Genomics Part II

Applications of Sequencing Technology

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Overview

- Genomics I (Wednesday's lecture): Focus on sequencing technology and genomes.
- Genomics II: (Today's lecture): Focus on applications of sequencing technology.
 - 1. Annotation of the genome in chromatin
 - 2. Regulation of gene expression at the level of RNA

Workflow

1. Isolation of sample.

e.g., Isolate DNA and shear.

2. Library preparation

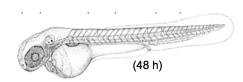
e.g., Clean up and ligate Y-adaptors.

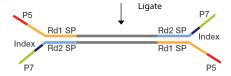
3. Sequencing

e.g., Illumina HiSeq

4. Analysis

e.g., Map to genome and interpret.

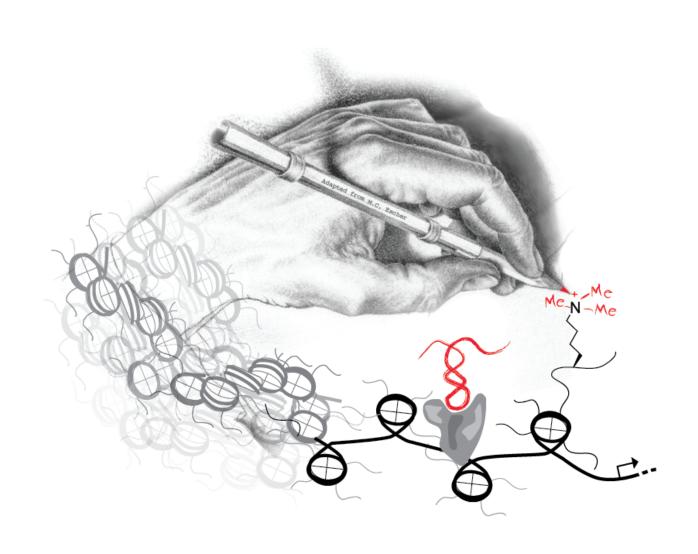




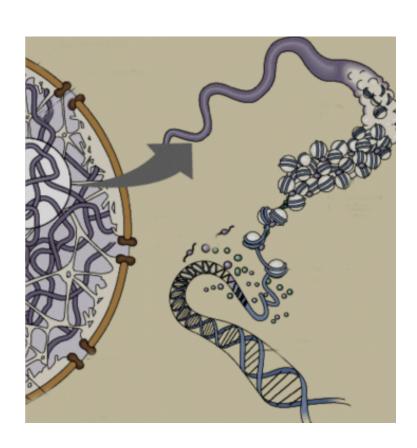




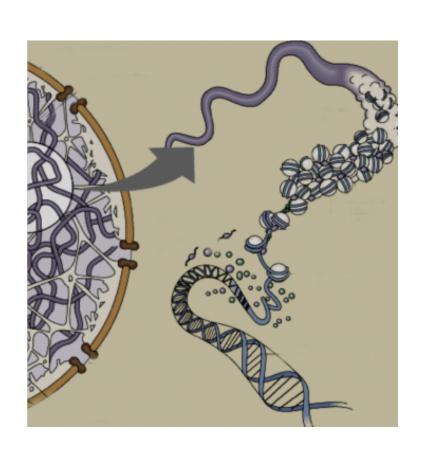
Part 1. How do cells annotate their genomes?

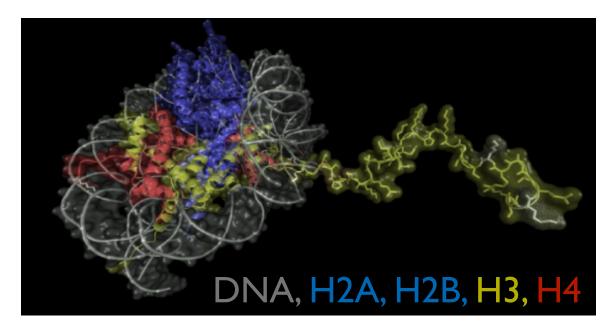


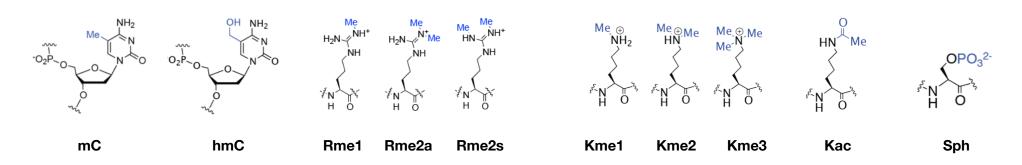
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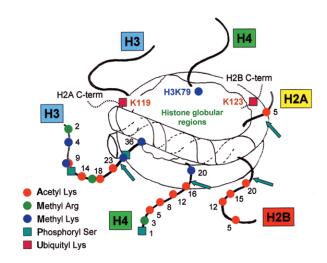


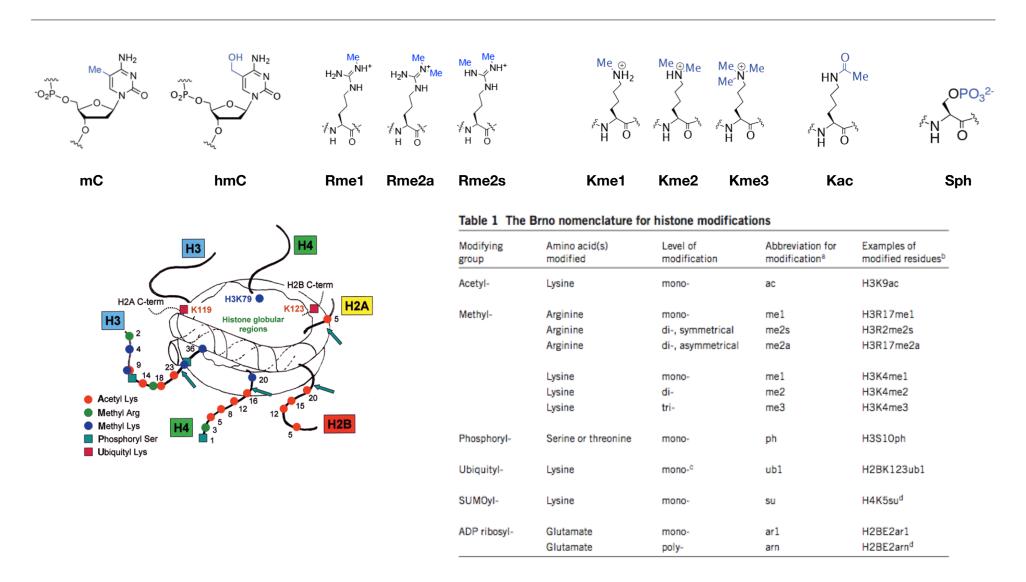
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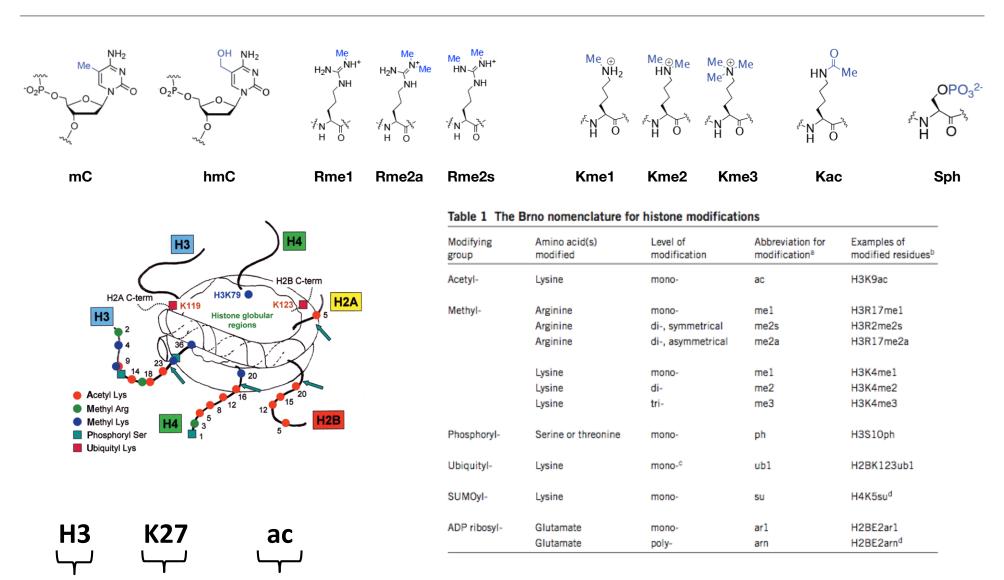








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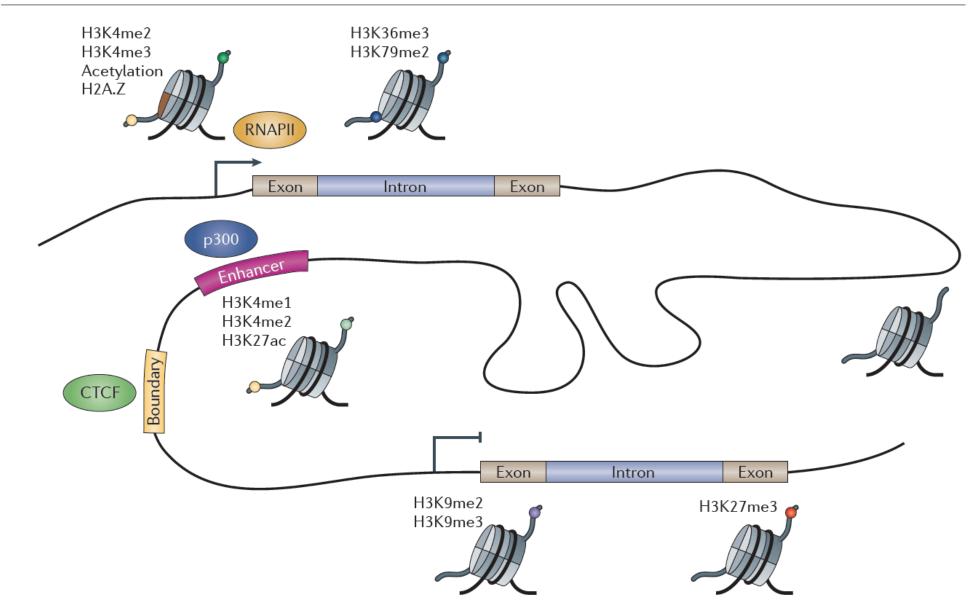
Histone

Residue

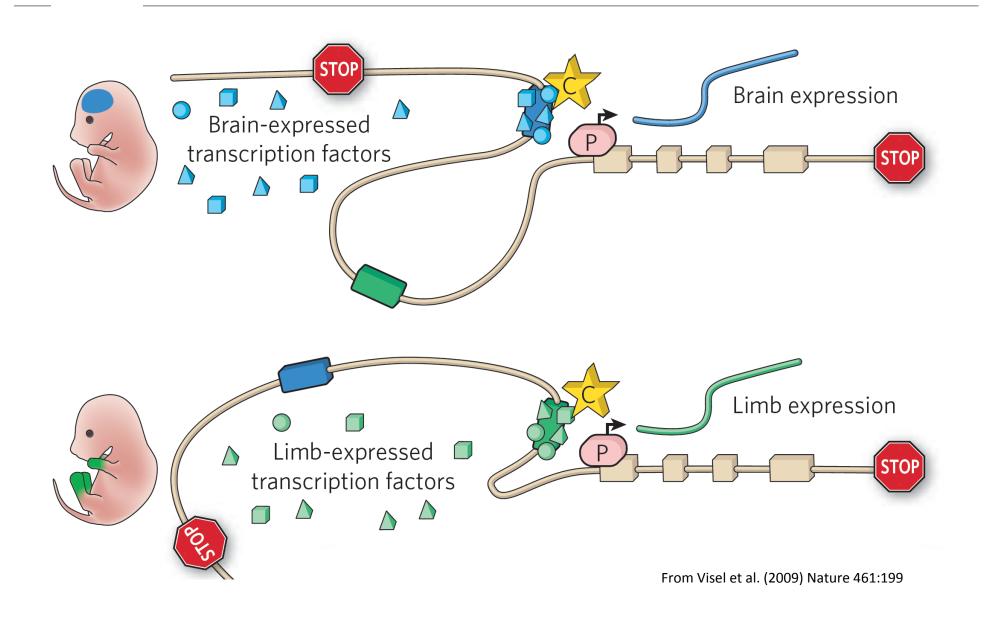
Modification

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Chromatin modifications correlate with different genomic functions.



Regulation is temporally and specially controlled

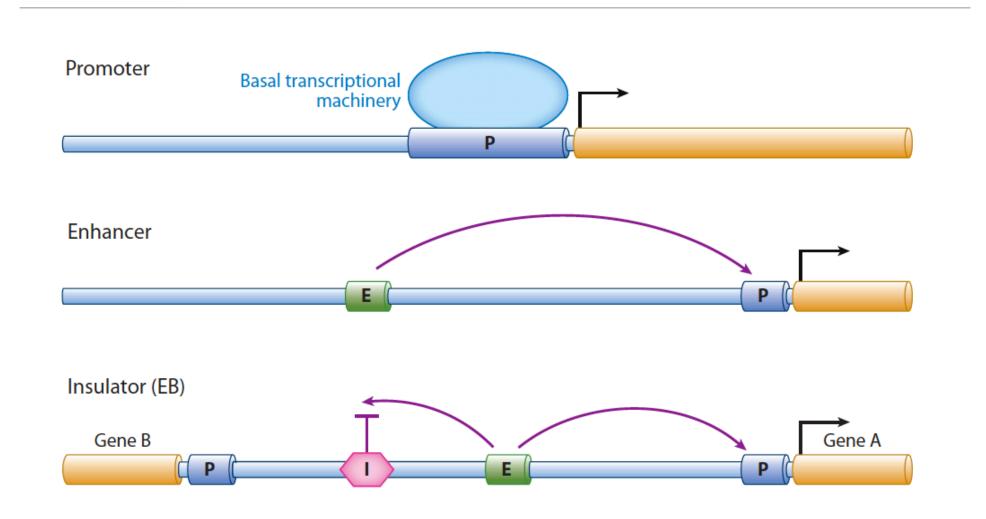


Using sequencing to annotate the genome

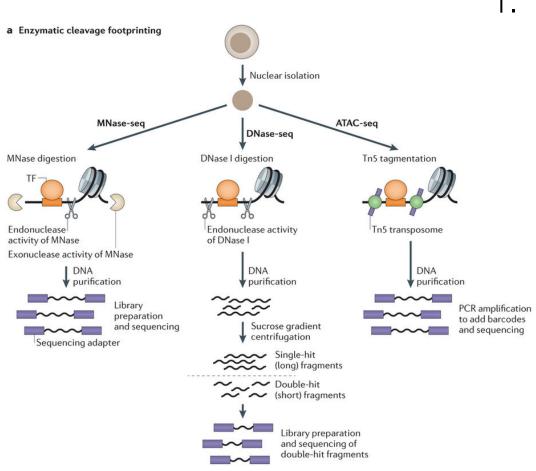
- 1. Where are the cis-acting regulatory elements in DNA?
 - A. DNase I hyper-sensitivity mapping (**DNase-Seq**).
 - B. **FAIRE** to map regulatory elements.
 - C. ATAC-Seq to map regulatory elements.
- 2. Where do transcription factors bind?
 - D. **ChIP-seq** of transcription factors (or in high res, ChIP-exo)
 - E. **CUT&RUN** and **TAG&RUN** for small scale/single cell analysis.
- Where are different histone modifications found?
 - F. **ChIP-Seq** of histone modifications.
 - G. **ChIP-Seq** of chromatin writers, readers and erasers.
- 4. Where is RNA polymerase transcribing?
 - H. **ChIP-Seq** of polymerase.
 - I. GRO-Seq, PRO-Seq and NET-Seq to measure RNA polymerase activity.
- 5. How is the genome organized in 3D?
 - J. 4C/5C/Hi-C to measure chromatin conformation.

Targeted approaches v Global approaches

How do we identify regulatory elements in the genome?



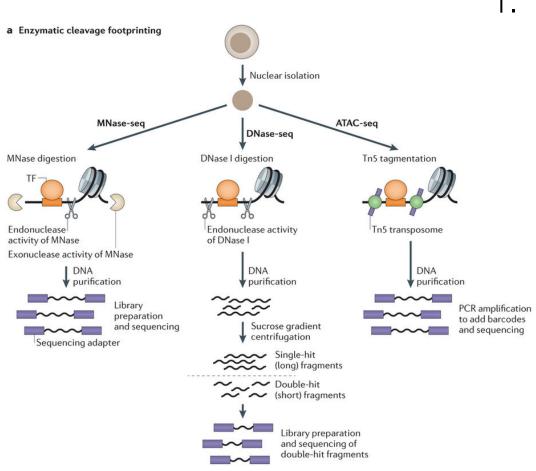
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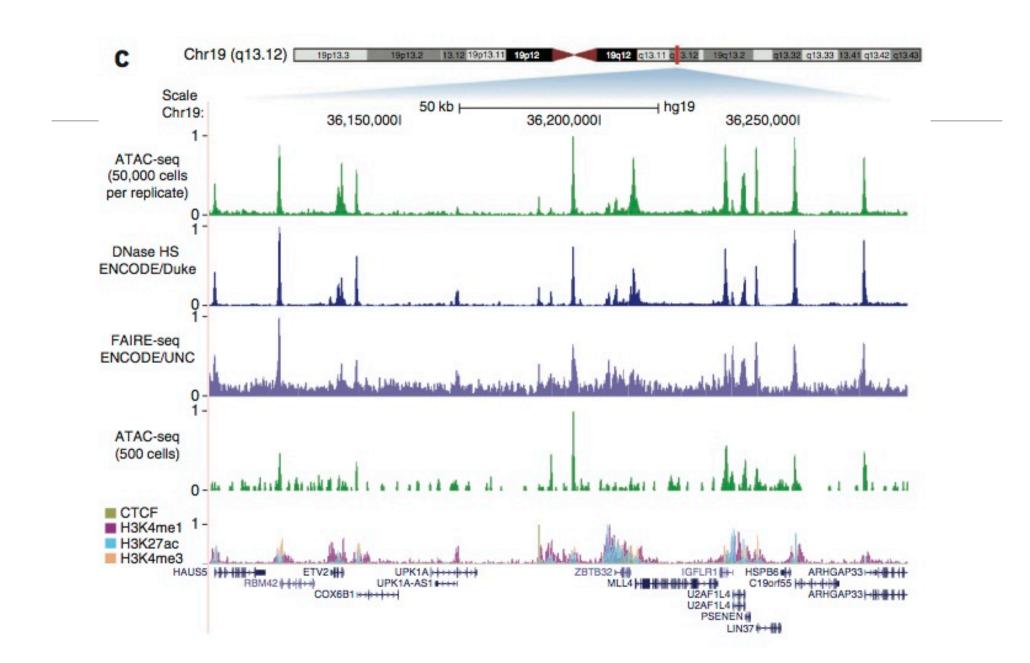


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Changes in accessibility of chromatin can provide information about regulation

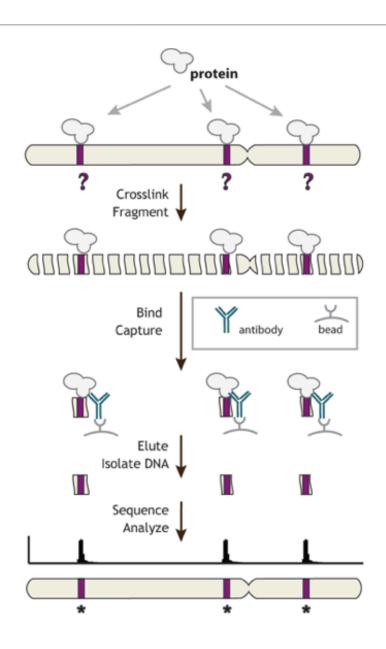
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- -MNase-Seq (shown).
- -DNase-Seq (shown).
- -FAIRE-Seq (not shown).

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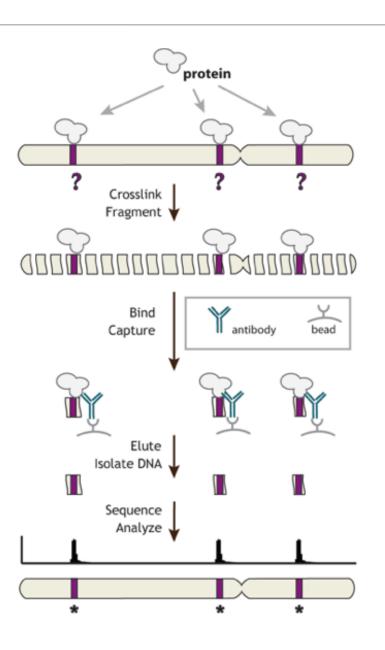
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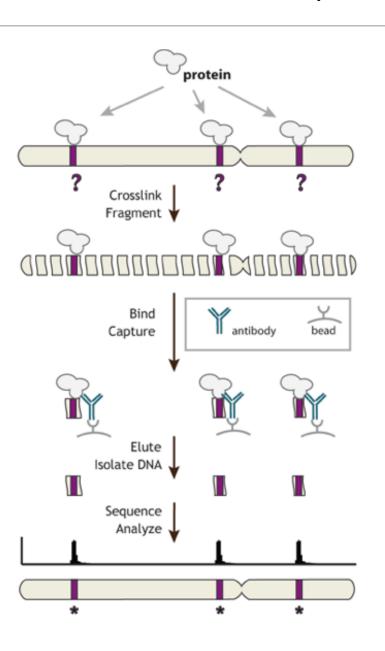
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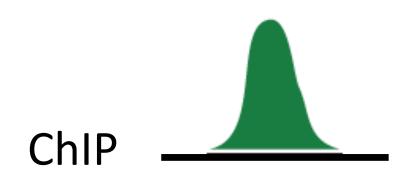
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3. **Enrich** target using an antibody.

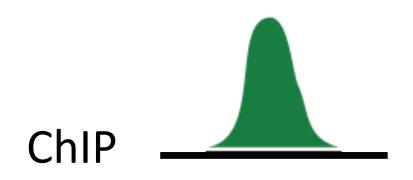
Enrichment is only as good as the antibody.

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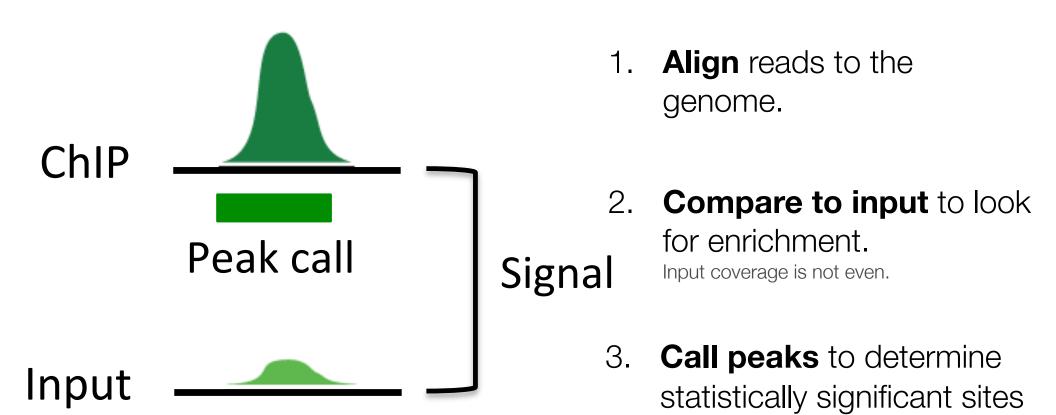
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2. **Compare to input** to look for enrichment.

Input coverage is not even.

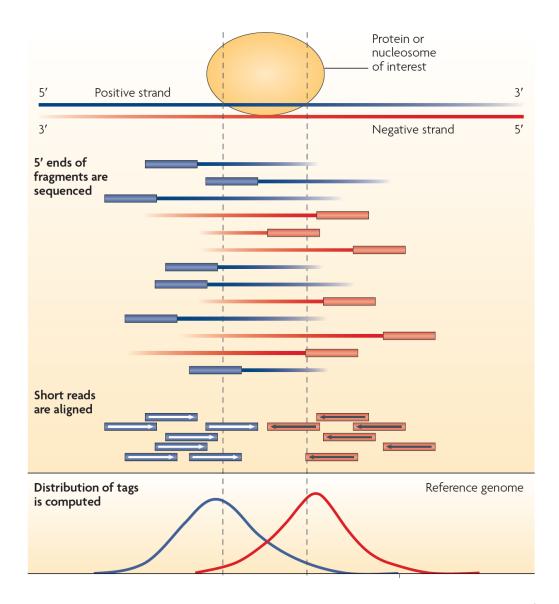


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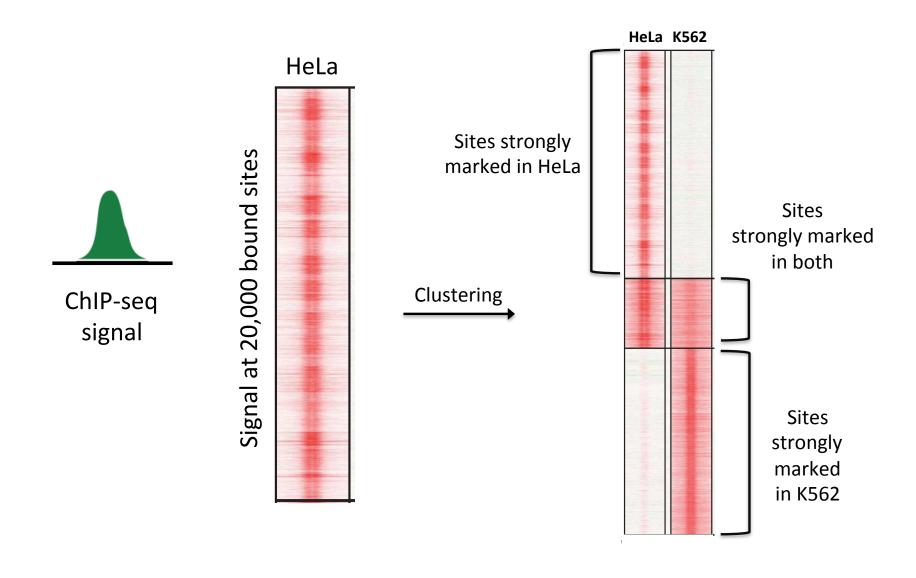


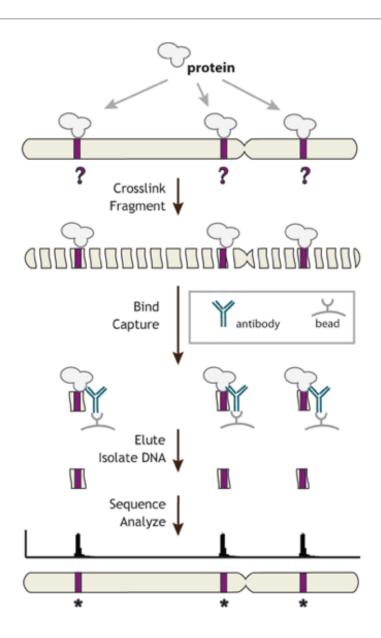
of enrichment.

Avoiding artifacts using features in Seq data



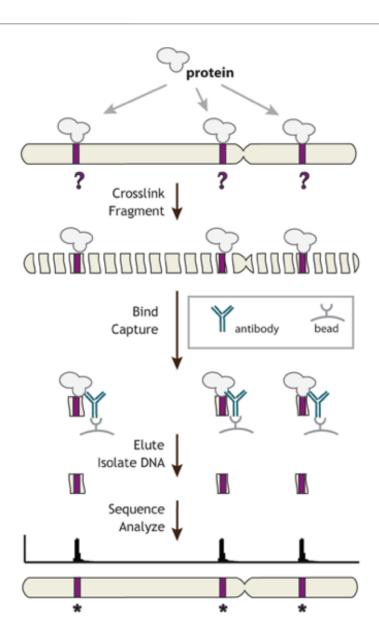
ChIP-Seq signals reveal difference between cells





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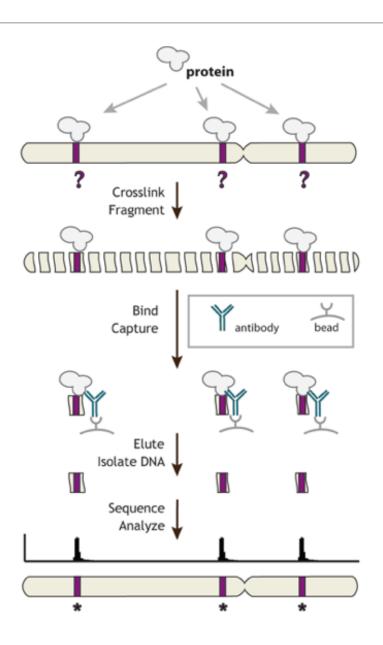
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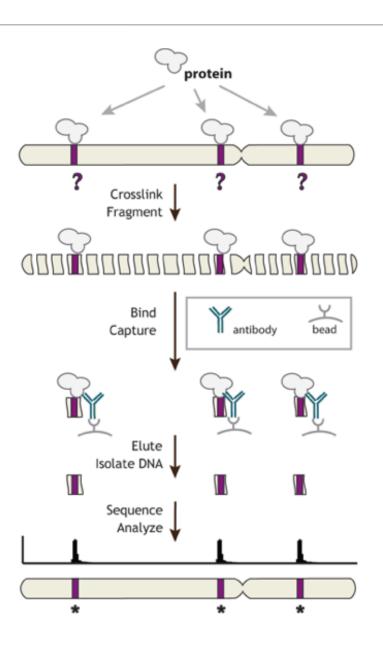
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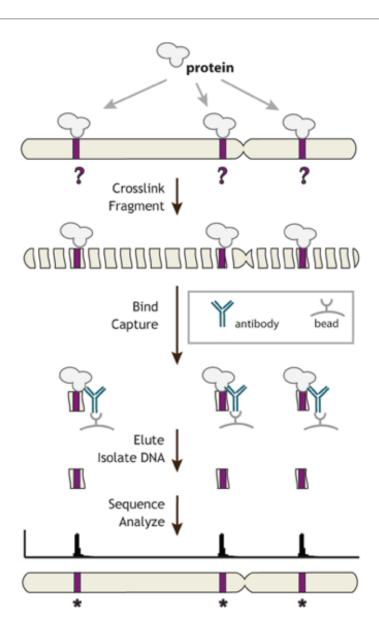
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4. Output is **descriptive**. Hard to infer function without more experimentation.

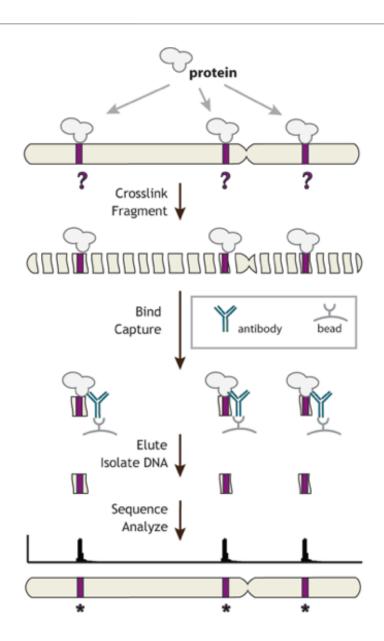
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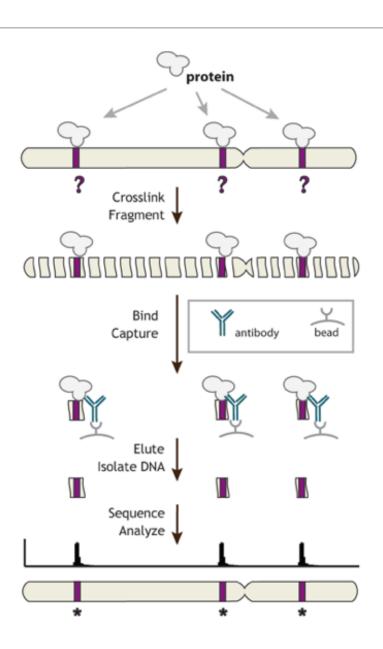
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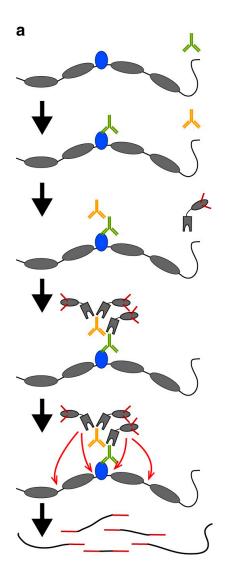
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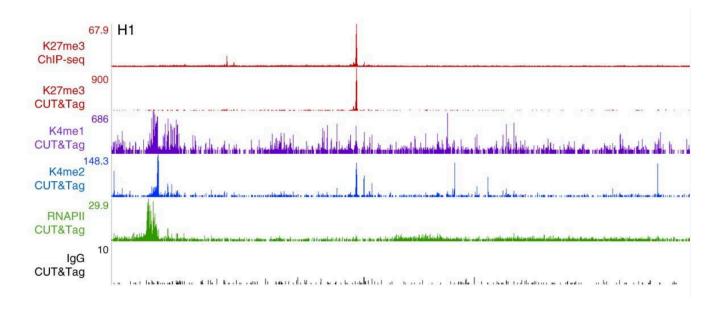


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- Extension to RNA factors.

Extensions of ChIP: CUT&Tag

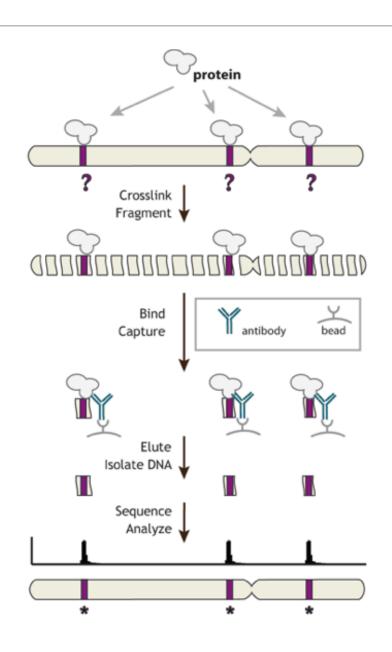


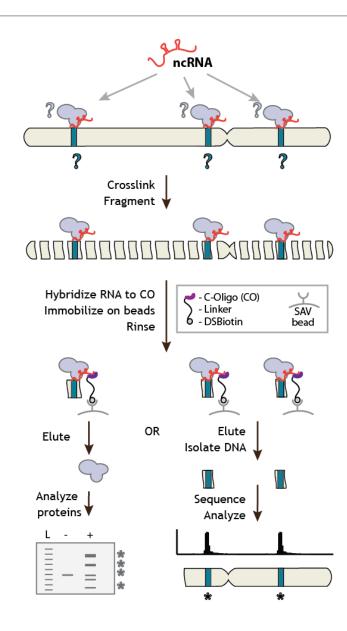
Concept: Use factor-specific antibodies to target a transposes to direct the addition of DNA tags.



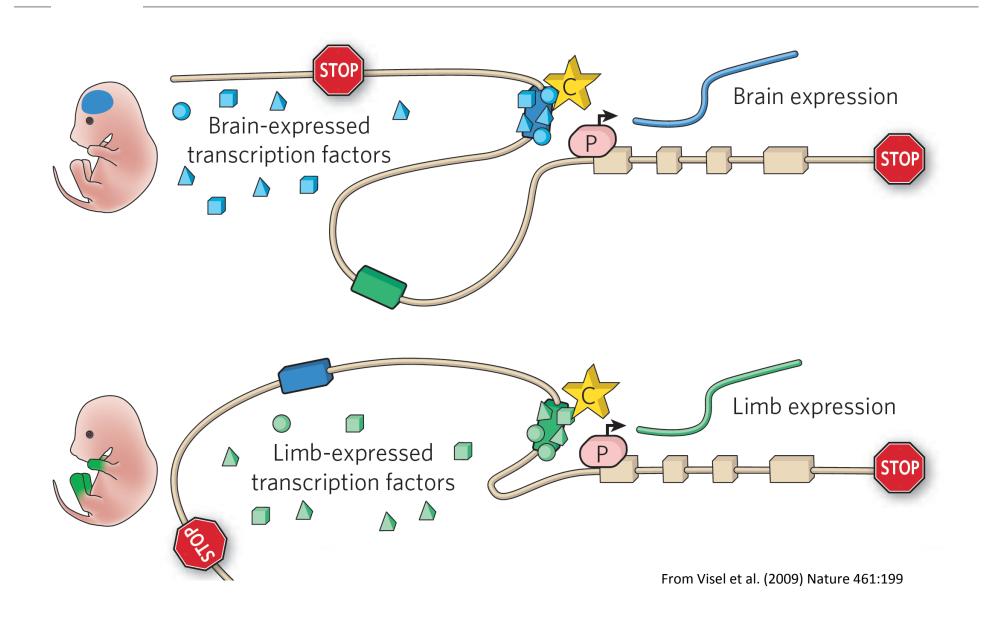
Kaya-Okur...& Henikoff (2019) CUT&Tag for efficient epigenomic profiling of small samples and single cells. Nat Commun

Extension to RNA factors: CHART, ChIRP and RAP

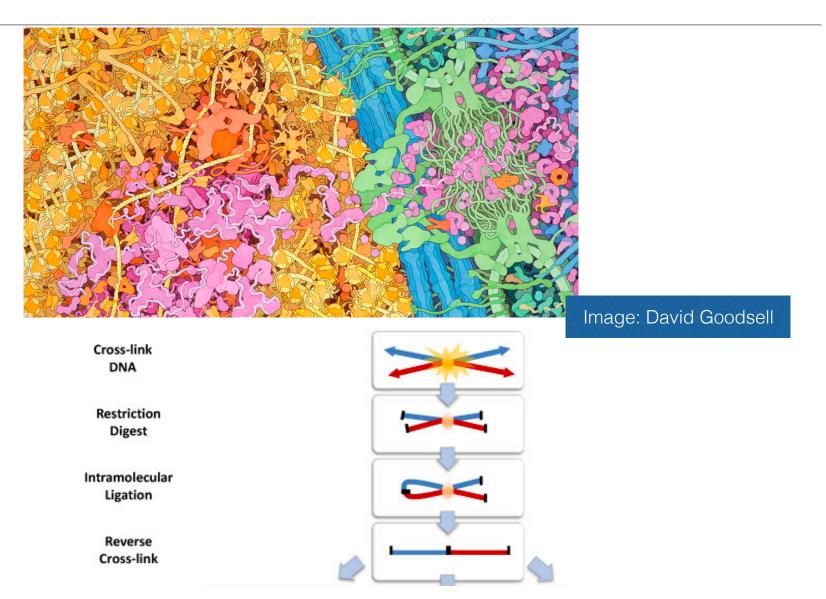




The 3D organization of the genome is important

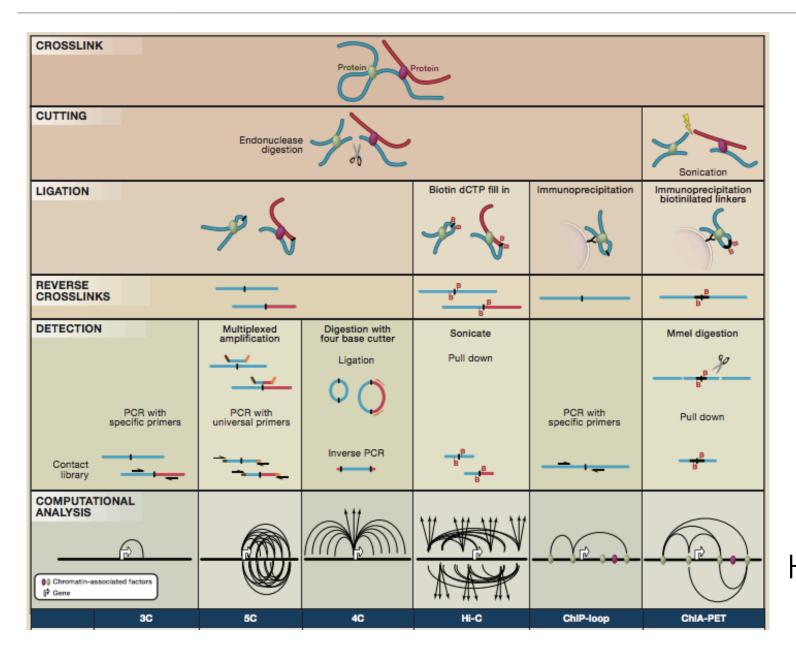


Ligation-based methods to study 3D conformation



https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chromosome_conformation_capture#/media/ File:Chromosome_Conformation_Capture_Technology.jpg

Many techniques to analyze chromatin conformation



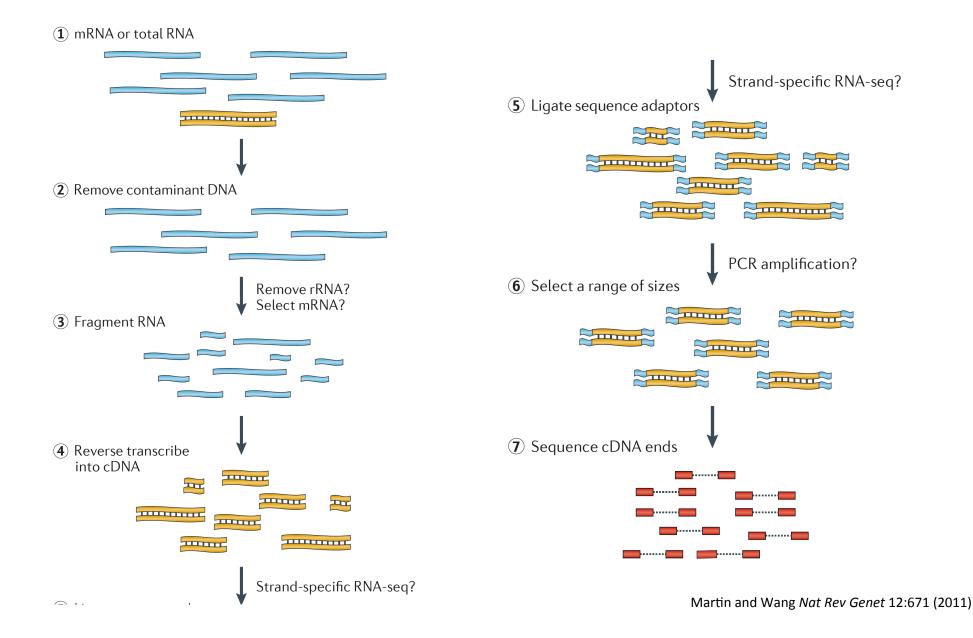
Hakim & Misteli, Cell (2012)



Using RNA-Seq to examine RNA

- Technical methodology
- Read mapping and normalization
- Estimating isoform-level gene expression
- De novo transcript reconstruction
- Sensitivity and sequencing depth
- Differential expression analysis

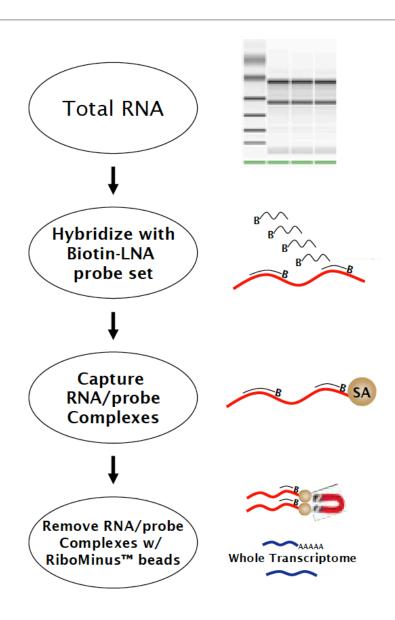
RNA-Seq workflow



Some technical details specific to RNA-Seq

- Wide dynamic range of RNA concentrations.
- RNA is strand specific (unlike dsDNA)
- RNA degrades easily (RNase and spontaneous)
- RNA is processed (e.g., spliced)
- RNA has secondary structure (possible blocks to reverse transcriptase).

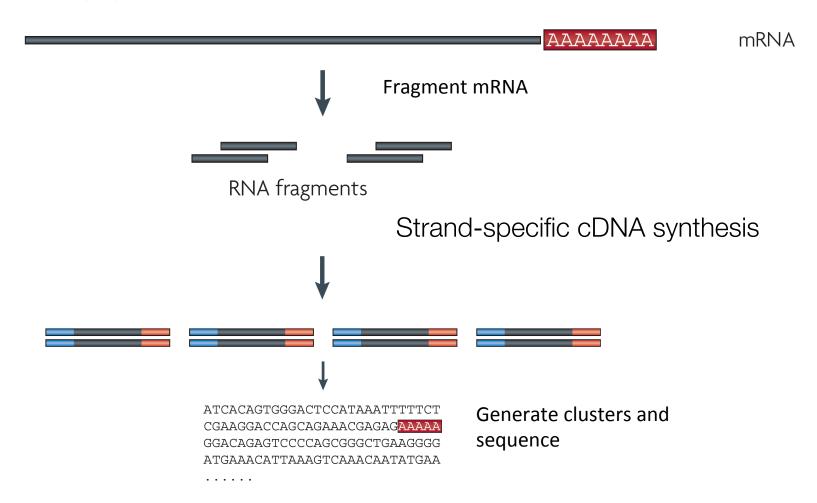
Ribosomal RNA will dominate the sequenced reads unless removed



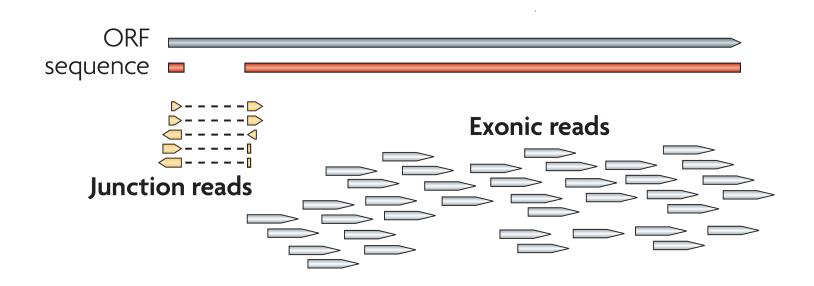
Illumina RNA-seq workflow

Capture poly-A RNA with poly-T oligo attached beads (100 ng total) (2x)

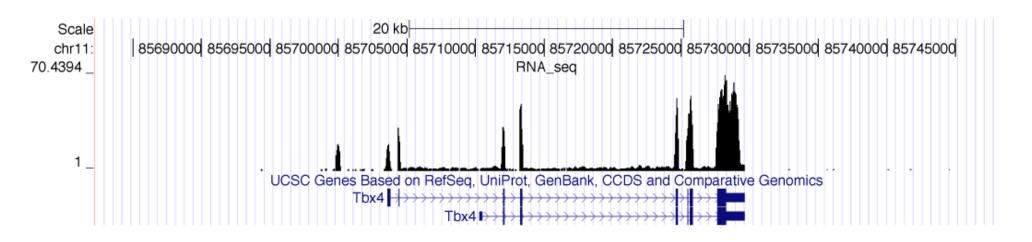
- RNA quality must be high degradation produces 3' bias
- Non-poly-A RNAs are not recovered



RNA-Seq reads map mostly to exons



Martin and Wang Nat Rev Genet 12:671 (2011)



How does one analyze RNA levels from RNA-Seq?

Use existing gene annotation:

Align to genome plus annotated splices
Depends on high-quality gene annotation
Which annotation to use: RefSeq, GENCODE, UCSC?
Isoform quantification?
Identifying novel transcripts?

Reference-guided alignments:

Align to genome sequence Infer splice events from reads Allows transcriptome analyses of genomes with poor gene annotation

De novo transcript assembly:

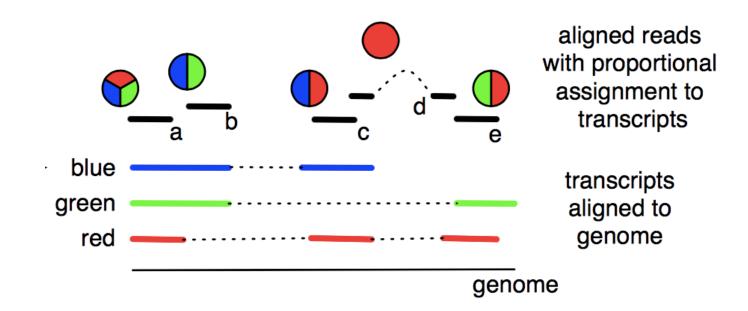
Assemble transcripts directly from reads Allows transcriptome analyses of species without reference genomes

RNA-seq reads contain information about the abundance of different transcript isoforms

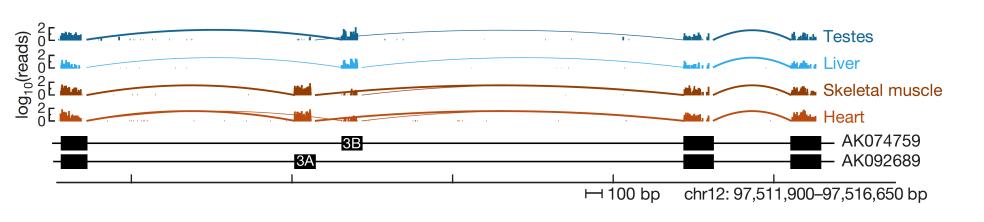
Normalization:

Internal: Reads or Fragments per kilobase of feature length per million mapped reads (RPKM or FPKM)

External: Reads relative to a standard "spike"



Functional diversity in transcript isoforms



| Alternative transcript events | | Total events (×10³) | Number detected (×10³) | Both isoforms detected | Number tissue- regulated | % Tissue- regulated (observed) | % Tissue- regulated (estimated) |
|--|----------|---------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Skipped exon | | 37 | 35 | 10,436 | 6,822 | 65 | 72 |
| Retained intron | | 1 | 1 | 167 | 96 | 57 | 71 |
| Alternative 5' splice site (A5SS) | | 15 | 15 | 2,168 | 1,386 | 64 | 72 |
| Alternative 3' splice site (A3SS) | | 17 | 16 | 4,181 | 2,655 | 64 | 74 |
| Mutually exclusive exon (MXE) | | 4 | 4 | 167 | 95 | 57 | 66 |
| Alternative first exon (AFE) | | 14 | 13 | 10,281 | 5,311 | 52 | 63 |
| Alternative last exon (ALE) | | 9 | 8 | 5,246 | 2,491 | 47 | 52 |
| Tandem 3' UTRs | = = = pA | A 7 | 7 | 5,136 | 3,801 | 74 | 80 |
| Total | | 105 | 100 | 37,782 | 22,657 | 60 | 68 |
| Constitutive exon or region — Body read ————— Junction read pA Polyadenylation site | | | | | | | |
| Alternative exon or extension Inclusive/extended isoform Exclusive isoform Both isoforms | | | | | | | |

Examples of applications of RNA-seq

Characterizing transcriptome complexity Alternative splicing

Differential expression analysis

Gene- and isoform-level expression comparisons

Novel RNA species IncRNAs and eRNAs Pervasive transcription

Translation
Ribosome profiling

Allele-specific expression

Measuring RNA half-lives and decay

Examining protein-RNA interactions (CLIP, RIP, &c.)

Effect of genetic variation on gene expression

Imprinting

RNA editing

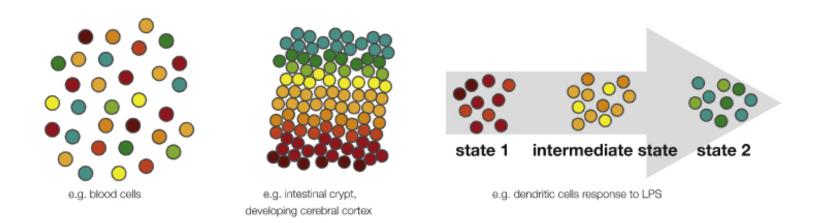
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Examining cell heterogeneity with scRNA-seq

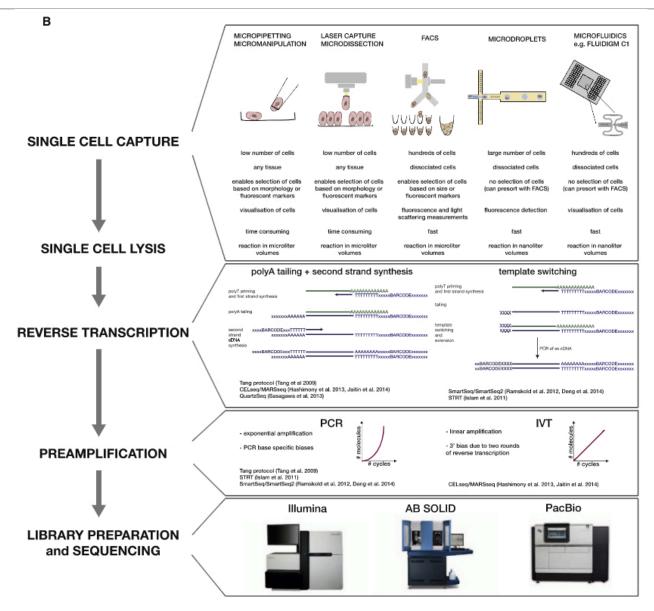
Bulk RNA-seq averages over the RNA content of many cells masking differences.

These differences can be revealed by sequencing the RNA from individual cells using single cell RNA-seq (scRNA-seq)

Analysis of RNA transcripts in individual cells can reveal rare cell populations and lineage trajectories.



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Kolodziejczyk ... & Teichmann (2015). The technology and biology of single-cell RNA sequencing. Mol Cell

Summary

- Genomics I: Deep sequencing gives us access to information on a genomic level.
- Genomics II: These approaches provide a diverse set of tools to study life at a genomic scale.
- *Sophisticated use of data from genomics requires an integrated understanding of the biological experiment, sample preparation and down stream computational analyses of the data.