Promoter Analysis & Gene Set Enrichment

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Lecture & Lab Outline







• Over-representation analysis



• Gene set enrichment analysis

Lab section by Uri Hershberg

Illustrate some general approaches and concepts

Identifying regulators of TLR responses

Temporal activation of macrophages by TLR4 agonist bacterial lipopolysaccharide (LPS)





Time (hours)

Hypothesize that genes with similar temporal kinetics are co-regulated and that they share regulators

Identifying regulators of TLR responses

Temporal activation of macrophages by TLR4 agonist bacterial lipopolysaccharide (LPS)



Hypothesize that clustered genes are co-regulated and that they share cis-regulatory elements

10 15 20

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5

Time (h)

Transcriptional regulation by promoters and enhancers

General transcription factors (green ovals) bind to core promoter regions through recognition of common elements such as TATA boxes and initiators (INR)



(Farnham, Nature Reviews Genetics, 2009)

Promoter activity can be altered by site-specific DNA-binding factors (red trapezoid) interacting with cis elements (dark blue box)

DNA Sequence Motifs for TF Binding Sites

Short, recurring patterns in DNA with presumed biological function



For prediction of new sites, need to account for conservation

Measuring Conservation in the Binding Site

Information content measures conservation at each site





Total information content related to probability of finding motif in 'random' DNA sequence

http://weblogo.berkeley.edu/

The TRANSFAC Database

Eukaryotic transcription factors and their genomic binding sites

TRANSFAC MATRIX TABLE, Release 12.1 - licensed - 2008-03-31, (C) Biobase GmbH					
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<u>Created</u> <u>Updated</u>	06.11. 11.03.	06.11.2001 by <u>rio</u> . 11.03.2003 by <u>dtc</u> .			
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<u>Binding Matrix</u>	A 1 0 10 0 10 0 1 0 8 1 0	C 3 2 4 0 0 1 9 0 0 9 0 2 5	G 1 2 0 10 0 1 7 0 1 0 2 1	T 1 3 0 11 1 0 10 0 2 3 1	Consensus C B C T G A C G T C A N C
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TRANSFAC has public (older version) and commercial (more features) versions

Other (free) possibility:



The high-quality transcription factor binding profile database

Current version contains 834 matrices (601 vertebrate)

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Statistics	Number of binding factors 3 Number of references 1			
Accession Number	M00513			
Identifier	V\$ATF3_Q6			
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Copyright	Copyright (C), Biobase GmbH.			
Name	ATF3			
Factor Description	activating transcription factor 3			
Binding factors	<u>T01095</u> ; ATF3; Species: rat, Rattus norvegicus. <u>T01313</u> ; ATF3; Species: human, Homo sapiens. <u>T04850</u> ; ATF3; Species: mouse, Mus musculus.			
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	GA¢G CA_⊊≅			

MATCH Score



Frequency of nucleotide b_i to occur at the position *i* of the matrix ($B \in \{A, T, G, C\}$)

Assumes positions are independent

Identifying putative TF binding sites

Search by scanning the promoter region



MacIsaac KD, Fraenkel E (2006) Practical strategies for discovering regulatory DNA sequence motifs. PLoS Comput Biol 2: e36.

Threshold can be determined by looking at "random" DNA

Identifying putative TF binding sites

Integrative approaches improve predictions – active research area



(Hannenhalli, Bioinformatics, 2008)

'Gene Sets' of target genes for each transcription factor

Focus on proximal promoter regions

Common practice to consider 1-2Kb region around TSS



ChIP-chip data is mixed

Recent genome-wide data calls this into question

⁽Hua et al, MSB, 2008)

Focus on evolutionarily conserved regions

98% experimentally defined sequence-specific binding sites of skeletal-musclespecific TFs confined to 19% of human sequences most conserved in rodent

(Wasserman et al., Nat Genet. 2000)

Sequence identity >65% identifies 72% of the known TFBSs

(Sauer et al, Bioinformatics. 2006)



Evolutionary conservation excludes known sites

32-40% of functional human binding sites are not functional in rodents

(Dermitzakis and Clark, Mol Biol Evol., 2002)

Divergence of Transcription Factor Binding Sites Across Related Yeast Species

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Requiring human–mouse–rat genomic alignments provided a 44-fold increase in the specificity of TRANSFAC predictions (Rat Genome Sequencing Project, Nature, 2004)

Variation in TF binding across individuals

6% of binding regions within 1 kb of transcription start sites (TSSs) of RefSeq genes differed significantly across individuals

ChIP-Seq Analysis



Variation in Transcription Factor Binding Among Humans

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Binding and expression are correlated

PolII binding between humans and chimpanzee suggests extensive divergence

match to consensus site

Identifying Transcription Factor Target Genes

Scan 2kb up-stream of transcription start site



- 1. Extract genomic sequence (-2kb of TSS)
- 2. Scan conserved regions for potential binding sites using TRANSFAC binding matrices
- 3. Identify conserved sites (Human/Chimp/Mouse)

	TF 1	TF 2	•••	TF M
Gene 1	\checkmark		\checkmark	
Gene 2			\checkmark	
•••	\checkmark			\checkmark
Gene N	\checkmark	\checkmark		



Table linking transcription factors and putative target genes

'Gene Sets' of target genes for each transcription factor

Gene Sets of Transcription Factor Targets

Molecular Signatures Database at Broad Institute (http://www.broad.mit.edu/gsea/msigdb)

<u>V\$NRSF_01 (Neuron Restrictive Silencing Factor)</u>

Genes with promoter regions [-2kb,2kb] around transcription start site containing the motif TTCAGCACCACGGACAGMGCC which matches annotation for REST: RE1-silencing transcription factor

ATP6V0A1	RPIP8	POU4F3	FLJ42486	L1CAM	SLC17A6	TRIM9
MAPK11	DDX25	SNAP25	DRD3	FGF12	COL5A3	SYT4
BDNF	POMC	GABRB3	TMEM22	GRM1	HES1	
MGAT5B	TCF1	PCSK2	FLJ44674	VIP	FLJ38377	ZNF335
GABRG2	LHX3	DNER	CHKA	NEFH	ZNF579	CHAT
SCAMP5	CDKN2B	SST	OGDHL	KCNH4	SEZ6	GLRA1
HTR1A	RPH3A	PRG3	NPPB	FGD2	RNF13	SYT6
CHGA	SLC12A5	ELAVL3	KCNH8	GDAP1L1	HCN1	DRD2
HCN3	PAQR4	CALB1	BARHL1	SCN3B	CRYBA2	TNRC4
VGF	RASGRF1	NEF3	OMG	KCNIP2	CDK5R1	ATP2B2
HTR5A	PHYHIPL	SARM1	GHSR	INA	PTPRN	DBC1
CSPG3	CHRNB2	GRIN1	STMN2	POU4F2	APBB1	GLRA3

Gene sets can also be defined manually

Which TFs are driving dynamics of each cluster?

Temporal activation of macrophages by TLR4 agonist bacterial lipopolysaccharide (LPS)



Look for TF targets that are 'over-represented' in a cluster

Time (h)

Over-Representation Analysis

If you draw n marbles at random, what is probability of k green ones?



Hypergeometric Distribution: Probability of k green if n is random sample



Over-Representation Analysis

Is set of TF targets over-represented among genes in cluster?



Hypergeometric Distribution: Probability of k TF targets if cluster is random sample

Over-Representation Analysis

If 17 genes in cluster, 5 with transcription factor binding site...



Must choose threshold to define "differential expression"

Identifying regulators of TLR responses

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What is the role of ATF3?

Time (h)

Network Analysis: role of ATF3?

"Guilt by association"

Highly connected proteins are likely to be functionally related



Mark Gilchrist¹, Vesteinn Thorsson¹, Bin Li¹, Alistair G. Rust¹, Martin Korb¹, Kathleen Kennedy¹, Tsonwin Hai², Hamid Bolouri¹ & Alan Aderem¹

protein-protein interaction network



ATF3 (red) interacts with AP1 (light blue) and NF-B (light green) TF complexes

What is the role of ATF3?

Identified many target genes with nearby ATF3 and NFkB binding sites



How does ATF3 regulate IL6 and IL12b?

What is the role of ATF3?

Temporal activation of macrophages by TLR4 agonist bacterial lipopolysaccharide (LPS)



ATF3 is a negative regulator of IL6 and IL12b

Which TFs are driving dynamics of each cluster?

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Need to assign genes to single cluster

Can we identify TFs driving B cell differentiation?

Implicate TFs by analyzing behavior of target genes



If genes targeted by particular transcription factor are differentially expressed, then the transcription factor is likely to play role

Need to identify which genes are differentiall-expressed

Gene Set Enrichment Analysis (GSEA)

Are TF targets **enriched** among most differentially expressed genes?



(Subramanian et al, PNAS, 2005)

Does not require a threshold for differential expression

Gene Set Enrichment Analysis (GSEA)

What is distribution for enrichment score (ES) under null hypothesis?



Permute class labels or genes to estimate null distribution

Can we identify TFs driving mutation targeting?

Are particular motifs enriched among the most mutated genes?





If genes targeted by particular transcription factor tend to be more mutated, then the transcription factor is likely to play role

Target genes identified by presence of binding sites

Does E2a influence AID targeting?

Are transcription factor target genes enriched among the most mutated?



Yes, E2a sites enriched among mutated genes in UNG/MSH2 dKO mice

Other Applications of Gene Set Enrichment Analysis

Molecular Signatures Database at Broad Institute

collection	contents
c 1: positional gene sets (view gene sets)	Gene sets corresponding to each human chromosome and each cytogenetic band that has at least one gene. (Cytogenetic locations were parsed from HUGO, October 2006, and Unigene, build 197. When there were conflicts, the Unigene entry was used.) These gene sets are helpful in identifying effects related to chromosomal deletions or amplifications, dosage compensation, epigenetic silencing, and other regional effects.
c2: curated gene sets (view gene sets)	Gene sets collected from various sources such as online pathway databases, publications in PubMed, and knowledge of domain experts. The gene set card for each gene set lists its source, details
CP: Canonical Pathways (view gene sets)	Gene sets from the pathway databases. Usually, these gene sets are canonical representations of a biological process compiled by domain experts. details
CGP: chemical and genetic perturbations (view gene sets)	Gene sets that represent gene expression signatures of genetic and chemical perturbations. A number of these gene sets come in pairs: an xxx_UP (xxx_DN) gene set representing genes induced (repressed) by the perturbation. The gene set card for each gene set lists the PubMed citation on which it is based.
c3: motif gene sets (view gene sets)	Gene sets that contain genes that share a <i>cis</i> -regulatory motif that is conserved across the human, mouse, rat, and dog genomes. The motifs are catalogued in Xie, et al. (2005, Nature 434, 338–345) and represent known or likely regulatory elements in promoters and 3'-UTRs. These gene sets make it possible to link changes in a microarray experiment to a conserved, putative cis-regulatory element.
TFT: transcription factor targets (view gene sets)	Gene sets that contain genes that share a transcription factor binding site defined in the TRANSFAC (version 7.4, http://www.gene-regulation.com/) database. Each of these gene sets is annotated by a TRANSFAC record.
MIR: miRNA targets (view gene sets)	Gene sets that contain genes that share a 3'-UTR microRNA binding motif.
c4: computational gene sets (view gene sets)	Gene sets defined by expression neighborhoods centered on 380 cancer-associated genes (Brentani, Caballero et al. 2003). This collection is identical to that previously reported in (Subramanian, Tamayo et al. 2005). details

Gene sets can also be defined manually

Gene Ontology

Structured, controlled vocabularies (ontologies) that describe gene products in terms of associated biological processes, cellular components and molecular functions



Organization and functional annotation of molecular aspects of cellular system

> Annotations include evidence code (experimental and computational)

For more information:

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