

# ChIP-Seq

## Wednesday (20 September 2023)

New methods and quantitative ChIP-seq (Simon Elsässer and Carmen Navarro Luzón)

09:00 - 10:00 Recap previous day (*online session*)

10:00 - 11:00 ChIP-seq methods (*online session*)

11:00 - 12:00 ChIP-seq alternatives (*online session*)

12:00 - 13:00 lunch (*offline*)

13:00 - 13:30 Introduction to exercises (*online session*)

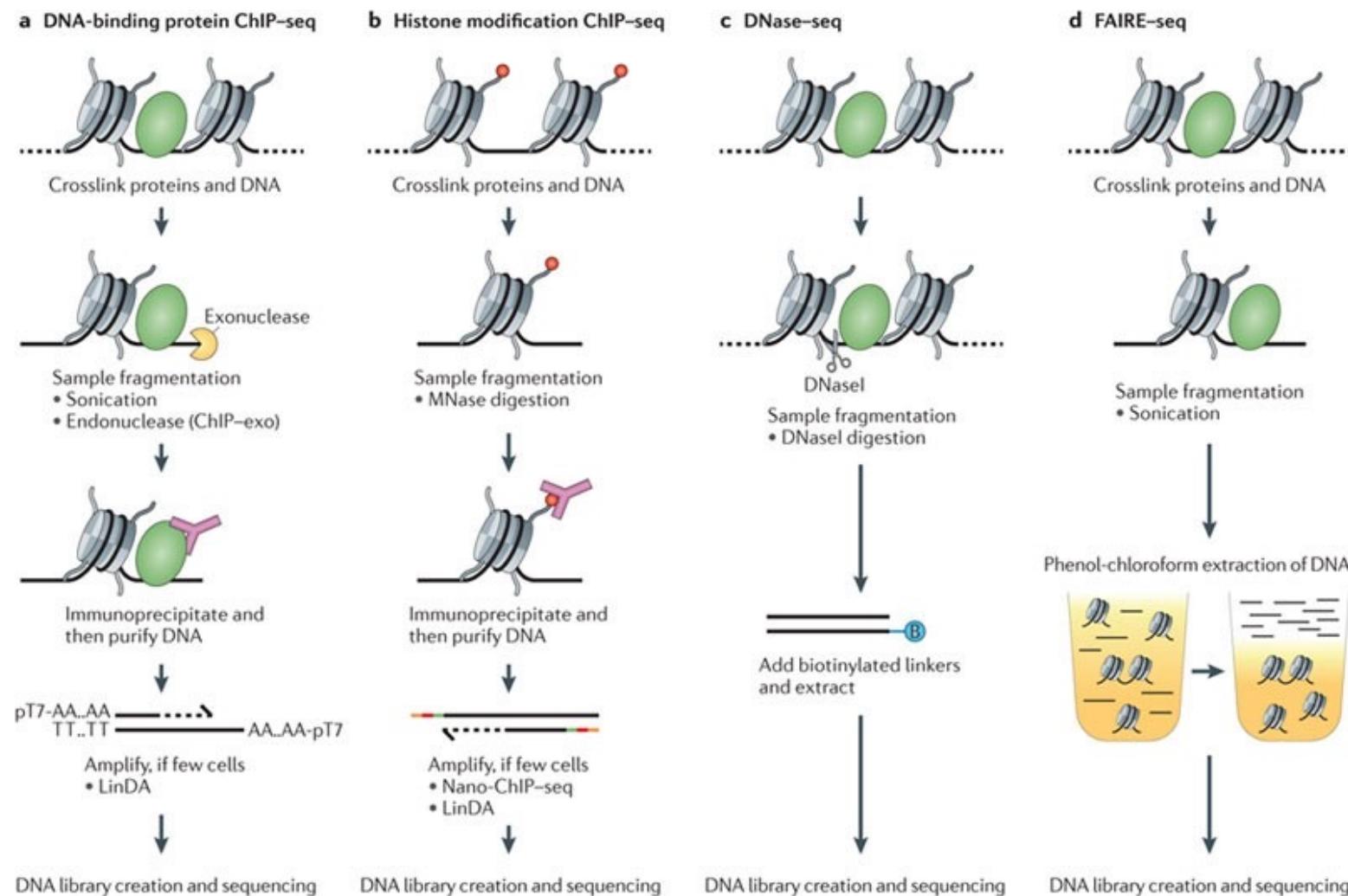
13:30 - 16:00 [Principles of ChIP-seq](#) and [Advanced ChIP Methods](#) (*online support*)

16:00 - 17:00 Exercises (*offline*)

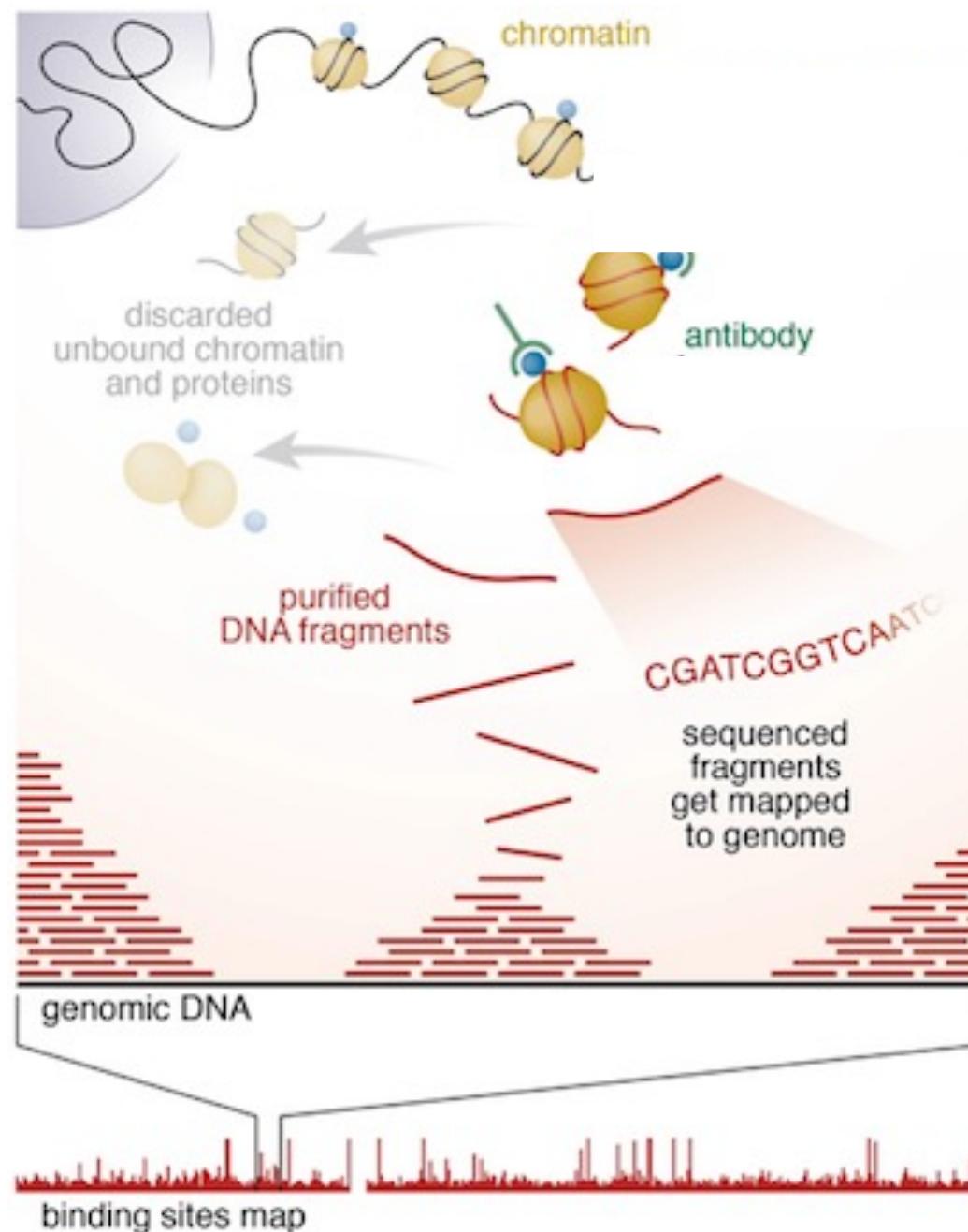
16:00 - 17:00 Daily challenge

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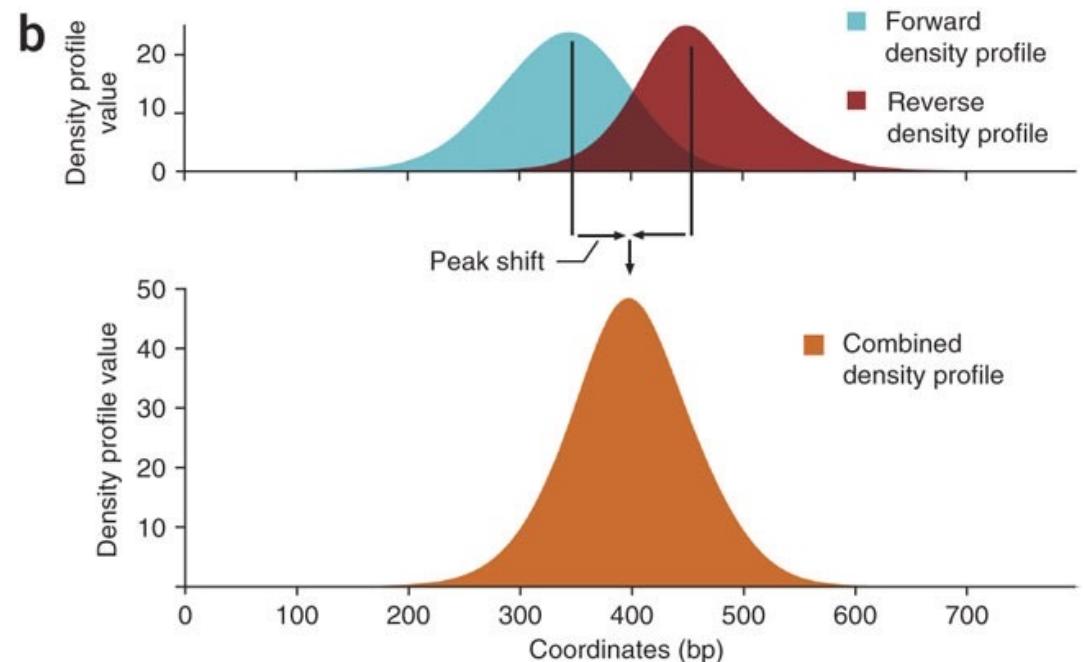
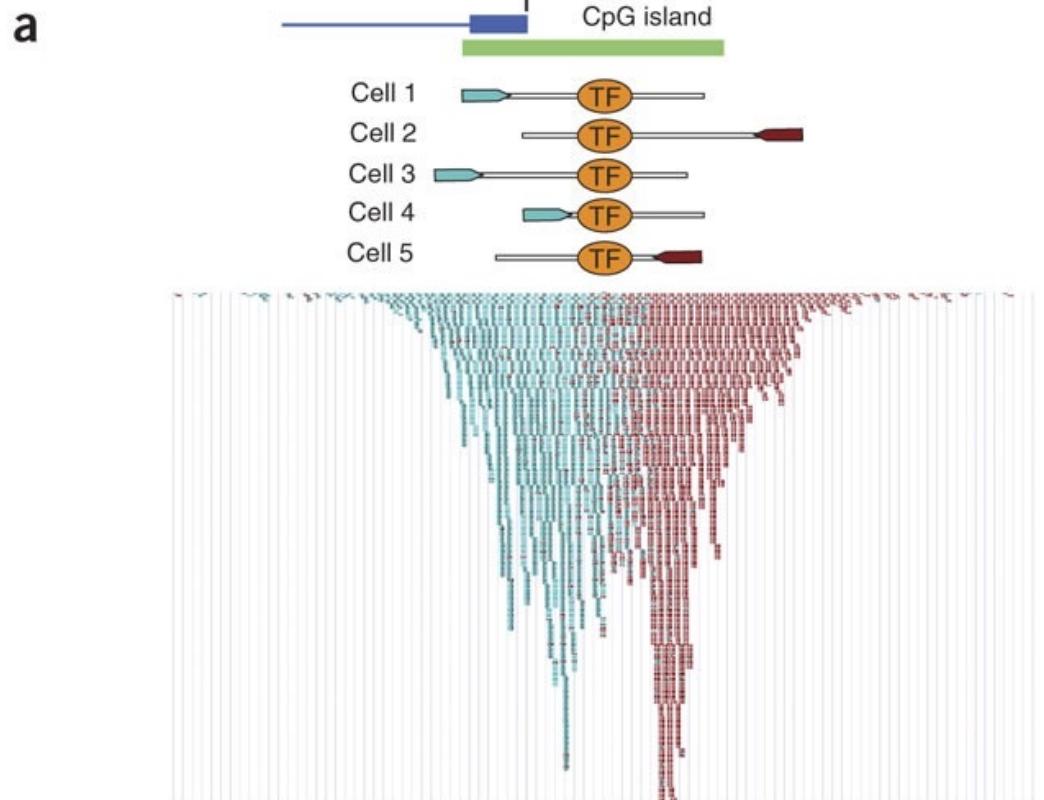
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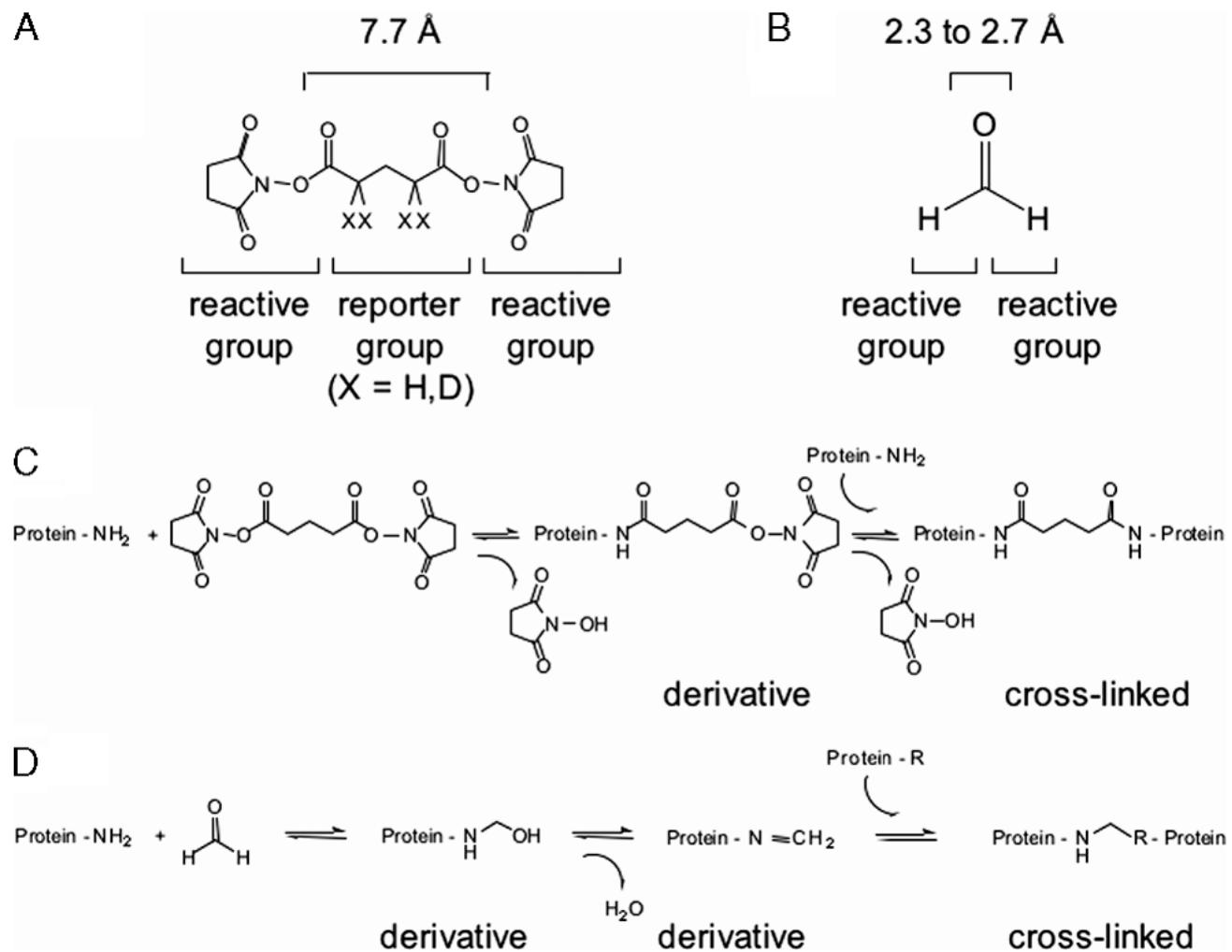


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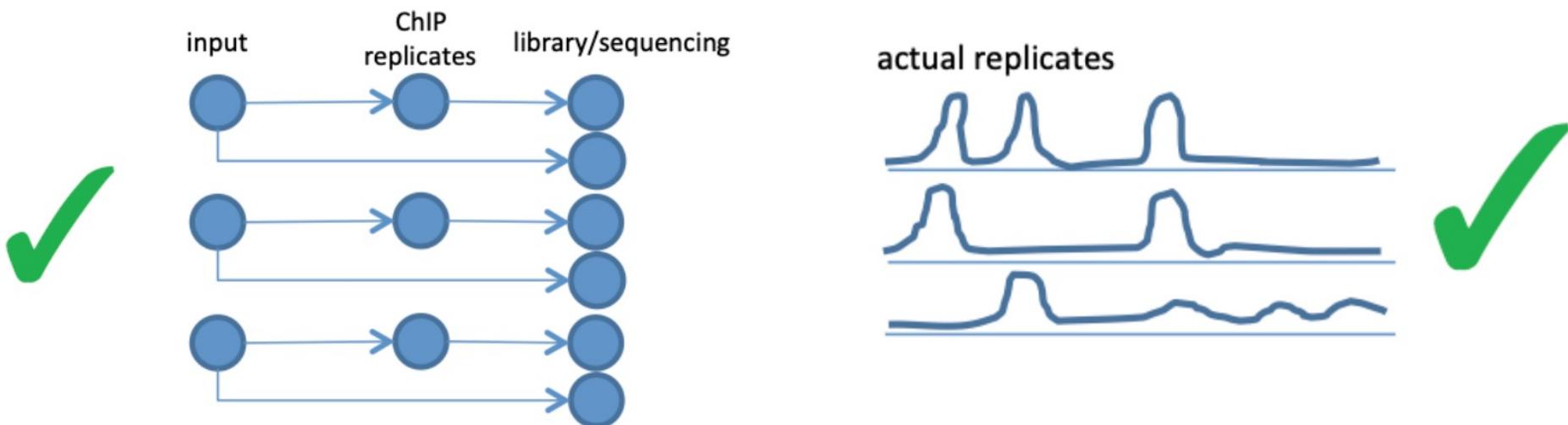
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  - ESG
  - DSG

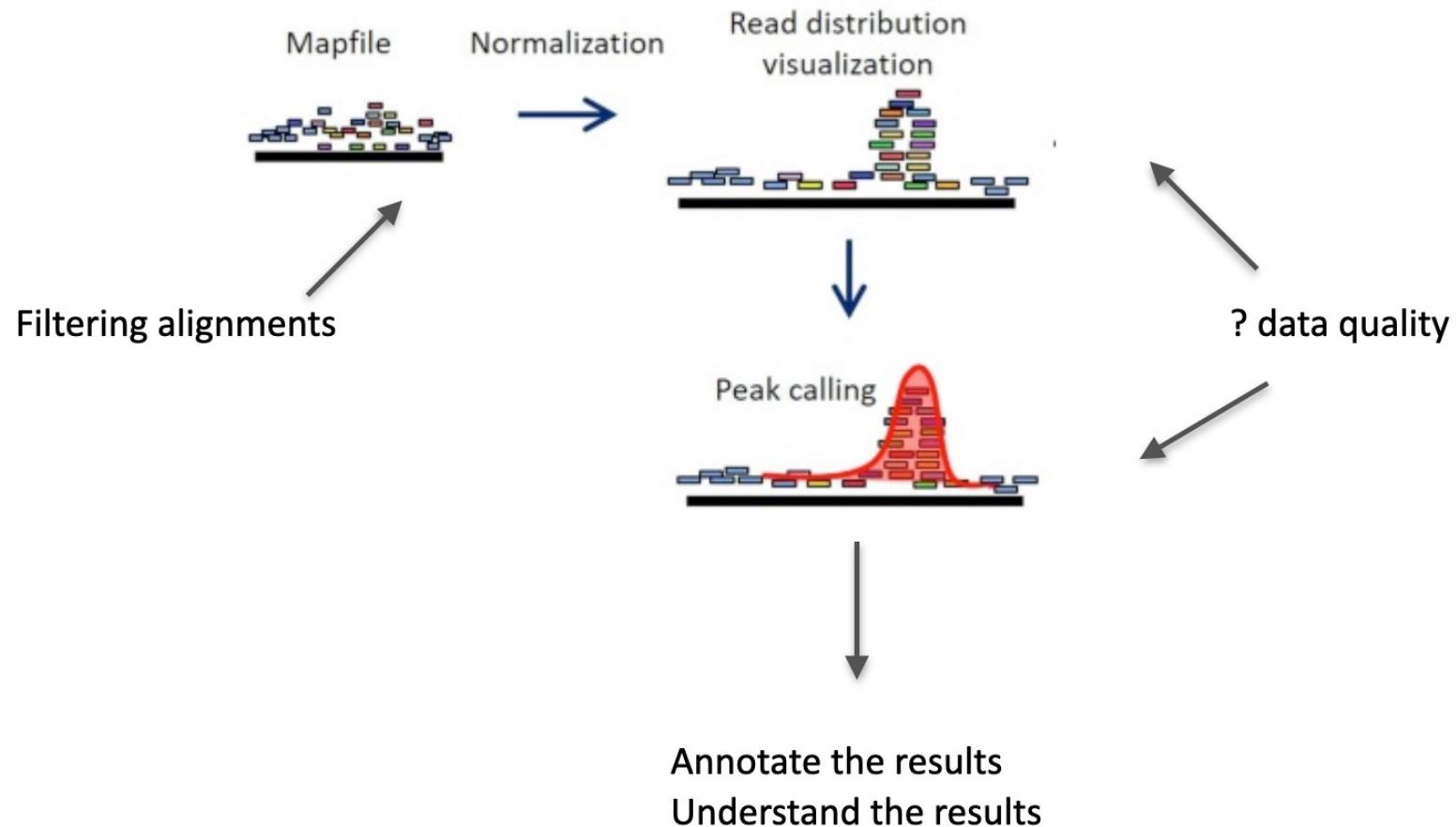


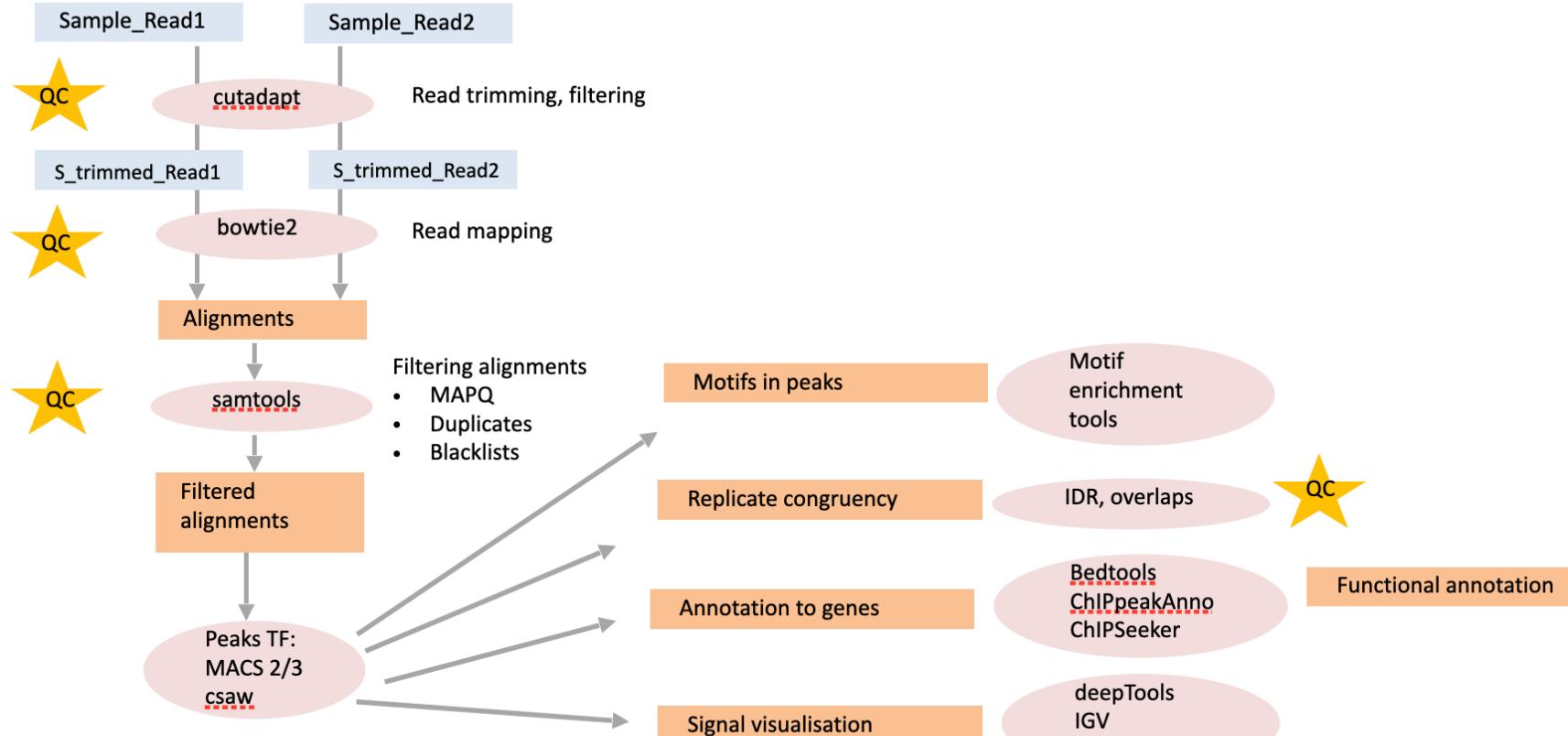
# Experiment design

- Sound experimental design: replication, randomisation, control and blocking (R.A. Fisher, 1935)
- In the absence of a proper design, it is essentially impossible to partition biological variation from technical variation
- Please visit section *Experimental Design and Data Management* on the course website for more information



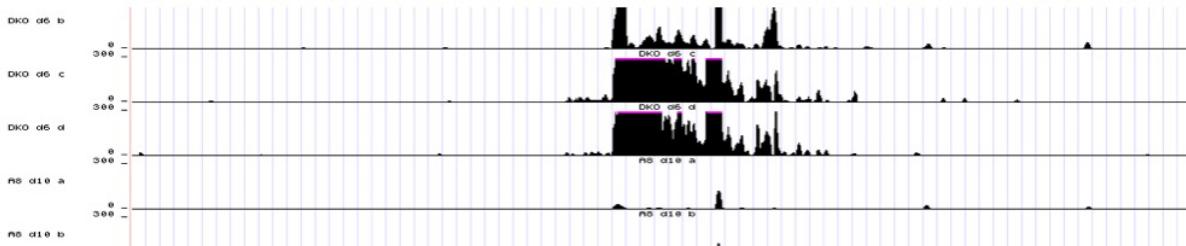
# Workflow



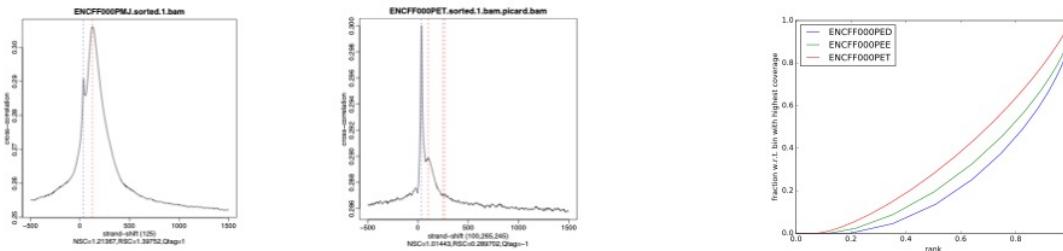


# ChIP-seq QC: did the ChIP work?

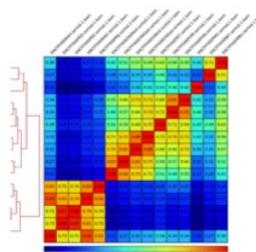
- 1. Inspect the signal (mapped reads, coverage profiles) in genome browser



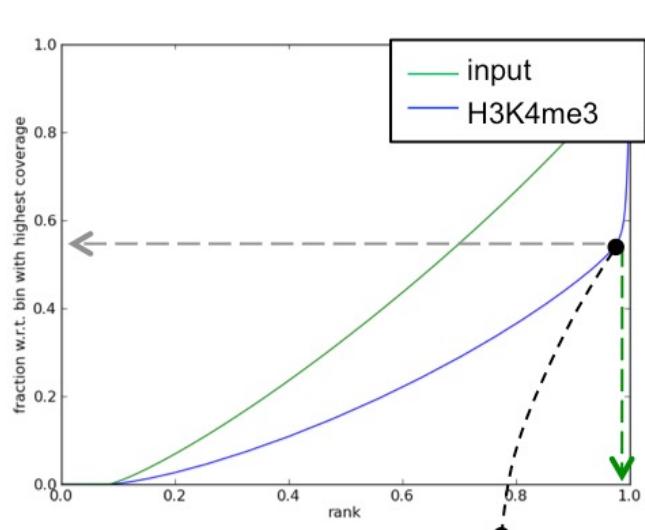
- 2. Compute peak-independent quality metrics (cross correlation, cumulative enrichment)



- 3. Assess replicate consistency (correlations between replicates of the same condition)

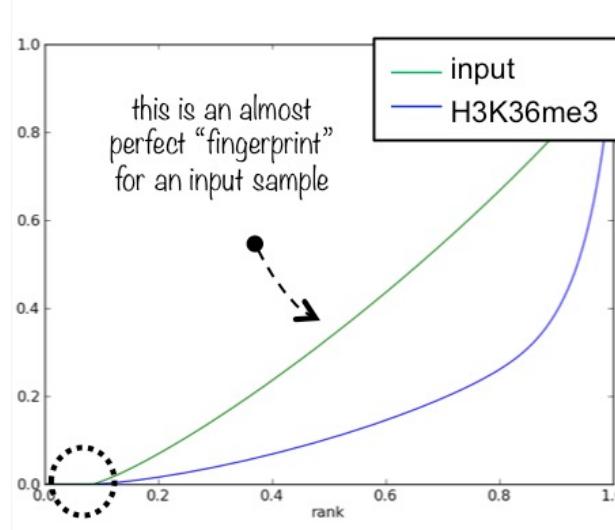


# Fingerprint plot (deepTools)

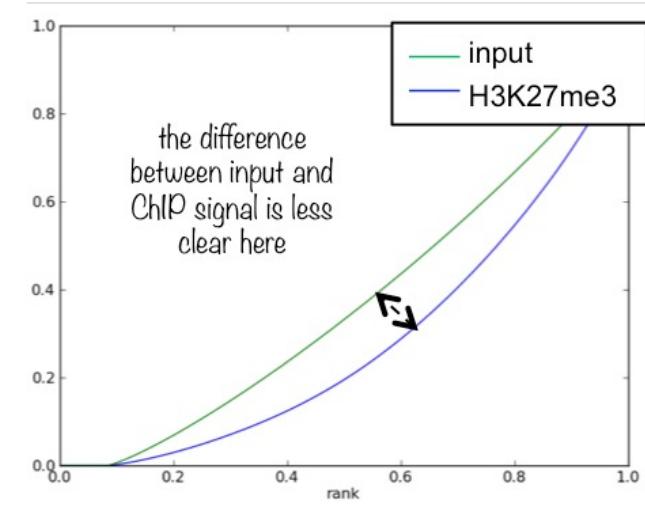


when counting the reads contained in **97%** of all genomic bins, only ca. **55%** of the maximum number of reads are reached, i.e. 3% of the genome contain a very large fraction of reads!

→ this indicates very localized, very strong enrichments!  
(as every biologist hopes for in a ChIP for H3K4me3)



pay attention to where the curves start to rise – this already gives you an assessment of how much of the genome you have not sequenced at all (i.e. bins containing zero reads – for this example, ca. 10% of the entire genome do not have any read)

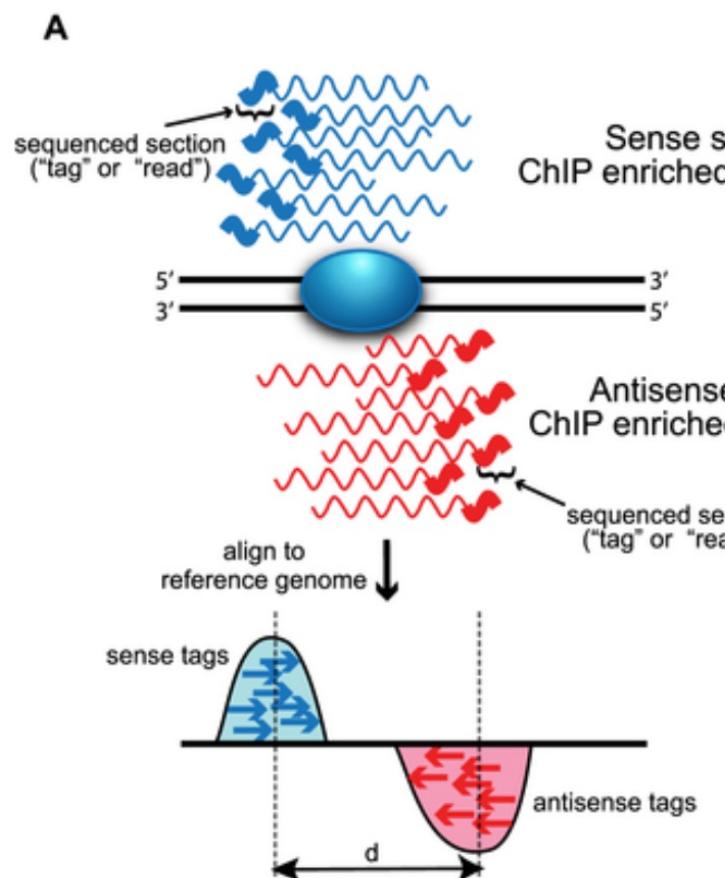


H3K27me3 is a mark that yields broad domains instead of narrow peaks

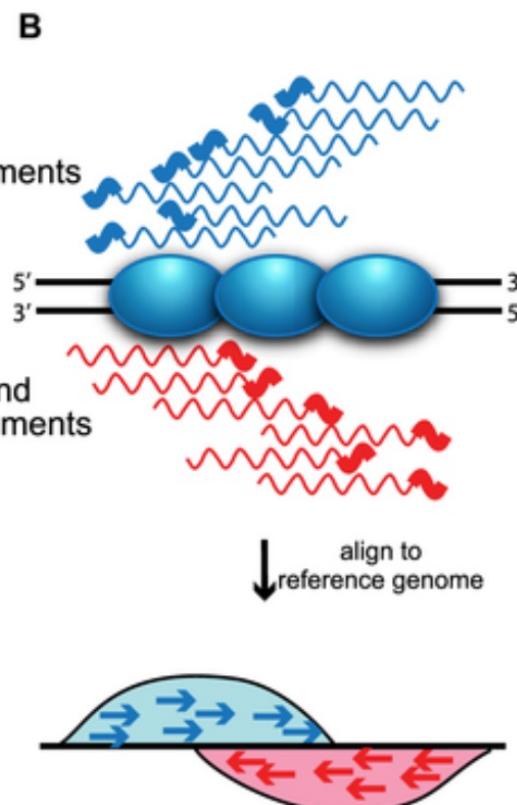
→ it is more difficult to distinguish input and ChIP, it does not mean, however, that this particular ChIP experiment failed

# Peak detection

Sequence-specific binding (TFs)

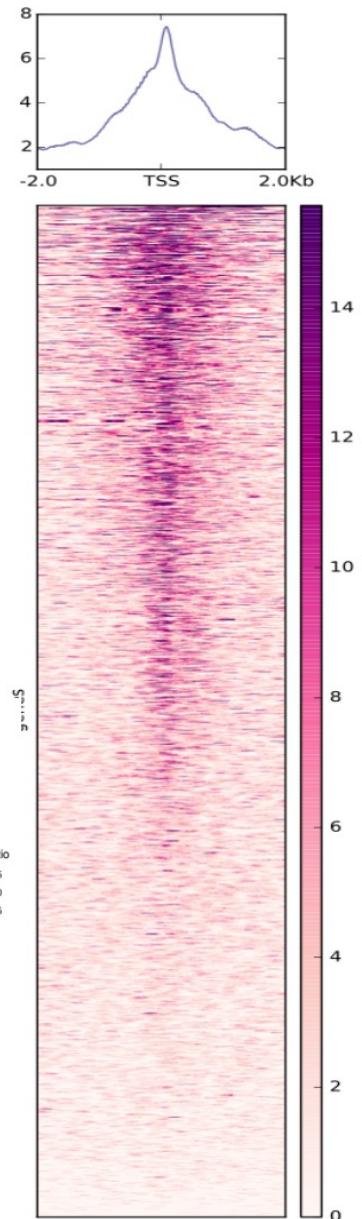
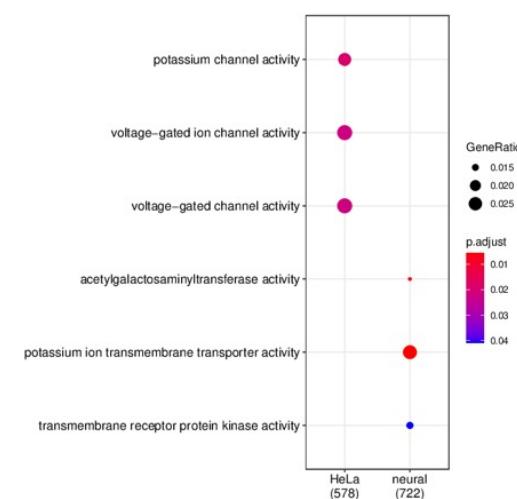
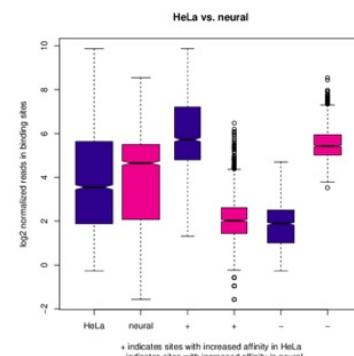
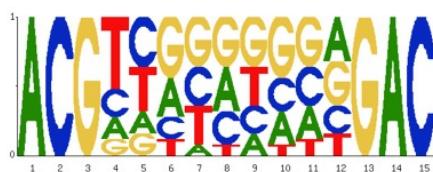


Distributed binding (histones, RNAPol2)

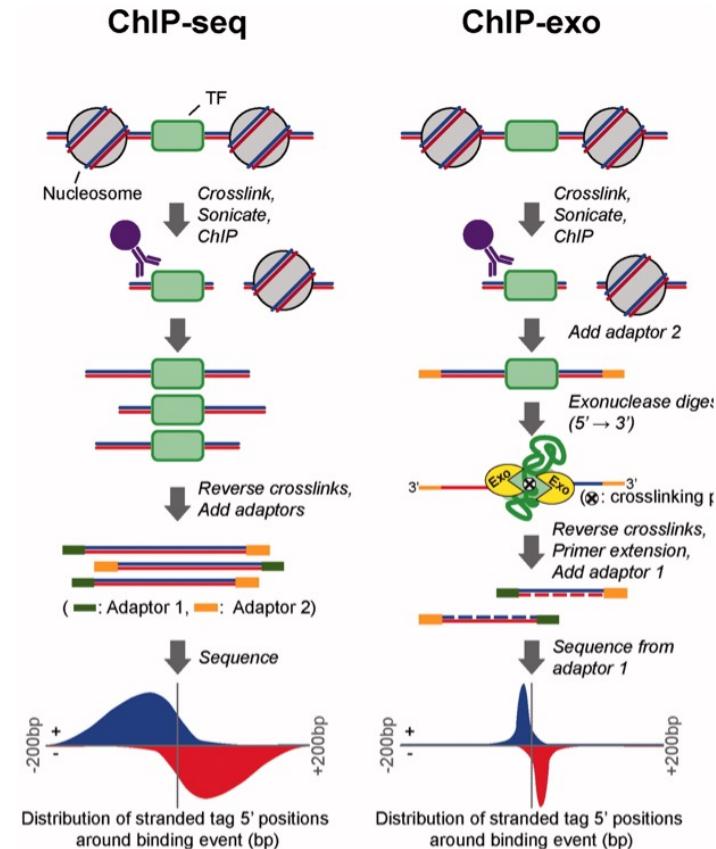
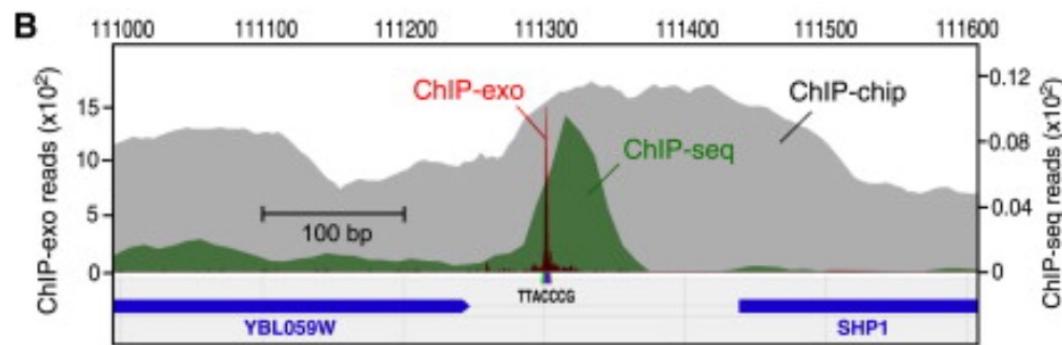
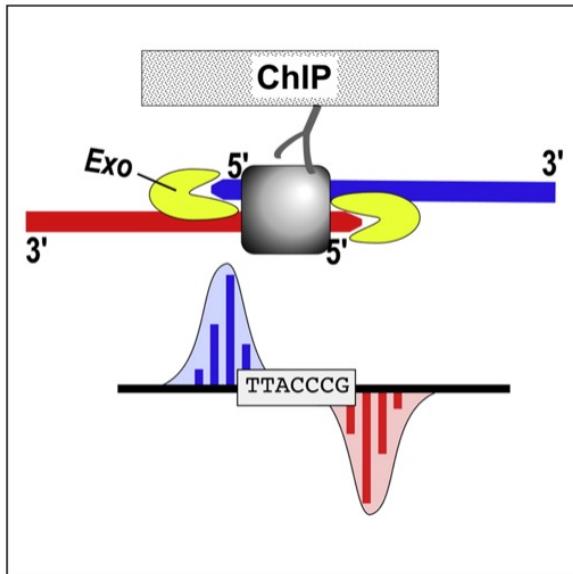


# ChIP-seq peak calling downstream analyses

- Validation (wet lab)
- Downstream analysis
  - Motif discovery
  - Annotation
  - Integration of binding and expression data
  - Integration of various binding datasets
  - Differential binding



# ChIP-exo: improvement in binding site identification



Pugh 2015  
Rhee and Pugh, Cell 2011

# Good ChIP requires good Antibody

## Potential problems with antibodies:

- specificity modified histone (crossreactivity for other histone sites/modifications)
- specificity for target protein
- cross-reactivity to other epitopes
- Affinity/Avidity of the interaction and stability against harsh wash conditions
- sensitivity to formaldehyde modification of the target protein

2010

Cell

# ATR-X Syndrome Protein Targets Tandem Repeats and Influences Allele-Specific Expression in a Size-Dependent Manner

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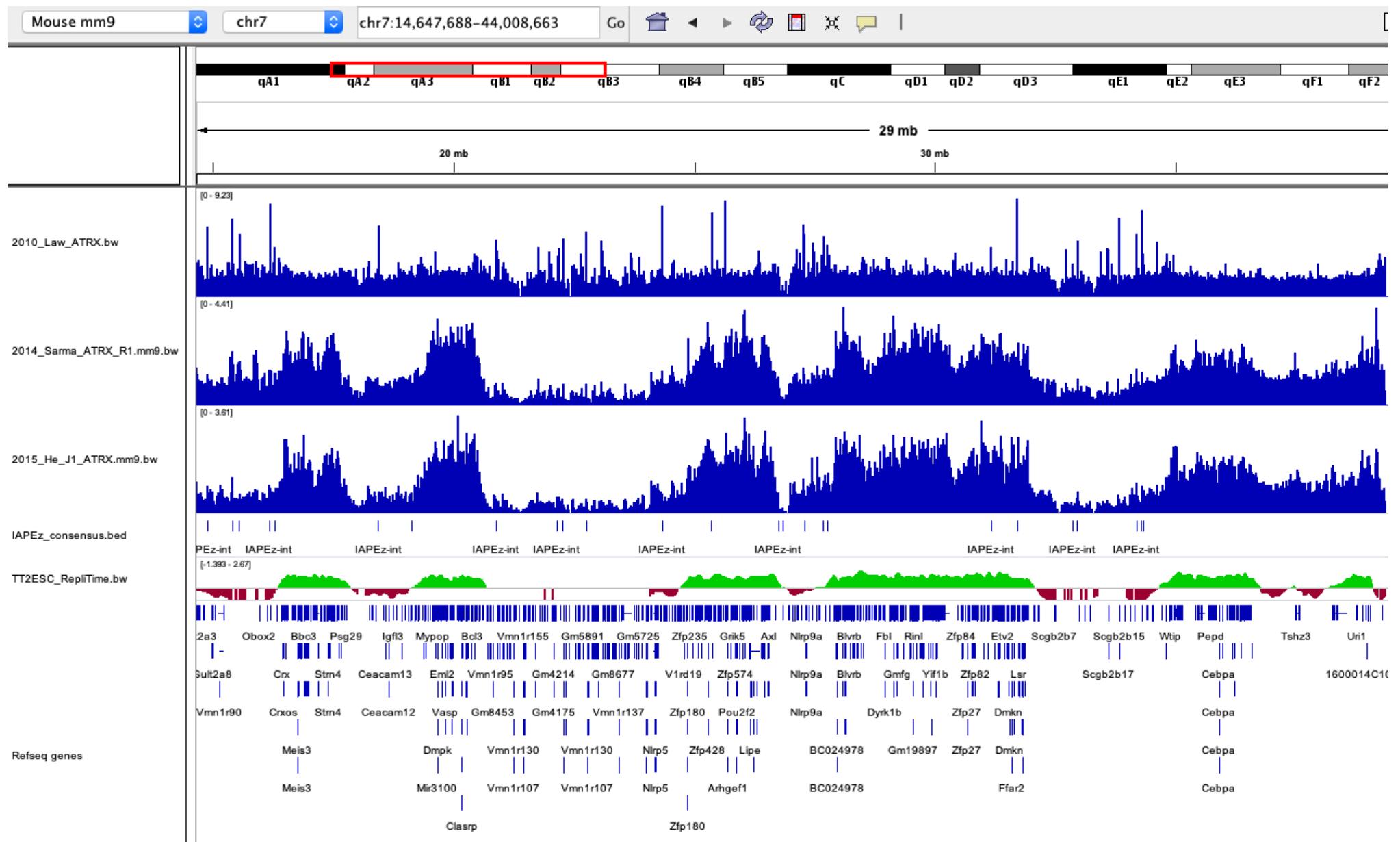
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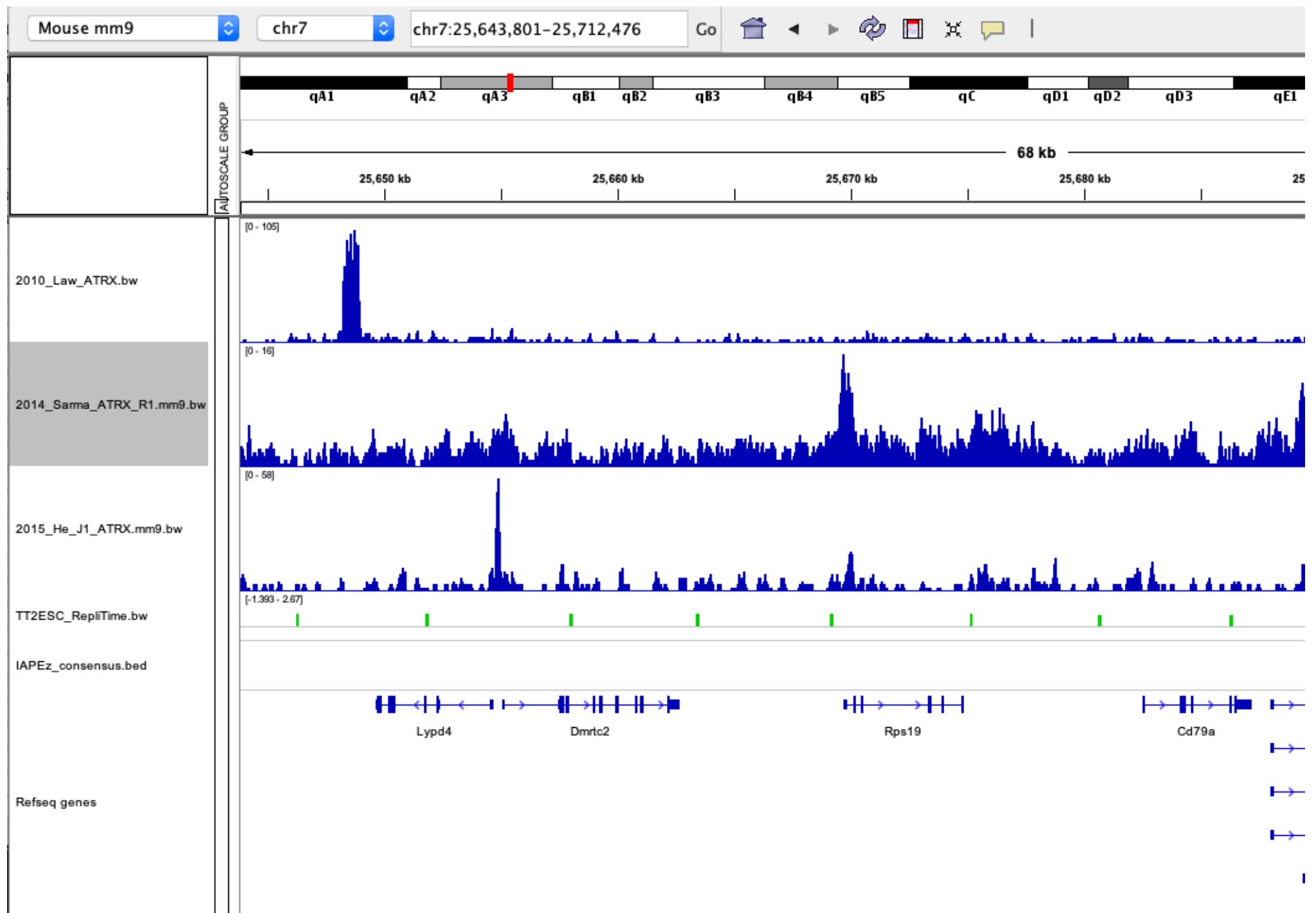
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Article

# ATRX Directs Binding of PRC2 to Xist RNA and Polycomb Targets

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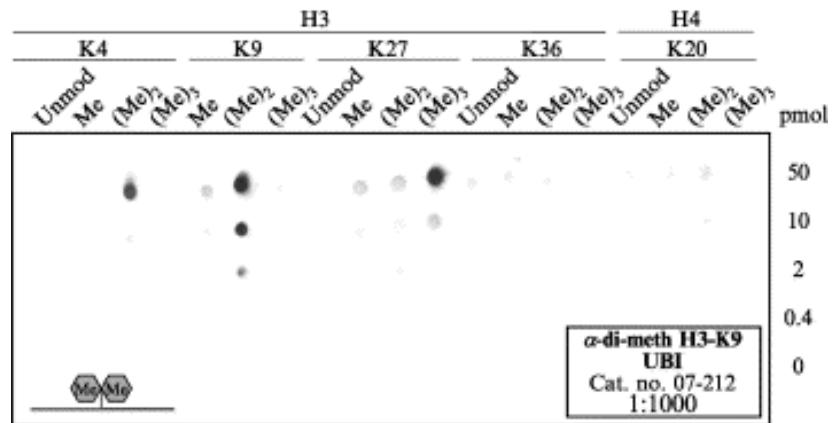


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Potential problems with antibodies:

background affinity for unmodified peptide epitope proximal to the site of modification

- specificity for seq. context



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The worse the antibody, the more ChIP will look like input

And normalizing for uneven input is tricky! Options

- ratio ChIP versus background
- background subtraction



# Cistrome Data Browser

## ⓘ Tips

- Check what factors regulate your gene of interest, what factors bind in your interval or have a significant binding overlap with your peak set. Have a try at [CistromeDB Toolkit](#).
- If you have a Transcription Factor ChIP-seq (and TF perturbed expression) data, [Cistrome-GO](#) help you predict the function of this TF.
- Please help us curate the samples which has incorrect meta-data annotation by clicking the button on the inspector page. Thank you!

Containing word(s):

Search

Options ▾

## Species

All

Homo sapiens

Mus musculus

## Biological Sources

All

1-cell pronuclei

1015c

10326

1064Sk

106A

## Factors

All

AATF

ABCC9

ACSS2

ACTB

ADNP

## Results

Batch	Species	Biological Source	Factor	Publication	Quality Control
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<http://cistrome.org/db/#/>



# Crosslinking versus native ChIP

## Crosslinking

- Formaldehyde fixation
- Shearing (sonications) or MNase
- Increasing signal for weak/transient histone/DNA- interacting proteins
- fragment ends not informative with sonication

## Native

- Lower salt/detergent
- Mnase fragmentation
- Better signal-to-noise for strong chromatin interactors, histones
- Fragment ends demarcate footprint, e.g. nucleosome position

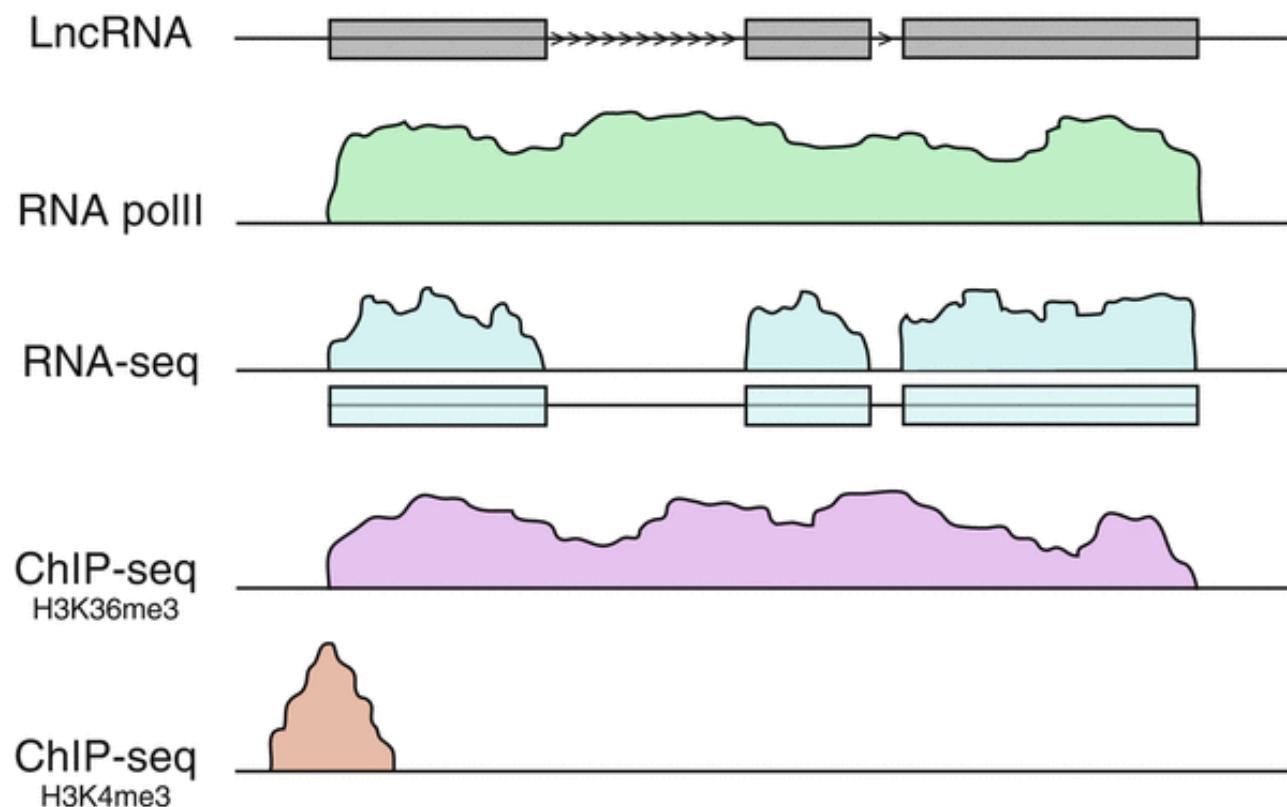
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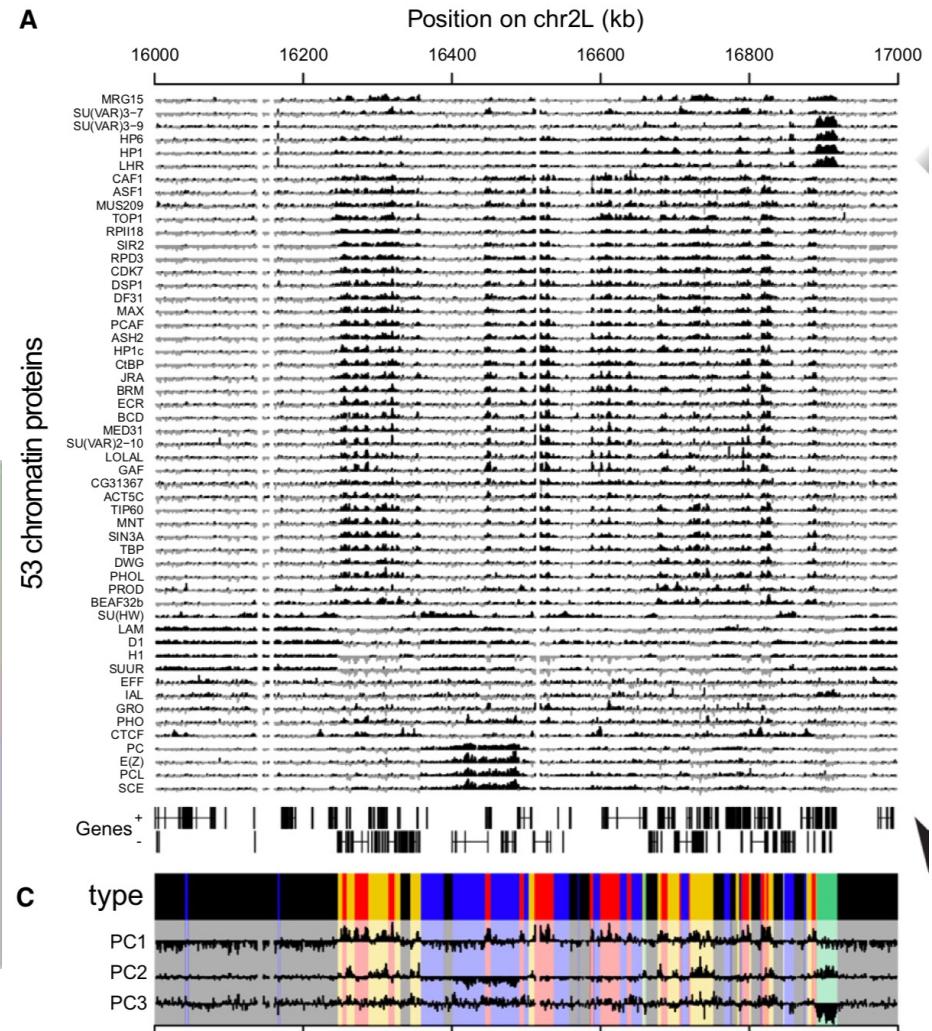
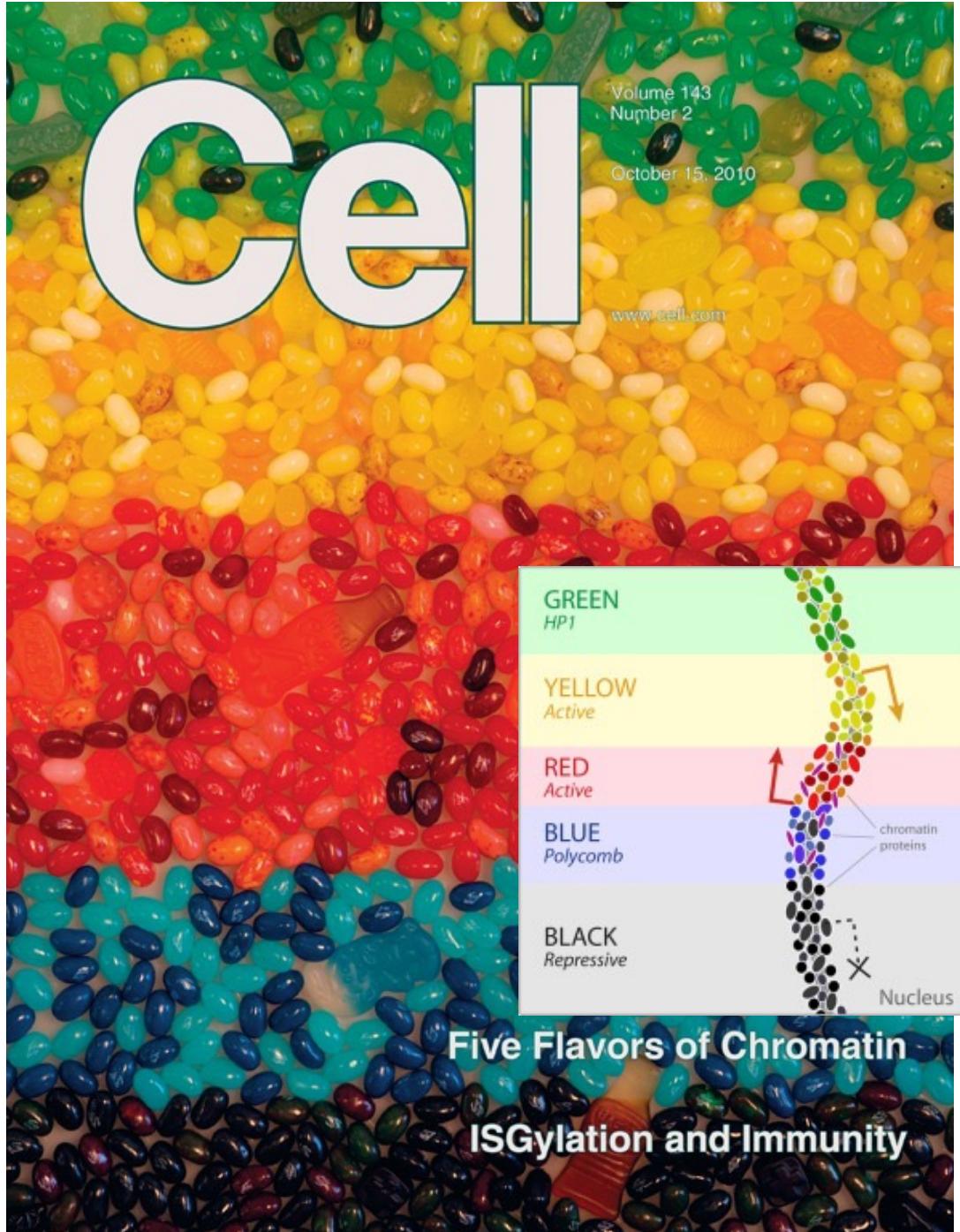
Using histone modifications to predict functional regions in the genome

# Chromatin signature reveals over a thousand highly conserved large non-coding RNAs in mammals

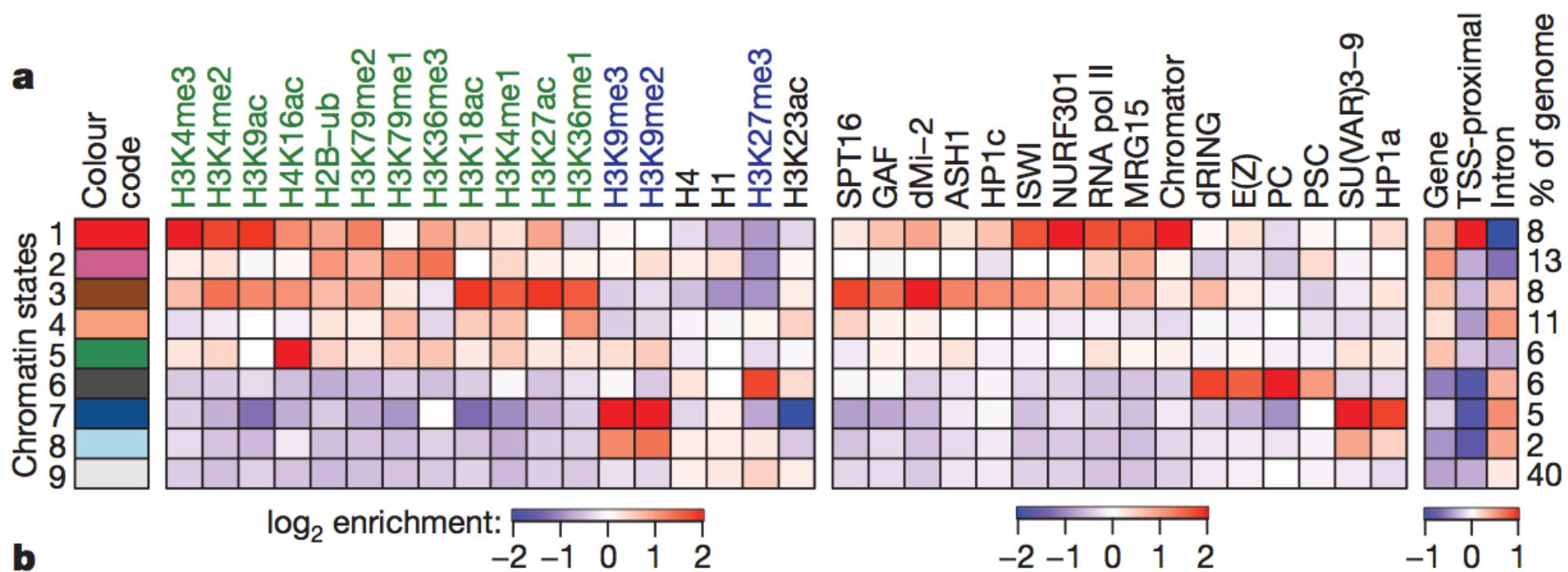
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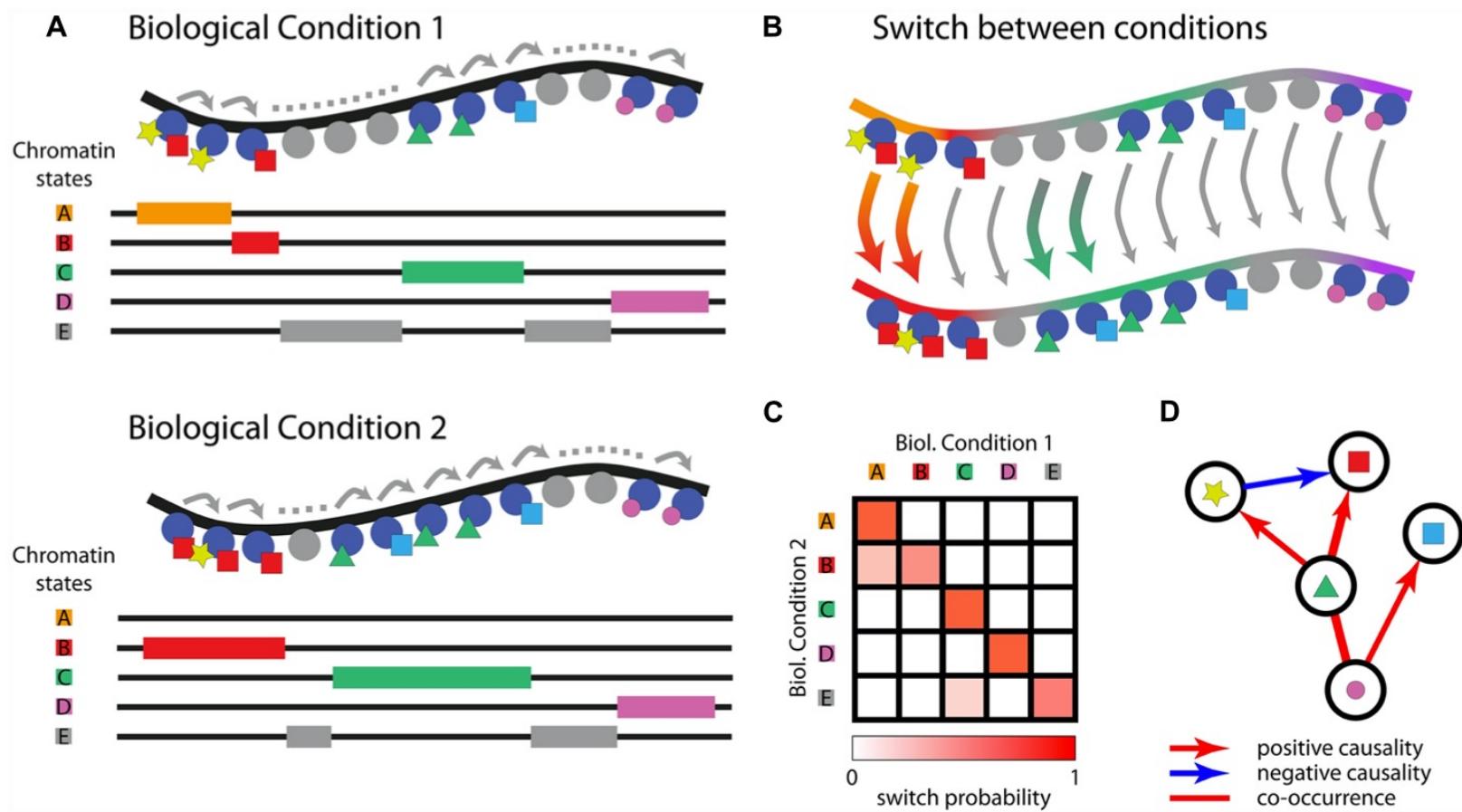


# Chromatin 'states' define functional regions



# 9 chromatin states defined by a combinatorial pattern of enrichment and depletion for specific chromatin marks

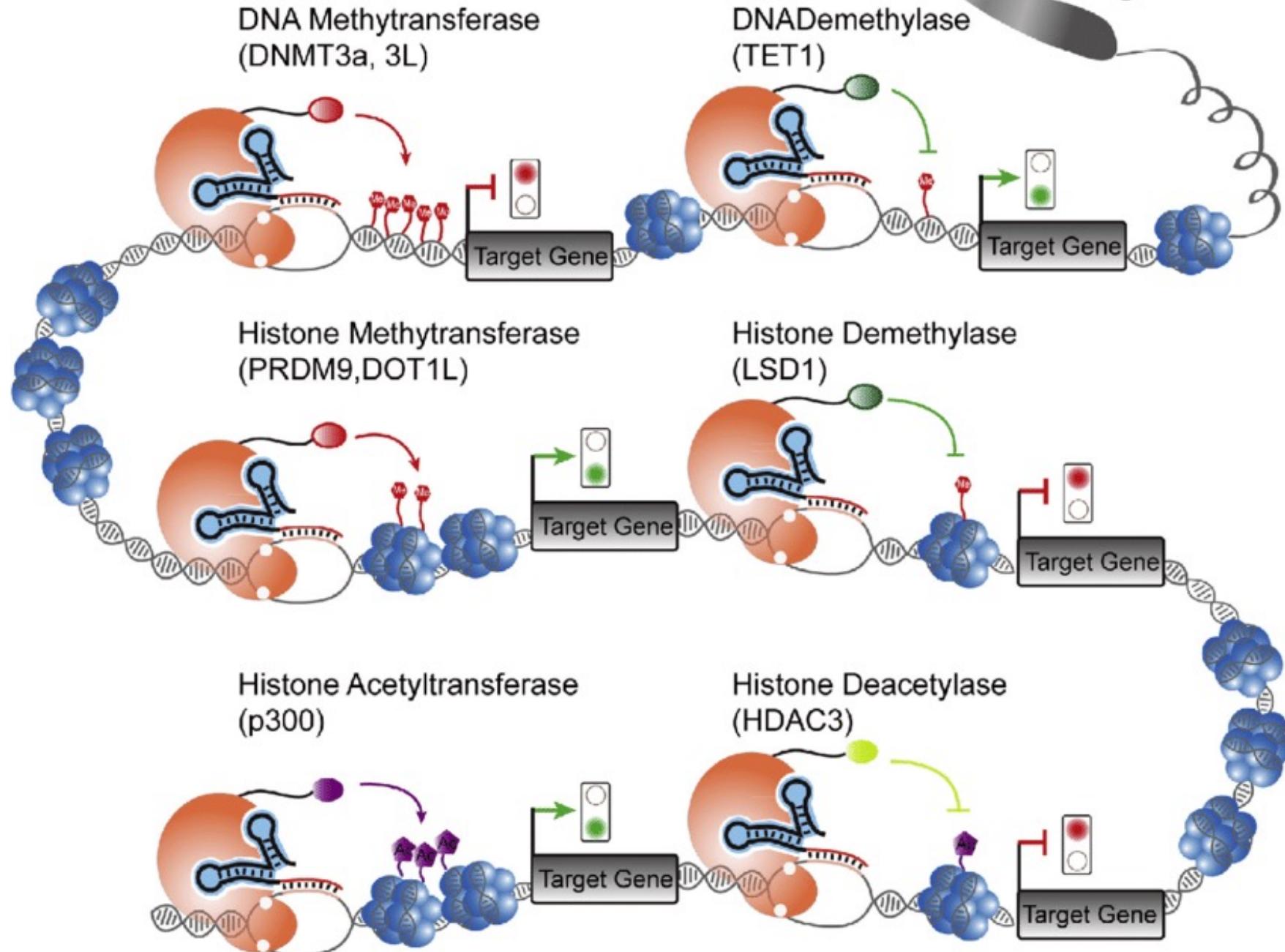




**FIGURE 1 | Adopting chromatin states to decipher the interplay between epigenetic marks across multiple biological conditions.** HMM-based learning of chromatin states; DNA is depicted in black, histones as blue or gray circles, and different histone's PTMs as colored shapes. Chromatin states identifying relevant combinations of histones PTMs are drawn in the

underlying diagram **(A)**. Chromatin states can be compared over different cell types or biological conditions; arrows represent the switch between different states **(B)**. Heatmap displaying the probability of switching between chromatin states in different biological conditions **(C)**. Graph depicting causal relationships among epigenetic marks determined based on **(C,D)**.

# Epigenetic Engineering

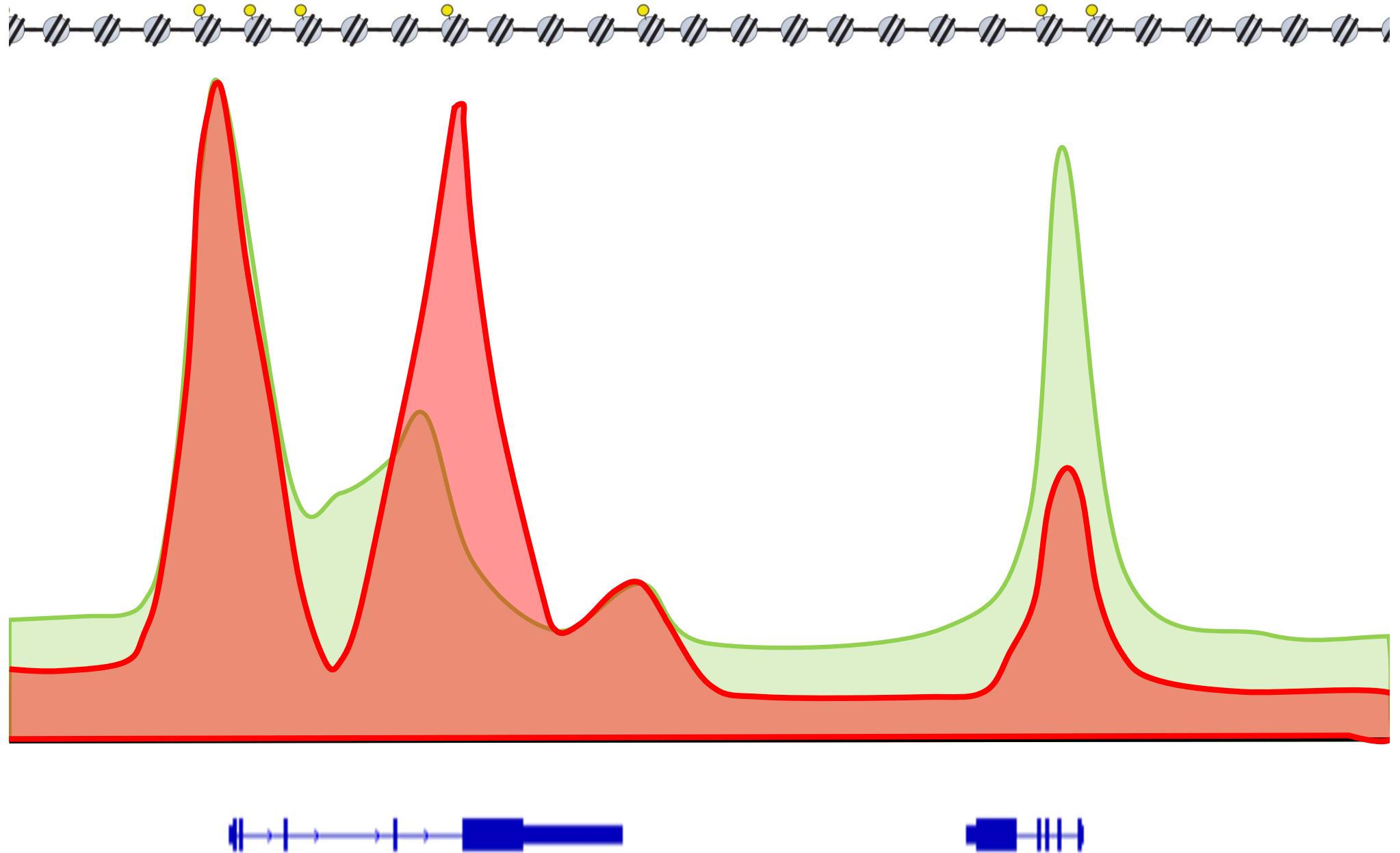


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*These applications imply that you are interested in quantitatively comparing occupancies or levels of PTMs!*

## Interpreting ChIP-Seq signal



## **Relative quantitation** Epigenomic profiles can be compared

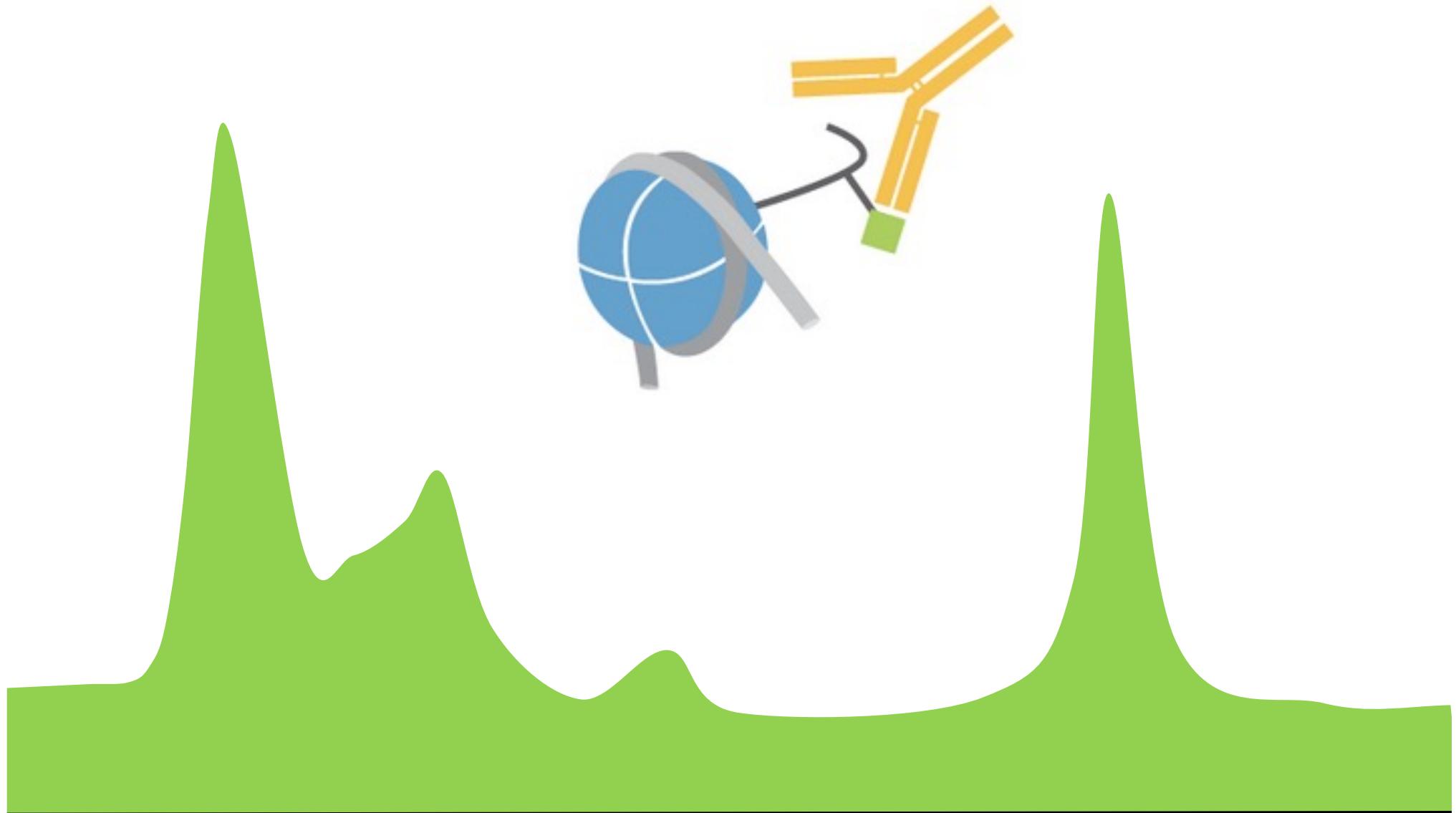
Before comparing, we need to ensure that samples are normalized. Traditional normalization brings all samples to the same effective sequencing depth, and it is assumed that then the samples can be compared quantitatively.

Normalization methods used

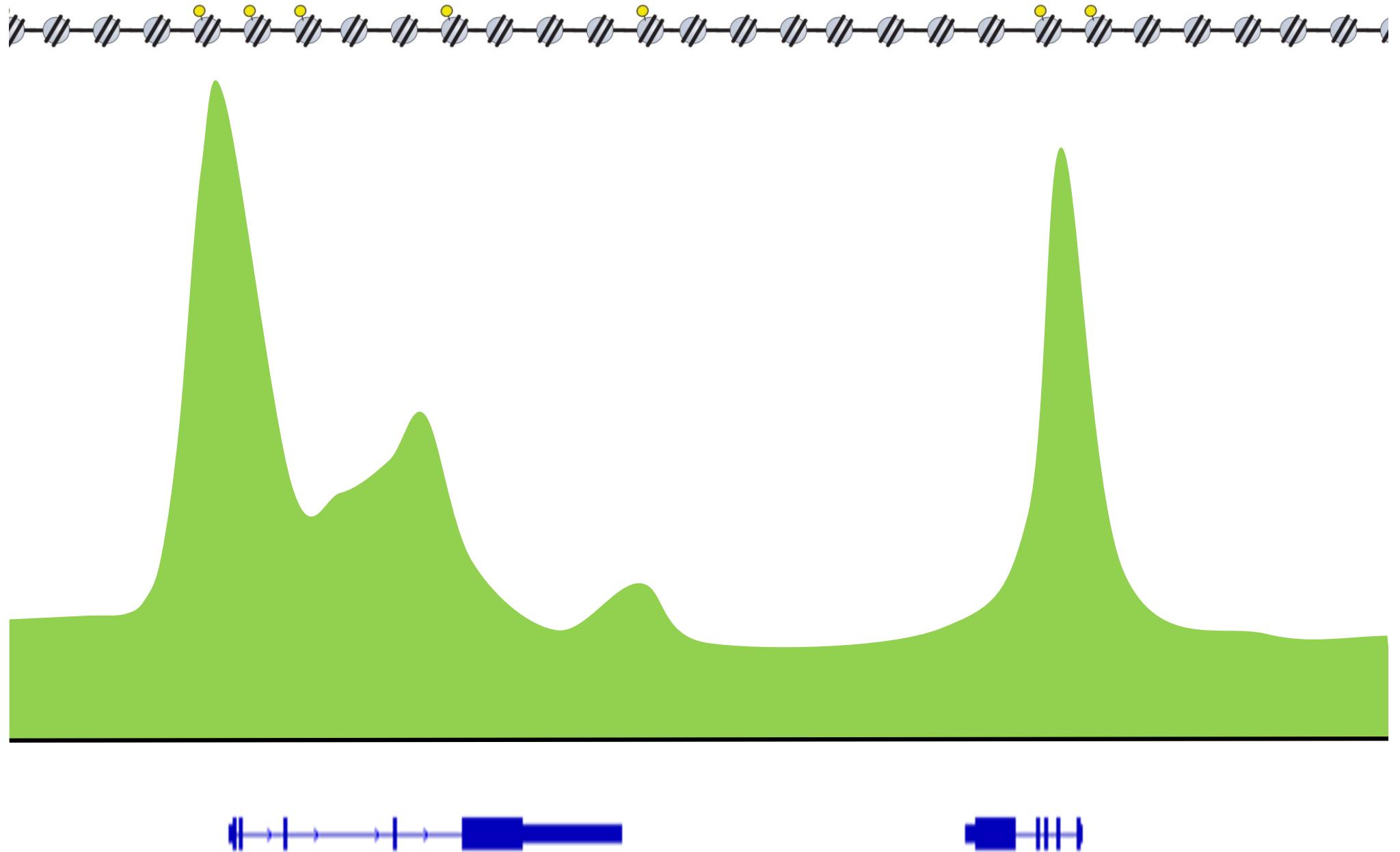
- RPKM/FPKM (Reads/Fragments Per Kilobase Million)
- RPGC (Reads Per Genome Coverage, “1x normalization”)

*Assumes that relative signal changes but global levels and background do not change!*

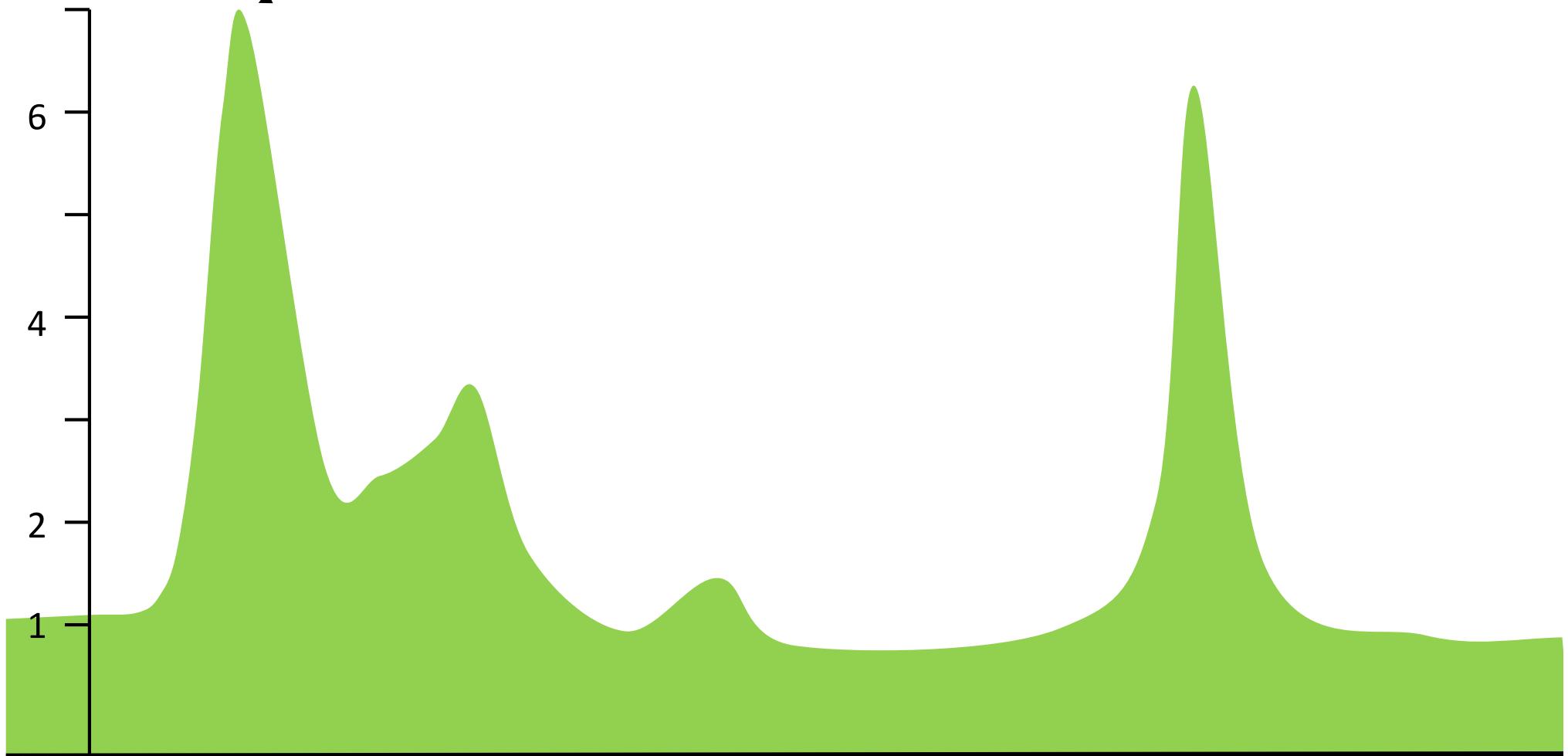
## ChIP-Seq signal (histone PTM or Binding Protein occupancy)

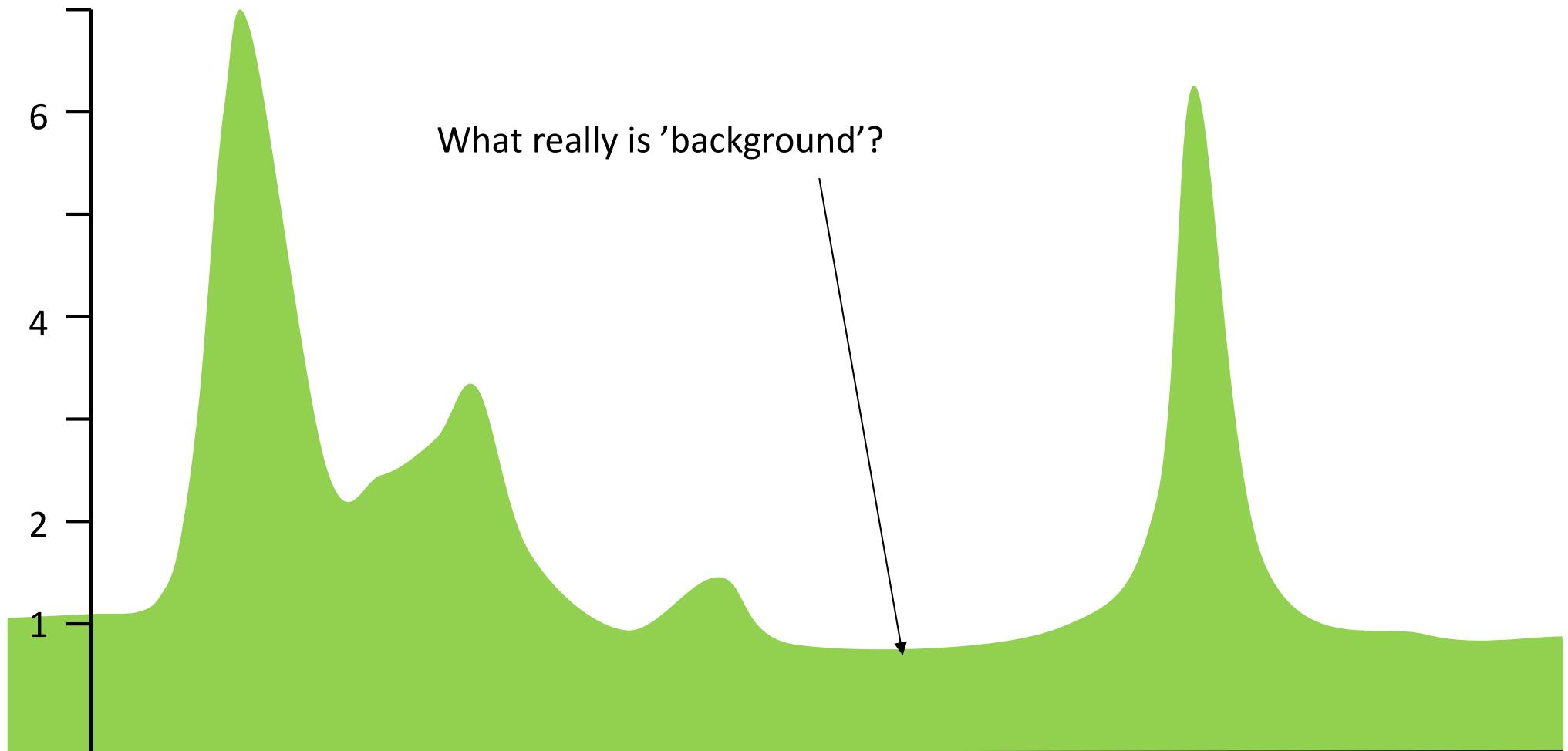


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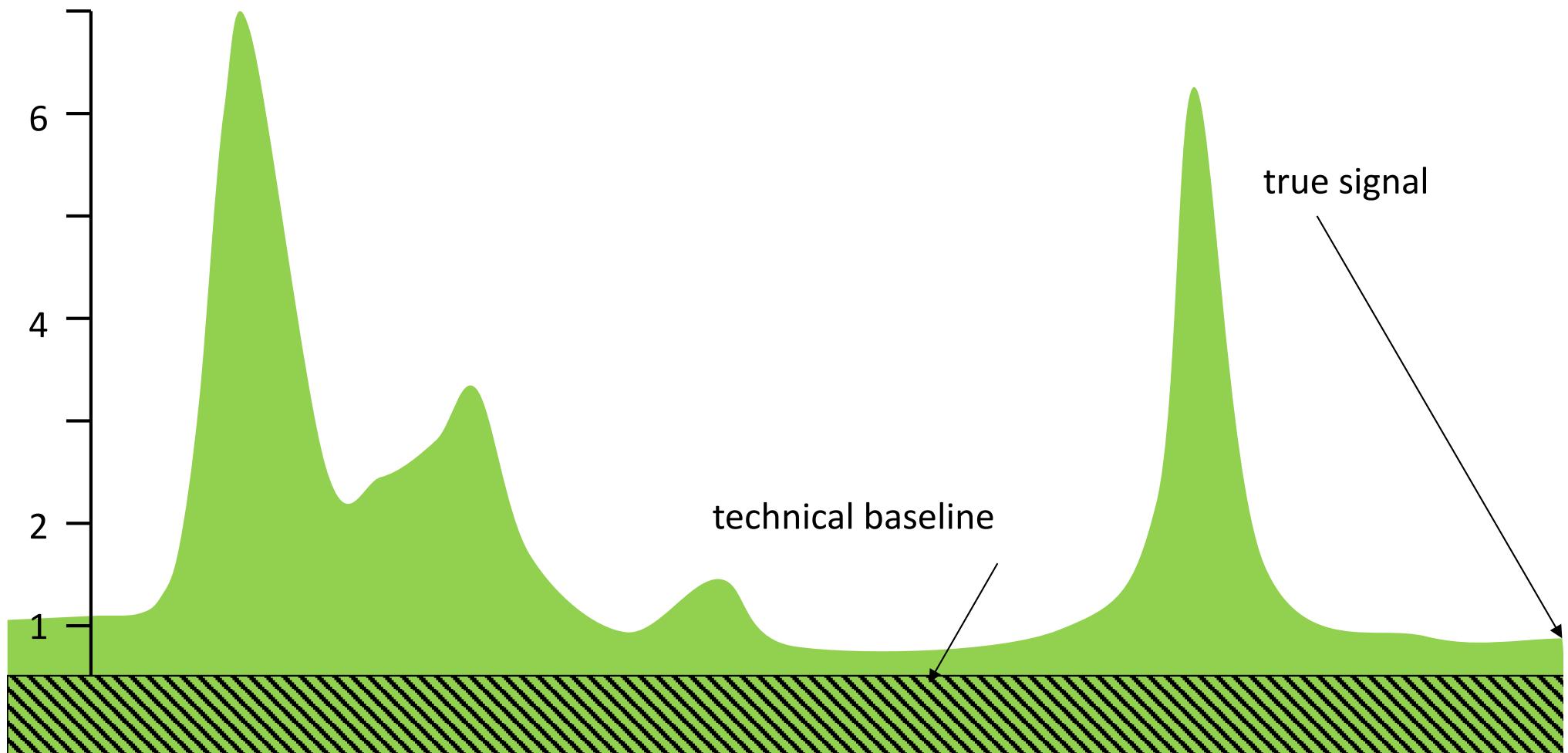


What does the peak height mean?

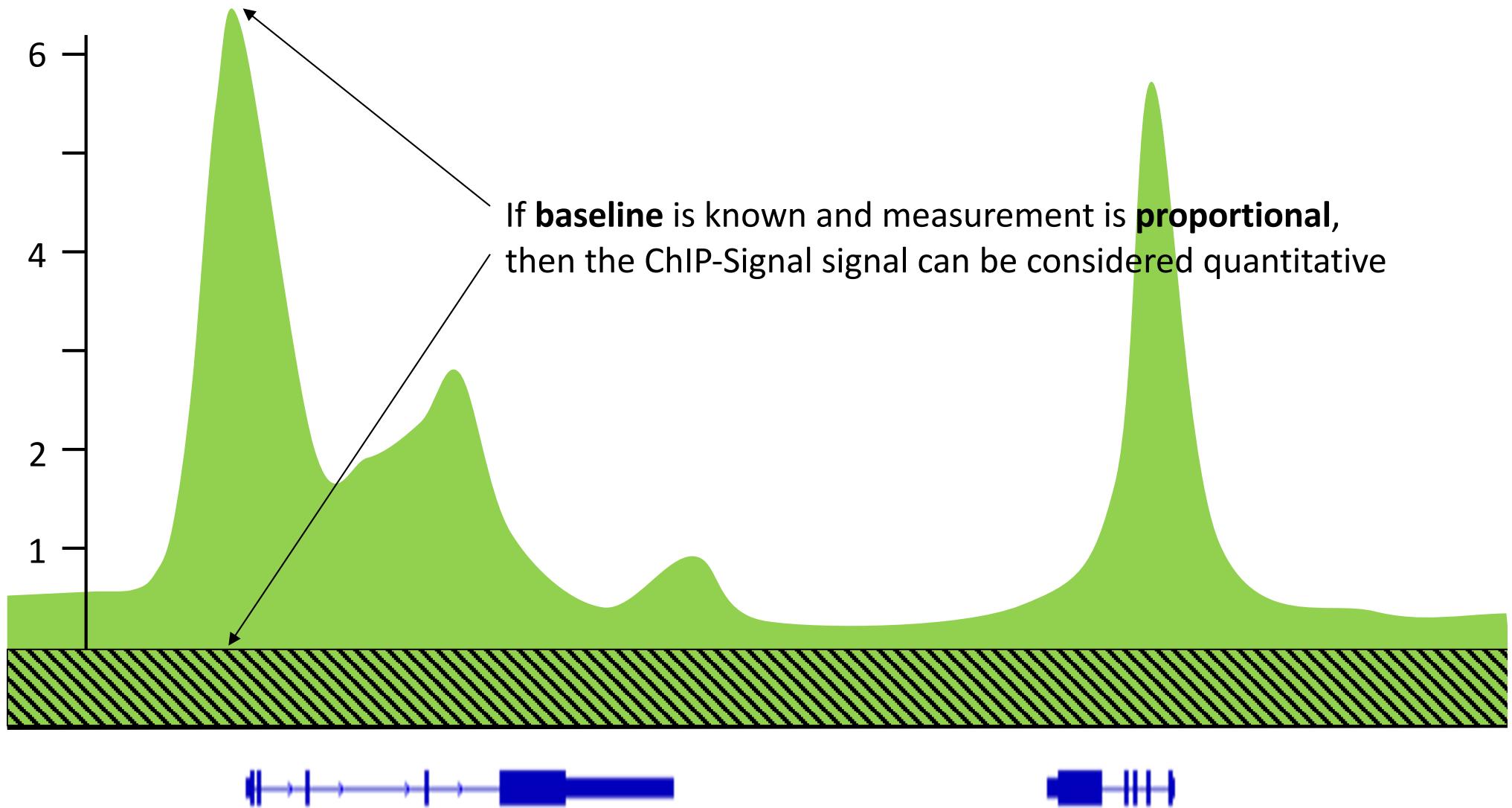




What really is 'background'?



## Relative quantitation – accurate comparison across regions in the genome



# Quantitative ChIP-Seq

- Measured signal (=read density) scales linear (proportional) with 'true' signal
- Signal is comparable quantitatively between samples
- Technical or batch does not influence the quantitative answer

*Absolute* quantification further requires that the output can be understood in a real-world unit (e.g. binding occupancy or PTM density in fraction/percent)

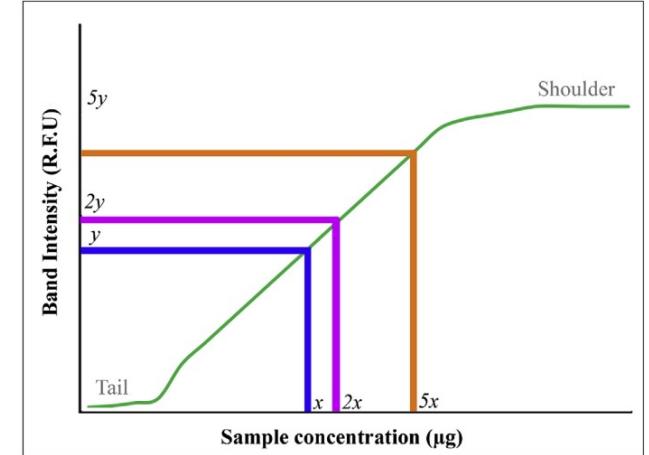


Fig. 2. Linear relationship between sample concentration and band intensity. The signal derived from the protein bands on a Western blot varies with the amount of sample extract loaded onto the protein gel. The illustrated graph depicts a linear and proportional relationship between amount of sample loaded ( $x$ ,  $2x$ ,  $5x$ ) and the relative fluorescence units (R.F.U) captured from the target bands ( $y$ ,  $2y$ ,  $5y$ ). Tail and shoulder end of the data curve capture noise and saturated signal, respectively.  $\mu\text{g}$ , micrograms; R.F.U, Relative fluorescence units.

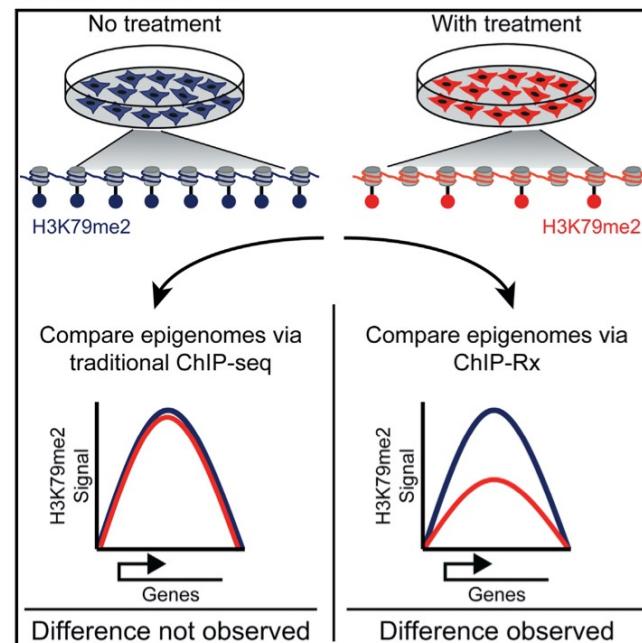
# Quantitative ChIP with *Drosophila* Spike-in

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**ChIPSeqSpike**: An R/Bioconductor package for ChIP-Seq data scaling according to spike-in control

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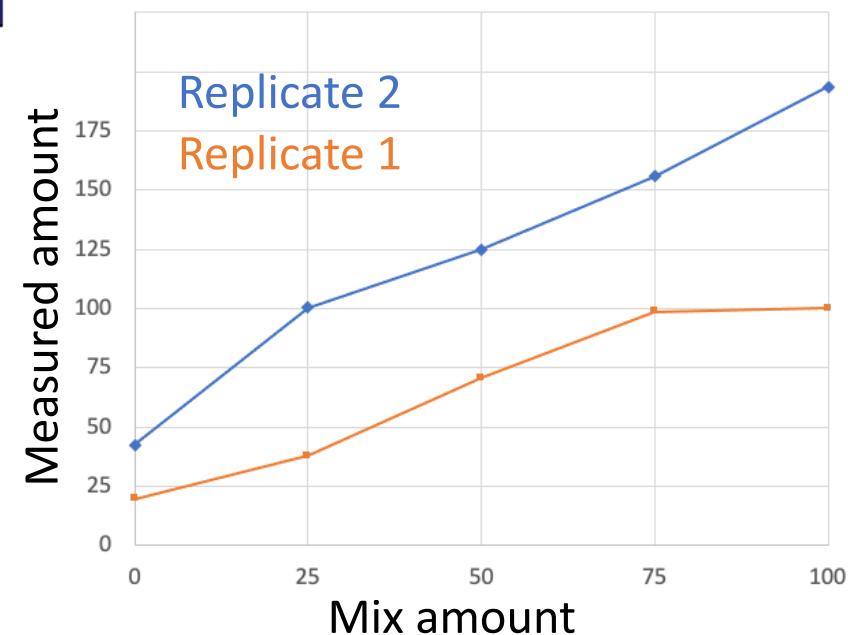
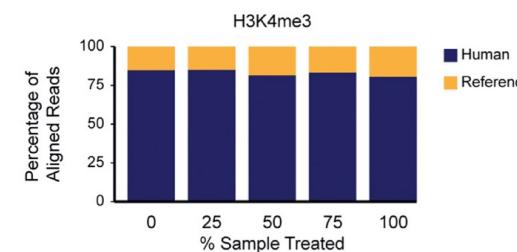
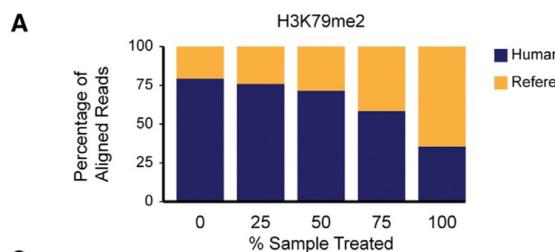
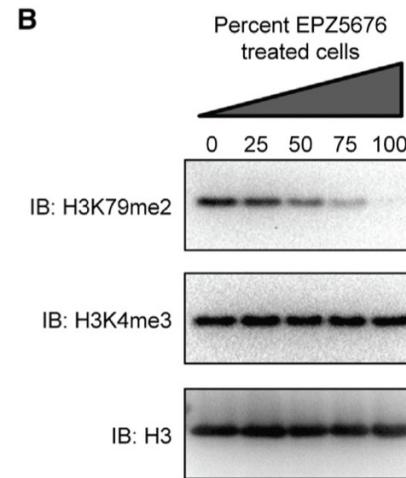
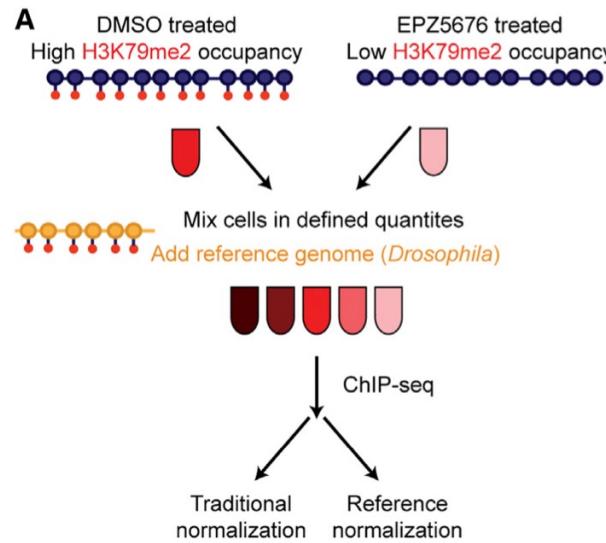
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Lack of an empirical normalization strategy has limited the usefulness of ChIP-seq

ChIP-Rx allows genome-wide quantitative comparisons of histone modification status



Multiple replicates are essential for correct spike-in normalization!

# Practical solutions to quantitative scaling

- BAM-based, then carry along scale factor determined by BAM read counts for scaling on-the-fly
- BigWig-based, scaled bigwig file can be used in any downstream analysis

# Limitations of Spike-in ChIP

- Spike-in amount has to be accurate in relation to chromatin amount (think about error in cell counting, protein assay or pipetting)
- Alternatively, fraction Drosophila reads spiked-in needs to be determined experimentally by sequencing input. Some confusion in the field exists if or not input is taken into account
- Some confusion exists if and when a background normalization using input can be done while also using spike-in normalization (how to normalize input? divide or subtract?)
- Antibody must crossreact with the spike-in species.

# Excercise – reanalysis of Orlando data using Bioconductor package

## ChIP-seq with exogenous chromatin spike

This tutorial is included from [previous workshop](#). Thanks!

- Requirements
  - Uppmax
  - Local
- Data
- Data preparation
- Fingerprint plots
- Disclaimer
- Using [ChIPSeqSpike](#) for ChIPseq signal scaling
  - Files and directories
  - Scaling of signal to exogenous chromatin spike
  - Data visualization
    - Visualization with gene meta-profiles
    - Visualization with Boxplots
    - Correlation plots
- What to do next

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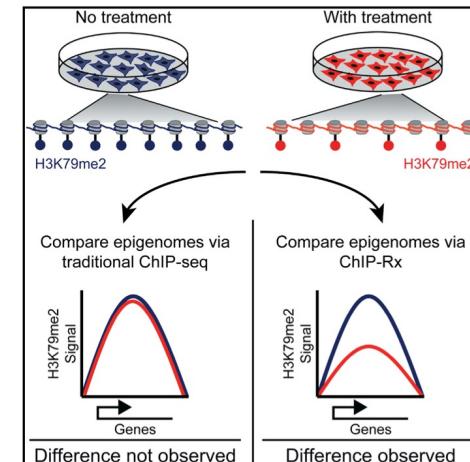
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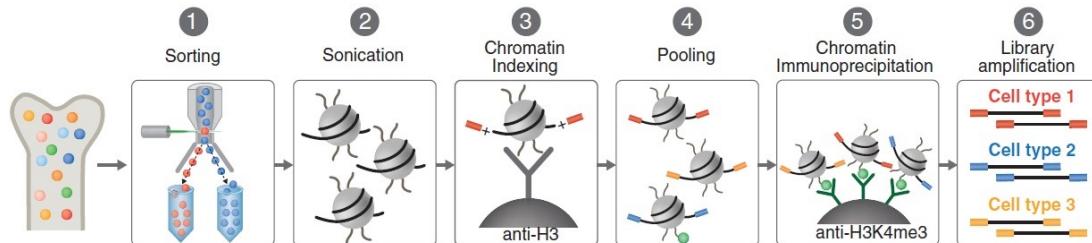
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# Barcode-first methods

## I-ChIP: on-beads barcoding



## One-pot methods ChIP

### A high-throughput ChIP–Seq for large-scale chromatin studies

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### Quantitative Multiplexed ChIP Reveals Global Alterations that Shape Promoter Bivalency in Ground State Embryonic Stem Cells

#### Graphical Abstract

Quantitative ChIP with large linear dynamic range

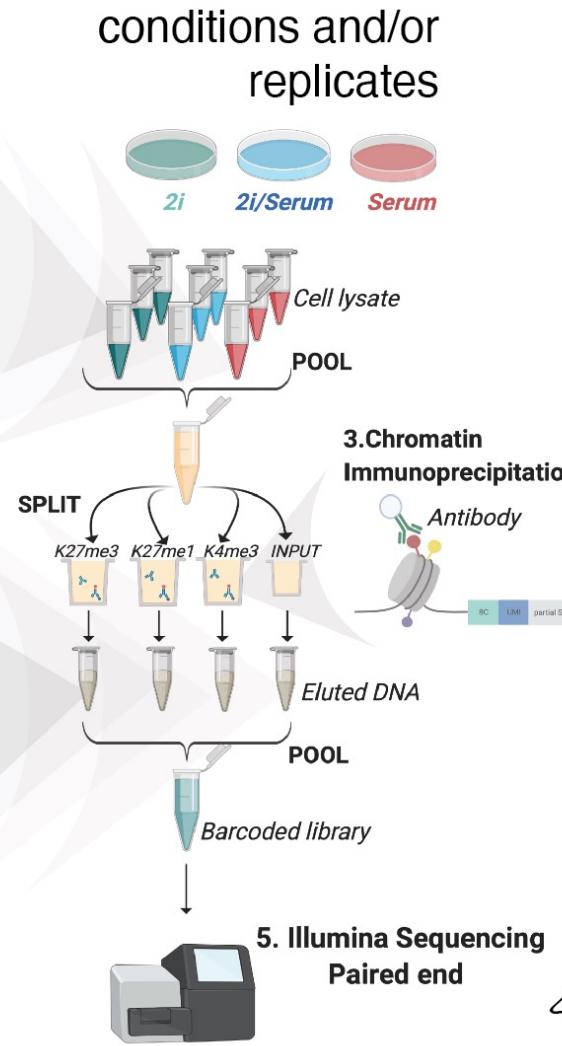
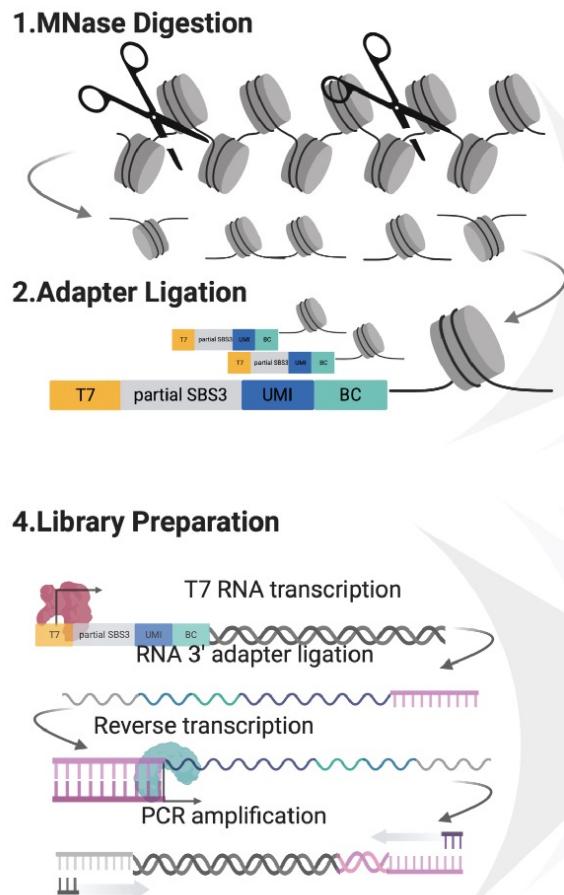
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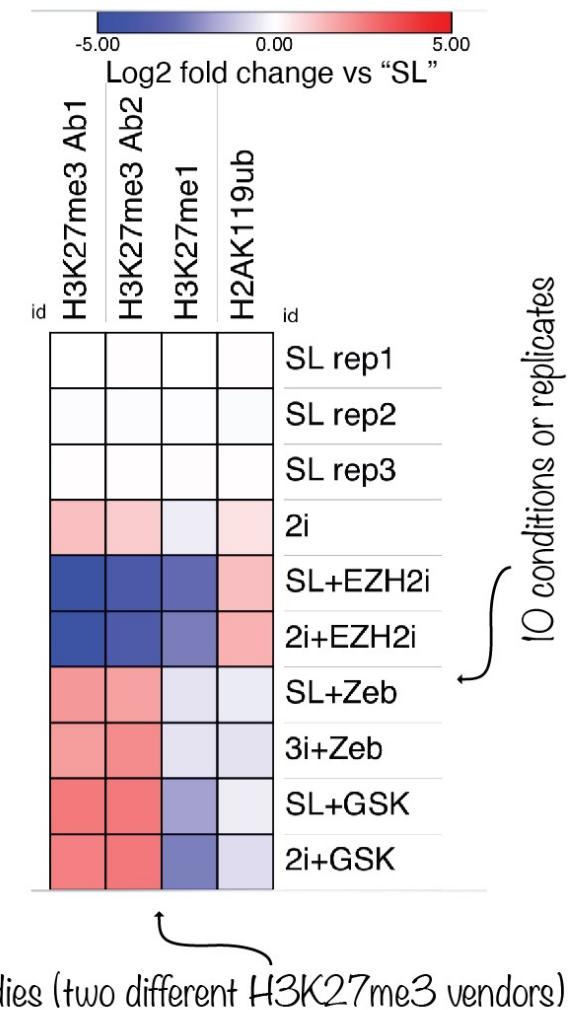
# Multiplexed ChIP (MINUTE-ChIP)

**A**



**B**

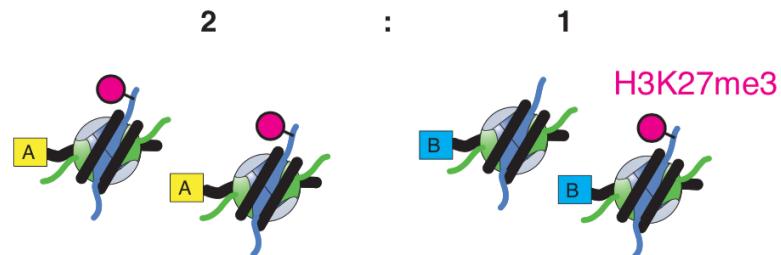
Example multiplexed ChIP



# MINUTE-ChIP Quantification

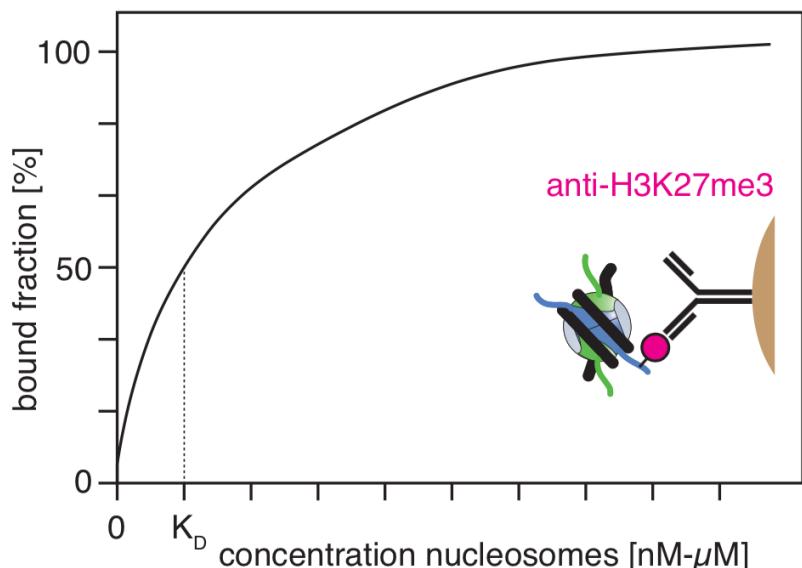
condition A : condition B

modified nucleosomes:



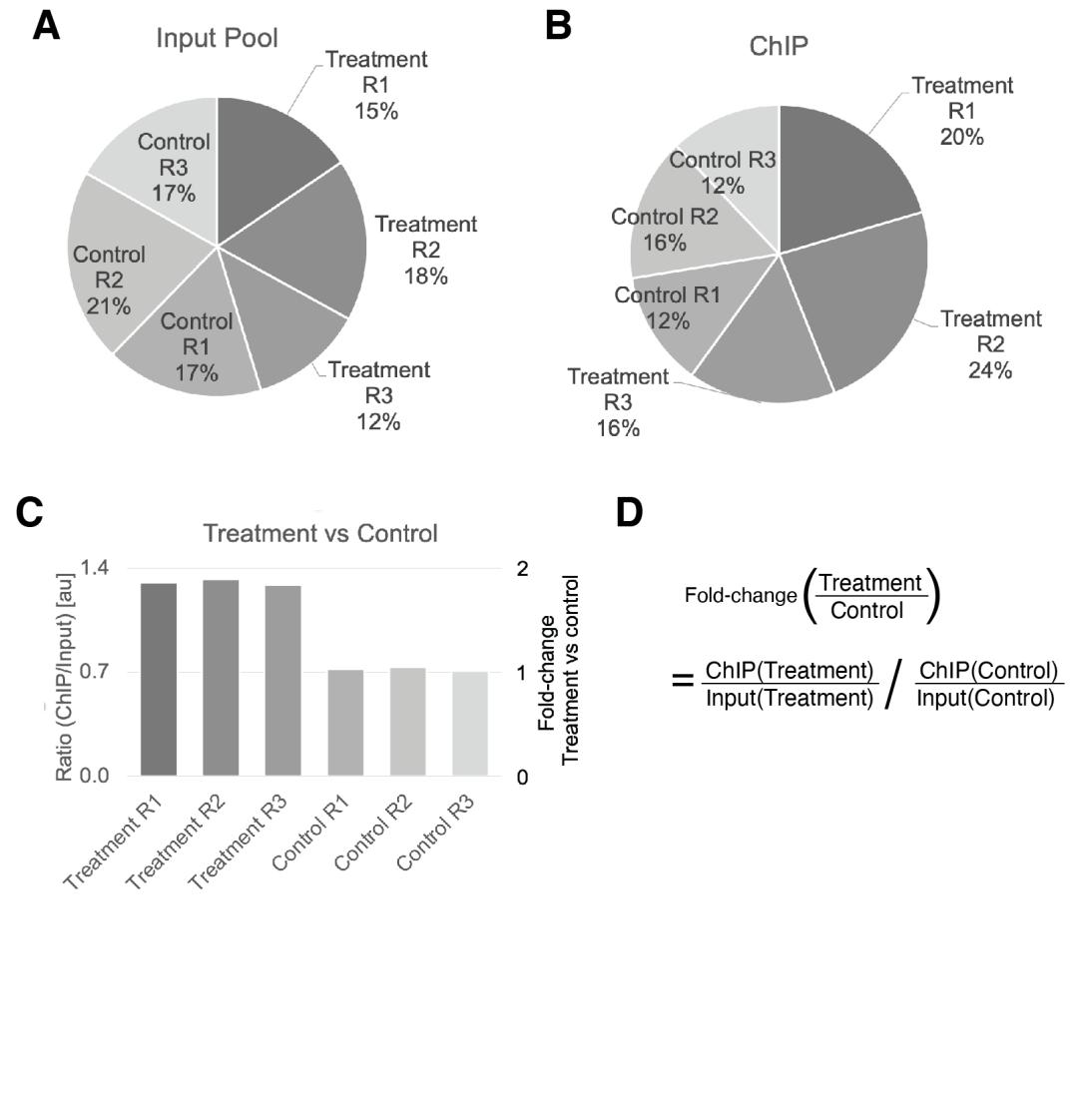
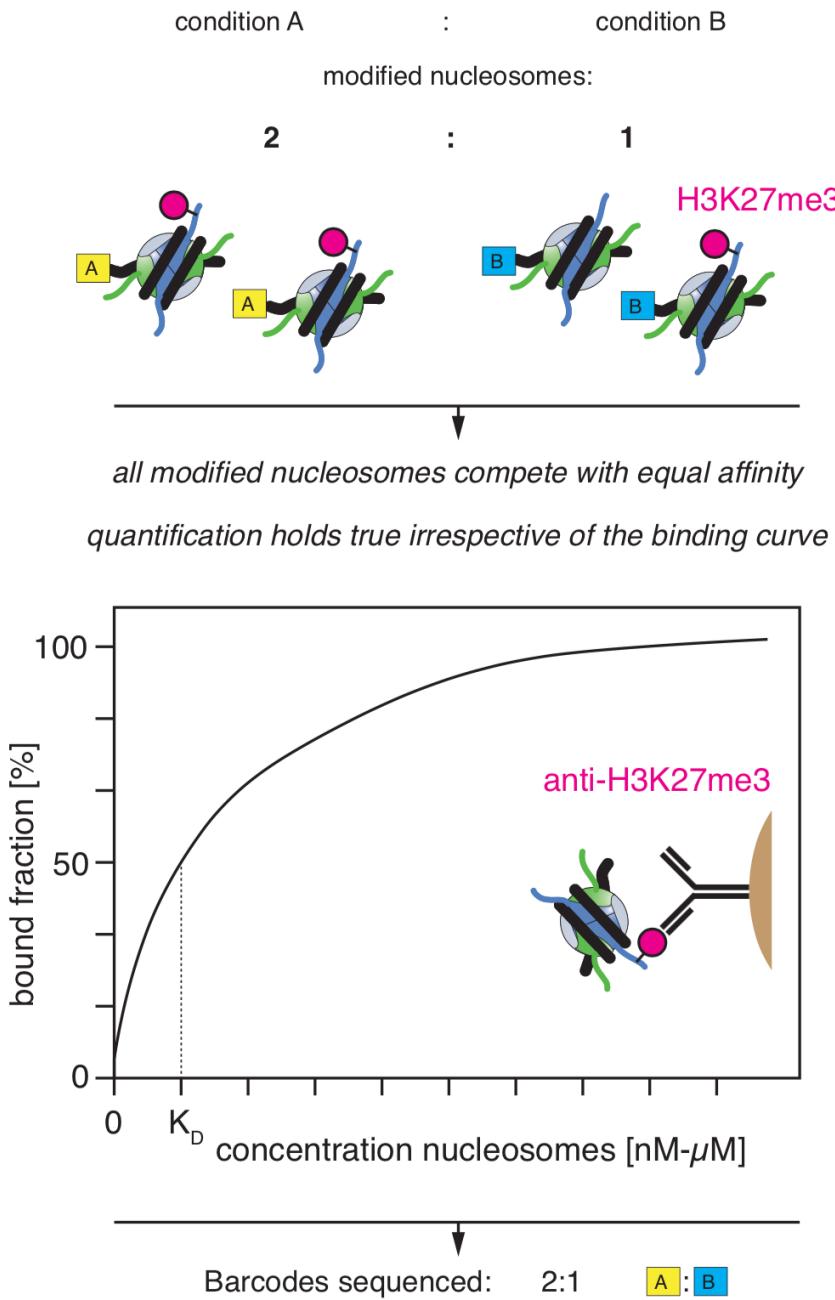
*all modified nucleosomes compete with equal affinity*

*quantification holds true irrespective of the binding curve*



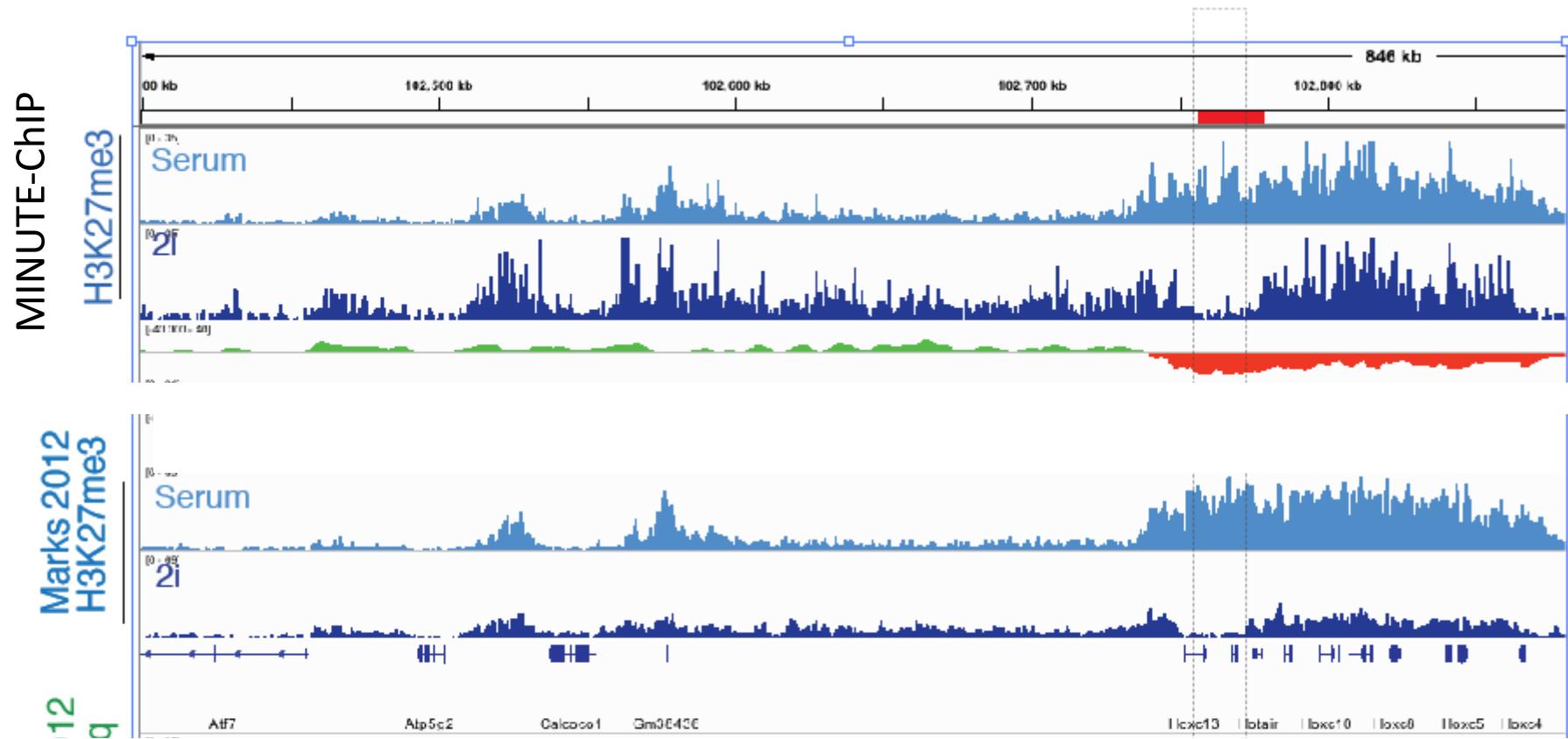
Barcodes sequenced: 2:1    A : B

# MINUTE-ChIP Quantification

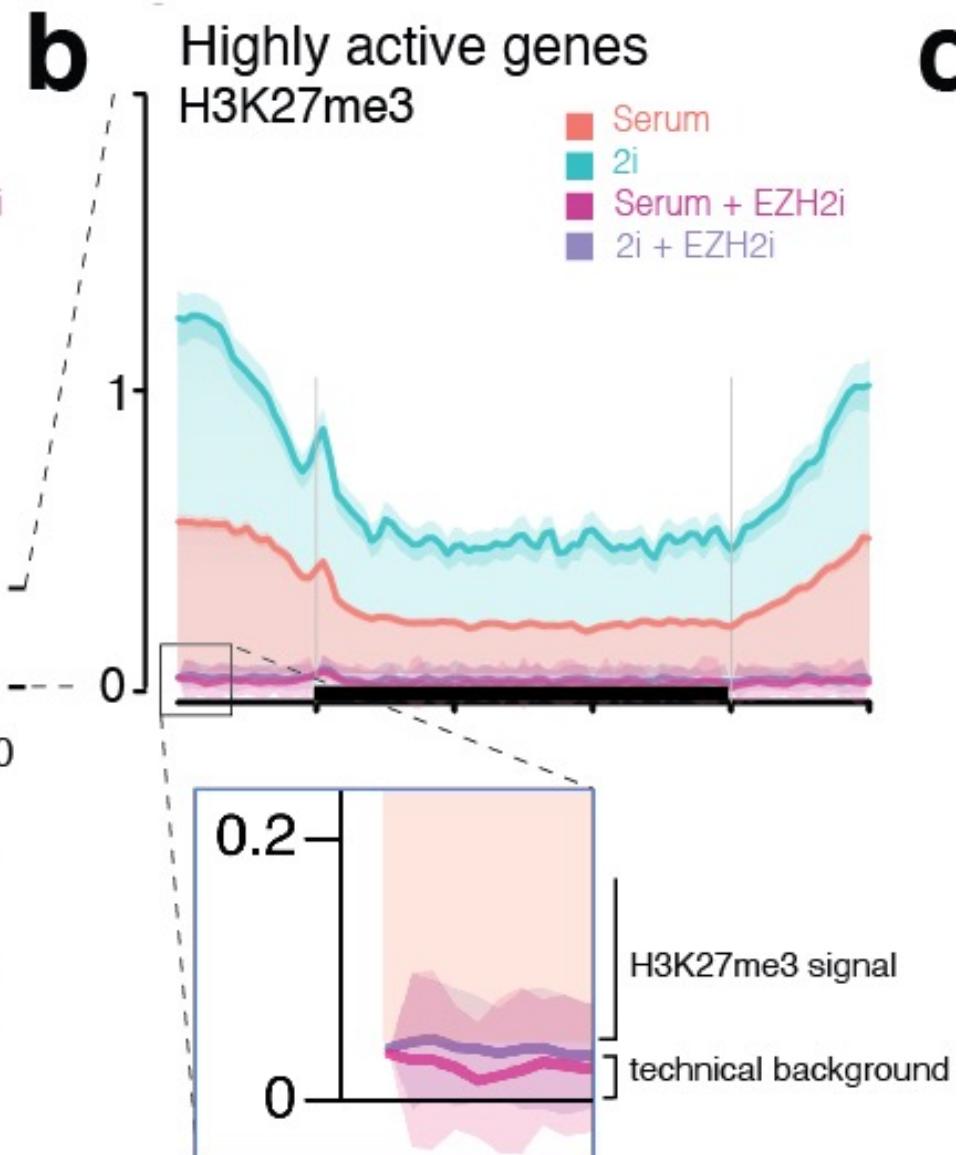
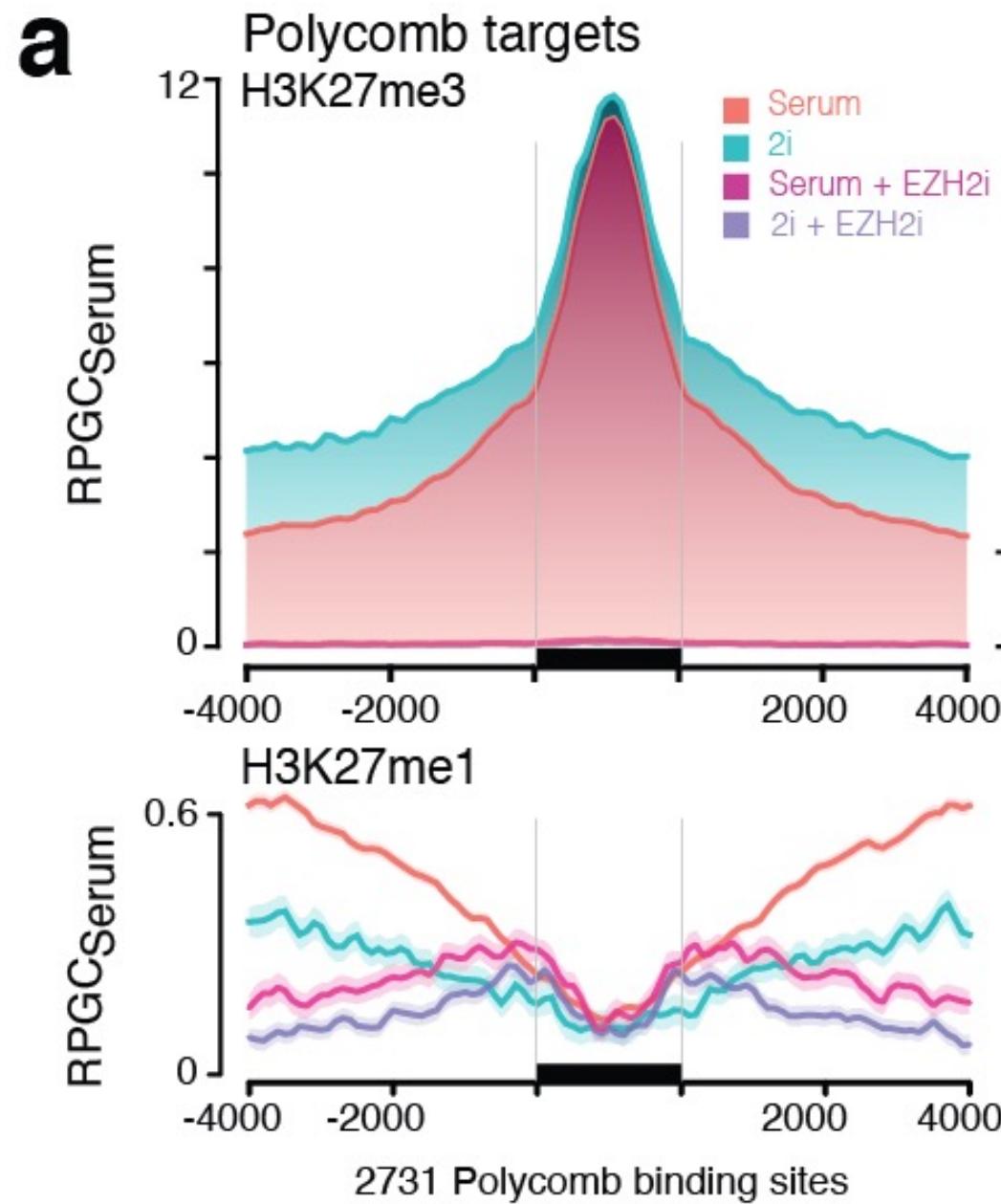


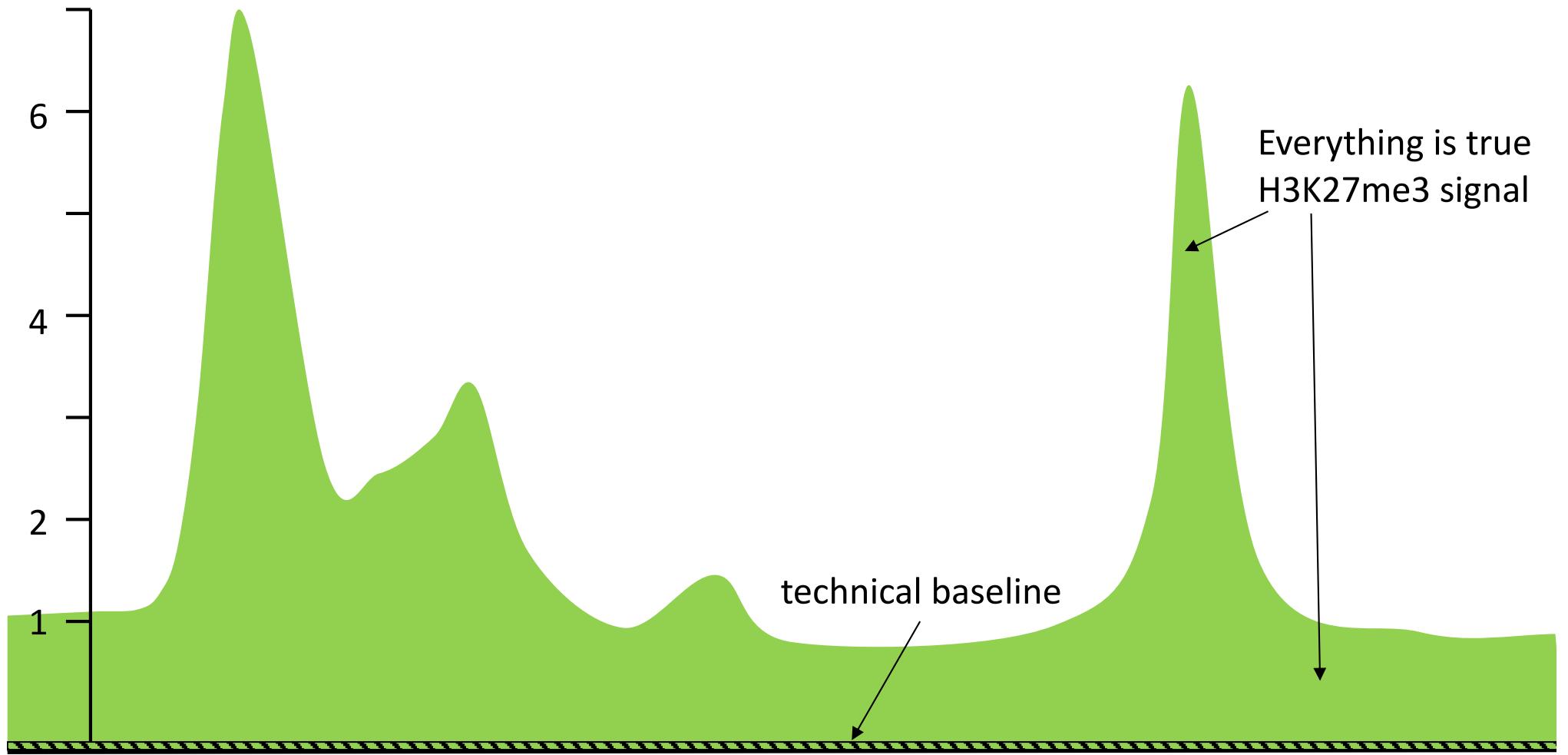
# Comparison normal and quantitative ChIP

Comparing naïve and ‘primed’ mouse embryonic stem cells



# Multiplexed ChIP has very little technical background



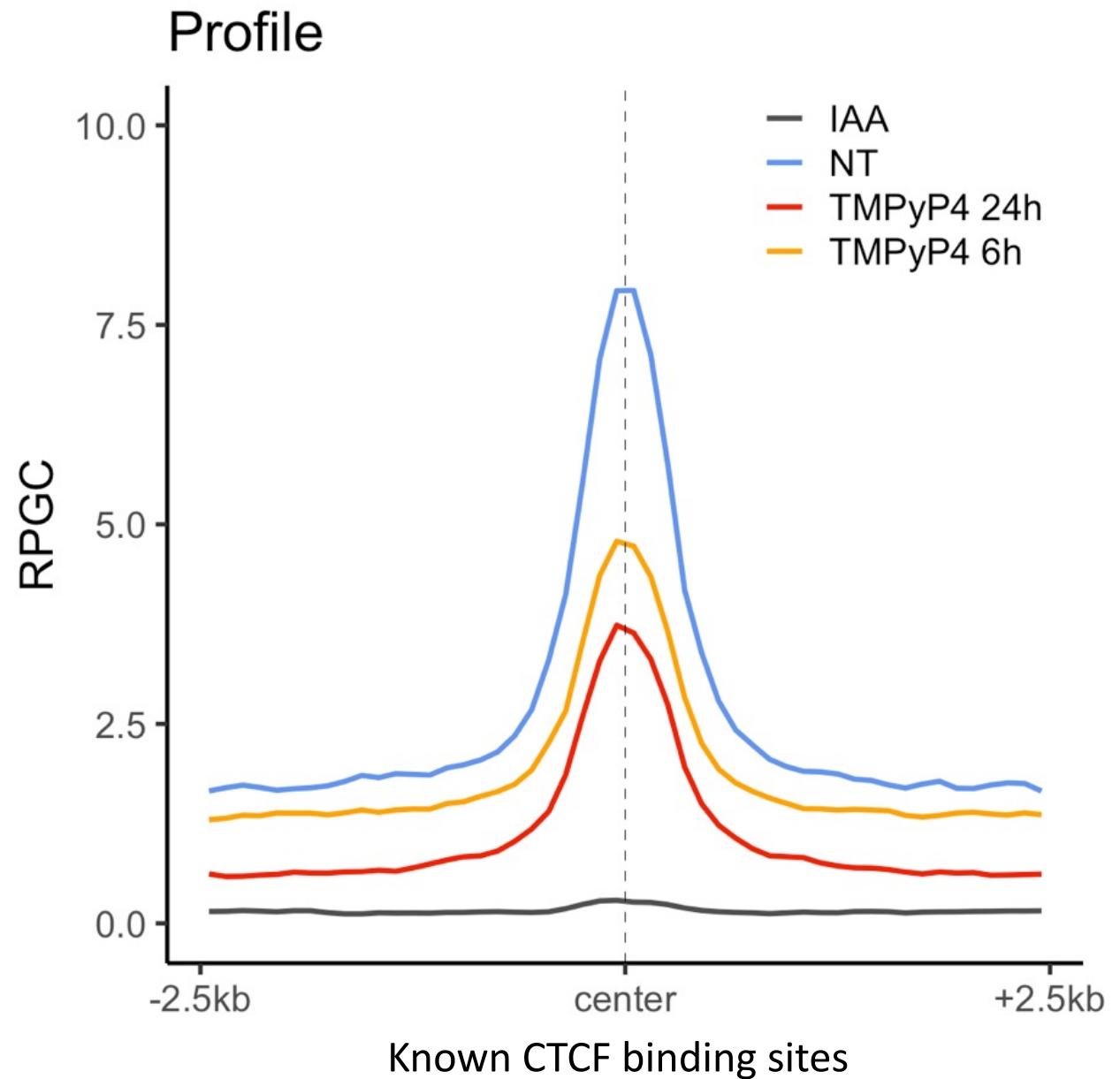


# CTCF quantitative ChIP-seq

Example from our lab:  
MINUTE-ChIP

anti-CTCF IP

IAA treatment degrades CTCF



# Excercise – Reanalysis of MINUTE-ChIP data

## MINUTE-ChIP

- [Background](#)
- [Primary analysis](#)
  - [Conda environment](#)
  - [Files](#)
  - [Running Minute](#)
  - [Scaling info](#)
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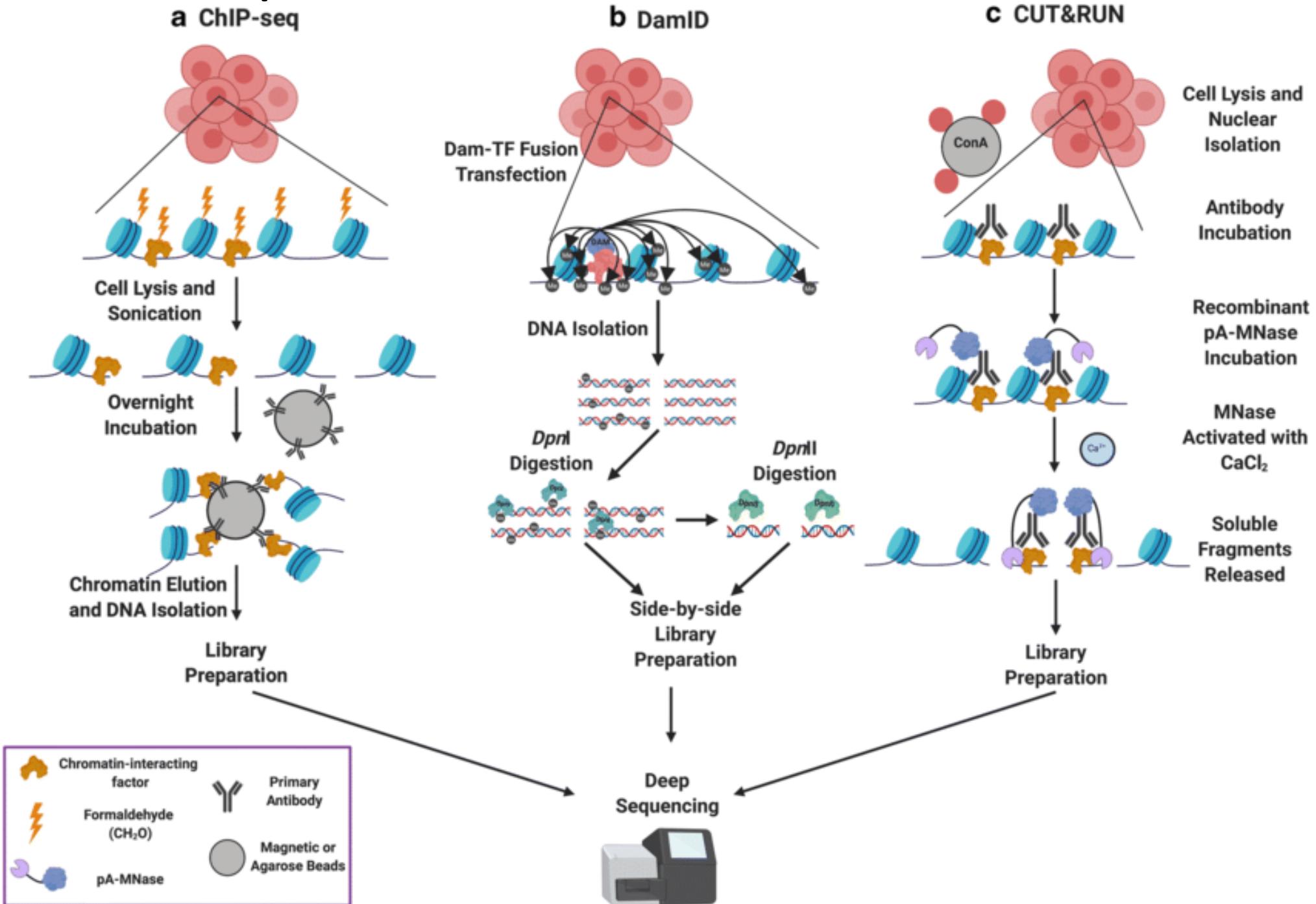
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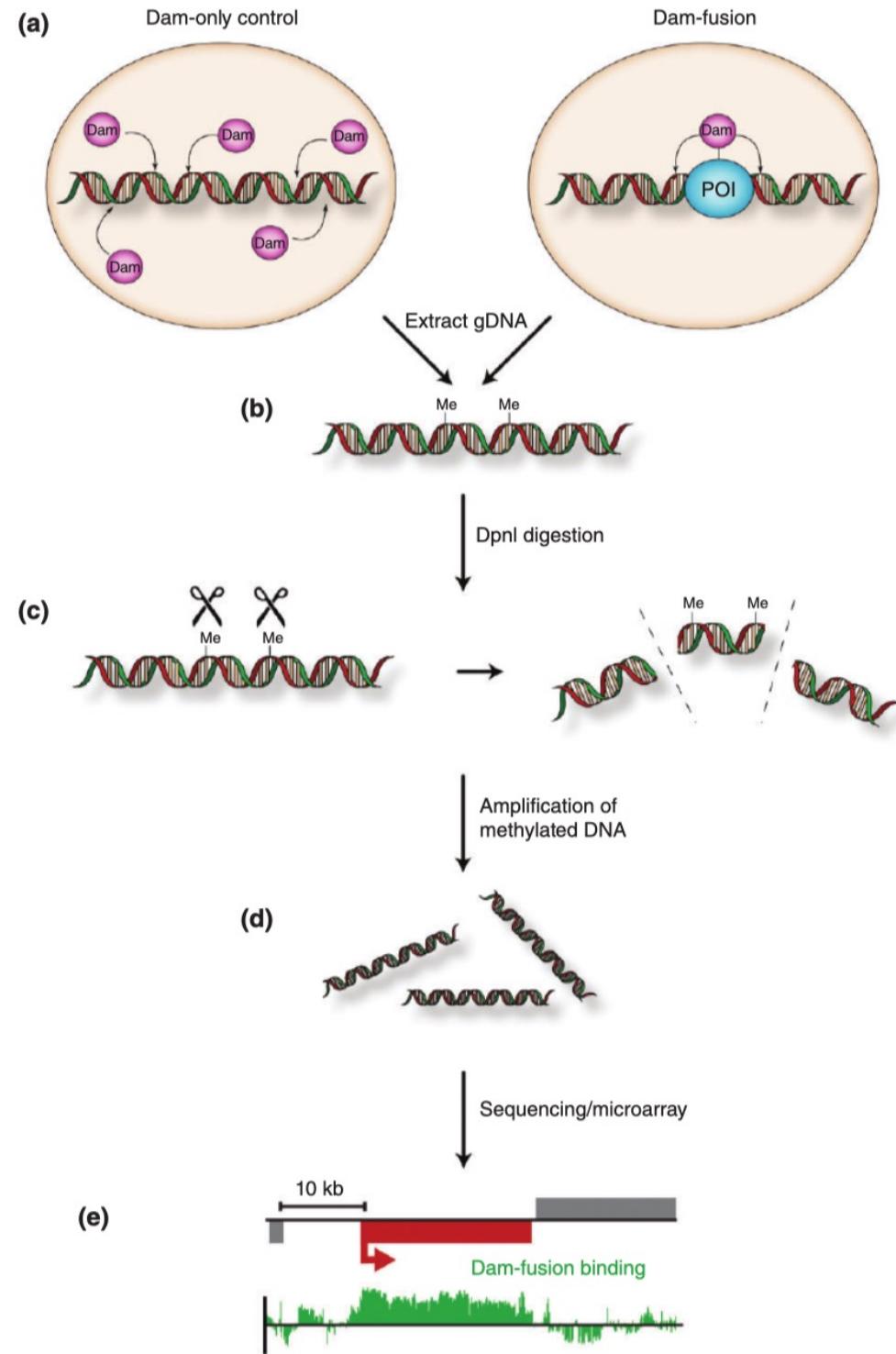
# ChIP-Seq alternatives



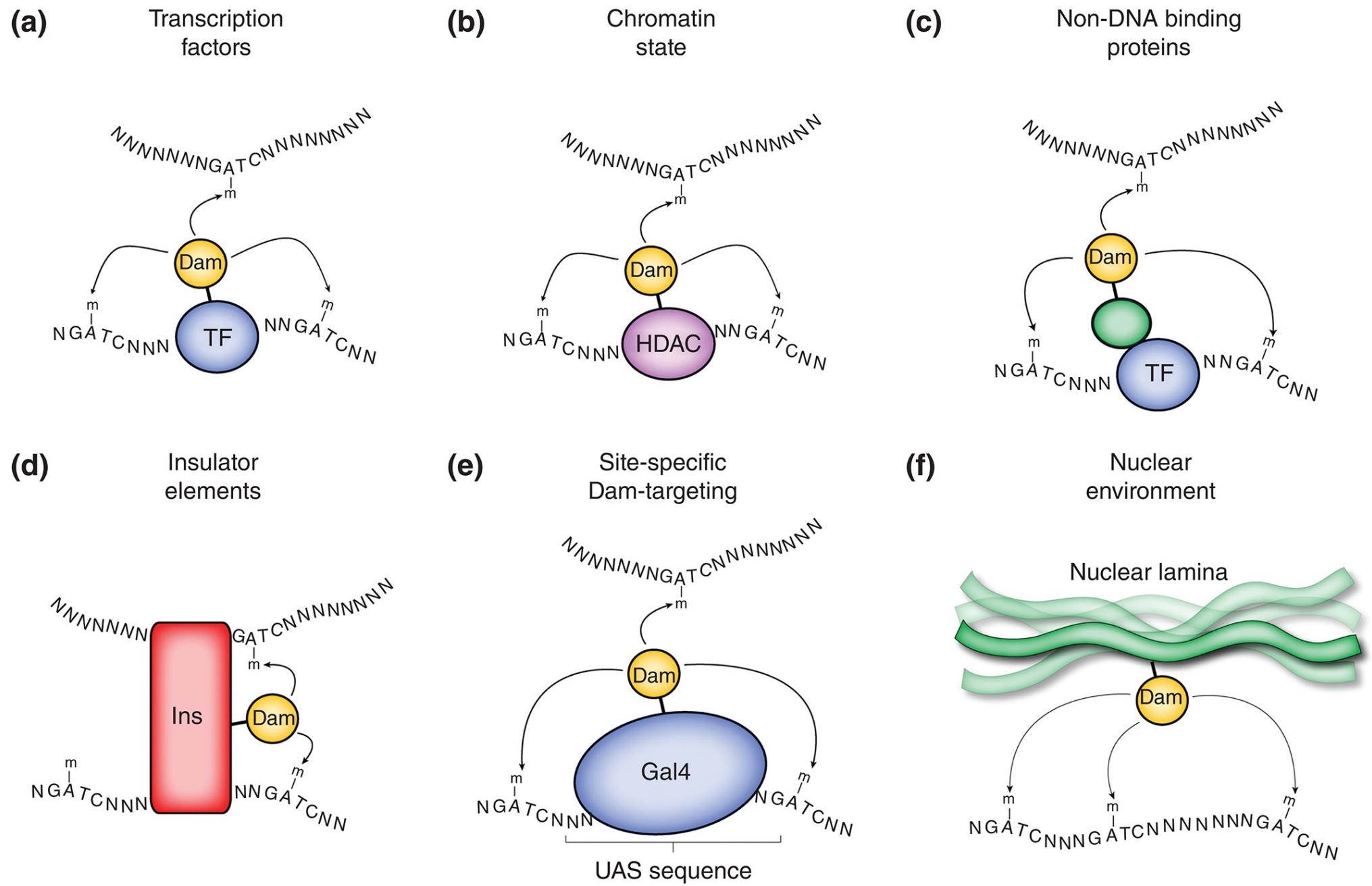
# ChIP-Seq alternatives

- Dam-ID
- CUT&RUN
- CUT&Tag

# Dam-ID



# Dam-ID



# ChIC, ChEC-Seq CUT&Run

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## ChIC and ChEC: Genomic Mapping of Chromatin Proteins

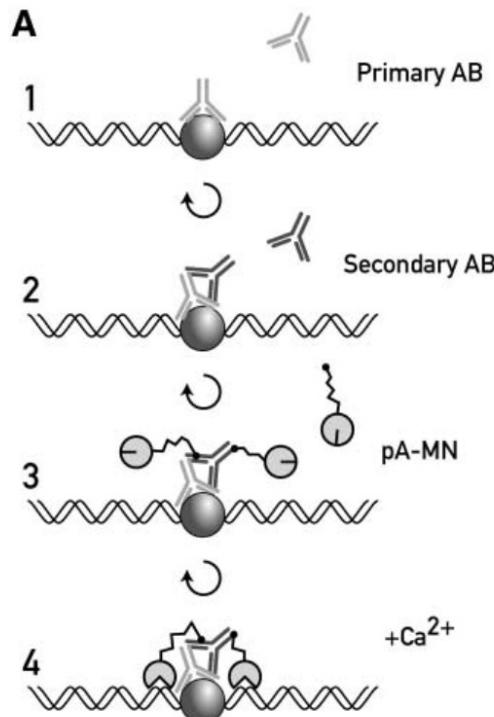
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## Technique

### ChIC: Chromatin-immuno cleavage

ble, and significant amounts are lost into the pellet during centrifugation.

While ChIP is highly successful when applied to soluble proteins, such as transcription regulatory proteins, unpublished experiments with insoluble-type proteins (such as scaffolding components) in this laboratory appeared less promising. ChIP analyses with such insoluble-type proteins appear afflicted with increased background.



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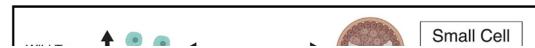
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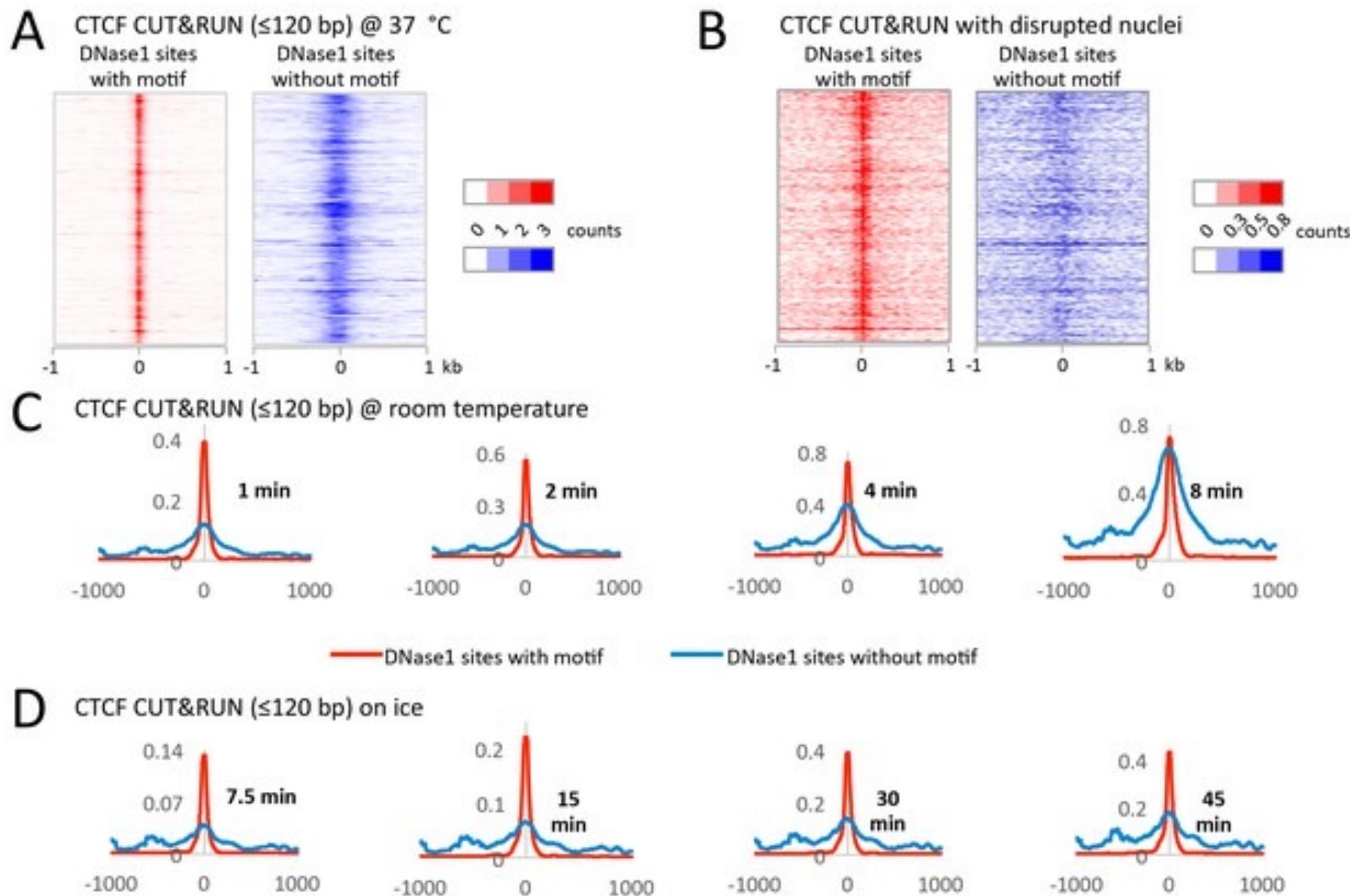
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# CTCF CUT&Run



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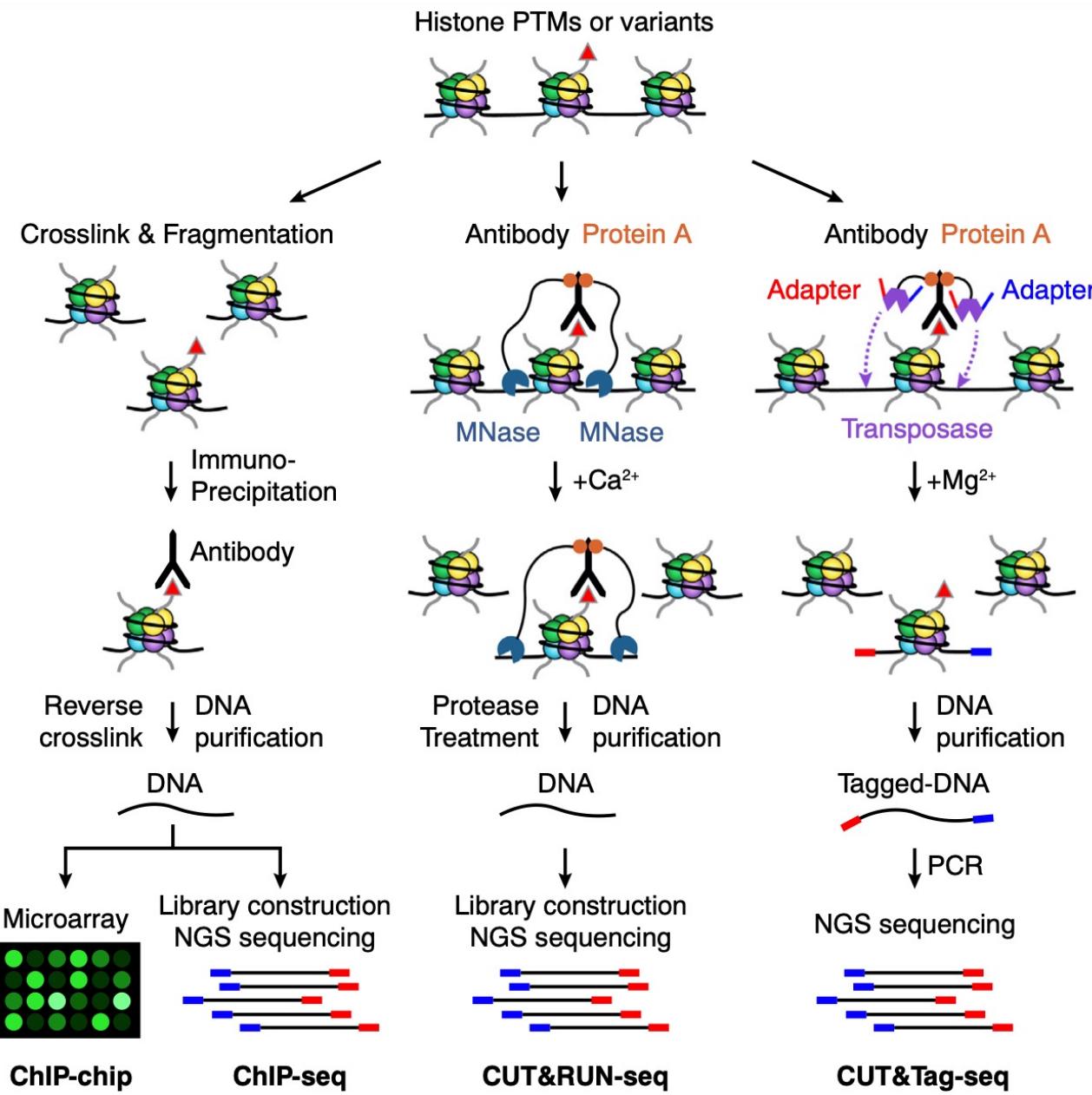
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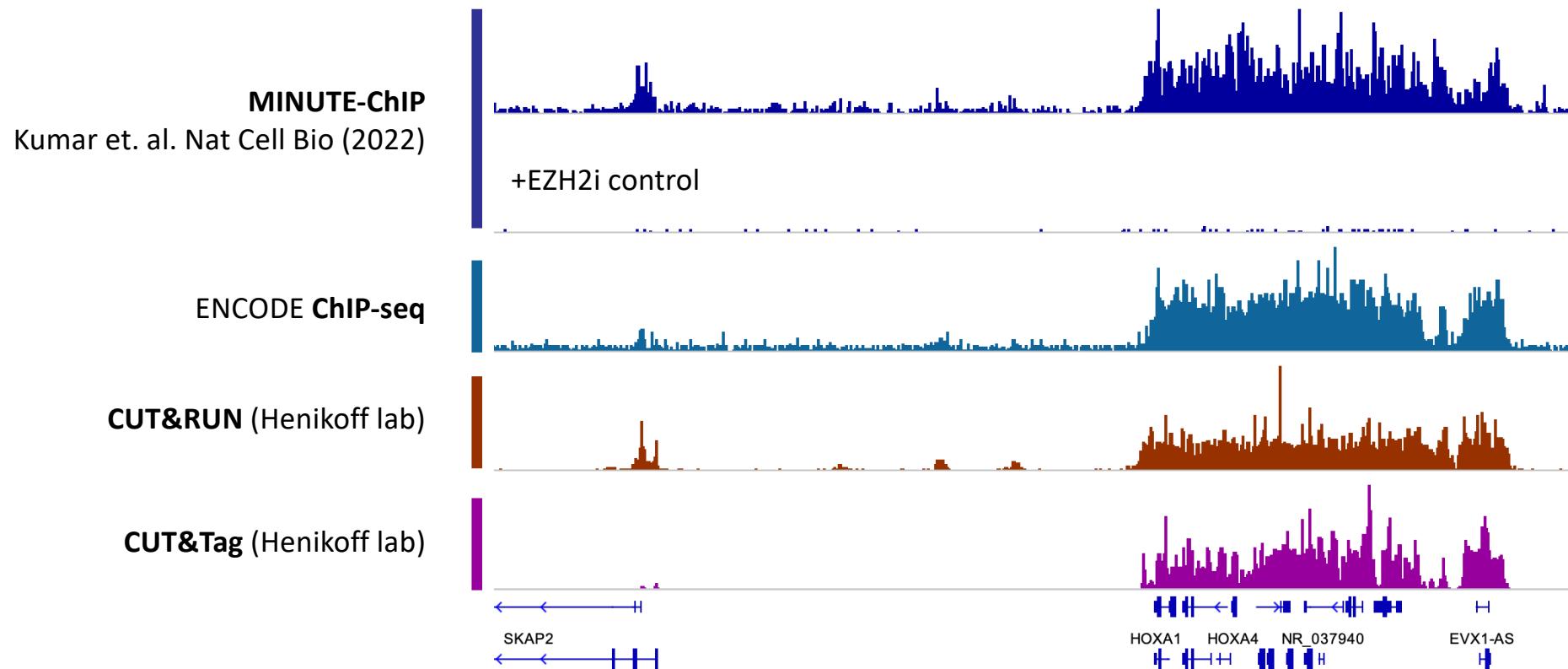


# CUT&Run, CUT&Tag

Features	ChIP-Seq	CUTANA™ CUT&RUN	CUTANA™ CUT&Tag
Sample Input	Sheared Chromatin 	Cells OR nuclei 	Nuclei (recommended) 
Typical Required Cell #	> 1 Million	500K	100K
Ideal Targets	Histone PTMs & chromatin-interacting proteins	Histone PTMs & chromatin-interacting proteins, including remodelers	Histone PTMs & select validated targets
Secondary Antibody	No	No	Yes
Library Preparation	Yes	Yes	No (Direct to PCR)
Protocol Time (Cells → NGS libraries)	~ 1 week	2 days (can be automated)	2 days (can be automated)
Sequencing Depth	> 30 million	3-5 million	3-5 million
Signal : Noise	Low	High	High
Experimental Throughput	Low	High	High

# Excercise – CUT&RUN vs CUT&Tag vs ChIP

Comparison: H3K27me3 signal in human embryonic stem cells across different methods

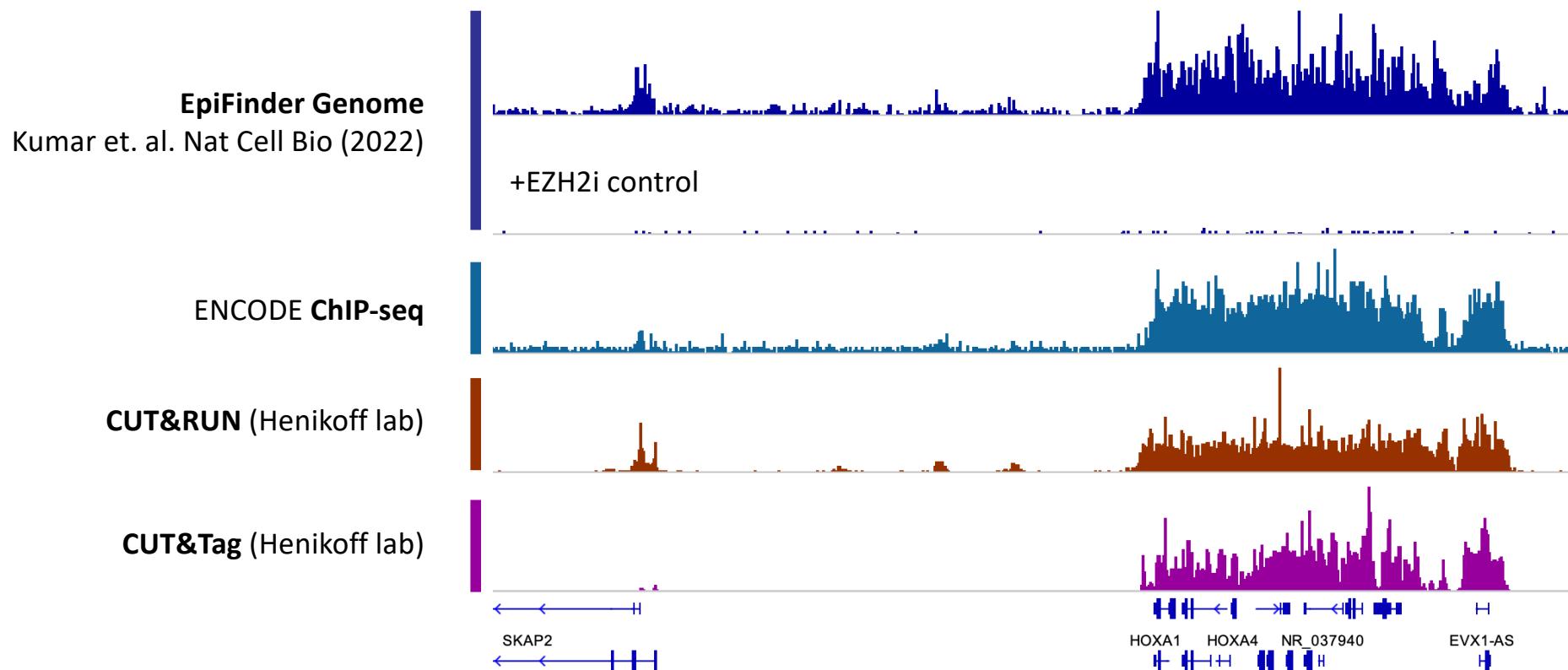


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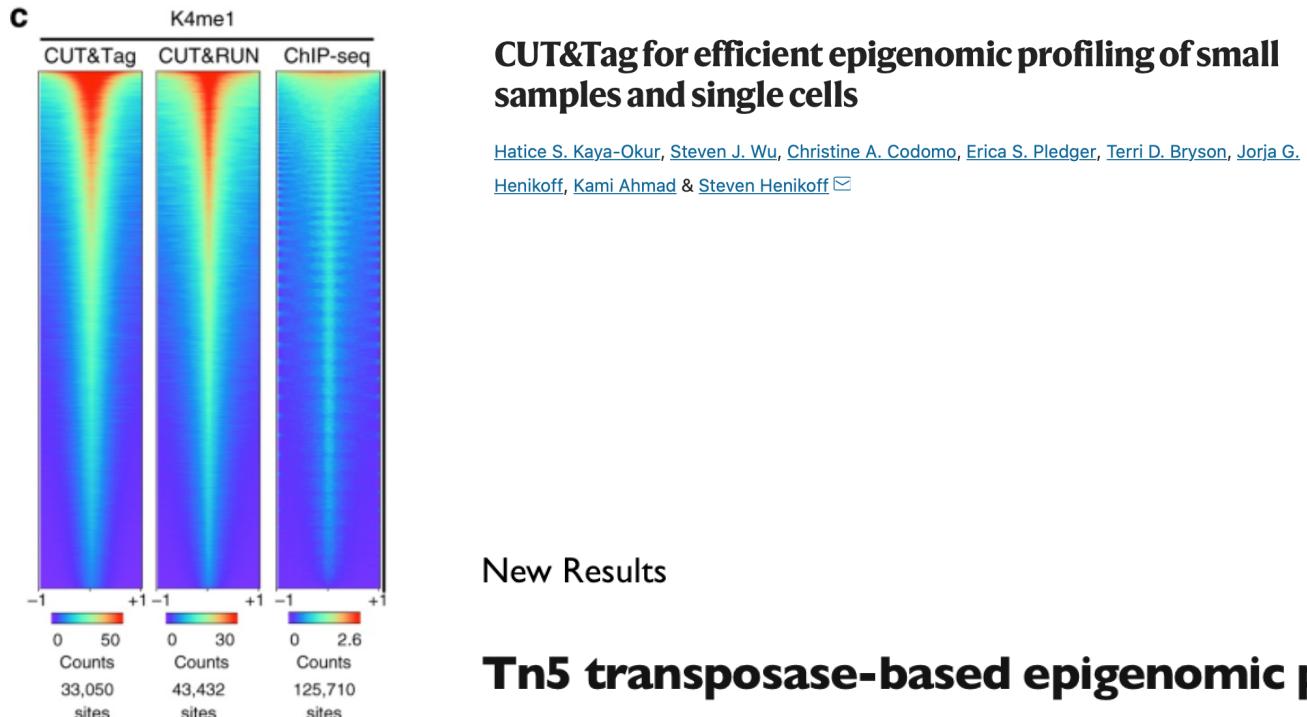
# Weighing pros and cons

- Cell number needed
- Time aspect
- Signal-to-noise
- Background (think technical versus biological!)
- Reproducibility
- QCability (e.g. no input)

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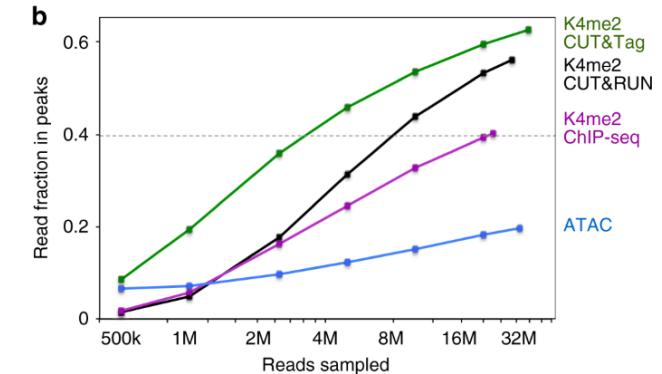


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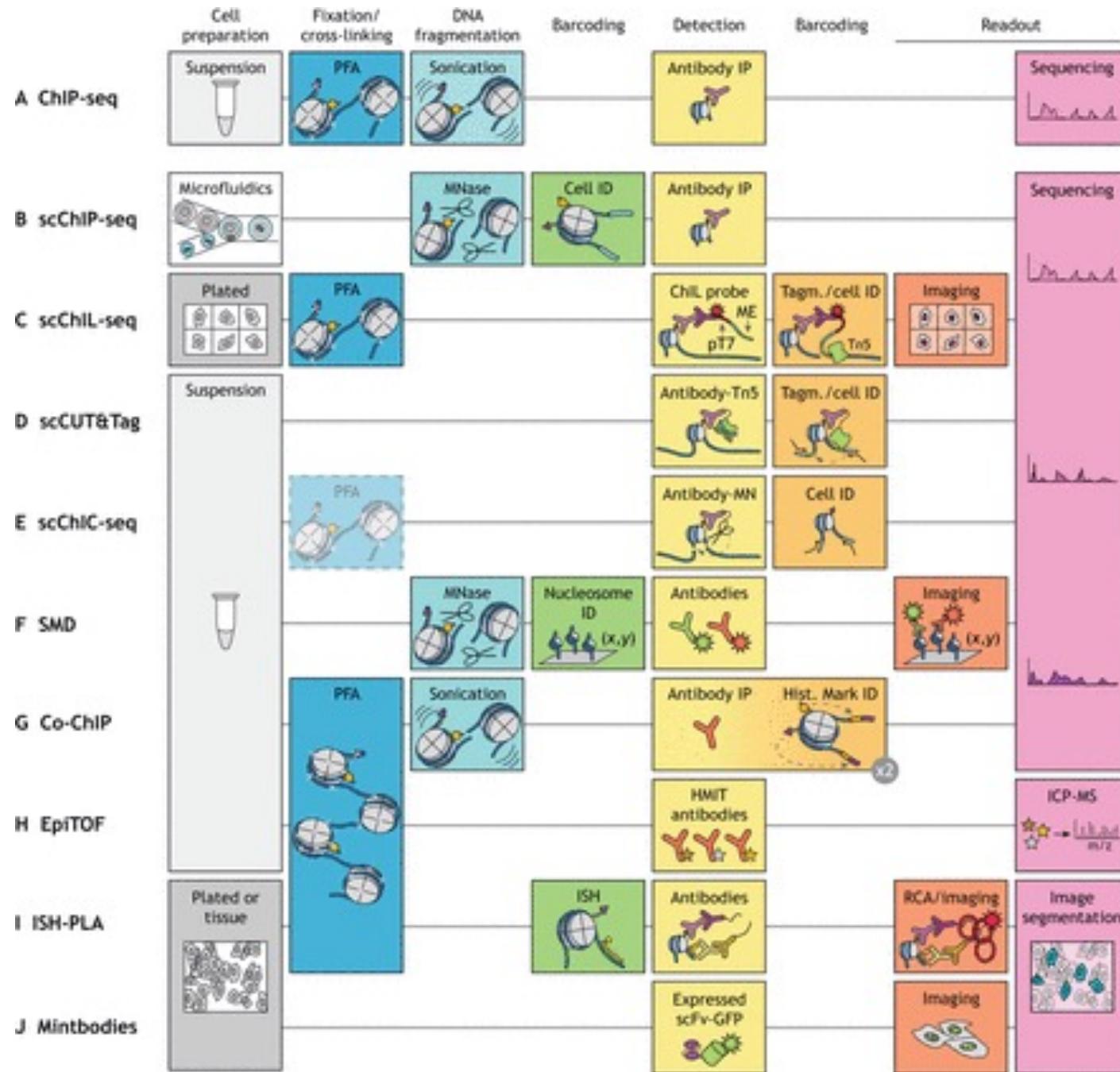
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