

GENOVA: explore the Hi-C's

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Abstract

The increase in interest for Hi-C methods in the chromatin community has led to a need for more user-friendly and powerful analysis methods. The few currently available software packages for Hi-C do not allow a researcher to quickly summarize and visualize their data. An easy to use software package, which can generate a comprehensive set of publication-quality plots, would allow researchers to swiftly go from raw Hi-C data to interpretable results. Here, we present **GENome Organisation Visual Analytics** (GENOVA): a software suite to perform in-depth analyses on various levels of genome organisation, using Hi-C data. GENOVA facilitates the comparison between multiple datasets and supports the majority of mapping-pipelines.

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1 Loading data

```
library(GENOVA)
```

1.1 Data structures of input

GENOVA expects two input files: the signal- and the index-file. Signal-files have three columns (bin1, bin2, contactCount) and index-files have four (chromosome, start, end, bin). These are the default output of the Hi-C mapping pipeline HiC-Pro (Servant et al. 2015), where they are called *.matrix and *.bed. The files are expected to be genome-wide and may be corrected with ICE-normalisation.

1.2 Recommended resolutions

To ensure computational strain and time is kept to a minimum, we recommend different resolutions for different functions (table 1). More experienced users are free to deviate, while keeping in mind that these datasets are quite memory-heavy (table 2).

Table 1: Recommended resolutions

These will provide optimal resource/result tradeoffs.

Function	Resolution
APA	10kb-20kb
ATA	10kb-40kb
cisTotal.perChrom	500kb-1Mb
chromosomeMatrix	500kb-1Mb
RCP	40kb-500kb
intra.inter.TAD.contacts	20kb - 40kb
PE-SCAn	20kb-40kb
hic.matrixplot	<i>width in bp of window</i> 500
centromere.telomere.analysis	40kb
cis.compartment.plot	100kb
trans.compartment.plot	100kb

Table 2: Memory footprints of objects loaded into R

Experiment	Resolution	Contacts (millions)	Memory (GB)
Hap1 WT	10kb	433.5	2.9
Hap1 WT	40kb	433.5	1.7

Experiment	Resolution	Contacts (millions)	Memory (GB)
Hap1 WT	100kb	433.5	1.1
Hap1 WT	1Mb	433.5	0.1

1.3 construct.experiment

Every Hi-C experiment will be stored in an experiment-object. This is done by invoking the `construct.experiment` function. Inside, several sanity checks will be performed, data is normalised to the total number of reads and scaled to a billion reads (the default value of the `BPscaling`-option).

For this example, we are going to use the Hi-C maps of WT and Δ WAPL Hap1 cells from Haarhuis et al. (2017). Since the genome-wide analyses do not need very high-resolution data, we will construct both 10kb, 40kb and 1Mb resolution experiment-objects.

```
Hap1_WT_10kb <- construct.experiment(ignore.checks = T, # time-saver for vignette,
                                         signalPath = 'data/WT_10000_iced.matrix',
                                         indicesPath = 'data/WT_10000_abs.bed',
                                         name = "WT",
                                         centromeres = centromeres,
                                         color = "black")

Hap1_WAPL_10kb <- construct.experiment(ignore.checks = T,
                                         signalPath = 'data/WAPL_10000_iced.matrix',
                                         indicesPath = 'data/WAPL_10000_abs.bed',
                                         name = "WAPL",
                                         centromeres = centromeres,
                                         color = "red")

Hap1_WT_40kb <- construct.experiment(ignore.checks = T,
                                         signalPath = 'data/WT_40000_iced.matrix',
                                         indicesPath = 'data/WT_40000_abs.bed',
                                         name = "WT",
                                         centromeres = centromeres,
                                         color = "black")

Hap1_WAPL_40kb <- construct.experiment(ignore.checks = T,
                                         signalPath = 'data/WAPL_40000_iced.matrix',
                                         indicesPath = 'data/WAPL_40000_abs.bed',
                                         name = "WAPL",
                                         centromeres = centromeres,
                                         color = "red")

Hap1_WT_1MB <- construct.experiment(ignore.checks = T,
                                         signalPath = 'data/WT_1000000_iced.matrix',
                                         indicesPath = 'data/WT_1000000_abs.bed',
                                         name = "WT",
                                         centromeres = centromeres,
                                         color = "black")
```

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```
Hap1_WAPL_1MB <- construct.experiment(ignore.checks = T,
                                         signalPath = 'data/WAPL_1000000_iced.matrix',
                                         indicesPath = 'data/WAPL_1000000_abs.bed',
                                         name = "WAPL",
                                         centromeres = centromeres,
                                         color = "red")
```

Several functions rely on centromere-information. You can add this in the form of a BED-like three-column data.frame when constructing the experiment-object.¹ If not present, the centromeres will be empirically identified by searching for the largest stretch of no coverage on a chromosome.

```
centromeres = read.delim('data/hg19_cytobandAcen.bed',
                         sep = '\t',
                         h = F,
                         stringsAsFactors = F)

head(centromeres)
##      V1        V2        V3
## 1 chr1 121500000 128900000
## 2 chr10 38000000 42300000
## 3 chr11 51600000 55700000
## 4 chr12 33300000 38200000
## 5 chr13 16300000 19500000
## 6 chr14 16100000 19100000
```

The resulting object has several slots. *ICE* and *ABS* are the signal- and index-data.tables, resp., and *RES* is the automatically determined resolution of the Hi-C data. The *NAME*, *COL* and *COMM* are user-provided metadata vectors, where the latter is a free-from slot to store comments and/or output of different functions. The amount of contacts in the *ICE* data.table is likely different from the input-data, because it is scaled to a fixed number of reads (which can be set with the *BPscaling*-option in `construct.experiment`).

```
## List of 10
## $ ICE :Classes 'data.table' and 'data.frame': 105110621
##   ..$ obs. of 3 variables:
##     ..$ V1: int [1:105110621] 1 1 ...
##     ..$ V2: int [1:105110621] 1 16 ...
##     ..$ V3: num [1:105110621] 275 ...
##   ..- attr(*, ".internal.selfref")=<externalptr>
##   ..- attr(*, "sorted")= chr [1:2] "V1" ...
## $ ABS :'data.frame': 77404 obs. of 4 variables:
##   ..$ V1: chr [1:77404] "chrM" ...
##   ..$ V2: int [1:77404] 0 0 ...
##   ..$ V3: int [1:77404] 16571 40000 ...
##   ..$ V4: int [1:77404] 1 2 ...
## $ NAME : chr "WT"
## $ RES : num 40000
## $ CHRS : chr [1:25] "chrM" ...
## $ COL : chr "black"
## $ COMM : NULL
## $ MASK : logi(0)
## $ CENTROMERES:'data.frame': 24 obs. of 3 variables:
```

¹Please make sure that the chromosome-names match.

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```
## ..$ V1: chr [1:24] "chr1" ...
## ..$ V2: int [1:24] 121500000 38000000 ...
## ..$ V3: int [1:24] 128900000 42300000 ...
## $ RMCHROM : logi FALSE
```

1.4 Juicebox

We added a convenience script **juicerToGENOVA.py**, to load files from Juicerbox (.hic files). This allows for a fast conversion to signal- and index-files from, for example, data from Sanborn et al.(2015):

```
# Convert data from Sanborn et al. normalised at 10kb resolution:
juicerToGenova.py -C ucsc.hg19_onlyRealChromosomes.noChr.chromSizes \
-JT ~/bin/juicer/AWS/scripts/juicebox_tools.7.0.jar \
-H ~/Downloads/Sanborn_Hap1_combined_30.hic \
-R 10000 \
-force TRUE \
-norm KR \
-O Sanborn_Hap1_combined_30.hic_10kb_KR
```

2 Genome-wide analyses

A good place to start your analyses are some functions on a genome-wide level. We can assess the quality of the library, identify translocations and generate contact probability (aka scaling or interaction decay plots).

2.1 Cis-quantification

Work by the group of Amos Tanay showed that the expected amount of intra-chromosomal contacts is the range of 90 to 93 percent (Olivares-Chauvet et al. 2016). Assuming that any extra inter-chromosomal contacts are due to debris/noise, the user might aspire to get the *cis*-percentages as close to 90% as possible. To compute the percentage of per-chromosome *cis*-contacts, we simply provide `cisTotal.perChrom` with the exp-object of interest. It will produce a boxplot of the percentages *cis* per chromosome and draw a red line with the genome-wide percentage (figure 1). If you assign a variable to the output of this function, you will also get a list with the underlying data.

```
cisChrom_out <- cisTotal.perChrom(Hap1_WT_1MB)
```

Using the underlying data stored in the variable `cisChrom_out`, we can also inspect the results per chromosome more closely. The list has two entries: a data.frame with the per-chromosome percentages (`perChrom`) and the genome-wide percentage (`genomeWide`). Invoking `plot` will provide a nice overview of the percentages *cis* (figure 2).

```
plot(cisChrom_out$perChrom, las=2)
abline(h = cisChrom_out$genomeWide, col = 'red')
```

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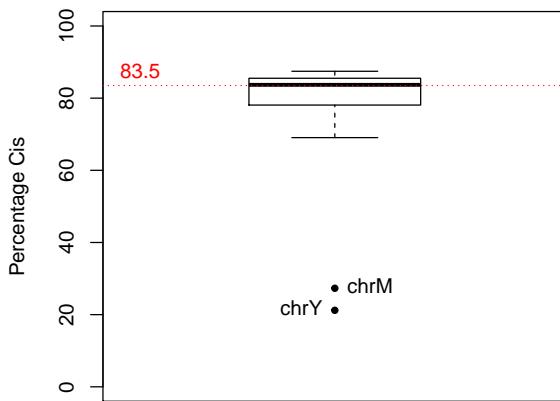


Figure 1: Fraction of cis-contacts per chromosome

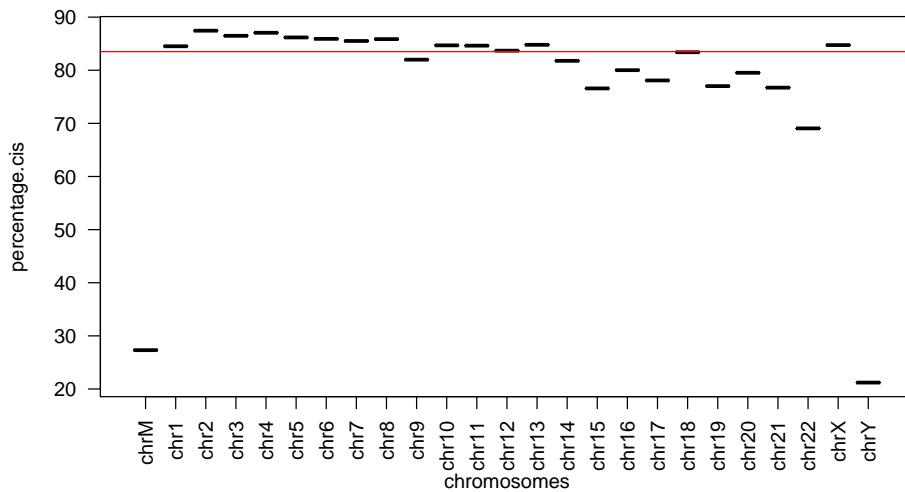


Figure 2: Fraction of cis-contacts per chromosome

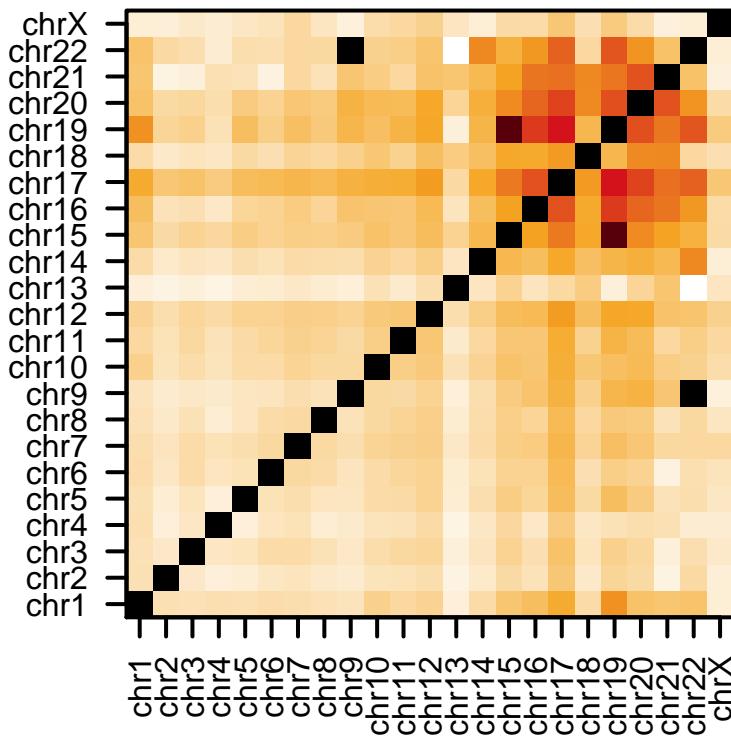
Chromosomes 9, 15, 19 & 22 have translocations, which therefore appear to have more trans-contacts, but which in reality are cis-contacts.

2.2 chromosome plots

Hi-C has been shown to be a powerful data-source to detect chromosomal rearrangements (Harewood et al. 2017). To find possible translocations, we can plot the genome-wide enrichment of interactions between all combinations of chromosomes. The values in the matrix are $\log_{10}(\text{observed}/\text{expected})$. The Hap1 cell line has two known translocations, which we can easily see in the resulting plot (figure 3). To narrow-in on this location, you could use the `trans.compartment.plot`-function (discussed below).

```
## Warning in chrom.comparison.plot(mat, color.fun, cut.off): No cut.off was
## given: using 99.5% percentile: 2.
```

```
# Lets remove mitochondrial and Y-chromosomal contacts
chromosomeMatrix(Hap1_WT_1MB, remove = c("chrM", "chrY"))
```

**Figure 3: Chromosome matrix**

The two known translocations of Hap1 cells are easily identified (15-19 & 9-22).

2.3 RCP

The Relative Contact Probability computes the contact probability as a function of genomic distance, as described in (Lieberman-Aiden and Berkum 2009). This can be computed for a specific set of chromosomes or genome-wide. To be able to ignore centromeric contacts (which have a abberant RCP), centromeric information is need. This is taken from the experiment-object or found emperically by comparing trans-interactions.

```
RCP_out135 <- RCP(experimentList = list(Hap1_WT_40kb, Hap1_WAPL_40kb),
                      chromsToUse = c('chr1', 'chr3', 'chr5'))
```

The user can decide to plot the RCP per chromosome. If the data is sparse, a LOESS-smooting could be convenient. It takes the color and name from the experiment-objects. If we look at the resulting plot, we can see that the $\Delta WAPL$ has more interactions in the $[\pm 800kb, \pm 2Mb]$ range (figure 4). The sizes of TADs are fall into this range, so a next step could be to dive into the TAD-specific analyses (discussed below). Moreover, the $\Delta WAPL$ has less interactions in the far-*cis* range ($[10Mb, 100Mb]$): A- and B-compartments are often of these sizes, so a next step could be to look more into compartmentalisation with `cis.compartment.plot` or `trans.compartment.plot`, for example.

```
# Plot RCP: combined
visualise.RCP.ggplot(RCPdata = RCP_out135,
                      smooth = T, # use a LOESS smoothing
                      combine = F) # Don't merge data from all chromosomes
```

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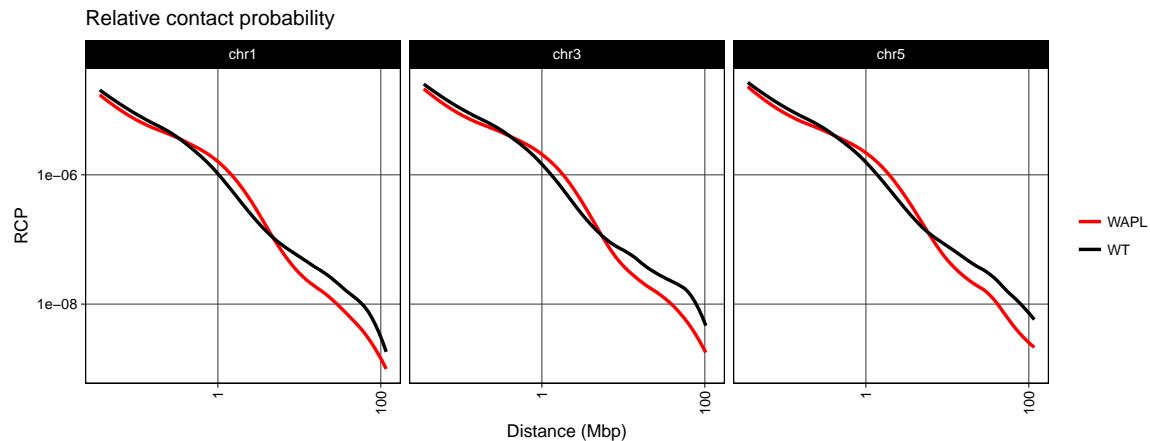


Figure 4: RCP

Every facet shows the RCP of one chromosome.

2.3.1 combined

It is also possible to combine all available data into a genome-wide RCP-plot (figure 5).

```
# Plot RCP: per-chromosome
visualise.RCP.ggplot(RCPdata = RCP_out135,
                      smooth = F, # do not use a LOESS smoothing
                      combine = T) # Merge data from all chromosomes
```

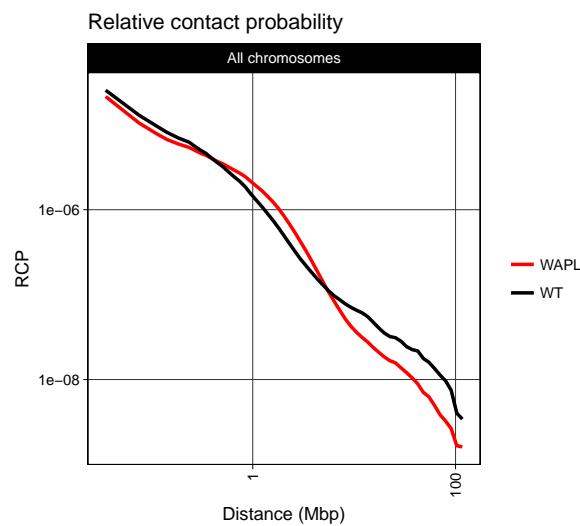


Figure 5: RCP

All data combined in one plot.

2.3.2 regions

But what if you want to compare the contact probabilities of specific regions, like Cohesin- or CTCF-bound regions? For this, we added the possibility to add a list of BED-data_frames to the `bedList`-argument. Under the hood, we perform a standard per-arm RCP (thus still enabling users to also set the `chromsToUse`-parameter), whereafter we filter out Hi-C bins that do not have entries in the dataframe(s) of `bedList`. The same plot-function can be used: different BED-files will have different line-types. The fact that we use linetype for the `bedList` entries, allows us to still use multiple samples in `experimentList`, as shown in figure 6.

```
CTCF = read.delim('data/CTCF_WT_motifs.bed', h = F)
SMC1 = read.delim('data/SMC1_WT_peaks.narrowPeak', h = F)

RCP_out = RCP(experimentList = list(Hap1_WT_40kb, Hap1_WAPL_40kb),
               bedList = list("CTCF" = CTCF,
                             'Cohesin' = SMC1),
               chromsToUse = c('chr1'))

visualise.RCP.ggplot(RCP_out)
```

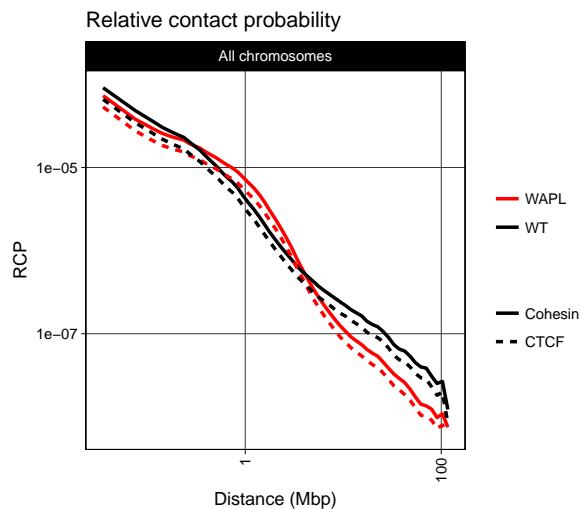


Figure 6: RCP with BEDs

We can also add BEDs as sites to compute the RCP.

3 Interaction plots

The `cut.off` argument gives you control over the maximum value in the matrix: omitting this will cause GENOVA to choose a general okay-ish one to start with.

3.1 cis-interactions

```
H3K27ac_peaks = read.delim('data/H3K27ac_WT.narrowPeak', h = F)

cis.compartment.plot(exp = Hap1_WT_40kb,
                      chrom = 'chr20',
                      arm = 'q',
                      cut.off = 20,
                      chip = H3K27ac_peaks)
```

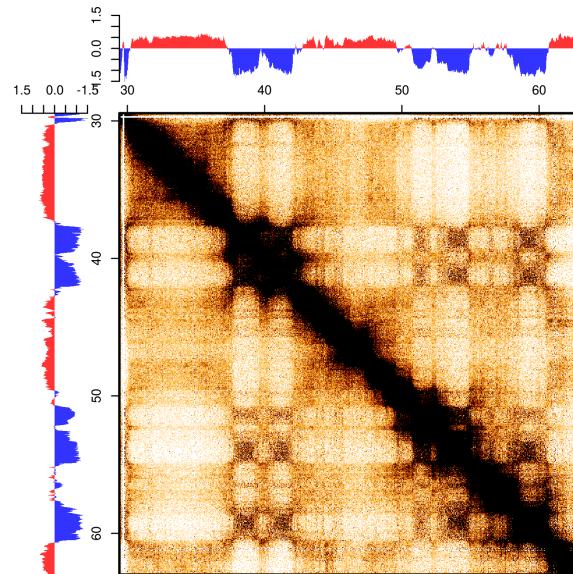


Figure 7: Cis compartment plot

```
cis.compartment.plot(exp = Hap1_WT_40kb,
                      chrom = 'chr20',
                      arm = 'q',
                      cut.off = 1,
                      obs.exp = T,
                      chip = H3K27ac_peaks)
```

3.2 trans-interactions

```
trans.compartment.plot(exp = Hap1_WT_40kb,
                        chrom1 = 'chr9',
                        arm1 = 'q',
                        chrom2 = 'chr22',
                        arm2 = 'q',
                        cut.off = 10,
                        chip = H3K27ac_peaks)
```

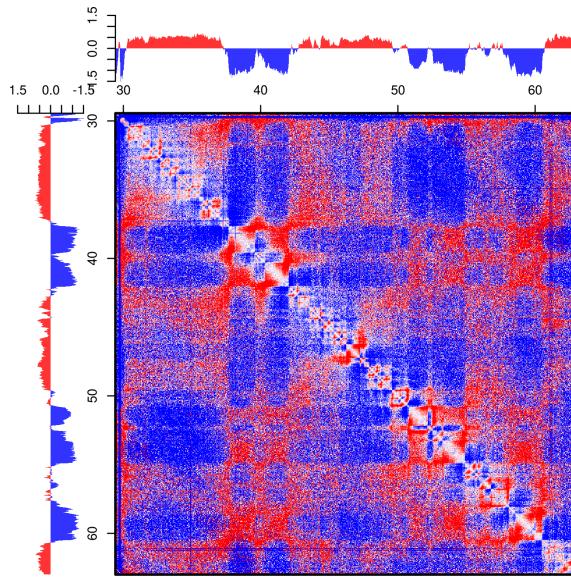


Figure 8: Cis compartment plot

Observed over expected.

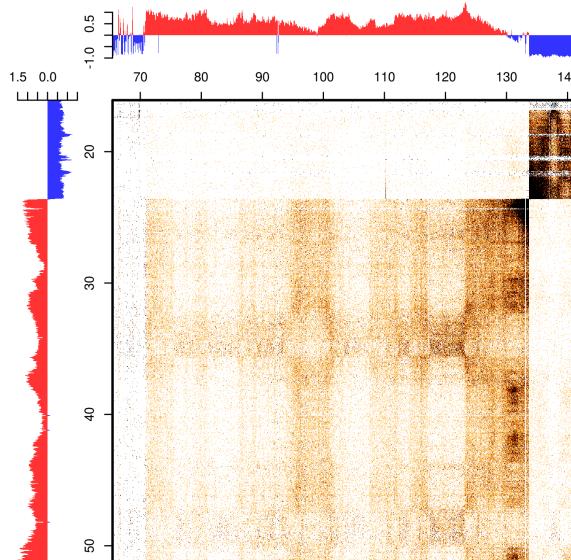


Figure 9: Trans compartment plot

The t(9q;22q) translocation is easily identified.

3.3 matrix plots

To produce richly annotated zoomed-in (i.e. max 10Mb) plots of specific regions, we use the `hic.matrixplot` function. In this, we can use one or two experiment objects: two can be shown either in diff-mode (the difference between the two) or upper/lower triangle mode. TAD- and loop-annotations can be added, as well as bigwig- and bed-tracks. Moreover, genemodel-files can be added. In this section, we will build up to a final, fully annotated, matrix from a humble one-experiment plot (figure 10).

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```
hic.matrixplot(exp1 = Hap1_WT_10kb,
               chrom = 'chr7',
               start = 25e6,
               end=30e6,
               cut.off = 50) # upper limit of contacts
```

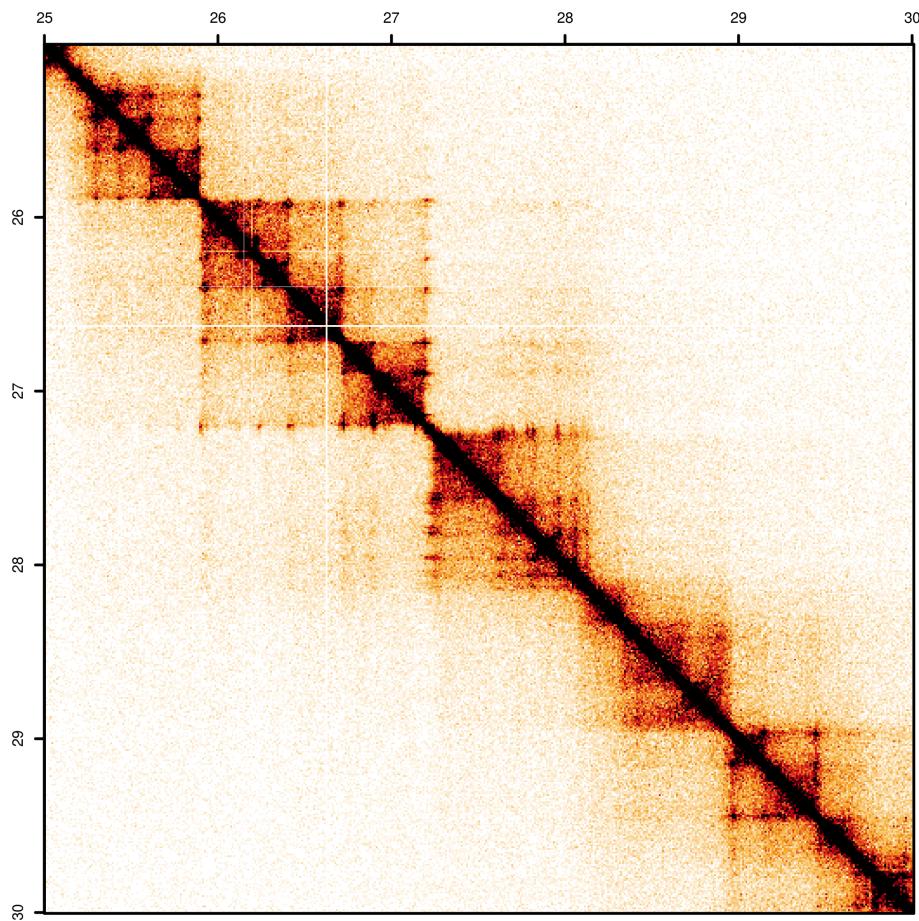


Figure 10: Hi-C matrixplot

Simplest example: one experiment, no annotation

3.3.1 two experiments

Adding a second experiment will give us the option of `coplot`, which can be `dual` (default) or `diff`. The first shows `exp1` in the lower triangle and `exp2` in the upper (figure 11). `Exp1` is subtracted from `exp2` in `diff`-mode: red is therefore more contacts in `exp2` and blue denotes more contacts in `exp1` (figure 12).

```
hic.matrixplot(exp1 = Hap1_WT_10kb,
               exp2 = Hap1_WAPL_10kb,
               chrom = 'chr7',
               start = 25e6,
```

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```
end=30e6,  
cut.off = 50) # upper limit of contacts
```

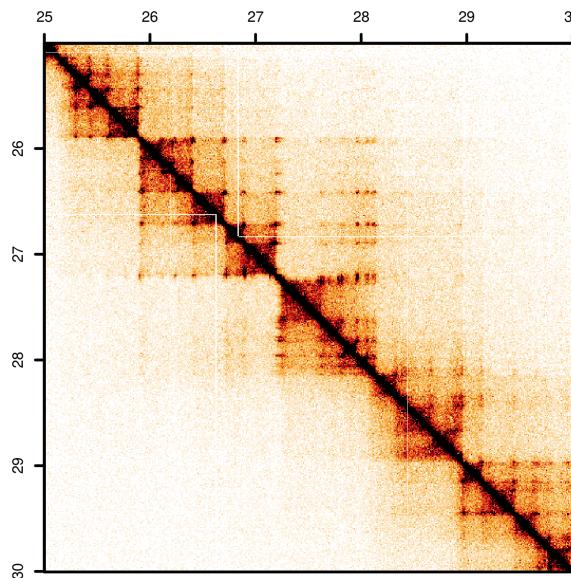


Figure 11: Hi-C matrixplot: dual

The extended loops in the WAPL knockout are easily seen at around 28Mb in the upper triangle.

```
hic.matrixplot(exp1 = Hap1_WT_10kb,  
               exp2 = Hap1_WAPL_10kb,  
               coplot = 'diff',  
               chrom = 'chr7',  
               start = 25e6,  
               end=30e6, # upper limit of contacts  
               cut.off = 25)
```

3.3.2 TADs and loops

We use the TAD-calls of WT Hap1 20-kb matrices from Haarhuis et al. (2017), generated with HiCseg (Lévy-Leduc et al. 2014).

Lets load some TAD- and loop-annotations:

```
WT_TADs = read.delim('data/WT_hicseg_TADs.bed', h = F)  
WT_Loops = read.delim('data/WT_HICCUPS.bedpe', h = F, skip = 1)
```

Add them to the plot by using the `tad-` and `loops-`arguments. Both can be plotted in one or both of the triangles and colored as whished (figure 13). Since loops are very small in a hic-matrixplot, they will be fully overlapped by the loop-annotations. To overcome this, we expand the annotations with a fixed bp using `loops.resize`. This will lead to a more box-like annotation surrounding the loop.

```
hic.matrixplot(exp1 = Hap1_WT_10kb,  
               chrom = 'chr7',
```

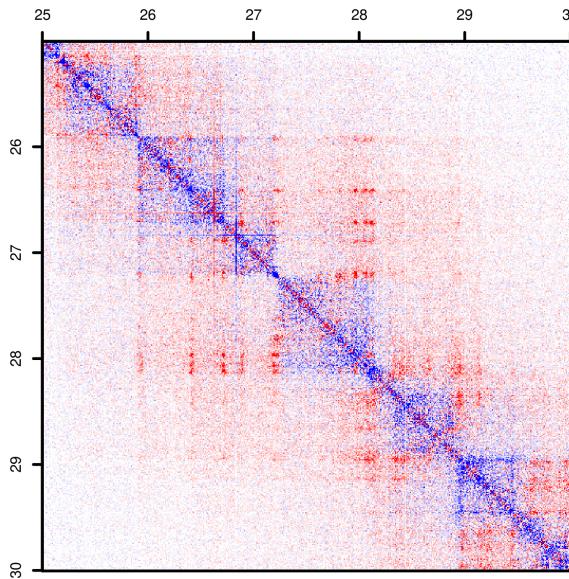


Figure 12: Hi-C matrixplot: diff

Note the ease of identifying the extended loops.

```

start = 25e6,
end=30e6,
loops = WT_Loops, # see APA
loops.color = '#998ec3', # purple loops
loops.type = 'upper', # only plot in upper triangle
loops.resize = 20e3, # expand for visibility
tads = WT_TADs, # see ATA
tad.type = 'lower', # only plot in lower triangle
tads.color = '#91cf60', # green TAD-borders
cut.off = 25) # upper limit of contacts

```

3.3.3 BigWigs and BEDs

Two tracks above and two tracks to the left can be added. These can be either BED-like data.frames or the paths the .bw files. For example, lets load a BED6-file (chrom, start, end, name, score, and strand²) of CTCF-motifs under CTCF-ChIP peaks. The argument `type` can be set to either `triangle` or `rectangle`: triangle is nice to use if you want to look at the orientation of the BED-entries (figure 14).

²<https://genome.ucsc.edu/FAQ/FAQformat.html>

```

CTCF = read.delim('data/CTCF_WT_motifs.bed', h = F)
SMC1 = read.delim('data/SMC1_WT_peaks.narrowPeak', h = F)

```

Table 3: A data.frame holding a standard BED6 format

V1	V2	V3	V4	V5	V6
chr1	237749	237768	GCAGCACCAAGGTGGCAGCA	1412	+
chr1	714180	714199	CGGCCACCAGTAGGCAGCG	1428	-
chr1	793458	793477	CCACCAGCAGGTGGCCTCC	1160	-

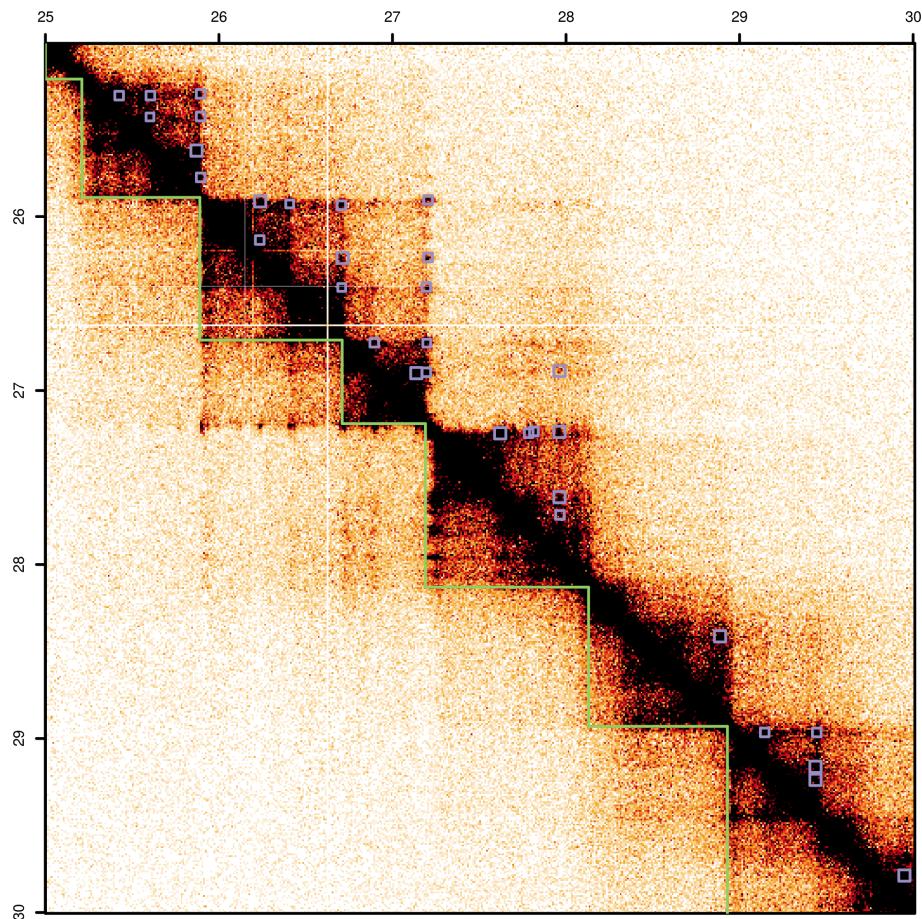


Figure 13: Hi-C matrixplot: TAD- and loop-annotations

Moreover, we can use a bigwig (.bw) file to plot a track. For this example, we are using a SMC1 ChIP-seq track from (Haarhuis et al. 2017). We need the `bigwrig` package, which is easily installed from github using `devtools::install_github()`.

```
hic.matrixplot(exp1 = Hap1_WT_10kb,
               chrom = 'chr7', start = 26.75e6, end=28.5e6,
               loops = WT_Loops, # see APA
               loops.color = '#998ec3', # purple loops
               loops.type = 'upper', # only plot in upper triangle
               loops.resize = 20e3, # expand for visibility
               chip = list('data/SMC1_WT.bw', # inner top
                           CTCF),# outer-top
               symmAnn = T, # place annotations also on left side
               cut.off = 65) # upper limit of contacts
```

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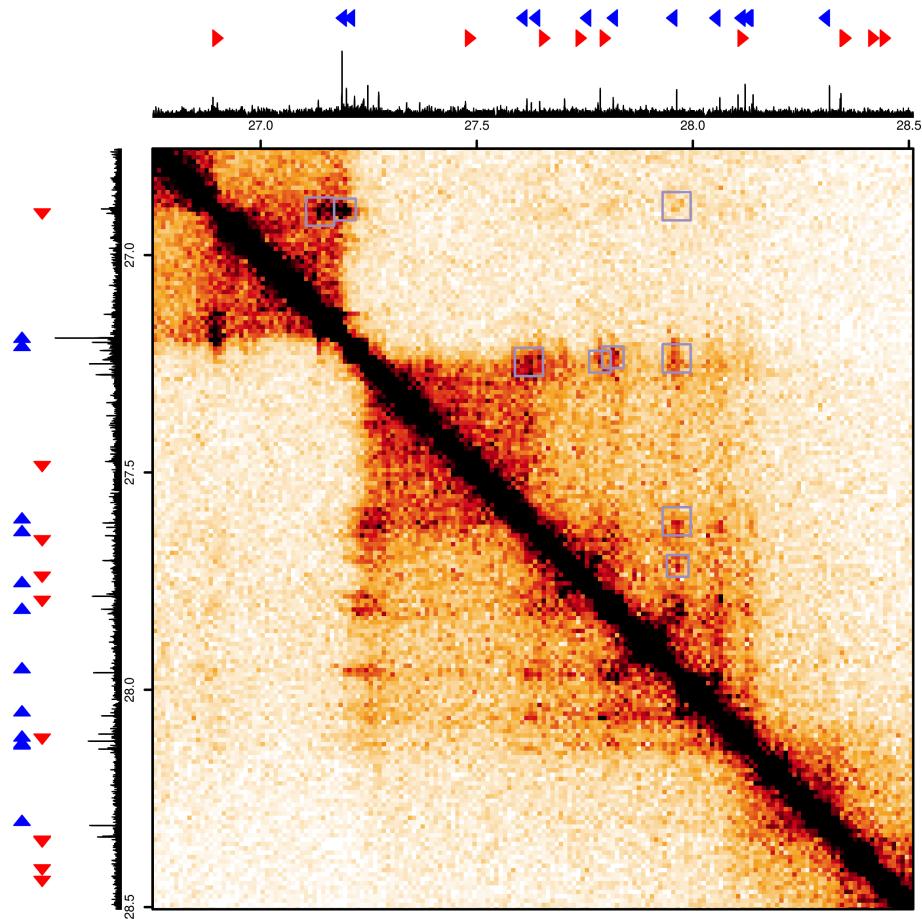


Figure 14: Hi-C matrixplot: ChIPseq

A BED-file of CTCF-sites is plotted at the top and a coverage-track of SMC1 ChIP-seq is plotted beneath this. The symmAnn-option leads to the same tracks being plotted on the left.

3.3.4 Genes

We make use of the data.fame, where each row is an exon from a gene. There are several ways to get this. One of the easiest is to use biomart to get exon-coordinates. This can be done with the biomaRt-package or via the web-based service. For this example, we downloaded data of all exons from the Ensembl biomart and plotted both the BED-file and the genes (figure 15).

```
## Gene stable ID & Transcript stable ID & Chromosome/scaffold name &
## Transcript start (bp) & Transcript end (bp) & Exon region start (bp) &
## Exon region end (bp) & Strand
martExport = read.delim('data/mart_export.txt.gz', stringsAsFactors = F)
colnames(martExport) = c('ENSG','ENST','chrom' , # change column names
                        'txStart' , 'txEnd' ,
                        'exonStart' , 'exonEnd' , 'strand')
martExport$chrom = gsub(martExport$chrom, # add chr-prefix
                        pattern = '^',
                        replacement = 'chr')
```

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```
martExport$strand = ifelse(martExport$strand == 1, "+", "-") # 1/-1 to +/-
```

Table 4: A data.frame holding the needed columns for plotting genes

chrom	txStart	txEnd	exonStart	exonEnd	strand
chr1	44457280	44462200	44457519	44457676	+
chr1	44457280	44462200	44457280	44457418	+
chr1	44457280	44462200	44457884	44458059	+
chr1	44457280	44462200	44458195	44458311	+
chr1	44457280	44462200	44459559	44459636	+

```
hic.matrixplot(exp1 = Hap1_WT_10kb,
               chrom = 'chr7', start = 26.75e6, end=28.5e6,
               genes = martExport,
               cut.off = 65) # upper limit of contacts
```

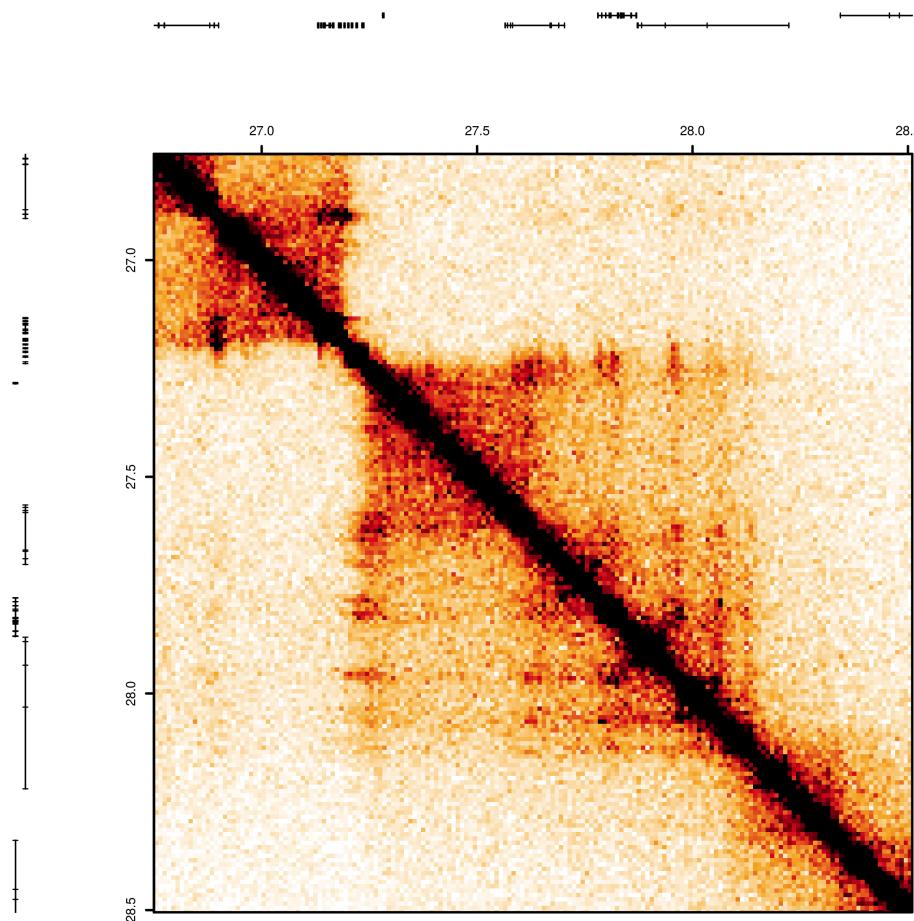
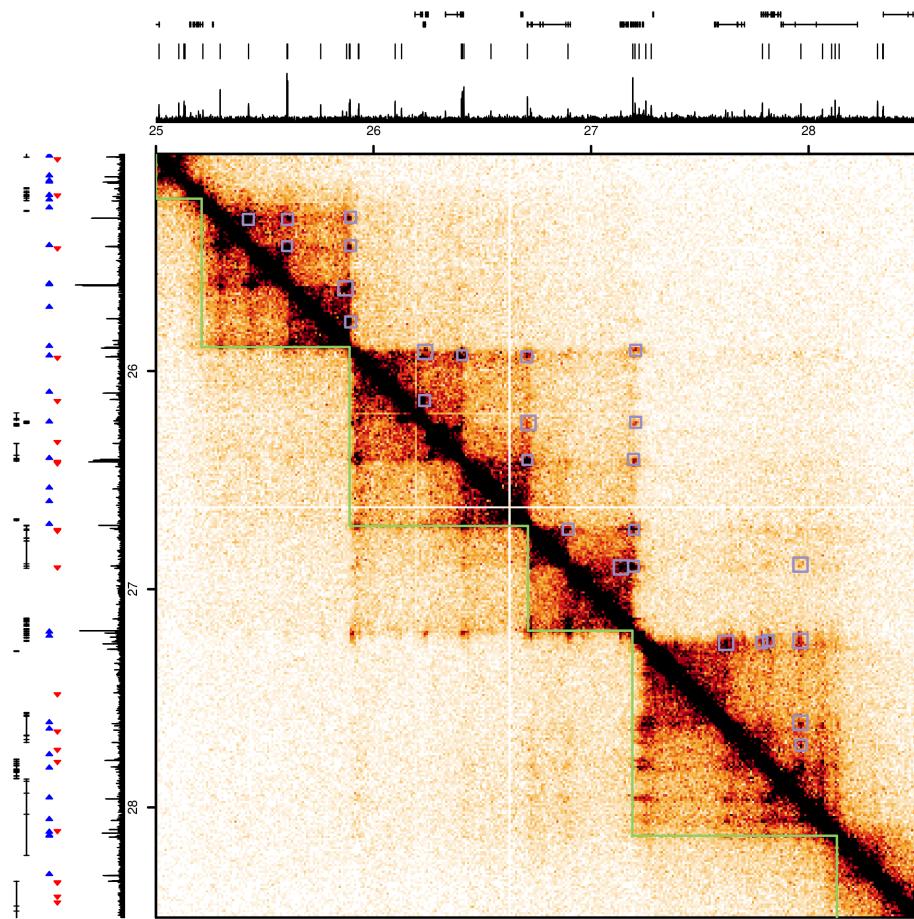


Figure 15: Hi-C matrixplot: genes

3.3.5 Everthing together

Finally, we can combine all these options in one. This may be complete overkill, but it could be quite handy. In this example, we can see that most TAD-borders and loop-anchors have clear SMC1- and CTCF-signal (figure 16). Both these are expected to be found at these locations according to the *chromatin extrusion model*. Moreover, we can also see that the CTCF-orientation of the upstream and downstream loop-anchor are forward and reverse, resp. This *convergent rule* is a known feature of loops (Wit et al. 2015).

```
hic.matrixplot(exp1 = Hap1_WT_10kb,
               chrom = 'chr7',
               start = 25e6,
               end=28.5e6,
               loops = WT_Loops, # see APA
               loops.color = '#998ec3', # purple loops
               loops.type = 'upper', # only plot in upper triangle
               loops.resize = 20e3, # expand for visibility
               genes = martExport,
               bed.col = 'black',
               chip = list('data/SMC1_WT.bw', # inner-top
                           SMC1, # outer-top
                           'data/SMC1_WT.bw', # inner-left
                           CTCF), # outer-left
               tads = WT_TADs, # see ATA
               tad.type = 'lower', # only plot in lower triangle
               tads.color = '#91cf60', # green TAD-borders
               cut.off = 50) # upper limit of contacts
```

**Figure 16: Hi-C matrixplot: a complex case**

Loops and TADs are annotated within the Hi-C matrix. On the top annotation-bar, we have plotted the ChIP-seq signal and peaks of SMC1. On the left annotation-bar are the ChIP-seq signal and peaks (with orientation) of CTCF. Genes are plotted on both annotation-bars.

4 TADs

GENOVA has a repertoire of functions to analyse TADs. First, we will use the insulation score to BLABLA

4.1 Insulation

To estimate the strength of TAD-borders, we can look at the insulation-score (Crane et al. 2015). At a TAD-border, this score reaches a local minimum: the lower the score, the stronger the insulation. We can generate this for a specific sliding-window size with `genome.wide.insulation`. Moreover, we can generate a domainogram of a range of window-sizes for a specific genomic region with `insulation.domainogram`.

4.1.1 Domainogram

To make a domainogram, we simply choose our experiment and our region of interest³.

```
layout(matrix(c(1,2,3), nrow = 1, ncol = 3), widths = c(5,1,0.1) )
insulation.domainogram(Hap1_WT_10kb,
                        'chr7',
                        25.5e6,
                        30e6,
                        window.size1 = 1,
                        window.size2 = 101,
                        step = 2)
cols = c("#f03b20", "#ffeda0", "white", "#31a354")
color.bar(colorRampPalette(cols)(100), -1, nticks = 5)
```

³The colorbar is there to get you acquainted with this type of plot.

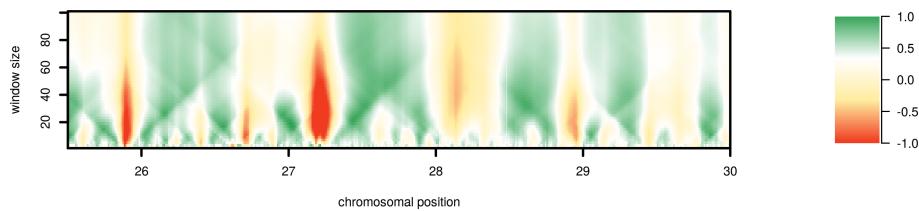


Figure 17: Insulation domainogram

Insulation-hotspots can be identified in red, which are regions with a very negative score.

By running hic.matrixplot first without ChIP- and gene-annotation, we can plot the domainogram within the same figure.

```
hic.matrixplot(exp1 = Hap1_WT_10kb,
               chrom = 'chr7',
               start = 25e6,
               end=29e6,
               tads = WT_TADs, # see ATA
               tad.type = 'upper', # only plot in lower triangle
               tads.color = '#91cf60', # green TAD-borders
               cut.off = 25, # upper limit of contacts
               skipAnn = T) # skip the outside annotation

insulation.domainogram(Hap1_WT_10kb,
                        'chr7',
                        25e6,
                        29e6,
                        window.size1 = 1,
                        window.size2 = 111,
                        step = 2,
                        axes = F)
```

4.1.2 Computing the insulation score

Windows size is scary and tricky

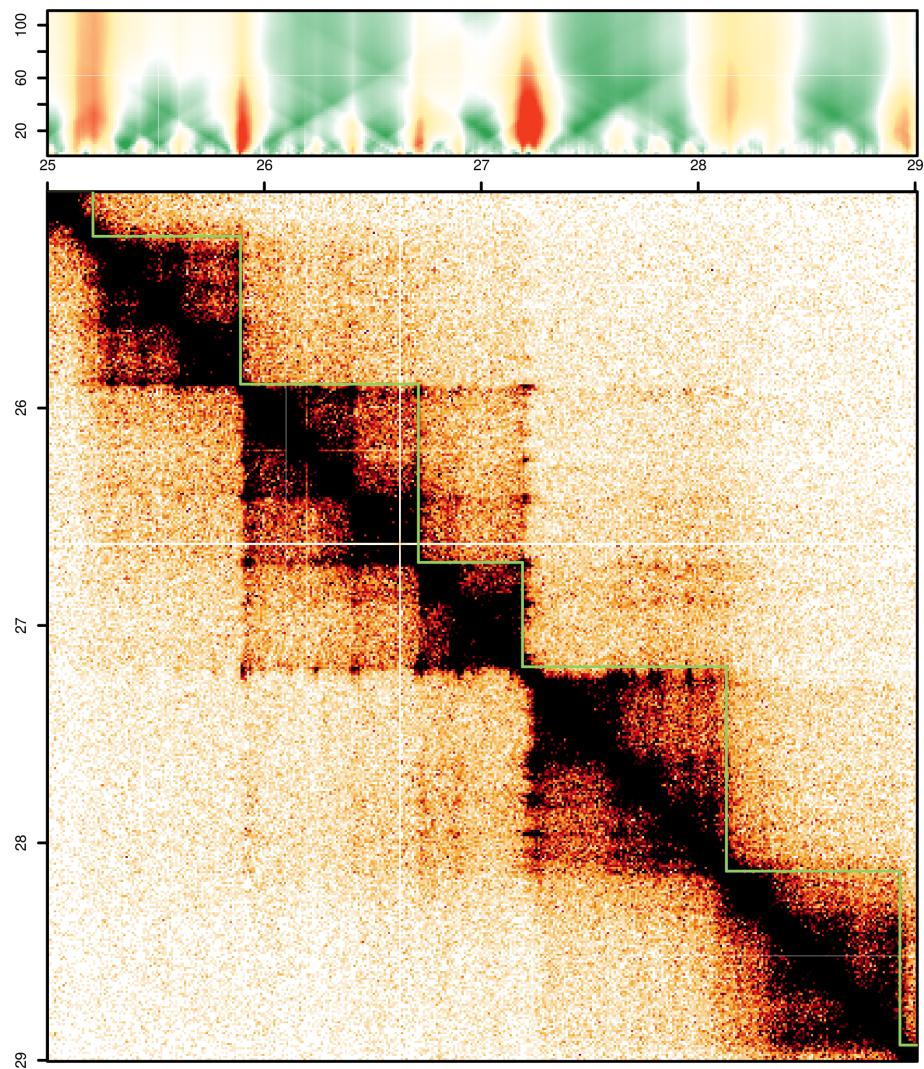


Figure 18: Insulation domainogram with Hi-C matrix

The insulation-hotspots are the sites where HiC-seg has called a TAD-border.

```
Hap1_WT_10kb_insulation = genome.wide.insulation(hic = Hap1_WT_10kb,
                                                    window.size = 40)
Hap1_WAPL_10kb_insulation = genome.wide.insulation(hic = Hap1_WAPL_10kb,
                                                    window.size = 40)
```

4.1.3 Insulation-heatmap

```
insulation.heatmap_out = insulation.heatmap(
    insulationList = list(WT = Hap1_WT_10kb_insulation,
                           WAPL = Hap1_WAPL_10kb_insulation ),
    bed = SMC1,
    zlim = c(-.5,0.25), # zlim.
```

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```
profileZlim = c(-0.25,0.10) # zlim for the profile  
)
```

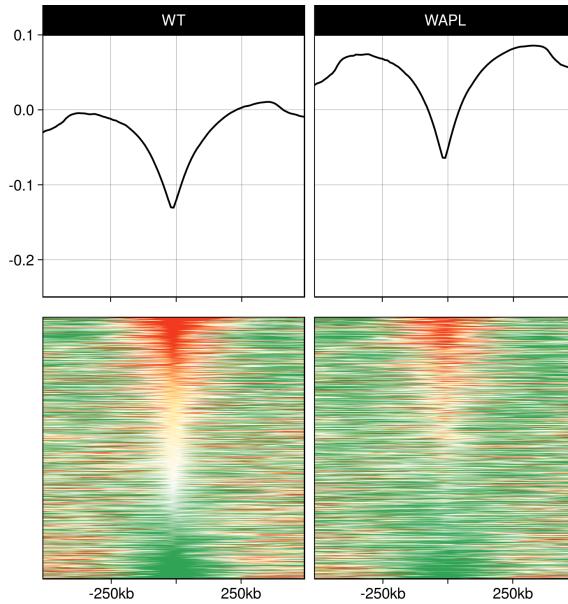


Figure 19: Insulation heatmap

4.2 Call TADs

Use the domainogram to choose a good window size:

```
Hap1_WT_10kb$INSULATION= Hap1_WT_10kb_insulation  
  
TADcalls = insulation.callTAD(Hap1_WT_10kb,BEDCOLOR = "#7ec0ee")  
  
hic.matrixplot(exp1 = Hap1_WT_10kb,  
               chrom = 'chr7',  
               start = 25e6,  
               end=29e6,  
               tads = TADcalls, # see ATA  
               tad.type = 'lower', # only plot in lower triangle  
               tads.color = '#91cf60', # green TAD-borders  
               cut.off = 25) # upper limit of contacts
```

4.3 ATA

```
ATA_Hap1_WT <- ATA(experiment = Hap1_WT_10kb, verbose = F,  
                     tad.bed = TADcalls)  
## Warning in ATA(experiment = Hap1_WT_10kb, verbose = F, tad.bed = TADcalls):
```

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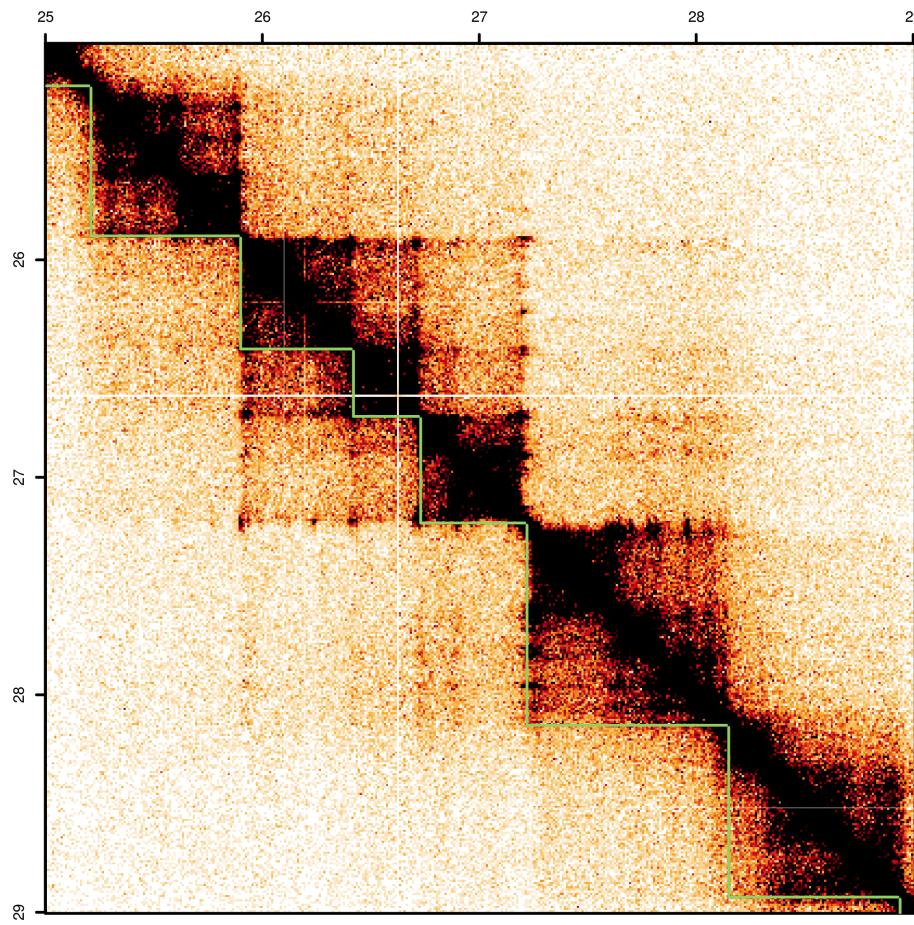


Figure 20: TADs called within GENOVA

```
## The data is too sparse to do outlier-correction
## with current set of TADs.
## Output will be without outlier-correction

ATA_Hap1_WAPL <- ATA(experiment = Hap1_WAPL_10kb, verbose = F,
                      tad.bed = TADcalls)
## Warning in ATA(experiment = Hap1_WAPL_10kb, verbose = F, tad.bed = TADcalls):
## The data is too sparse to do outlier-correction
## with current set of TADs.
## Output will be without outlier-correction
```

We can use `visualise.ATA.ggplot` to combine the ATA-results.

```
visualise.ATA.ggplot(stackedlist = list('WT' = ATA_Hap1_WT,
                                         'WAPL' = ATA_Hap1_WAPL), # a named list
                      title = "Hap1 Hi-C vs WT TADs",
                      zlim1 = c(0,26),
                      zlim2 = c(-5,5),
                      focus = 1) # which entry to use as comparison
```

Hap1 Hi-C vs WT TADs

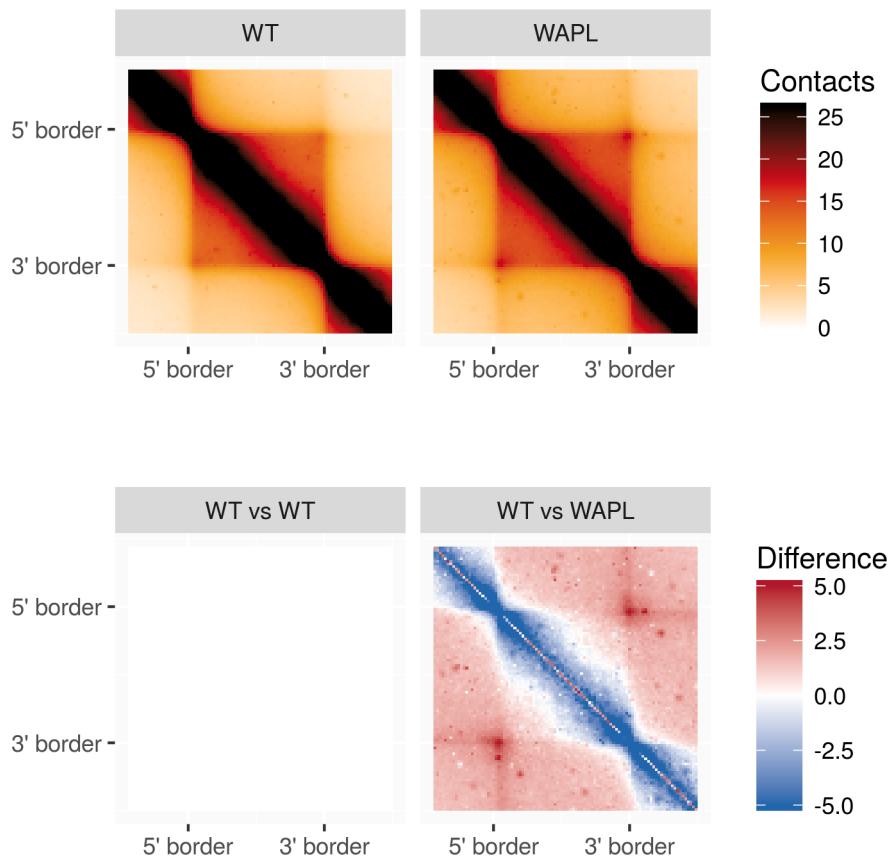


Figure 21: ATA

In the WAPL-knockout, we see a decrease of contacts within the TAD, but an increase at the corner.

4.4 TAD+N

```
TAD_N_WT <- intra.inter.TAD.contacts(TAD = WT_TADs,
                                         max.neighbor = 10,
                                         exp = Hap1_WT_10kb)
TAD_N_WAPL <- intra.inter.TAD.contacts(TAD = WT_TADs,
                                         max.neighbor = 10,
                                         exp = Hap1_WAPL_10kb)
```

We can compute the enrichment of contacts between TADs with the differential.TAD.dotplot-function.

```
differential.TAD.dotplot(exp1 = TAD_N_WT, # denominator
                           exp2 = TAD_N_WAPL) # numerator
```

Or show it as a scatterplot. With differential.TAD.scatterplot, you can choose to add a diagonal line with line = T. Furthermore, you can choose to zoom in by allData == F.

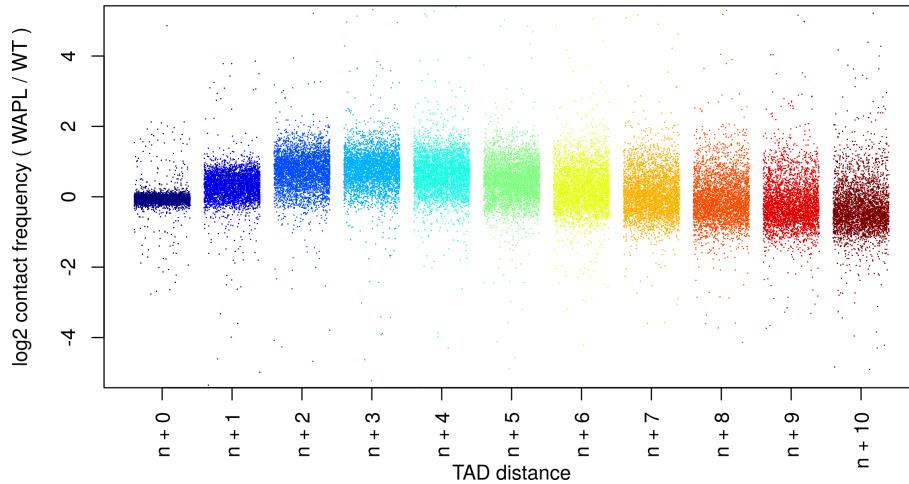


Figure 22: Differential TAD-analysis

Experiment 2 (WAPL) has more interactions between neighbouring TADs compared to wild type.

```
par(mfrow = c(1,2), pty = 's')
differential.TAD.scatterplot(exp1 = TAD_N_WT, # denominator
                             exp2 = TAD_N_WAPL,
                             allData = T,
                             main = 'allData == T') # numerator
differential.TAD.scatterplot(exp1 = TAD_N_WT, # denominator
                             exp2 = TAD_N_WAPL,
                             allData = F,
                             main = 'allData == F') # numerator
```

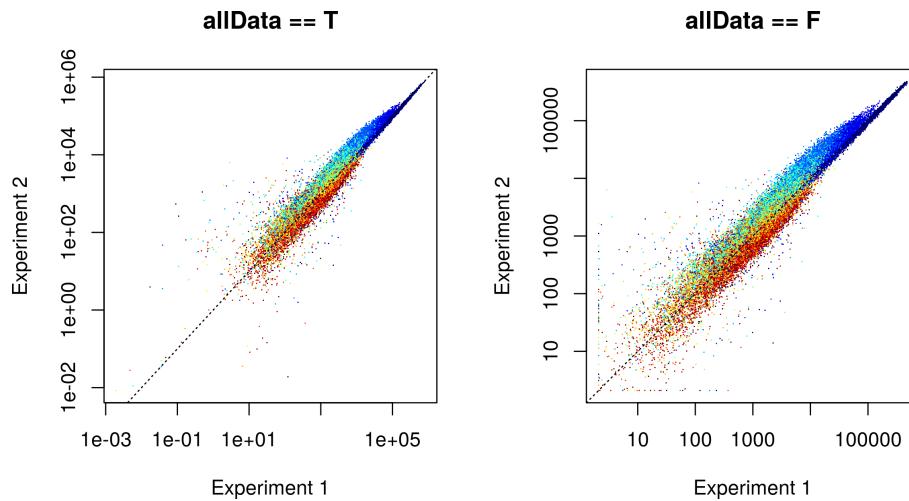


Figure 23: Differential TAD-analysis: scatterplot

Experiment 2 (WAPL) has more interactions between neighbouring TADs compared to wild type.

5 Loops

For this section, we are using the extended loops from Haarhuis et al. (2017). These are the anchor-combinations of the merged loop-calls of WT Hap1 5-, 10- and 20-kb matrices, generated with HICCUPS (Rao et al. 2014).

```
WT_Loops_extended = read.delim('data/WT_3Mb_extended_loops.bed', h = F)
```

Table 5: A data.frame holding a standard BEDPE format

Columns 1-3 are describe the 5' anchor, columns 4-6 describe the 3' anchor.

V1	V2	V3	V4	V5	V6
chr11	875000	900000	chr11	2020000	2025000
chr11	875000	900000	chr11	2162500	2187500
chr11	875000	900000	chr11	2020000	2025000
chr11	875000	900000	chr11	2020000	2030000
chr11	875000	900000	chr11	1940000	1945000

5.1 APA

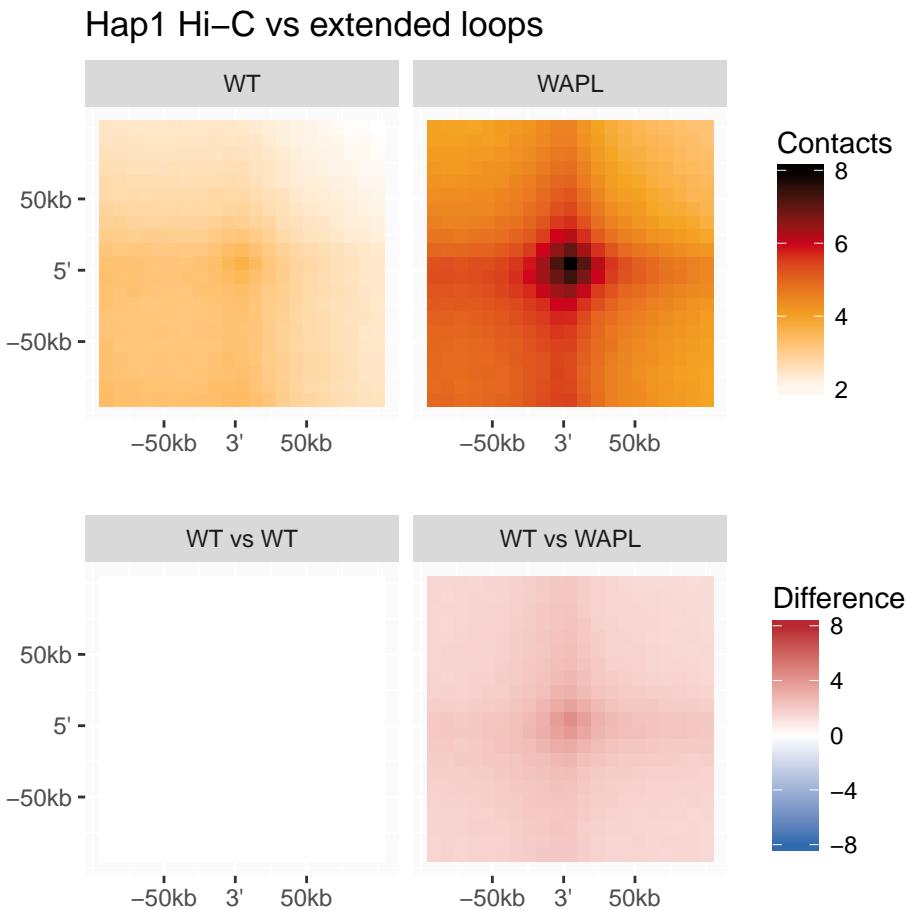
Explain smallthreshold

```
APA_Hap1_WT_extended <- APA(experiment = Hap1_WT_10kb,
                                loop.bed = WT_Loops_extended)
## Warning in APA(experiment = Hap1_WT_10kb, loop.bed = WT_Loops_extended):
## The data is too sparse to do outlier-correction
## with current set of loops.
## Output will be without outlier-correction

APA_Hap1_WAPL_extended <- APA(experiment = Hap1_WAPL_10kb,
                                 loop.bed = WT_Loops_extended)
```

We can use `visualise.APA.ggplot` to combine the APA-results.

```
visualise.APA.ggplot(APAlist = list('WT' = APA_Hap1_WT_extended,
                                      'WAPL' = APA_Hap1_WAPL_extended), # a named list
                      title = "Hap1 Hi-C vs extended loops",
                      zTop = c(1,45), # set the zlims of the upper row
                      zBottom = c(-8.33,8.33),
                      focus = 1) # which item in APAlist to use as comparison
```

**Figure 24: APA**

In the WAPL-knockout, we see an increase of contacts at the loop.

6 Far-cis interactions

6.1 PE-SCAn

Some regulatory features, like super-enhancers come together in 3D-space. To test this, we implemented PE-SCAn. Here, the enrichment of interaction-frequency of all pairwise combinations of given regions is computed. The background is generated by shifting all regions by a fixed distance (1Mb: can be changed with the `shift`-argument).

```
superEnhancers = read.delim('data/homerSuperEnhancers.txt',
                            h = F,
                            comment.char = "#")
```

The basic visualisation is comparable to ATA and APA: the first row shows the enrichment of all included samples, while the bottom row shows the difference.

```
WT_PE_OUT = PESCAN(exp = Hap1_WT_40kb, bed = superEnhancers[,2:4])
visualise.PESCAN.ggplot(PESCANlist = list(WT = WT_PE_OUT),
```

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Table 6: A data.frame holding the output of homer's findPeaks -style super

V1	V2	V3	V4	V5	V6
chr16-182	chr16	73074453	73092750	+	2572.8
chr12-14931	chr12	122219417	122249906	+	2532.3
chr2-1474	chr2	133025386	133026123	+	2523.7
chr11-4061	chr11	797422	842970	+	2227.4
chr15-2899	chr15	89158155	89165379	+	2087.3

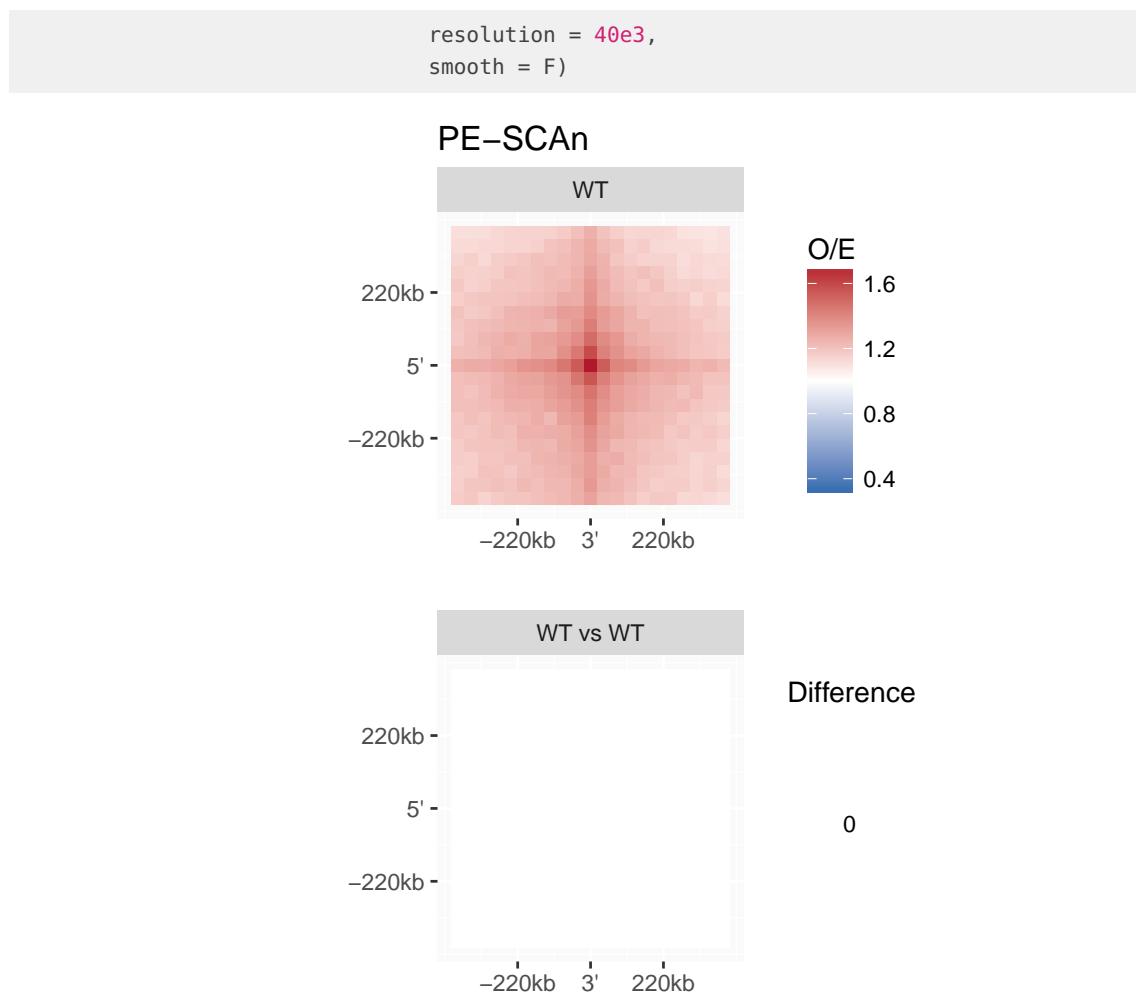


Figure 25: PE-SCAn

There is a pairwise enrichment of contacts between Superenhancers, compared to shifted regions in the WT.

Another way of looking at the PE-SCAn results, is to make a perspective plot. Here, the enrichment is encoded as the z-axis.

```
RES = 40e3 # resolution of the Hi-C
persp(list(x = seq(-1*(RES*10),(RES*10), length.out = 21)/1e6, # x-ticks (MB)
           y = seq(-1*(RES*10),(RES*10), length.out = 21)/1e6, # y-ticks (MB)
           z = WT_PE_OUT), # PE-SCAn out
```

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```
phi = 25, # colatitude
theta = 40, # rotation
col="#92c5de", # color of the surface
shade=0.4, # how much shading
xlab="",
ylab="",
zlab="",
cex.axis = .6,
ticktype="detailed",
border=NA,
zlim = c(min(c(WT_PE_OUT)),
          max(c(WT_PE_OUT))))
```

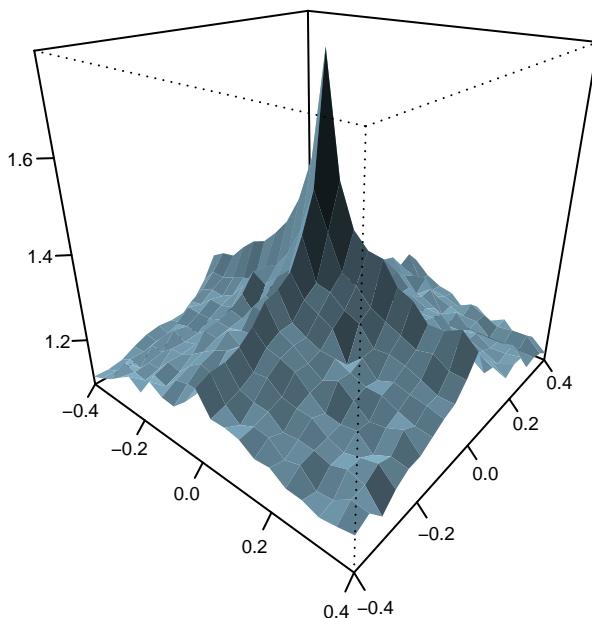


Figure 26: PE-SCAn perspective plot

6.2 centromere.telomere.analysis

```
centromere.telomere.analysis  
draw.centromere.telomere We saw a enriched signal between chromosomes 15 and 19. We  
can wh  
out1519 = centromere.telomere.analysis(Hap1_WT_40kb, chrom.vec = c('chr15', 'chr19'))  
draw.centromere.telomere(out1519)
```

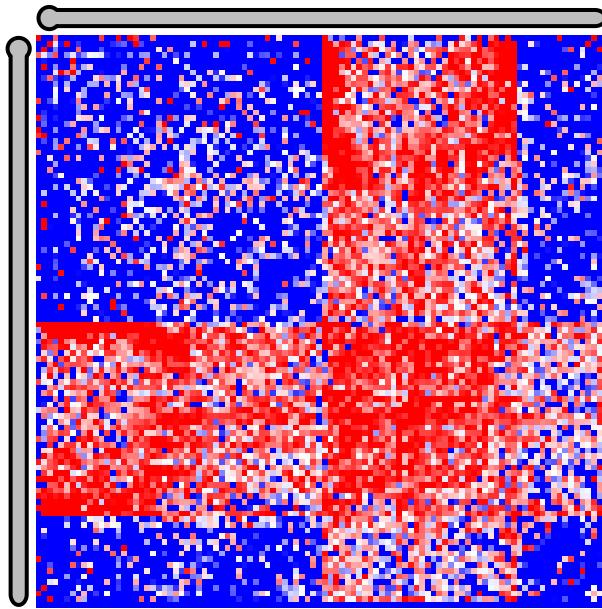


Figure 27: Centromere-telomere plot of chromosomes 15 and 19

7 To-do

For the next version, the following will be added/fixed:

- write `visualise.PESCA.n.persp`

Please post questions, comments and rants on [our github issue tracker](#).

8 Session info

```
## R version 3.4.3 (2017-11-30)
## Platform: x86_64-pc-linux-gnu (64-bit)
## Running under: Ubuntu 16.04.3 LTS
##
## Matrix products: default
## BLAS: /usr/lib/openblas-base/libblas.so.3
## LAPACK: /usr/lib/libopenblas-p-r0.2.18.so
##
## locale:
## [1] LC_CTYPE=en_US.UTF-8      LC_NUMERIC=C
## [3] LC_TIME=en_US.UTF-8       LC_COLLATE=en_US.UTF-8
## [5] LC_MONETARY=en_US.UTF-8   LC_MESSAGES=en_US.UTF-8
## [7] LC_PAPER=en_US.UTF-8      LC_NAME=C
## [9] LC_ADDRESS=C              LC_TELEPHONE=C
## [11] LC_MEASUREMENT=en_US.UTF-8 LC_IDENTIFICATION=C
##
## attached base packages:
```

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```
## [1] stats      graphics   grDevices utils      datasets   methods    base
##
## other attached packages:
## [1] viridis_0.4.0     viridisLite_0.2.0  reshape2_1.4.3    ggplot2_2.2.1
## [5] bigwrig_0.1.0     bindrcpp_0.2      GENOVA_0.9.9    BiocStyle_2.6.1
##
## loaded via a namespace (and not attached):
## [1] Rcpp_0.12.14      compiler_3.4.3    pillar_1.0.1
## [4] plyr_1.8.4        bindr_0.1         tools_3.4.3
## [7] digest_0.6.12     evaluate_0.10.1   tibble_1.4.1
## [10] gtable_0.2.0      pkgconfig_2.0.1   rlang_0.1.6
## [13] yaml_2.1.16       gridExtra_2.3    dplyr_0.7.4
## [16] stringr_1.2.0     knitr_1.18       rprojroot_1.3-1
## [19] grid_3.4.3        glue_1.2.0       data.table_1.10.4-3
## [22] R6_2.2.2          rmarkdown_1.8.5   bookdown_0.5
## [25] magrittr_1.5       codetools_0.2-15  backports_1.1.2
## [28] scales_0.4.1      htmltools_0.3.6   assertthat_0.2.0
## [31] colorspace_1.3-2   stringi_1.1.5    lazyeval_0.2.0
## [34] munsell_0.4.3
```

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