

ChIP-seq technology and applications

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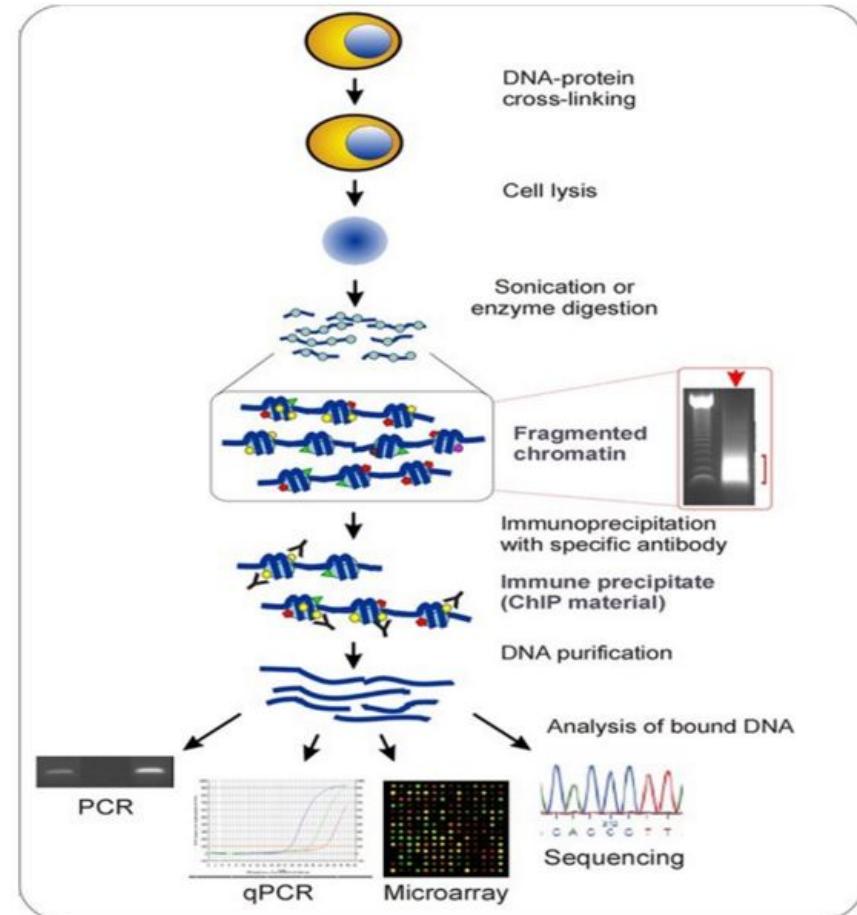
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ChIP-seq technology

ChIP-Seq principle

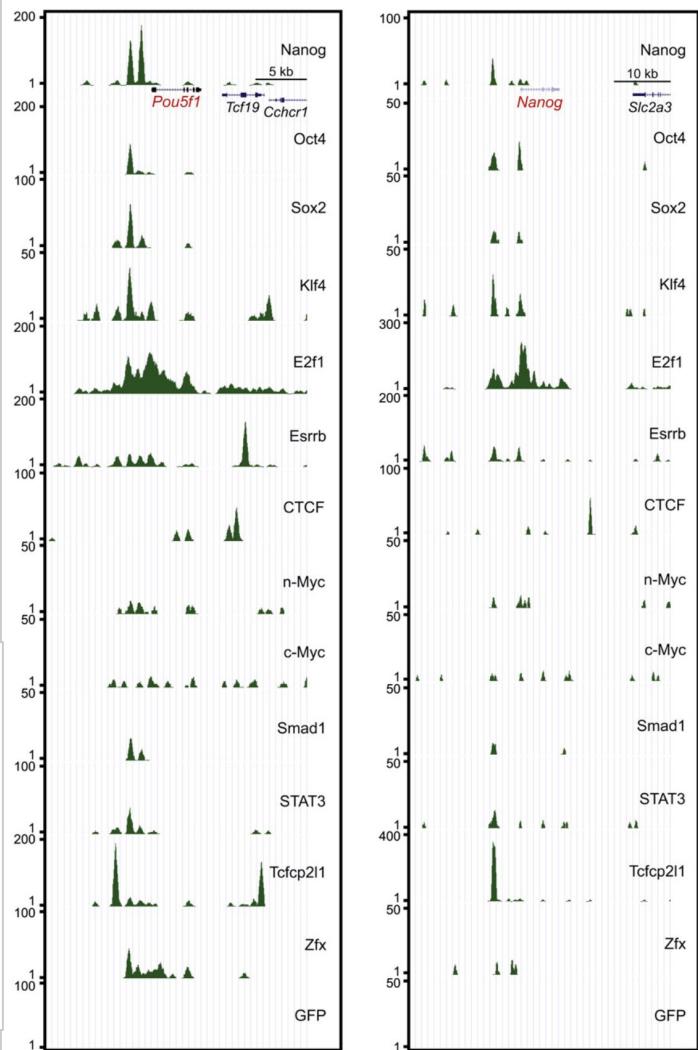
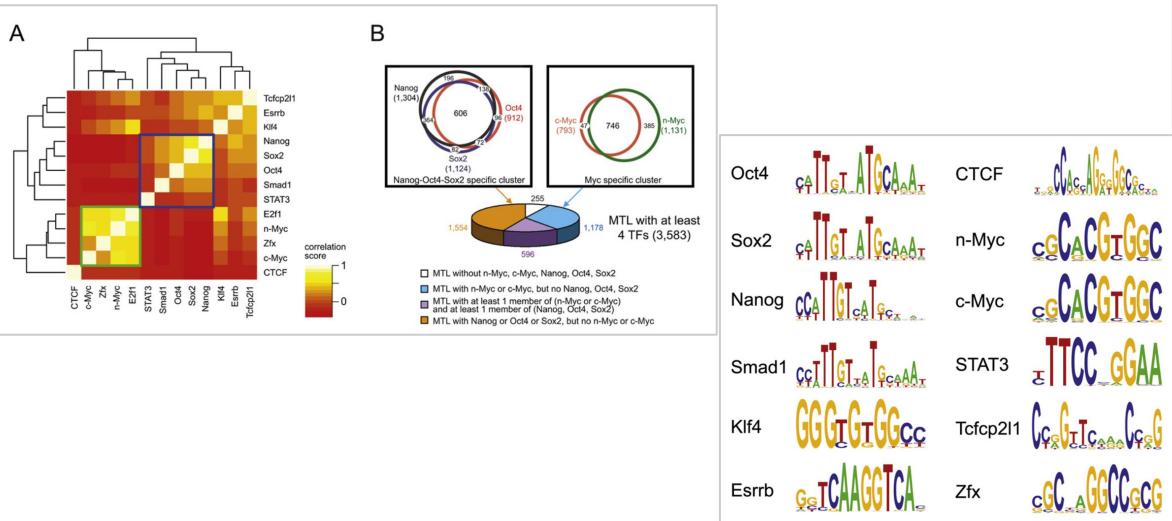
- Used to analyze, at the level of whole genomes:
 - transcription factor binding locations
 - histone modifications



ChIP-seq for 13 TFs in mouse ES cells

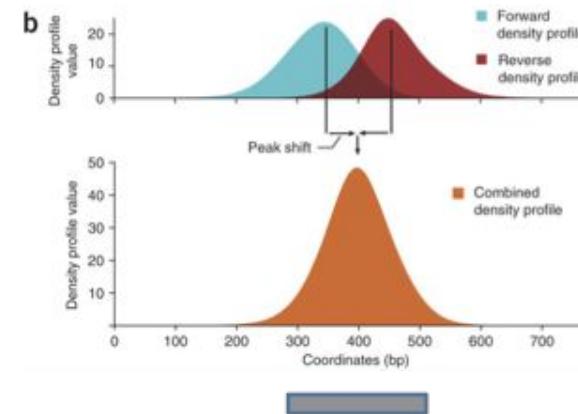
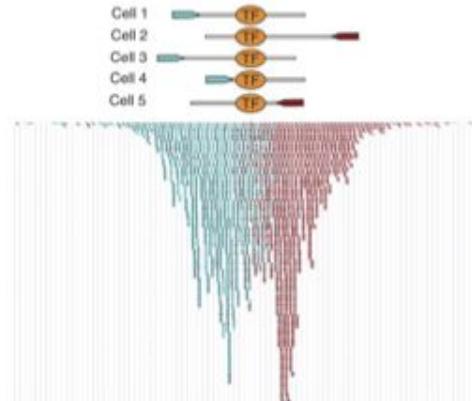
Integration of External Signaling Pathways with the Core Transcriptional Network in Embryonic Stem Cells

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ChIP-Seq analysis in brief

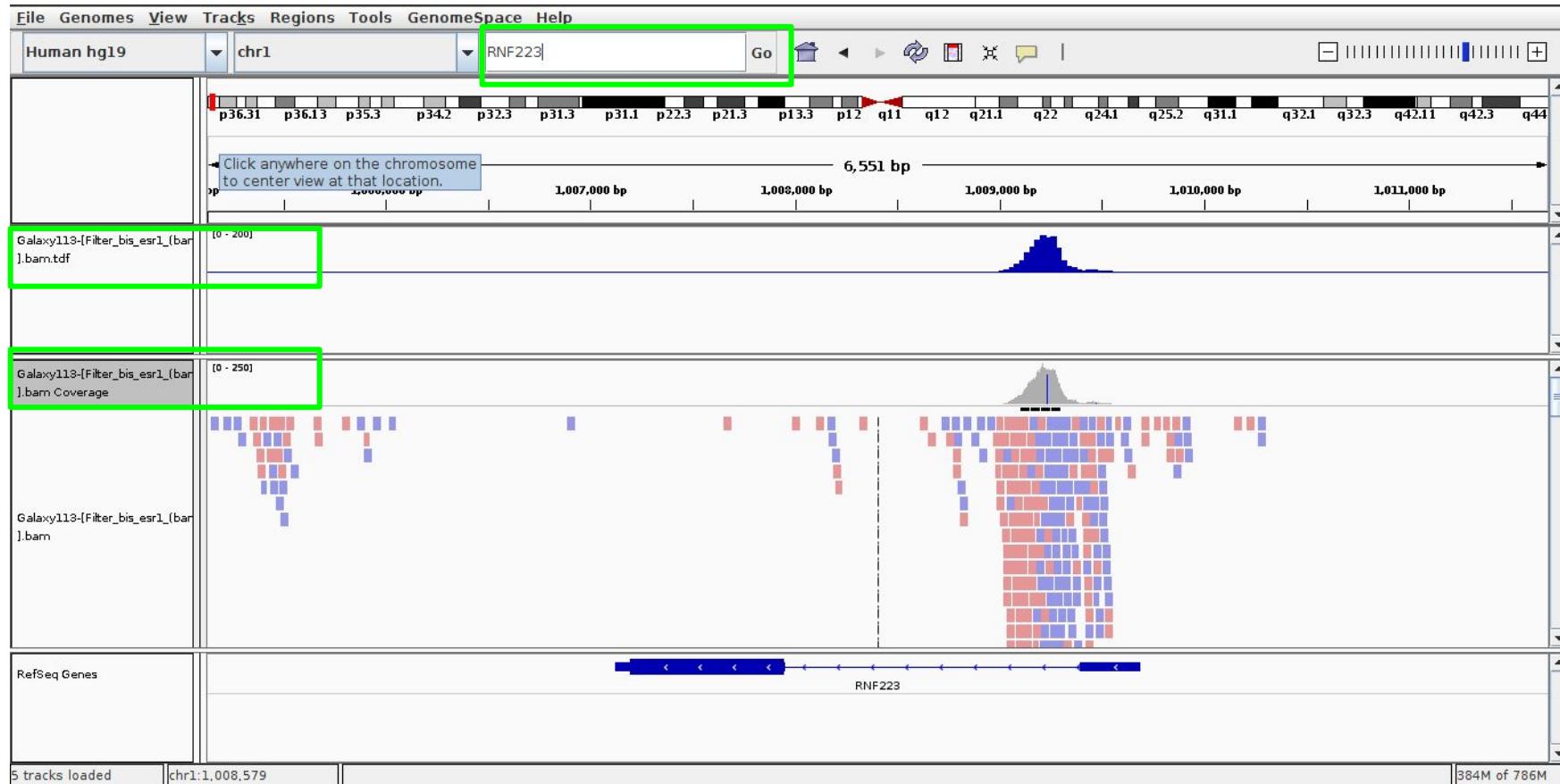
- Fragments (typically ~300bp) cover the region of interest + some pieces on both side.
- We only sequence a short read on one or both extremities
- **The binding site is thus generally not in our reads !**
- Solutions
 - Bioinfo read extension
 - Bioinfo: read shifting
 - Experiment: Exo-ChIP (digest flanks between sequencing).





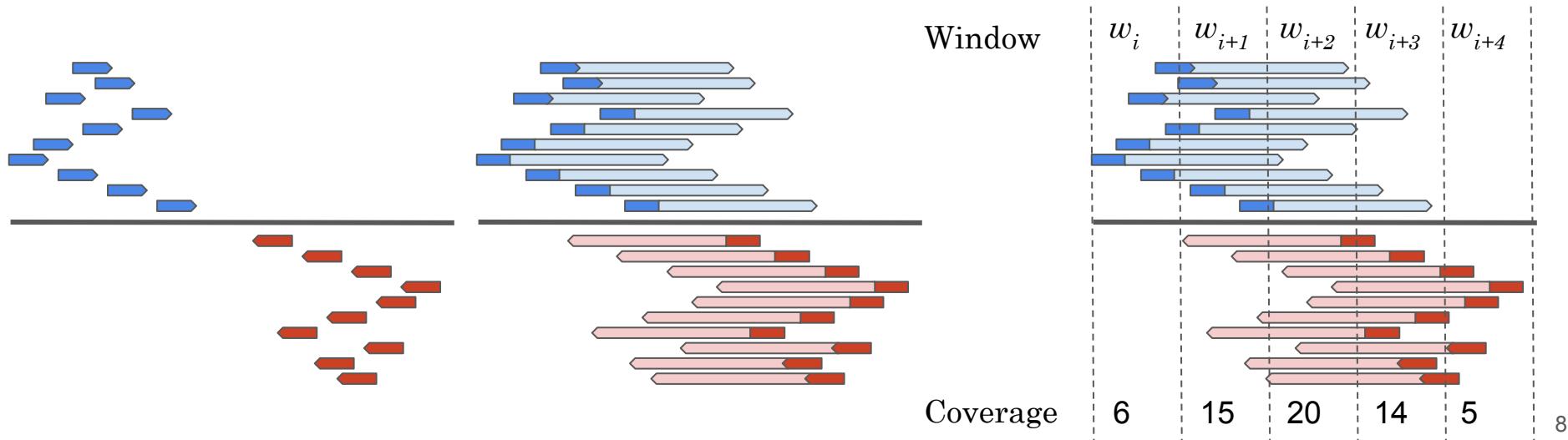
Identifying peaks from ChIP-seq reads

Example of read mapping

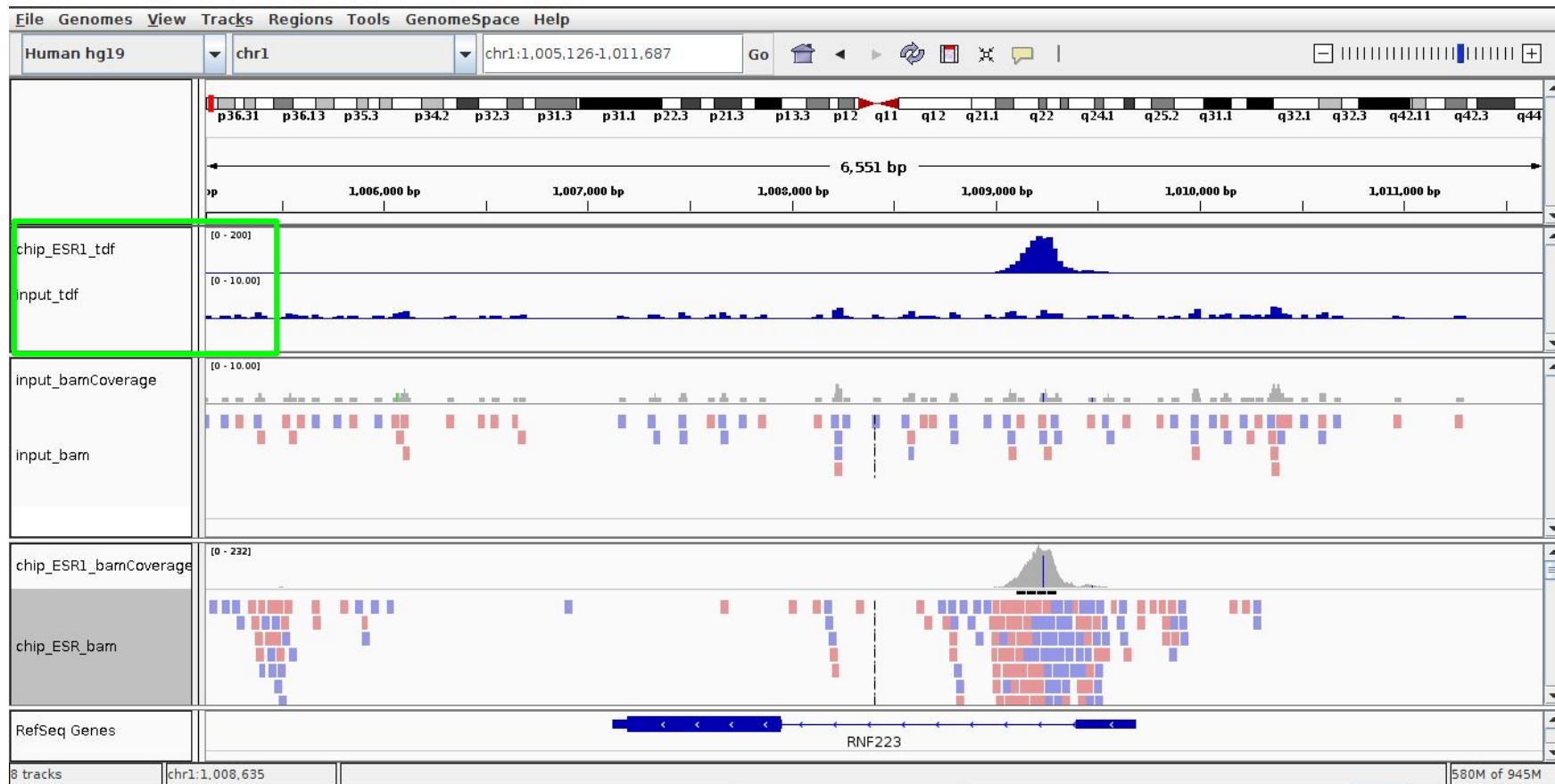


Coverage file and read extension

- BAM files **do not contain fragment location** but read location
- We need to extend reads to compute fragments coordinates before coverage analysis
- Not required for PE



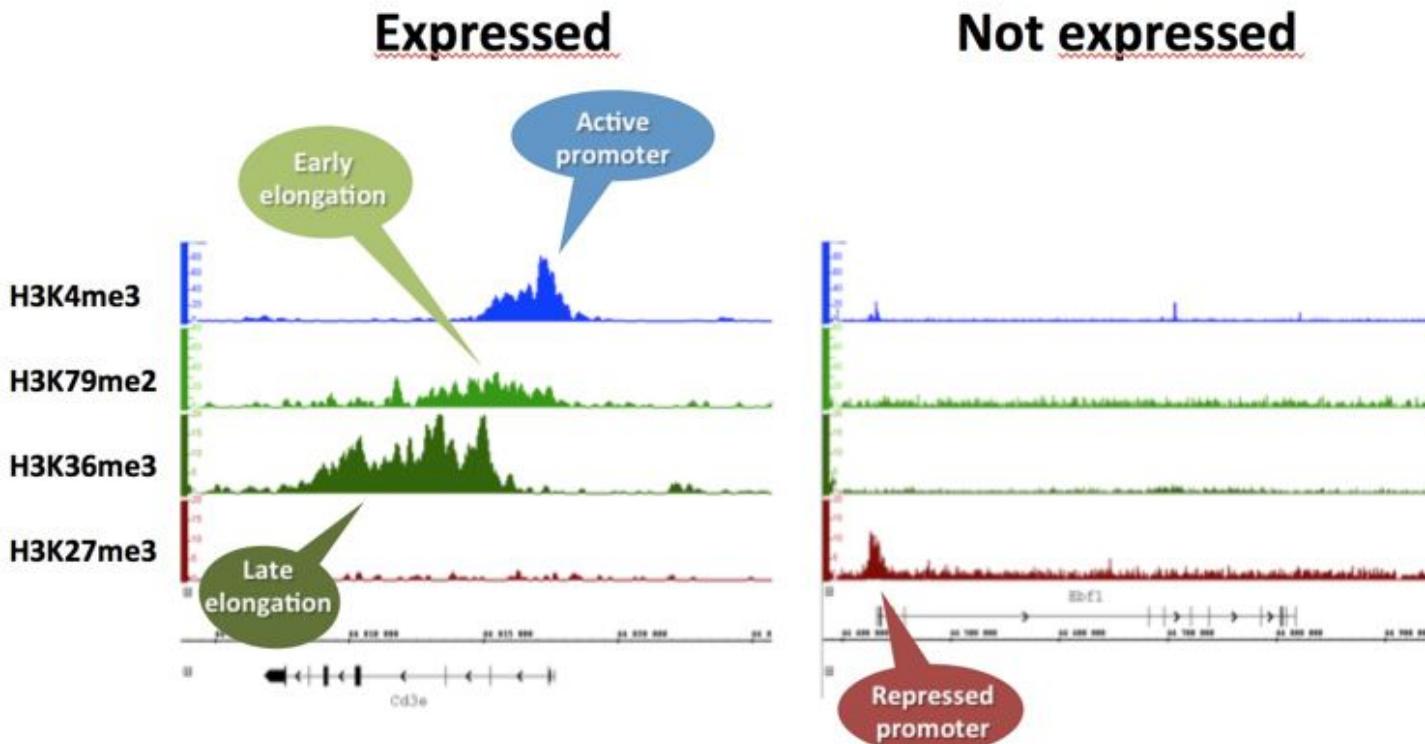
Comparison between the input and the chip samples



Why we use an input...



Epigenetic modifications of histones

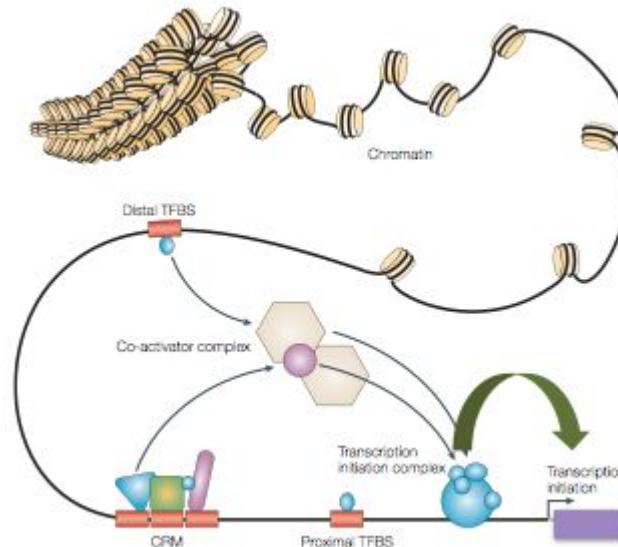




Discovering motifs in the peaks

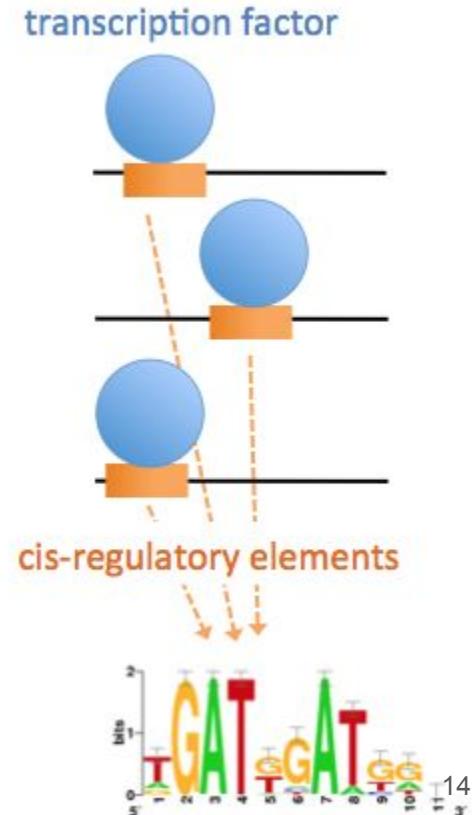
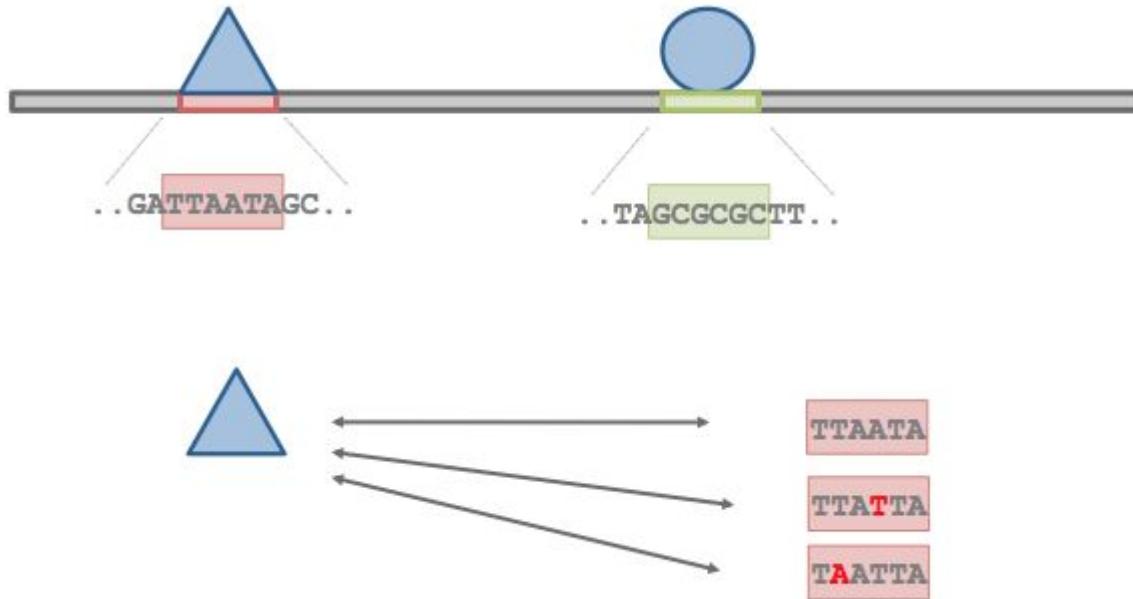
Biological concepts of transcriptional regulation

Transcription factors are proteins that modulate (activate/repress) the expression of **target genes** through the binding on **DNA cis-regulatory elements**



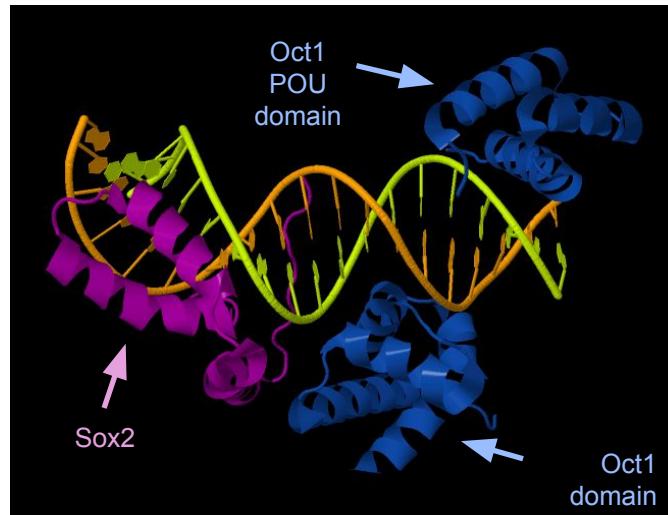
Wasserman et al, Nat Rev Genet, 2004

Transcription factor specificity



Sox2/Oct4 cooperative binding

- The Sox2 and Oct4 transcription factors recognize specific DNA motifs.
- Cooperative binding: Sox2 and Oct4 closely interact to bind DNA.
- The pair of transcription factors recognizes a composite motif called the « SOCT » motif (SOx+OCT).



<http://www.pdb.org/pdb/explore/explore.do?structureId=1O4X>

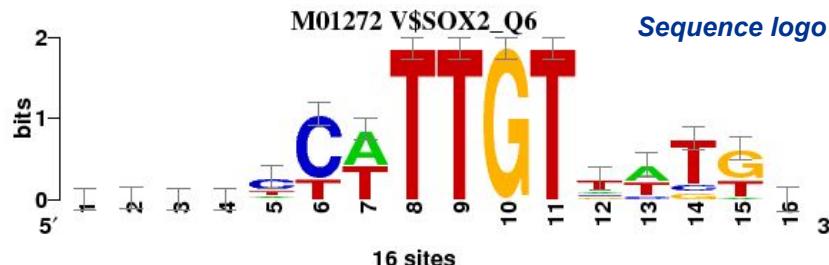
Sox2 : from binding sites to binding motif

*Collection of binding sites
used to build the Sox2 matrix
(TRANSFAC M01272)*

R15133 GCCCTCATTGTTATGC
R15201 AAACTCTTGTGTTGGA
R15231 TTCACCATTGTTCTAG
R15267 GACTCTATTGTCTCTG
R16367 GATATCTTGTGTTCTT
R17099 TGCACCTTGTGTTATGC
R19276 AATTCCATTGTGTTATGA
R19367 AAACTCTTGTGTTGGA
R19510 ATGGACATTGTAATGC
R22342 AGGCCTTTGTCCTGG
R22344 TGTGCTTTGTNNNNN
R22359 CTCAACTTGTAAATT
R22961 GCAGCCATTGTGATGC
R23679 CACCCCTTGTTATGC
R25928 TTTTCTATTGTTTTA
R27428 AAAGGCATTGTGTTTC

Position-specific scoring matrix (PSSM)

A	6	7	4	4	2	0	8	0	0	0	0	2	7	0	1	4
C	2	2	6	5	9	12	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	2	0	6
G	4	3	2	4	1	0	0	0	0	16	0	2	0	2	9	3
T	4	4	4	3	4	4	8	16	16	0	16	9	6	11	5	2



“Family” binding motifs (FBM)

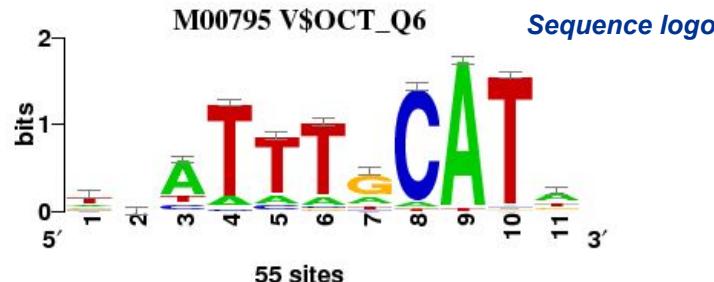
- In addition to TF-specific matrices, TRANSFAC contains matrices representing the “consensus” of the binding specificity for several transcription factors belonging to the OCT family.
- This matrix was built from 55 sites, collected from different organisms (mouse, human, cat, xenopus, ...).

*Collection of binding sites
used to build the motif of the OCT
family (TRANSFAC M00795)*

R00306TAATTAGCATA
R00551ATATTTGCATT
R00662TTATTTGCATA
R00664TCATTTGCATA
R00666ACATTTGCATA
R00814TCGTTAGCATG
R00815CGCATGGCATIC
R00820GGAATTC CATT
R00824CGTATCTCATT
R00834TTATTTGCATA
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R00872TAATTTGCATT
R00888CGATTTGCATA
R00893TGATTTGCATA
... 40 other sites

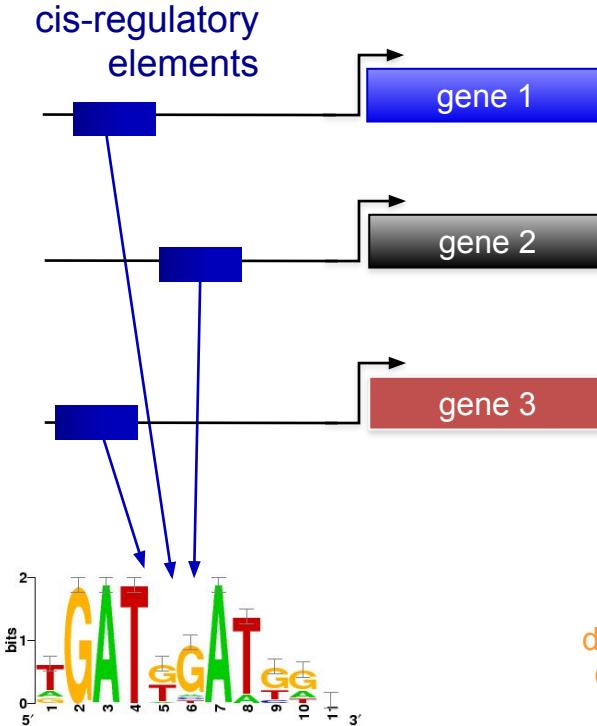
Position-specific scoring matrix (PSSM)

A	10	14	37	6	7	6	11	3	53	1	27
C	7	12	7	2	5	2	3	50	0	1	4
G	10	15	2	0	1	2	34	0	0	1	10
T	28	14	9	47	42	45	7	2	2	52	14

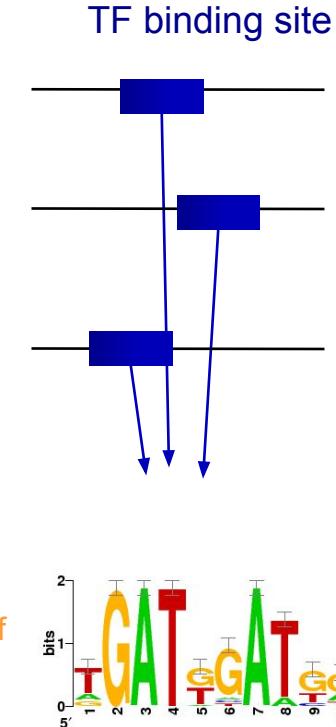


De novo motif discovery

Case 1: promoters of co-expressed genes



Case 2: ChIP-seq peaks



De novo motif discovery

- Find exceptional motifs based on the sequence only
- (No prior knowledge of the motif to look for)
- Criteria of exceptionality:
 - ***Over-/under-representation:*** higher/lower frequency than expected by chance
 - ***Position bias:*** concentration at specific positions relative to some reference coordinates (e.g. TSS, peak center, ...).

Some motif discovery tools

- MEME (Bailey et al., 1994)
- **RSAT oligo-analysis (van Helden et al., 1998)**
- AlignACE (Roth et al. 1998)
- **RSAT position-analysis (van Helden et al., 2000)**
- Weeder (Pavesi et al. 2001)
- MotifSampler (Thijs et al., 2001)
- ... many others

Motif analysis on ChIP-seq peaks

- **Motif discovery** from peak sequences, without a priori ("de novo" analysis).
 - Check if the **expected motif** (ChIP-ped factor) can be discovered from the peaks.
 - If not, evaluate if the experiment and bioinformatics treatment was OK (e.g. functional enrichment).
 - **Improve annotated motifs**
 - Obtain a well-documented motifs (built from thousands of sites), supposedly more reliable than "classical" motifs build from individual experiments (e.g. 10 sites from footprints and EMSA).
 - Main annotation path for recent motif database releases (JASPAR, TRANSFAC, ...).
 - Discover **partner transcription factors**.
- **Differential motif discovery**
 - Discover differentially represented motifs between a peak set of interest (*test*) compared to another one (*control*).
- **Peak scanning**
 - Goal: identify binding sites within the peaks.
 - Typical ChIP-seq peak: ~100 to 1000bp Actual binding site: 6 to 10 bp.
- **Peak enrichment** for known motifs
 - Scan sequences to identify putative binding sites for TFs known to interact.
 - Compare observed/expected number of sites.

Regulatory sequence Analysis Tools (<http://rsat.eu/>)

Regulatory Sequence Analysis Tools

Welcome to **Regulatory Sequence Analysis Tools (RSAT)**.



This web site provides a series of modular computer programs specifically designed for the detection of regulatory signals in non-coding sequences.

RSAT servers have been up and running since 1997. The project was initiated by [Jacques van Helden](#), and is now pursued by the [RSAT team](#).

Choose a server

New ! January 2015: we are in the process of re-organising our mirror servers into taxon-specific servers, to better suit the drastic increase of available genomes.



RSAT
170 Fungi

maintained by TAGC - Université Aix Marseilles, France



RSAT
4648 Bacteria + 235 Archaea

maintained by RegulonDB UAM/CSIC, Mexico



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maintained by Bruno Contreras Moreira, Spain



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maintained by SLU Global Bioinformatics Center, Uppsala, Sweden

Citing RSAT complete suite of tools:

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For citing individual tools: the reference of each tool is indicated on top of their query form.

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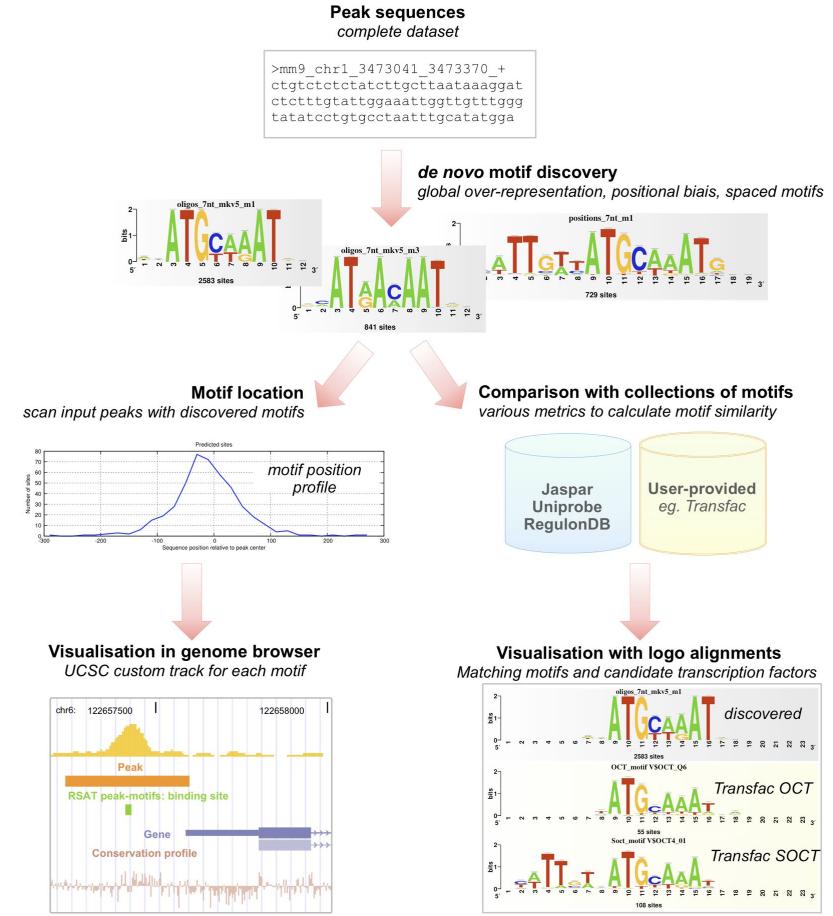
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Peak-motifs

- A workflow enabling to discover motifs in large sequence sets (tens of Mb) resulting from ChIP-seq experiments.
- **Complementary pattern discovery criteria**
 - Global over-representation
 - Positional biases
 - Local over-representation
- Links **from motifs to putative binding factors**
 - motif databases
 - user-specified reference motifs
- **Prediction of binding sites** within the peaks.
 - Inspect distribution around peak centers
 - Can be loaded as UCSC track
- **Interfaces**
 - Web interface
 - Stand-alone (Unix command-line)
 - Web services (SOAP/WSDL)
 - Virtual Machine for VirtualBox
 - Virtual machine at the IFB cloud
 - Soon: *Debian package*
 - Soon: *Docker container*



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Peak-motifs: why providing yet another tool?

Program	ChipMunk	CompleteMotifs	MEME-ChIP	MCSA	GimmeMotifs	RSAT peak-motifs
Web interface	yes	yes	yes	no	no	yes
Size limitation	100kb (web site)	500kb (web site)	unrestricted, but motif discovery restricted to 600 peaks clipped to 100bp	motif discovery restricted to a few hundred base pairs	-	unrestricted (Web site tested with 22 Mb)
Stand-alone version	yes	no	yes	yes	yes	yes
Tasks						
peak finding	no	no	no	yes	no	no
annotation of peak-flanking genes	no	yes	no	no	no	no
sequence composition (mono- and di-nucleotides)	no	no	no	no	no	yes
motif discovery	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
enrichment in motifs from databases	no	yes	yes	no	no	no
enrichment in discovered motifs	no	no	no	no	no	yes
peak scoring	no	no	yes	yes	no	no
motif clustering	no	no	no	no	yes	no
comparison discovered motifs / motif DB	no	no	yes	yes	yes	yes
sequence scanning for site prediction	no	no	yes	no	no	yes
positional distribution of sites inside peaks	no	yes	no	no	yes	yes
visualization in genome browsers	no	yes	no	no	no	yes
Motif discovery algorithms	ChipMunk	ChipMunk MEME Weeder	MEME DREME	MEME	MEME Weeder MotifSampler BioProspector Gadem Improbizer MDmodule Trawler MoAn	RSAT oligo-analysis RSAT dyad-analysis RSAT position-analysis RSAT local-word-analysis + in stand-alone version: MEME ChIPMunk

Peak-motifs: why providing yet another tool?

- **Fast and scalable**
- **Treat full-size datasets**
- **Complete pipeline**
 - Peak properties
(nucleotide, dinucleotide composition, lengths)
 - Motif discovery
 - Comparison with known motifs
 - Peak scanning
- **Accessible to non-specialists**
 - Demo buttons
 - Tutorials & Protocols
 - Human-readable HTML report with links to all result files.

RSA-tools - peak-motifs

Pipeline for discovering motifs in massive ChIP-seq peak sequences.
Conception¹, implementation² and testing³: Jacques van Helden^{4,5}, Morgane Thomas-Chollier^{4,5}, Matthieu Defrance^{4,5}, Olivier Sand¹, Denis Thieffry^{4,5}, and Carl Herrmann^{4,5}.

Information on the methods used in peak-motifs

Peak Sequences

Title: Kr.D.mel 1-3h Markov m=k=2

Peak sequences: Paste your sequence in fasta format in the box below
Or select a file to upload (.gz compressed files supported)
Km_D.mel.[01-03h_Even.rep1.fasta

Optional: control dataset for differential analysis (test vs control)

Control sequences: Paste your sequence in fasta format in the box below
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[I only have coordinates in a BED file, how to get sequences?]

Reduce peak sequences

Motif discovery parameters

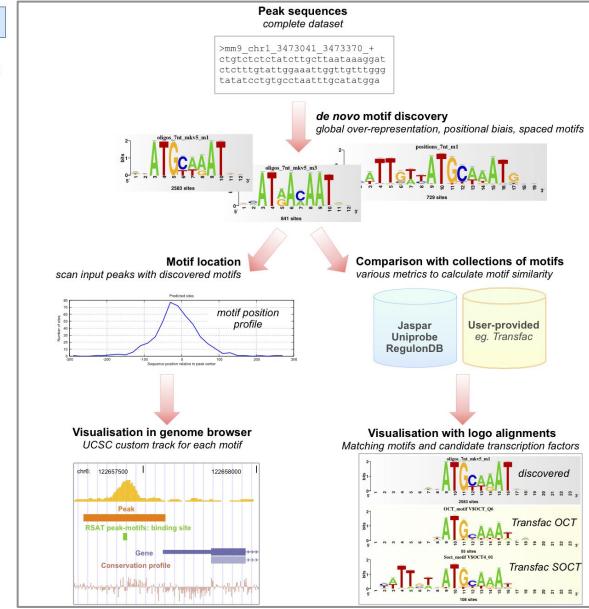
Compare discovered motifs with databases (e.g. against Jaspar) or custom reference motifs

Locate motifs and export predicted sites as custom UCSC tracks

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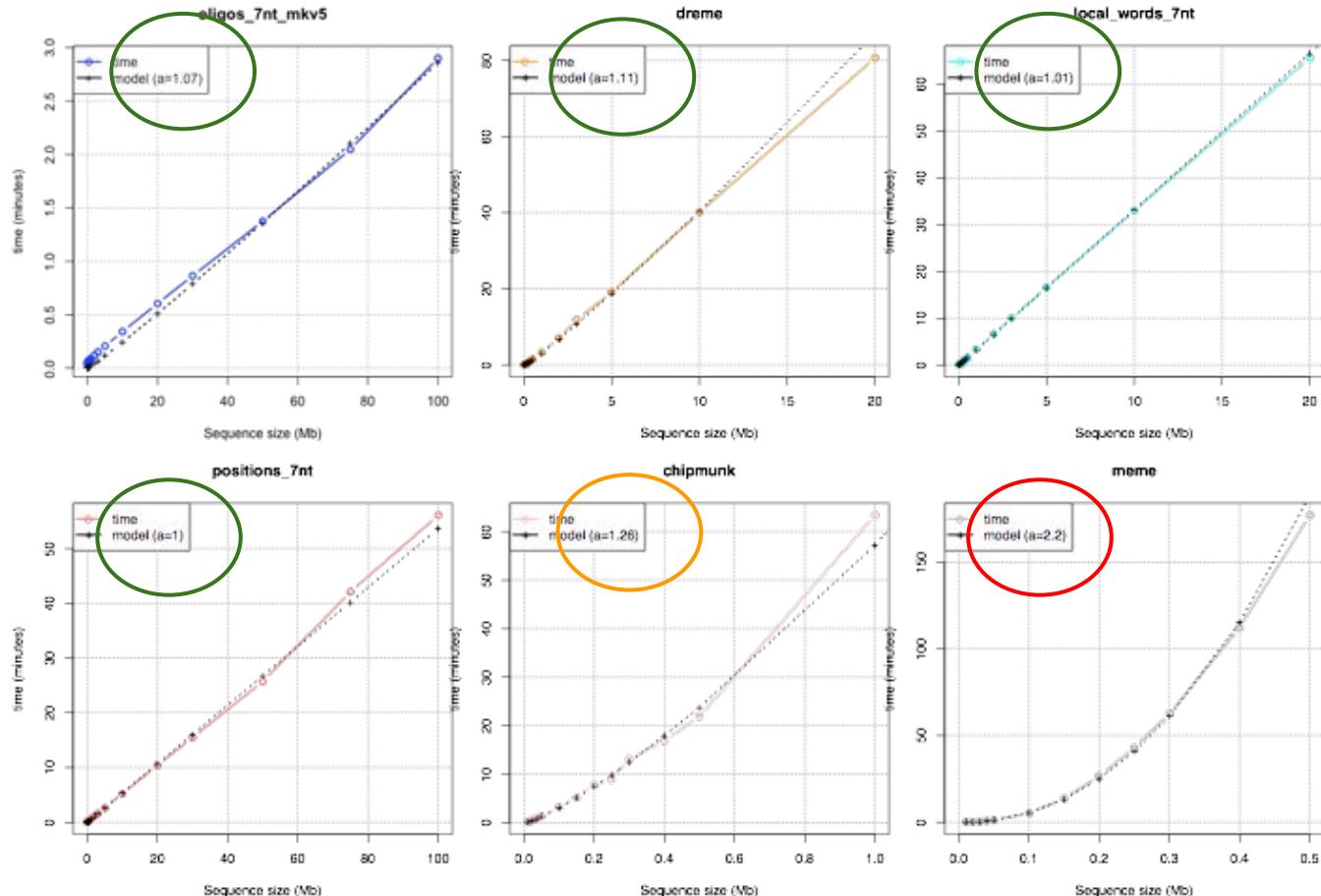
Note: email output is preferred for very large datasets or many comparisons with motifs collections

[GO] [Reset] [DEMO single] [DEMO test vs ctrl] [MANUAL] [TUTORIAL] [ASK A QUESTION]



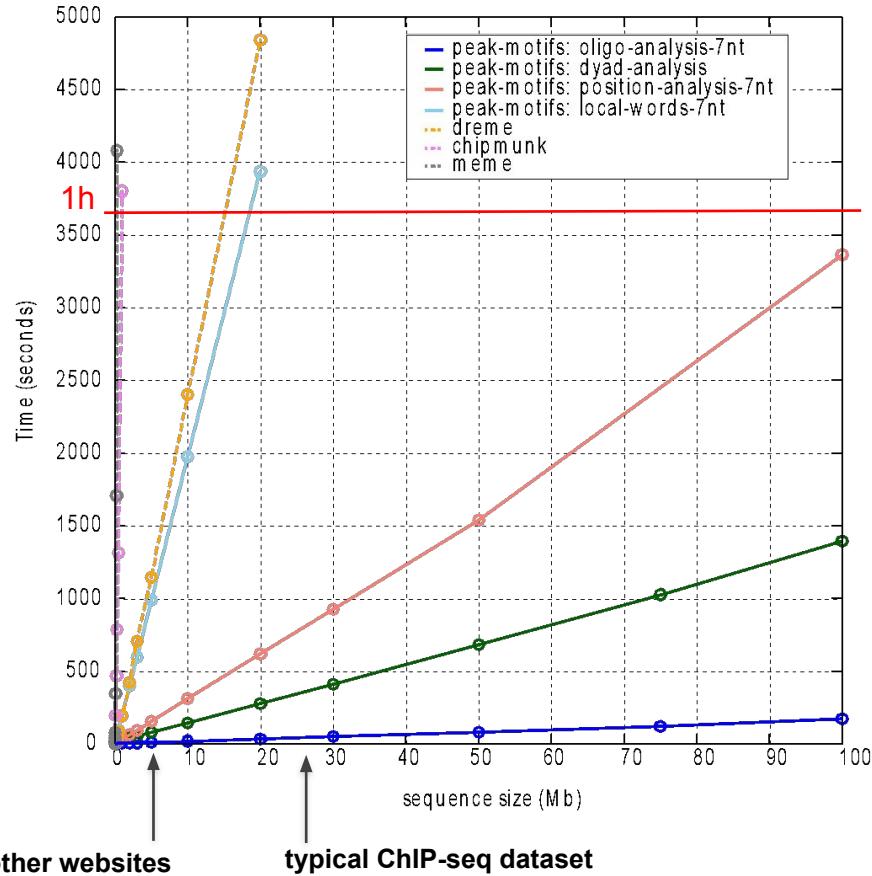
Time complexity of motif discovery algorithms

- Linear
- > linear
- > quadratic

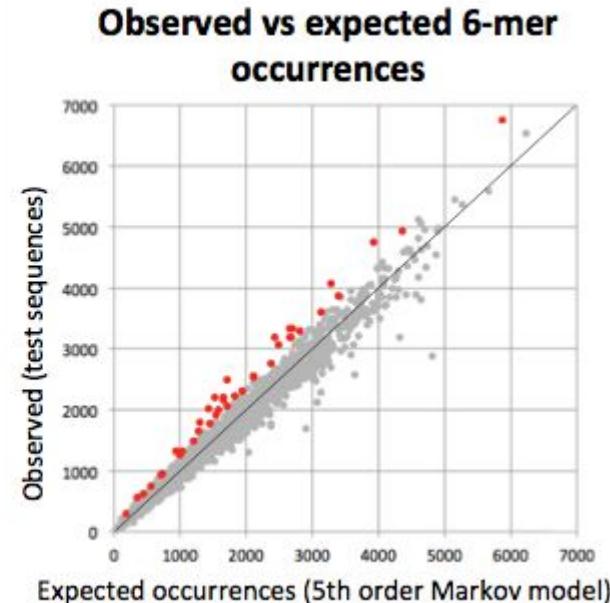
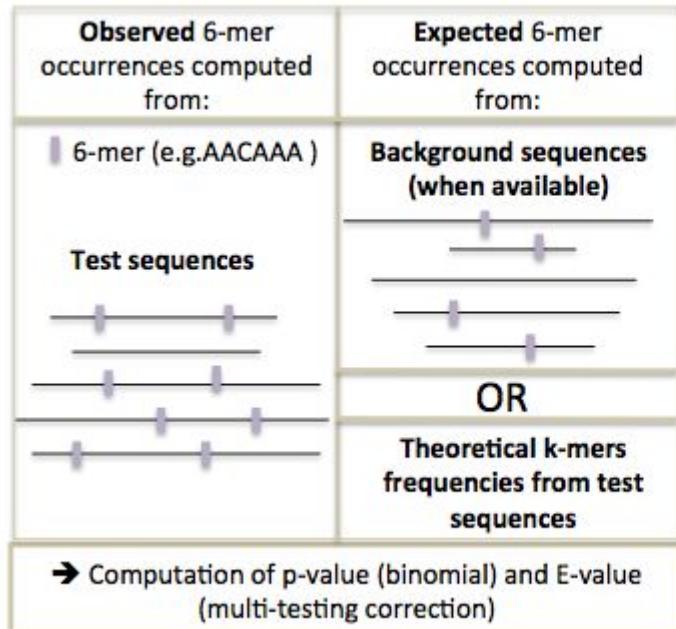


Peak-motifs: scalability

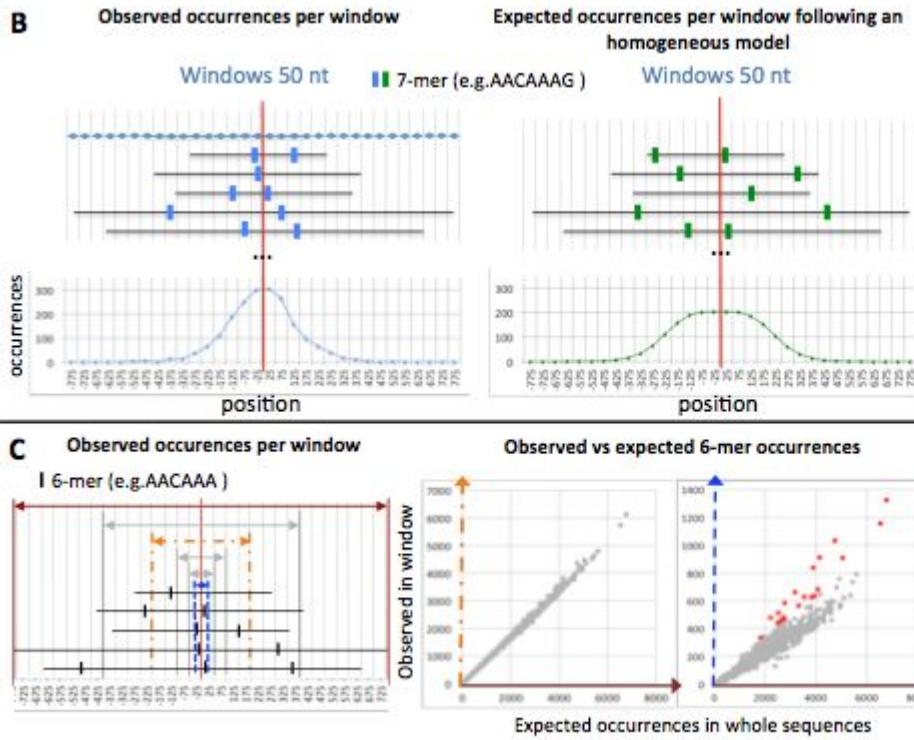
- Fast and scalable
- Treat full-size datasets
- Using 4 complementary algorithms
 - Global over-representation
 - oligo-analysis
 - dyad-analysis (spaced motifs)
 - Positional bias
 - position-analysis
 - local-words



Motif discovery: k-mer over-representation



Motif discovery: k-mer position biases

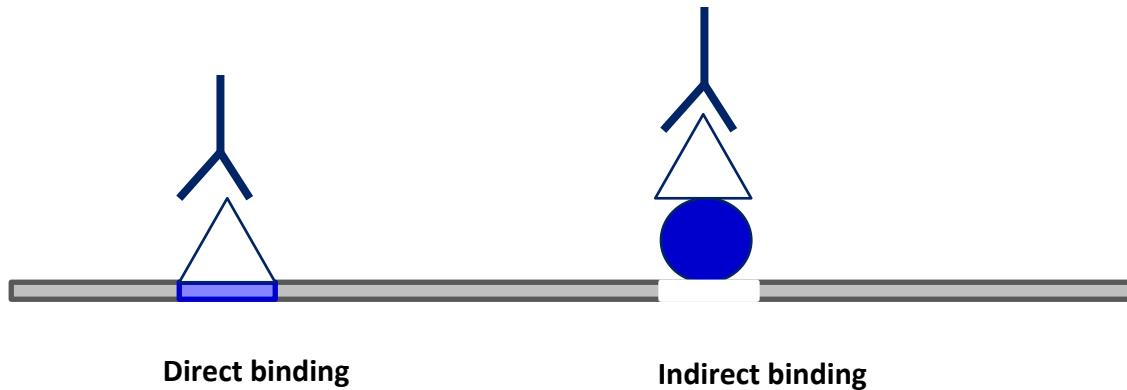


position-analysis

local-words

Direct versus indirect binding

- ChIP-seq does not necessarily reveal **direct binding**: The motif of the targeted TF is not always found in peaks!



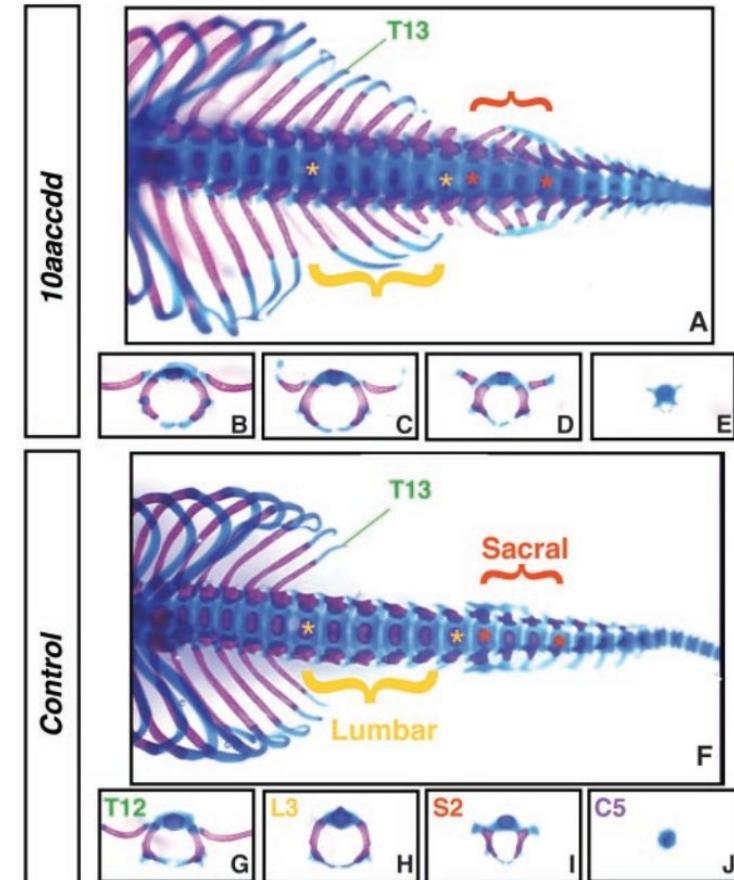


Negative Controls

Negative Controls in biology

One example from a multitude: Wellik and Mario R Capecchi, Science, 2003.

Fig. 1. Axial skeletons of *Hox10* and *Hox11* triple mutants at embryonic day 18.5 (E18.5). Ventral views of the axial skeleton from the lower thoracic region through the early caudal region of a *Hox10* triple mutant (A), a control (F), and a *Hox11* triple mutant (K) are shown. Yellow asterisks indicate lumbar vertebrae; red asterisks indicate sacral vertebrae. A five-allele mutant from the *Hox10* and *Hox11* paralogous mutant group is shown in (P) and (Q), respectively (red arrows indicate sacral wing formation). Analogous vertebrae were dissected from the control and from each triple mutant to compare single vertebral identities. The 19th vertebral element, normally T12, is shown in (B), (G), and (L). The 23rd element, normally L3, is shown in (C), (H), and (M). The 28th element, normally S2, is



Negative and positive controls in bioinformatics

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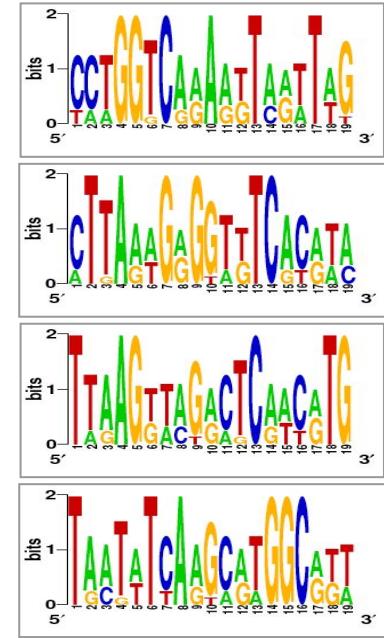
RSAT Metazoa

New items 0

> view all tools

- ▶ Genomes and genes
- ▶ Sequence tools !
- ▶ Matrix tools !
- Build control sets
- random gene selection
- random sequence
- random genome fragments
- random-motif
- permute-matrix
- random-sites
- implant-sites

- **Negative control:** quantify the capability of the program to return a negative answer when there are no regulatory elements.
 - Artificial sequences
 - RSAT ***random-sequences*** (Markov models to mimic k-mer frequencies of the organism)
 - Biological sequences without common regulation
 - RSAT ***random-genes*** (negative control for expression clusters)
 - RSAT ***random-genome-fragments*** (negative controls for ChIP-seq)
 - Randomized motifs: column permutations preserve nucleotide frequencies and information content
 - RSAT ***permute-matrix***
- **Positive control:** quantify the capability of the program to detect known regulatory elements
 - Annotated sites (e.g. sites from TRANSFAC) in their original context (promoter sequences).
 - Annotated sites implanted in other context
 - Biological sequences (random selection).
 - Artificial sequences.
 - Artificial sites implanted in artificial sequences.
 - RSAT ***random-motif***
 - RSAT ***random-sites***
 - RSAT ***implant-sites***



RSAT random-genome-fragments

- Select a set of fragments with random positions in a given genome, and return their coordinates and/or sequences
- Adapted to chip-seq ?
 - Yes: same number of peaks + same size
 - No: composition of the sequences (nucleotides, k-mers) may change depends on genomic regions
 -
- Complexify the control
 - Make sure no peak is covered
 - Take regions close / far from the peaks
 - Maintain same composition
 - Maintain same dataset size
 - ...

Why is it important ?

To prevent this

NATURE | BRIEF COMMUNICATION ARISING



Universality of core promoter elements?

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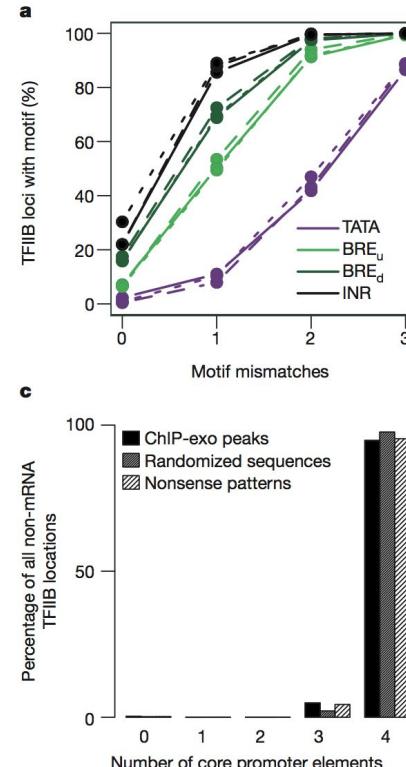
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We show that the claimed universality of CPEs is explained by the low specificities of the patterns used and that the same match frequencies are obtained with two negative controls (randomized sequences and scrambled patterns).

Our analyses also cast doubt on the biological significance of most of the 150,753 non-messenger-RNA-associated ChIP-exo peaks, 72% of which lie within repetitive regions.



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We reported the presence of degenerate versions of four well known core promoter elements (BRE_u, TATA, BRE_d and INR) at most measured TFIIIB binding locations found across the human genome. However, it was brought to our attention by Matthias Siebert and Johannes Söding in the accompanying Brief Communication Arising (Nature 511, E11–E12, <http://dx.doi.org/10.1038/nature13587>; 2014) that the core-promoter-element analyses that led to this conclusion were not correctly designed. Consequently, the individual core promoter elements were not statistically validated, and therefore there is no evidence of specificity for most reported core-promoter-element locations. To the best of our knowledge, the raw and processed human TFIIIB, TBP and Pol II ChIP-exo data are valid, but subject to standard false discovery considerations. We therefore retract the paper. We sincerely apologize for adverse consequences that may have arisen from the error in our analyses.



Supplementary information

To go further

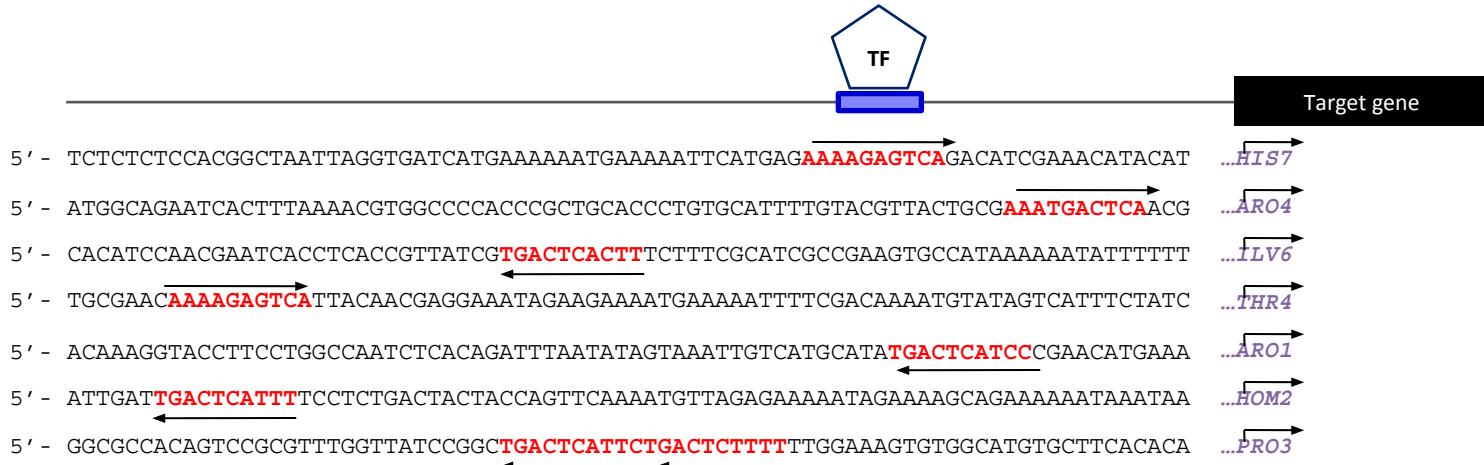
- The next slides explain step by step the algorithm behind oligo-analysis
- Peak-motifs : follow this protocol to grasp the detailed tweaking of parameters (send us an email to have free access to the PDF if necessary)
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- Description and evaluation of peak-motifs
 - Matrix-quality : RSAT program that can be used to evaluate the enrichment of motifs in peaks
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More info: RSAT descriptions + protocols

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Principle: detect unexpected patterns

- Binding sites are represented as “words” = “oligonucleotides”=“k-mer”
 - e.g. **acgtga** is a 6-mer
- Signal is likely to be **more frequent** in the upstream regions of the co-regulated genes than in a random selection of genes
- We will thus detect **over-represented words** (k-mers, oligonucleotides).



Idea:

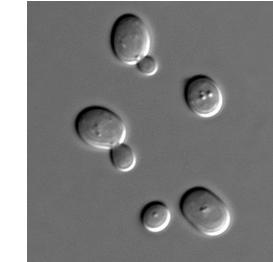
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Let's take an example (*yeast Saccharomyces cerevisiae*)

- NIT
 - 7 genes expressed under low nitrogen conditions
- MET
 - 10 genes expressed in absence of methionine
- PHO
 - 5 genes expressed under phosphate stress



PHO		
aaaaaa ttttt	51	
aaaaag ctttt	15	
aagaaa tttctt	14	
gaaaaaa tttttc	13	
tgccaa ttggca	12	
aaaaat attttt	12	
aaatta taattt	12	
agaaaa ttttct	11	
caagaa ttcttg	11	
aaacgt acgttt	11	
aaagaa ttcttt	11	
acgtgc gcacgt	10	
aataat attatt	10	
aagaag cttctt	10	
atataaa ttatata	10	

MET		
aaaaaaa tttttt	105	
atatat atatat	41	
gaaaaaa tttttc	40	
tatata tatata	40	
aaaaat attttt	35	
aagaaa tttctt	29	
agaaaa ttttct	28	
aaaata tatttt	26	
aaaaag cttttt	25	
agaaaat atttct	24	
aaataa ttattt	22	
taaaaa ttttta	21	
tgaaaa ttttca	21	
ataata tattat	20	
atataaa ttatata	20	

NIT		
aaaaaaa tttttt	80	
cttatc gataag	26	
tatata tatata	22	
ataaga tcttat	20	
aagaaa tttctt	20	
gaaaaaa tttttc	19	
atatat atatat	19	
agataaa ttatct	17	
agaaaa ttttct	17	
aaagaa ttcttt	16	
aaaaca tgtttt	16	
aaaaag cttttt	15	
agaaga tcttct	14	
tgataaa ttatca	14	
atataaa ttatata	14	

The most frequent oligonucleotides are not informative

- A (too) simple approach would consist in **detecting the most frequent oligonucleotides** (for example hexanucleotides) for each group of upstream sequences.
- This would however lead to deceiving results.
 - In all the sequence sets, the same kind of patterns are selected: **AT-rich hexanucleotides**.

PHO			MET			NIT		
aaaaaa ttttt	51		aaaaaa ttttt	105		aaaaaa ttttt	80	
aaaaag ctttt	15		atatat atatat	41		cttata gataag	26	
aagaaa tttctt	14		gaaaaa ttttc	40		tatata tatata	22	
gaaaaa ttttc	13		tatata tatata	40		ataaga tcctat	20	
tgccaa ttggca	12		aaaaat atttt	35		aagaaa tttctt	20	
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aaatta taattt	12		agaaaa ttttct	28		atatat atatat	19	
agaaaa ttttct	11		aaaata atttt	26		agataa ttatct	17	
caagaa ttcttg	11		aaaaag ctttt	25		agaaaa ttttct	17	
aaacgt acgtt	11		agaaat atttct	24		aaagaa ttcttt	16	
aaagaa ttcttt	11		aaataa ttat	22		aaaaca tgtttt	16	
acgtgc gcacgt	10		taaaaa ttttt	21		aaaaag ctttt	15	
aataat attatt	10		tgaaaa ttttca	21		agaaga tcctct	14	
aagaag cttctt	10		ataata tattat	20		tgataa ttatca	14	
atataa ttat	10		atataa ttatat	20		atataa ttatat	14	

A more relevant criterion for over-representation

- The most frequent patterns do not reveal the motifs specifically bound by specific transcription factors.
- They merely **reflect the compositional biases** of upstream sequences.
- A more relevant criterion for over-representation is to detect patterns which **are more frequent** in the upstream sequences of the selected genes (co-regulated) **than the random expectation**.
- The **random expectation** is calculated by counting the frequency of each pattern in the complete set of upstream sequences (all genes of the genome).
=> “**Background**”

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- theoretical background model (Markov Models)

Estimation of word expected frequencies from background sequences

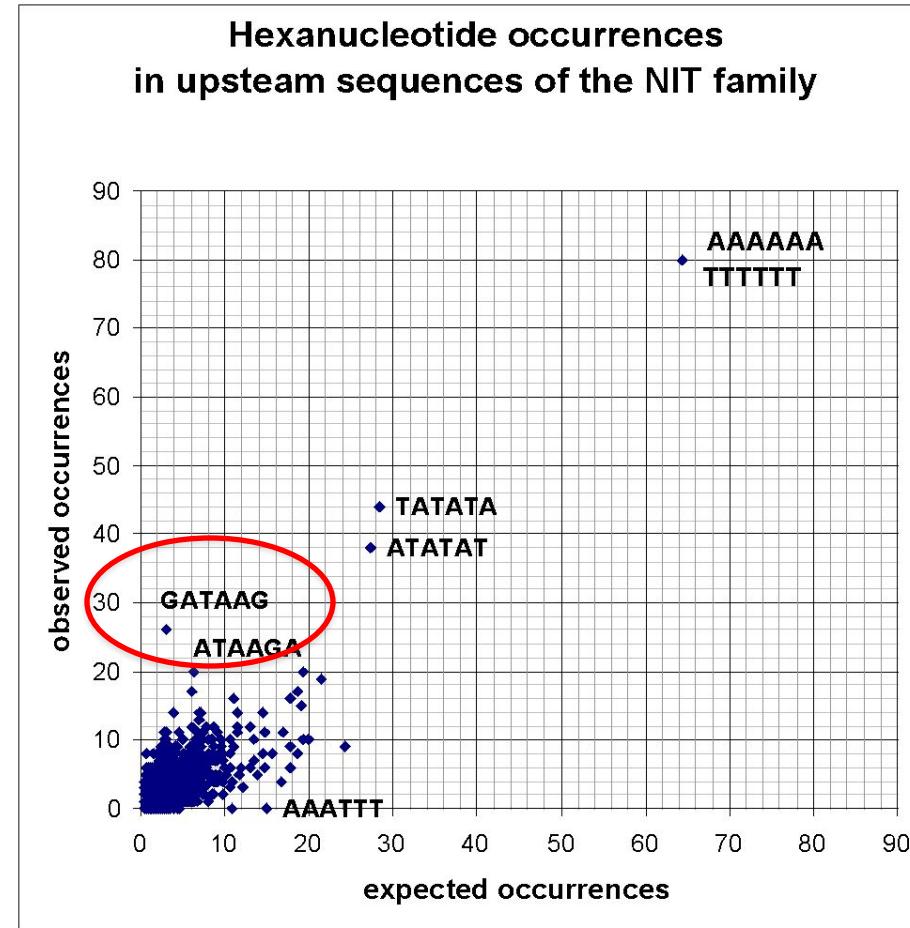


Example:

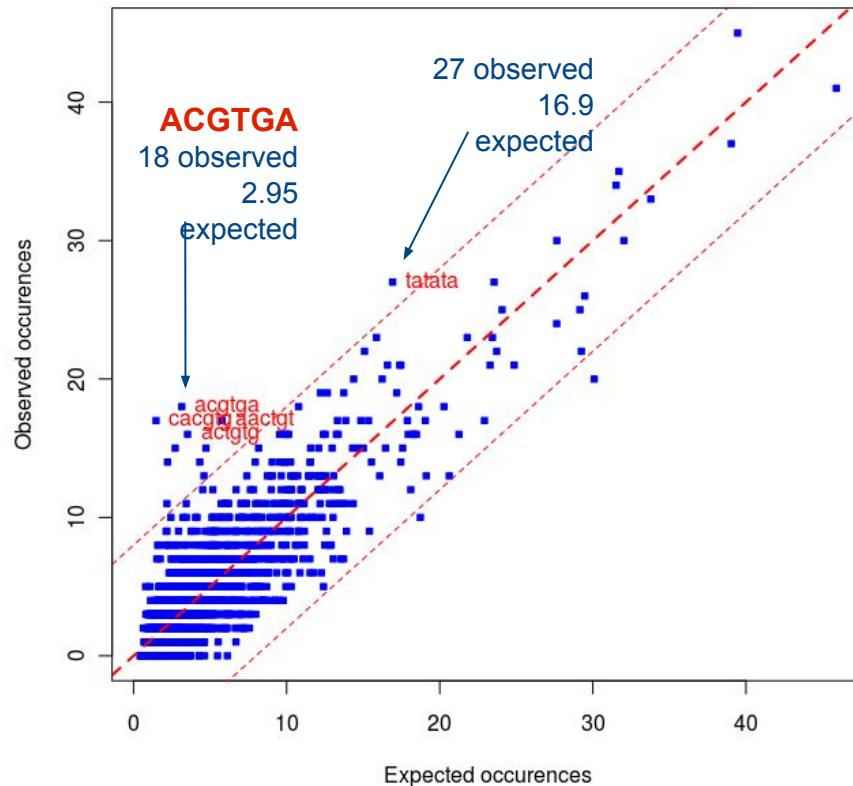
6nt frequencies in the whole set of 6000 yeast **upstream** sequences

;seq	identifier	observed_freq	occ
aaaaaaa	aaaaaaa ttttt	0,00510699	14555
aaaaaac	aaaaaac gtttt	0,00207402	5911
aaaaaag	aaaaaag ctttt	0,00375191	10693
aaaaaat	aaaaaat atttt	0,00423577	12072
aaaacaa	aaaacaa tgttt	0,0019828	5651
aaaacc	aaaacc ggttt	0,00088526	2523
aaaacg	aaaacg cgttt	0,00090105	2568
aaaact	aaaact agttt	0,0014621	4167
aaaaga	aaaaga tcattt	0,00323016	9206
aaaagc	aaaagc gcattt	0,00135824	3871
aaaagg	aaaagg ccattt	0,0017849	5087
aaaagt	aaaagt acttt	0,0019035	5425
aaaata	aaaata tattt	0,00336805	9599
aaaatc	aaaatc gattt	0,00131368	3744
aaaatg	aaaatg cattt	0,00185648	5291
aaaatt	aaaatt aattt	0,00269156	7671
aaacaa	aaacaa ttgtt	0,00209999	5985
aaacac	aaacac gtgtt	0,00071684	2043
aaacag	aaacag ctgtt	0,00096491	2750
aaacat	aaacat atgtt	0,00108982	3106
aaacca	aaacca tggtt	0,00074421	2121

NIT		
aaaaaa	tttttt	80
cttatac	gataag	26
tatata	tatata	22
ataaga	tcttat	20
aagaaa	tttctt	20
gaaaaa	ttttcc	19
atatat	atatat	19
agataaa	ttatct	17
agaaaaa	ttttct	17
aaagaaa	ttcttt	16
aaaaca	tggttt	16
aaaaaag	cttttt	15
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tgataaa	ttatca	14
atataaa	ttatata	14



Motif discovery using word counting



How to evaluate expected number of occurrences ?

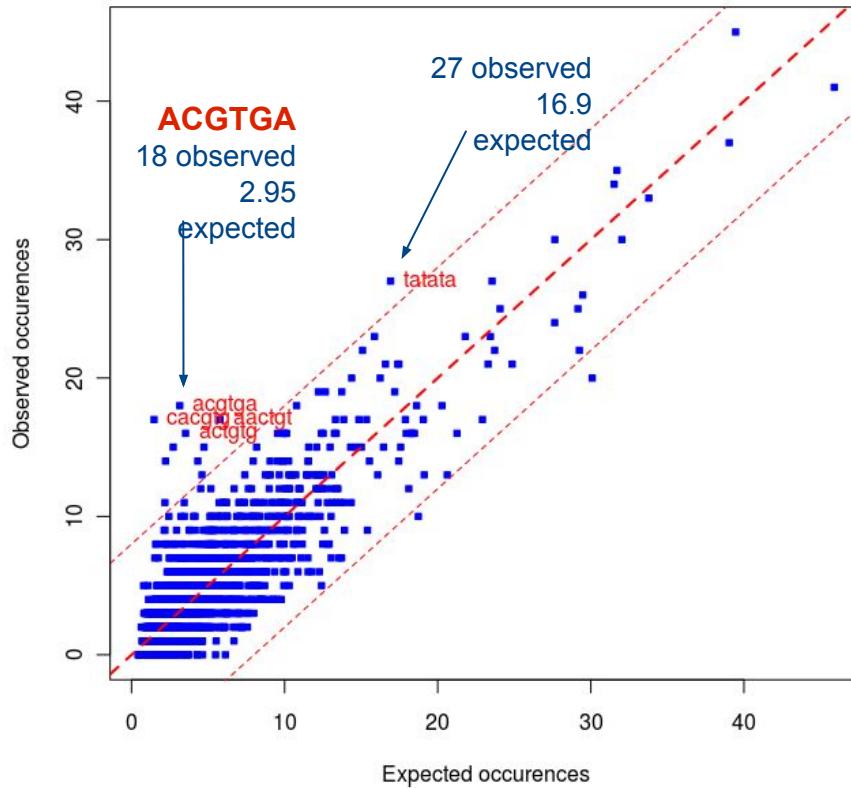
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- estimate the **expected number of occurrences** from a background model
 - empirical based on observed k-mer frequencies
 - theoretical background model (Markov Models)
- **statistical evaluation of the deviation observed** (P-value/E-value)

Statistical significance



*How « big » is the surprise
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How « big » is the surprise to observe 18 occurrences when expecting 2.95 ?

- at each position in the sequence, there is a **probability p** that the word starting at this position is ACGTGA
- we consider n positions
- what is the probability that k of these n positions correspond to ACGTGA ?
- **Application :** $p = 3.4\text{e-}4$ (intergenic frequencies)
 $n = 9000$ position
 $x = 18$ observed occurrences

$$P(X \geq x) = \sum_{i=x}^n \frac{n!}{i!(n-i)!} p^i (1-p)^{n-i}$$

Binomial distribution to measure the exceptionality of the occurrences

Sequencing

- Sequencer : Illumina HiSeq 4000
- No. of reads per run, per sample :
 - 1st run on the GAIIX : 10-20 millions of reads per lane
 - (HiSeq 2500) 4 samples per lane :~41 millions per sample
 - (HiSeq 4000) 8 samples per lane :~43 millions per sample
- Length of DNA fragment : ~200bp
- No. of cycle per run : 50

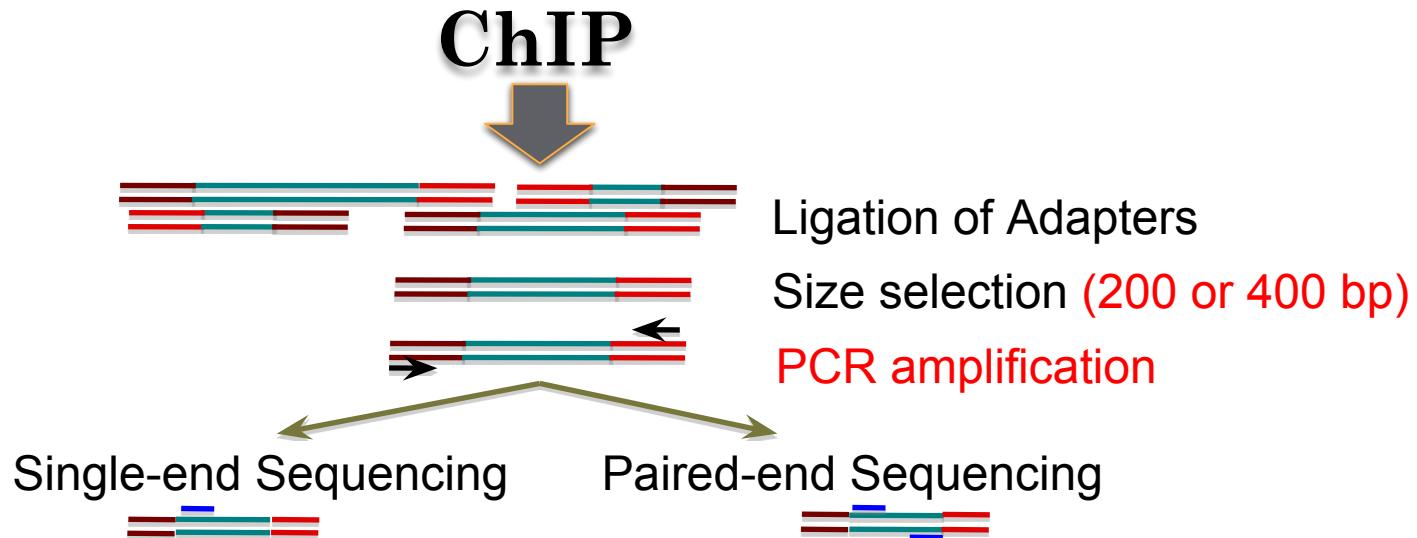


Single end or paired end?

- Single end (most of the time)
- Paired-end sequencing
 - Improve identification of duplicated reads
 - Better estimation of the fragment size distribution
 - Increase the mapping efficiency to **repeat regions**
 - The price!
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Library prep

- Step between ChIP and sequencing.
- The goal is to prepare DNA for the sequencing.
- Starting material: ChIP sample (1-10ng of sheared DNA).



Considerations on ChIP

- Antibody
 - Antibody quality varies, even between independently prepared batches of the same antibody (Egelhofer, T. A. *et al.* 2011).
- Number of cells
 - Large numbers of cells are required for a ChIP experiment (limitation for small organisms).
- Shearing of DNA (Mnase I, sonication, Covaris): trying to narrow down the size distribution of DNA fragments

→ **Complexity in DNA fragments**

Controls

- Used mostly to filter out false positives (high level of noise)
 - Idea: potential false positive will be enriched in both treatment and control.
- A control will fail to filter out false positives if its enrichment profile is very different from the enrichment profile of false positive regions in the treatment sample.
- 3 types of controls are commonly used :
 - **'Input' DNA:** a portion of DNA sample removed prior to IP
 - **DNA from non specific IP:** DNA obtained from IP with an antibody not known to be involved in DNA binding or chromatin modification, such as IgG.
 - **Mock IP DNA:** DNA obtained from IP without antibodies.
- 'Input' most generally preferred.

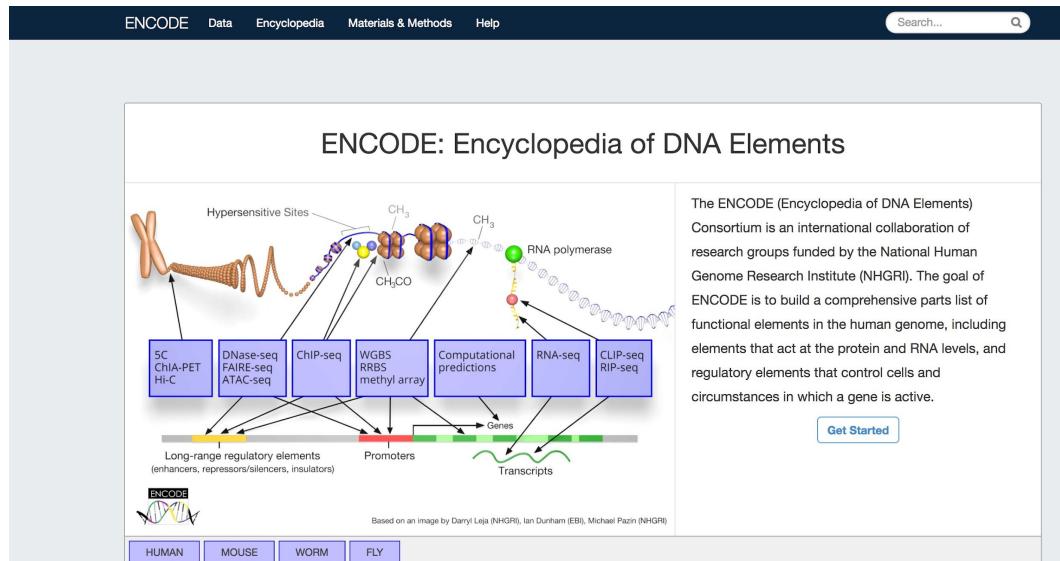
Replicates

- A **minimum** of two replicates should be carried out per experiment.
- Get ***biological replicates*** rather than technical replicates
 - i.e. taken from an independent cell culture, embryo pool or tissue sample.

ENCODE

See: <https://www.encodeproject.org/>

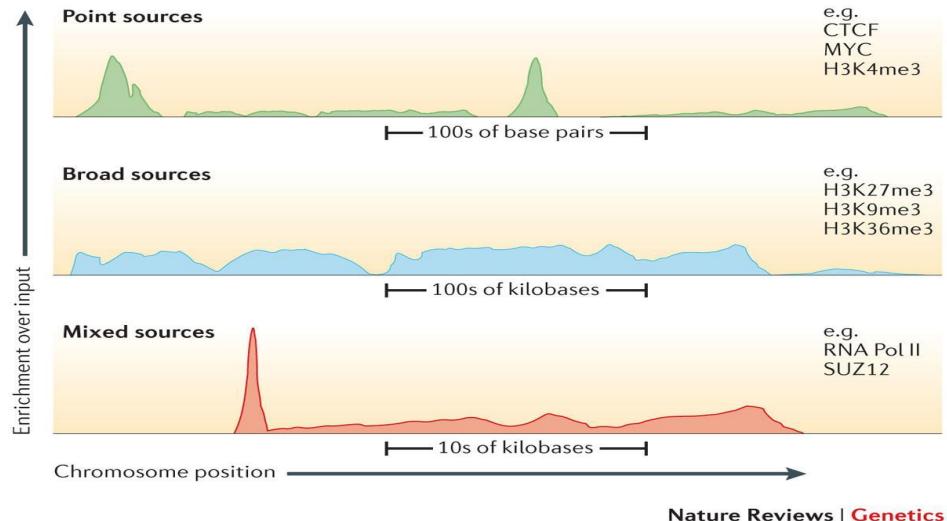
- The ENCYclopedia Of DNA Elements ([ENCODE](https://www.encodeproject.org/)) consortium has carried out hundreds of ChIP-seq experiments and has used this experience to develop a set of working standards and guidelines.



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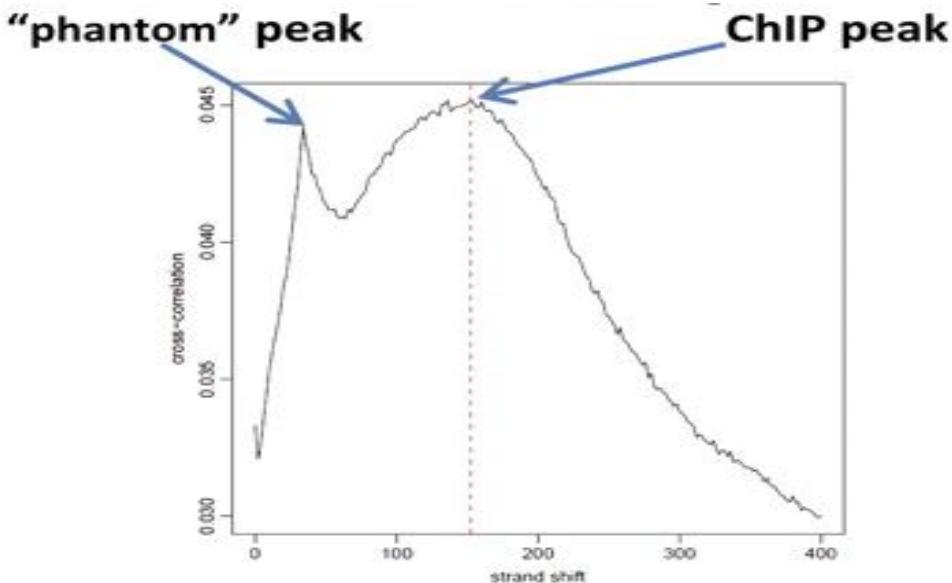
Sequencing depth

- Estimate the required depth depending on:
 - CHIP-peped protein
 - Expected profile type
 - Expected number of binding sites
 - Genome size
- Examples
 - For human genome
 - 20 million uniquely mapped read sequences for point-source peaks.
 - 40 million for broad-source peaks.
 - For fly genome: 8 million reads.
 - For worm genome: 10 million reads.

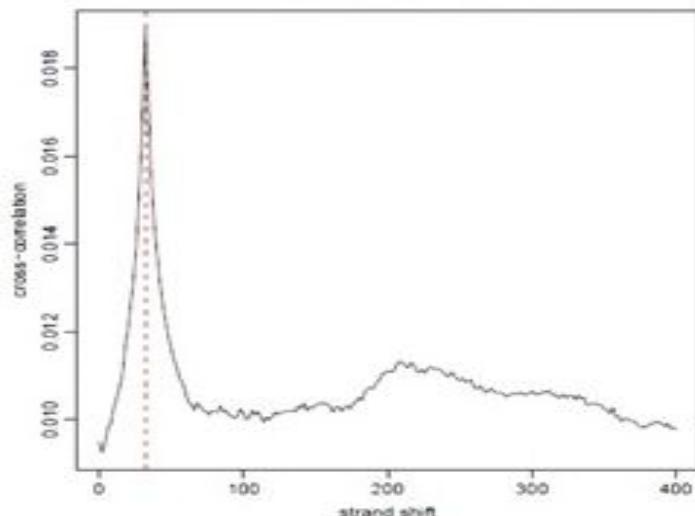


QC: Strand cross-correlation

Successful



Failed

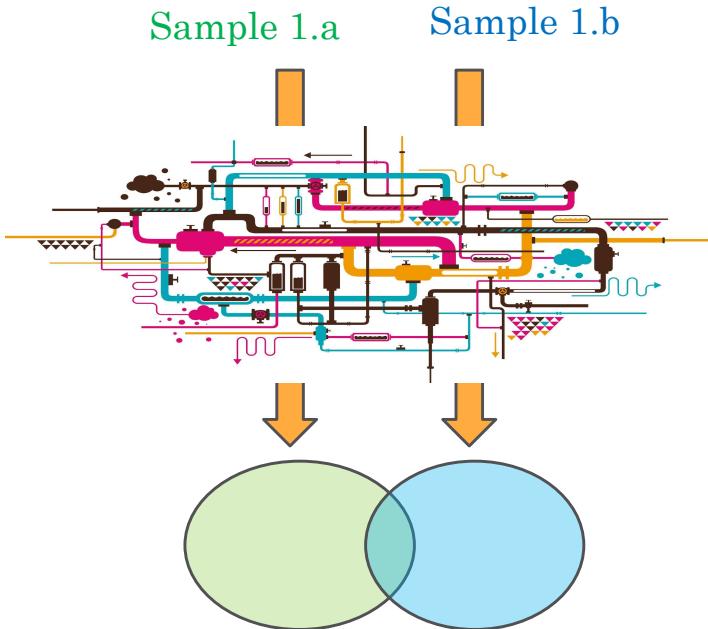




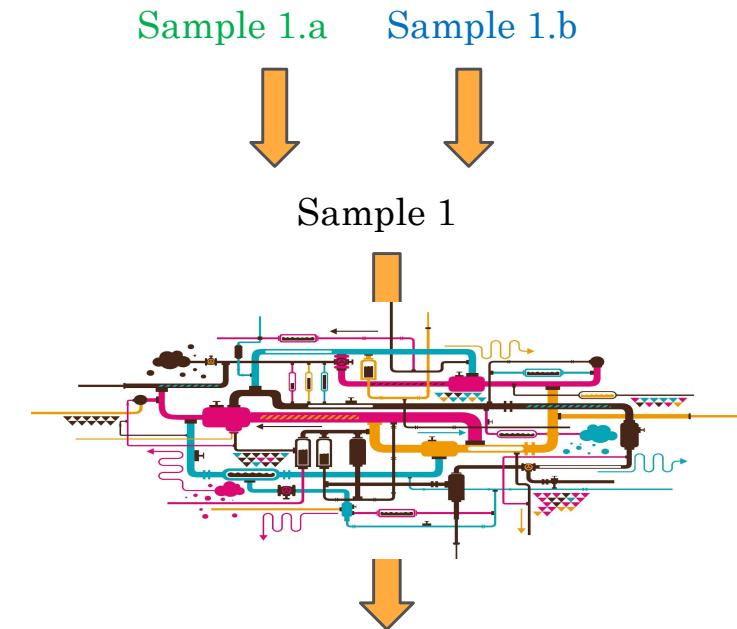
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Analyze samples separately and take union or intersection of resulting peaks



Merge samples prior to the peak calling
(e.g recommended by MACS)

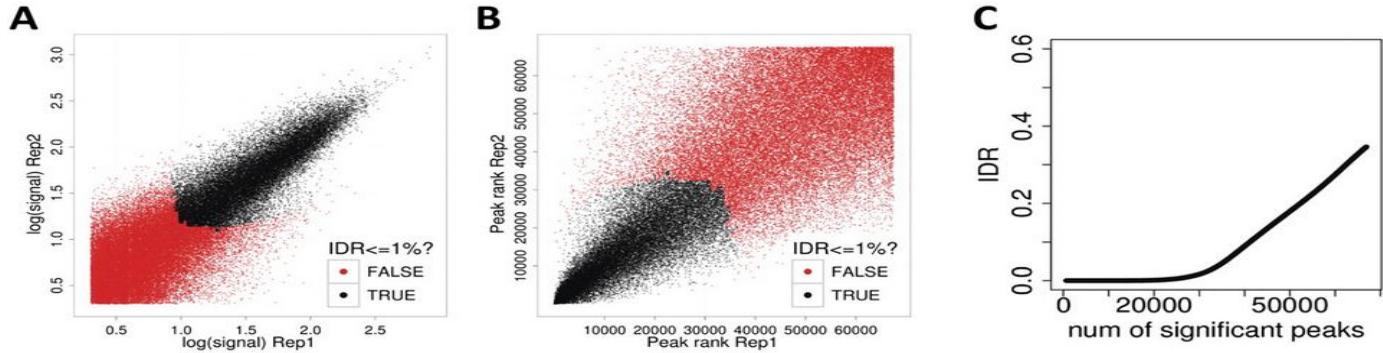


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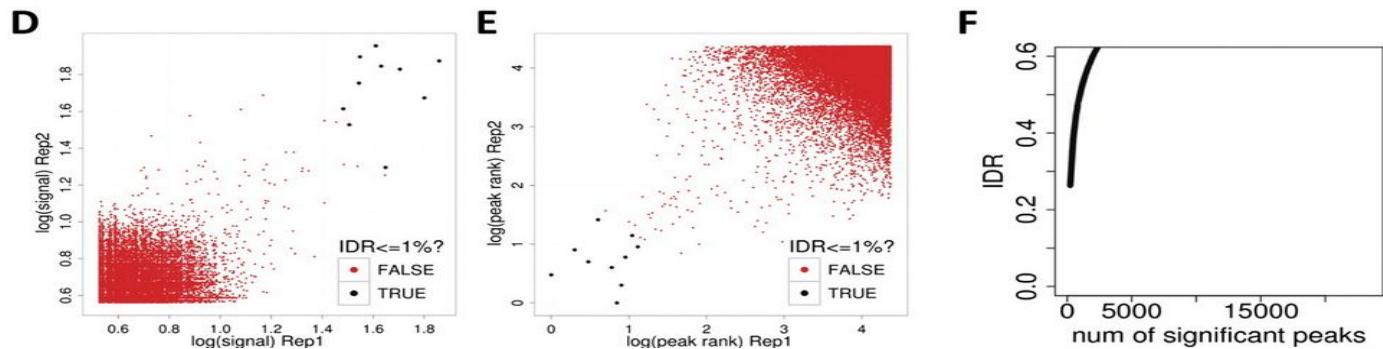
- IDR = Irreproducible Discovery Rate.
- Measures (in)consistency between replicates.
- Uses reproducibility between score rankings of peaks in the respective replicates to determine an optimal cutoff for significance.
- Idea:
 - The most significant peaks are expected to have high consistency between replicates.
 - The peaks with low significance are expected to have low consistency.

IDR

RAD21 Replicates (high reproducibility)



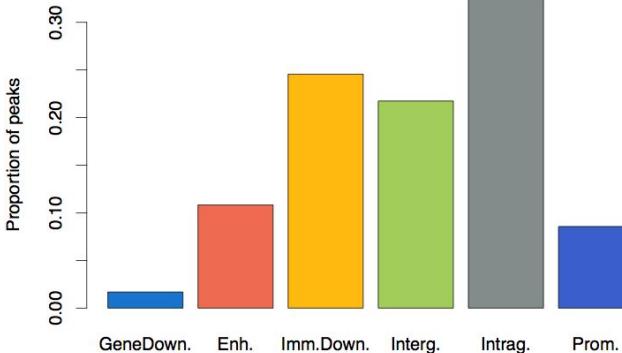
SPT20 Replicates (low reproducibility)



(!) IDR doesn't work on broad source data!

Galaxy: Annotate peaks

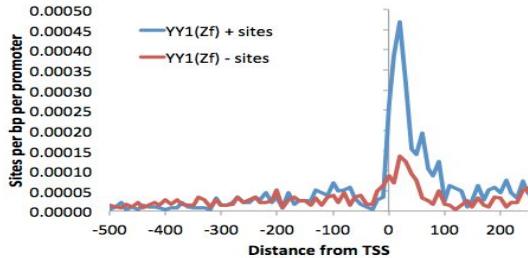
- Input
 - bed file with peaks
- Output
 - Fraction of peaks per genomic elements and annotated peaks



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chr1	3067471	3067948	3067709	50.67	593870	intergenic	NA
chr1	3660316	3662844	3661580	352.43	-1	promoter	NA
chr1	3842462	3842994	3842728	59.21	-181149	intergenic	NA
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chr1	3939314	3939679	3939496	82.99	-277917	intergenic	NA
chr1	4206037	4206512	4206274	50.86	144121	intergenic	NA
chr1	4481463	4484213	4482838	268.57	3656	intragenic	intron
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chr1	4760253	4761284	4760768	111.13	15039	5kbDownstream	NA
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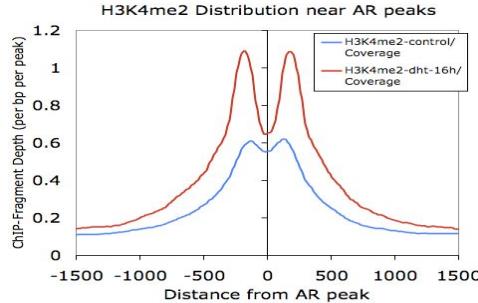
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Motif discovery and NGS data analysis



Simple Combinations of Lineage-Determining Transcription Factors Prime *cis*-Regulatory Elements Required for Macrophage and B Cell Identities

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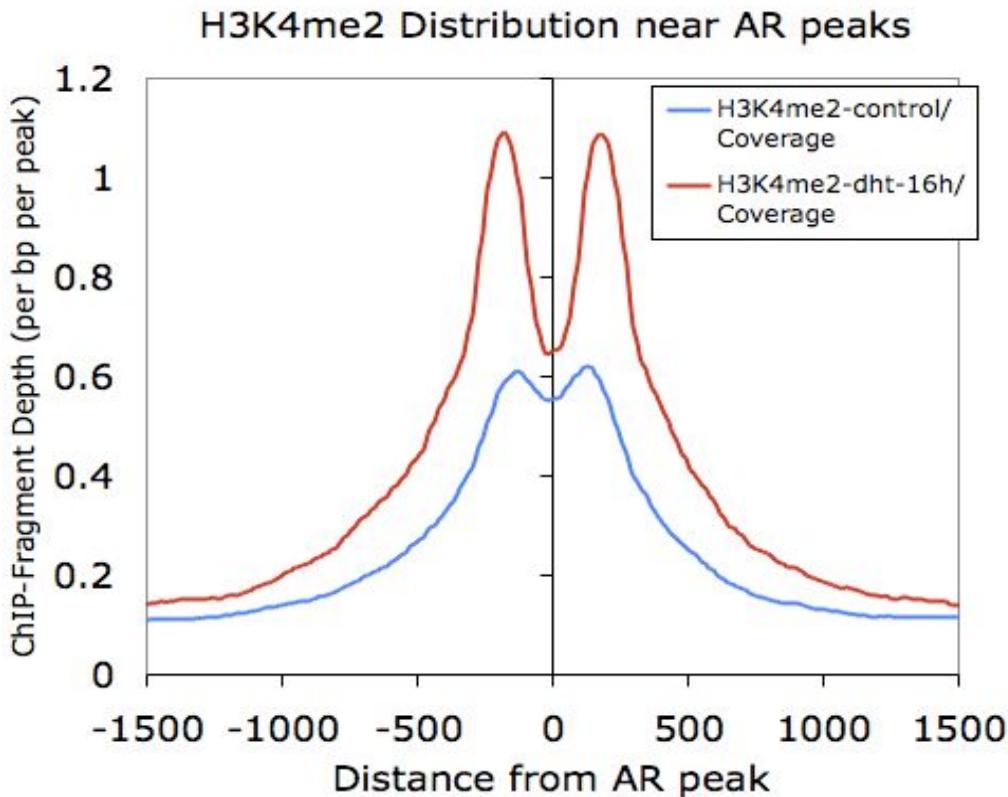
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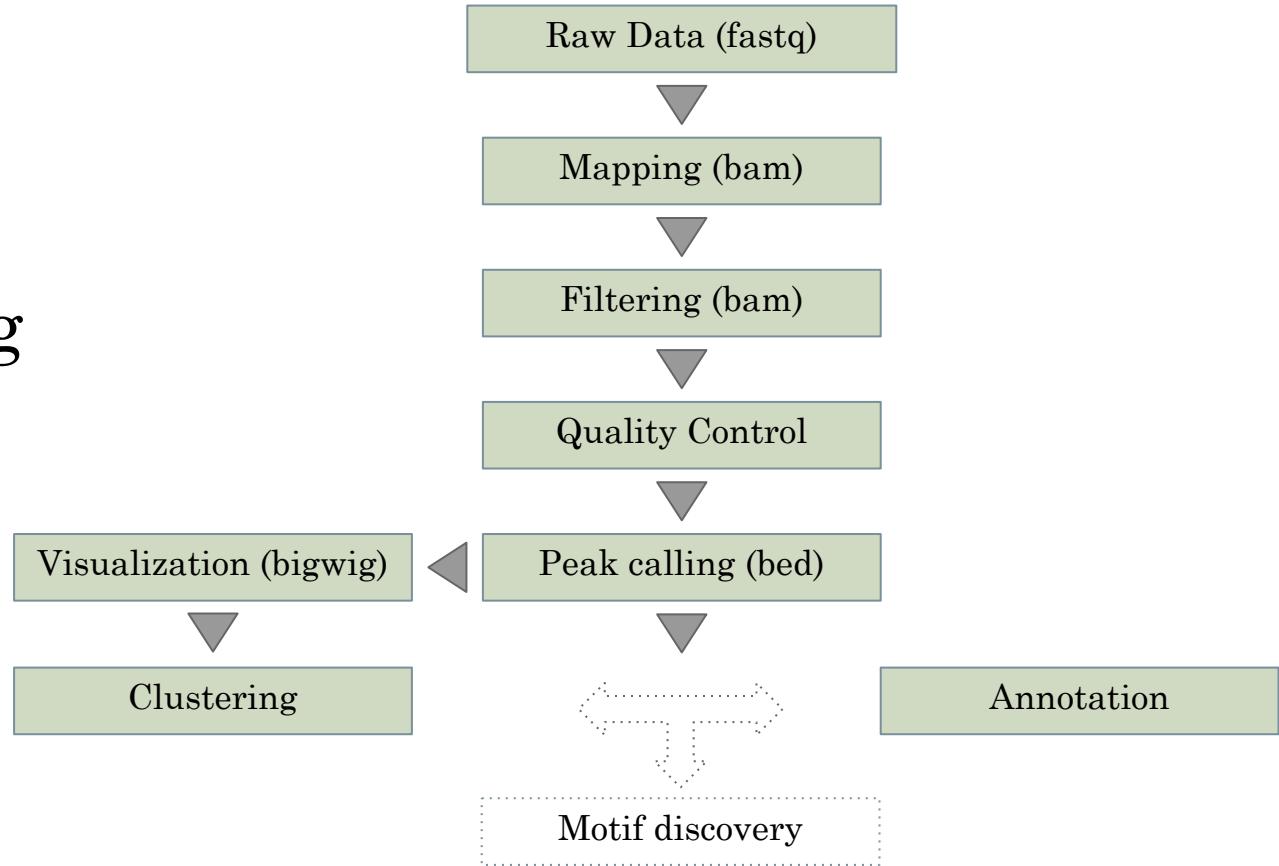
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- 3 Peak start position
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- 6 Peak Score
- 7 FDR/Peak Focus Ratio/Region Size
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- 9 Detailed Annotation (Exon, Intron etc. + CpG Islands, repeats, etc.)
- 10 Distance to nearest RefSeq TSS
- 11 Nearest TSS: Native ID of annotation file
- 12 Nearest TSS: Entrez Gene ID
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- 14 Nearest TSS: RefSeq ID
- 15 Nearest TSS: Ensembl ID
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- 19 Additional columns depend on options selected when running the program.

HOMER: compare peaks



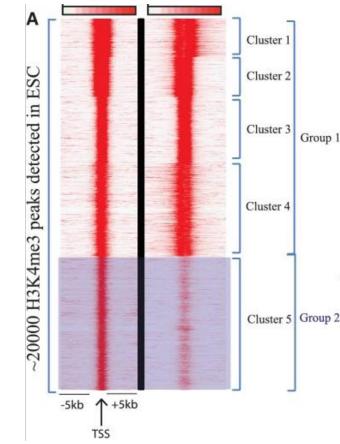
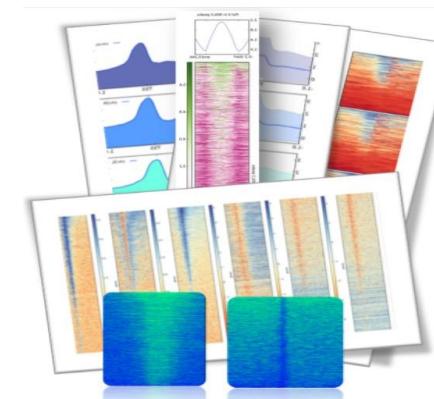
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Differentially bound peaks

Clustering



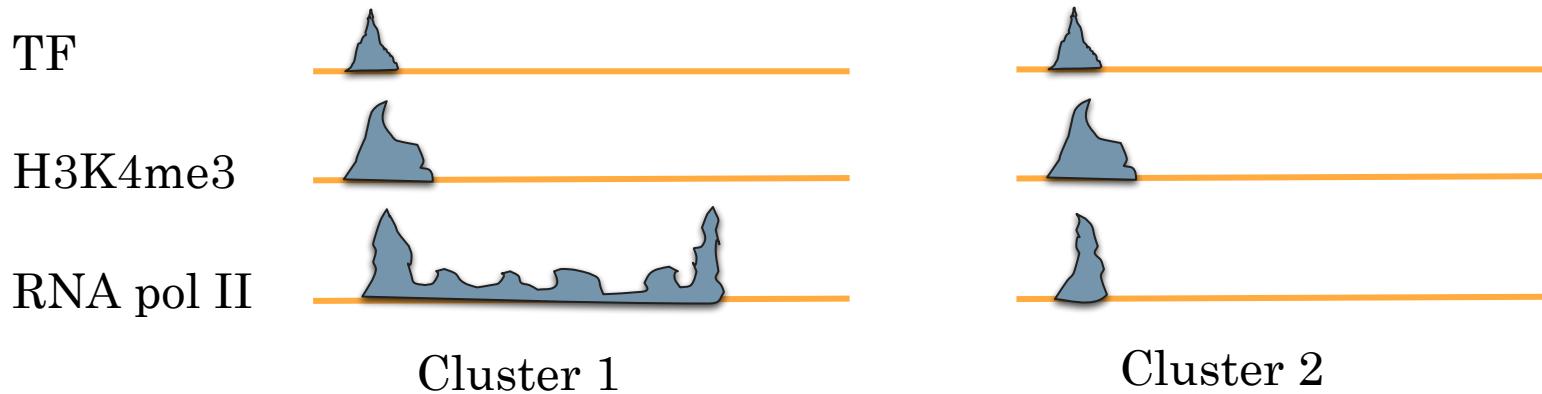
Based on signal distribution, are there any classes of genomic regions?

- How does the signal (read counts) distribute around or inside:
 - Transcriptional start sites (TSS)
 - Transcriptional termination sites (TTS)
 - Gene bodies, exons, introns
- Tools:
 - Deeptools (heatmapper)
 - seqMINER
- Unsupervised clustering methods (e.g k-means)
 - Discover some underlying classes of genomic regions



Clustering

- Group together genomic regions with similar enrichments
- In a single sample or multiple samples
- E.g:



Clustering

- **seqMINER**

- User friendly interactive interface with multiple graphical representations
- Multiple dataset comparison
- Java, multi-platform

