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Computational Biology: Genomes, Networks, Evolution

# **Lecture 11 - Epigenomics**

read mapping – peak calling – multivariate HMMs

# Module III: Epigenomics and gene regulation

- **Computational Foundations**
  - L10: Gibbs Sampling: between EM and Viterbi training
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# One Genome – Many Cell Types

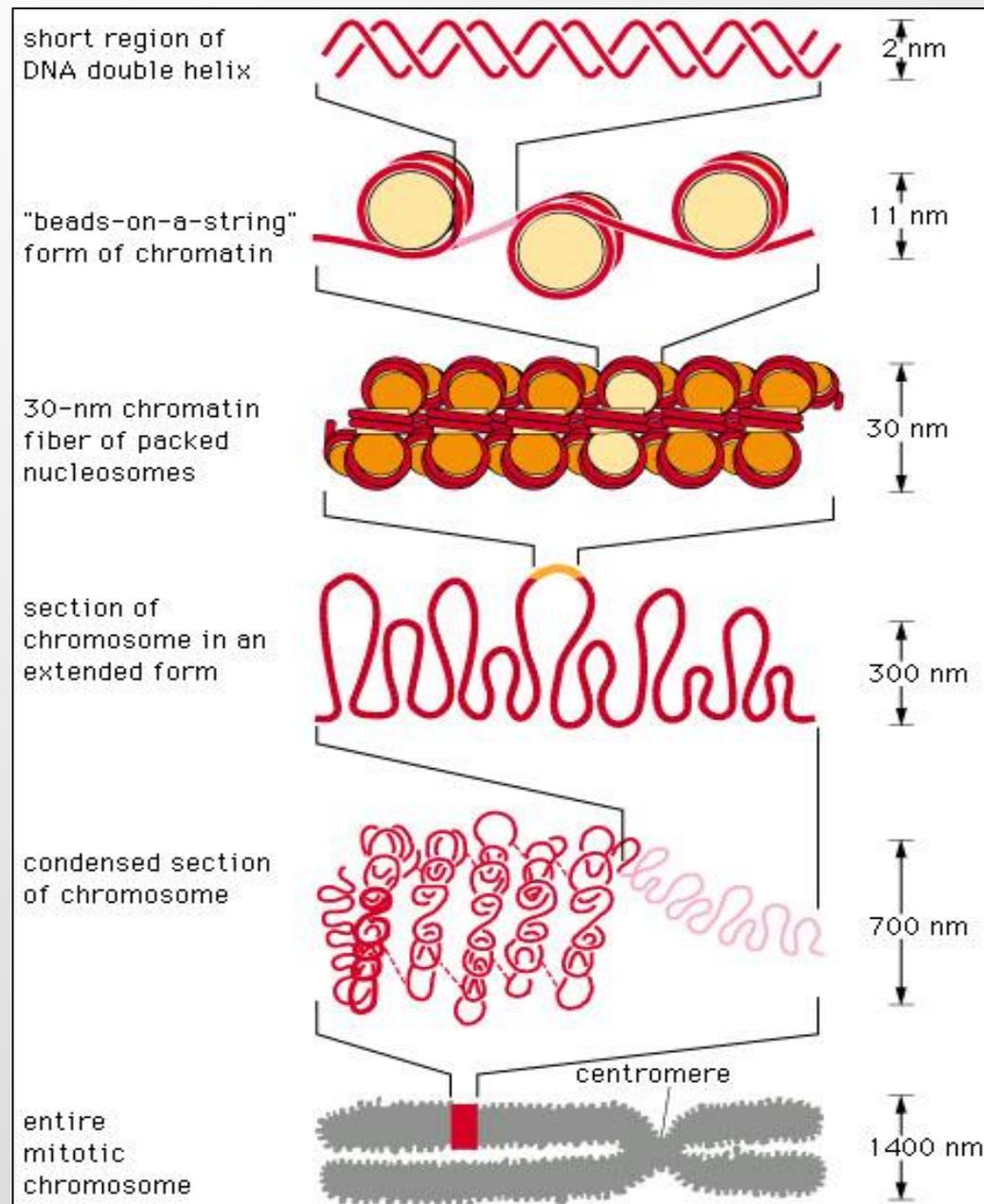
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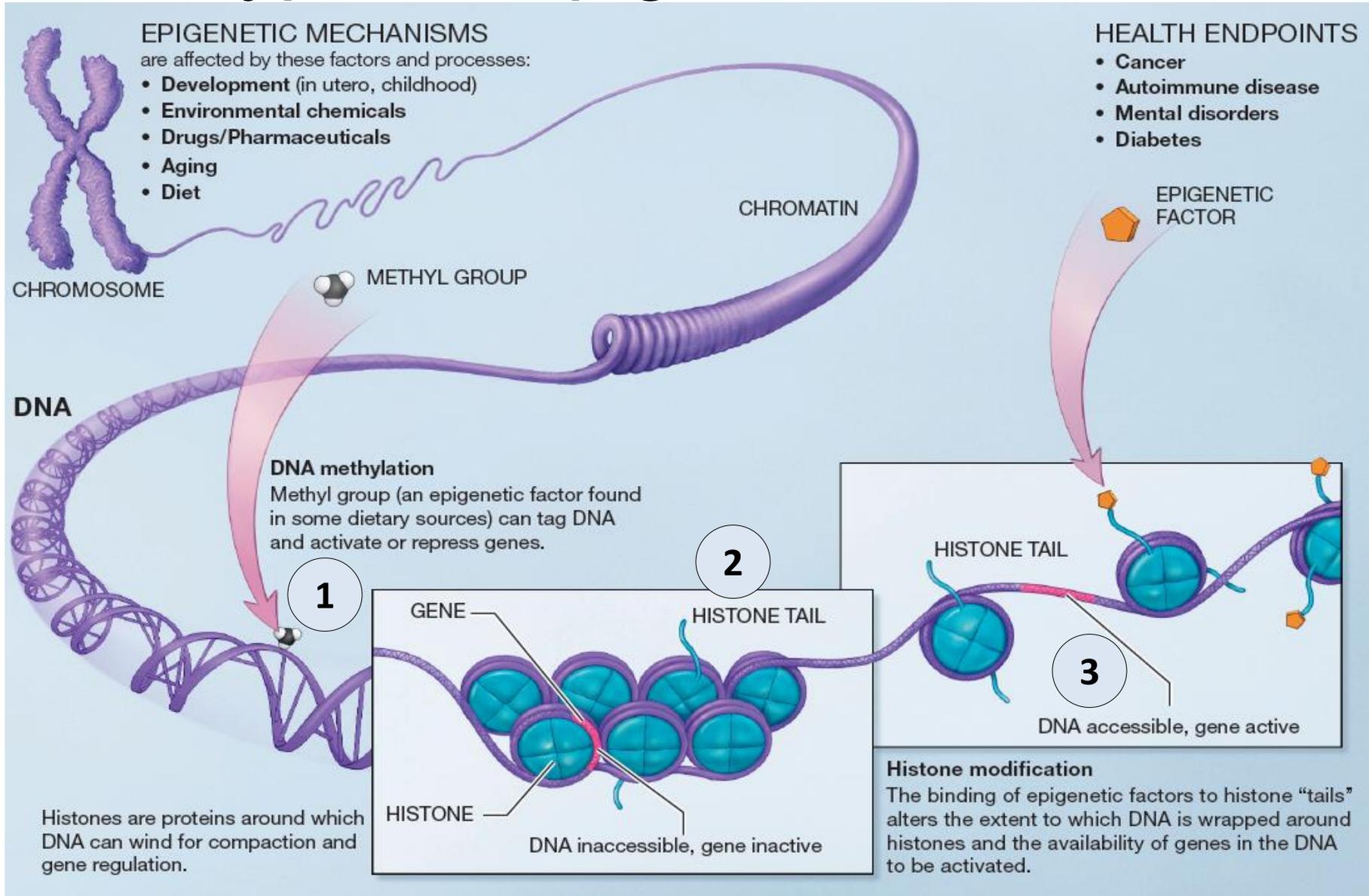
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# DNA packaging

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



# Three types of epigenetic modifications

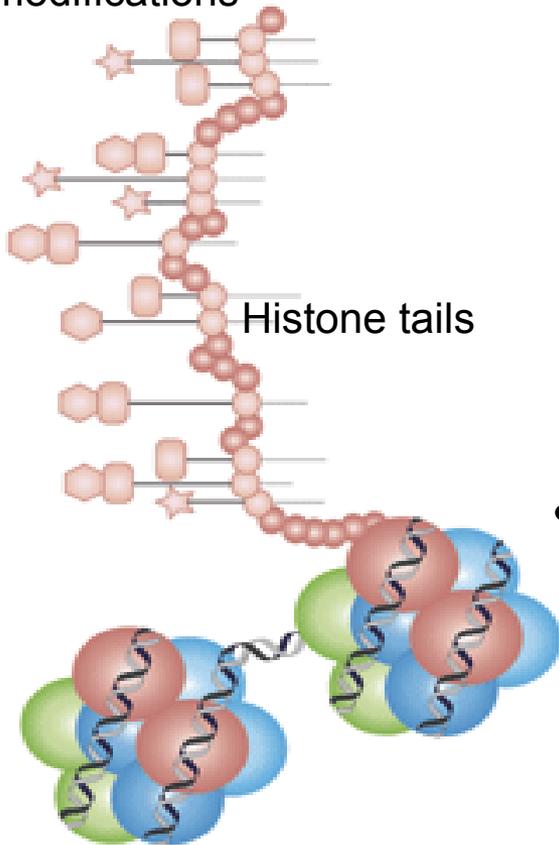


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# 100s of histone tail modifications

modifications



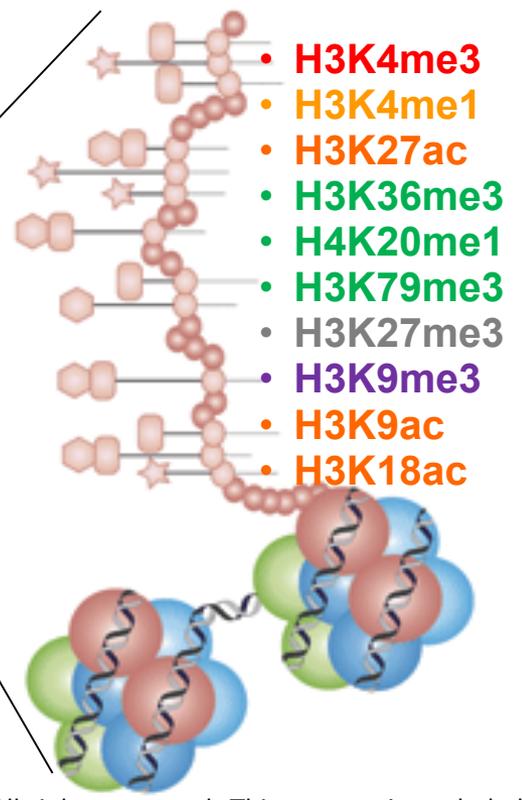
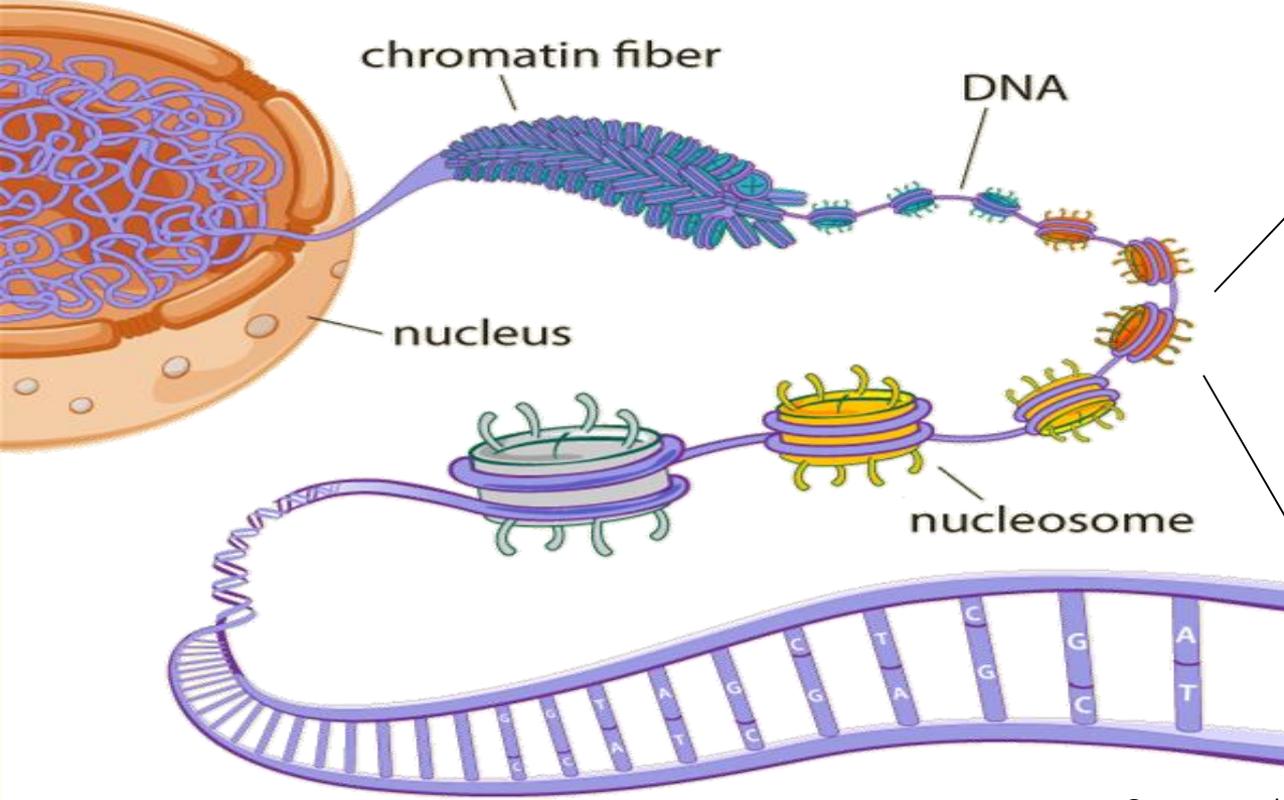
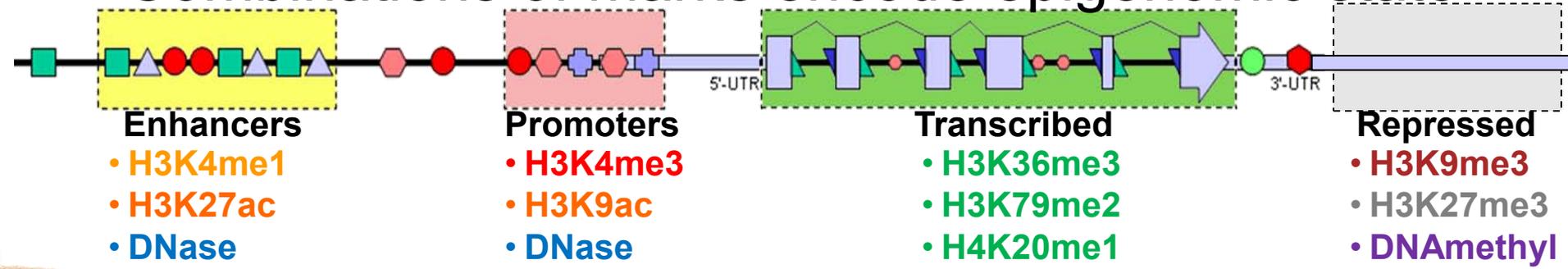
Histone tails

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

DNA wrapped around  
histone proteins

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# Combinations of marks encode epigenomic state

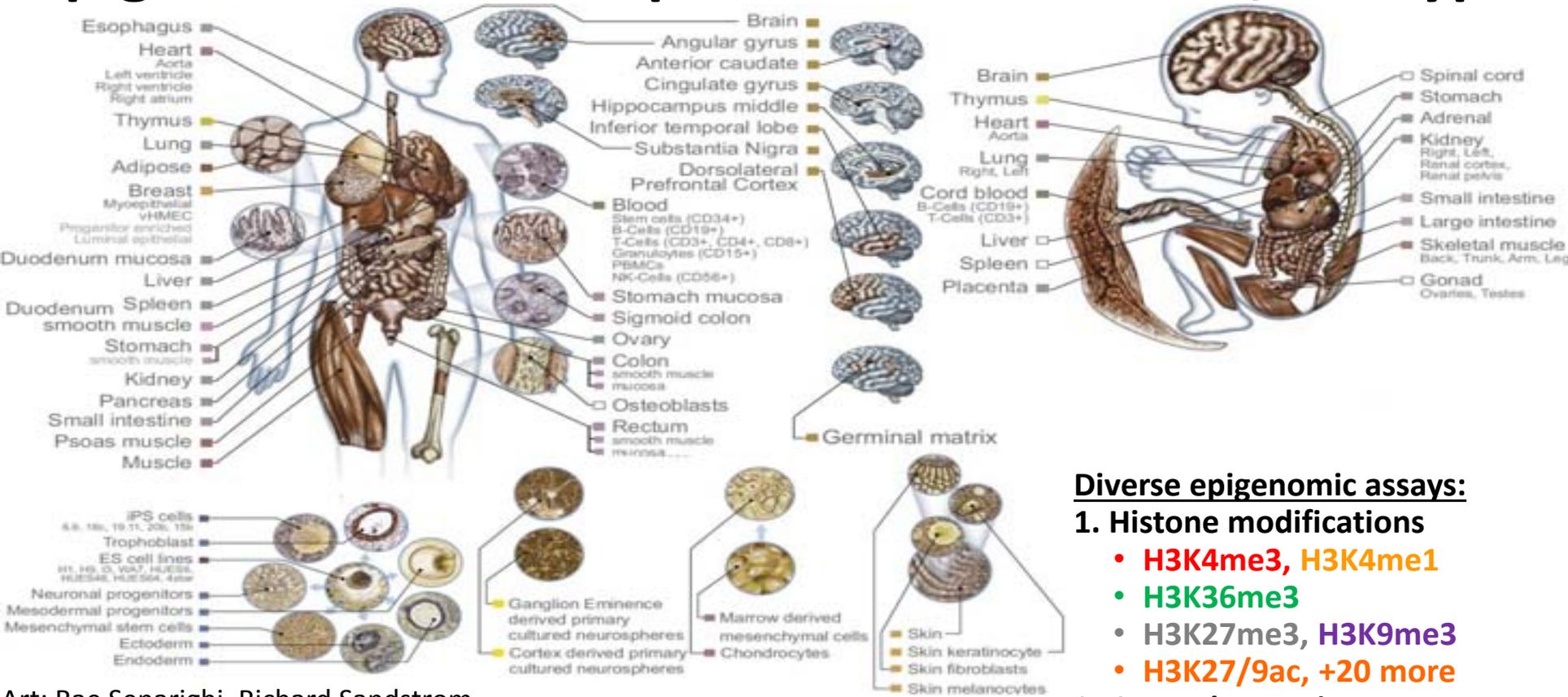


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- 100s of known modifications, many new still emerging
- Systematic mapping using ChIP-, Bisulfite-, DNase-Seq

# Epigenomics Roadmap across 100+ tissues/cell types



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## Diverse epigenomic assays:

### 1. Histone modifications

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

### 2. Open chromatin:

- DNase

### 3. DNA methylation:

- WGBS, RRBS, MRE/MeDIP

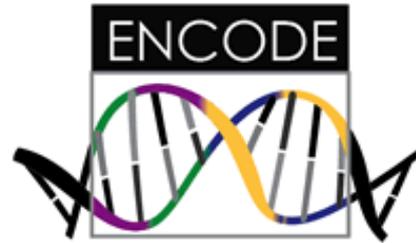
### 4. Gene expression

- RNA-seq, Exon Arrays

## Diverse tissues and cells:

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

# Ongoing epigenomic mapping projects



- Mapping multiple modifications
- In multiple cell types
- In multiple individuals
- In multiple species
- In multiple conditions
- With multiple antibodies
- Across the whole genome

- First wave published
- Lots more in pipeline
- Time for analysis!

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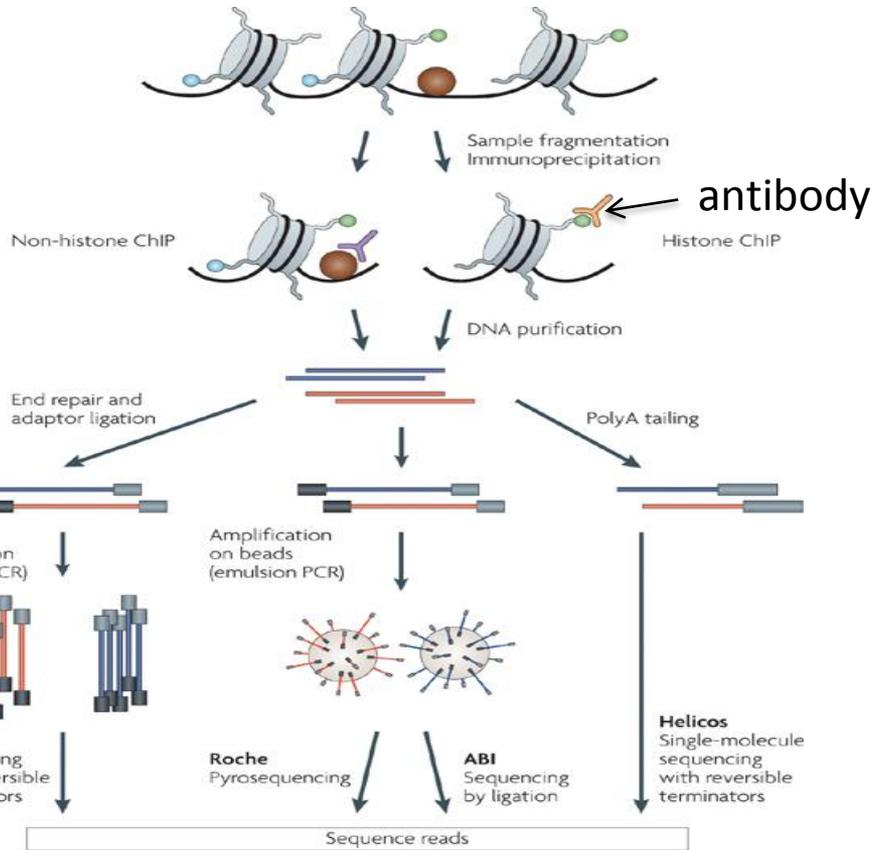
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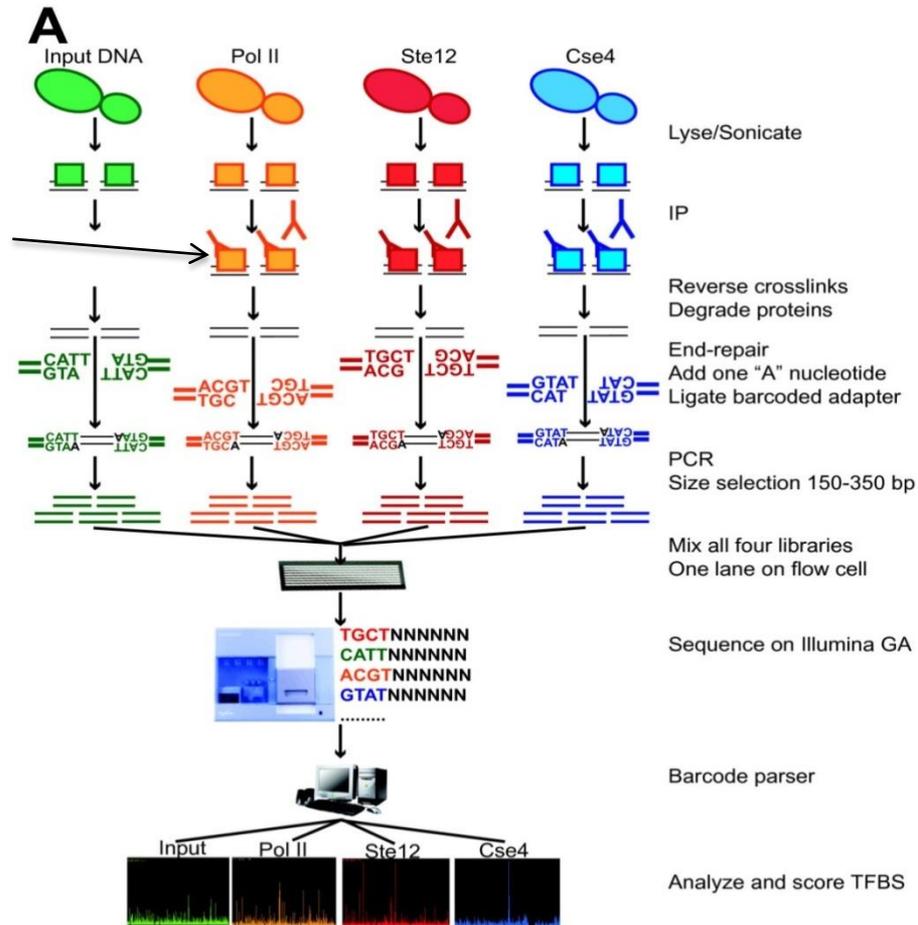
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# ChIP-seq review

(Chromatin immunoprecipitation followed by sequencing)



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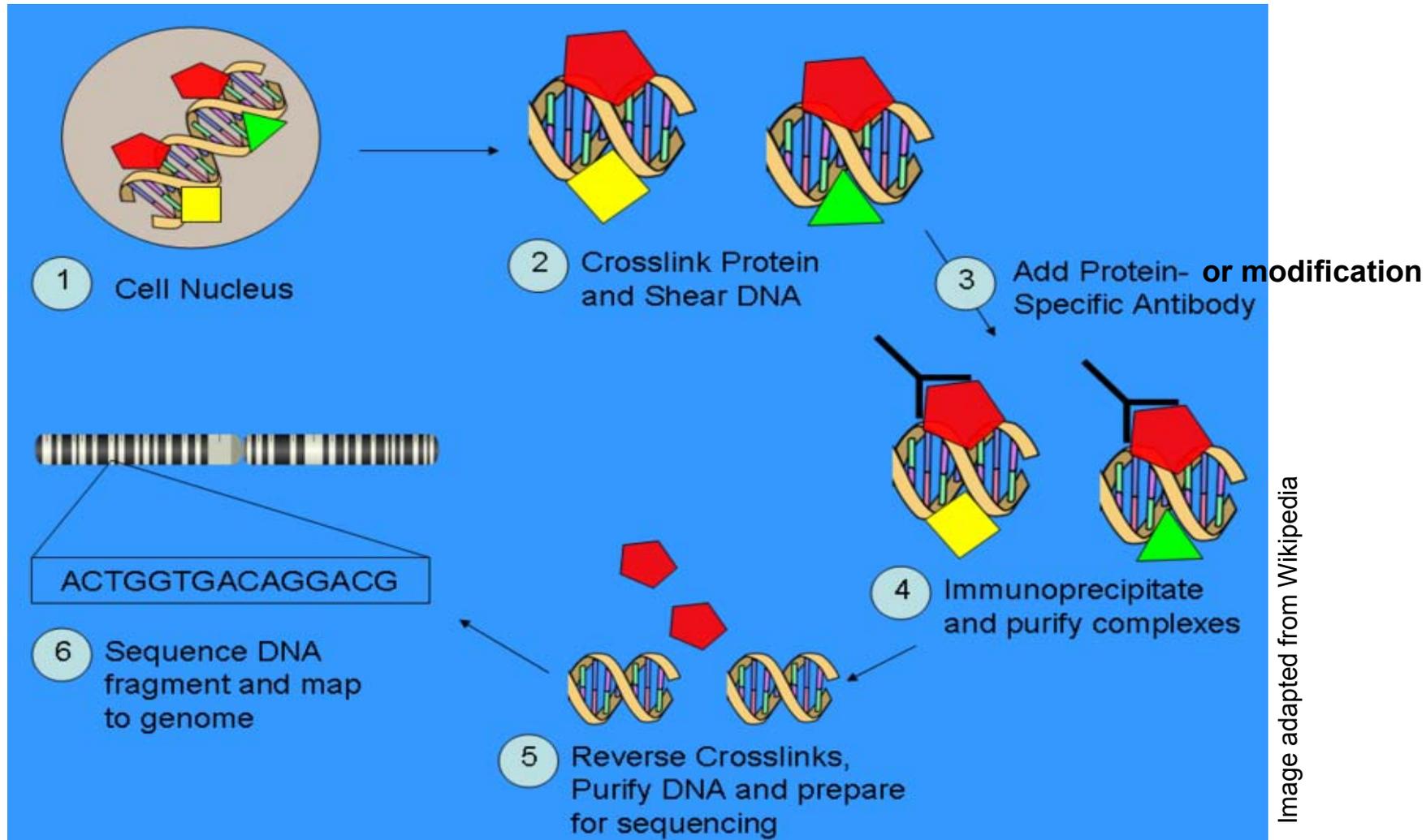


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Bar-coded multiplexed sequencing

# ChIP-chip and ChIP-Seq technology overview

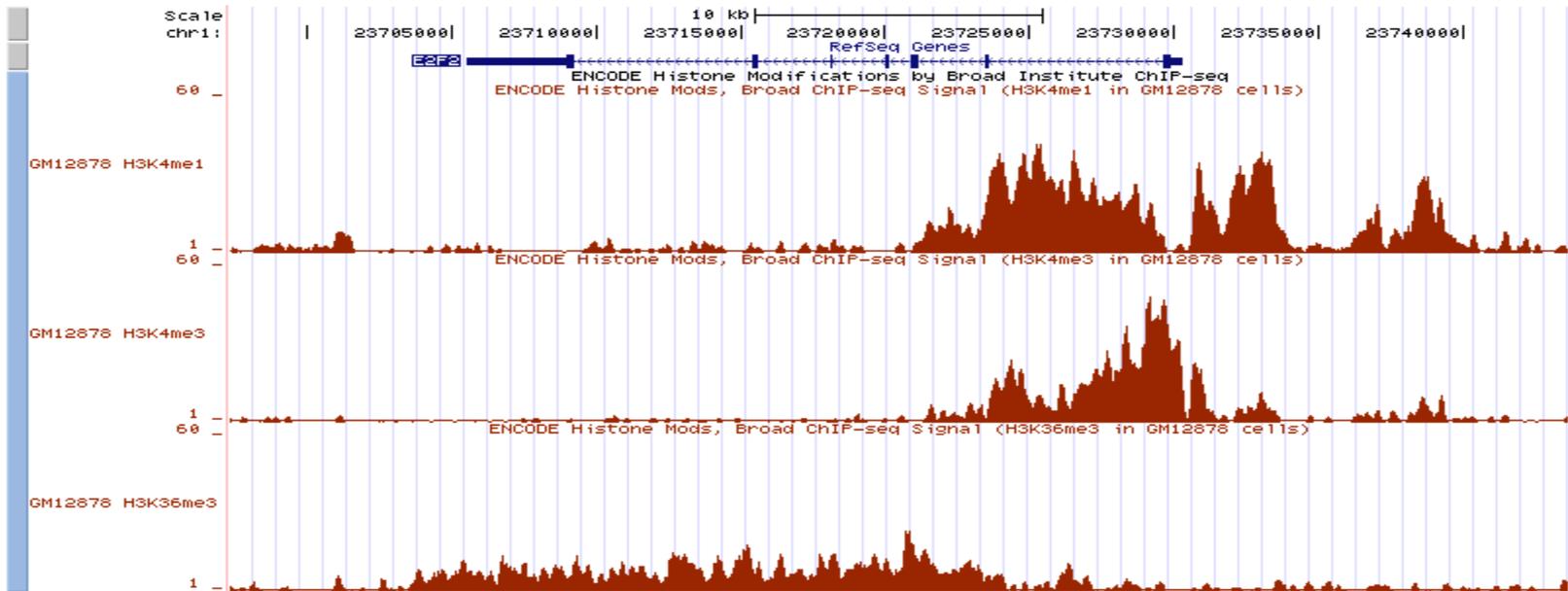


Modification-specific antibodies → Chromatin Immuno-Precipitation

followed by: ChIP-chip: array hybridization

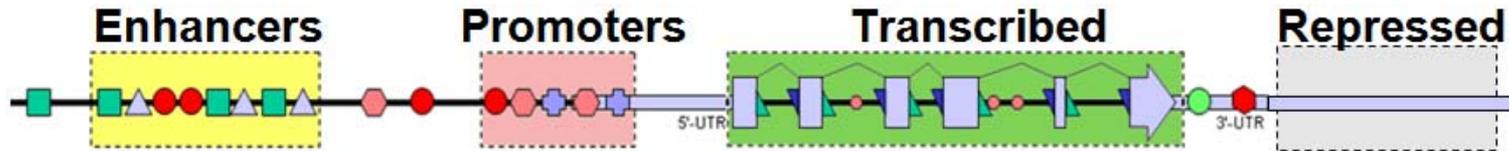
ChIP-Seq: Massively Parallel Next-gen Sequencing<sup>13</sup>

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

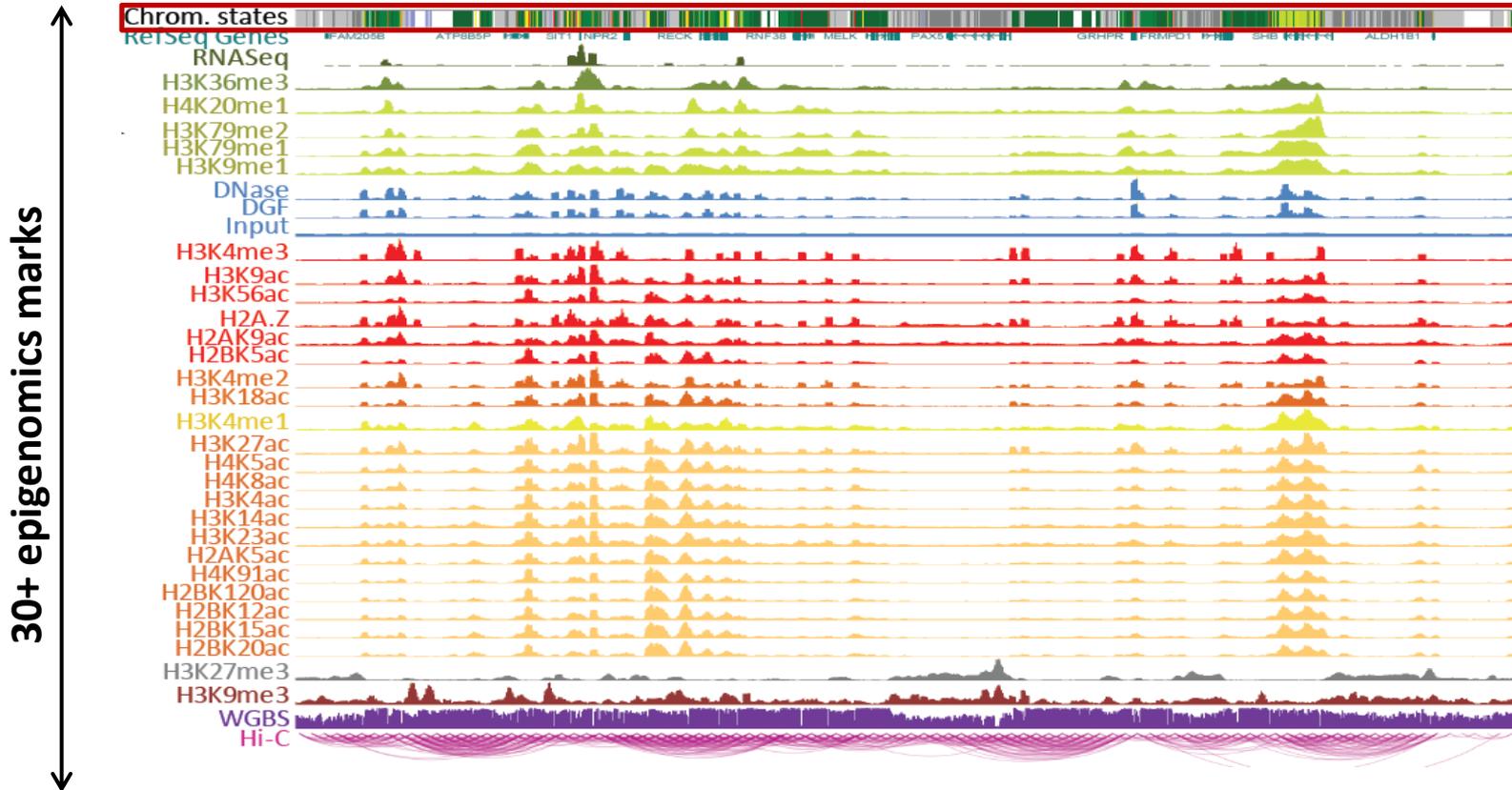


- Each sequence tag is 30 base pairs long
- Tags are mapped to unique positions in the ~3 billion base reference genome
- Number of reads depends on sequencing depth. Typically on the order of 10 million mapped reads.

# Summarize multiple marks into chromatin states



Chromatin state track summary



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

# Mapping millions of short reads to the genome

Traditional Hashing Schemes

Burrows-Wheeler Transform (BWT)

# Mapping Reads to the Genome

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

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# How would you do it:

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

# Second Generation Mappers have Leveraged the Burrows Wheeler Transformation

Software

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

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### Abstract



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

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#### Sequence analysis

### SOAP: short oligonucleotide alignment program

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#### ABSTRACT

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

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

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#### Sequence analysis

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

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#### ABSTRACT

**Summary:** SOAP2 is a significantly improved version of the short oligonucleotide alignment program that both reduces computer memory usage and increases alignment speed at an unprecedented rate. We used Burrows-Wheeler Transformation (BWT) compression index to substitute the seed strategy for indexing the reference sequence in the main memory. We tested it on the whole human genome and found that this new algorithm reduced memory usage from 147 to 5.4GB and improved alignment speed by 20-30 times. SOAP2 is compatible with both single- and paired-end reads. Additionally, this tool now supports multiple text and compressed file formats. A consensus builder has also been developed for consensus assembly and SNP detection from alignment of short reads on a reference genome.

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

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

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#### Sequence analysis

### Fast and accurate short read alignment with Burrows-Wheeler transform

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#### ABSTRACT

**Motivation:** The enormous amount of short reads generated by the new DNA sequencing technologies call for the development of fast and accurate read alignment programs. A first generation of hash-table-based methods has been developed, including MAQ, which is accurate, feature rich and fast enough to align short reads from a single individual. However, MAQ does not support gapped alignment for single-end reads, which makes it unsuitable for alignment of longer reads where indels may occur frequently. The speed of MAQ is also a concern when the alignment is scaled up to the resequencing of hundreds of individuals.

**Results:** We implemented Burrows-Wheeler Alignment tool (BWA), a new read alignment package that is based on backward search with Burrows-Wheeler Transform (BWT), to efficiently align short sequencing reads against a large reference sequence such as the human genome, allowing mismatches and gaps. BWA supports both large space reads, e.g. from Illumina sequencing machines, and color space reads from ABI SOLiD machines. Evaluations on both simulated and real data suggest that BWA is ~10-20x faster than MAQ, while achieving similar accuracy. In addition, BWA outputs alignments in the new standard SAM (Sequence Alignment/Map) format. Source code and executables are available at <http://www.sanger.ac.uk/~bwa/>.

**Availability:** <http://maq.sourceforge.net>

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of scanning the whole genome when few reads are aligned. The second category of software, including SOAP1 (Li et al., 2008b), PASS (Carpignani et al., 2009), MOM (Eaves and Cai, 2009), ProbeMatch (Jiang, Kim et al., 2009), NovoAlign (<http://www.novocell.com>), RESEQ (<http://bioinformatics.hawaii.edu/~novocell/reseq>), Mosaik (<http://bioinformatics.hawaii.edu/~novocell/mosaik>) and BFAST (<http://genome.sci.uci.edu/~bfast>), handle the genome. These programs can be easily parallelized with multi-threading, but they usually require large memory to build an index for the human genome. In addition, the iterative strategy frequently introduced by these software may make their speed sensitive to the sequencing error rate. The third category includes slider (Mullis et al., 2009) which does alignment by merge-sorting the reference subsequences and read sequences.

Recently, the theory on string matching using Burrows-Wheeler Transform (BWT) (Burrows and Wheeler, 1994) has drawn the attention of several groups, which has led to the development of SOAP2 (<http://soap.genomics.org.cn/>), Bowtie (Langmead et al., 2009) and BWA, our new aligner described in this article. Essentially, using backward search (Ferragina and Manzoni, 2000; Lipson, 2005) with BWT, we are able to effectively mimic the top-down traversal on the prefix tree of the genome with relatively small memory footprint (Lam et al., 2008) and to count the number of exact hits of a string of length  $l$  in  $O(l)$  time independent of the size of the genome. For exact search, BWA samples from the implicit prefix tree the distinct substrings that are less than  $k$  edit distance

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

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

(Supplemental material is available online at [www.genome.org](http://www.genome.org). Short-read sequences have been deposited in the European Read Archive (ERA) under accession no. ERA000002 (<http://ftp.era.sanger.ac.uk/ERA000002/>).

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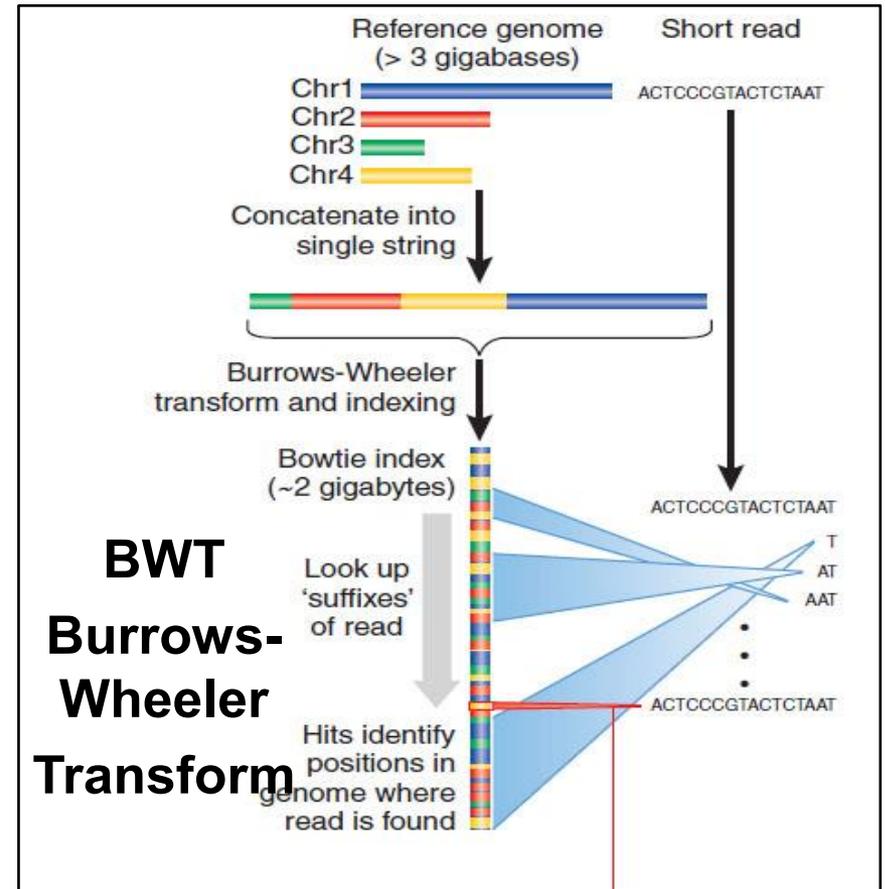
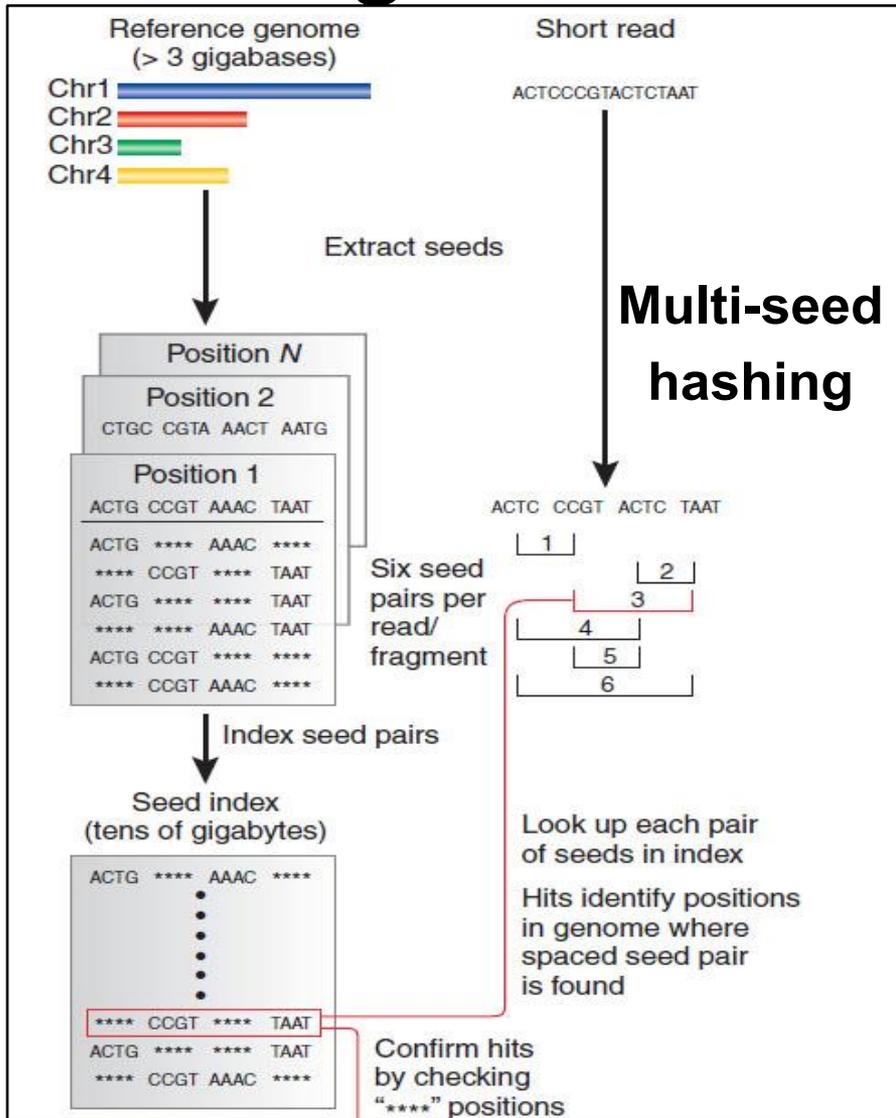
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# Burrows-Wheeler Transform (BWT)

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

- Transform:  $\text{^BANANA@}$  INTO:  $\text{BNN^AA@A}$

**function** BWT (*string s*)

create a table, rows are all possible rotations of s  
sort rows alphabetically

**return** (last column of the table)

All Rotations	Sorted List of Rotations	Output Last Column
$\text{^BANANA@}$	$\text{ANANA@^B}$	$\text{BNN^AA@A}$
$\text{@^BANANA}$	$\text{ANA@^BAN}$	
$\text{A@^BANAN}$	$\text{A@^BANAN}$	
$\text{NA@^BANA}$	$\text{BANANA@^}$	
$\text{ANA@^BAN}$	$\text{NANA@^BA}$	
$\text{NANA@^BA}$	$\text{NA@^BANA}$	
$\text{ANANA@^B}$	$\text{^BANANA@}$	
$\text{BANANA@^}$	$\text{@^BANANA}$	

- Reversible

**function** inverseBWT (*string s*)

create empty table

**repeat** length(s) times

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

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

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

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

# Searching for an Exact Match

e.g. Searching for **OLIS**

In MANOLISKELLIS

**For simplicity** (here):

- only exact matches
- Show entire matrix

**In practice:** only pointers

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

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

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$P$  is the input substring

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

$\text{Occ}(c, k)$  is the number of occurrence of the character  $c$  before index  $k$  in the far right column

**OLIS**

```

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

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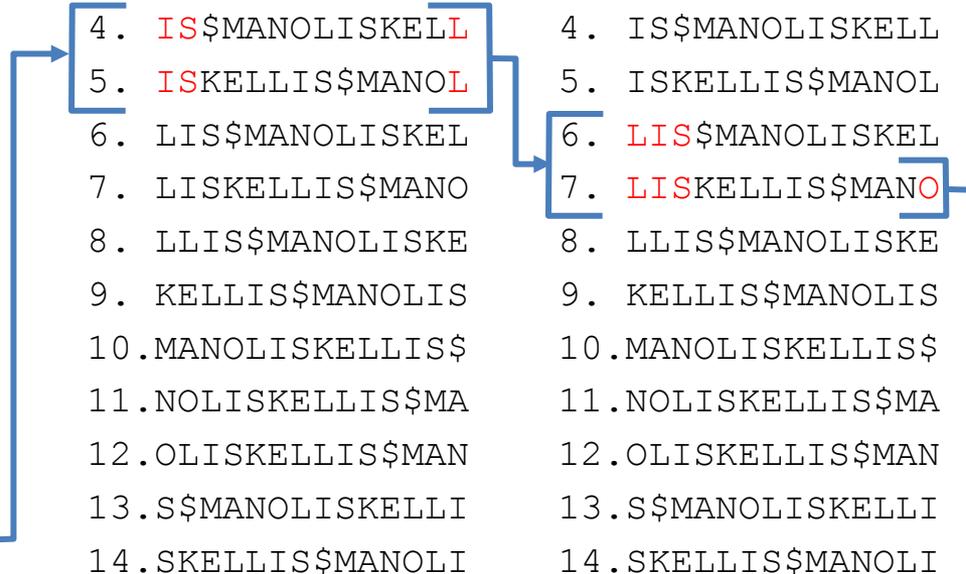
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**OLIS**

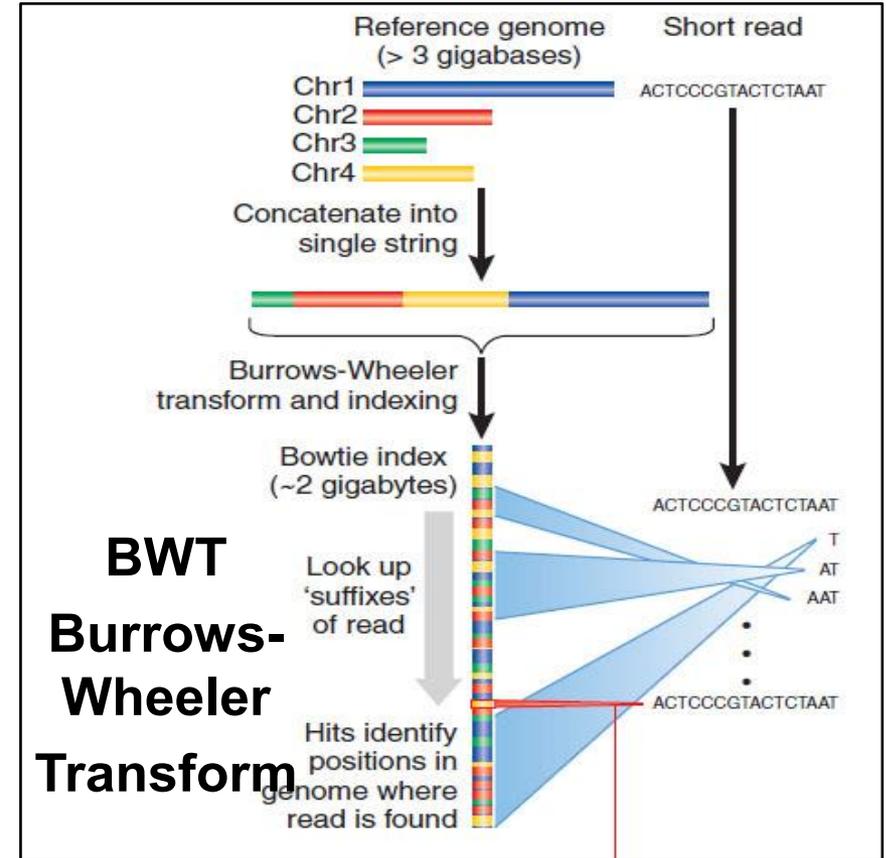
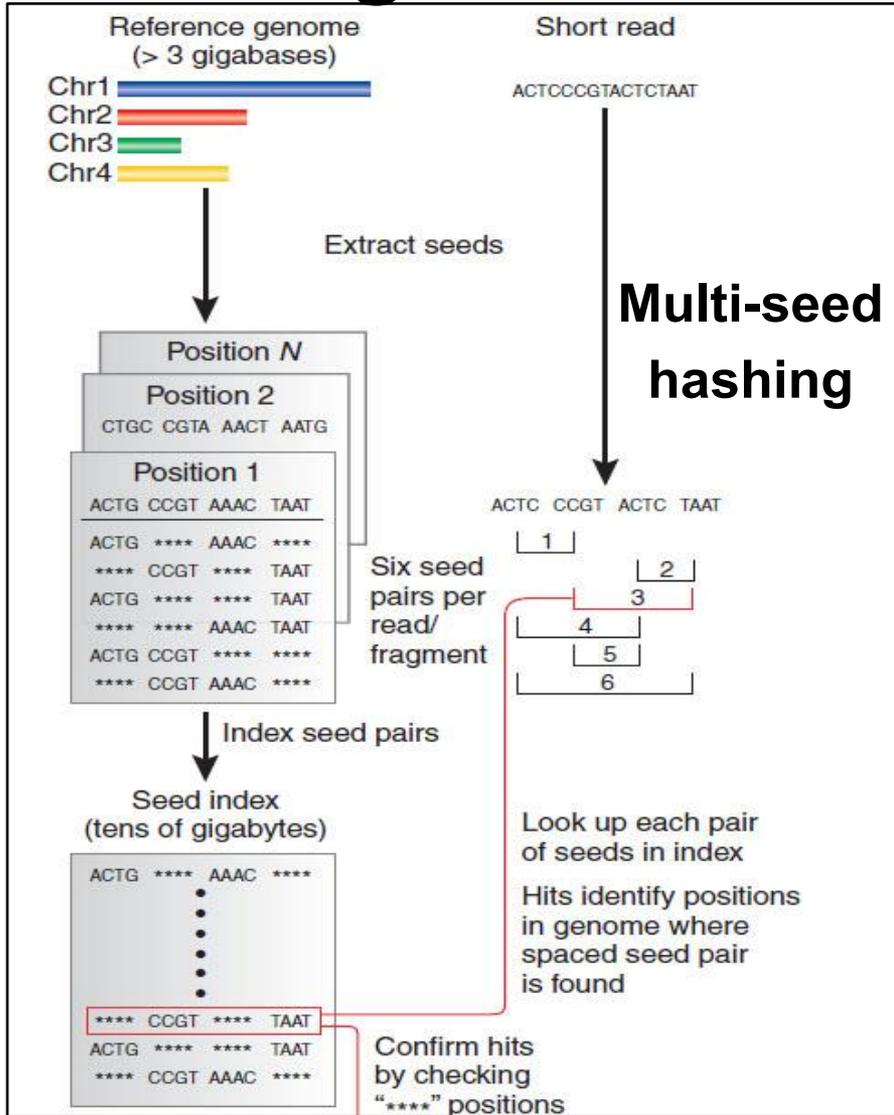
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# Key properties of Burrows-Wheeler Transform

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

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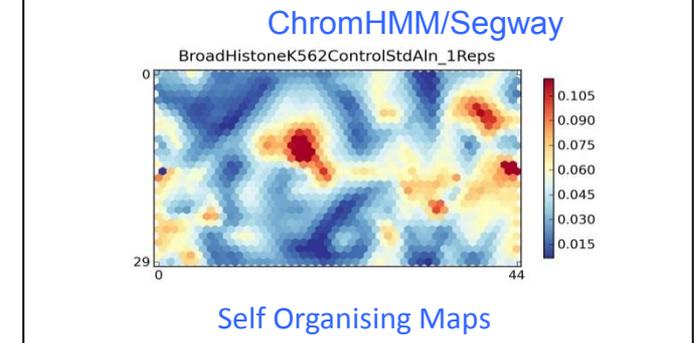
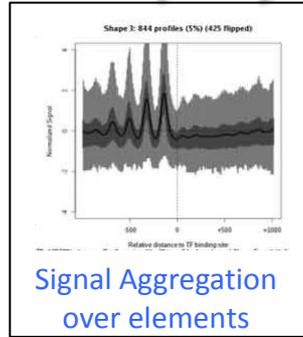
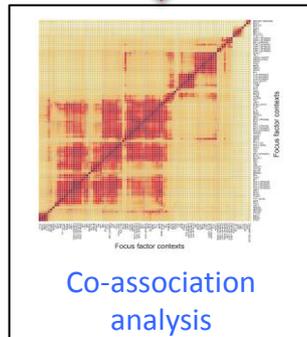
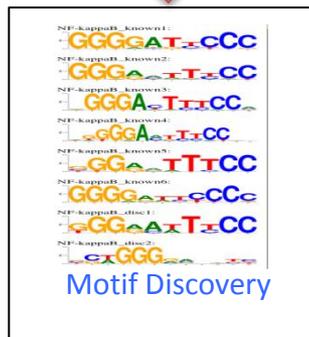
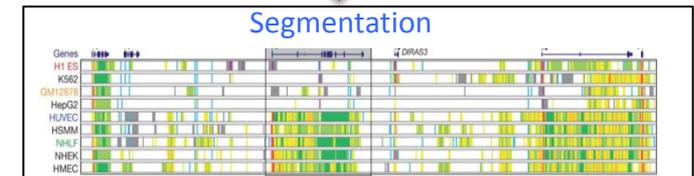
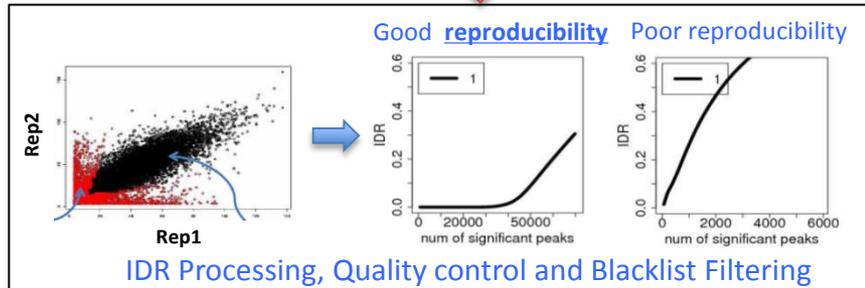
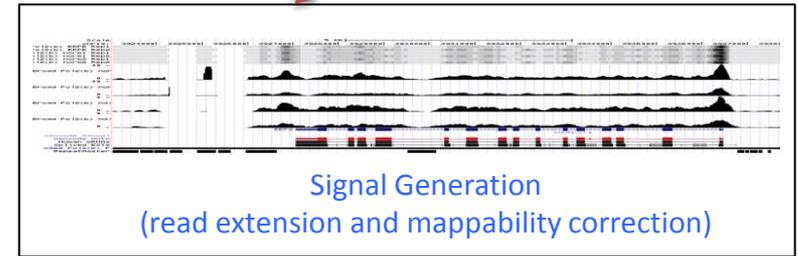
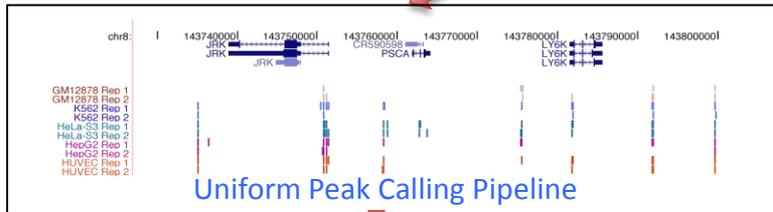
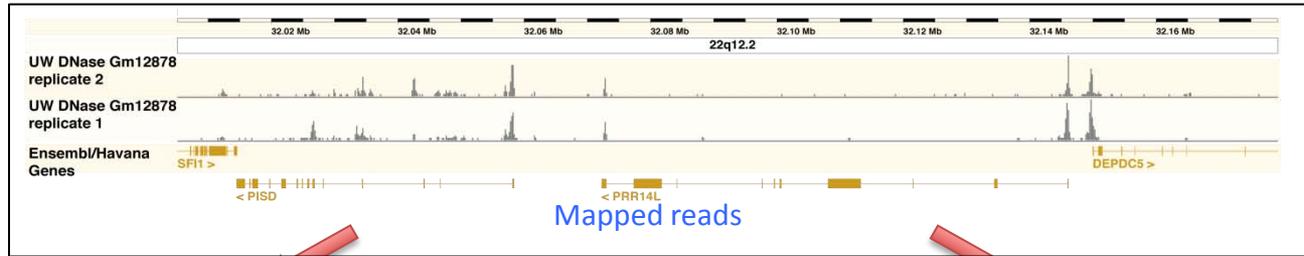
ChIP vs. Input DNA

Read quality

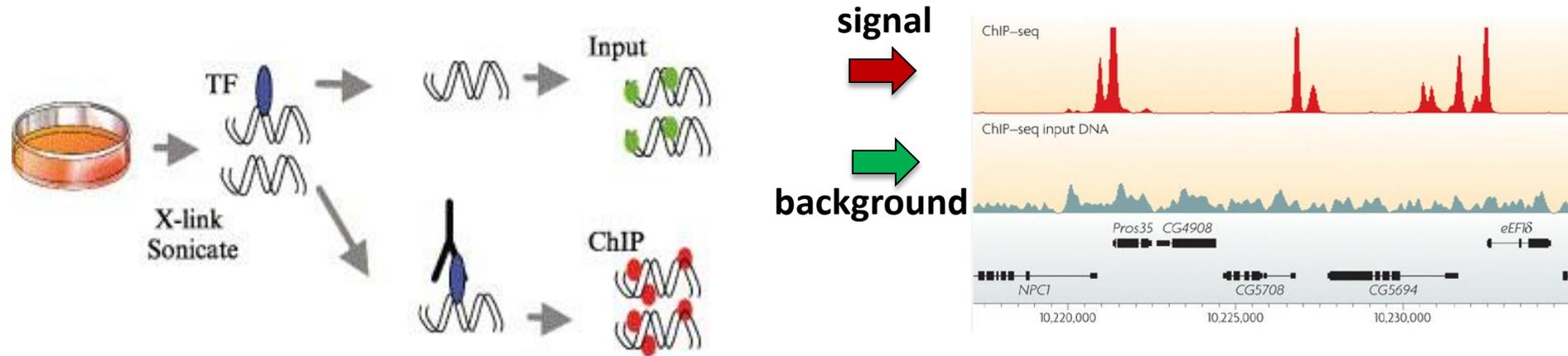
Mappability

Library complexity

# ENCODE uniform processing pipeline



# QC1: Use of input DNA as control dataset



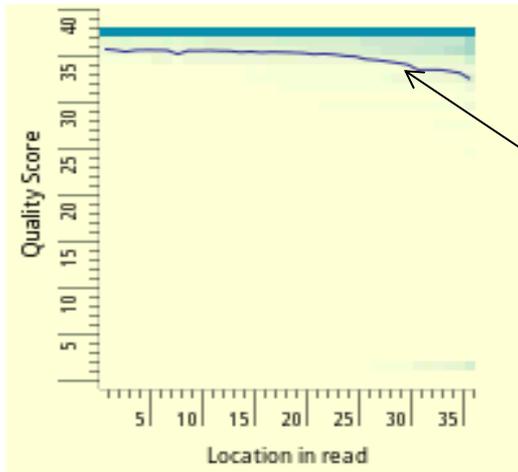
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- **Challenge:**
  - Even without antibody: Reads are **not** uniformly scattered
- **Sources of bias in input dataset scatter:**
  - Non-uniform fragmentation of the genome
  - Open chromatin fragmented more easily than closed regions
  - Repetitive sequences over-collapsed in the assembled genome.
- **How to control for these biases:**
  - Remove portion of DNA sample before ChIP step
  - Carry out control experiment without an antibody (input DNA)
  - Fragment input DNA, sequence reads, map, use as background

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

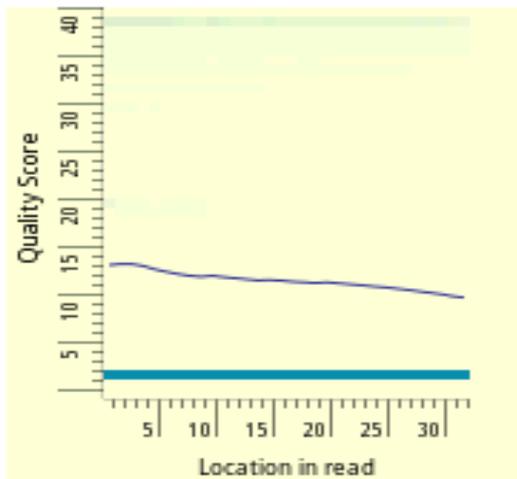
## Read quality histograms

High quality reads



average base score  
per position

Low quality reads

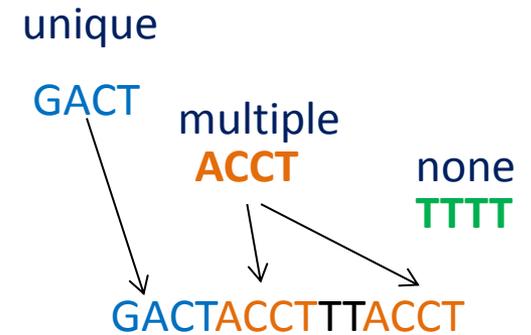


- Each column is a color-coded histogram
- Encodes fraction of all mapped reads that have base score  $Q$  (y-axis) at each position (x-axis)
- **Darker blue = higher density**
- Read quality tends to drop towards the ends of reads
- Low average per base score implies greater probability of mismappings.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

# QC3: Fraction of short reads mapped >50%

## Reads can map to:

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



## Dealing with multiply-mapping reads:

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

## Absence of reads in a region could be due to:

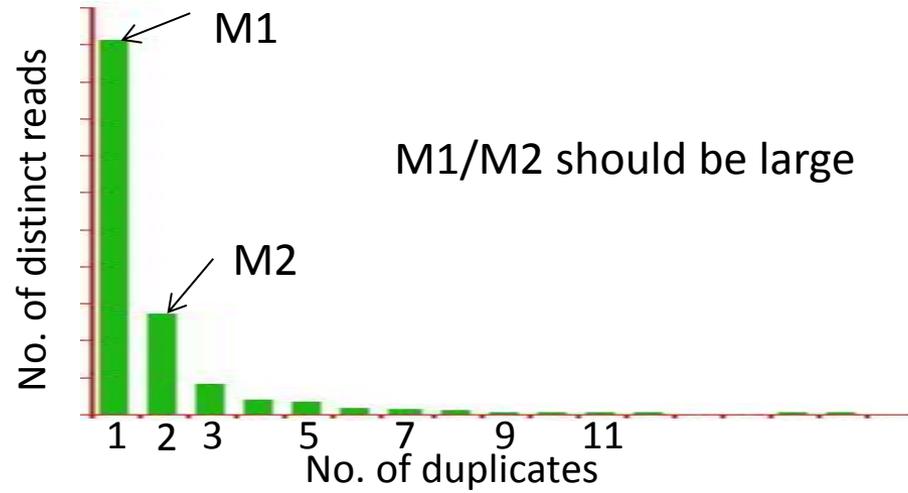
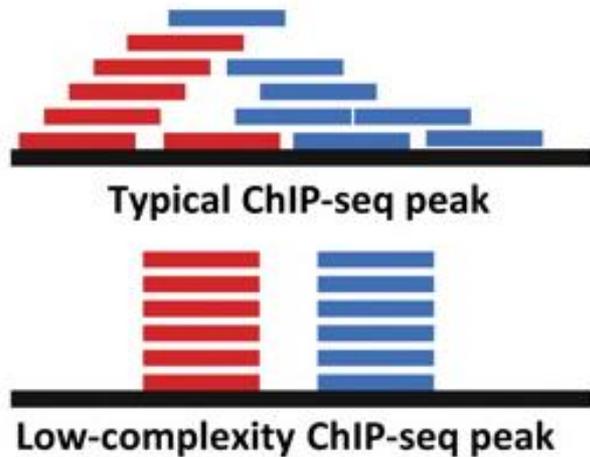
- No assembly coverage in that region (e.g. peri-centromeric region)
- Too many reads mapping to this location (e.g. repetitive element)
- No activity observed in this location (e.g. inactive / quiescent / dead regions)

## Dealing with mappability biases:

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

# QC4: Library complexity: non-redundant fraction

## Library complexity



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

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

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

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# Cross-correlation analysis

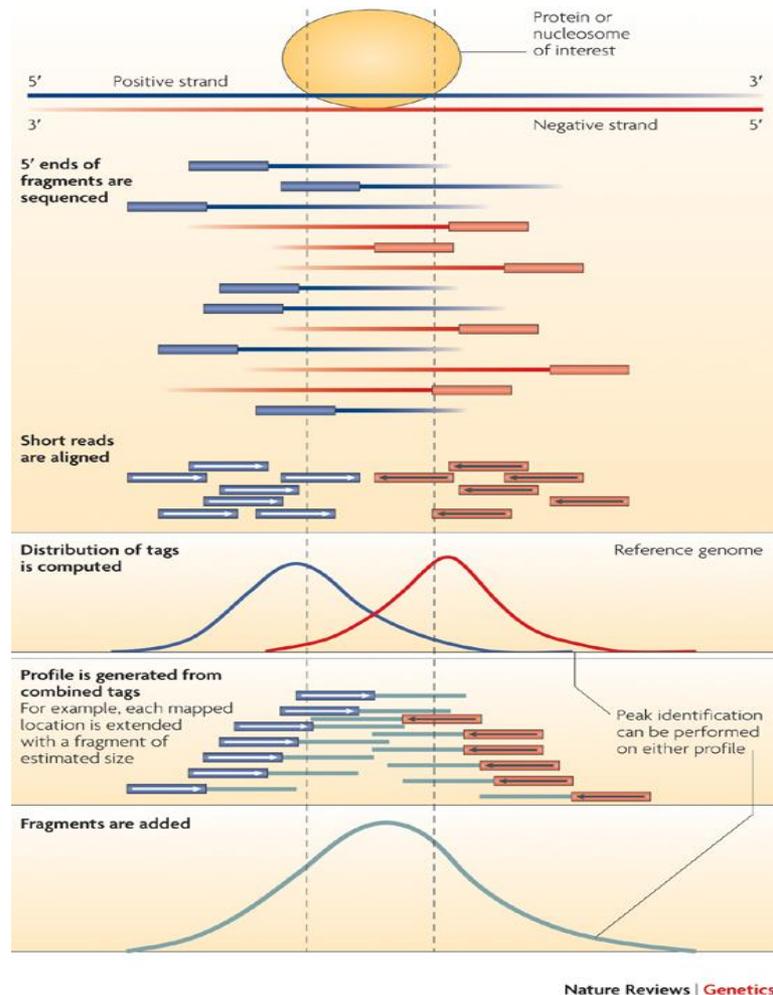
Exploiting forward and reverse reads

Fragment-length peak

Phantom read-length peak

# ChIP-seq: exploiting forward and reverse reads

(Chromatin immunoprecipitation followed by sequencing)



Multiple IP fragments are obtained corresponding to each binding event

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

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

## Single-end (SE) sequencing

- Randomly sequence one of the ends of each fragment

## Paired-end (PE) sequencing

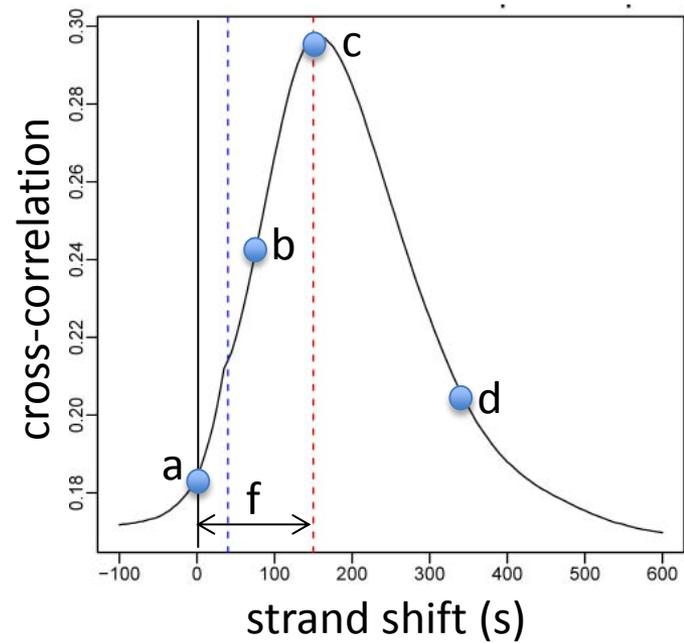
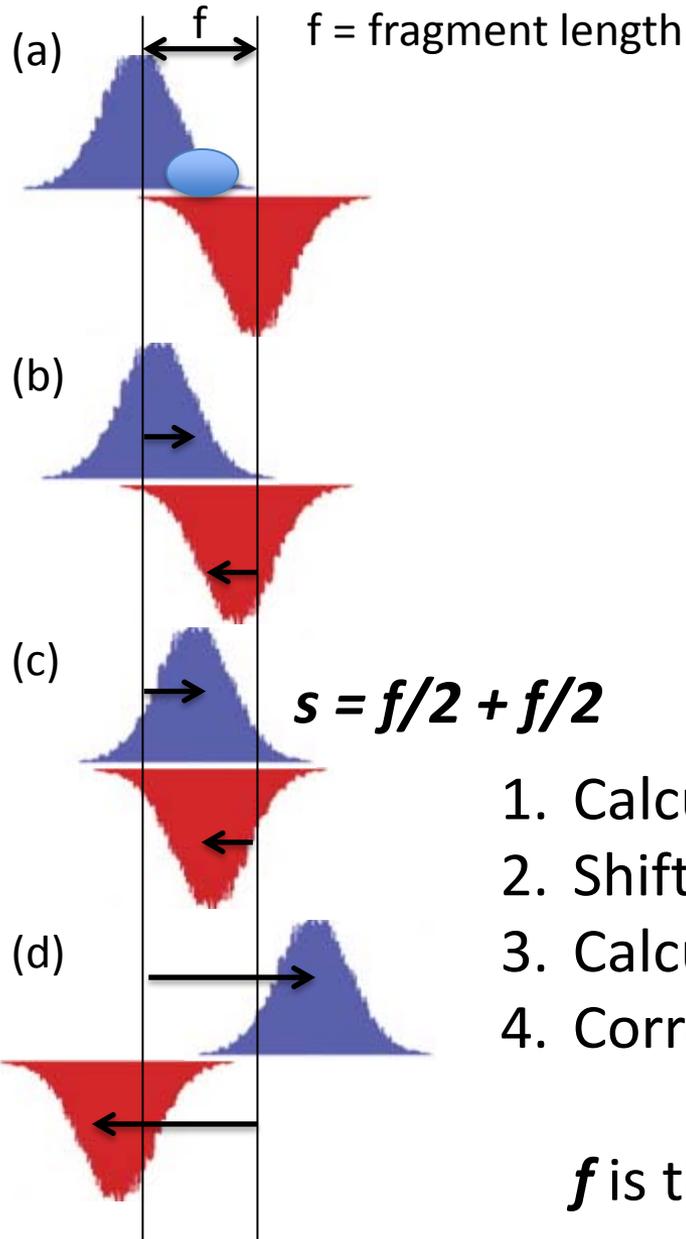
- sequence both ends of each fragment

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

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

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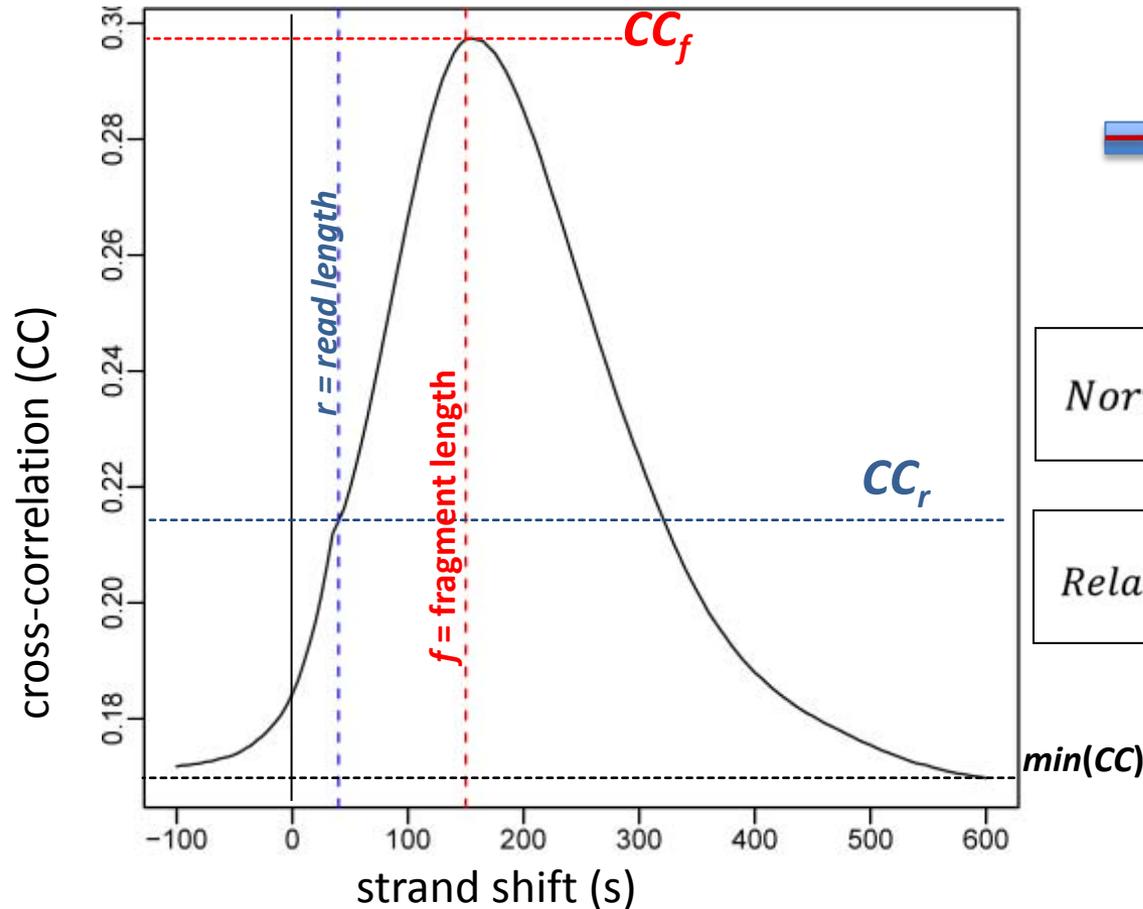
# Strand cross-correlation (CC) analysis



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

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

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

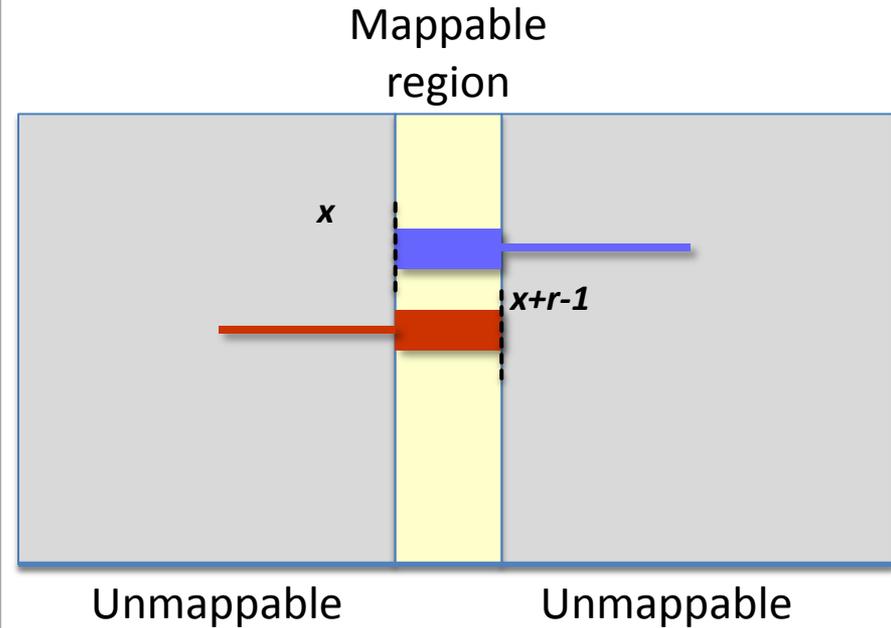
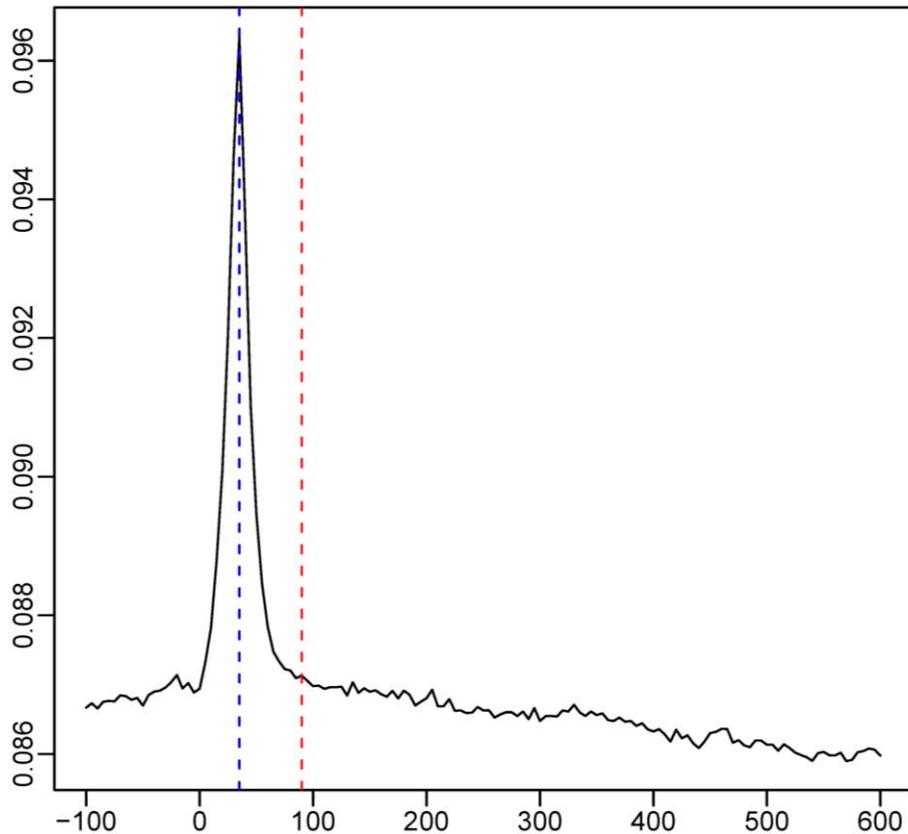


$$\text{Normalized strand CC (NSC)} = \frac{CC_f}{\min(CC)}$$

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

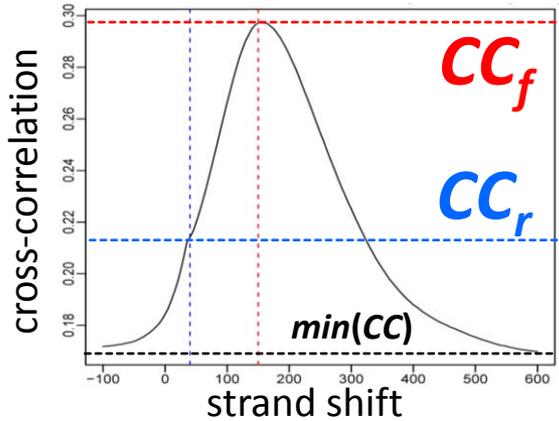
- Sign of a good dataset:
  - High absolute cross-correlation at *fragment* length (NSC)
  - High *fragment* length CC relative to *read* length CC (RSC)

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

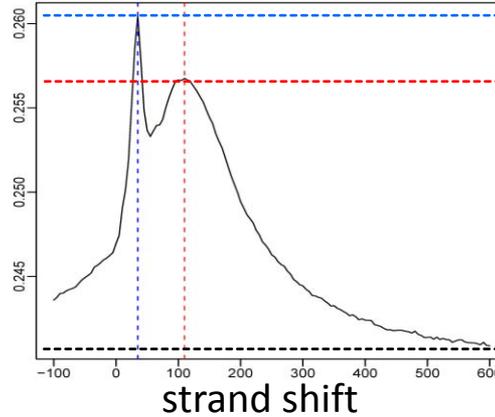


- Input dataset (no ChIP) shows 'phantom' peak at *read* length only
- Due to read mappability:
  - If position 'x' is uniquely mappable on + strand
  - Then position 'x+r-1' is uniquely mappable on - strand
- *Fragment*-length peak should always dominate the read-length peak

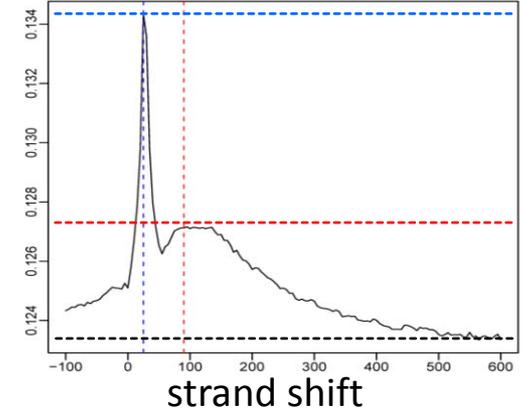
# Example of good, medium, bad CC datasets



Highly quality



Medium quality



Low quality

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

RSC should be  $> 1$

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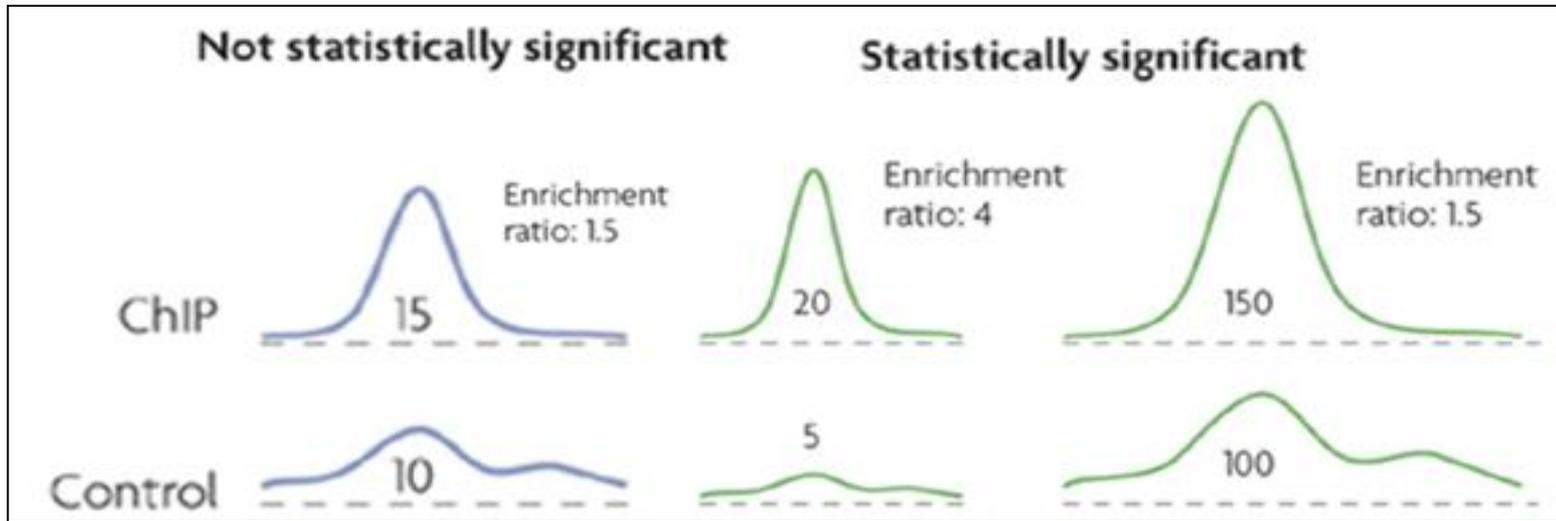
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# Peak Calling

Continuous signal → Intervals

# Peak calling: detect regions of enrichment



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

## Steps:

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

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

# Peak calling: identify discrete intervals

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

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

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

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

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# Peak calling thresholds

## Poisson p-value thresholds

- Read count model: Locally-adjusted' Poisson distribution

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

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

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

## Empirical False discovery rates

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

# Issues with peak calling thresholds

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

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

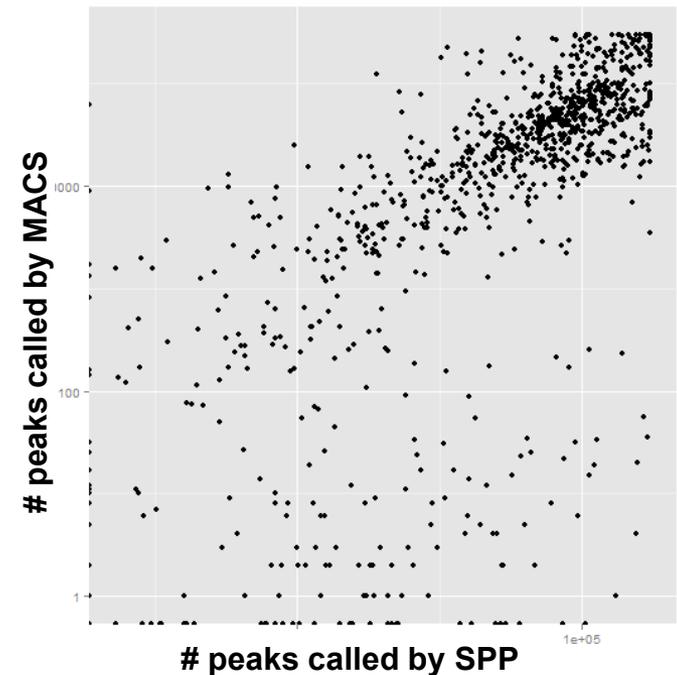
FDRs quite unstable

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

Difficult to compare results across peak callers with a fixed threshold

- Different methods to compute eFDR or q-values

(at FDR = 1% cutoff)



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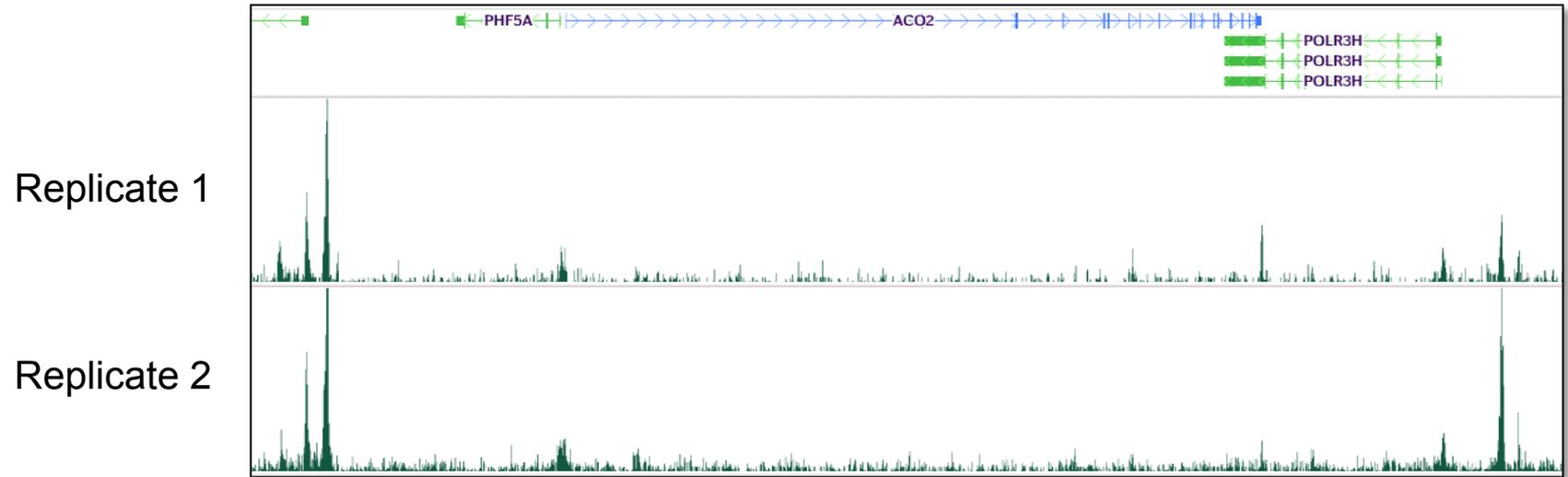
# Selecting meaningful peaks using reproducibility

Use peak ranks in replicate experiments

IDR: Irreproducible Discovery Rate

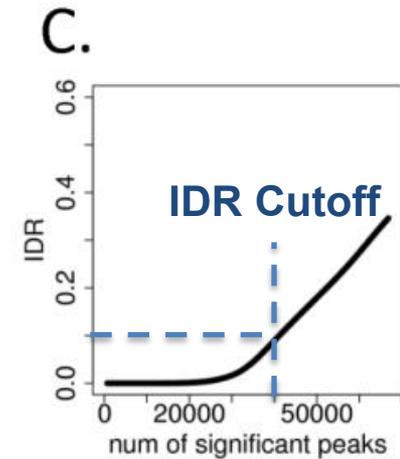
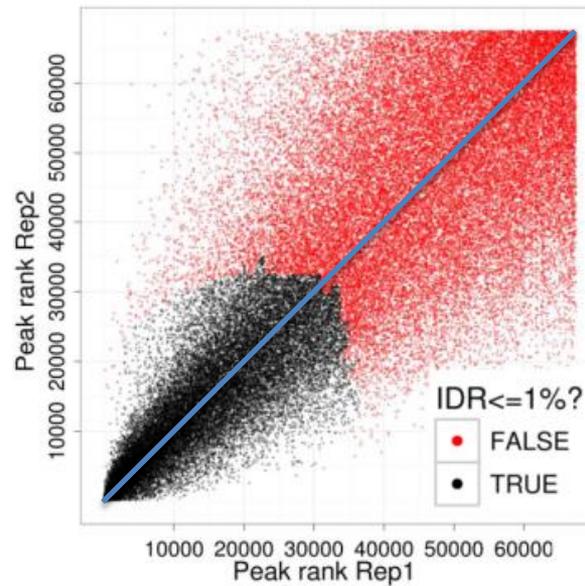
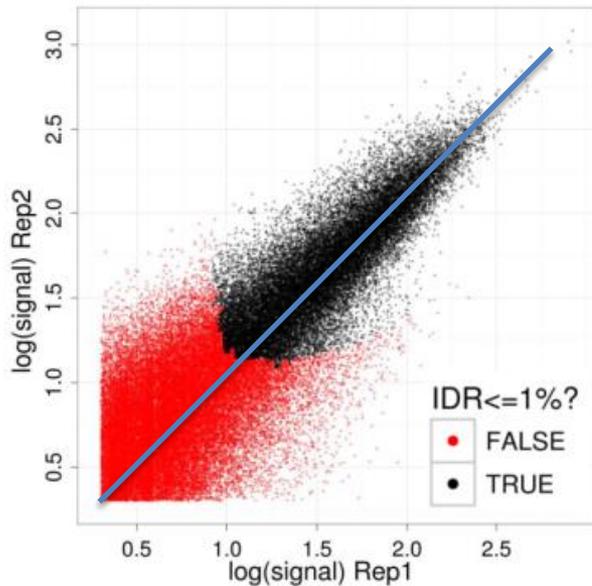
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# How to combine two replicates



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

# IDR idea: Exploit peak rank similarity in replicates



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

# The IDR model: A two component mixture model

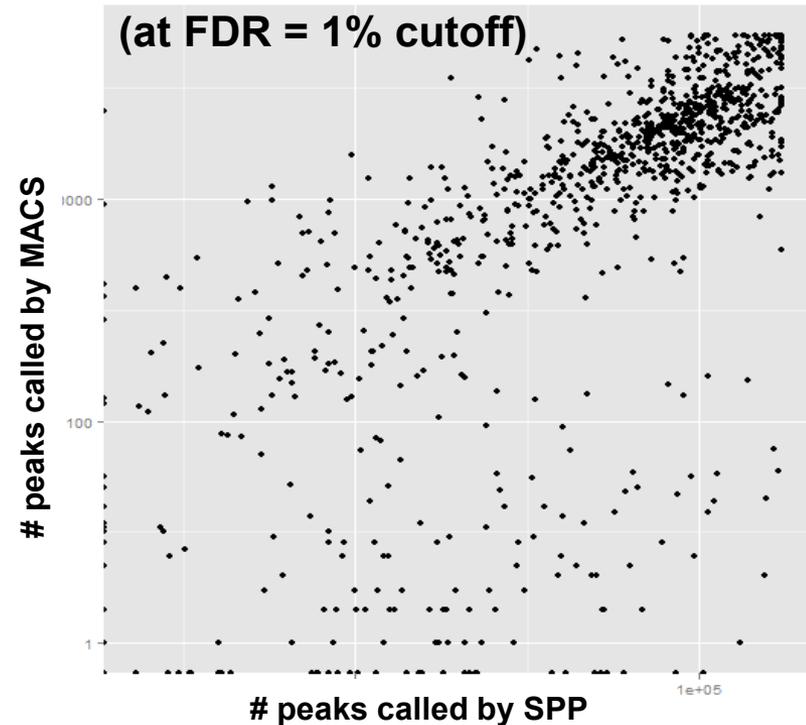
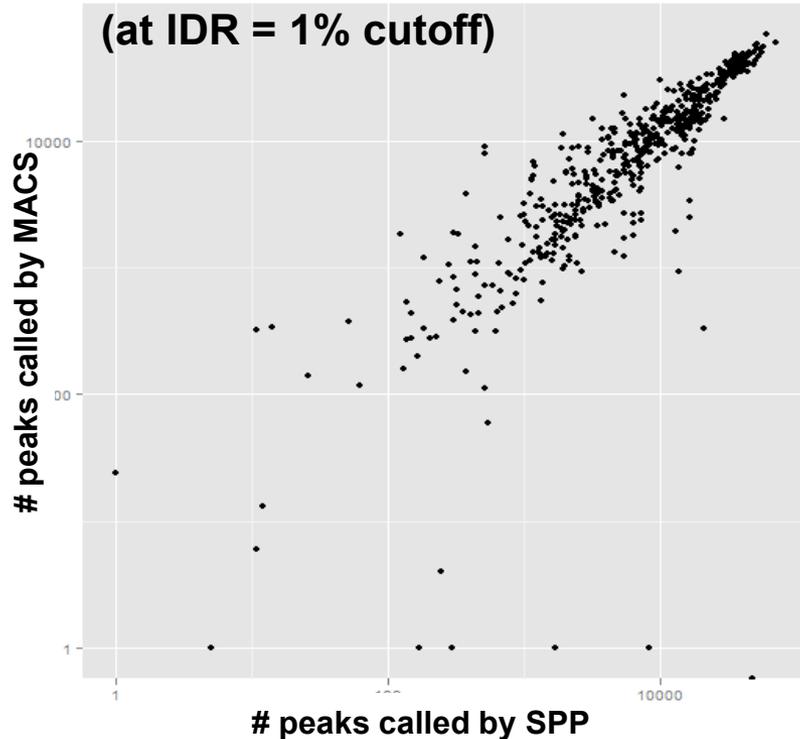
- Looking only at ranks means that the marginals are uniform, so all the information is encoded in the joint distribution.
- Model the joint distribution of ranks as though it came from a two component Gaussian mixture model:

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

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

# IDR leads to higher consistence between peak callers

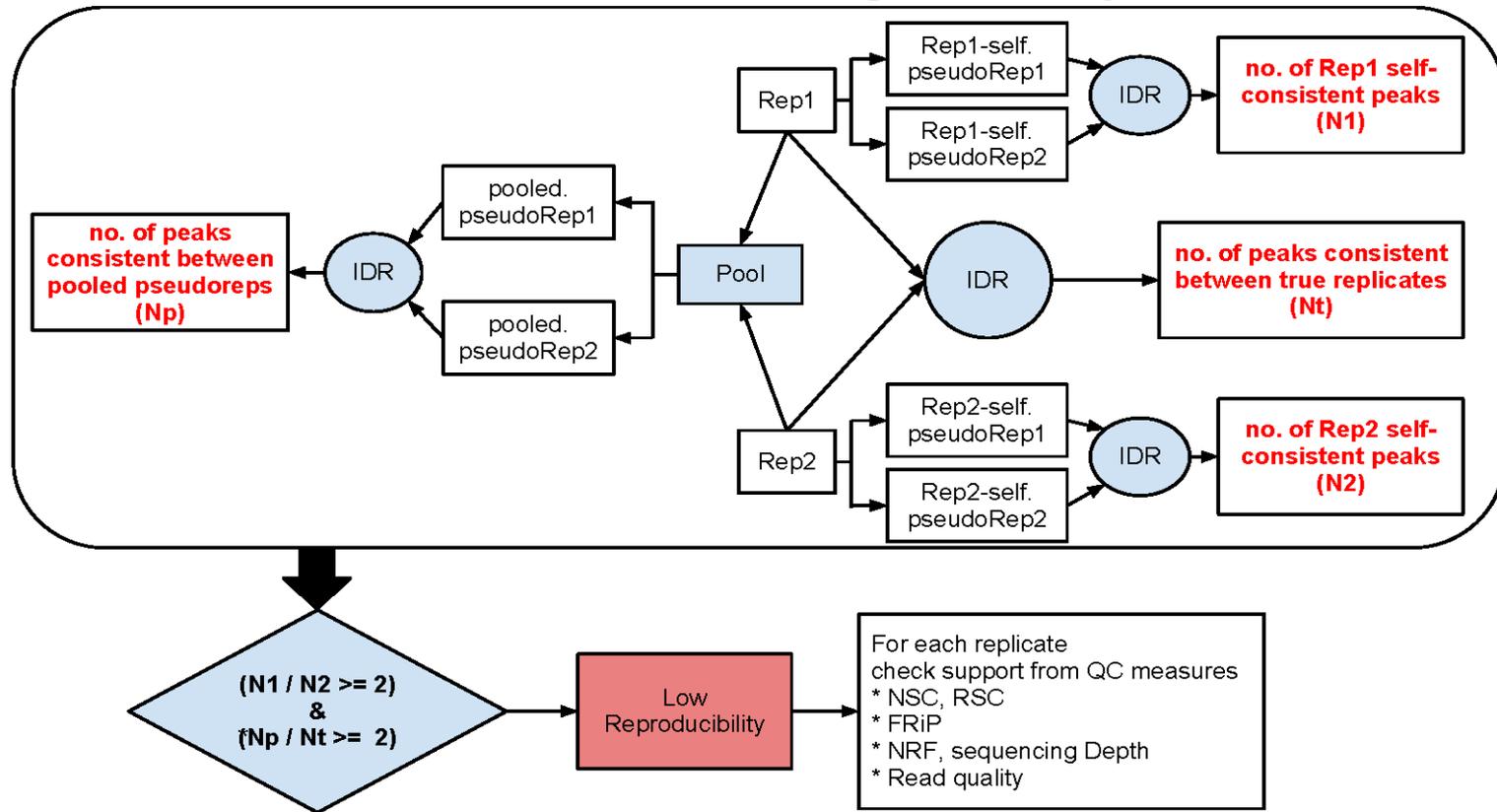
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- Compare number of peaks found by two different peak callers
- IDR thresholds are far more robust and comparable than FDR
- FDR only relies on enrichment over input, IDR exploits replicates

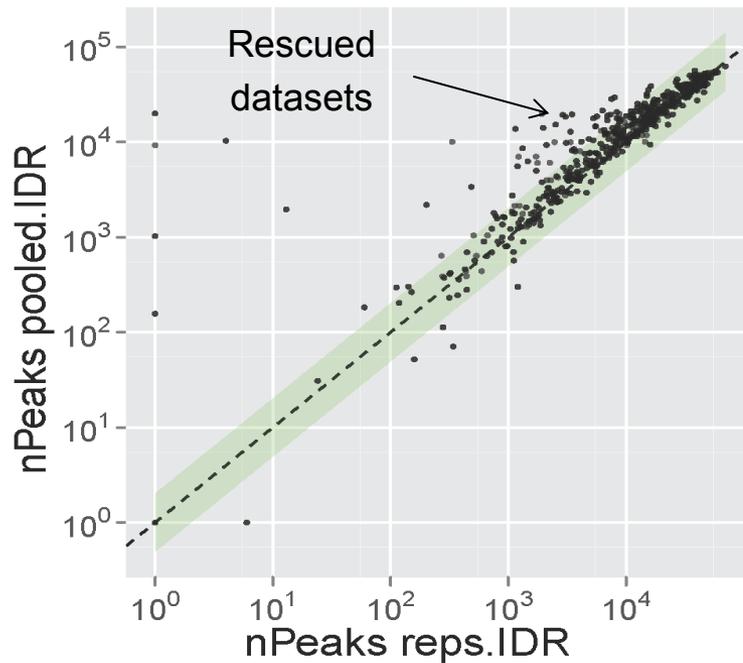
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- IDR pipeline uses replicates when they are available
  - IDR pipeline also evaluates each replicate individually
    - Pooling strategy to generate pseudo-replicates
- ➔ Can pin-point 'bad' replicates that may lead to low reproducibility
- ➔ Can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

# Only one good replicate: Pseudo-replicates



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

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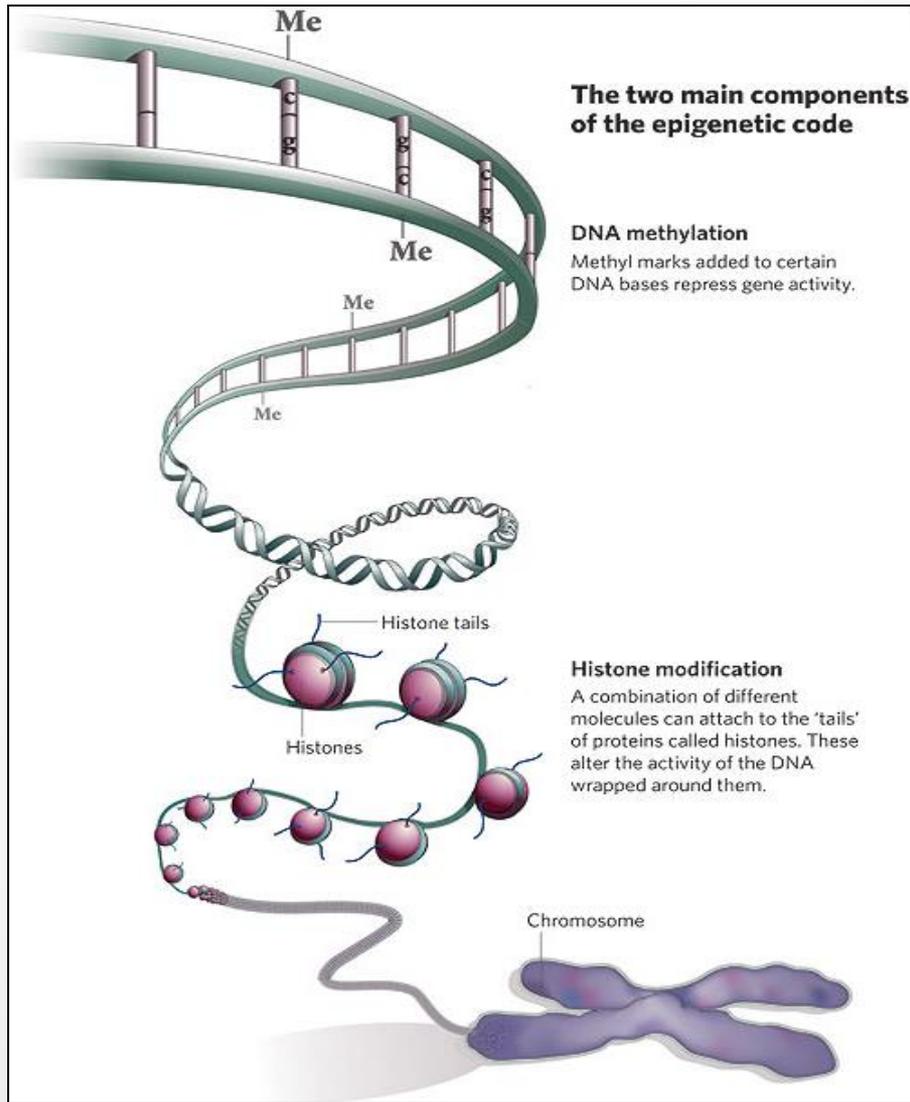
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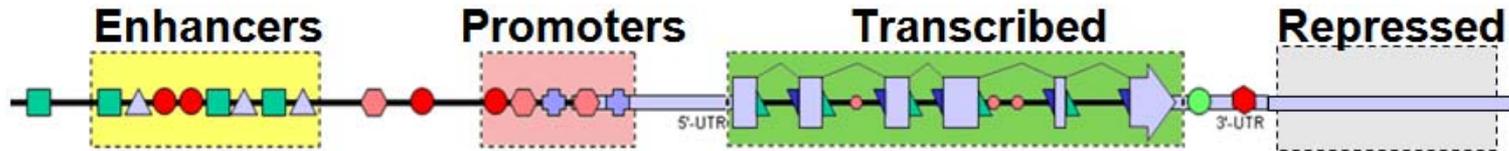
# Chromatin signatures for genome annotation



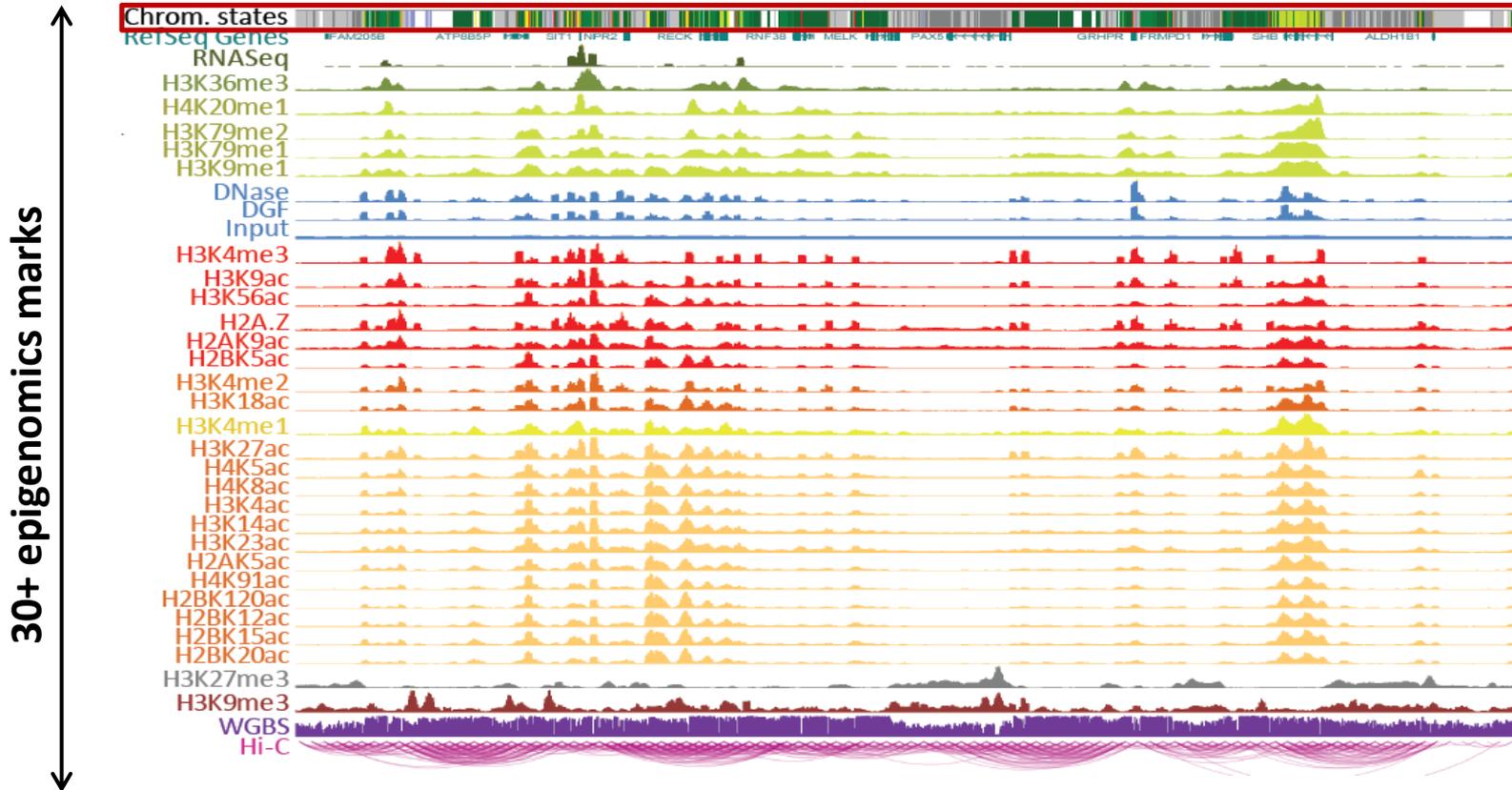
- **Challenges**
  - Dozens of marks
  - Complex combinatorics
  - Diversity and dynamics
- **Histone code hypothesis**
  - Distinct function for distinct combinations of marks?
  - Both additive and combinatorial effects
- **How do we find biologically relevant ones?**
  - Unsupervised approach
  -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

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# Summarize multiple marks into chromatin states



Chromatin state track summary

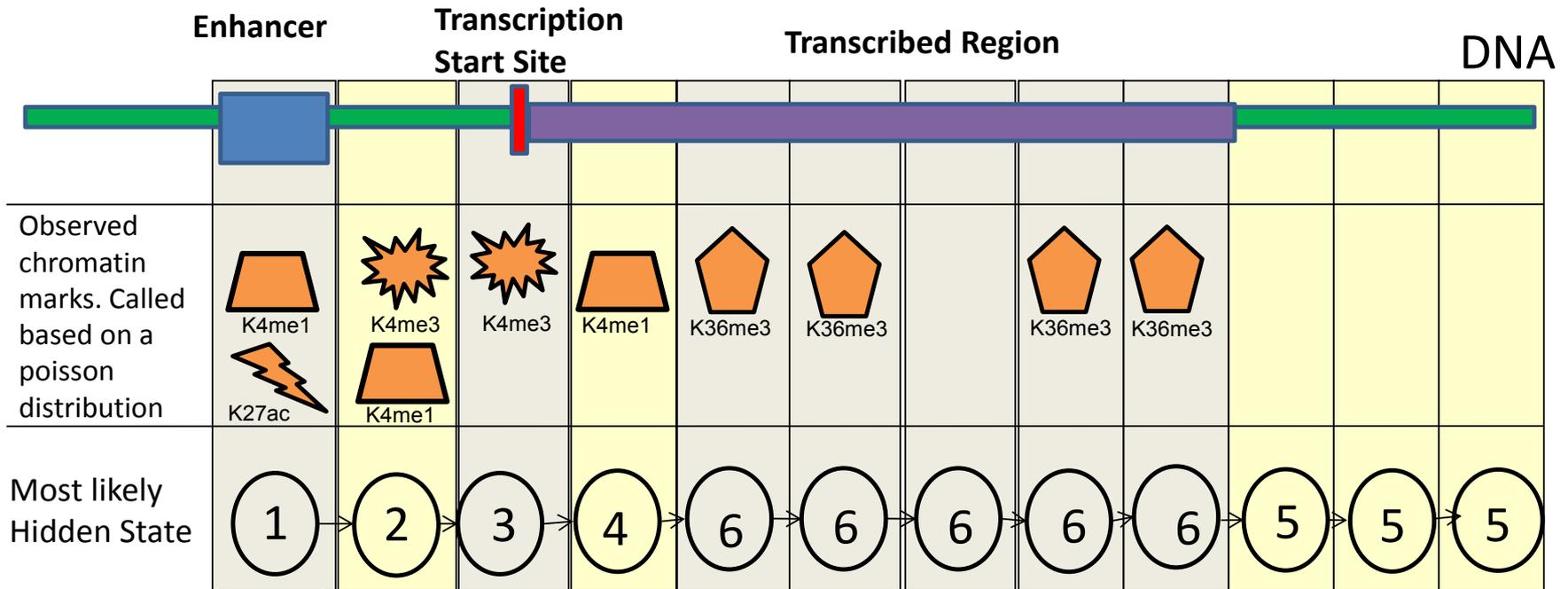


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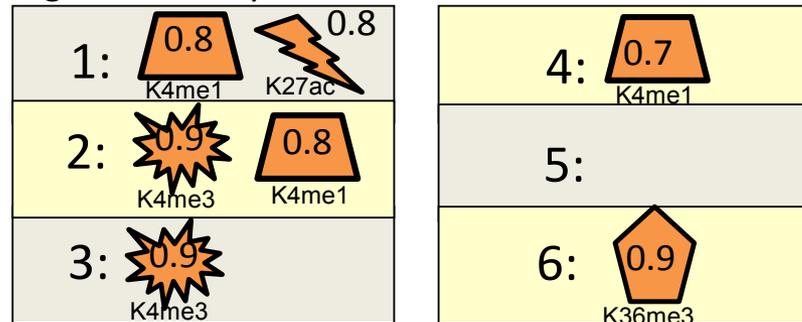
**ChromHMM: multi-variate hidden Markov model**

# Multivariate HMM for Chromatin States



200bp intervals

High Probability Chromatin Marks in State



All probabilities are learned from the data

state	H3K14ac	H3K23ac	H4K12ac	H2AK9ac	H4K16ac	H2AK5ac	H4K91ac	H3K4ac	H2BK20ac	H3K18ac	H2BK120ac	H3K27ac	H2BK5ac	H2BK12ac	H3K36ac	H4K5ac	H4K8ac	H3K9ac	PollI	CTCF	H3AZ	H3K4me3	H3K4me2	H3K4me1	H3K9me1	H3K79me3	H3K79me2	H3K79me1	H3K27me1	H2BK5me1	H4K20me1	H3K36me3	H3K36me1	H3R2me1	H3R2me2	H3K27me2	H3K27me3	H4R3me2	H3K9me2	H3K9me3	H4K20me3
1	3.8	23.6	24.2	18.0	37.7	25.5	95.2	94.8	94.3	99.2	99.6	99.7	98.9	79.1	88.6	93.6	96.9	83.6	51.6	15.7	87.5	94.2	93.8	64.2	87.0	3.8	3.3	12.0	19.4	11.6	3.8	0.5	2.6	1.9	2.1	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.5	0.1	1.8

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Nature Biotech 2010

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# Design Choice

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

# Data Binarization

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

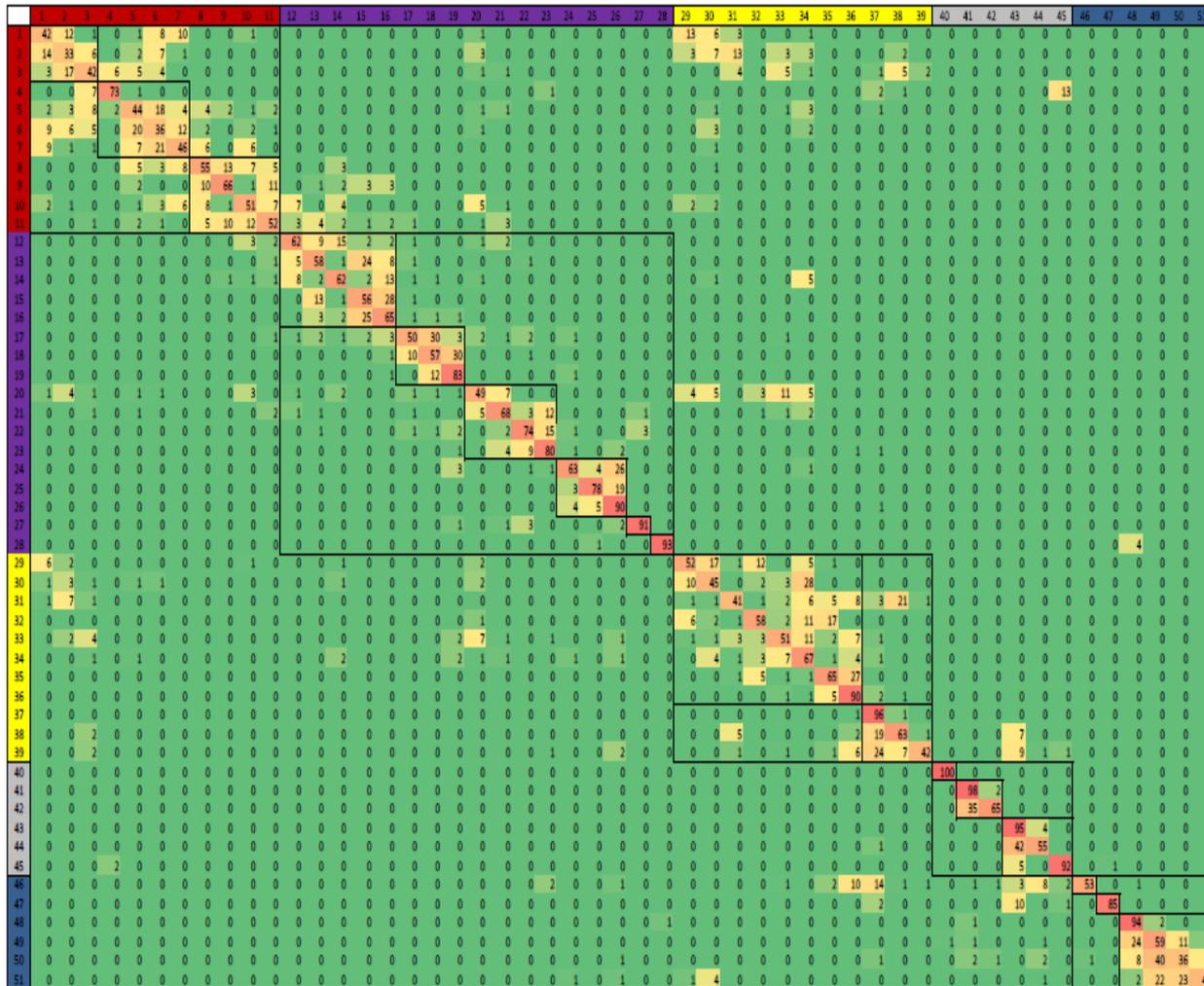
$$P(X > c_{ij}) < 10^{-4}$$

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

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

state	H3K1ac	H3K23ac	H3K27ac	H3K9ac	H4K1ac	H4K23ac	H4K91ac	H3K4ac	H2BK20ac	H3K18ac	H2BK120ac	H3K27ac	H2BK3ac	H2BK12ac	H3K36ac	H4K5ac	H4K8ac	H3K9ac	PoII	CTCF	H2AZ	H3K4me3	H3K4me2	H3K4me1	H3K9me1	H3K9me3	H3K79me2	H3K79me1	H3K27me1	H2BK5me1	H4K20me1	H3K36me3	H3K36me1	H3K27me1	H3K27me2	H3K27me3	H4K3me2	H3K9me2	H3K9me3	H4K20me3		
1	3.8	23.6	24.2	18.0	37.7	25.5	95.2	94.8	94.3	99.2	99.6	99.7	98.9	79.1	88.6	93.6	86.9	83.6	51.6	15.7	87.5	94.2	93.8	64.2	87.0	3.8	3.3	12.0	19.4	11.6	3.8	0.5	2.6	1.9	2.1	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.5	0.1	1.8	
2	2.5	17.5	9.2	3.2	5.9	6.3	44.6	44.4	47.0	73.2	74.1	85.9	71.2	22.1	33.5	61.9	63.3	35.4	18.1	10.9	91.2	86.7	90.4	65.9	78.3	2.4	2.2	7.9	17.6	8.7	2.3	0.6	2.2	1.7	1.5	0.4	0.5	0.2	0.4	0.1	1.4	
3	0.5	5.8	1.8	1.0	0.9	1.2	12.3	9.5	8.8	22.6	21.3	22.8	12.1	2.2	4.2	8.4	12.8	7.1	11.2	16.3	77.1	93.9	80.3	45.6	74.2	1.5	1.3	4.6	4.3	7.0	8.8	0.2	1.4	2.1	1.5	0.2	2.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	1.2	
4	0.1	0.8	0.1	0.4	0.3	0.2	1.5	0.9	0.7	2.1	0.5	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.3	1.9	6.2	19.0	77.9	20.8	21.1	26.4	0.3	0.0	0.1	0.0	1.3	14.9	0.1	0.2	1.4	0.9	0.0	10.2	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.1	1.3	
5	0.0	0.2	0.8	1.3	2.0	0.4	26.6	12.6	6.7	15.8	23.1	26.8	24.3	1.7	0.3	0.9	1.4	7.7	53.5	20.6	21.8	87.0	11.2	2.7	15.7	6.3	3.8	2.5	0.0	5.5	14.2	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	1.5
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18	0.3	2.6	2.1	0.4	0.5	2.4	1.4	1.6	0.5	0.6	0.9	1.6	0.7	0.2	0.5	1.9	1.9	0.1	1.6	0.7	0.1	10.4	9.7	29.1	11.3	34.0	14.9	19.9	21.4	10.6	0.5	1.2	0.9	0.5	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2		
19	0.1	0.3	0.5	0.2	0.1	0.5	0.1	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.0	0.4	0.3	0.0	6.0	0.5	0.2	2.0	4.4	2.9	7.3	1.0	1.0	2.3	1.4	0.0	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.4	0.1	
20	2.5	10.7	5.4	3.1	9.9	26.2	58.2	48.8	41.7	49.3	54.8	57.1	51.5	13.0	14.1	31.6	21.7	4.0	14.5	6.7	15.6	20.9	56.8	97.1	70.5	5.4	5.6	33.8	31.1	52.6	38.4	7.4	3.4	6.9	3.8	0.5	0.1	0.7	0.3	0.0	1.0	
21	0.2	0.8	2.0	1.3	7.2	11.3	32.3	15.4	11.5	5.7	18.6	8.4	12.4	2.1	1.2	3.2	2.3	0.5	1.5	6.5	0.6	4.7	17.0	68.7	33.3	8.7	6.4	37.2	9.6	65.4	87.7	9.2	1.3	7.1	5.3	0.1	0.2	1.4	0.0	0.0	0.8	
22	0.1	0.1	1.1	0.6	6.2	2.4	7.8	1.8	0.6	0.1	1.5	0.8	1.5	0.1	0.1	0.7	0.7	0.1	8.5	1.0	0.0	5.3	8.4	14.6	15.5	9.1	50.0	9.6	77.5	94.1	22.9	0.5	5.6	4.6	0.1	0.0	1.4	0.0	0.1	0.7	0.2	
23	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.4	2.0	1.6	4.9	1.2	0.5	0.2	0.9	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	1.4	1.1	0.0	0.5	2.6	1.4	0.5	0.1	5.4	1.3	19.4	36.8	2.5	0.1	1.4	1.5	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.2		
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25	0.1	0.3	0.8	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.3	0.3	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.5	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.7	0.1	0.8	0.4	0.0	0.1	0.4	0.1	1.4	0.8	0.1	2.0	8.8	2.8	0.4	60.1	0.4	1.1	0.9	0.6	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.7		
26	0.1	0.2	0.6	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.4	0.0	0.6	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.1	0.8	0.2	0.0	0.8	2.3	0.9	0.2	4.2	0.1	0.2	0.4	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.5		
27	0.0	0.5	4.4	0.4	0.4	1.3	1.2	1.3	0.7	0.3	0.1	0.7	2.1	0.4	0.1	0.1	1.6	2.7	0.1	21.7	1.4	0.0	1.1	1.1	3.5	4.6	1.2	9.9	3.8	7.1	31.7	34.0	0.2	0.7	1.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.3	0.1		
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29	4.6	8.4	11.1	6.6	20.4	54.7	88.5	88.1	89.6	86.6	95.3	96.3	86.9	68.1	60.2	67.6	42.6	4.0	13.6	3.8	24.2	7.6	24.7	84.4	25.8	4.9	5.6	14.9	17.6	21.7	5.0	2.9	0.9	4.8	3.1	0.4	0.1	0.4	0.8	0.2	4.4	
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# Transition matrix $a_{kl}$

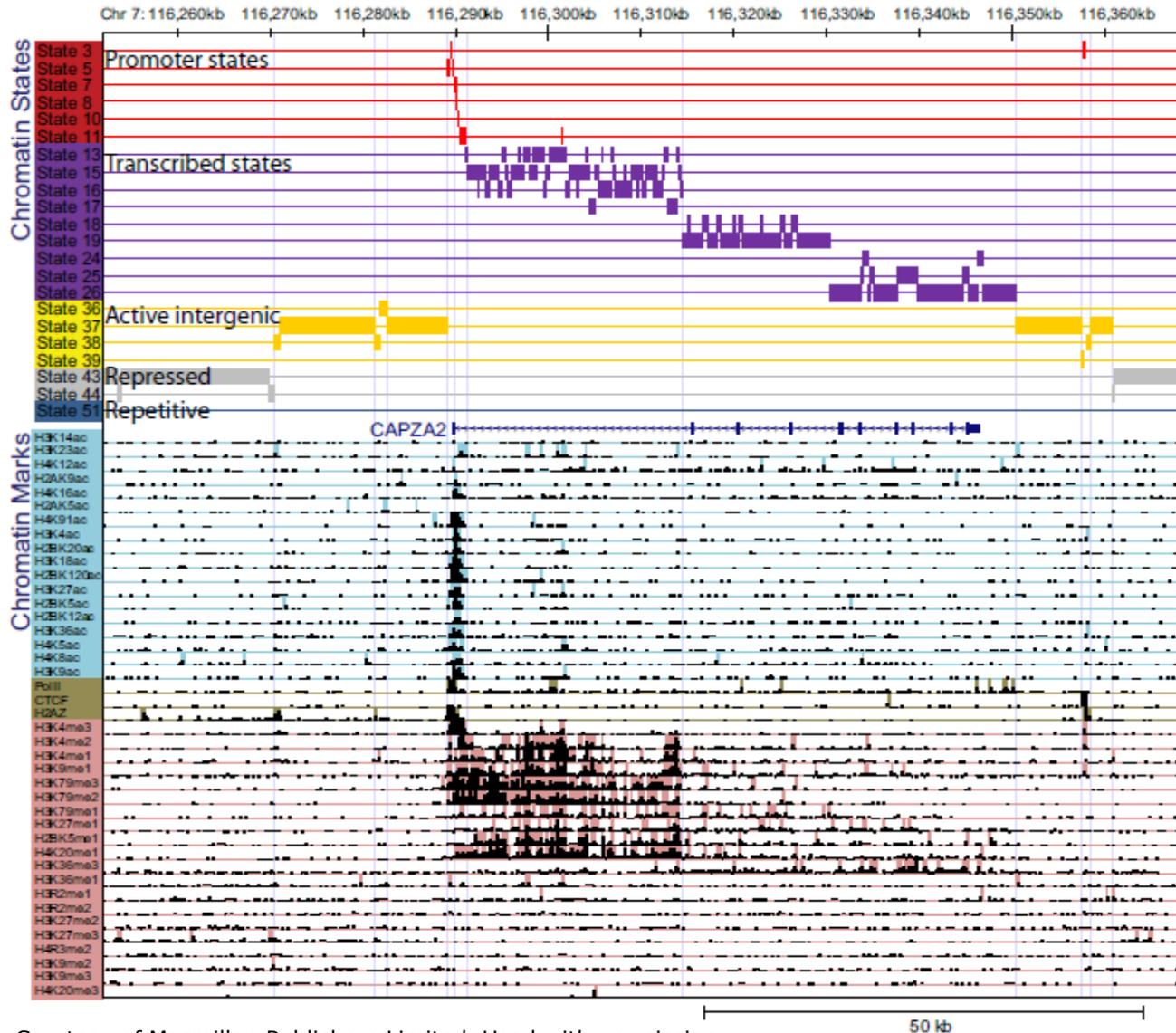


- Learns spatial relationships between neighboring states
- Reveals distinct sub-groups of states
- Reveals transitions between different groups

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# Example Chromatin State Annotation

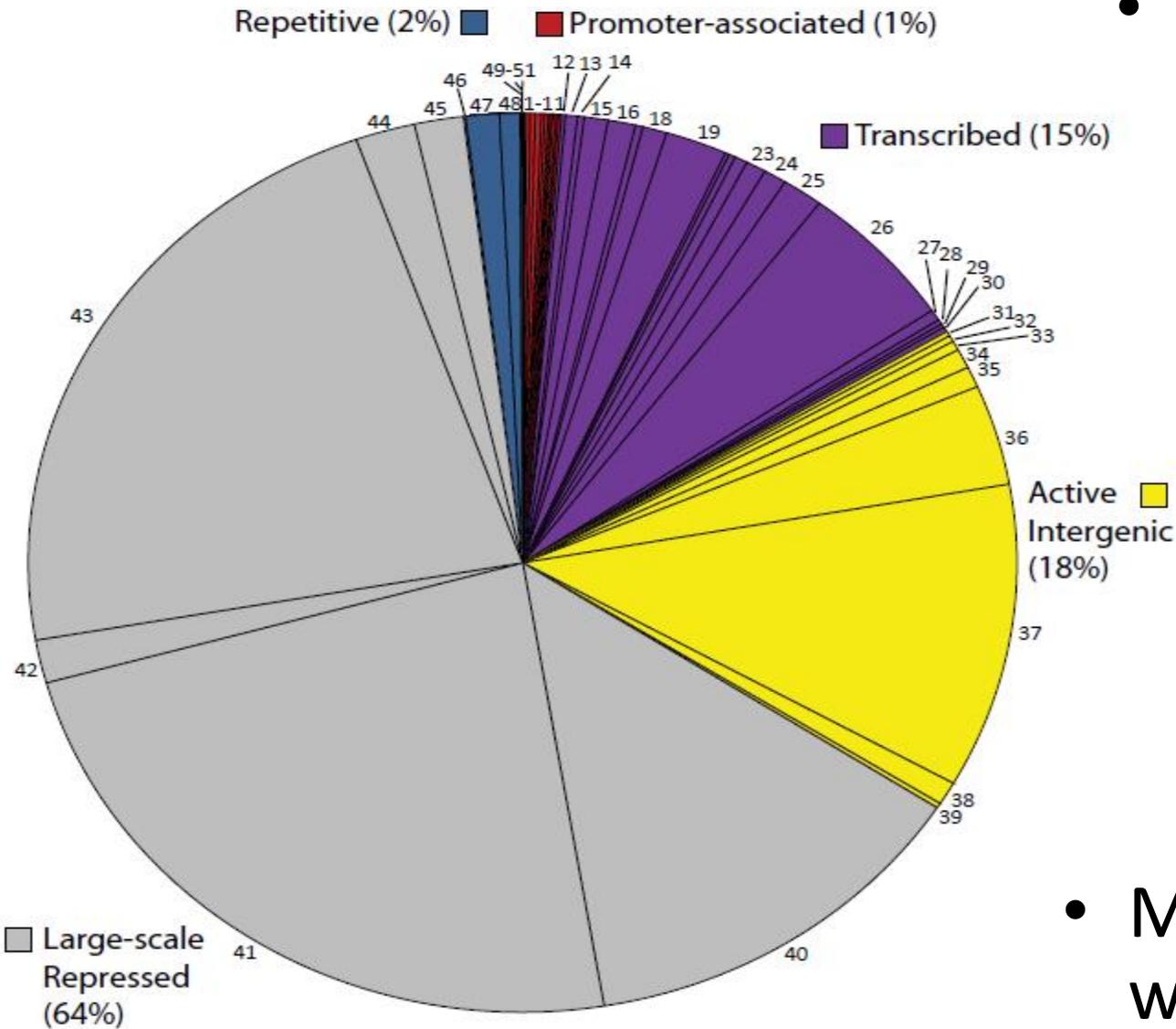


- Use Baum Welch to learn hidden states and their annotations
- Learned states correspond to known functional elements
- *De novo* discovery of major types of chromatin

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# Model complexity matches that of genome

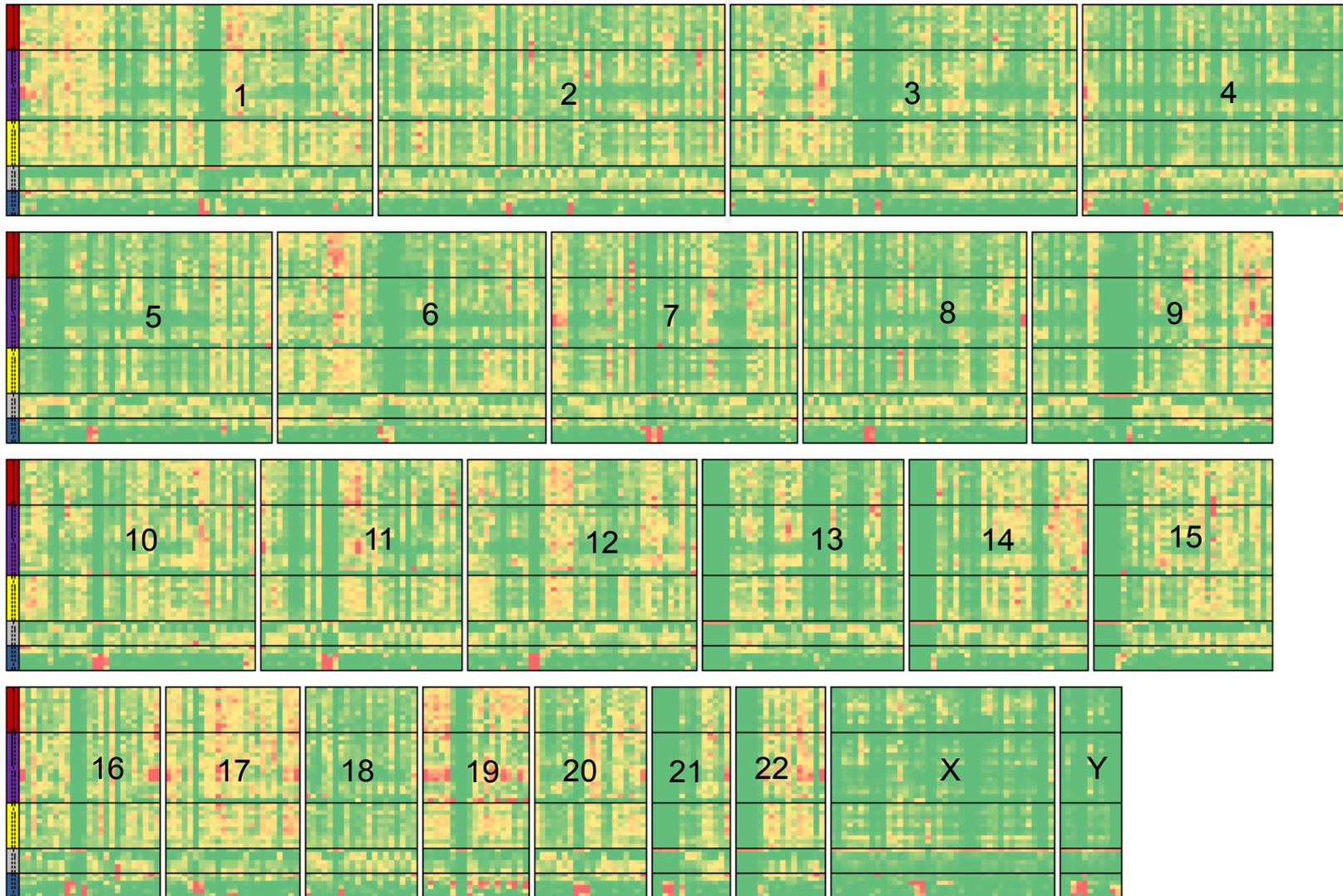


- Handful of repressed states capture vast majority of genome

- Only 1% of genome split in 14 promoter states

- Modeling power well distributed where needed

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



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Now what? Interpret these states biologically



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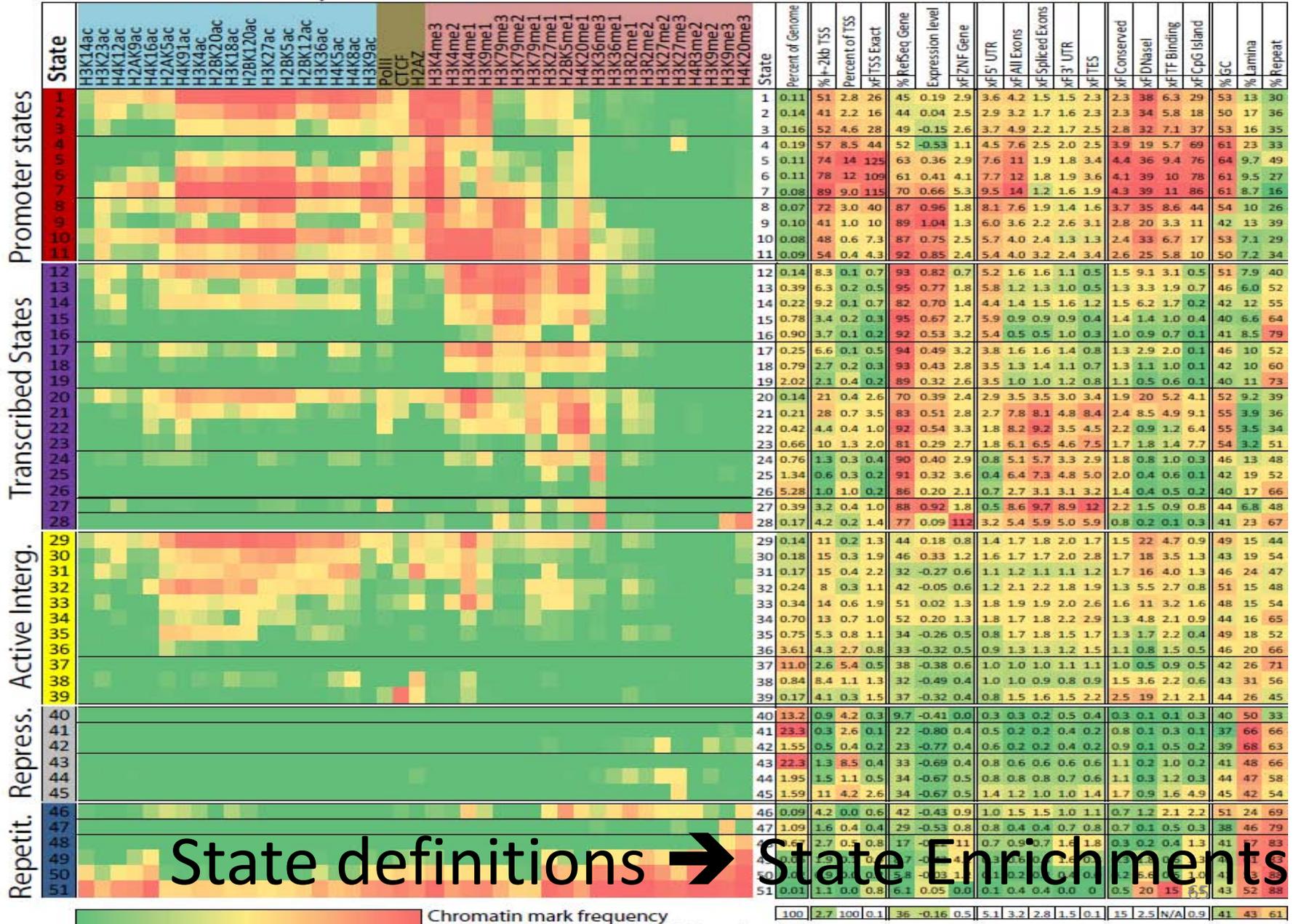
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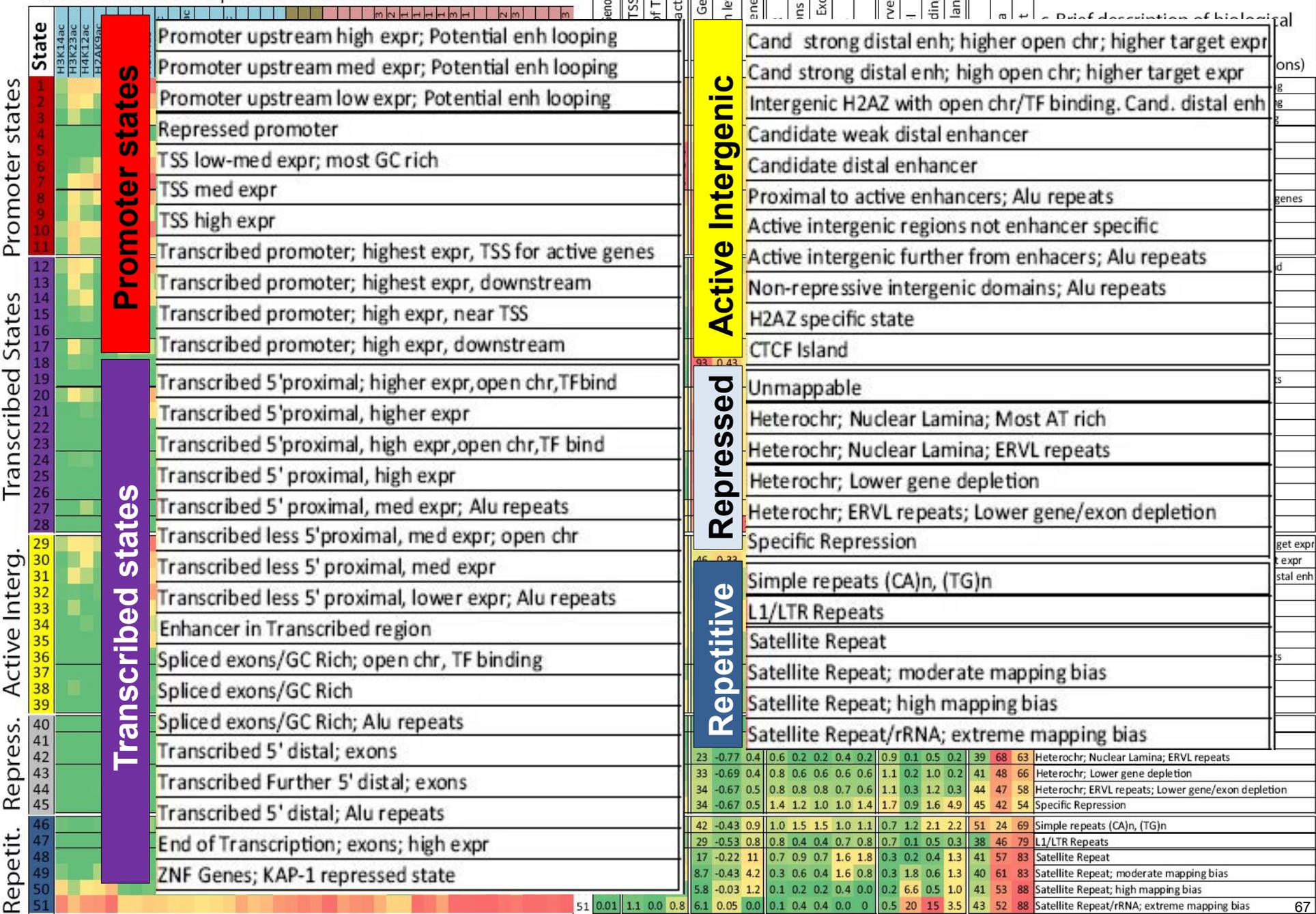
b. Genomic and functional enrichments for each state





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

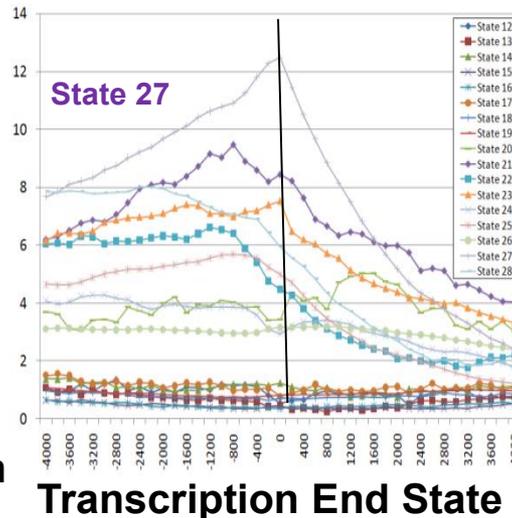
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# Functional properties of discovered chromatin states

GO Category	State 3	State 4	State 5	State 6	State 7	State 8
Cell Cycle Phase	2.10 (2x10 <sup>-7</sup> )	0.57 (1)	1.61 (0.001)	1.45 (1)	1.15 (1)	1.51 (1)
Embryonic Development	1.24 (1)	2.82 (9x10 <sup>-23</sup> )	1.07 (1)	0.85 (1)	0.54 (1)	1.00 (1)
Chromatin	1.20 (1)	0.48 (1)	2.2 (1.4x10 <sup>-7</sup> )	1.64 (1)	0.85 (1)	0.85 (1)
Response to DNA Damage Stimulus	1.20 (1)	0.35 (1)	1.55 (0.074)	2.13 (6.5x10 <sup>-11</sup> )	1.97 (1.0x10 <sup>-4</sup> )	0.84 (1)
RNA Processing	0.49 (1)	0.26 (1)	1.31 (1)	1.91 (4.2x10 <sup>-11</sup> )	2.64 (8.7x10 <sup>-24</sup> )	2.45 (3.0x10 <sup>-4</sup> )
T cell Activation	0.77 (1)	0.88 (1)	1.27 (1)	0.70 (1)	0.79 (1)	4.72 (2x10 <sup>-7</sup> )

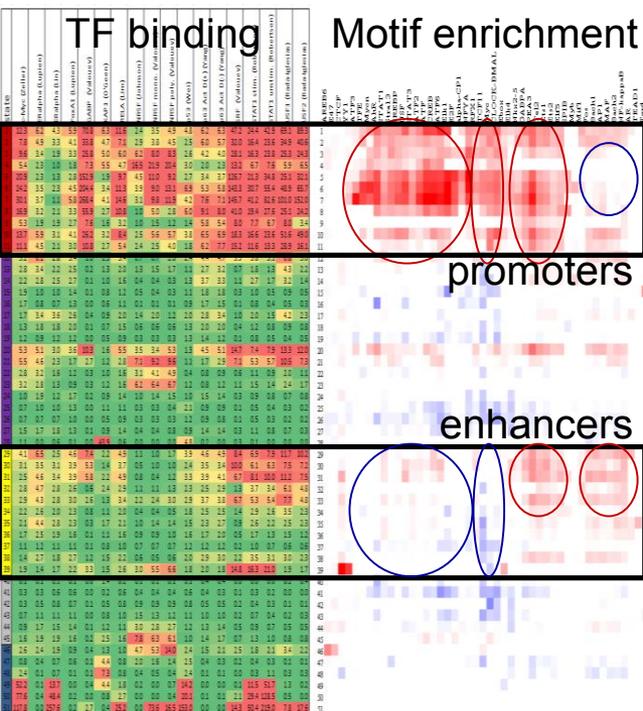
Promoter state → gene GO function



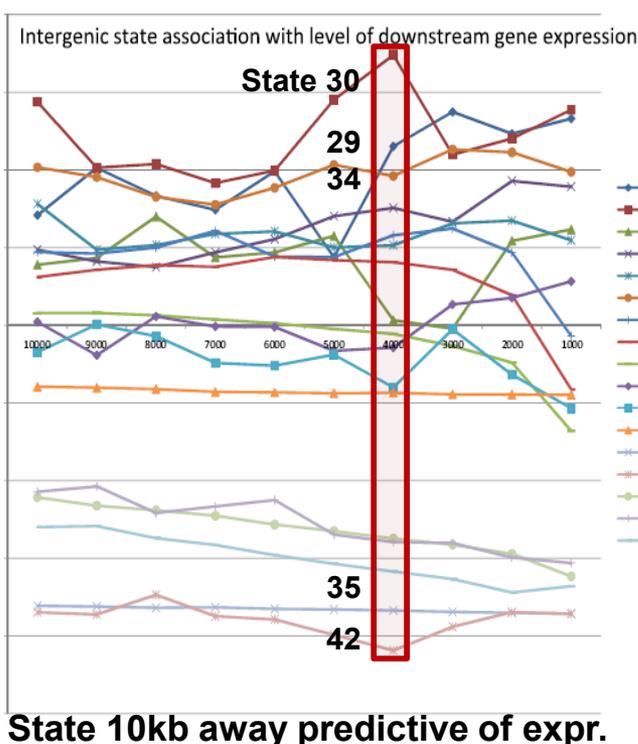
## State 28: 112-fold ZNF enrich

“The achievement of the repressed state by wild-type KAP1 involves decreased recruitment of RNA polymerase II, reduced levels of histone **H3 K9 acetylation** and **H3K4 methylation**, an increase in histone occupancy, enrichment of **trimethyl histone H3K9, H3K36**, and **histone H4K20** ...” MCB 2006.

ZNF repressed state recovery



Promoter vs. enhancer regulation



State 10kb away predictive of expr.

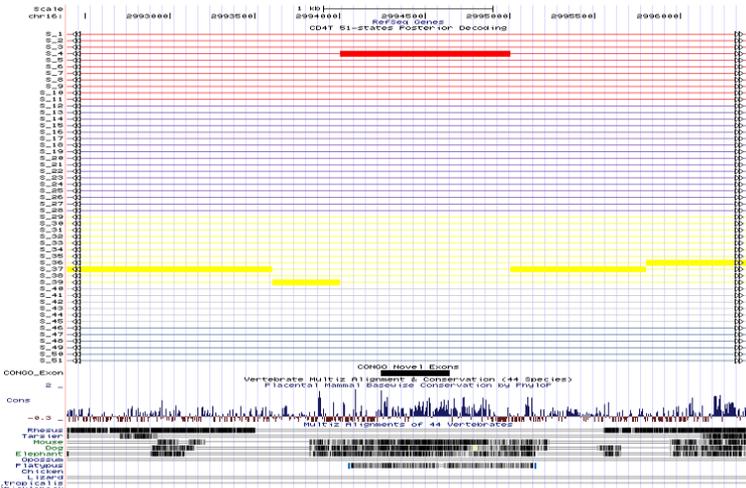
state	stalk	variable heterochromatic	acrocentric	gneg	gpos25	gpos50	gpos75	gpos100
40	7.6	6.6	6.1	0.6	0.4	0.5	0.3	0.5
41	0.0	0.2	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.9	1.7	2.5
42	0.0	0.2	0.3	0.5	0.5	1.1	1.7	2.2
43	0.0	0.1	0.1	1.1	1.2	1.3	1.1	0.7
44	0.0	0.1	0.1	1.2	1.3	1.3	1.0	0.6
45	0.0	0.1	0.1	1.3	1.6	1.3	0.8	0.4
46	0.0	0.1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

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

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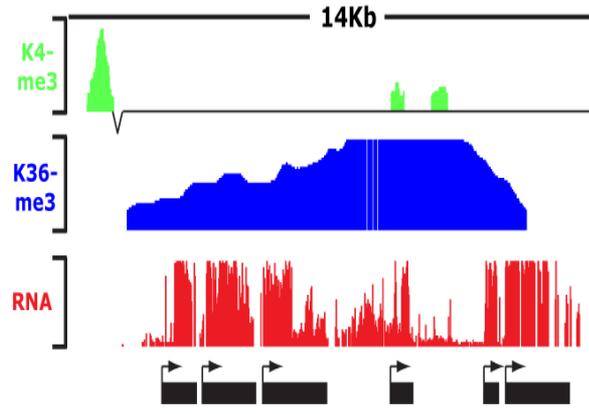
# Applications to genome annotation

## New protein-coding genes

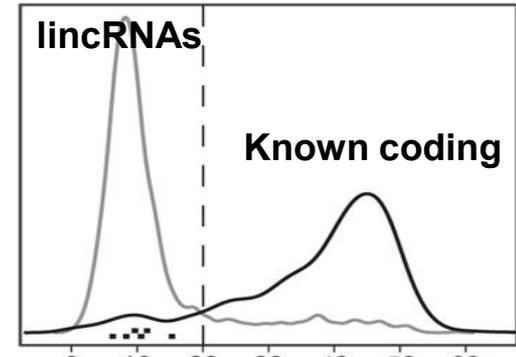


In promoter(short)/low-expr states

## Long intergenic non-coding RNAs/lincRNAs

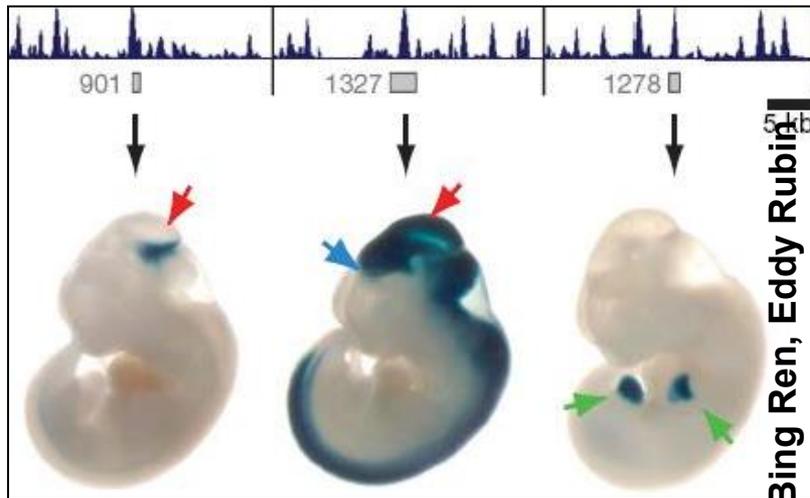


Chromatin signature:  
promoter / transcribed



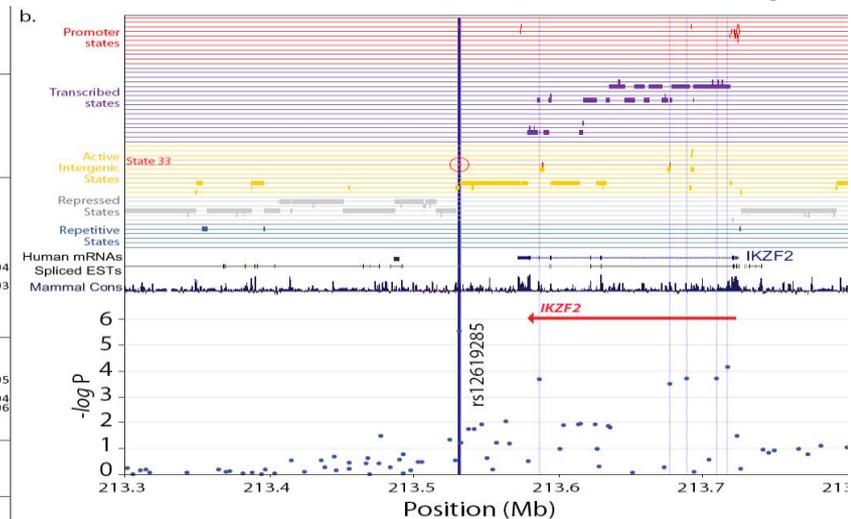
Evolutionary CSF score →

Evolutionary signature:  
not protein-coding



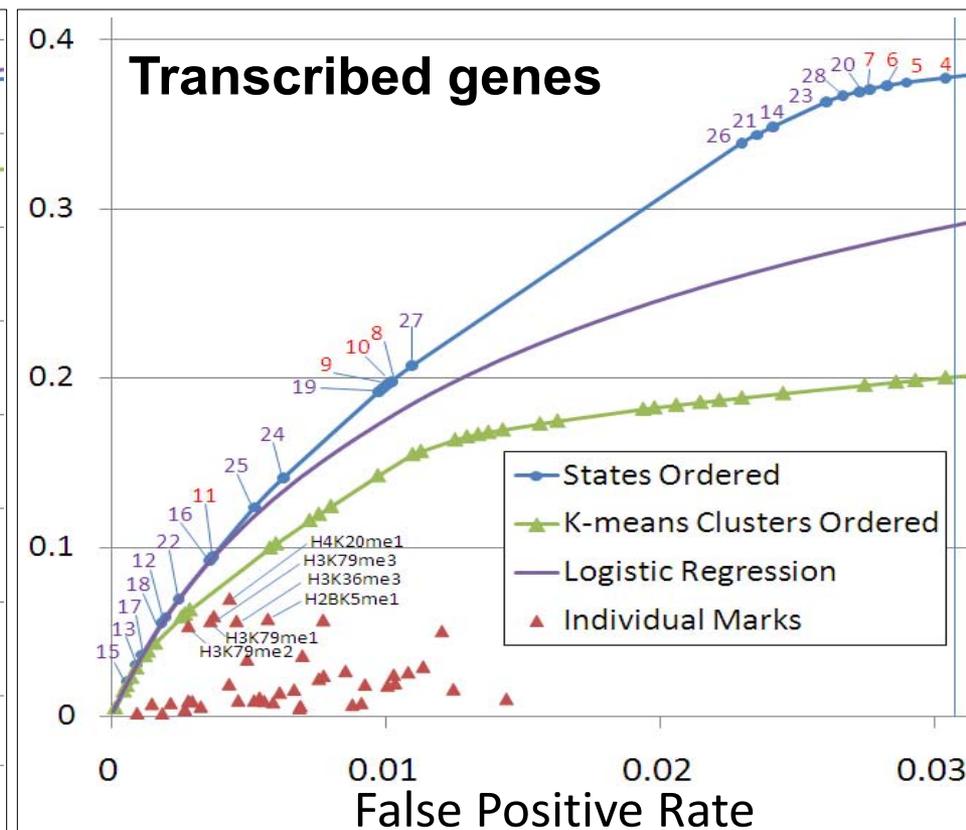
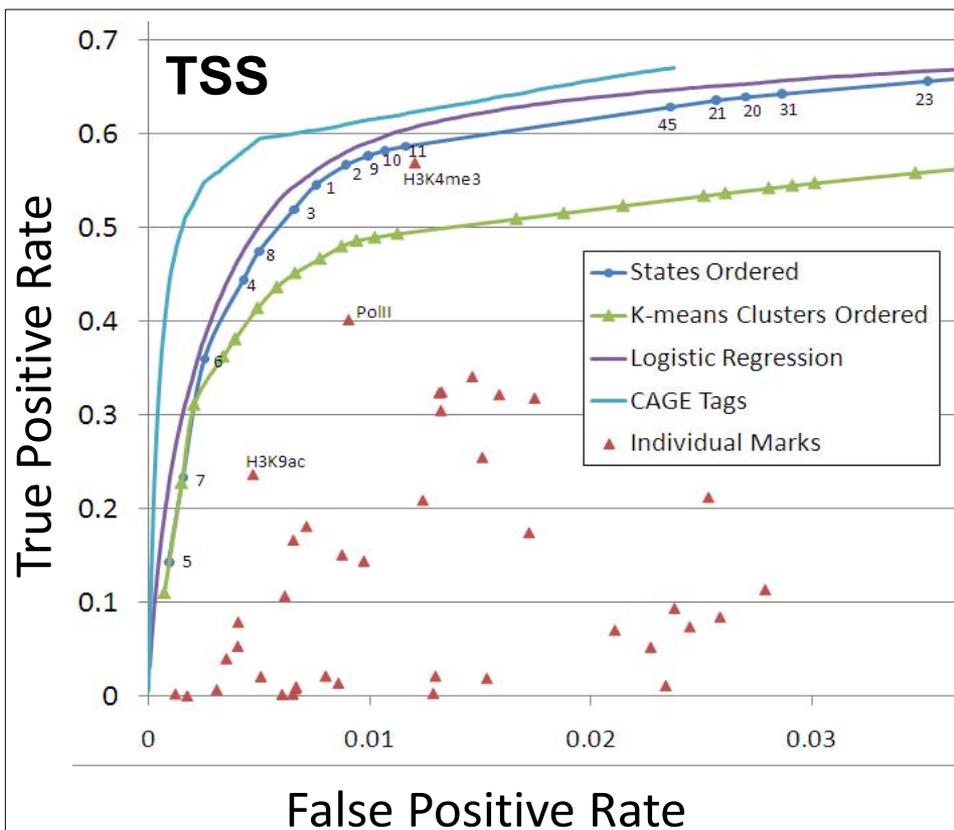
## New developmental enhancer regions

state	% Genome	RegMap CEU	SNP	GWAS	RegMap CEU	SNP and GWAS	p-value
1	0.1	1.2	1.7	1.3			
2	0.1	1.2	1.2	1.0			
3	0.2	0.9	2.5	2.6			
4	0.2	0.6	1.4	2.4			
5	0.1	0.8	2.1	2.6			
6	0.1	1.0	1.3	1.2			
7	0.1	0.9	2.4	2.6			
8	0.1	0.9	2.0	2.1			
9	0.1	1.1	1.4	1.3			
10	0.1	1.0	1.2	1.2			
11	0.1	1.0	1.3	1.2			
12	0.1	1.1	1.6	1.5			
13	0.1	1.0	1.3	1.2			
14	0.2	1.3	3.4	2.6			
15	0.8	0.9	0.8	0.8			
16	0.9	0.7	0.9	1.4			
17	0.2	1.2	1.2	1.0			
18	0.8	1.1	1.6	1.5			
19	2.0	0.8	0.9	1.1			
20	0.1	1.2	2.1	1.7			
21	0.2	1.0	5.9	4.1			4.6E-04
22	0.4	1.1	1.9	1.8			
23	0.7	0.8	2.0	2.5			3.2E-03
24	0.8	1.2	2.1	1.7			
25	1.3	1.2	1.6	1.4			
26	5.3	0.9	1.0	1.1			
27	0.4	1.1	1.9	1.7			
28	0.2	1.0	2.6	2.5			
29	0.2	1.3	1.8	2.1			
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31	0.2	1.3	3.0	2.3			
32	0.2	1.3	1.4	1.0			
33	0.3	1.2	3.8	3.3			5.2E-05
34	0.7	1.0	1.5	1.6			
35	0.7	1.4	3.0	2.2			5.8E-04
36	3.6	1.1	1.9	1.7			3.6E-06
37	11.0	0.9	1.1	1.2			
38	0.8	1.3	1.8	1.4			
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## Assign candidate functions to intergenic SNPs from genome-wide association studies

# Discovery power for promoters, transcripts



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

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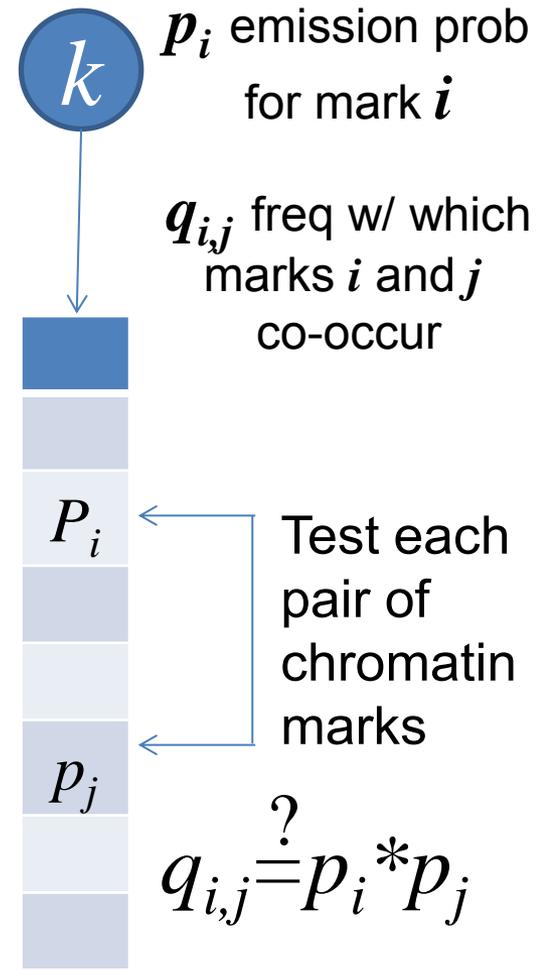
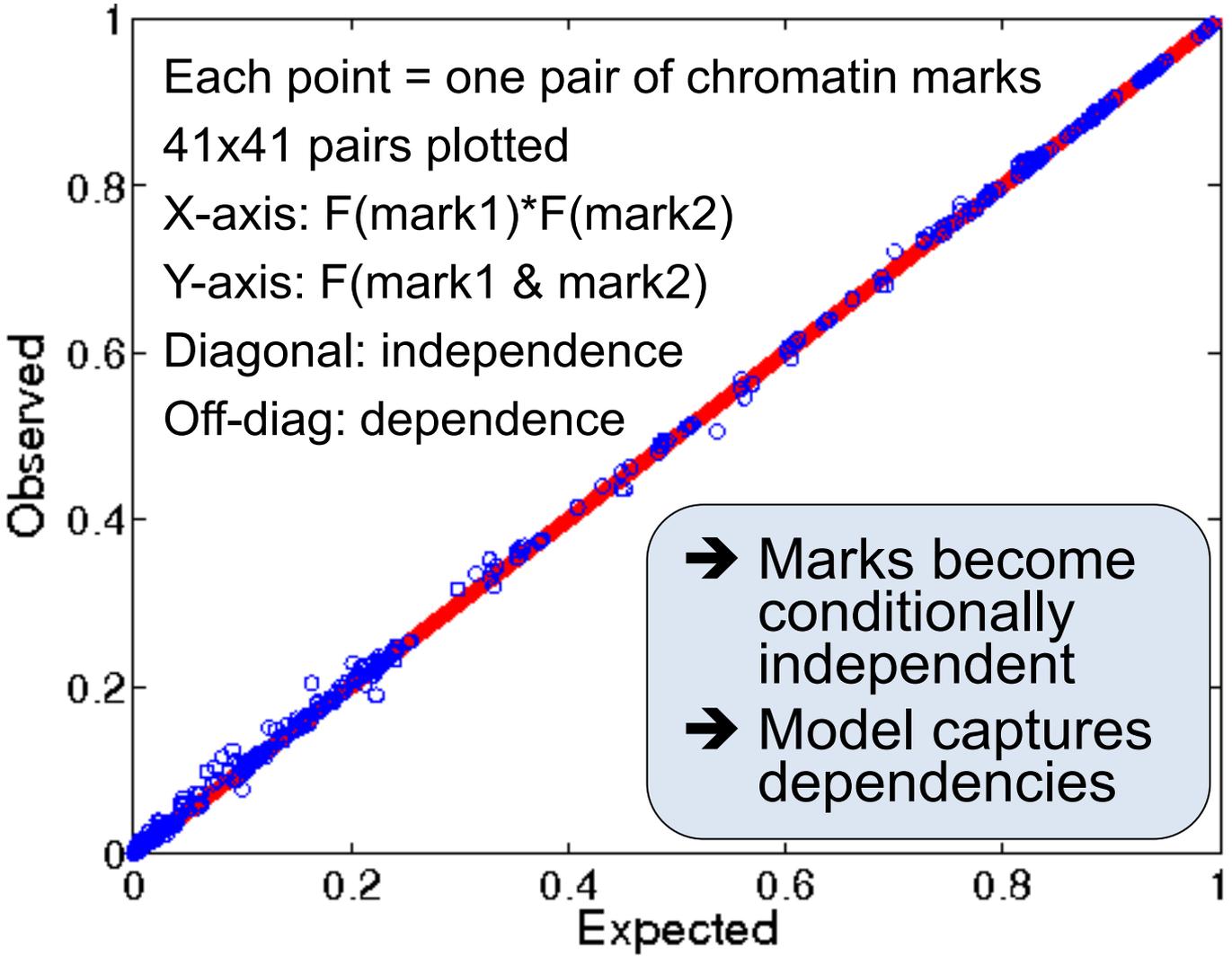
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## **State-conditional mark independence**

Do hidden states actually capture dependencies between marks?

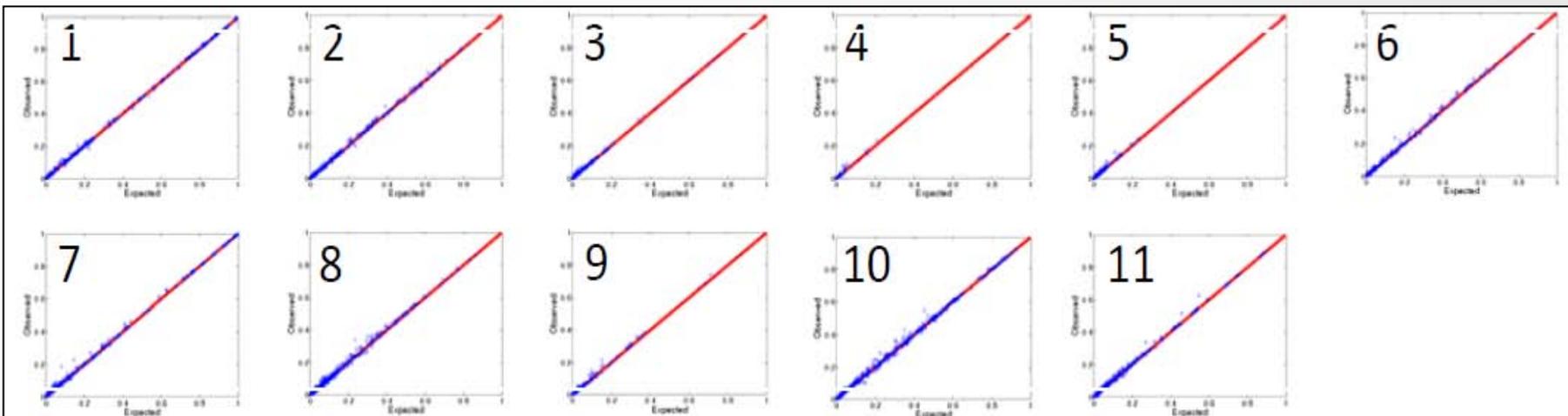
# Pairwise Expected vs. Observed Mark Co-Occurrence



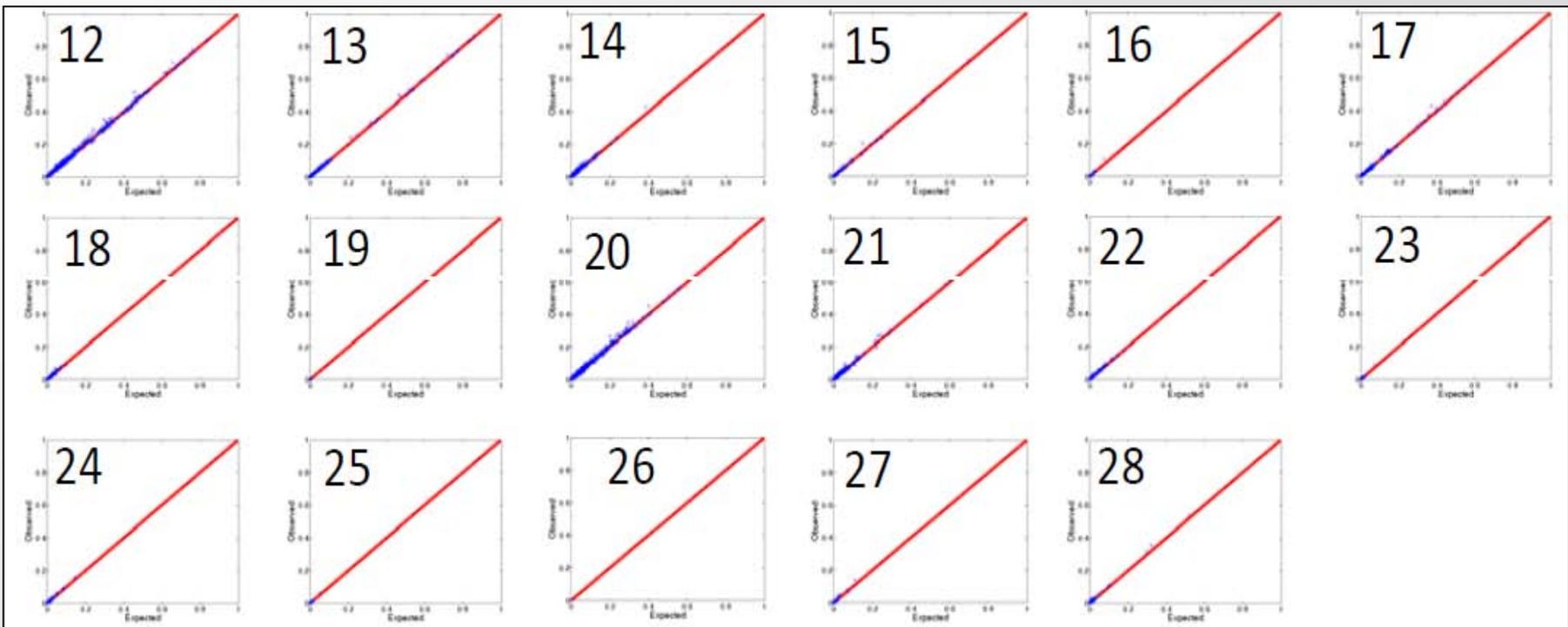
Multi-variate HMM emits entire vector of marks at a time  
 Model assumes mark independence *conditional* upon state  
 In fact, it specifically seeks to *capture* these dependencies

# Test conditional independence for each state

Promoter states

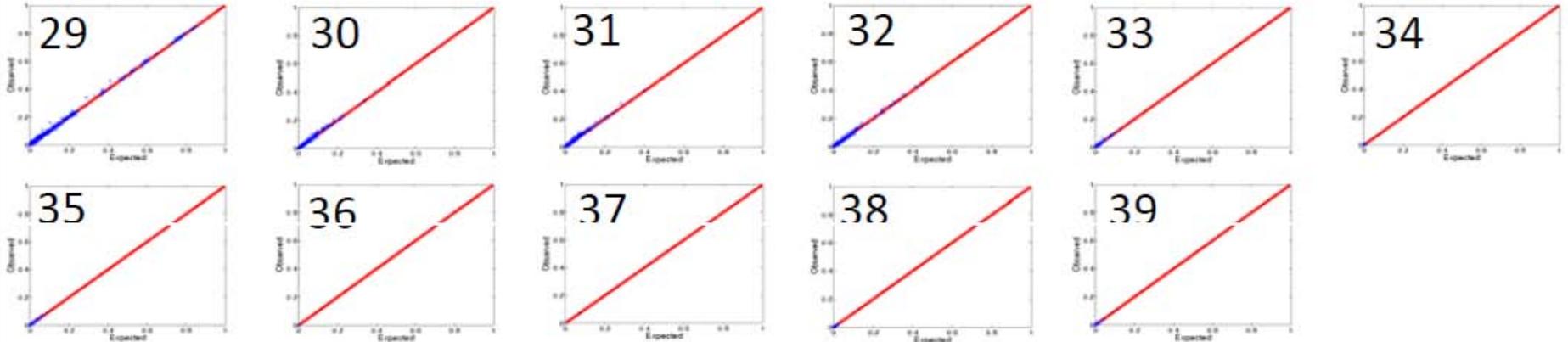


Transcribed states

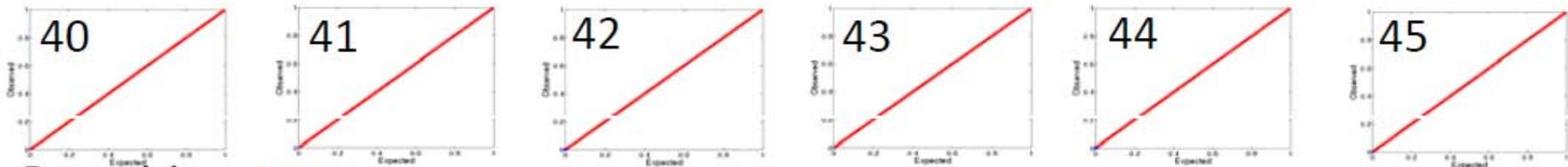


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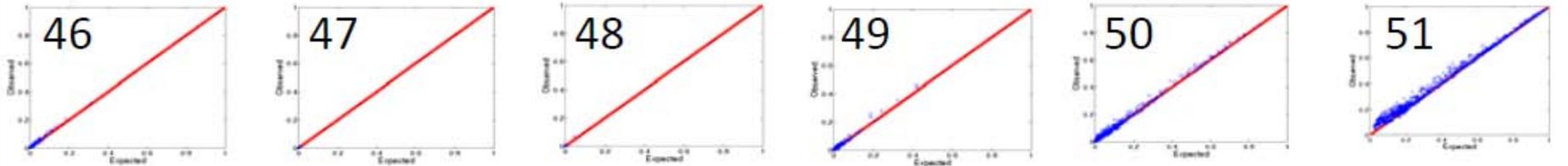
## Active Intergenic states



## Repressed states

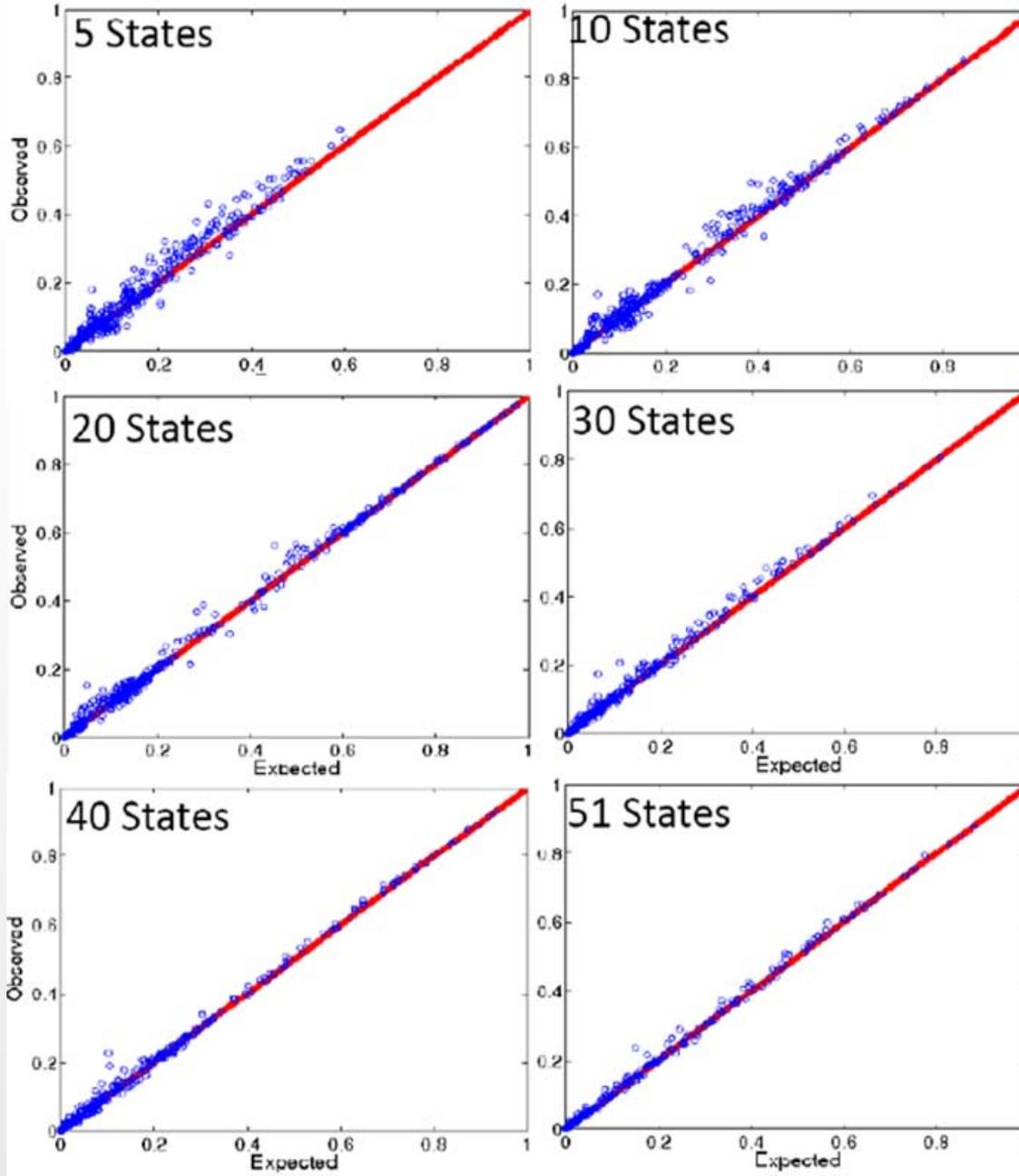


## Repetitive states



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

# As more states are added, dependencies captured



- With only 5 states in HMM, not enough power to distinguish different properties

→ Dependencies remain

- As model complexity increases, states learned become more precise

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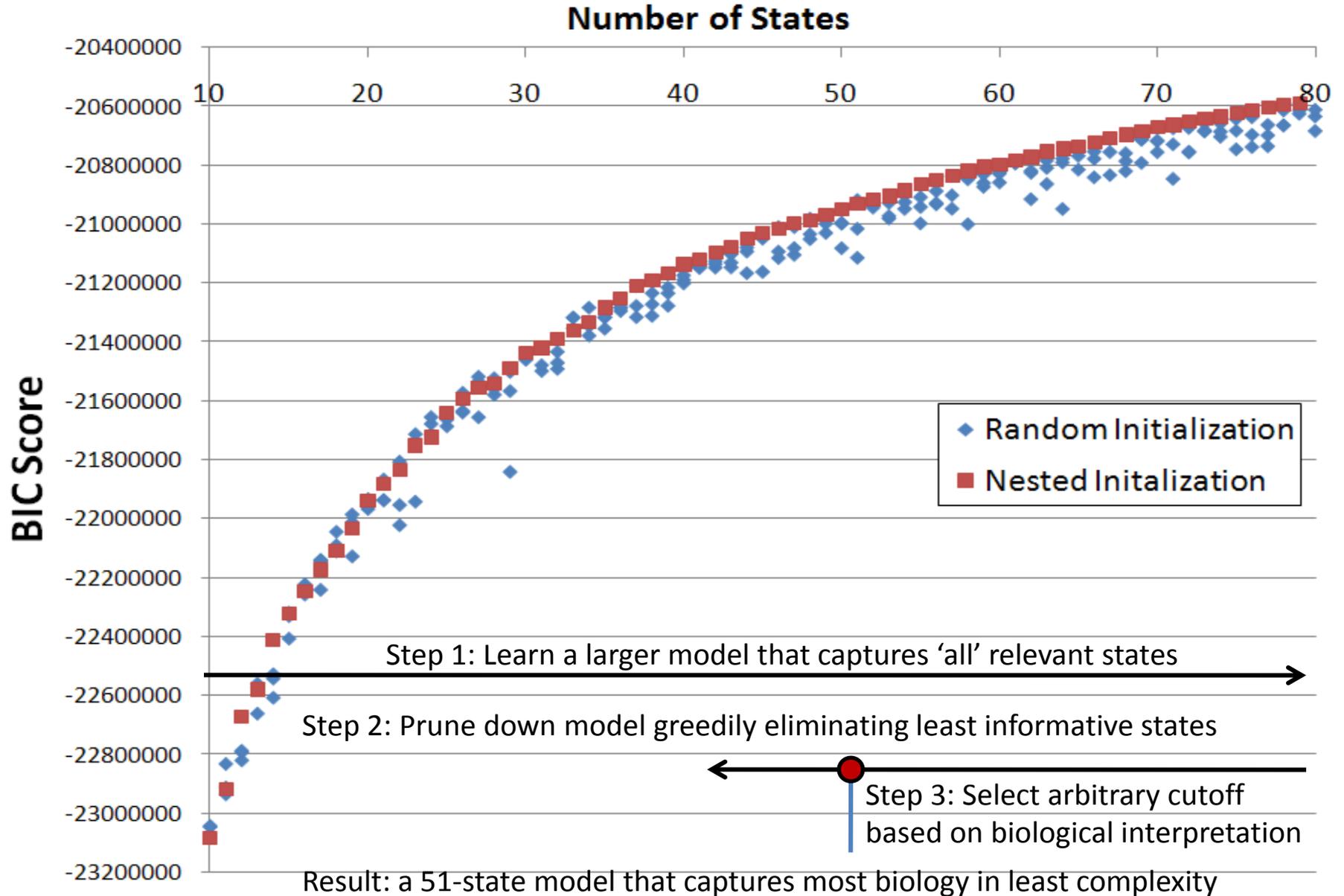
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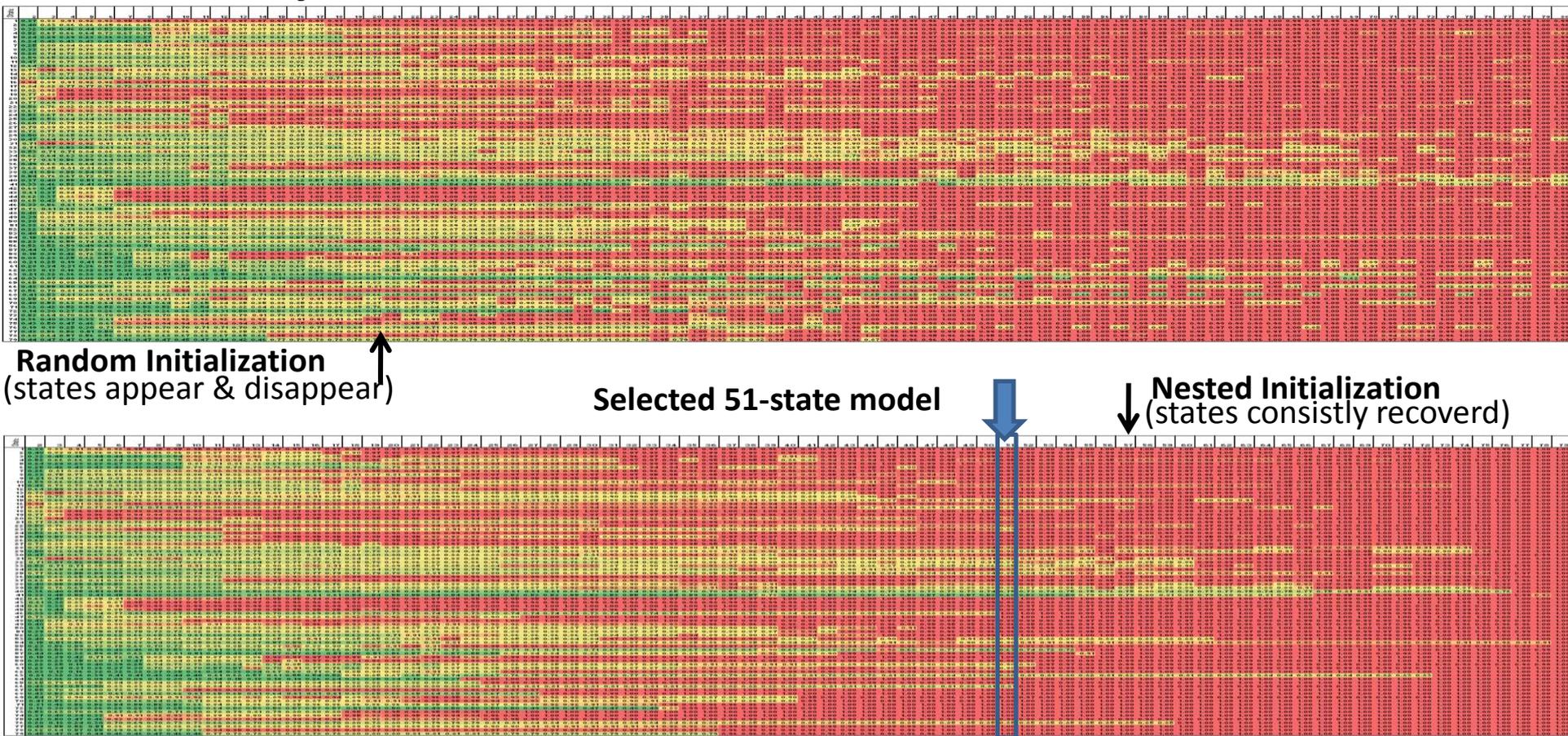
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# Comparison of BIC Score vs. Number of States for Random and Nested Initialization



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

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



Random Initialization  
(states appear & disappear)

Selected 51-state model

Nested Initialization  
(states consistently recovered)

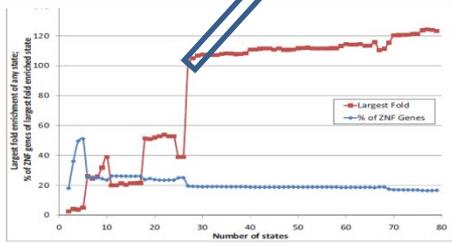
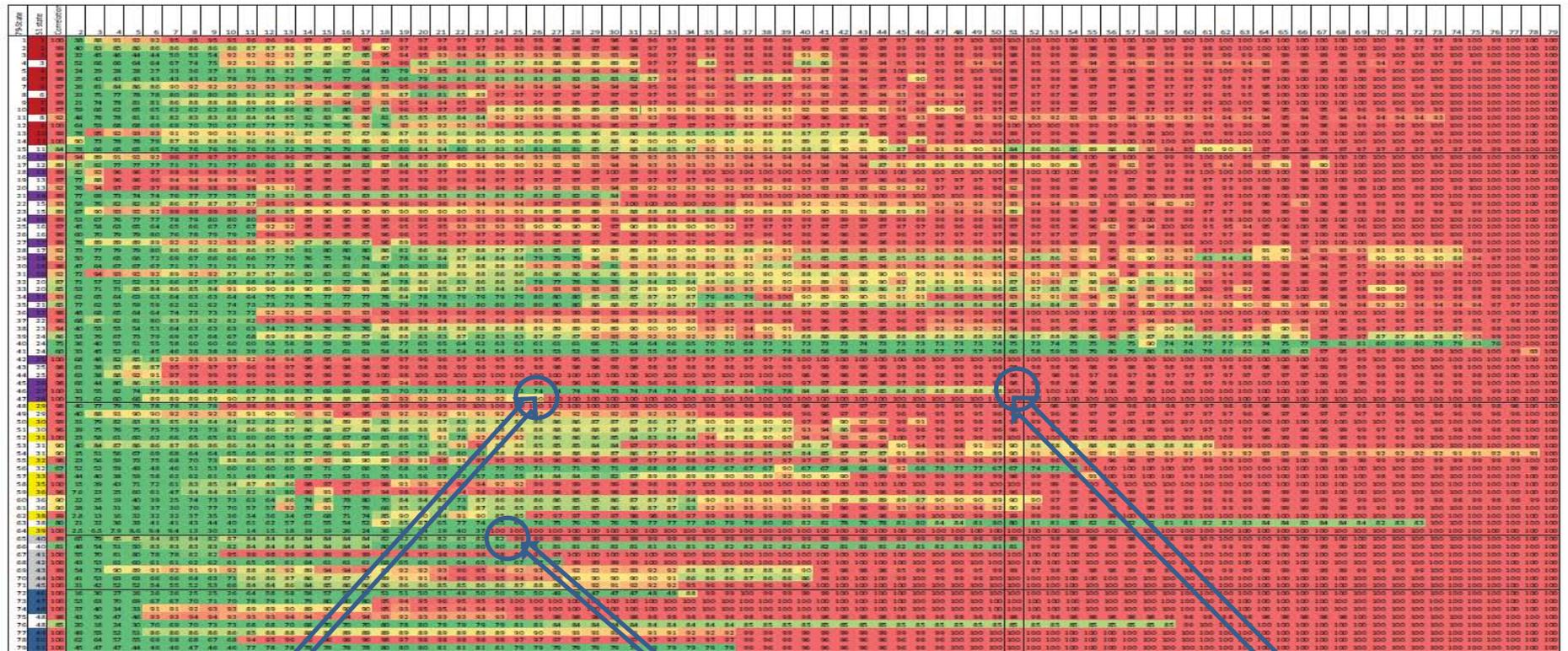
## Nested initialization approach:

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

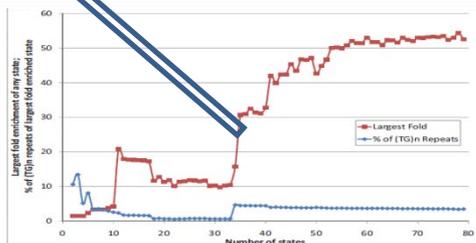
## Nested models criteria:

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

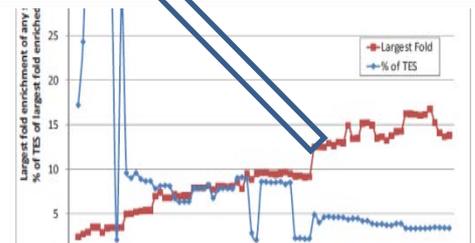
# Functional recovery with increasing numbers of states



Zinc Finger state



Simple Repeat state



Transcription End State

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



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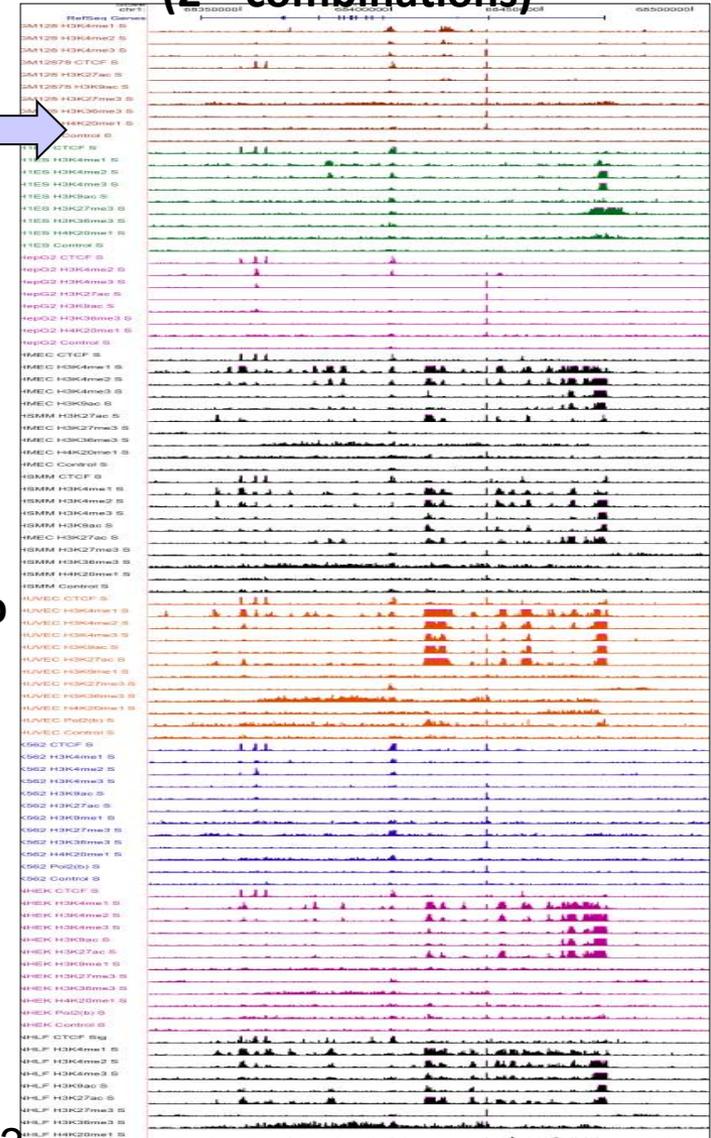
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+WCE
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X

9 human cell types

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

81 Chromatin Mark Tracks  
( $2^8$  combinations)

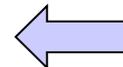


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Chromatin States	State	Chromatin Mark Observation Frequency (%)								
		CTCF	H3K27me3	H3K36me3	H4K20me1	H3K4me1	H3K4me2	H3K4me3	H3K27ac	H3K9ac
1	16	2	2	6	17	93	99	96	98	2
2	12	2	6	9	53	94	95	14	44	1
3	13	72	0	9	48	78	49	1	10	1
4	11	1	15	11	96	99	75	97	86	4
5	5	0	10	3	88	57	5	84	25	1
6	7	1	1	3	58	75	8	6	5	1
7	2	1	2	1	56	3	0	6	2	1
8	92	2	1	3	6	3	0	0	1	1
9	5	0	43	43	37	11	2	9	4	1
10	1	0	47	3	0	0	0	0	0	1
11	0	0	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
12	1	27	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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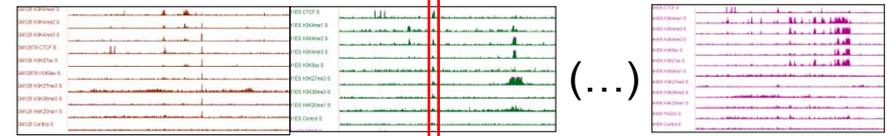
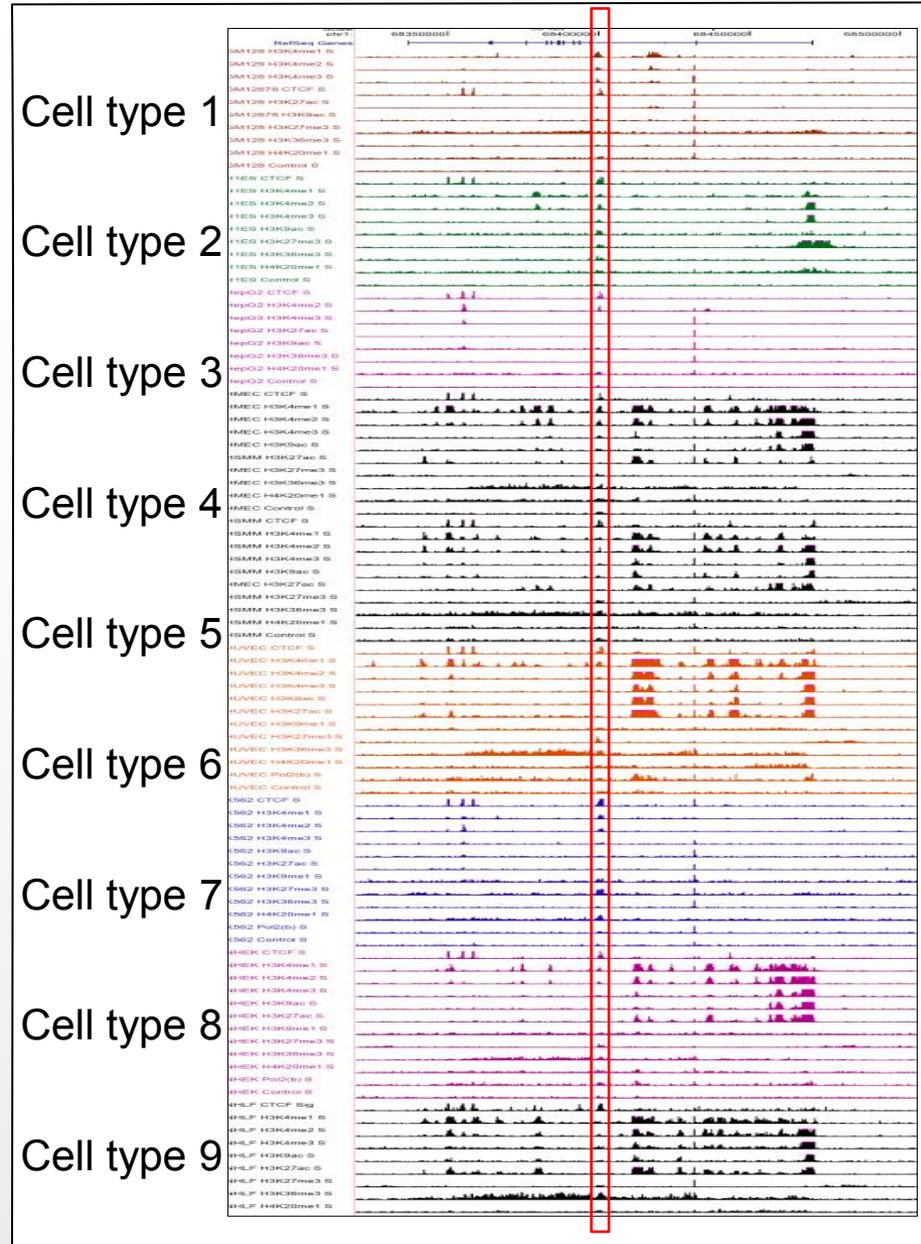
How to learn single set of chromatin states?



# Joint learning of states across multiple cell types

## Solution 2: Stacking

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

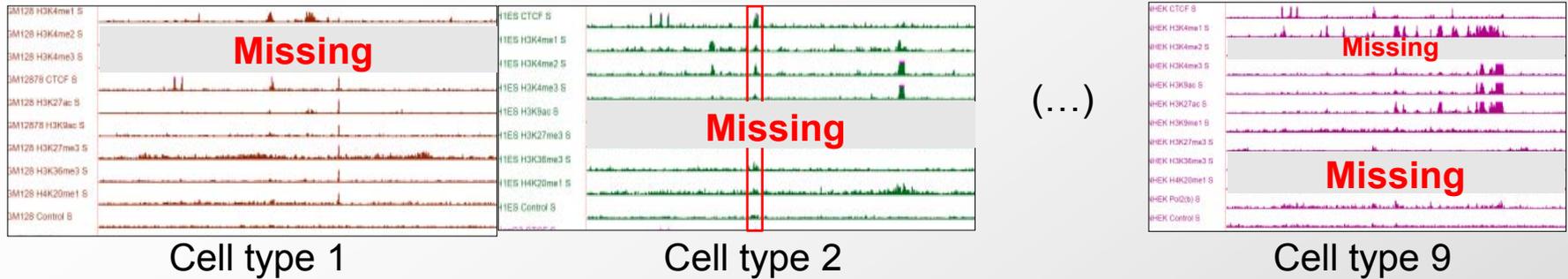


Cell type 1      Cell type 2      Cell type 9

## Solution 3: Concatenation

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

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



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

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

## Option (b) Chromatin mark imputation

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

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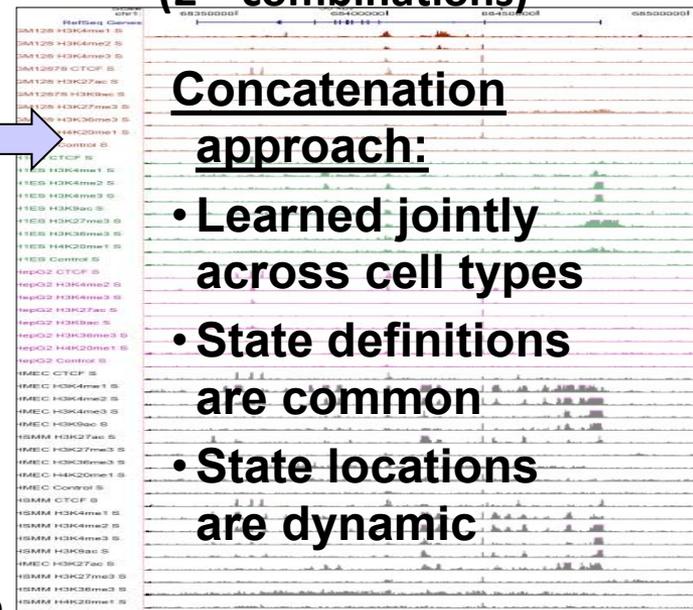
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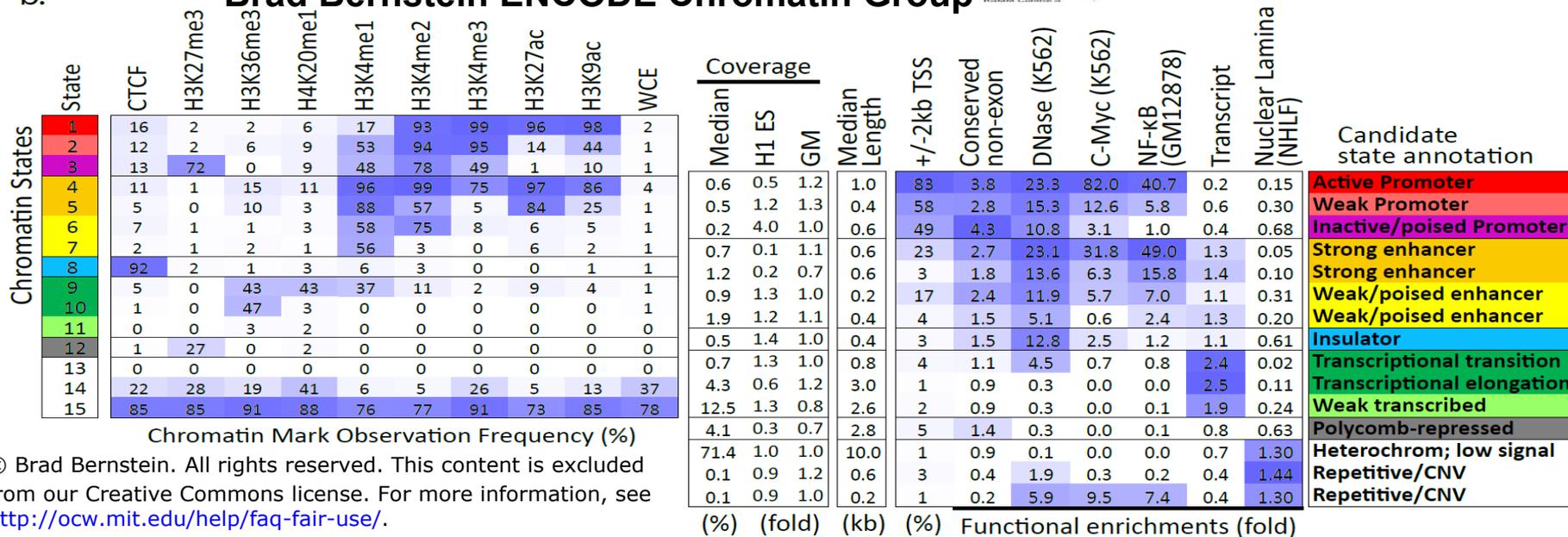
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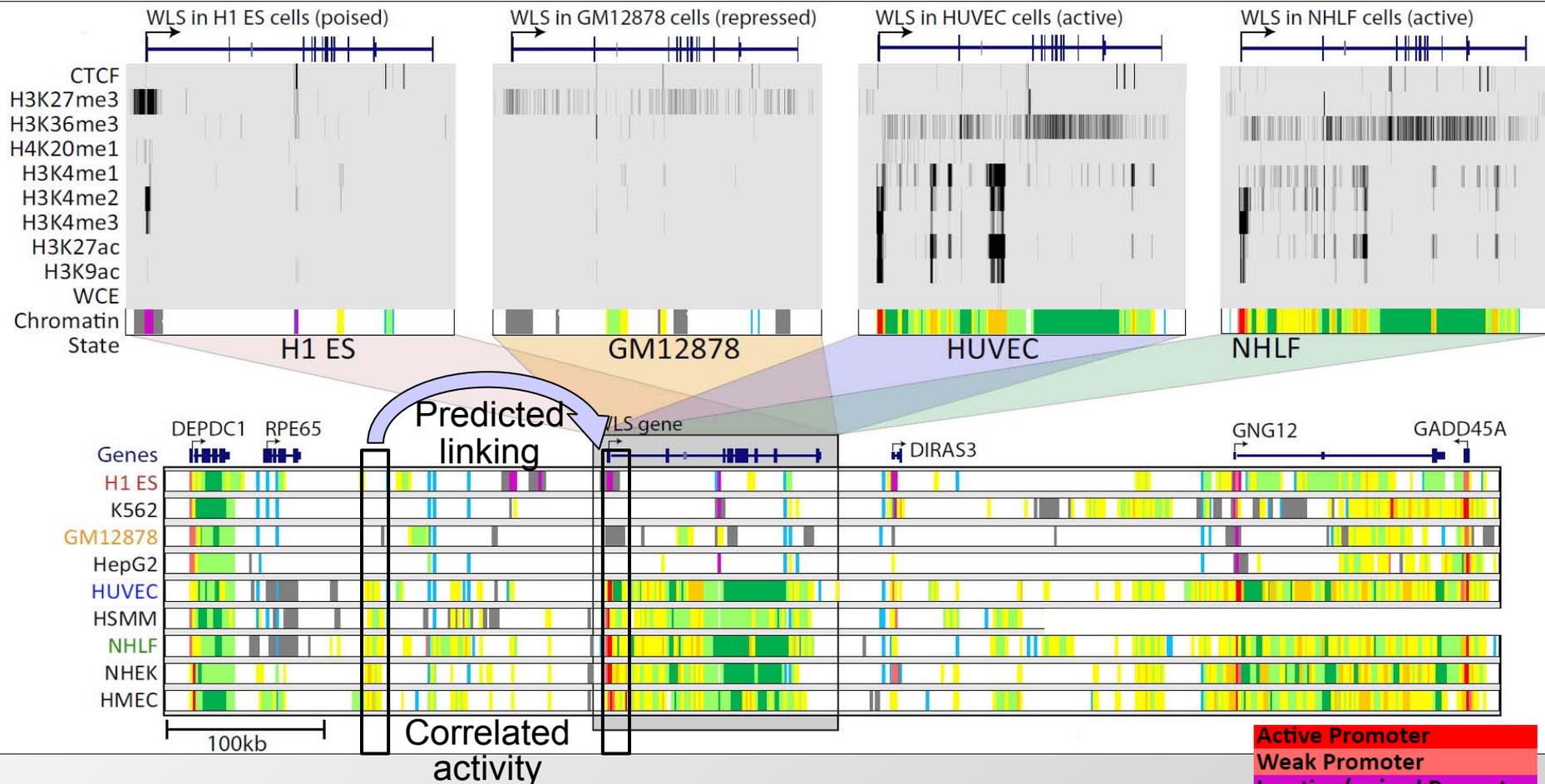
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# Chromatin states dynamics across nine cell types



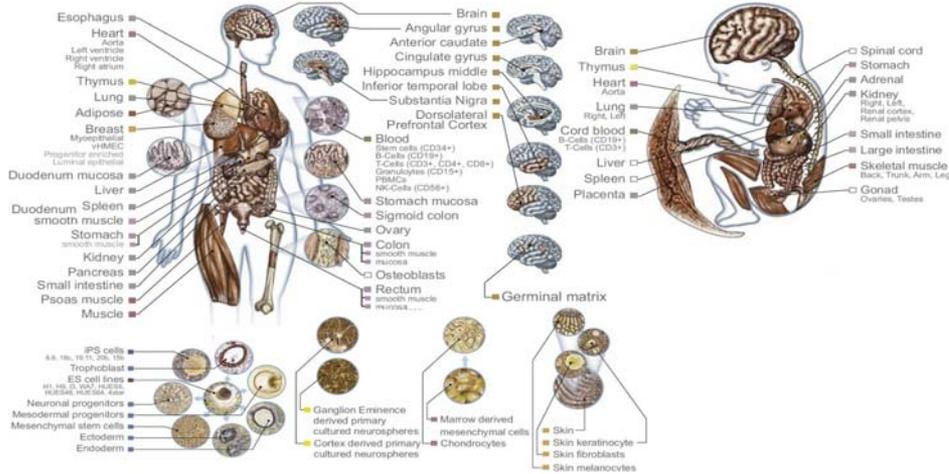
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- Single annotation track for each cell type
- Summarize cell-type activity at a glance ↓
- Can study 9-cell activity pattern across

Active Promoter  
 Weak Promoter  
 Inactive/poised Promoter  
 Strong enhancer  
 Strong enhancer  
 Weak/poised enhancer  
 Weak/poised enhancer  
 Insulator  
 Transcriptional transition  
 Transcriptional elongation  
 Weak transcribed  
 Polycomb-repressed  
 Heterochrom; low signal

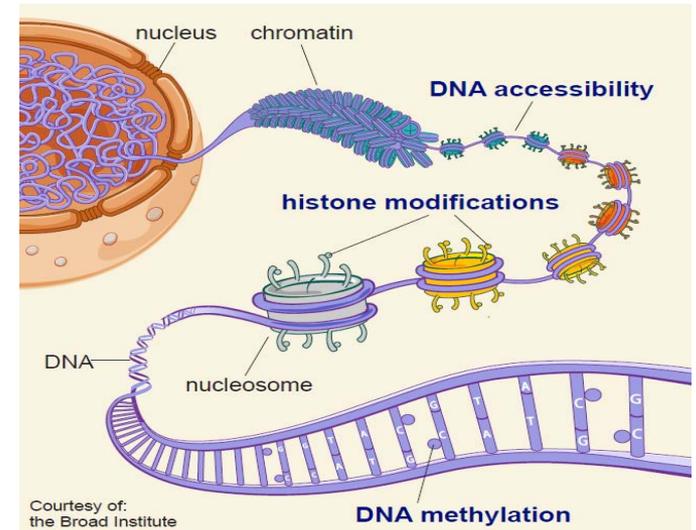
# Epigenomic mapping across 100+ tissues/cell types

## Diverse tissues and cells



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## Diverse epigenomic assays



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

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

**ES cells, iPS, differentiated cells**

(meso/endo/ectoderm, neural, mesench...)

## Histone modifications

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

## Open chromatin:

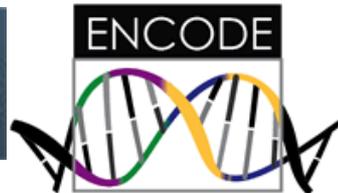
- DNA accessibility

## DNA methylation:

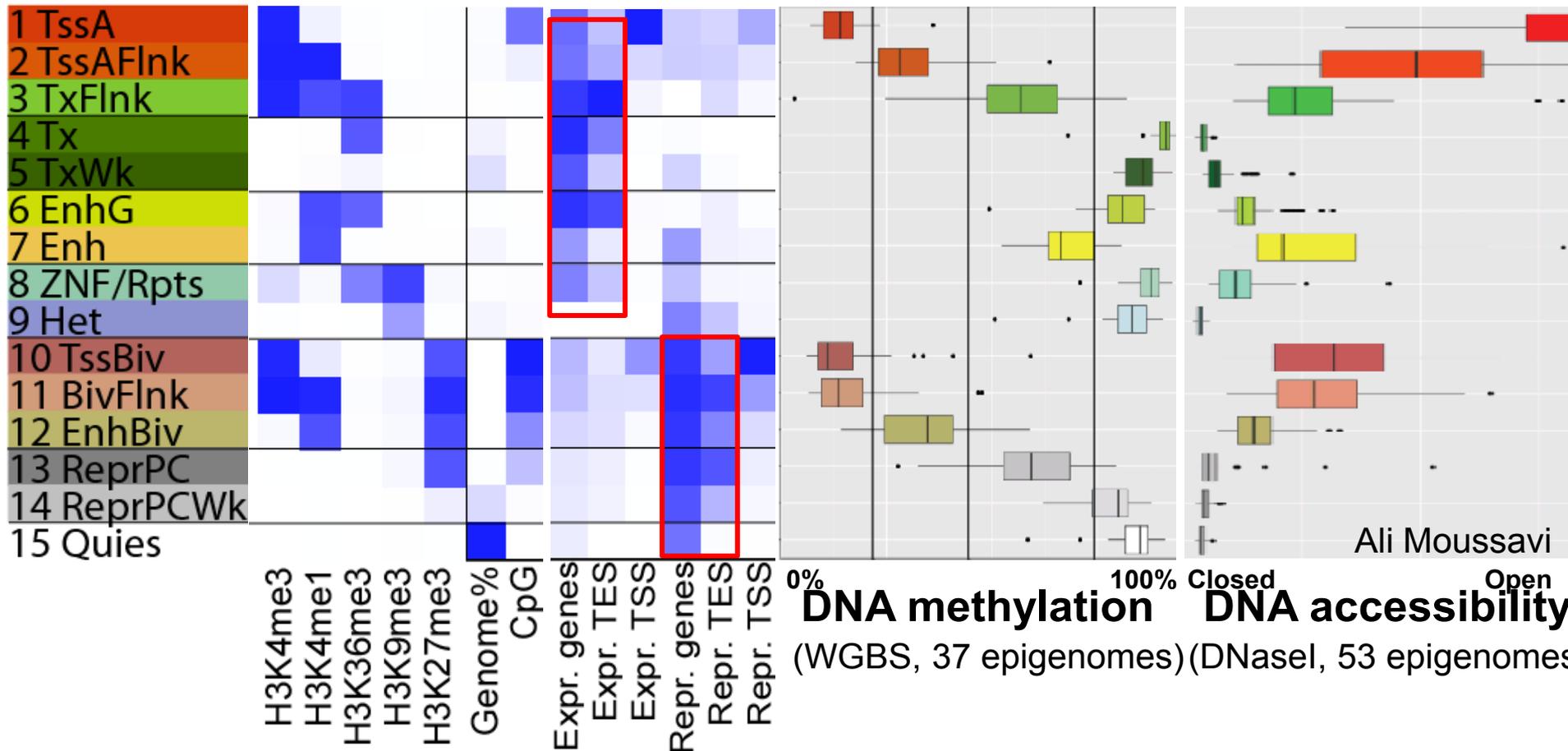
- WGBS, RRBS, MRE/MeDIP

## Gene expression

- RNA-seq, Exon Arrays



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



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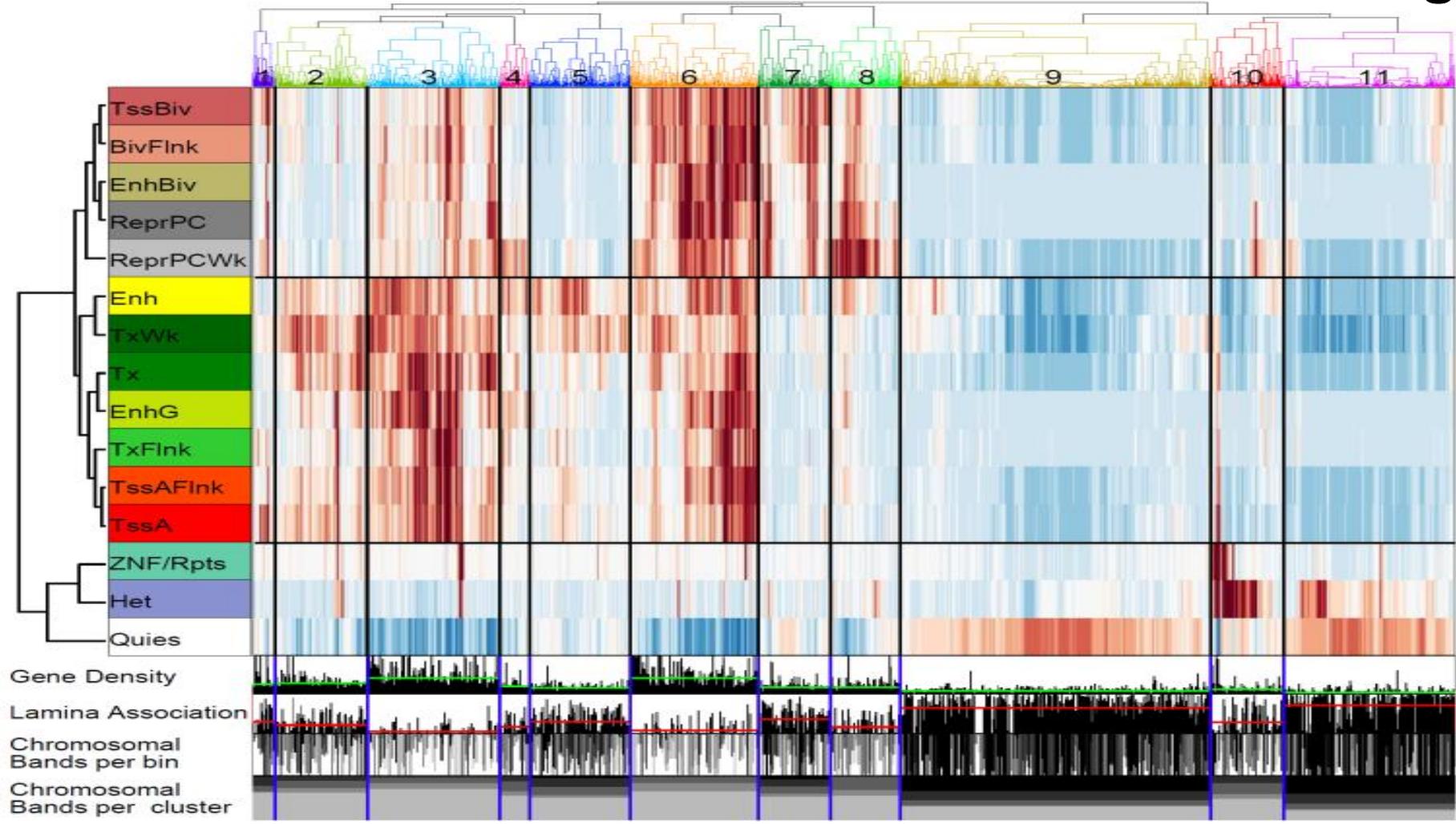
**TssA** vs. **TssBiv**: diff. activity, both open, both unmethylated!

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

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

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

# Chromosomal 'domains' from chromatin state usage

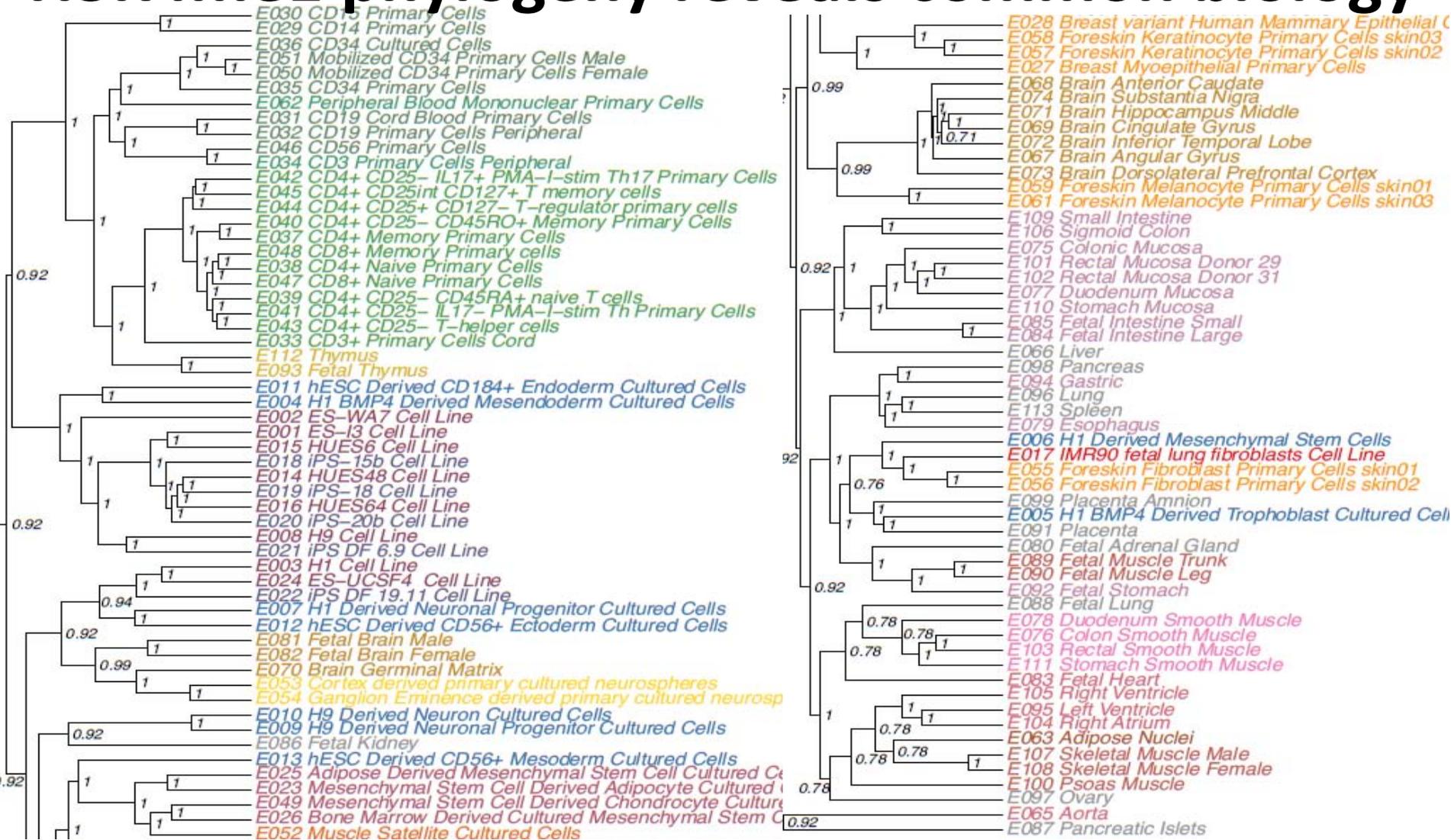


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- State usage → gene density, lamina, cytogenetic bands
- Quies/ZNF/het | gene rich/poor, each active/repressed

# H3K4me1 phylogeny reveals common biology

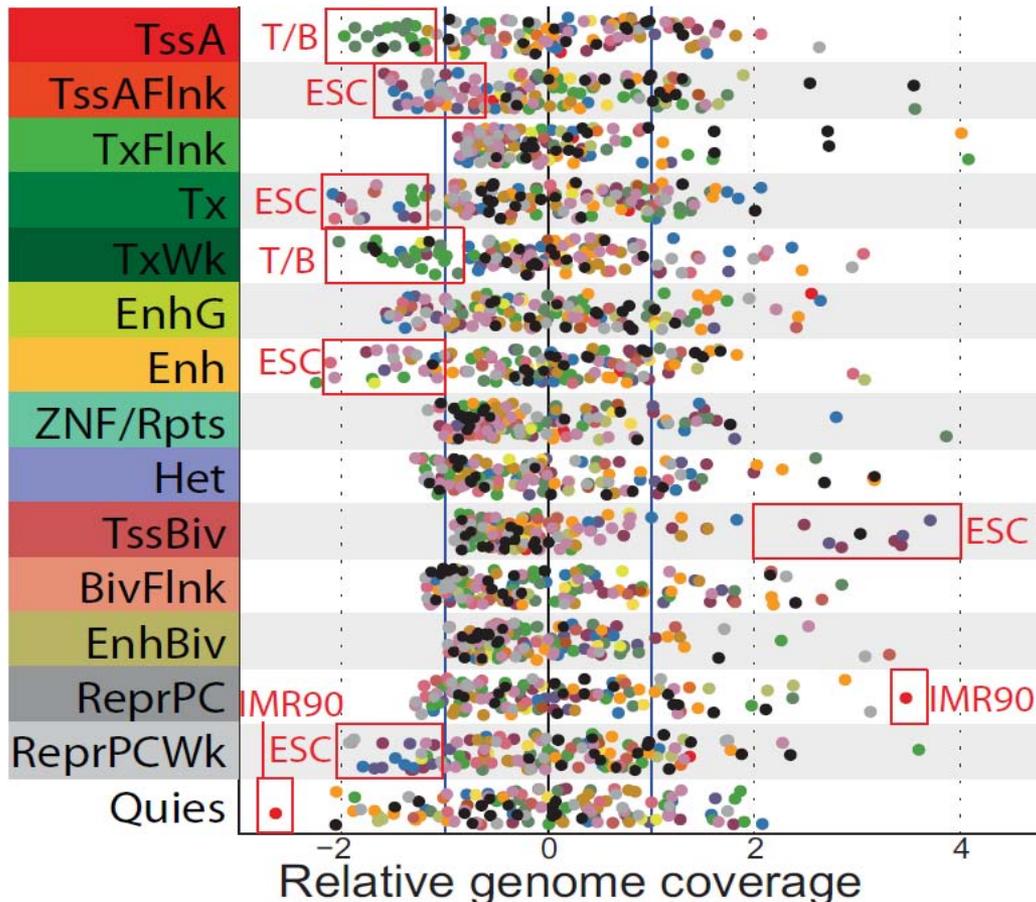


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- Grouping of ES, immune, brain, muscle, heart, smooth muscle, fetal

# Cells/Tissues at extremes of epigenomic variation

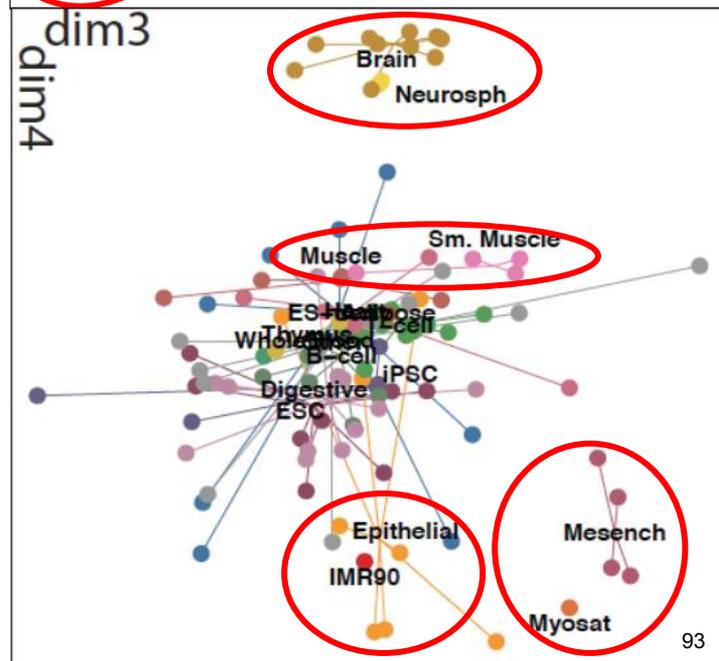
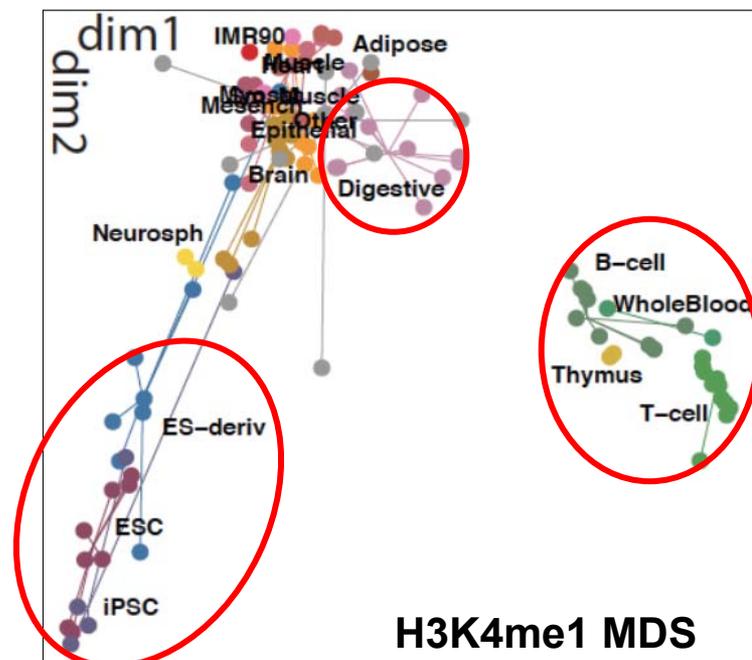


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- **ES/Immune/IMR90 most extreme**
- **ES: ↑Biv, ↓Enh/Tx/TssFlnk/PCwk**
- **Immune: ↓TssA, ↓TxWk**
- **IMR90: ↑ReprPC, ↓Quies**

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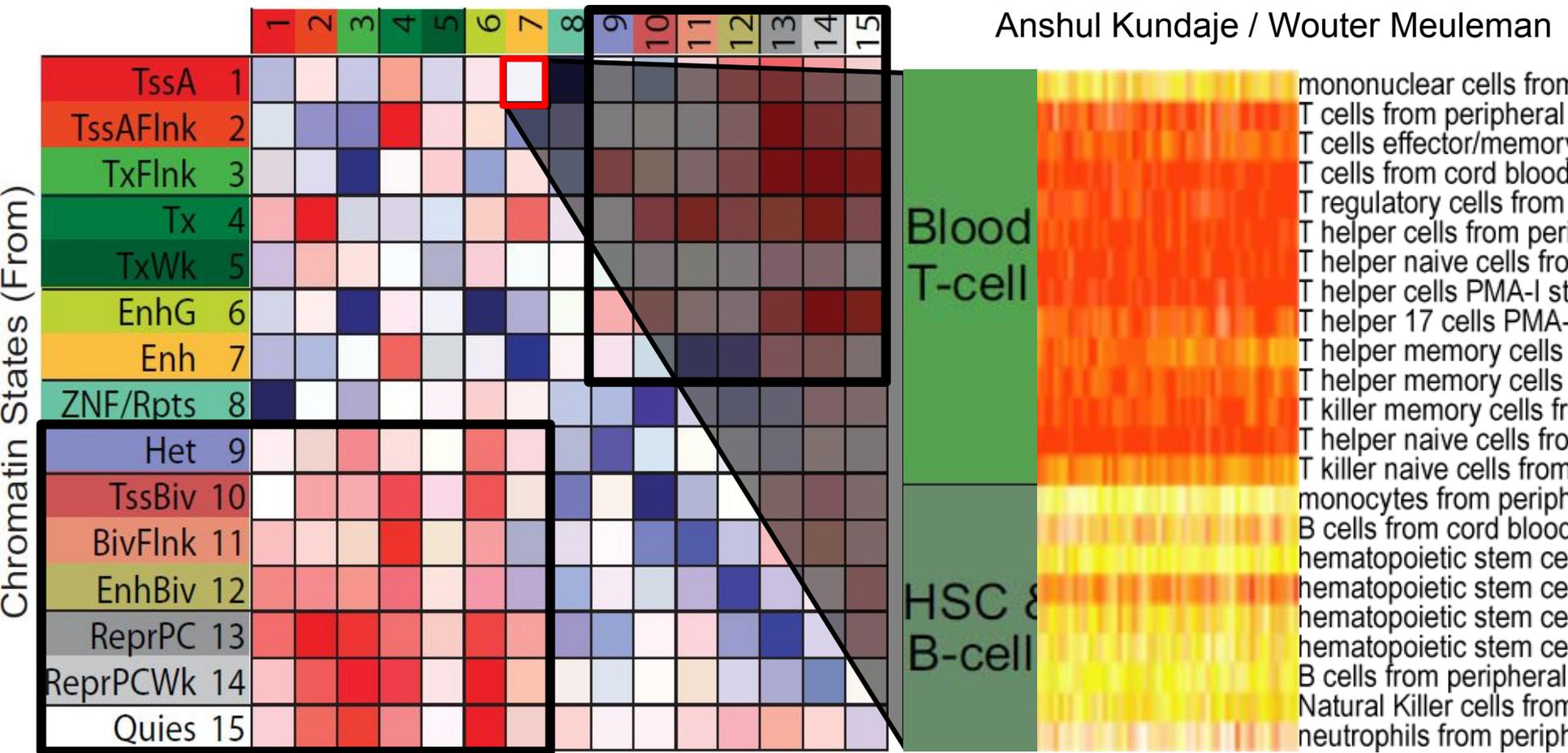


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Reveal epigenomic variability: enh/prom/tx/repr/het  
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# State switching: active/inactive, mostly keep identity

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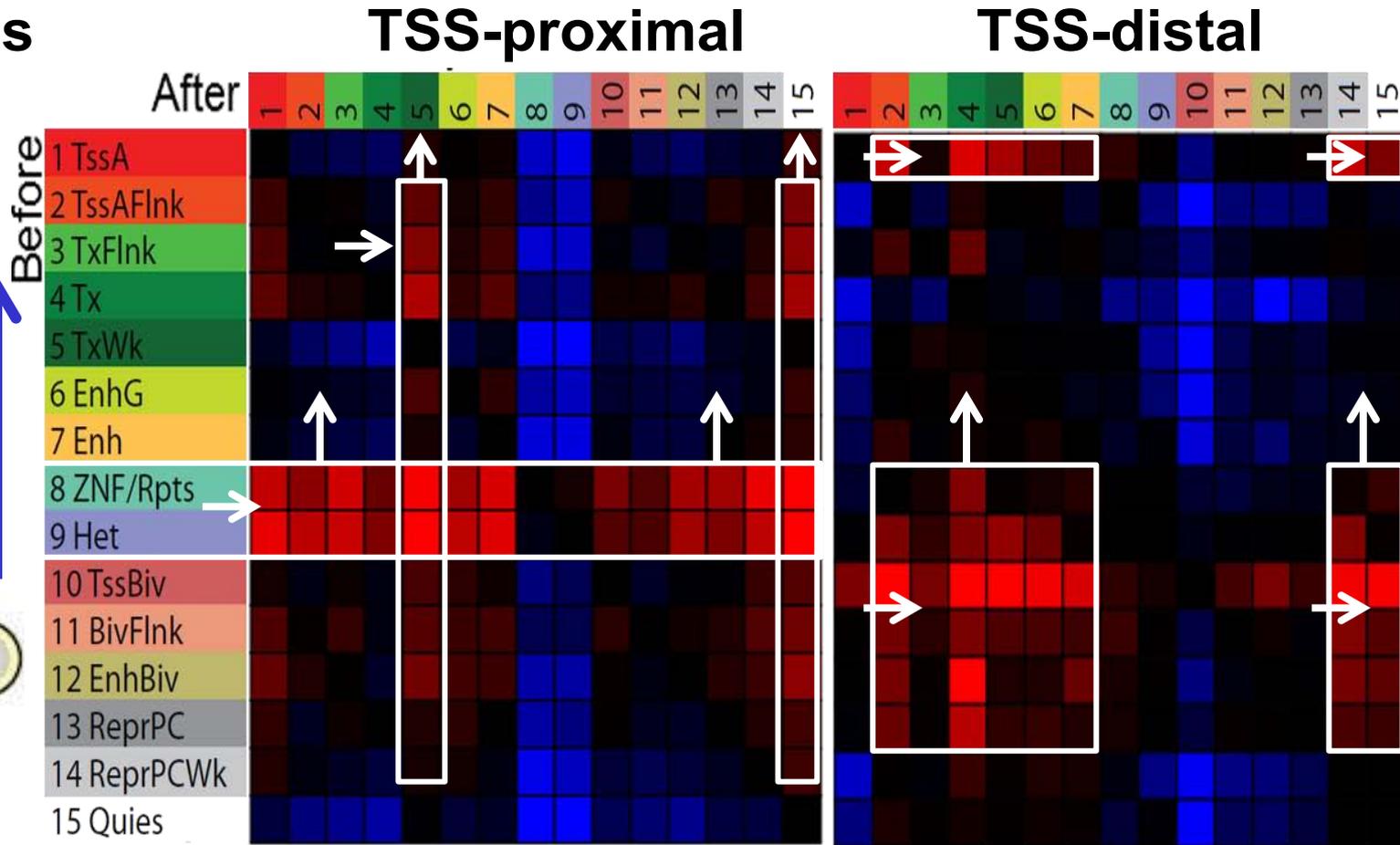
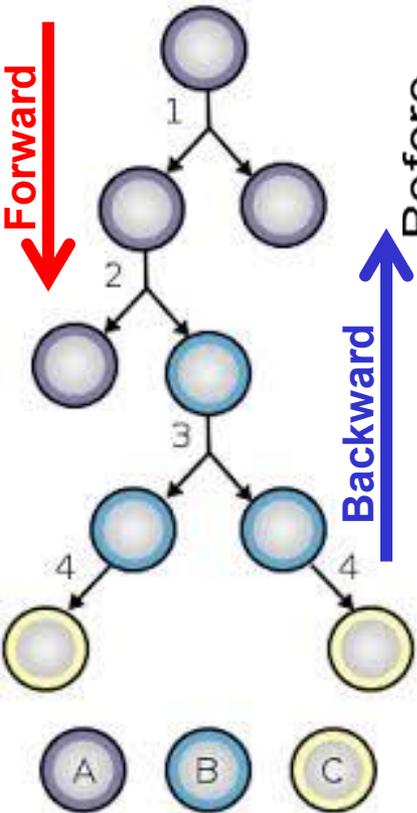


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- **Most variable: Enhancers. Least: TssA/Tx/Quies**
- **State switching: Active (1-7) ⇔ Inactive (10-15)**
- **Exception: Dyadic regions: enhancer ⇔ promoter**

# Chromatin state changes during differentiation

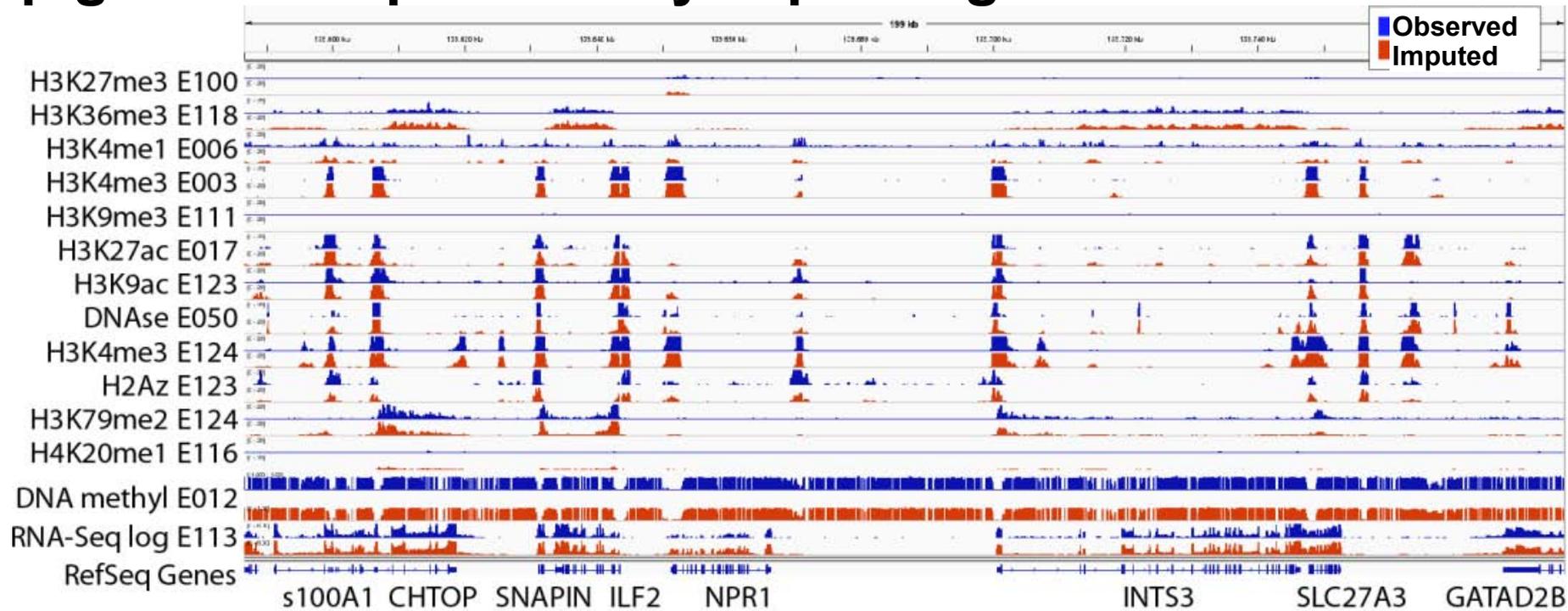
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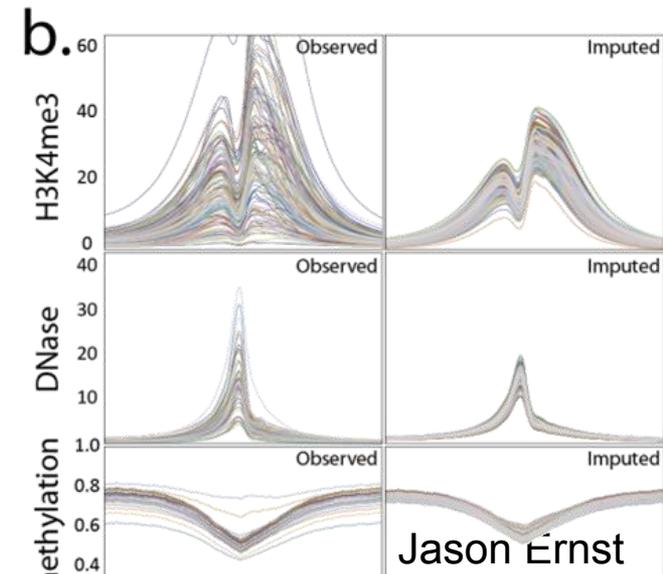
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- **Epigenomic features can predict directionality: AUC 78%**
- **TSS-proximal:** (1) Loss of Het/ZNF. (2) Gain of TxWk, Quies
- **TSS-distal:** Bivalent, PCrepressed → Enhancer, Tx, TssFlnk

# Epigenome imputation by exploiting mark correlations



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

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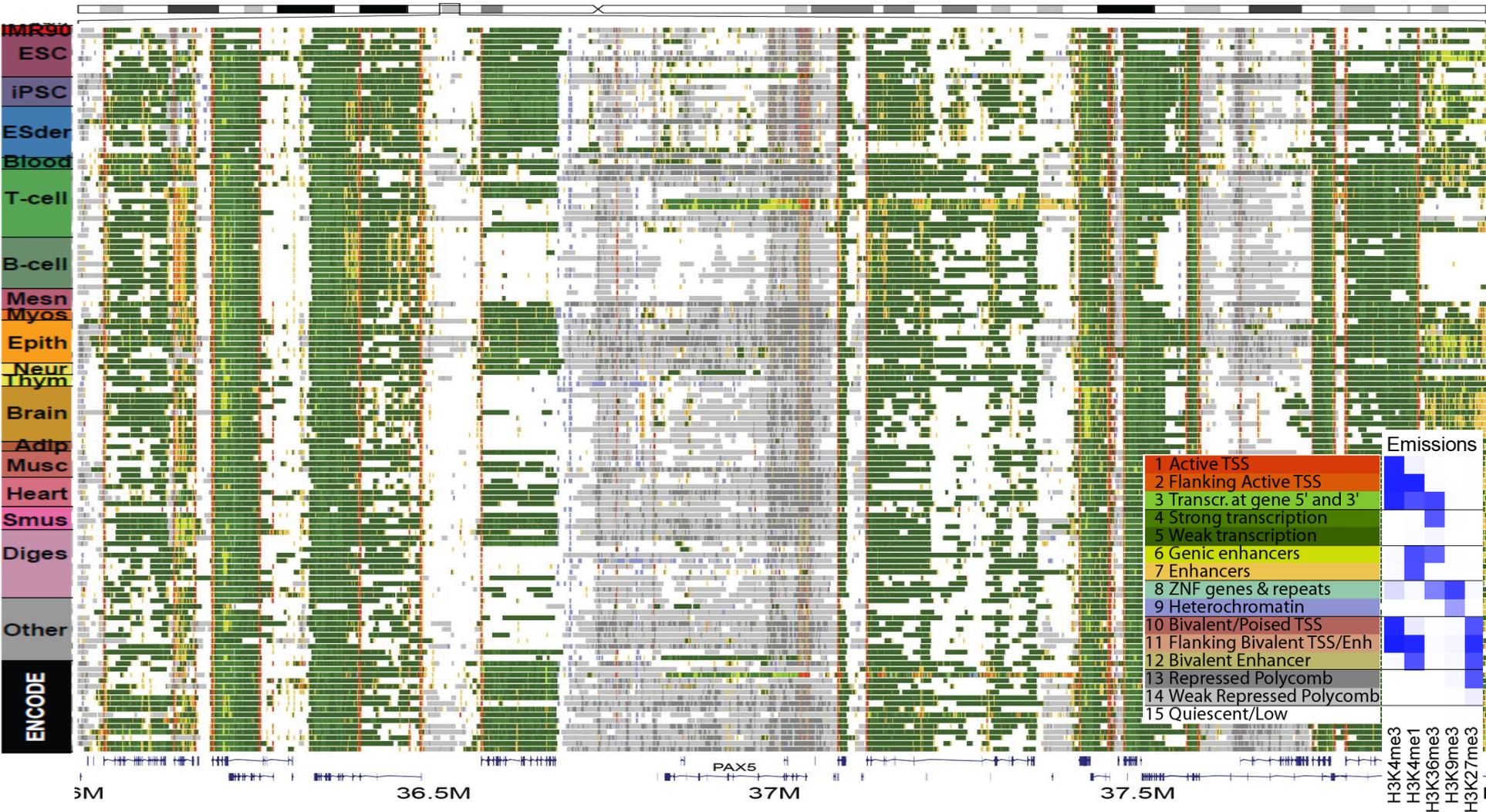
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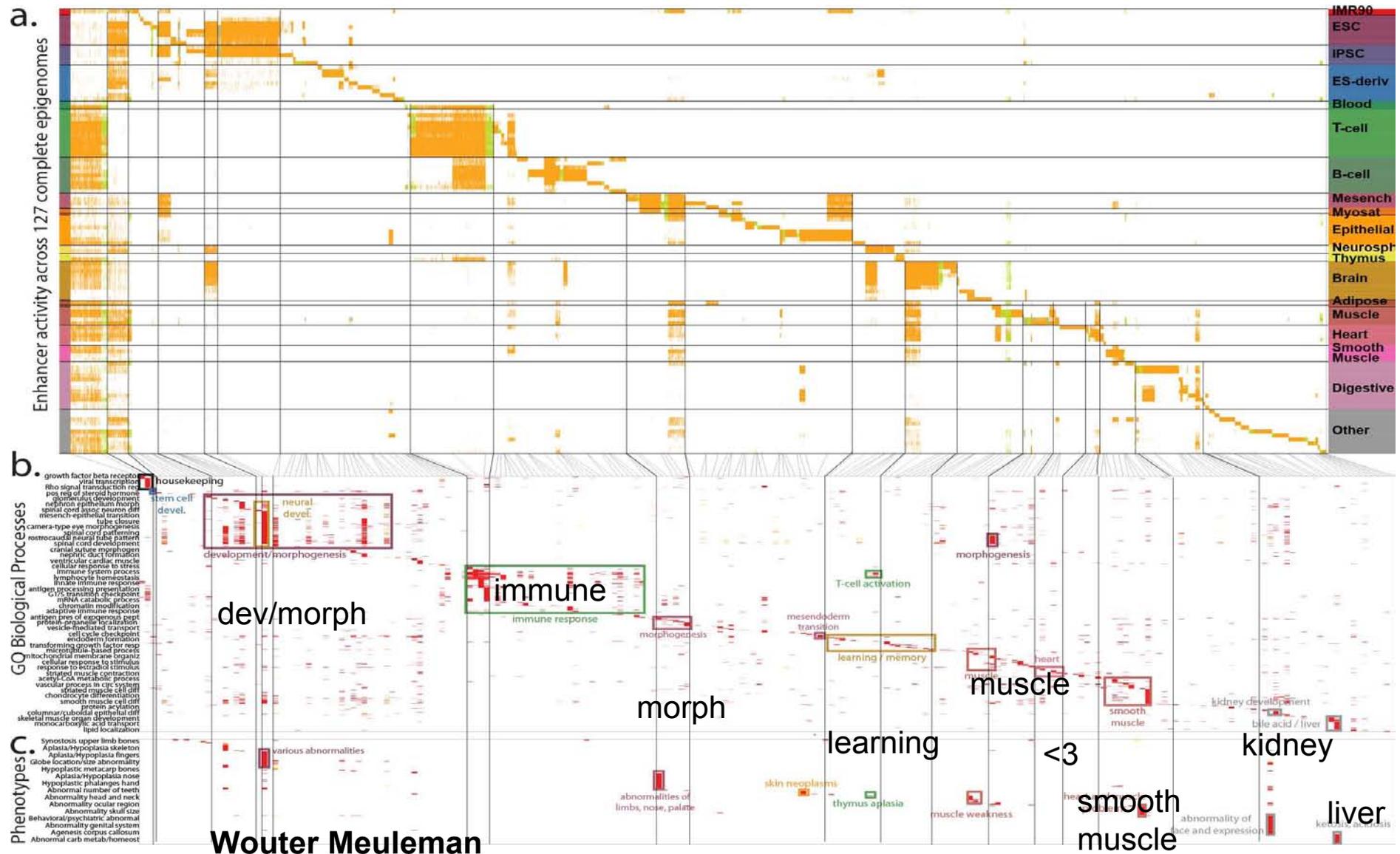


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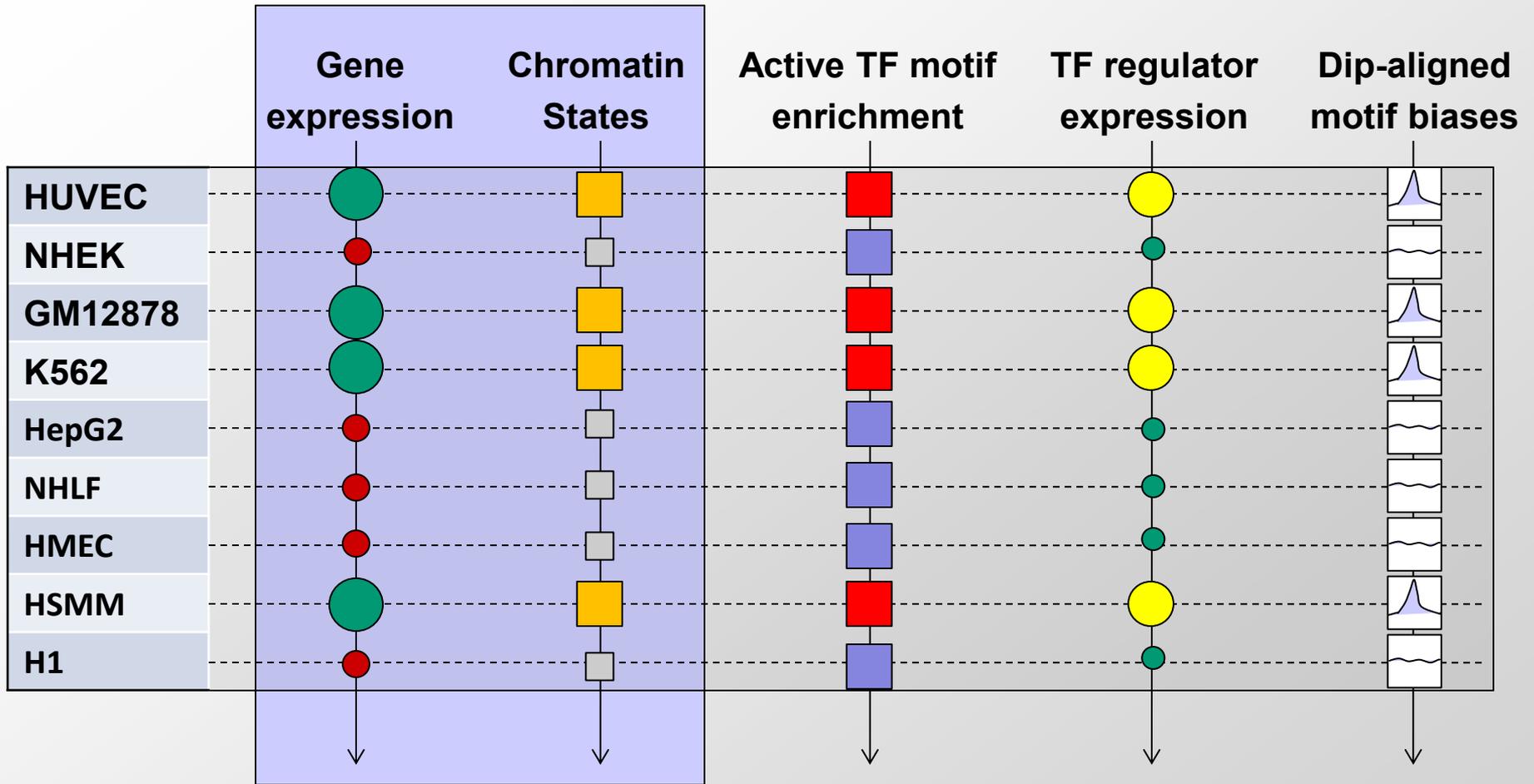
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# 2.3M enhancer regions ⇔ only ~200 activity patterns

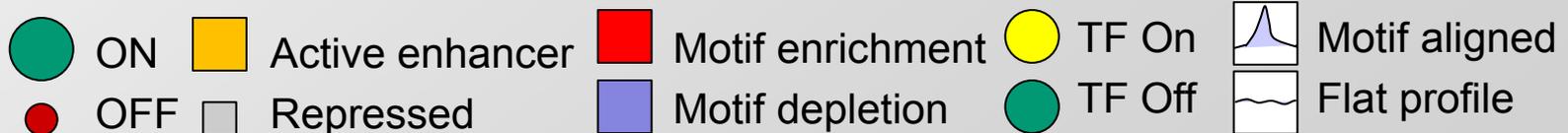


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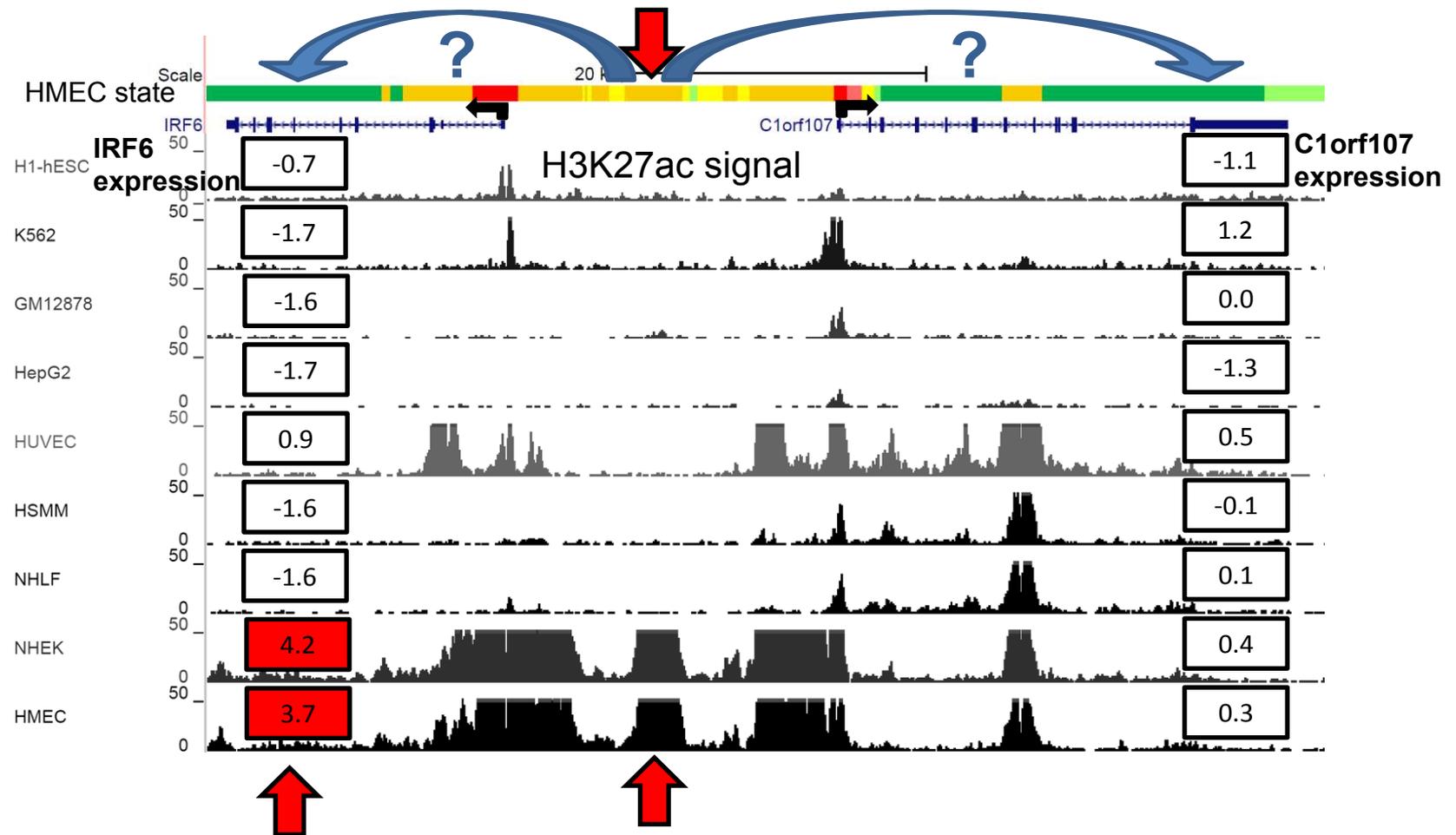


**Link enhancers to target genes**



# Activity-based linking of enhancers to target genes

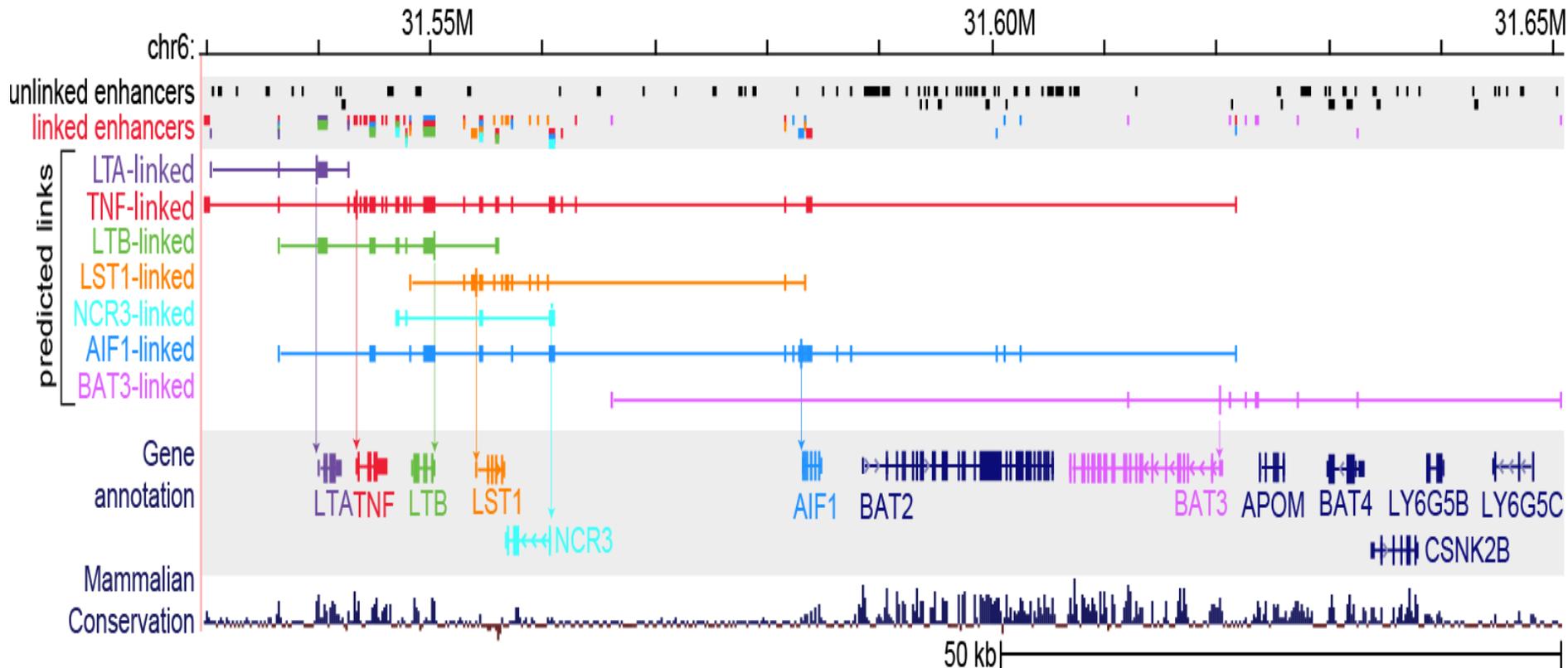
Finding correct target of enhancer in divergently transcribed genes



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

# Visualizing 10,000s predicted enhancer-gene links



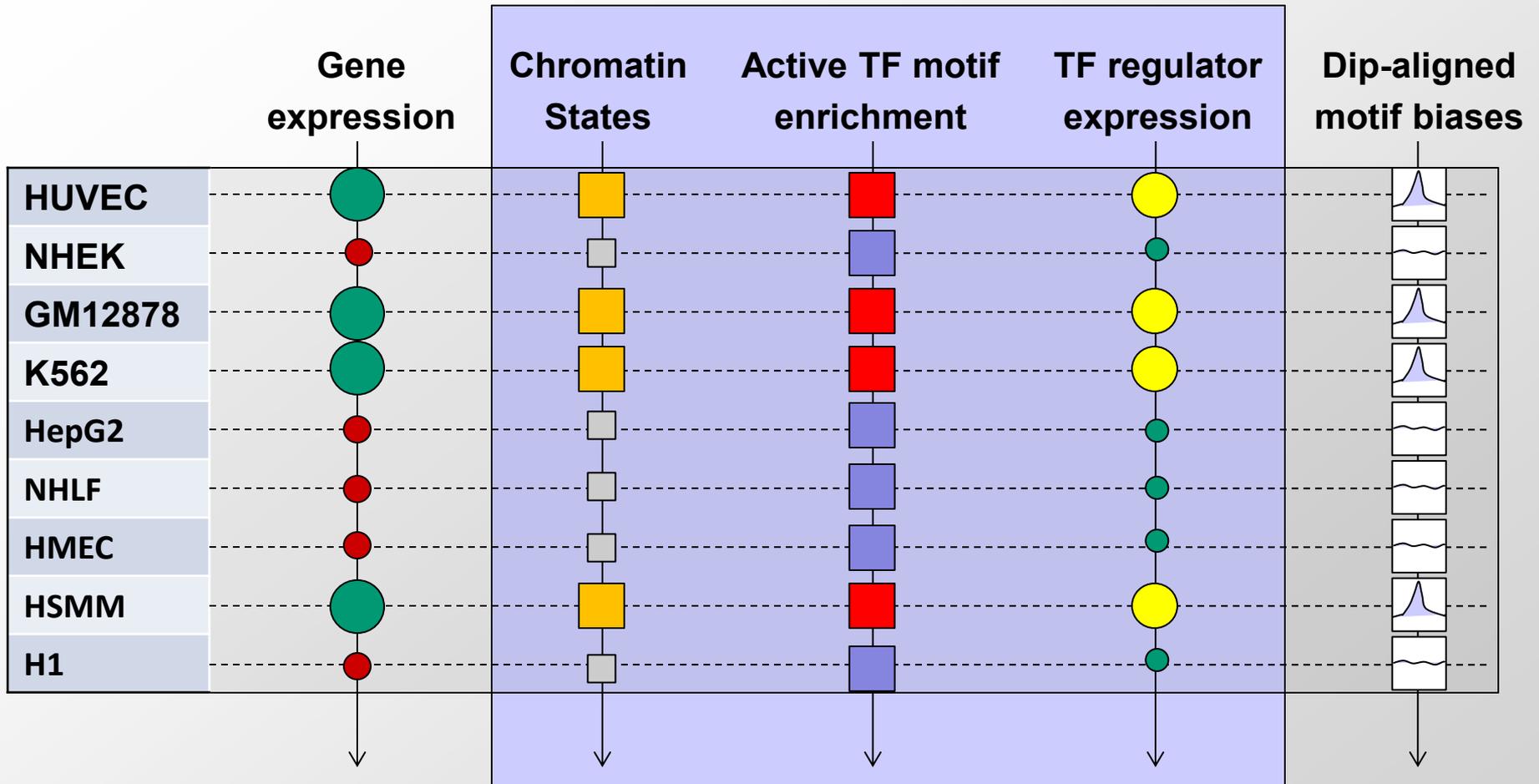
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- Overlapping regulatory units, both few and many
- Both upstream and downstream elements linked
- Enhancers correlate with sequence constraint

# Chromatin dynamics: linking enhancer networks

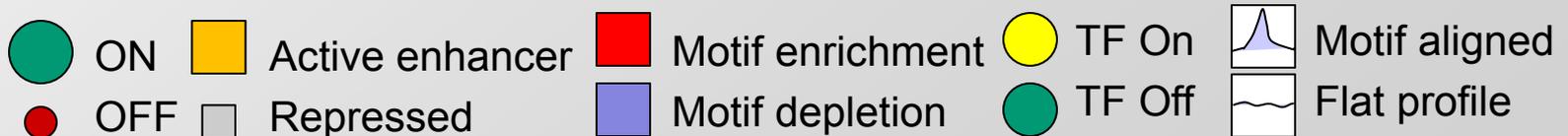
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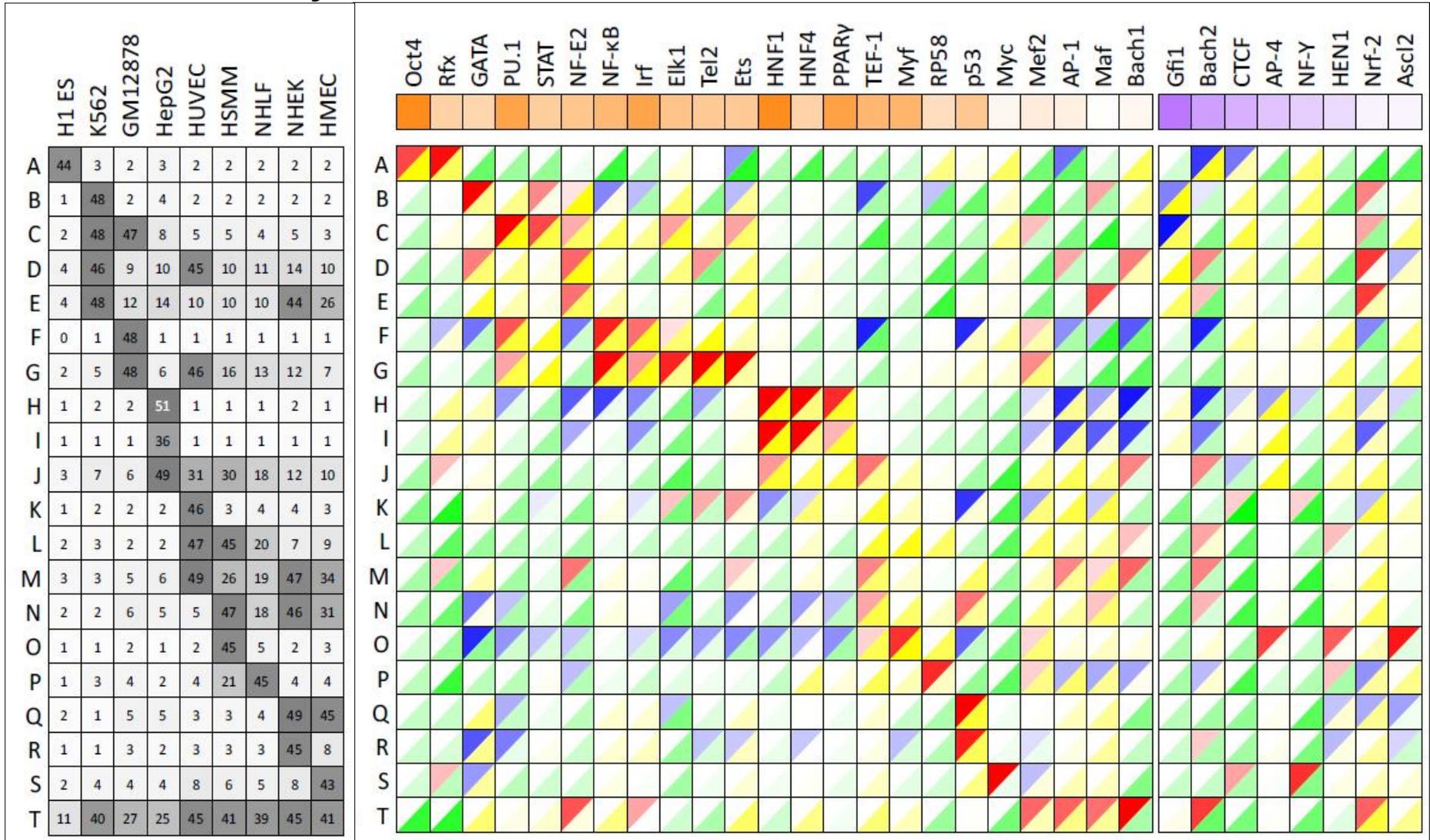
**Predict activators vs. repressors**



# Coordinated activity reveals activators/repressors

Enhancer activity

Activity signatures for each TF

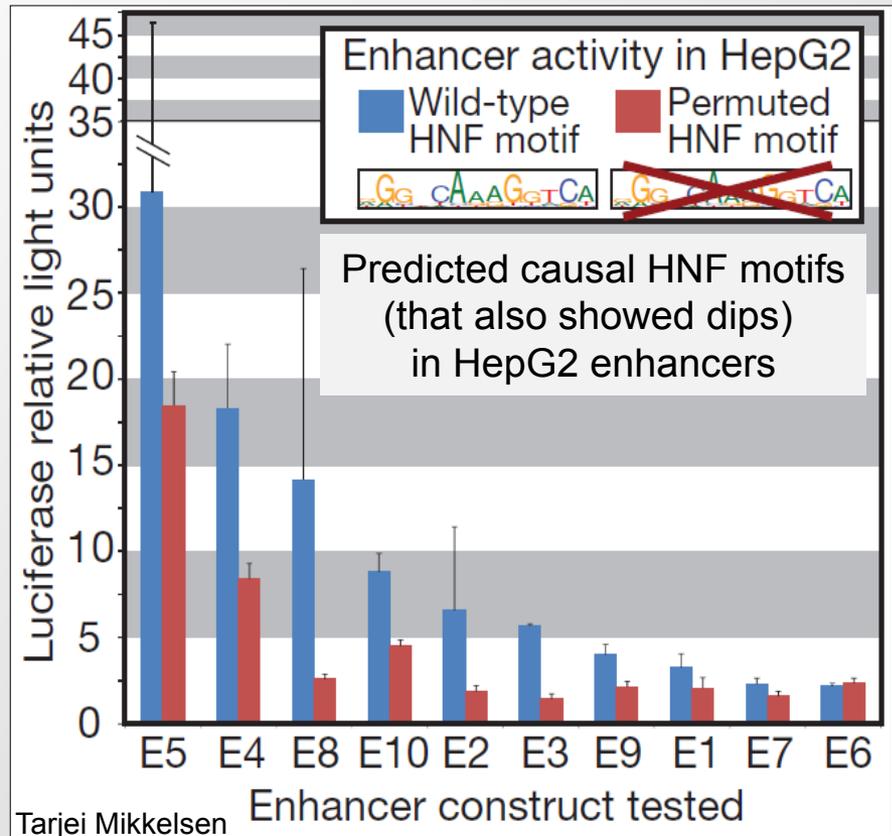
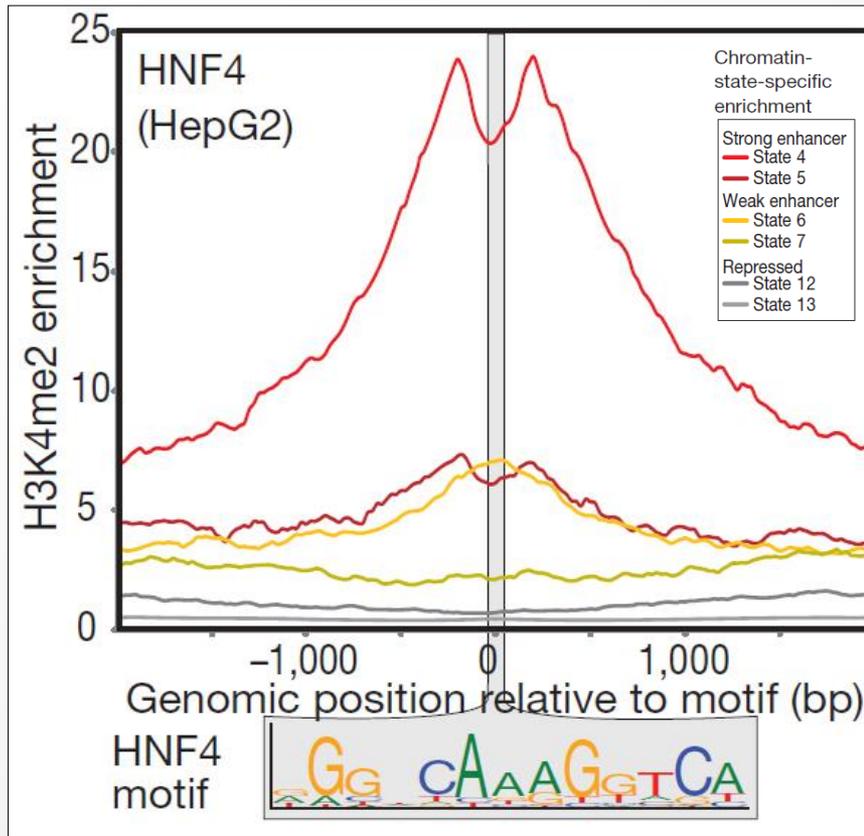


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- Enhancer networks: Regulator → enhancer → target gene <sup>107</sup>



# Causal motifs supported by dips & enhancer assays



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**Dip evidence of TF binding (nucleosome displacement)**

**Enhancer activity halved by single-motif disruption**

**➔ Motifs bound by TF, contribute to enhancers**

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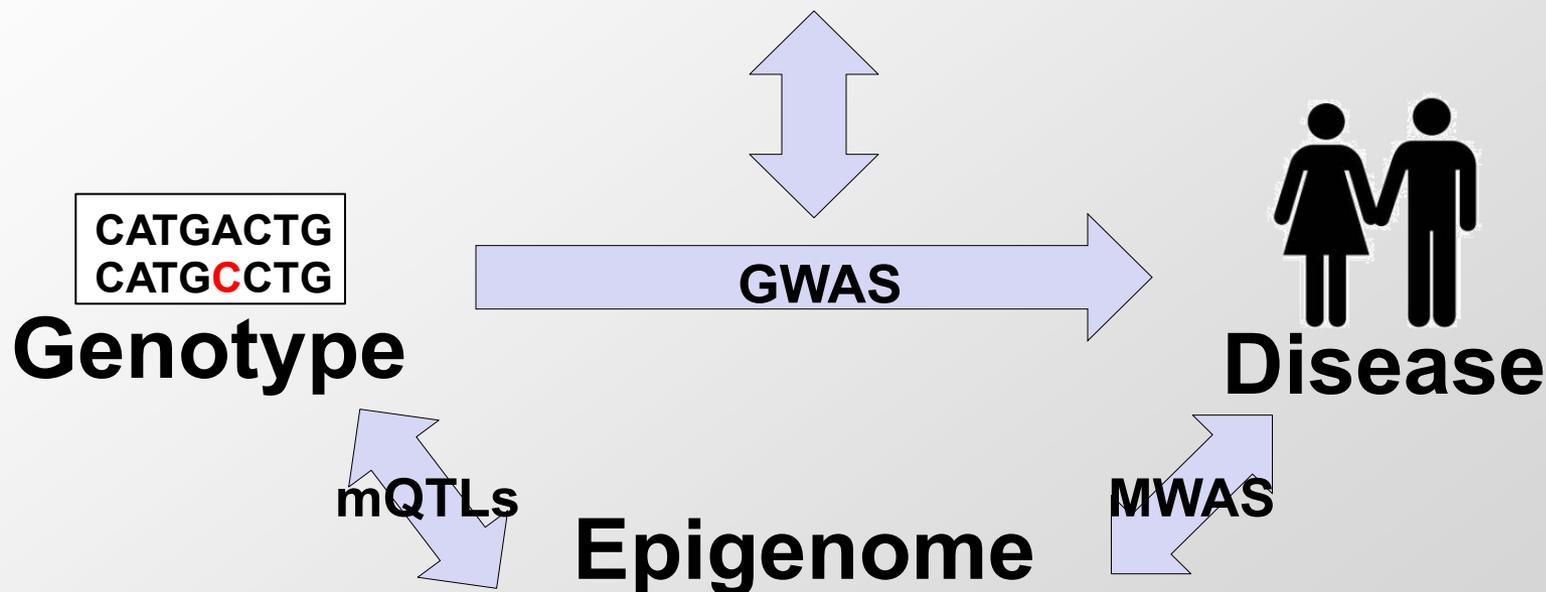
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# Interpreting disease-association signals

## Interpret variants using reference states

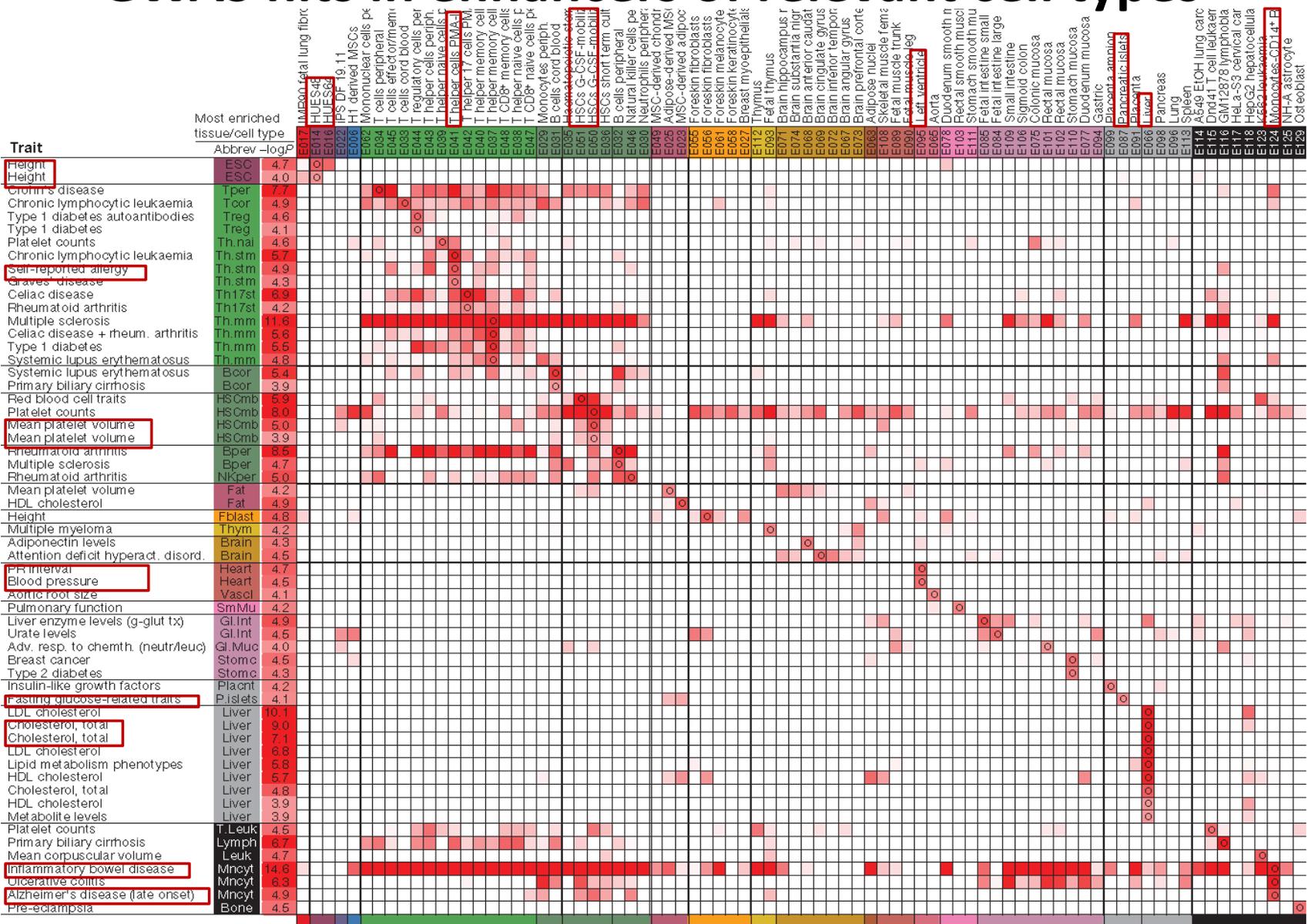
- Chromatin states: Enhancers, promoters, motifs
- Enrichment in individual loci, across 1000s of SNPs in T1D



## Epigenome changes in disease

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

# GWAS hits in enhancers of relevant cell types



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# HaploReg: systematic mining of GWAS variants

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

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chr3:12336507	chr3:12296008	0.95	0.97	rs11709077	G	A	0.01	0.07	0.04	0.12		LNG	9 organs	15 organs			4 altered motifs		PPARG	intronic
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chr3:12351521	chr3:12310022	0.95	0.97	rs36000407	T	G	0.01	0.07	0.04	0.12		LNG	5 organs					Smad	PPARG	intronic
chr3:12360884	chr3:12319385	0.95	0.97	rs150732434	TG	T	0.01	0.07	0.04	0.12		FAT	7 organs	MUS,VAS	CFOS		Hdx,Sox,TATA		PPARG	intronic
chr3:12365308	chr3:12323809	0.95	0.97	rs13083375	G	T	0.01	0.07	0.04	0.12		BLD	BLD, FAT				Homez,Sox,YY1		PPARG	intronic
chr3:12369401	chr3:12327902	0.95	0.97	rs13064780	C	T	0.01	0.07	0.04	0.12			7 organs						PPARG	intronic
chr3:12375956	chr3:12334457	0.95	0.97	rs2012444	C	T	0.01	0.07	0.04	0.12			SKIN, FAT, BLD						PPARG	intronic
chr3:12383285	chr3:12341786	0.96	0.99	rs13085211	G	A	0.18	0.10	0.04	0.12			FAT, SKIN						PPARG	intronic
chr3:12383714	chr3:12342215	0.96	0.99	rs7638903	G	A	0.18	0.10	0.04	0.12			8 organs	CRVX					PPARG	intronic
chr3:12385828	chr3:12344329	0.95	1	rs11128603	A	G	0.18	0.10	0.04	0.12			CRVX						PPARG	intronic
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chr3:12388409	chr3:12346910	0.99	1	rs7610055	G	A	0.17	0.09	0.04	0.12			BLD						PPARG	intronic
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chr3:12390484	chr3:12348985	0.99	1	rs17036328	T	C	0.17	0.09	0.04	0.12			FAT, CR						PPARG	intronic
chr3:12391207	chr3:12349708	0.99	1	rs6802898	C	T	0.61	0.15	0.04	0.12			FAT, BL						PPARG	intronic
chr3:12391583	chr3:12350084	0.99	1	rs2197423	G	A	0.17	0.09	0.04	0.12		FAT, LIV	8 organs						PPARG	intronic
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chr3:12392272	chr3:12350773	0.99	1	rs7649970	C	T	0.17	0.09	0.04	0.12			5 organs						PPARG	intronic
chr3:12393125	chr3:12351626	1	1	rs1801282	C	G	0.01	0.07	0.04	0.12		FAT, LIV	9 organs						PPARG	missense
chr3:12393682	chr3:12352183	0.99	1	rs17036342	A	G	0.17	0.09	0.04	0.12			FAT	9 organs					PPARG	intronic
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chr3:12395645	chr3:12354146	0.99	1	rs4684848	G	A	0.61	0.15	0.04	0.12			FAT, BLD	9 organs	ADRL,GI,CRVX	5 bound proteins			PPARG	intronic
chr3:12396845	chr3:12355346	0.93	1	rs4135250	A	G	0.17	0.09	0.04	0.13			4 organs	PLCNT					PPARG	intronic
chr3:12396913	chr3:12355414	0.98	1	rs71304101	G	A	0.01	0.07	0.04	0.12			4 organs	PLCNT					PPARG	intronic
chr3:12396955	chr3:12355456	0.96	1	rs2881654	G	A	0.61	0.15	0.04	0.12			4 organs						PPARG	intronic

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