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Module 5 Practical Lab : Pathway Analysis of ChIP_seq Data



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Learning Objectives

By the end of this practical lab, you will be able to:

- Perform pathway analysis of chIP-seq data
- Run MEME-chip to detect transcription factor enrichment

We are going to use the following tools: **GREAT**, **Cytoscape/EnrichmentMap**, **MEME-chIP** and **Cytoscape/ iRegulon** and we will see in examples on how to integrate the analysis of both chIP-seq and RNA-seq data.

Some Tools Available to Analyze ChIP-seq Data



ChIP_seq Process



Image from : https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S1046202320300591

Different Types Of chIP-seq For Which Pathway Analysis May Be Applied

 chIP-seq to detect histone acetylation or histone methylation



CUT&RUN:

- o alternative technique
- works for low cell number
- same analysis pipeline as chIP-seq for pathway analysis

Information To Know Before Starting The Analysis



Note: increasing number of **biological replicates** increases the specificity of the signal.

How to Select The Peaks For The Pathway Analysis ?



How To Perform Pathway Analysis On ChIPseq Data?



From Peaks to Genes... and then to Pathways



- Feature distribution: promoter, exonic, intronic, intergenic.
- Pathway analysis can be done only if we associate peaks to genes
- Rules are usually defined depending on the distance starting from the TSS (transcription start site of genes) to the middle/summit of peaks
- Proximal rule
- Distal rule
 - How to choose a rule?



How to annotate chIP-seq peaks for pathway analysis?





Use of Galaxy to annotate your peaks? (not tested)

https://training.galaxyproject.org/training-material/topics/introduction/tutorials/galaxy-intro-peaks2genes/tutorial.html

GREAT Predicts Functions Of Cis-regulatory Regions.

http://great.stanford.edu/public/html/

Input: bed file (selected peaks) Step1: Find genes near peaks: define the rule chr16 46387782 46388095 Peak 18 chr21 8420008 8420685 Peak 28 Proximal: 5.0 kb upstream, 1.0 kb downstream, plus Distal: up to 1000.0 kb Basal plus extension 26885262 26885591 Peak 29 chr17 chr19 47950110 47950453 Peak 71 Gene regulatory domain definition: Each gene is assigned a basal regulatory domain of a chr21 8230606 8230879 Peak 73 minimum distance upstream and downstream of the TSS (regardless of other nearby genes). 144104709 Peak 74 chr1 144104045 The gene regulatory domain is extended in both directions to the nearest gene's basal 85659894 85660660 Peak_75 domain but no more than the maximum extension in one direction. chr8 17517877 Peak 82 chr5 17517581 chr8 57205737 57206112 Peak_90 57210387 Peak 91 chr8 57209723 Step2: Pathway enrichment analysis 94691798 94692075 Peak_92 chr1 chr21 8228569 8228894 Peak 98 76796105 chr16 76796380 Peak 99 6831016 Peak 101 chr7 6830723 Tip: If you have genomic regions chr11 1739557 1739810 Peak_104 defined for a different species or 45756848 Peak 107 chr1 45756596 chr19 47955976 47956300 Peak 113 assembly from the ones we

Peak file (# of peaks) can be larged

Species Assembly

Human: GRCh38 (UCSC hg38, Dec. 2013)
 Human: GRCh37 (UCSC hg19, Feb. 2009)
 Mouse: GRCm38 (UCSC mm10, Dec. 2011)

Mouse: NCBI build 37 (UCSC mm9, Jul. 2007)

supported assembly

currently support, you can use the UCSC LiftOver utility to convert to a

Rules To Associate Peaks And Genes

PROXIMAL RULE



Proximal: 1.0 kb upstream, 1.0 kb downstream, plus Distal: up to 1

Gene regulatory domain definition: Each gene is assigned a basal regulatory domain of a minimum distance upstream and downstream of the TSS (regardless of other nearby genes). The gene regulatory domain is extended in both directions to the nearest gene's basal domain but no more than the maximum extension in one direction.

• **Proximal rules** reduce the problem to a size of a gene list (count how many genes with a peak is contained in a tested pathway). We can use any tools that are using a gene list and we can use the **Fisher's exact test**.

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• But associating only proximal peaks loses a lot of information.

kb upstream. 1.0

Proximal: 5.0

DISTAL RULE



Gene regulatory domain definition: Each gene is assigned a basal regulatory domain of a minimum distance upstream and downstream of the TSS (regardless of other nearby genes). The gene regulatory domain is extended in both directions to the nearest gene's basal domain but no more than the maximum extension in one direction.

• Associating distal peaks to genes but applying the Fisher's exact test can lead to spurious enrichment results (it biases the results toward pathways enriched in genes located in the genome to desert regions like developmental pathways).

kb downstream, plus Distal: up to 1000.0 kb

• The way GREAT is doing to correct for bias is: 1) define genomic regions that contains peaks associated with genes 2) for a tested pathway, count how many of the peaks land with the genomic regions associated with the tested pathway compared to genomics regions with peaks not associated with the tested pathway. It is using a **binomial test**.

GREAT Statistics Fisher's Exact Test Versus Binomial Test





Distal: Binomial test over genomic regions



Step 4: Perform hypergeometric test over genes

- N = 8 genes in genome
- K_{π} = 3 genes in genome carry annotation π
- n = 2 genes selected by proximal genomic regions
- $k_{\pi} = 1$ gene selected carries annotation π
- $P = \Pr_{\text{hyper}} (k \ge 1 \mid N = 8, K = 3, n = 2)$

- Step 4: Perform binomial test over genomic regions
 - n = 6 total genomic regions(with peaks)
 - $p_{\pi} = 0.6$ fraction of genome annotated with (3 green/5 grey)

 k_{π} = 5 genomic regions hit annotation π (with tested pathway)

$$P = \Pr_{binom} (k \ge 5 \mid n = 6, p = 0.6)$$

Example : Integration of chIPseq and ATACseq





MEME-ChIP is a web-based tool for analyzing motifs in large sequence data sets. It can analyze peak regions identified by ChIP-seq

chip-seq data :

• overexpression of a specific transcription factor called TFEB



FDR 0.001 117 top pathways Node size proportional to NES

MEME-chip: find overenrichment of known DNA motif in chipseg sequences



TFEB is the first known motif found significantly enriched in If yes, we have proved that TFEB Is binding and regulating the expression of the lysosomal genes in our model system.

iRegulon: detects TF that co-regulate a gene list (RNAseq) ---> help us to link chIP-seq and RNA-seq results

iREgulon (Cytoscape app, bulk RNAseq, gene list)



iRegulon detects the TF, the targets and the motifs/tracks from a set of genes.

Look at pySCENIC for single cell RNAseq!

1.Find predicted transcription factor regulating genes in my gene list



2.Find predicted targets of a transcription factor of interest



iREgulon: Find Predicted Transcription Factor Regulating an Enriched Pathway

RNAseq data :

- overexpression of a specific transcription factor(TF) called TFEB
- upregulated genes are the TF targets + secondary events

RNASeq : GSEA + EnrichmentMap



Genes up-regulated (FDR 0.05): Gene list \rightarrow imported as a network in Cytoscape \rightarrow iRegulon

iRegulon results:



iRegulon: option 1 "Predict regulators and targets"



lytic vacuole

bounding



CBW Epigenomics Workshop: Learn How To Align Your Reads And Call The Peaks Using MACS2



Module 1: Introduction to ChIP Sequencing and Analysis

Module 2: ChIP-Seq Alignment, Peak Calling, and Visualization

Module 3: Introduction to WGBS and Analysis

Module 4: Downstream Analysis and Integrative Tools

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