ChIP-seq analysis

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Tuesday:

- quick introduction to ChIP-seq and peak-calling (Presentation + Practical session)
- Functional annotation of peaks
- Motif analysis of ChIP-seq peaks
- Peak quality assessment
- Interpretation of ChIP-seq/ChIP-exo data

Datasets used

Research

GATA3 acts upstream of FOXA1 in mediating ESR1 binding by shaping enhancer accessibility

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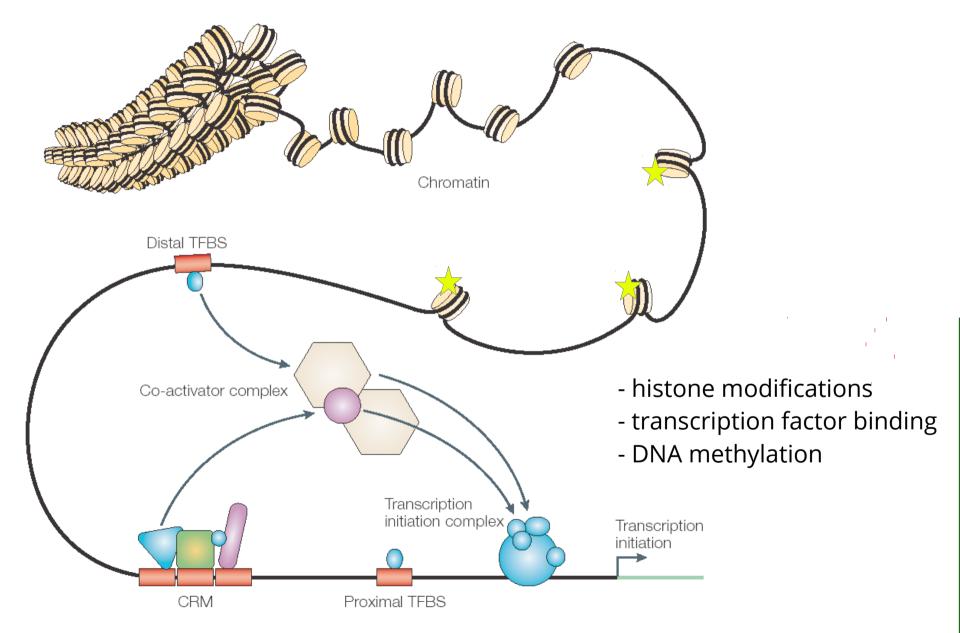
- estrogen-receptor (ESR1) is a key factor in breast cancer developement
- goal of the study: understand the dependency of ESR1 binding on presence of co-factors, in particular GATA3, which is mutated in breast cancers
- approaches: GATA3 silencing (siRNA), ChIP-seq on ESR1 in wt vs. siGATA3 conditions, chromatin profiling

Datasets used

ExpName	CellLine	Replicate	SampleID	SRAExpID	Selected
siNT_ER_E2_r1	MCF-7	r1	GSM986059	SRX176856	X
siGATA_ER_E2_r1	MCF-7	r1	GSM986060	SRX176857	X
siNT_ER_E2_r2	MCF-7	r2	GSM986061	SRX176858	X
siGATA_ER_E2_r2	MCF-7	r2	GSM986062	SRX176859	Х
siNT_ER_E2_r3	MCF-7	r3	GSM986063	SRX176860	Х
siGATA_ER_E2_r3	MCF-7	r3	GSM986064	SRX176861	X
siNT_FOXA1_Veh_r1	MCF-7	r1	GSM986065	SRX176862	
siGATA_FOXA1_Veh_r1	MCF-7	r1	GSM986066	SRX176863	
GATA3_E2_r1	MCF-7	r1	GSM986067	SRX176864	
GATA3_Veh_r1	MCF-7	r1	GSM986068	SRX176865	
GATA3_E2_r2	MCF-7	r2	GSM986069	SRX176866	
GATA3_Veh_r2	MCF-7	r2	GSM986070	SRX176867	
GATA3_E2_r3	MCF-7	r3	GSM986071	SRX176868	
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GATA3_Veh_r4	MCF-7	r4	GSM986074	SRX176871	
GATA3_E2_r5	MCF-7	r5	GSM986075	SRX176872	
GATA3_Veh_r5	MCF-7	r5	GSM986076	SRX176873	
siNT_H3K27ac_E2_r1	MCF-7	r1	GSM986077	SRX176874	
siGATA_H3K27ac_E2_r1	MCF-7	r1	GSM986078	SRX176875	
siNT_H3K27ac_Veh_r1	MCF-7	r1	GSM986079	SRX176876	
siGATA_H3K27ac_Veh_r1	MCF-7	r1	GSM986080	SRX176877	
siNT_H3K4me1_E2_r1	MCF-7	r1	GSM986081	SRX176878	Х
siGATA_H3K4me1_E2_r1	MCF-7	r1	GSM986082	SRX176879	Х
siNT_H3K4me1_Veh_r1	MCF-7	r1	GSM986083	SRX176880	
siGATA_H3K4me1_Veh_r1	MCF-7	r1	GSM986084	SRX176881	
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siNT_p300_Veh_r2	MCF-7	r2	GSM986087	SRX176884	
siGATA_p300_Veh_r2	MCF-7	r2	GSM986088	SRX176885	
ZR751_siNT_ER_E2_r1	ZR751	r1	GSM986089	SRX176886	
ZR751_siGATA_ER_E2_r1	ZR751	r1	GSM986090	SRX176887	
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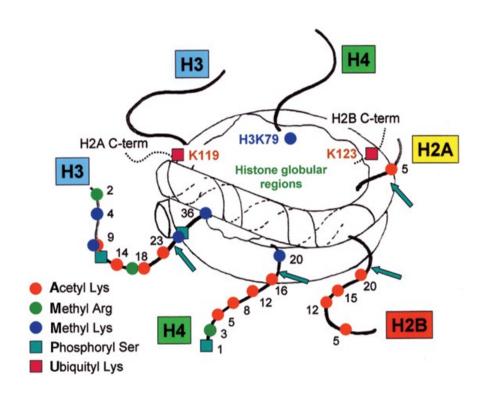
- ESR1 ChIP-seq in WT & siGATA3 conditions(3 replicates = 6 datasets)
- H3K4me1 in WT & siGATA3 conditions (1 replicate = 2 datasets)
- Input dataset in MCF-7 (1 replicate = 1 dataset)
- p300 before estrogen stimulation
- GATA3/FOXA1 ChIP-seq before/after estrogen stimulation
- microarray expression data, etc ...

Chromatin - more than just sequence

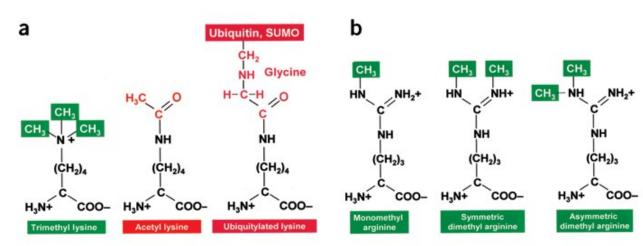


[Wasserman & Sandelin, Nat.Rev.Gen (2004)]

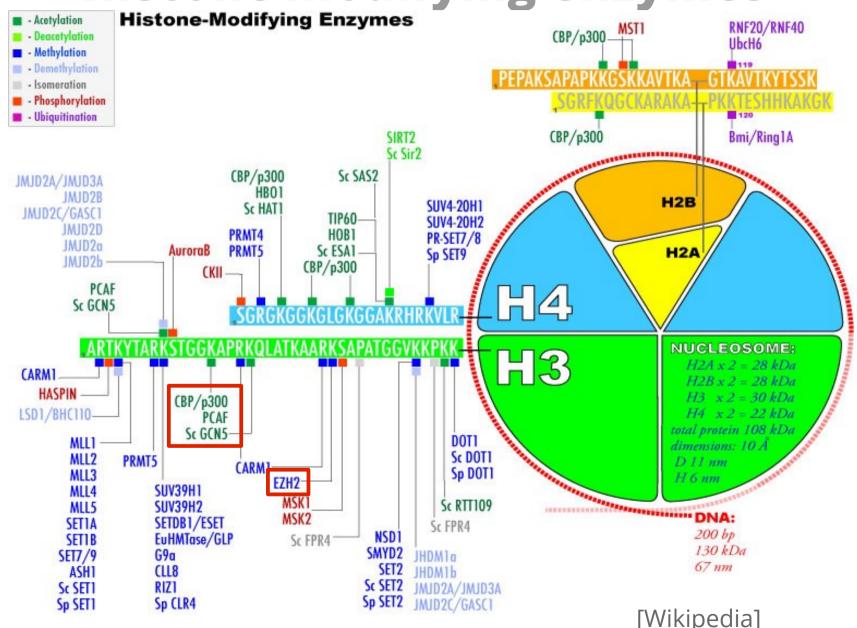
Histone modifications



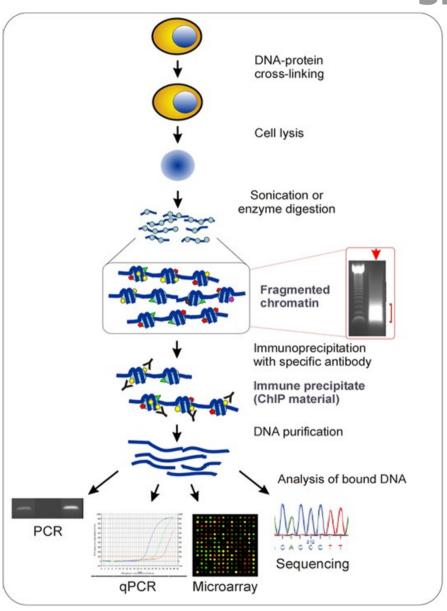
- histones are subject to post-translational modifications at their N-terminal tail
 - Lysine methylation
 - Lysine/arginine acethylation
 - Serine phosphorylation
 - ubiquitylation



Chromatin binding proteins Histone modifying enzymes

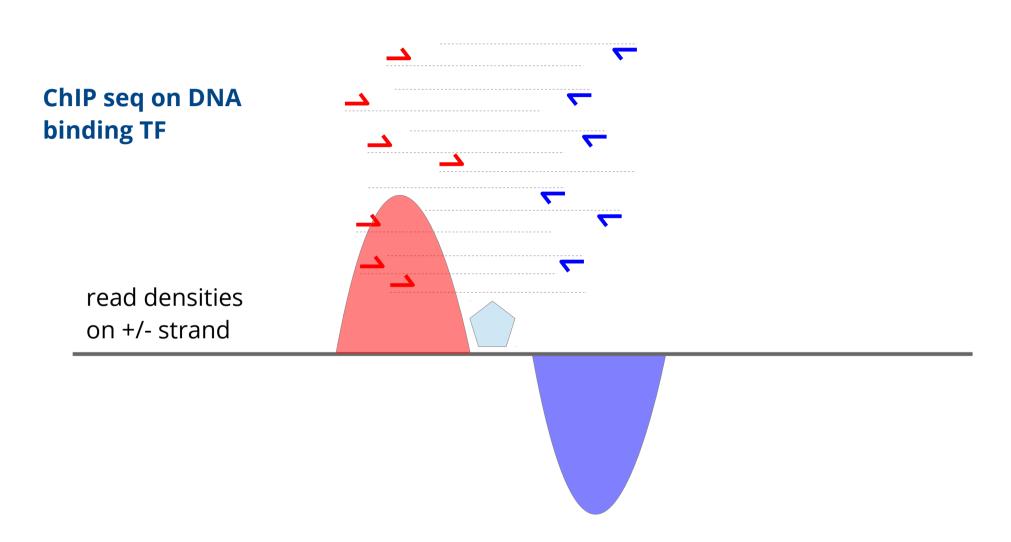


Experimental identification of binding sites



- Chromatin
 immunoprecipitation (ChIP)
 followed by
 - sequencing (ChIP-seq)
 - hybridization on array (mostly tilling arrays)ChIP-chip
 - PCR/qPCR
- main challenge: quality/specificity of the antibodies

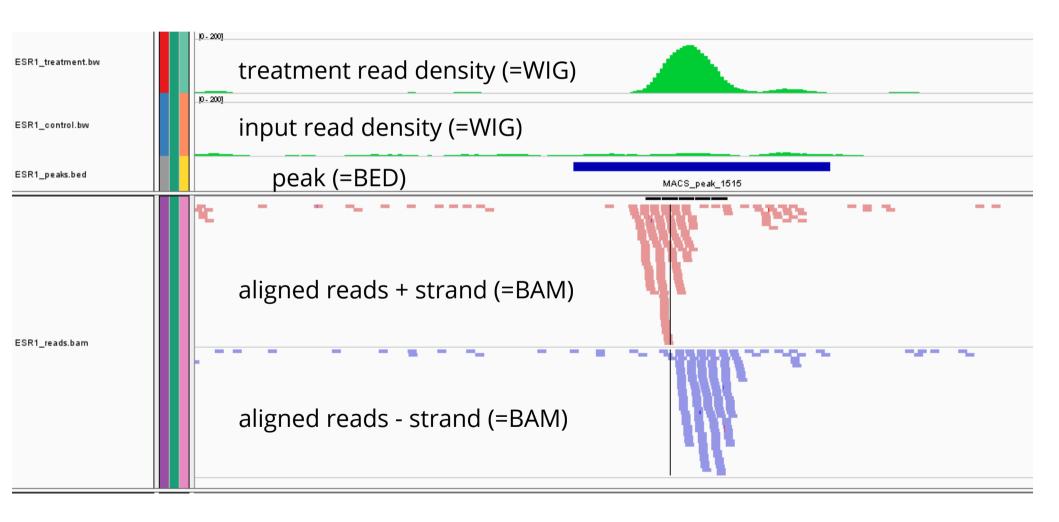
ChIP-seq signal for transcription factors



We expect to see a typical strand asymetry in read densities

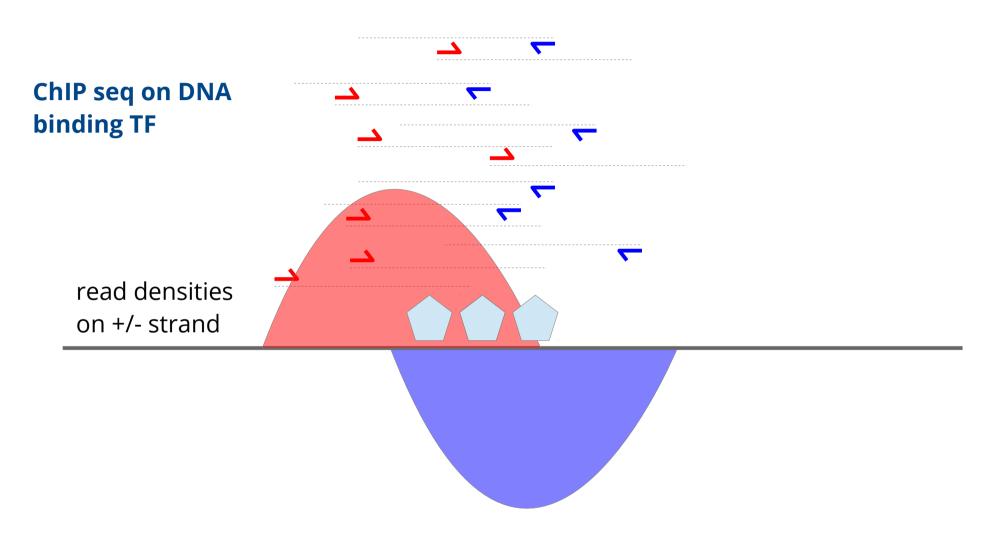
→ ChIP peak recognition pattern

ChIP-seq signal for transcription factors



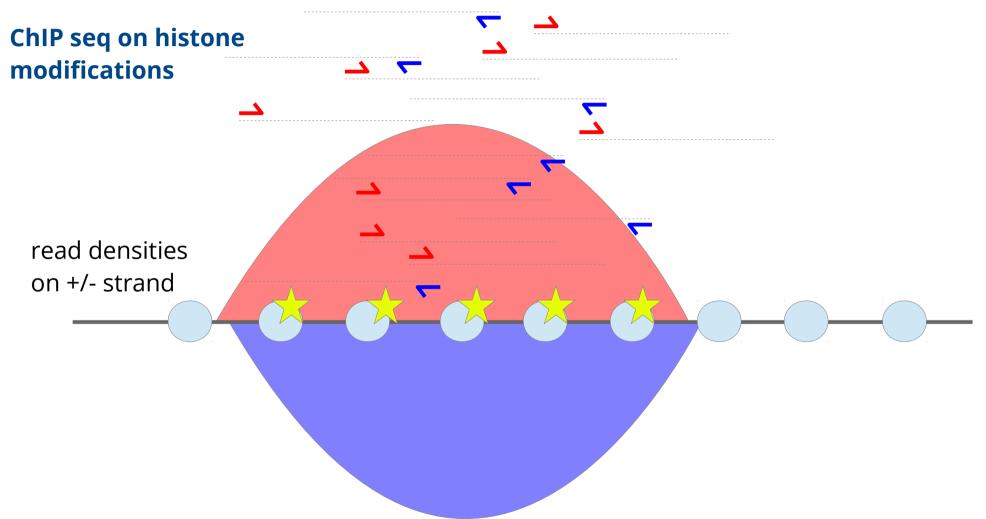
(this is the data you are going to manipulate ...)

ChIP-seq signal for transcription factors



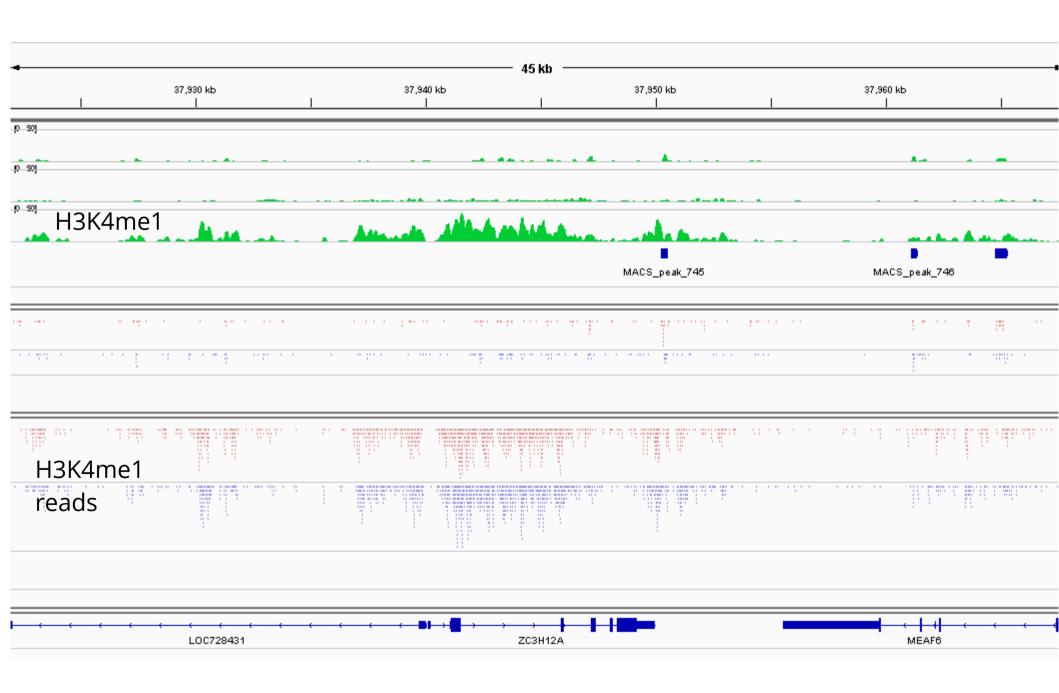
Binding of several TF as complexes tend to blur this asymmetry

ChIP-seq signal for histone marks

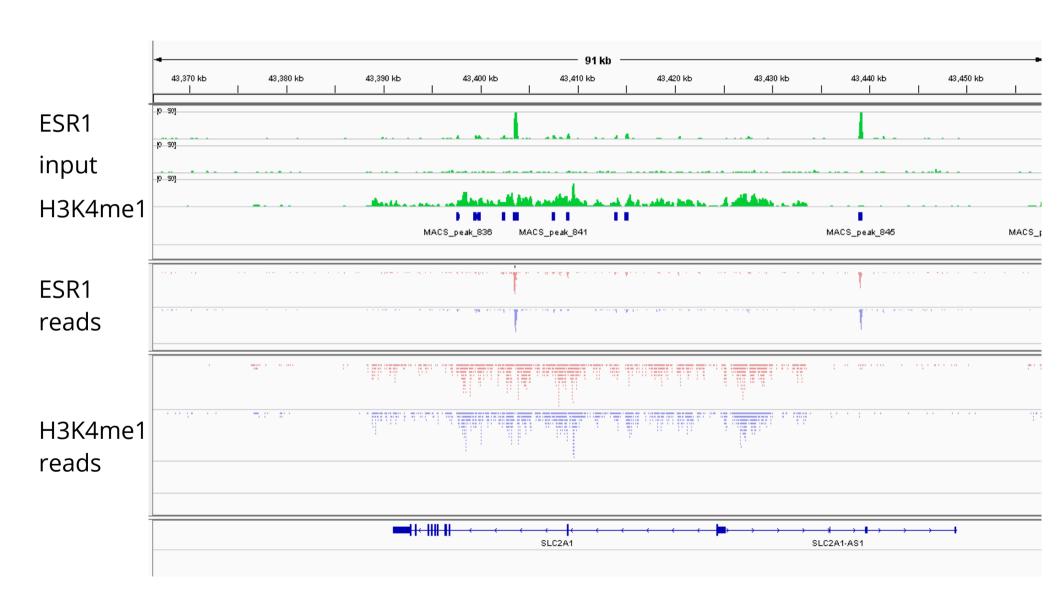


The strand asymmetry is completely lost when considering ChIP datasets for diffuse histone modifications

Real example of ChIP-seq signal



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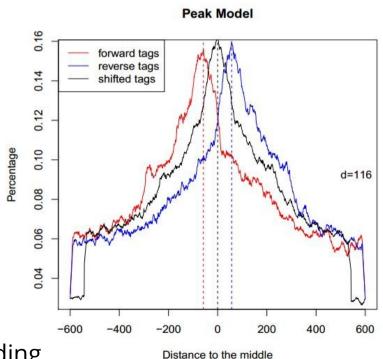
Keys aspects of "peak" finding

- Treating the reads
- Modelling noise levels
- Scaling datasets
- Detecting enriched/peak regions
- Dealing with replicates (→ Exercices)

From aligned reads to binding sites

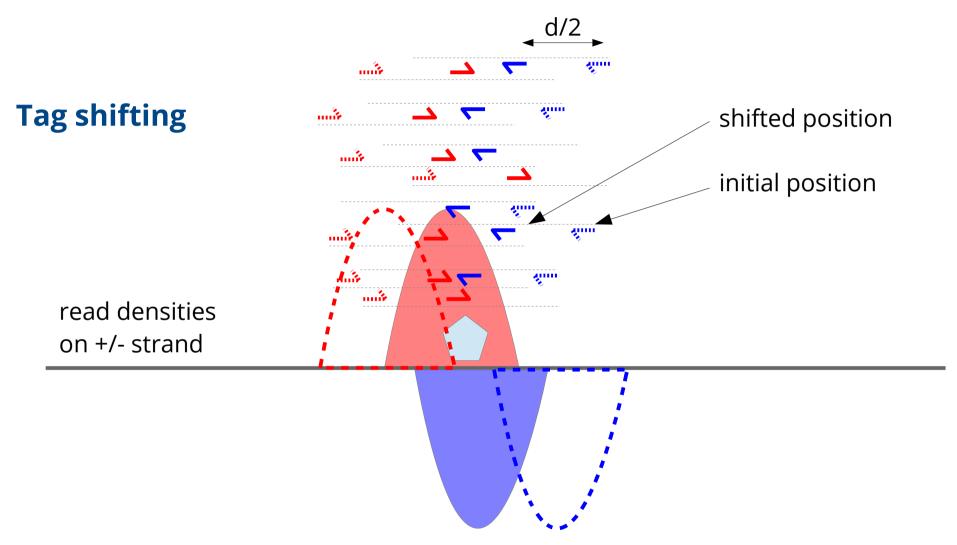
Tag shifting vs. extension

- positive/negative strand read peaks do not represent the true location of the binding site
- reads can be **shifted** by d/2 where d is the band size (MACS)
 → increased resolution
- reads can be **elongated** to a size of d (FindPeaks, PeakSeq,...)
- d can be estimate from the data (MACS)
 or given as input parameter



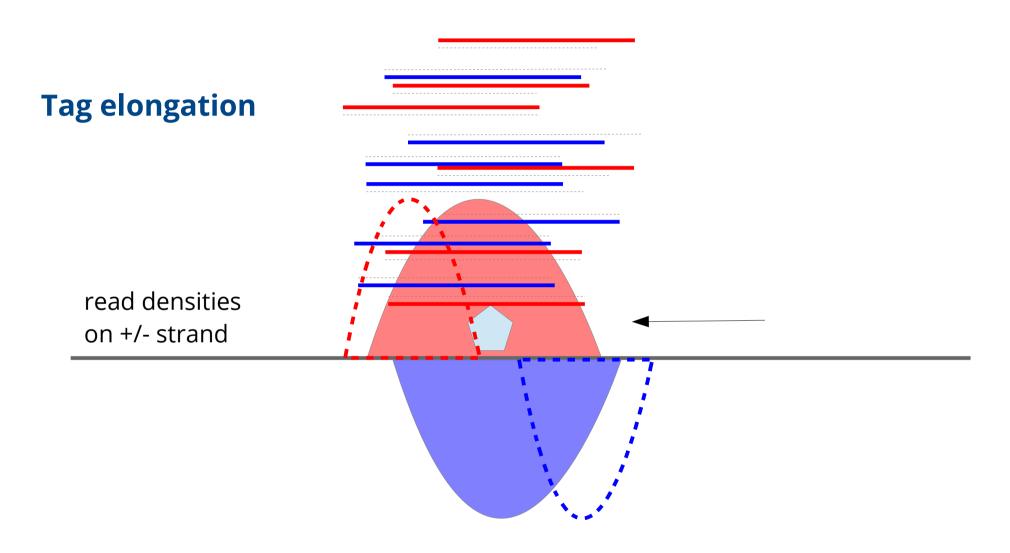
example of MACS model building using top enriched regions

From aligned reads to binding sites

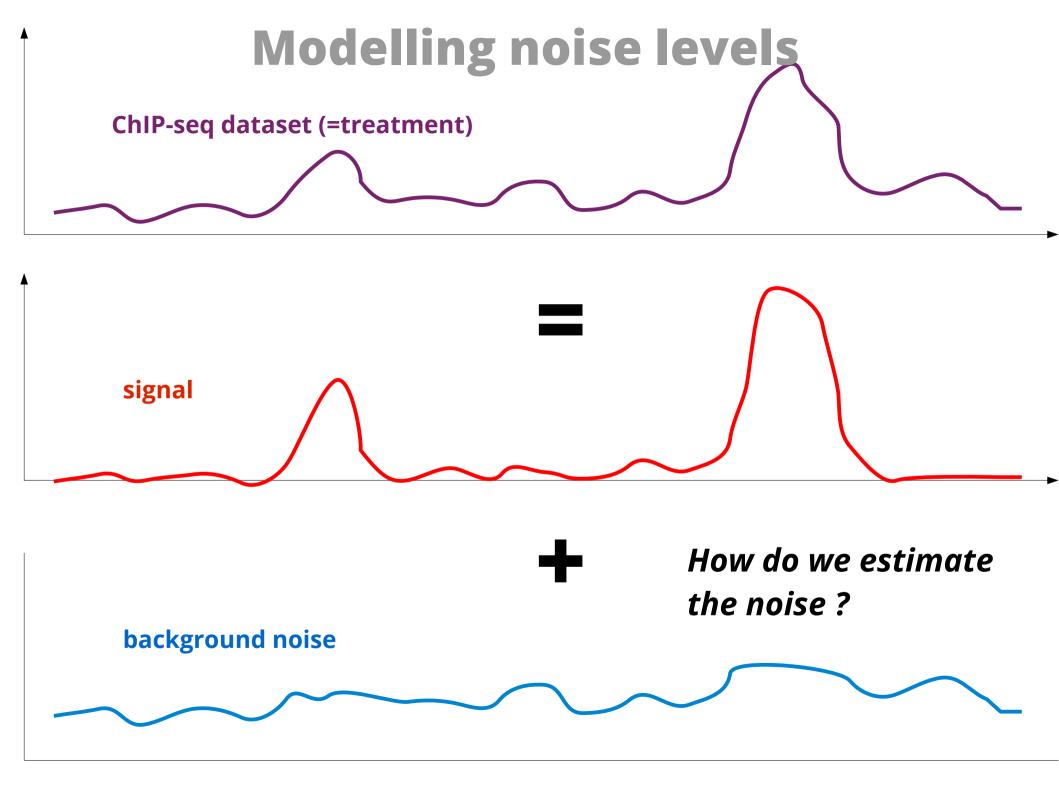


Each tag is shifted by d/2 (i.e. towards the middle of the IP fragment) where d represent the fragment length

From aligned reads to binding sites



Each tag is computationaly extended in 3' to a total length of d

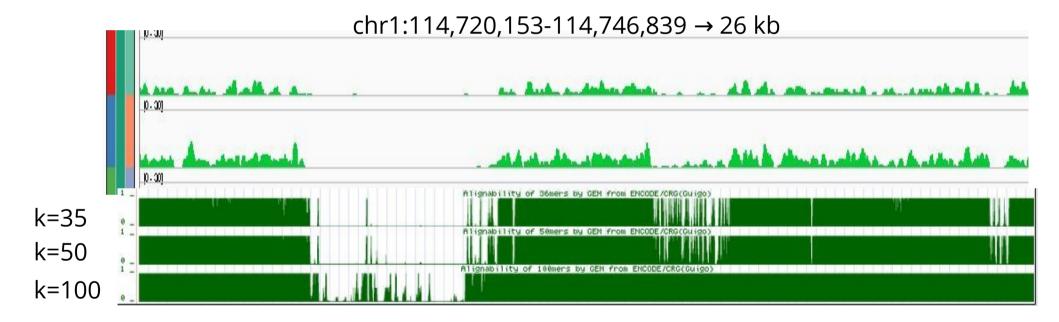


- noise is **not uniform** (chromatin conformation, local biases, mappability)
- input dataset is **mandatory** for reliable local estimation!
 (although some algorithms do not require it ...:-()

chr1:114,720,153-114,746,839 → 26 kb



- the mappability is related to the uniqueness of the k-mers at a particular position of the genome
 - repetitive regions → low uniqueness → low mappability



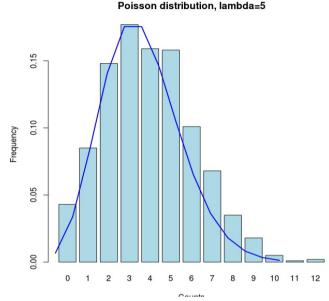
Longer reads → more uniquely mapped reads

- random distribution of reads in a window of size w modelled using a theoretical distribution
 - Poisson distribution 1 parameter :
 - λ = expected number of reads in window

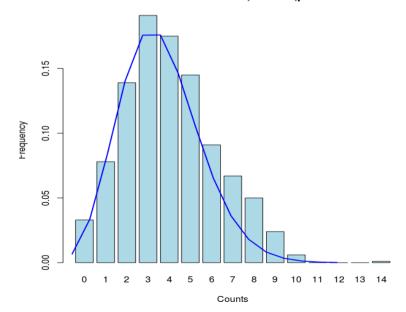
$$P(X=k) = e^{-k} \frac{\lambda^k}{k!}$$

- Binomial distribution2 parameters:
 - p = probability to start a read at a particular position
 - n = number of positions in the window ~
 window size
 (assumes no duplicates !)
 - p = np = expected number of reads in window

$$P(X=k)=C_{n}^{k}p^{k}(1-p)^{n-k}$$

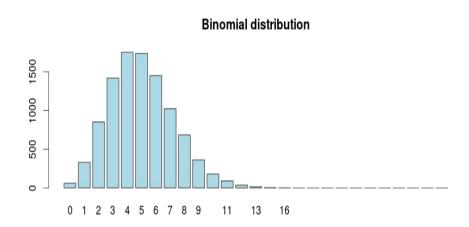


Binomial distribution, n=1000,p=5e-3

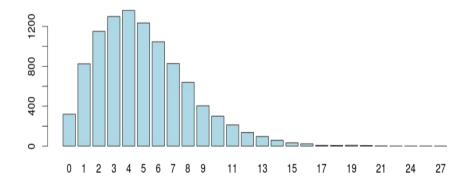


- Negative Binomial distribution
 2 parameters:
 - p = probability to start a read at a particular position
 - r = number of successes
- NB distribution can have arbitrarily large variance

$$Var(X_B) = (1-p)\bar{X}$$
 $Var(X_{NB}) = \frac{\bar{X}}{1-p}$

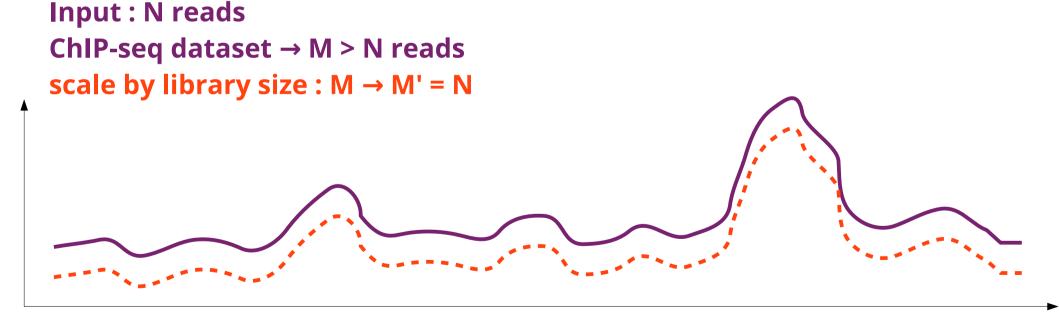






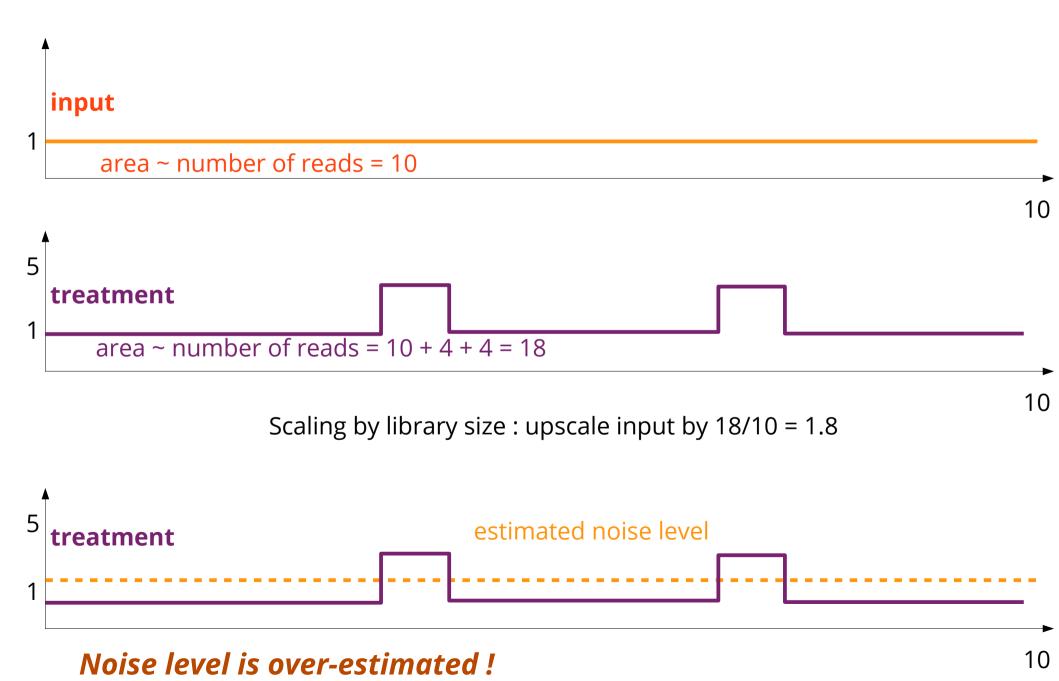
Scaling unequal datasets

- treatment (=signal + noise) and input (=noise) datasets generally do not have the same sequencing depth → need for normalization
- input dataset should model the noise level in the treatment dataset
- naïve approach : upscale/downscale the smaller/larger dataset

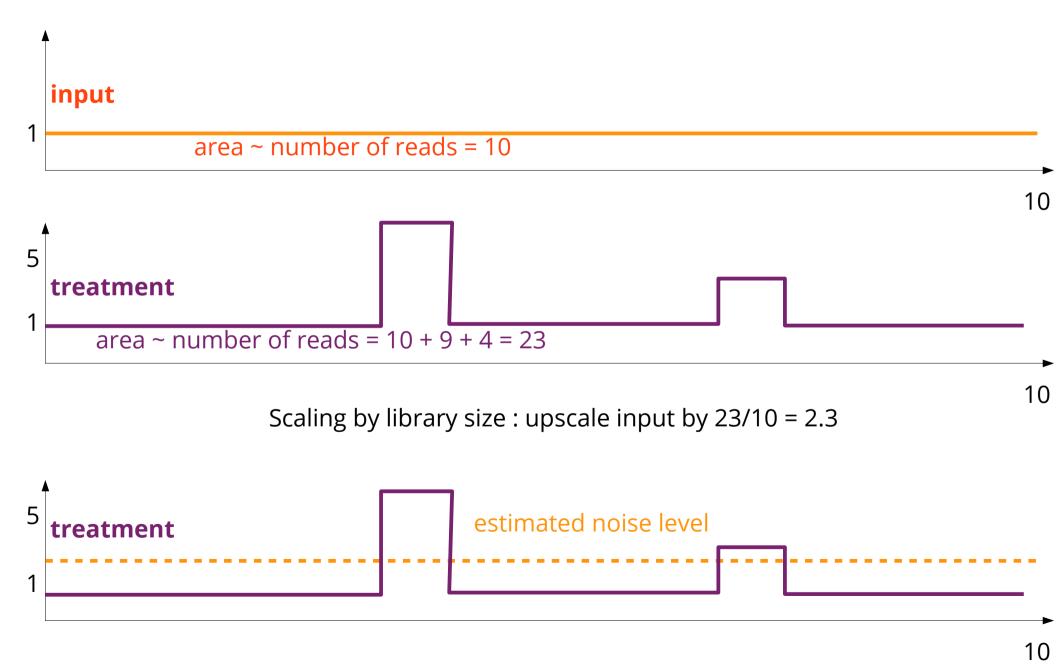


Problem: signal influences scaling factor
More signal (but equal noise) → artificial noise over-estimation

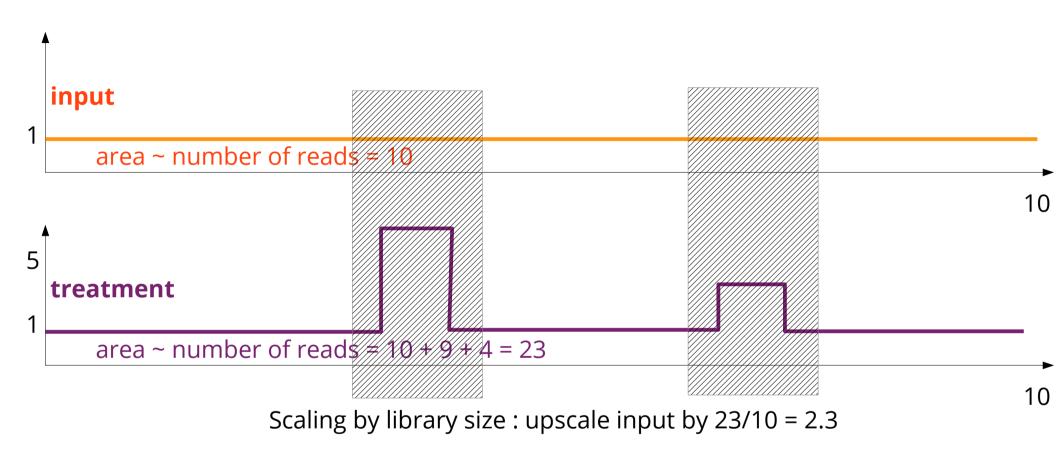
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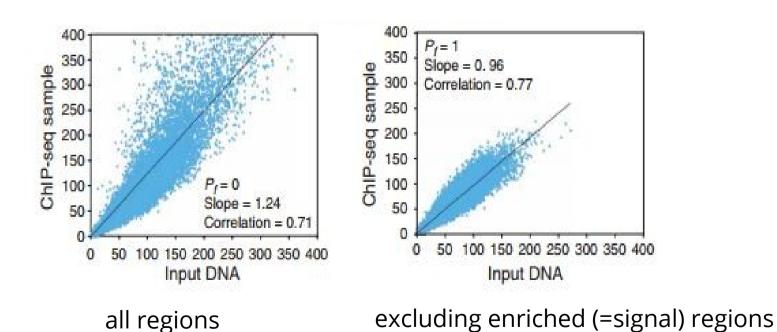
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Scaling unequal datasets

- more advanced: linear regression by exclusing peak regions (PeakSeq)
- read counts in 1Mb regions in input and treatment

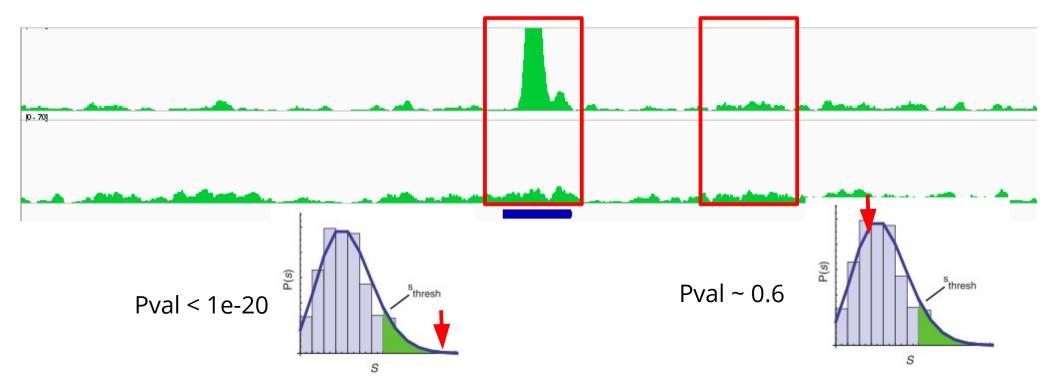


PeakSeq enables systematic scoring of ChIP-seq experiments relative to controls

Defining "peaks"

Determining "enriched" regions

- sliding window across the genome
- at each location, evaluate the enrichement of the signal wrt. expected background based on the distribution
- retain regions with P-values below threshold
- evaluate FDR



	Profile	Peak criteria ^a	Tag shift	Control data ^b	Rank by	FDR ^c	User input parameters ^d	filtering: strand-based duplicate ^e
CisGenome v1.1	Strand-specific window scan	1: Number of reads in window 2: Number of ChIP reads minus control reads in window	Average for highest ranking peak pairs	Conditional binomial used to estimate FDR	Number of reads under peak	1: Negative binomial 2: conditional binomial	Target FDR, optional window width, window interval	Yes / Yes
ERANGE v3.1	Tag aggregation	1: Height cutoff High quality peak estimate, per- region estimate, or input	High quality peak estimate, per-region estimate, or input	Used to calculate fold enrichment and optionally <i>P</i> values	P value	1: None 2: # control # ChIP	Optional peak height, ratio to background	Yes / No
FindPeaks v3.1.9.2	Aggregation of overlapped tags	Height threshold	Input or estimated	NA	Number of reads under peak	1: Monte Carlo simulation 2: NA	Minimum peak height, subpeak valley depth	Yes / Yes
F-Seq v1.82	Kernel density estimation (KDE)	s s.d. above KDE for 1: random background, 2: control	Input or estimated	KDE for local background	Peak height	1: None 2: None	Threshold s.d. value, KDE bandwidth	No / No
GLITR	Aggregation of overlapped tags	Classification by height and relative enrichment	User input tag extension	Multiply sampled to estimate background class values	Peak height and fold enrichment	2: # control # ChIP	Target FDR, number nearest neighbors for clustering	No / No
MACS v1.3.5	Tags shifted then window scan	Local region Poisson P value	Estimate from high quality peak pairs	Used for Poisson fit when available	P value	1: None 2: # control # ChIP	P-value threshold, tag length, mfold for shift estimate	No / Yes
PeakSeq	Extended tag aggregation	Local region binomial P value	Input tag extension length	Used for significance of sample enrichment with binomial distribution	q value	1: Poisson background assumption 2: From binomial for sample plus control	Target FDR	No / No
QuEST v2.3	Kernel density estimation	2: Height threshold, background ratio	Mode of local shifts that maximize strand cross- correlation	KDE for enrichment and empirical FDR estimation	q value	1: NA 2: # control # ChIP as a function of profile threshold	KDE bandwidth, peak height, subpeak valley depth, ratio to background	Yes / Yes
SICER v1.02	Window scan with gaps allowed	P value from random background model, enrichment relative to control	Input	Linearly rescaled for candidate peak rejection and P values	q value	1: None 2: From Poisson P values	(with control) or E-value	No / Yes
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SiSSRs

v1.4

spp

v1.0

 $N_{\star} - N_{\star}$ sign

region^f
Strand specific Poisson P value

change, N₊+

N, threshold in

(paired peaks only) Average

Maximal

correlation

nearest paired

tag distance

Window scan.

window scan

Computation for ChIP-seq and RNA-seq studies

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	Profile
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ERANGE	Tag		
v3.1	aggregation		
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SiSSRs

Window scan.

Strand specific

window scan

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v1.0

Some methods separate the tag densities into different strands and take advantage of tag asymmetry

Most consider merged densities and look for enrichment

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SiSSRs v1.4	Window scan	N ₊ - N ₋ sign change, N ₊ + N ₋ threshold in region ^f	Average nearest paired tag distance
spp v1.0	Strand specific Poisson P value window scan (paired peaks only)		Maximal strand cross- correlation

Tag shift

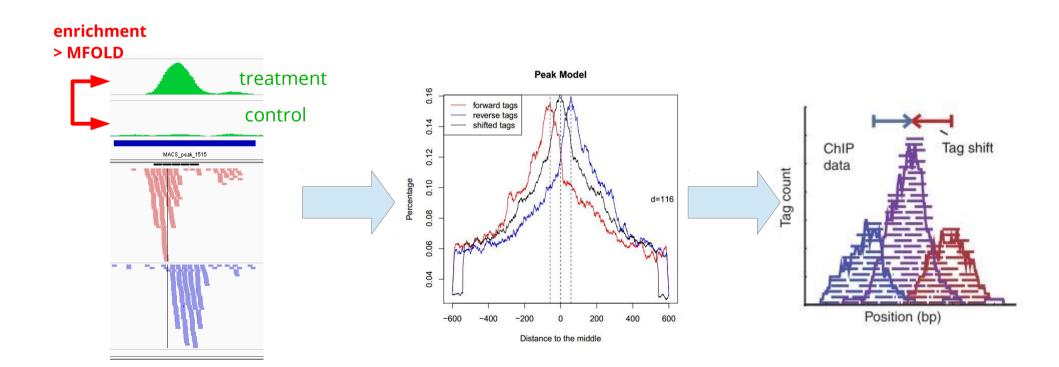
Tag extension

Tags unchanged

[Zhang et al. Genome Biol. 2008]

Step 1 : estimating fragment length d

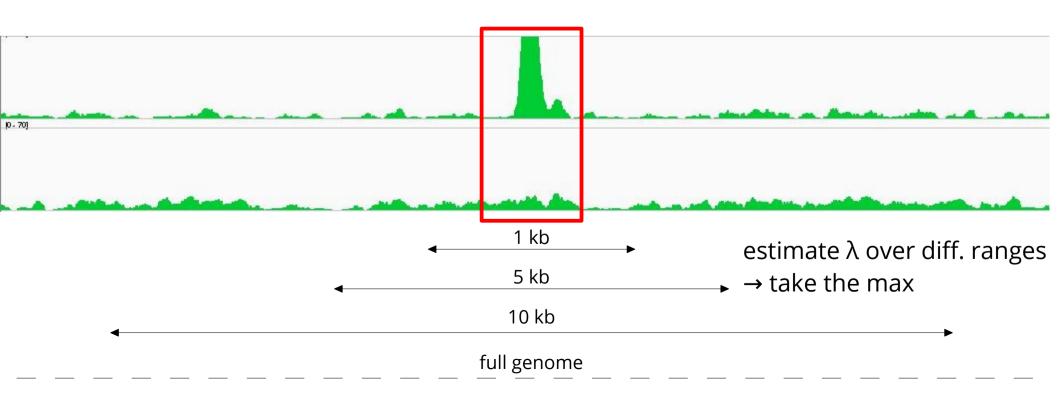
- slide a window of size BANDWIDTH
- retain top regions with MFOLD enrichment of treatment vs. input
- plot average +/- strand read densities → estimate d



[Zhang et al. Genome Biol. 2008]

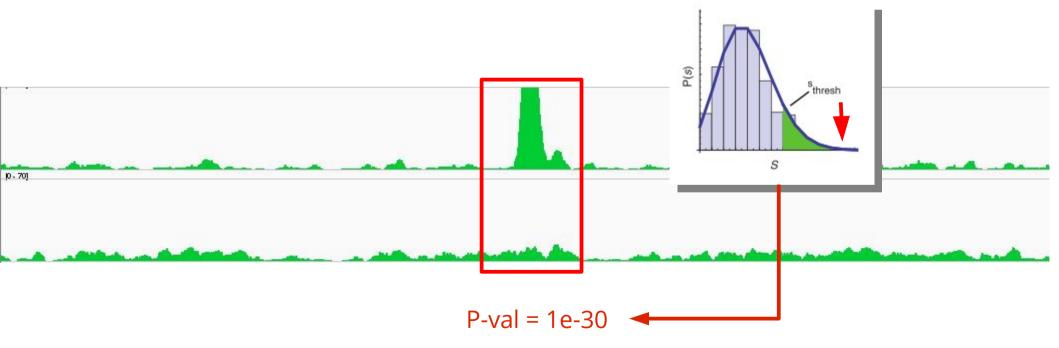
Step 2 : identification of local noise parameter

- slide a window of size 2*d across treatment and input
- estimate parameter λ_{local} of Poisson distribution



[Zhang et al. Genome Biol. 2008]

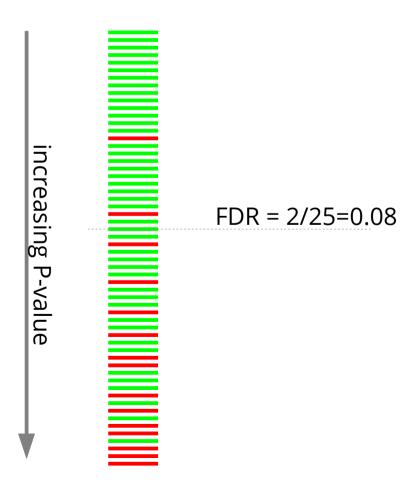
- Step 3 : identification of enriched/peak regions
 - determine regions with P-values < PVALUE</p>
 - determine summit position inside enriched regions as max density



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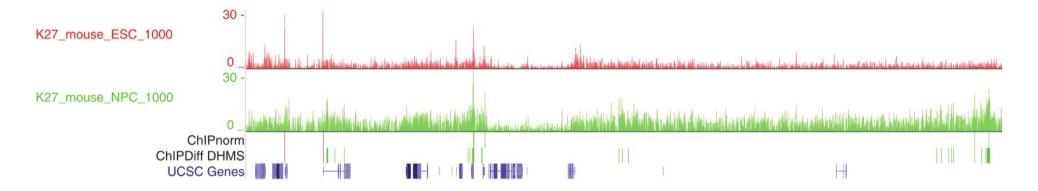
Step 4 : estimating FDR

- positive peaks (P-values)
- swap treatment and input; call negative peaks (P-value)



Differential enrichment analysis

- ChIP-seq performed under two different conditions
- Question : what are the **differentially** enriched/bound peak regions ?



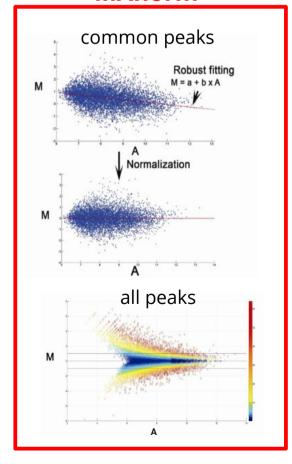
Nair et al., PLOS One 2012

- application to
 - histone modifications
 - DNA methylation

Differential enrichment analysis

- ChIPDiff (Xu. et al., Bioinformatics 2008)
 - statistical model: HMM (1 = not enriched; 2 = enriched in sampleA; 3 = enriched in sample B)
 - does not need pre-defined peaks/regions
 - command line executable
- ChiPnorm (Nair et al., PLOS One 2012)
 - quantile normalization of enriched-significant bins in both samples
 - requires signal and input datasets for both samples
 - MATLAB program
- MAnorm (Shao et al., Genome Biology 2012)
 - MA based normalization of regions containing common peaks
 → applied to all regions
 - requires a priori defined peaks for each library
 - MATLAB/R program
- DiffReps (Shen et al. PLOS One, 2013)
 - perl executables

MAnorm



Important questions to aks (beforehand...)

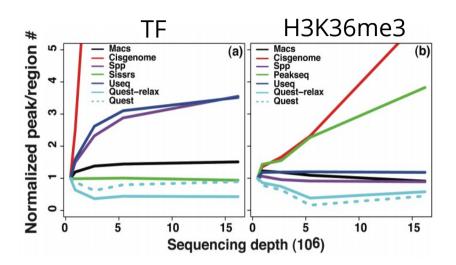
Systematic evaluation of factors influencing ChIP-seq fidelity

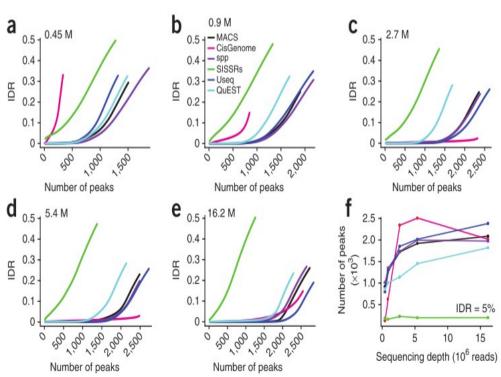
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Nature Methods 2012

Important questions to aks (beforehand...)

- sequencing depth?
 - library complexity (insufficient depth→ insufficient complexity)
 - saturation of ChIP peaks not achieved
- choice of peak caller
 - narrow peaks (TF) or broad peaks (histone modification)
 - sensitivity / specificity
 - reproducibility (across replicates) → Irreproducible Discovery Range (IDR)

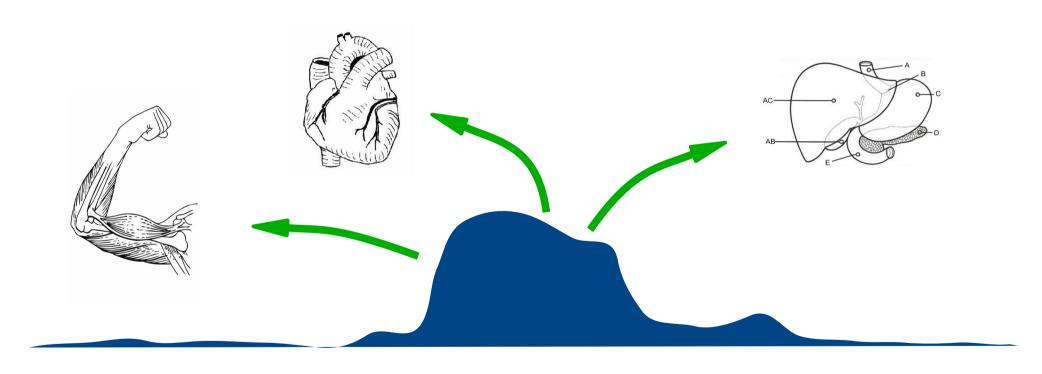




Important questions to aks (beforehand...)

- single vs PE?
 - PE improves mapping in low-complexity regions
 - improves library complexity
 - but is generally an (financial) overkill ...
- remove redundant reads?
 - for deeply sequenced libraries, redundant reads are not always artefacts ...

Functional annotation of ChIP-peaks



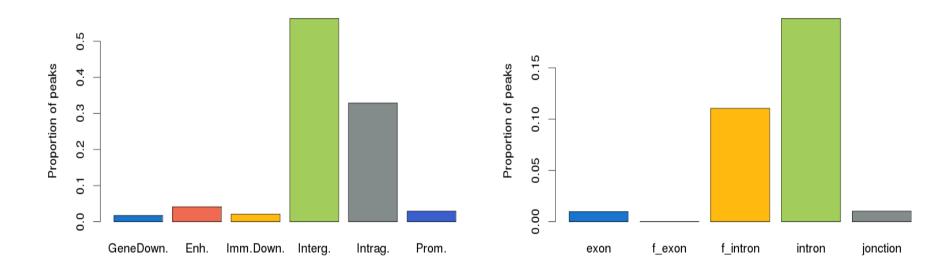
how do we go from peaks to functions?

Interesting questions to ask

- where do peaks localize?
 - proximal to TSS ?
 - distal (= enhancer) regions ?
- what are the closest genes (potential targets)?
- is there a functional enrichment (e.g. GO categories) in genes/regions bound?

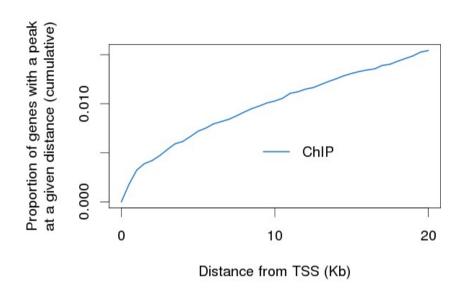
Positional biases

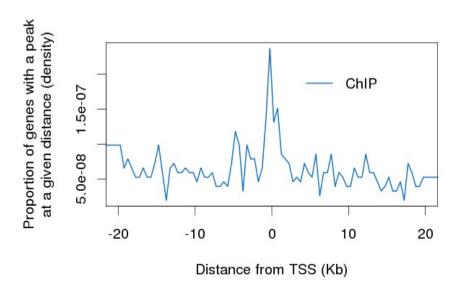
 where do peaks localize? Proximal promoter? Intergenic regions? Intronic regions?



Positional biases

Distance to TSS:





Peaks → **Genes** → **Functions**

- collect sets of genes
- compute over-represented functional annotations
 - Gene Ontology
 - Phenotypic annotations
 - Biological Pathways
- Typical tools
 - DAVID [Huang et al., NAR 2009]
 - Babelomics [Medina et al., NAR 2010]

Peaks → **Genes** → **Functions**



Drawbacks

- restricting to proximal regions discards a large number of binding events
- "nearest gene" approach introduces **bias** towards genes with large intergenic regions
 a g : "multisellular organism development" : 14% of the genes, but 22%
 - e.g.: "multicellular organism development": 14% of the genes, but 33% of the genome associated

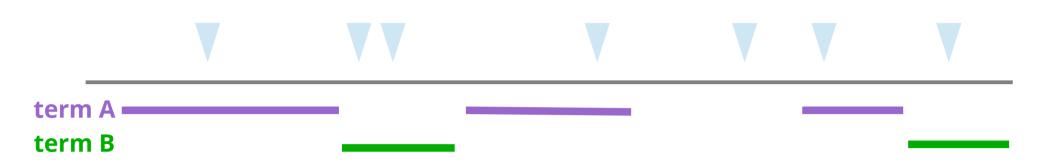
Genes → **Regions** ← **Peaks**

- Idea:
 - assign functional annotation to genomic regions
 - use statistics to avoid biases
- assign to each gene a regulatory domain
 - basal (-5kb/+1kb from TSS)
 - extended (up to nearest basal region; max 1Mb)



- each domain is annotated to the functional terms of the corresponding gene
 - → "Functional domains"

Genes → **Regions** ← **Peaks**



Given that **60%** of the genome is annotated to A, would I randomly expect 3 or more peaks to fall into region A?



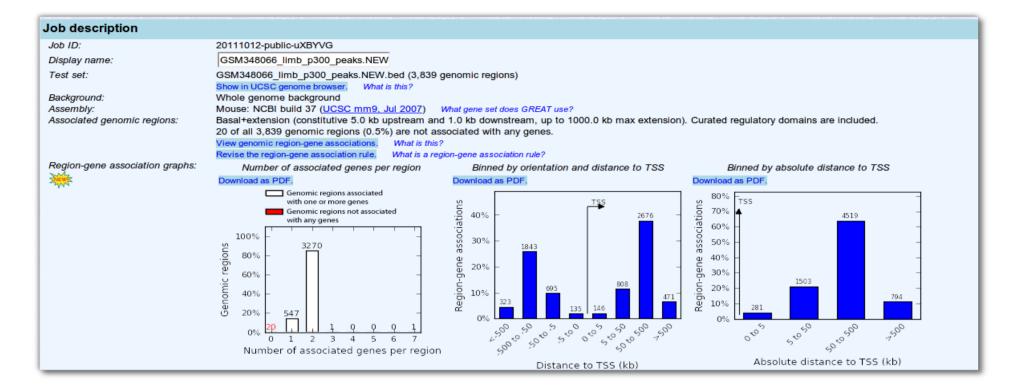
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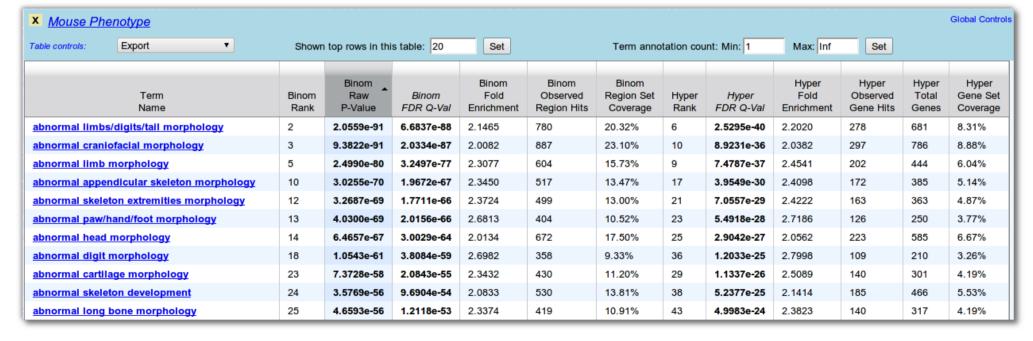
Given that **15%** of the genome is annotated to B, would I randomly expect 3 or more peaks to fall into region B?



p = 0.07

"GREAT improves functional interpretation of cis-regulatory regions" McLean et al. Nat. Biotech. (2010)





GREAT vs. proximal peaks

p300 limb	
p300 forebrain	
p300 midbrain	

GREAT					
Best GO term	P-val	MGI expression	P-val		
Embryonic limb morphogenesis	1E-27	TS19 limb	7E-49		
CNS development	8E-36	TS17 forebrain	6E-41		
CNS development	1E-12	TS 15 CNS	1E-14		

Proximal 2kb peaks					
Best GO-term	P-val	MGI expression	P-val		
Skeletal system development	4E-06	TS19 limb	3E-05		
Forebrain development	2E-04	TS22 forebrain	3E-07		
none		none			

- more specific terms with higher significance
- more peaks/genes taken into account