



# ChIP-seq analysis: reads alignment

Table 1 | A subset of software tools available for three key steps in the analysis of sequence data

| Software tool                    | Web address   | Notes   |
|----------------------------------|---|---|
| <b>Short-read aligners</b>       |   |   |
| BWA                              | <a href="http://bio-bwa.sourceforge.net">http://bio-bwa.sourceforge.net</a>   | Fast and efficient; based on the Burrows–Wheeler transform  |
| Bowtie                           | <a href="http://bowtie-bio.sourceforge.net">http://bowtie-bio.sourceforge.net</a>   | Similar to BWA, part of suite of tools that includes TopHat and CuffLinks for RNA-seq processing                                    |
| GSNAP                            | <a href="http://research-pub.gene.com/gmap">http://research-pub.gene.com/gmap</a>   | Considers a set of variant allele inputs to better align to heterozygous sites  |
| Wikipedia list of aligners       | <a href="http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_sequence_alignment_software#Short-Read_Sequence_Alignment">http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_sequence_alignment_software#Short-Read_Sequence_Alignment</a> | A comprehensive list of available short-read aligners, with descriptions and links to download the software                         |
| <b>Peak callers</b>              |   |   |
| MACS                             | <a href="http://liulab.dfci.harvard.edu/MACS">http://liulab.dfci.harvard.edu/MACS</a>   | Fits data to a dynamic Poisson distribution; works with and without control data  |
| PeakSeq                          | <a href="http://info.gersteinlab.org/PeakSeq">http://info.gersteinlab.org/PeakSeq</a>   | Takes into account differences in mappability of genomic regions; enrichment based on FDR calculation                               |
| ZINBA                            | <a href="http://code.google.com/p/zinba">http://code.google.com/p/zinba</a>   | Can incorporate multiple genomic factors, such as mappability and GC content; can work with point-source and broad-source peak data |
| <b>Differential peak calling</b> |   |   |
| edgeR                            | <a href="http://www.bioconductor.org/packages/2.9/bioc/html/edgeR.html">http://www.bioconductor.org/packages/2.9/bioc/html/edgeR.html</a>   | Uses negative binomial distribution to model differences in tag counts; uses replicates to better estimate significant differences  |
| DESeq                            | <a href="http://www-huber.embl.de/users/anders/DESeq">http://www-huber.embl.de/users/anders/DESeq</a>   | Also uses negative binomial distribution modelling, but differs in the calculation of the mean and variance of the distribution     |
| baySeq                           | <a href="http://www.bioconductor.org/packages/release/bioc/html/baySeq.html">http://www.bioconductor.org/packages/release/bioc/html/baySeq.html</a>   | Uses empirical Bayes approach to identify significant differences; assumes negative binomial distribution of data                   |
| SAMSeq                           | <a href="http://www.stanford.edu/~junli07/research.html#SAM">http://www.stanford.edu/~junli07/research.html#SAM</a>   | Based on the popular SAM software; a non-parametric method that uses resampling to normalize for differences in sequencing depth    |

BWA, Burrows–Wheeler Aligner; DESeq, analysis of high-throughput sequencing to detect differential expression; FDR, false-discovery rate; GSNAP, Genomic Short-read Nucleotide Alignment Program; MACS, Model-based Analysis for ChIP-seq; RNA-seq, high-throughput RNA sequencing; SAM, significance analysis of microarrays; ZINBA, Zero-Inflated Negative Binomial Algorithm.

## Mappability

The uniqueness of a stretch of DNA sequence compared with a whole-genome sequence. Short sequence reads can be confidently mapped to unique sequence, but less confidently mapped to sequence that occurs multiple times in a genome.



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**Bowtie**

An ultrafast memory-efficient short read aligner

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**Bowtie** is an ultrafast, memory-efficient short read aligner. It aligns short DNA sequences (reads) to the human genome at a rate of over 25 million 35-bp reads per hour. Bowtie indexes the genome with a Burrows-Wheeler index to keep its memory footprint small: typically about 2.2 GB for the human genome (2.9 GB for paired-end).



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## ✧ 0.12.9 release - 12/16/12

- Fixed a bug whereby read names would not be truncated at first whitespace character in unmapped or maxed-out SAM records.
- Fixed errors and warnings when compiling with `clang++`.
- Fixed most errors and warnings when compiling with recent versions of `g++`, though you may need to add `EXTRA_FLAGS=-Wno-enum-compare` to avoid all warnings.

## ✧ 0.12.8 release - 5/6/12

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### Latest Release

**Bowtie 0.12.9** 12/16/12  
Please cite: Langmead B, Trapnell C, Pop M, Salzberg SL. Ultrafast and memory-efficient alignment of short DNA sequences to the human genome. *Genome Biol* 10:R25.  
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**Bowtie 2**

Fast and sensitive read alignment

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**Bowtie 2** is an ultrafast and memory-efficient tool for aligning sequencing reads to long reference sequences. It is particularly good at aligning reads of about 50 up to 100s or 1,000s of characters, and particularly good at aligning to relatively long (e.g. mammalian) genomes. Bowtie 2 indexes the genome with an FM Index to keep its memory footprint small: for the human genome, its memory footprint is typically around 3.2 GB. Bowtie 2 supports gapped, local, and paired-end alignment modes.





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## Options

(typically processors number, mismatches, redundancy etc...)

## Genome index

(Different organisms, build)

(downloadable as prebuilt or create your own with bowtie-build as long as a fasta file of the genome is available)

## Input file

Fasta, fastq, raw, color space

(<http://www.activemotif.com/catalog/819/chip-sequencing-service>)



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```
roberto@BCTHUMPER:~/Roberto_hg19_MS/sese/giorgio/SxaQSEQsWA048L6$ /home/kurdistani/bowtie-0.12.7/bowtie
No index, query, or output file specified!
```

Usage:

```
bowtie [options]* <ebwt> {-1 <m1> -2 <m2> | --12 <r> | <s>} [<hit>]
```

<m1> Comma-separated list of files containing upstream mates (or the sequences themselves, if -c is set) paired with mates in <m2>  
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```
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-f          query input files are (multi-)FASTA .fa/.mfa
-r          query input files are raw one-sequence-per-line
-c          query sequences given on cmd line (as <mates>, <singles>)
-C          reads and index are in colorspace
-Q/--quals <file> QV file(s) corresponding to CSFASTA inputs; use with -f -C
--Q1/--Q2 <file> same as -Q, but for mate files 1 and 2 respectively
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--solexa-quals input quals are from GA Pipeline ver. < 1.3
--solexa1.3-quals input quals are from GA Pipeline ver. >= 1.3
--integer-quals qualities are given as space-separated integers (not ASCII)
```

Alignment:

```
-v <int>      report end-to-end hits w/ <=v mismatches; ignore qualities
or
-n/--seedmms <int> max mismatches in seed (can be 0-3, default: -n 2)
-e/--maqerr <int> max sum of mismatch quals across alignment for -n (def: 70)
-l/--seedlen <int> seed length for -n (default: 28)
--nomaground    disable Maq-like quality rounding for -n (nearest 10 <= 30)
-I/--minins <int> minimum insert size for paired-end alignment (default: 0)
-X/--maxins <int> maximum insert size for paired-end alignment (default: 250)
--fr/--rf/--ff  -1, -2 mates align fw/rev, rev/fw, fw/fw (default: --fr)
--nofw/--norc   do not align to forward/reverse-complement reference strand
--maxbts <int> max # backtracks for -n 2/3 (default: 125, 800 for --best)
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```

```
/path/to/bowtie/bowtie -p (n) -m 1 --strata --best -t -v 2 /path/to/bowtie/indexes/yeast/scer
reb1_20_ip.fastq > reb1_20_ip.bowtie
```

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```

```
/home/kurdistani/bowtie-0.12.7/bowtie -p 6 -m 1 --strata --best -t -v 2 /home/kurdistani/bowtie-0.12.7/
indexes/yeast/scer reb1_20_ip.fastq > reb1_20_ip.bowtie
```

Time loading forward index: 00:00:00

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End-to-end 2/3-mismatch full-index search: 00:01:04

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```

Time loading forward index: 00:00:00

Time loading mirror index: 00:00:00

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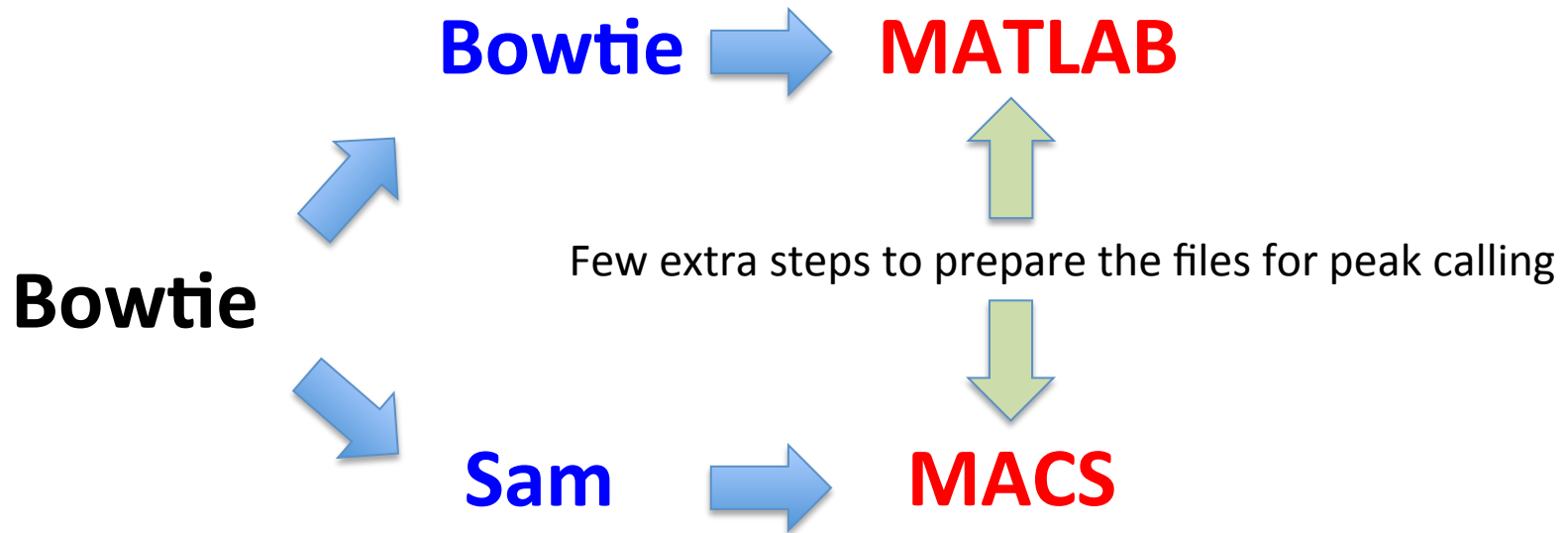
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**Ultimate goal of peak calling?**

**Determine whether there is  
enrichment compare to a  
control**



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**Most important files for subsequent analysis:**

**BED files:**

**Genome browser files:**

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# MACS

[https://github.com/taoliu/MACS/blob/macs\\_v1/README.rst](https://github.com/taoliu/MACS/blob/macs_v1/README.rst)



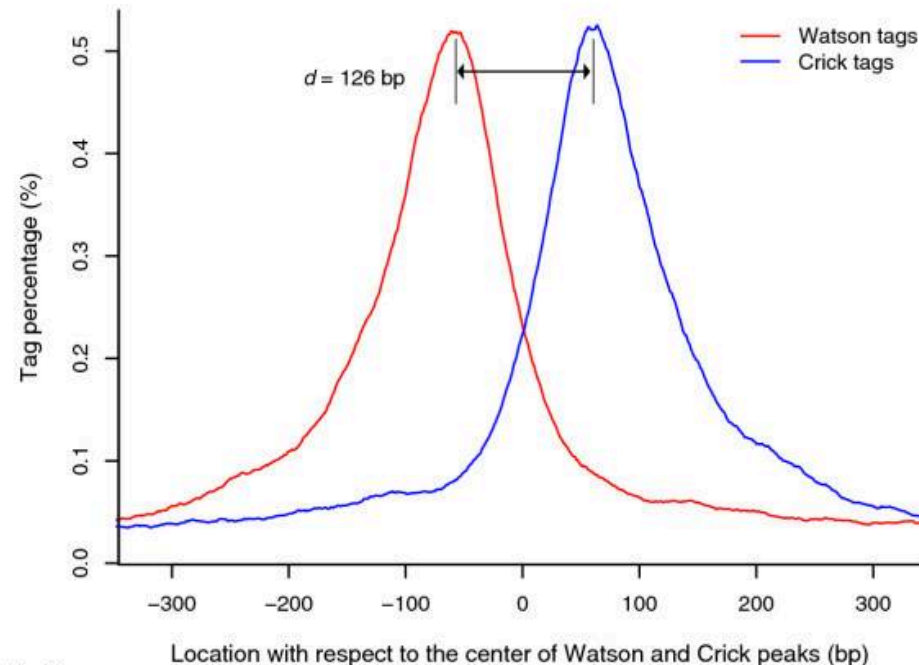
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Method

## Model-based Analysis of ChIP-Seq (MACS)

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## MACS requirements

### BAM files

BAM is the compressed binary version of the Sequence Alignment/Map (SAM) format, a compact and index-able representation of nucleotide sequence alignments.

For custom track display, the main advantage of indexed BAM over PSL and other human-readable alignment formats is that only the portions of the files needed to display a particular region are transferred to UCSC. This makes it possible to display alignments from files that are so large that the connection to UCSC would time out when attempting to upload the whole file to UCSC.





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SAMtools

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SAM (Sequence Alignment/Map) format is a generic format for storing large nucleotide sequence alignments. SAM aims to be a format that:

- Is flexible enough to store all the alignment information generated by various alignment programs;
- Is simple enough to be easily generated by alignment programs or converted from existing alignment formats;
- Is compact in file size;
- Allows most of operations on the alignment to work on a stream without loading the whole alignment into memory;
- Allows the file to be indexed by genomic position to efficiently retrieve all reads aligning to a locus.

SAM Tools provide various utilities for manipulating alignments in the SAM format, including sorting, merging, indexing and generating alignments in a per-position format.



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## What Information is in the SAM/BAM Header

The SAM/BAM header is not required, but if it is there, it contains generic information for the SAM/BAM file.

The header may contain the version information for the SAM/BAM file and information regarding whether or not and how the file is sorted.

It also contains supplemental information for alignment records like information about the reference sequences, the processing that was used to generate the various reads in the file, and the programs that have been used to process the different reads. The alignment records may then point to this supplemental information identifying which ones the specific alignment is associated with.

For example, a group of reads in the SAM/BAM file may all be assigned to the same reference sequence. Rather than every alignment containing information about the reference sequence, this information is put in the header, and the alignment "points" to the appropriate reference sequence in the header via the RNAME field. The header contains generic information about this reference like its length.

The SAM/BAM Header also may contain comments which are free-form text lines that can contain any information.

Header lines start with an '@'.

Example SAM

Example Header Lines



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Using macs required few passages:

- `samtools view -Sb SAM > BAM`
- `samtools sort in.bam > bam.sorted`



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## Using macs for peak calling in unix:

- `macs14 -t test.bam -c control.bam -f BAM -n name -g genome -w --bdg`
- `macs2 callpeak -t test.bam -c control.bam -f BAM -g hs -n name -B -q 0.01`



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## Output files

1. NAME\_peaks.xls is a tabular file which contains information about called peaks. You can open it in excel and sort/filter using excel functions. Information include: chromosome name, start position of peak, end position of peak, length of peak region, peak summit position related to the start position of peak region, number of tags in peak region,  $-10 \cdot \log_{10}(\text{pvalue})$  for the peak region (e.g. pvalue =  $1e-10$ , then this value should be 100), fold enrichment for this region against random Poisson distribution with local lambda, FDR in percentage. Coordinates in XLS is 1-based which is different with BED format.
2. NAME\_peaks.bed is BED format file which contains the peak locations. You can load it to UCSC genome browser or Affymetrix IGB software. The 5th column in this file is the  $-10 \cdot \log_{10} \text{pvalue}$  of peak region.
3. NAME\_summits.bed is in BED format, which contains the peak summits locations for every peaks. The 5th column in this file is the summit height of fragment pileup. If you want to find the motifs at the binding sites, this file is recommended.
4. NAME\_negative\_peaks.xls is a tabular file which contains information about negative peaks. Negative peaks are called by swapping the ChIP-seq and control channel.
5. NAME\_model.r is an R script which you can use to produce a PDF image about the model based on your data. Load it to R by:

```
R --vanilla < NAME_model.r
```

Then a pdf file NAME\_model.pdf will be generated in your current directory. Note, R is required to draw this figure.

6. NAME\_treat/control\_afterfitting.wig.gz files in NAME\_MACS\_wiggle directory are wiggle format files which can be imported to UCSC genome browser/GMOD/Affy IGB. The .bdg.gz files are in bedGraph format which can also be imported to UCSC genome browser or be converted into even smaller bigWig files.



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## MATLAB

bowtieout files

Chr length file

Genes file

|   |        |   |         |         |   |       |       |   |     |           |           |
|---|--------|---|---------|---------|---|-------|-------|---|-----|-----------|-----------|
| - | 277382 | 0 | chrI    | 230218  | I | 42176 | 42719 | + | RNA | reference | YAL055W   |
| - | 268828 | 0 | chrII   | 813184  | I | 42880 | 45022 | - | RNA | reference | YAL054C   |
| - | 83708  | 0 | chrIII  | 316620  | I | 45898 | 48250 | + | RNA | reference | YAL053W   |
| - | 55911  | 0 | chrIV   | 1531933 | I | 48563 | 51707 | + | RNA | reference | YAL051W   |
| - | 404570 | 0 | chrV    | 576874  | I | 51854 | 52595 | - | RNA | reference | YAL049C   |
| - | 78840  | 0 | chrVI   | 270161  | I | 52800 | 54789 | - | RNA | reference | YAL048C   |
| - | 518096 | 0 | chrVII  | 1090940 | I | 54583 | 54913 | + | RNA | reference | YAL047W-A |
| - | 535814 | 0 | chrVIII | 562643  | I | 54988 | 56857 | - | RNA | reference | YAL047C   |
| - | 468305 | 0 | chrIX   | 439888  | I | 57028 | 57385 | - | RNA | reference | YAL046C   |
| - | 165708 | 0 | chrX    | 745751  | I | 57487 | 57796 | - | RNA | reference | YAL045C   |
|   |        |   | chrXI   | 666816  | I | 57517 | 57850 | + | RNA | reference | YAL044W-A |
|   |        |   | chrXII  | 1078177 |   |       |       |   |     |           |           |
|   |        |   | chrXIII | 924431  |   |       |       |   |     |           |           |
|   |        |   | chrXIV  | 784333  |   |       |       |   |     |           |           |
|   |        |   | chrXV   | 1091291 |   |       |       |   |     |           |           |
|   |        |   | chrXVI  | 948066  |   |       |       |   |     |           |           |
|   |        |   | chrM    | 85779   |   |       |       |   |     |           |           |





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## Using MATLAB for peak calling:

```
function [numpeaks] = chip_seq_ratio(ipname,inputname,grbed,tilingfile,Plim,neigh>window size)
```

```
%%ipname = filename of IP file which will be read as
%%ipname=chr#-bowtieout.txt (e.g. h3k36chr1bowtieout.txt)
%%inputname = filename of input file which will be read as
%%inputname=chr#-bowtieout.txt (e.g. h3cchr1bowtieout.txt)
%%grbed = 0 or 1. 0 doesn't output any gr or bed files, while 1 does
%%tilingfile = 0 or 1. 0 doesn't output any Excel TSS or TTS tiling files, while 1 does
%%Plim = value of log10(Pvalue) threshold (e.g. -4)
%%neigh = 0 or 1. 1 requires that significant windows also have significant neighbors
%%window size = size of window used to tile genome (must be multiple of ten)
%% Sample command: chip_seq_ratio('k36chr','h3cchr',0,0,4,0,100)

[chr gstart gend gpm RNA reference gs] = textread('scer_genes.txt','%s %d %d %c %s %s %s');
%TEST%[chr gstart gend gpm RNA reference gs] = textread('../mm8_kg4mp.txt','%s %d %d %c %s %s %s');
%[iechr iegstart iegend iegpm] = textread('../../seq_gene_cds.txt','%s %d %d %c');
[chr len chr length] = textread('scer_chr_length.txt','%s %d');
%TEST%[chr len chr length] = textread('../mm8_chrlens.txt','%s %d');

uchr = {'I','II','III','IV','V','VI','VII','VIII','IX','X','XI','XII','XIII','XIV','XV','XVI'};

%%%compute sum of counts of both samples for normalization

sumchr counts1 = 0;
sumchr counts2 = 0;

fprintf('computing total counts for two libraries\n');

for j=1:length(uchr)
```