

Supplemental Material

Supplemental Tables

reads	counts
sequenced (PE1+PE2)	28,607,102
aligned	10,551,289
uniquely aligned	5,656,887
multiply aligned	4,894,402
not aligned	18,055,813
(aligned pairs	3,269,861)

Table S1. Summary of sequencing and alignment.

chromosome	unique	multiple, primary	multiple, secondary	CT strand unique+multiple	GA strand unique+multiple	ambiguous unique+multiple	inconsistent unique+multiple
chr2L	777,176	300,491	473,536	704,331	778,144	55,110	13,618
chr2LHet	2,353	4,484	8,702	6,973	7,557	1,007	2
chr2R	918,103	376,437	590,496	888,397	924,331	58,060	14,248
chr2RHet	22,844	44,843	86,204	73,632	72,494	7,691	74
chr3L	895,666	380,247	608,774	844,929	924,050	97,564	18,144
chr3LHet	20,230	41,584	79,222	69,894	66,991	4,107	44
chr3R	1,128,338	481,935	770,886	1,095,641	1,137,840	121,472	26,206
chr3RHet	20,661	38,654	71,630	60,010	62,820	8,063	52
chr4	12,482	17,669	32,282	22,702	35,870	3,847	14
chrX	1,783,287	1,247,351	1,812,379	2,440,229	2,113,552	263,102	26,134
chrXHet	2,266	4,051	7,953	6,524	7,311	433	2
chrYHet	1,232	3,472	6,571	5,522	5,162	591	0
chrU	72,236	1,953,063	4,036,585	458,907	993,522	4,607,289	2,166
chrM	13	121	247				
TOTAL	5,656,887	4,894,402	8,585,467				
TOTAL (-chrM)	5,656,874	4,894,281	8,585,220	6,677,691	7,129,644	5,228,336	100,704

Table S2. Alignments by chromosome.

Paired-read alignments are assigned to either the CT of the GA strand; only reads mapping to a strand are retained. If a read can be mapped with equal probability to either strand, it is labeled “ambiguous”. If the two reads of a pair do not map to the same strand, they are labeled “inconsistent”. Ambiguous and inconsistent reads are not analyzed further.

Condition		methylated regions		resequenced regions	
		CT strand	GA strand	CT strand	GA strand
2 methylated reads/position 3 methylated positions/region	positive	879	953	40	17
	negative	321	268	2	1
	undetermined	11337	11650	5	1
2 methylated reads/position 7 methylated positions/region	positive	383	388	31	11
	negative	215	196	2	1
	undetermined	11939	12287	14	7
total number of regions		12537	12871	47	19

Table S3. Comparison with whole genome bisulfite data.

Methylated regions identified in this study were compared with data generated by whole genome bisulfite sequencing by Raddatz *et al.* “Positive” regions are methylated regions identified in this study that have supporting evidence in the Raddatz *et al.* data; we illustrate two conditions of different stringency (see Methods). “Negative” regions are regions identified in this study that have sufficient coverage in the Raddatz data to reveal methylation if present, but lack support in that data. “Undetermined” regions are not positive, and lack sufficient coverage to provide confidence that they are truly negative. The vast bulk of our methylated regions are positive or undetermined in the Raddatz data, and when positive they usually remain positive under the more stringent condition used to determine the status of a region. The coverage threshold we used to call regions as negative (100x) would allow detection of some regions methylated on ~1% of alleles. Many of the validated regions found in our study are methylated on <5% of alleles (Figure 3 and Figure S5). **Methods for comparison with whole-genome bisulfite sequencing data from Zemach *et al.* and Raddatz *et al.*:** The whole-genome bisulfite sequencing data for Stage 5 *Drosophila* embryo generated by Zemach *et al.* (Zemach *et al.* 2010) (accession #: GSM497255) and Raddatz *et al.* (Raddatz *et al.* 2013) (accession #: GSM983094) were downloaded from the GEO database. Sequence reads were aligned with Novoalign v2.07.11 with default options in bisulfite mode with the “b2” (directional) option and reporting only unique alignments, against a reference consisting of either the sequences that we validated by bisulfite PCR or the sequences of the 25,497 methylated regions identified in this study. Reads were assigned to the CT or GA strands according to Novoalign mappings. Reads aligning to the strand that was not amplified were discarded, and reads that are potential PCR duplicates were removed with MarkDuplicates from the Picard suite (picard.sourceforge.net). We determined sequence coverage and the percentage of methylation at each cytosine using the output of mpileup from the samtools suite (Li *et al.* 2009). We define a cytosine as methylated if at least two reads are unconverted at that position. To evaluate the agreement between Raddatz *et al.* and our data, the reference regions described above were divided into three groups according to the evidence for methylation in Raddatz *et al.*’s data: “positive”, if the region contains at least three methylated cytosines (or seven in the more stringent condition); “negative”, if the region contains less than 3 methylated cytosines and at least three (or seven) cytosines with coverage greater than 100 reads; “undetermined”, if the region is neither positive nor negative.

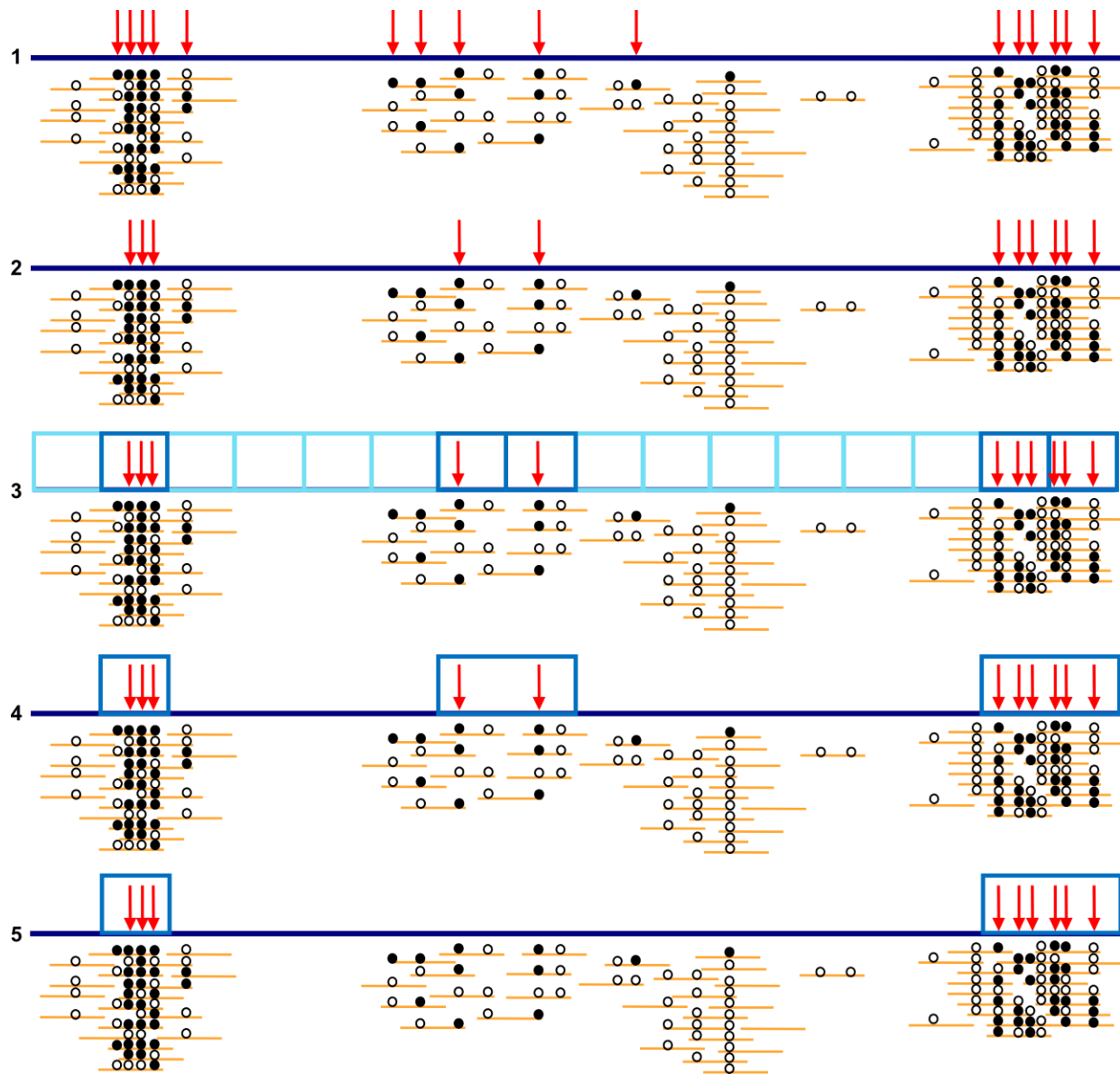


Figure S1. Methylated regions in the genome of Stage 5 *Drosophila* embryos. Procedure for identification of methylated cytosines and methylated regions from MeDIP-Bseq data. The steps illustrated here led to the identification of the 25,497 methylated regions discussed in the text. Red arrows identify cytosine positions that pass the filter at each step; the steps are applied sequentially to the output of the preceding step.

- Step 1 identifies cytosine positions at which the ratio of C-containing alignments (unconverted, i.e. methylated) over the sum of C- and T-containing alignments was greater than 0.1 (methylated cytosine: closed circles; unmethylated: open circles).
- Step 2 identifies cytosine positions at which at least three alignments contain a methylated cytosine.
- Step 3 divides the genome into contiguous 25-base segments.
- Step 4 removes segments that do not contain cytosines passing Step 2, and merges contiguous segments.
- Step 5 retains only those segments in which the alignments contained at least 25 methylated cytosines; these are the methylated regions.

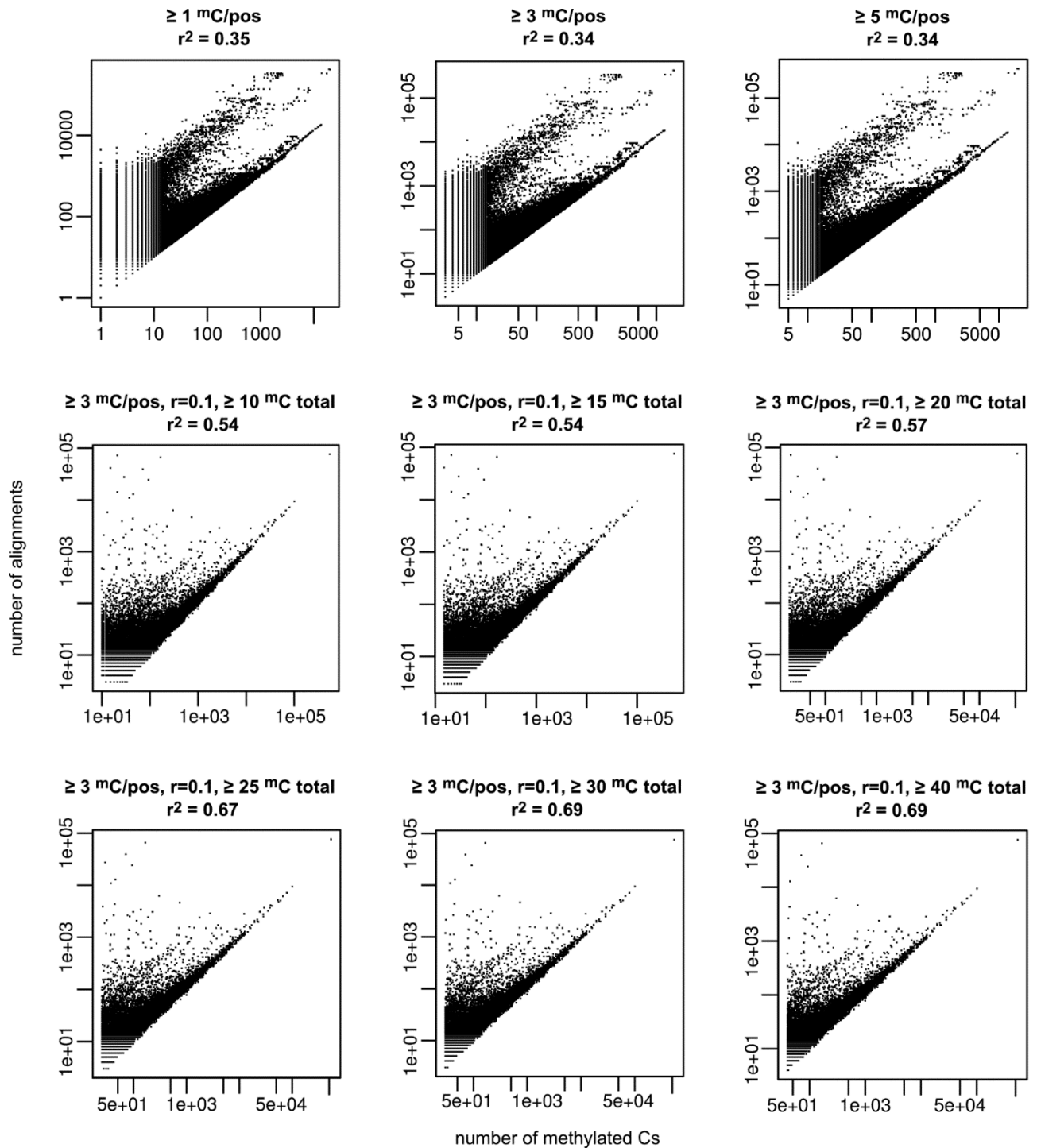


Figure S2. Effects of different parameter choices on the identification of methylated cytosines in the MeDIP-Bseq data. In all of the plots displayed, the number of methylated cytosines in the reads aligning to a given cytosine in the reference sequence is shown on the x-axis, and the number of sequence reads containing that position is shown on the y-axis. Only those cytosines meeting the condition shown at the top of each plot are displayed (see Methods for a detailed description of the conditions). The procedure described in the text and Figure S1 removes cytosine positions with weakly supported methylation states. The top row is derived from step 2 in Figure S1: it illustrates the effect of requiring more methylated reads supporting the status of the position. The middle and bottom rows are derived from the step shown in Figure S1, step 5: only those cytosines included in one of the regions meeting the parameters are shown. For each set of parameters (denoted at the top of each plot), the correlation coefficient between the number of methylated cytosines and the number of alignments within a region was calculated. We chose the set of parameters that optimizes the correlation coefficient at the lowest cost in discarded methylated regions.

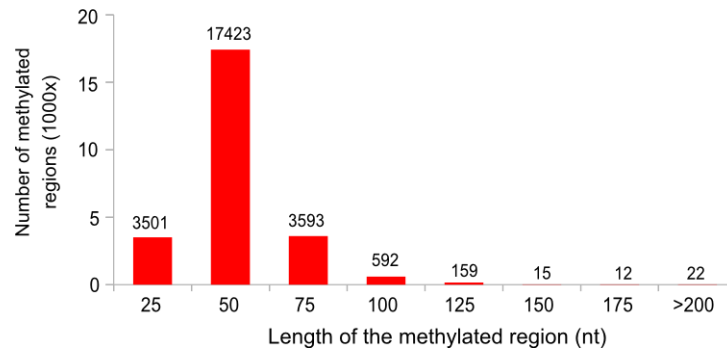


Figure S3. Length distribution of methylated regions. The number of methylated regions of a given length range is shown at the top of each column. 97% of the regions have a length of 75 bases or less.

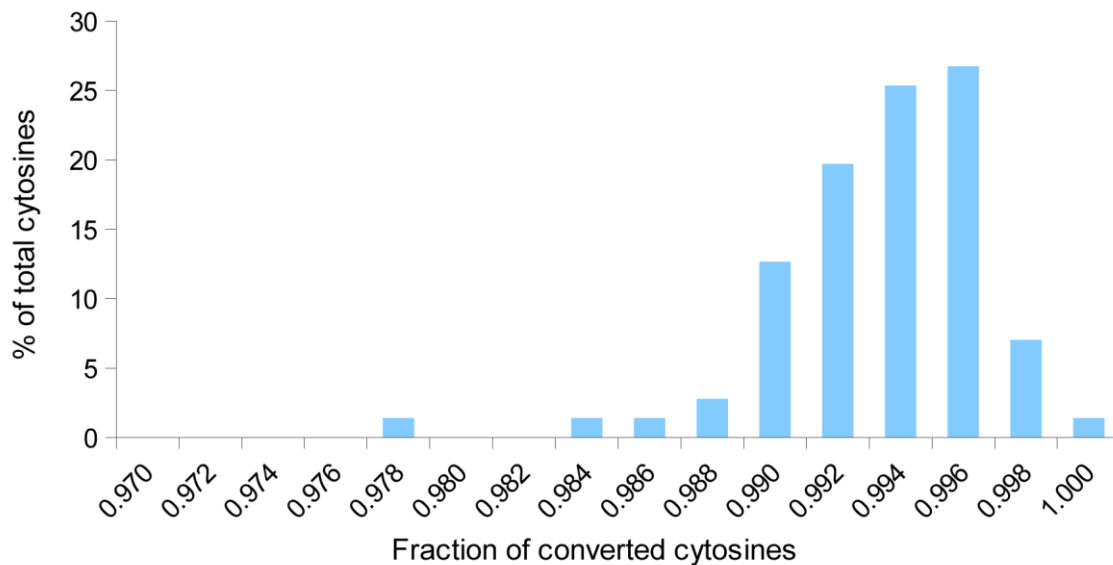


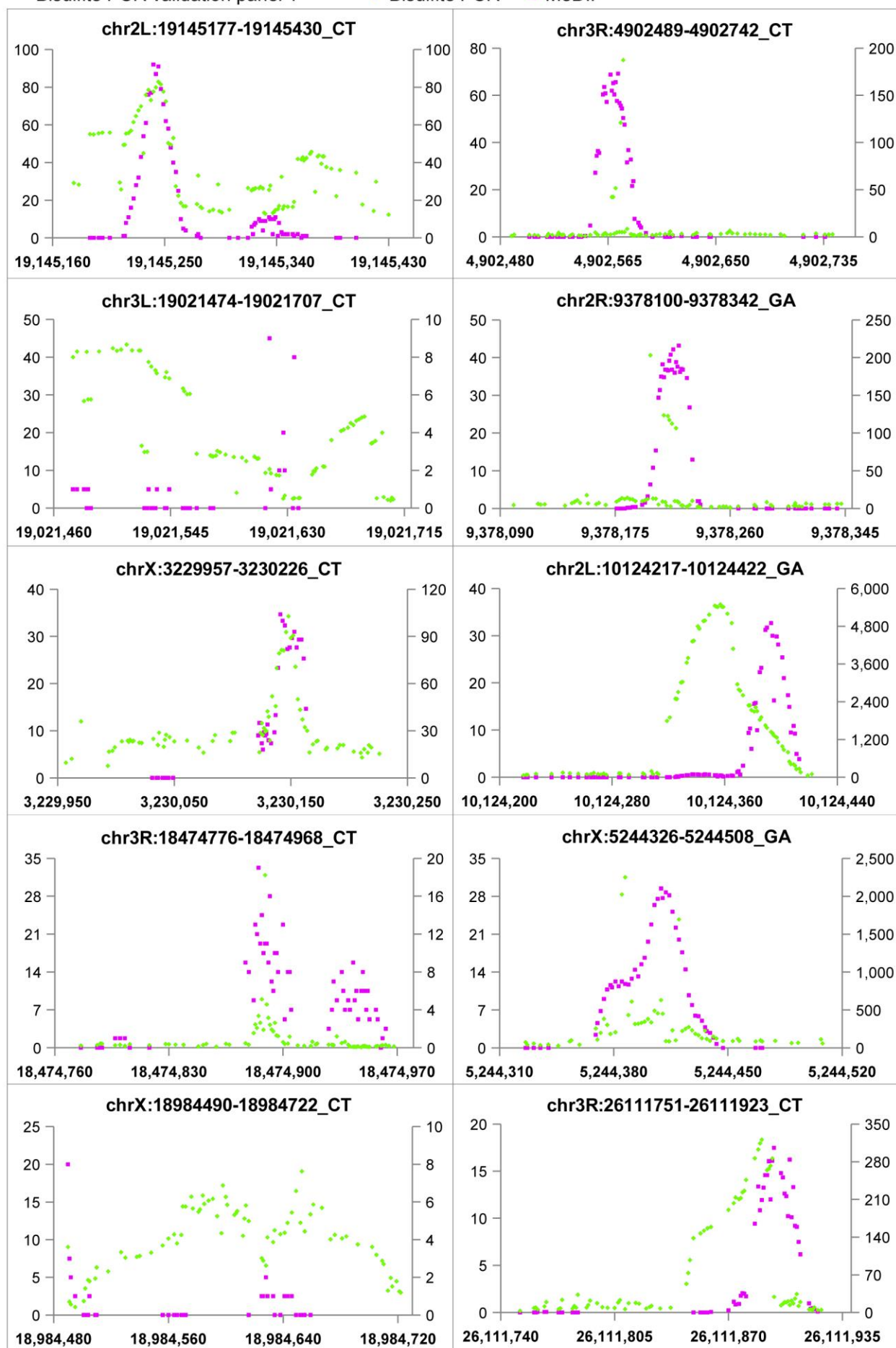
Figure S4. Efficiency of bisulfite conversion as determined by bisulfite-PCR sequencing of lambda phage DNA. Lambda phage DNA, grown in an *E. coli* strain deficient for methylation, was bisulfite converted in the same reaction as the *Drosophila* DNA used for the validation in Figures 3, S5, S6 and S8. Two segments of the lambda genome were amplified and sequenced to a median coverage of 109, 207 reads (range 82,602-161,273). The x-axis shows the rate of conversion from C to T, determined as the ration of T over C +T at each cytosine position. The y-axis shows the percent of total cytosines with a given conversion rate. Average conversion is >99%, and 96% of all cytosine positions had a conversion rate ≥ 0.988 .

Bisulfite PCR validation panel 1

◆ Bisulfite PCR ■ MeDIP

◆ Bisulfite PCR (% methylation)

■ MeDIP (number of methyl cytosines)

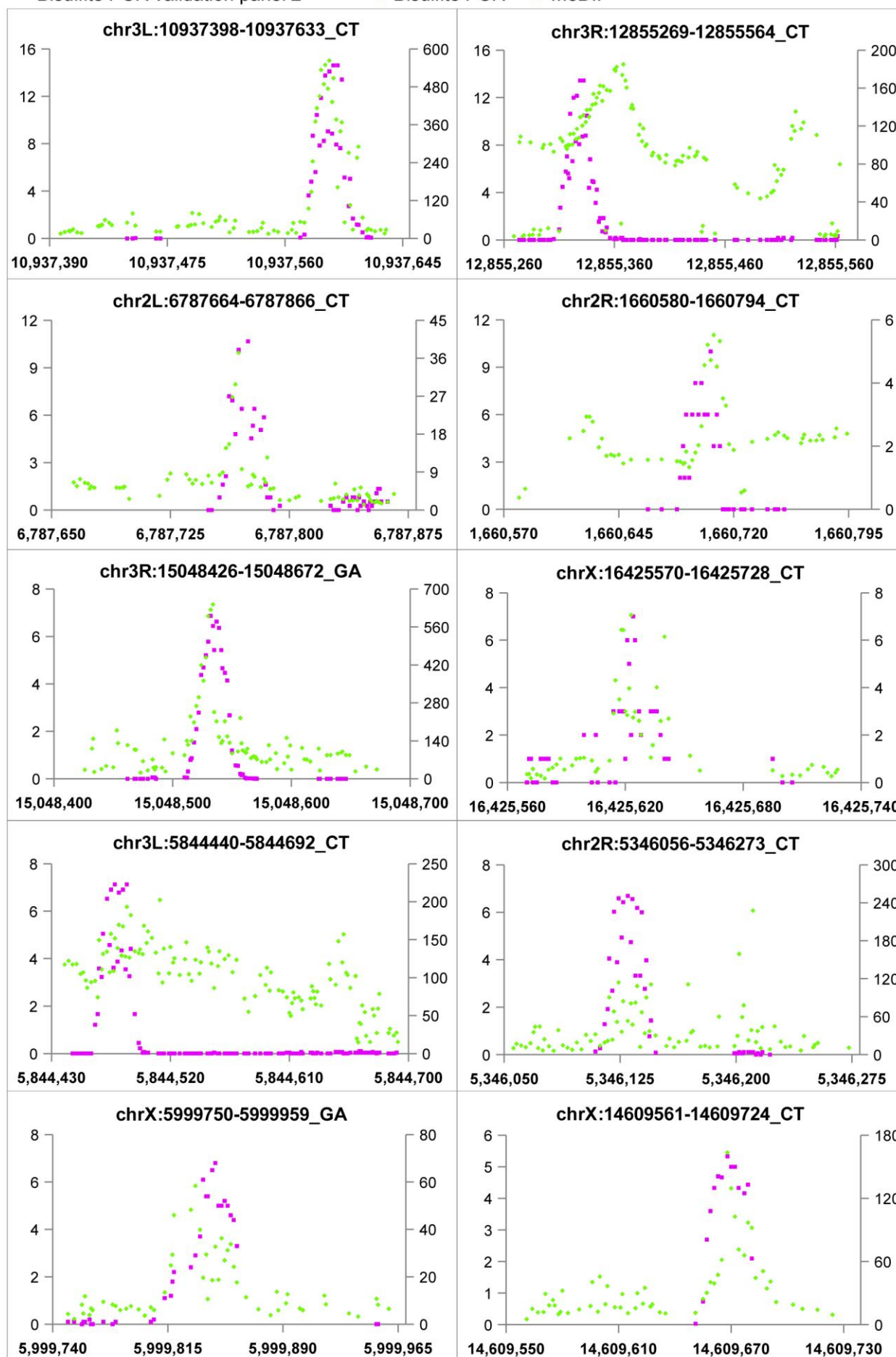


Bisulfite PCR validation panel 2

◆ Bisulfite PCR ■ MeDIP

◆ Bisulfite PCR (% methylation)

■ MeDIP (number of methyl cytosines)



Bisulfite PCR validation panel 3

◆ Bisulfite PCR ■ MeDIP

◆ Bisulfite PCR (% methylation)

■ MeDIP (number of methyl cytosines)



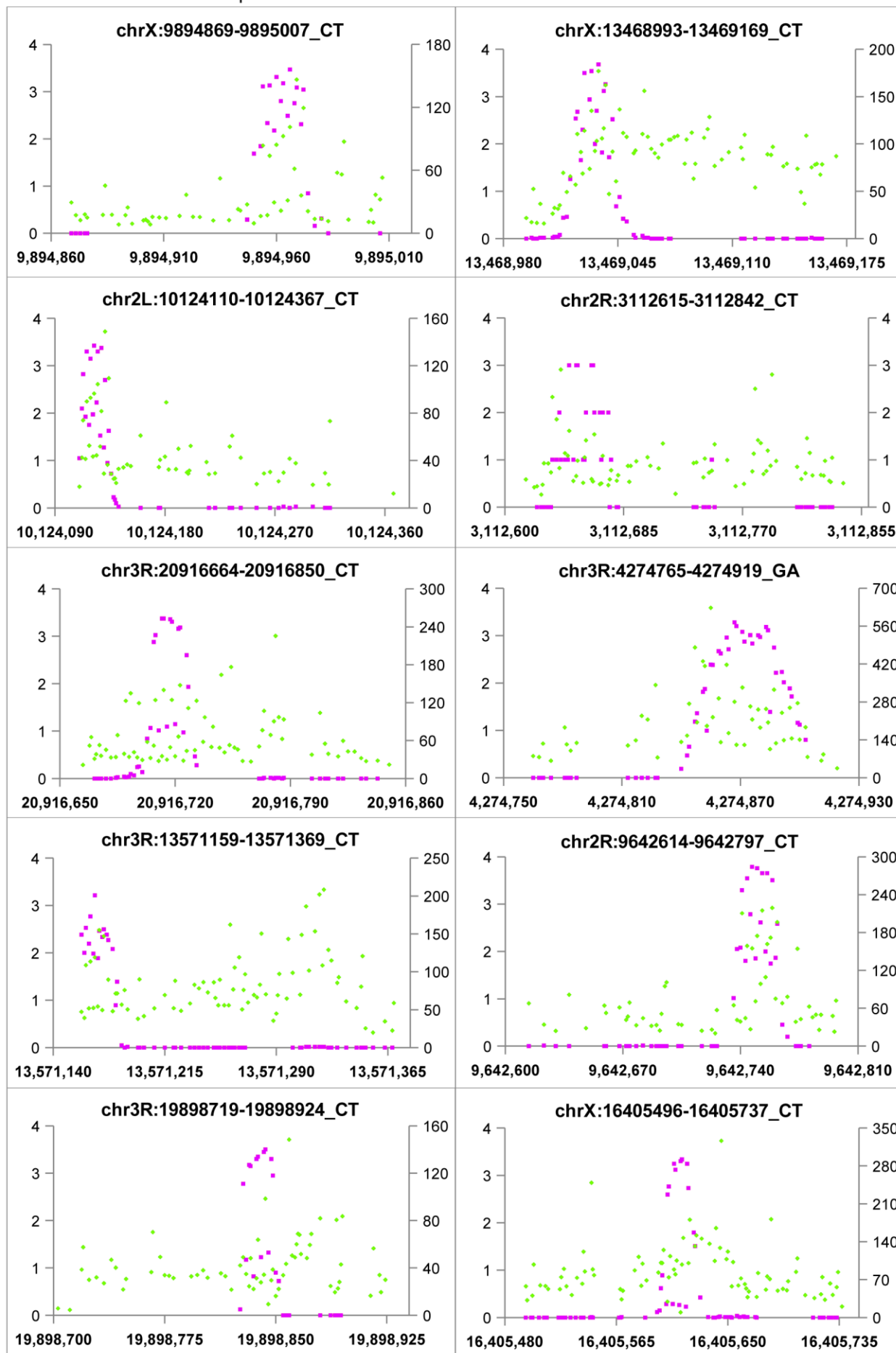
Bisulfite PCR validation panel 4

◆ Bisulfite PCR

■ MeDIP

Bisulfite PCR (% methylation)

MeDIP (number of methyl cytosines)



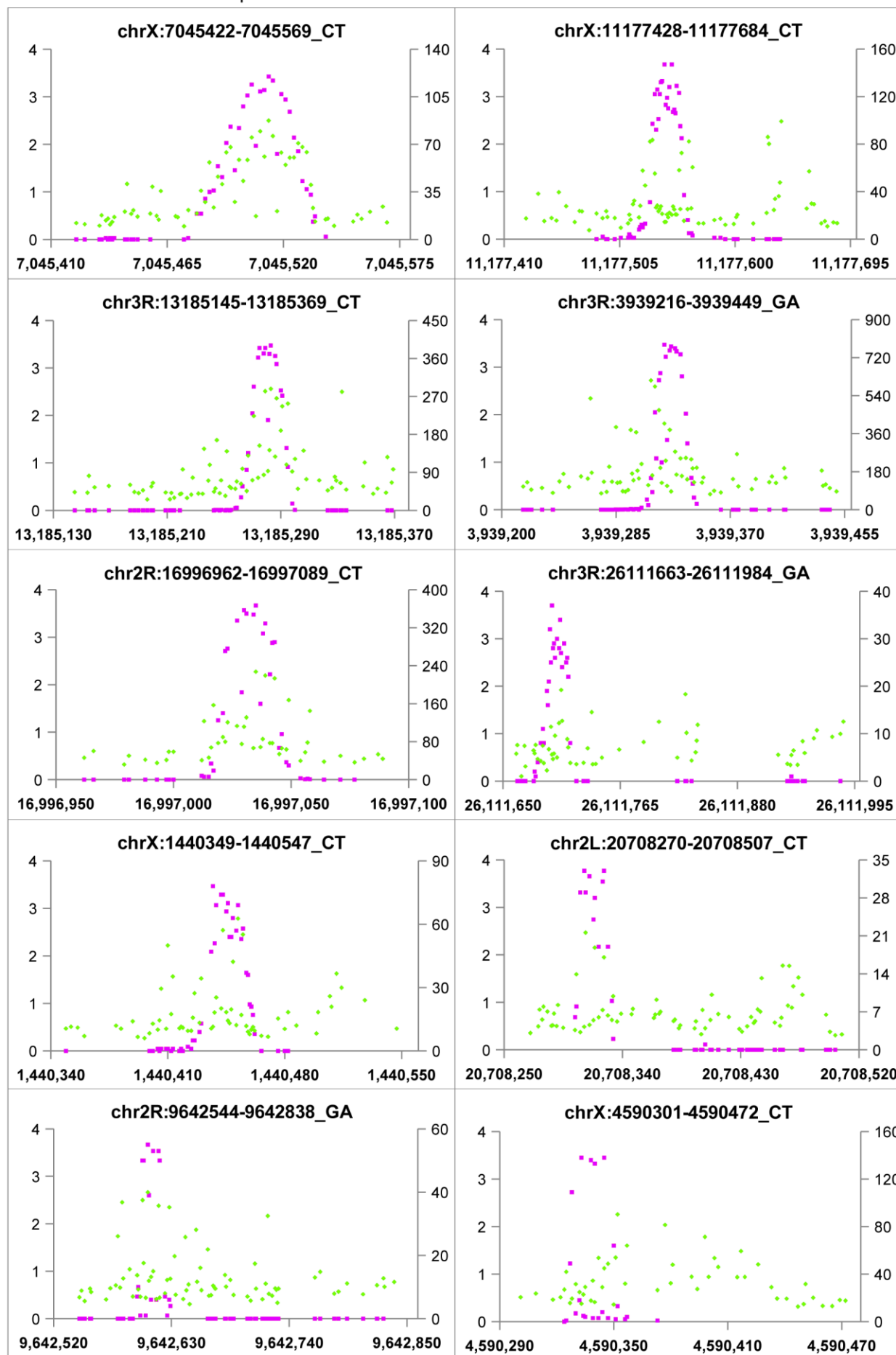
Bisulfite PCR validation panel 5

◆ Bisulfite PCR

■ MeDIP

◆ Bisulfite PCR (% methylation)

■ MeDIP (number of methyl cytosines)



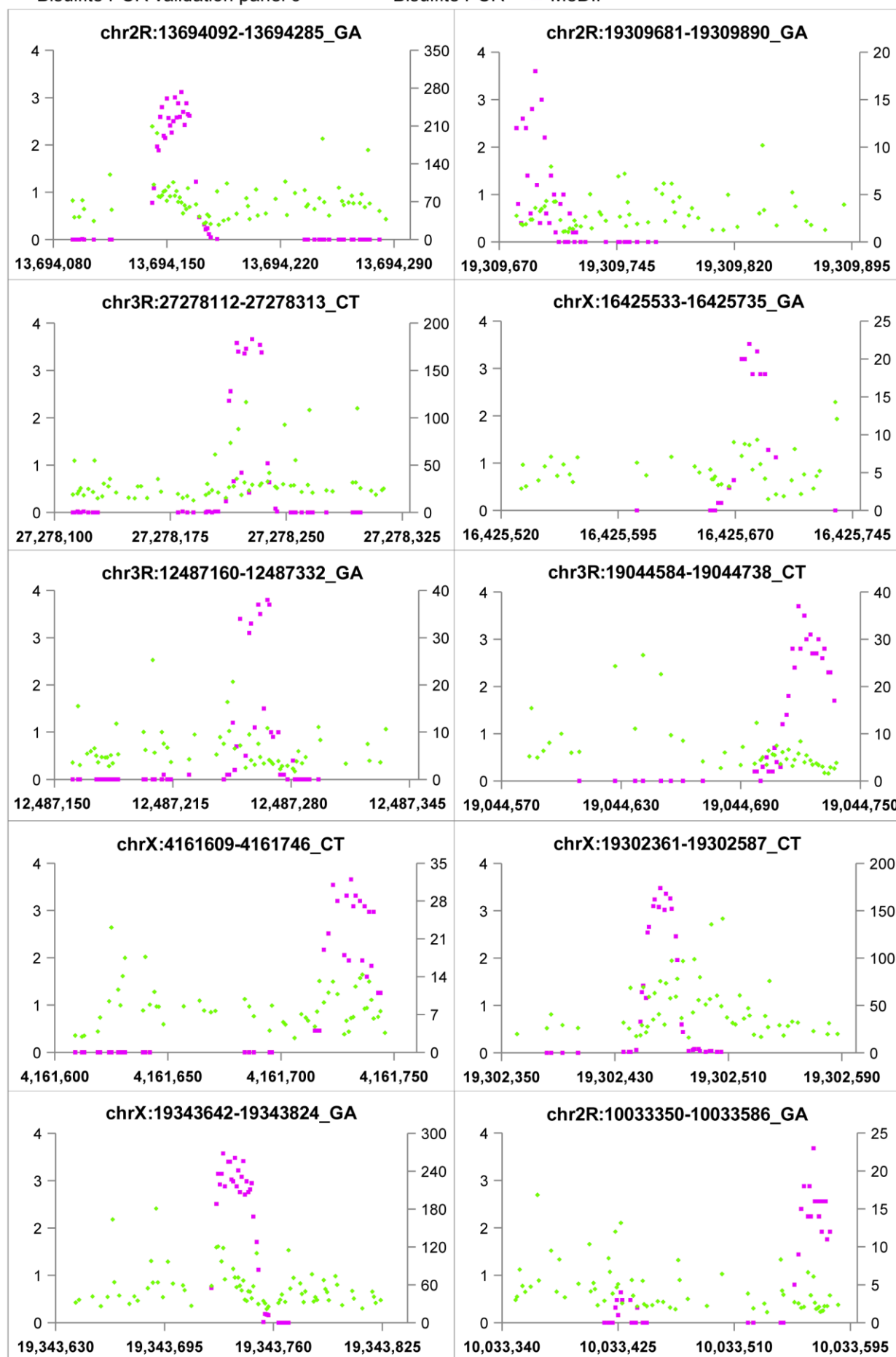
Bisulfite PCR validation panel 6

◆ Bisulfite PCR

■ MeDIP

◆ Bisulfite PCR (% methylation)

■ MeDIP (number of methyl cytosines)



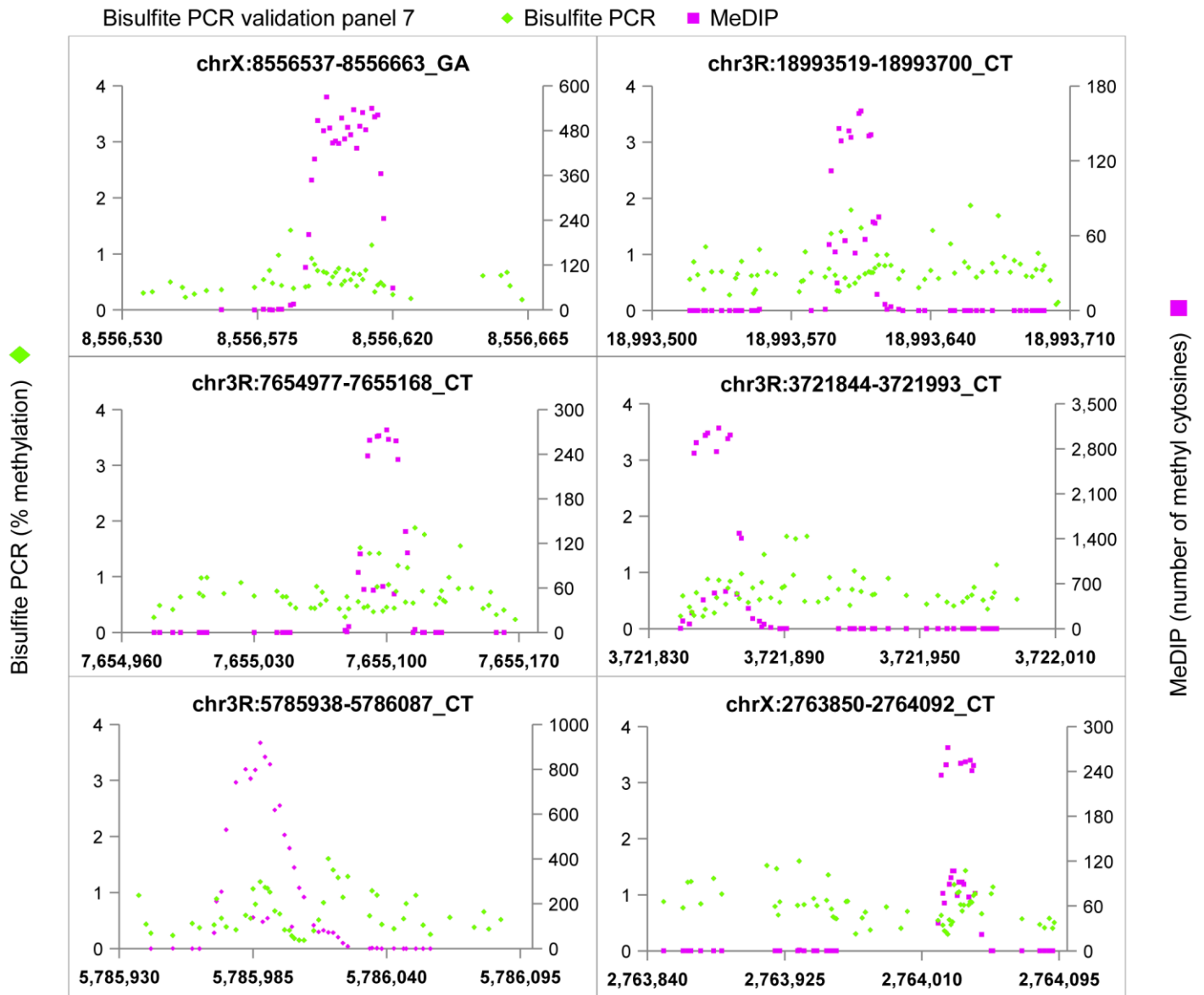


Figure S5. Direct amplification of bisulfite-converted DNA confirms methylation patterns. The full set of 66 regions that were analyzed is shown. Methylated regions identified by MeDIP-bisulfite sequencing were PCR amplified from bisulfite converted DNA and Illumina sequenced to at least 10,000X coverage. Each dot represents one cytosine (green – bisulfite PCR; purple – MeDIP bisulfite). The y-axis at the left indicates the percent of methylated cytosines in the bisulfite PCR; the y-axis at the right indicates the number of methylated cytosines detected by MeDIP bisulfite. While the MeDIP bisulfite analysis is not quantitative, bisulfite PCR demonstrates the proportion of methylated cytosines at a given position, as well as the pattern of methylation of the amplified region. There is good agreement in the pattern of methylation detected by the two methods.

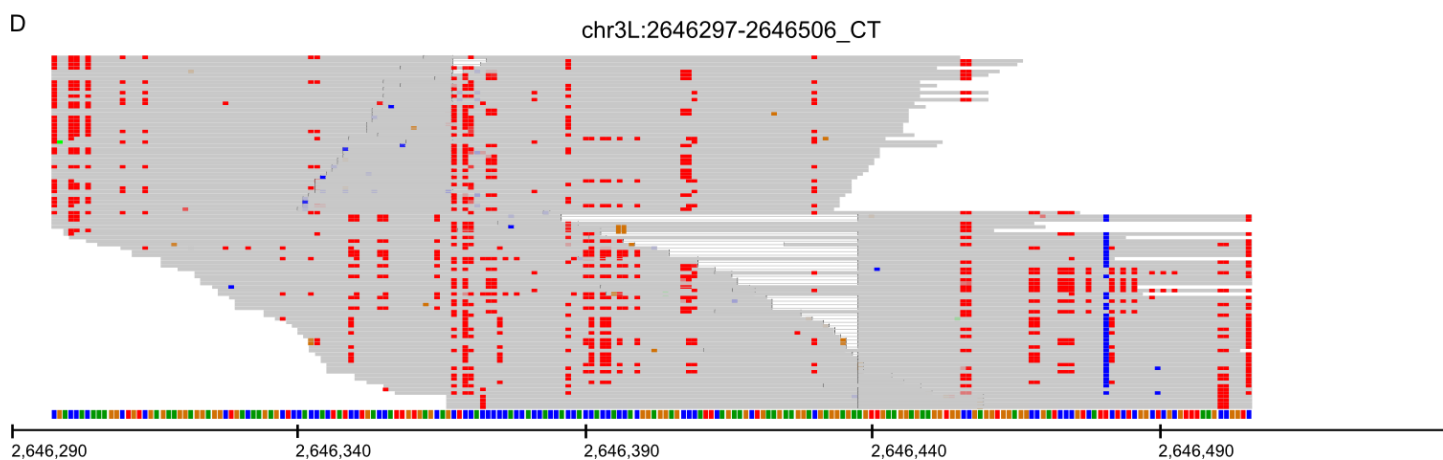
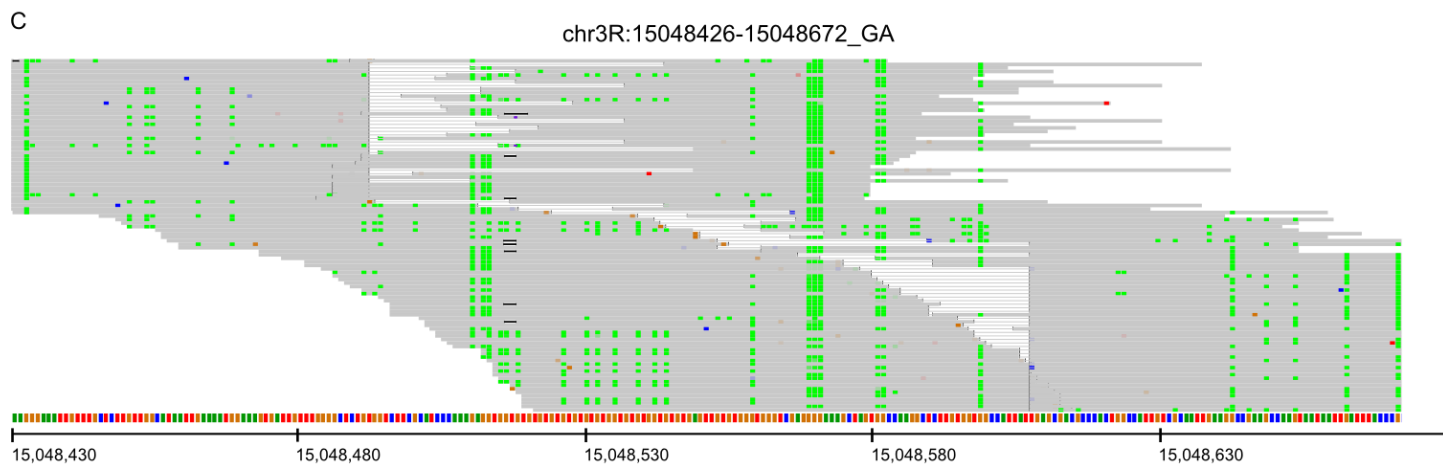
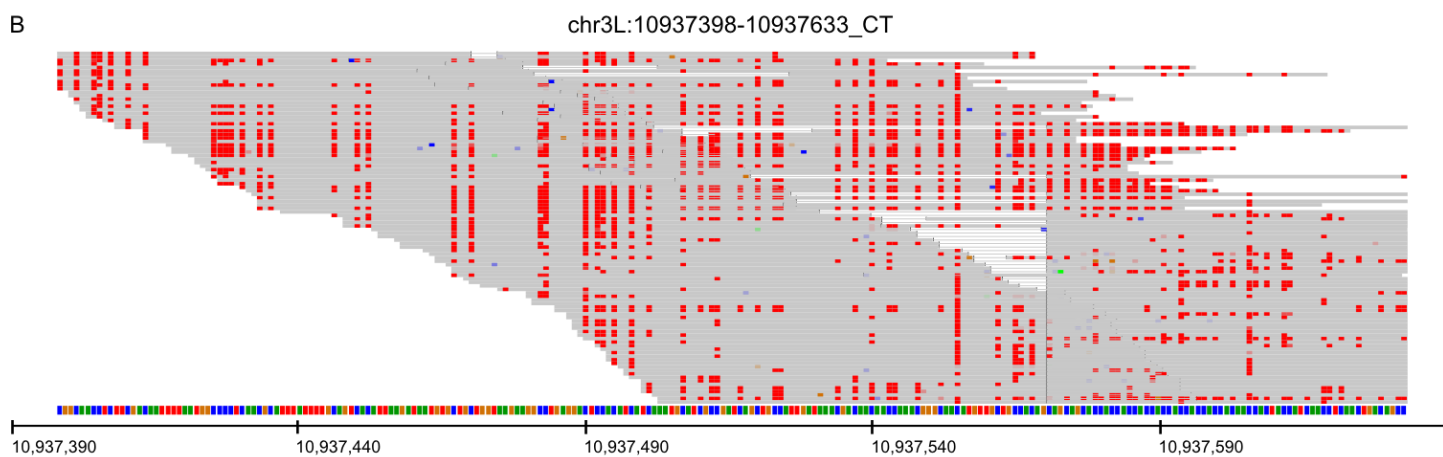
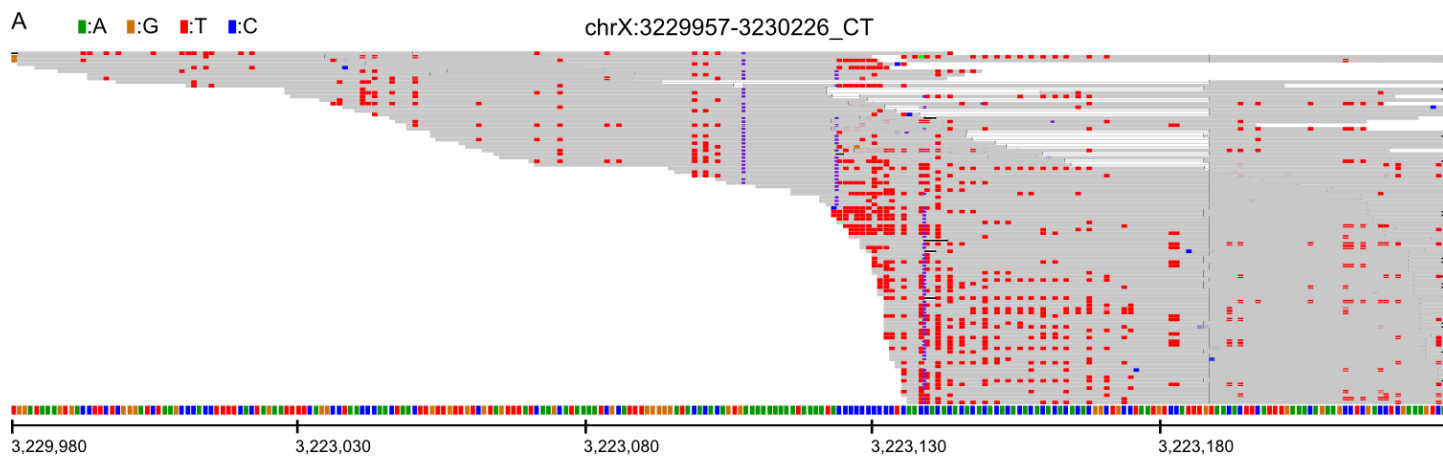
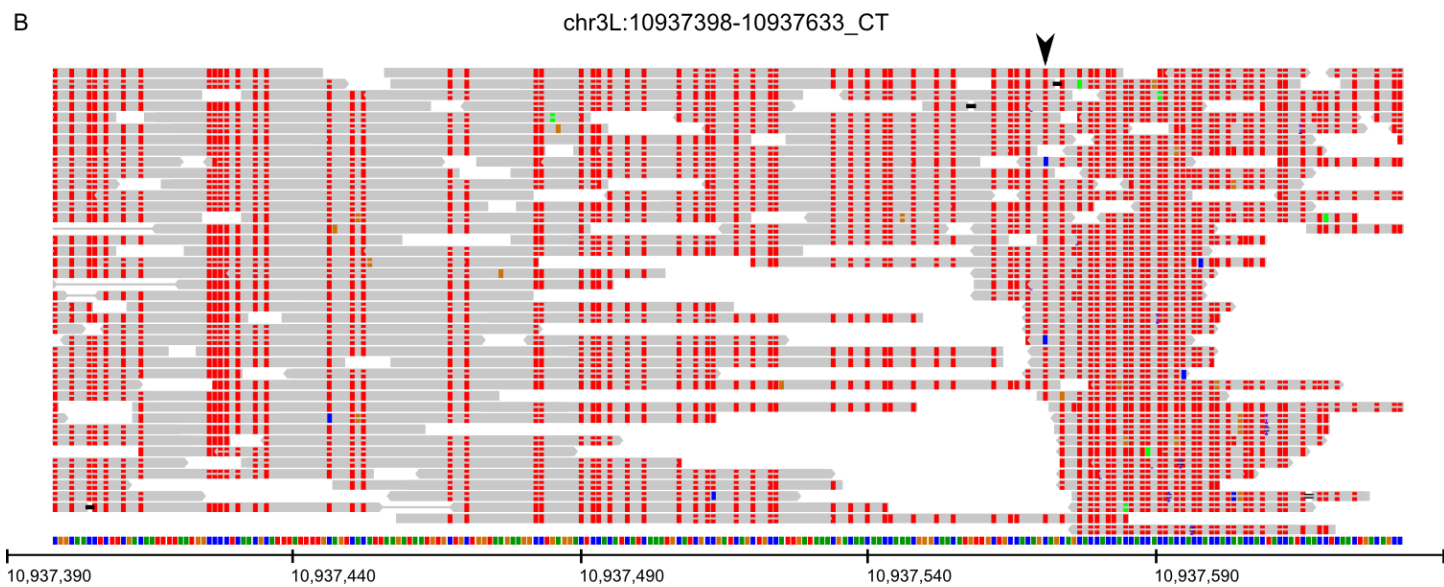
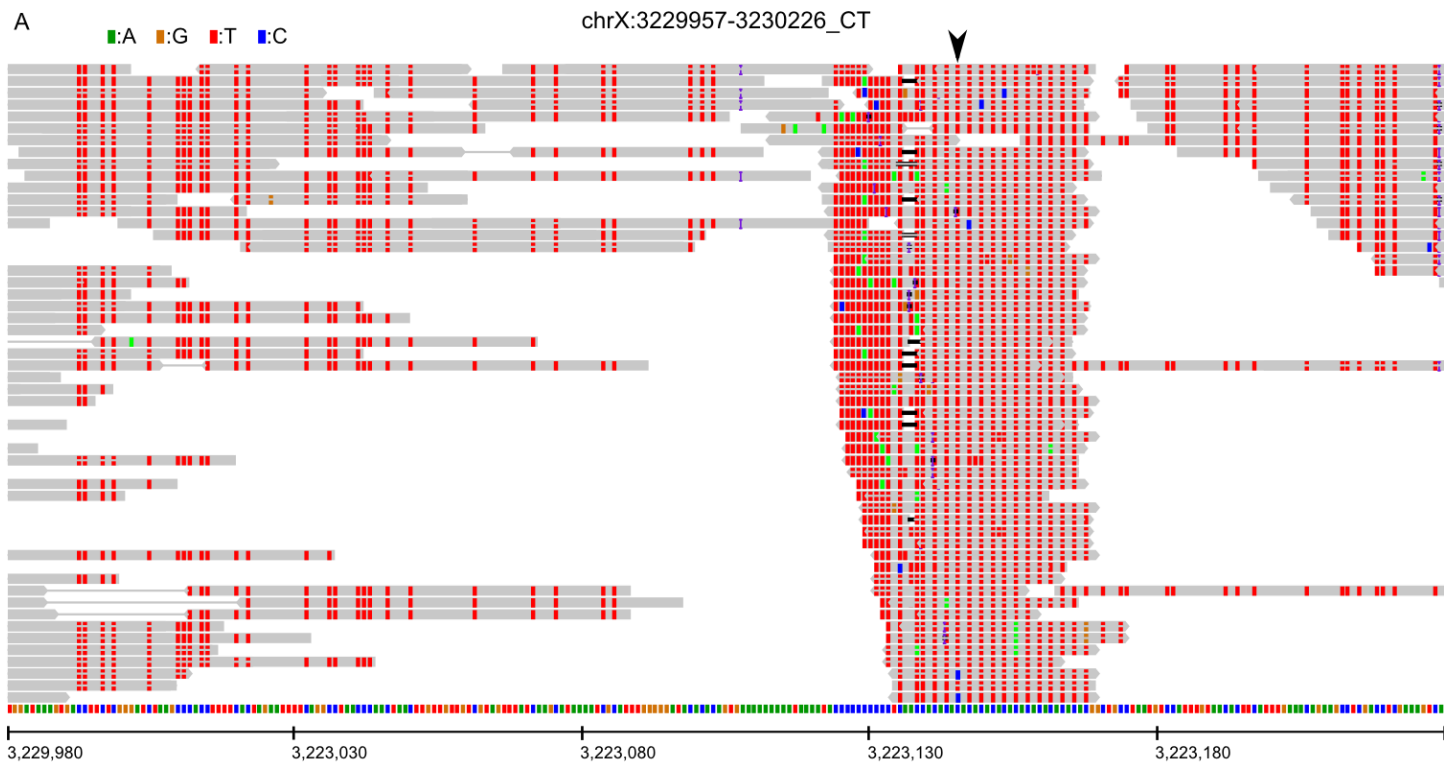


Figure S6. Visualization of alignments at four methylated regions, illustrating correct alignment of reads that support cytosine methylation. Shown are 100 base (including a 6 base index) paired end reads aligning to the regions displayed in Figure 3; these reads derived from wild type *EP(2)GE 15695* flies. Only a subset of read pairs (100) is shown; reads were selected based on their content of unconverted cytosines, in order to illustrate the alignment of such reads. Each line shows the alignment of a read pair; when the two sequences of a pair of reads do not overlap, a thin grey line shows their connection. Alignments are displayed using the “collapsed” mode of the Integrative Genome Viewer; in this mode, the direction of the alignments is shown by a vertical grey line at the 3’ end of the alignment. The color-coded reference sequence is at the bottom of each panel, with the color key shown at the top of the figure. A match between a read and the reference is shown in grey; a mismatch is shown with the color of the mismatched base. Unmethylated cytosines are sequenced as ‘T’ (red) on the CT strand (panels A, B, and D) and as ‘A’ (green) on the GA strand (panel C); thus converted (unmethylated) cytosines are shown in color, and any methylated cytosines are denoted by gray color at a position that is colored in other reads. The figure shows that alignments of reads containing unconverted (methylated) cytosines are unambiguous and extend well beyond the low complexity sequences where methylation is concentrated.



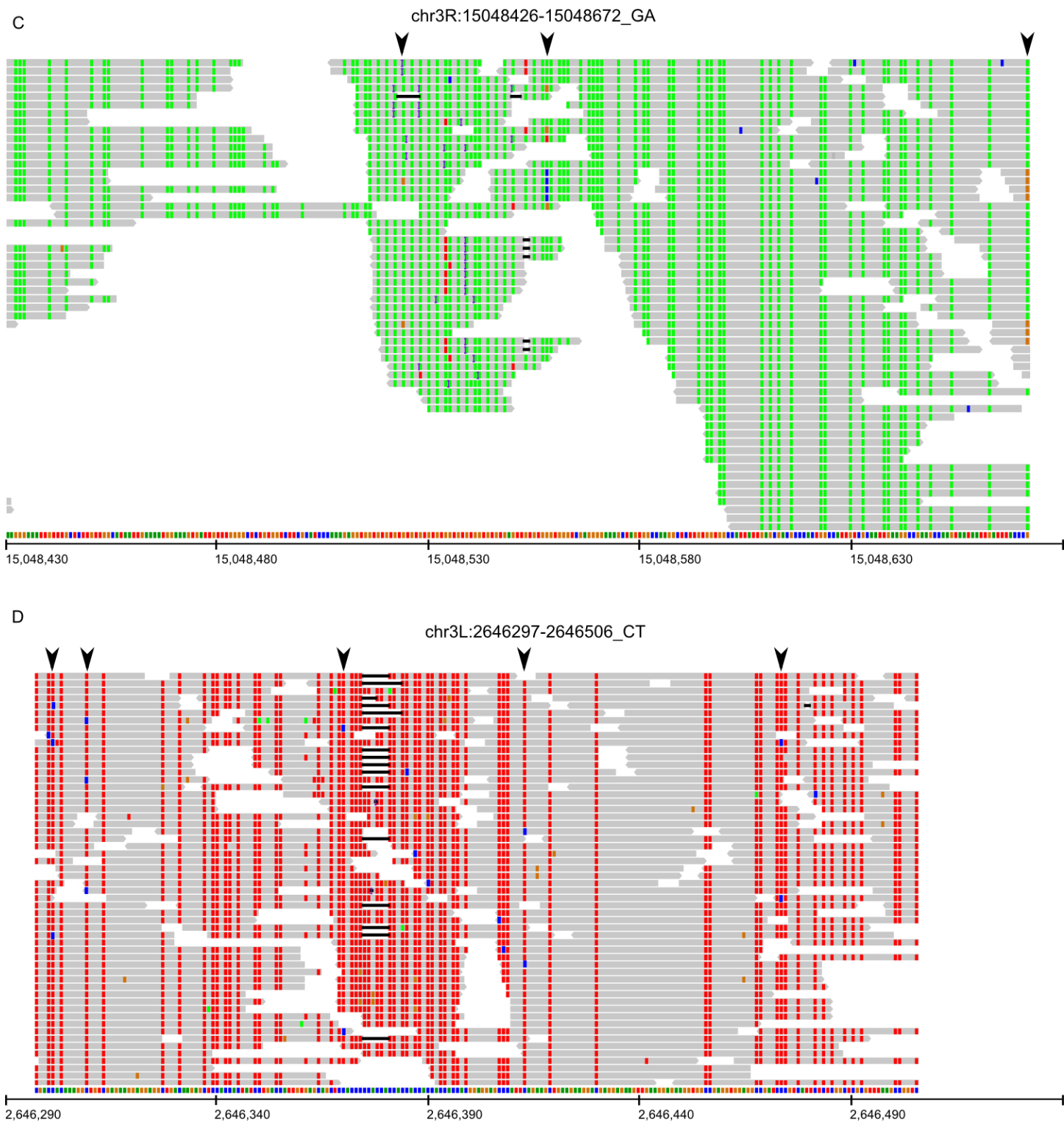
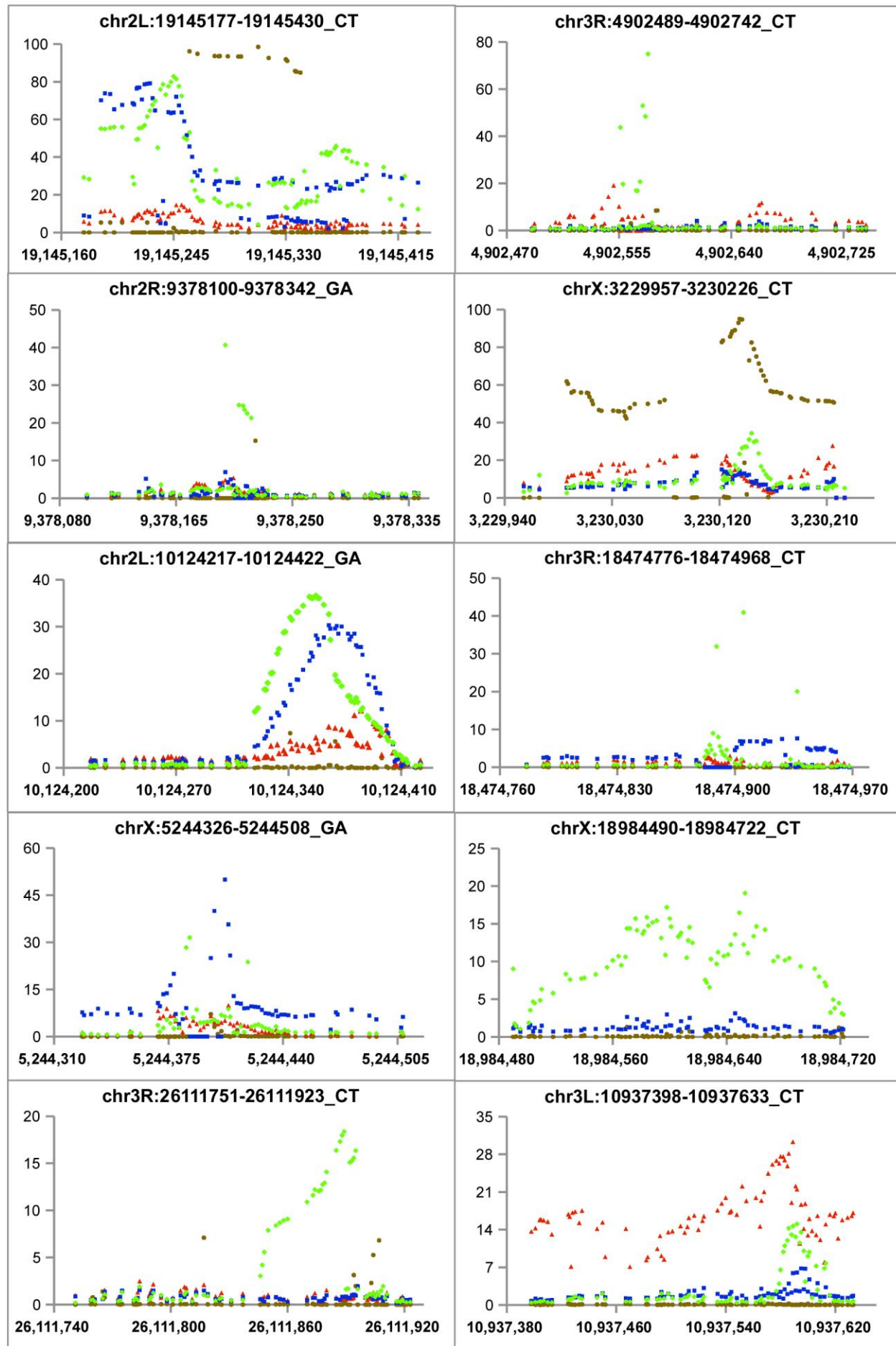
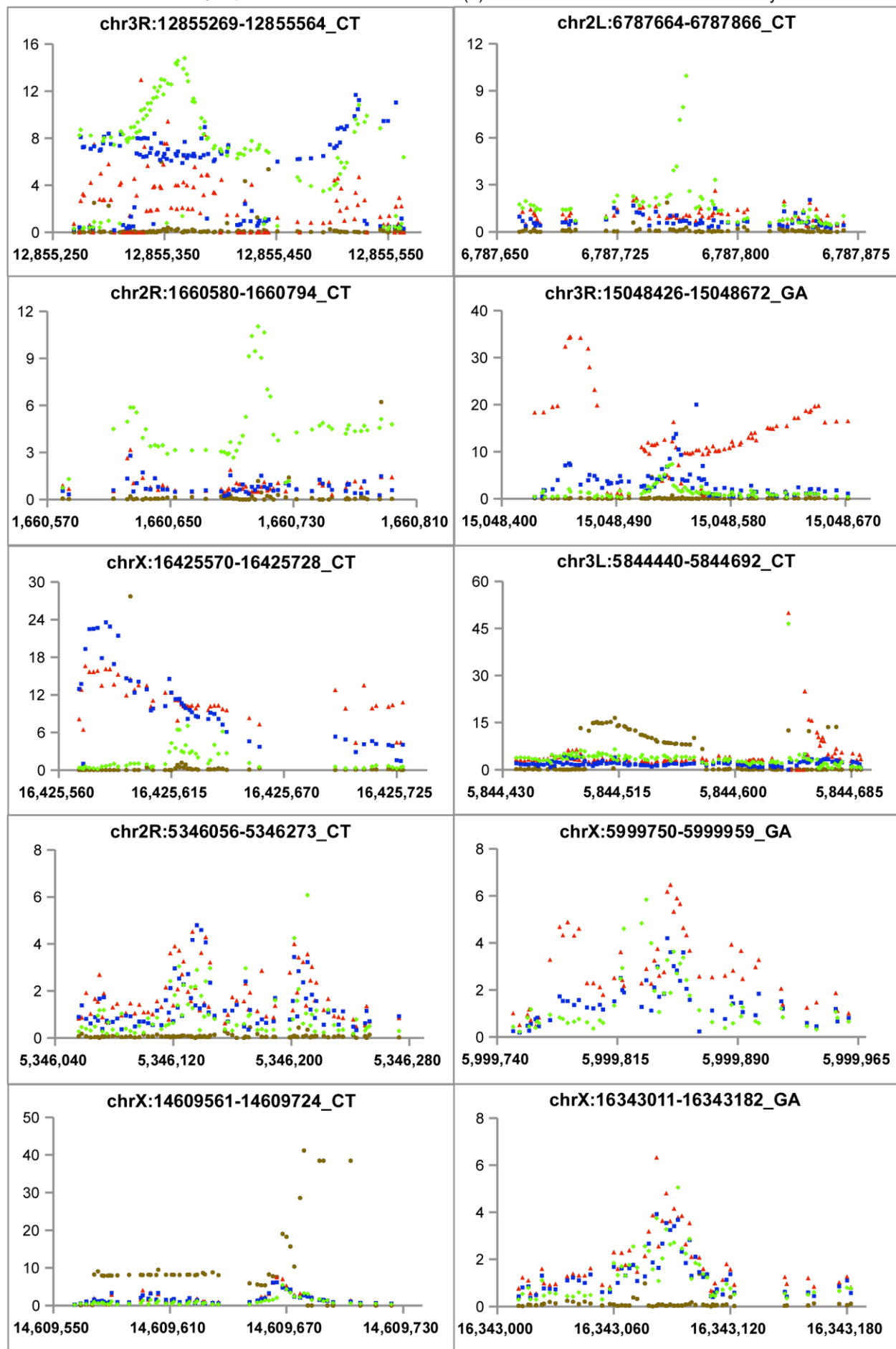


Figure S7. Reads from the dataset of Raddatz et al., aligned to the regions displayed in Figure 3. As in Fig. S6, each line shows the alignment of a read pair; when the two sequences of a pair of reads do not overlap, a thin grey line shows their connection. The color-coded reference sequence is at the bottom of each panel, with the color key shown at the top of the figure. A match between a read and the reference is shown in grey; a mismatch is shown with the color of the mismatched base. Unmethylated cytosines are sequenced as ‘T’ (red) on the CT strand (panels A, B, and D) and as ‘A’ (green) on the GA strand (panel C). Any methylated cytosines are denoted by blue color in A, B, and D, and in brown in C. Arrows mark positions that contain at least two unconverted cytosines.

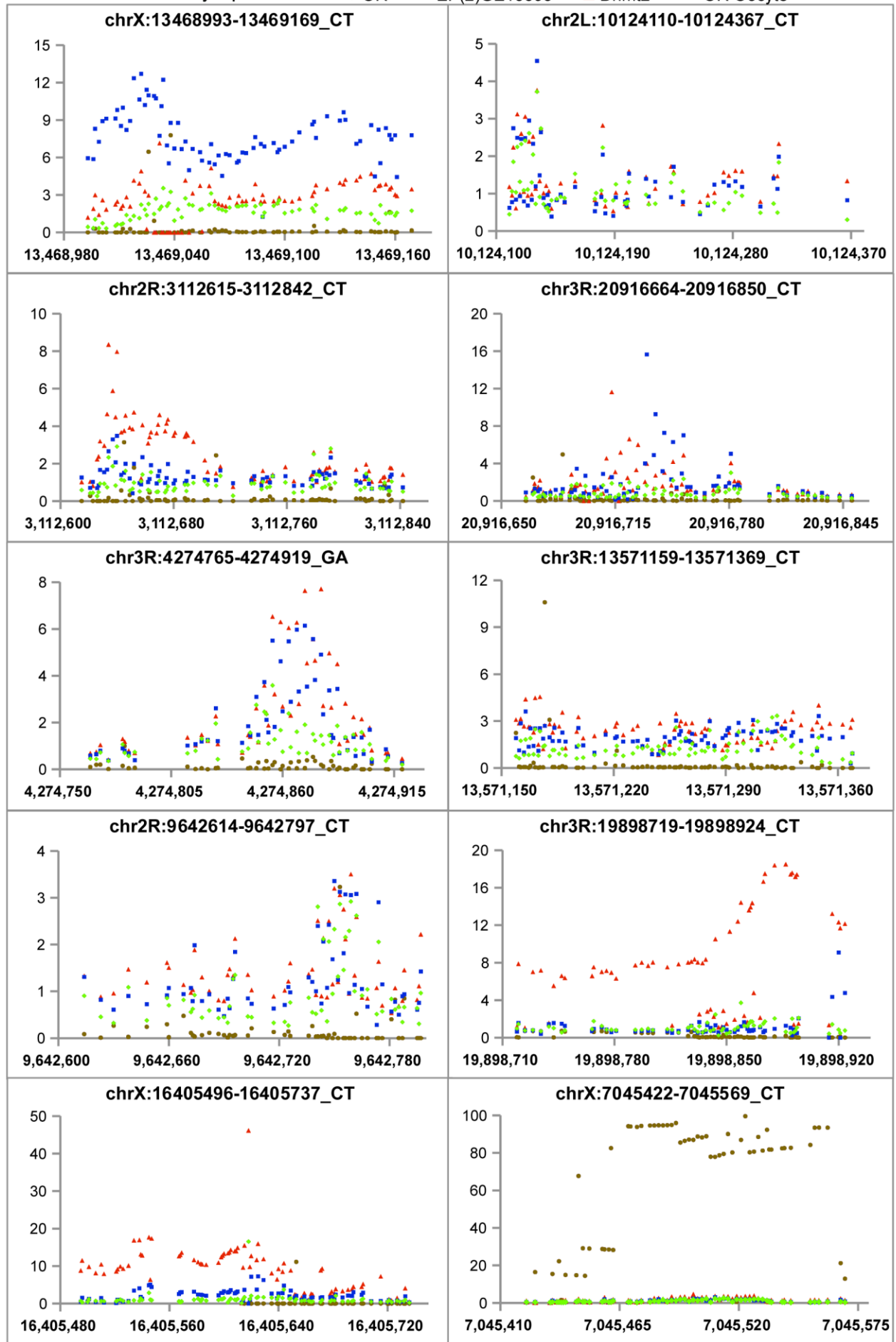
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Bisulfite PCR DNMT2 KO / oocyte panel 4

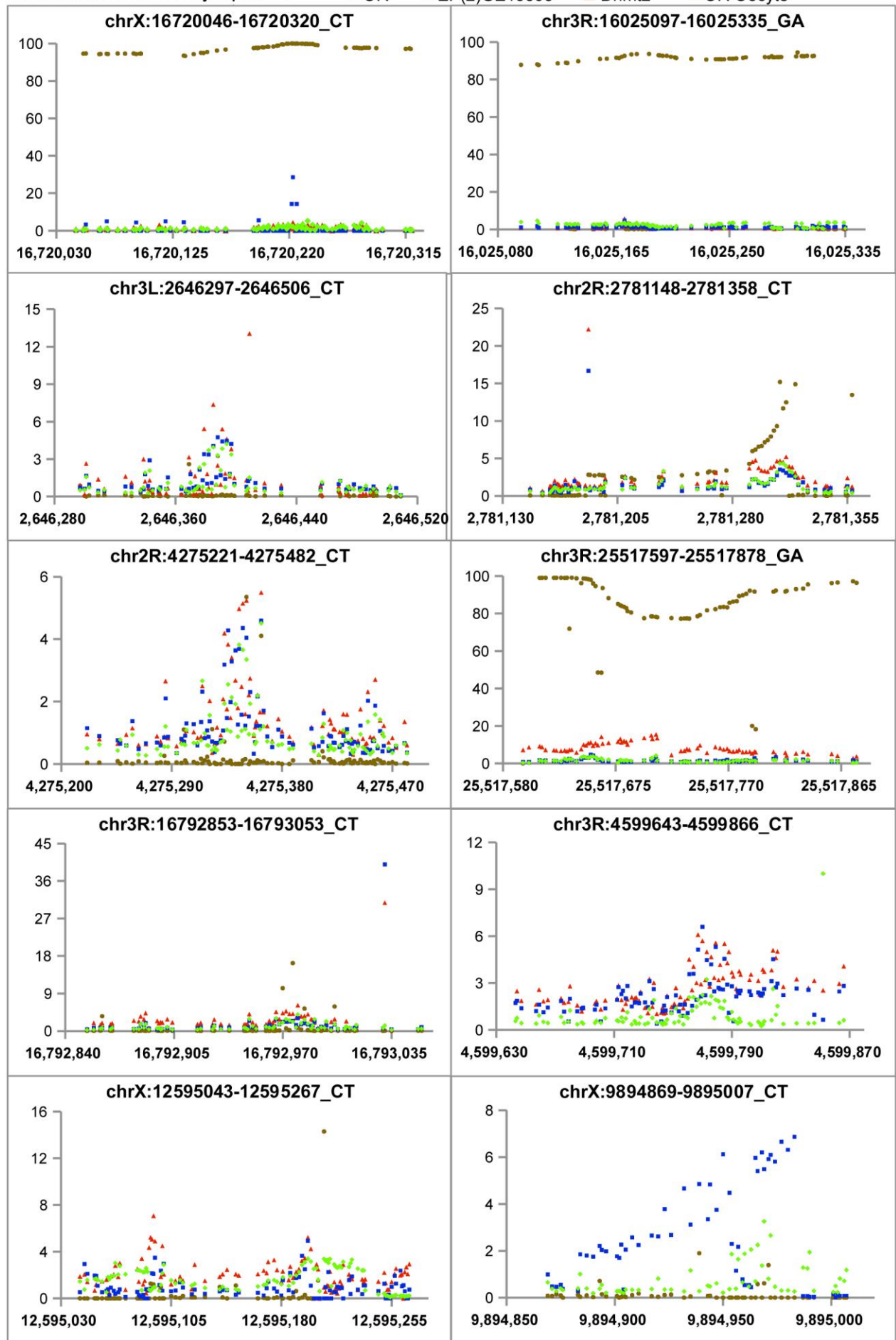
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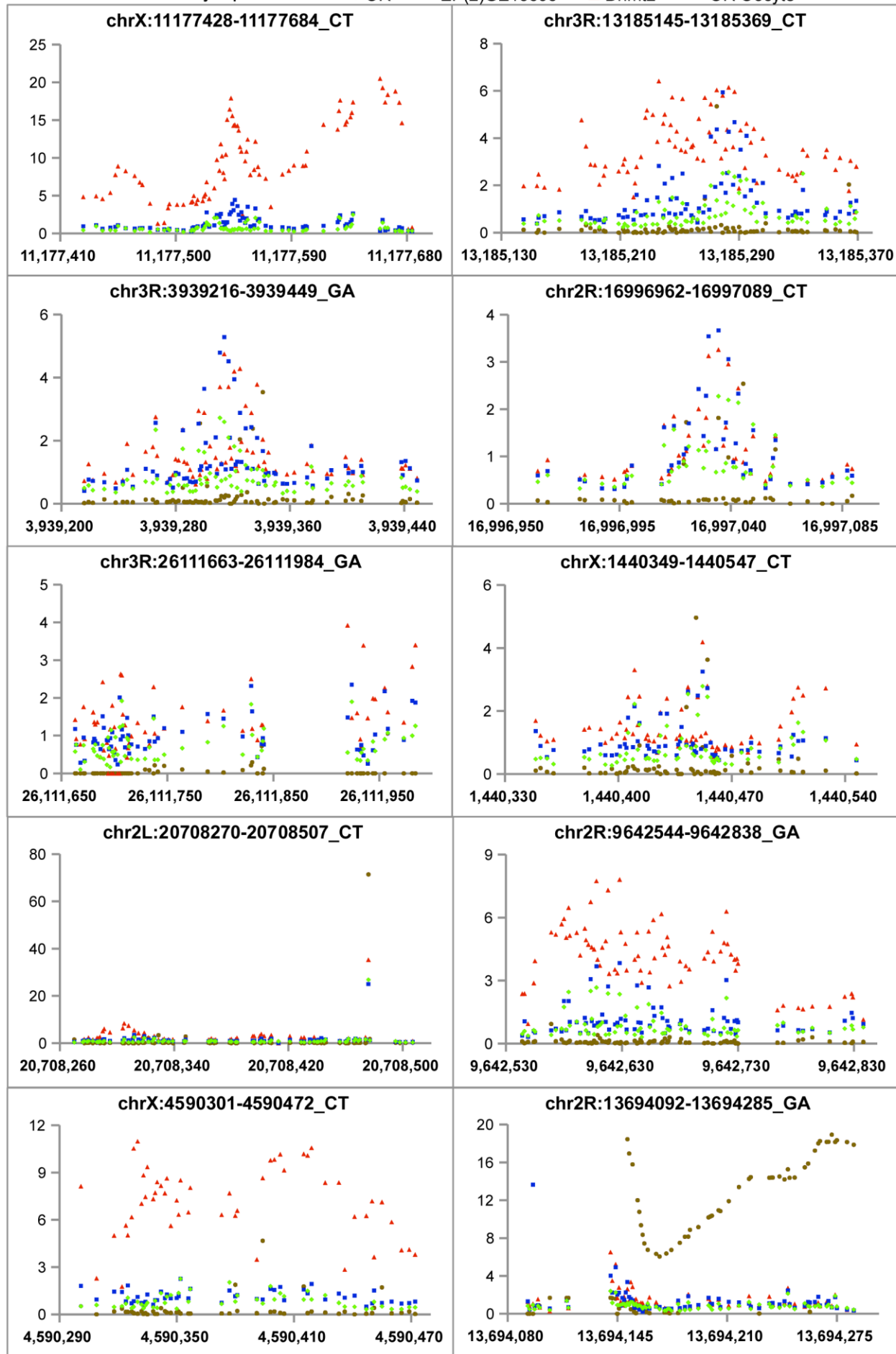
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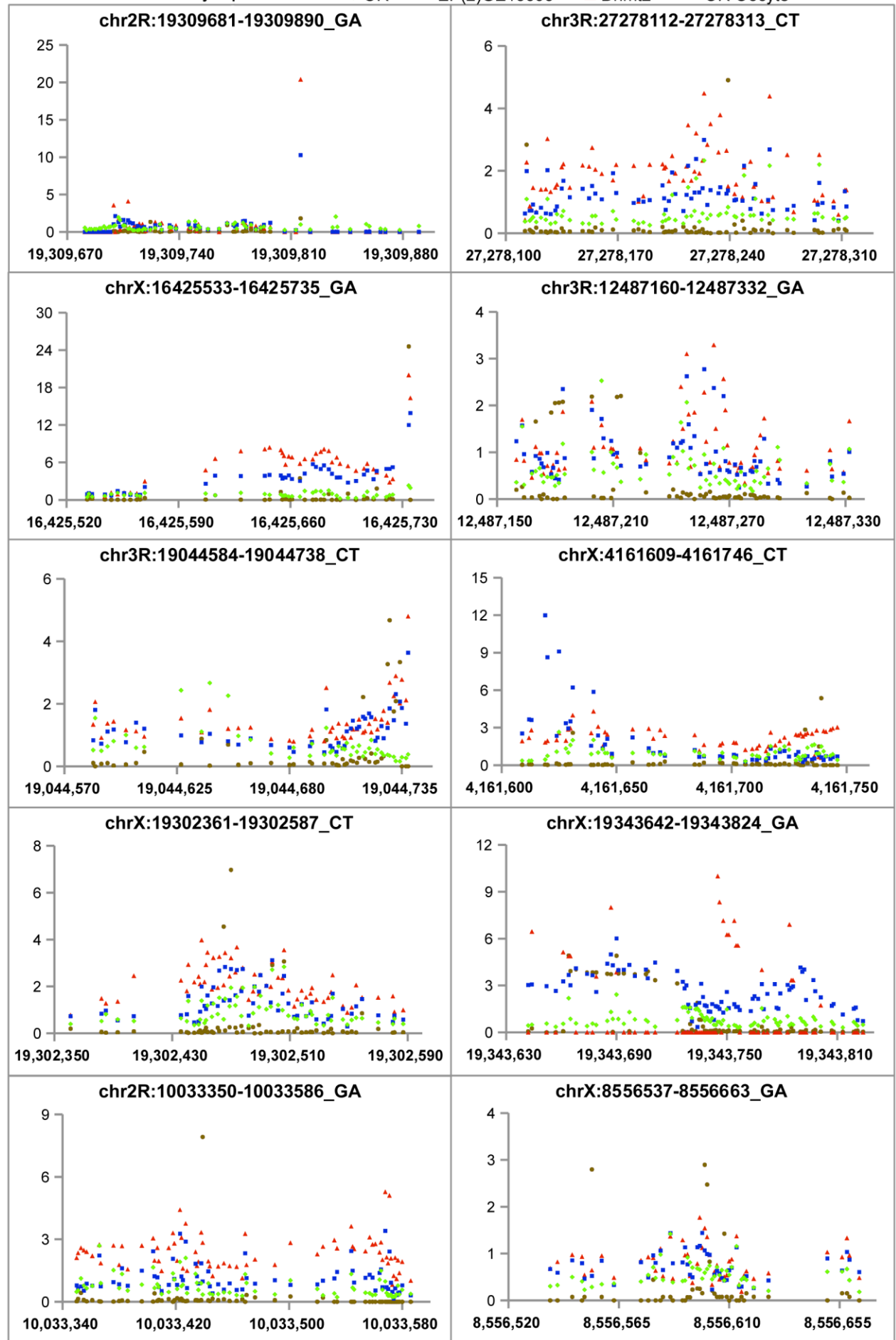
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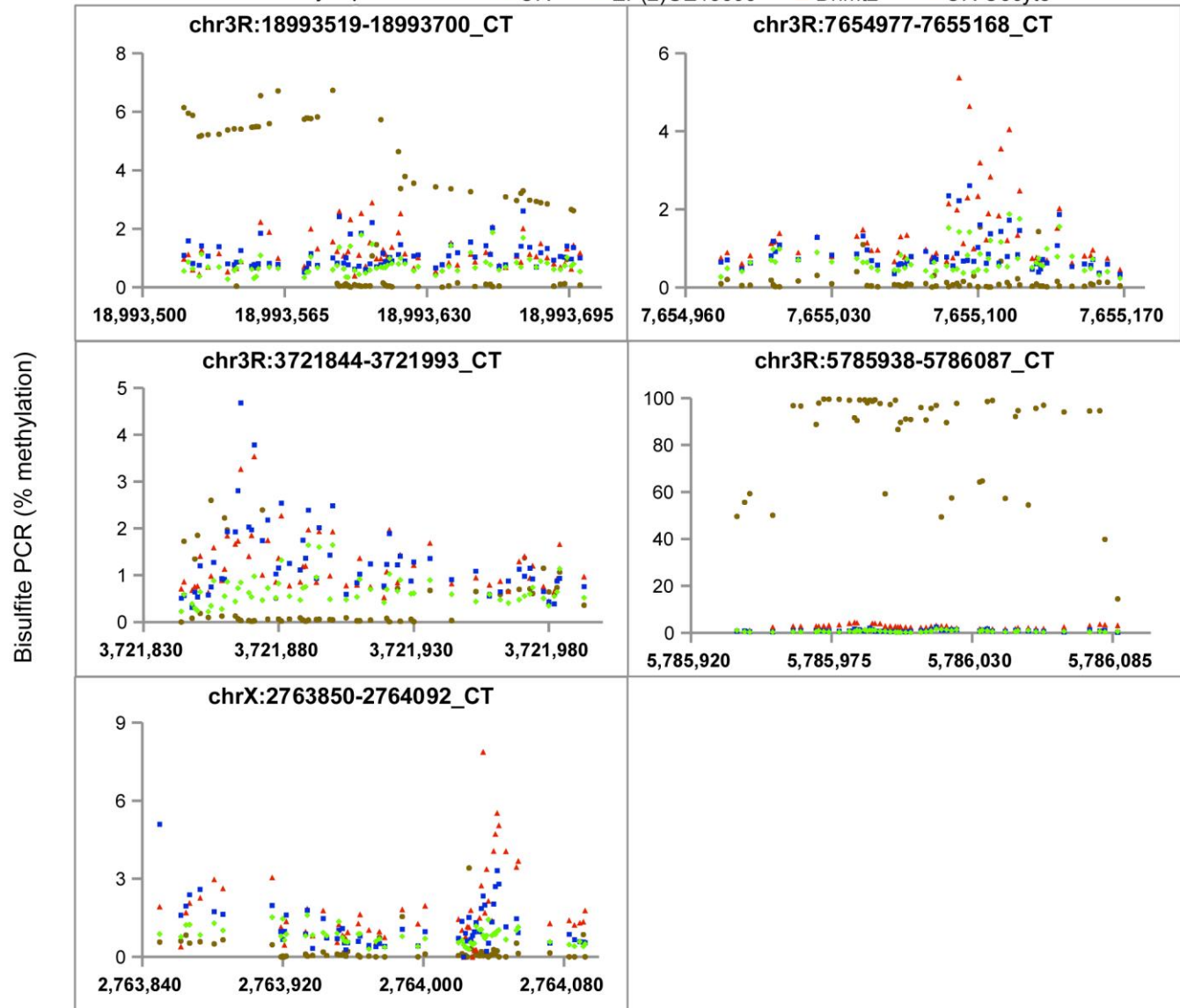


Figure S8. Methylation is present in flies deficient for the DNA methyltransferase MT2 and at some loci in unfertilized oocytes. The full set of 66 regions that were analyzed is shown. Methylated regions identified by MeDIP-bisulfite sequencing were PCR amplified from bisulfite converted DNA and Illumina sequenced to at least 10,000X coverage. Each dot represents one cytosine: green – bisulfite PCR (same data as in Figure S5); brown – unfertilized oocyte; red – *Mt2* deficient; blue – EP(2)GE15695 (*Mt2* wild type). The y-axis indicates the percent of methylated cytosines in the bisulfite PCR.

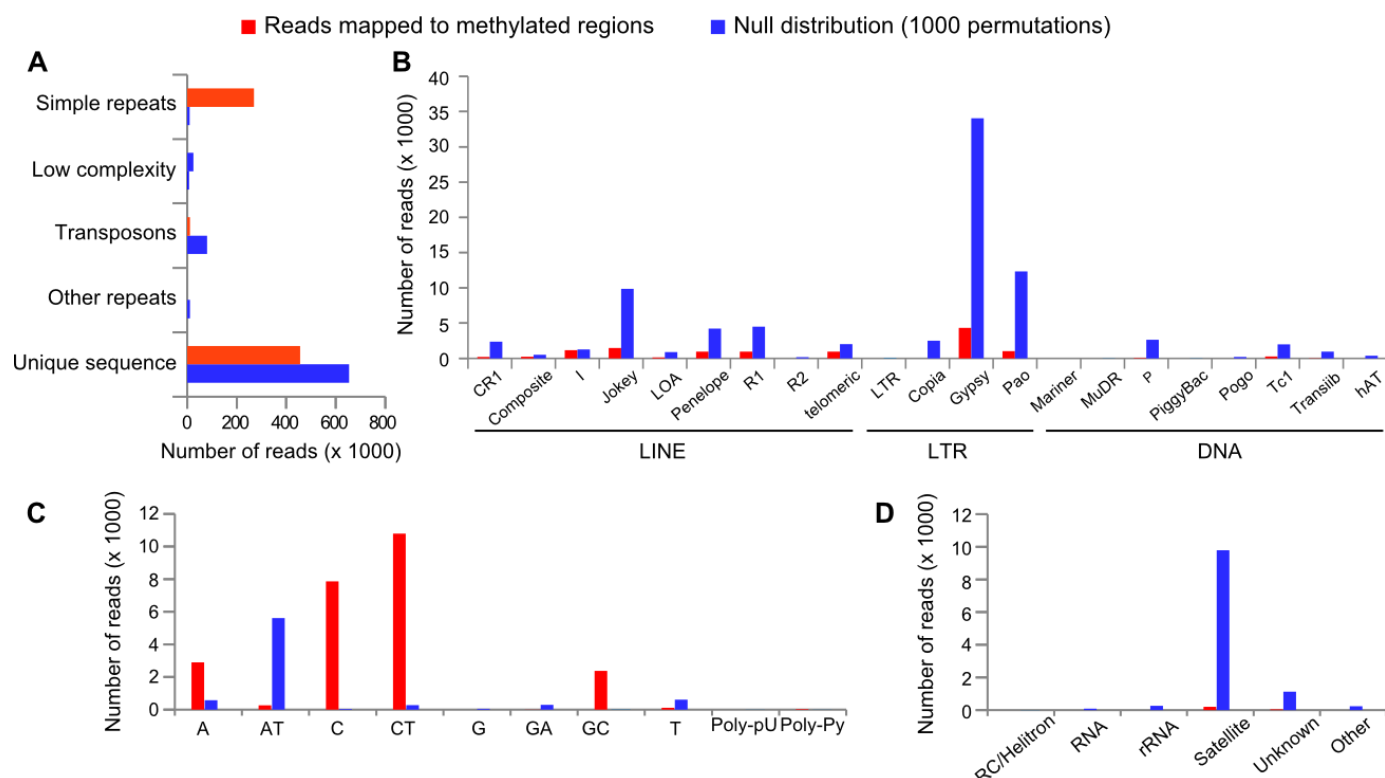


Figure S9. Sequence properties of methylated regions. The number of sequence reads within methylated regions that overlap with various sequence classes (red bars); blue bars represent the average and standard deviation of 1,000 randomized permutations of the same number of reads. **A.** Distribution of methylation between unique and repeat sequences. Methylation is much more likely to present in simple sequence repeats, and less likely to be present in transposons or unique sequences. **B-D.** Methylation of transposons and other repeat types. Methylation is depleted in all transposon families except the I element (B), enriched in some types of low-complexity sequence (C), and depleted from RNA, satellite, and other repeats (D). **Methods:** The repeat sequence annotation for the *D. melanogaster* dm3 assembly was downloaded from the UCSC Table Browser table:rmsk. The repeat annotation was intersected with the 762,655 primary alignments that align by at least 51% to the 25,497 methylated regions. The intersection was obtained with intersectBed from the BEDTools suite (Quinlan and Hall 2010), run with -f0.51 option which requires that at least 51% of a read overlaps an annotated repeat. We used primary reads rather than methylated regions because of the difficulty in mapping a read to a specific repeat element. The results were compared to a random expectation distribution. We used shuffleBed from the BEDTools suite to randomly permute the locations of the 762,655 primary alignments. We used the -chrom option, which keeps the alignments on the same chromosome and only randomizes their location on the chromosome. A distribution of random annotations was generated by 1,000 repetitions of the permutation procedure, from which we calculated the mean and standard deviation.

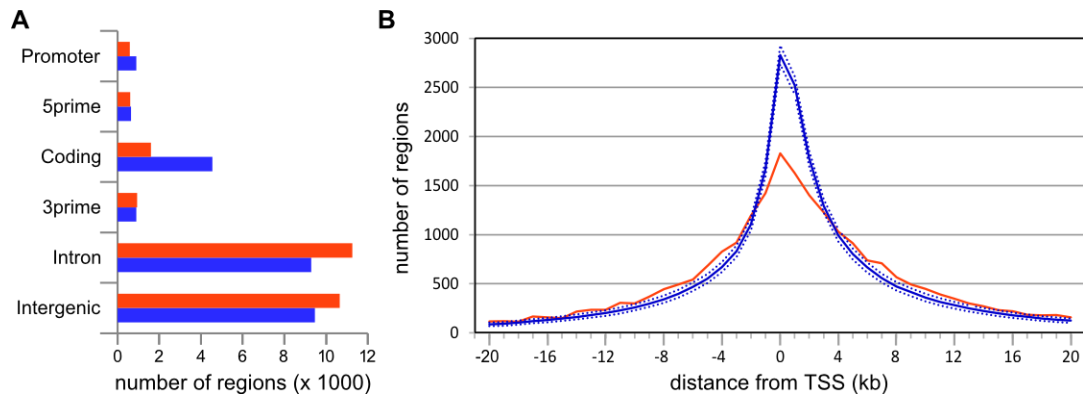


Figure S11. Methylated regions and genic features. **A.** The number of methylated regions overlapping with annotation features in the *Drosophila* genome (red bars). The blue bars represent the average and standard deviation of 1,000 randomized permutations of the 25,319 methylated regions. Compared to the random selection of regions, methylated regions are more likely to be found in introns and intergenic regions, and less likely to be found at promoters and within coding regions. **B.** Distance of methylated regions from the nearest transcription start site. For each of the 25,319 methylated regions, we calculated the distance to the nearest annotated transcription start site (TSS). The red line shows the number of methylated regions at a given distance from the nearest TSS. The solid blue line indicates the mean distance to the nearest TSS of 1,000 random permutations of the genomic locations of the 25,319 methylated regions. The dotted blue lines denote the 95.6% confidence intervals. This analysis shows a depletion of methylated regions near TSSs. **Methods:** The gene annotation for the *D. melanogaster* dm3 assembly was downloaded in BED format from the UCSC Table Browser table:flyBaseGene. Non redundant files for the various gene annotation features (promoter, 5' UTR, coding exon, 3' UTR) were obtained by collapsing all features with overlapping coordinates; a promoter was defined as the sequence up to 300bp upstream of a transcription start sites. Regions that were annotated as more than one feature (e.g.: as 5' UTR and promoter) were retained independently. Introns were defined as the sequences within a gene that did not correspond to any exon. Intergenic regions were defined as the genome sequences that did not correspond to an intron or any other gene annotation feature. The degree of overlap between methylated regions and gene annotation features was determined with intersectBed from the BEDTools suite, run with -f0.51 option, which requires that at least 51% of a methylated region overlaps a gene annotation feature. The results were compared to a random expectation distribution. We used shuffleBed from the BEDTools suite to randomly permute the locations of the 25,497 methylated regions. We used the -chrom option, which keeps the regions on the same chromosome and only randomizes their location on the chromosome. The random expectation distribution was generated by 1,000 repetitions of the permutation procedure and by intersecting each repetition with the gene annotation features.

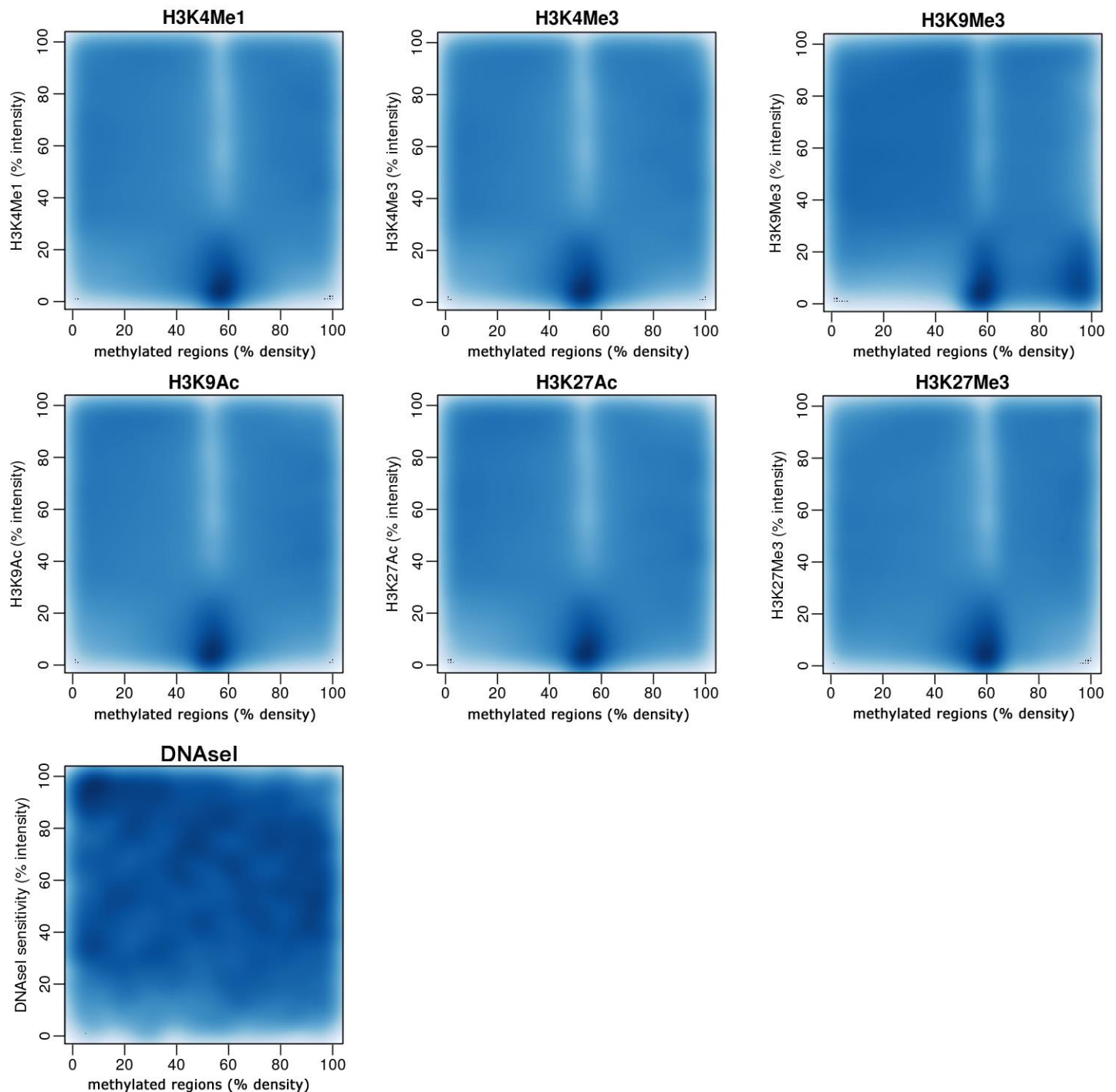


Figure S12. Lack of correlation between methylation and chromatin features. Scatterplots comparing the density of methylated region (x-axis) with the intensities of various histone tail modifications and of DNase I hypersensitivity (y-axis). The scatterplots illustrate a general lack of correlation. **Methods:** The density distribution of methylated regions over 100kb intervals was determined using fseq with the -l100000 -s100 options. Histone tail modification data for *D. melanogaster* (developmental stage: E0-4h) were downloaded as wiggle files from the GEO database with the accession numbers: GSM400656 (H3K4Me3), GSM401407 (H3K27Ac), GSM401408 (H3K9Ac), GSM401409 (H3K4Me1), GSM439448 (H3K27Me3), GSM439457 (H3K9Me3). DNase I sensitivity data for *D. melanogaster* (developmental stage 5) was downloaded in BED format from the UCSC Table Browser table:bdtnpDnaseAccS5, dm3 assembly, and converted to a density distribution using fseq with the -l100000 -s100 options. The intensities of the distributions of methylated regions and chromatin state features were percentile-normalized (histone tail modification data with a value of '0' were skipped during normalization) and compared with the normalized distribution of methylation density by scatterplot using the 'smoothscatter' package in R.