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ChIP Workshop

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OBJECTIVES

Day 1

- ChIP overviewChip-qPCR vs. ChIP-Seq
- Chromatin preparation
 Fixation, Cell lysis and Chromatin shearing
- Setting up IP
 Antibodies, Replicates, inputs, controls

Day 2

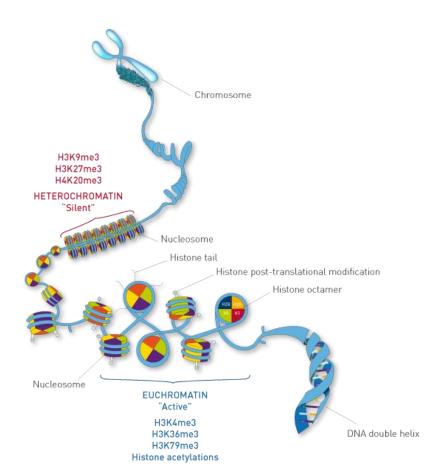
- ChIP-qPCR
- ChIP-seq: library prep & sequencing
- ChIP-seq: analysis
- Overview of Alternate methods





What is Chromatin?

A complex of DNA and proteins found in eukaryotic cells

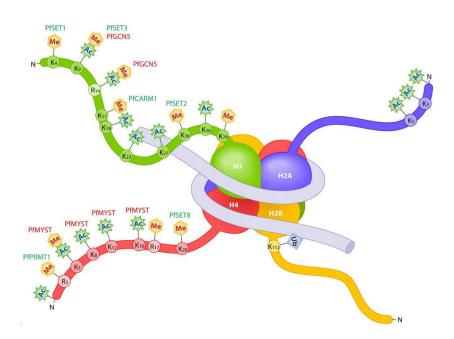


INTRODUCTION



What is Chromatin?

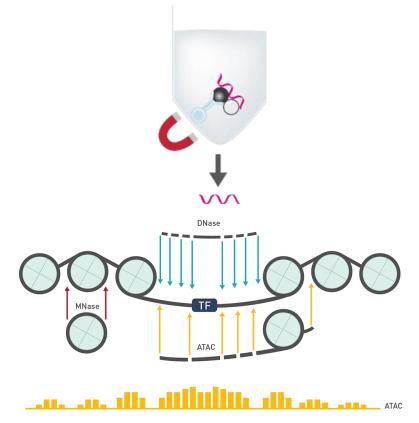
- Identifying genome-wide DNA binding sites for histones, transcription factors and other proteins
- Defines transcription factor (TF) binding sites
- Reveals gene regulatory networks in combination with RNA sequencing and methylation analysis





CHROMATIN ANALYSIS

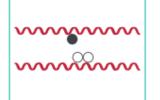
- Interaction between proteins and DNA (immuno- assays)
 - ChIP-qPCR
 - ChIP-Seq
 - Cut&Run and Cut&TAG
- Methods to study chromatin accessibility (non-immuno assays)
 - ATAC-seq



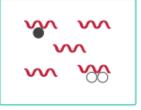


Workflow: Chromatin ImmunoPrecipitation (ChIP):

Step 1



Cross link to fix proteins to DNA Step 2

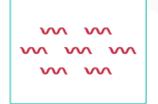


Shear chromatin

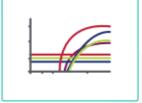
Step 3



Immunoprecipitate with antibody and magnetic beads Step 4



Reverse crosslinks and purify Step 5



Analyze by qPCR

Step 6



Prepare the libraries for NGS



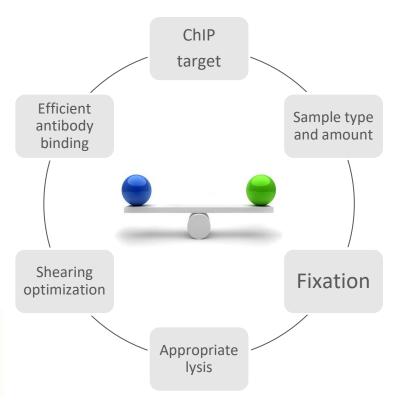
ChIP-qPCR or ChIP-Seq?

ChIP-qPCR	ChIP-Seq	
Single-locus data	Genome-wide data suitable for exploratory analysis	
QC step for ChIP-seq		
Low-cost	High sequencing costs Longer protocol	
Fast		
	High sequencing turnaround time	





Summary – Tips to Prepare Good Chromatin



Guide for successful chromatin preparation using the Bioruptor® Pico



Starting material: Cells and Tissues

Cells

ChIP: 1 million/IP for histones, 4 million/IP for TF (less depending on histone/TF) low-input ChIP: 10k/IP for histones

Tissues

Amount – 20-30 mg/IP Dounce homogenization for soft tissues (e.g. liver or brain) Bead beater like TissueLyser for hard fibrous frozen tissues (e.g. muscles)

FFPE tissue

Challenging due to extensive crosslinking
Heptane instead of xylene for de-paraffinization -> easier, non-toxic workflow



Fixation

Covalent stabilization of protein-DNA interactions; Reversible
 Directly in medium for weak or rare protein-DNA interaction
 For histone marks, cells can be resuspended by trypsinization before fixation

Common fixative: Formaldehyde

Fresh

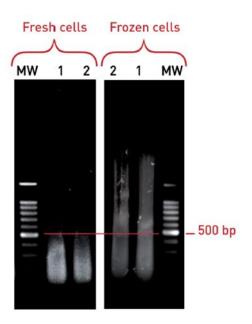
Methanol-free not mandatory

Target Fixator	Formaldehyde	ChIP Cross-link Gold C01019021
Histones	Yes (8-10 min)	No need
Transcriptional factors directly bound to DNA	Yes (10-20 min)	No need
Indirect higher order and/or dynamic interactions	Yes (10-15 min)	Yes (30-45 min)



Cell Lysis

- One step lysis for low cell numbers
 - Lyse cells directly with an SDS-containing buffer
- Two step lysis standard protocol, difficult cells
 - Remove soluble cytosolic proteins first
 - Improves sonication efficiency
 - Reduces background
- Tips/Tricks/Critical steps:
 - Incubate on ice to start lysis and get narrower fragments size
 - Centrifuge to remove soluble membranes and cytosol
 - Avoid freezing chromatin if possible





Stopping Points

Cells

- Fix cells, lyse, isolate & shear chromatin -> freeze
- Fix cells, lyse, isolate chromatin -> freeze
- Fix cells -> freeze

Tissues

- Fix tissue, lyse, isolate & shear chromatin -> freeze
- Freeze prior fixation



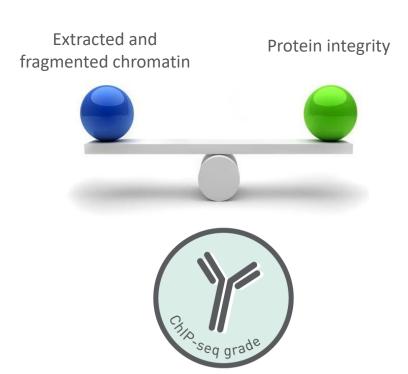
Optimal: Perform ChIP workflow directly, without freezing



Secrets of ChIP Success

- Prepare "good" chromatin
 - Suitable fragment size and available epitopes
- Use a good antibody at the right concentration

 Optimize for highest specific signal and the lowest background



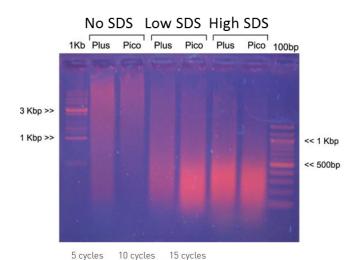


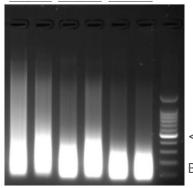
Chromatin Shearing

- 100-800 bp fragments, peak 200-500bp
- Use a good sonicator
 Gentle not to dislodge protein
 Uniform and reproducible energy
 Temperature control at 4°C
 Multiplex and easy to use



- Shearing buffer with detergents, preferably SDS
 Increase sonication efficiency and chromatin yield
 Improve epitope availability
 Balance shearing and downstream IP
- Sample concentration
- Select the shortest time resulting in efficient shearing





<< 500bp

Bioruptor Pico





Chromatin Shearing





Chromatin Shearing

Chromatin EasyShear Kits

Kit of choice for:





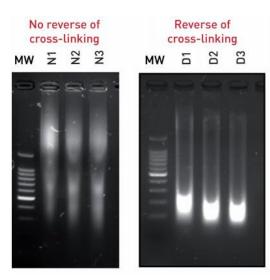
Features & Benefits

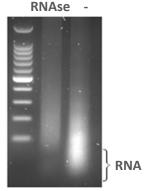
- Highly optimized for chromatin preparation
- Preserves epitope integrity
- Recommended for the optimization of the chromatin shearing of a new cell line/new sample type prior to ChIP
- Validated: Kit performance has been validated in ChIP-seq



Analyzing Fragment Size

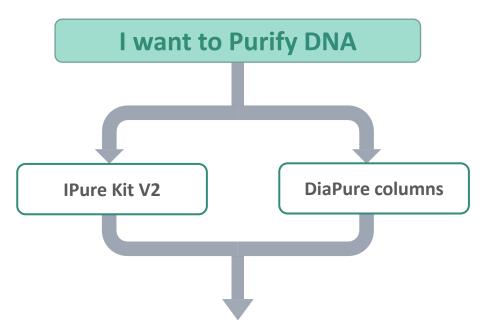
- De-crosslink
 - Residual crosslinking retards migration
- RNase treatment
 - reduces background
- DNA purification
 - IPure beads + DiaMag magnetic rack
 - Low inputs: DiaPure columns (eluted in 6 μl)
- Electrophoretic analysis
 - 1.2 1.8% agarose gel
 - 300 ng or 60k cells per lane
 - Low inputs: FragmentAnalyzer, 2k cells







DNA Purification



Provides pure DNA for any downstream application (e. g. NGS)



DNA Purification

IPure Kit v2

- Best yields
- Recovery of small amounts of DNA
- No toxic reagents (e.g. phenol/chloroform)
- Compatible with automation





MicroChIP DiaPure columns

- Perfect for low concentrated samples (elution from 6 μl)
- DNA recovery 70-90% (50bp 10kB)
- No toxic reagents (e.g. phenol/chloroform)

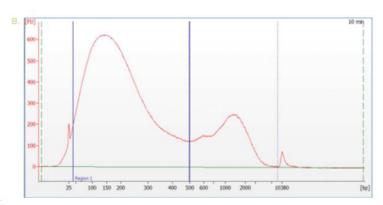




Analyzing fragment size

- Use agarose gel or fragment analyzer
- Bioanalyzer or Tapestation:
 - Over-representation of HMW fragments
 - Log-based -> visual misinterpretation of fragment distribution
 - More sensitive to overloading, incomplete reverse crosslinking and residual contaminants



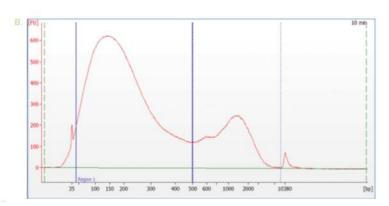


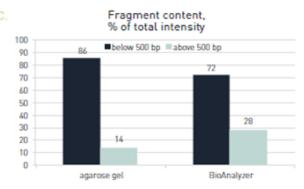


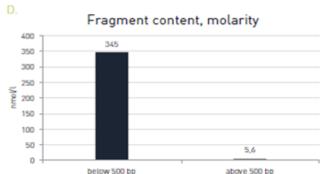
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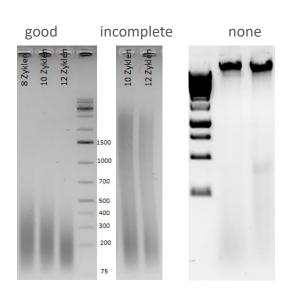
Troubleshooting Chromatin Shearing

No shearing at all

- Incomplete lysis check buffer composition
- Check instrument efficiency QC test on sonicator

Incomplete shearing

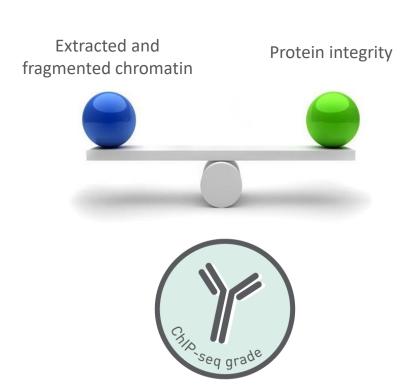
- Over-fixation: check fixative and duration
- Too high cell density
- Changes in sample require adjustment of shearing protocol
 - Fresh vs. Frozen chromatin
 - Different sample types
- Wrong consumables (tubes)
- Sample out of sonication focus
 - droplets on walls/lid of tube
 - Wrong sample volume
- Wrong temperature (should be 4°C for chromatin)
- None of the above? -> Check instrument efficiency QC test on sonicator





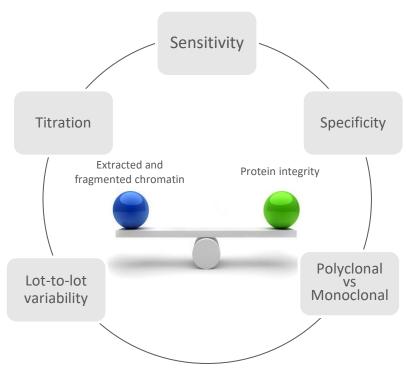
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Antibodies for ChIP





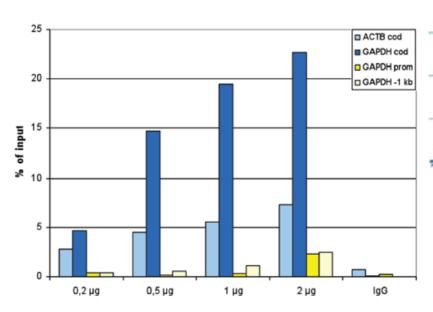
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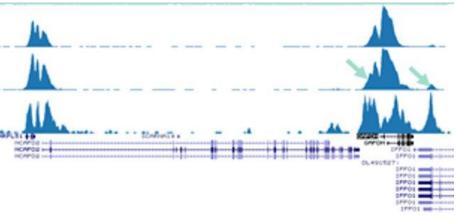




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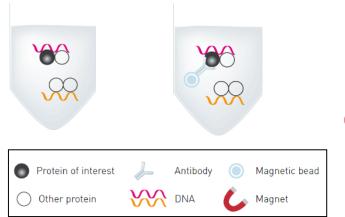
Polyclonal H3K36me3 antibody titration (Diagenode C15410192) 1µg IgG as negative IP control Chromatin from 100.000 cells







Setting up IP





Components:

- Sheared chromatin
- ChIP grade antibodies
 - -> optimized quantity
- ProteinA/G magnetic beads
- ChIP buffer
- Protease inhibitor cocktail





Antibodies for ChIP – What beads?

Agarose beads

Required: centrifuge

Sensitive to handling

High background

Risk of carry-over

Magnetic beads

Required: magnetic rack

Robust

Low background

Easy separation

Limit antibody amounts to bead capacity!



Protein G or A beads

- Both bind to IgG antibodies and are structurally similar
- Slightly different affinities for IgG subclasses across different species.
- Use appropriate depending on the IgG subtype you are using:

Protein A Rabbit Pig Dog Cat

Protein G Mouse Rat Human



Setting up IP: Input Sample

- Fraction of sheared chromatin is kept aside as INPUT
 - Processed in parallel with IP-samples from reversed crosslinking
 - Include one input for each chromatin sample
- Key reference for ChIP-qPCR and ChIP-seq analysis
- ChIP-qPCR: used to calculate the recovery (% of input)
- ChIP-seq: mandatory for bio-informatics analysis
 - Normalization for mappability of a region, avoid duplication bias etc.
 - Input pooling can be considered for ChIP-seq on very similar samples



Setting Up IP: Additional Controls

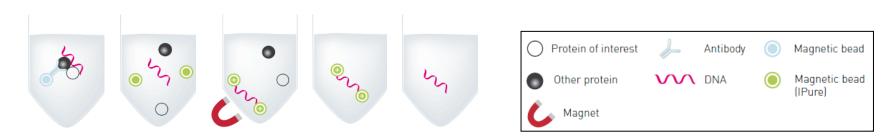
- Positive control (H3K4me3, CTCF):
 - Confirm overall efficiency of ChIP workflow ChIP optimization for new target
- Negative Control (IgG)
 - Measure of non specific IP background
 Include one negative IgG control in each series of ChIP reactions
- Not necessary to sequence these but good control for qPCR
- Biological Replicates

ChIP-qPCR ≥3

ChIP-seq ≥2



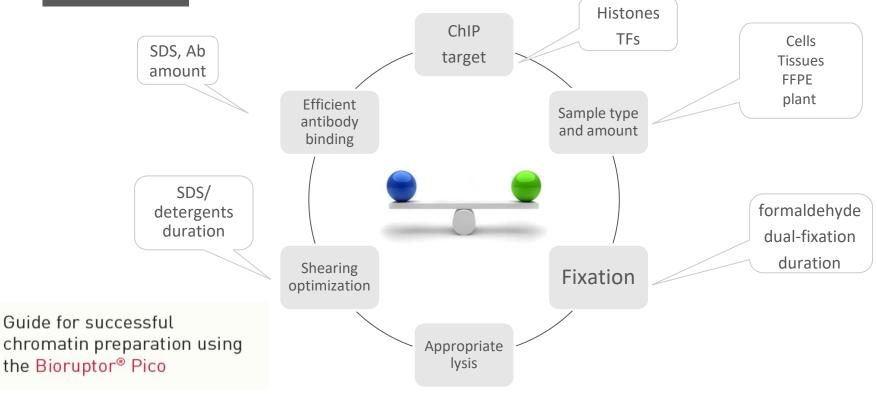
ChIP Protocol – Elution, de-crosslinking and DNA isolation



- Elution of the chromatin complexes from protein A/G-bound magnetic beads: elution buffer 30 min at RT
- Reversal of cross-links: Incubation for at least 4h at 65°C
- Isolation of the ChIP'd DNA:
 IPure magnetic beads
 Column purification (DiaPure columns for low elution volumes >6µl)



Summary – Tips to Prepare Good Chromatin





Fastest Fingers Quiz







Fastest Fingers Quiz

Can I use formaldehyde that has been open for 3 months for fixing cells?

- A. Yes, it is not an issue as long as you make a fresh dilution
- B. No, open fresh bottle





Fastest Fingers Quiz

I am working with tissues, but I do not have time to shear chromatin today. What should I do?

- A. Fix tissues, lyse and freeze chromatin shear later
- B. Fix tissues and freeze lyse and shear chromatin later
- C. Freeze fresh tissue fix, lyse and shear chromatin later



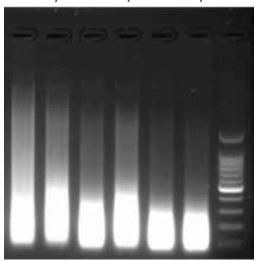


Fastest Fingers Quiz

Which cycle in the image would you use for chromatin shearing?

- A. 5 cycles
- B. 10 cycles
- C. 15 cycles

5 cycles 10 cycles 15 cycles



500 bp







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- ChIP-qPCR: analysis
- ChIP-seq: library prep & sequencing
- ChIP-seq: analysis
- Overview of Alternate methods





ChIP-qPCR

- Target & Primer selection is key for ChIP-qPCR
- Predict qPCR-targets from ChIP-seq data
- qPCR as QC prior ChIP-seq
- If no ChIP-seq data:
 estimate binding from similar data, biological function etc.
 -use multiple regions
- PCR program depends on Master Mix, qPCR system and primer pairs





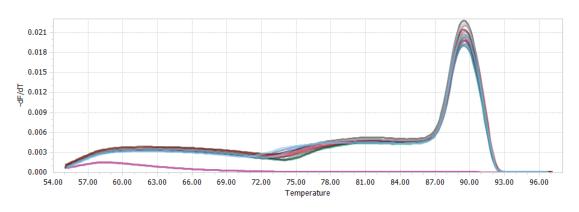
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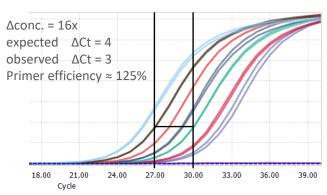
Target primer design:

- Place primers around binding site
- 50-150bp amplicons
- 20-30 bp primers with a similar Tm between 55° and 60°C

Primer pair validation:

- Check on gDNA/input for T_m profile
- Check efficiency (95-105% acceptable)

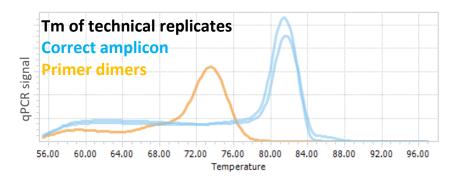






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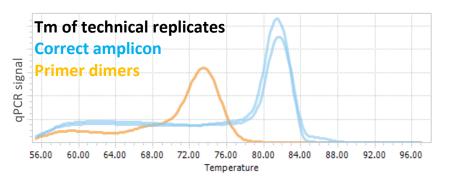
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- technical replicates within 0.3 Ct
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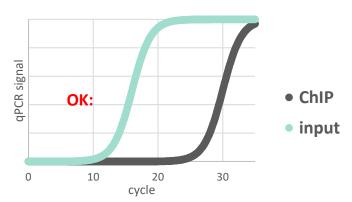
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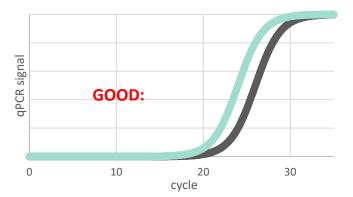
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ChIP and input samples

- Adjust amount of ChIP-sample/input to obtain comparable Ct values
- Consider primer efficiency for high ΔCt







ChIP-qPCR analysis

ChIP recovery *R*:

- chromatin recovery as % of Input
- R should be minimal for the IgG control and high for the epitope of interest

$$R = \frac{2^{Ct (input) - Ct(ChIP)}}{100 (input fraction)}$$

-> for each target separately

Input fraction is often corrected with a logarithmic compensatory factor, e.g. -6.64 Ct for 1% input

ChIP fold-enrichment F **with \Delta\DeltaCt method:**

- fold-enrichment of bound vs. epitope-"free" regions
- S varies depending on regions analyzed

$$F = \frac{R(positive \, region)}{R(negative \, region)}$$

-> main success parameter

Successful ChIP?

- If wrong regions targeted risk of false negative result
- **F** > 2 for ChIP-qPCR analysis
- F > 4 for ChIP-seq





ChIP-qPCR Exercise

Conditions: untreated (A), treated (B)

Targets: positive control (e.g. GAPDH) (P), genes of interest (G1, G2) intergenic region (N)

Antibodies: IgG, H3K4me3

Ct values

Α

P G1 G2

Ν

IgG H3K4me3 Input			Input (1% c	of sample)	
34.0	36.0	26.0	26.1	27.0	27.1
35.0	35.0	27.0	27.2	26.0	25.7
-	37.0	33.0	34.0	29.0	29.6
34.0	35.0	33.0	33.5	28.0	28.1

В

lgG H3K4me3		Input (1% c	of sample)			
	-	36.4	25.4	25.5	26.5	26.6
	35.4	36.4	26.4	26.6	25.4	25.1
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1. Technical sanity check

A

- values out of range
- high Ct-variation (>0.3) between technical replicates
- A/B inputs shifted
- Ct(H3K4me3) ≈ Ct(input)



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2. Averaging Technical replicates

Р	
G1	
G2	
N	

IgG		H3K4me3	Input (1%	of sample)
	35.0	26.1	27.1	
	35.0	27.1	25.9	
	37.0	33.5	29.3	
	34.5	33.3	28.1	

IgG		H3K4me3	Input
	36.4	25.5	26.6
	35.9	26.5	25.3
	33.9	28.6	28.7
	35.4	32.9	27.5

В

3. Biological Sanity Check

- Ct(P) < Ct(N) for H3K4me3
- Ct(H3K4me3) << Ct(IgG)



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Р		
G1		
G2		
N		

IgG	ŀ	H3K4me3	Input (1%	of sample)
3	5.0	26.1	27.1	
3	5.0	27.1	25.9	
3	7.0	33.5	29.3	
3	4.5	33.3	28.1	

2)	IgG		H3K4me3	Input
		36.4	25.5	26.6
		35.9	26.5	25.3
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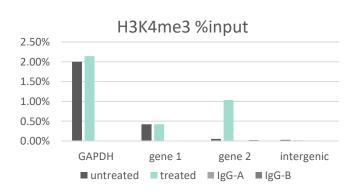
4. Recovery (% of input)

$$R = \frac{2^{Ct (input) - Ct(ChIP)}}{100 (input fraction)}$$

Α

P G1 G2 N

Α	IgG-A	В	IgG-B
2.00%	0.00%	2.14%	0.00%
0.42%	0.00%	0.42%	0.00%
0.05%	0.00%	1.04%	0.03%
0.03%	0.01%	0.02%	0.00%





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H3K4me3 % of input

	A	В
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N	0.03%	0.02%

5. ChIP fold-enrichment

$$F_A = \frac{R(P_A)}{R(N_A)} = 74x$$
 enrichment $F_B = \frac{R(P_B)}{R(N_B)} = 94x$ enrichment



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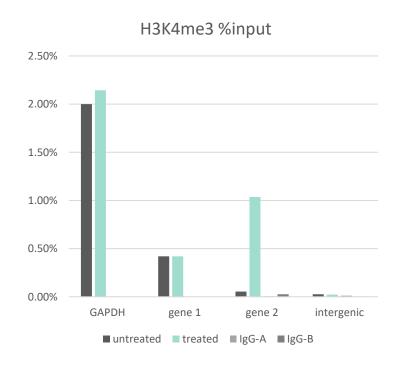
6. Assessment

- F>2 ChIP-qPCR qualified- F>4 ChIP-seq qualified
- 7. Optimization
 - if **R** or **F** are low, optimize ChIP parameters



ChIP-qPCR Analysis summary

- Determine ChIP-recovery and fold-enrichment
- input used as reference to calculate ChIP-recovery
- Each ChIP-target requires specific control regions
- Suitable control regions can vary among samples





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You did a histone ChIP-qPCR and got 1.5-fold enrichment. Should you go forward with seq?

A. Yes

B. No





Fastest Fingers Quiz

You performed a ChIP on a novel Transcription factor. You do not see an enrichment of positive control regions over negative (intergenic) ones. Which could be the reasons? (select all applicable)

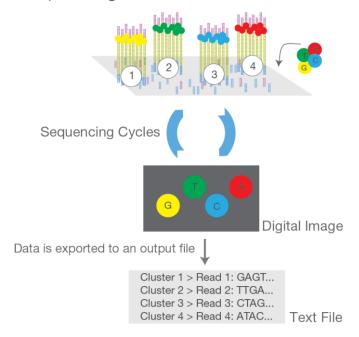
- A. antibody used is not suitable for ChIP
- B. ChIP ok but positive control regions are not bound by the TF
- C. fixation protocol not adequate for targeted TF
- D. Covid19



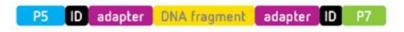


ChIP-seq: library prep

C. Sequencing



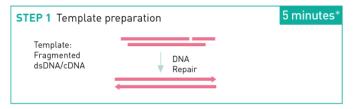
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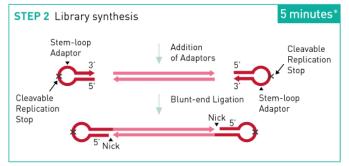


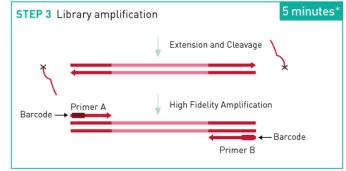
- Low input
- Minimal steps
 - To maximize recovery
- Sensitive
 - Minimal PCR amplification
- Suitable for pooling



MicroPlex kit workflow









Benefits of Multiplexing

■ Fast High-Throughput Strategy:

Large sample numbers can be simultaneously sequenced

Cost-Effective Method:

- Reduces time and reagent use
- Cluster detection more efficient with different bases in beginning of read

Simplified Analysis:

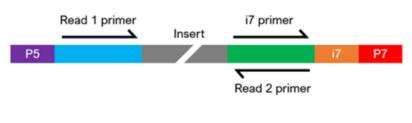
Automatic sample identification with "barcodes" using Illumina software





Single and Dual-indexed Libraries

- Single-index sequencing
 - Low level of multiplexing
- Dual indexing
 - Higher multiplexing more samples per lane possible
 - Higher accuracy of sample identification
- Unique dual indexing (UDI)
 - Allows filtering of index-hopping events









Library Pooling

Determine library size

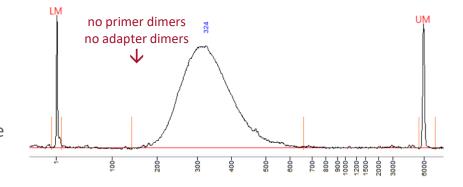
- Bioanalyzer or Fragment Analyzer
- Identify adapter dimers or unexpected library sizes

Quantify

- Qubit
- qPCR –quantify sequencable library
- Convert from ng/µl to nM using average library size



Same size for best clustering





ChIP-seq: Sequencing Settings

Read length

- 50 bp sufficient for most ChIPs
- adjust fragment-size to read length

Sequencing depth

- mainly set by samples/flow cell and flow cell type
- 30 M reads for sharp peaking targets e.g. H3K4me3, H3K27ac
- 50 M for broadly distributed and abundant targets e.g. H3K27me3
- use same depth for input

Replicates

- ≥ duplicates
- increased replicate number will improve sensitivity of the downstream analysis

Input sequencing

- one input per sample is gold standard
- pooling inputs from replicates can often be considered



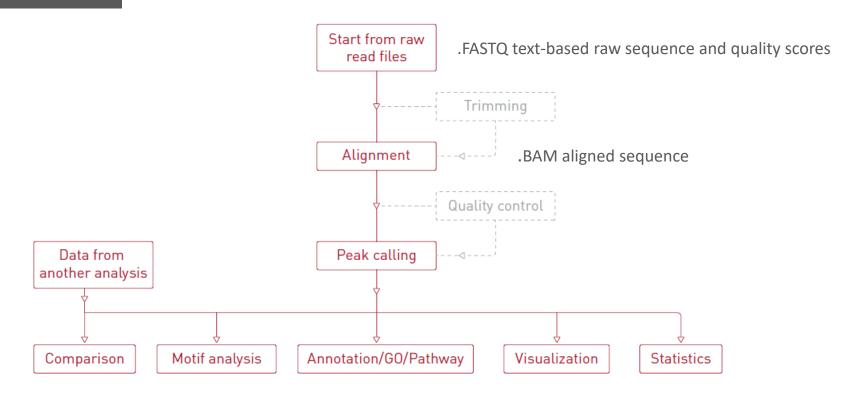


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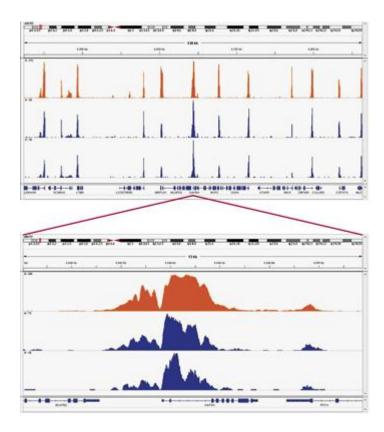
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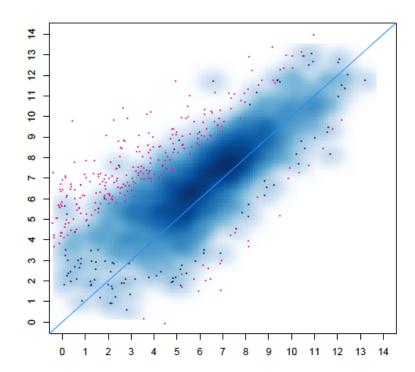
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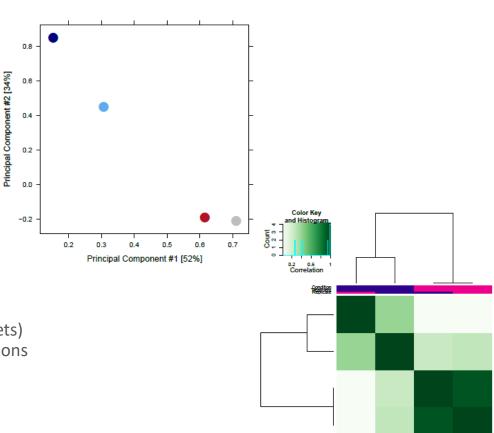
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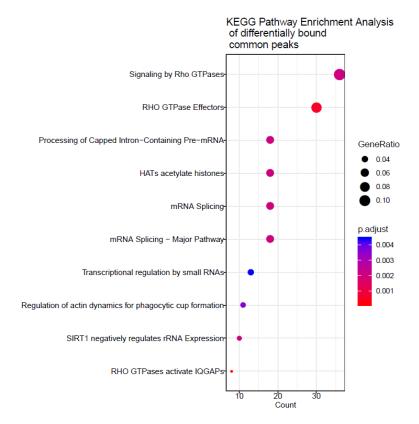
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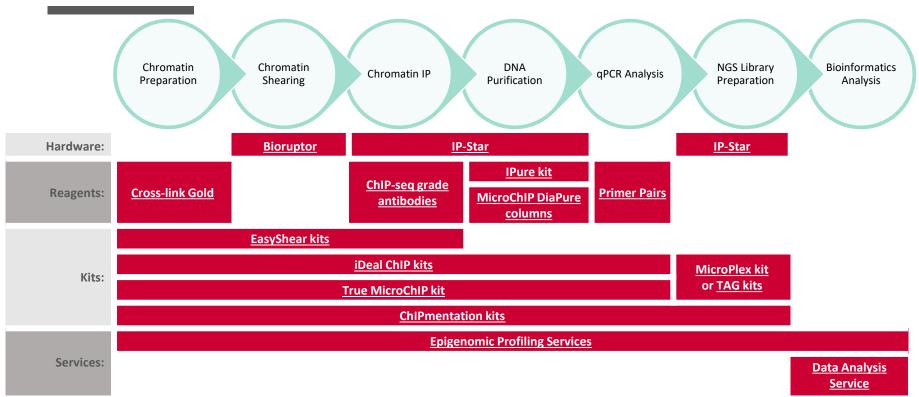
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Summary



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Other Methods to Study Chromatin

- Interaction between proteins and DNA (immuno- assays)
 - ChIPmentation
 - Cut&Run and Cut&TAG

- Methods to study chromatin accessibility (non-immuno assays)
 - ATAC-seq



ChIPmentation™ & μChIPmentation™

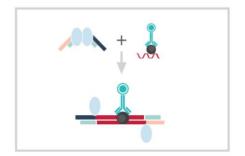
Easier and faster than classical ChIP-seq

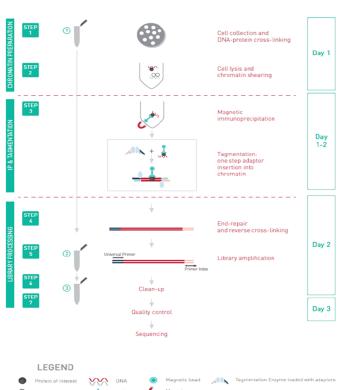
Validated for various histone marks

Ideal for analysis of large cohorts of samples (easy and fast)

Ideal for analysis of large number of marks on a unique sample

 μ Chipmentation for 10,000 cells

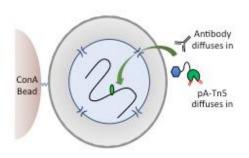


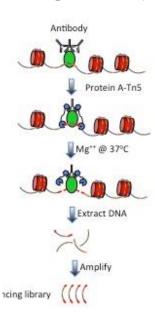




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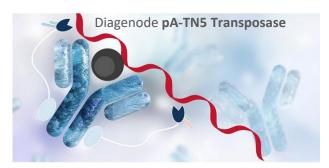
Crucial reagent:

proteinA-Tn5

Fast and easy protocol:

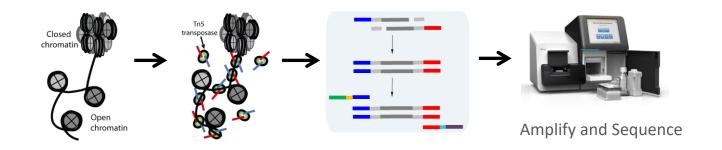
- fast tagmentation-based library prep
- No chromatin prep

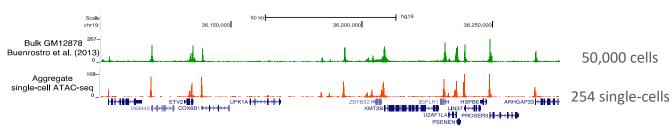
Suitable for low cell numbers





Assay for Transposase-Accessible Chromatin





Buenrostro et al., Nature, 2013



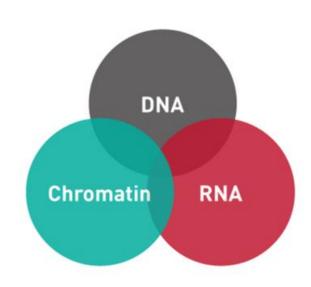


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