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Computational Biology: Genomes, Networks, Evolution

## Lecture 11 - Epigenomics

read mapping – peak calling – multivariate HMMs

# Module III: Epigenomics and gene regulation

- Computational Foundations
  - L10: Gibbs Sampling: between EM and Viterbi training
  - L11: Rapid linear-time sub-string matching
  - L11: Multivariate HMMs
  - L12: Post-transcriptional regulation
- Biological frontiers:
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  - L11: Epigenomics, chromatin states, differentiation
  - L12: Post-transcriptional regulation

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# One Genome – Many Cell Types

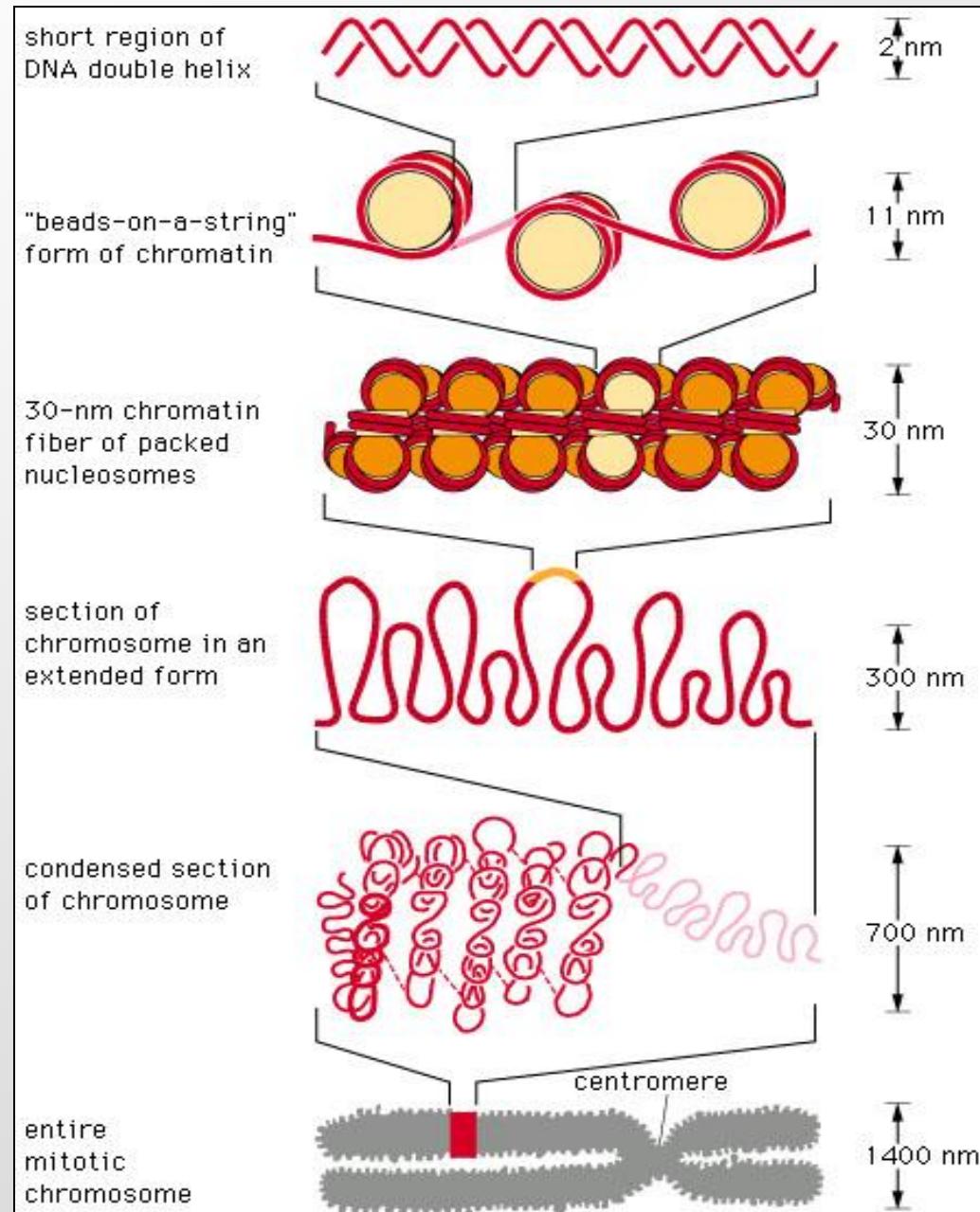
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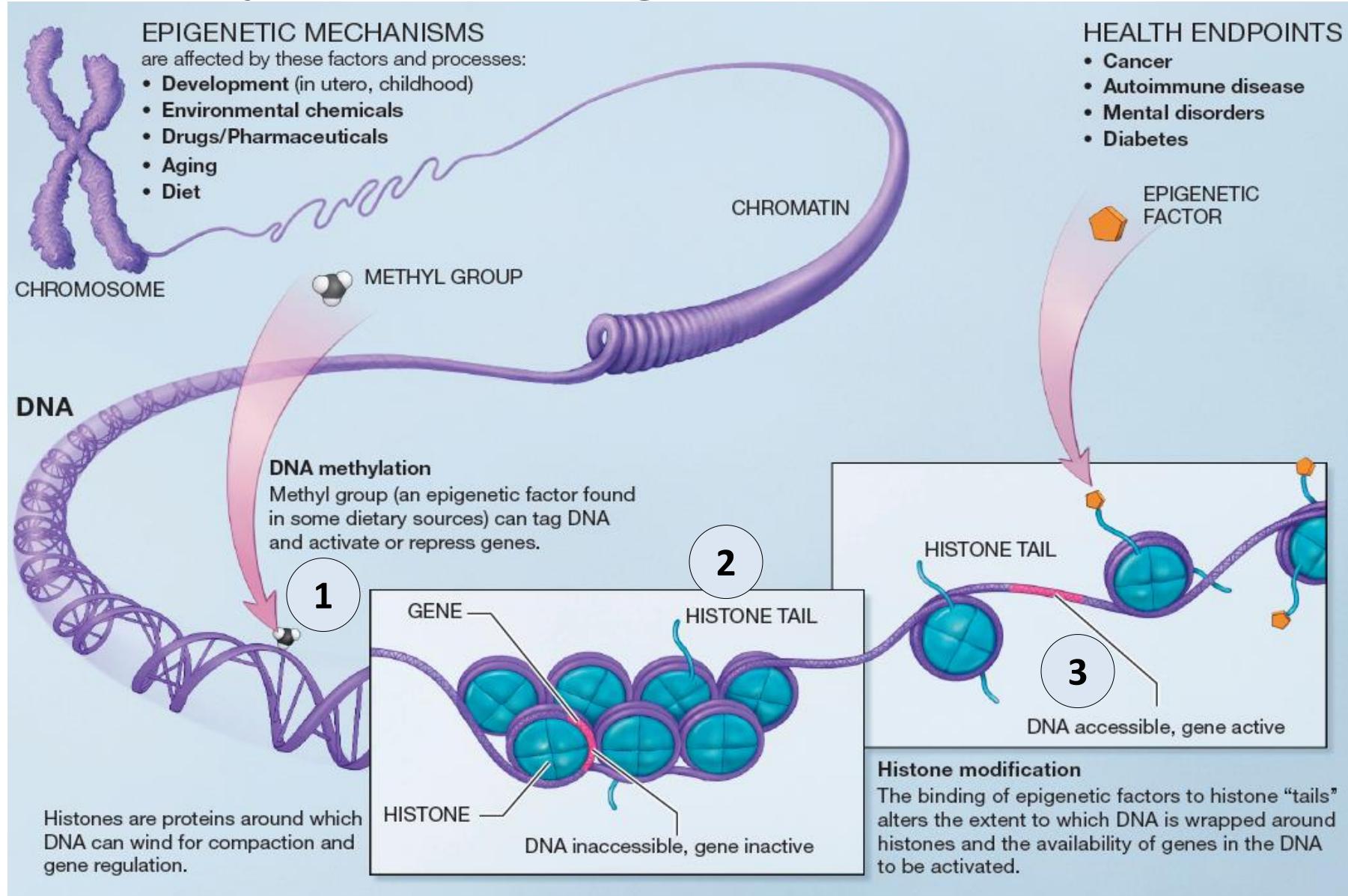
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# DNA packaging

- Why packaging
  - DNA is very long
  - Cell is very small
- Compression
  - Chromosome is 50,000 times shorter than extended DNA
- Using the DNA
  - Before a piece of DNA is used for anything, this compact structure must open locally
- Now emerging:
  - Role of accessibility
  - State in chromatin itself
  - Role of 3D interactions



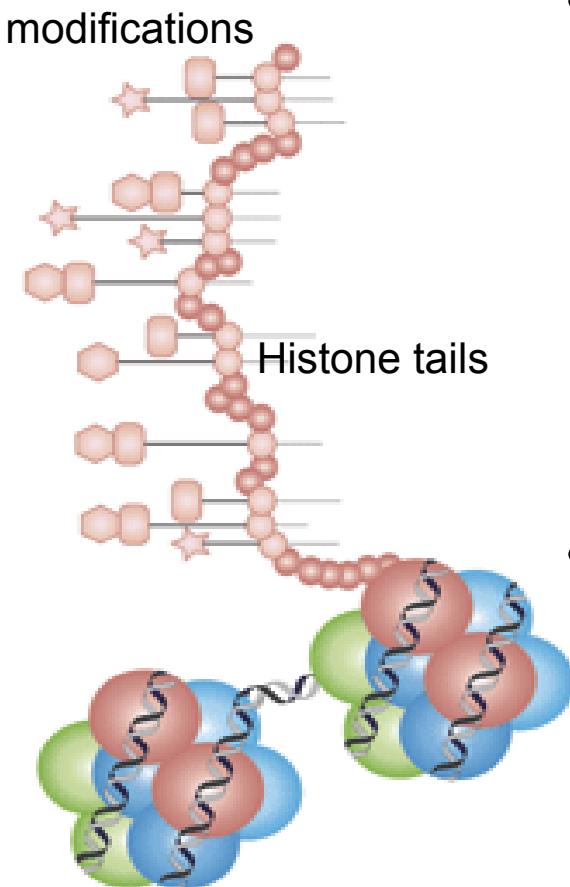
# Three types of epigenetic modifications



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# 100s of histone tail modifications

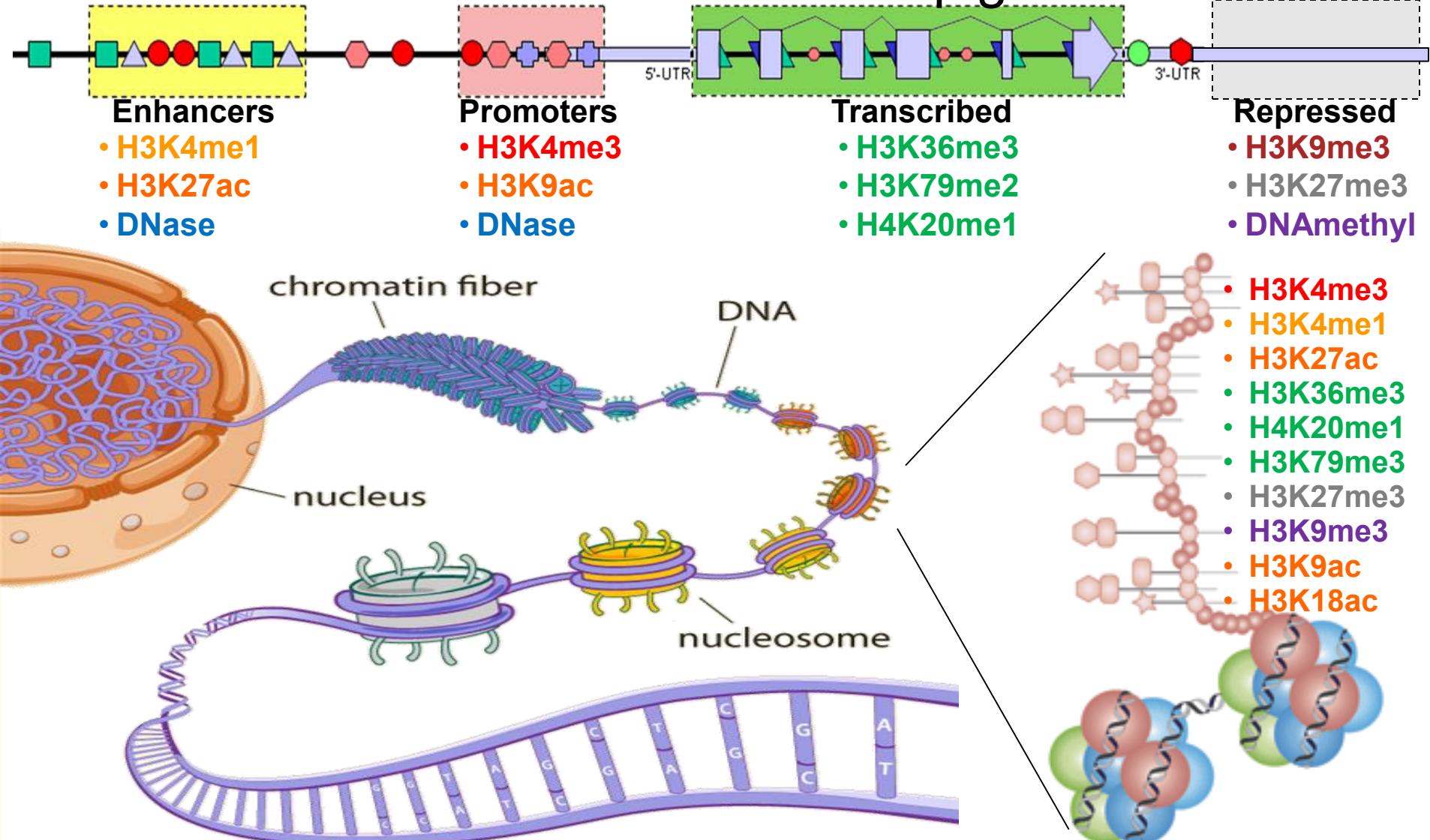


- 100+ different histone modifications
  - Histone protein → H3/H4/H2A/H2B
  - AA residue → Lysine4(K4)/K36...
  - Chemical modification → Met/Pho/Ubi
  - Number → Me-Me-Me(me3)
  - Shorthand: H3K4me3, H2BK5ac
- In addition:
  - DNA modifications
  - Methyl-C in CpG / Methyl-Adenosine
  - Nucleosome positioning
  - DNA accessibility
- The constant struggle of gene regulation
  - TF/histone/nucleo/GFs/Chrom compete

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DNA wrapped around  
histone proteins

# Combinations of marks encode epigenomic state

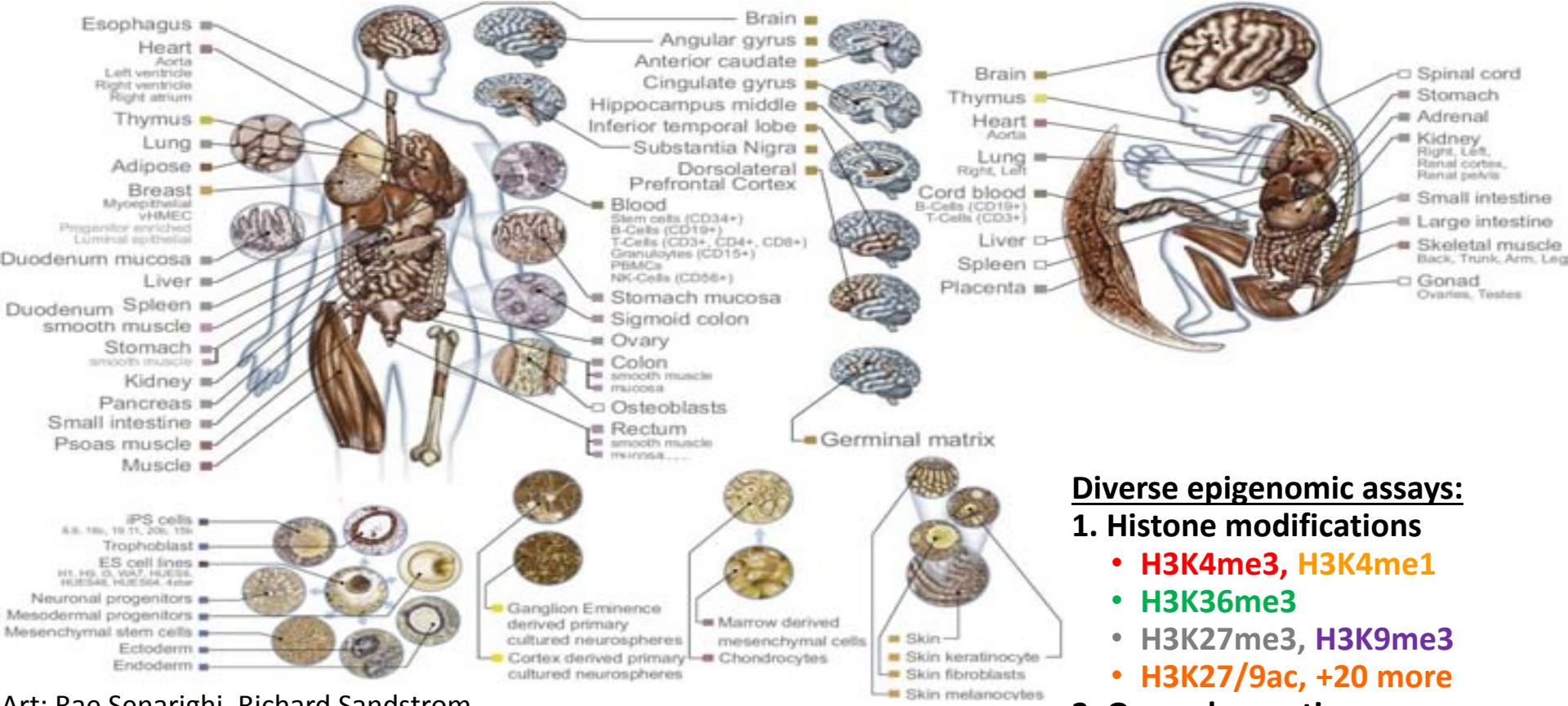


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- 100s of known modifications, many new still emerging
- Systematic mapping using ChIP-, Bisulfite-, DNase-Seq

# Epigenomics Roadmap across 100+ tissues/cell types



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## Diverse epigenomic assays:

- 1. Histone modifications**
  - H3K4me3, H3K4me1
  - H3K36me3
  - H3K27me3, H3K9me3
  - H3K27/9ac, +20 more
- 2. Open chromatin:**
  - DNase
- 3. DNA methylation:**
  - WGBS, RRBS, MRE/MeDIP
- 4. Gene expression**
  - RNA-seq, Exon Arrays

## Diverse tissues and cells:

- 1. Adult tissues and cells** (brain, muscle, heart, digestive, skin, adipose, lung, blood...)
- 2. Fetal tissues** (brain, skeletal muscle, heart, digestive, lung, cord blood...)
- 3. ES cells, iPS, differentiated cells** (meso/endo/ectoderm, neural, mesench, trophobl)⁹

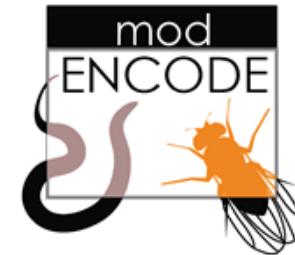
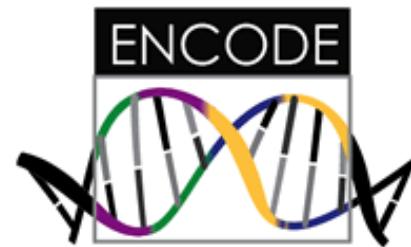
# Ongoing epigenomic mapping projects

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Epigenomics



- Mapping multiple modifications
  - In multiple cell types
  - In multiple individuals
  - In multiple species
  - In multiple conditions
  - With multiple antibodies
  - Across the whole genome
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- First wave published
  - Lots more in pipeline
  - Time for analysis!

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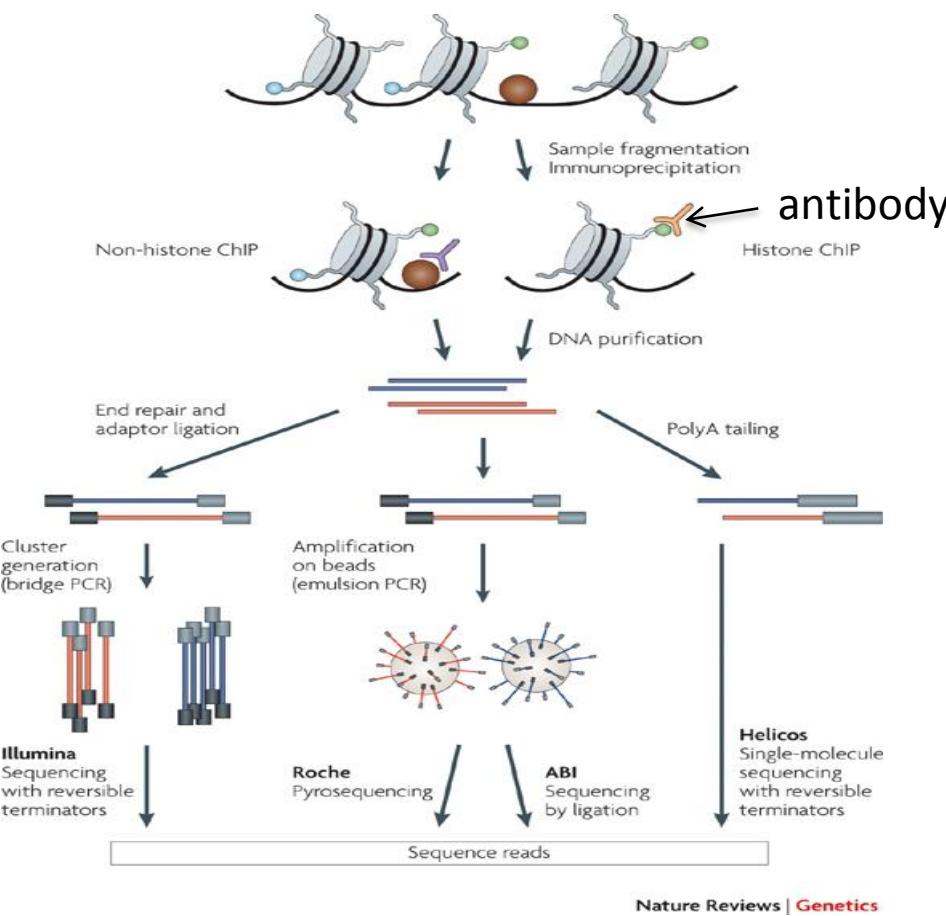
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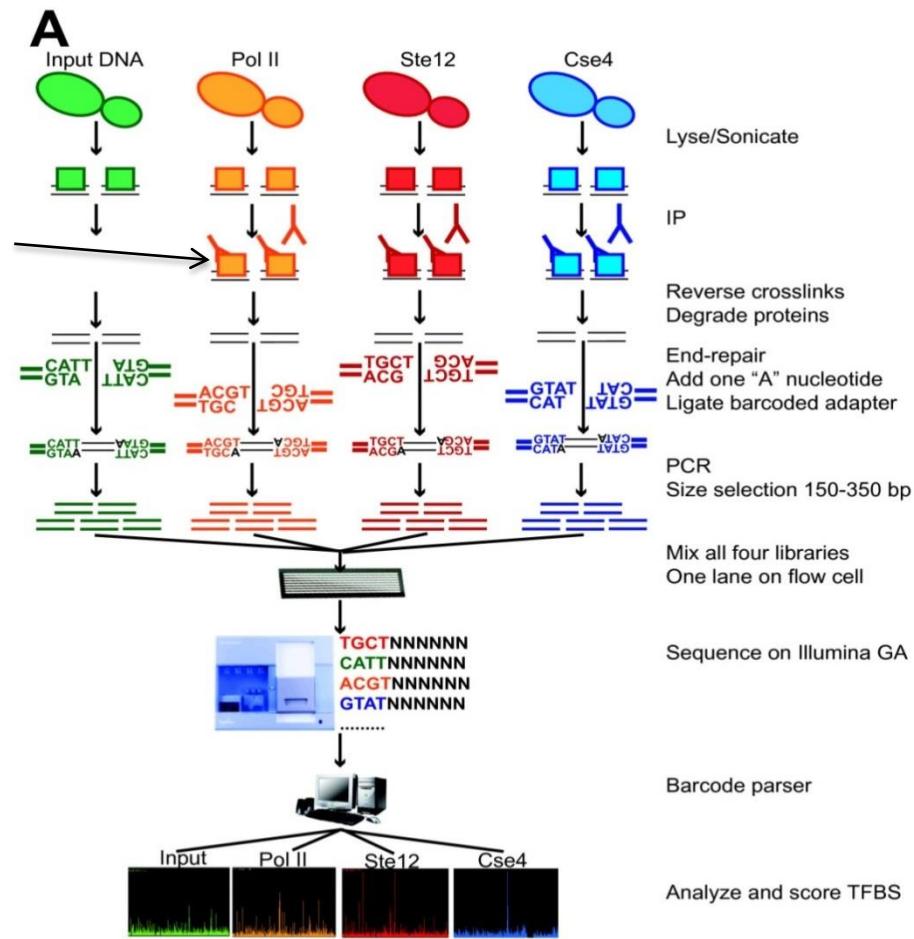
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# ChIP-seq review

(Chromatin immunoprecipitation followed by sequencing)

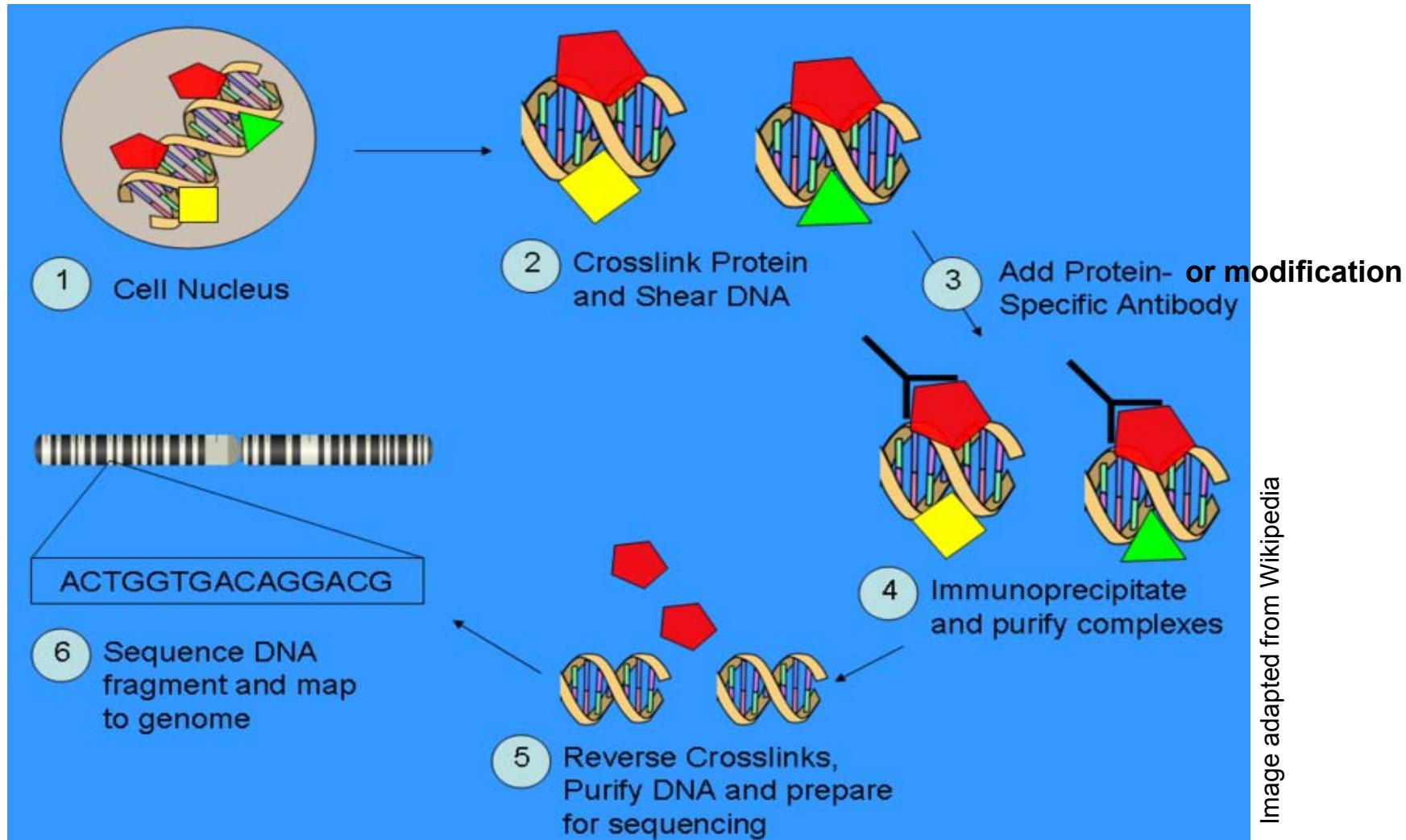


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Source: Park, Peter J. "ChIP-seq: advantages and challenges of a maturing technology." *Nature Reviews Genetics* 10, no. 10 (2009): 669-680.



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Source: Lefrançois, Philippe et al. "Efficient yeast ChIP-Seq using multiplex short-read DNA sequencing." *BMC genomics* 10, no. 1 (2009): 1.

# ChIP-chip and ChIP-Seq technology overview

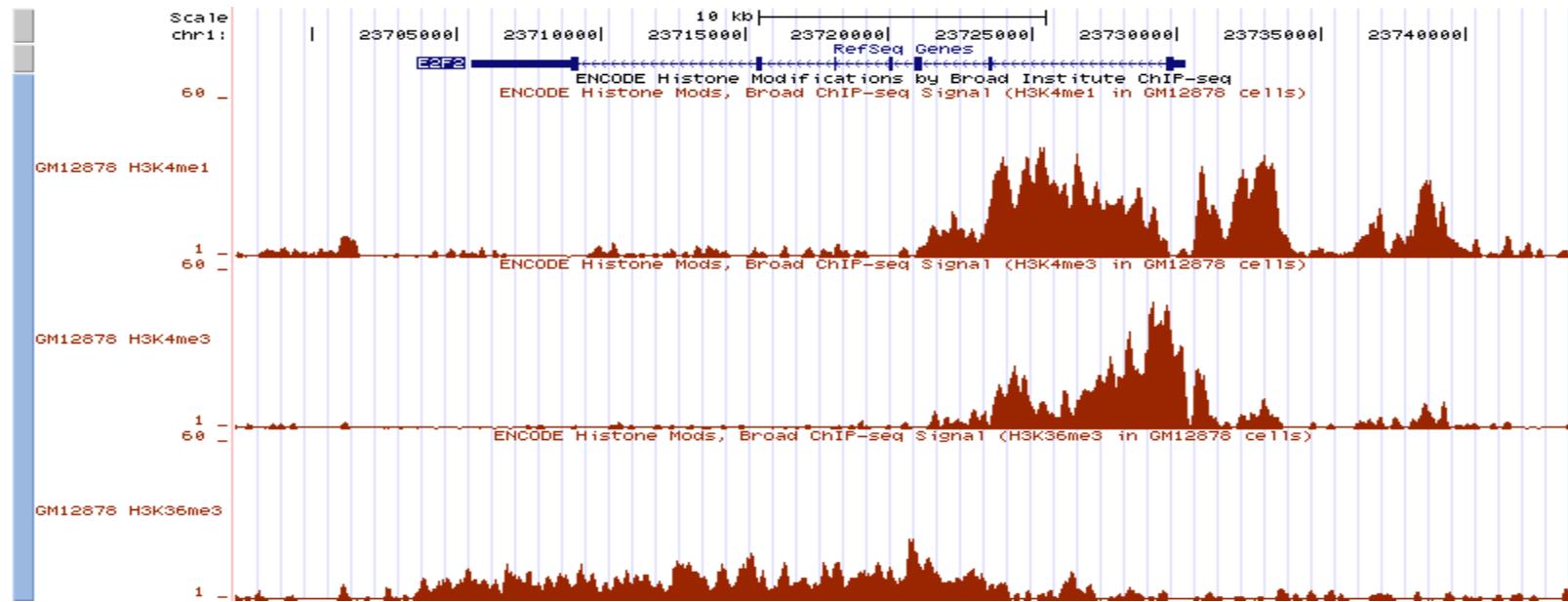


Modification-specific antibodies → Chromatin Immuno-Precipitation

followed by: ChIP-chip: array hybridization

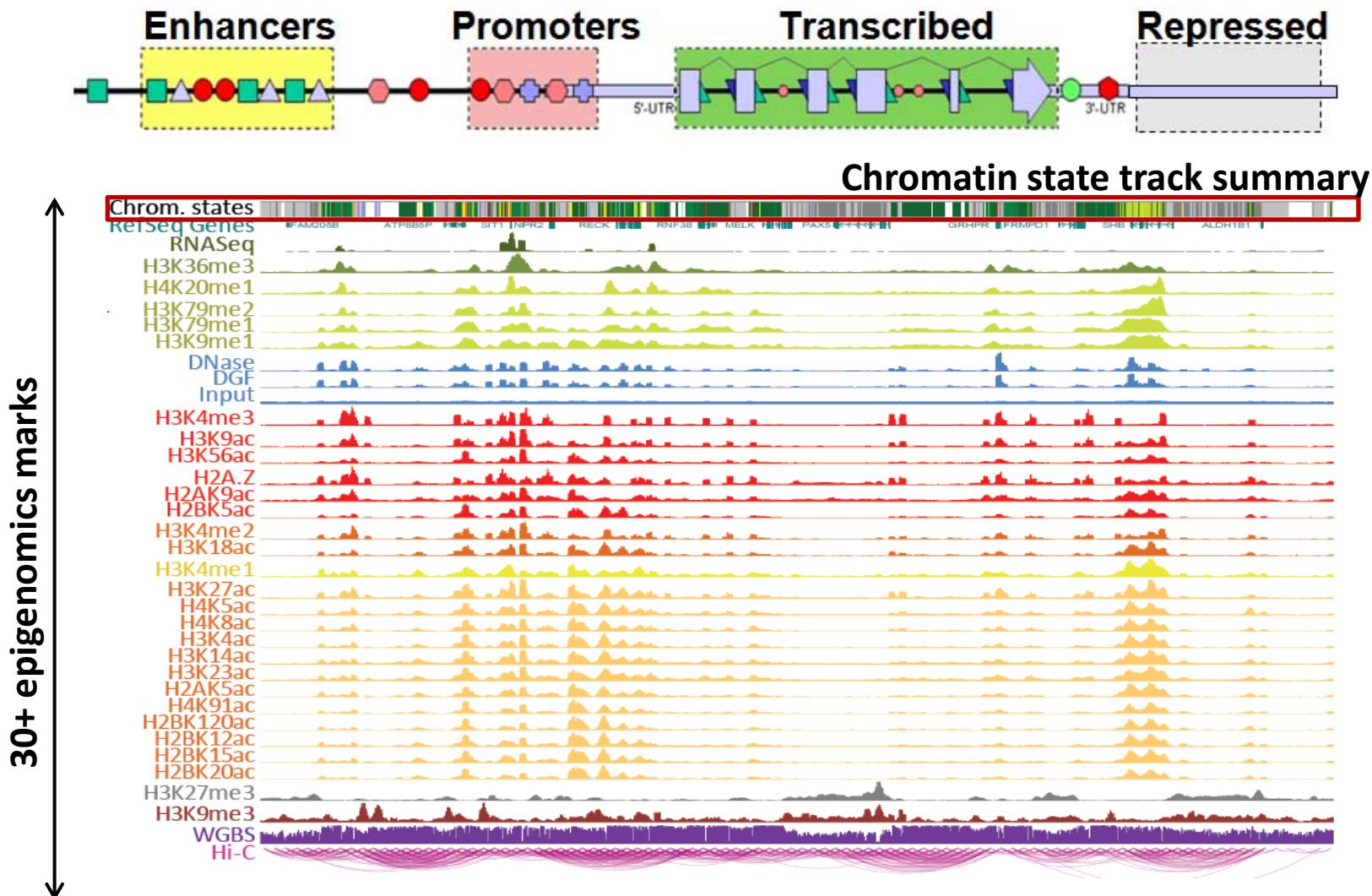
ChIP-Seq: Massively Parallel Next-gen Sequencing<sup>13</sup>

# ChIP-Seq Histone Modifications: What the raw data looks like



- Each sequence tag is 30 base pairs long
- Tags are mapped to unique positions in the ~3 billion base reference genome
- Number of reads depends on sequencing depth.  
Typically on the order of 10 million mapped reads.

# Summarize multiple marks into chromatin states



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***ChromHMM: multi-variate hidden Markov model***

# Mapping millions of short reads to the genome

Traditional Hashing Schemes  
Burrows-Wheeler Transform (BWT)

# Mapping Reads to the Genome

- Assign reads to best matching location in reference genome
- 10,000,000s of reads, ~30 bases long
- Example: **CAGGGCTGATTGAGGACATTCATCACG**
- Allow mismatches: sequencing errors, or SNPs
- **Algorithmic and memory efficiency is critical**

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# How would you do it:

- L2: Sequence alignment:  $O(m * n)$
- L3: Hashing / BLAST:  $O(m + n)$ 
  - Solution until 2008 (e.g. MAQ, Li et al, GR 2008)
- Other advanced algorithms:
  - Linear-time string matching:  $O(m + n)$ . L3 addendum
  - Suffix trees and suffix arrays:  $O(m)$ . L13 addendum
- Challenge: memory requirements
  - Hash table, suffix tree/array require  $O(m * n)$  space
- Today: Burrows-Wheeler transformation  $O(m)$ 
  - Ultrafast/memory efficient. New norm since 2009.
  - Introduced in: Bowtie (Langmead GB 2009).

# Second Generation Mappers have Leveraged the Burrows Wheeler Transformation

Software

## Ultrafast and memory-efficient alignment of short DNA sequences to the human genome

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### Abstract



Bowtie is an ultrafast, memory-efficient alignment program for aligning short DNA sequence reads to large genomes. For the human genome, Burrows-Wheeler indexing allows Bowtie to align more than 25 million reads per CPU hour with a memory footprint of approximately 1.3 gigabytes. Bowtie extends previous Burrows-Wheeler techniques with a novel quality-aware backtracking algorithm that permits mismatches. Multiple processor cores can be used simultaneously to achieve even greater alignment speeds. Bowtie is open source <http://bowtie.cbcb.umd.edu>.

“...35 times faster than Maq and 300 times faster than SOAP under the same conditions”

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## BIOINFORMATICS APPLICATIONS NOTE

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### Sequence analysis

#### SOAP: short oligonucleotide alignment program

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### ABSTRACT

**Summary:** We have developed a program SOAP for efficient gapped and ungapped alignment of short oligonucleotides onto reference sequences. The program is designed to handle the huge amounts of short reads generated by parallel sequencing using the new generation Illumina-Solexa sequencing technology. SOAP is compatible with numerous applications, including single-read or pair-end resequencing, small RNA discovery and mRNA tag sequence mapping. SOAP is a command-line program, which supports multi-threaded parallel computing, and has a batch module for multiple query sets.

**Availability:** <http://soap.genomics.org.cn>  
**Contact:** soap@genomics.org.cn

SOAP will allow either a certain number of mismatches or one continuous gap for aligning a read onto the reference sequence. The best hit of each read which has minimal number of mismatches or smaller gap will be reported. For multiple equal-best hits, the user can instruct the program to report all, or randomly report one, or disregard all of them. Since the typical read length is 25–50 bp, hits with too many mismatches are unreliable while those that are hard to distinguish with random matches. By default, the program will allow at most two mismatches. Between two haplotype genomes, occurrence of single nucleotide polymorphism is much higher than that of small insertions or deletions, so ungapped hits have precedence over gapped hits. For gapped alignment only one continuous gap with a size ranging from 1 to 3 bp is accepted, while no

overlap will generate about 15 Tb of sequence from next-generation sequencing technologies. With even the fastest programs currently available, one would need ~1000 CPU months to align these short reads onto the human reference genome. Additionally, new methods are now needed to support longer reads as the existing methods were primarily designed for very short reads with typical lengths shorter than 50 bp. With improvements in sequencing chemistry and data processing algorithms, the Illumina Genome Analyzer can now generate up to 75–100 bp high-quality reads, and longer ones are expected in the near future.

Here, we have developed an improved version of the short gapped SOAP called SOAP2. The new program uses the Burrows-Wheeler Transformation (BWT) compressed index instead of the seed algorithm that was used in the previous version for indexing the reference sequence in the main memory. Use of BWT substantially improved alignment speed; additionally, it significantly reduced memory usage.

## BIOINFORMATICS APPLICATIONS NOTE

### Mapping short DNA sequencing reads and calling variants using mapping quality scores

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New sequencing technologies promise a new era in the use of DNA sequence. However, some of these technologies produce very short reads, typically of a few tens of base pairs, and to use these reads effectively requires new algorithms and software. In particular, there is a major issue in efficiently aligning short reads to a reference genome and handling ambiguity or lack of accuracy in this alignment. Here we introduce the concept of mapping quality, a measure of the confidence that a read actually comes from the position it is aligned to by the mapping algorithm. We describe the software MAQ that can build assemblies by mapping shotgun short reads to a reference genome, using quality scores to derive genotype calls of the consensus sequence of a diploid genome, e.g., from a human sample. MAQ makes full use of mate-pair information and estimates the error probability of each read alignment. Error probabilities are also derived for the final genotype calls, using a Bayesian statistical model that incorporates the mapping quality, error probabilities from the raw sequence scores, sampling of the two haplotypes, and an empirical model for corrected rates. Both read mapping and genotype calling is freely available on simulated and real data. MAQ is accurate, efficient, versatile and user-friendly. It is freely available at <http://maq.sourceforge.net>.

[Supplemental material is available online at [www.genome.org](http://www.genome.org). Short-read sequences have been deposited in the European Read Archive (ERA) under accession no. ERA000012 (<http://ftp.era.ebi.ac.uk/ERA000012/>)]

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### Sequence analysis

#### SOAP2: an improved ultrafast tool for short read alignment

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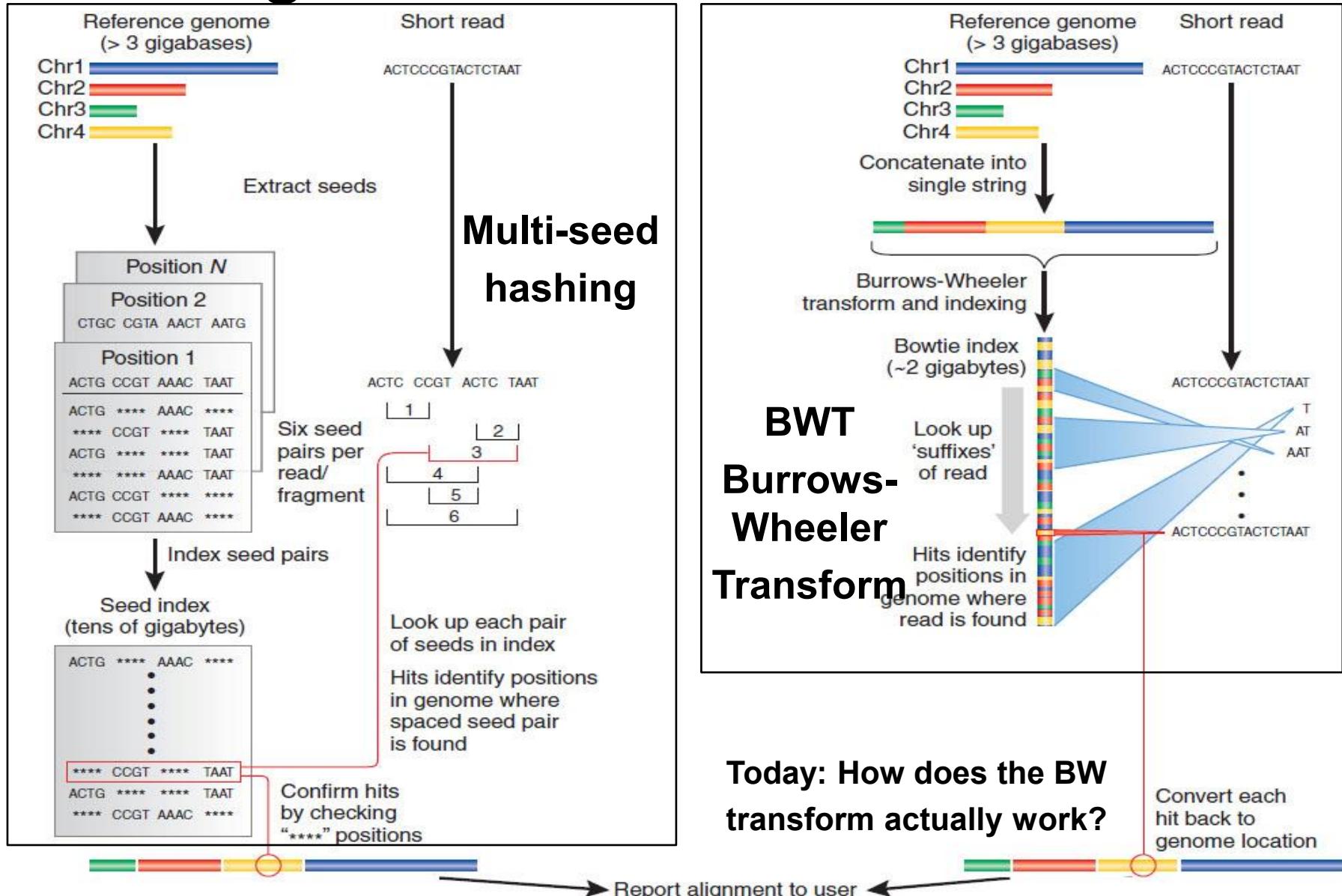
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**Summary:** SOAP2 is a significantly improved version of the short oligonucleotide alignment program that both reduces computer memory usage and increases alignment speed at an unprecedented rate. We used the Burrows-Wheeler Transformation (BWT) compression index to subdivide the seed strategy for indexing the reference sequence in the main memory. We tested it on the whole human genome and found that this new algorithm reduced memory usage from 14.7 to 5.4 GB and improved alignment speed by 20–30 times. SOAP2 is compatible with both single- and paired-end reads. Additionally, this tool now supports multi-text and compressed file formats. A consensus builder has also been developed for consensus assembly and SNP detection from alignment of short reads on a reference genome.

**Availability:** <http://soap.genomics.org.cn>  
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# Hashing vs. Burrows Wheeler Transform



Today: How does the BW transform actually work?

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# Burrows-Wheeler Transform (BWT)

<http://www.hpl.hp.com/techreports/Compaq-DEC/SRC-RR-124.pdf>

- Transform: ^BANANA@ INTO: BNN^AA@A

```
function BWT (string s)
    create a table, rows are all possible rotations of s
    sort rows alphabetically
    return (last column of the table)
```

- Reversible

```
function inverseBWT (string s)
```

create empty table

repeat length(s) times

insert s as a column of table before first column of the table // first insert creates first column  
sort rows of the table alphabetically

return (row that ends with the 'EOF' character)

Last column only suffices to reconstruct entire matrix, and thus recover original string

Add 1	Sort 1	Add 2	Sort 2	Add 3	Sort 3	Add 4	Sort 4	Add 5	Sort 5	Add 6	Sort 6	Add 7	Sort 7	Add 8	Sort 8
B	A	BA	AN	BAN	ANA	BANA	ANAN	BANAN	ANANA	BANANA	ANANA@	BANANA@	ANANA@^	BANANA@^	ANANA@^B
N	A	NA	AN	NAN	ANA	NANA	ANA@	NANA@	ANA@^	NANA@^	ANA@^B	NANA@^B	ANA@^BA	NANA@^BA	ANA@^BAN
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A	@	A@	^B	^B	^B	^B	^B	^B	^B	^B	^B	^B	^B	^B	^B
last	1st col	pairs	2 <sup>nd</sup> col	triples	3 <sup>rd</sup> col	4mers	4 <sup>th</sup> col	5mers	5 <sup>th</sup> col	6-mers	6 <sup>th</sup> col	7-mers	7 <sup>th</sup> col	8-mers	Full matrix

# Searching for an Exact Match

e.g. Searching for **OLIS**

In MANOLISKELLIS

**For simplicity** (here):

- only exact matches
- Show entire matrix

**In practice:** only pointers

**OLIS**

1. \$MANOLISKELLIS
2. ANOLISKELLIS\$M
3. ELLIS\$MANOLISK
4. IS\$MANOLISKELL
5. ISKELLIS\$MANOL
6. LIS\$MANOLISKE
7. LISKELLIS\$MANO
8. LLIS\$MANOLISKE
9. KELLIS\$MANOLIS
10. MANOLISKELLIS\$
11. NOLISKELLIS\$MA
12. OLISKELLIS\$MAN
13. S\$MANOLISKELLI
14. SKELLIS\$MANOLI

**Algorithm 3 EXACTMATCH( $P[1, p]$ )**

```
1:  $c \Leftarrow P[p]$ 
2:  $sp \Leftarrow C[c] + 1$ 
3:  $ep \Leftarrow C[c + 1] + 1$ 
4:  $i \Leftarrow p - 1$ 
5: while  $sp < ep$  and  $i \geq 1$  do
6:    $c \Leftarrow P[i]$ 
7:    $sp \Leftarrow C[c] + \text{Occ}(c, sp) + 1$ 
8:    $ep \Leftarrow C[c] + \text{Occ}(c, ep) + 1$ 
9:    $i \Leftarrow i - 1$ 
10: end while
11: return  $sp, ep$ 
```

**P** is the input substring

**C[c]** – is how many characters occur before **c** lexicographically in the genome

**Occ(c,k)** is the number of occurrence of the character **c** before index **k** in the far right column

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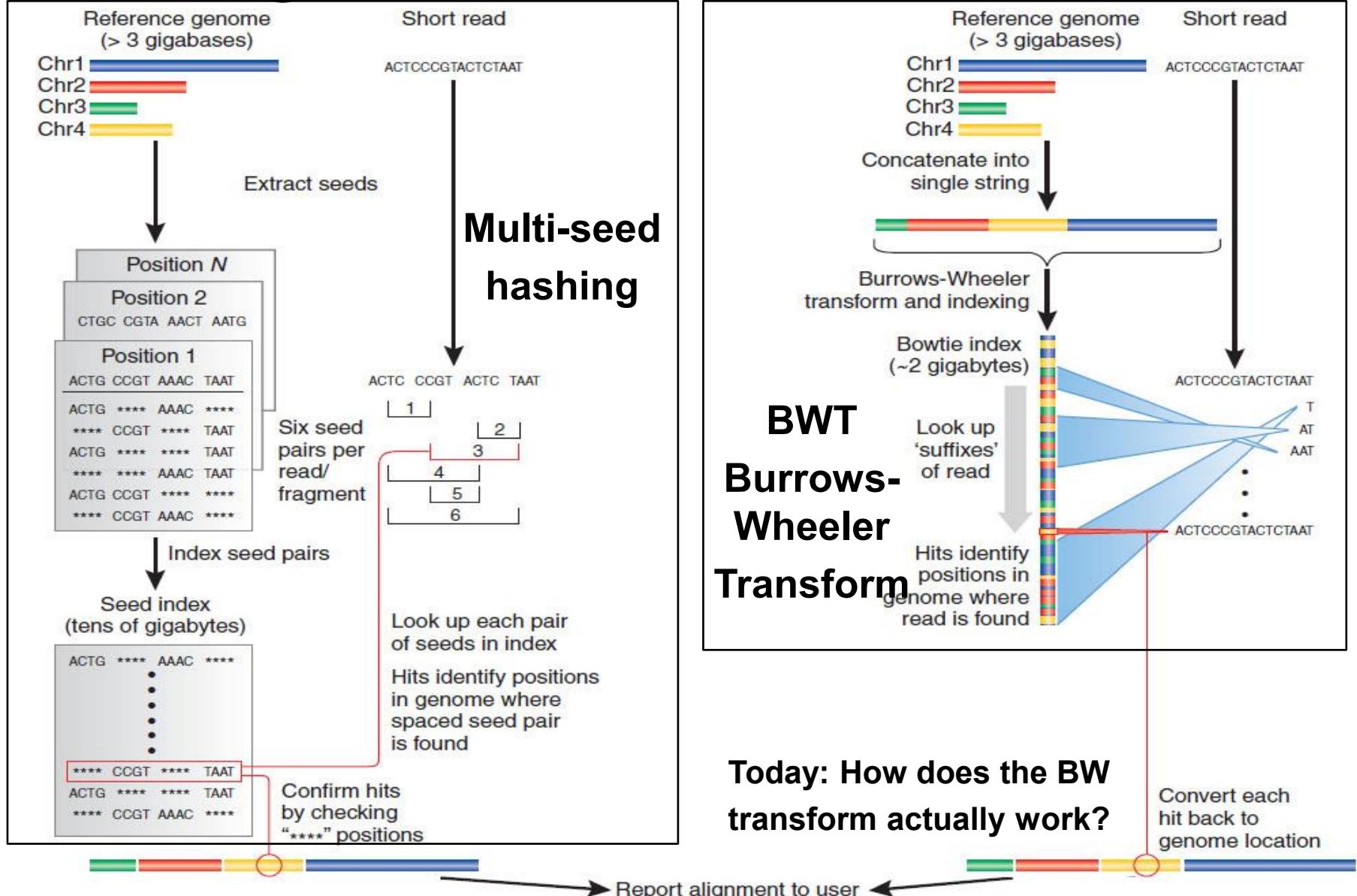
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# Hashing vs. Burrows Wheeler Transform



Today: How does the BW transform actually work?

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Source: Trapnell, Cole and Steven L. Salzberg. "[How to map billions of short reads onto genomes](#)." Nature Biotechnology 27, no. 5 (2009): 455.

# Key properties of Burrows-Wheeler Transform

- **Very little memory usage. Same as input (or less)**
  - Don't represent matrix, or strings, just pointers
  - Encode: Simply sort pointers. Decode: follow pointers
- **Original application: string compression (bZip2)**
  - Runs of letters compressed into (letter, runlength) pairs
- **Bioinformatics applications: substring searching**
  - Achieve similar run time as hash tables, suffix trees
  - But: very memory efficient → practical speed gains
- **Mapping 100,000s of reads: only transform once**
  - Pre-process once; read counts in transformed space.
  - Reverse transform once, map counts to genome coords

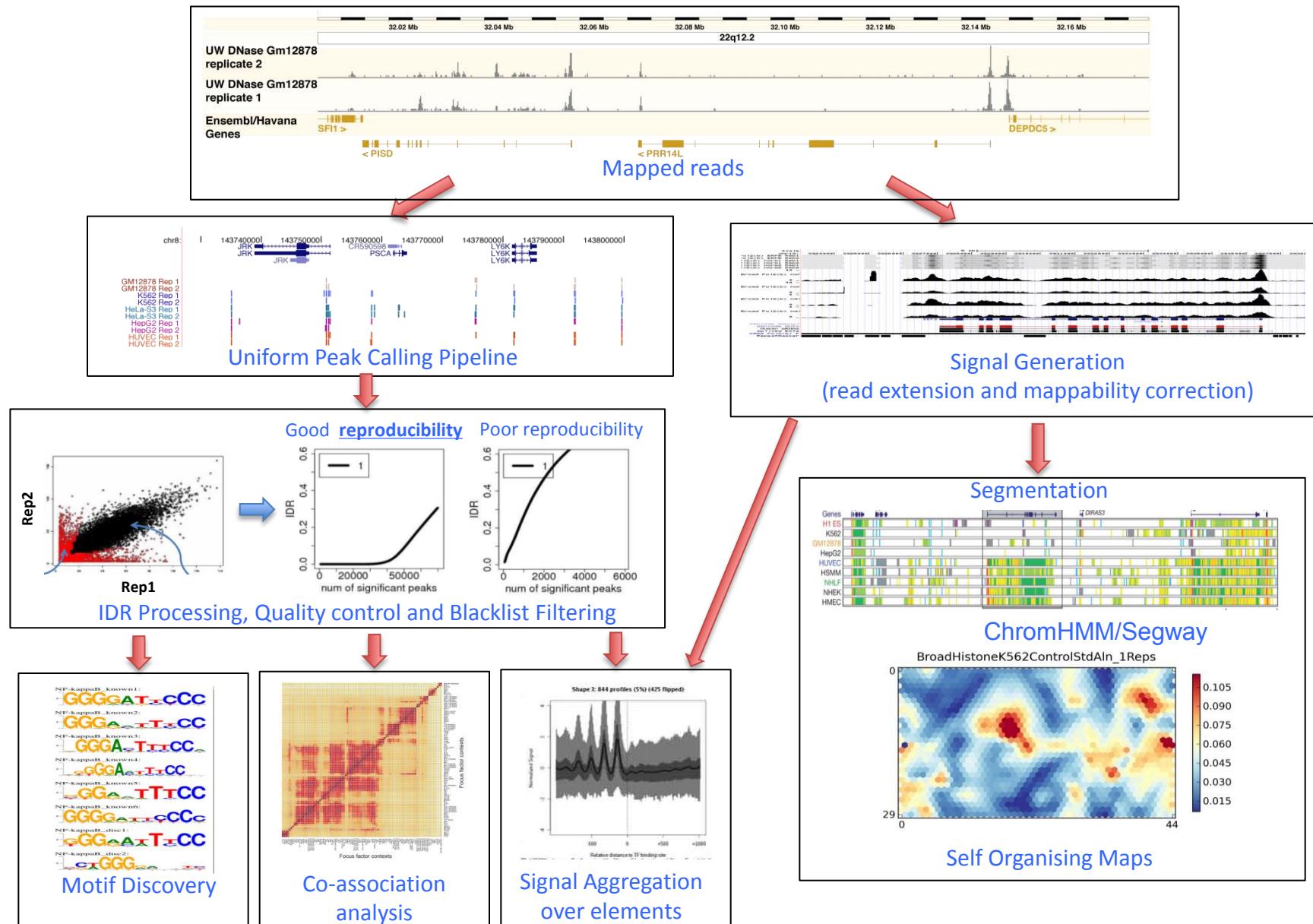
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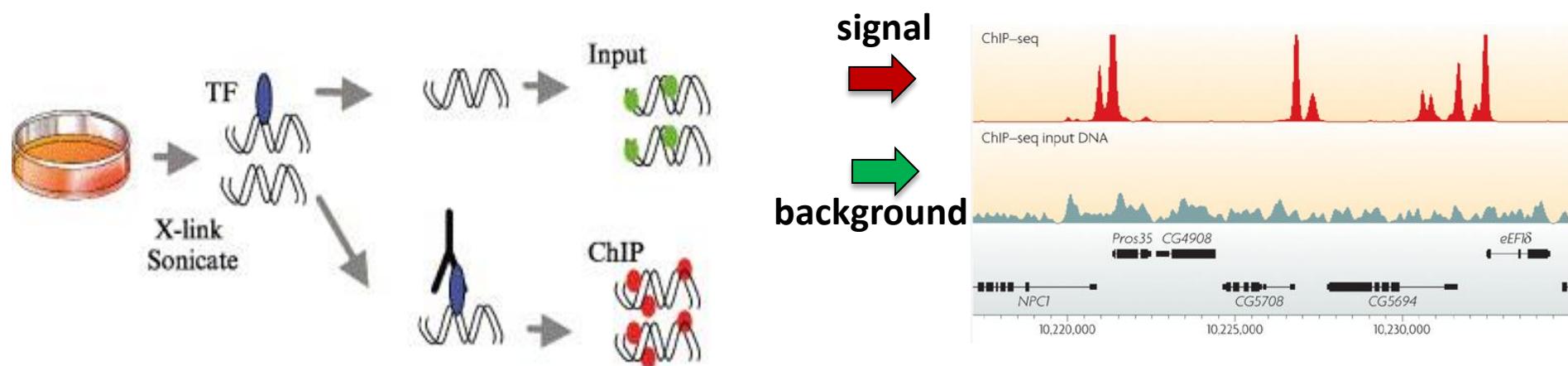
# Quality control metrics

ChIP vs. Input DNA  
Read quality  
Mappability  
Library complexity

# ENCODE uniform processing pipeline



# QC1: Use of input DNA as control dataset



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- **Challenge:**

- Even without antibody: Reads are not uniformly scattered

- **Sources of bias in input dataset scatter:**

- Non-uniform fragmentation of the genome
- Open chromatin fragmented more easily than closed regions
- Repetitive sequences over-collapsed in the assembled genome.

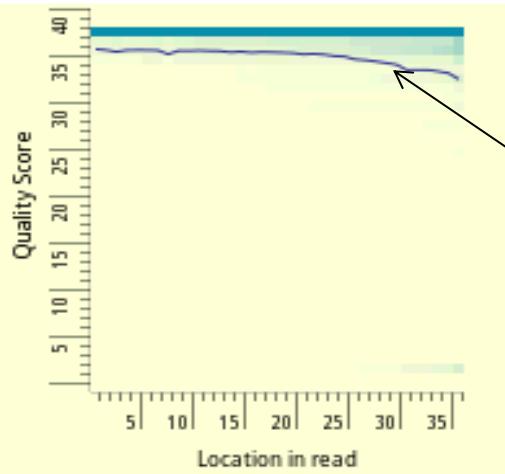
- **How to control for these biases:**

- Remove portion of DNA sample before ChIP step
- Carry out control experiment without an antibody (input DNA)
- Fragment input DNA, sequence reads, map, use as background

# QC2: Read-level sequencing quality score Q>10

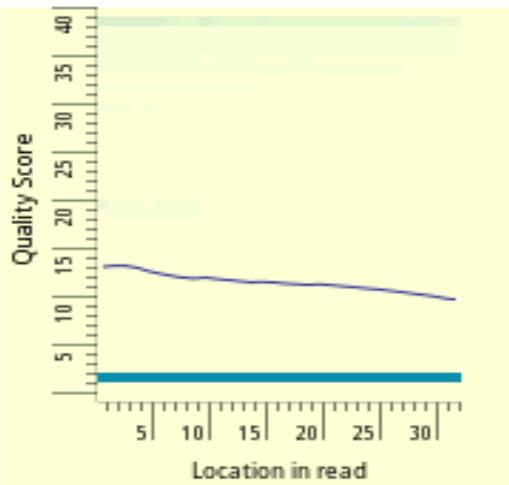
## Read quality histograms

High quality reads



average base score  
per position

Low quality reads

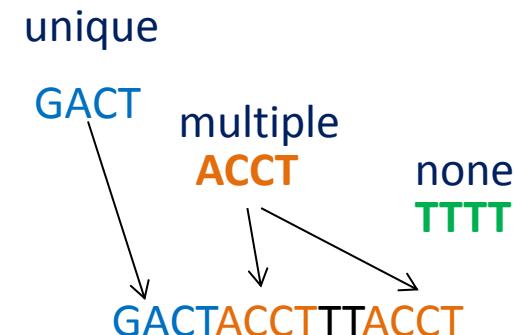


- Each column is a color-coded histogram
- Encodes fraction of all mapped reads that have base score Q (y-axis) at each position (x-axis)
- Darker blue = higher density
- Read quality tends to drop towards the ends of reads
- Low average per base score implies greater probability of mismappings.
- Typically, reject reads whose average score  $Q < 10$

# QC3: Fraction of short reads mapped >50%

Reads can map to:

- exactly one location (uniquely mapping)
- multiple locations (repetitive or multi-mapping)
- no locations (unmappable)



Dealing with multiply-mapping reads:

- Conservative approach: do not assign to any location
- Probabilistic approach: assign fractionally to all locations
- Sampling approach: pick one location at random, averages across many reads
- EM approach: map according to density, estimated from unambiguous reads
- Pair-end approach: use paired end read to resolve ambiguities in repeat reads

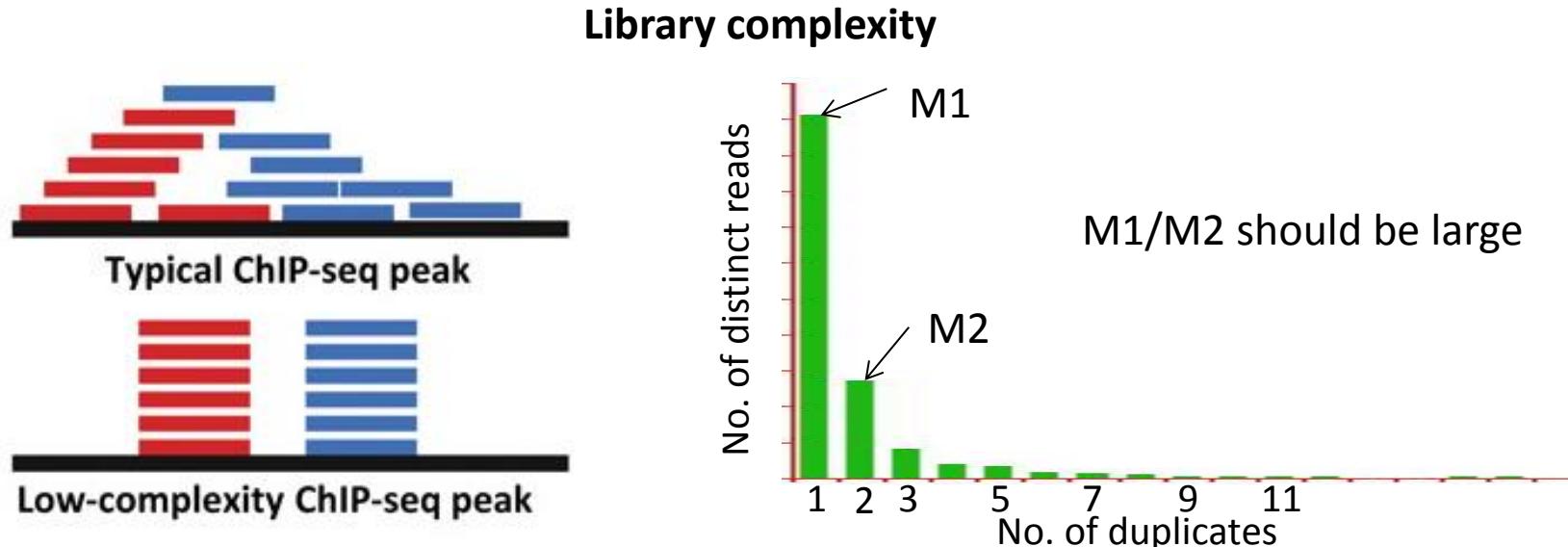
Absence of reads in a region could be due to:

- No assembly coverage in that region (e.g. peri-centromeric region)
- Too many reads mapping to this location (e.g. repetitive element)
- No activity observed in this location (e.g. inactive / quiescent / dead regions)

Dealing with mappability biases:

- ‘Black-listed’ regions, promiscuous across many datasets
- ‘White-listed’ regions, for which at least some dataset has unique reads
- Treat unmappable regions as missing data, distinguish from ‘empty’ regions

# QC4: Library complexity: non-redundant fraction



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## How many distinct uniquely mapping read? How many duplicates?

If your sample does not contain sufficient DNA and/or you over-sequence, you will simply be repeatedly sequencing PCR duplicates of a restricted pool of distinct DNA fragments. This is known a **low-complexity library** and is not desirable.

- **Histogram of no. of duplicates**
- Non-redundant fraction (NRF) = 
$$\frac{\text{No. of 'distinct' unique-mapping reads}}{\text{No. of unique-mapping reads}}$$
- NRF should be  $> 0.8$  when  $10M < \# \text{reads} < 80M$  unique-mapping reads

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# Cross-correlation analysis

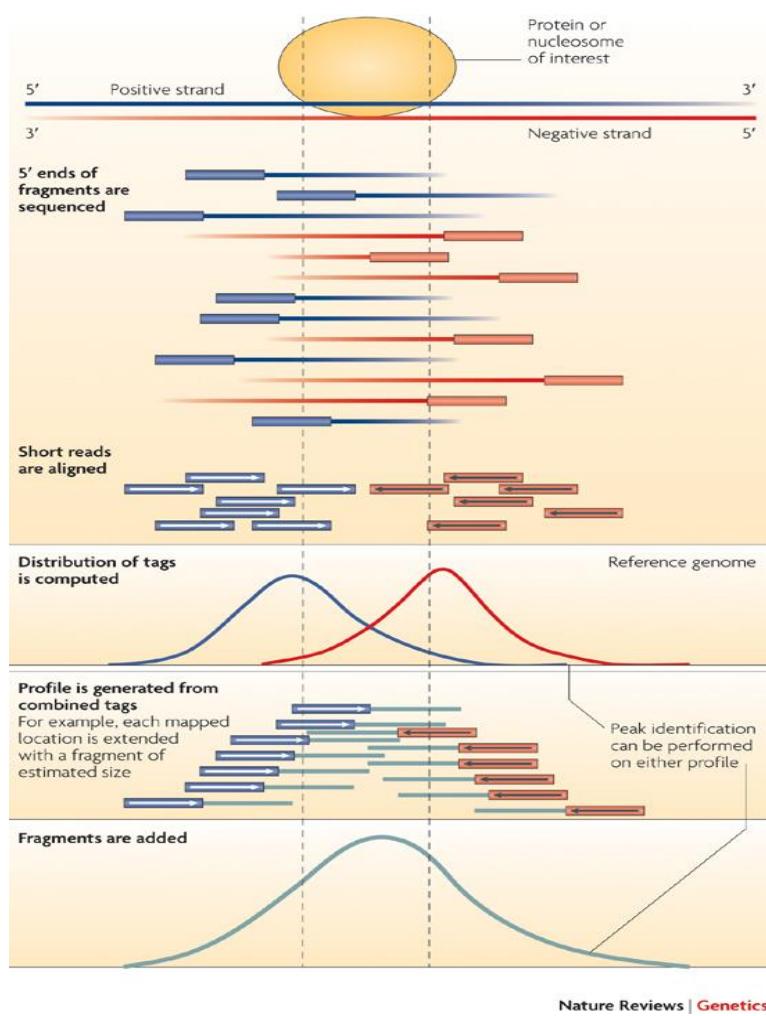
Exploiting forward and reverse reads

Fragment-length peak

Phantom read-length peak

# ChIP-seq: exploiting forward and reverse reads

(Chromatin immunoprecipitation followed by sequencing)



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Multiple IP fragments are obtained corresponding to each binding event

Ends of the fragments are sequenced i.e. "Short-reads/tags"

- Typically ~36 bp, 50 bp, 76 bp or 101 bp

## Single-end (SE) sequencing

- Randomly sequence one of the ends of each fragment

## Paired-end (PE) sequencing

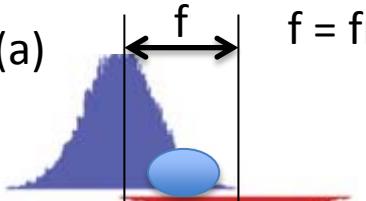
- sequence both ends of each fragment

Canonical "stranded mirror distribution of short-reads" after mapping reads to genome

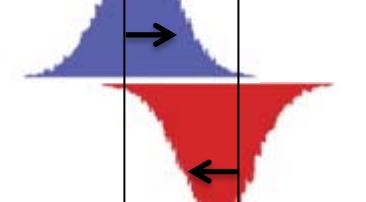
- Heaps of reads on the **+ strand** and **- strand** separated by a distance  $\approx$  fragment length

# Strand cross-correlation (CC) analysis

(a)  $f = \text{fragment length}$

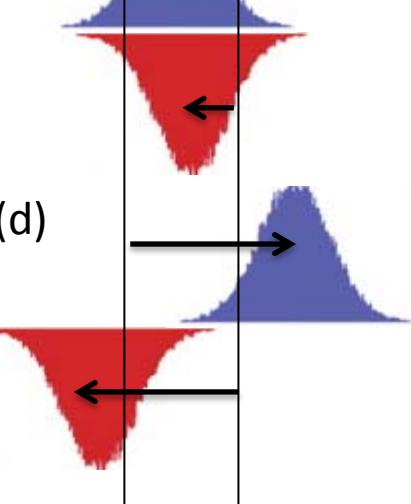


(b)



(c)

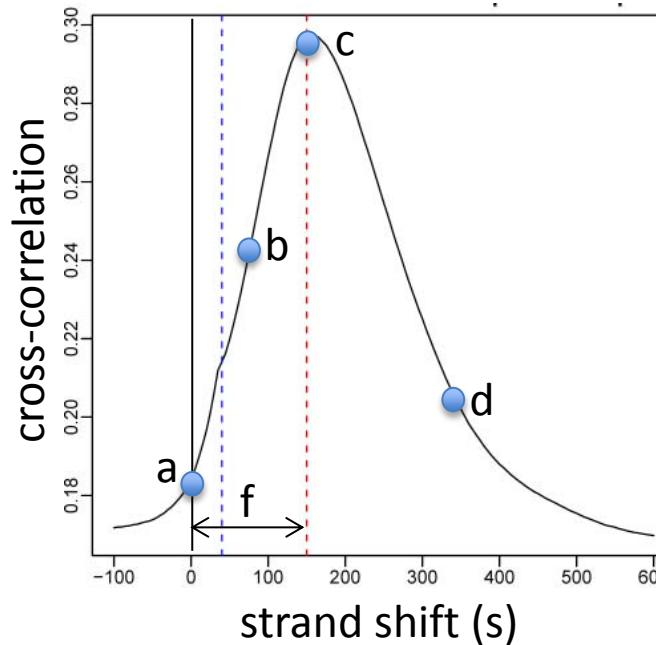
$$s = f/2 + f/2$$



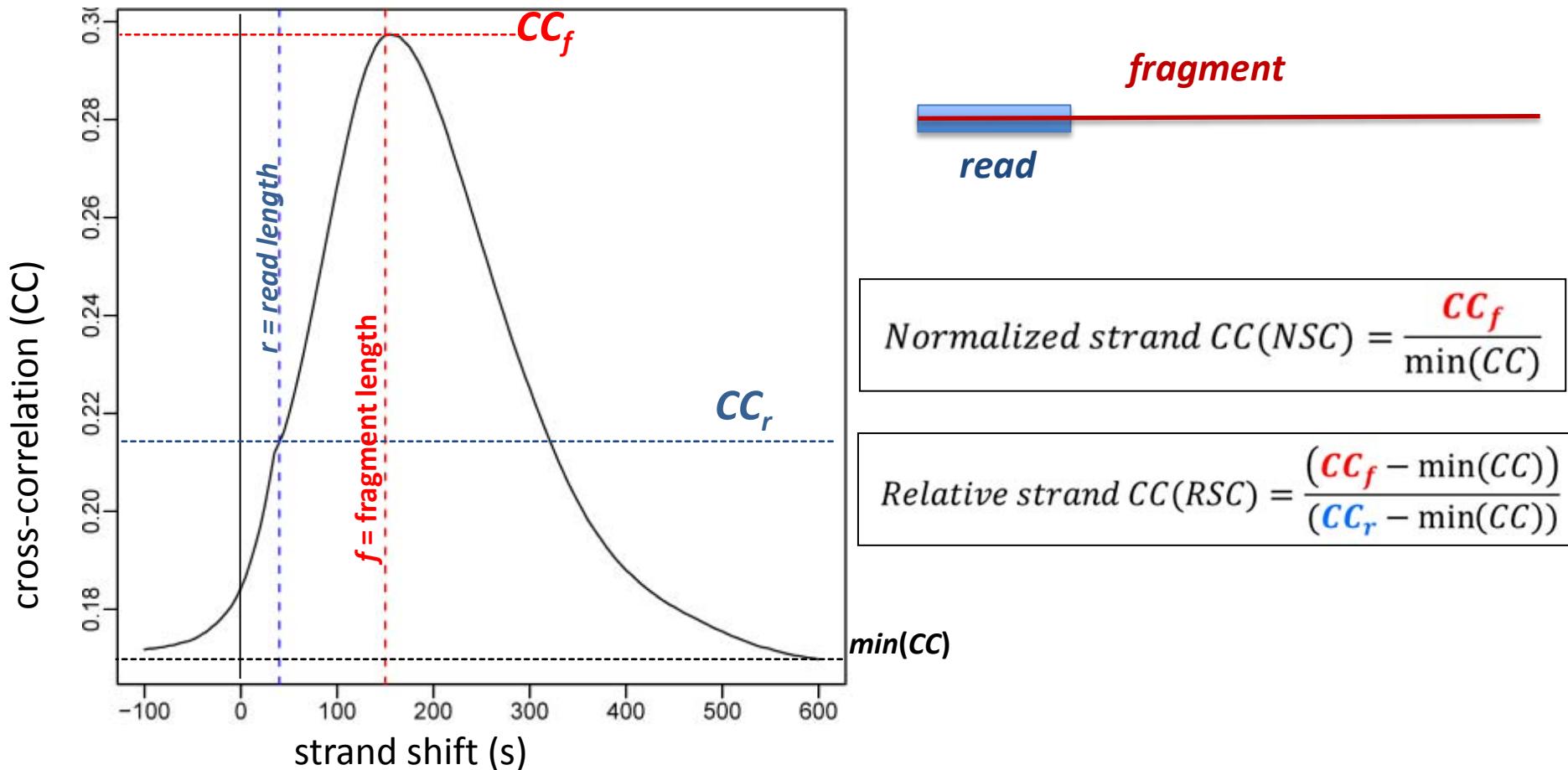
(d)

1. Calculate forward and reverse strand signals
2. Shift both by specified offset towards each other
3. Calculate correlation of two signals at that shift
4. Correlation peaks at **fragment length** offset  $f$

$f$  is the length at which ChIP DNA is fragmented

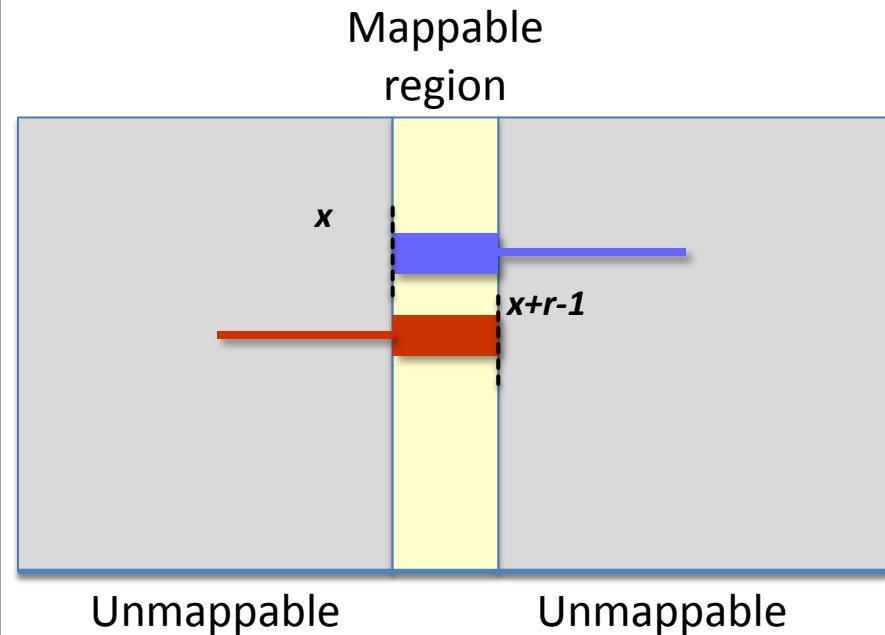
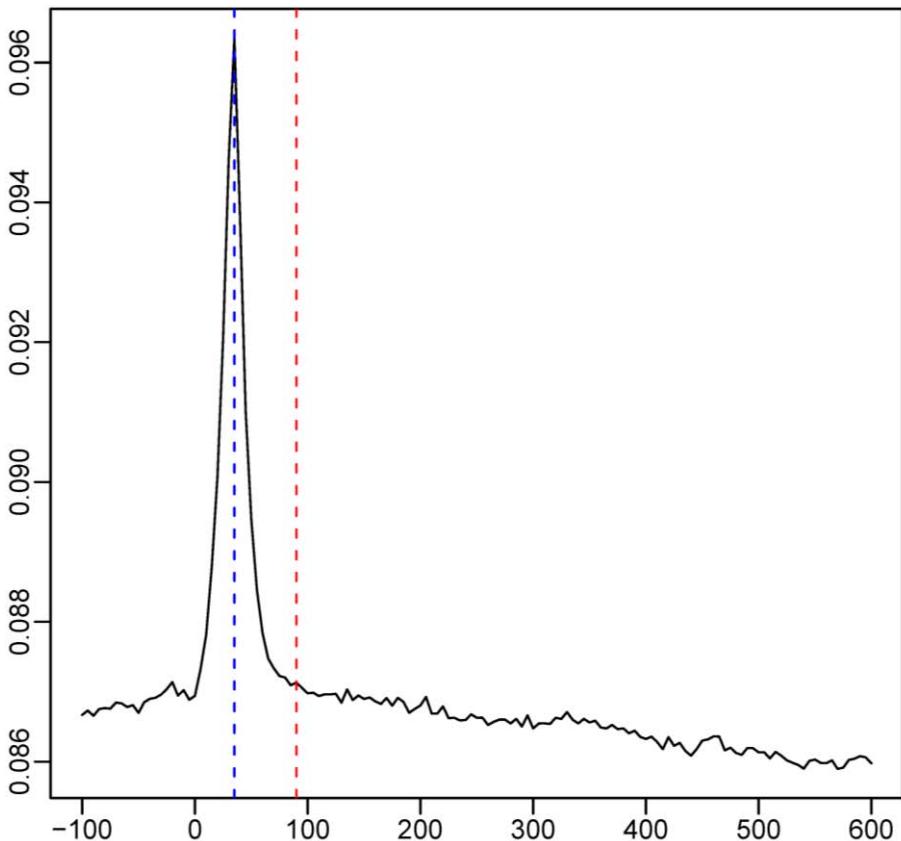


# Cross-correlation at *read* vs. *fragment* length



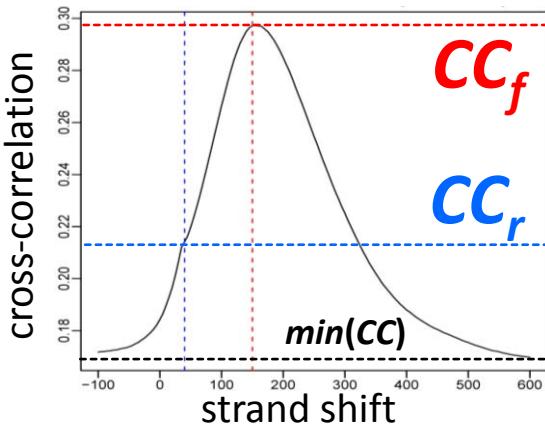
- Sign of a good dataset:
  - High absolute cross-correlation at *fragment* length (NSC)
  - High *fragment* length CC relative to *read* length CC (RSC)

# Where does *read* cross-correlation come from?

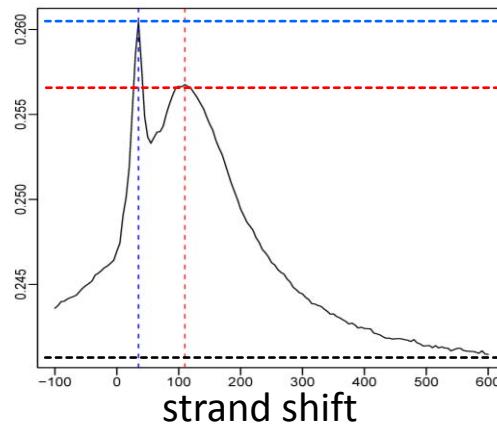


- Input dataset (no ChIP) shows ‘phantom’ peak at *read* length only
- Due to read mappability:
  - If position ‘x’ is uniquely mappable on + strand
  - Then position ‘ $x+r-1$ ’ is uniquely mappable on – strand
- *Fragment*-length peak should always dominate the read-length peak

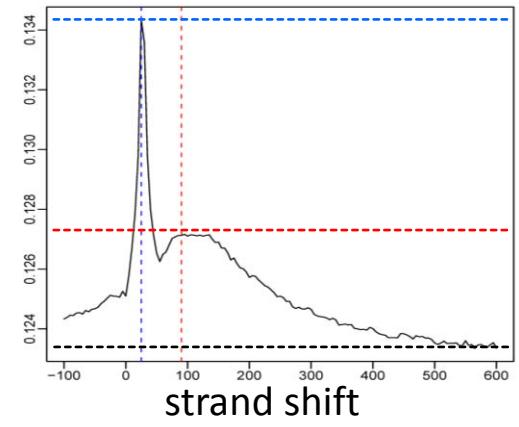
# Example of good, medium, bad CC datasets



Highly quality



Medium quality



Low quality

$$\text{Normalized strand CC(NSC)} = \frac{CC_f}{\min(CC)}$$

$$\text{Relative strand CC(RSC)} = \frac{(CC_f - \min(CC))}{(CC_r - \min(CC))}$$

For highly enriched datasets, fragment length cross-correlation peak should be able to beat read-length phantom peak

RSC should be  $> 1$

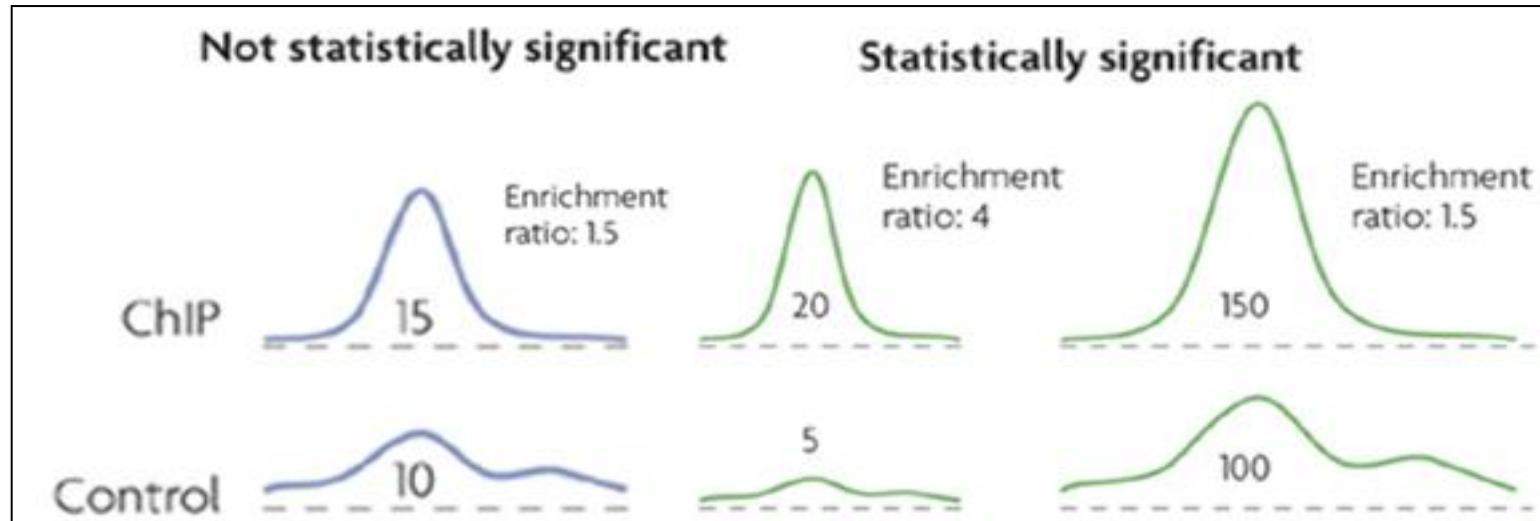
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# Peak Calling

Continuous signal → Intervals

# Peak calling: detect regions of enrichment



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**Goal:** Transform read counts into **normalized intensity signal**

**Steps:**

1. Estimate fragment-length  $f$  using strand cross-correlation analysis
2. Extend each read from 5' to 3' direction to fragment length  $f$
3. Sum intensity for each base in 'extended reads' from both strands
4. Perform same operation on input-DNA control data (correct for sequencing depth differences)
5. Calculate enrichment ratio value for every position in the genome

**Result:** Enrichment fold difference for ChIP / control signal

# Peak calling: identify discrete intervals

Program	Reference	Version	Graphical user interface?	Window-based scan	Tag clustering	Gaussian kernel density estimator	Strand-specific scoring	Peak height or fold enrichment (FE)	Background subtraction	Compensates for genomic duplications or deletions	False Discovery Rate	Compare to normalized control data (FE)	Compare to statistical model fitted with control data	Statistical model or test
CisGenome	28	1.1	X*	X				X	X		X		X	conditional binomial model
Minimal ChipSeq Peak Finder	16	2.0.1			X			X			X			
E-RANGE	27	3.1			X			X			X	X		chromosome scale Poisson dist.
MACS	13	1.3.5		X			X			X		X		local Poisson dist.
QuEST	14	2.3				X		X		X**		X		chromosome scale Poisson dist.
HPeak	29	1.1		X			X					X		Hidden Markov Model
Sole-Search	23	1	X	X			X		X			X		One sample t-test
PeakSeq	21	1.01			X			X				X		conditional binomial model
SISSRS	32	1.4		X			X				X			
spp package (wtd & mtc)	31	1.7		X			X		X	X'	X			
Generating density profiles				Peak assignment		Adjustments w. control data			Significance relative to control data					

X\* = Windows-only GUI or cross-platform command line interface

X\*\* = optional if sufficient data is available to split control data

X' = method excludes putative duplicated regions, no treatment of deletions

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# Peak calling thresholds

## Poisson p-value thresholds

- Read count model: Locally-adjusted' Poisson distribution

$$P(\text{count} = x) = \frac{\lambda_{\text{local}}^x \exp(-\lambda_{\text{local}})}{x!}$$

- $\lambda_{\text{local}} = \max(\lambda_{\text{BG}}, [\lambda_{1k}, \lambda_{5k}, \lambda_{10k}])$  estimated from control data
  - Poisson  $p$ -value =  $P(\text{count} \geq x)$
  - $q$ -value : Multiple hypothesis correction

**Peaks:** Genomic locations that pass a user-defined  $p$ -value (e.g. 1e-5) or  $q$ -value (e.g. 0.01) threshold

## Empirical False discovery rates

- Swap ChIP and input-DNA tracks
  - Recompute  $p$ -values
- At each  $p$ -value, eFDR = Number of control peaks / Number of ChIP peaks
  - Use an FDR threshold to call peaks

# Issues with peak calling thresholds

Cannot set a universal threshold for empirical FDRs and p-values

- Depends on ChIP and input sequencing depth
- Depends on binding ubiquity of factor
- Stronger antibodies get an advantage

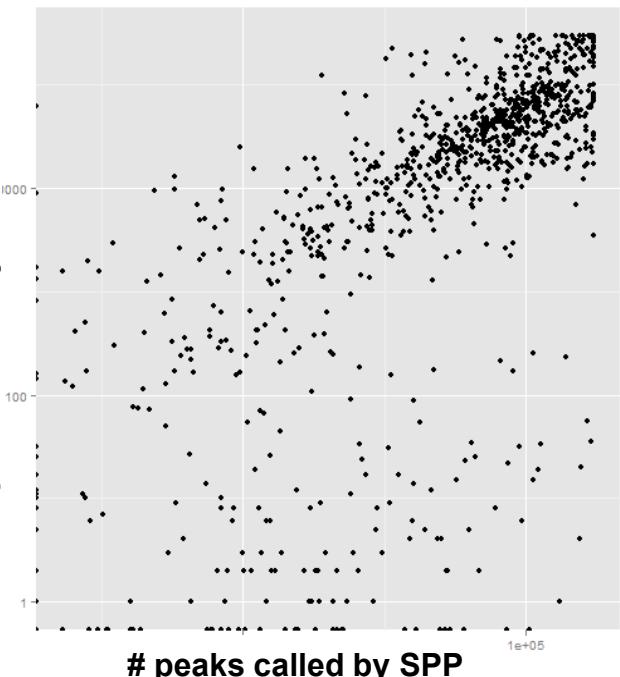
FDRs quite unstable

- Small changes in threshold => massive changes in peak numbers

Difficult to compare results across peak callers with a fixed threshold

- Different methods to compute eFDR or q-values

(at FDR = 1% cutoff)



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# Selecting meaningful peaks using reproducibility

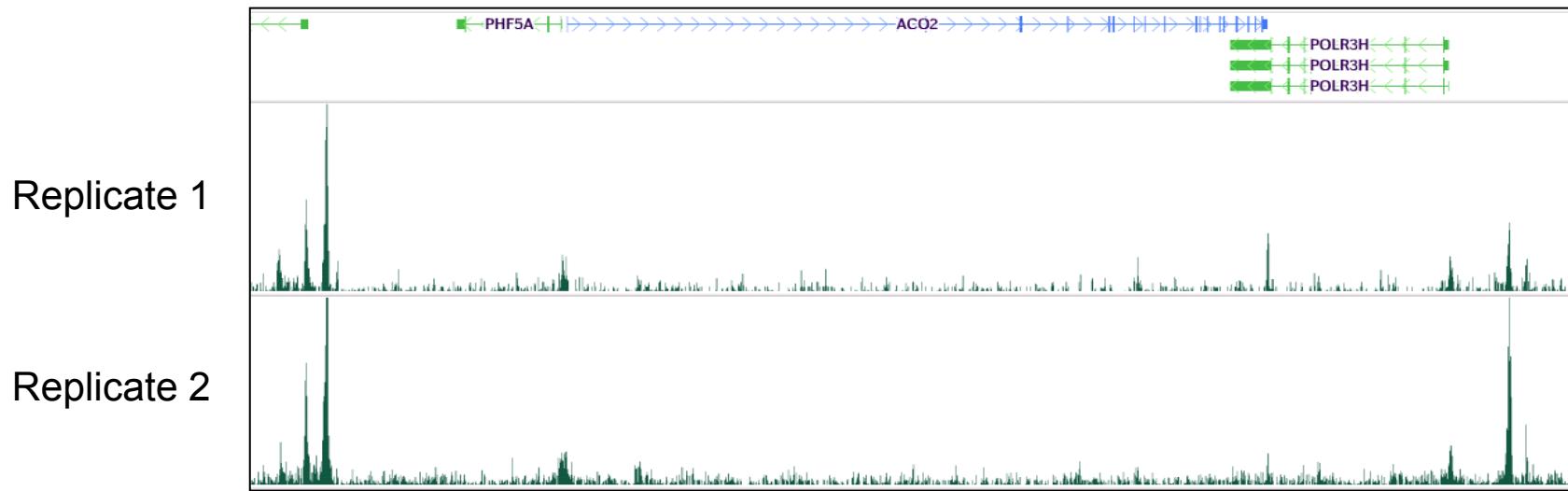
Use peak ranks in replicate experiments

IDR: Irreproducible Discovery Rate

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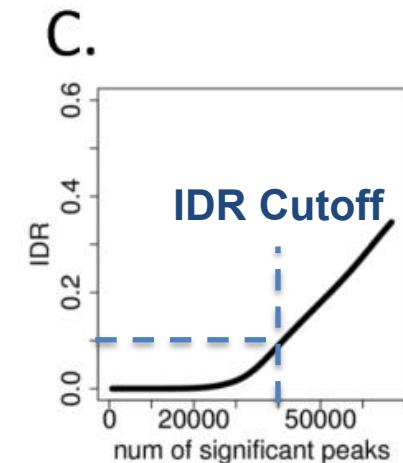
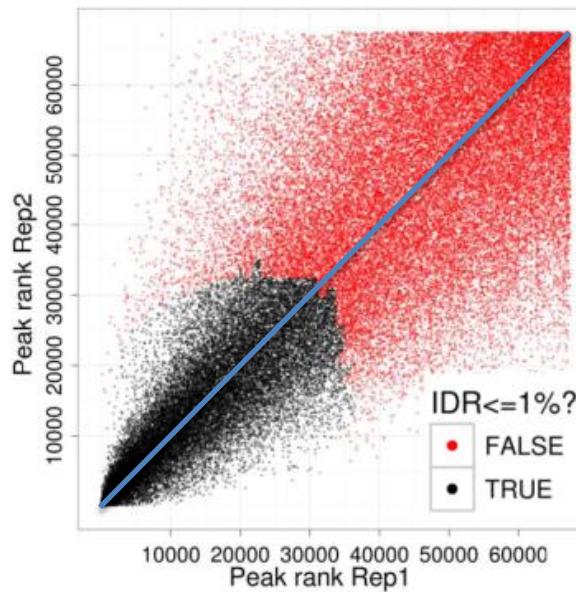
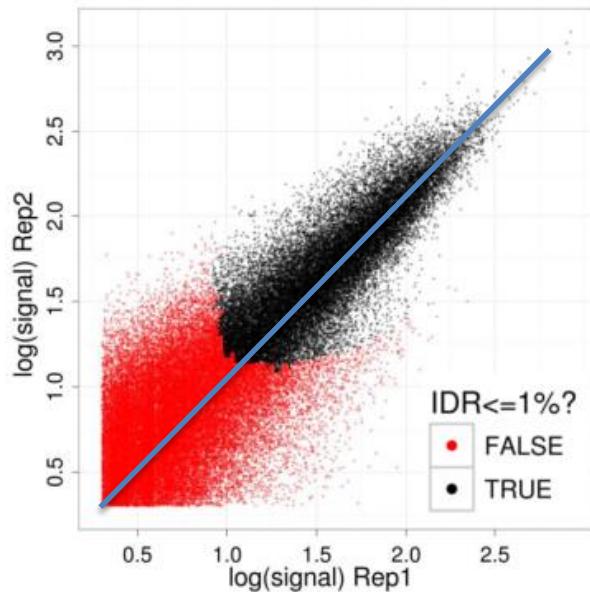
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# How to combine two replicates



- Challenge:
  - Replicates show small differences in peak heights
  - Many peaks in common, but many are unique
- Problem with simple solutions:
  - Union: too lenient, keeps garbage from both
  - Intersection: too stringent, throws away good peaks
  - Sum: does not exploit independence of two datasets

# IDR idea: Exploit peak rank similarity in replicates



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- Key idea: True peaks will be highly ranked in both replicates
  - Keep going down rank list, until ranks are no longer correlated
    - This cutoff could be different for the two replicates
  - The actual peaks included may differ between replicates
    - Adaptively learn optimal peak calling threshold
  - FDR threshold of 10% → 10% of peaks are false (widely used)
  - IDR threshold of 10% → 10% of peaks are not reproducible

# The IDR model: A two component mixture model

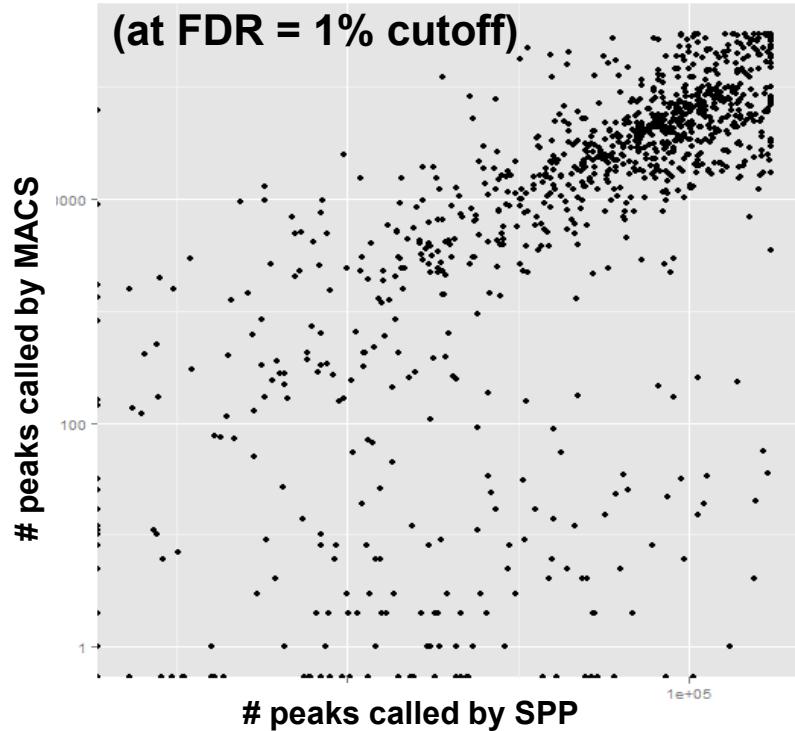
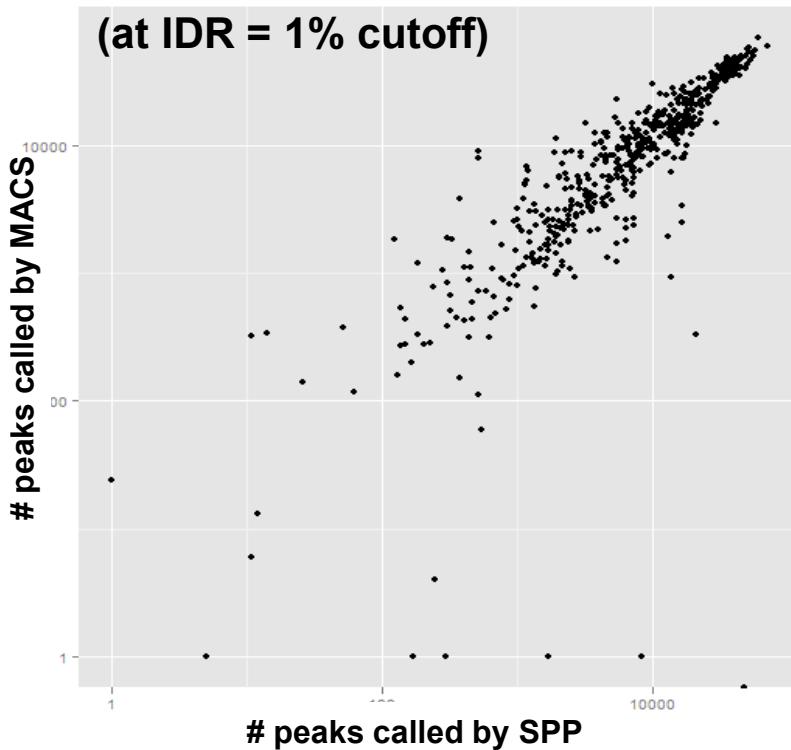
- Looking only at ranks means that the marginals are uniform, so all the information is encoded in the joint distribution.
- Model the joint distribution of ranks as though it came from a two component Gaussian mixture model:

$$(x, y) \sim pN(\mu, \mu, \sigma, \sigma, \rho) + (1 - p)N(0, 0, 1, 1, 0)$$

- This can be fit via an EM-like algorithm.

# IDR leads to higher consistency between peak callers

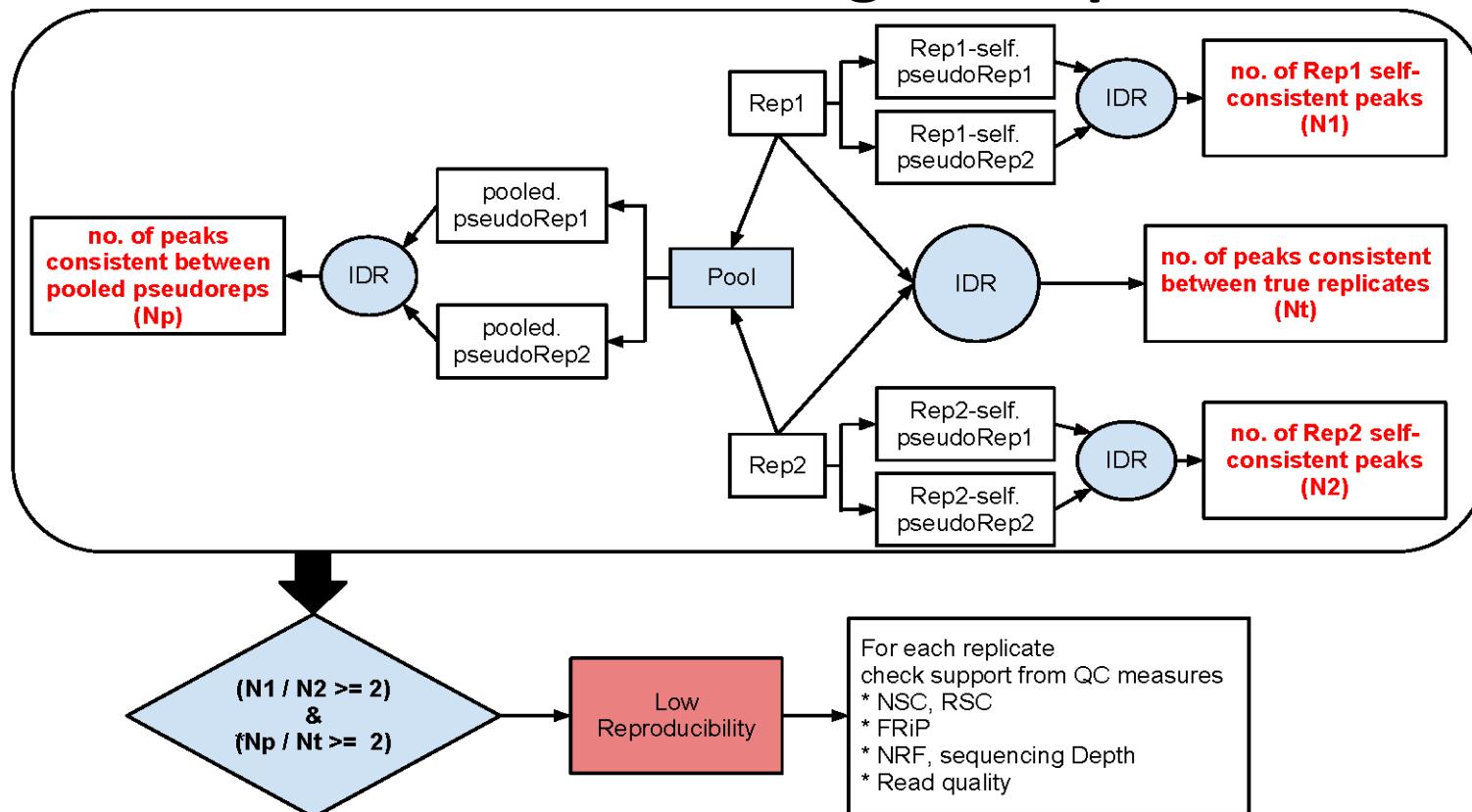
**IDR = Irreproducible Discovery Rate FDR = False Discovery Rate**



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- Compare number of peaks found by two different peak callers
- IDR thresholds are far more robust and comparable than FDR
- FDR only relies on enrichment over input, IDR exploits replicates

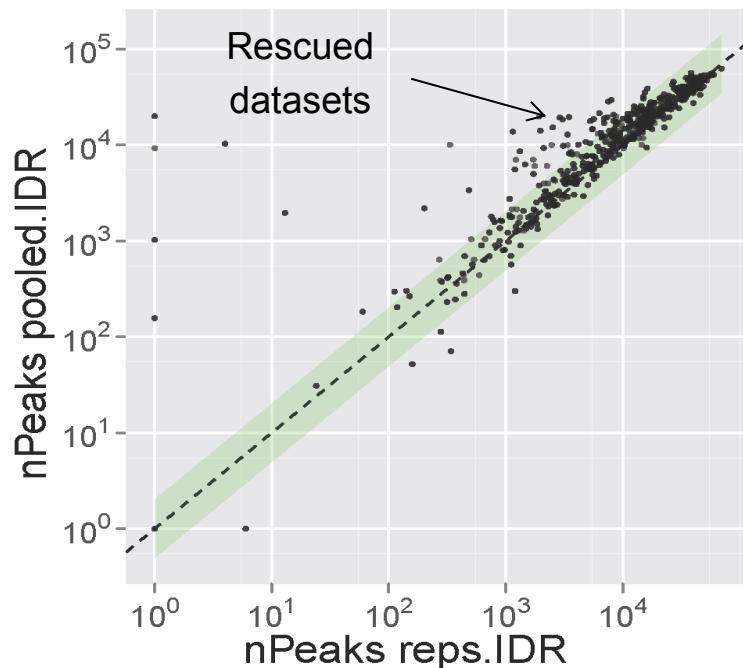
# What if we don't have good replicates?



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- IDR pipeline uses replicates when they are available
  - IDR pipeline also evaluates each replicate individually
    - Pooling strategy to generate pseudo-replicates
- Can pin-point 'bad' replicates that may lead to low reproducibility
- Can estimate IDR thresholds when replicates are not available

# Only one good replicate: Pseudo-replicates



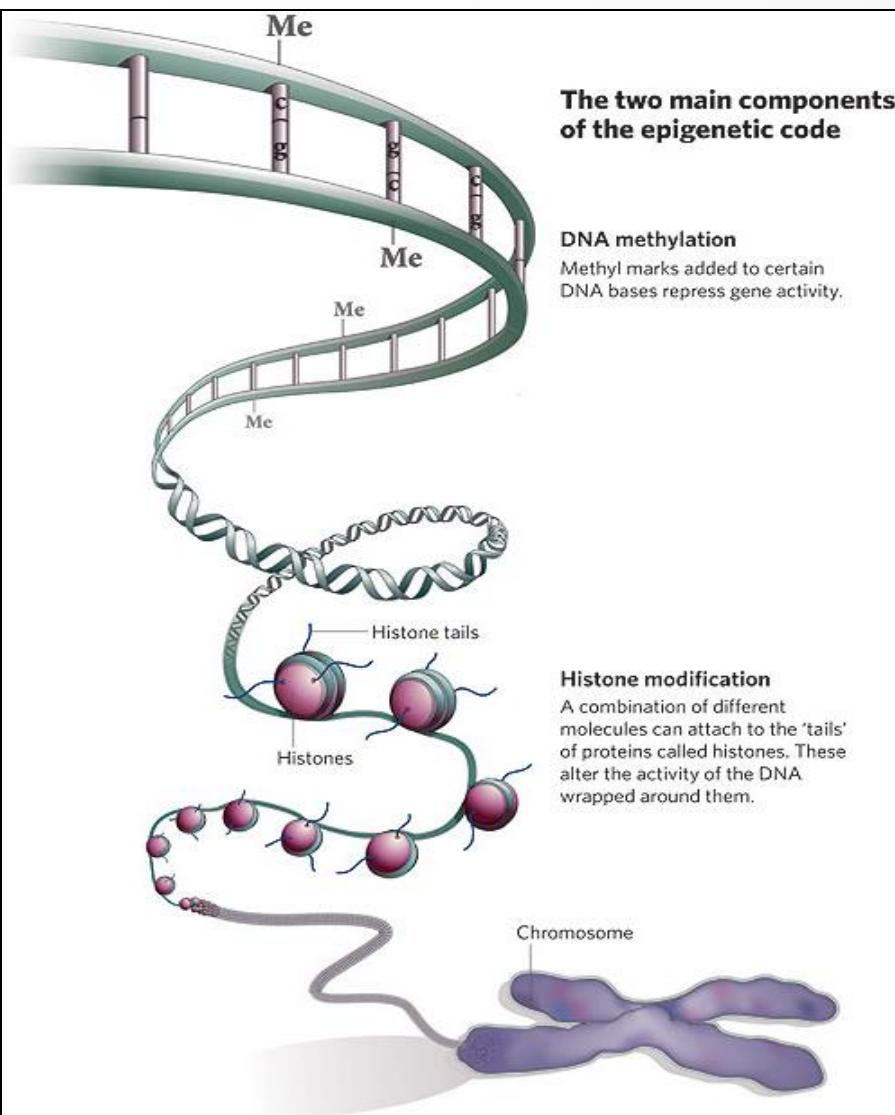
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- IDR pipeline can be used to rescue datasets with only one good replicate (using pseudo-replicates)
- IDR pipeline can also be used to call optimal thresholds on a dataset with a single replicate (e.g. when there isn't enough material to perform multiple reps)

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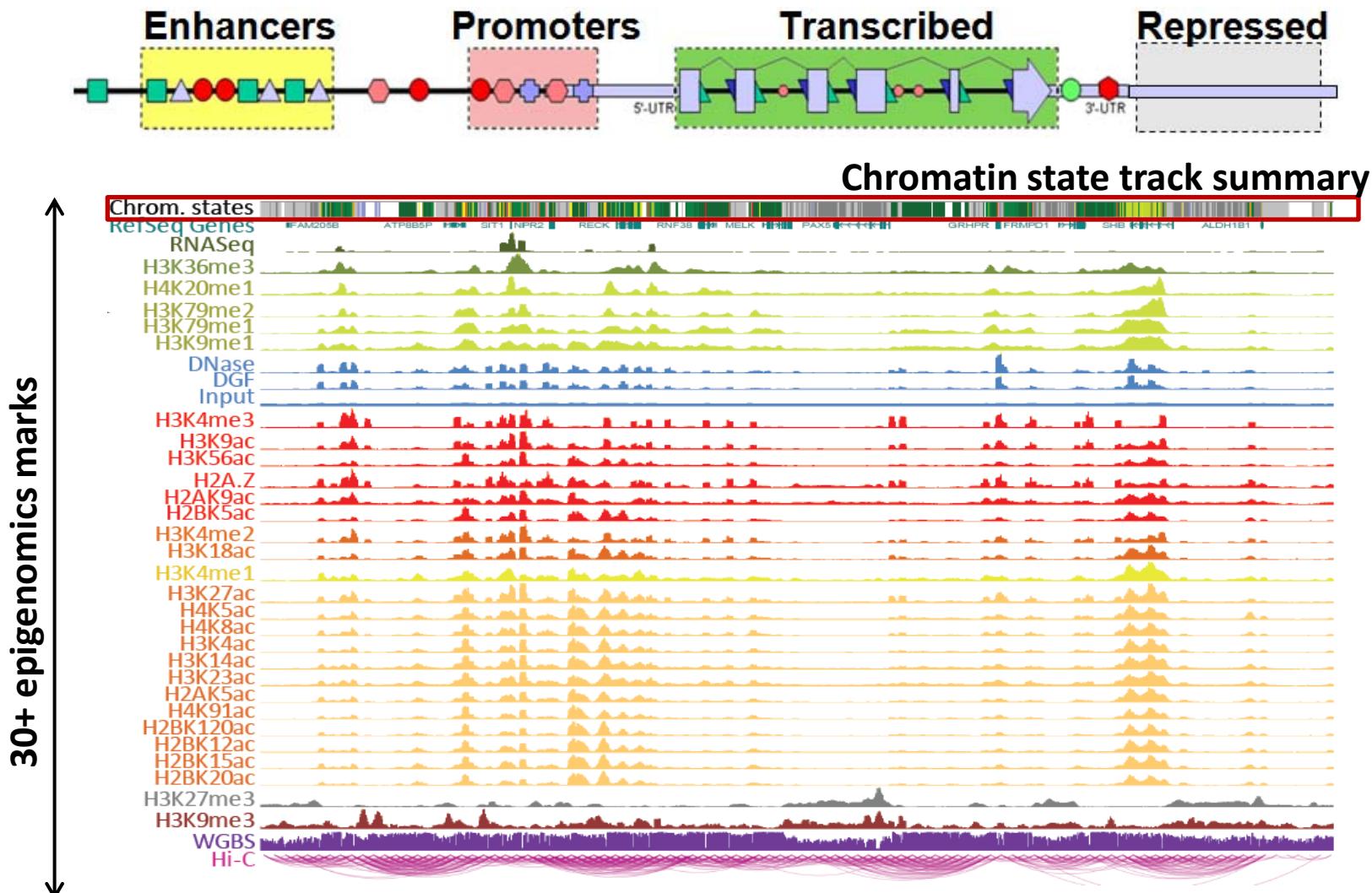
# Chromatin signatures for genome annotation



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- **Challenges**
  - Dozens of marks
  - Complex combinatorics
  - Diversity and dynamics
- **Histone code hypothesis**
  - Distinct function for distinct combinations of marks?
  - Both additive and combinatorial effects
- **How do we find biologically relevant ones?**
  - Unsupervised approach
  - Probabilistic model
  - Explicit combinatorics

# Summarize multiple marks into chromatin states

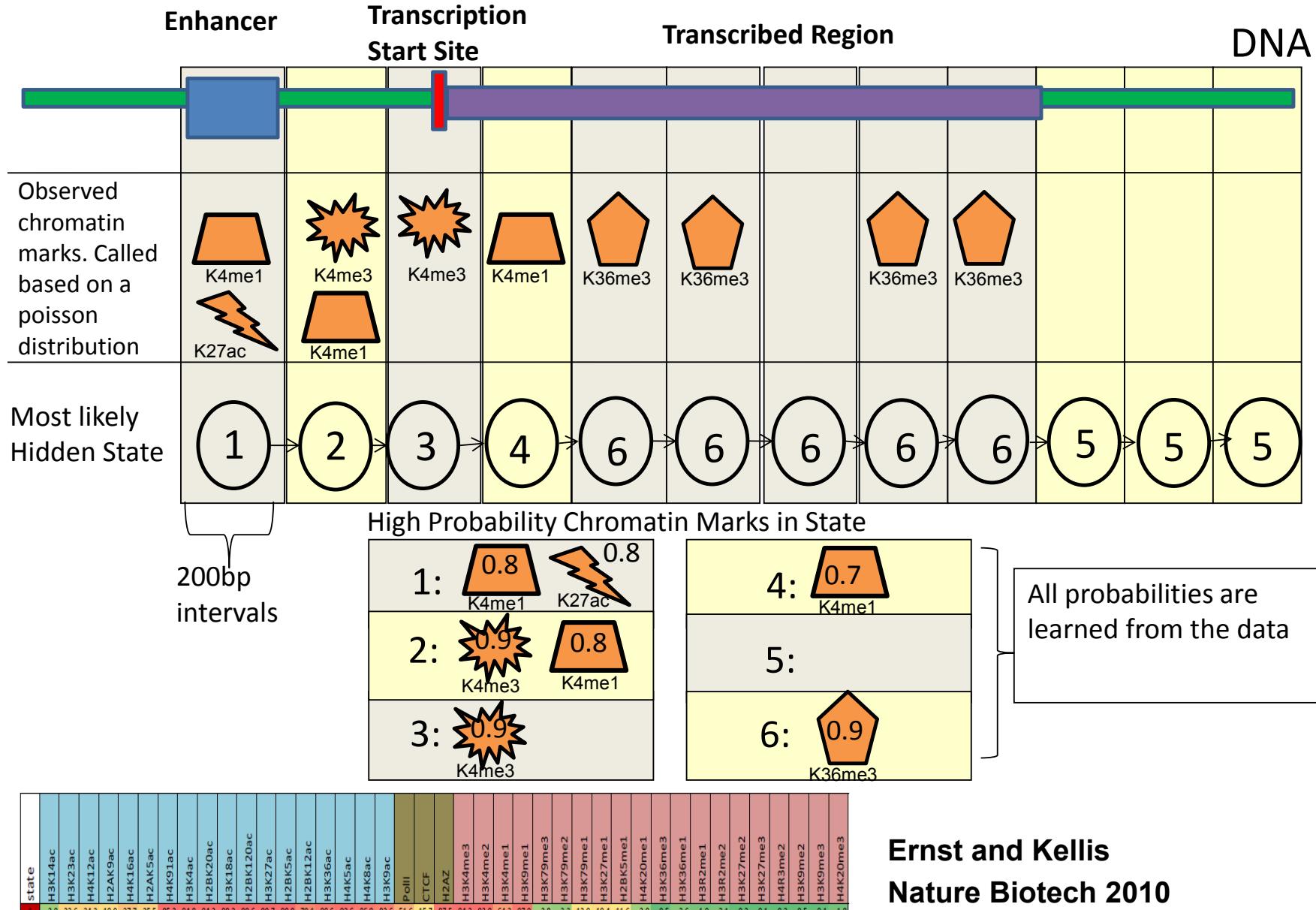


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***ChromHMM: multi-variate hidden Markov model***

# Multivariate HMM for Chromatin States



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# Design Choice

- How to model the emission distribution
  - Model the signal directly
  - Locally binarize the data
- For  $M$  input marks each state  $k$  has a vector of  $(p_{k1}, \dots, p_{kM})$  of parameters for independent Bernoulli random variables which determine the emission probability for an observed combination of marks

# Data Binarization

- Leads to biologically interpretable models that can be robustly learned
- Let  $c_{ij}$  be the number of reads for mark  $i$ . mapping to bin  $j$ .  $\lambda_i$  be the average number of reads mapping to a bin for modification  $i$ . The input for feature  $i$  becomes ‘1’ if

$$P(X > c_{ij}) < 10^{-4}$$

where  $X$  is a Poisson random variable with mean  $\lambda_i$

# Emission Parameter Matrix $e_k(\vec{x}_i)$

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- Multi-variate HMM emits vector of values, not just one value
  - Can emit real values (SegWay) or binary presence /absence values (ChromHMM)
  - Use to learn mark combinations

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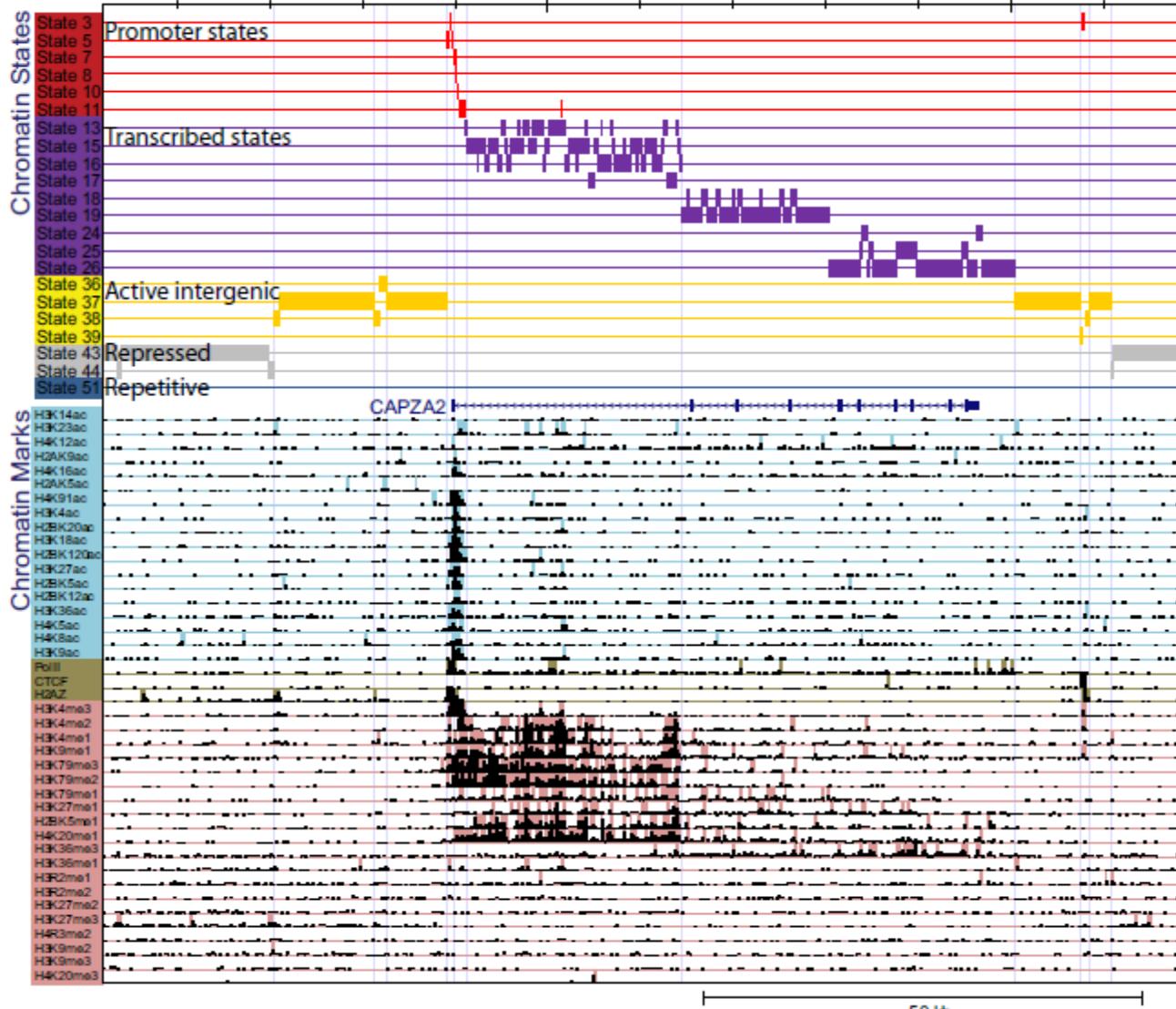
Transition matrix  $a_{kl}$

- Learns spatial relationships between neighboring states
  - Reveals distinct sub-groups of states
  - Reveals transitions between different groups

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# Example Chromatin State Annotation

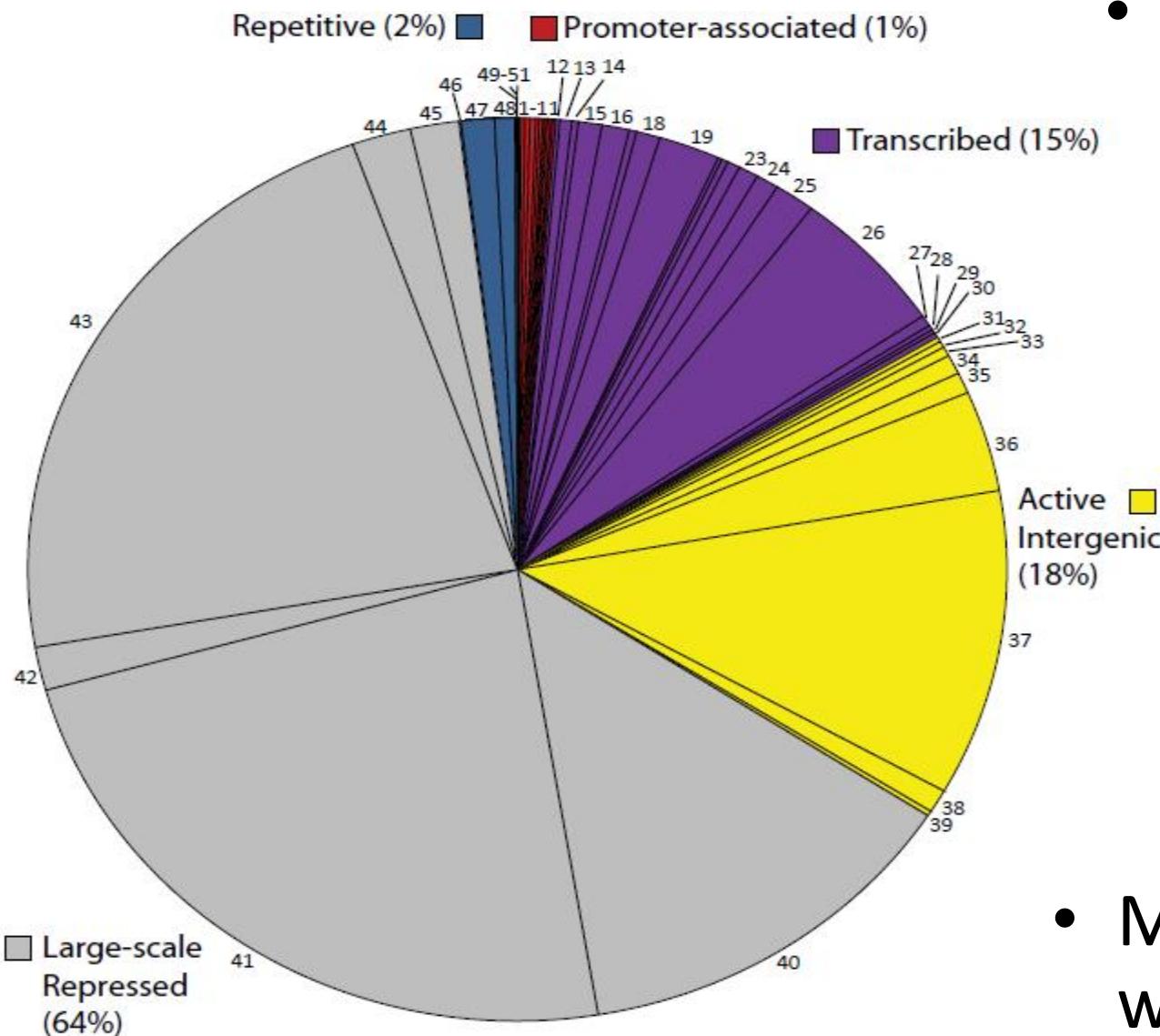


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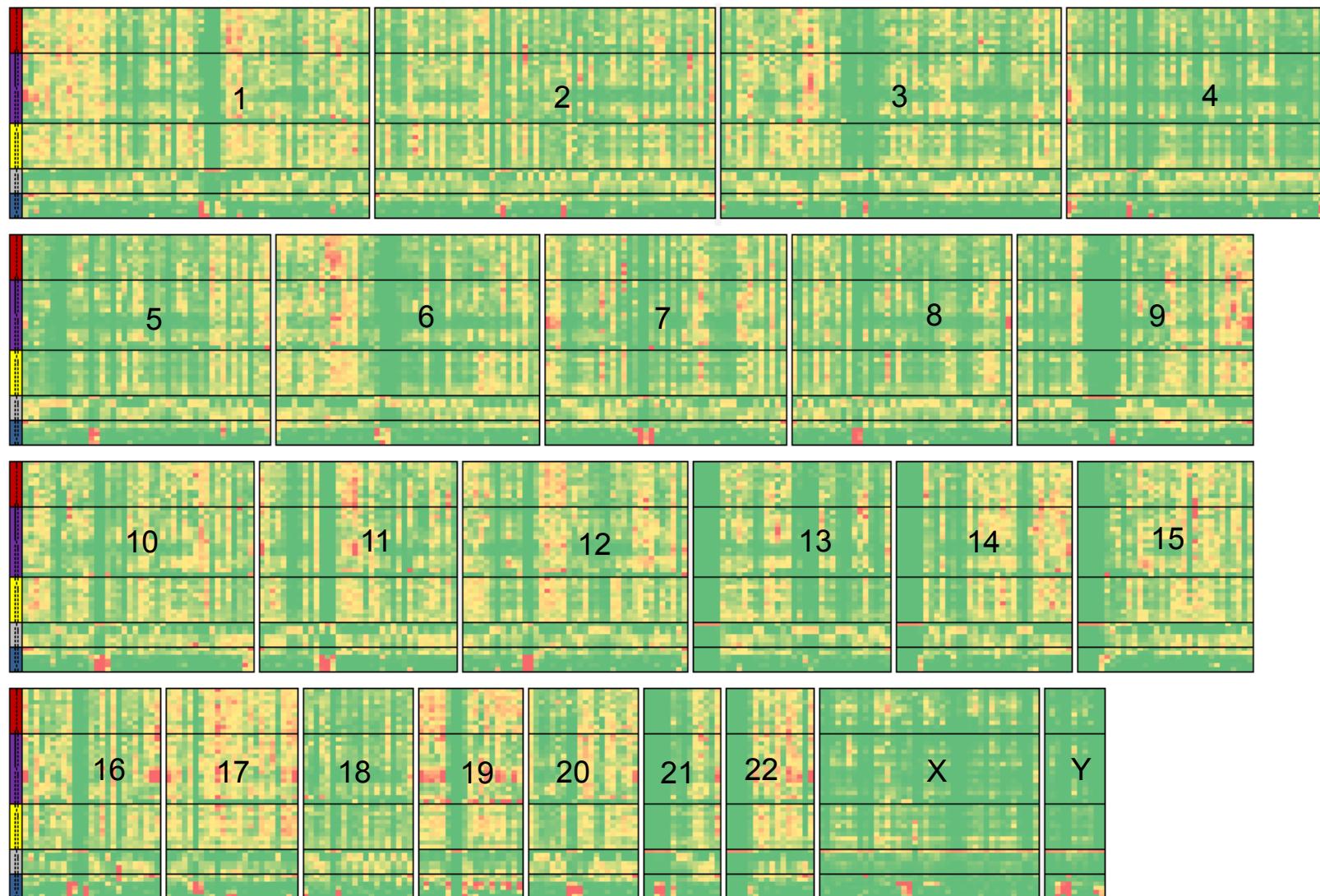
- Use Baum Welch to learn hidden states and their annotations
- Learned states correspond to known functional elements
- *De novo* discovery of major types of chromatin

# Model complexity matches that of genome



- Handful of repressed states capture vast majority of genome
- Only 1% of genome split in 14 promoter states
- Modeling power well distributed where needed

# Apply genome wide to classify chromatin states *de novo*



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Now what? Interpret these states biologically

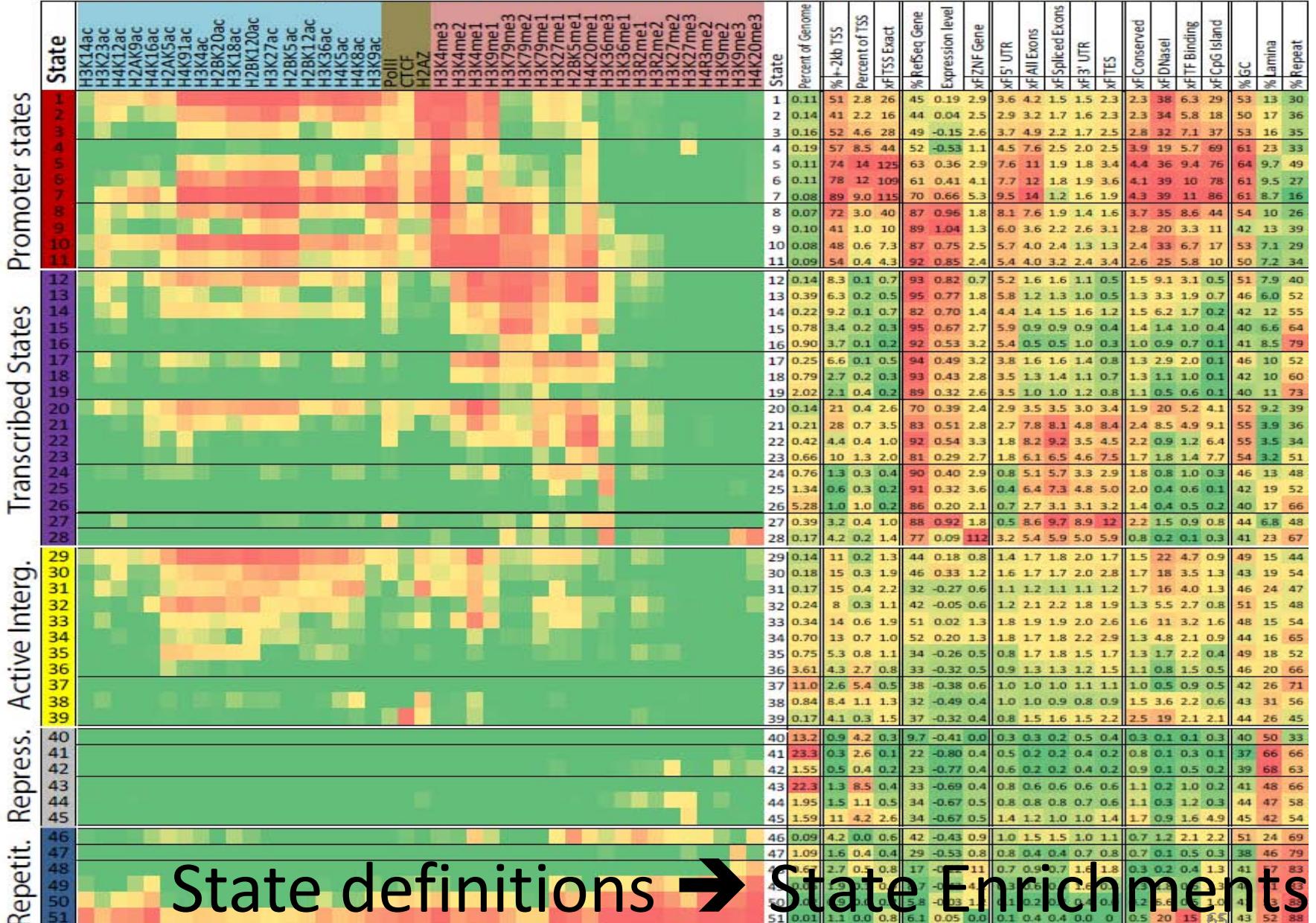


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a. Chromatin mark frequencies for each chromatin state



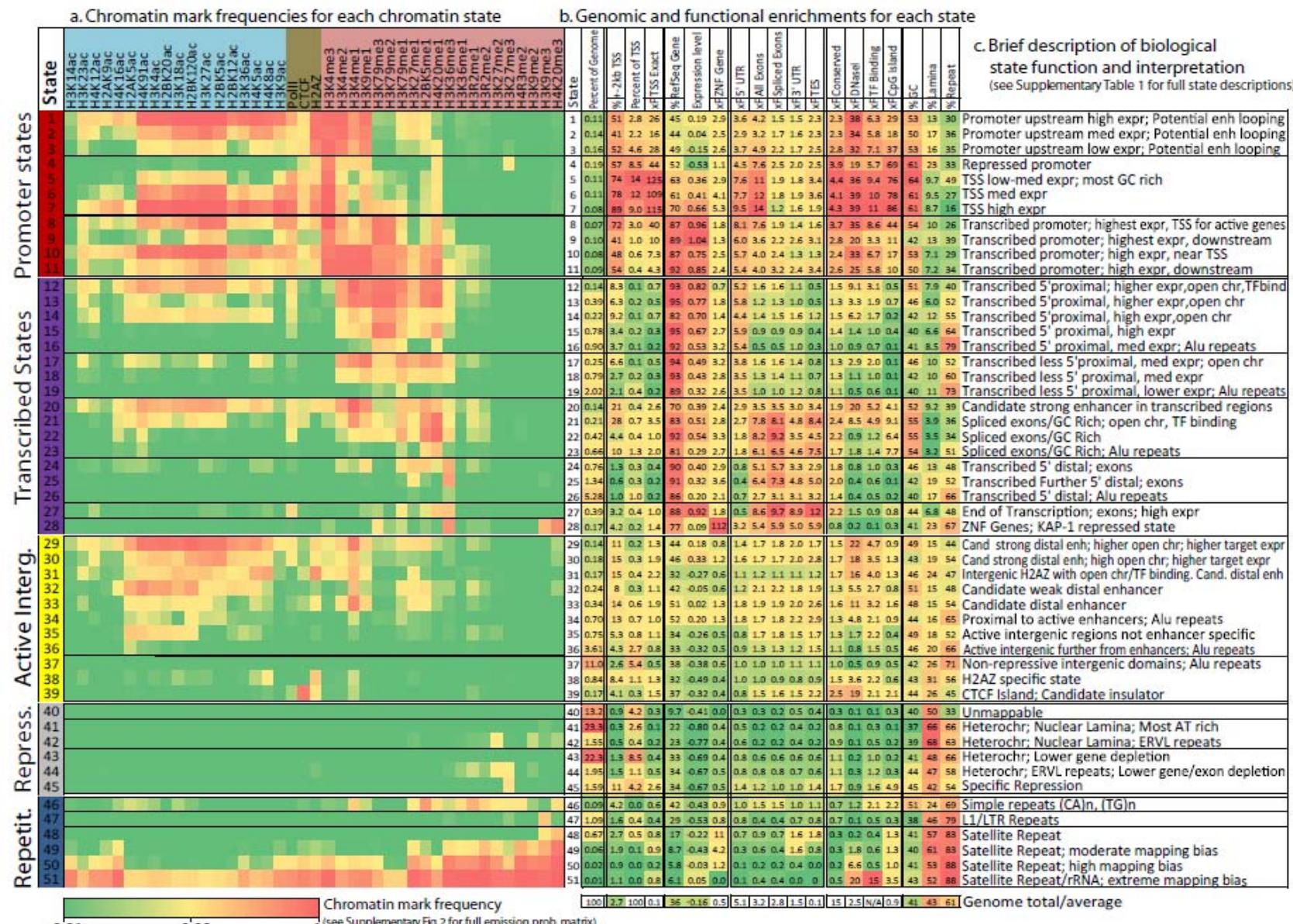
State definitions → State Enrichments

Chromatin mark frequency  
(see Supplementary Fig. 2 for full emission prob. matrix)

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# Functional enrichments enable annotation of 51 distinct states

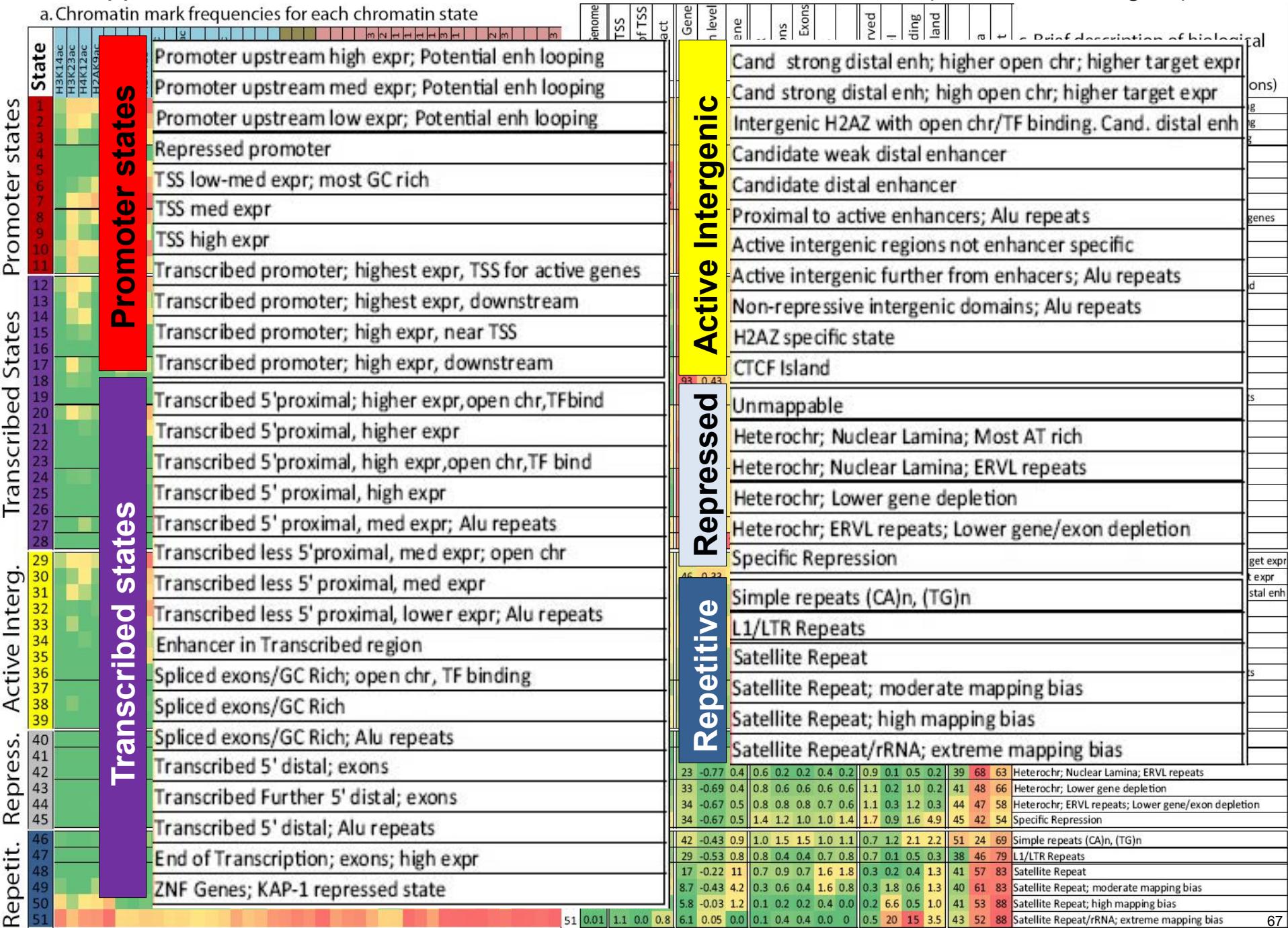


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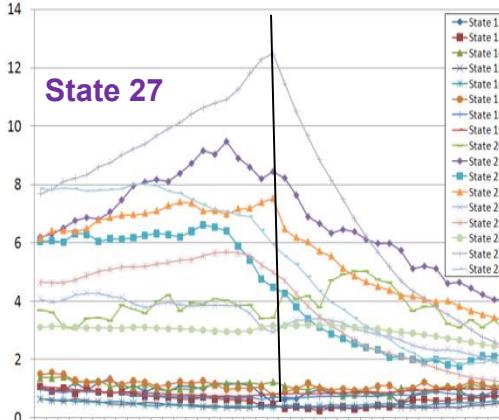
Application of ChromHMM to 41 chromatin marks in CD4+ T-cells (Barski'07, Wang'08)

#### a. Chromatin mark frequencies for each chromatin state



## Functional properties of discovered chromatin states

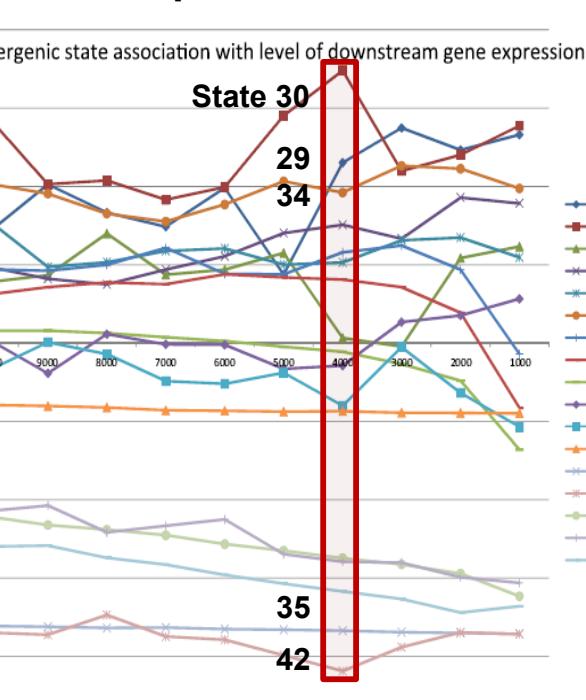
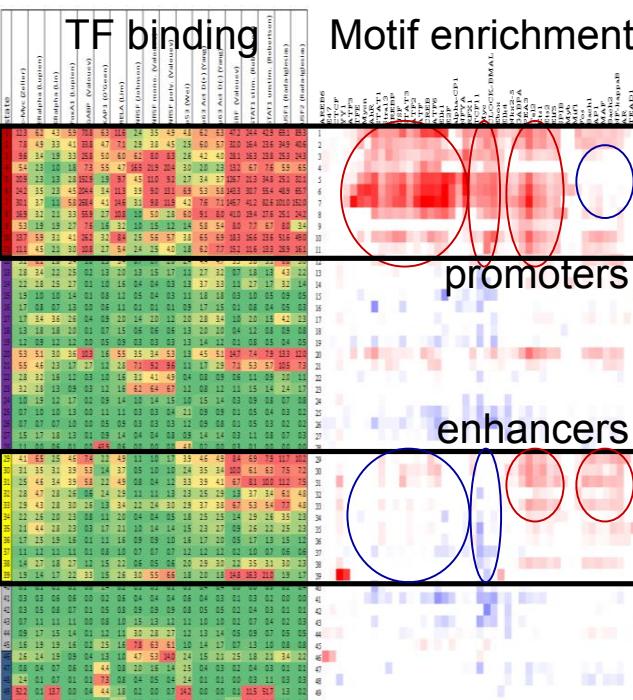
GO Category	State 3	State 4	State 5	State 6	State 7	State 8
Cell Cycle Phase	2.10 ( $2 \times 10^{-7}$ )	0.57 (1)	1.61 (0.001)	1.45 (1)	1.15 (1)	1.51 (1)
Embryonic Development	1.24 (1)	2.82 ( $9 \times 10^{-23}$ )	1.07 (1)	0.85 (1)	0.54 (1)	1.00 (1)
Chromatin	1.20 (1)	0.48 (1)	2.2 ( $1.4 \times 10^{-7}$ )	1.64 (1)	0.85 (1)	0.85 (1)
Response to DNA Damage Stimulus	1.20 (1)	0.35 (1)	1.55 (0.074)	2.13 ( $6.5 \times 10^{-11}$ )	1.97 ( $1.0 \times 10^{-4}$ )	0.84 (1)
RNA Processing	0.49 (1)	0.26 (1)	1.31 (1)	1.91 ( $4.2 \times 10^{-11}$ )	2.64 ( $8.7 \times 10^{-24}$ )	2.45 ( $3.0 \times 10^{-4}$ )
T cell Activation	0.77 (1)	0.88 (1)	1.27 (1)	0.70 (1)	0.79 (1)	4.72 ( $2 \times 10^{-7}$ )



## State 28: 112-fold ZNF enrich

The KAP1 Corepressor Functions To Coordinate the Assembly  
Requirements of RBP-JK and Histone-Mediated  
Transcriptional Repression at the *Sin3a* Promoter  
Suzhi P. Shi, Mingming Shao, and David J. Allis  
**polymerase II**, reduced levels of  
histone **H3 K9 acetylation** and  
**H3K4 methylation**, an increase in  
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and **histone H4K20** ...” MCB 2006.

## Promoter state → gene GO function



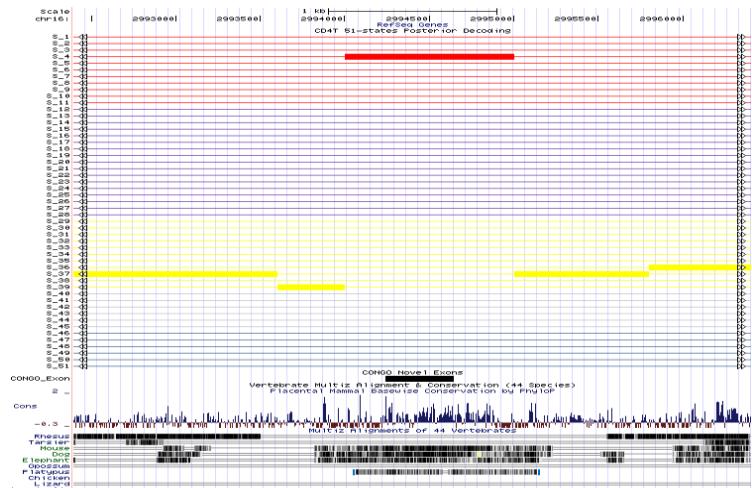
## ZNF repressed state recovery

state	stalk	variable heterochromatic	macrocentric	gneg	gpos25	gpos50	gpos75	gpos100
40	7.6	6.6	6.1	0.6	0.4	0.5	0.3	0.5
41	0.0	0.2	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.9	1.7	2.5
42	0.0	0.2	0.3	0.5	0.5	1.1	1.7	2.2
43	0.0	0.1	0.1	1.1	1.2	1.3	1.1	0.7
44	0.0	0.1	0.1	1.2	1.3	1.3	1.0	0.6
45	0.0	0.1	0.1	1.3	1.6	1.3	0.8	0.4
46	0.0	0.1	0.2	1.7	1.7	0.7	0.4	0.2
47	0.0	0.2	0.1	1.2	1.3	1.3	0.9	0.6
48	0.0	3.2	6.2	0.8	2.2	0.2	0.5	0.4
49	0.0	3.6	11.2	0.5	1.8	0.2	0.4	0.1
50	0.0	4.7	12.0	0.6	0.6	0.2	0.2	0.1
51	0.0	4.4	12.7	0.5	1.4	0.2	0.2	0.1
% Overall	0.6	3.9	3.6	42.1	6.8	13.6	13.1	16.2

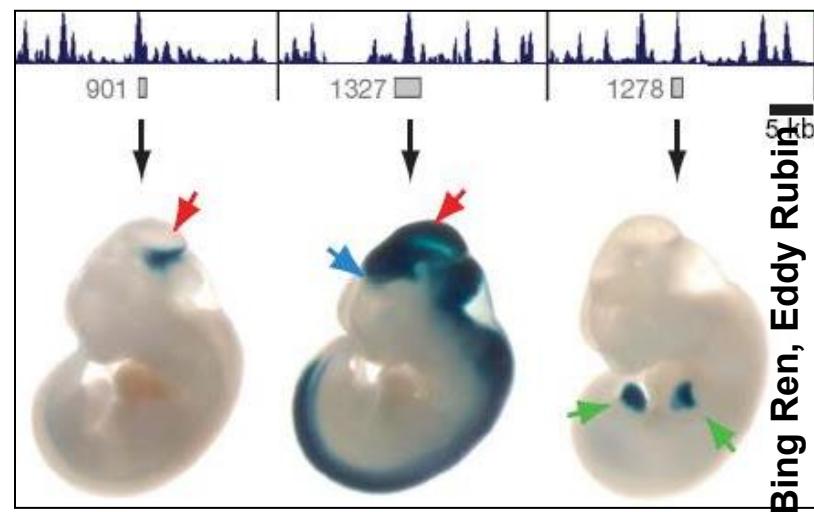
- Distinct types of repression
- Chrom bands / HDAC resp
- Repeat family / composition

# Applications to genome annotation

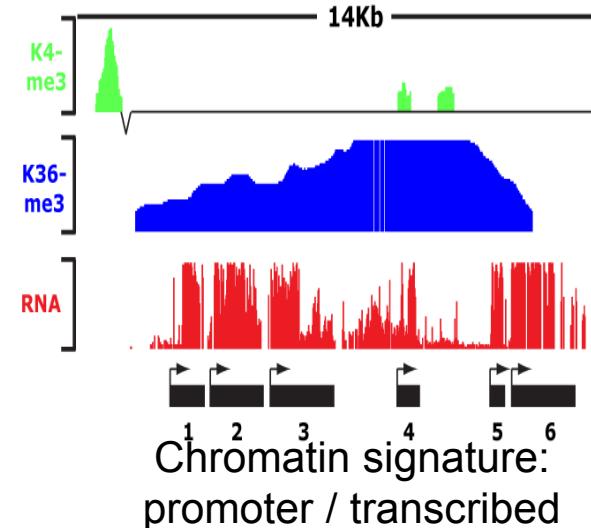
## New protein-coding genes      Long intergenic non-coding RNAs/lincRNAs



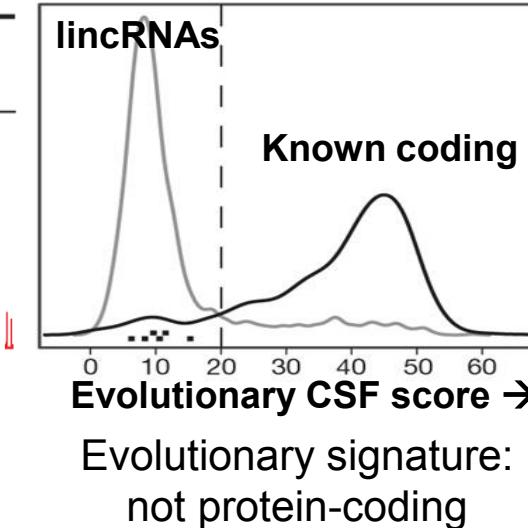
In promoter(short)/low-expr states



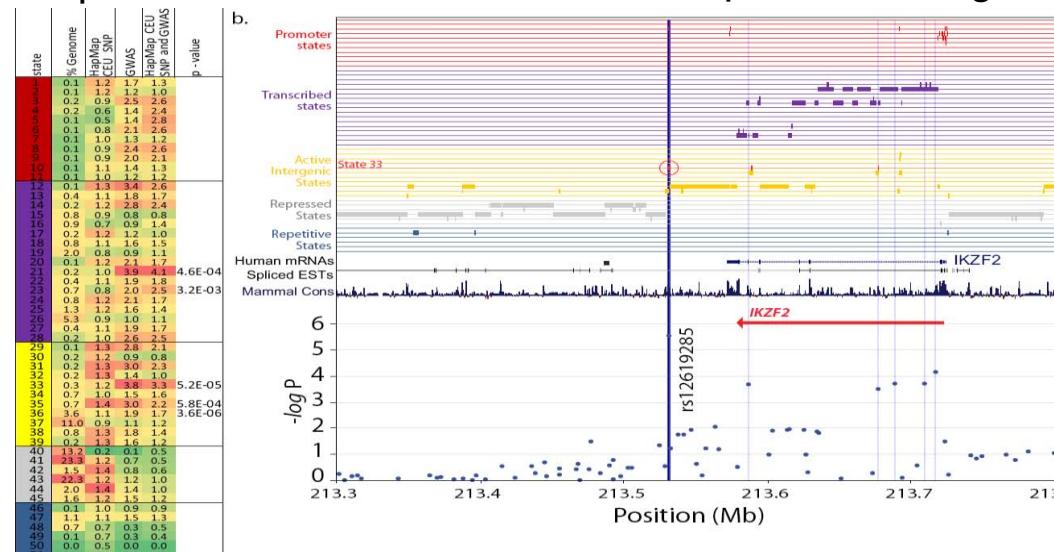
New developmental enhancer regions



Chromatin signature:  
promoter / transcribed

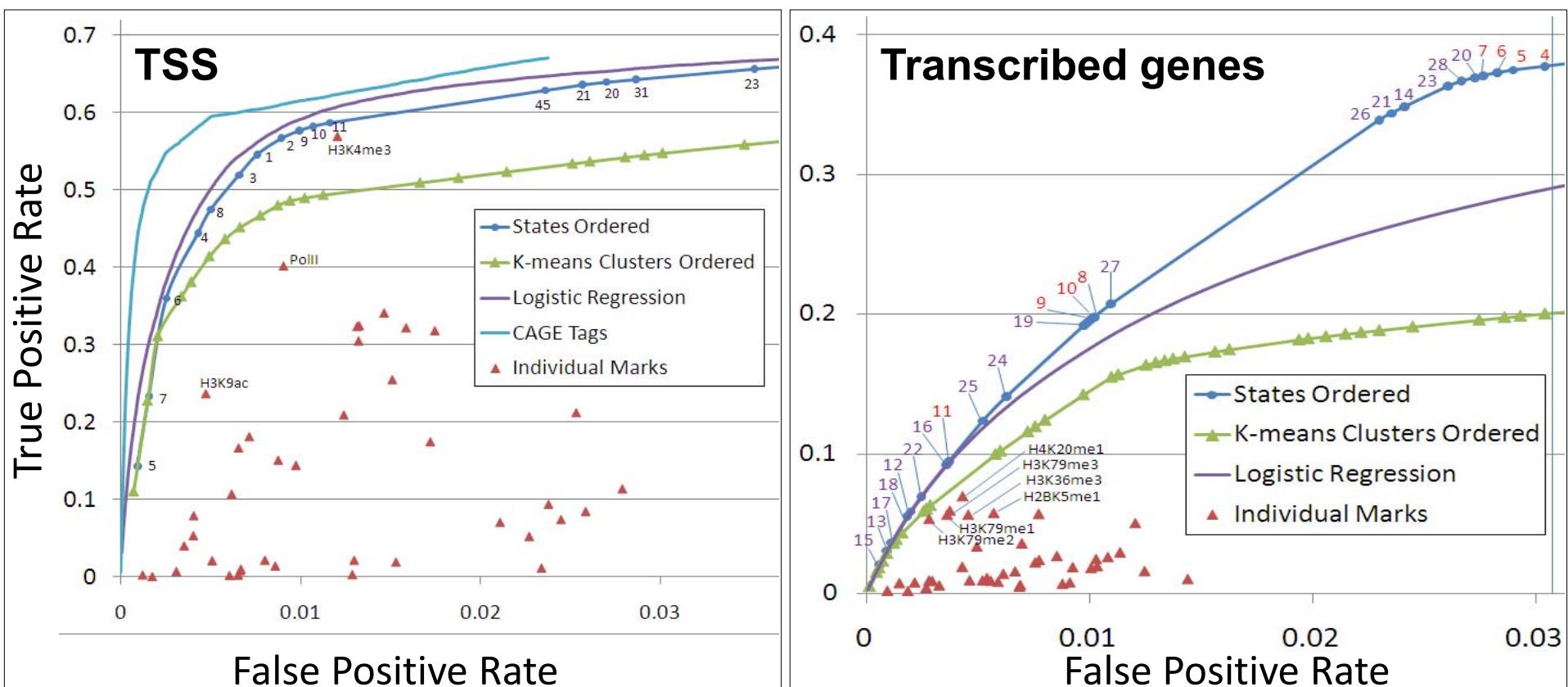


Evolutionary signature:  
not protein-coding



Assign candidate functions to intergenic SNPs  
from genome-wide association studies

# Discovery power for promoters, transcripts



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- Significantly outperforms single-marks
- Similar power to supervised learning approach
- CAGE experiments give possible upper bound

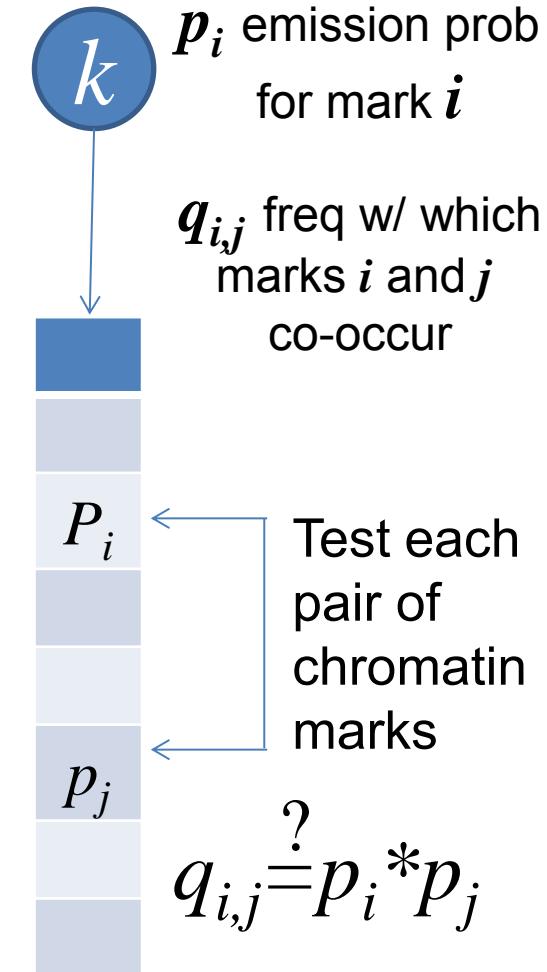
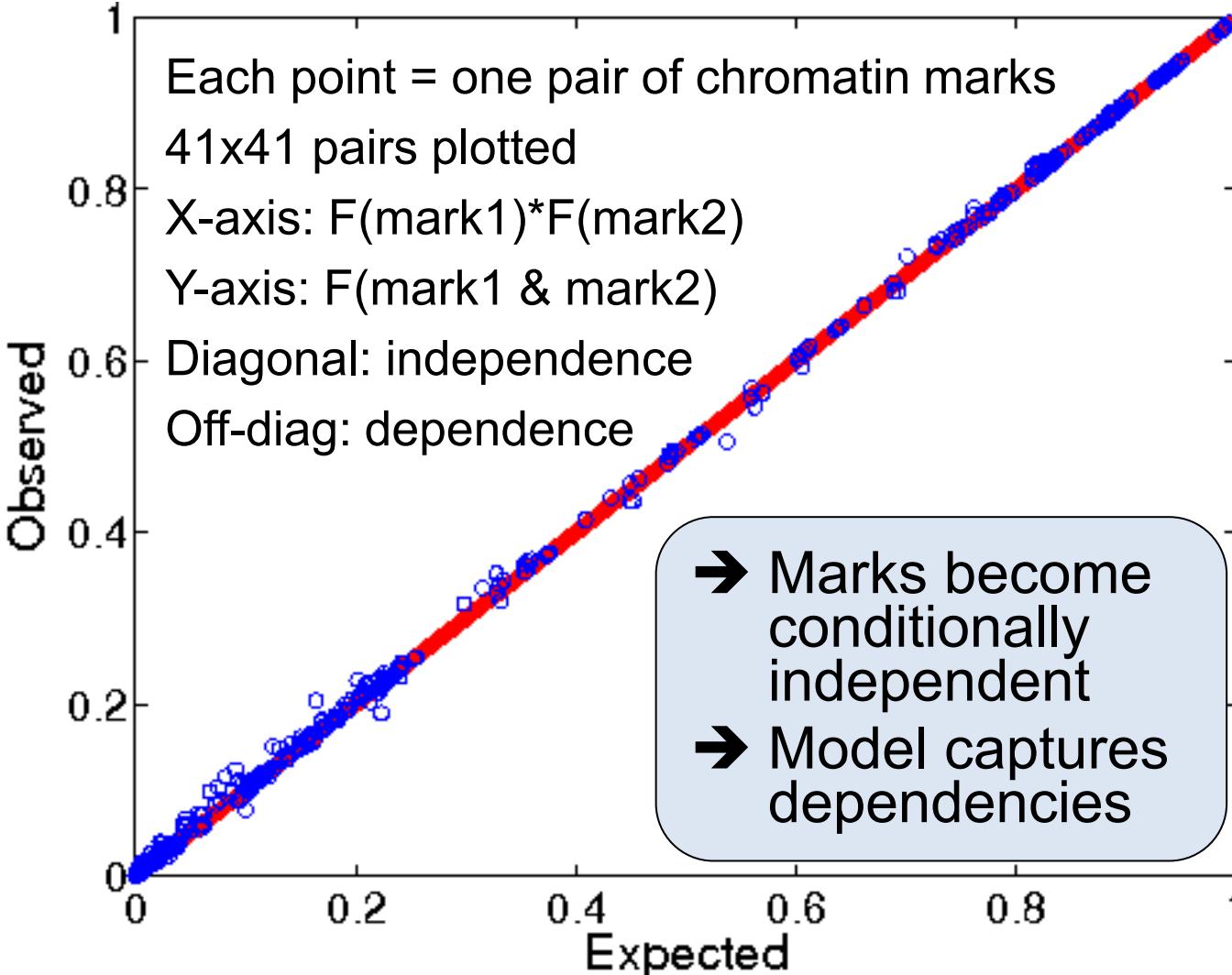
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## **State-conditional mark independence**

Do hidden states actually capture  
dependencies between marks?

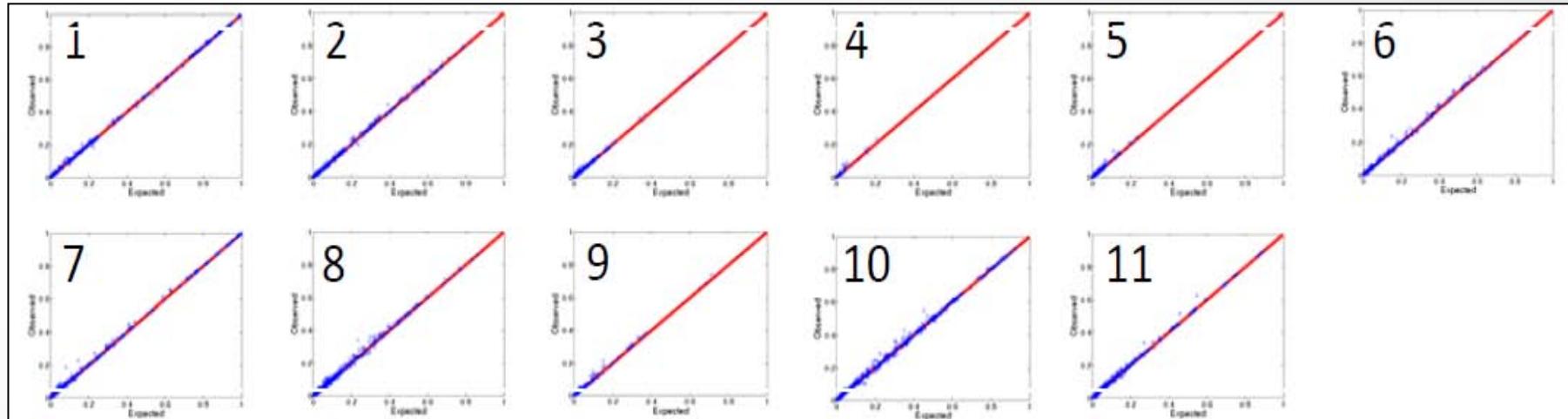
# Pairwise Expected vs. Observed Mark Co-Occurrence



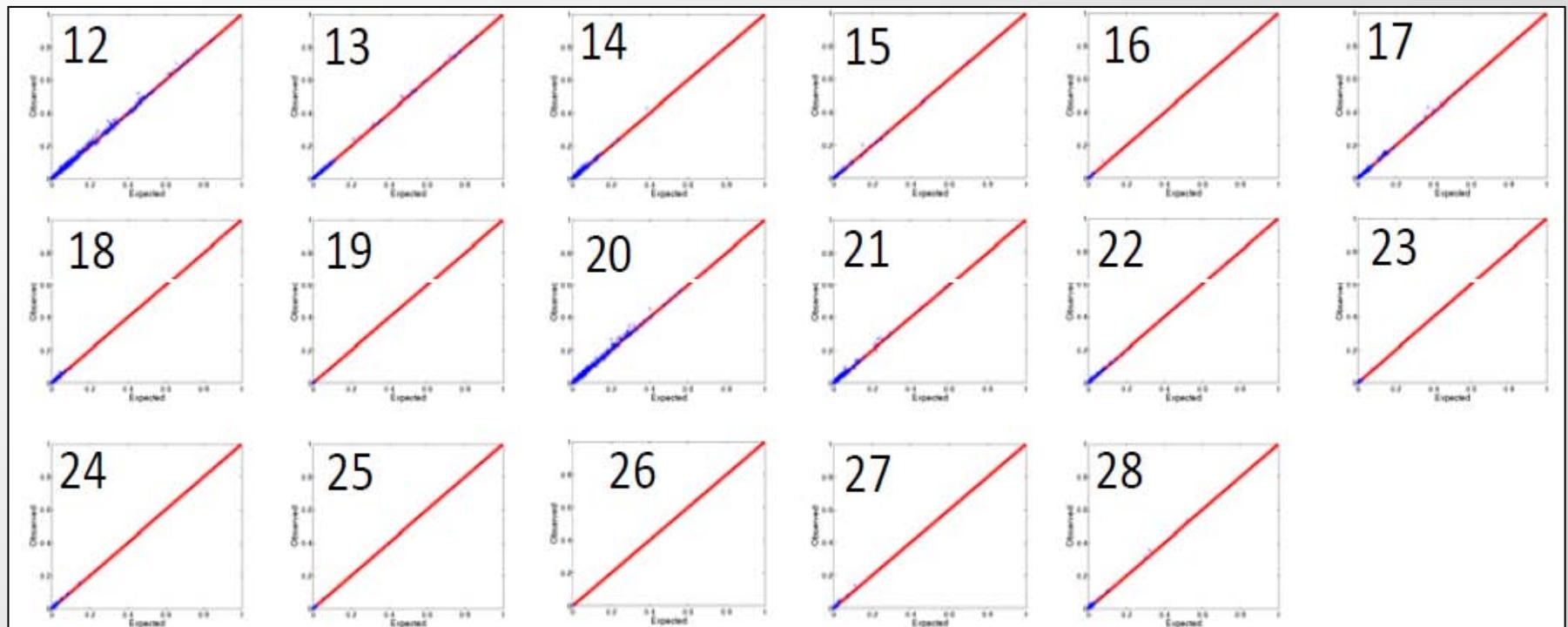
Multi-variate HMM emits entire vector of marks at a time  
Model assumes mark independence *\*conditional\** upon state  
In fact, it specifically seeks to *\*capture\** these dependencies

# Test conditional independence for each state

Promoter states

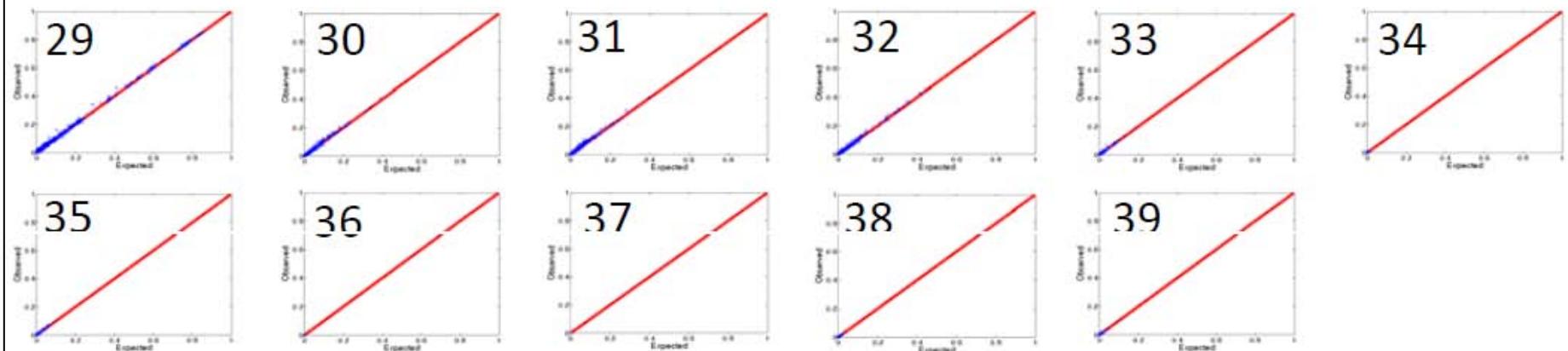


Transcribed states

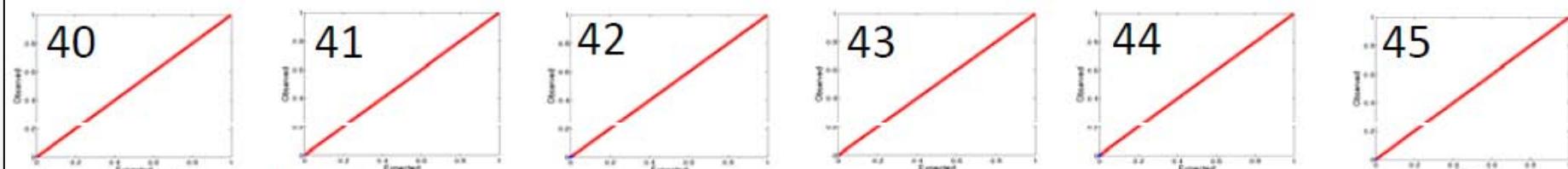


# Non-independence reveals cases of model violation

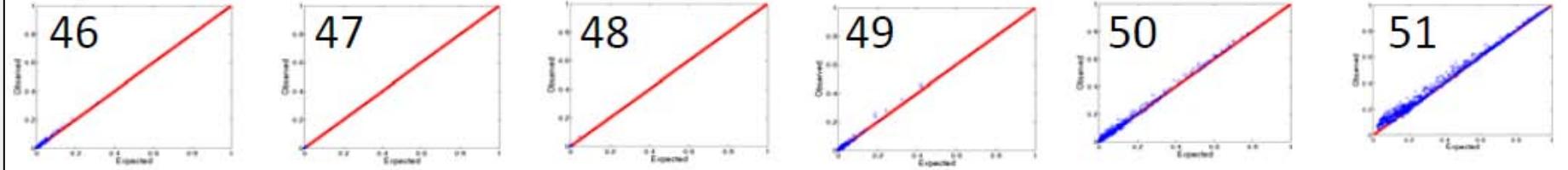
## Active Intergenic states



## Repressed states

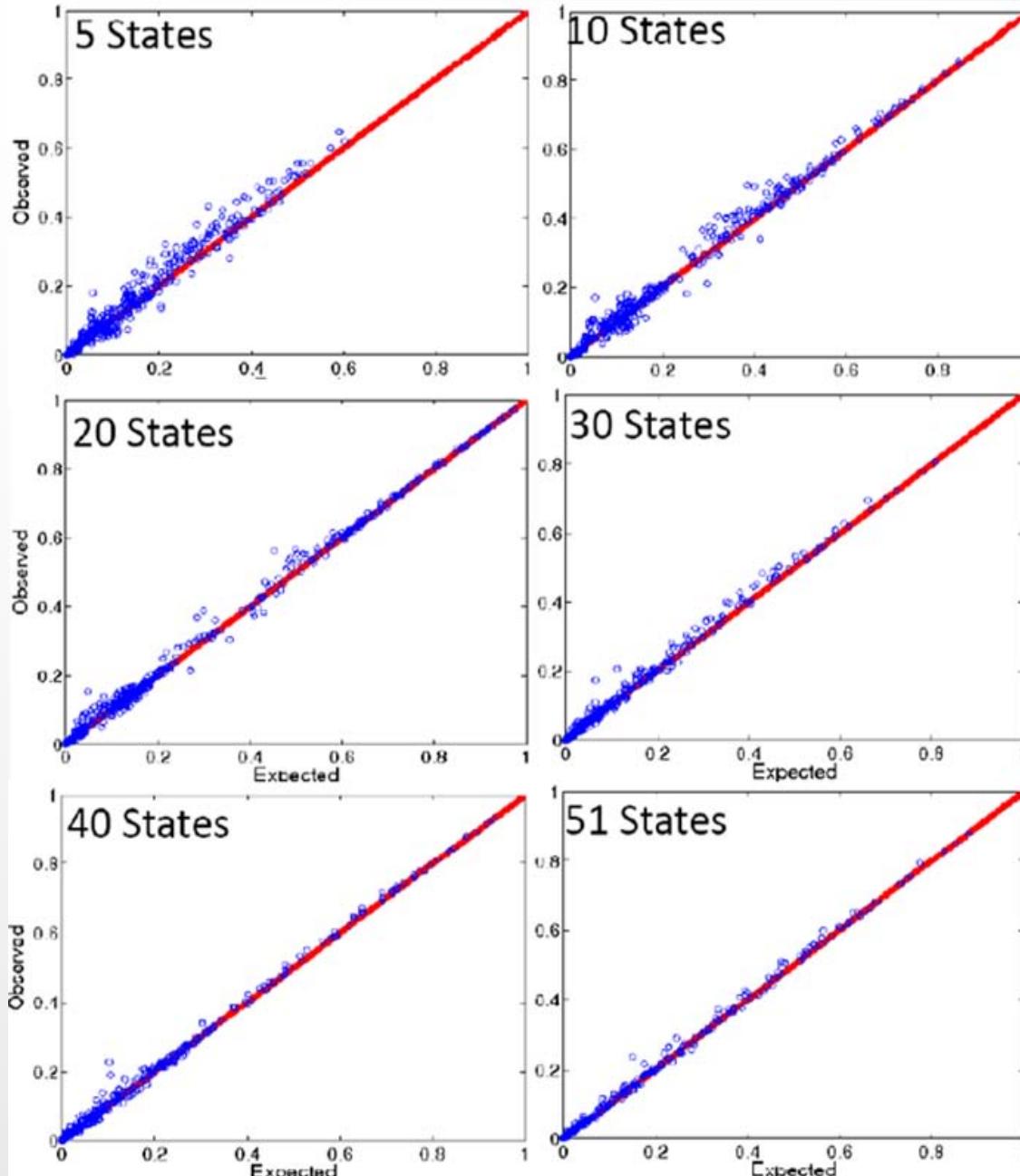


## Repetitive states



- Repetitive states show more dependencies
- Conditional independence does not hold

# As more states are added, dependencies captured



- With only 5 states in HMM, not enough power to distinguish different properties  
→ Dependencies remain
- As model complexity increases, states learned become more precise  
→ Dependencies captured

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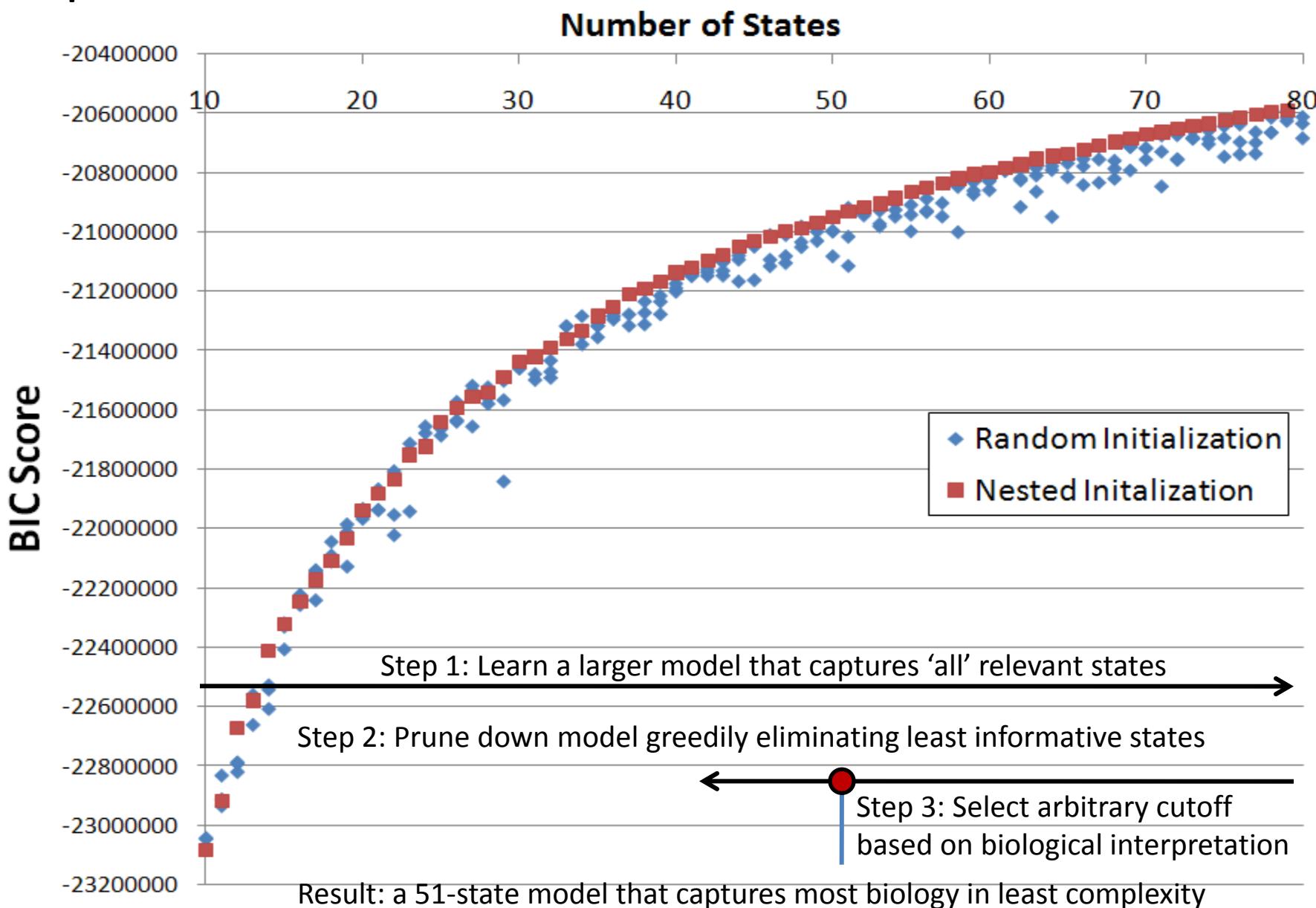
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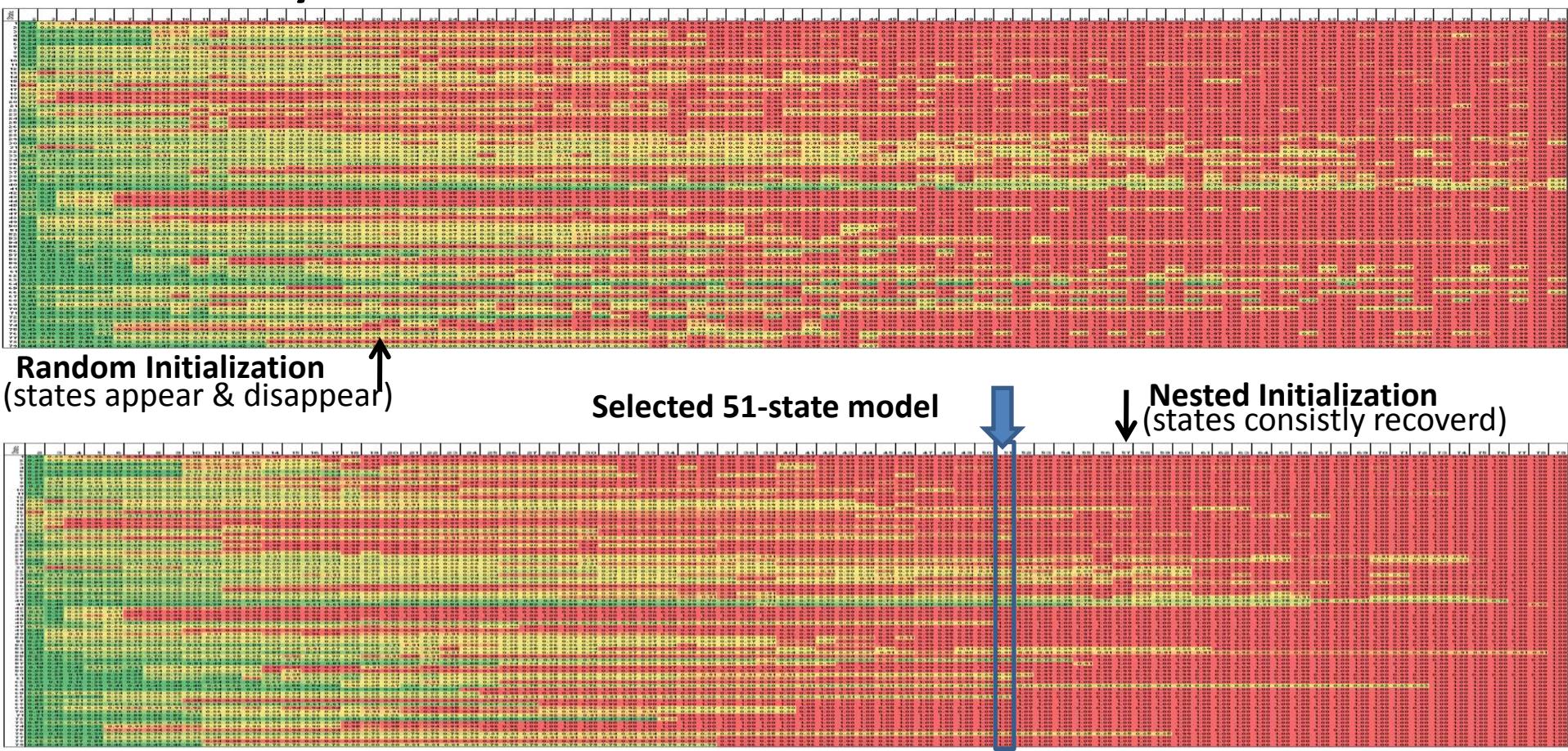
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# Comparison of BIC Score vs. Number of States for Random and Nested Initialization



- Standard model selection criteria fail due to genome complexity: more states always preferred
- Instead: Start w/complex model, keep informative states, prune redundant states. Pick cutoff

# Recovery of 79-state model in random vs. nested initialization



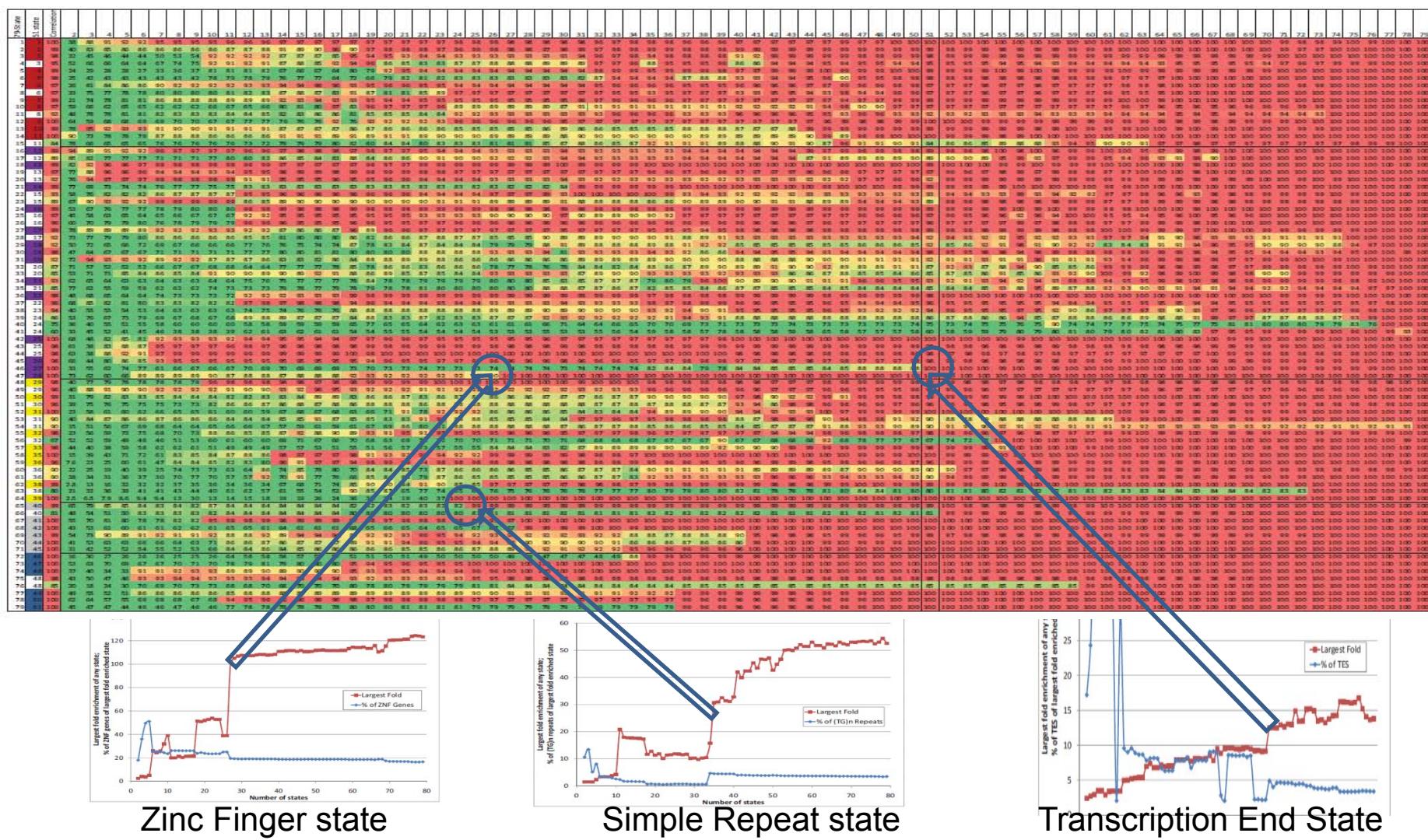
## Nested initialization approach:

- **First pass:** learn models of increasing complexity
- **Second pass:** form nested set of emission parameter initializations by greedily removing states from best BIC model found

## Nested models criteria:

- Maximize sum of correlation of emission vectors with nested model
- Models learned in parallel

# Functional recovery with increasing numbers of states



- Red: Maximum fold functional enrichment for corresponding biological category
- Blue: Percent of that functional category that overlaps regions annotated to this state
- Top plot: Correlation of emission parameter vector for that state to closest state

# Chromatin state recovery with increasing numbers of marks

# Which states are well-recovered?

## Increasing numbers of marks (greedy)

## Precisely what mistakes are made?

(for a given subset of 11 ENCODE marks)

State inferred with all 41 marks

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## State confusion matrix with 11 ENCODE marks

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# ENCODE: Study nine marks in nine human cell lines

9 marks

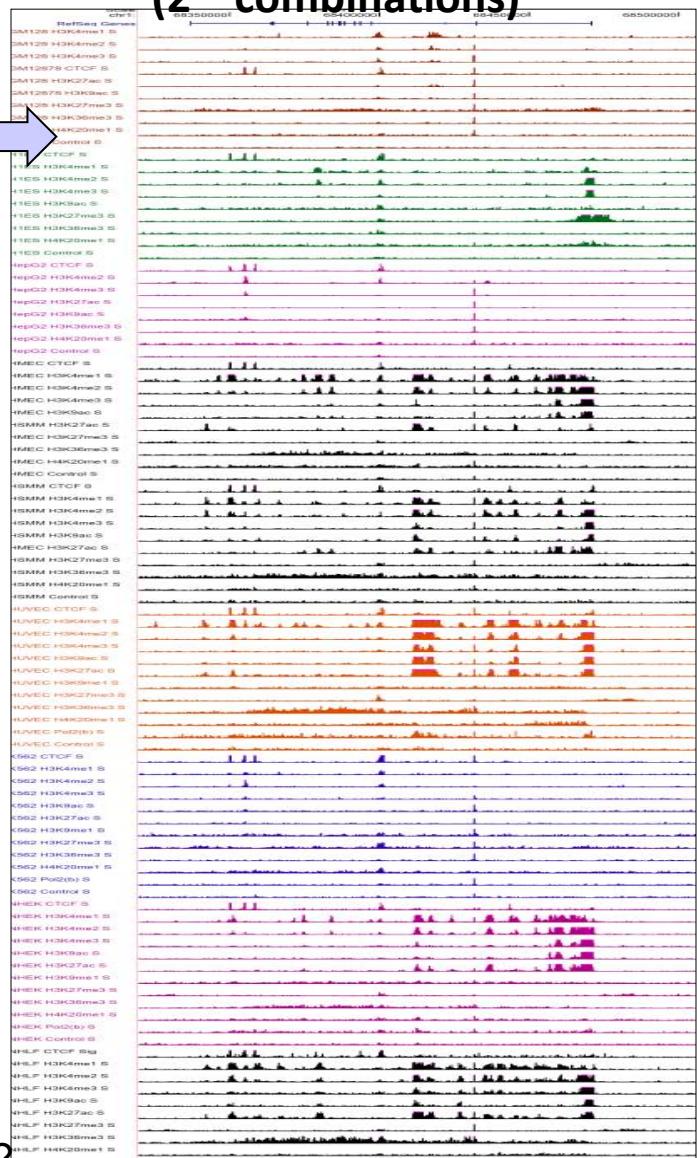
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H3K4me2
H3K4me3
H3K27ac
H3K9ac
H3K27me3
H4K20me1
H3K36me3
CTCF
+WCE
+RNA

X

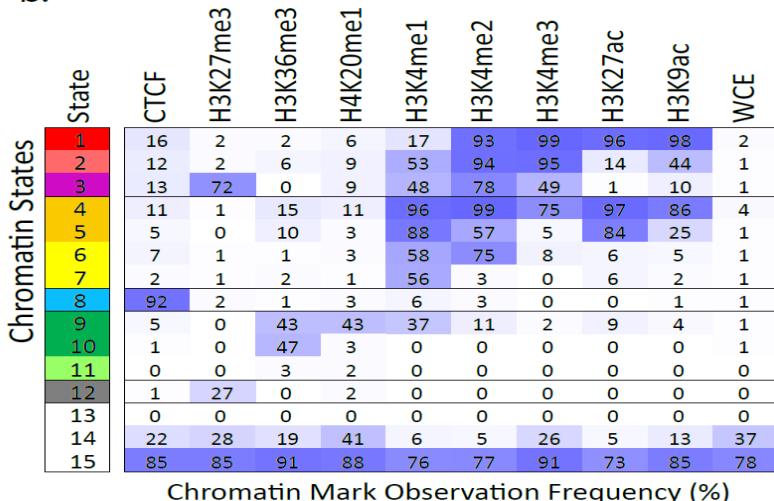
9 human cell types

HUVEC	Umbilical vein endothelial
NHEK	Keratinocytes
GM12878	Lymphoblastoid
K562	Myelogenous leukemia
HepG2	Liver carcinoma
NHLF	Normal human lung fibroblast
HMEC	Mammary epithelial cell
HSMM	Skeletal muscle myoblasts
H1	Embryonic

81 Chromatin Mark Tracks  
( $2^{81}$  combinations)



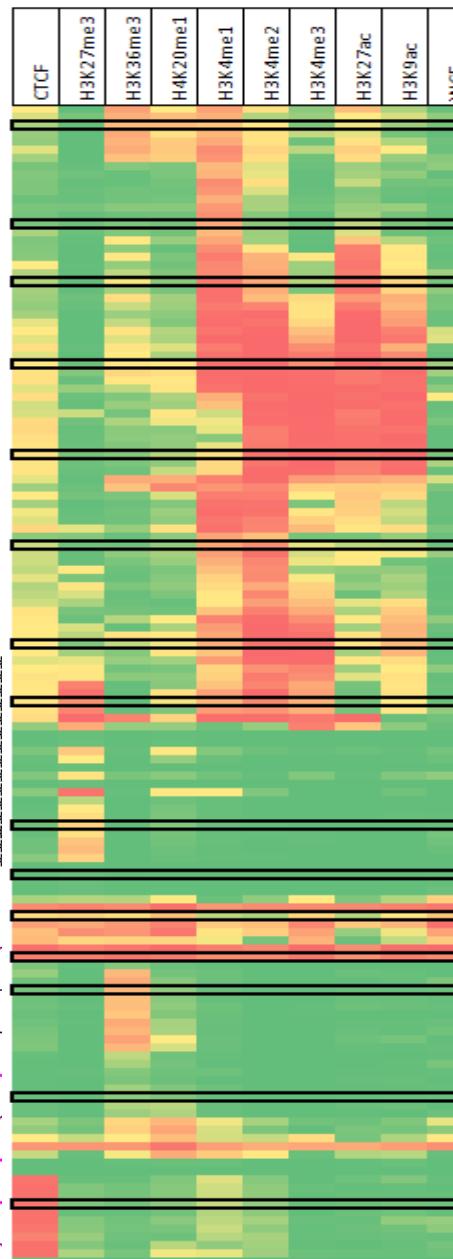
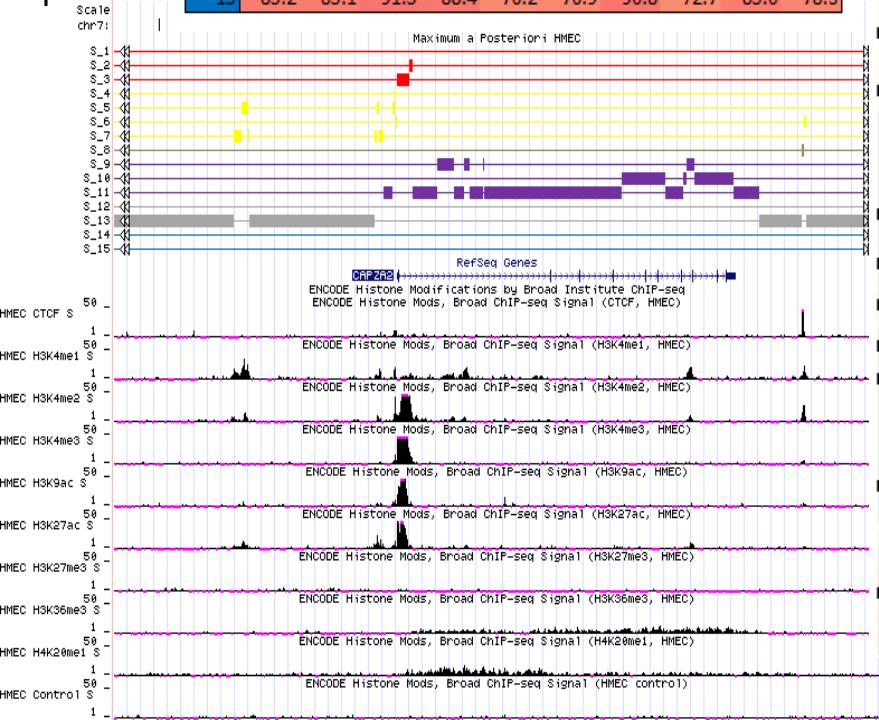
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How to learn  
single set of  
chromatin states?

# Solution 1: Learn independent models and cluster

	state	CTCF	H3K27me3	H3K36me3	H4K20me1	H3K4me1	H3K4me2	H3K4me3	H3K27ac	H3K9ac	WCE
Promoter	1	13.2	72.0	0.2	9.1	47.9	77.8	49.5	1.3	10.2	0.7
	2	11.9	1.9	6.1	9.0	52.7	93.7	95.0	14.1	44.1	0.9
	3	16.4	1.5	2.4	5.5	17.0	92.6	99.0	95.7	98.1	1.9
Candidate enhancer	4	11.4	0.6	14.5	11.3	96.3	99.3	75.1	97.2	85.7	3.7
	5	5.3	0.2	9.5	2.6	88.1	56.8	5.3	84.4	24.9	1.5
Insulator	6	6.7	0.9	1.0	3.2	58.3	74.7	8.4	5.8	5.4	0.8
	7	1.6	0.6	1.6	1.3	56.5	2.7	0.4	5.9	1.6	0.6
Transcribed	8	91.5	1.8	0.9	2.8	6.3	3.3	0.4	0.5	1.0	0.8
	9	4.6	0.3	43.2	43.1	36.5	11.5	1.9	9.1	3.9	1.3
	10	1.2	0.1	47.2	2.7	0.4	0.0	0.1	0.3	0.3	0.5
Repressive	11	0.4	0.1	2.7	1.7	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.4
	12	0.9	26.8	0.0	2.1	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.4
Repetitive	13	0.2	0.4	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1
	14	21.9	27.9	19.1	41.0	5.7	4.8	25.9	5.3	13.1	37.5
	15	85.2	85.1	91.5	88.4	76.2	76.9	90.8	72.7	85.0	78.3



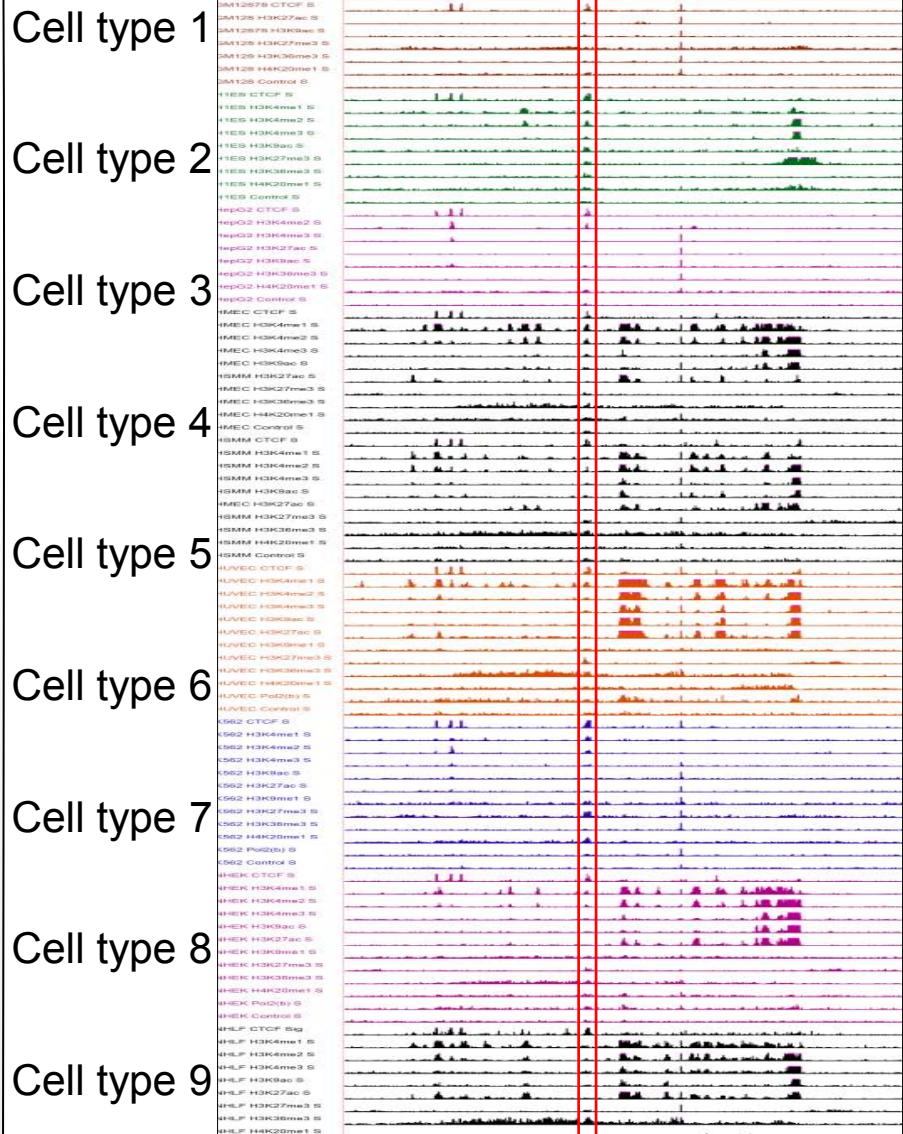
## Basic approach:

- Train a k-state model in each cell type independently
- Cluster models learned independently
- Merge clusters and re-apply to each cell type

## How to cluster

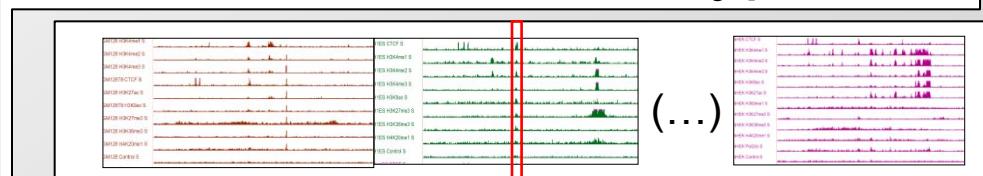
- Using emission probability matrix: most similar definitions
- Using genome annotation: posterior probability decoding

# Joint learning of states across multiple cell types



## Solution 2: Stacking

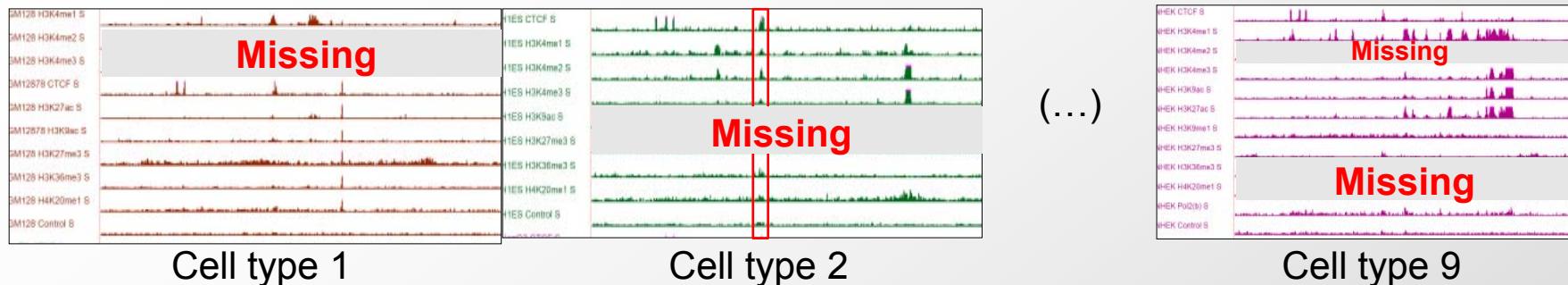
- Learns each combination of activity as a separate state
  - Ex: ES-specific enhancers: enhancer marks in ES, no marks in other cell types



## Solution 3: Concatenation

- Requires that profiled marks are the same (or treat as missing data)
  - Ensures common state definitions across cell types

## Joint learning with different subsets of marks (Solution 3)



## **Option (a) Treat missing tracks as missing data**

- EM framework allows for unspecified data points
  - As long as pairwise relationship observed in some cell type

## Option (b) Chromatin mark imputation

- Explicitly predict max-likelihood chromatin track for missing data
  - Less powerful if ultimate goal is chromatin state learning

# ENCODE: Study nine marks in nine human cell lines

9 marks
H3K4me1
H3K4me2
H3K4me3
H3K27ac
H3K9ac
H3K27me3
H4K20me1
H3K36me3
CTCF
+WCE
lRNA

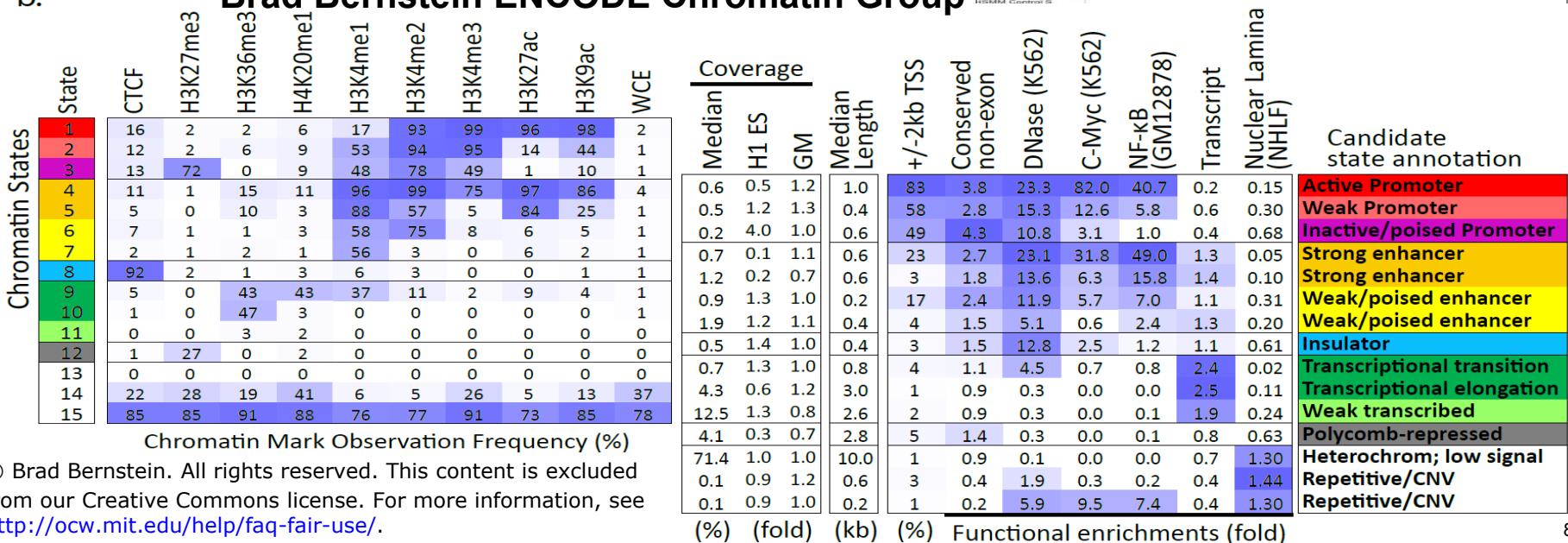
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## 9 human cell types

HUVEC	Umbilical vein endothelial
NHEK	Keratinocytes
GM12878	Lymphoblastoid
K562	Myelogenous leukemia
HepG2	Liver carcinoma
NHLF	Normal human lung fibroblast
HMEC	Mammary epithelial cell
HSMM	Skeletal muscle myoblasts
H1	Embryonic

b.

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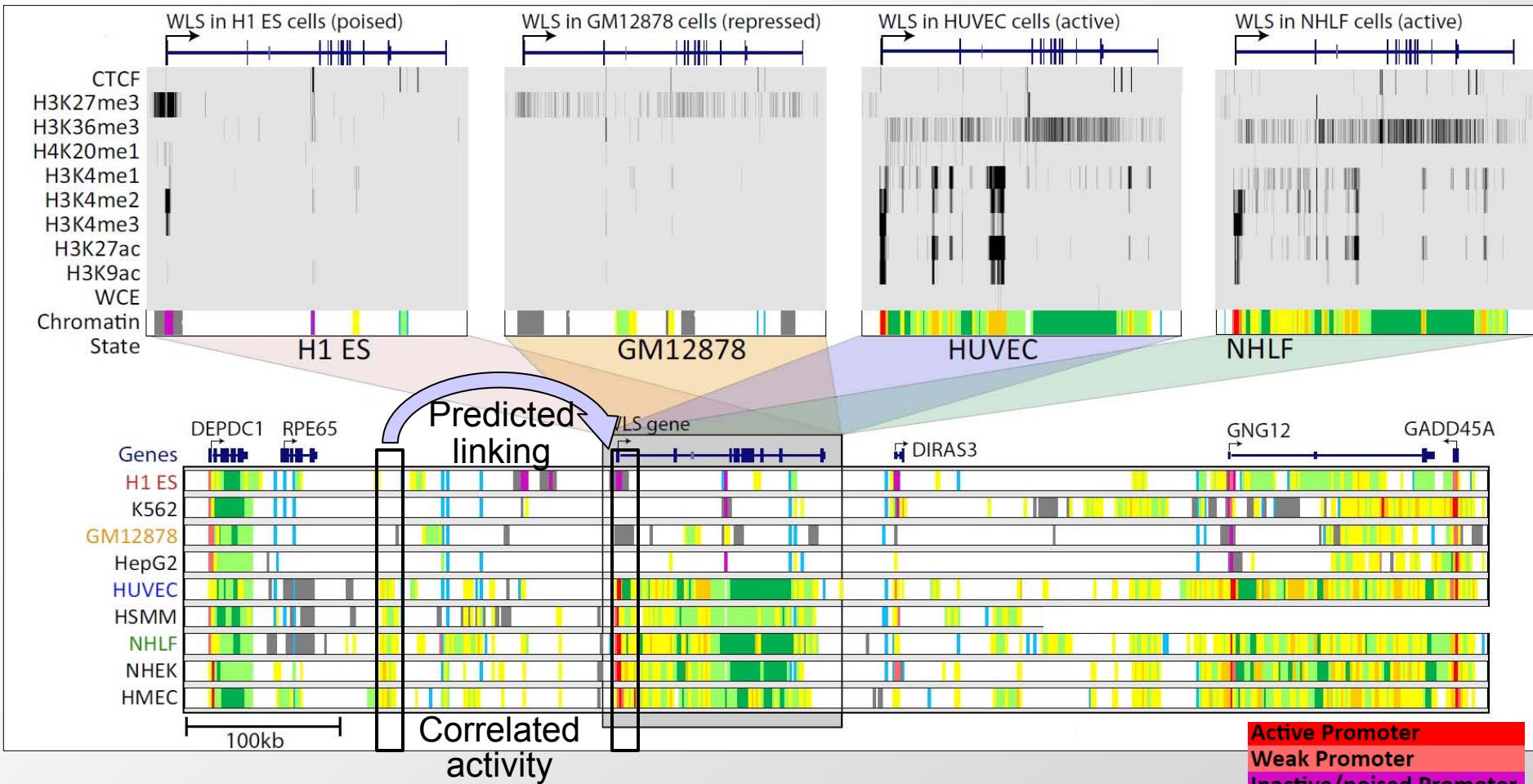


81 Chromatin Mark Tracks  
( $2^{81}$  combinations)

Concatenation approach:

- Learned jointly across cell types
- State definitions are common
- State locations are dynamic

# Chromatin states dynamics across nine cell types

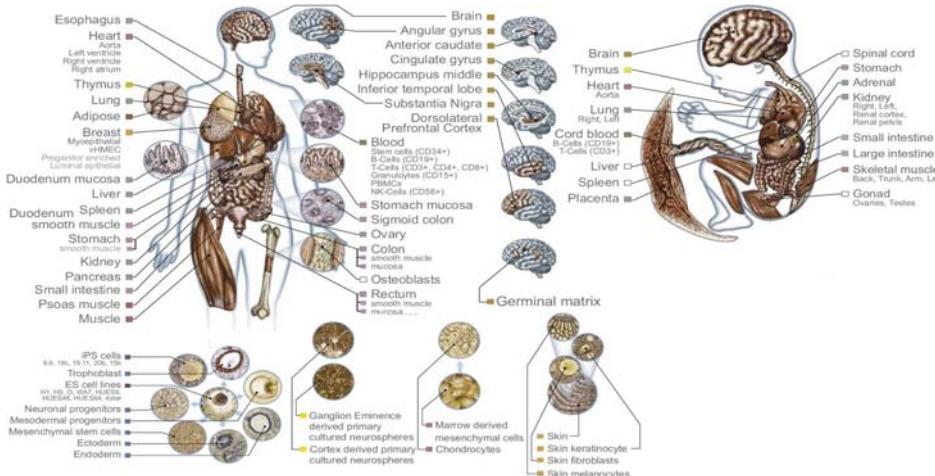


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- Single annotation track for each cell type
- Summarize cell-type activity at a glance
- Can study 9-cell activity pattern across

# Epigenomic mapping across 100+ tissues/cell types

## Diverse tissues and cells



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**Adult tissues and cells** (brain, muscle, heart, digestive, skin, adipose, lung, blood...)

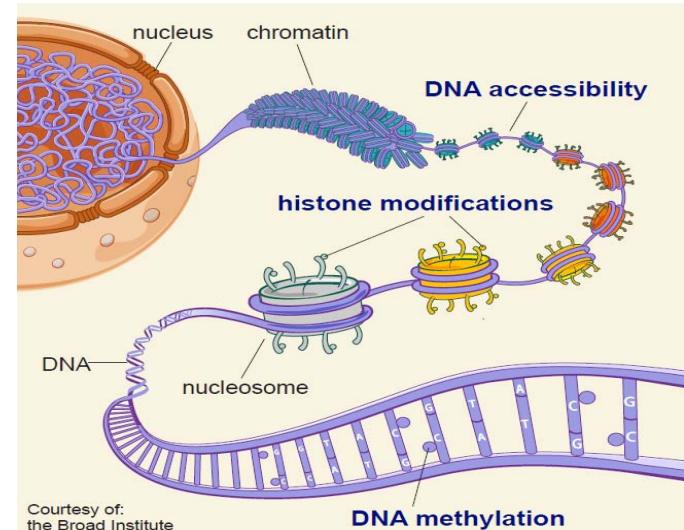
**Fetal tissues** (brain, skeletal muscle, heart, digestive, lung, cord blood...)

**ES cells, iPS, differentiated cells**  
(meso/endo/ectoderm, neural, mesench...)



## Diverse epigenomic assays

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## Histone modifications

- H3K4me3, H3K4me1, H3K36me3
- H3K27me3, H3K9me3, H3K27/9ac
- +20 more

## Open chromatin:

- DNA accessibility

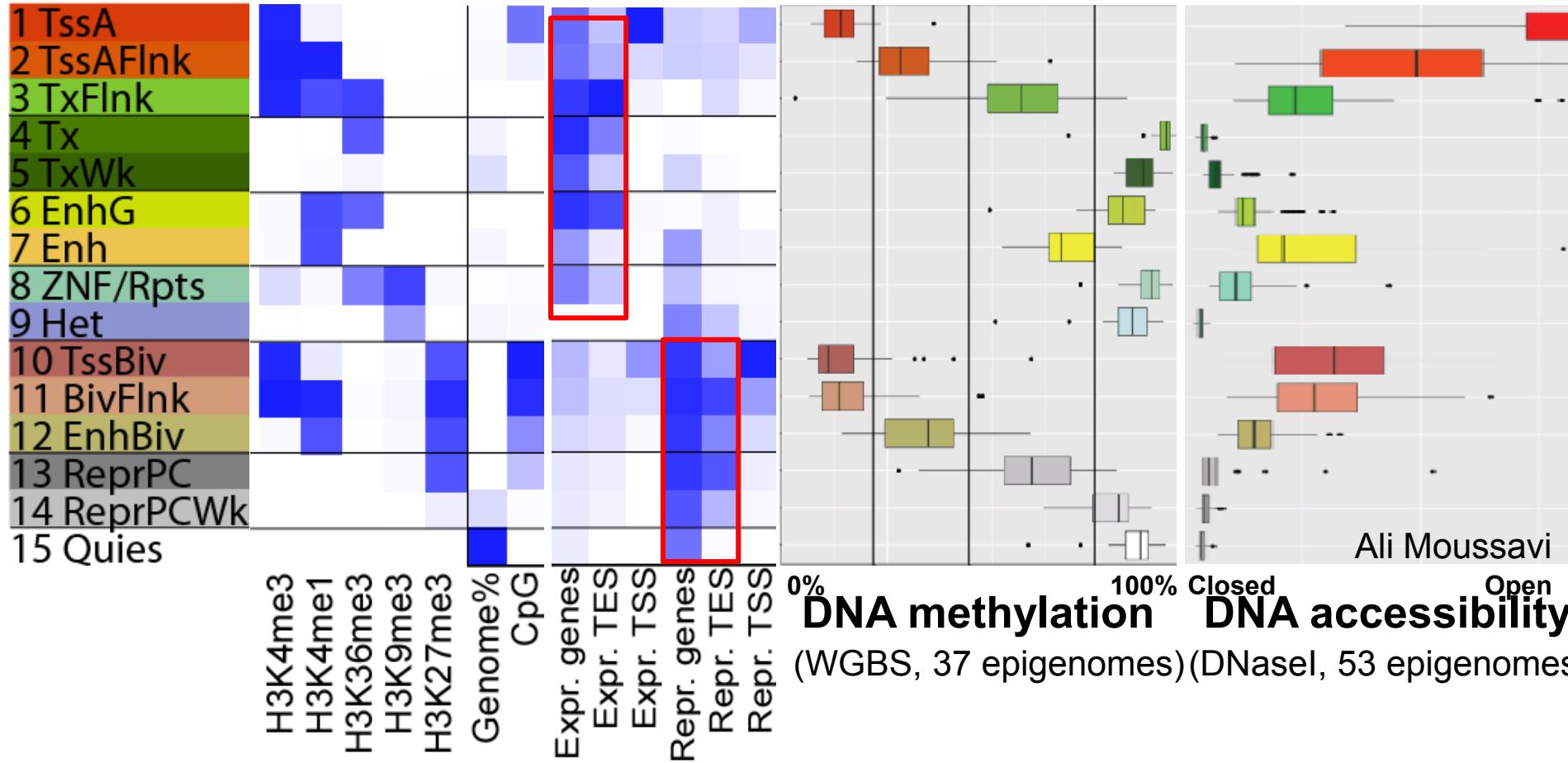
## DNA methylation:

- WGBS, RRBS, MRE/MeDIP

## Gene expression

- RNA-seq, Exon Arrays

# States show distinct mCpG, DNase, Tx, Ac profiles



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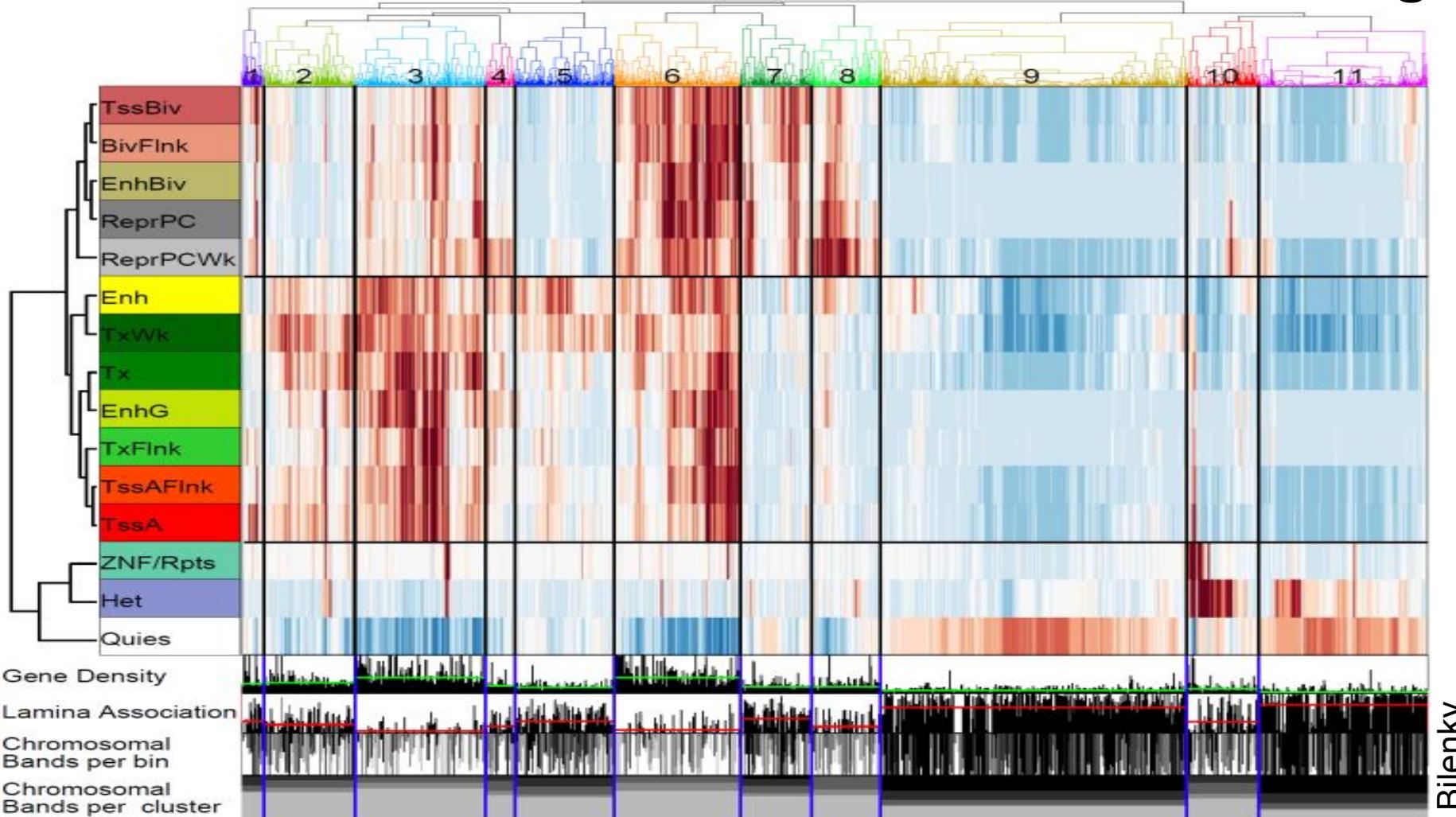
**TssA** vs. **TssBiv**: diff. activity, both open, both unmethylated!

**Enh** vs. **ReprPC**: diff. activity, both intermediate DNase/Methyl

**Tx**: Methylated, closed, actively transcribed

→ Distinct modes of repression: **H3K27me3** vs. **DNAm** vs. **Het** 90

# Chromosomal ‘domains’ from chromatin state usage



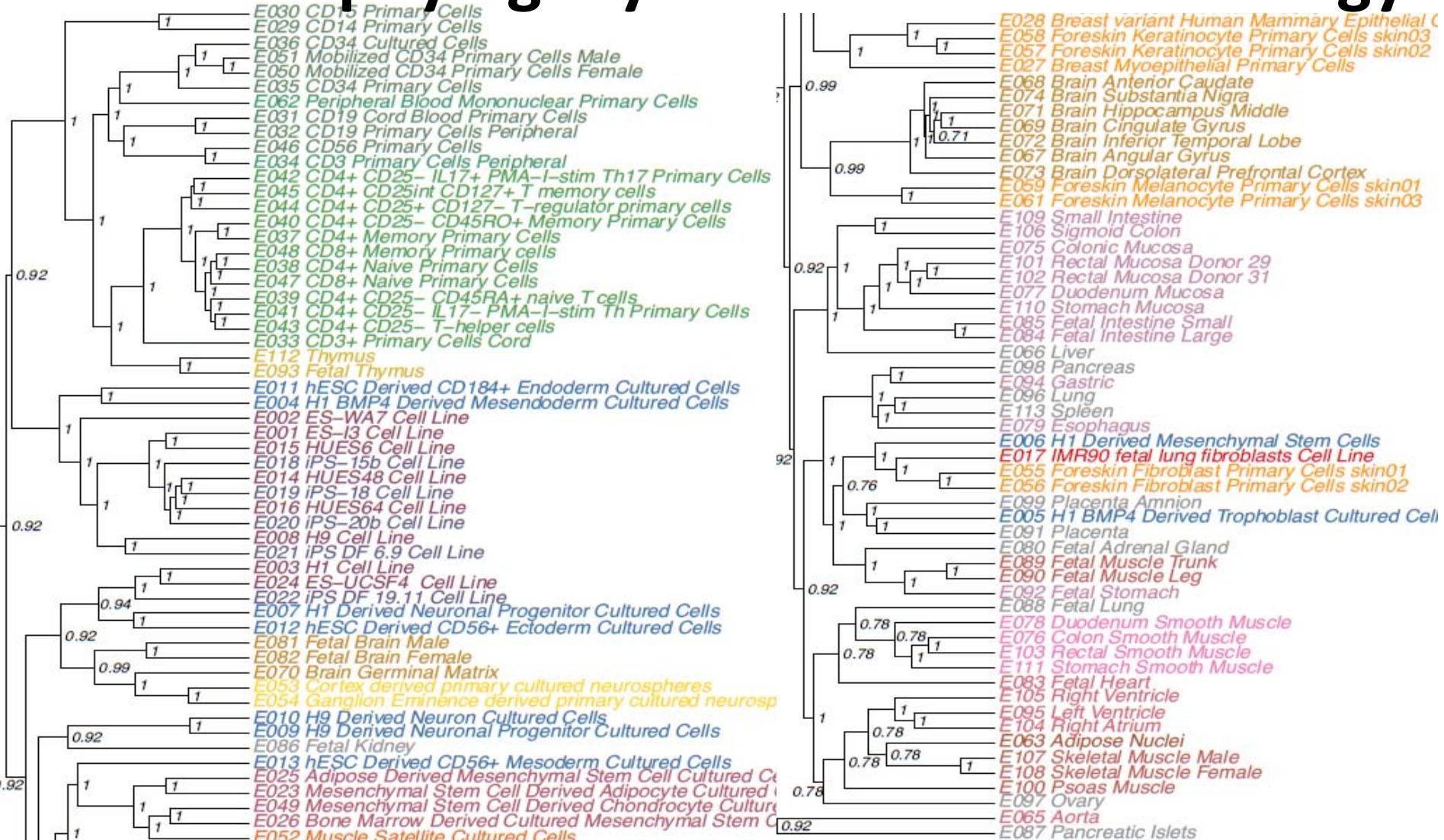
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- State usage → gene density, lamina, cytogenetic bands
- Quies/ZNF/het | gene rich/poor, each active/repressed

# H3K4me1 phylogeny reveals common biology



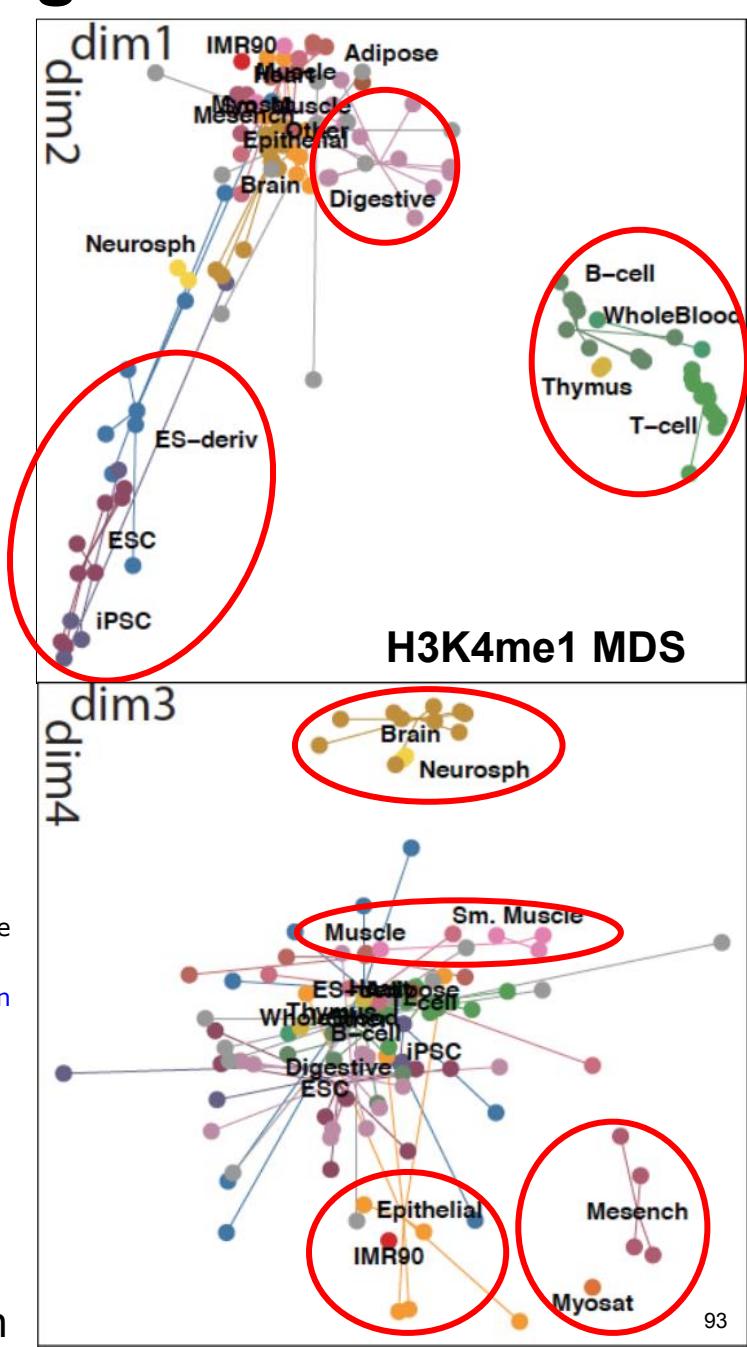
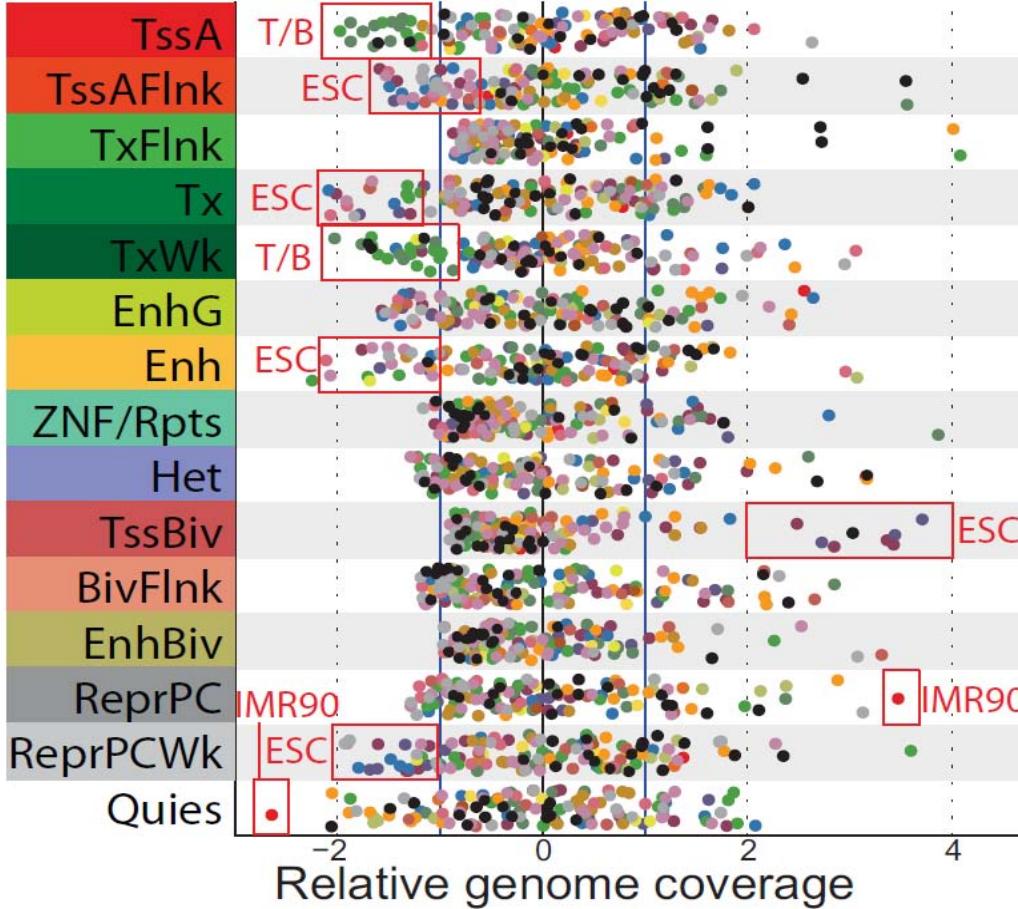
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- Grouping of ES, immune, brain, muscle, heart, smooth muscle, fetal

# Cells/Tissues at extremes of epigenomic variation

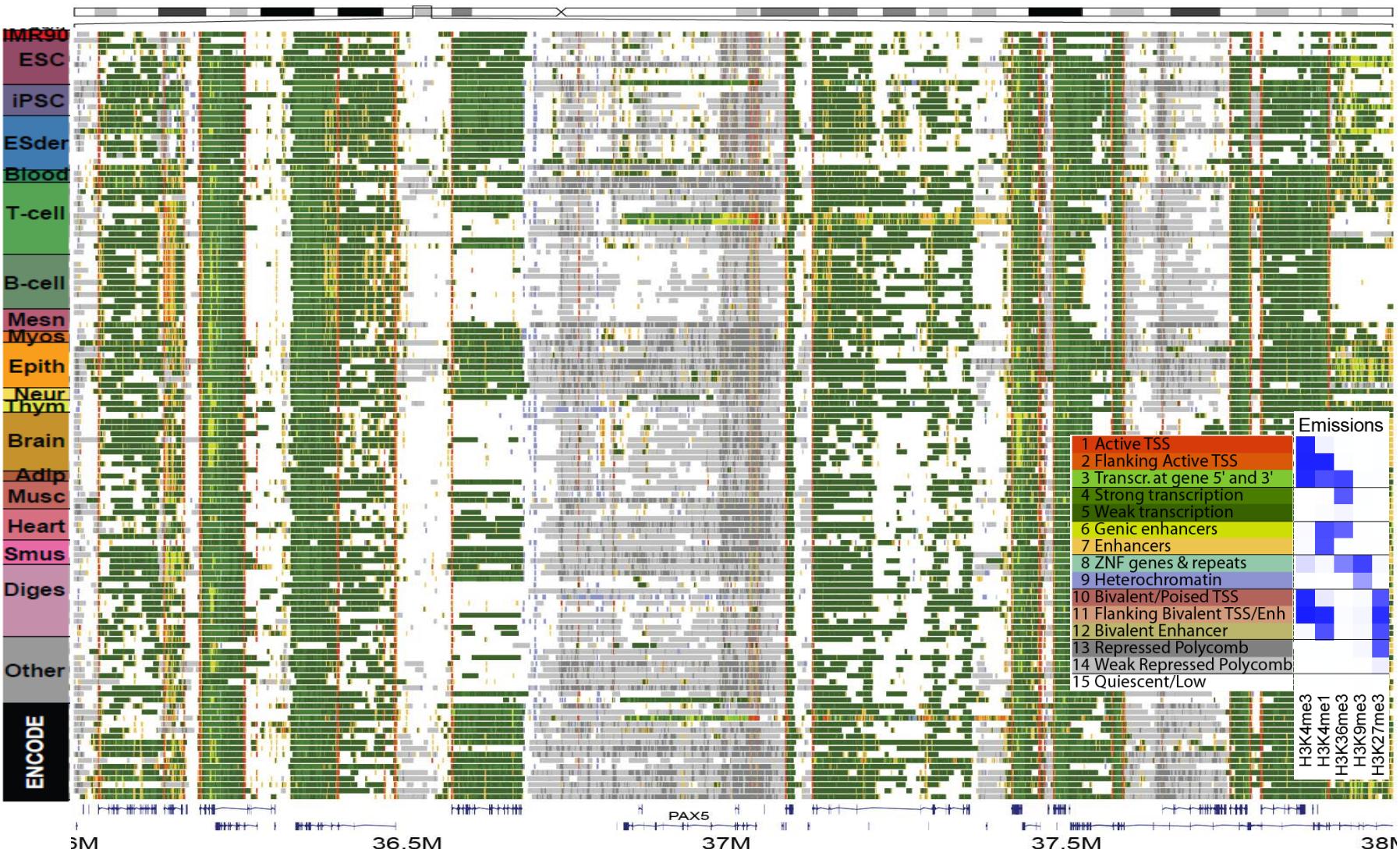


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- **ES/Immune/IMR90 most extreme**
- **ES: ↑Biv, ↓Enh/Tx/TssFlnk/PCwk**
- **Immune: ↓TssA, ↓TxWk**
- **IMR90: ↑ReprPC, ↓Quies**

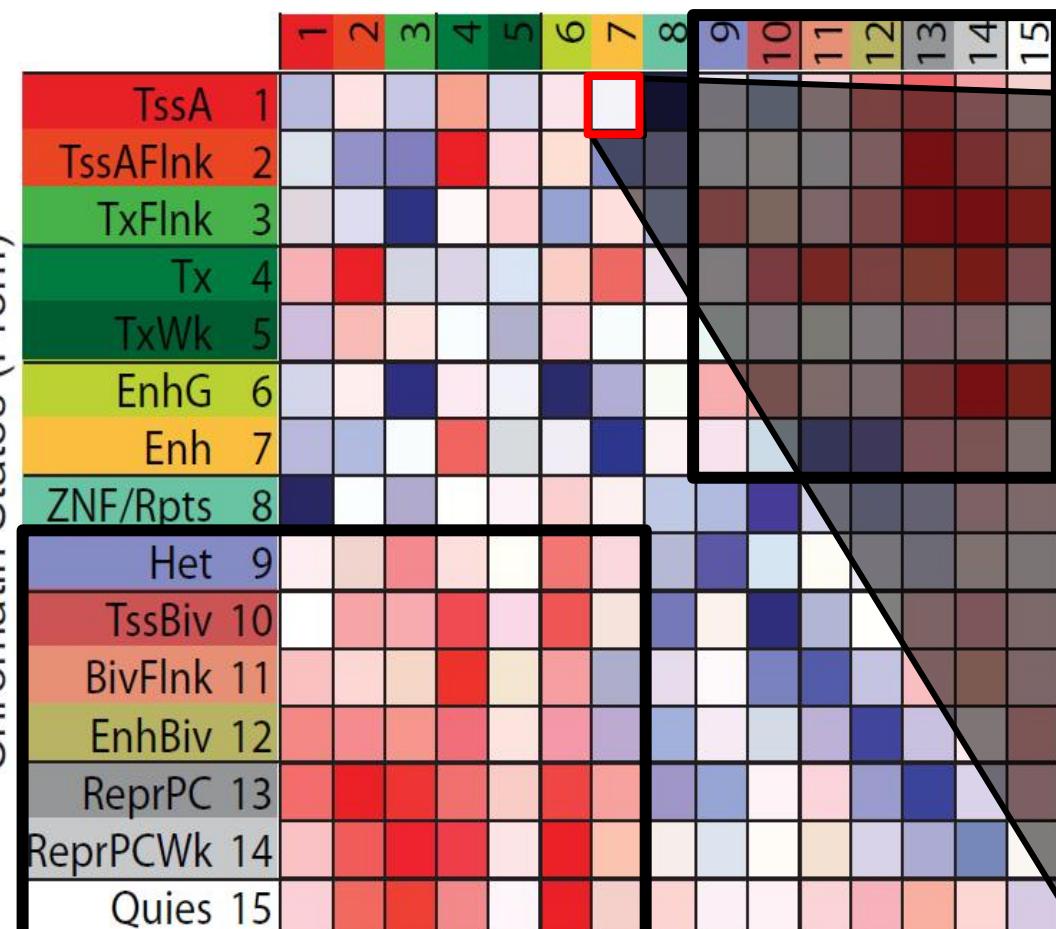
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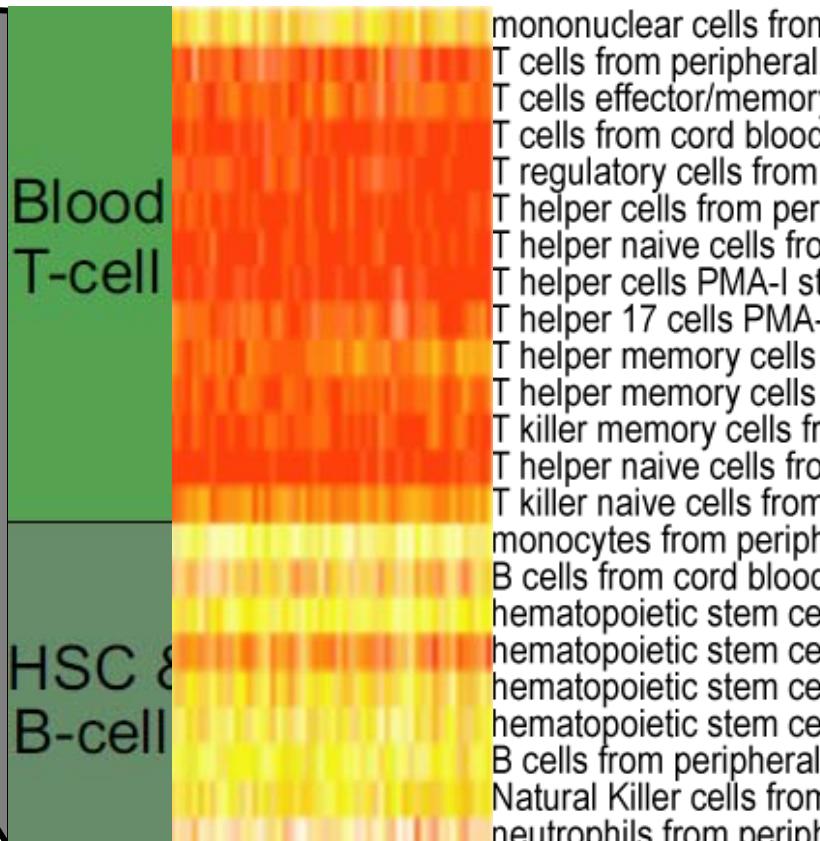
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Reveal epigenomic variability: enh/prom/tx/repr/het  
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# State switching: active/inactive, mostly keep identity



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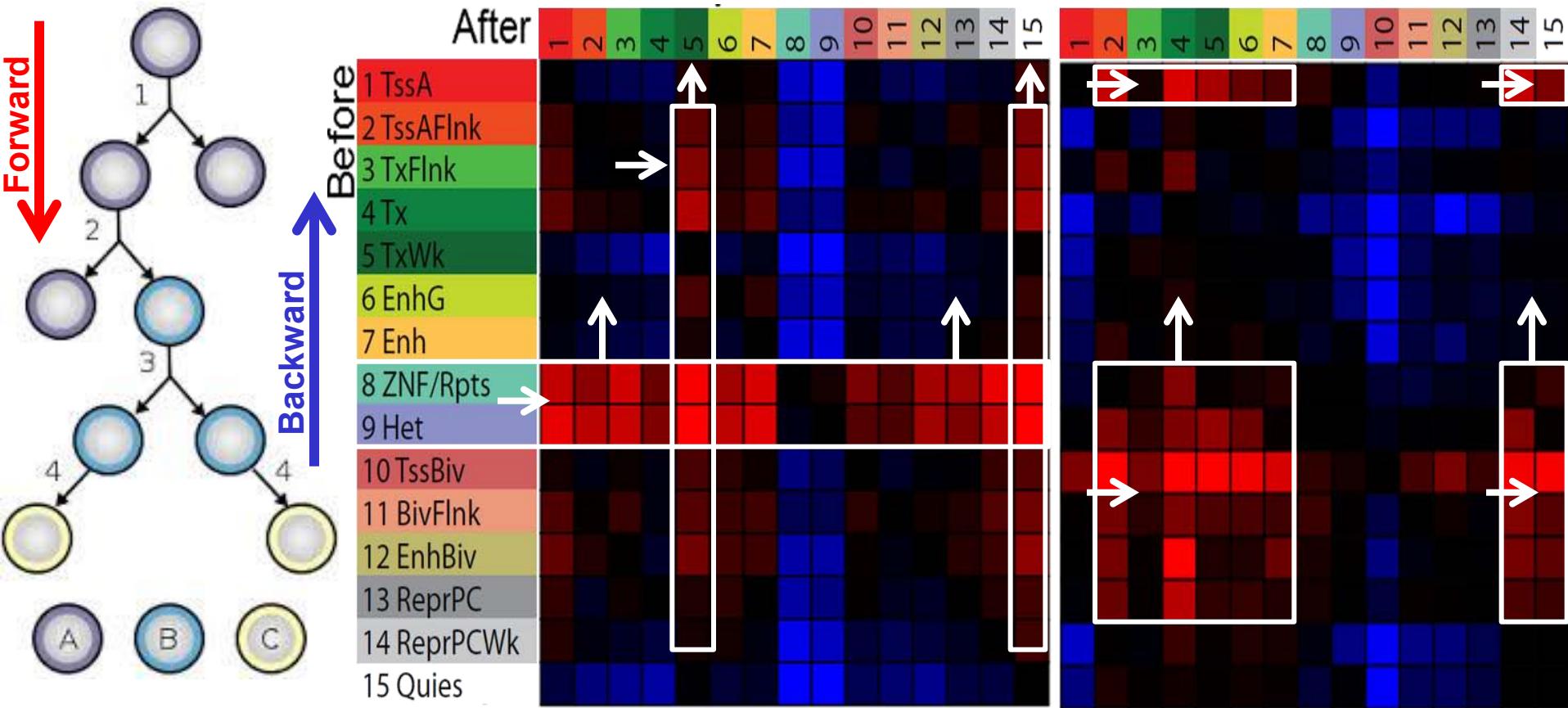
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- Most variable: Enhancers. Least: TssA/Tx/Quies
- State switching: Active (1-7) ⇌ Inactive (10-15)
- Exception: Dyadic regions: enhancer ⇌ promoter

# Chromatin state changes during differentiation

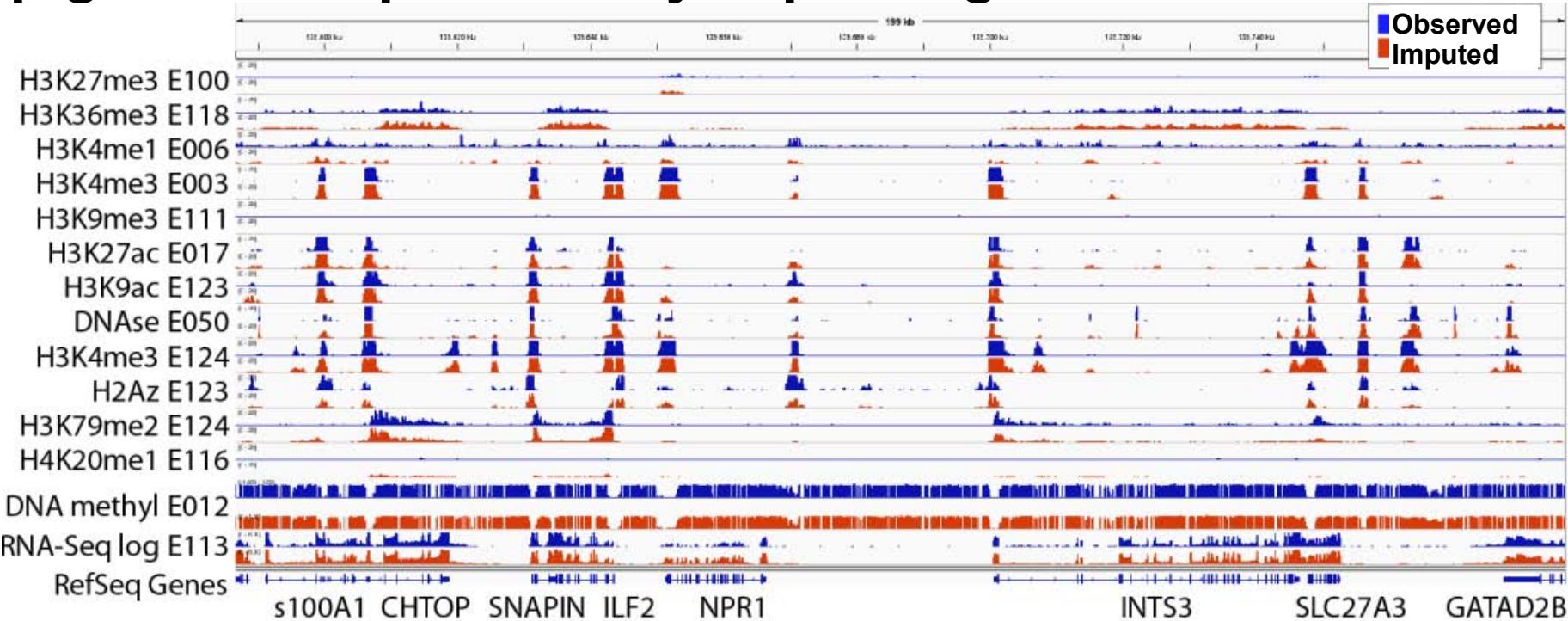
## Classify cells



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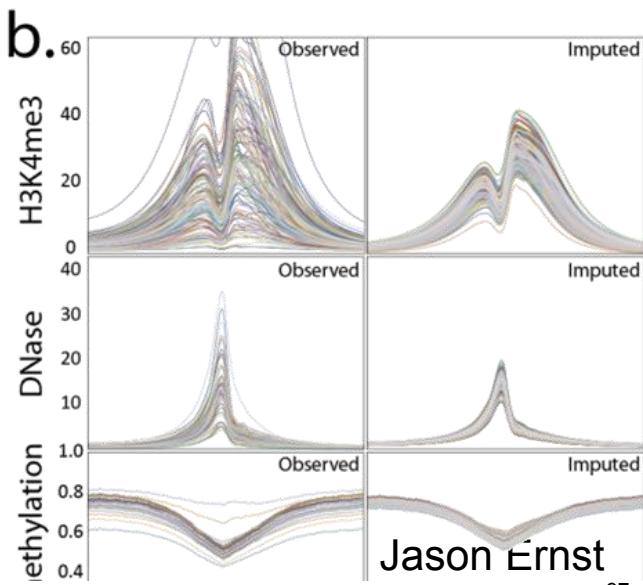
- **Epigenomic features can predict directionality:** AUC 78%
- **TSS-proximal:** (1) Loss of Het/ZNF. (2) Gain of TxWk, Quies
- **TSS-distal:** Bivalent, PCrepressed → Enhancer, Tx, TssFlnk

# Epigenome imputation by exploiting mark correlations



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- **Two types of features**
  - Other marks + context in same tissue
  - Same mark in ‘closest’ tissues
- **Impute missing datasets**
  - Predict DNase, marks @ 25bp res
  - Predict RNA-Seq @ 25 bp res
  - Predict DNA methylation @ 1bp res



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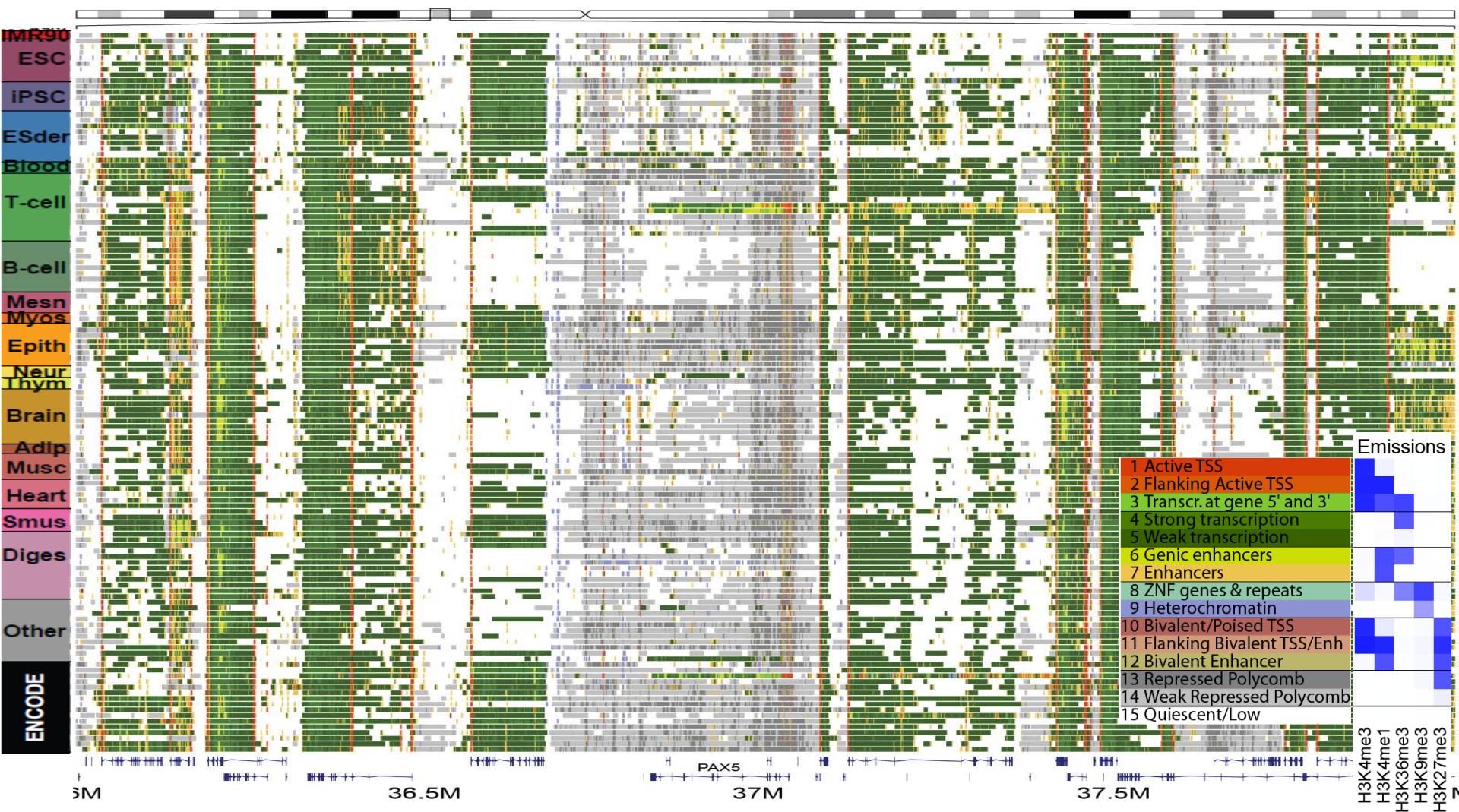
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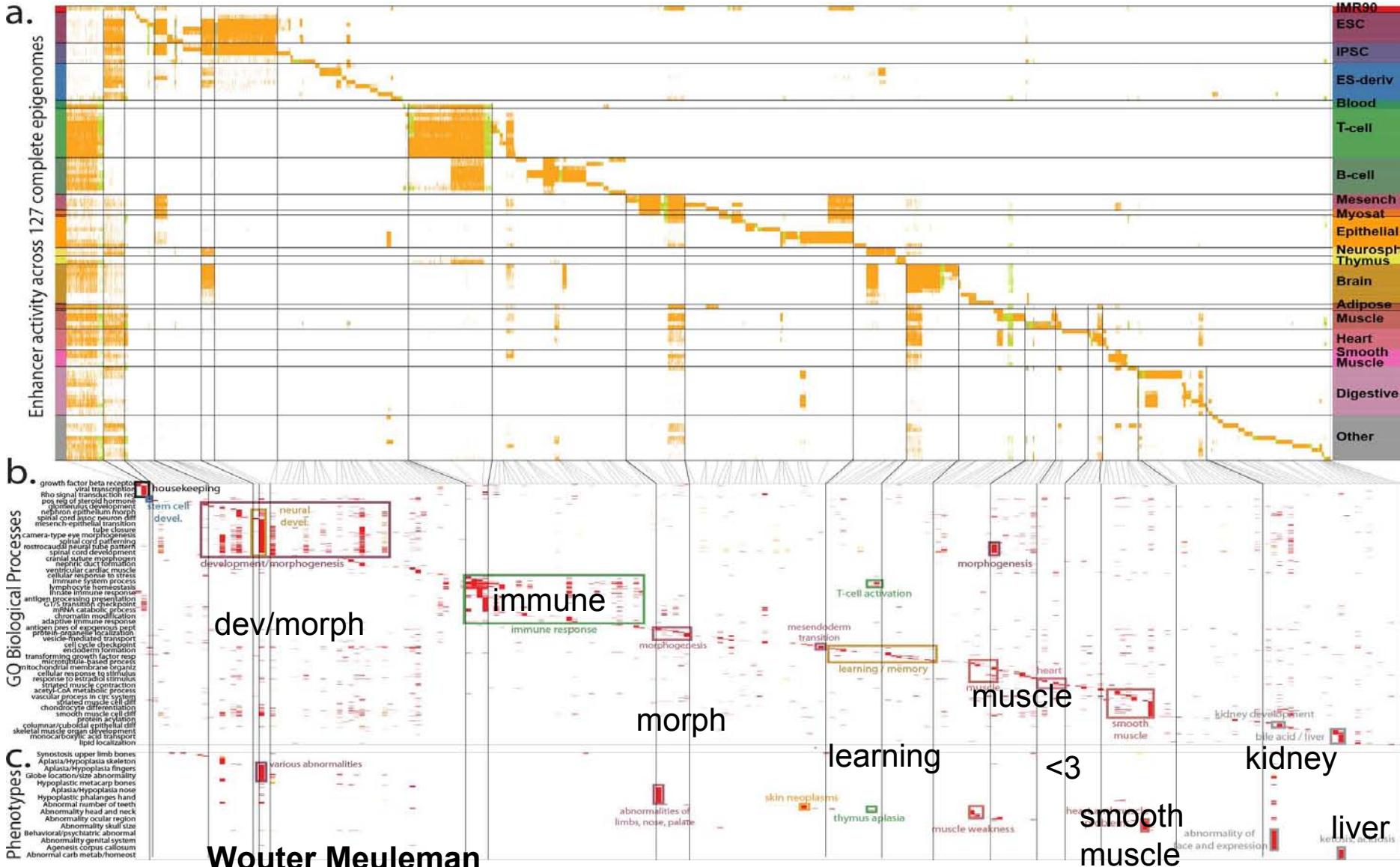
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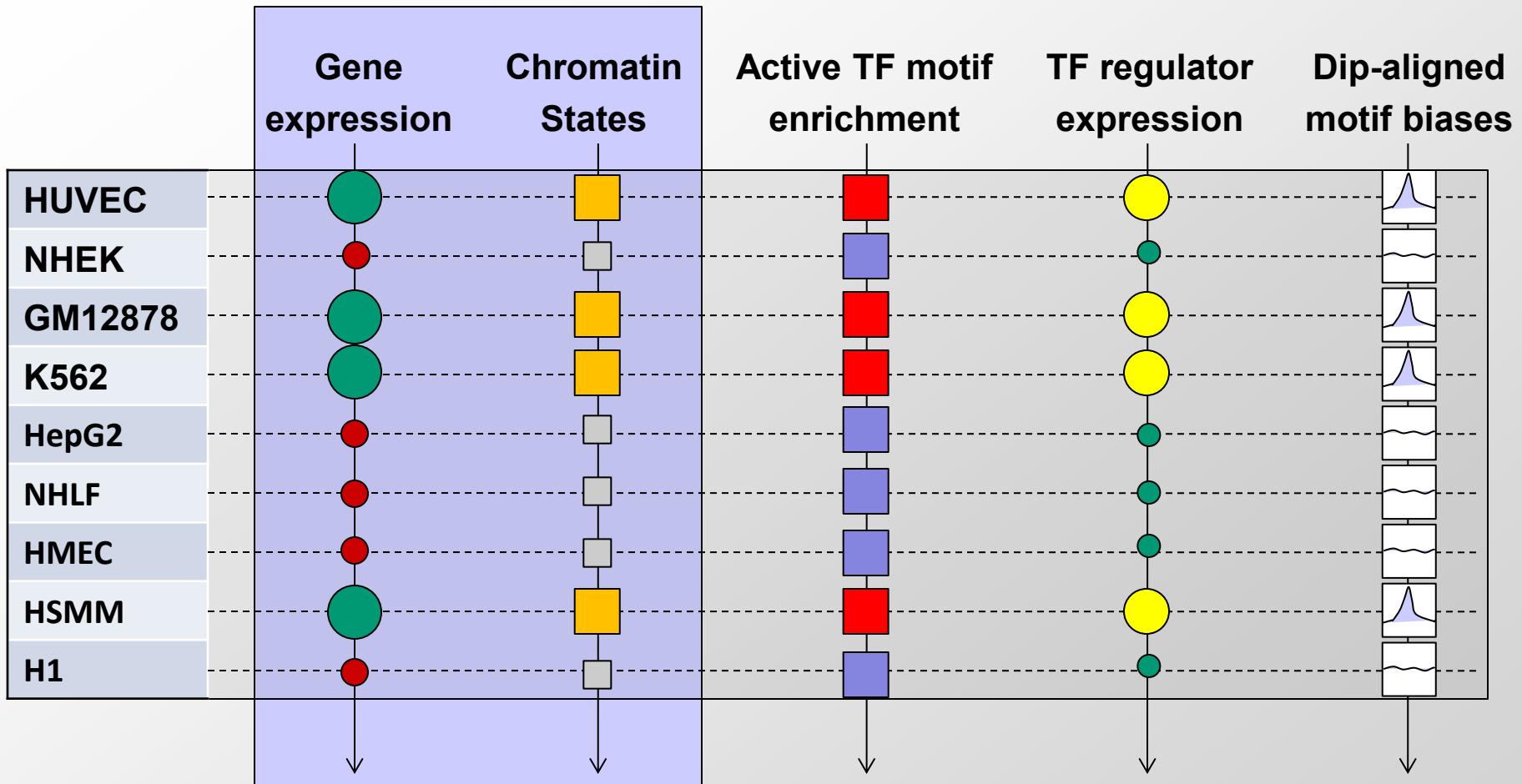
# 2.3M enhancer regions $\leftrightarrow$ only ~200 activity patterns



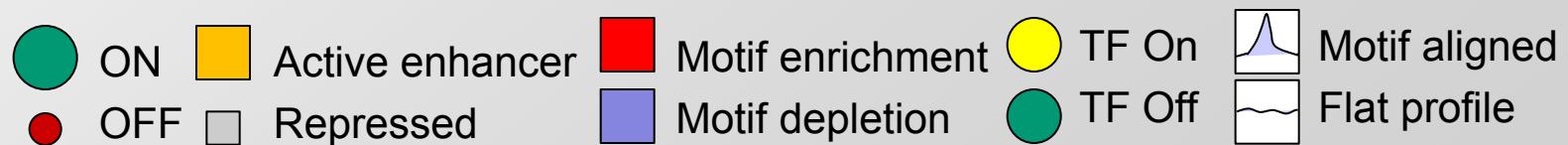
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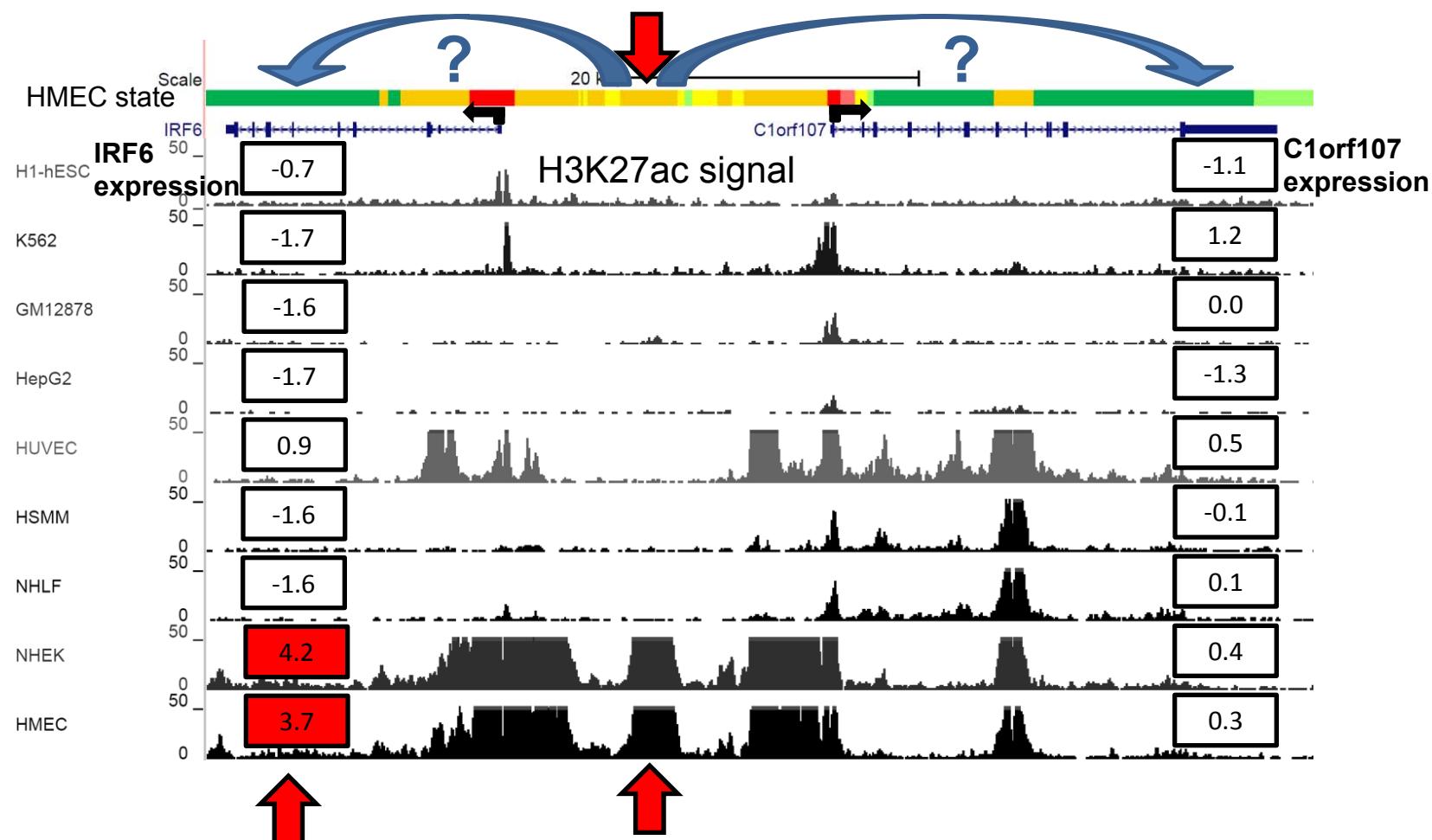


**Link enhancers to target genes**



# Activity-based linking of enhancers to target genes

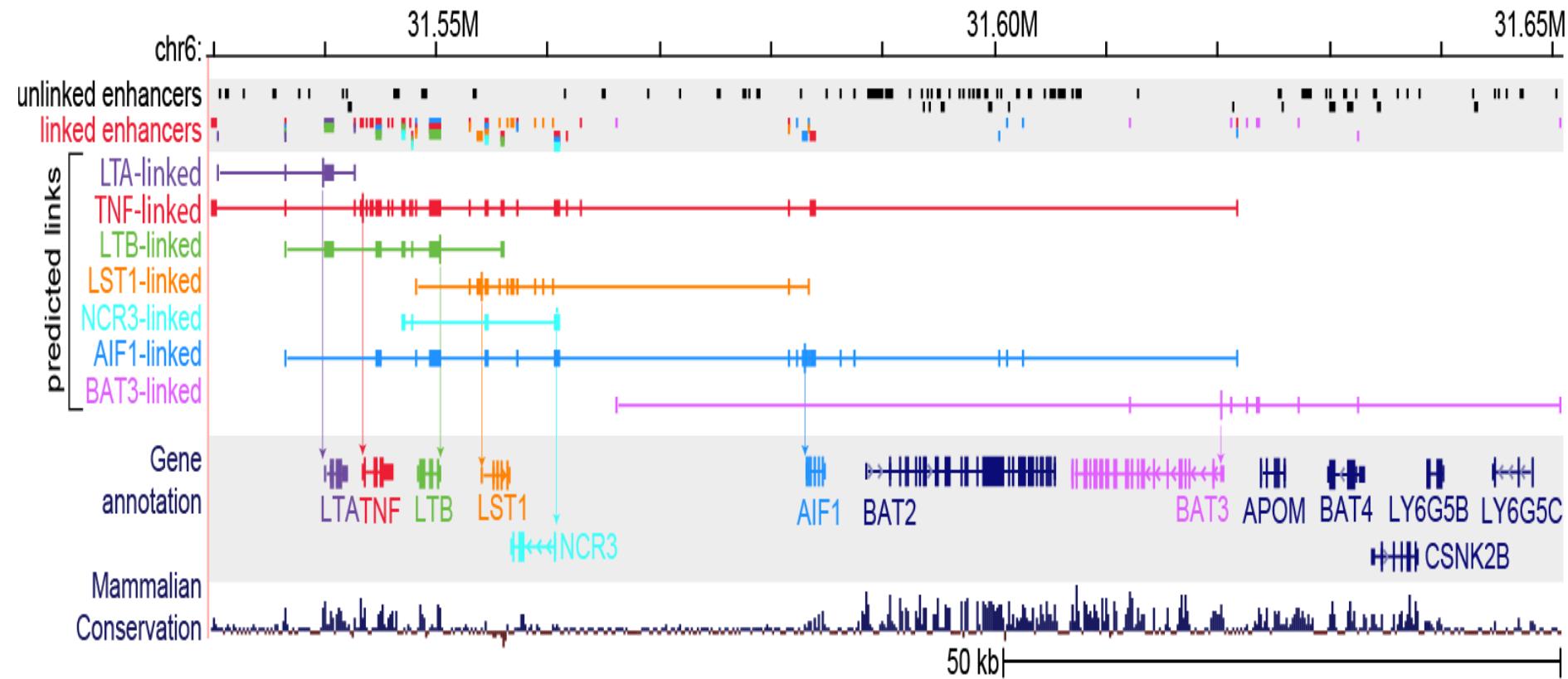
Finding correct target of enhancer in divergently transcribed genes



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Compute correlations between gene expression levels and enhancer associated histone modification signals

# Visualizing 10,000s predicted enhancer-gene links



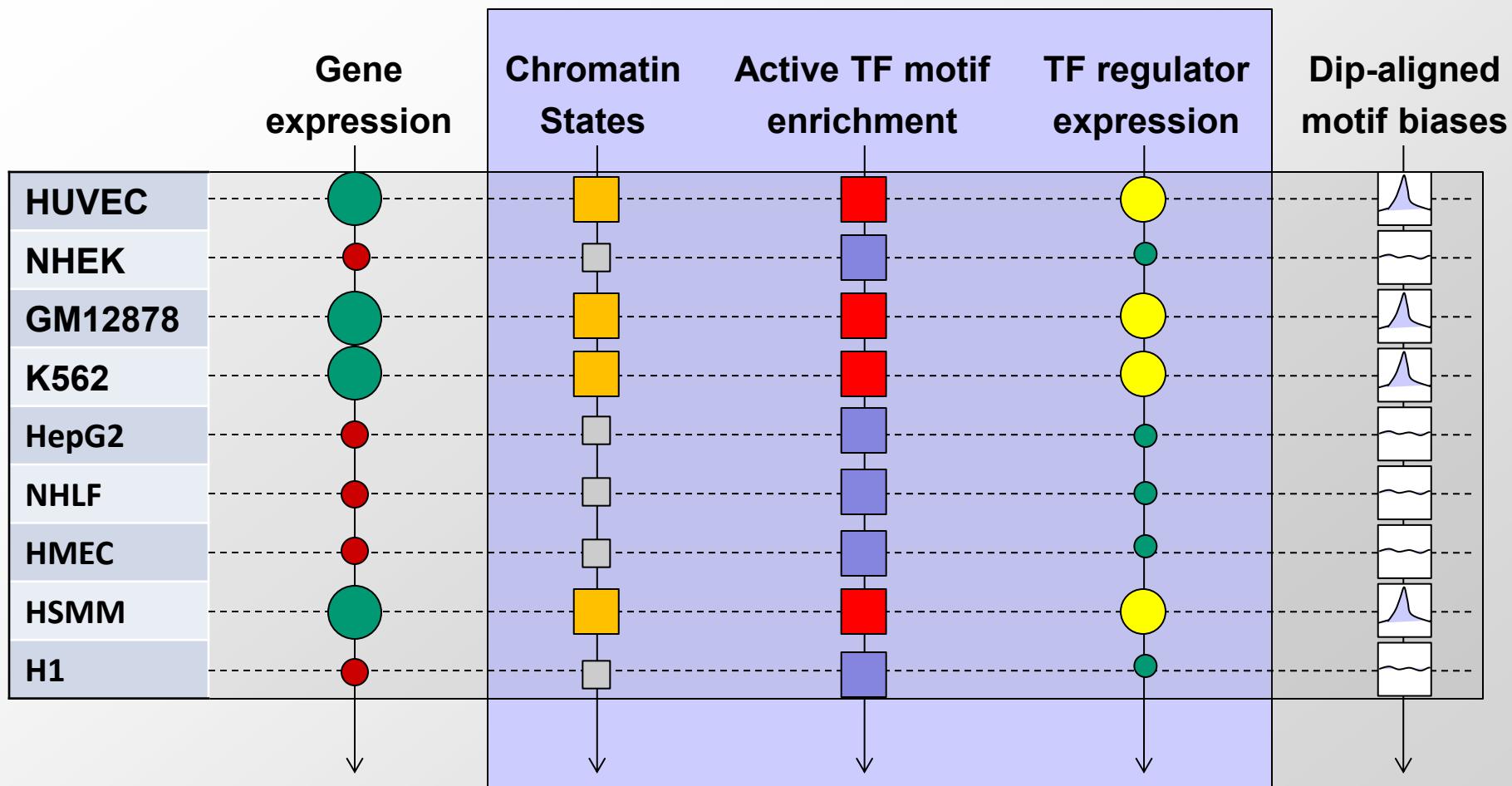
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- Overlapping regulatory units, both few and many
- Both upstream and downstream elements linked
- Enhancers correlate with sequence constraint

# Chromatin dynamics: linking enhancer networks

TFs → enhancers → target genes

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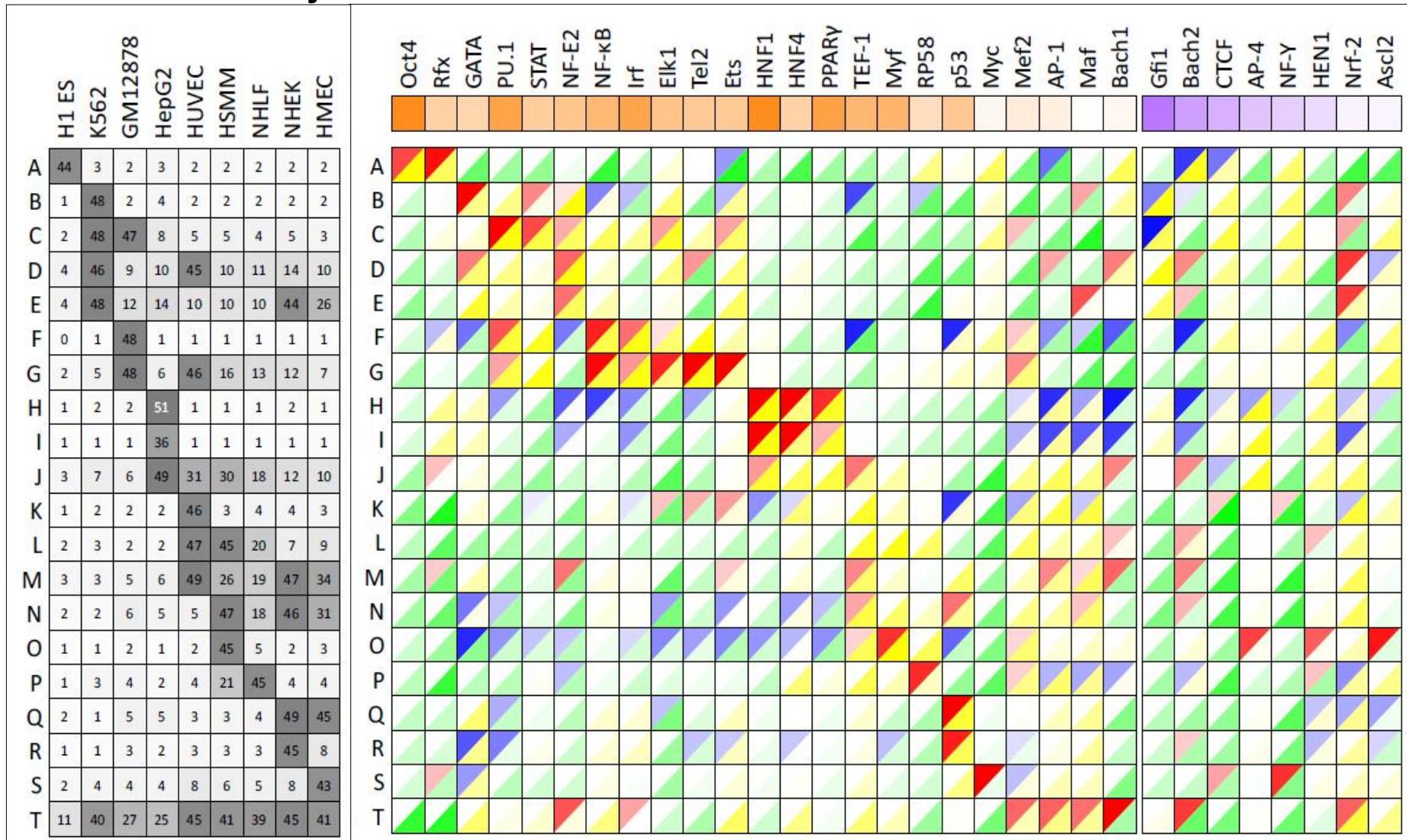
Link TFs to target enhancers  
Predict activators vs. repressors

- ON    ■ Active enhancer    ■ Motif enrichment    ● TF On    ● Motif aligned
- OFF   ■ Repressed    ■ Motif depletion    ● TF Off    ■ Flat profile

# Coordinated activity reveals activators/repressors

## Enhancer activity

## Activity signatures for each TF

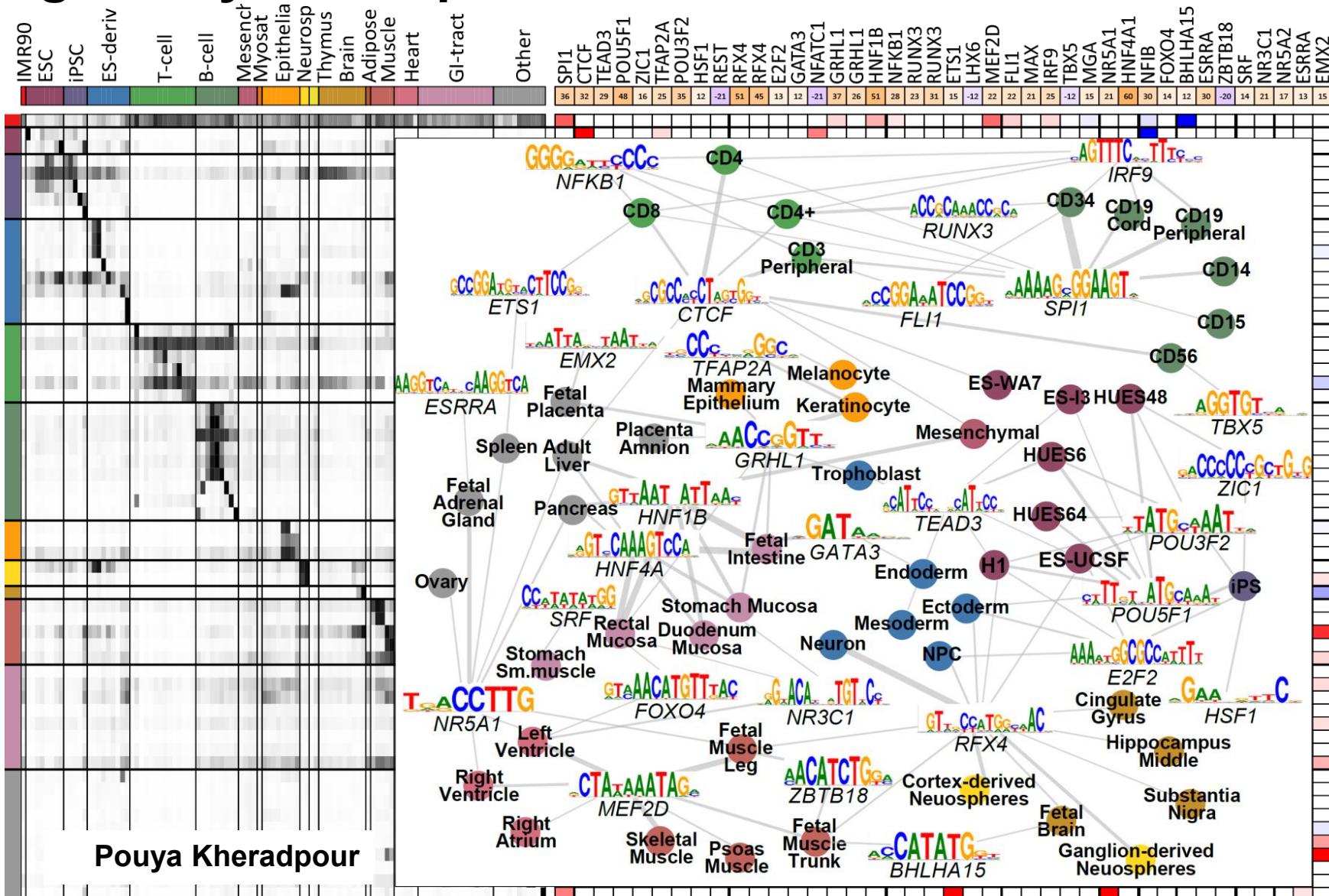


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- Enhancer networks: Regulator → enhancer → target gene<sup>107</sup>

# Regulatory motifs predicted to drive enhancer modules

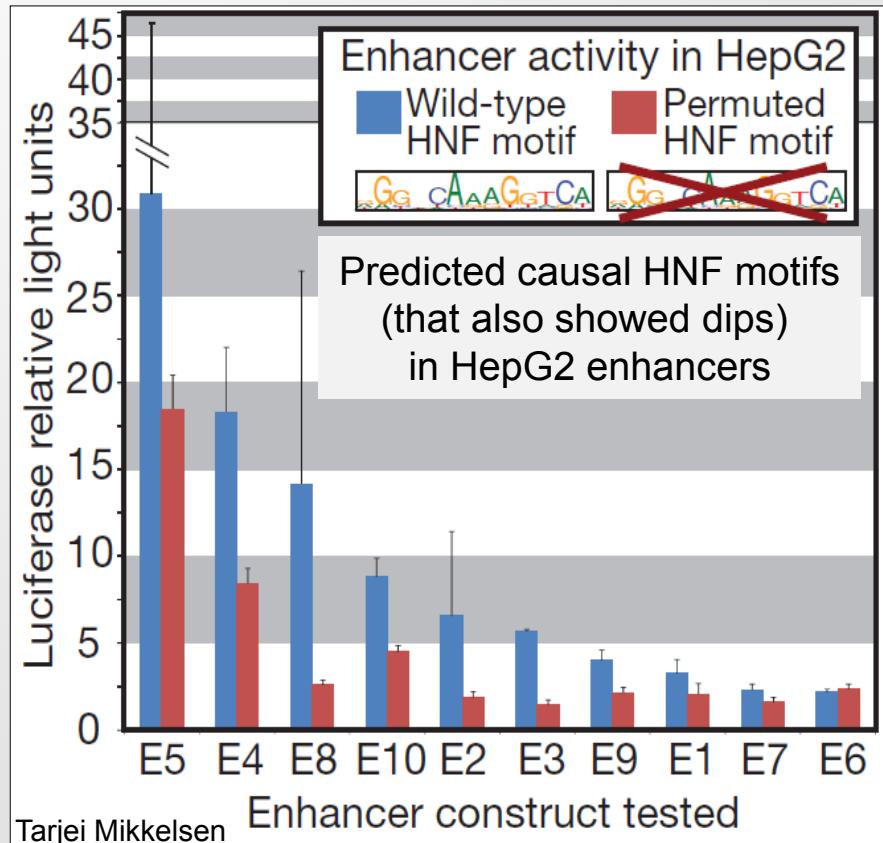
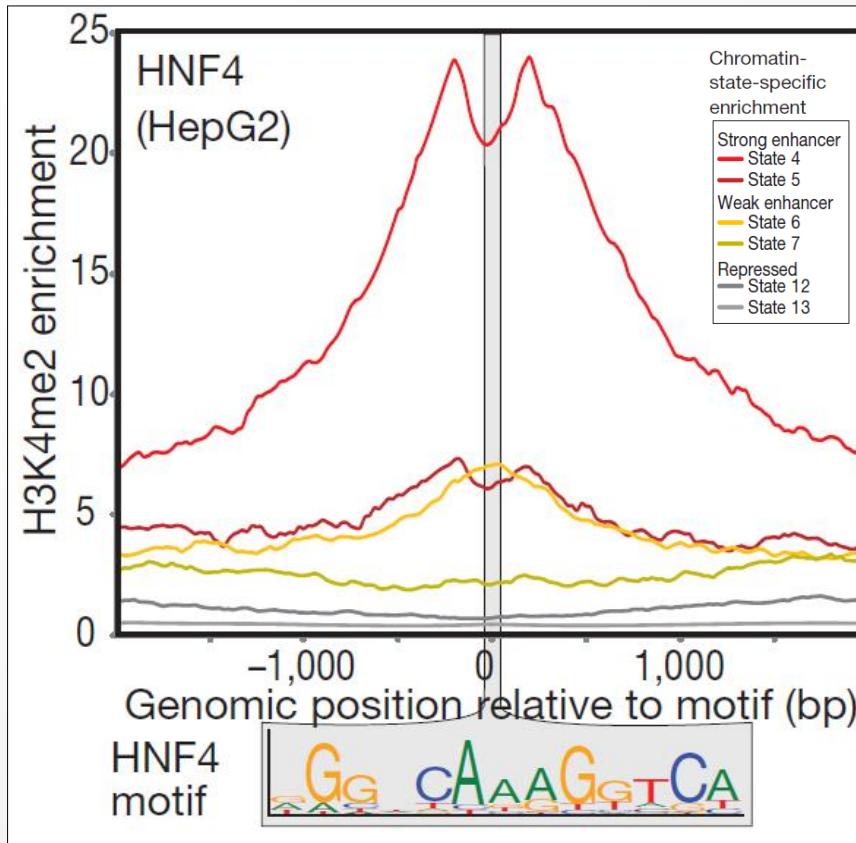


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- Activator and repressor motifs consistent with tissues 108

# Causal motifs supported by dips & enhancer assays



Dip evidence of TF binding  
(nucleosome displacement)

Enhancer activity halved  
by single-motif disruption

→ Motifs bound by TF, contribute to enhancers

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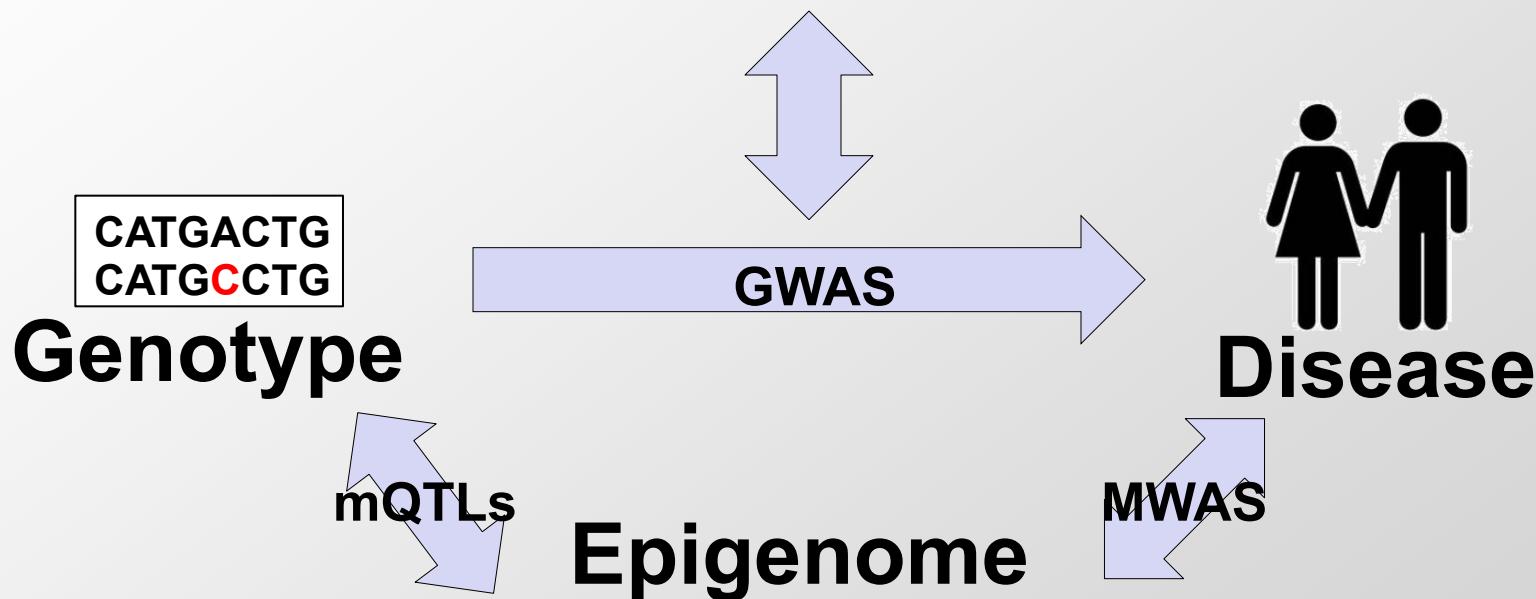
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# Interpreting disease-association signals

## Interpret variants using reference states

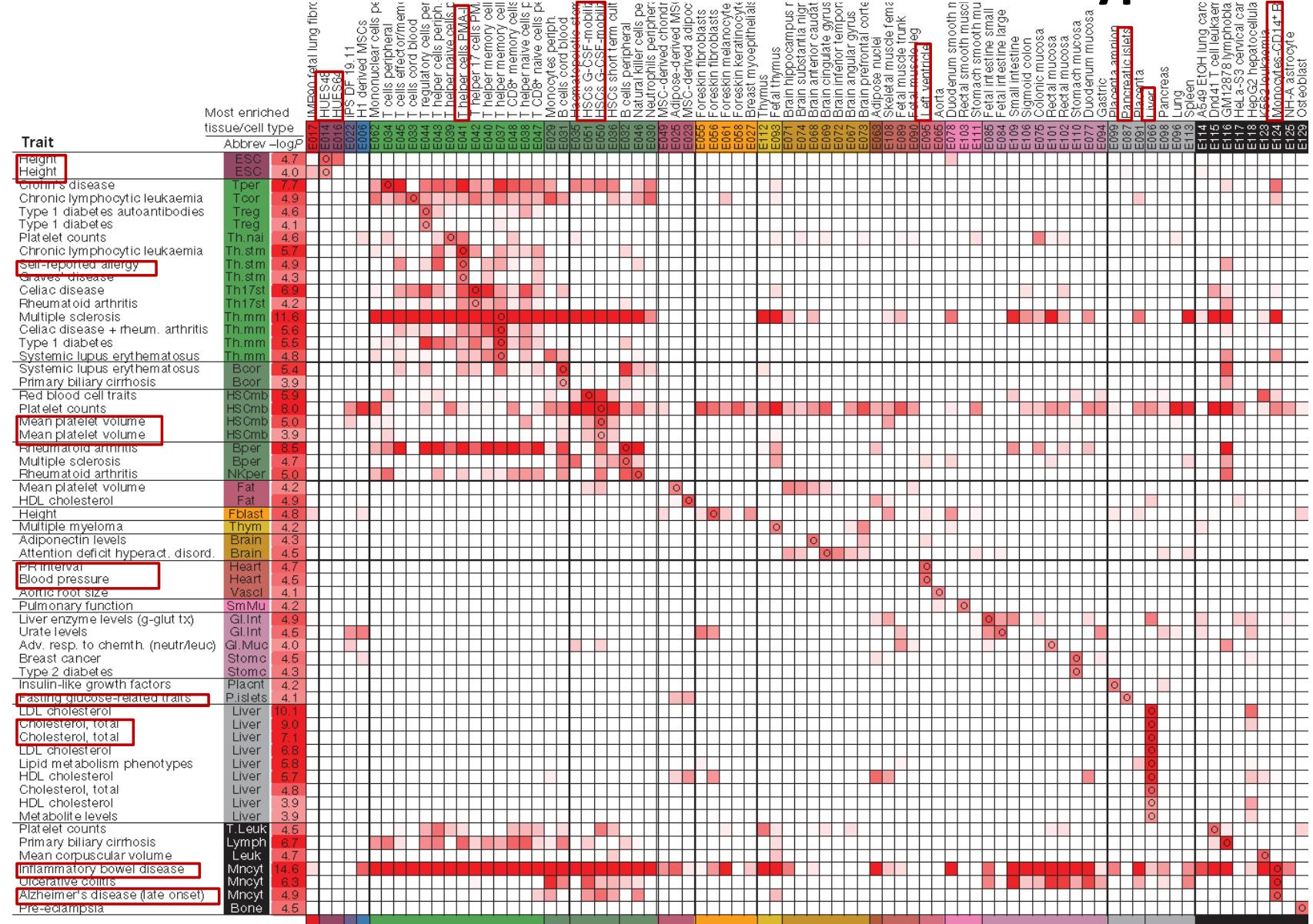
- Chromatin states: Enhancers, promoters, motifs
- Enrichment in individual loci, across 1000s of SNPs in T1D



## Epigenome changes in disease

- Molecular phenotypic changes in patients vs. controls
- Small variation in brain methylomes, mostly genotype-driven
- 1000s of brain-specific enhancers increase methylation in Alzheimer's

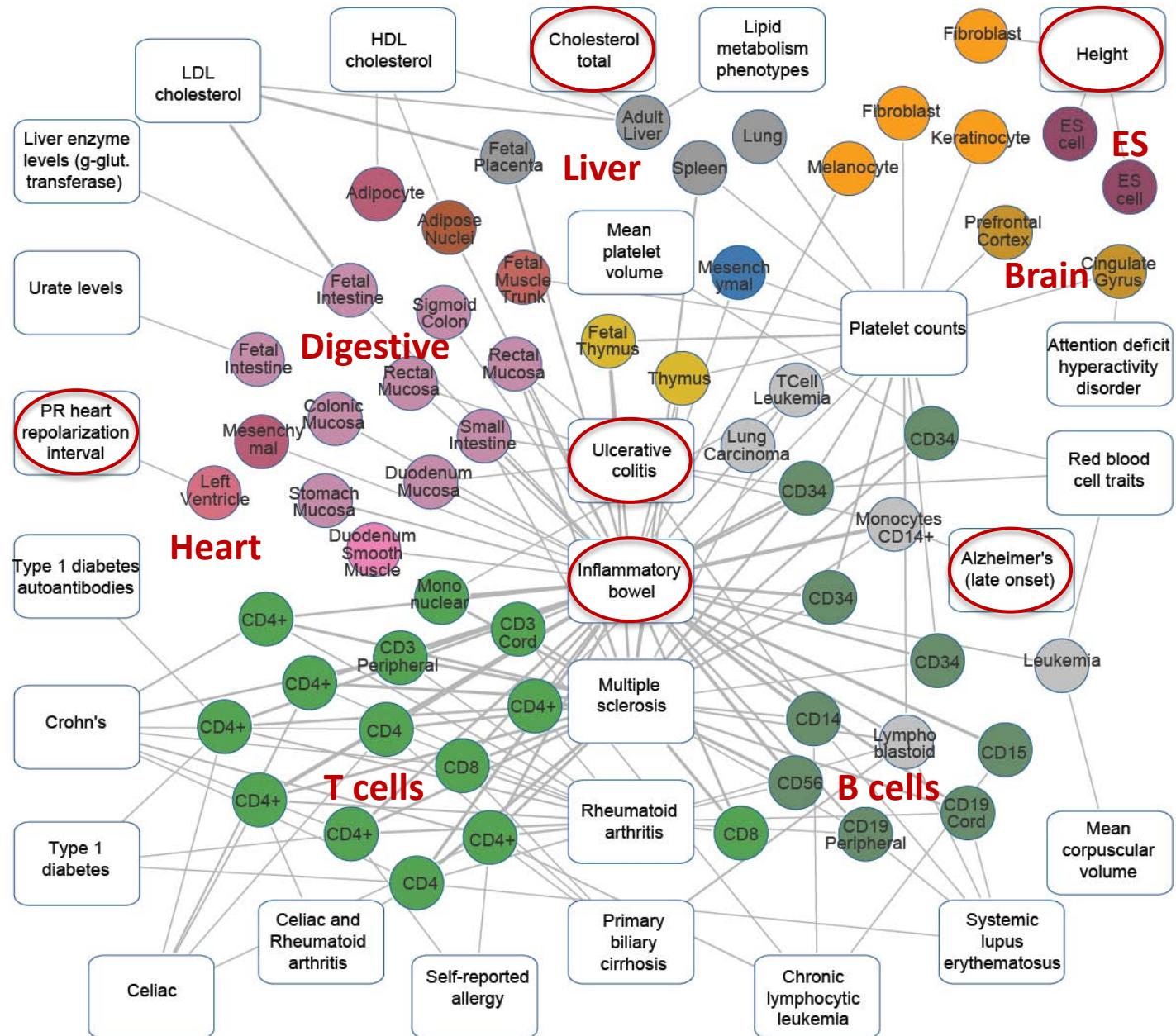
# GWAS hits in enhancers of relevant cell types



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# Linking traits to their relevant cell/tissue types



# HaploReg: systematic mining of GWAS variants

Query SNP: rs4684847 and variants with  $r^2 \geq 0.8$

pos (hg19)	pos (hg38)	LD (r <sup>2</sup> )	LD (D')	variant	Ref	Alt	AFR freq	AMR freq	ASN freq	EUR freq	SiPhy cons	Promoter histone marks	Enhancer histone marks	DNase	Proteins bound	eQTL tissues	Motifs changed	Drivers disrupted	GENCODE genes	dbSNP func annot
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- Start with any list of SNPs or select a GWAS study
  - Mine ENCODE and Roadmap epigenomics data for hits
  - Hundreds of assays, dozens of cells, conservation, motifs
  - Report significant overlaps and link to info/browser
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