Assessing Noncoding Functional Elements by Experimental and Computational Means

Current Topics in Genome Analysis

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Comparative Sequence Analysis

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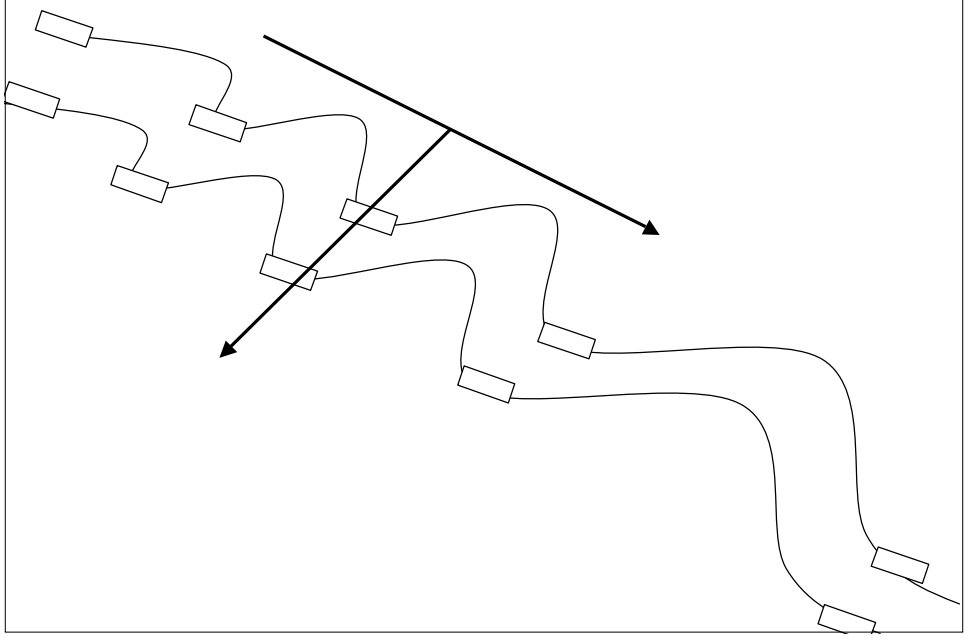
Current Topics Lecture *3-1-05*

- Tools for aligning genomic sequences
- Electing to use multiple species
- Conservation as an indicator of functional elements
- Sequence similarities reflect evolutionary relationships

Intra- and Interspecies Sequence Comparisons



How do I use genomic databases to find information about functional elements that might regulate expression of my gene of interest?

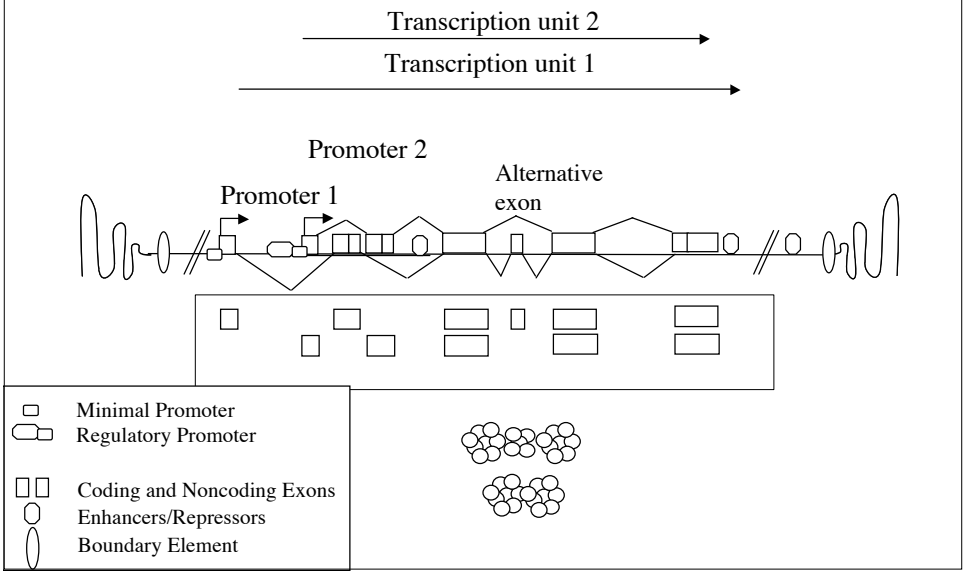
Outline

- Classes of Functional Elements
- Computational Analyses
- Experimental Analyses/Validation
- Preponderance of Evidence

Functional Elements

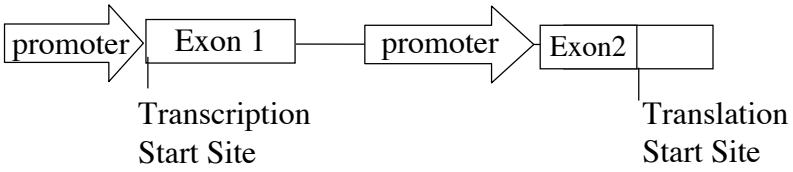
- Intragenic Functional Elements
  - Coding Exons
  - Untranslated Regions (UTRs)
  - Introns
- Intergenic Functional Elements
  - Boundary Elements
- Regulators of Gene Expression
  - Promoters
  - Enhancers/Repressors

A Typical Genomic Locus



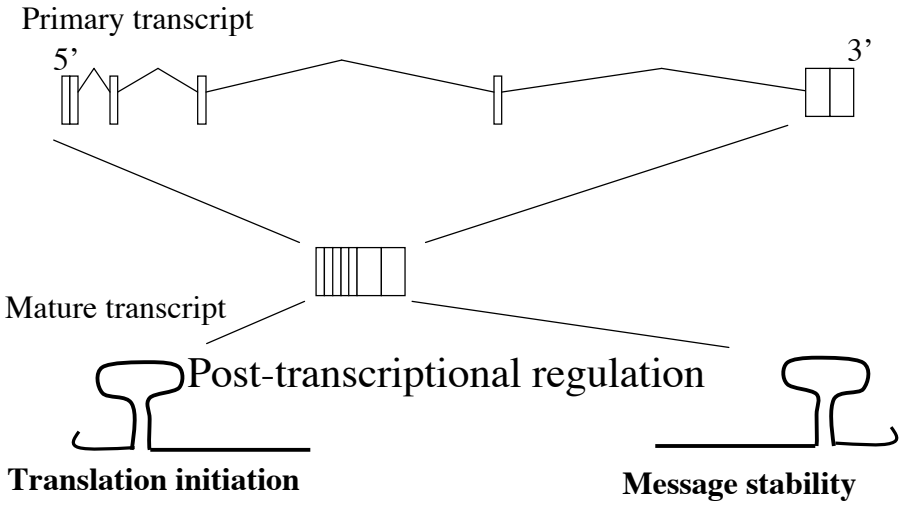
UTRs

- Often omitted from gene annotations
- 5' UTRs indicate transcription start site

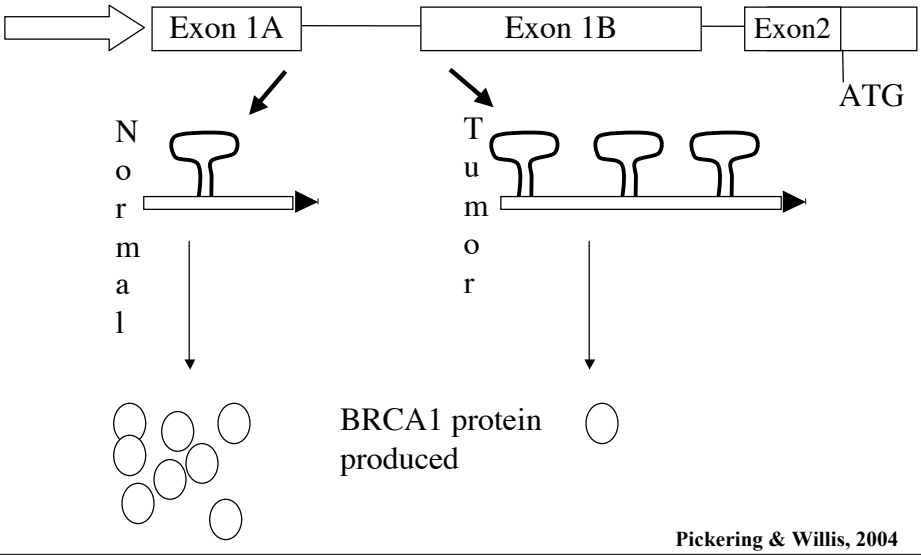


- Can be regulatory in nature

Secondary Structures in UTRs

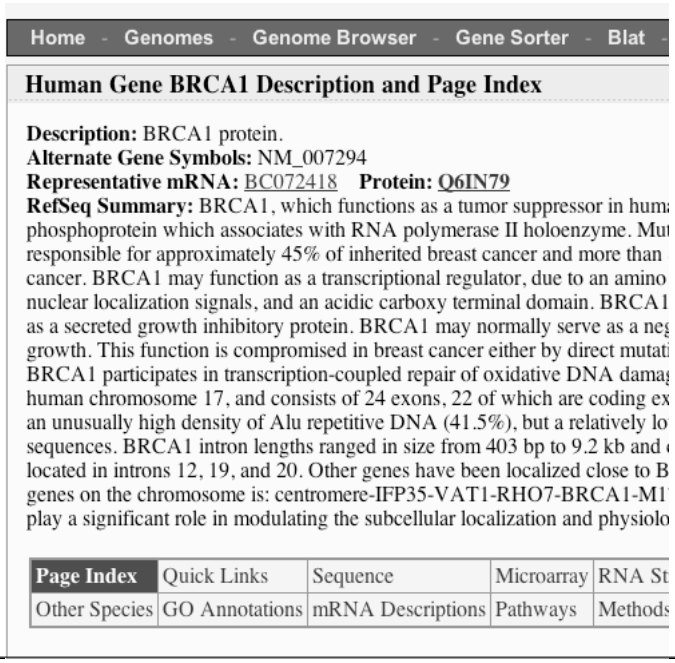


A Working Example: BRCA1



Pickering & Willis, 2004

Genome Browser - Description Page



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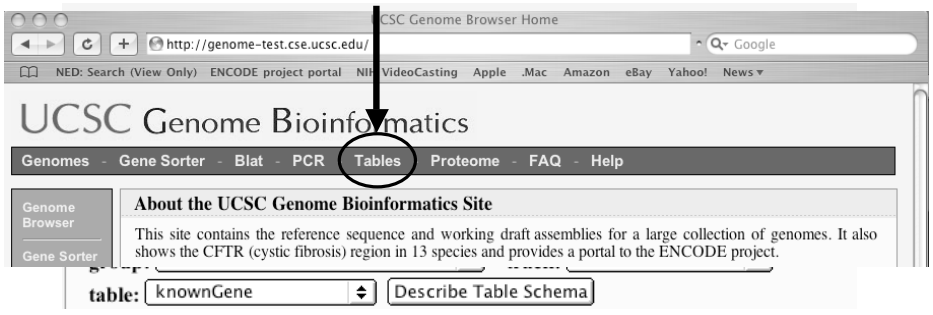

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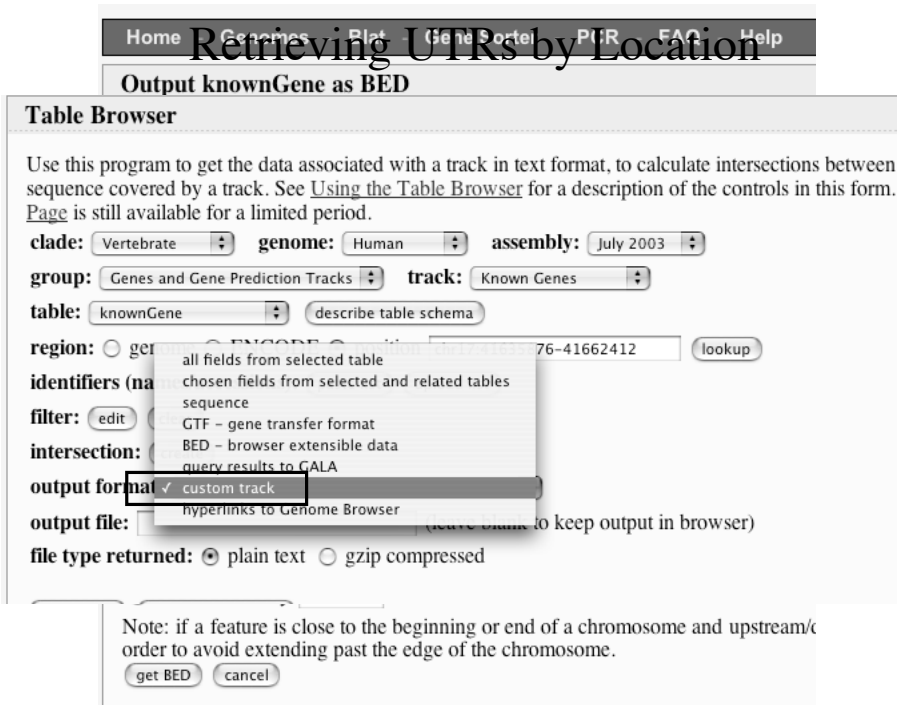

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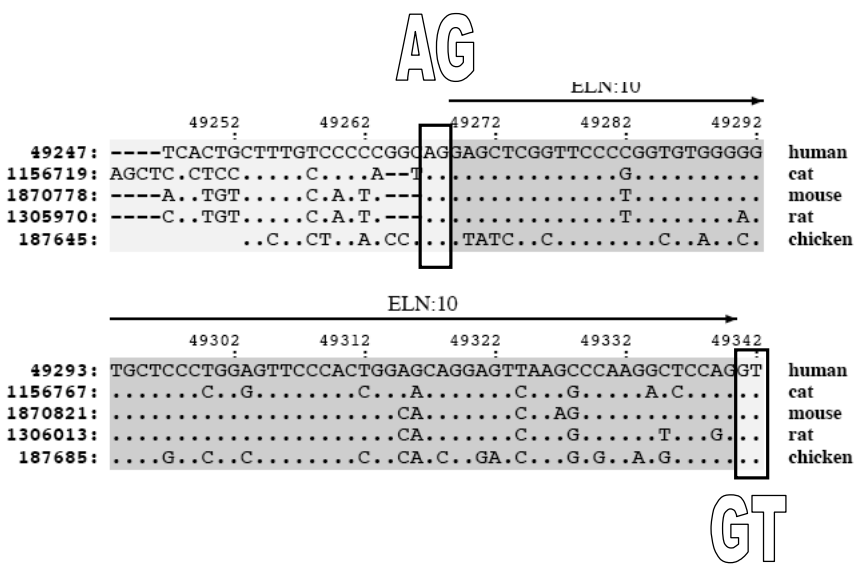
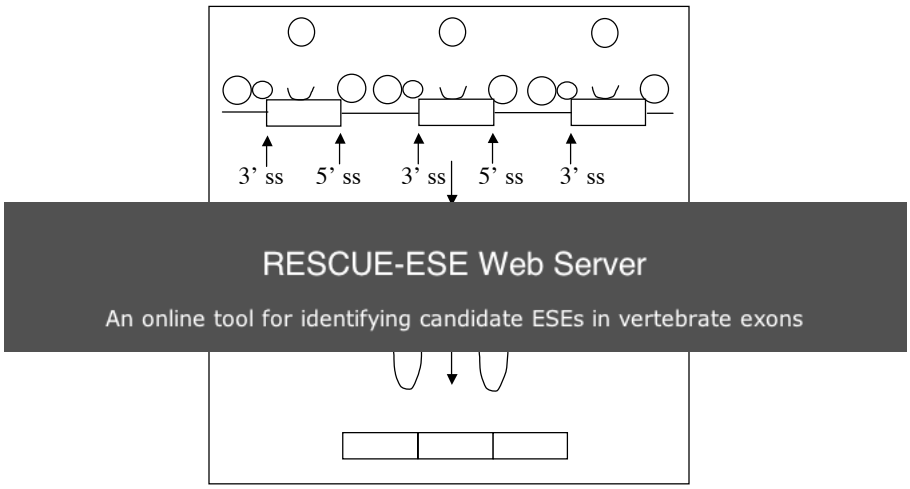


Splicing Enhancers (Exonic)



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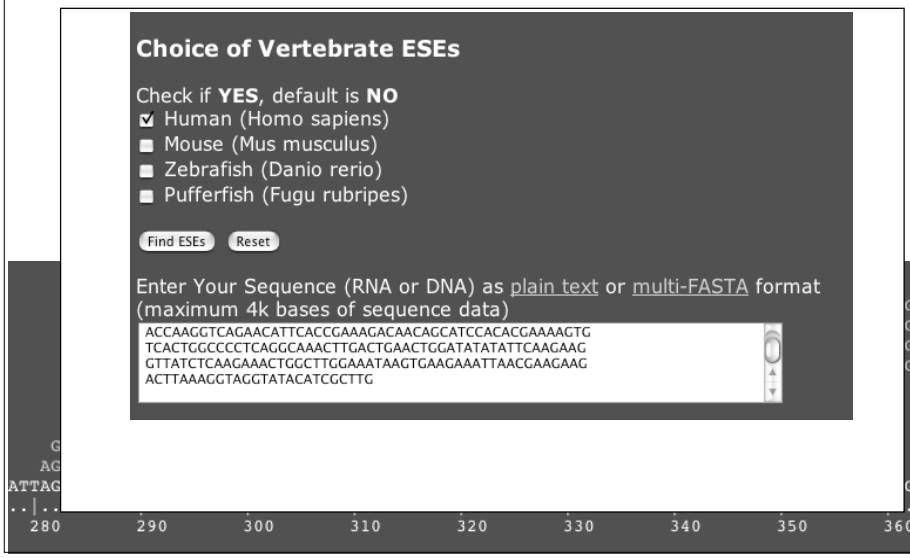
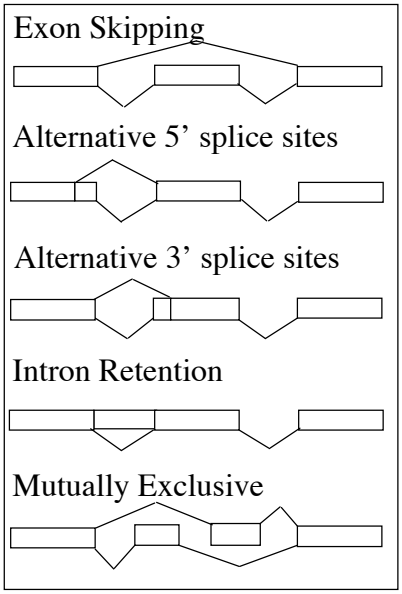
RESCUE-ESE Server



Alternative splicing events



Conserved across species:

38%

18%

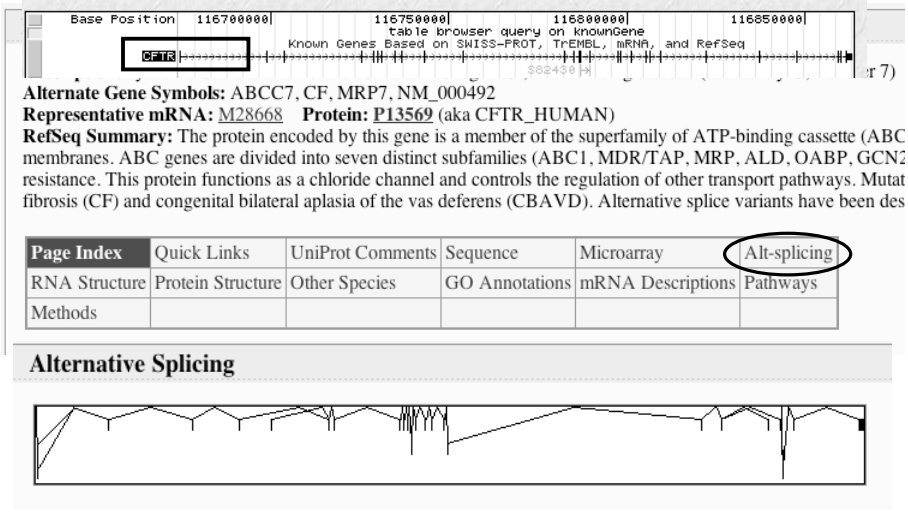
8%

3%

N/A

Nature Reviews Genetics
5; 773-782 (2004)

UCSC Alt-splicing Data



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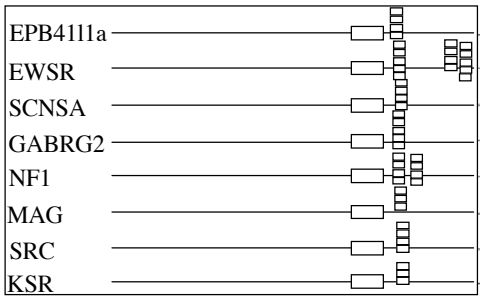
Splicing Enhancers (Intronic)



UGCAUG

- Associated with alternatively spliced exons that have brain specific expression pattern.
- Show conservation across mammalian species

Minovitsky et al. NAR 2005

Cis-Acting Regulatory Elements

Defined with respect to location and orientation from the transcription start site

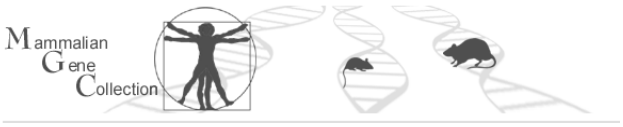
- Promoters
  - Proximal to transcription start site
  - Determine timing of gene expression during development
  - Recruit basal transcription machinery
- Enhancers/(Repressors)
  - Act in a distance and orientation independent manner
  - Augment the level of expression or choice of tissue specificity

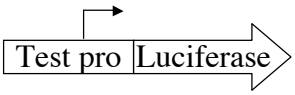
• Core Promoters

Elements located proximal to transcription start sites that determine the timing of gene expression during development and act to recruit the basal transcription machinery.

High Throughput Promoter Analysis

Identification and functional analysis of human transcriptional promoters.
Trinklein et al. (2003) Genome Research 13(2):308-312.



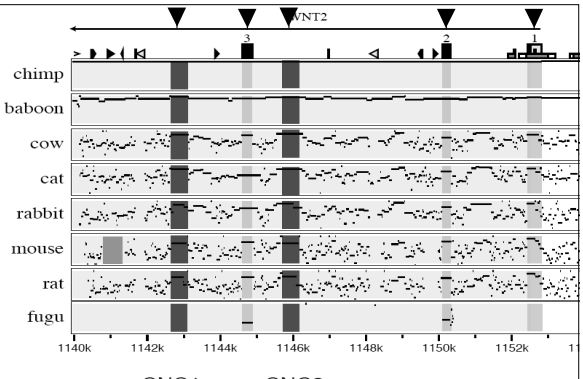


- Upstream regions from the Mammalian Gene Collection.
- 90% of tested predictions are positive for function
- Over 40,000 mapped candidate promoters in the human genome.

Available at genome-test.cse.ucsc.edu
April 2003

• Enhancers

• Identify candidate e
through multiple sec
alignment



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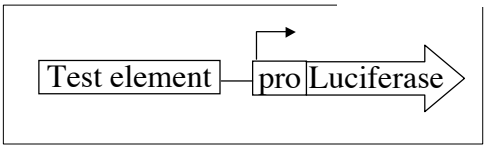
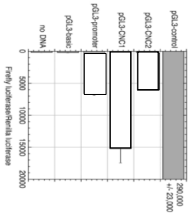
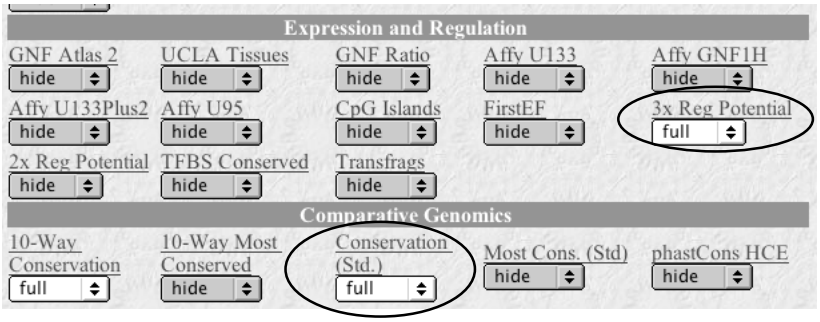




Transfection Assay

Annotations of Putative Regulatory Regions

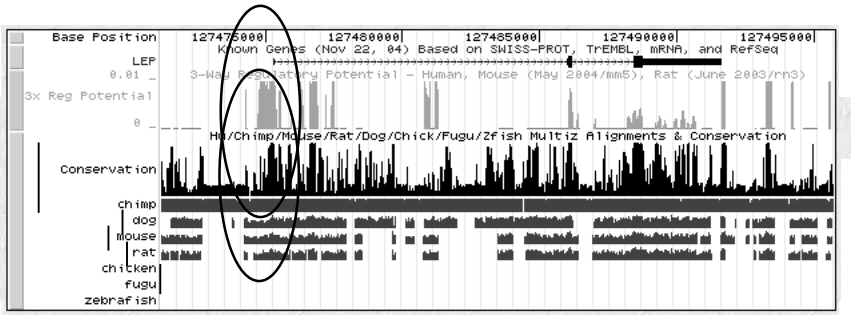


Regulatory Predictions

Conservation

PhyloHMM (PhastCons)

Regulatory Potential Scores



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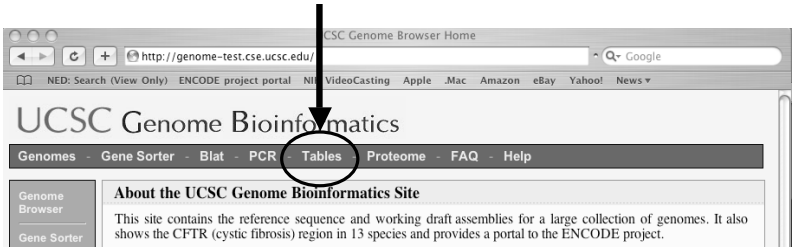

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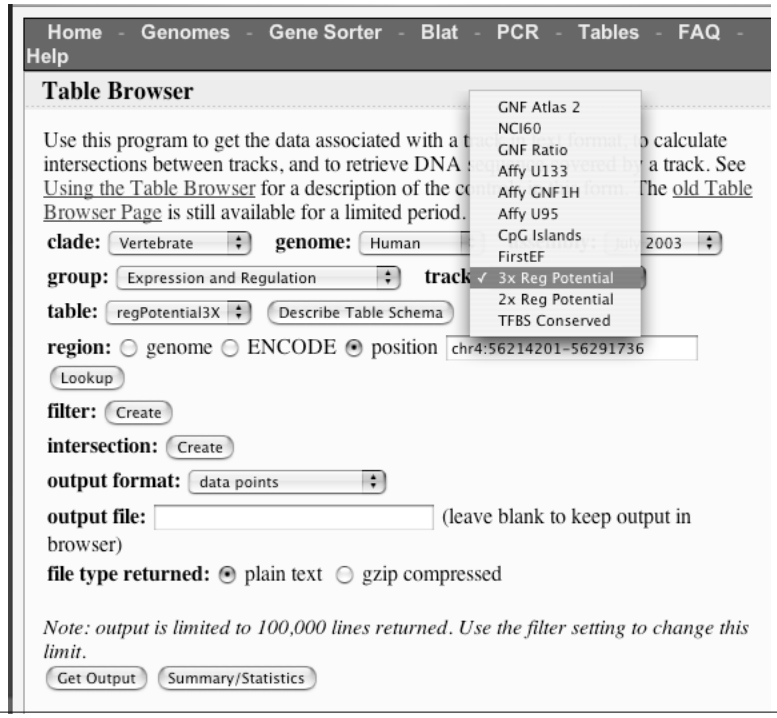
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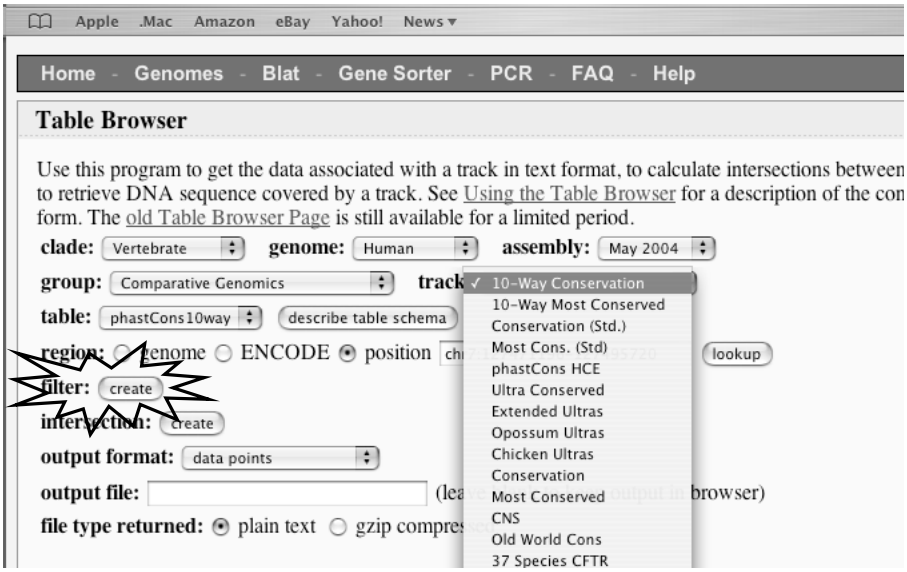
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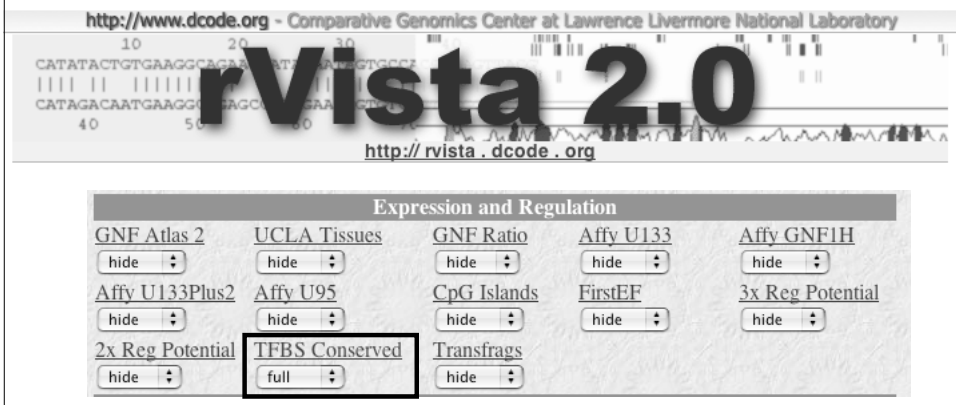
Binding Site Prediction

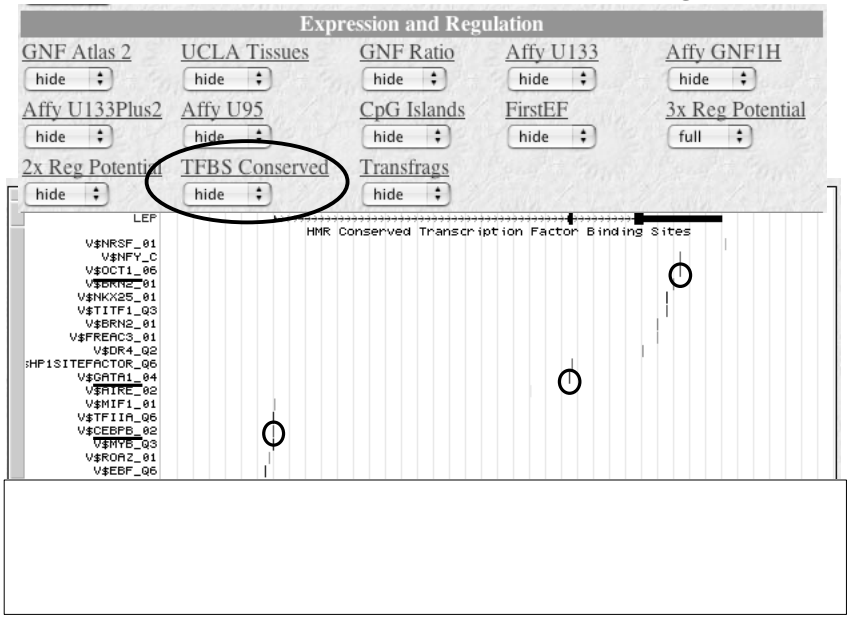
http://zlab.bu.edu/zlab/gene.shtml

- Regulatory Networks
- Clusters of binding sites
- High-througpout approaches
- Precomputed, Genome-Wide Analyses (rVista/zPicture, Genome Browser, Table-Browser/GALA)

Visualizing Binding Sites on Alignments as Genome Annotations



Genome Browser Conserved Binding Sites



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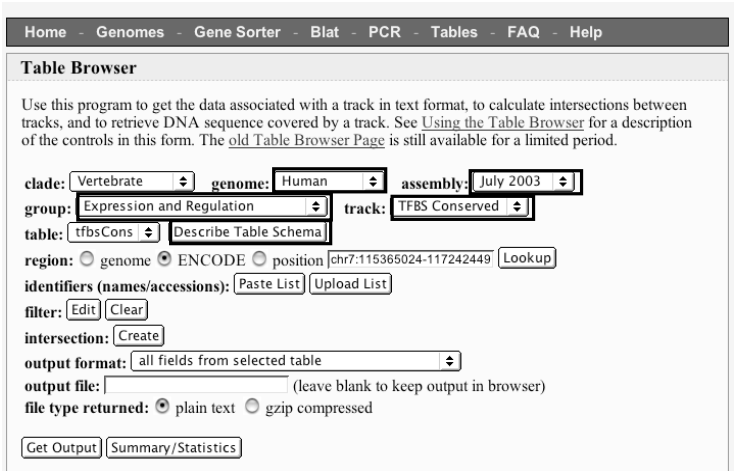
Filtering on Binding Sites



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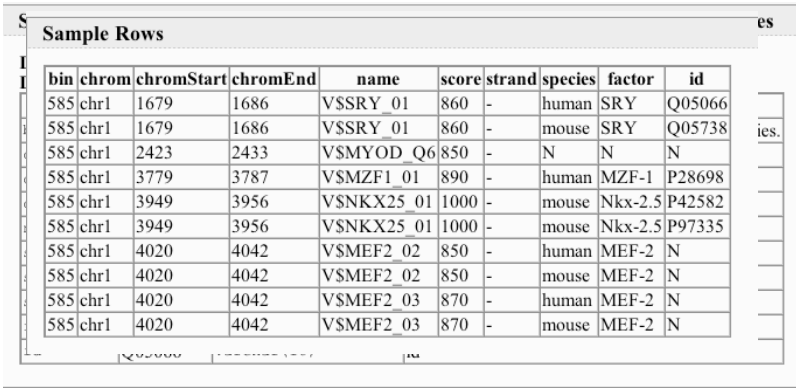

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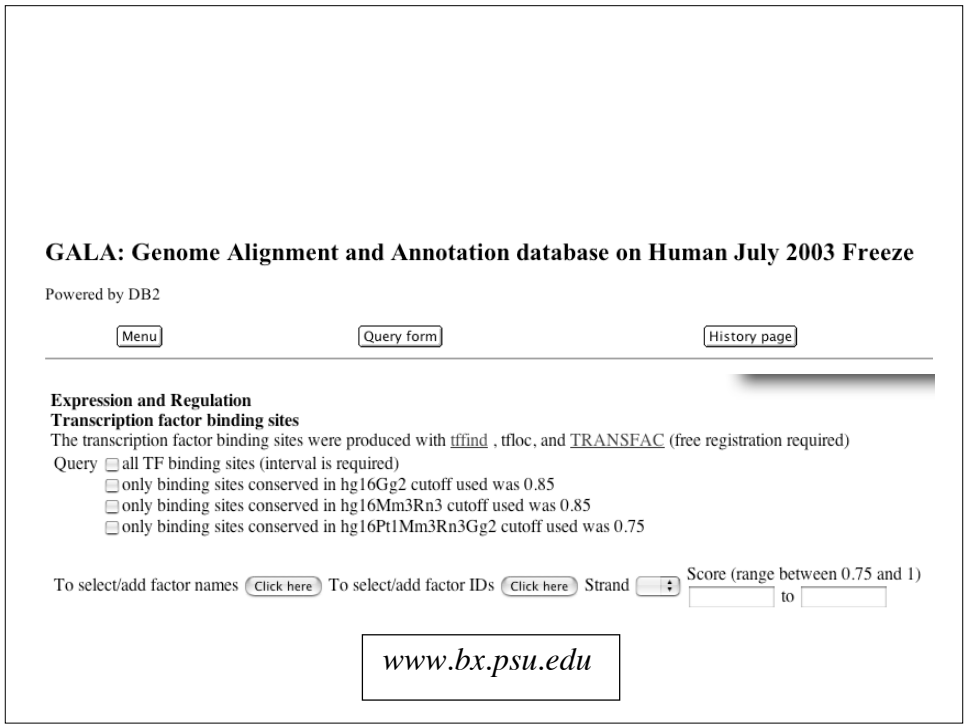
- Sample data



Experimental Approaches

- Inference

  Altered chromatin structure

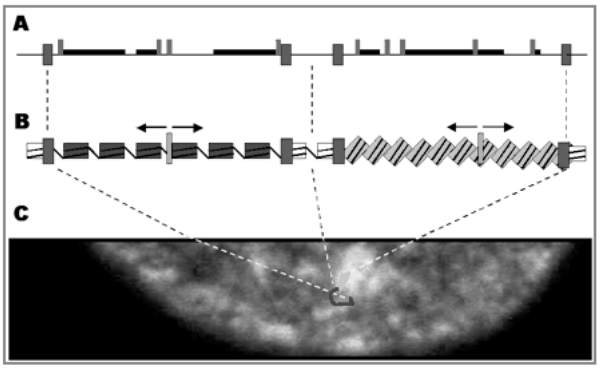
- Verification

  Protein binding sites

- Prediction

  High throughput assays

Levels of Gene Regulation



Linear Sequence

Chromatin Conformation

Nuclear Location

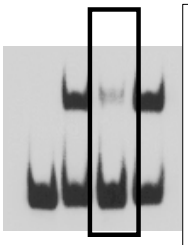
Roel van Driel Journal of Cell Science: 4067-4075 (2003)

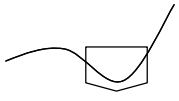
Detecting Protein Binding

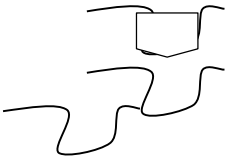
Gel Shift / EMSA (Electrophoretic Mobility Shift Assay)

Purified Proteins
Nuclear Extracts

Free probe →





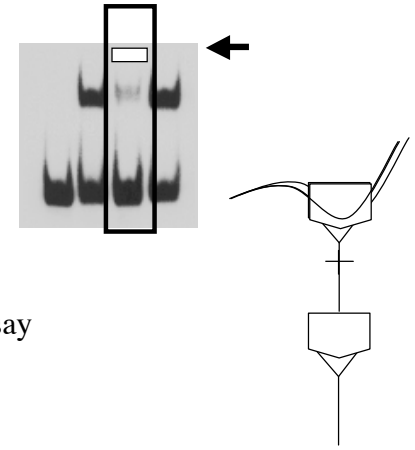


Nuclear Extracts

- Competition Assay
- Supershift assay

Detecting Protein Binding

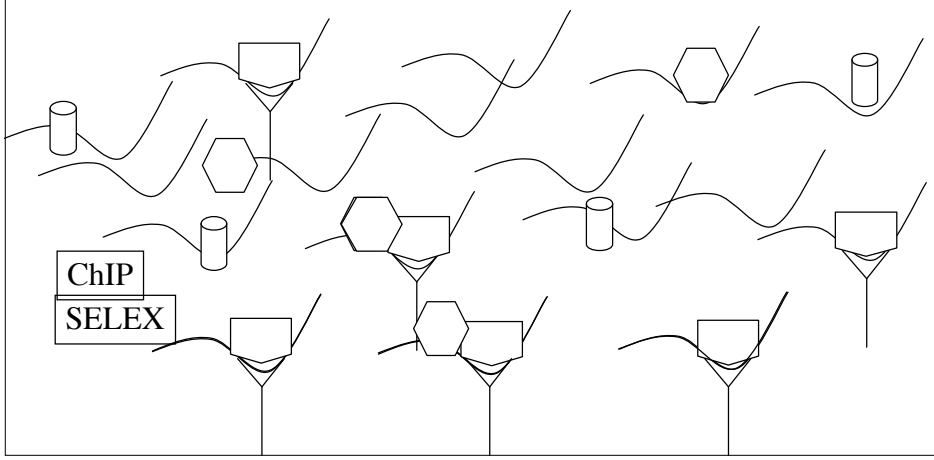
Gel Shift / EMSA (Electrophoretic Mobility Shift Assay)



• Supershift assay

Identifying Preferred Motifs

• Chromatin immunoprecipitation "ChIP"
• SELEX (Casting)



PWM

BIOBASE
Biological Databases/Biologische Datenbanken
TRANSFAC - PathoDB
TRANSPATH - S/MARt DB
TRANSCompel - Cytomer

Gene Regulation http://www.gene-regulation.com/

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02	2	0	24	0	G
03	1	0	0	25	T
04	2	0	0	24	T
05	25	0	0	1	A
06	20	2	1	3	A
07	2	0	0	24	T
08	8	3	8	7	N
09	16	0	1	9	W
10	3	1	1	21	T
11	1	4	0	21	T
12	16	1	6	3	A
13	9	11	3	3	M
14	7	14	0	5	M
15	11	7	4	3	N

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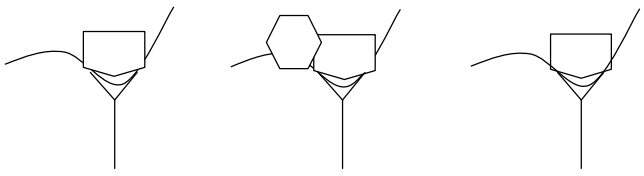
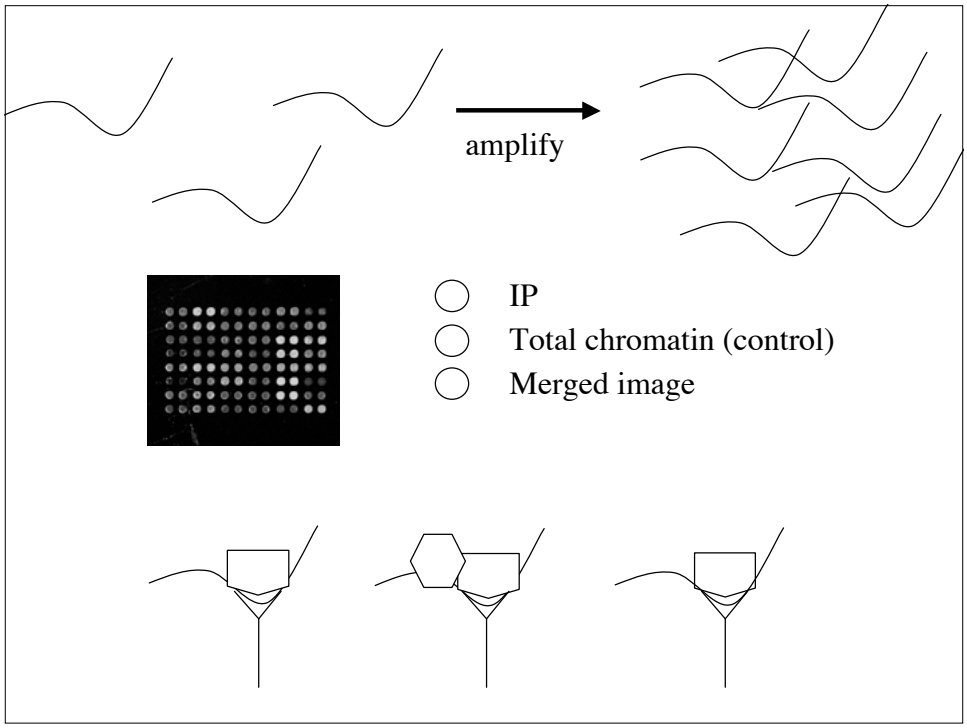
BA 26 binding sites from 20 genes

High Throughput Binding Assays

- ChIP-chip
  chromatin immunoprecipitation using DNA microarray chips
  - Detects Protein-DNA Interactions (Direct)
  - Protein-Protein Interactions (Indirect)





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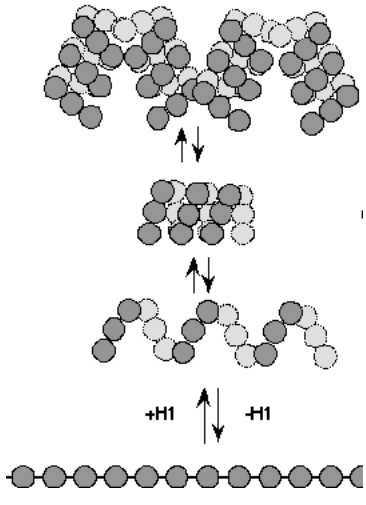


solenoid
- Transcriptionally inactive
- Nuclease insensitive

~ 30 nm fiber
- Decreasing levels of compaction

Beads on a string
10 nm fiber, with exposed linker region

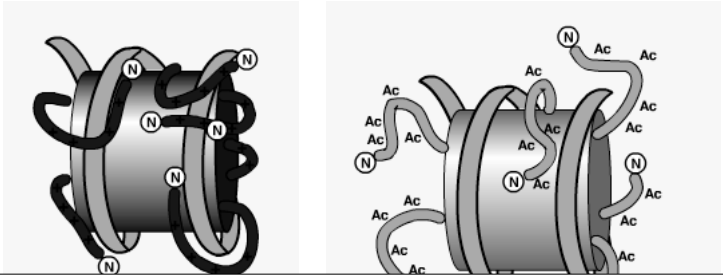
Detectable Histone Modifications

Gross rearrangements : movement or removal

Detected by DNAse I sensitivity

Subtle alterations: methylation, actylation, phosphorylation

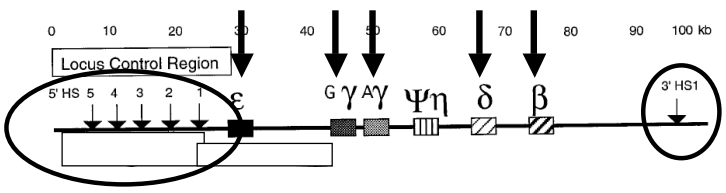
Detected by ChIP assays



http://www-schreiber.chem.harvard.edu/home/animation.html

Chromatin and Gene Expression

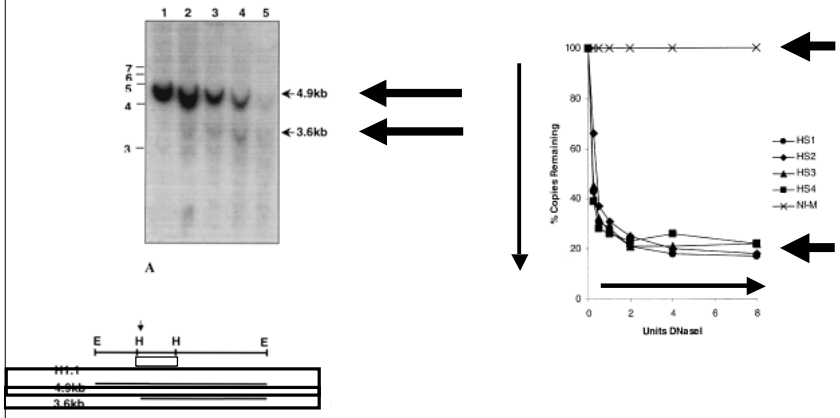
- Changes in chromatin conformation can be measured by accessibility of DNA to cleavage by DNase I
- DNase I *hypersensitivity* is an indicator of relaxed chromatin
- Often seen prior to detectable gene expression



DNAse I Assays

- Targeted Loci
  - *In vitro* and *in vivo*
    - Indirect end-labeling/ Southern Blot
    - Quantitative PCR
- High-Throughput Analyses
  - Cloning endpoints of enzymatic cleavage

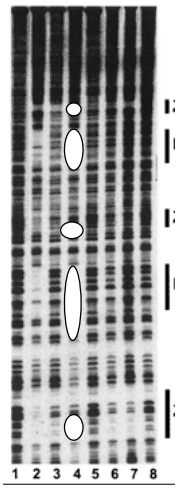
DNAse I Assays



Indirect end-labeling/ Southern Blot

Quantitative PCR

DNAse I Footprinting

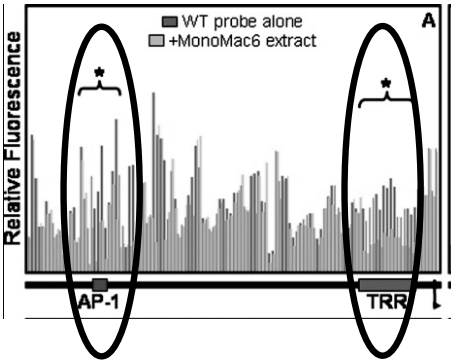


Identifies regions inaccessible to the enzyme that cleaves the DNA

"DNAse Protection"

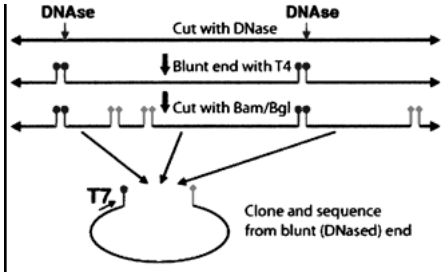
Advancing Technologies

Automated sequencing machines for hypersensitivity assays



Base pair resolution

High Throughput DNAse I Hypersensitivity



Identifying gene regulatory elements by genome-wide recovery of DNase hypersensitive sites.
Crawford et al. (2004) Proc Natl Acad Sci U S A. 101:992-7.

Characteristics Implicating Function

- Location in genome
- Conservation in a multiple sequence alignment
- Predictive tracks
- Collections of Protein binding sites

The ENCODE project- Amassing high-throughput data indicative of functional elements

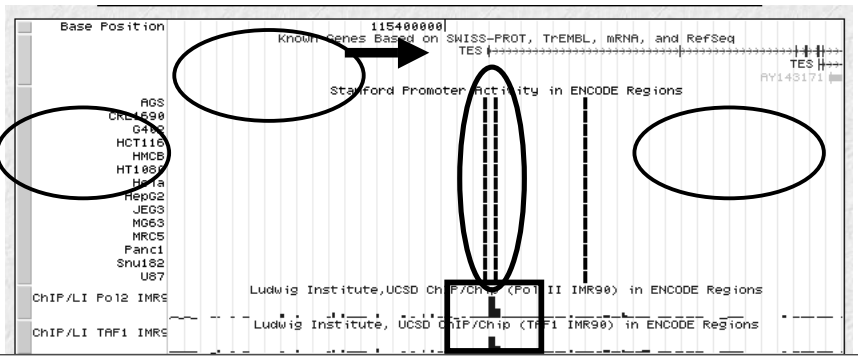
http://genome.cse.ucsc.edu/encode/

The ENCODE Project: ENCyclopedia Of DNA Elements

- Overview
- Consortium Membership
- Data Release Policy
- Accessing ENCODE Data
- Common Consortium Resources
- Target Selection Process and Target Regions
- Comparative Sequence Analysis
- Meeting Reports
- Request for Application (RFA)
- Press Releases and Publications
- Program Staff

http://www.genome.gov/10005107

Features that identify promoters



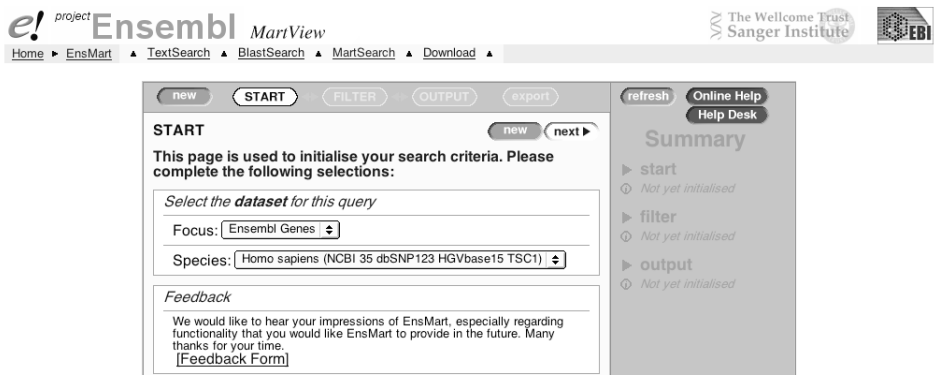
DNAse I hypersensitivity ?

Integrative Data Management

Servers providing tools to:

- Compare and contrast annotation tracks
- Include or exclude features on command
- Progressively refine the search criteria

EnsMart Genome Data Mining Tool



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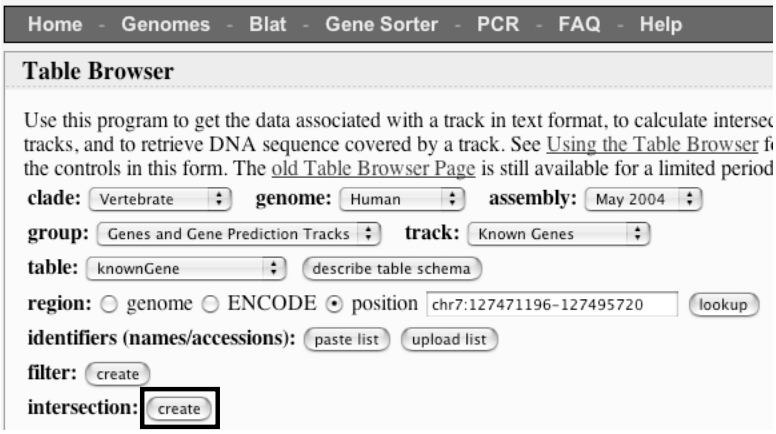
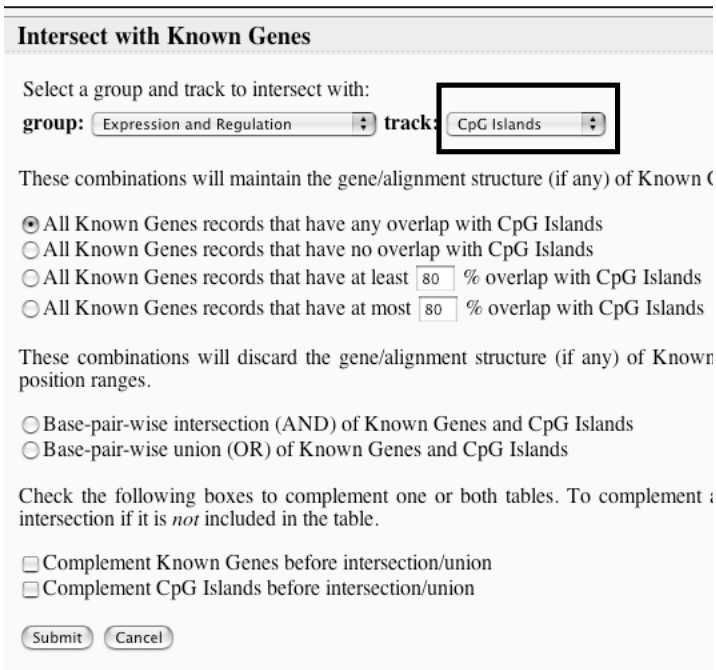
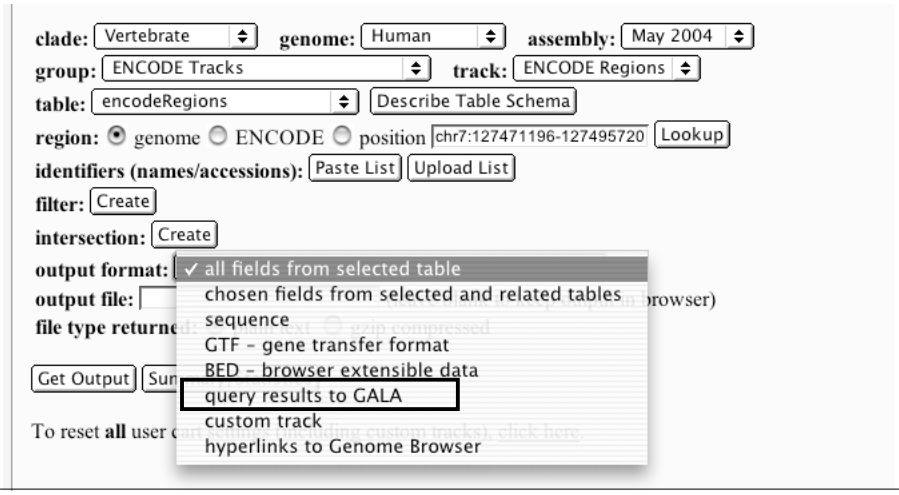
Compound Queries with Table Browser





Additional Query/Analysis Tools

GALA Database



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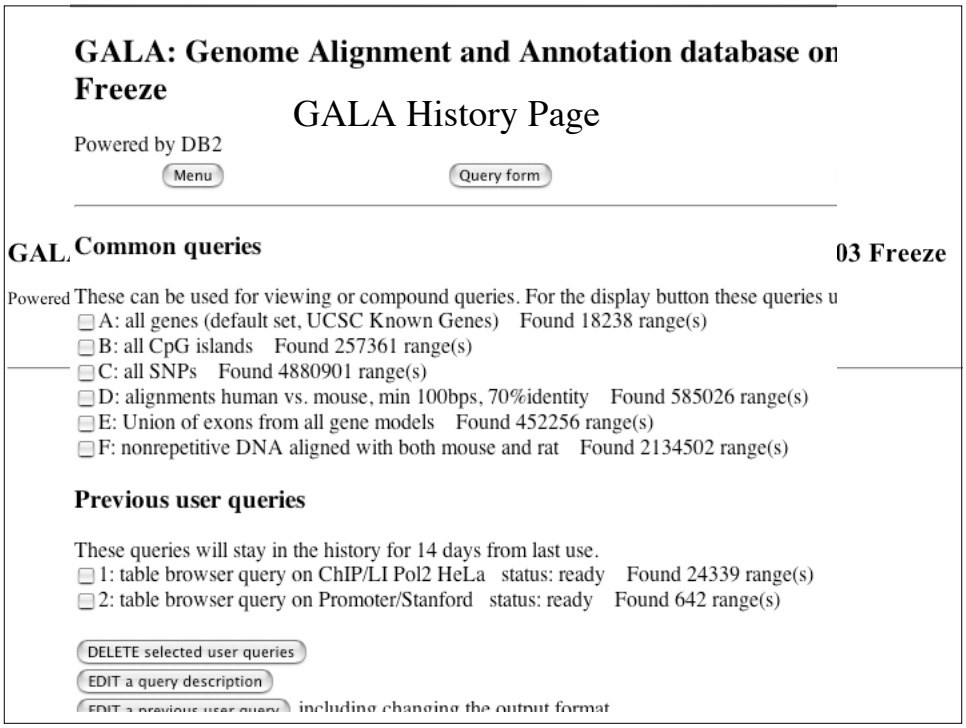


GALA Compound Queries

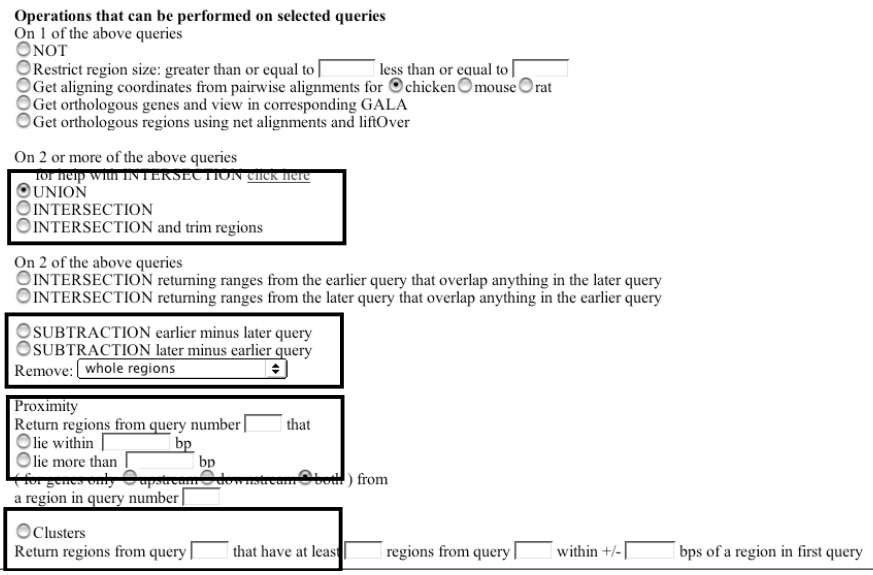
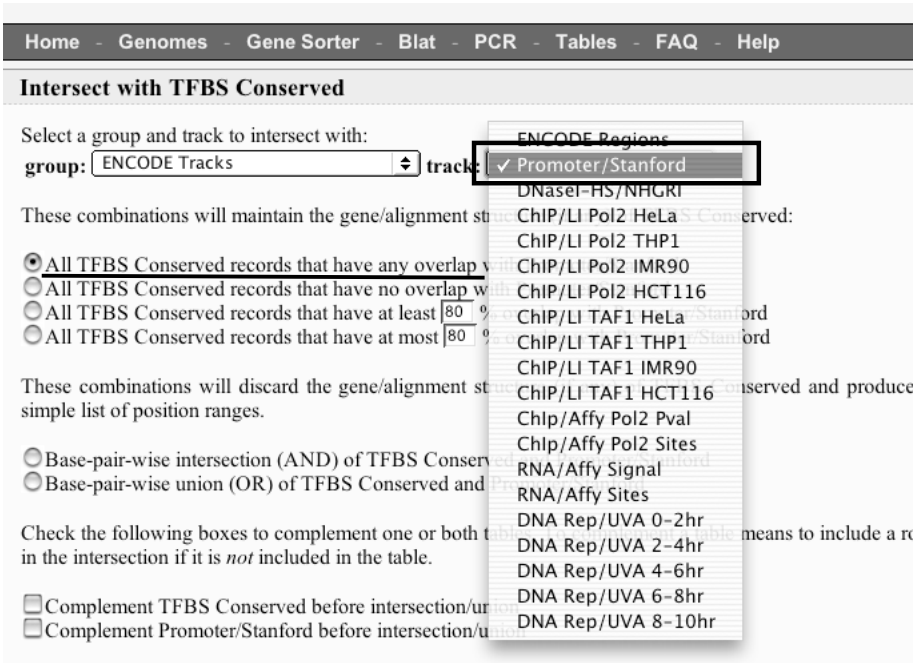


Table Browser Query

Request:

Identify promoters that are regulated by muscle-specific factors

- Of all functional ENCODE promoters (Stanford Promoters Track)
- *How many correspond to conserved regions in mammals?*
- *How many have a conserved MEF-2 site?*


Home - Genomes - Gene Sorter - Blat - PCR - Tables - FAQ - Help
Intersect with TFBS Conserved
Select a group and track to intersect with:
group: ENCODE Tracks
track:
ENCODE Regions
Promoter/Stanford
DNaseI-HS/NHGRI
ChIP/LI Pol2 HeLa
ChIP/LI Pol2 THP1
ChIP/LI Pol2 IMR90
ChIP/LI Pol2 HCT116
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ChIP/LI TAF1 THP1
ChIP/LI TAF1 IMR90
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DNA Rep/UVA 4-6hr
DNA Rep/UVA 6-8hr
DNA Rep/UVA 8-10hr
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All TFBS Conserved records that have any overlap
All TFBS Conserved records that have no overlap
All TFBS Conserved records that have at least 80 %
All TFBS Conserved records that have at most 80 %
These combinations will discard the gene/alignment st
simple list of position ranges.
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Complement Promoter/Stanford before intersection/u

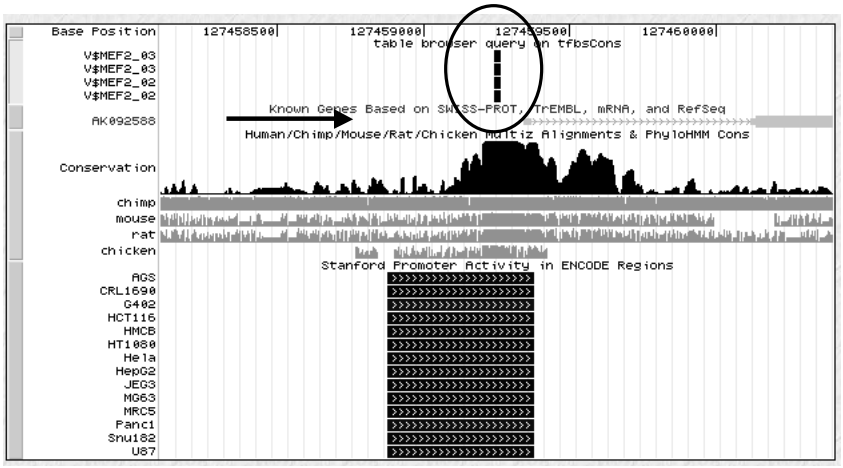
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table browser query on tfbsCons
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Known Genes Based on SWISS-PROT, TrEMBL, mRNA, and RefSeq
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Human/Chimp/Mouse/Rat/Chicken Multiz Alignments & PhyloHMM Cons
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mouse
rat
chicken
Stanford Promoter Activity in ENCODE Regions
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Table Browser - GALA Query

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- *Can we identify clusters of binding sites in active promoters?*

GALA Query

Rationale: Identify clusters of MEF-2 and MYOD binding sites in promoters analyzed by the Stanford Group

Expression and Regulation
Transcription factor binding sites
The transcription factor binding sites were produced with tffind , tfloc, and TRANSFAC (free registration require

Query ☐ all TF binding sites (interval is required)
☐ only binding sites conserved in hg16Gg2 cutoff used was 0.85
☑ only binding sites conserved in hg16Mm3Rn3 cutoff used was 0.85
☐ only binding sites conserved in hg16Pt1Mm3Rn3Gg2 cutoff used was 0.75

Previous user queries

These queries will stay in the history for 14 days from last use.
☐ 1: table browser query on ChIP/~~LI Pol2 HeLa status: ready~~ Found 24339 range(s)
☐ 2: table browser query on Promoter/Stanford status: ready Found 642 range(s)
☐ 3: (only binding sites conserved in hg16Mm3Rn3) AND (factor ID = V$MEF2_01, V$MEF2_02, V$MEF2_..) status: ready Found 2284 range(s)
☐ 4: (only binding sites conserved in hg16Mm3Rn3) AND (factor ID = V$MYOD_01, V$MYOD_Q6) statu Found 158646 range(s)

☑ V$MEF2_01
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