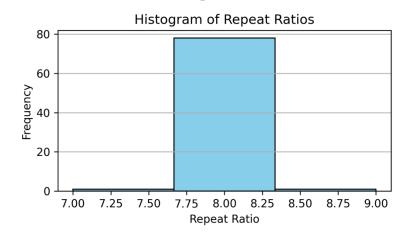


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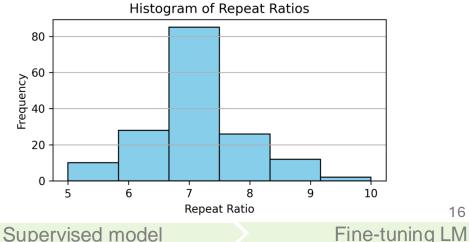


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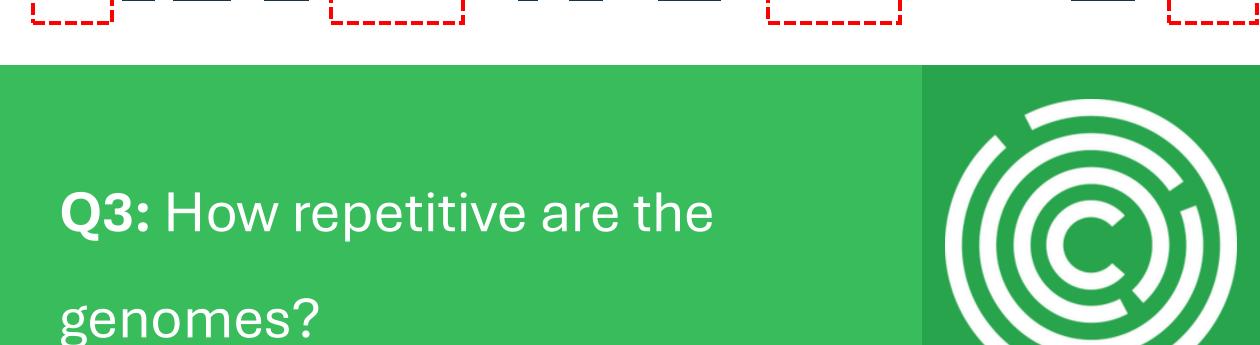


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Gene Locus 2



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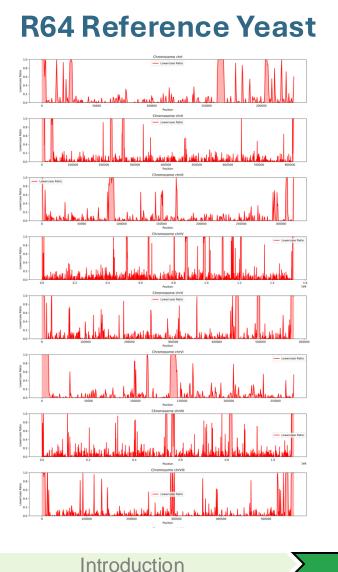
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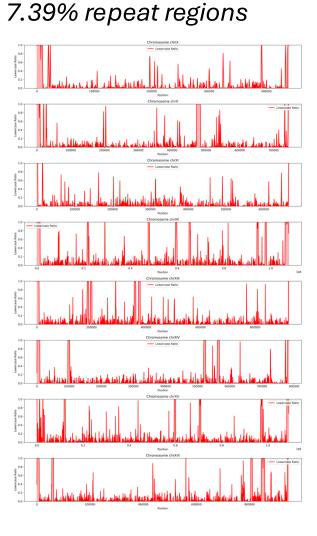
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Gene Locus 3

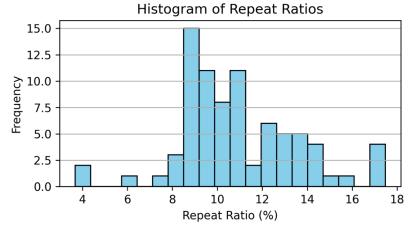
Genome evaluation – repeat regions



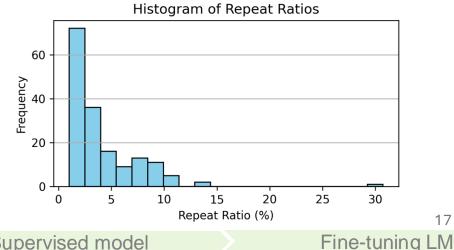


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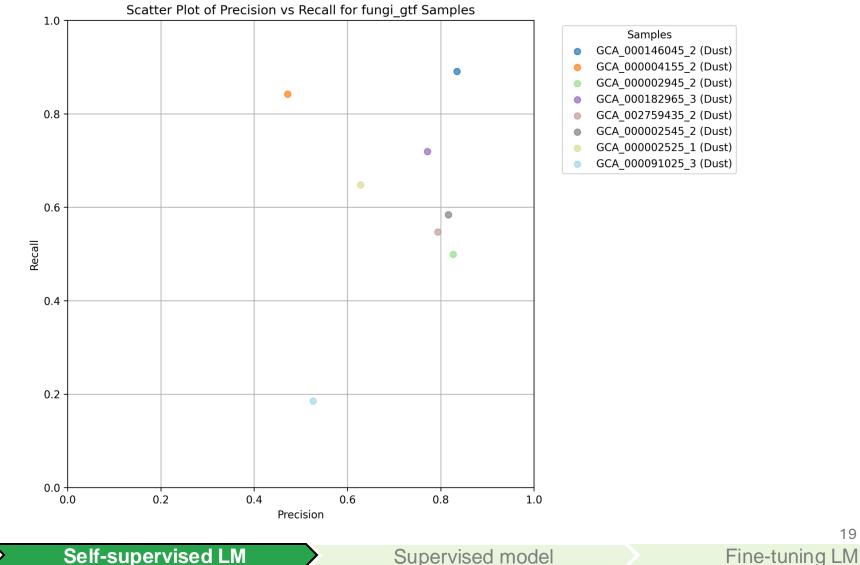
Repeats Detection

- RepeatModeler: Identifies de novo transposable element (TE) families.
 - BuildDatabase
 - RepeatModeler
- **RepeatMasker**: Screens DNA sequences for interspersed repeats and low

complexity DNA sequences using Dfam (or RepBase, **30K**(5)) database.

• Dust: Masks low-compexity regions

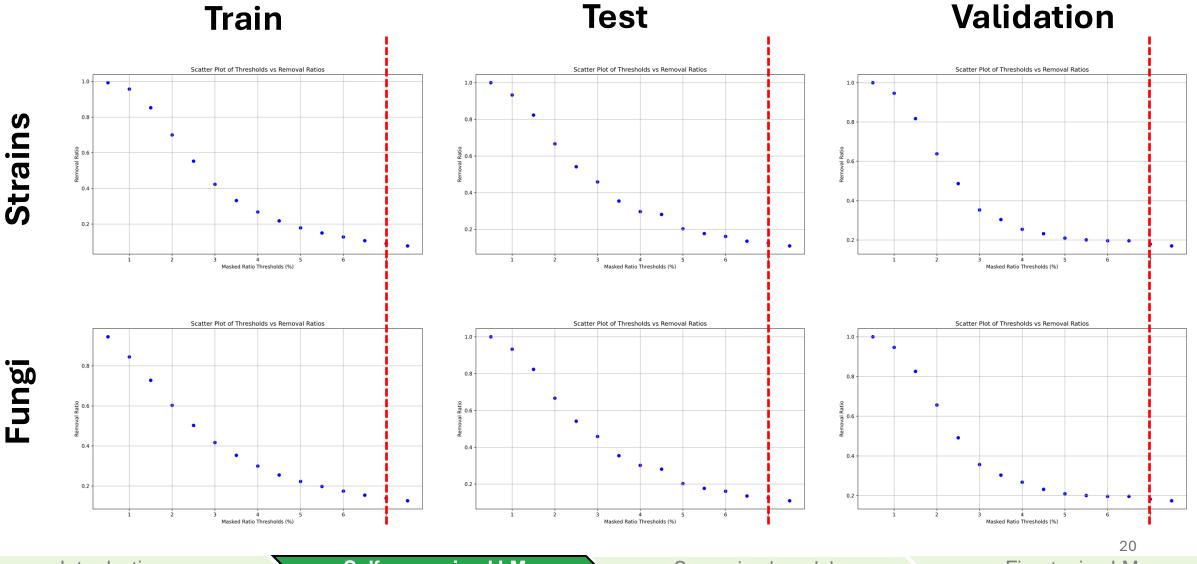
Repeats masking evaluation



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a 7% threshold removes ~10% of the sequences.

Data cleaning – repeats removal

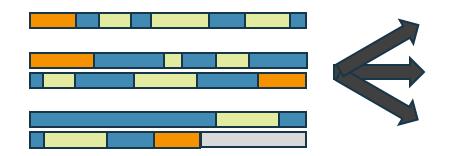


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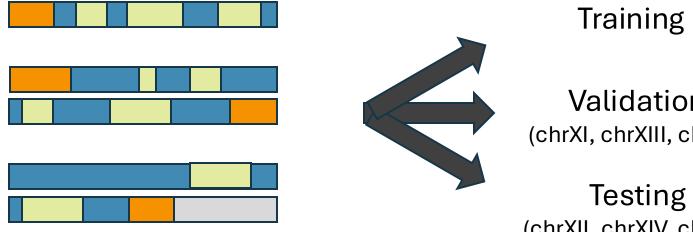
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Validation (chrXI, chrXIII, chrXV)

Testing (chrXII, chrXIV, chrXVI)

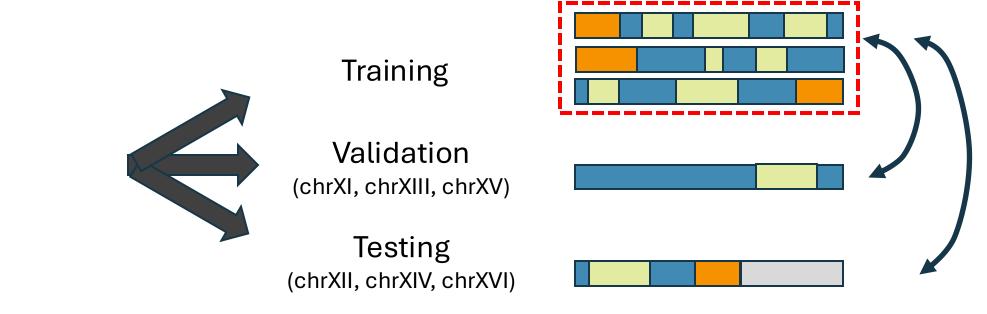
Q4: How many homologous sequences are there between training and testing?





Validation (chrXI, chrXIII, chrXV)

(chrXII, chrXIV, chrXVI)



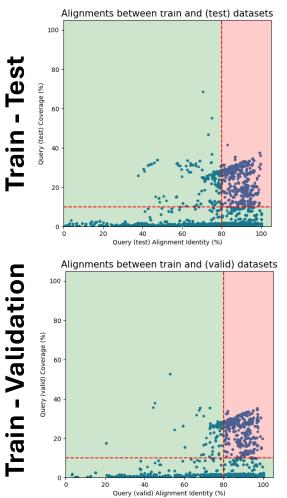
Detect homologous sequence using **DNA sequence aligner**

Homology sequence removal

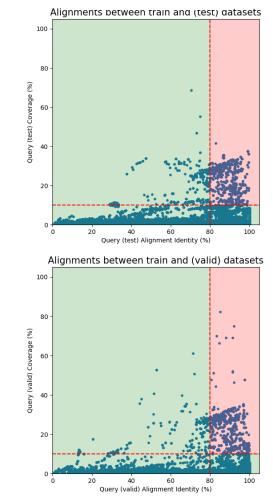
- Nucmer:
 - minimum length of maximal exact matches (MEMs) (20) MEMs shorter than this length will be ignored.
 - A cluster is a group of MEMs that are close to each other and are used to build the alignment (65) Smaller clusters will be ignored
- Minimap2 x asm20
 - - asm5/asm10/asm20: asm-to-ref mapping, for ~0.1/1/<u>5%</u> sequence divergence

Homology sequence removal evaluation

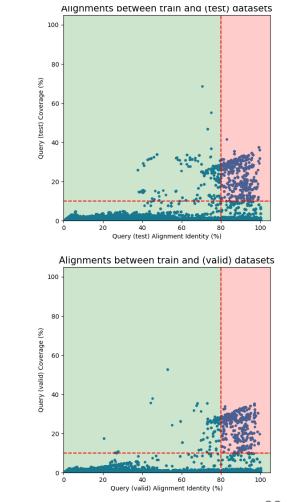
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80 strains



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Homology sequence removal evaluation (minimap2)

Train - Test

Train - Validation



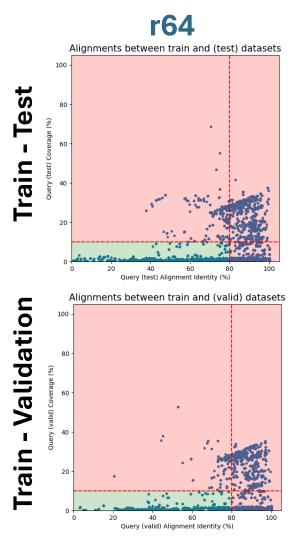
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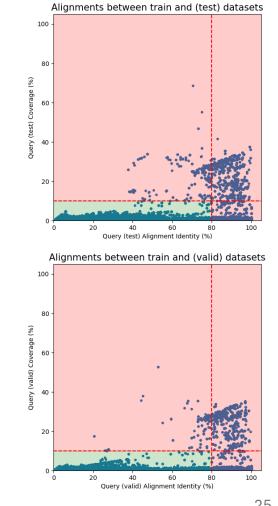
Homology sequence removal evaluation



Alignments between train and (test) datasets 100 Query (test) Alignment Identity (%) Alignments between train and (valid) datasets 100 Query (valid) Alignment Identity (%)

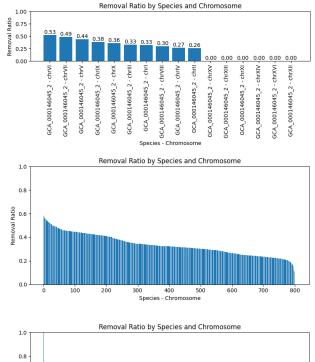
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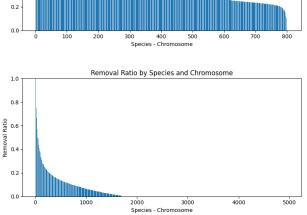
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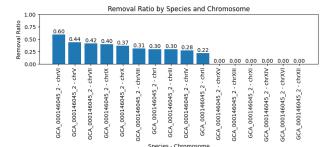
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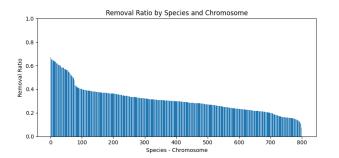
Train - Test

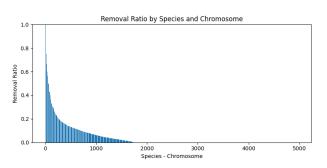




Train - Validation





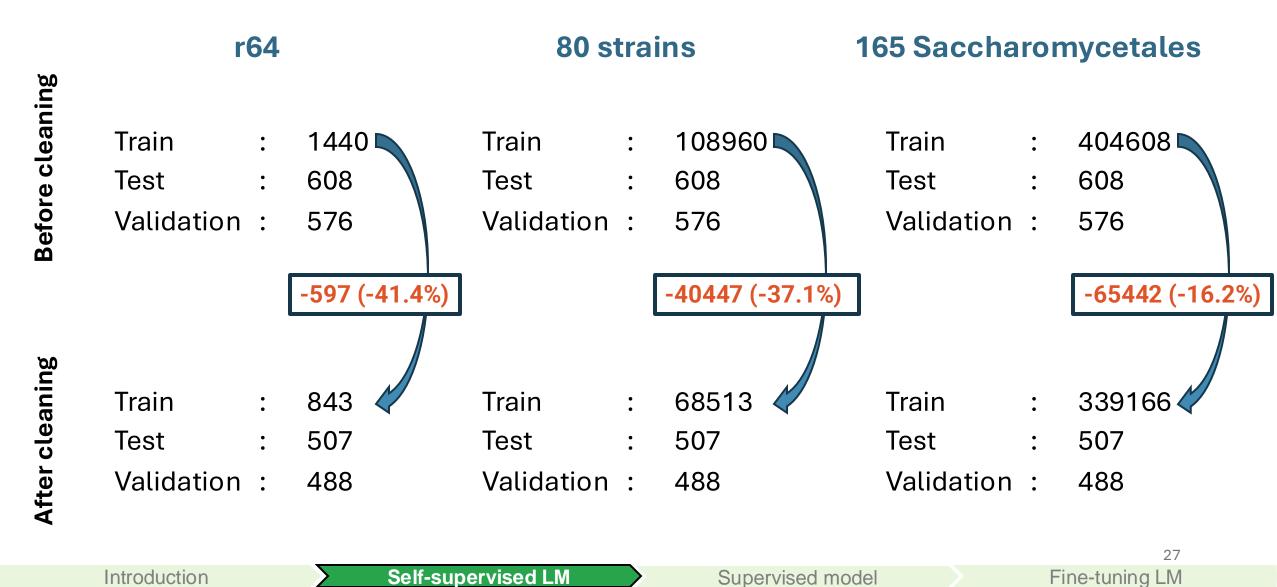


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Final sequence for training / testing / validation



Fungi Language Model Architecture



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Different model architecture we've tried

- Dilated convolutional neural network (small) Total params: 320,708 (1.22 MB)
- Dilated convolutional neural network (large) Total params: 3,642,116 (13.89 MB)
- Transformer-based unet (small)
- Transformer-based unet (large)

Total params: 13,665,828 (52.13 MB)

Total params: 71,790,564 (273.86 MB)

Masked language modeling loss

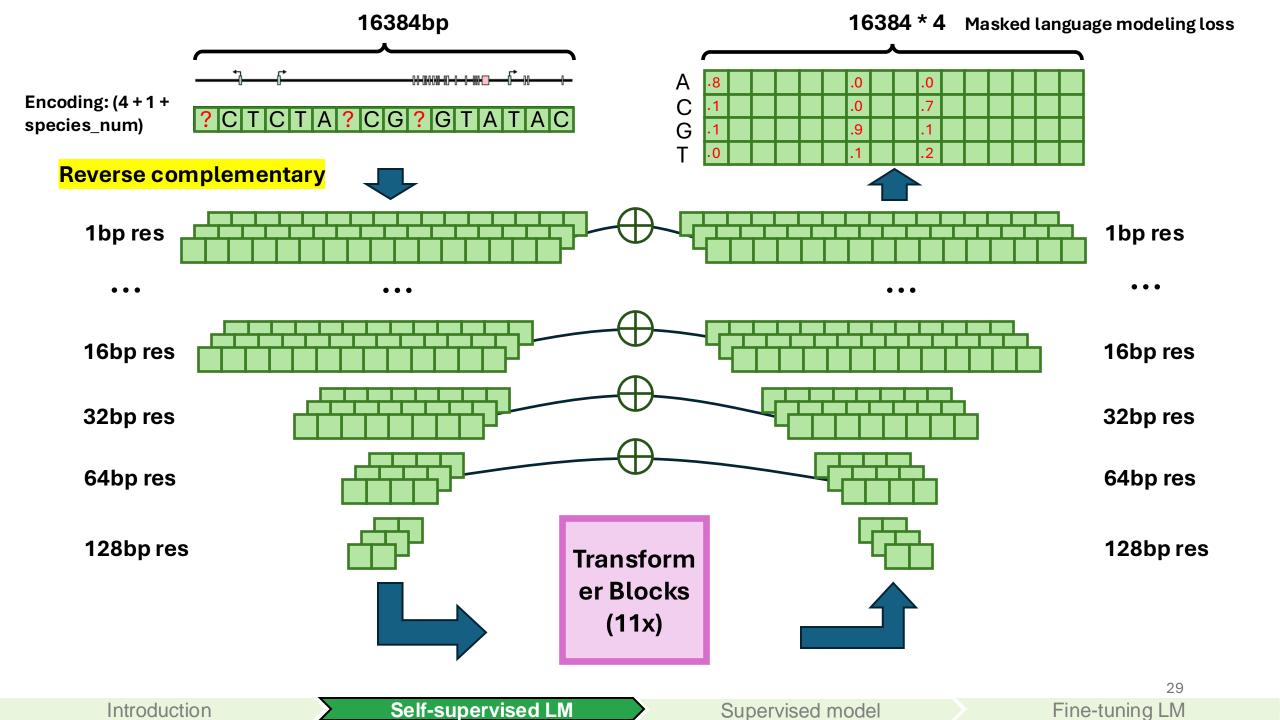
$$L_{MLM}^{(x)} = -\frac{1}{|M_x|} \sum_{i \in M_x} log P(x_i / x_{\backslash M_x})$$

where:

 $x \setminus M_x$ represents masked version of x

 $M_{x}\,$ represents set of masked token positions in ${\bf x}$

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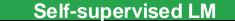


Self-supervised Fungi LM

Language Model Results



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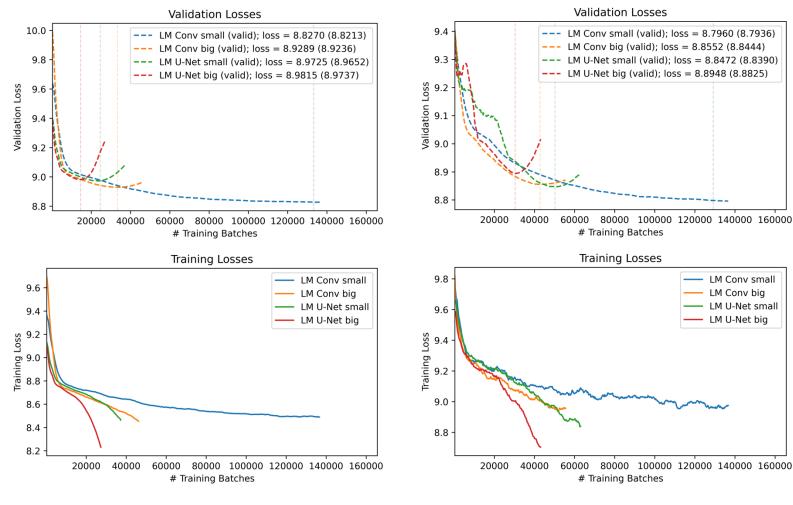


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Model comparison

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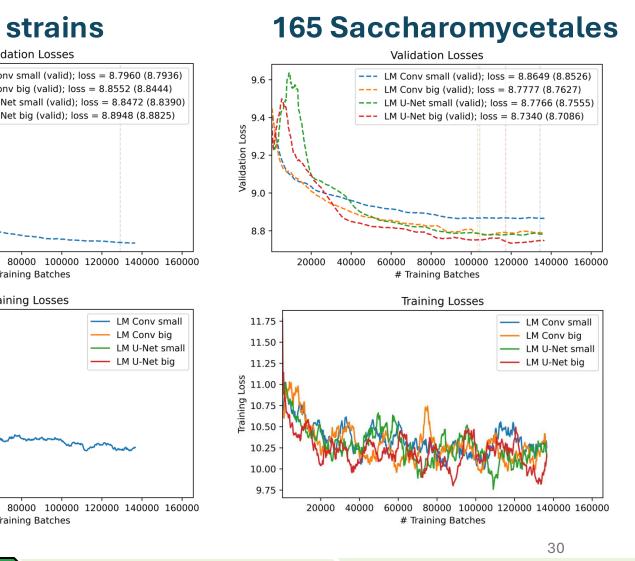
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Validation Losses

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LM Conv small

LM U-Net small

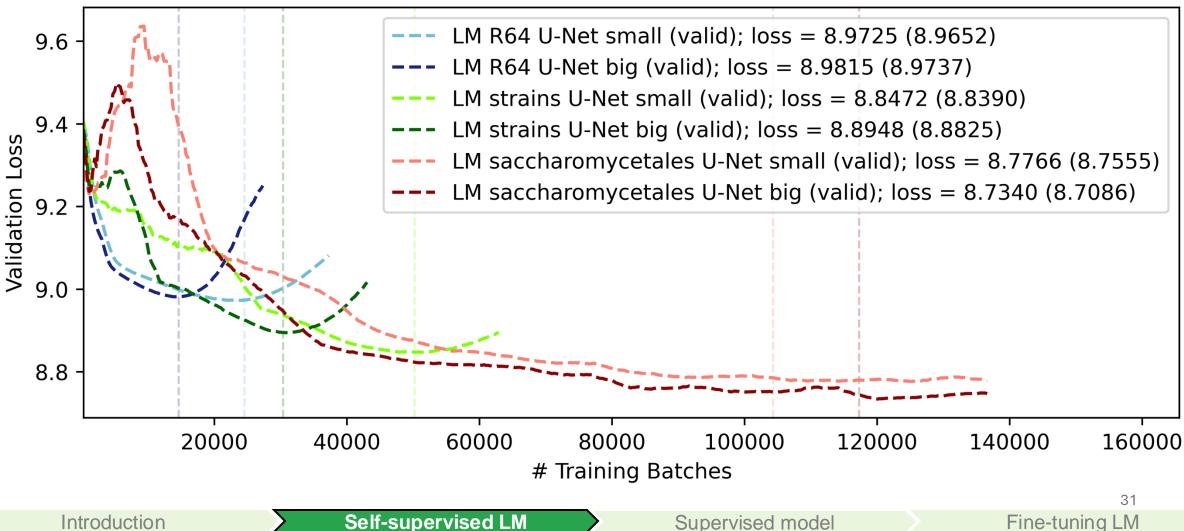
LM U-Net big

LM Conv big

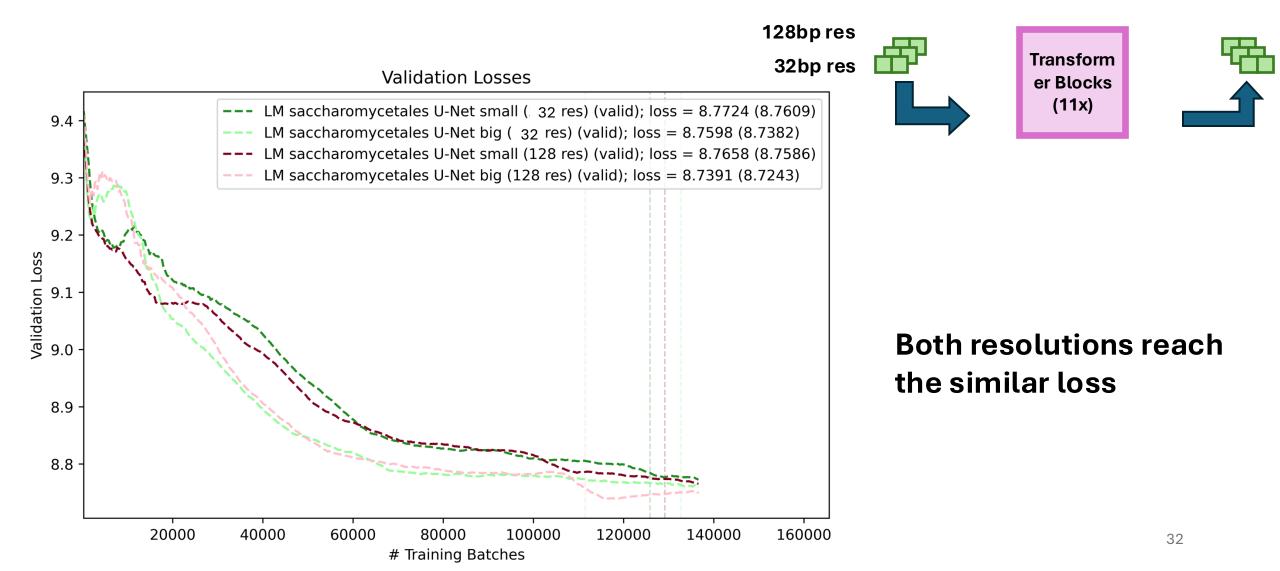
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Dataset comparison

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Different resolutions of input to transformer blocks



Fungi LM Language Model Motif inference



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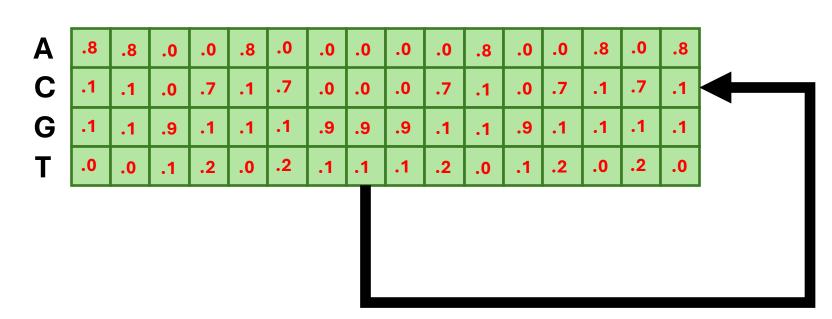
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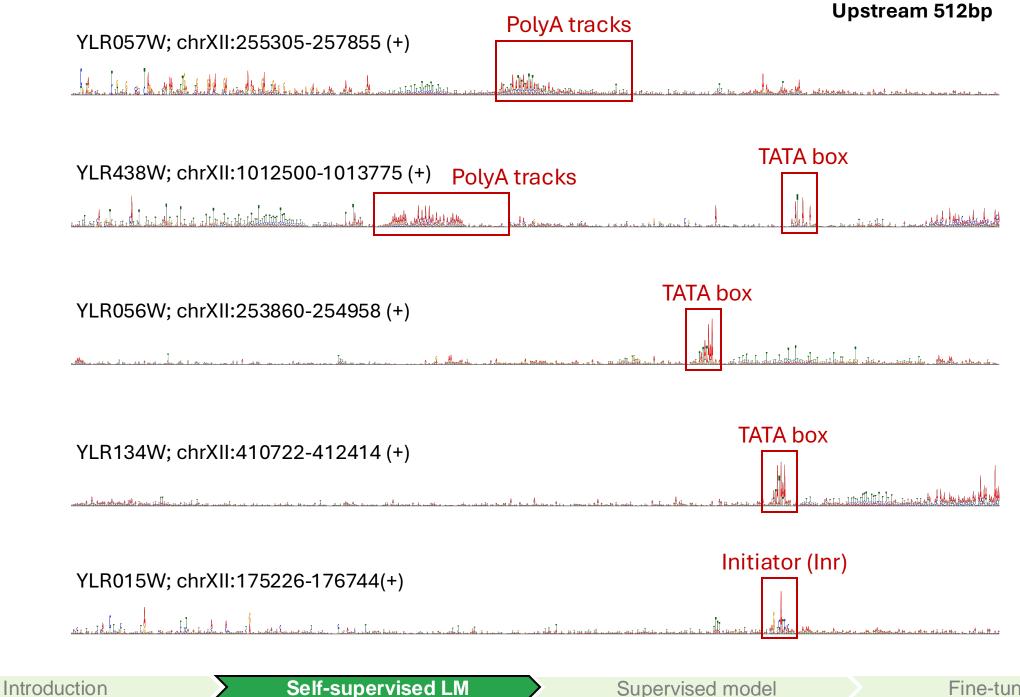
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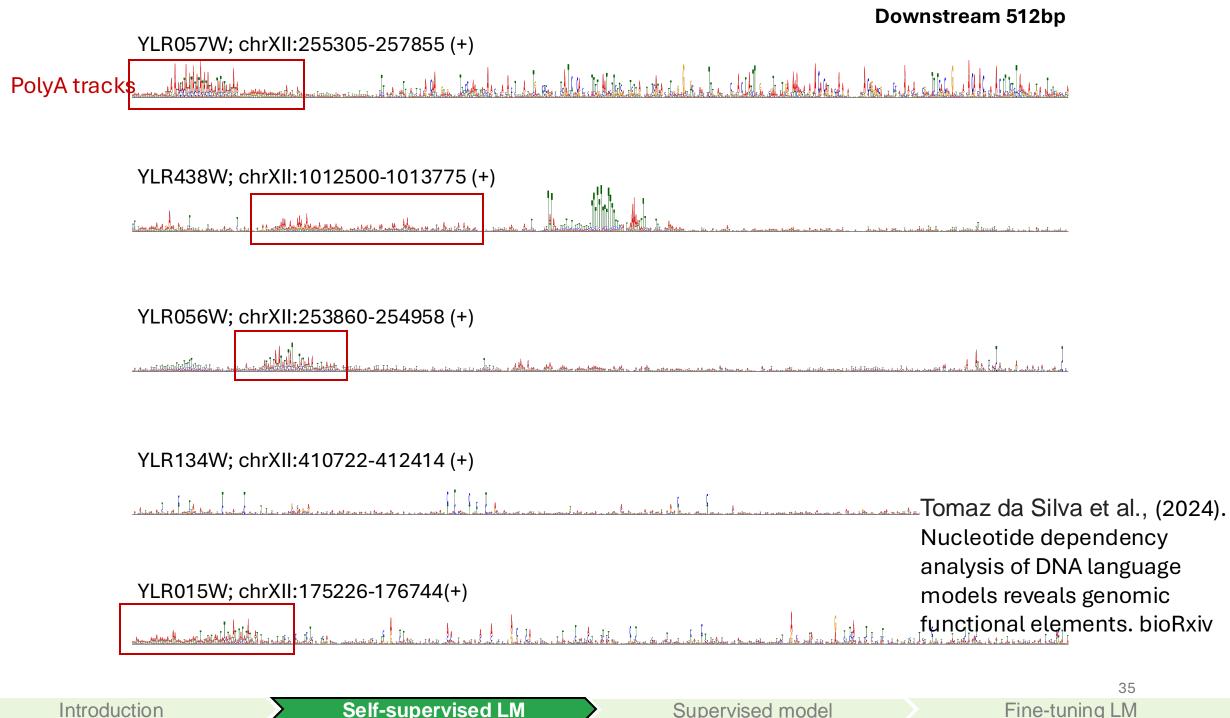
Constructing PWM from Fungi LM

Predicting 15 % masked regions for each iteration

Testing (chrXII, chrXIV, chrXVI)







Fungi LM: Summary

- 1. Fungi language model: The **Saccharomycetales order** is a good evolutionary distance, offering good species diversity.
- 2. Orthologous gene annotations are **95%** complete.
- 3. Coding regions make up **50% 75%** of the genome (**72.46%** in r64). Down-weighting is important!
- 4. A window size of 16,384 captures approximately **5-10 genes** (**9** in r64).
- 5. Repetitive regions account for ~2% 15% of the genome (7.39% in r64). Down-weighting is important!
- 6. Homologous sequence removal between train-test/validation is crucial (40% / 60% / 16%)
- 7. Transformer-based U-Net architecture overfits in r64 but generalizes best in Saccharomycetales.
- 8. Self-supervised learning is able to capture cis-regulatory motifs (preliminary results)

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Part II

Supervised ChiP-exo, histone marks, RNA-Seq prediction



Linder, J., Srivastava, D., Yuan, H., Agarwal, V., & Kelley, D. R. (2023). Predicting RNA-seq coverage from DNA sequence as a unifying model of gene regulation. Biorxiv, 2023-08.

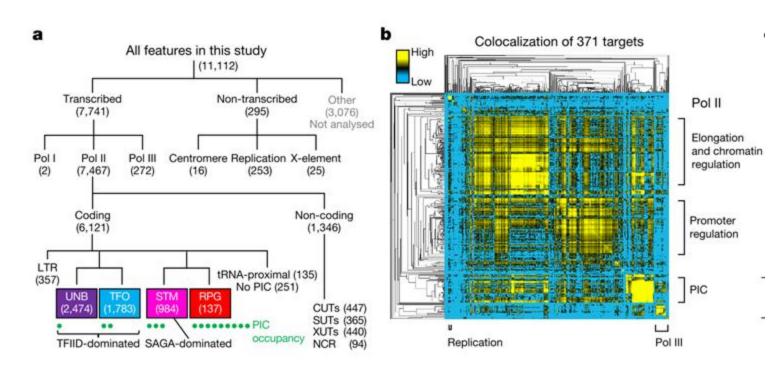
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Label data introduction &



ChiP-exo + Histone Marks

- ChIP-exo provides high res view of DNA binding
- Dataset includes 800 ChIP-exo experiments:
- Epigenetic regulators, DNA replication, centromeres, subtelomeres, transposons, RNA polymerase I/II/III
- 161 matched TF ChIP-exo from IDEA 1.0
- Histone Mods MNase-ChIP-seq



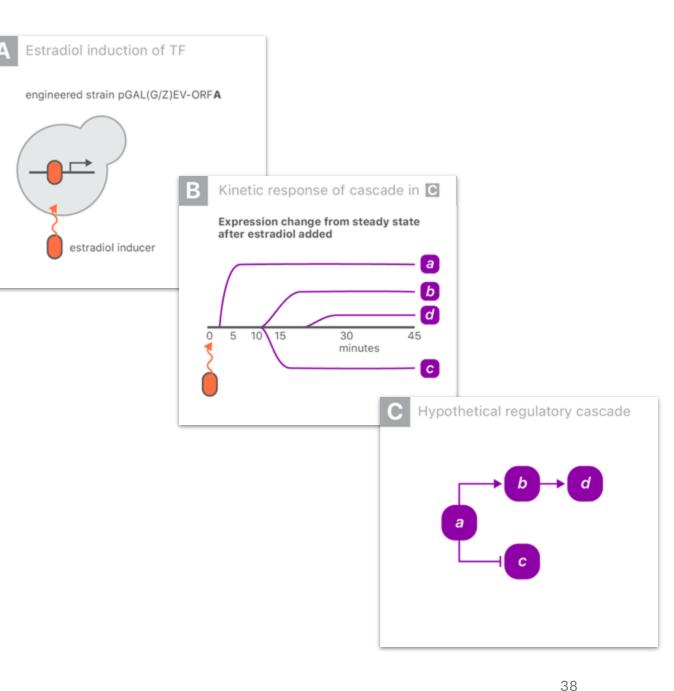
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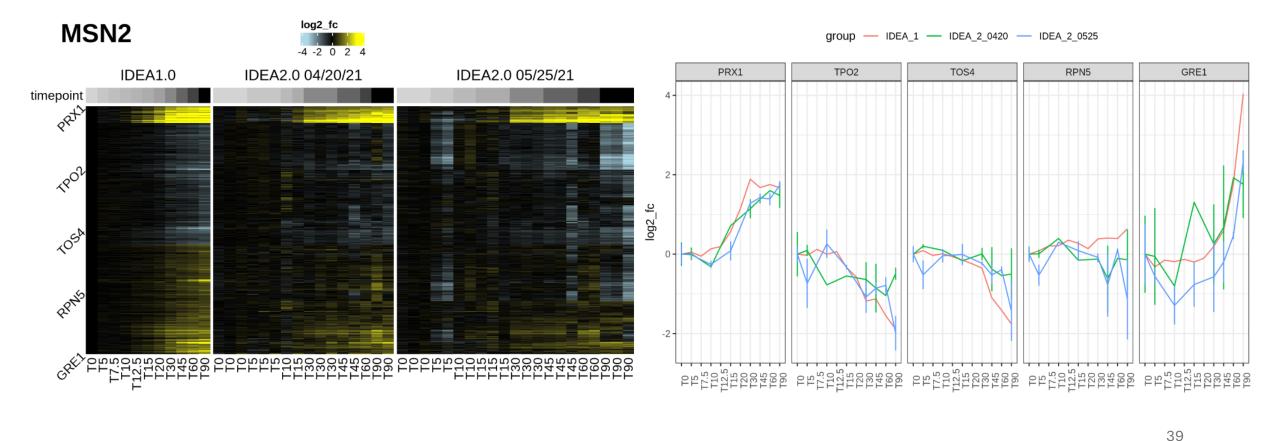
RNA-Seq

- Genome-scale perturbation dynamics propagate signals across regulatory networks
- Measuring dynamics allows events to be ordered
- Aggregating dynamics across many time-courses enables disambiguation of cause > effect relationships



RNA-Seq

• IDEA (the Induction Dynamics gene Expression Atlas)

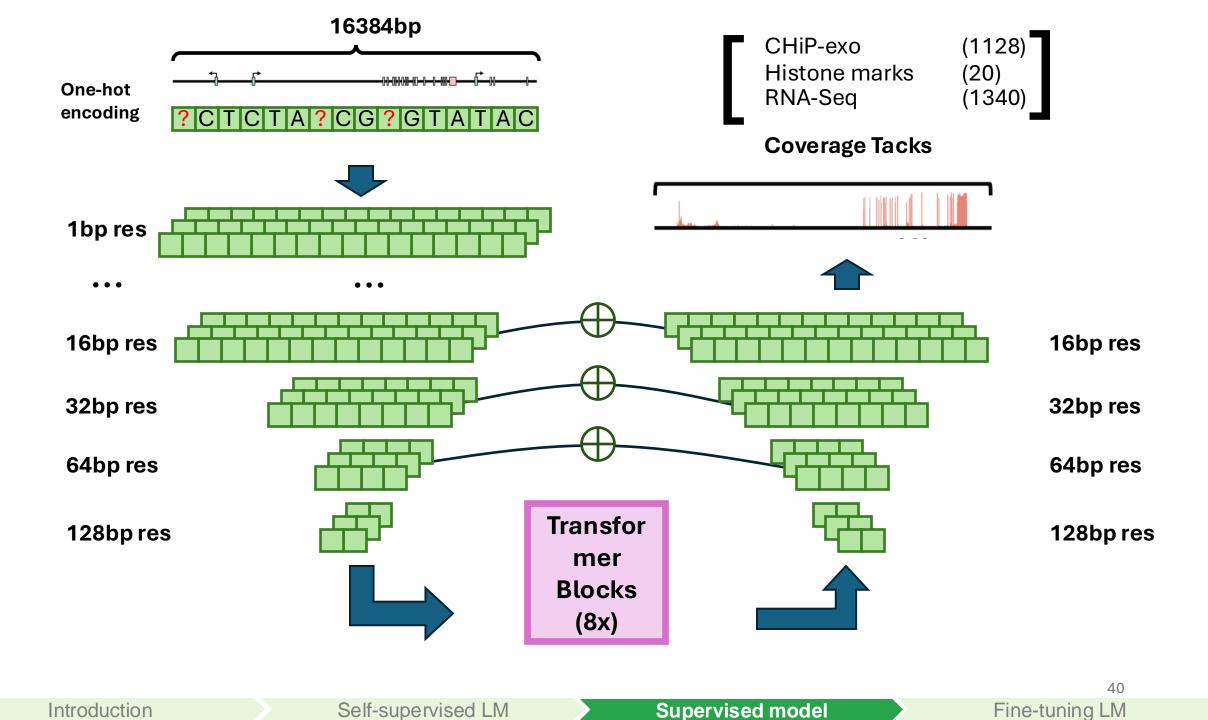


Supervised model

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Supervised model architecture





Basenji Model Training

- Divide genome into 8 folds.
- Train 8 models with distinct

validation and test folds.



Fold0: 743 seq, 1406020 nt (0.1244)

chrXIV:	0-628758	•
chrX:	0-436307	
chrXI:	440246-666816	
chrlll:	0-114385	

Fold1: 736 seq, 1433427 nt (0.1268)

chrXI:	0-440129
chrV:	0-151987
chrV:	152104-576874
chrXIII:	0-268031
chrVI:	0-148510

Fold2: 806 seq, 1521492 nt (0.1346)

238323-813184
0-496920
0-449711

Fold3: 755 seq, 1408276 nt (0.1246)

chrXVI:	0-555957	
chrIV:	449821-990877	
chrVI:	48627-270161	
chrVIII:	0-105586	
chrlX:	355745-439888	

Fold4: 732 seq, 1444997 nt (0.1278)

chrIV:	990877-1531933
chrXII:	614562-1078177
chrll:	0-238207
chrlll:	114501-316620

Fold5: 742 seq, 1284157 nt (0.1136)

chrVII:	497038-1090940
chrX:	436425-745751
chrl:	0-151465
chrl:	151582-230218
chrXII:	0-150828

Fold6: 785 seq, 1446481 nt (0.1280) chrXIII: 268149-924431 chrXII: 150947-614562

chrxII:	150947-614562
chrXV:	0-326584

Fold7: 733 seq, 1360020 nt (0.1203)

chrVIII:	105703-562643
chrXVI:	556073-948066
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chrXIV:	628875-784333

Self-supervised LM

Supervised model



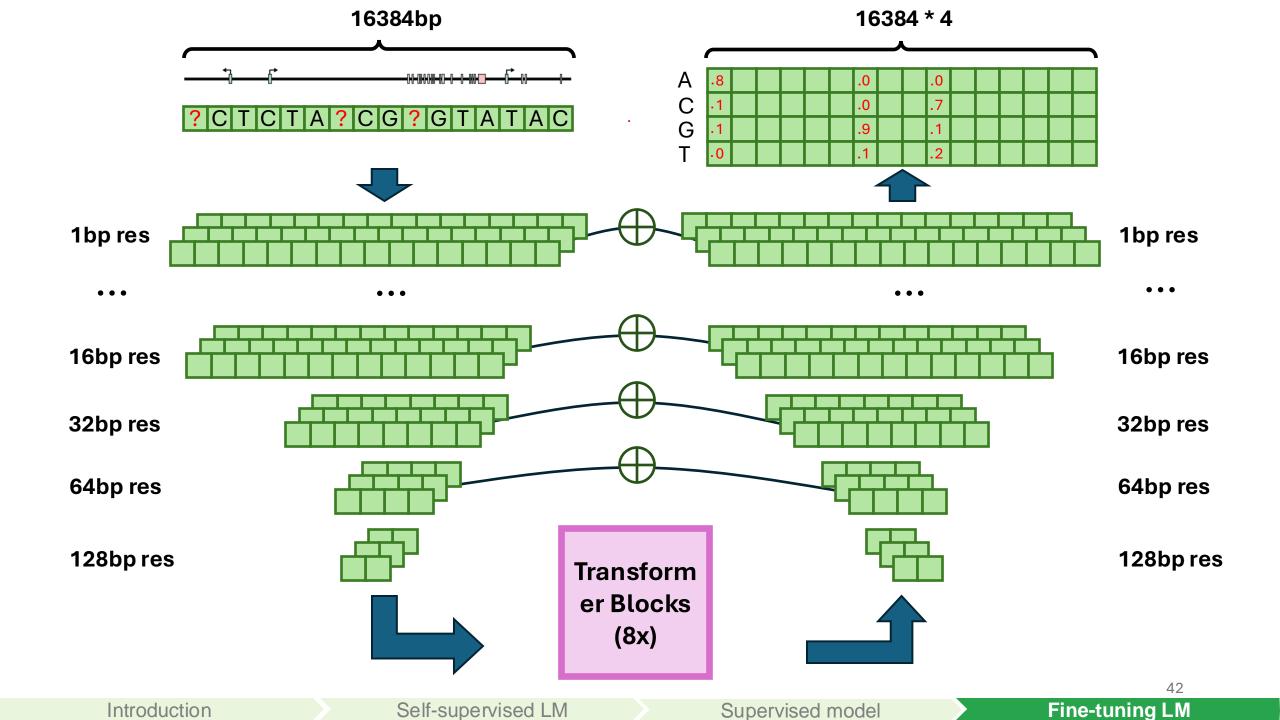
Fine-tuning Fungi Language Model

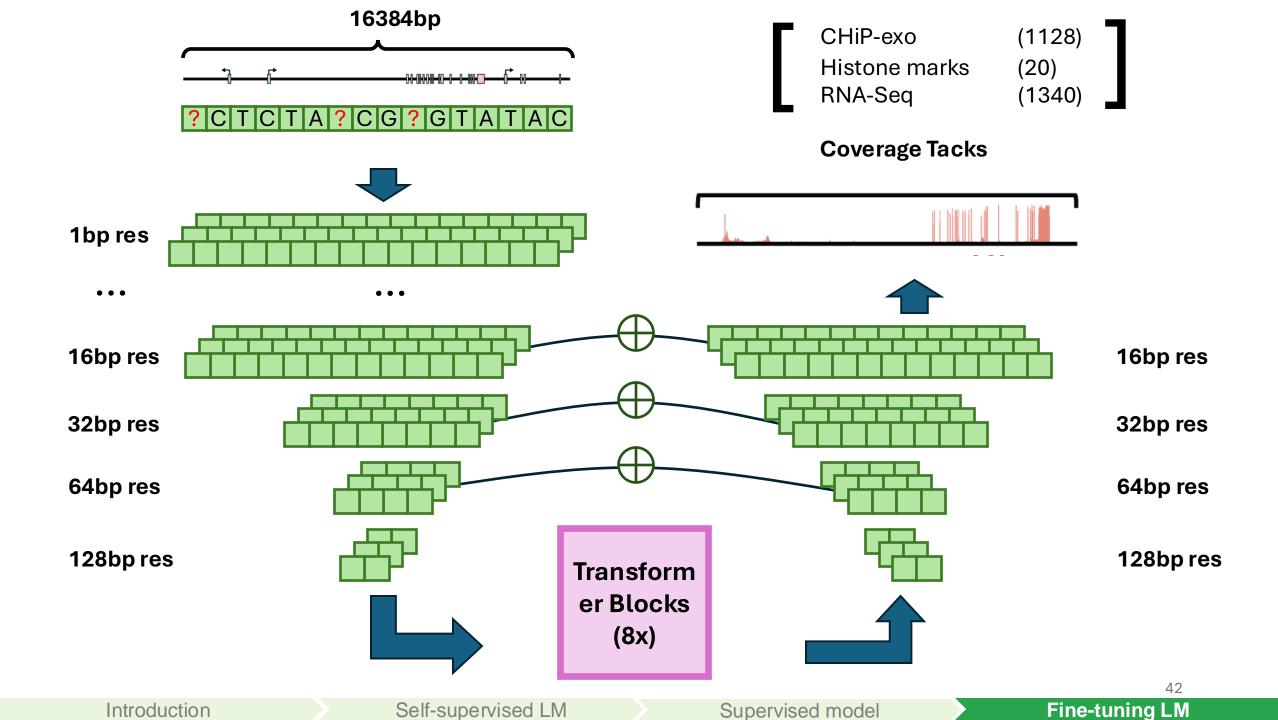
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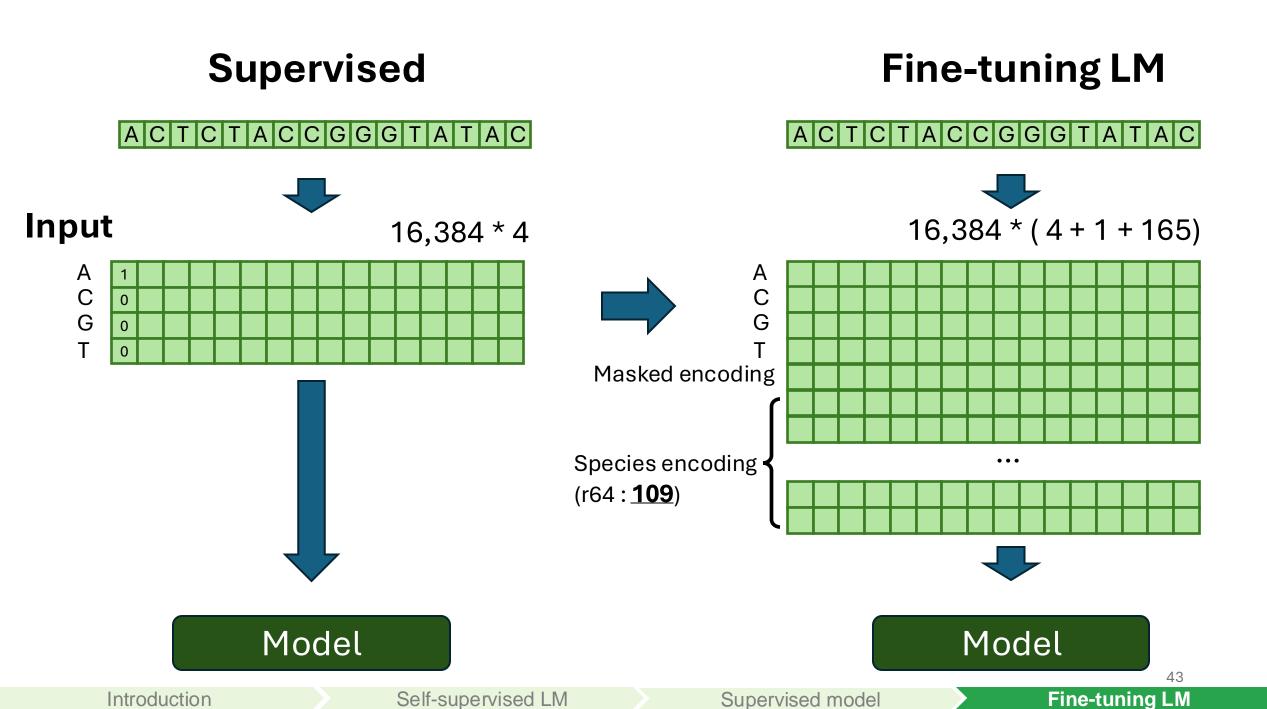
Supervised Fungi model VS

Fine-tuning Language Model



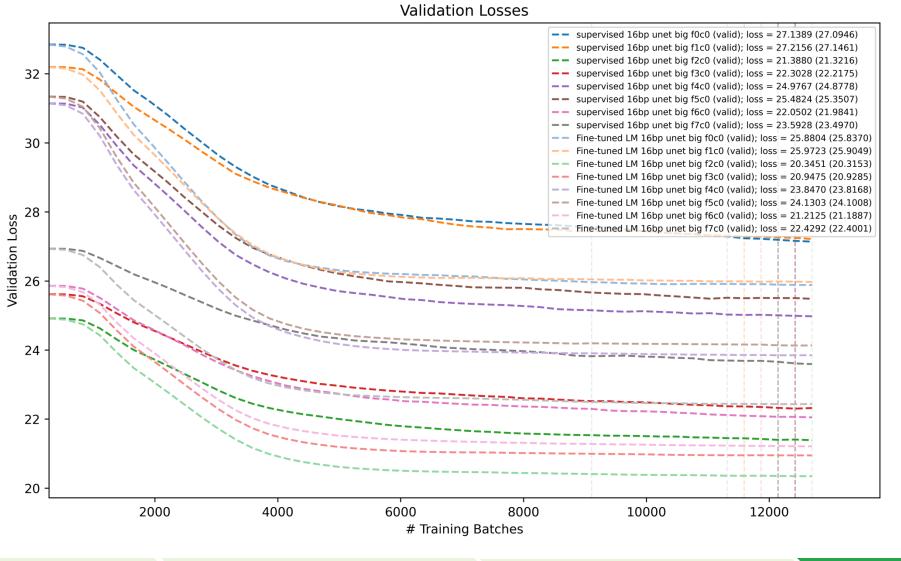






Fine-tuning vs Training from Scratch (16 bp resolution)

Supervised model



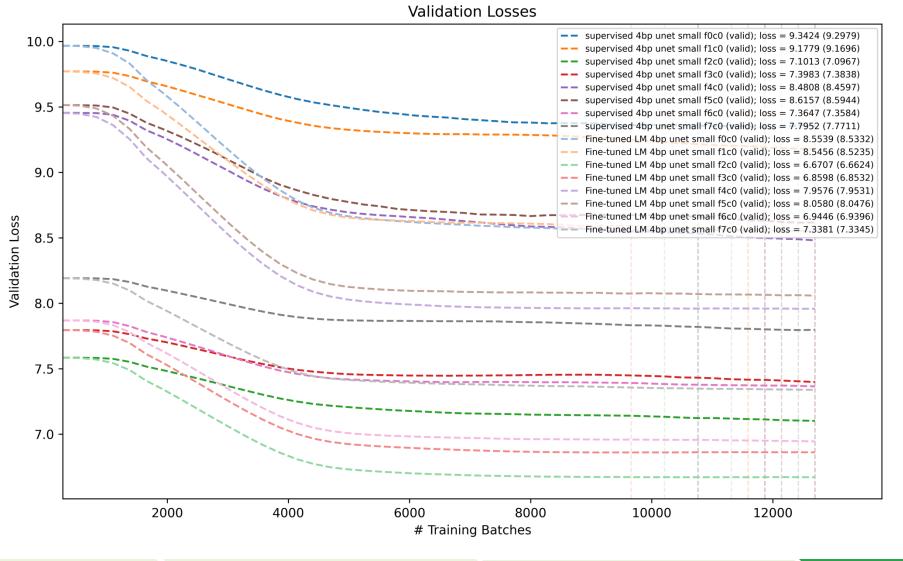
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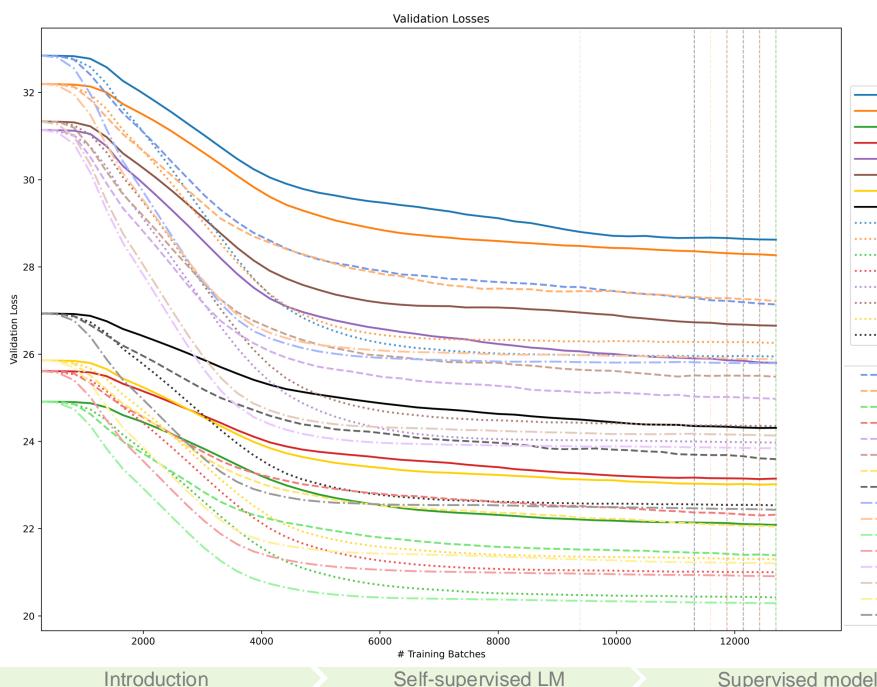
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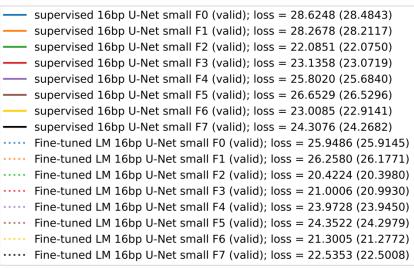
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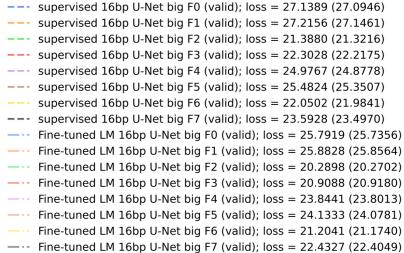
Fine-tuning vs Training from Scratch (4 bp resolution)



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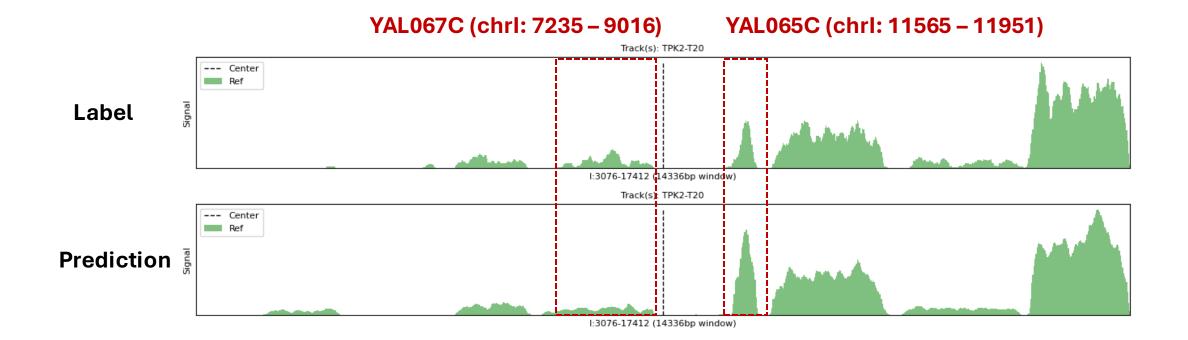


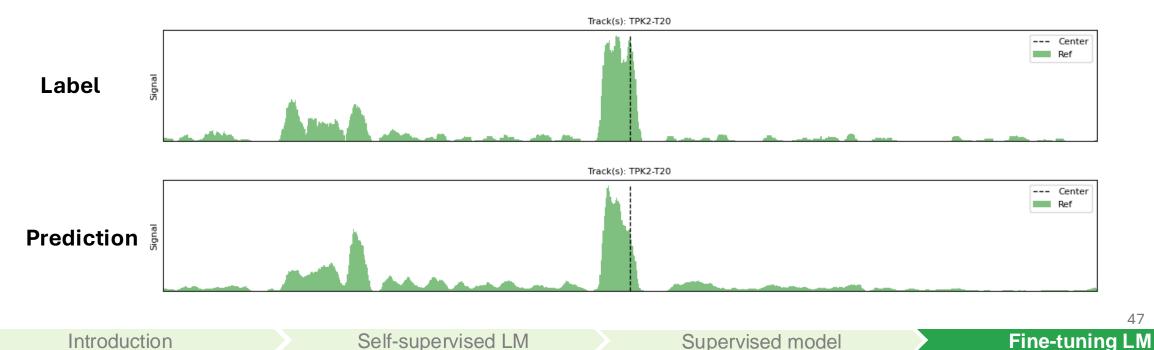
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RNA-Seq track visualization



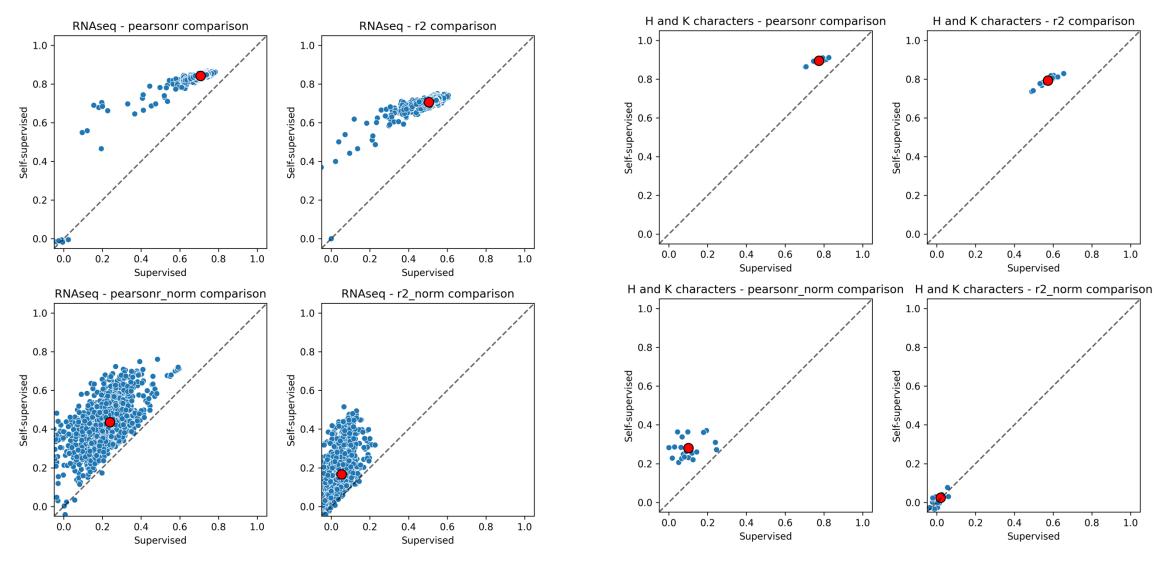




Track level prediction evaluation



RNA-Seq



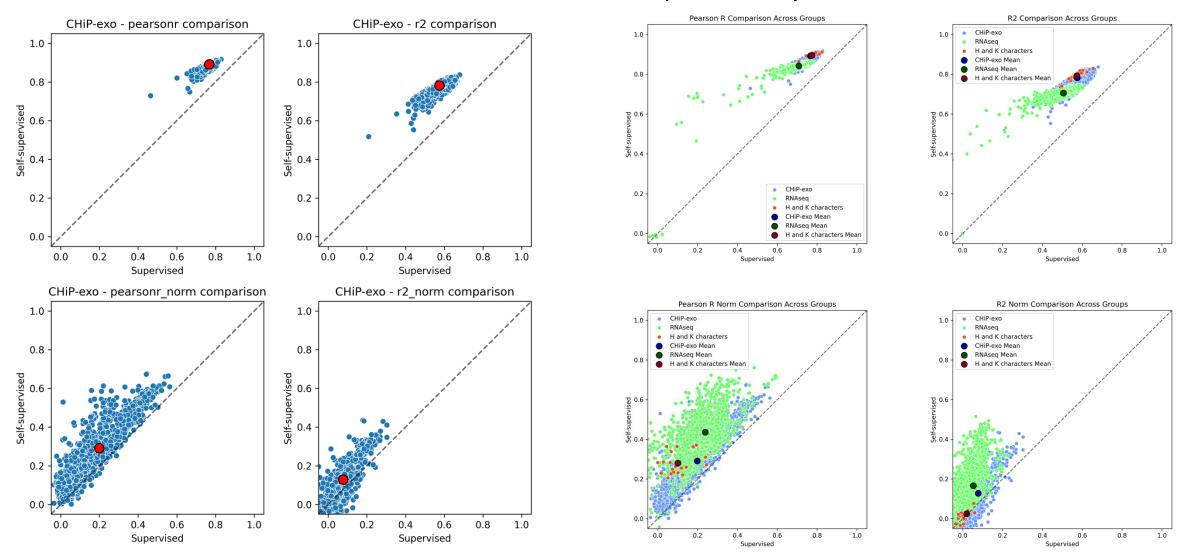
Average results across 8 folds. Each dot is a track.

Supervised model

Histone Marks

CHiP-exo

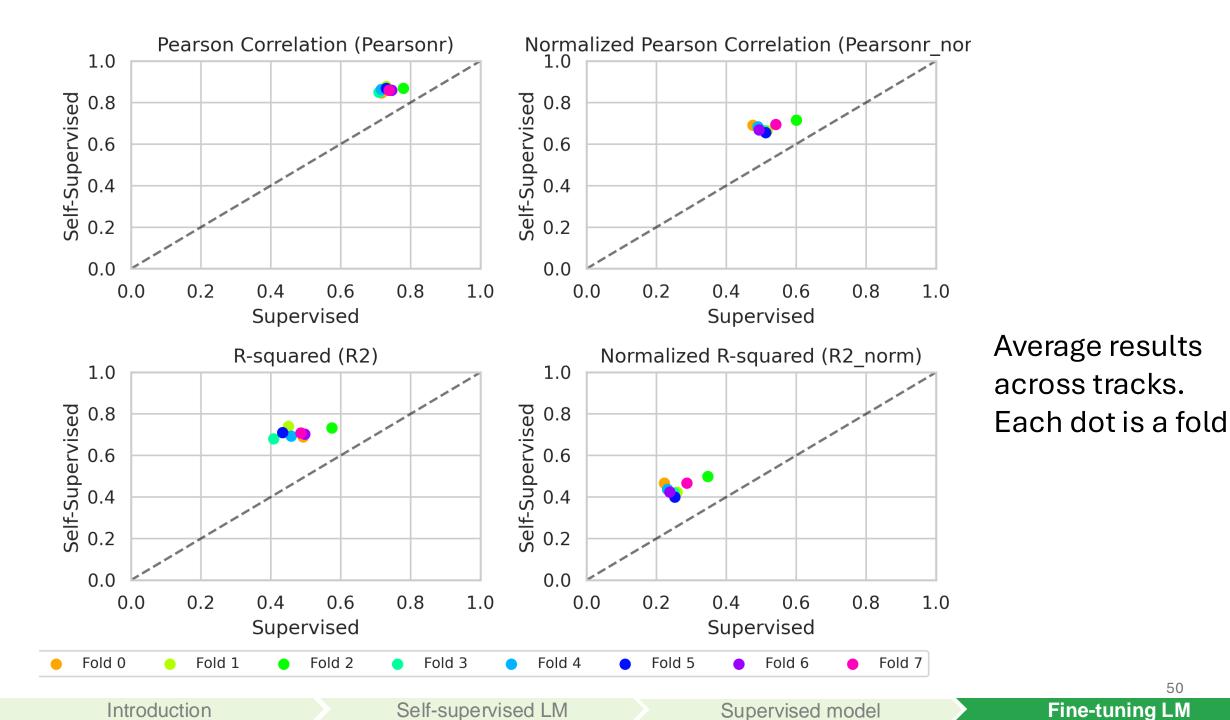
All (RNA-Seq + Histone Marks + CHiP-exo)



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Supervised model



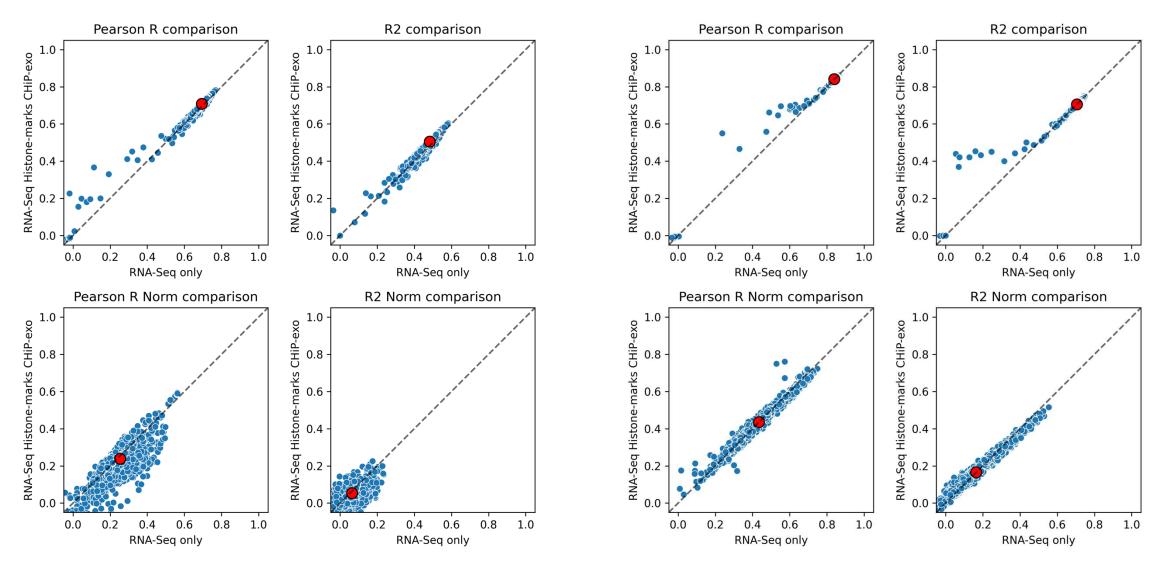
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RNA-Seq tracks alone VS RNA-Seq + Histone Marks + CHiP-exo tracks



Supervised trained models

Self-supervised trained models



Average results across 8 folds. Each dot is a track.

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Project Conclusion

- Built the first fungi language model. The Saccharomycetales order is a good evolutionary distance, offering good species diversity. Processing 1361 fungus genomes.
- 2. Under the exact model architecture, pretrained LM weights & fine-tuning can outperform training a model from scratch.
 - Loss / gene level Pearson R / gene level R²







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