Downstream Analysis of ChIP-seq Data

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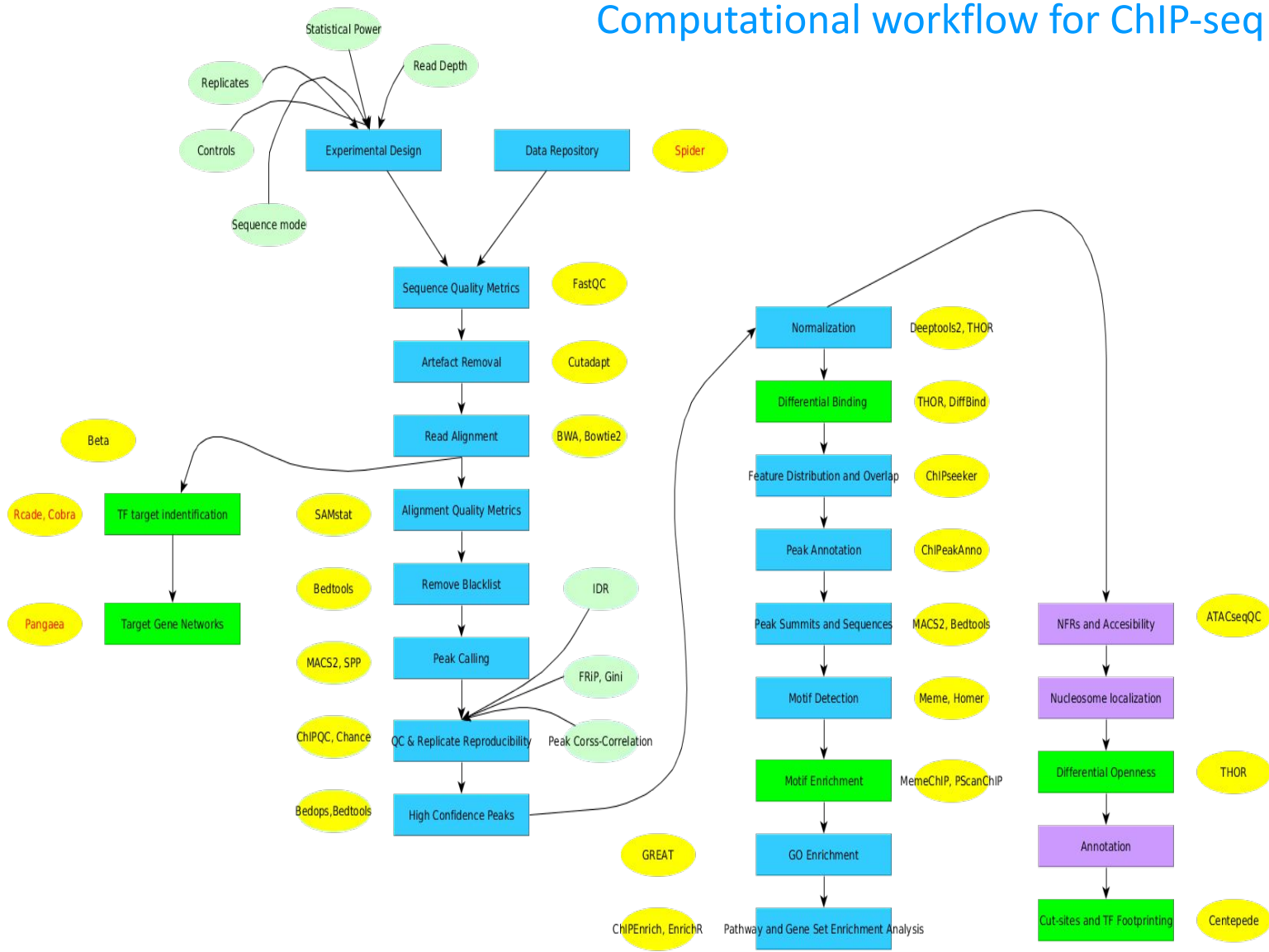
Summary

**Downstream analysis for extracting meaningful biology :**

- Normalization, Visualization and Interval Operations
- Annotation of genomic features to peaks
- Feature distribution of binding sites
- Feature overlap analysis
- Functional enrichment analysis: Ontologies, Gene Sets, Pathways
- Motif identification and Motif Enrichment Analysis
- Differential binding analysis
- Integration with transcriptomic data to identify TF direct targets
- Network Biology applications

Computational workflow for ChIP-seq and ATAC-seq

Statistical Power

Replicates

Read Depth

Controls

Experimental Design

Data Repository

Spider

Sequence mode

Sequence Quality Metrics — FastQC

Artefact Removal — Cutadapt

Read Alignment — BWA, Bowtie2

Beta

Rcade, Cobra — TF target indentification

SAMstat — Alignment Quality Metrics

Pangaea — Target Gene Networks

Bedtools — Remove Blacklist

MACS2, SPP — Peak Calling

IDR

ChIPQC, Chance — QC & Replicate Reproducibility

FRiP, Gini

Peak Corss-Correlation

Bedops,Bedtools — High Confidence Peaks

GREAT

Normalization — Deeptools2, THOR

Differential Binding — THOR, DiffBind

Feature Distribution and Overlap — ChIPseeker

Peak Annotation — ChIPeakAnno

Peak Summits and Sequences — MACS2, Bedtools

Motif Detection — Meme, Homer

Motif Enrichment — MemeChIP, PScanChIP

GO Enrichment

ChIPEnrich, EnrichR — Pathway and Gene Set Enrichment Analysis

NFRs and Accesibility — ATACseqQC

Nucleosome localization

Differential Openness — THOR

Annotation

Cut-sites and TF Footprinting — Centepede

Compare, Normalize & Visualize 1

- **seqMiner** enables qualitative comparisons between a reference set of genomic positions and multiple ChIP-seq data-sets.

- Useful for comparing and visualizing replicates or conditions.
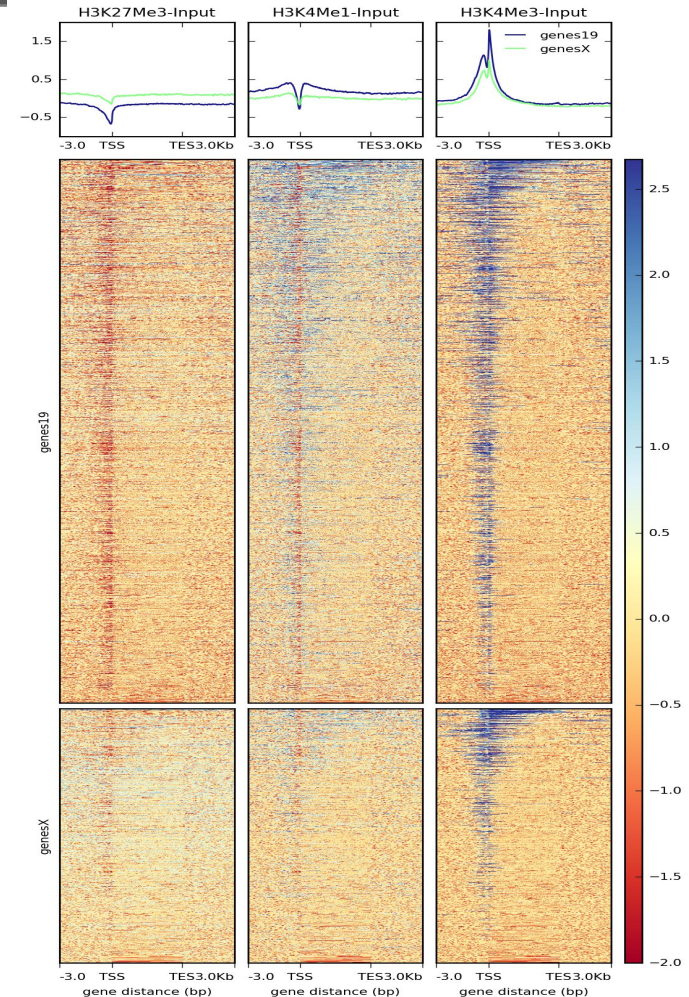

Ye *et al.*, 2011, Nucleic Acids Res.
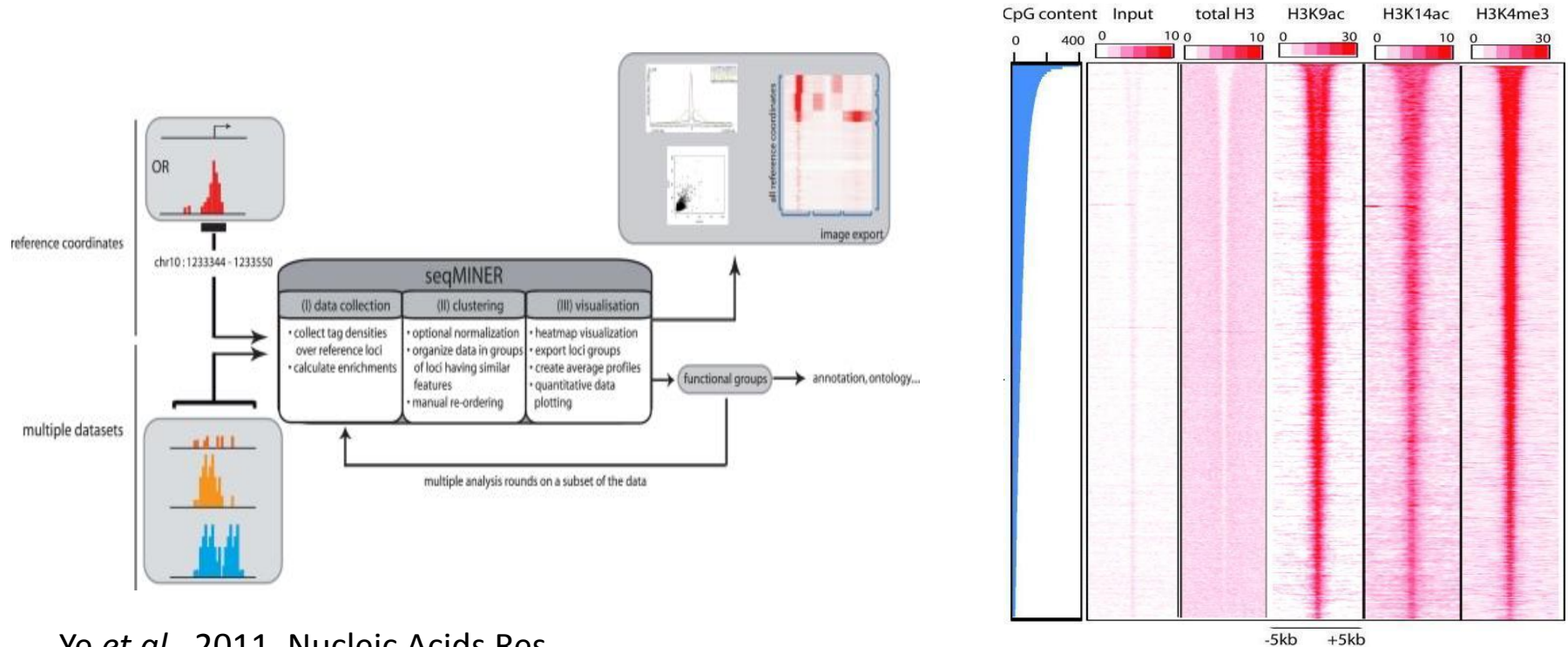
Compare, Normalize & Visualize 2

- **deepTools2** sequence depth or input normalization, GC bias correction

- Plot signal profiles

- Customized heat-maps

- PCA, correlation and fingerprint plots (chip enrichment)
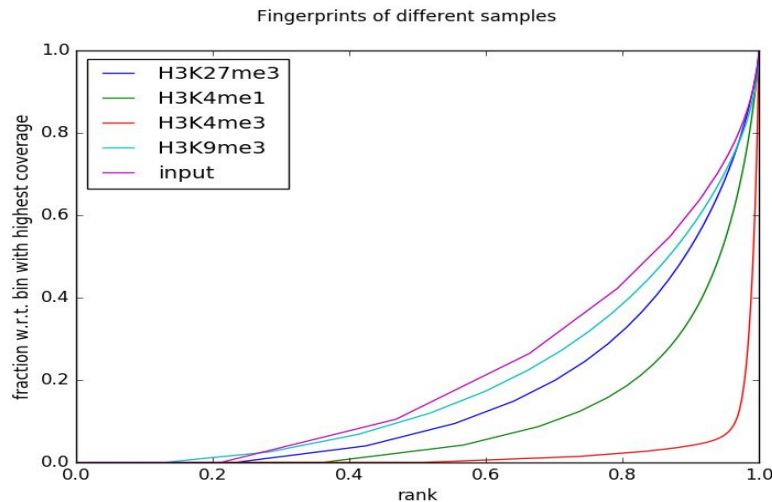
Ramírez et al., 2016, Nucleic Acids Res.

BEDtools for genomic interval operations

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# intersect the peaks from both experiments.
# -f 0.50 combined with -r requires 50% reciprocal overlap between the
# peaks from each experiment.
$ bedtools intersect -a exp1.bed -b exp2.bed -f 0.50 -r > both.bed

# find the closest, non-overlapping gene for each interval where
# both experiments had a peak
# -io ignores overlapping intervals and returns only the closest,
# non-overlapping interval (in this case, genes)
$ bedtools closest -a both.bed -b genes.bed -io > both.nearest.genes.txt
```

- **bedtools** are a swiss-army knife of tools for a wide-range of genomics analysis tasks.
  The most widely-used tools enable *genome arithmetic*: that is, set theory on the genome.
 **bedtools** allows one to
  - *Intersect*
  - *Merge*
  - *Count*
  - *Complement*
  - *shuffle* genomic intervals from multiple files in widely-used genomic file formats such as BAM, BED, GFF/GTF, VCF. *Quinlan et al., Bioinformatics 2010*

Bedops genome analysis toolkit

BEDOPS is an open-source command-line toolkit that performs highly efficient and scalable Boolean and other set operations, statistical calculations, archiving, conversion and other management of genomic data of arbitrary scale.
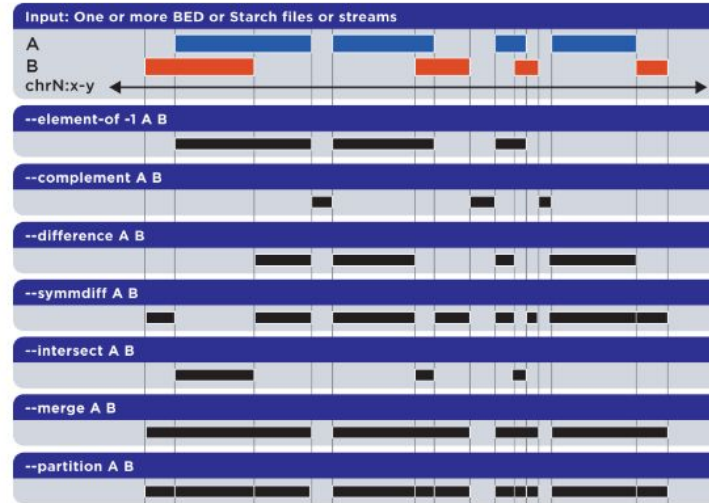
Neph et al., Bioinformatics 2012
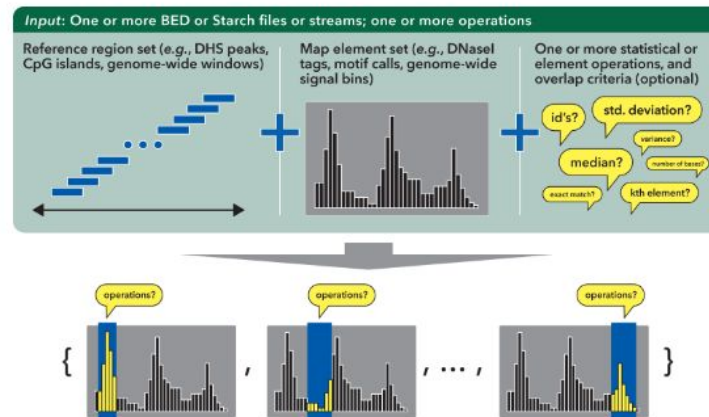
Peak Annotation 1

- **ChIPpeakAnno (BioC)** map peaks to nearest feature (TSS, gene, exon, miRNA or custom features)

  - extract peak sequences

  - find peaks with bidirectional promoters

  - obtain enriched gene ontology

  - map different annotation and gene identifiers to peaks

- Use **biomaRt** package to get annotation from Ensembl.

- **IRanges, GenomicFeatures, GO.db, BSgenomes, multtest (BioC)**

- converts BED and GFF data formats to *RangedData* object before calling *peak annotate* function.

Zhu et al., 2010, BMC Bioinformatics

Peak Annotation 2

PeakAnalyzer

- A set of high-performance utilities for the automated processing of experimentally-derived peak regions and annotation of genomic loci.
- Consists of PeakSplitter and PeakAnnotator.
- Get latest genome annotation files from Ensembl (gtf format) or UCSC (BED format).
- Map to either nearest downstream gene, TSS or user defined annotation.
- Determine overlap between peak sets.
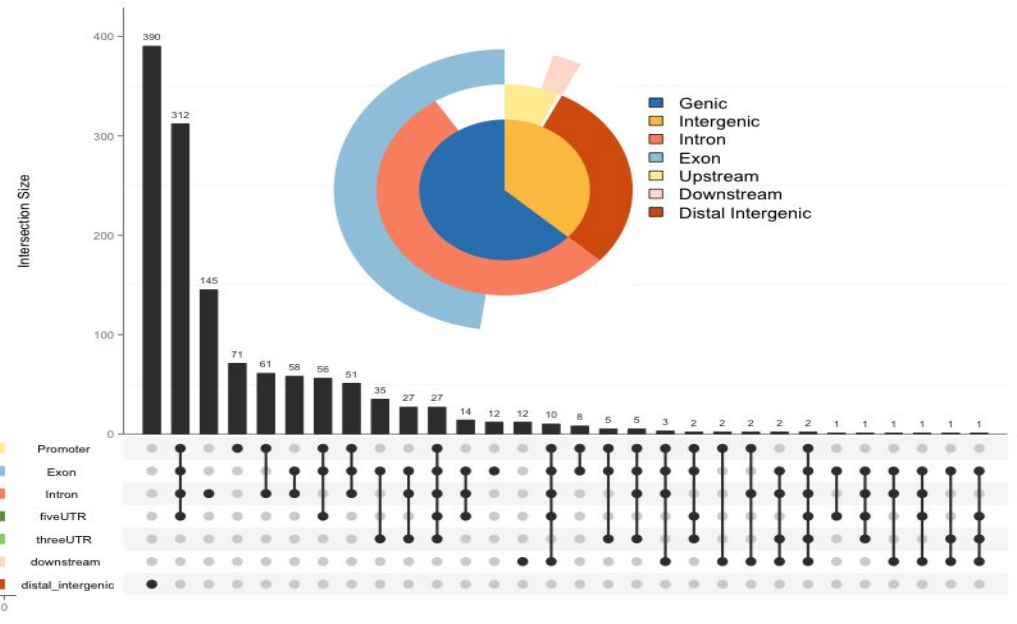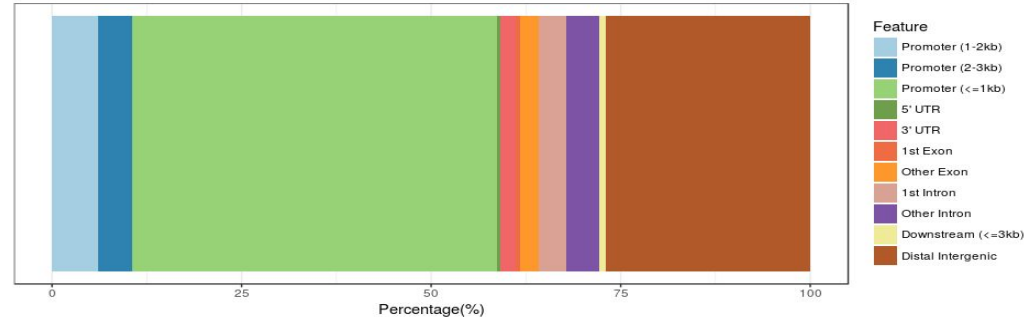- Split peaks to sub-peaks. May be useful for *de novo* motif analysis.

Salmon-Divon et al., 2010, BMC Bioinformatics.

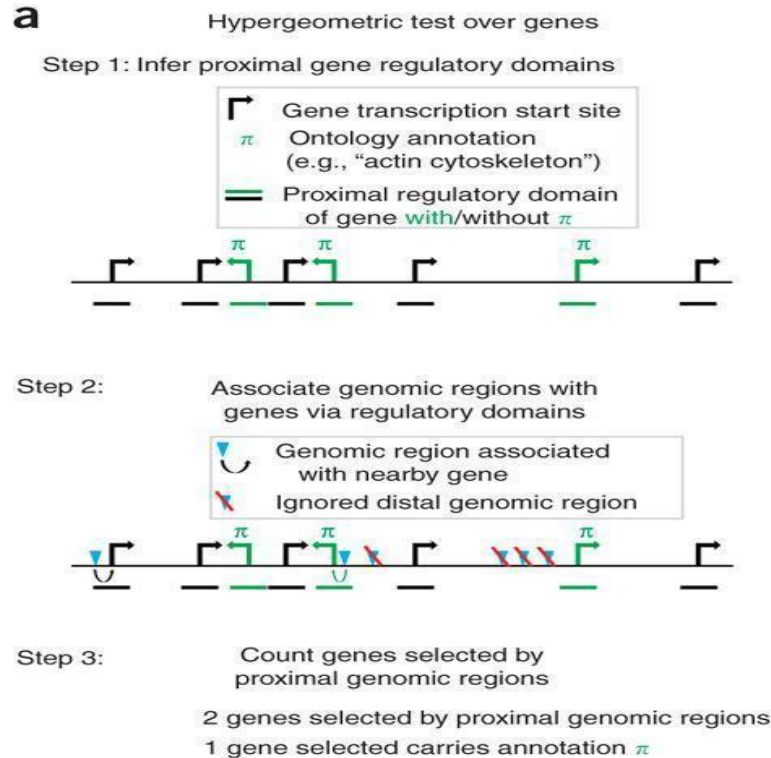# Peaks distribution across features

ChIPseeker (BioC)

Yu et al., 2015, Bioinformatics
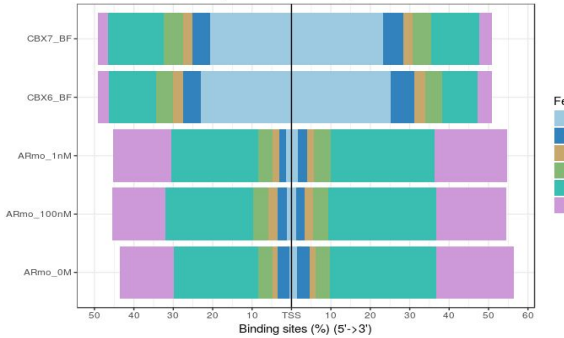
Functional Enrichment Analysis 1

GREAT & rGREAT: Genomic Regions Enrichment of Annotations Tool
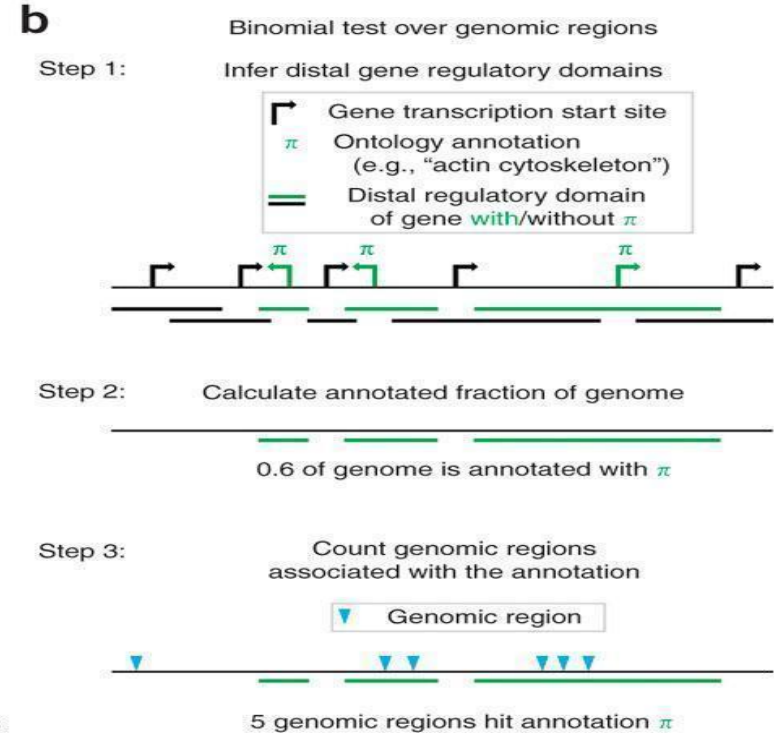
a — Hypergeometric test over genes

Step 1: Infer proximal gene regulatory domains

- ⌐ Gene transcription start site
- π Ontology annotation (e.g., "actin cytoskeleton")
- ═ Proximal regulatory domain of gene with/without π

Step 2: Associate genomic regions with genes via regulatory domains

- ▼↺ Genomic region associated with nearby gene
- ✗ Ignored distal genomic region

Step 3: Count genes selected by proximal genomic regions

2 genes selected by proximal genomic regions
1 gene selected carries annotation π

Step 4: Perform hypergeometric test over genes

$N = 8$ genes in genome
$K_\pi = 3$ genes in genome carry annotation π
$n = 2$ genes selected by proximal genomic regions
$k_\pi = 1$ gene selected carries annotation π

$P = \text{Pr}_{hyper}\,(k \geq 1 \mid N = 8,\ K = 3,\ n = 2)$

b — Binomial test over genomic regions

Step 1: Infer distal gene regulatory domains

- ⌐ Gene transcription start site
- π Ontology annotation (e.g., "actin cytoskeleton")
- ═ Distal regulatory domain of gene with/without π

Step 2: Calculate annotated fraction of genome

0.6 of genome is annotated with π

Step 3: Count genomic regions associated with the annotation

- ▼ Genomic region

5 genomic regions hit annotation π

Step 4: Perform binomial test over genomic regions

$n = 6$ total genomic regions
$p_\pi = 0.6$ fraction of genome annotated with π
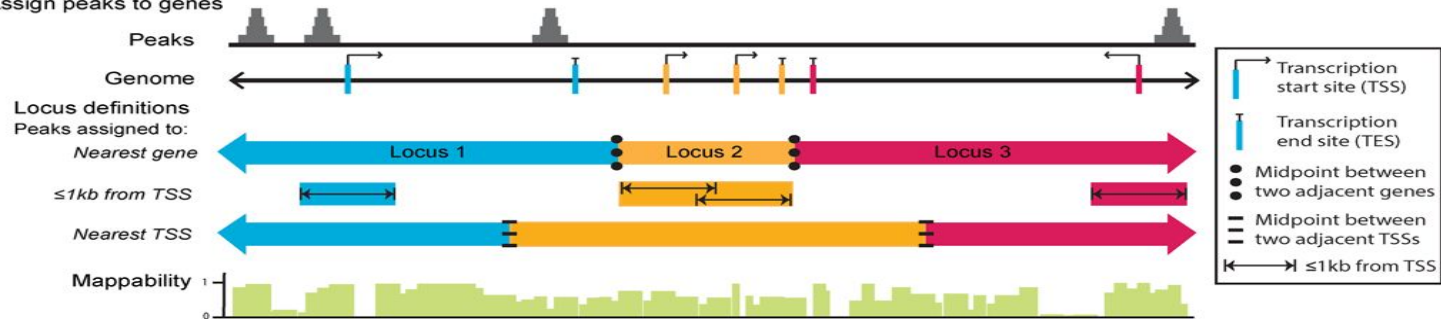$k_\pi = 5$ genomic regions hit annotation π

$P = \text{Pr}_{binom}\,(k \geq 5 \mid n = 6,\ p = 0.6)$

Functional Enrichment Analysis 2

chipenrich

- Includes 3 different enrichment methods:
  - Broadenrich - broadpeaks or histone modifications
  - Chipenrich –TF narrow peaks 1000–10000's
  - Polyenrich –TF >100,000
- Includes annotation, and can use custom user provided annotation

Welch et al., 2014, Nuc. Acids Res.

Functional Enrichment Analysis 3

GAT tests if two sets of genomic intervals are associated more than expected by chance.

- Takes into account GC bias and effective genome size
- Association typically means nucleotide overlap, but other measures such as the distance between elements or the number of overlapping segments can be used.
- gat-great implements a command line version of GREAT https://gat.readthedocs.io/en/latest/

Heger et al., Bioinformatics 2013
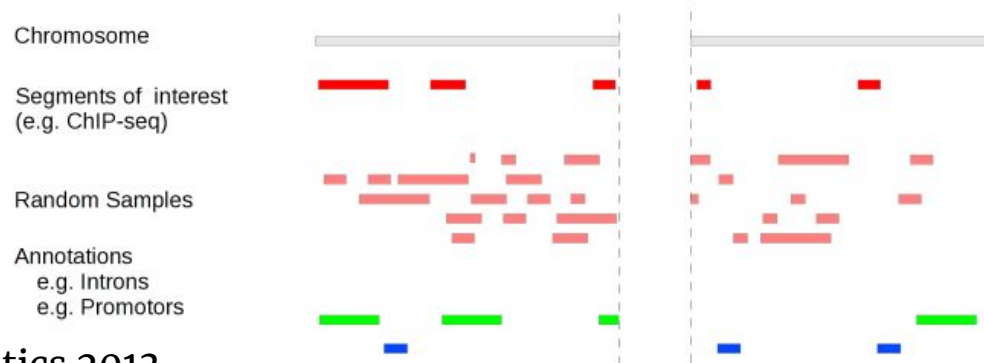
Motif detection

- Don't scan a sequence with a motif and expect all sites identified to be biologically active. Random matches will swamp the biologically relevant matches! This is a well known problem in motif searching, amusingly called the "Futility Theorem" of motif finding. *Wasserman & Sandelin, 2004, Nat Rev Genet.*

- 1. PWM based sequence scanning or word search methods. These methods uses prior information about TF binding sites and therefore can only be used to detect known Transcription Factor Binding Sites (TFBS).

- 2. *De novo* motif identification – Pattern discovery methods:

- Word based – Occurrence of each 'word' of nucleotides of a certain length is counted and compared to a background distribution.

- Probabilistic - seek the most overrepresented pattern using algorithmic approaches like Gibbs sampling and Expectation maximization. These iteratively evolve an initial random pattern until a more specific one is found.

- Use *de novo* motif calling and alignment to build your own PWMs!

- Biostrings & Motiv packages have PFM to PWM conversion methods.

BioConductor motif analysis packages

- **rGADEM** -motif discovery

- **MotifRG** -motif discovery

- **MotIV** -map motif to known TFBS, visualize logos

- **motifStack** -plot sequence logos

- **MotifDb** -motif database

- **PWMenrich** -motif enrichment analysis

- **TFBSTools** – R interface to the JASPAR database

Position Weight Matrices

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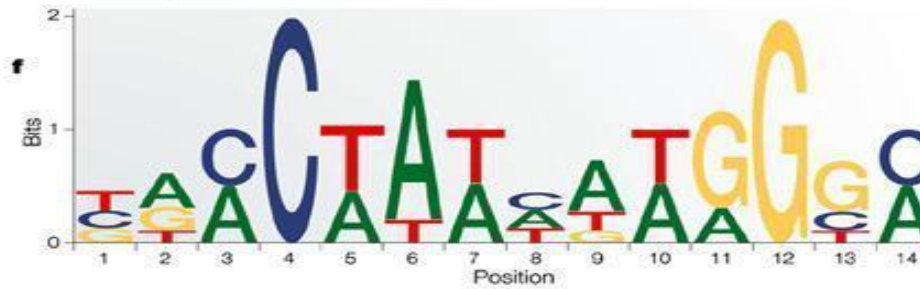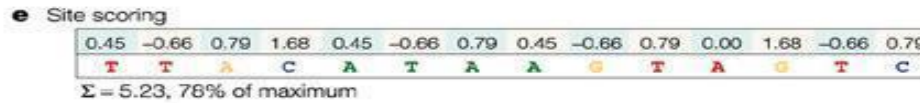|	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Site 1	G	A	C	C	A	A	A	T	A	A	G	G	C	A
Site 2	G	A	C	C	A	A	A	T	A	A	G	G	C	A
Site 3	T	G	A	C	T	A	T	A	A	A	A	G	G	A
Site 4	T	G	A	C	T	A	T	A	A	A	A	G	G	A
Site 5	T	G	C	C	A	A	A	A	G	T	G	G	T	C
Site 6	C	A	A	C	T	A	T	C	T	T	G	G	G	C
Site 7	C	A	A	C	T	A	T	C	T	T	G	G	G	C
Site 8	C	T	C	C	T	T	A	C	A	T	G	G	G	C

Source binding sites

b

B	R	M	C	W	A	W	H	R	W	G	G	B	M

Consensus sequence

c Position frequency matrix (PFM)

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
A	0	4	4	0	3	7	4	3	5	4	2	0	0	4
C	3	0	4	8	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	2	4
G	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	6	8	5	0
T	3	1	0	0	5	1	4	2	2	4	0	0	1	0

d Position weight matrix (PWM)

A	-1.93	0.79	0.79	-1.93	0.45	1.50	0.79	0.45	1.07	0.79	0.00	-1.93	-1.93	0.79
C	0.45	-1.93	0.79	1.68	-1.93	-1.93	-1.93	0.45	-1.93	-1.93	-1.93	-1.93	0.00	0.79
G	0.00	0.45	-1.93	-1.93	-1.93	-1.93	-1.93	-1.93	0.66	-1.93	1.30	1.68	1.07	-1.93
T	0.15	0.66	-1.93	-1.93	1.07	0.66	0.79	0.00	0.00	0.79	-1.93	-1.93	-0.66	-1.93

e Site scoring

0.45	-0.66	0.79	1.68	0.45	-0.66	0.79	0.45	-0.66	0.79	0.00	1.68	-0.66	0.79
T	T	A	C	A	T	A	A	G	T	A	G	T	C

$\Sigma = 5.23$, 76% of maximum

f

PWM conversion:

$$W_{b,i} = \log_2 \frac{p(b,i)}{p(b)}$$

Nature Reviews | Genetics

TFBS PWM/PFM sources

TRANSFAC public	Matys et al., 2006	Multiple species	v7.0 2005, Not been updated for a while!
TRANSFAC professional	Matys et al., 2006	Multiple species	v2017
JASPAR 2014	Mathelier et al., 2014	Multiple species	(656)
ORegAnno		Multiple species	Curated collection from different sources.
hPDI	Xie et al., 2010	Human	(437)
SwissRegulon	Pachkov et al., 2010	mammalian	(190)
HOMER	Heinz et al., 2010	Human	(1865)
UniPROBE	Newburger & Bulyk, 2009	Multiple species	
Dimers	Jonawski et al., 2013	Human	(603) predicted dimers
FactorBook	Wang et al., 2012	Human	(79) ENCODE ChIP-seq motifs
SCPD, YetFasco		Yeast	
Elemento, Redfly FlyFactorSurvey,Tiffin		Drosophila	
Prodoric		Prokaryotic	

Motif detection

- HOMER v4 http://homer.salk.edu/homer/index.html

- Large number of (Perl and C++) tools for ChIP-seq analysis.

- Provides both *de novo* and PWM scanning based motif identification and enrichment analysis.

- User can specify custom background. (Randomly selected, GC or CGI matched backgrounds.)

- Uses a collection of ChIP-seq derived PWMs or user can specify PWM.

- Can help with Peak annotation, GO enrichment analysis, Extract peak sequences, Visualization.

Meme Suite

Bailey TL. et al., "MEME SUITE: tools for motif discovery and searching." Nucleic Acids Res. 2009
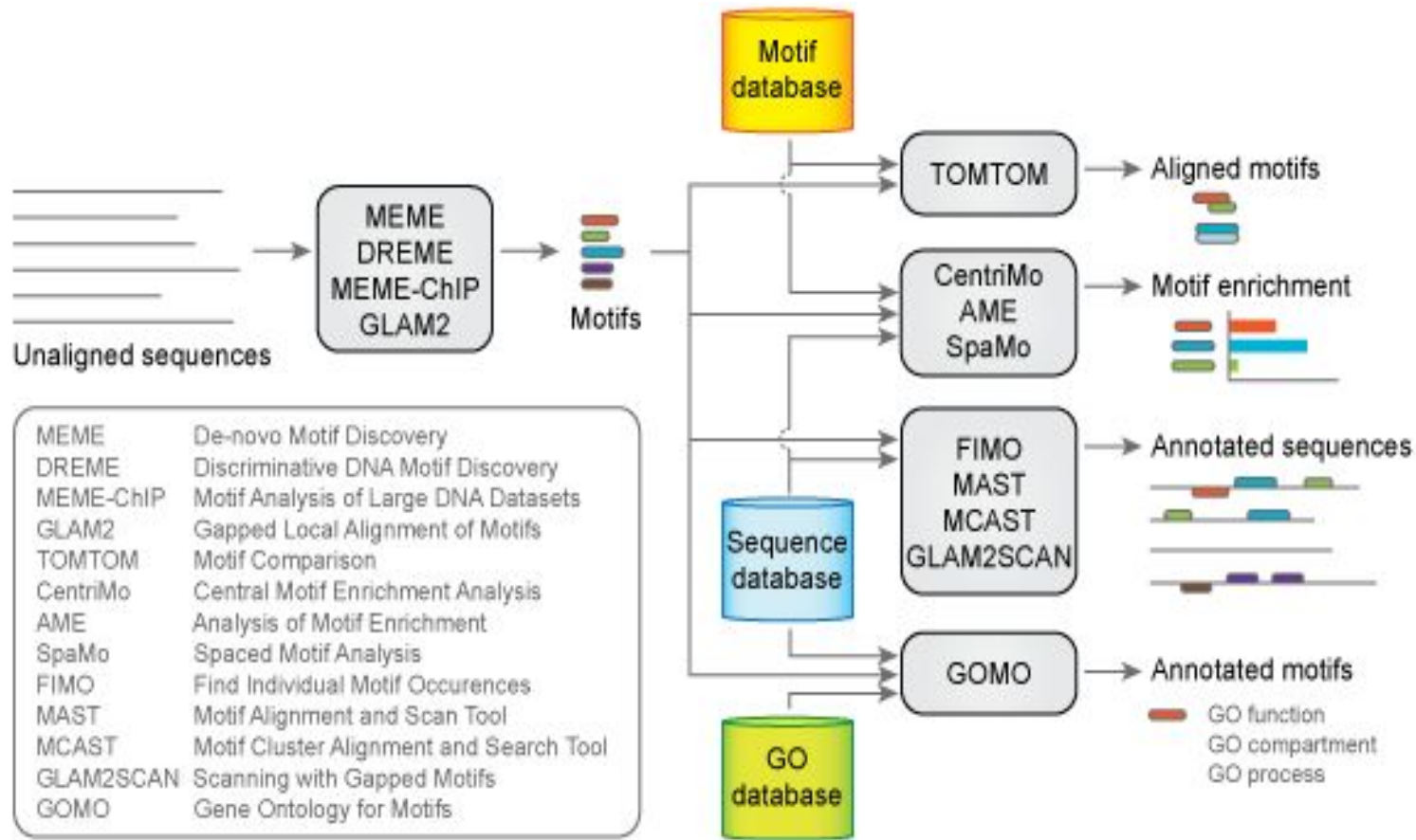
Motif Enrichment Analysis

- Identifies over and under-represented known motifs in a set of regions

- The TFs whose DNA binding motifs are enriched in a set of regulatory regions are candidate transcription regulators of that gene/promoter/enhancer set.

- Without ChIP-seq, identifying a co-regulated gene sets is difficult. Use Ontologies, pathways, GSEA etc.

- Picking the right background model will determine the success of the motif enrichment analysis:

  - All core-promoters from protein coding or non-coding genes etc.
  - Higher order Markov model based backgrounds
  - A sequence set similar in nucleotide composition, length and number to the test set
  - Open chromatin regions or a shuffled test sequence set.

MEME-ChIP

url: http://meme.nbcr.net

- Given a set of genomic regions, it performs
  - ab initio motif discovery –novel TF binding sites (MEME, DREME)
  - motif enrichment analysis –known TF enrichment (Centrimo/AME)
  - motif visualization (MAST and AMA)
  - binding affinity analysis
  - motif identification –compare to known motifs (TOMTOM)
- Uses two algorithms for motif discovery:
  - MEME –expectation maximization (EM) to discover probabilistic models of DNA-binding by single TFs or TF complexes.

  - DREME –simpler, non-probabilistic model (regular expressions) to describe the short binding motifs.

- Motif identification:
  - FIMO –identify individual motifs

Machanick and Bailey, "MEME-ChIP: motif analysis of large DNA datasets." 2011 Bioinformatics

Motif Enrichment Analysis

Pscan-Chip

- Motif enrichment analysis using PWM databases and user defined background models.
- Optimized for ChIP-seq.
- Ranked lists of enriched motifs.
- Produces sequence logo's and motif enrichment distribution plots.

Zambelli et al., 2013 Nucleic Acids Res.

Meta-Motif Analyzers

GimmeMotifs: a *de novo* motif prediction pipeline, especially suited for ChIP-seq datasets. It incorporates several existing motif prediction algorithms in an ensemble method to predict motifs and clusters these motifs using the weighted information content (WIC) similarity scoring metric. http://131.174.198.125/bioinfo/gimmemotifs/

BioProspector http://motif.stanford.edu/distributions/bioprospector/

GADEM http://www.niehs.nih.gov/research/resources/software/gadem/index.cfm

Improbizer http://users.soe.ucsc.edu/~kent/

MDmodule (included in the MotifRegressor Package) http://www.math.umass.edu/~conlon/mr.html

MEME http://meme.sdsc.edu/

MoAn http://moan.binf.ku.dk/

MotifSampler http://homes.esat.kuleuven.be/~sistawww/bioi/thijs/download.html

Trawler http://ani.embl.de/trawler/

Weeder http://159.149.160.51/modtools/

Real world applications of Motif Enrichment Analysis

- Breast cancer metastasis is a key determinant of long-term patient survival.

- By comparing the transcriptomes of primary and metastatic tumor cells in a mouse model of spontaneous bone metastasis, we identified that a substantial number of genes suppressed in bone metastases are targets of the interferon regulatory factor IRF7.

- Restoration of *Irf7* activity in tumor cells or administration of interferon (which induces IRF7) led to reduced bone metastases and prolonged survival time.

nature medicine
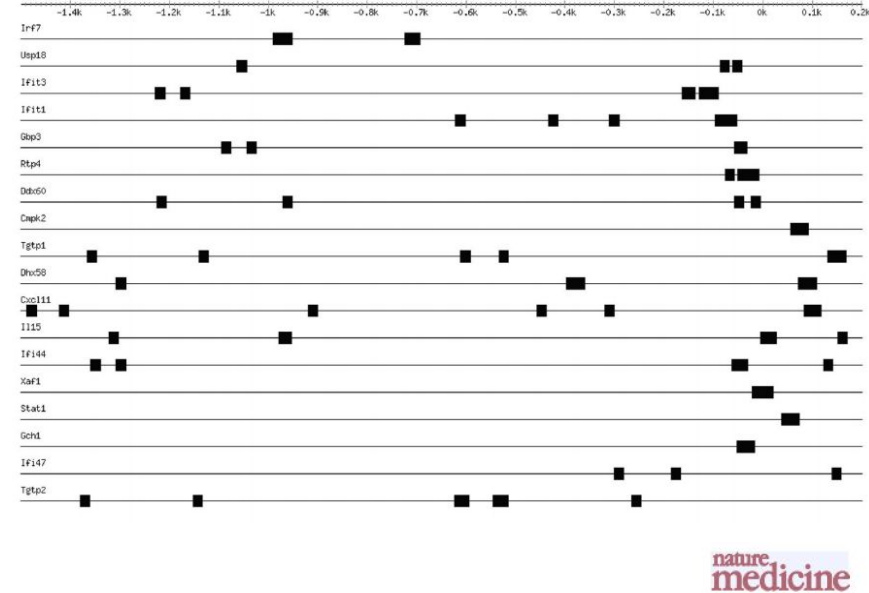
Silencing of Irf7 pathways in breast cancer cells promotes bone metastasis through immune escape

Bradley N Bidwell[1,2,9], Clare Y Slaney[1,3,9], Nimali P Withana[1,4], Sam Forster[5], Yuan Cao[1,2], Sherene Loi[6], Daniel Andrews[1–3], Thomas Mikeska[1,4], Niamh E Mangan[5], Shamith A Samarajiwa[5,7], Nicole A de Weerd[5], Jodee Gould[5], Pedram Argani[8], Andreas Möller[1–4], Mark J Smyth[1,3], Robin L Anderson[1,3,4], Paul J Hertzog[5] & Belinda S Parker[1–3]

Differential binding analysis 1

- **Diffbind** is a Bioconductor package by **Stark** *et al.*, for identifying sites that are differentially bound between two sample groups.

- It includes functions to support the processing of peak sets, overlapping and merging peak sets, counting sequencing reads overlapping intervals in peak sets, and identifying statistically significantly differentially bound sites based on evidence of binding affinity (measured by differences in read densities).

- More on DiffBind @ the practical!
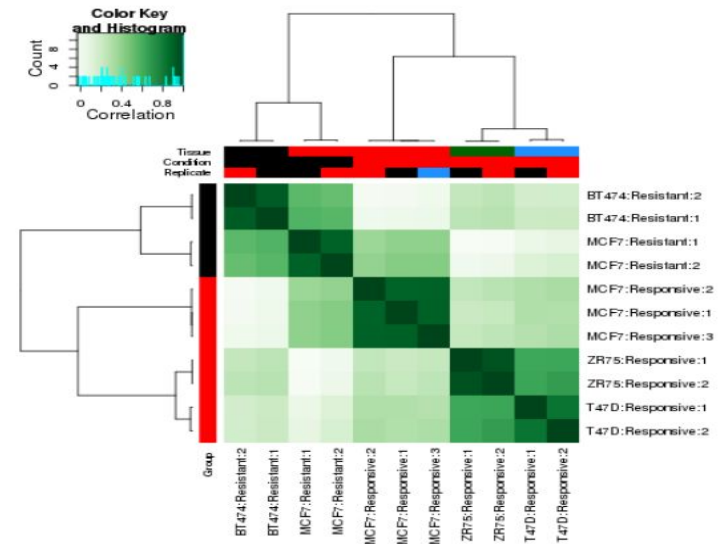
Differential binding analysis 2

- **THOR** is an HMM-based approach to detect and analyze differential peaks in two sets of ChIP-seq data from distinct biological conditions with replicates.
- THOR is part of the Regulatory Genomics Toolbox suite and operate on BAM files.
- THOR Performs
  - Genomic signal processing
  - Differential Binding analysis
  - Normalization
  - Peak calling
  - p-value calculation

in an integrated framework.
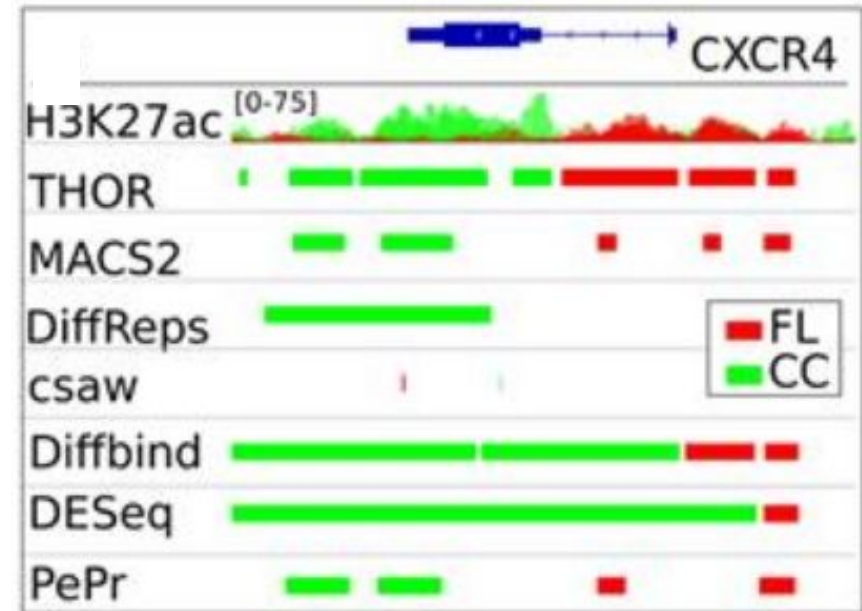
A - THOR

1 - preprocessing
- fragment size estimation
- GC-content normalization
- input-DNA normalization
- input-DNA subtraction

2 - signal normalization

20kp, chr3:128325000-128470000
RPN1   RAB7A
[0-100]
FL14   38   80   62
FL16   11   26   30
CC3   48   76   99
CC4   12   10   20

0.8
1.7
0.5
2.5

20kp, chr3:128325000-128470000
RPN1   RAB7A
[0-100]
FL14   30   64   50
FL16   19   44   51
CC3   24   38   50
CC4   48   25   50

3 - HMM

Cond. 1
Cond. 2

Back

Gain 1   Gain 2
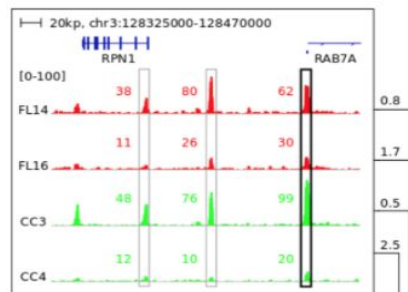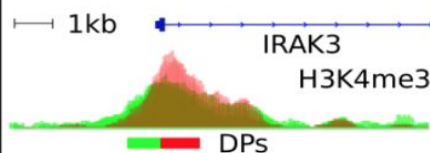
4 - postprocessing
- *P*-value estimate
- strand lag filter

5 - DP estimate example

1kb   IRAK3   H3K4me3

DPs
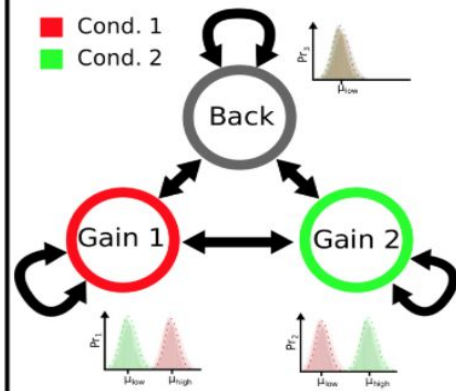
B - Competing Methods

One-Stage DPC	Two-State DPC
PePr	MACS2
DiffReps	DESeq-IDR
csaw	DESeq-JAMM
	DiffBind

C - Evaluation

1 - biological data
- 4 studies and 13 DPC problems
- evaluation with expression/histones (DCA)

DCA score / No. DPs

DiffBind
DeSeqIDR
csaw
DiffReps
MACS2
THOR-TMM
THOR-HK
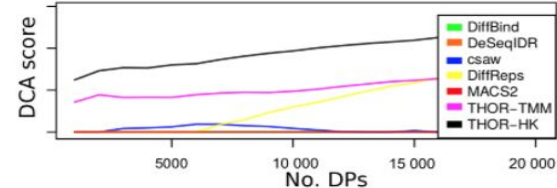
2 - simulated data
- 12 scenarios: no. of replicates, within condition variance, ...

1kb   Pam

true DPs
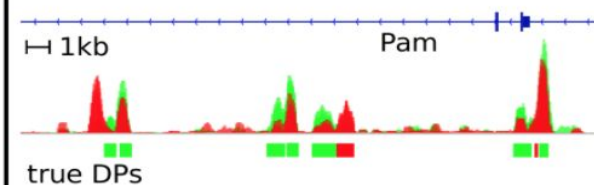
Regulomes: from target genes to networks

- Not all TF binding sites (cistrome) are transcriptionally active. The collection of transcriptionally active targets of a TF is it's **regulome**.
- Regulomes can be used to "explain" the phenotype under consideration and understand aspects of biological systems.
- Regulomes in combination with pathway and network modelling approaches can then be used deconvolute the networks underlying phenotypes.
- These networks provide information on connectivity, information flow, and regulatory, signaling and other interactions between cellular components.
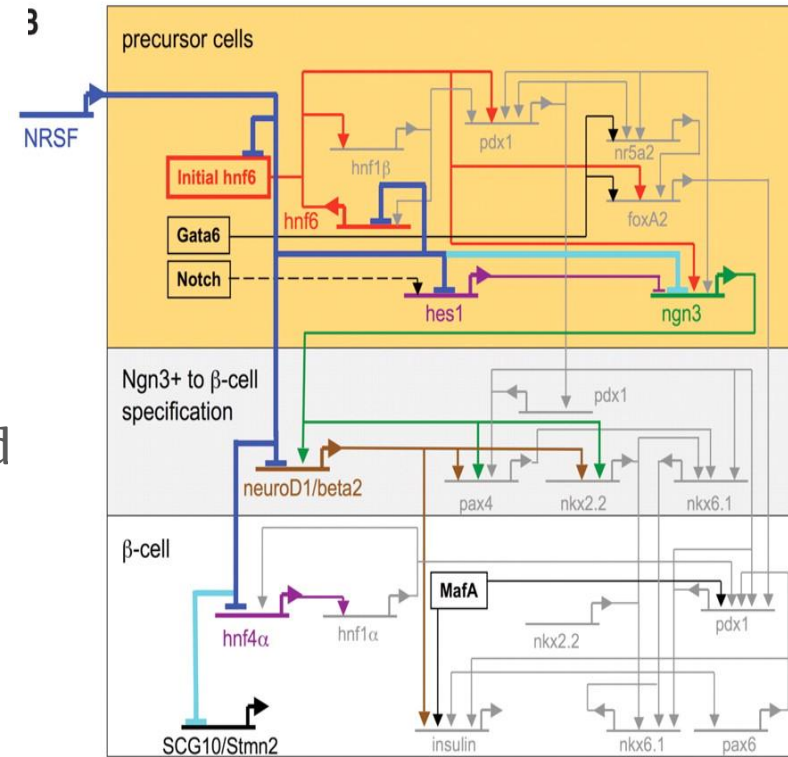
Detection of TF Direct Target

Promoter based regulation

TF / Gene
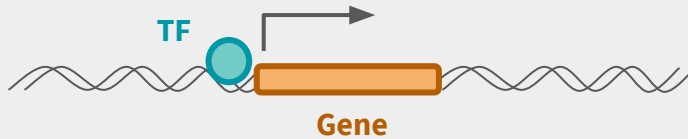
- TF binding with **ChIP-seq**
- Gene expression with **RNA-seq/microarray**
- 3D architecture with **Hi-C**
- Regulatory element activity with **Histone ChIP-seq**

Enhancer based regulation

? ? TF / Enhancer
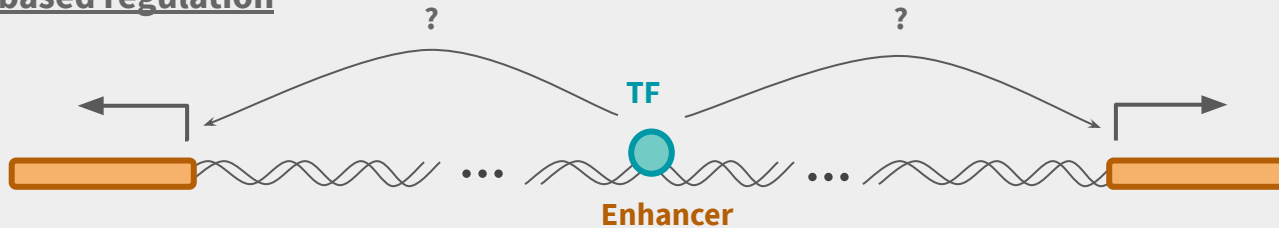
- Rcade (Bioconductor)
- COBRA
- Beta

Rcade: R-based analysis of ChIP-seq And Differential Expression

- Rcade is a Bioconductor package developed by Cairns *et al.*, that utilizes Bayesian methods to integrates ChIP-seq TF binding, with a transcriptomic Differential Expression (DE) analysis.

- The method is read-based and independent of peak-calling.

- Rcade can infer the direct targets of a transcription factor (TF).

- These targets should exhibit TF binding activity, and their expression levels should change in response to a perturbation of the TF.
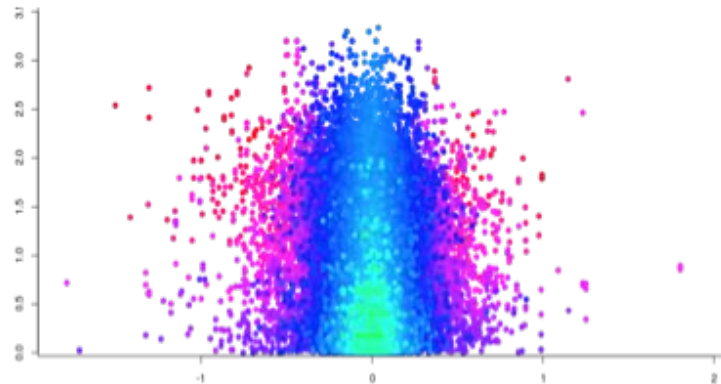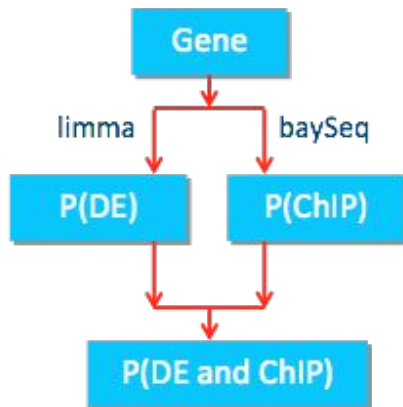
Beta

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  - to *infer* the factor's target genes
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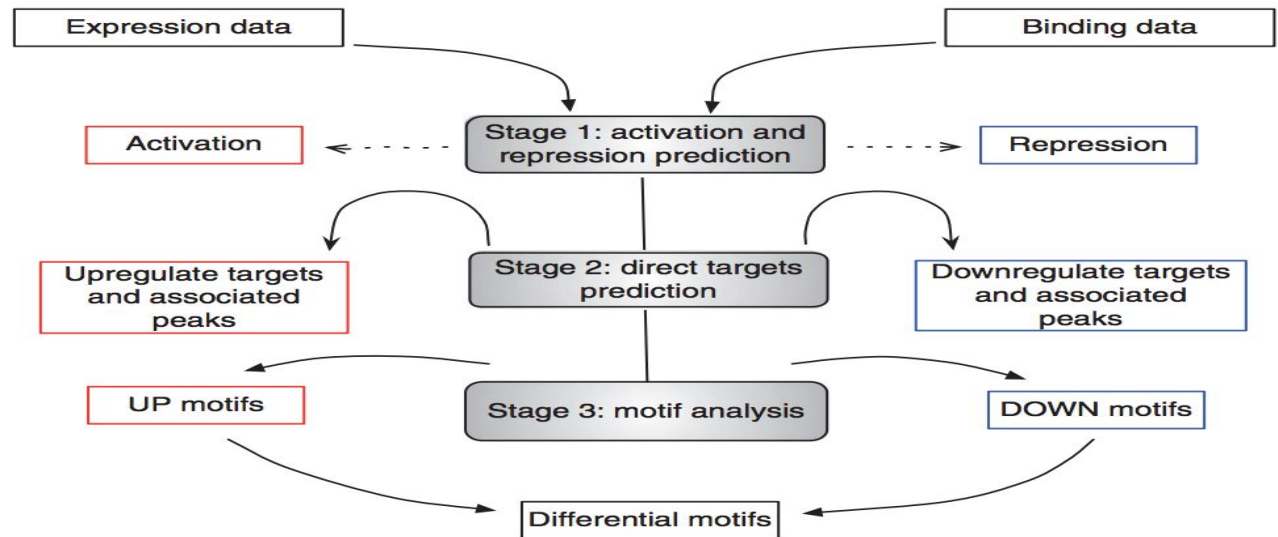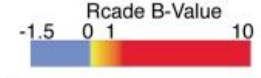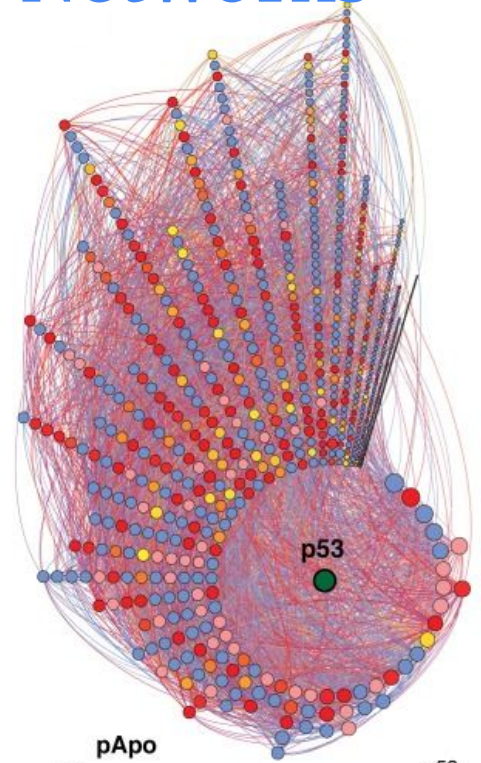
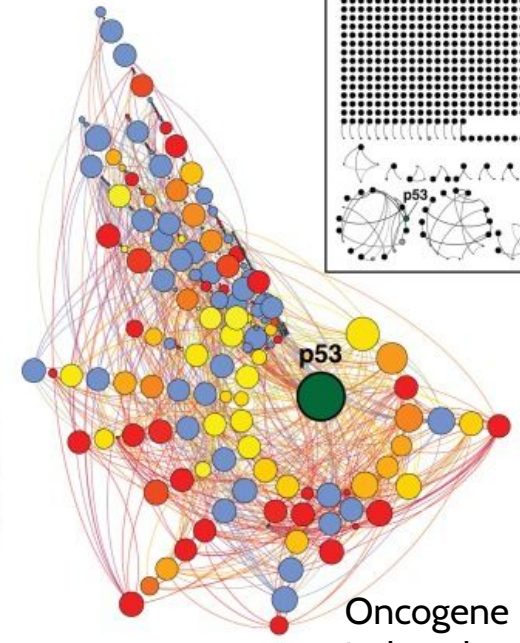# KEGG: p53 signalling pathway
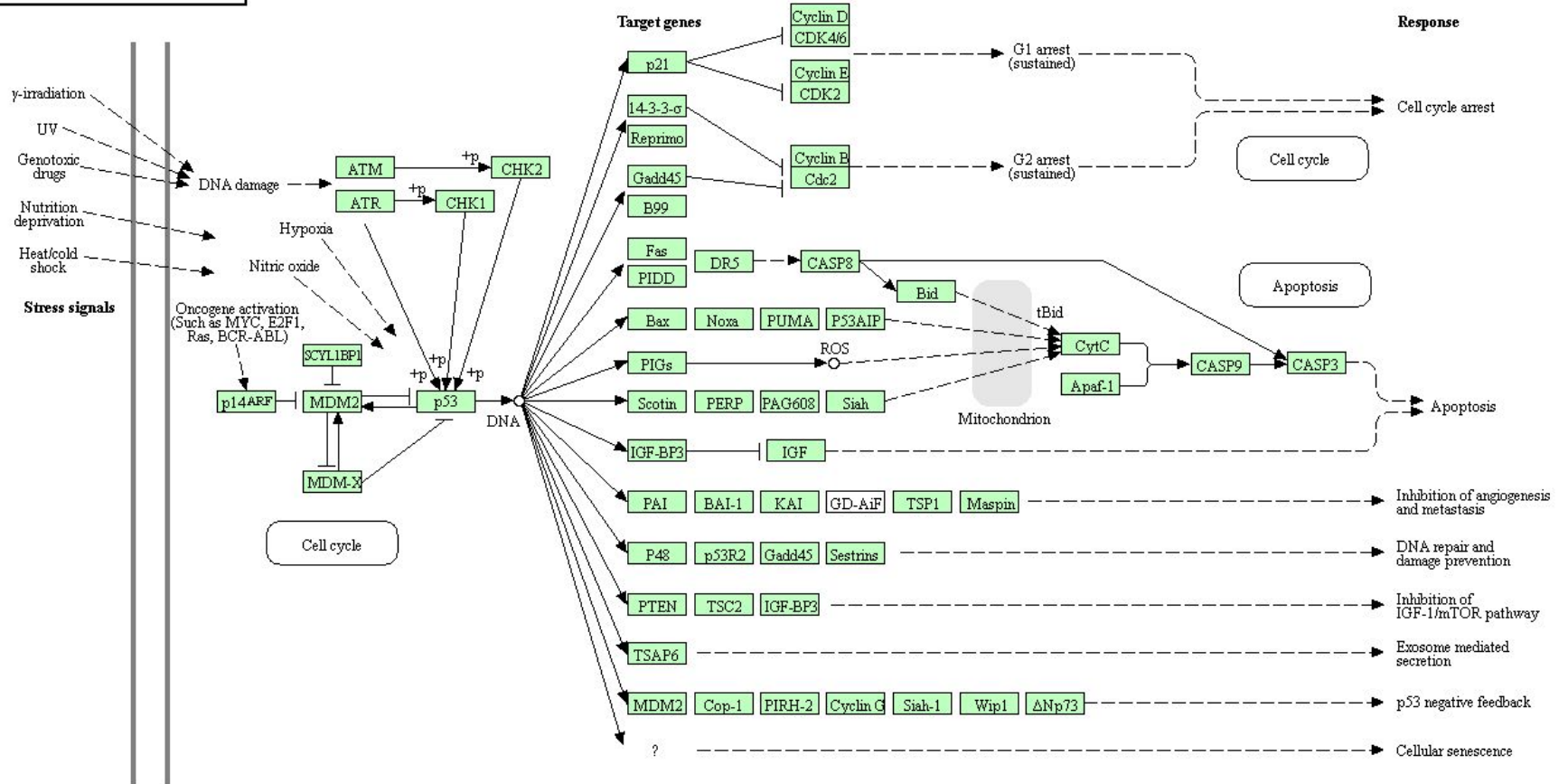
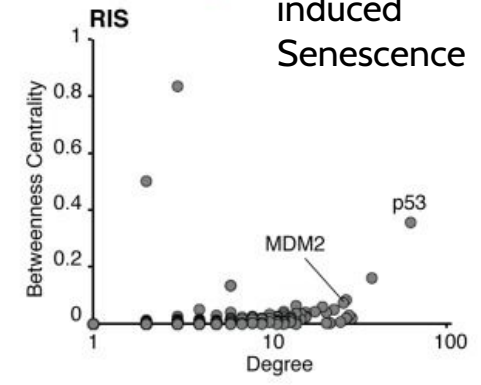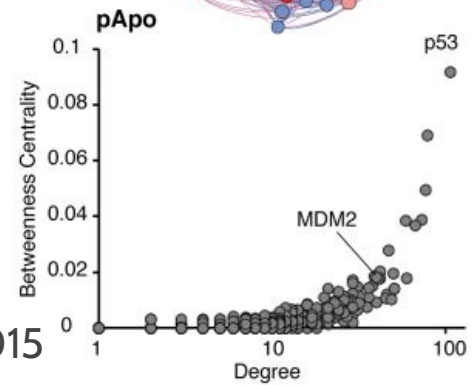# Functional Association Networks

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