# Tyrant Cistrome – Identifying the set of transcription factors 'ruling' the expression of a gene

### **Problem:**

The ENCODE (Encyclopedia of DNA Elements) Consortium resulted in a comprehensive list of transcription factor ChIP-Seq data, proving to be a treasure trove of information about how a gene might be transcriptionally regulated.

However, binding sites identified by ChIP-Seq are not only found in the promoter regions of a gene but also in distal intergenic region or introns.

Most TF binding appears to be promiscuous, with low occupancy and nonfunctional, whereas functional TF binding is characterized by high occupancy. In practice, binding locations of functionally diverse TFs overlap substantially with each other and regions of open chromatin.

How to distinguish between functional and non-functional TF binding?

CDH3	3 44	RefSeq Genes
EGR1	1 K SP1 1 ZEB1 FOXA1 GATA1 D YY1 K C MAFK LLL MAFK 1HLL USF1 L MTA3 G MAZ K EQR1 K MAFF L MYC MMR RELA G TBP NP2 K E221 M	Transcription Factor ChIP-seq (161 factors) from ENCODE with Factorbook Motifs CF ANNUMM TBP NFIC L GTFSC2 H 1XZF1 G EBF1 GG PML K RELA G EBF1 GG MYC LALL YY1 L ESR1 e RAD21 1 POLR2A D POLR2A SD POLR2A 11M SP4 1 SP1 L FOXR2 L GATA1 p TBP MR2 GLK GATA1 p PAX5 S MYC M MYBL2 L CEBPB LLL YY1 G3S CTCF M BACH1 1 ZH2 GYUNNA TEAD4 L RPC155 H RELA 9639393 GATA1 p IXZF1 G SRF G MX1 L SP11 POLR2A M FOS TFAP2A TCF12 1
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# Regulatory potential – the gene's likelyhood of being regulated by a transcription factor

k: the number of binding sites within 100 kb of gene g

$$S_{\mathrm{g}} = \sum\limits_{i=1}^{k} e^{-(0.5+4\Delta_i)},$$

Δi: the distance between site i and the TSS of gene g normalized to 100 kb (e.g., 0.5 for a 50-kb distance).

### Features:

- 1.The influence of each binding site on gene regulation is modeled as a function that decreases monotonically with increasing distance from the TSS.
- 2. The shape of this function approximates empirical observations of the distance between binding sites and differentially expressed genes in multiple ChIP-seq experiments.
- 3.The constant in the equation enables the exponential function to adopt more flexible shapes and 0.5 was derived to better fit ChIA-PET and Hi-C data.

Tang, Q. et al. A comprehensive view of nuclear receptor cancer cistromes. Cancer Res. 71, 6940–6947 (2011).

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We calculated for each of the 161 transcription factors contained in the ENCODE TFBS ChIP-Seq data sets, their regulatory potential on each of the 25,635 genes annotated in the human hg19 genome assembly.

### Tyrant Cistrome allows you:

- 1. To identify the transcription factors having the highest regulatory potential for your gene of interest.
- 2. To visualize the associated ChIP-Seq peak regions for these regulatory transcription factors together with the integrated regulation from ENCODE tracks of UCSC genome (http://genome-euro.ucsc.edu/index.html) to get a useful insight in the different aspects of how your gene might be regulated.
- 3. To get a sorted list of genes that share a considerable fraction of the regulatory transcription factors of your gene of interest.

# https://bioit2.irc.ugent.be/intra/tyrant/ (login required)

### Tyrant Cistrome -- Identify the Cistrome that Regulates the Expression of your Gene

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Select P-value cutoff	0.05 -		
Select similarly regulated Jaccard distance cutoff	0.50 -		
		Reset	Filter

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1. Enter the symbol of your gene of interest

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# The resulting output has three parts: (1) a list of TFs with the highest regulatory potential

Tyrant Cistrome -- Identify the Cistrome that Regulates the Expression of your Gene

	Er	nter Gene Identifier	FOXF1	
Select P-value cutoff			0.10 💌	
Select	Select similarly regulated Jaccard distance cutoff			
		1		
XF1	is putatively regula	ated by following	TFs with highest re	gulatory potential
	TF		Confidence (P-Value)	
	CTBP2		0.00556943576931085	
	EZH2		0.00823028583012366	(FOXF1 is a known EZH2 target)
	SUZ12		0.0087244007714207	
	CHD1		0.037534739251267	
	TBP		0.0505057400400400	
			0.0030907123430126	
	CTCF		0.0868785616034584	

# (2) the associated TFBS ENCODE Peaks

#### FOXF1 is putatively regulated by following TFs with highest regulatory potential

#	TF	Confidence (P-Value)	Possible actions:
1	CTBP2	0.00556943576931085	1 Show/Hido dataaat
2	EZH2	0.00823028583012366	<ol> <li>Show/filde dataset</li> <li>Download the associated peaks in bed</li> </ol>
3	SUZ12	0.0087244007714207	format for downstream analysis
4	CHD1	0.037534739251267	2 Visualize the accepted peaks in the
5	ТВР	0.0535957123430126	UCSC Genome Browser
6	CTCF	0.0868785616034584 2	



#### Genes putatively similarly regulated to FOXF1

Filters: Filter Table By Gene Identifiers (space seperated)

### Visualization: effect of choosing different P-values (0.10)



### Visualization: effect of choosing different P-values (0.01)



# (3) a list of genes sharing top-scoring Sg TFs



# Possible actions: (1) Filter Table by Gene Identifiers

FOXF1 Associated TFBS ENCODE Peaks With Highest Cumulative Regulatory Potential

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Genes putatively similarly regulated to FOXF1

Filters:	CTCF		
#		Jaccard Distance	Top-scoring Regulatory Potential TFs in common
1	FOXF1	0	CHD1, CTBP2, CTCF, EZH2, SUZ12, TBP
6	ZIC4	0.25	CHD1, CTBP2, CTCF, EZH2, SUZ12, TBP
13	GRID1	0.333333333333333	CTBP2, CTCF, EZH2, SUZ12
14	FOXD2	0.333333333333333	CHD1, CTBP2, CTCF, EZH2, SUZ12, TBP
39	FOXD2-AS1	0.444444444444444	CTBP2, CTCF, EZH2, SUZ12, TBP
93	LMX1B	0.5555555555555556	CTBP2, CTCF, EZH2, SUZ12
105	GATA5	0.555555555555555	CTBP2, CTCF, EZH2, SUZ12
110	WNT11	0.571428571428572	CTCF, EZH2, SUZ12
113	ATP6V1B1	0.571428571428572	CTBP2, CTCF, SUZ12

# Possible actions: (2) Run a Cistrome Analysis on a selected gene

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Enter Gene Identifier	ZIC4			
Select P-value cutoff	0.10 💌			
Select similarly regulated Jaccard distance cutoff	0.75 💌	Note: The analysis uses by default the same parameters as the original analysis.	Reset	Filter

#### ZIC4 is putatively regulated by following TFs with highest regulatory potential

#	TF	Confidence (P-Value)
1	EZH2	0.00170281775795662
2	CTBP2	0.00218613366645846
3	SUZ12	0.0118468178896134
4	ТВР	0.0159187265018799
5	POU5F1	0.0296774193548387
6	CHD1	0.0335785515775707
7	CTCF	0.0847415995283946
8	RAD21	0.0872049873831082

#### ZIC4 Associated TFBS ENCODE Peaks With Highest Cumulative Regulatory Potential

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ChIP analysis (n = 2), means  $\pm$  SD, \*p  $\leq$  0.05.

Grote P, Wittler L, Hendrix D, Koch F, Währisch S, Beisaw A, Macura K, Bläss G, Kellis M, Werber M, Herrmann BG. The tissue-specific IncRNA Fendrr is an essential regulator of heart and body wall development in the mouse. Dev Cell. 2013 Jan 28;24(2):206-14.

## TBX3

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Enter Gene Identifier	TBX3	
Select P-value cutoff	0.02	
Select similarly regulated Jaccard distance cutoff	0.75 -	
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#### TBX3 is putatively regulated by following TFs with highest regulatory potential



#### TBX3 Associated TFBS ENCODE Peaks With Highest Cumulative Regulatory Potential Get Flat File OF Show/Hide dataset



#### Genes putatively similarly regulated to TBX3

Filters:	Filter Table By Gene Identifiers (space seperated)		
#	Gene	Jaccard Distance	Top-scoring Regulatory Potential TFs in common
1	VAX2	0	CTBP2, EZH2, SUZ12
2	UNCX	0	CTBP2, EZH2, SUZ12
3	POU3F3	0	CTBP2. EZH2. SUZ12

# **TBX3 – Genomic context (hg19)**



## **GATA6**

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Enter Gene Identifier	GATA6		
Select P-value cutoff	0.05		
Select similarly regulated Jaccard distance cutoff	0.75		
		Reset	Filter

#### GATA6 is putatively regulated by following TFs with highest regulatory potential

#	TF	Confidence (P-Value)
1	EZH2	0.0226231502128522
2	SUZ12	0.0233262925888511
3	KAP1	0.0277586258580893
4	E2F1	0.0297020791455402

#### GATA6 Associated TFBS ENCODE Peaks With Highest Cumulative Regulatory Potential Get Flat File Of Show/Hide dataset

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#### Genes putatively similarly regulated to GATA6

Filters:	Filter Table By Gene Identifiers (space seperated)		
#	Gene	Jaccard Distance	Top-scoring Regulatory Potential TFs in common
1	GATA6	0	E2F1, EZH2, KAP1, SUZ12
2	NKX2-3	0.25	EZH2, KAP1, SUZ12

### GATA6 – Genomic context (hg19)



### IRX3

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Enter Gene Identifier	IRX3		
Select P-value cutoff	0.10		
Select similarly regulated Jaccard distance cutoff	0.75 -		
		Reset	Filter

#### IRX3 is putatively regulated by following TFs with highest regulatory potential

#	TF	Confidence (P-Value)
1	CTBP2	0.0155111388715386
2	RBBP5	0.0359364201796821
3	SUZ12	0.0735604738727156
4	E2F1	0.0914464012480874
5	EZH2	0.091789985809852

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#### Genes putatively similarly regulated to IRX3

Filters:	Filter Table By Gene Identifiers (space seperated)		
#	Gene	Jaccard Distance	Top-scoring Regulatory Potential TFs in common
1	IRX3	0	CTBP2, E2F1, EZH2, RBBP5, SUZ12
2	HPSE2	0.2	CTBP2, EZH2, RBBP5, SUZ12
3	OLIG3	0.2	CTBP2, EZH2, RBBP5, SUZ12

# IRX3 – Genomic context (hg19)



# PITX2

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Enter Gene Identifier	ΡΠΧ2		
Select P-value cutoff	0.05		
Select similarly regulated Jaccard distance cutoff	0.75 🔽		
		Reset	Filter

#### PITX2 is putatively regulated by following TFs with highest regulatory potential

#	TF	Confidence (P-Value)
1	CTBP2	0.0028107432854466
2	EZH2	0.00802756943036692
3	SUZ12	0.0245201579575719
4	ТВР	0.0383969282457403
5	BACH1	0.0497114957833999

#### PITX2 Associated TFBS ENCODE Peaks With Highest Cumulative Regulatory Potential

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#### Genes putatively similarly regulated to PITX2

Filters:	Filter Table By Gene Identifiers (space seperated)		
#	Gene	Jaccard Distance	Top-scoring Regulatory Potential TFs in common
1	HOXD12	0	BACH1, CTBP2, EZH2, SUZ12, TBP
2	PITX2	0	BACH1, CTBP2, EZH2, SUZ12, TBP
3	HOXD13	0	BACH1, CTBP2, EZH2, SUZ12, TBP

# PITX2 – Genomic context (hg19)



### DLL1

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Enter Gene Identifier	DLL1		
Select P-value cutoff	0.10		
Select similarly regulated Jaccard distance cutoff	0.75		
		Reset	Filter

#### DLL1 is putatively regulated by following TFs with highest regulatory potential

#	TF	Confidence (P-Value)
1	EZH2	0.0114332049462802
2	KAP1	0.0253304955184508
3	SETDB1	0.0348250662872664
4	BACH1	0.064358632933866
5	E2F1	0.0782154750832558
6	ZNF263	0.0888287546326254

#### DLL1 Associated TFBS ENCODE Peaks With Highest Cumulative Regulatory Potential

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#### Genes putatively similarly regulated to DLL1

Filters:	Filter Table By Gene Identifiers (space seperated)		
#	Gene	Jaccard Distance	Top-scoring Regulatory Potential TFs in common
1	DLL1	0	BACH1, E2F1, EZH2, KAP1, SETDB1, ZNF263
2	KRTAP10-1	0.3333333333333333	BACH1, EZH2, KAP1, SETDB1

# **DLL1 – Genomic context (hg19)**



### **TCF15**

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Enter Gene Identifier	TCF15		
Select P-value cutoff	0.10		
Select similarly regulated Jaccard distance cutoff	0.75 💌		
		Reset	Filter

#### TCF15 is putatively regulated by following TFs with highest regulatory potential



#### TCF15 Associated TFBS ENCODE Peaks With Highest Cumulative Regulatory Potential

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#### Genes putatively similarly regulated to TCF15

Filters:	Filter Table By Gene Identifiers (space seperated)		
#	Gene	Jaccard Distance	Top-scoring Regulatory Potential TFs in common
1	MIR1233-2	0	EZH2
2	FAT4	0	EZH2

# TCF15 – Genomic context (hg19)



# **NKX2-5**

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Select P-value cutoff	0.10		
Select similarly regulated Jaccard distance cutoff	0.75 💌		
		Reset	Filter

#### NKX2-5 is putatively regulated by following TFs with highest regulatory potential

#	ना	Confidence (P-Value)
1	SUZ12	0.0133161906511158
2	EZH2	0.0180012162983985
3	CTBP2	0.0316468873620654

#### NKX2-5 Associated TFBS ENCODE Peaks With Highest Cumulative Regulatory Potential

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#### Genes putatively similarly regulated to NKX2-5

Filters:	Filter Table By Gene Identifiers (space seperated)				
#	Gene	Jaccard Distance	Top-scoring Regulatory Potential TFs in common		
1	GSX1	0	CTBP2, EZH2, SUZ12		
2	TBR1	0	CTBP2, EZH2, SUZ12		

## NKX2-5 – Genomic context (hg19)



# Conclusions

- 1. Tyrant cistrome identifies in 8/8 cases EZH2 has a top ranking TF with high regular potential for the target gene.
- 2. Additionally, in 6/8 cases SUZ12 is identified.
- 3. In 5/8 cases CTBP2 is pointed to as an extra partner.



EZH2 and SUZ12 are subunits of Polycomb repressive complex 2 (PRC2), which is responsible for the repressive histone 3 lysine 27 trimethylation (H3K27me3) chromatin modification.