# Chip-seq analysis From alignments to motifs

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- 1. Create a new history named **Peak\_calling**
- 2. Go to **Saved histories**; switch to the history **ChIP-Seq\_mapping** 
  - a. Go to **Copy datasets**
  - b. In the Source history, select MarkDuplicates\_on\_filtered\_ESR1\_chr1.bam (bam)
  - c. In the Destination history, select the newly created history **Peak\_calling**
  - d. Click on Copy History Items
- 3. Go to the history **INPUT** and transfer MarkDuplicates\_on\_filtered\_input\_chr1. bam (bam) to the **Peak\_calling** history in the same manner

The first question is whether the numbers of aligned reads are roughly the same in the input and chip bam file. Let's compute alignments statistics on the data we have just imported.

- 1. Use the tool **Flagstat** (search "flagstats" in the search field of the toolbox).
- 2. Select the **input bam file** in the dropdown list menu. **Execute**.
- 3. Select the newly created dataset from history. Click on **Run this job again** ( $\circlearrowleft$ )
- 4. Run the tool on **ESR1 bam file** dataset.

#### Rename the datasets

- 1. Click on **Edit Attributes** in a selected dataset (**a**).
- 1. In the **Attribute tab**, enter a new name in the **Name** text field.
- 2. Click on Save

#### Rename the files as indicated:

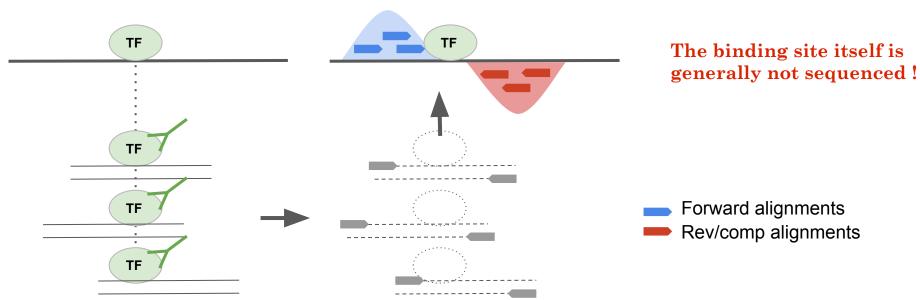
- Flagstat on data ... to > Flagstat on ESR1\_chr1.bam
- Flagstat on data ... to > Flagstat on input\_chr1.bam

**Hint:** Rename the datasets all along the training session.

Q1: Is the number of aligned reads balanced?

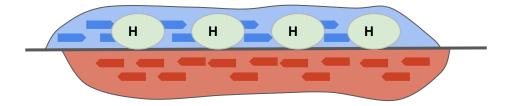
## Expected signal

• For a transcription factor, the signal is expected to be **sharp**.

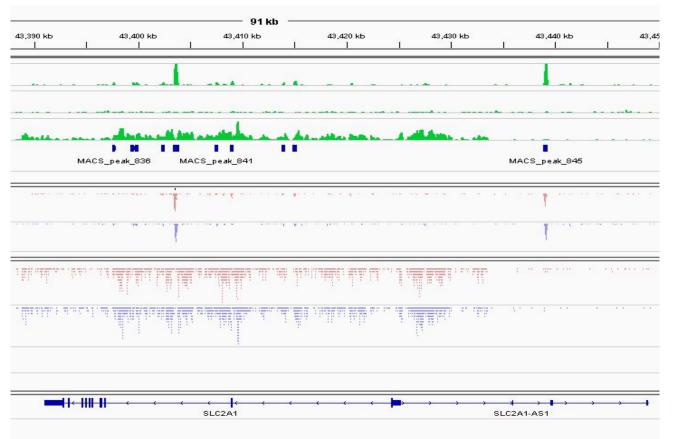


## Expected signal

- For most **histone marks** the signal is expected to be **broad**.
- Asymmetry is less/not pronounced.
- Peak calling algorithms need to adapt to these various signals.



## Observed signal



Trans. Factor (ESR1)

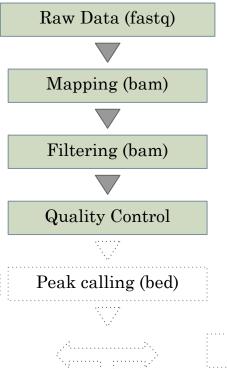
Histone mark (H3K4me1)

## Checking ChIP quality

Visualization (bigwig)

Clustering

Motif discovery



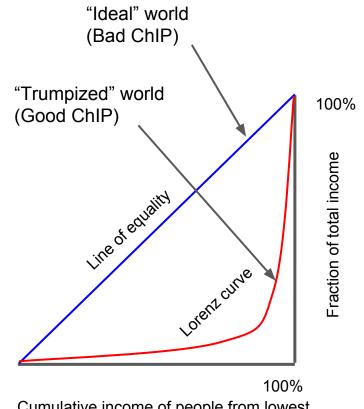
Annotation

## Assessing ChIP quality

- Various metrics
  - Check **duplicate** rate (see Filtering section)
  - Use a Lorenz Curve (implemented in Deeptools fingerprint)
  - Look at strand cross-correlation (implemented in SPP BioC package)
  - Fraction of reads in peaks (**FRiP**, as proposed by ENCODE)
    - Requires to find peaks.

### Lorenz curve

- Analyze distribution of income among workers by computing cumulative sum.
  - If uniform income distribution (:
    - Straight line
  - If they were Trumpized
    - Lorenz curve
- Here the workers are the genome windows and incomes are reads

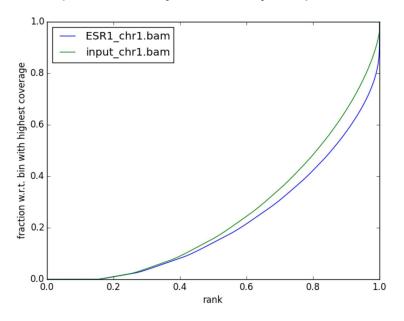


Cumulative income of people from lowest to highest income

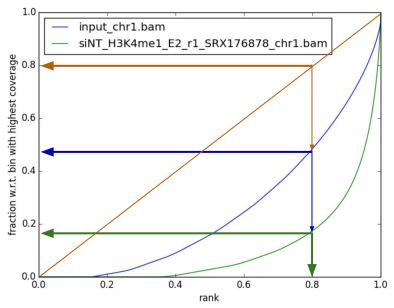
- 1. Select **plotFingerprint** from the toolbox.
  - a. **Bam file**:
    - i. MarkDuplicates on filtered input\_chr1.bam (bam)
    - ii. MarkDuplicates on filtered ESR1\_chr1.bam (bam)
  - b. To improve speed, set **Region of the genome to limit the operation** to **chr1**.
  - c. Set Show advanced options to yes.
  - d. Set Bin size in bases to 250.
  - e. Set Extend reads to the given average fragment size to A custom length.
  - f. Set the custom length to **150** (we will see later if these value is a good approximation).
  - g. Set **Ignore duplicates** to **yes**.
  - h. Execute.

## Results of Lorenz curve analysis

## Transcription factor (we should expect narrow peaks)



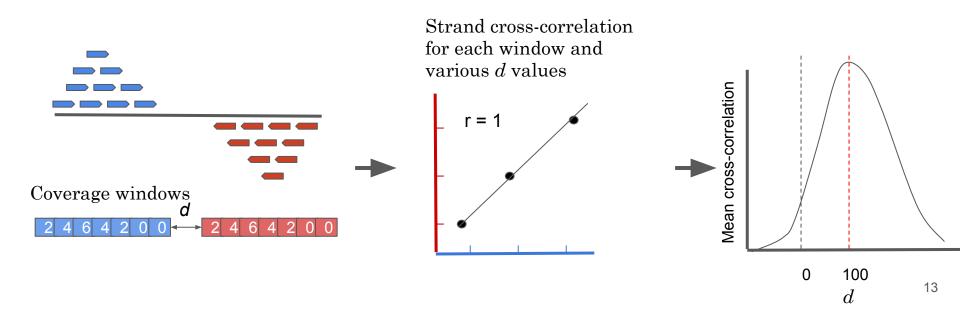
## Methylation mark (we should expect broad peaks)



- **siNT (chipped-:** 80% of the genomic regions are covered by ~18% of he reads, whereas the 20% richest regions capture 92% of the reads.
- **Genomic input**: 80% genomic regions covered by 45% reads
- Random expectation: 80% genomic regions would be covered by 80% of the reads/

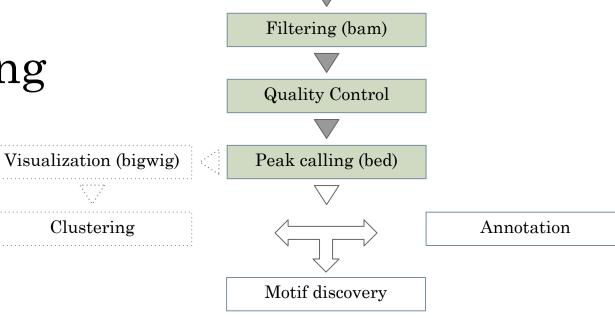
## SPP (strand cross-correlation)

- Compute strand cross-correlation for each window *w* across the genome.
- Use various distances (*d*) and compute the mean cross-correlation observed.



- 1. Select **SPP cross-correlation analysis package** tool. /!\ not working
- 2. Select **chip-quality-check** as Experiment name.
- 3. Select **Determine strand cross-correlation** as **Select action to be performed** (default).
- 4. ChIP-Seq Tag File: MarkDuplicates on filtered ESR1\_chr1.bam (bam)
- 5. ChIP-Seq Control File: MarkDuplicates on filtered input\_chr1.bam (bam)
- 6. Click execute.
- 7. What does the resulting plot indicate?

## Peak calling

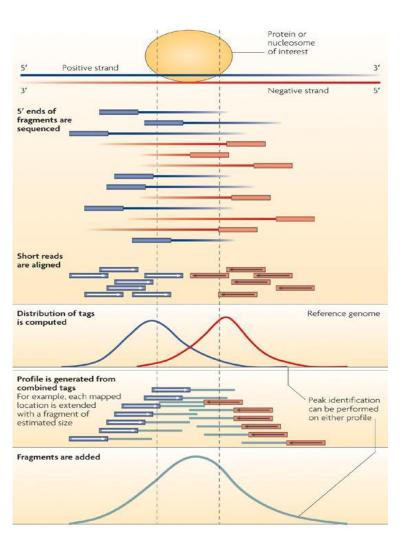


Raw Data (fastq)

Mapping (bam)

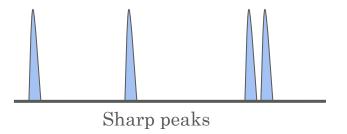
## From reads to peaks

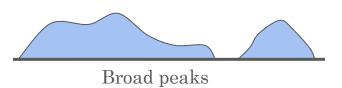
- Get the signal at the right position
  - Read shift
  - Extension
- Estimate the fragment size
- Do paired-end



#### Peak callers

- The **peak caller** should be **chosen** based on
  - Experimental design
    - SE or PE (E.g MACS1.4 vs MACS2)
  - Expected signal
    - Sharp peaks (e.g. Transcription Factors).
      - E.g. MACS
    - Broad peaks (e.g. epigenetic marks).
      - E.g MACS, SICER,...





Peak callers

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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	10
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 $P$ values	P value	1: None 2: # control # ChIP	Optional peak height, ratio to background	Yes / No	4,18
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	19
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	14
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	17
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	13
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	5
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	9
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	Window length, gap size, FDR (with control) or E-value (no control)	No / Yes	15
SiSSRs v1.4	Window scan	N <sub>+</sub> - N <sub>-</sub> sign change, N <sub>+</sub> +	Average nearest paired	Used to compute fold-enrichment distribution	P value	1: Poisson 2: control	1: FDR 1,2: N <sub>+</sub> + N <sub>-</sub>	Yes / Yes	11

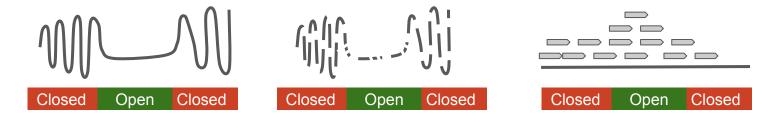
- In 2009 there were already a dozen of peak callers.
- New tools and versions emerged since then.

- Which peak-caller should be used?
- How to tune its parameters?

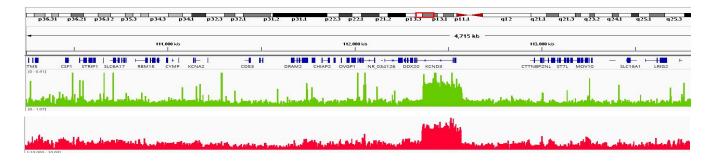
Pepke,S., Wold,B. and Mortazavi, A. (2009) Computation for ChIP-seq and RNA-seq studies. Nature Methods, 6, 18 S22-32.

## Why is input mandatory?

- The input is used to model **local noise level.** 
  - Accessible regions are expected to produce more reads.

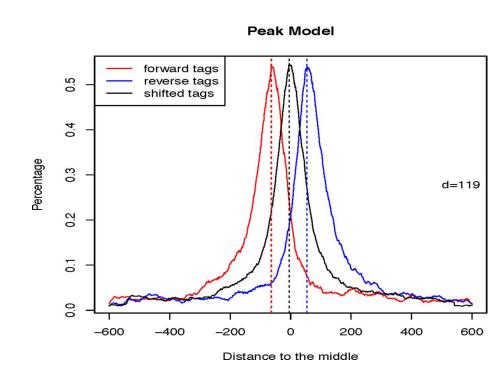


Amplified regions (CNV) are expected to produce more reads.



## 1. Modeling the shift size of ChIP-Seq tags

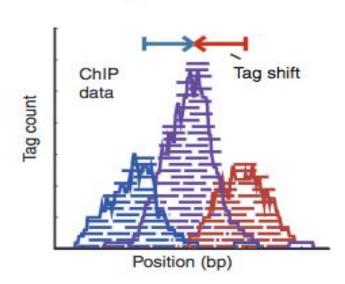
- slides 2\*bandwidth windows
   across the genome to find regions
   with tags more than mfold
   enriched relative to a random tag
   genome distribution
- randomly samples 1,000 of these highly enriched regions
- separates their Watson and Crick tags, and aligns them by the midpoint between their Watson and Crick tag centers
- **define** *d* **as the distance** in bp between the summit of the two distribution



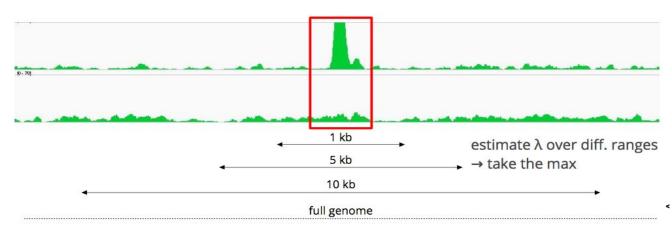
#### 2. Peak detection

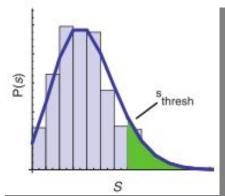
- Scales the total Input read count to be the same as the total ChIP read count
- Duplicate read removal
- Tags are shifted by d/2

Generate signal profile along each chromosome

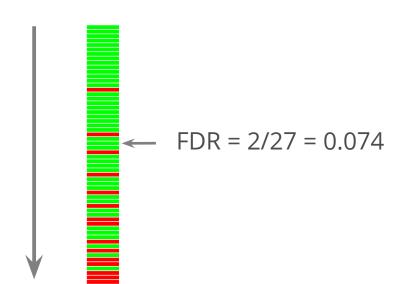


- Slides 2d windows across the genome to find candidate peaks with a significant tag enrichment (Poisson distribution p-value based on  $\lambda_{\text{BG}}$ , default  $10^{-5}$ )
- Estimate parameter  $\lambda_{local}$  of Poisson distribution





- 3. Multiple testing correction with the False Discovery Rate (FDR)
- Swap treatment and input and call negative peaks
- Take all the peaks (neg + pos) and sort them by increasing p-values (decreasing significance)
- Whilst going down in the list, you progressively increase
  - The number of true positives (green)
  - The number of false negatives (red)
- At each level, estimate the FDR

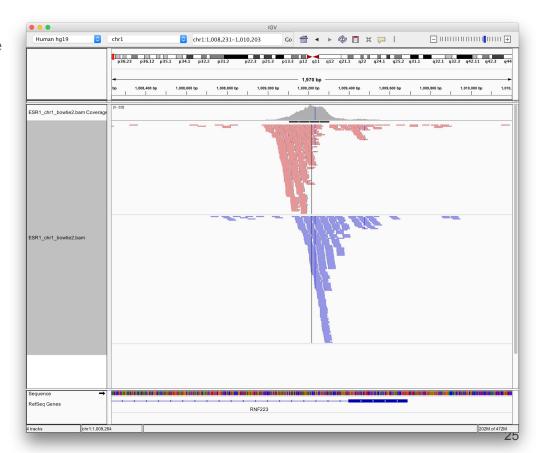


#### Peak calling with MACS 1.4

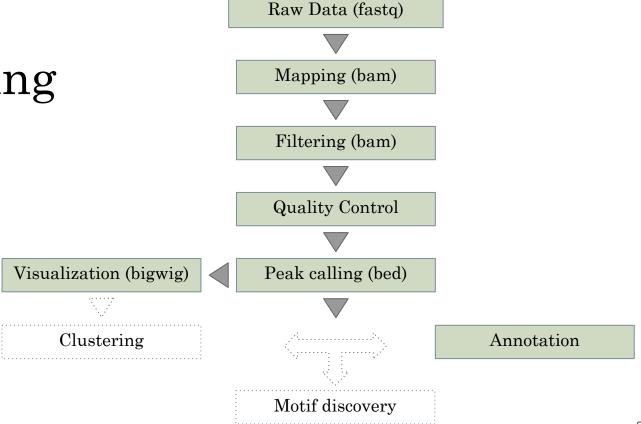
- 1. Select **MACS14** from the toolbox.
- 2. Set Experiment name to ESR1\_vs\_input\_macs14.
- 3. MACS can handle single or paired-end data. Set **Paired end sequencing** to **Single End**.
- 4. Set ChIP-seq tag file: MarkDuplicates on filtered ESR1\_chr1.bam (bam).
- 5. Set ChIP-seq control file: MarkDuplicates on filtered input\_chr1.bam (bam).
- 6. **Effective Genome size:** 199400000 (80% of chr1 because we restricted the read mapping to this region).
- 7. **Tag size**: these are Illumina datasets of read size 36.
- 8. All other options should be set to default.
- 9. Execute.

## A nice peak

- An example of well-shaped peak.
- The peak falls in the first intron of the gene RNF223.
- Note the characteristic shift between reads mapped on the forward and reverse strands.



# Annotating peaks



## Import coverage profiles (bigWig) from the shared library

#### **Protocol**

Perform the following steps to Import the BAM files that will be subsequently analyzed

- 1. Go to Shared data > Data libraries > Theodorou > BigWig files. Select the following bigWig files (full dataset):
  - a. SRR540190\_GSM986061\_siNT\_ER\_E2\_r2.UNIQALIGN.sorted\_vs\_Input\_SES\_log2.bw
  - b. SRR540212\_GSM986083\_siNT\_H3K4me1\_Veh\_r1.UNIQALIGN.sorted\_vs\_Input\_SES\_log2.bw
- 2. Click on to History. Enter the name ESR1\_peak\_Annotation to create a new history. Click on Import to History.
- 3. Rename the files as follows:
  - a. SRR540190\_GSM986061\_siNT\_ER\_E2\_r2.UNIQALIGN.sorted\_vs\_Input\_SES\_log2.bw to ESR1\_vs\_input.bw
  - b. SRR540212\_GSM986083\_siNT\_H3K4me1\_Veh\_r1.UNIQALIGN.sorted\_vs\_Input\_SES\_log2.bw to H3K4me1.bw

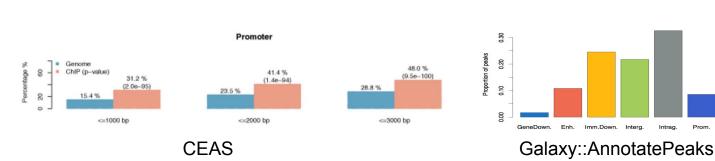
### Import the peaks (bed format) from the shared library

#### Protocol

- 1. Go to **Shared data > data libraries > Theodorou > BED.** Select the following files and import them to ESR1\_peak\_Annotation history:
  - a. macs.SRR540190\_GSM986061\_siNT\_ER\_E2\_r2.UNIQALIGN.sorted\_peaks.bed
  - b. macs.SRR540212\_GSM986083\_siNT\_H3K4me1\_Veh\_r1.UNIQALIGN.sorted\_peaks.bed
- 2. Click on to History. Select ESR1\_peak\_Annotation as an history. Click on Import
- 3. Rename the files:
  - a. ESR1\_peaks.bed
  - b. H3K4me1\_peaks.bed

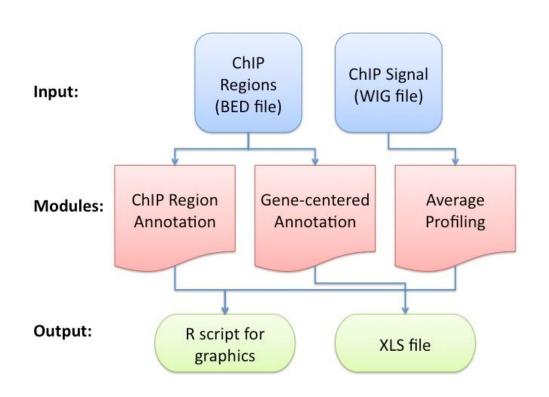
## Are peaks biased toward any chromosome or genomic features?

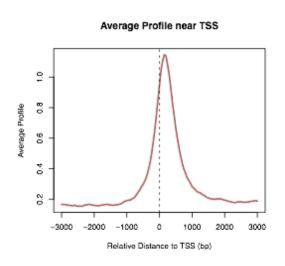
- What is the chromosomal distribution of the peak?
- What are the genomic regions associated with peaks?
  - Exonic, intronic, intergenic, promoter, bidirectional promoter, known epigenetic marks, any user defined regions (...)?
- What are the genomic regions enriched in peaks?
- Do some peaks overlap with other ones?





## CEAS (Cis-regulatory Element Annotation System)





## Using CEAS (Cis-regulatory Element Annotation System)

#### Protocol

CEAS can be used to annotate your peak and perform a first general analysis looking for chromosomes and genomic features enriched in peak of interest. One very interesting feature is that any kind of genomic feature can be provided for analysis. Here we will also try to test whether ESR1 peaks are biased toward regions marked for H3K4me1.

- 1. Search for **CEAS** in the galaxy toolbox
- 2. Set Bed file of ChIP regions to ESR1\_peaks.bed
- 3. Set Bed file of extra region of interest to H3K4me1\_peaks.bed
- 4. Set Gene annotation table to hg19
- 5. Click on **Execute**

**NB:** CEAS may also accept a wig file (e.g ESR1 signal) to draw coverage profile around features.

### Interpretation of CEAS results

#### Exercise

#### Open the "graph results from CEAS" file:

**Q1:** Are there genomic location biases at the chromosome level?

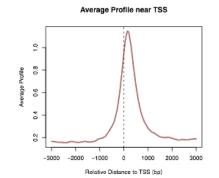
**Q2:** Are there genomic location biases at the feature level? Promoter, exons, introns (...)?

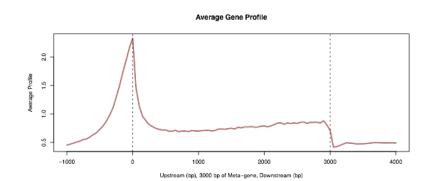
#### Open "Gene-centered annotation from CEAS" file.

**Q3:** What does this file contain?

## How do the signal distribute relative to known features?

- How do the peaks distribute relative to
  - Transcriptional start site (TSS)
  - Transcriptional termination site (TTS)
  - o Gene body, exon, intron,...





### Computing H3K4me1 coverage profile around the TSS (step 1)

#### Protocol

#### 1/ Getting transcript coordinates

- 1. Select **UCSC Main table browser** from the toolbox
- 2. Select Clade: Mammal; Genome: Human; Assembly: "Feb. 2009 (hg19, GRCh37)"; Group: Genes and Gene Prediction tracks; Track: UCSC gene; Table: knownGene; Region: genome; Output format: bed; Send output to: galaxy
- 3. Set **position** to chr1
- 4. Click on **Get the output**.
- 5. This opens a new page with additional options. Leave these options unchanged, and click **Send query to Galaxy**. The UCSC table generated by your query is automatically transferred to the current history of your
- 6. Rename the filtered bed file to **hg19\_chr1.bed**.

#### Computing H3K4me1 coverage profile around the TSS (step 2)

#### Protocol

#### 2/ Computing a coverage matrix

- 1. Select **ComputeMatrix** from the toolbox.
- 2. Set Select Regions to hg19\_chr1.bed.
- 3. Set Score file to H3K4me1.bw
- 4. Set ComputeMatrix has two main output options to reference-point.
- 5. Set Reference point for plotting to TSS.
- 6. Set upstream and downstream distance to 5000.
- 7. Set Show advanced options to Yes
- 8. Set length of bins to 50.
- 9. Set Convert missing values to zero to YES.
- 10. Execute.
- 11. Rename the result H3K4me1\_around\_TSS\_Matrix.

### Compute H3K4me1 coverage profile around the TSS

#### Protocol

#### 3/ Computing profile

- 1. Select **plotProfile** from the toolbox.
- 2. For the Matrix File option, select the result of the previous step (H3K4me1\_around\_TSS\_Matrix)
- 3. Set The input matrix was computed in scale-regions mode to No.
- 4. Set Press Execute.

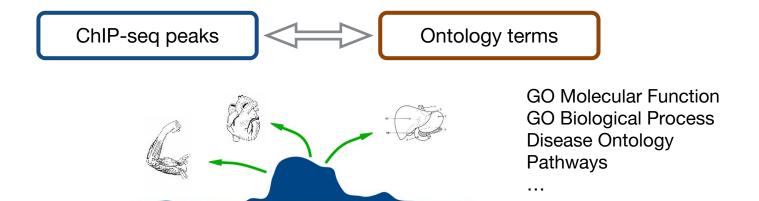
#### 4/ Computing heatmap

- 1. Select **plotHeatmap** from the toolbox.
- 2. For the Matrix File option, select the result of the previous step (H3K4me1\_around\_TSS\_Matrix)
- 3. Press Execute.

**Q1:** What would you say from the average coverage profile around the TSS. What is the depression observed at the TSS position?

# What is hidden functional meaning?

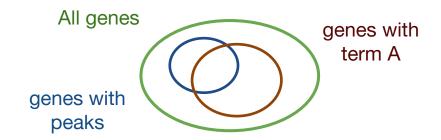
- What are the genes associated to the peaks?
  - Find the closest genes (see Annotate peaks).
- More globally
  - Are some functional categories overrepresented?



## **GREAT**

- Performs functional enrichment test
  - Hypergeometric
    - Using closest genes
    - Tends to be biased
  - Binomial test
    - More robust

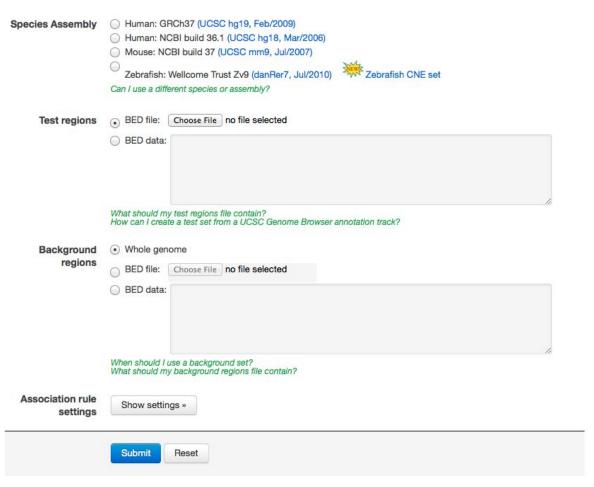
Hypergeometric test over gene list



Binomial test over regions

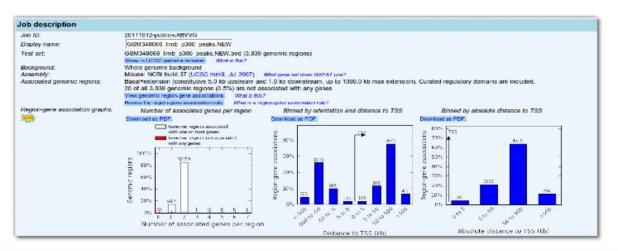


## GREAT



## **GREAT**

- Input
  - bed file with peaks
- Output
  - Enriched GO terms and functions



Tem Name	Shown top rows in this table: 20			Set	Term annotation count: Min: 1				Max: Inf	Set		
	Binom Rank	Binom Raw P Value	Birrom FDR Q-Val	Binom Fold Entidement	Binom Observed Region Hits	Binom Region Set Coverage	Hyper Rank	Hyper FDR Q Val	Hyper Fold Enrichment	Hyper Observed Gene Hits	Hyper Total Genes	Hyper Gene Sel Coverage
abnormal limbs/digits/tall morphology	2	2.0559e-91	6.6837e-88	2.1465	780	20.32%	6	2.5295a-40	2.2020	278	681	8.31%
abnormal craniofacial morphology	3	9.3822e-91	2.0334e-87	2.0082	887	23.10%	10	8.9231e-36	2.0382	297	786	8.88%
abnormal limb morphology	5	2.4990e-80	3.2497e-77	2.3077	604	15.73%	9	7.4767e-37	2.4541	202	444	6.04%
abnormal appendicular skeleton morphology	10	3.0255e-70	1.9672e-67	2.3450	517	13.47%	17	3.9549e-30	2.4098	172	385	5.14%
abnormal skeleton extremities morphology	12	3.2687e-69	1.7711e-66	2.3724	499	13.00%	21	7.0557e-29	2.4222	163	363	4.87%
abnormal pawihand/foot morphology	13	4.0300c-69	2.0156e-66	2.6813	404	10.52%	23	5.49180-28	2.7106	126	250	3.77%
abnormal head morphology	14	6.4657e-67	3.0029e-64	2.0134	672	17.50%	25	2.9042e-27	2.0562	223	585	6.67%
abnormal digit morphology	18	1.0543e-61	3.8084e-50	2.6982	358	9.33%	36	1.2033e-25	2.7998	109	210	3.26%
abnormal cartilage morphology	23	7.3728e-58	2.0843e-55	2.3432	430	11.20%	29	1.1337a-26	2.5089	140	301	4.19%
abnormal skeleton development	24	3.5769e-56	9.6904e-64	2.0833	530	13.81%	38	5.2377e-25	2.1414	185	466	5.53%
abnormal long bone morphology	25	4.6593e-56	1,2118e-63	2.3374	419	10.91%	43	4,9983e-24	2.3823	140	317	4.19%

# Selecting top peaks based on MACS2 score

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## Protocole

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## Relating peaks to Gene Ontology (GO) terms

For that specific step we will use the **GREAT** annotation tools to perform a GO annotation for the ESR1 peaks. Alternatively GREAT can be launched directly from UCSC web server (using Table browser Custom track and by selecting send to GREAT).

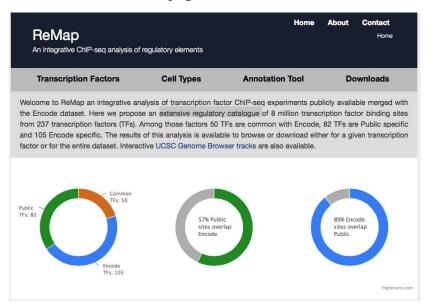
Before submitting the peaks, we will need to convert the bed file in a 3-column bed file, which is the required input format for GREAT.

## Protocole

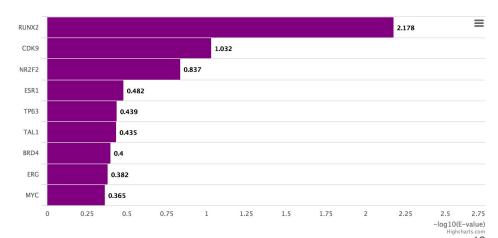
- 1. In Galaxy, select the tool **Cut** (in the section Text Manipulation).
- 2. Set "cut columns" to c1,c2,c3
- 3. ... TO BE COMPLETED ...
- 4. Connect the GREAT web server <a href="http://great.stanford.edu">http://great.stanford.edu</a>.
- 5. Select the genome assembly version (hg19).
- 6. Upload or paste the peaks obtained previously in BED format.
- 7. Use the whole genome as background and run the software
- **Q**: Examine the enriched functional categories.

# ReMap: a regulatory catalog of transcription factor binding sites

- ReMAP (http://tagc.univ-mrs.fr/remap/)
  - Is my peak dataset enriched for known TF peaks?



#### **Enriched TFs in intersection**



## Integrative ChIP-seq analysis of regulatory elements using ReMap

In this part, we will use the ReMap software to compare the peaks obtained in the peak-calling tutorial to an extensive regulatory catalog of 8 million transcription factor binding regions defined by collecting all the peaks from ChIP-seq experiments from the ENCODE project + other public datasets from the GEO database. Note that on the ReMap Web site, the term "site" is used to denote a ChIP-seq peak, rather than the precise binding location of a transcription factor.

## Protocole

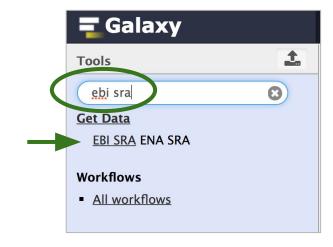
- 1. Connect the ReMap web server (<a href="http://tagc.univ-mrs.fr/remap/">http://tagc.univ-mrs.fr/remap/</a>)
- 2. Go to the Annotation Tool
- 3. upload or paste the peaks in BED format (select BED format in the data format selector)
- 4. Add your email and run the software with default parameters

**Q**: What are the TFs associated to your peaks?

# Going further: importing full ChIP-seq datasets from SRA/ENA

## Importing short reads from RSA via ENA

- Short read sequences are available
  - in the NCBI SRA database
  - o in the ENA database, which mirrors the SRA database.
- Galaxy includes a tool called "EBI SRA" that enables to import short read sequences in fastq format.

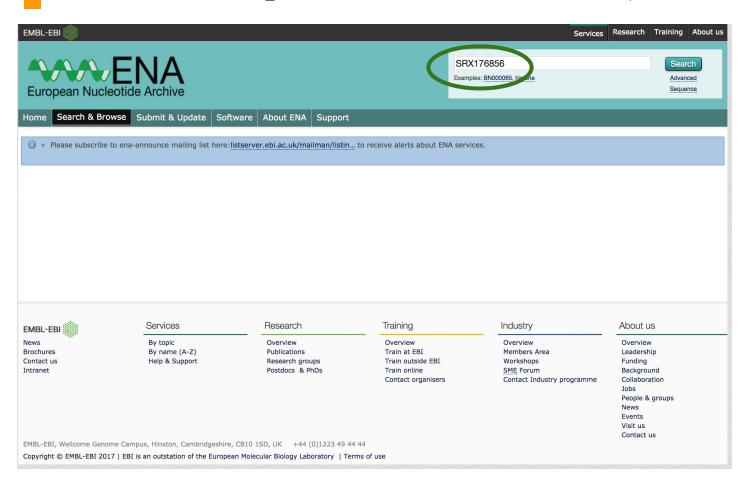


## Importing short red sequences from EBI SRA

## Protocol

- 1. Create a new history and name it **Theodorou\_GATA3\_ER**.
- 2. In the Galaxy toolbox, choose **EBI SRA**. This opens a query form at ENA.
- 3. Type the identifier of interest (for example the GEO series identifier **GSE40129**) and click **Search**.
- 4. Above the result table, click **Select columns**, check the option **Experiment title**, the click **Hide selected columns**.
- 5. Identify the run of interest (e.g. SRR540188) and click File 1 in the column Fastq files (galaxy). This will automatically import the short read file in your Galaxy history.

# Find the experiment of interest (SRX176856)





# Select the desired run (SRR540188)

