ChIP-on-chip

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Background

- Chromatin immunoprecipitation-on-chip
  - ChIP + microarrays
- ChIP-on-chip developed by Dr. Richard Young, Dr. David Gifford, Dr. Heidi Wyle
- Purpose: looks at how protein regulators interact with DNA
Uses of ChIP-on-chip

- Determines where a regulator binds to DNA
  - Helps elucidate transcription binding and mechanisms of repression and activation
  - Helps understanding of “methylation, histone modification, as well as DNA replication, modification, and repair”¹
  - Increases understanding of diseases and cell processes¹

- Significance: Target genes to alter pathways¹
ChIP-on-chip: How Does It Work?

- There are six main steps involved in ChIP-on-chip
  1. Prepare protein-DNA complex
  2. Hybridize DNA to microarray
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Source:
Genome Tiling Microarrays

Genomic DNA on the chromosome

Tiling Probes

7 arrays × 6 million probes = 42 million data points

# Affymetrix Tiling Analysis Software

**Mann-Whitney Rank Sum Test**

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Model-based Analysis of Tiling Arrays

- Deals with the problems in TAS
  - Works with just one ChIP sample
    - Generates a lot less data
  - More ChIPs, more controls mean greater sensitivity
  - Ability to measure data quality
- Most algorithms checks probes against many samples
  - MAT looks in array
    - Assumption: Most probes are not pointing to presence regulator binding site
MAT models effect of probe sequence on probe signal

\[
\log(PM_i) = \alpha n_{iT} + \sum_{j=1}^{25} \sum_{k=A,C,G} \beta_{jk} I_{ijk} + \sum_{l=A,C,G,T} \gamma_l n_{il}^2 + \delta \log(c_i) + \varepsilon_i
\]

Spike-in (ChIP) raw data

Ctrl raw data

Sequence-based probe behavior standardization

ChIP standardized

Ctrl standardized

Window-based neighboring probe combination for ChIP-region detection

ChIP Window

Comparison Between the Tools

MAT

TAS

Key

FOXA1 Transcription Factor

- Forkhead Box (Fox) proteins
  - Transcription factors
  - Important for “cellular proliferation, differentiation, transformation, longevity, and metabolic homeostasis.”

- Forkhead genes characterized by:
  - loops/wings
  - Three alpha helices
  - Beta chain

http://www.sciencedirect.com/cache/MiamiImageURL/B6TCY-48H2WC4-4-1/0?wchp=dGLzVzz-zSkzV
FOXA1 Transcription Factor

- Important in causing cancers, development of some organs
- Brings other transcription factors

http://www.nature.com/nrg/journal/v9/n5/full/nrg2378.html#references-links
Impact of ChIP-on-chip

- Used ChIP-on-chip to find FOXA1 binding sites
  - Breast cancer cells
  - Prostate cancer cells
- Conclusions: Binding sites mainly in enhancer instead of promoter regions
Epigenetic Marks?

- Epigenetics: Changes made on genes instead of the DNA itself
  - Methylation
  - Histone acetylation
- Researchers found that —
  - Methylated histones were found near the binding sites
    - Demethylase – enzyme that removes methyl groups
    - Result: reduced FOXA1 binding
    - Conclusion: FOXA1 transcription dependent on methylation of histones
- FOXA1 improves DNase I sensitivity
  - Conclusion: FOXA1 involved in regulating chromatin structure