

# Lecture 6: Regulatory genomics

Gene regulation, chromatin accessibility,  
DNA regulatory code

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# Deep Learning for Regulatory Genomics

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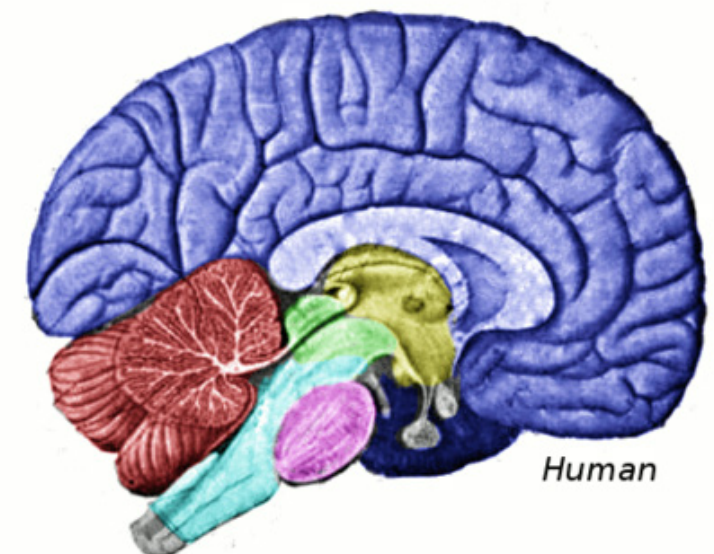
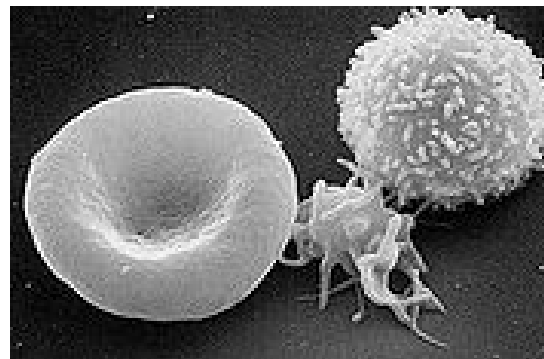
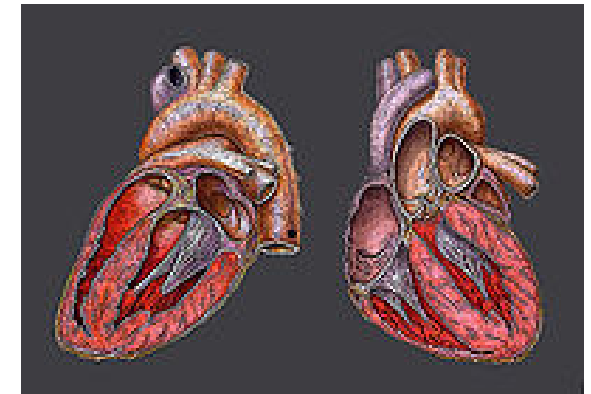
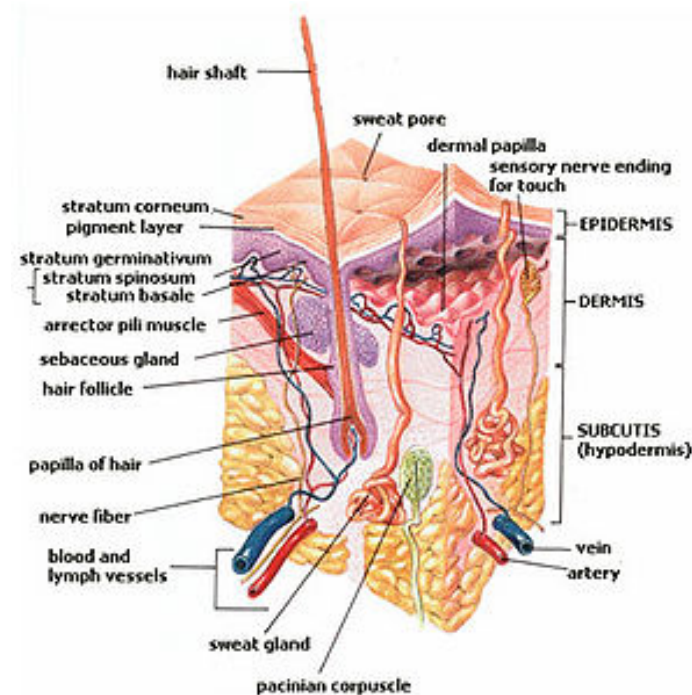
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## 1a. Basics of gene regulation

# One Genome – Many Cell Types

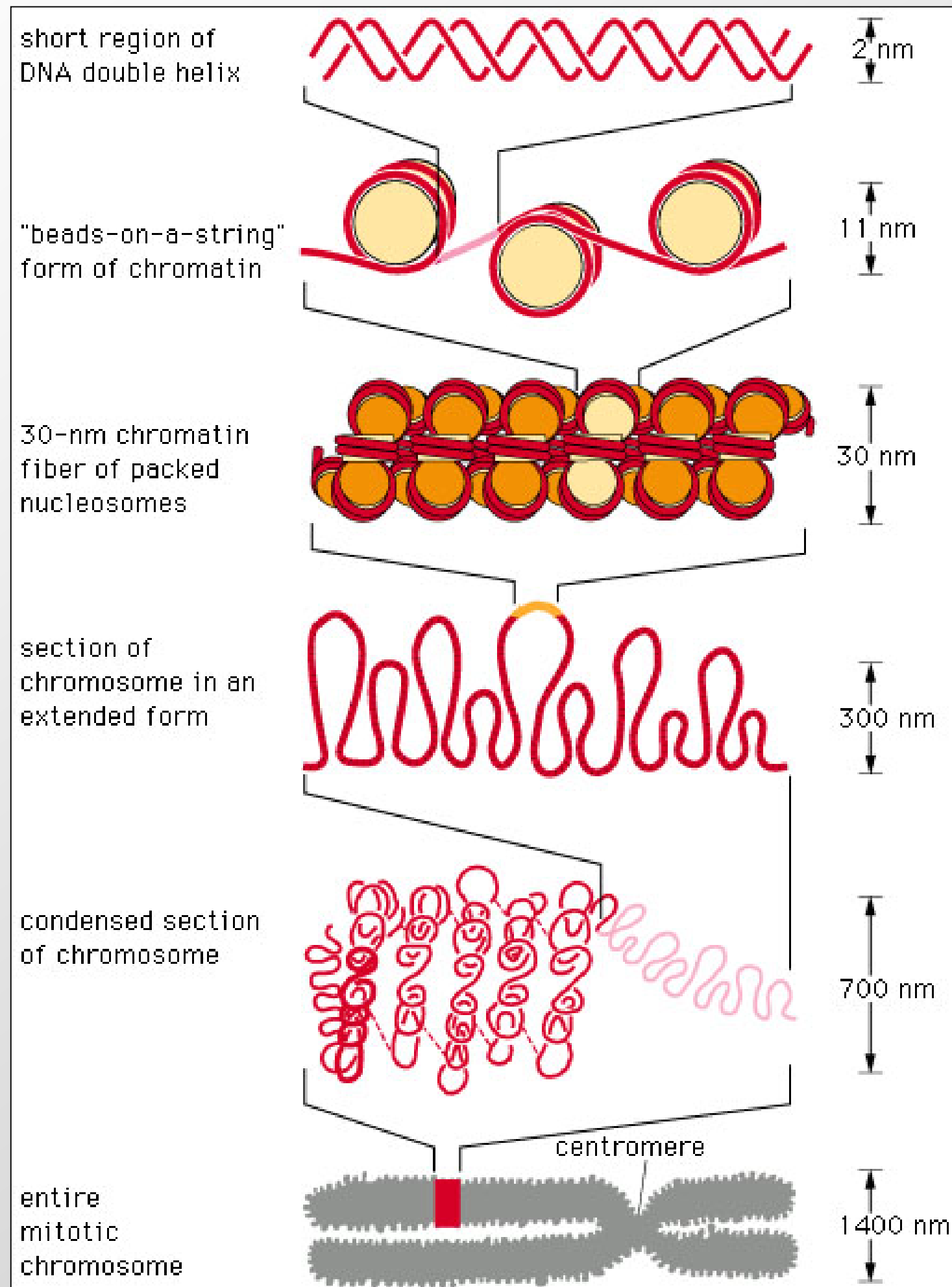
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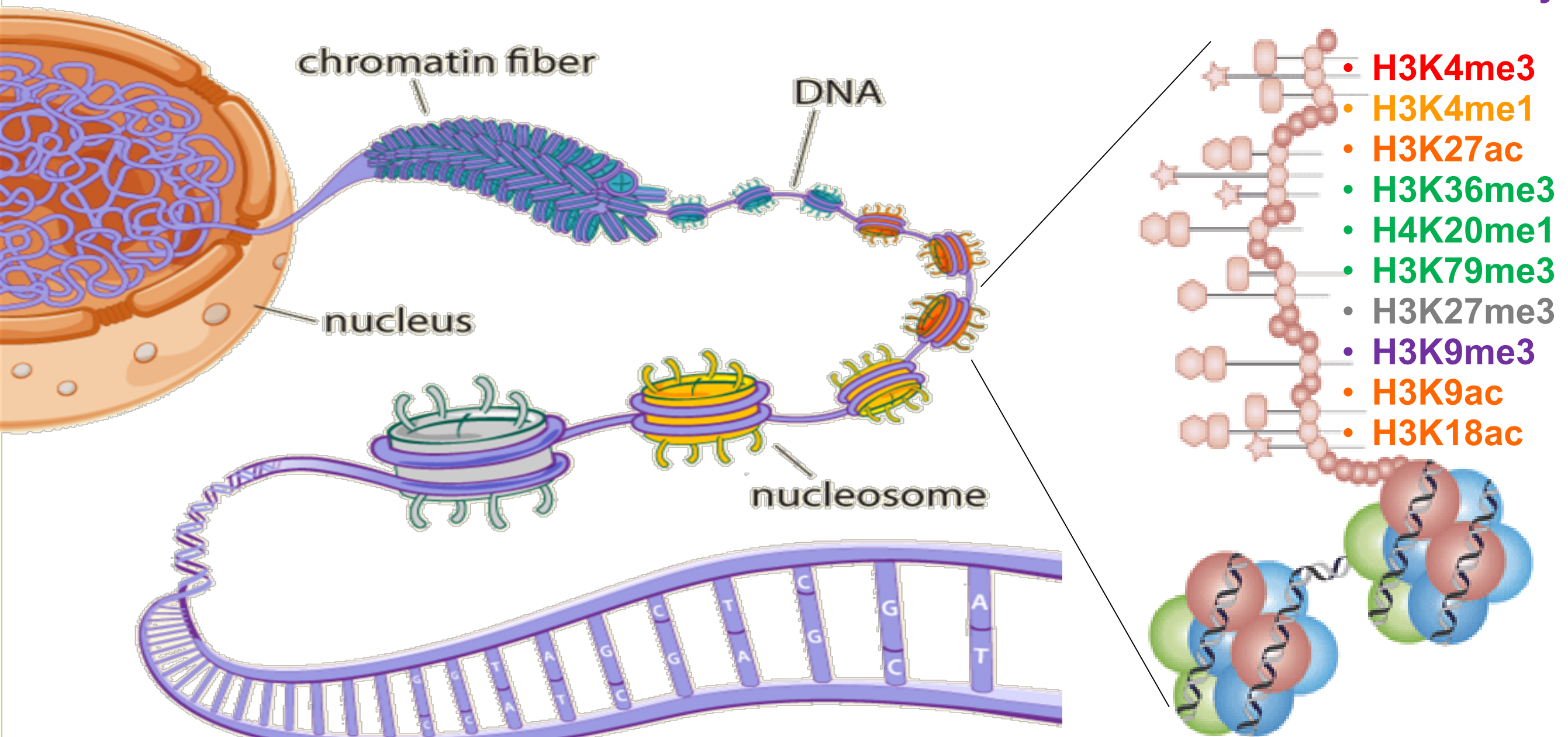
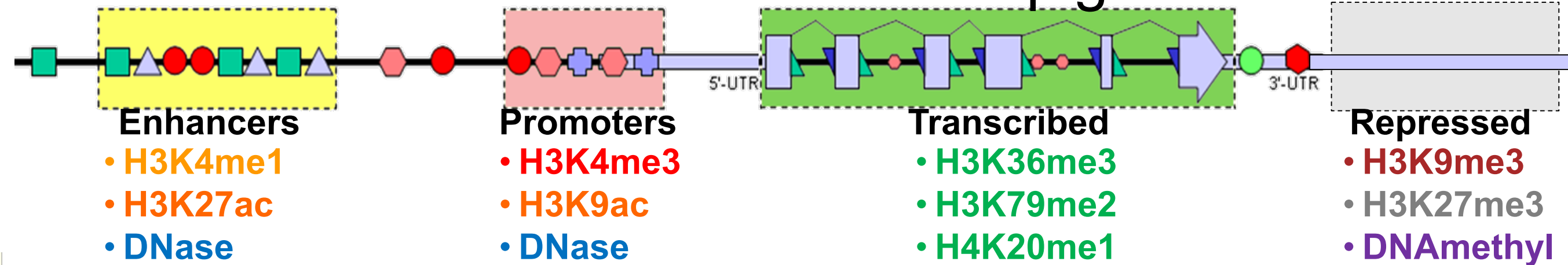


# DNA packaging

- Why packaging
  - DNA is very long
  - Cell is very small
- Compression
  - Chromosome is 50,000 times shorter than extended DNA
- Using the DNA
  - Before a piece of DNA is used for anything, this compact structure must open locally
- Now emerging:
  - Role of accessibility
  - State in chromatin itself
  - Role of 3D interactions



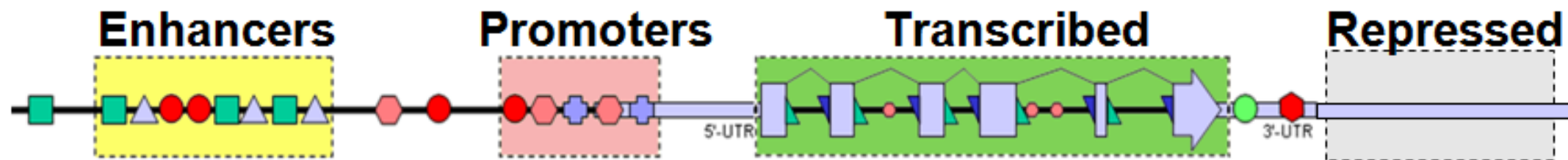
# Combinations of marks encode epigenomic state



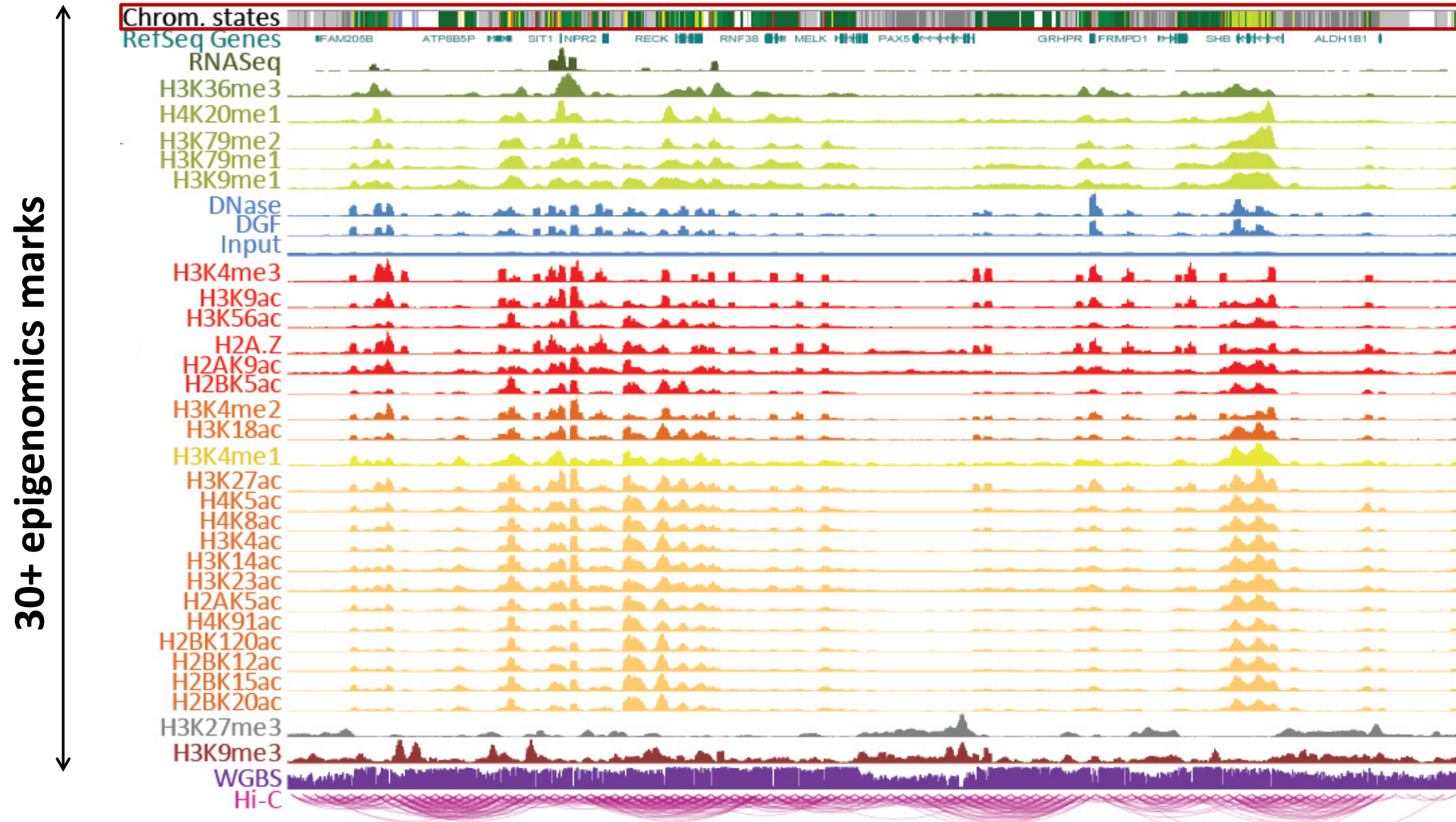
- 100s of known modifications, many new still emerging
- Systematic mapping using ChIP-, Bisulfite-, DNase-Seq



# Summarize multiple marks into chromatin states



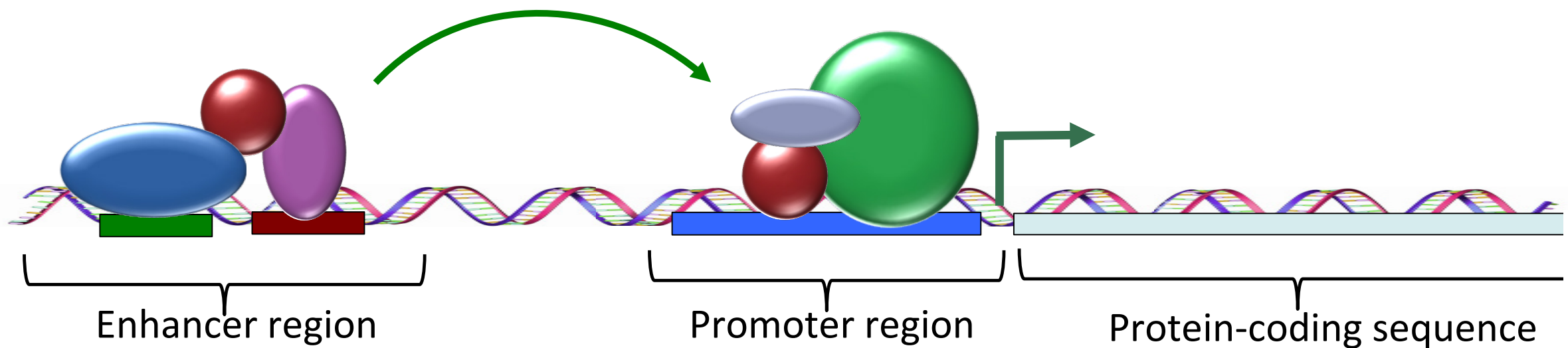
Chromatin state track summary



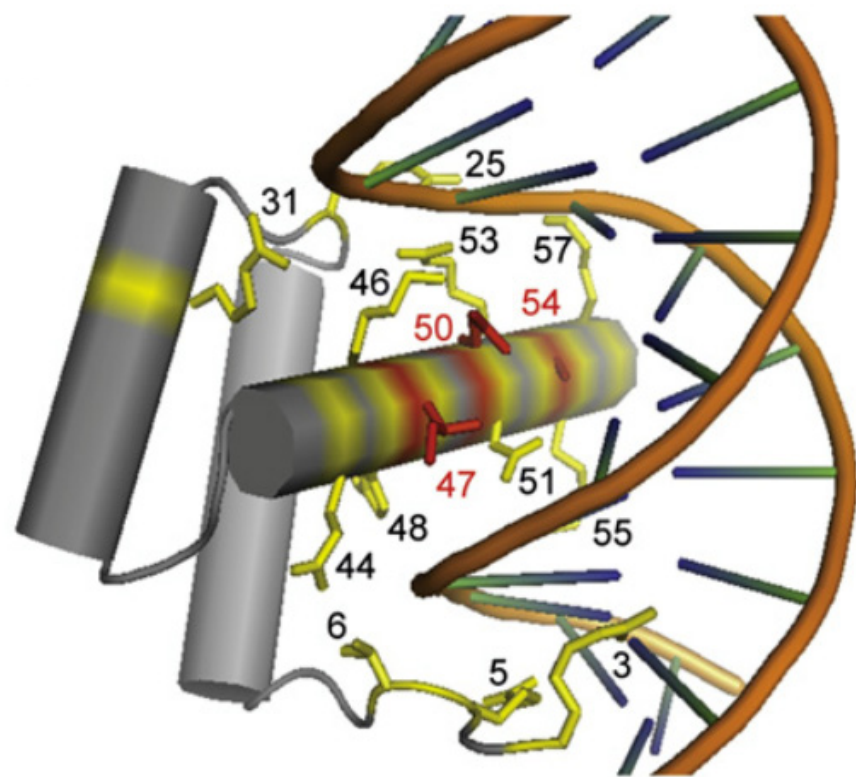
WashU Epigenome Browser

***ChromHMM: multi-variate hidden Markov model***

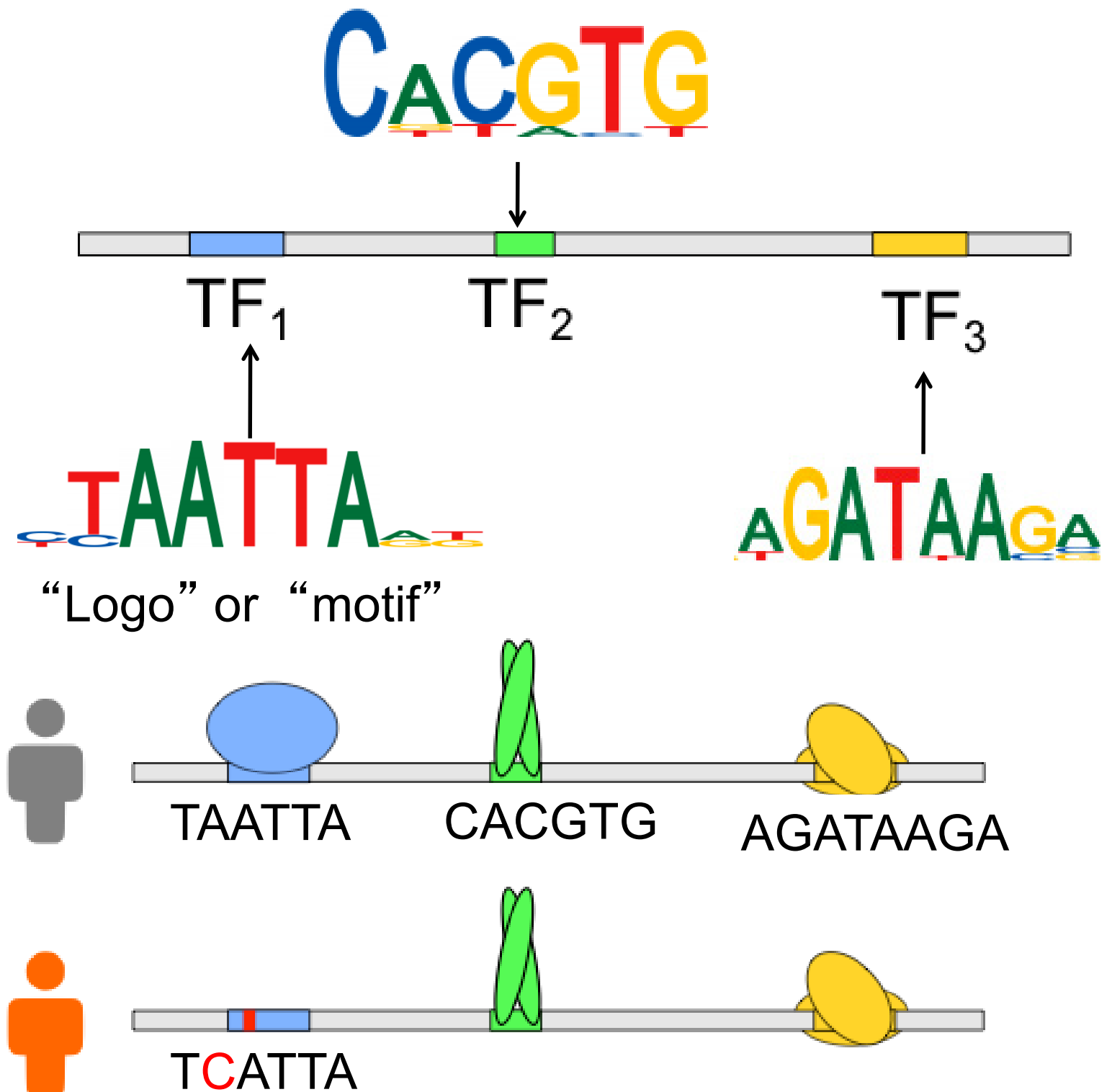
# Transcription factors control activation of cell-type-specific promoters and enhancers



# TFs use DNA-binding domains to recognize specific DNA sequences in the genome



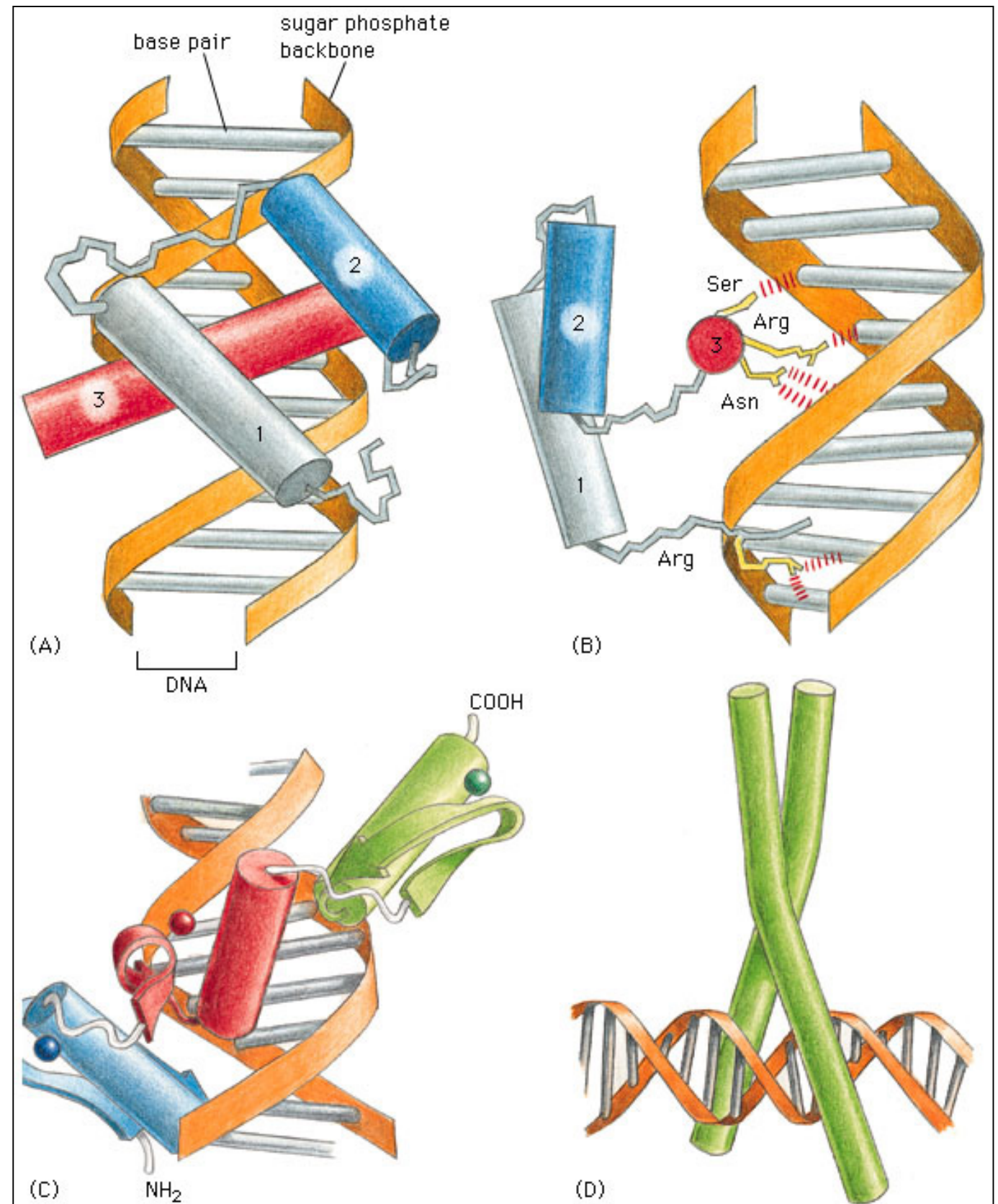
DNA-binding domain of  
*Engrailed*





# Regulator structure $\Leftrightarrow$ recognized motifs

- Proteins 'feel' DNA
  - Read chemical properties of bases
  - Do NOT open DNA (no base complementarity)
- 3D Topology dictates specificity
  - Fully constrained positions:  
→ every atom matters
  - "Ambiguous / degenerate" positions  
→ loosely contacted
- Other types of recognition
  - MicroRNAs: complementarity
  - Nucleosomes: GC content
  - RNAs: structure/seqn combination





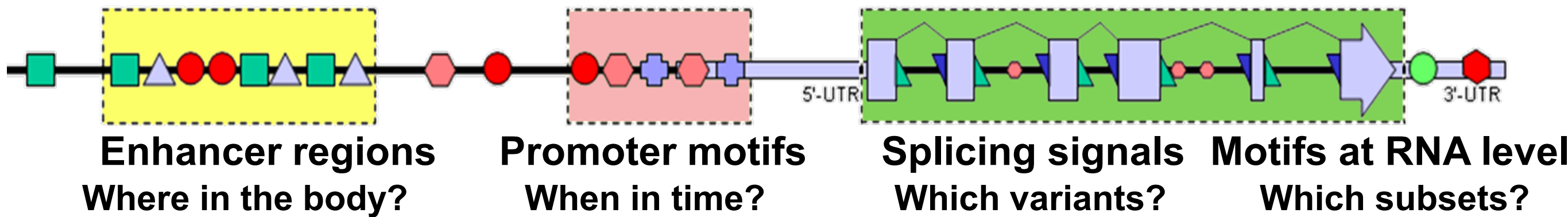
# Motifs summarize TF sequence specificity

| Target genes bound by ABF1 regulator |                                | Coordinates |      | Genome sequence at bound site     |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------|------|-----------------------------------|
| ACS1                                 | acetyl CoA synthetase          | -491        | -479 | ATCATTCTGGACG                     |
| ACS1                                 | acetyl CoA synthetase          | -433        | -421 | ATCATCTCGGACG                     |
| ACS1                                 | acetyl CoA synthetase          | -311        | -299 | ATCATTTGCCACG                     |
| CHA1                                 | catabolic L-serine dehydratase | -280        | -254 | A  ATCACCGCGAACG  GA              |
| ENO2                                 | Enolase                        | -470        | -461 | ggcggttat  GTCACTAACGACG  tgcacca |
| HMR                                  | silencer                       | -256        | -283 | ATCAATAC  ATCATAAAATACG  AACGATC  |
| LPD1                                 | lipoamide dehydrogenase        | -288        | -300 | gat  ATCAAAATTAACG  tag           |
| LPD1                                 | lipoamide dehydrogenase        | -301        | -313 | gat  ATCACCGTTGACG  tca           |
| PGK                                  | phosphoglycerate kinase        | -523        | -496 | CAAACAA  ATCACGAGCGACG  GTAATTTC  |
| RPC160                               | RNA pol III/C 160 kDa subunit  | -385        | -349 | ATCACTATATACG  TGAA               |
| RPC40                                | RNA pol III/C 40 kDa subunit   | -137        | -116 | GTCACTATAAACG                     |
| rpL2                                 | ribosomal protein L2           | -185        | -167 | TAAT  aTCacgtcACACG  AC           |
| SPR3                                 | CDC3/10/11/12 family homolog   | -315        | -303 | ATCACTAAATACG                     |
| YPT1                                 | TUB2                           | -193        | -172 | CCTAG  GTCAGTGTACACG  TATA        |

- Summarize information
- Integrate many positions
- Measure of information
- Distinguish motif vs. motif instance
- Assumptions:
  - Independence
  - Fixed spacing

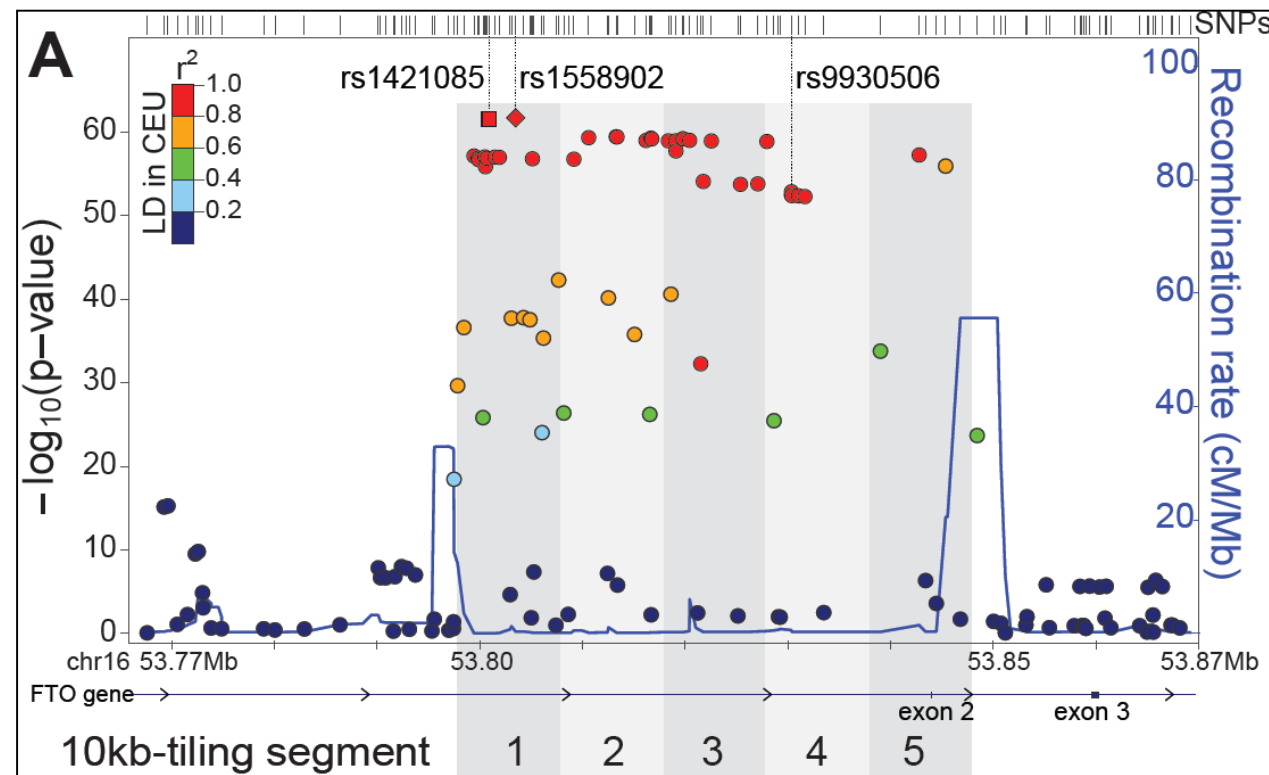
| Position                     |   | 1  | 2  | 3  | 4  | 5  | 6  | 7  | 8  | 9  | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 |
|------------------------------|---|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| Position Weight Matrix (PWM) | A | 56 | 4  | 4  | 81 | 4  | 23 | 15 | 27 | 31 | 31 | 89 | 23 | 4  | 58 |
|                              | G | 32 | 4  | 4  | 12 | 4  | 31 | 23 | 4  | 19 | 23 | 4  | 4  | 89 | 35 |
|                              | C | 4  | 4  | 89 | 4  | 58 | 12 | 23 | 19 | 19 | 23 | 4  | 69 | 4  | 4  |
|                              | T | 4  | 89 | 4  | 4  | 35 | 35 | 39 | 50 | 31 | 23 | 4  | 4  | 4  | 4  |
| Motif Logo                   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| Consensus                    |   | R  | T  | C  | A  | T  | N  | N  | H  | N  | N  | A  | C  | G  | R  |

# Regulatory motifs at all levels of pre/post-tx regulation

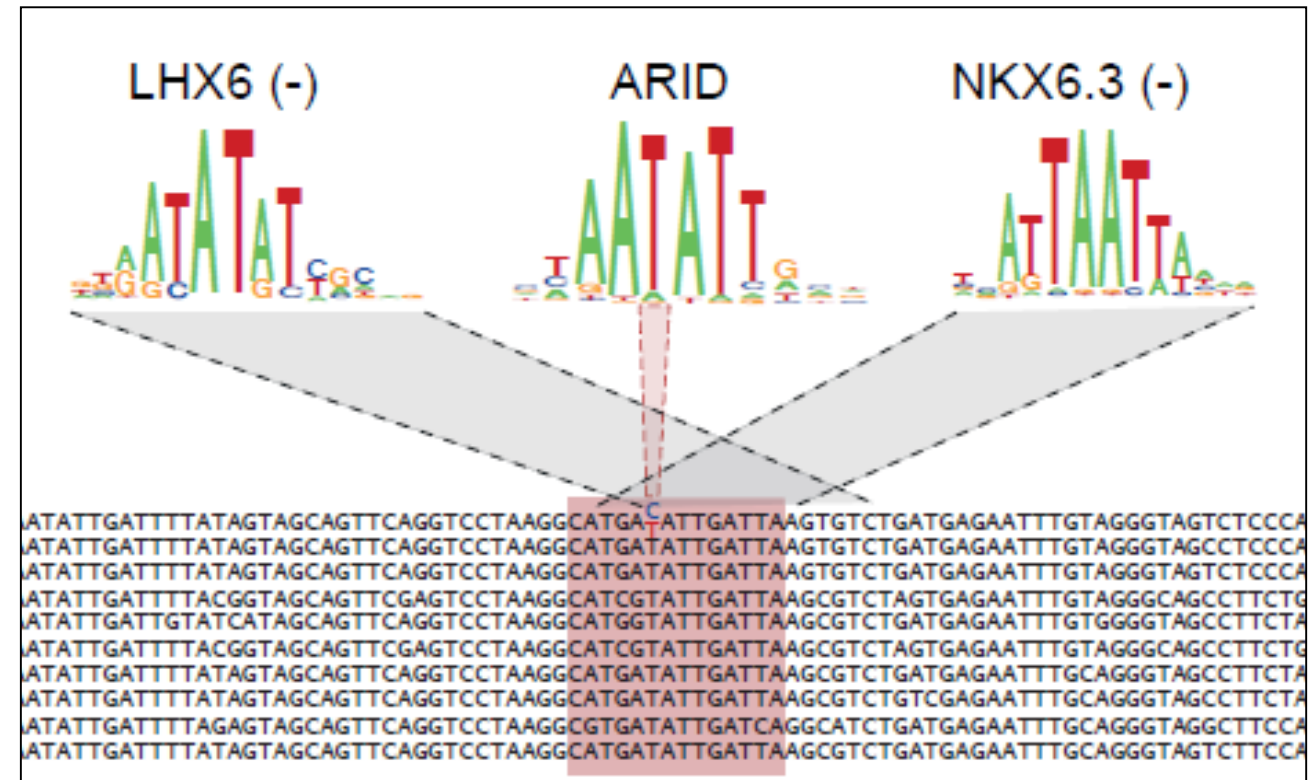


- The parts list: ~20-30k genes
  - Protein-coding genes, RNA genes (tRNA, microRNA, snRNA)
- The circuitry: constructs controlling gene usage
  - Enhancers, promoters, splicing, post-transcriptional motifs
- The regulatory code, complications:
  - Combinatorial coding of 'unique tags'
    - Data-centric encoding of addresses
  - Overlaid with 'memory' marks
    - Large-scale on/off states
  - Modulation of the large-scale coding
    - Post-transcriptional and post-translational information
- Today: discovering motifs in co-regulated promoters and *de novo* motif discovery & target identification

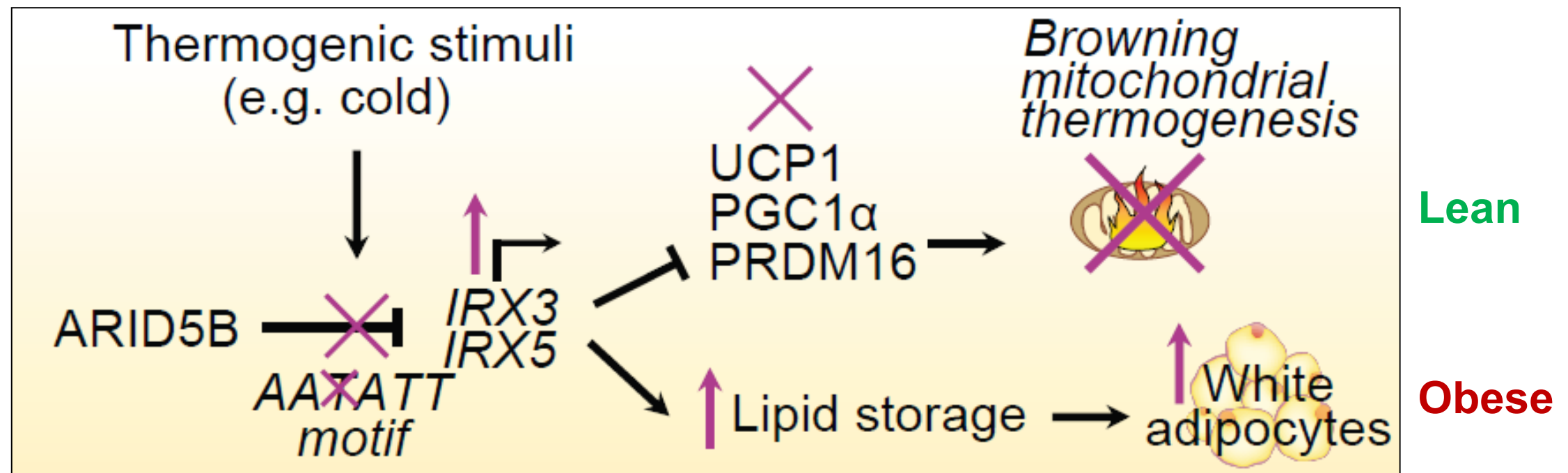
# Disrupted motif at the heart of FTO obesity locus



**Strongest association  
with obesity**



**C-to-T disruption of AT-rich  
regulatory motif**



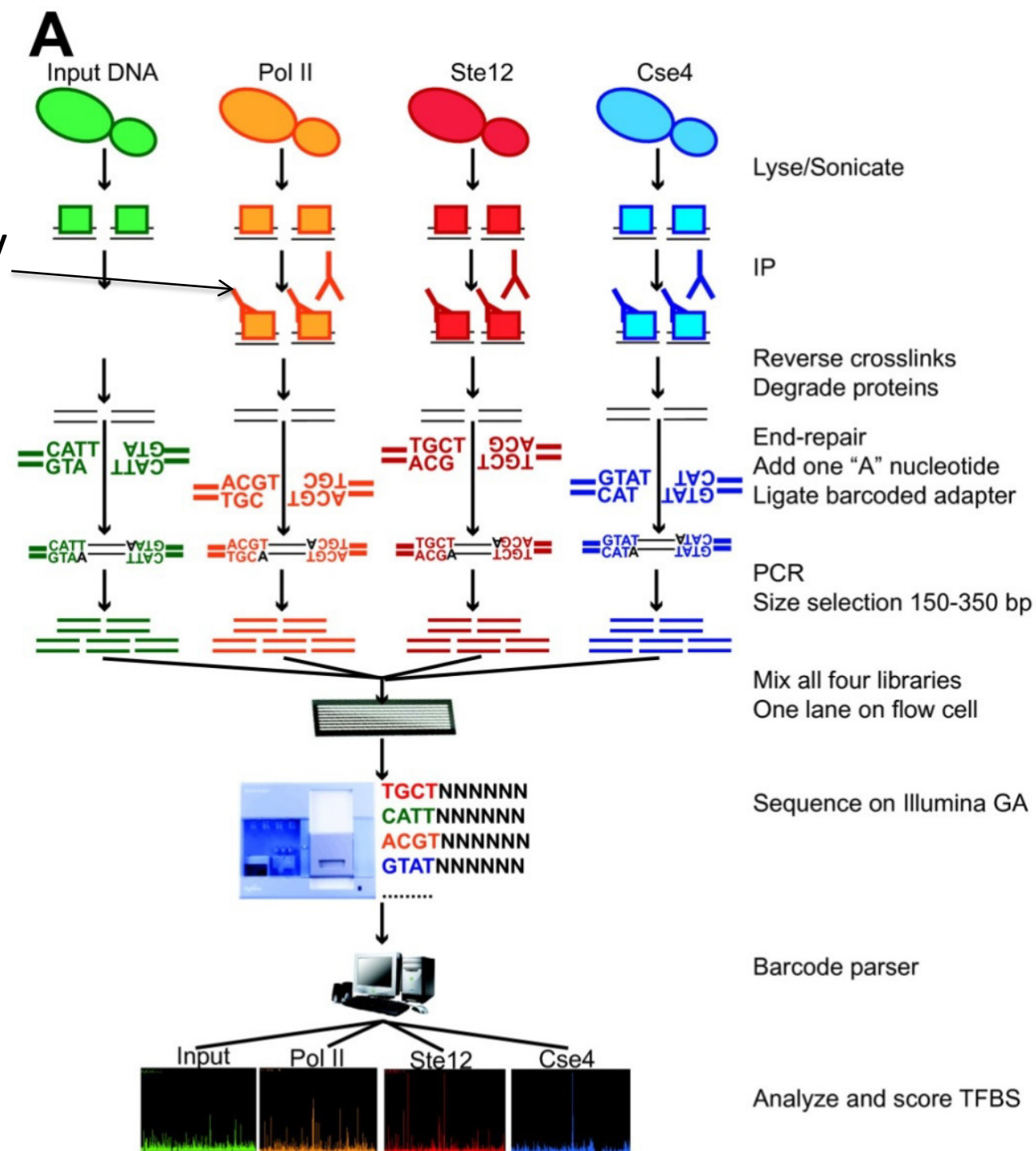
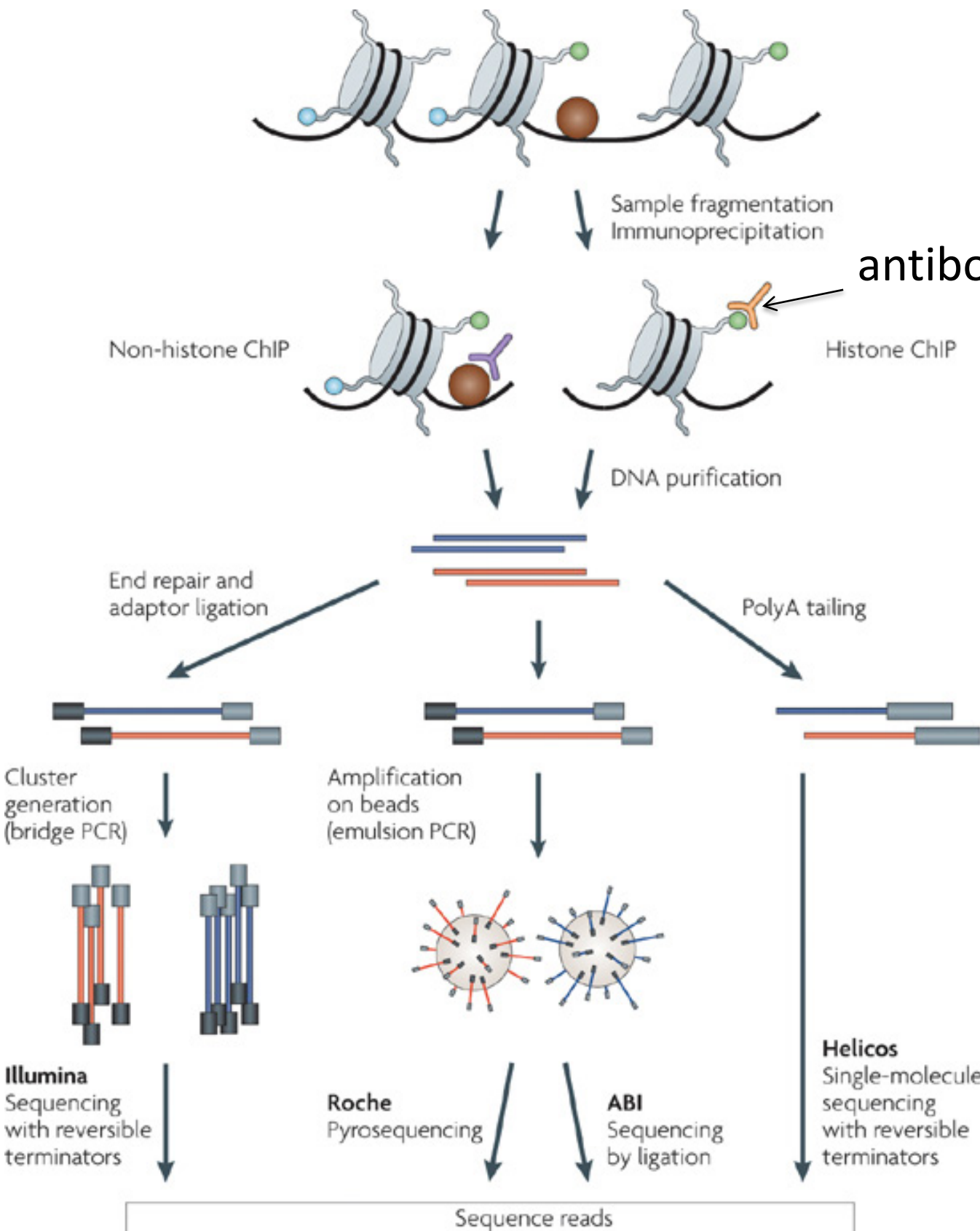
**Restoring motif restores thermogenesis**

## 1b. Technologies for probing gene regulation



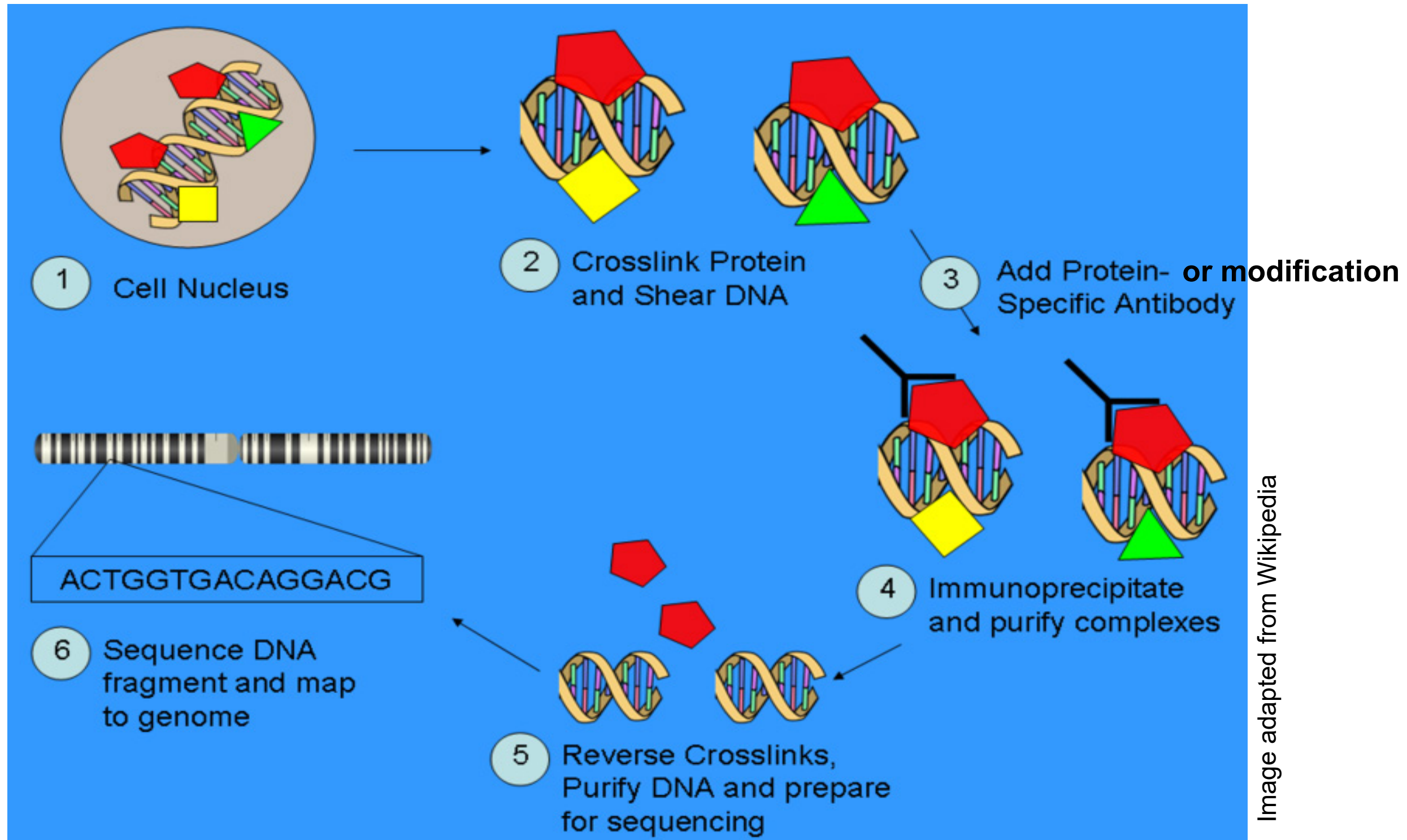
# Mapping regulator binding: ChIP-seq

(Chromatin immunoprecipitation followed by sequencing) TF=transcription factor



Bar-coded multiplexed sequencing

# ChIP-chip and ChIP-Seq technology overview



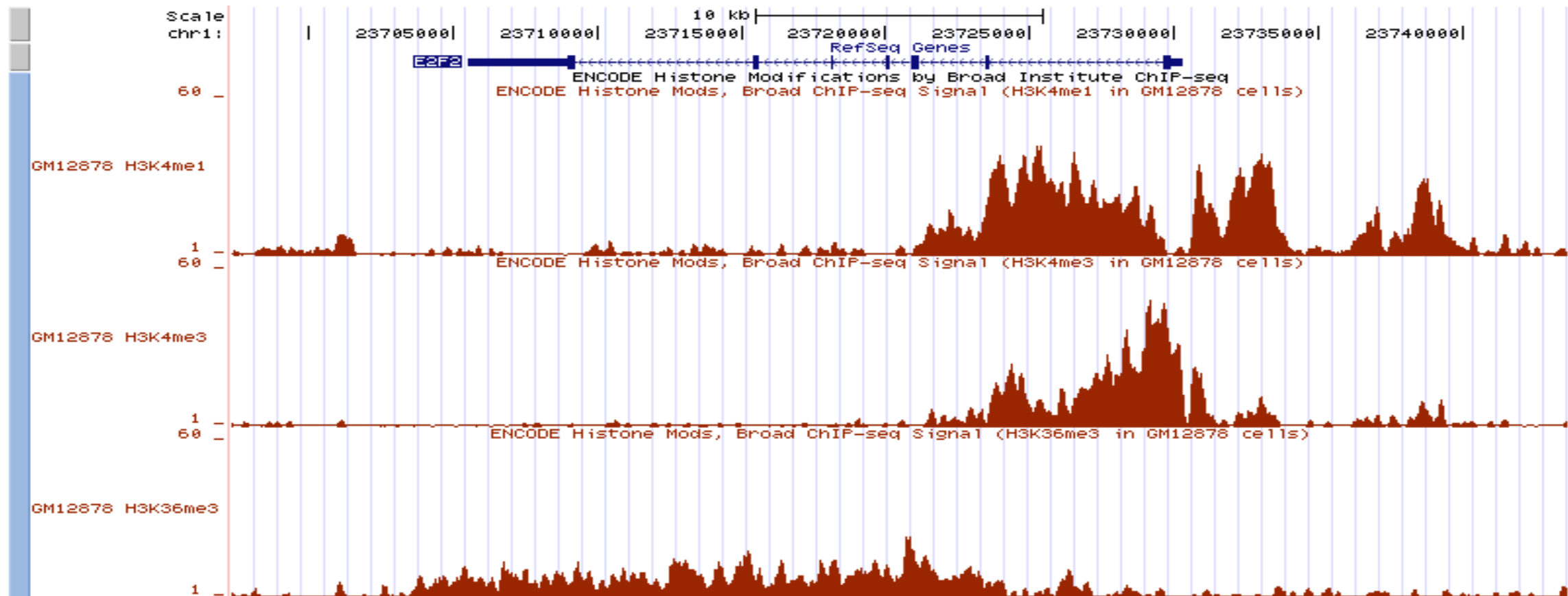
Modification-specific antibodies → Chromatin Immuno-Precipitation

followed by: ChIP-chip: array hybridization

ChIP-Seq: Massively Parallel Next-gen Sequencing



# ChIP-Seq Histone Modifications: What the raw data looks like

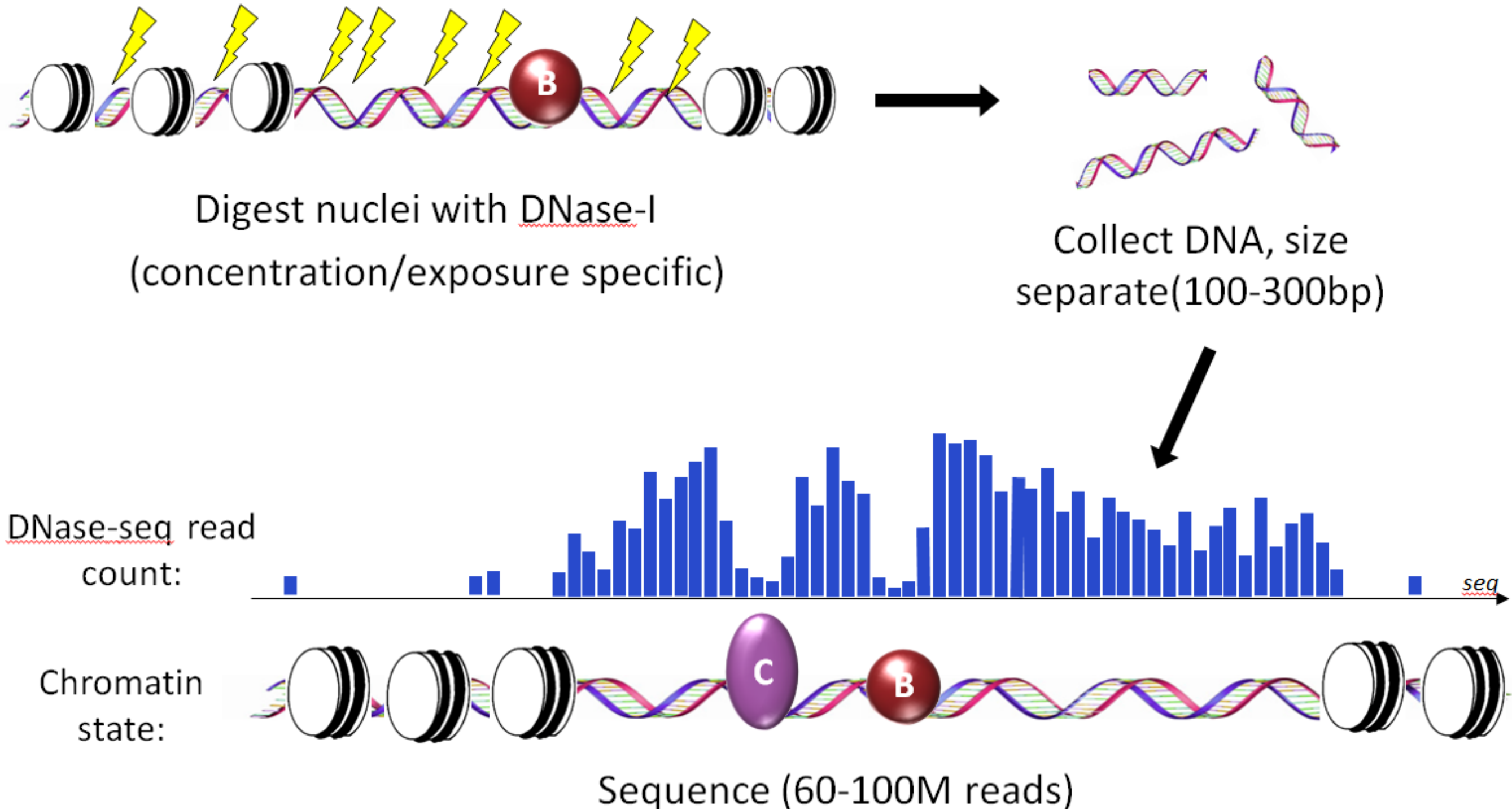


- Each sequence tag is 30 base pairs long
- Tags are mapped to unique positions in the ~3 billion base reference genome
- Number of reads depends on sequencing depth. Typically on the order of 10 million mapped reads.

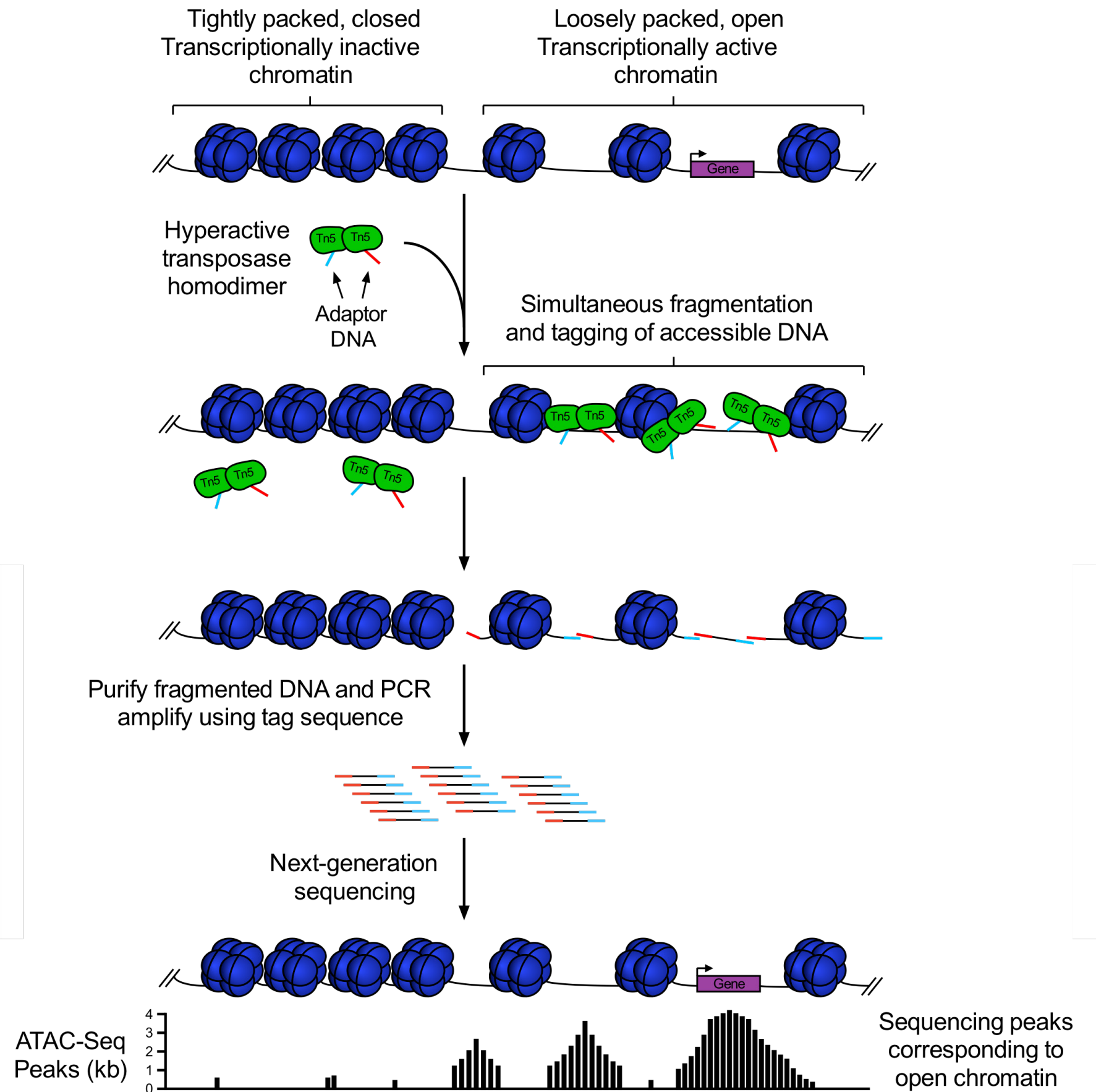
# Chromatin accessibility can reveal TF binding

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# DNase-seq reveals genome protection profiles

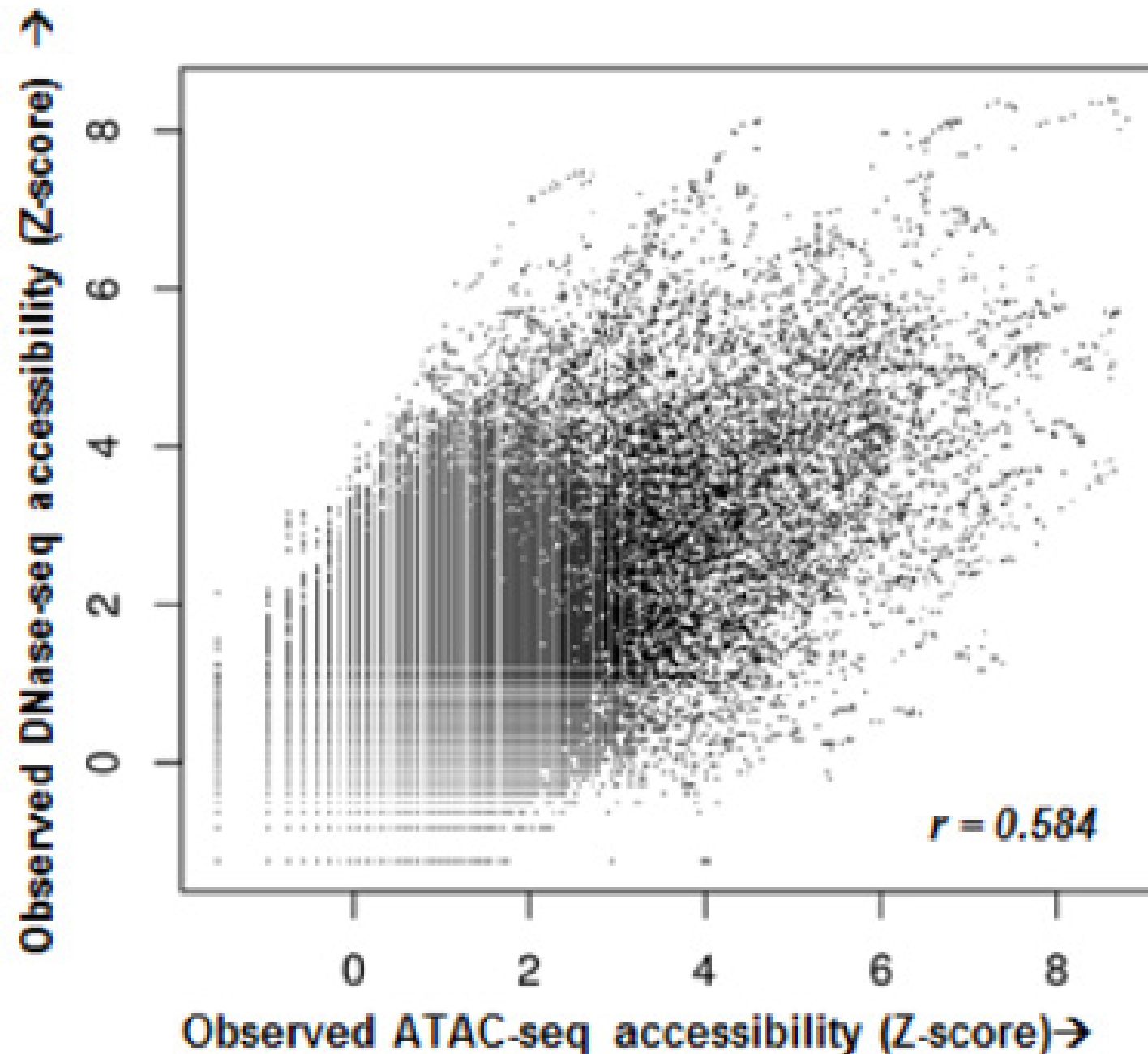


# Assay for Transposase-Accessible Chromatin (ATAC-seq)

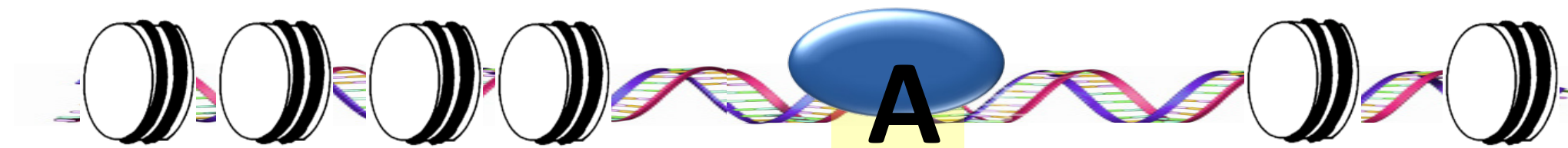


# ATAC-seq and DNase-seq are not identical

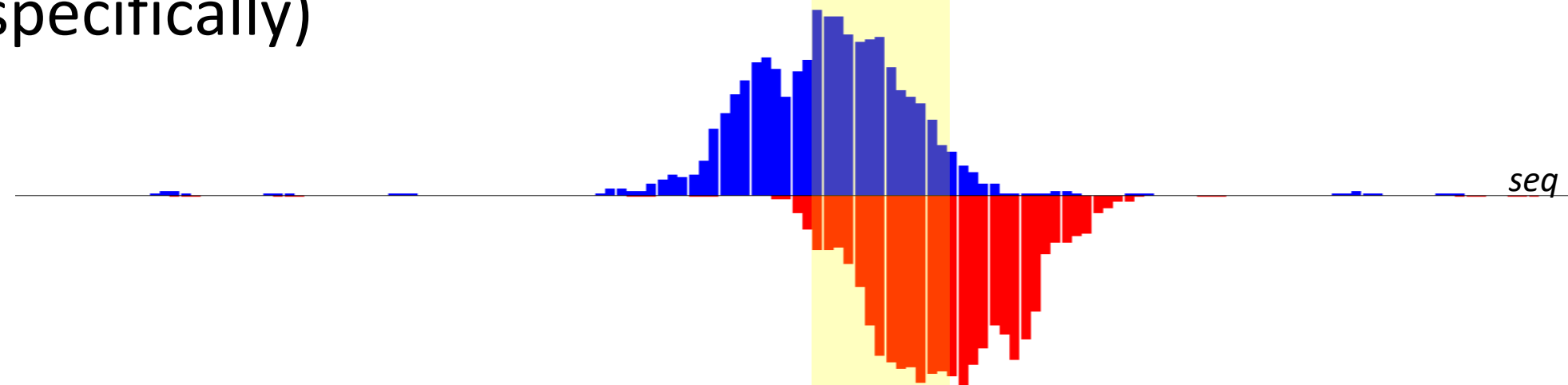
GM12878, Chr. 14,  
Each point is accessibility in a 2 kb window



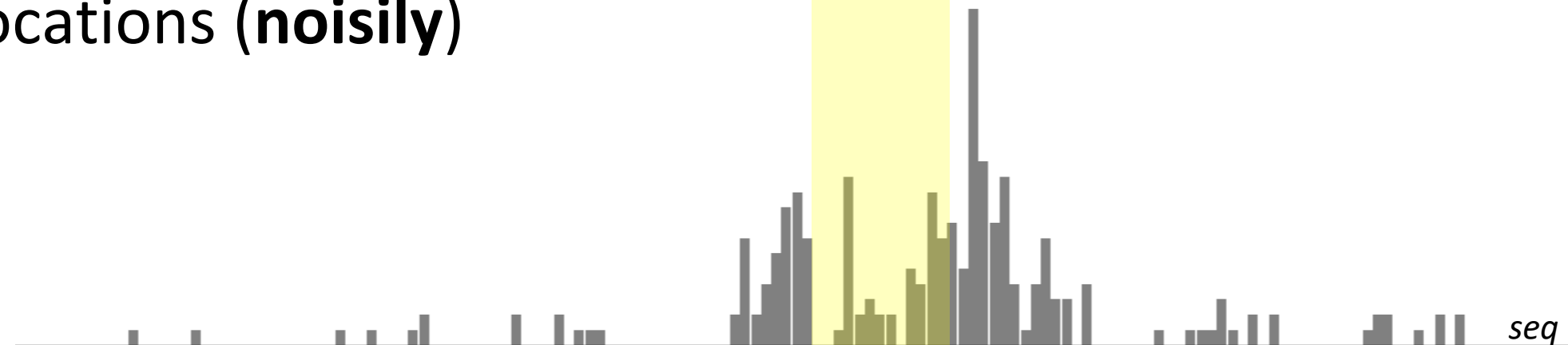
# DNase-seq is less defined evidence than ChIP-seq



ChIP-seq reports **TF-binding**  
locations regions (specifically)

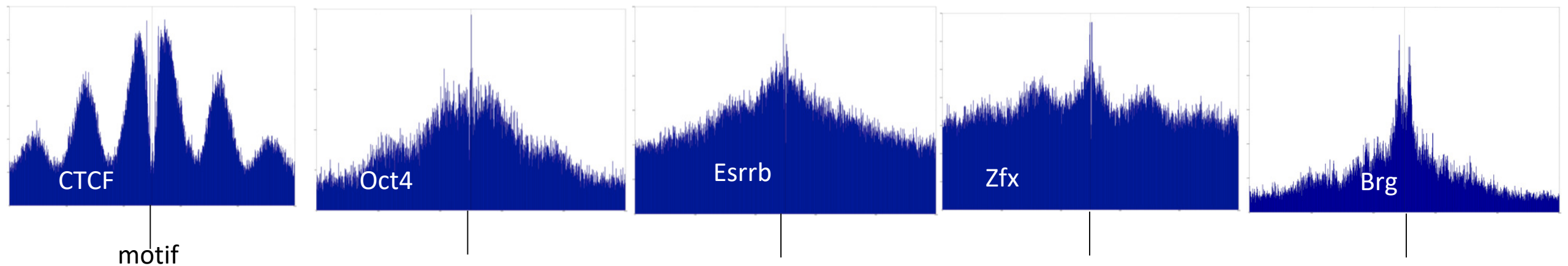


DNase-seq reports proximal  
**TF-non-binding** locations (**noisily**)





# Bound factors leave distinct DNase-seq profiles

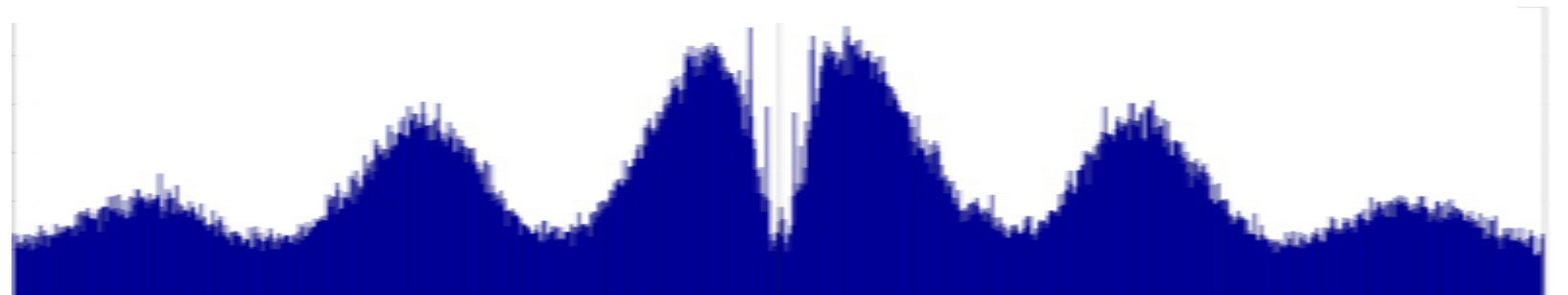


## Individual binding site prediction is difficult

Individual CTCF:

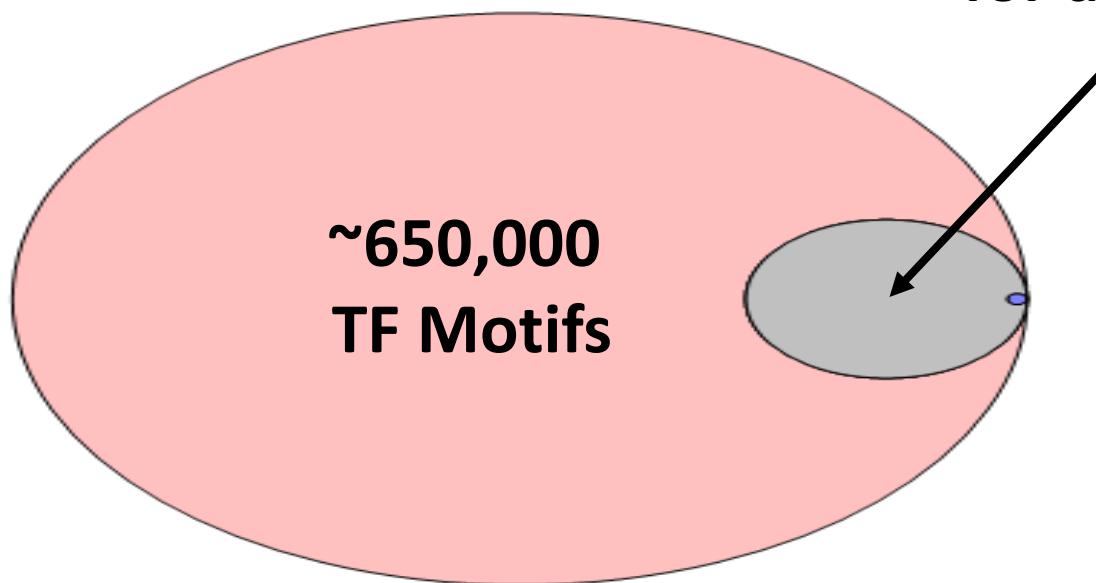


Aggregate CTCF:



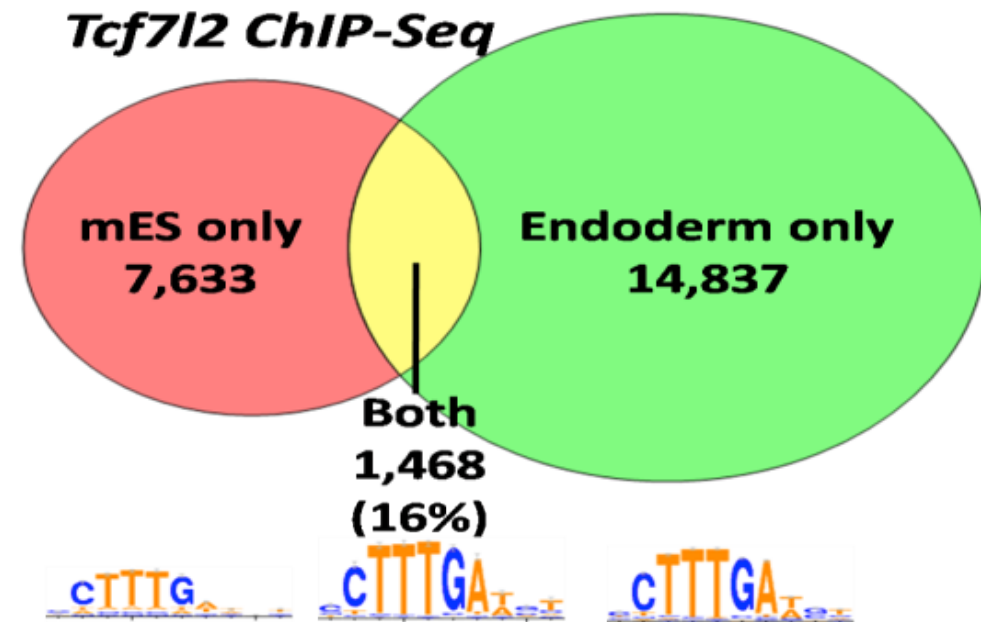
# Motifs can predict TF binding

~50,000 binding sites  
for a typical TF



Binding sites change across  
time

*Tcf7l2* ChIP-Seq



# Chromatin accessibility influences transcription factor binding

- Modeling accessibility profiles yields binding predictions and pioneer factor discovery
- Asymmetric accessibility is induced by *directional pioneers*
- The binding of *settler factors* can be enabled by proximal pioneer factor binding

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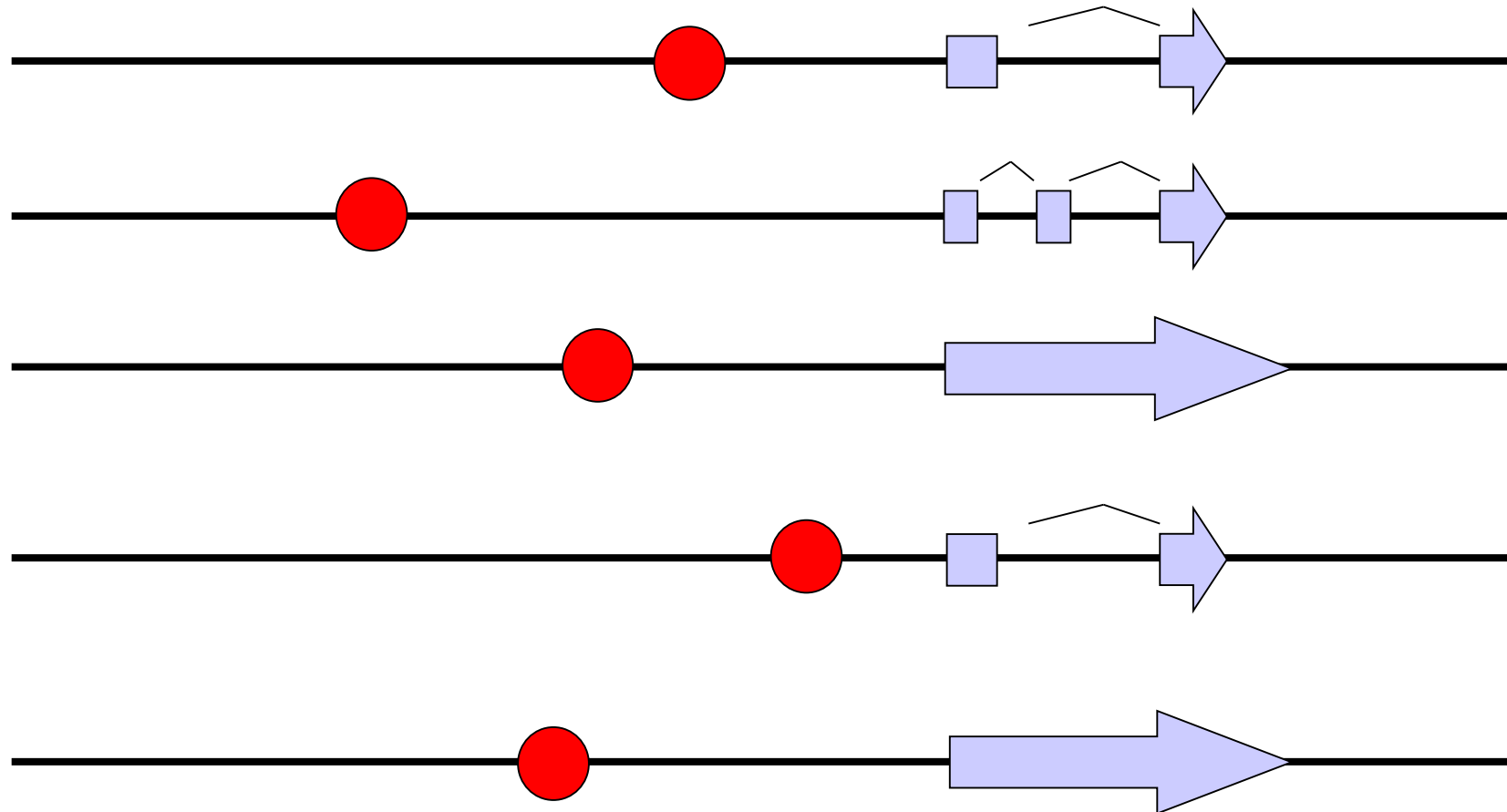
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## 2. Classical regulatory genomics (before Deep Learning)

# Enrichment-based discovery methods

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Given a set of **co-regulated/functionally related** genes,  
find common motifs in their promoter regions

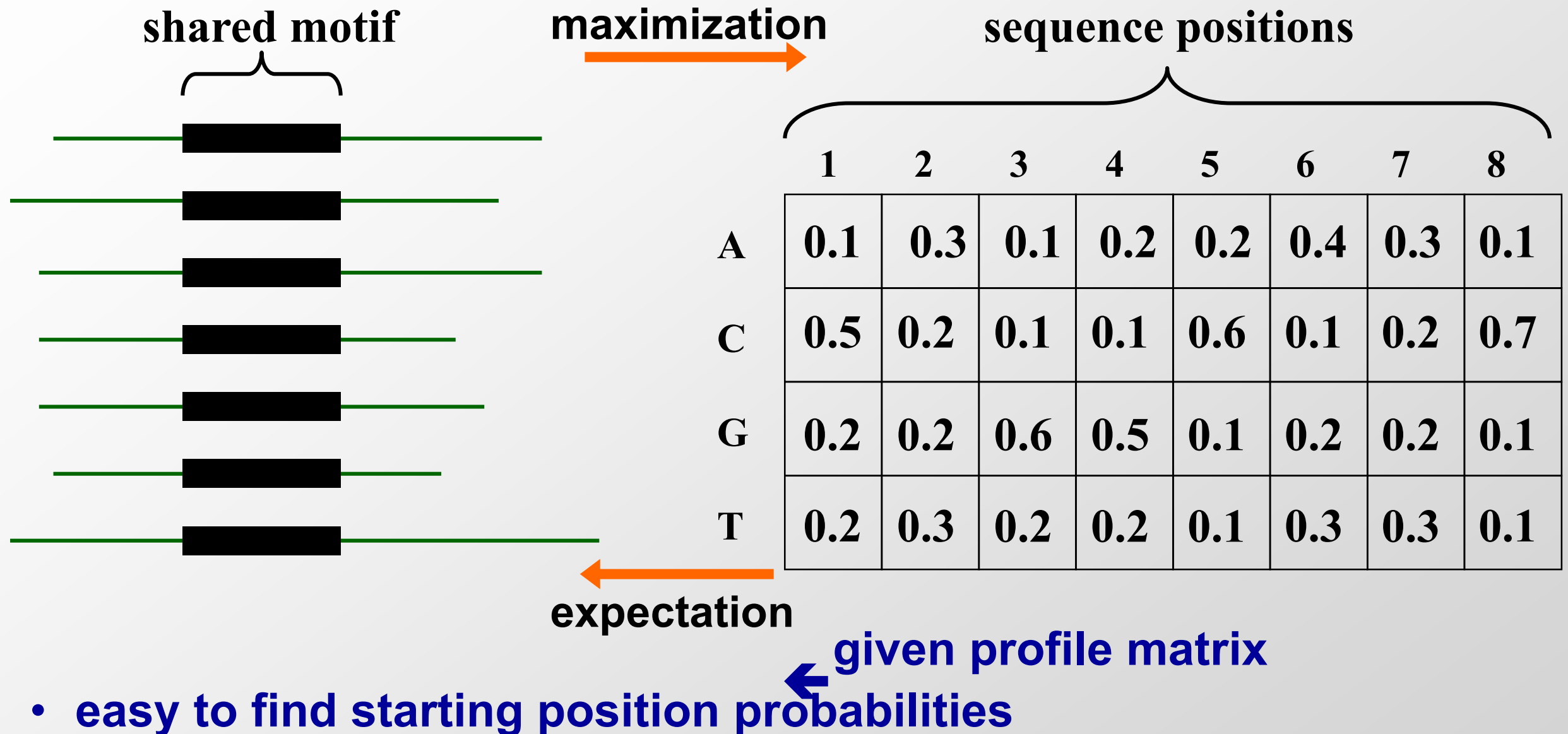


- Align the promoters to each other using local alignment
- Use expert knowledge for what motifs should look like
- Find 'median' string by enumeration (motif/sample driven)
- Start with conserved blocks in the upstream regions



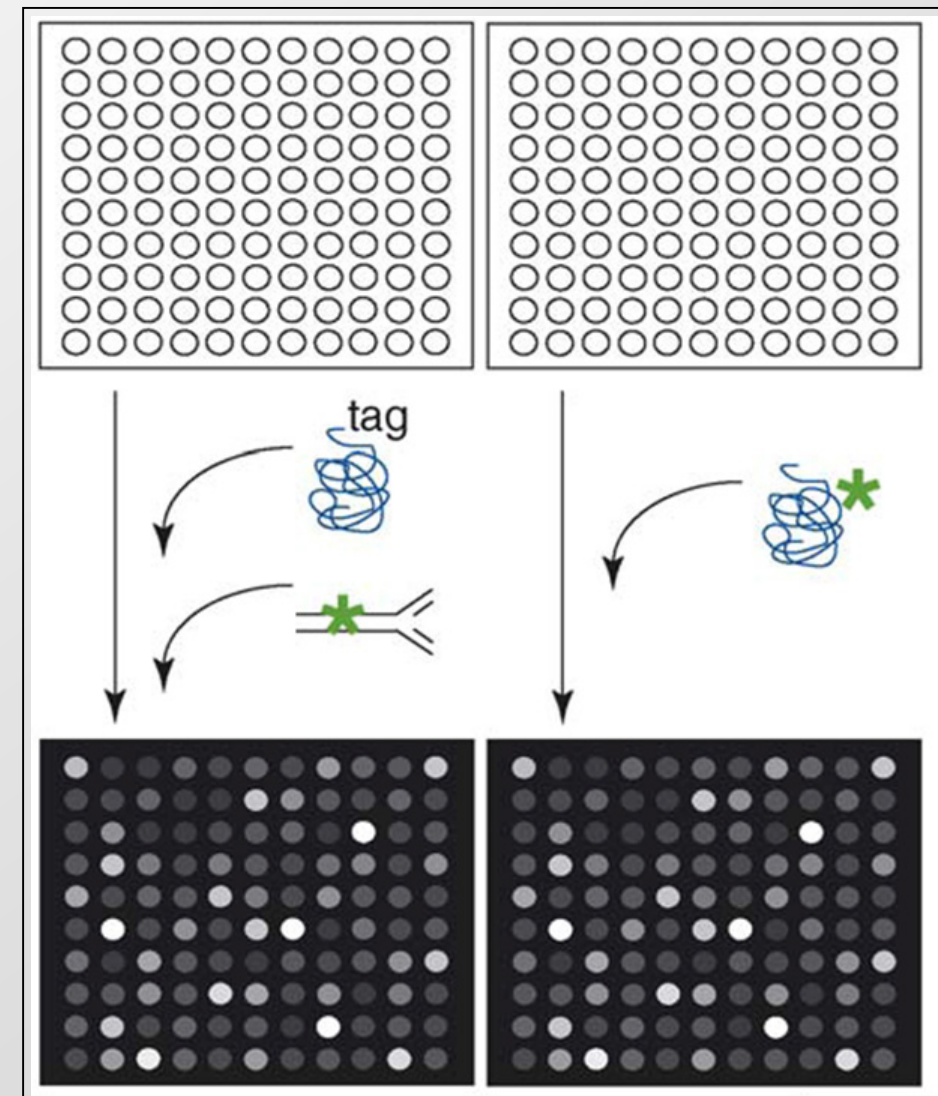
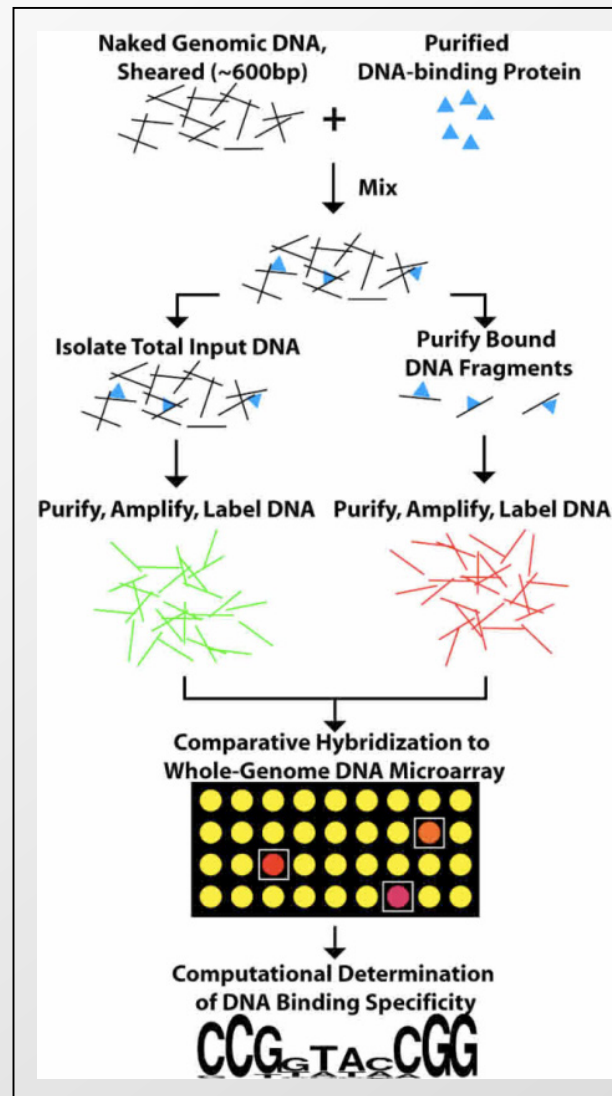
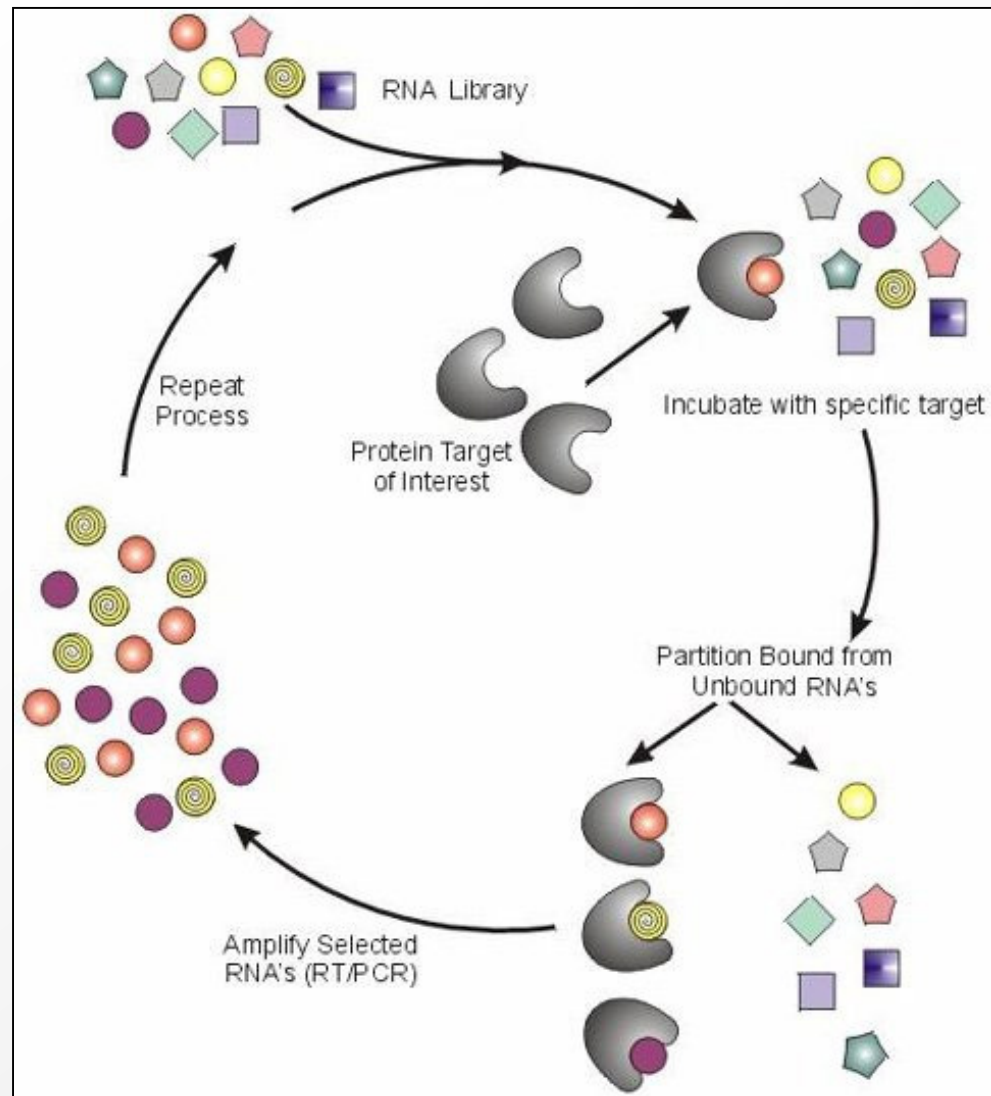
# Starting positions $\Leftrightarrow$ Motif matrix

- given aligned sequences  $\rightarrow$  easy to compute profile matrix



**Key idea: Iterative procedure for estimating both, given uncertainty (learning problem with hidden variables: the starting positions)**

# Experimental factor-centric discovery of motifs

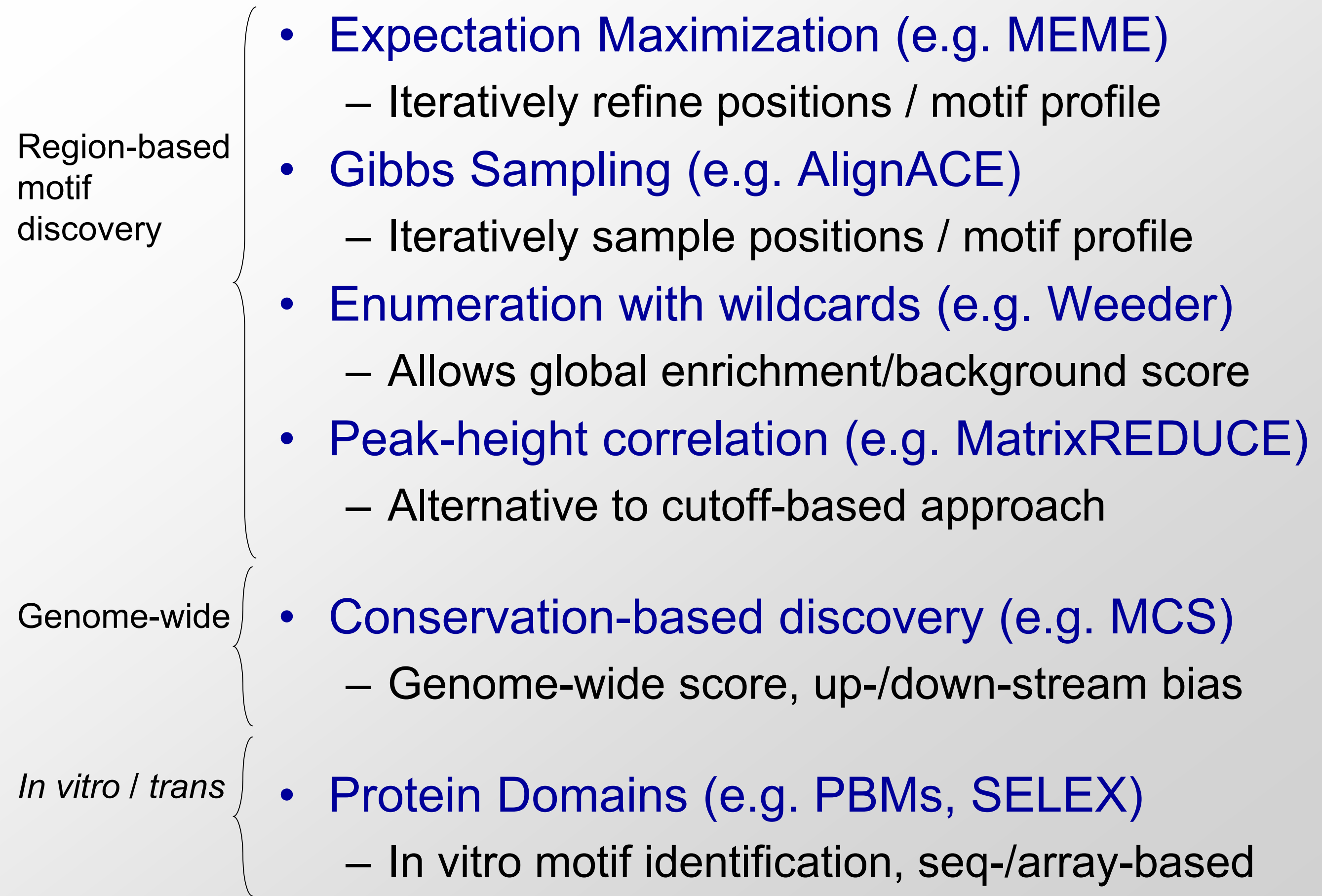


**SELEX (Systematic Evolution of Ligands by Exponential Enrichment; Klug & Famulok, 1994).**

**DIP-Chip (DNA-immunoprecipitation with microarray detection; Liu et al., 2005)**

**PBMs (Protein binding microarrays; Mukherjee, 2004)  
Double stranded DNA arrays**

# Approaches to regulatory motif discovery

- 
- Region-based motif discovery
    - Expectation Maximization (e.g. MEME)
      - Iteratively refine positions / motif profile
    - Gibbs Sampling (e.g. AlignACE)
      - Iteratively sample positions / motif profile
    - Enumeration with wildcards (e.g. Weeder)
      - Allows global enrichment/background score
    - Peak-height correlation (e.g. MatrixREDUCE)
      - Alternative to cutoff-based approach
  - Genome-wide
    - Conservation-based discovery (e.g. MCS)
      - Genome-wide score, up-/down-stream bias
  - In vitro / trans*
    - Protein Domains (e.g. PBMs, SELEX)
      - In vitro motif identification, seq-/array-based

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# Deep convolutional neural network

Sigmoid activations

Typically followed by one or more fully connected layers

Maxpooling layers take the max over sets of conv layer outputs

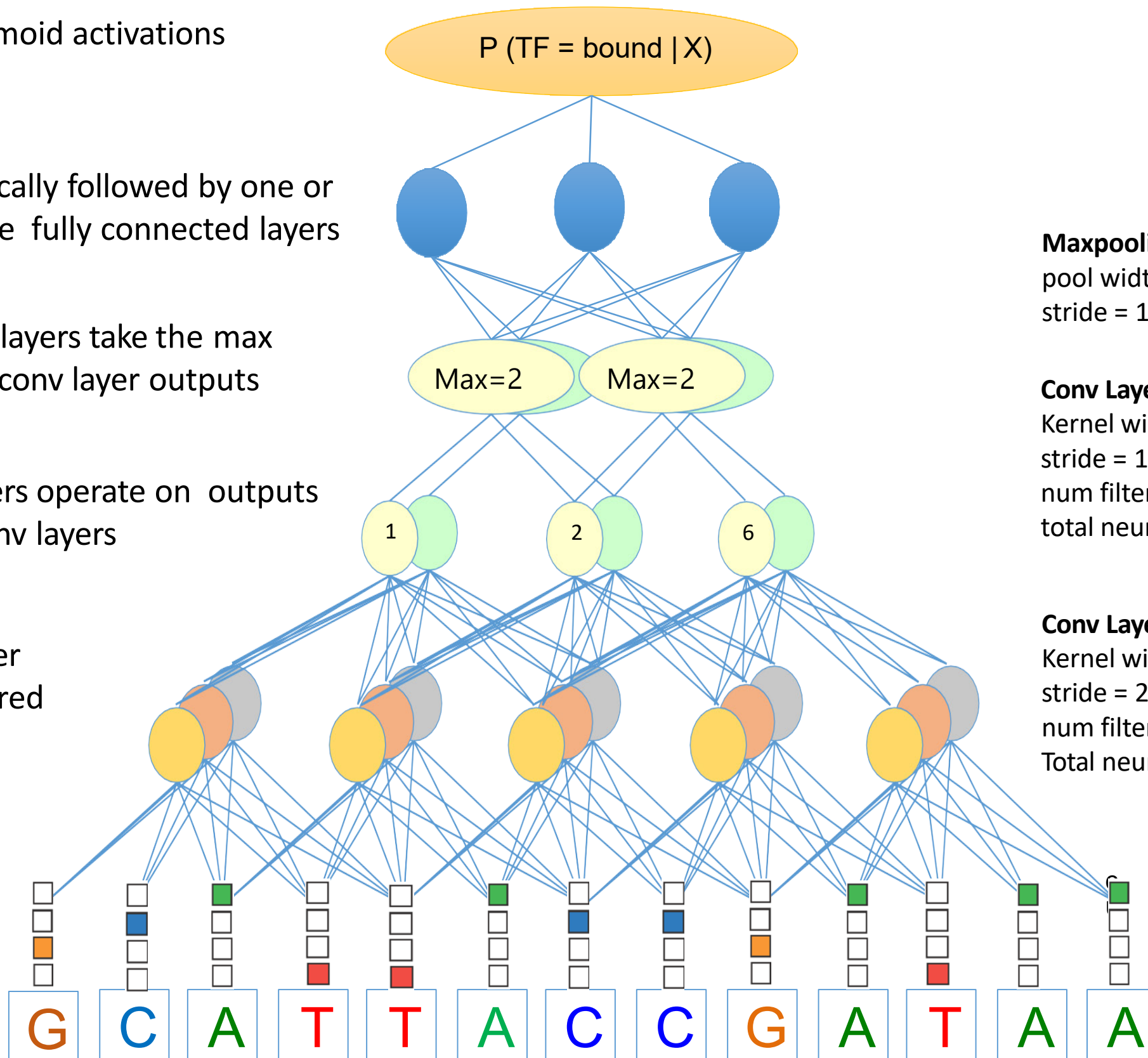
Later conv layers operate on outputs of previous conv layers

Convolutional layer  
(same color = shared weights)

**Maxpooling layer**  
pool width = 2  
stride = 1

**Conv Layer 2**  
Kernel width = 3  
stride = 1  
num filters / num channels = 2  
total neurons = 6

**Conv Layer 1**  
Kernel width = 4  
stride = 2\*  
num filters / num channels = 3  
Total neurons = 15



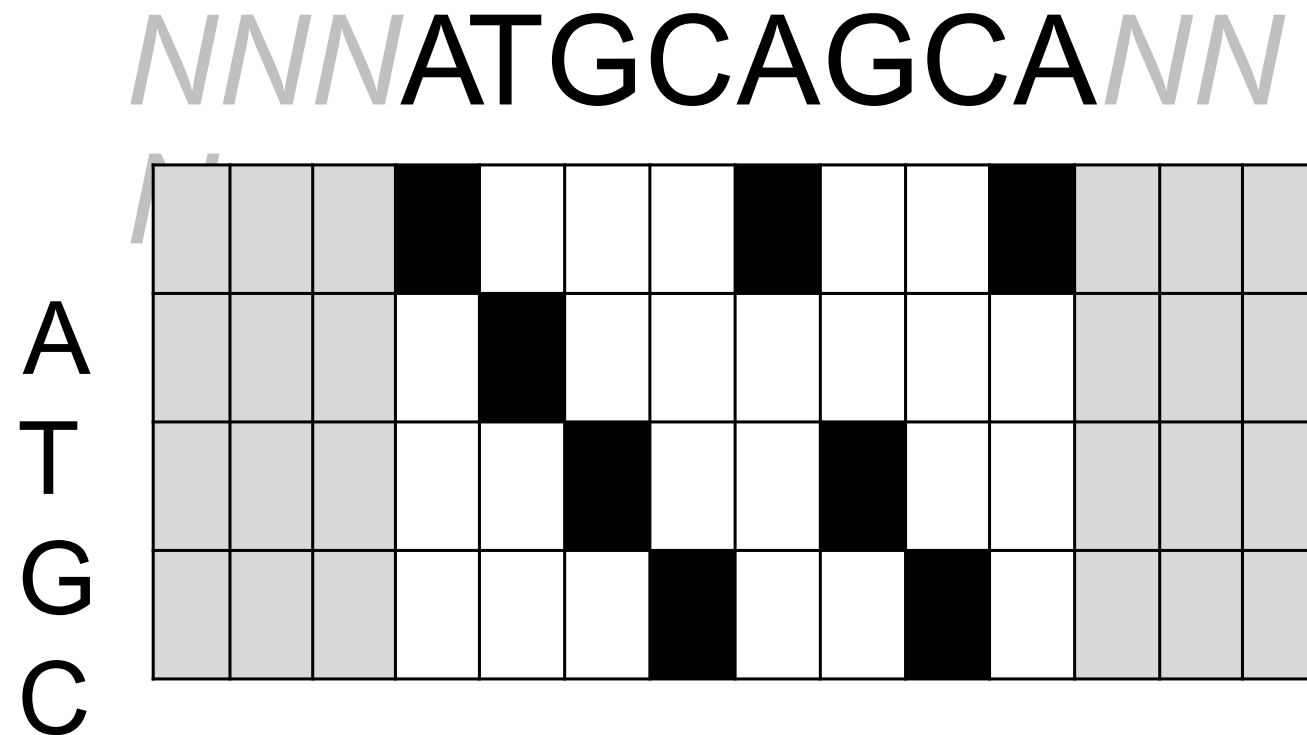
\*for genomics, a stride of 1 for conv layers is recommended



## 3a. CNNs for Regulatory Genomics Foundations (Low-level features)

# An example of using CNN to model DNA sequence

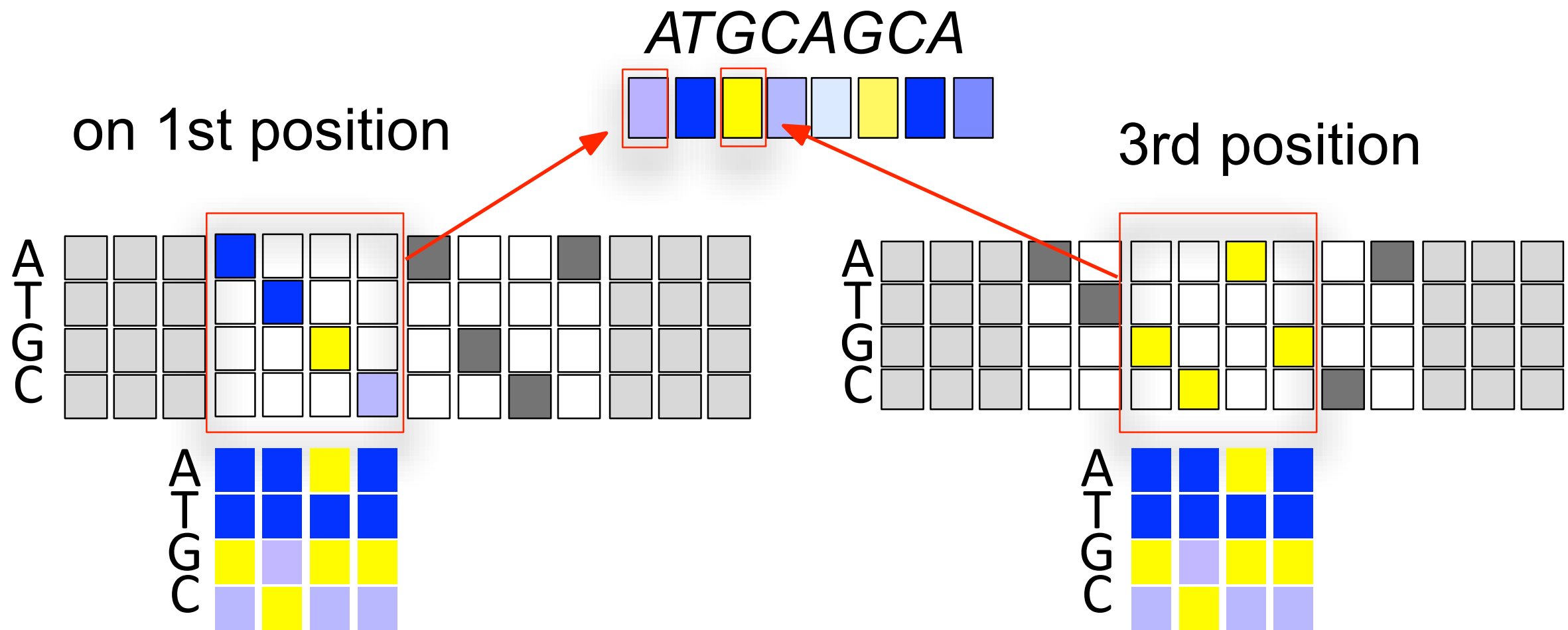
Representing DNA sequence as 2D matrix:



Matrix representation of  
DNA sequence  
(darker = stronger)

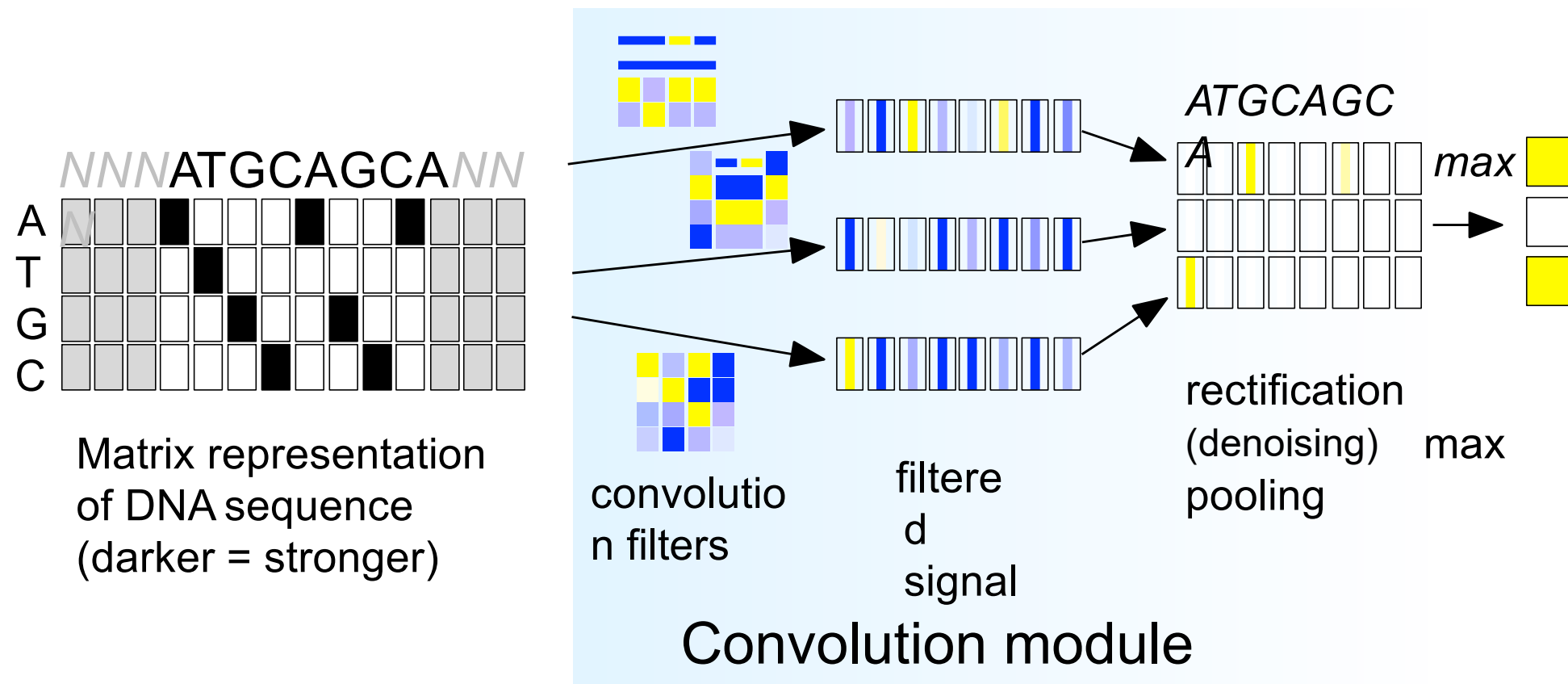
# Convolution – extracting invariant feature

Applying 4 bp sequence filter along the DNA matrix:



Yellow = high activity; blue = low activity

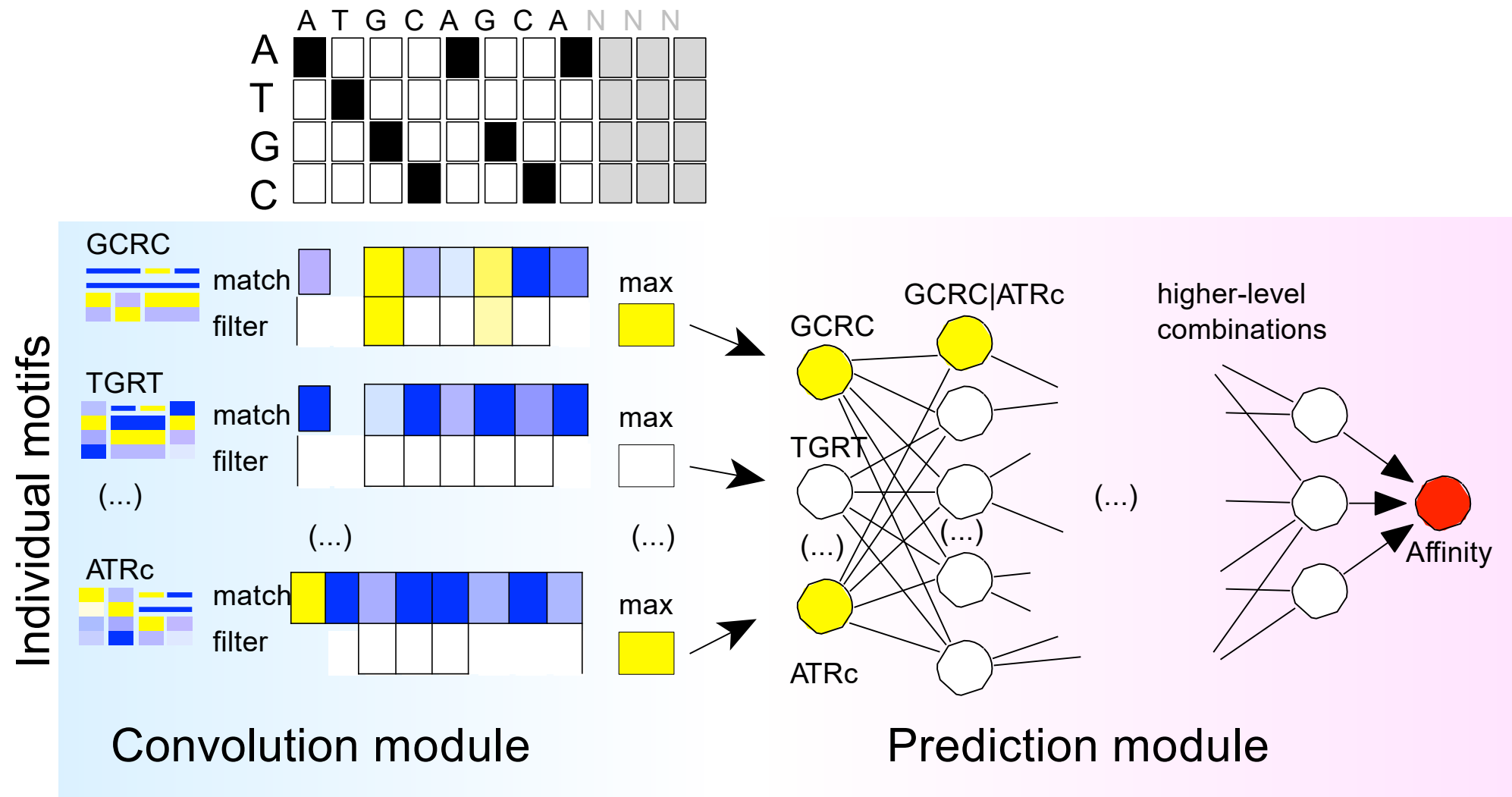
# Convolution – extracting invariant feature



Rectification = ignore signals below some threshold.  
Pooling = summary of each channel by max or average.

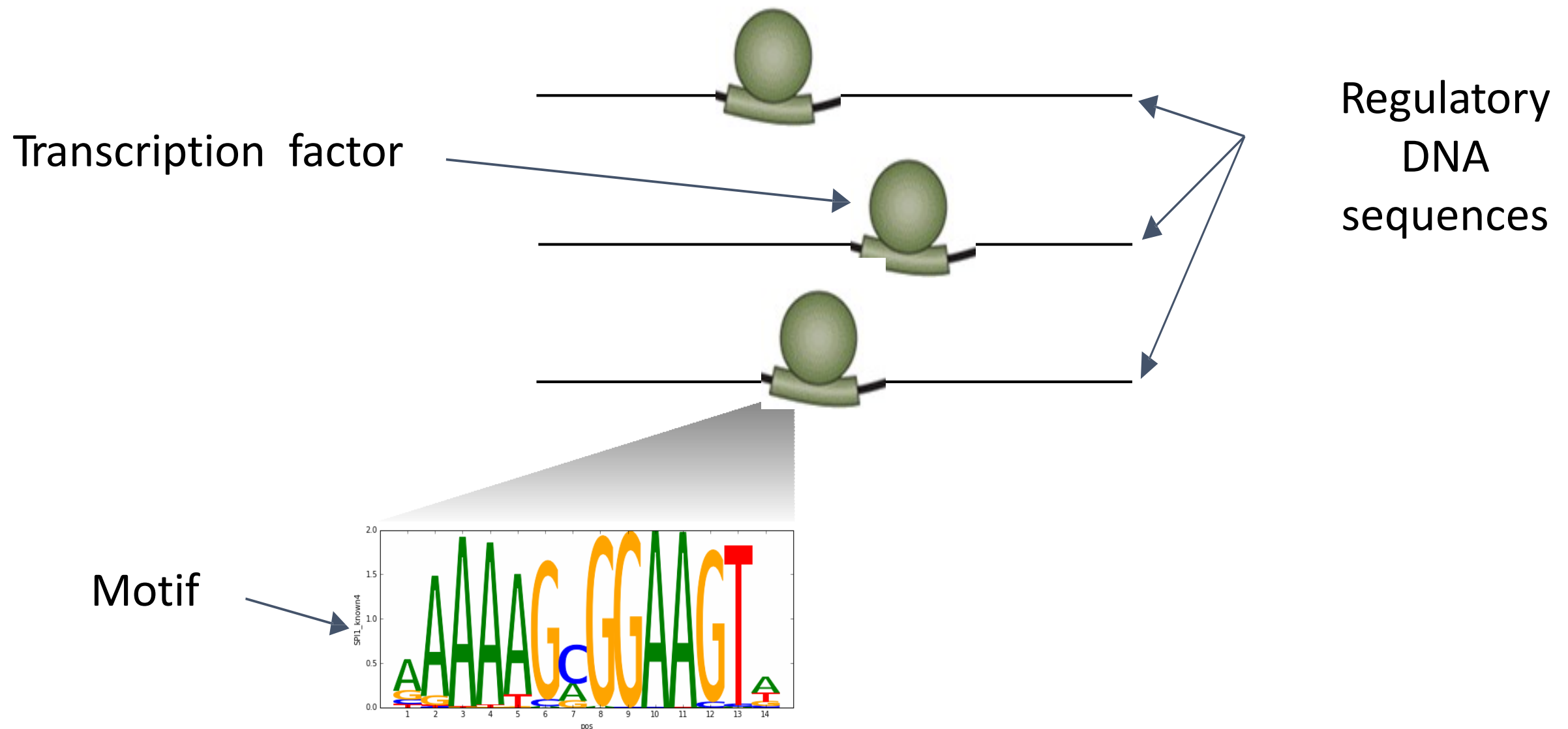
## Prediction using extracted features map

# ChIP-seq, PBMs, SELEX Experiments DNA sequence





# Key properties of regulatory sequence



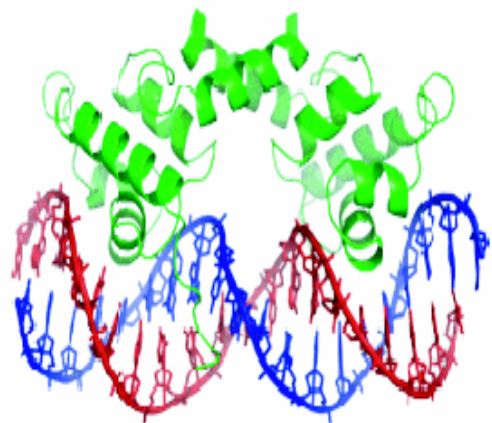
## TRANSCRIPTION FACTOR BINDING

Regulatory proteins called **transcription factors (TFs)** bind to high affinity sequence patterns (**motifs**) in regulatory DNA

# Sequence motifs: PWM

GGATAA  
CGATAA  
CGATAT  
GGATAT

Set of aligned sequences  
Bound by TF

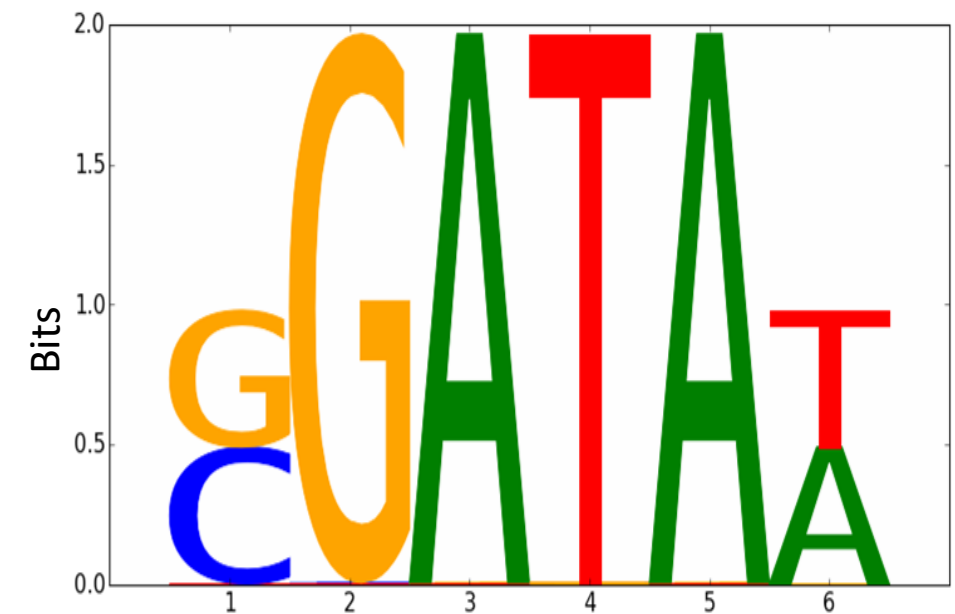


..ATGGATTCCTCC..  
..GCATATAGCTAT..  
..GTGAACTGGCTG..

$$p_i(x_i = a_i)$$

|   |     |   |   |   |   |     |
|---|-----|---|---|---|---|-----|
| A | 0   | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0.5 |
| C | 0.5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0   |
| G | 0.5 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0   |
| T | 0   | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0.5 |

Position weight matrix  
(PWM)



[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sequence\\_logo](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sequence_logo)

The information content (y-axis) of position  $i$  is given by:<sup>[2]</sup>

$$R_i = \log_2(4) - (H_i + e_n)$$

where  $H_i$  is the uncertainty (sometimes called the Shannon entropy) of position  $i$

$$H_i = - \sum f_{a,i} \times \log_2 f_{a,i}$$

The height of letter  $a$  in column  $i$  is given by

$$\text{height} = f_{a,i} \times R_i$$

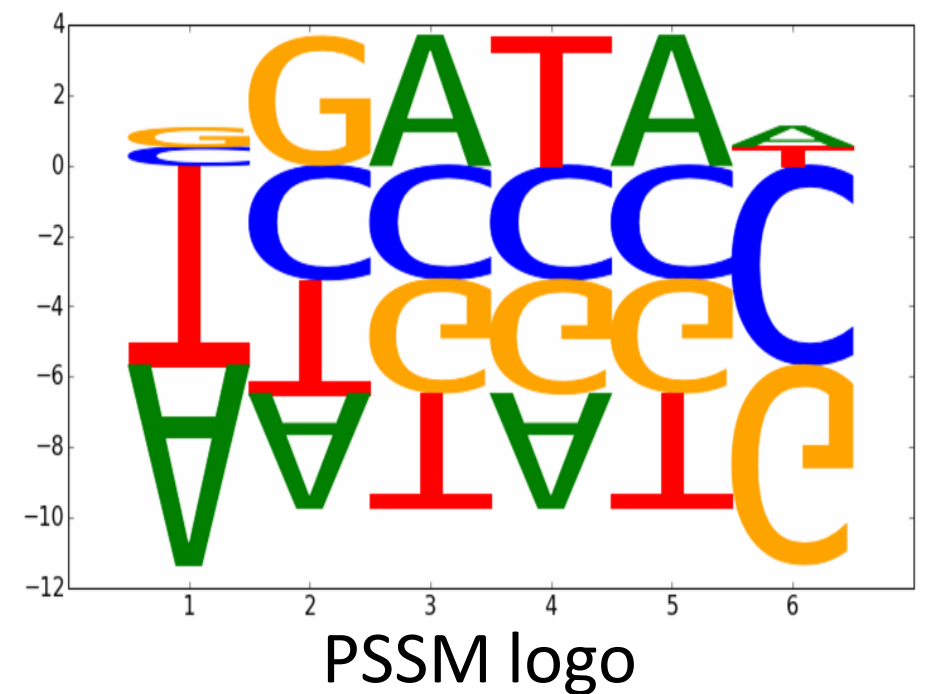
# Sequence motifs: PSSM

Accounting for genomic background nucleotide distribution

Position-specific  
scoring matrix  
(PSSM)

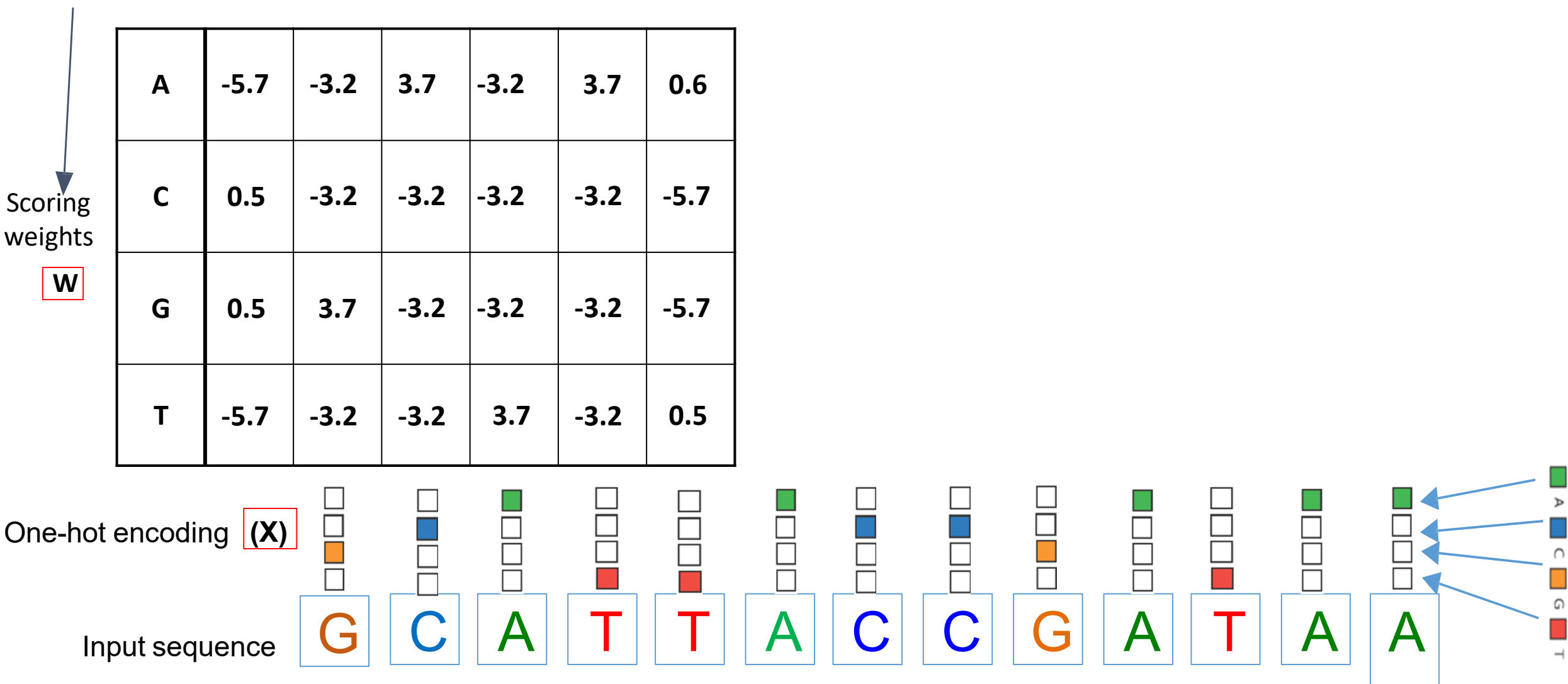
$$\log_2 \left( \frac{p_i(x_i = a_i)}{p_{bg}(x_i = a_i)} \right)$$

|   |      |      |      |      |      |      |
|---|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| A | -5.7 | -3.2 | 3.7  | -3.2 | 3.7  | 0.6  |
| C | 0.5  | -3.2 | -3.2 | -3.2 | -3.2 | -5.7 |
| G | 0.5  | 3.7  | -3.2 | -3.2 | -3.2 | -5.7 |
| T | -5.7 | -3.2 | -3.2 | 3.7  | -3.2 | 0.5  |



# Scoring a sequence with a motif PSSM

## PSSM parameters



# Convolution:

## Scoring a sequence with a PSSM

Motif match Scores

$\text{sum}(W * x)$

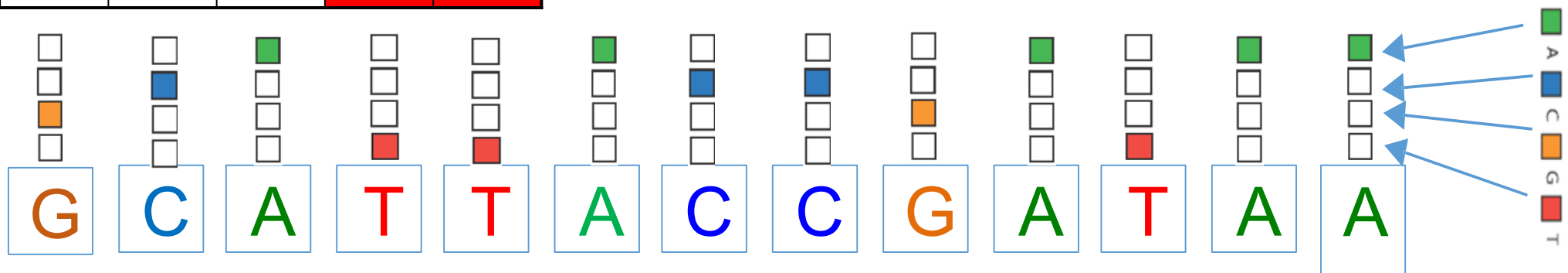
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Scoring  
weights  
 $W$

|   |      |      |      |      |      |      |
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One-hot encoding  
( $X$ )

Input  
sequence





# Convolution

Motif match Scores

$\text{sum}(W * x)$

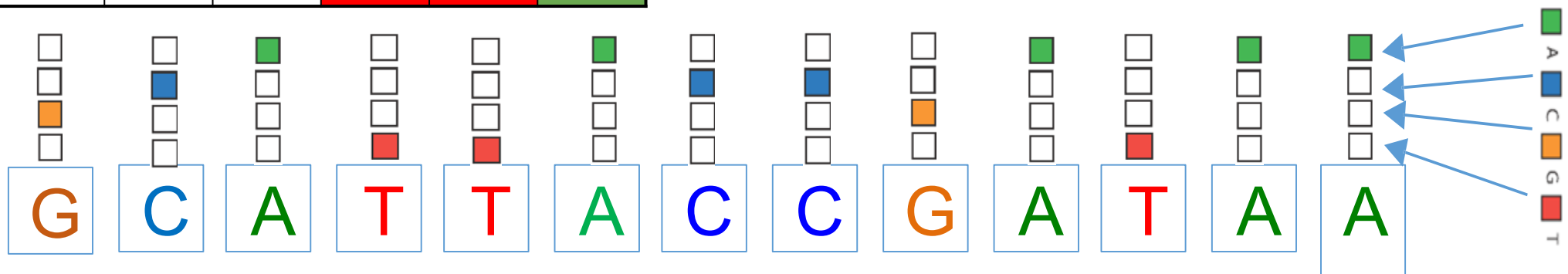
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Scoring  
weights  
W

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One-hot encoding  
(X)

Input  
sequence



# Convolution

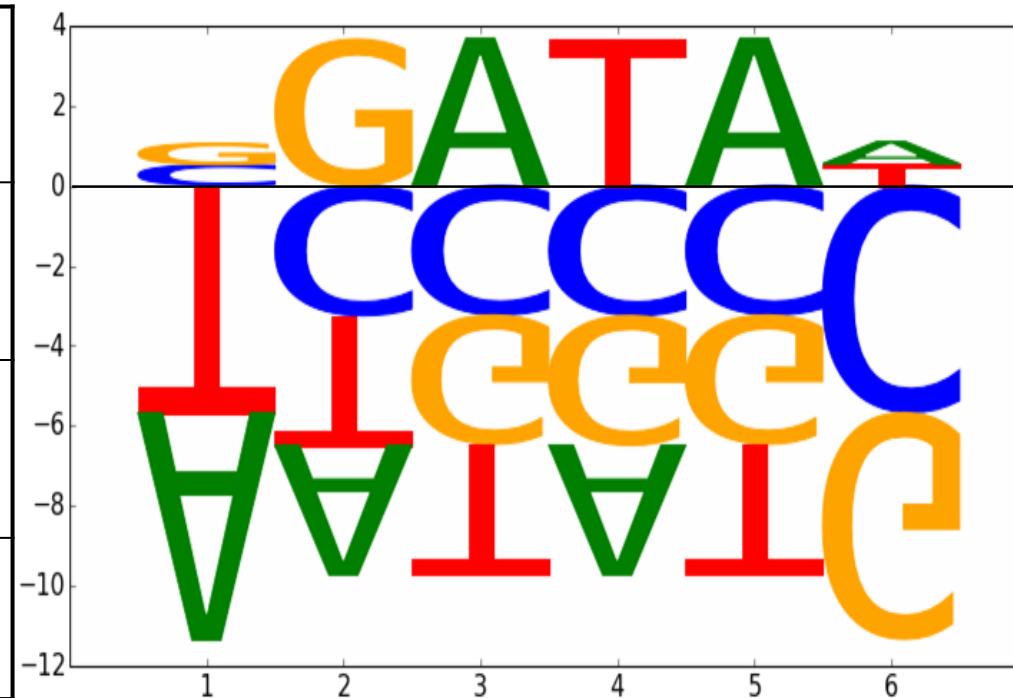
Motif match Scores

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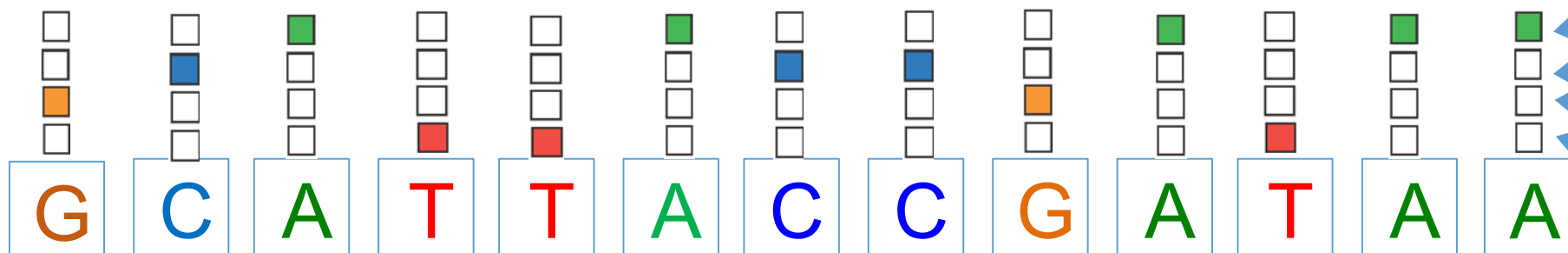
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Scoring  
weights  
 $W$

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One-hot encoding ( $X$ )



Input sequence

A C G T

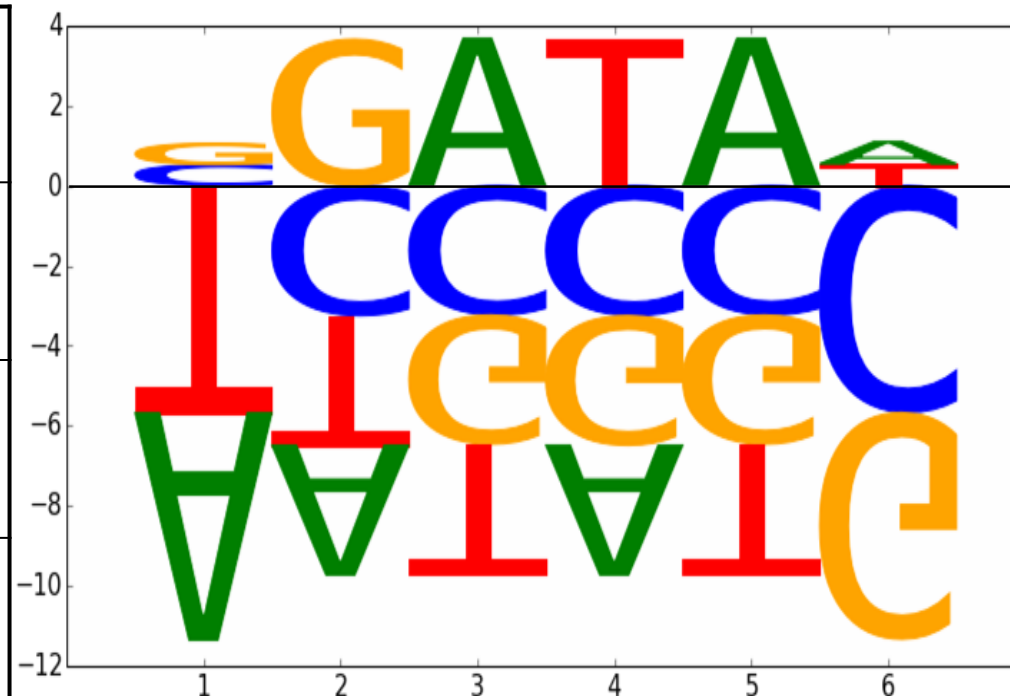
# Thresholding scores

**Thresholded  
Motif Scores**  
 $\max(0, W \cdot x)$

Motif match  
Scores  
 $W \cdot x$

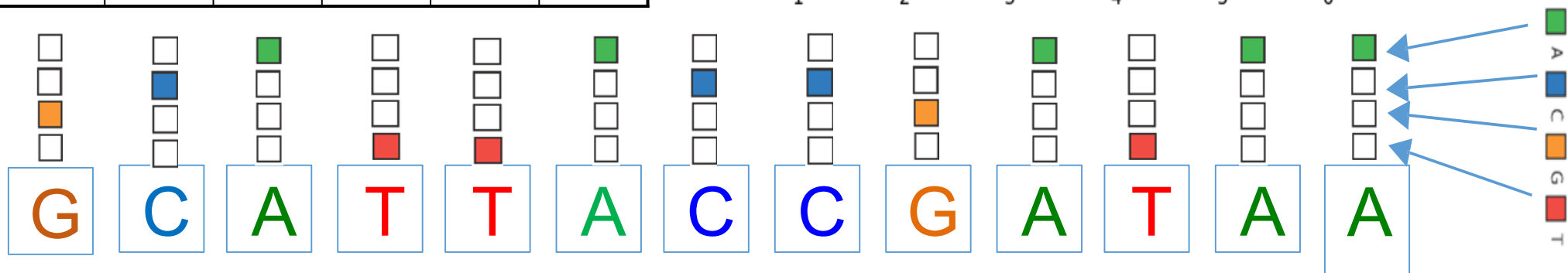
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One-hot encoding  
(X)

Input  
sequence



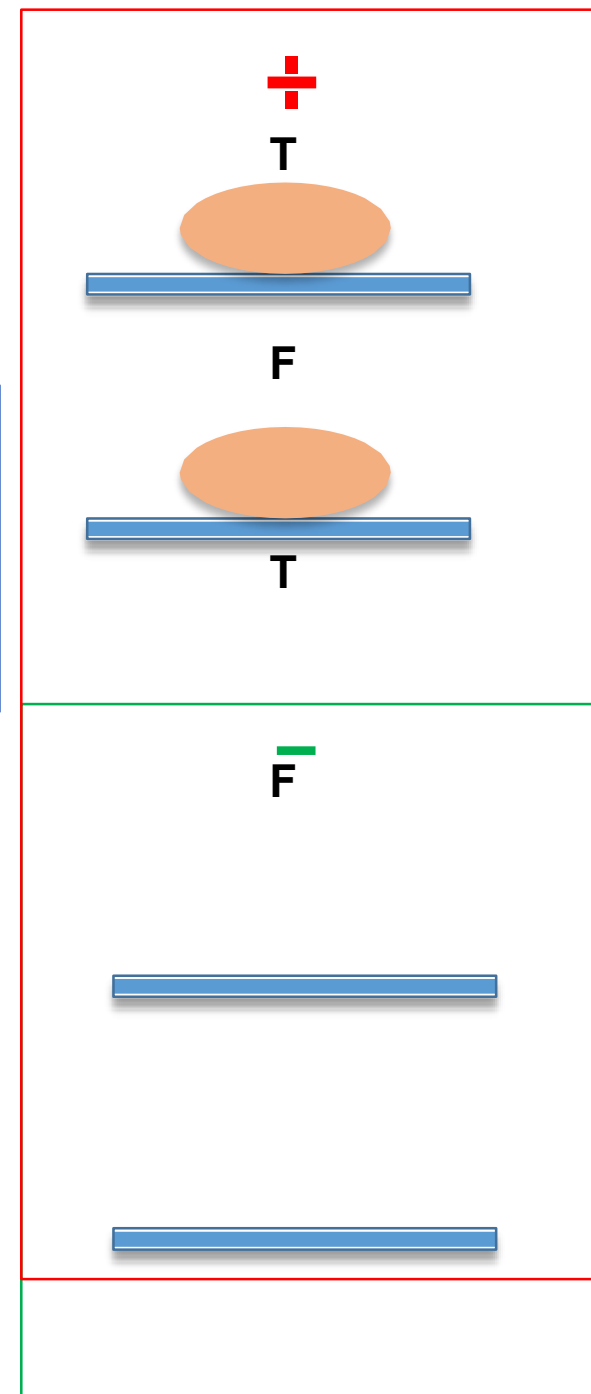
## 3b. CNNs for Regulatory Genomics Foundations (Higher-level learning)

# Learning patterns in regulatory DNA sequence

- Positive class of genomic sequences bound a transcription factor of interest

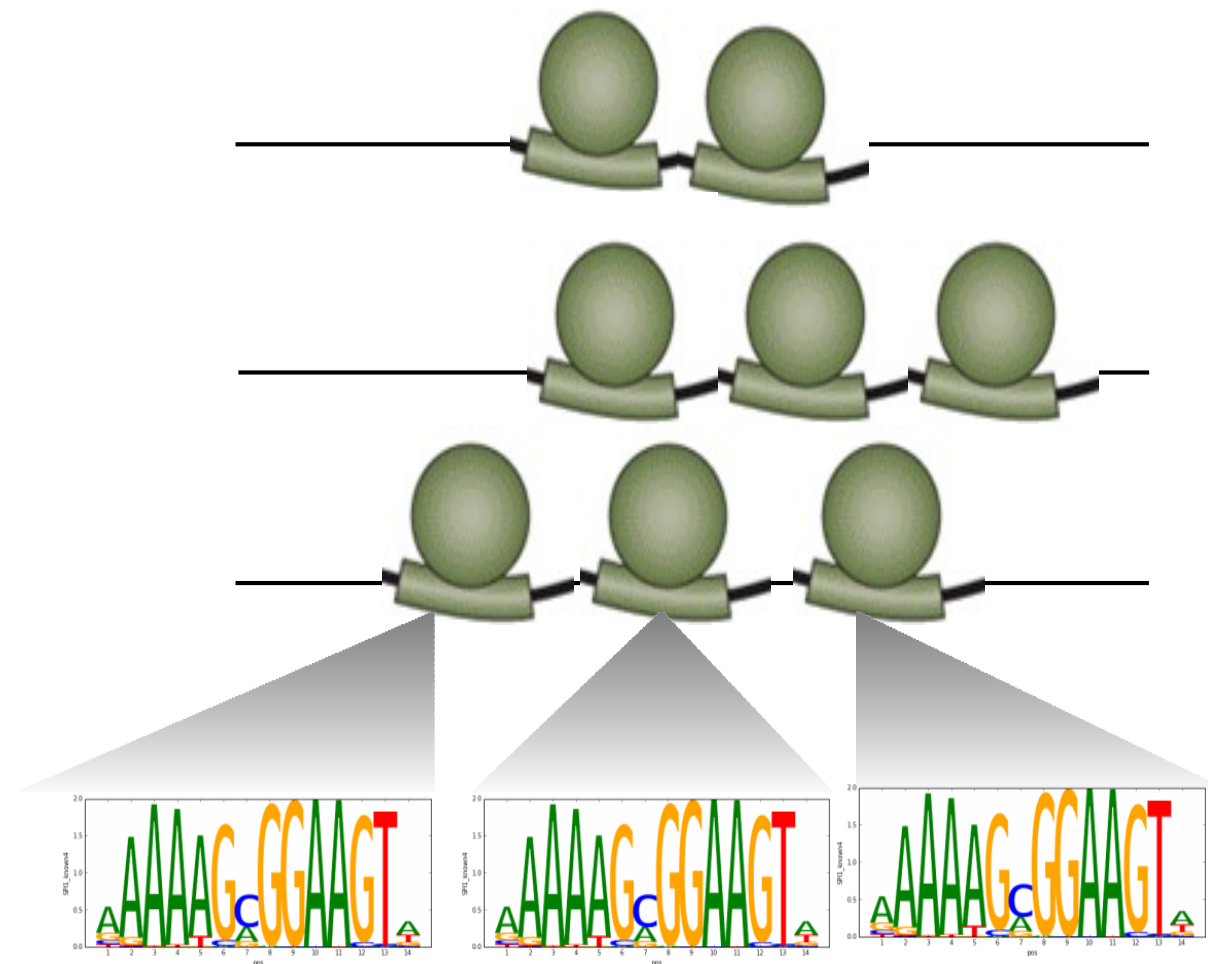
Can we learn patterns in the DNA sequence that distinguish these 2 classes of genomic sequences?

- Negative class of genomic sequences not bound by a transcription factor of interest





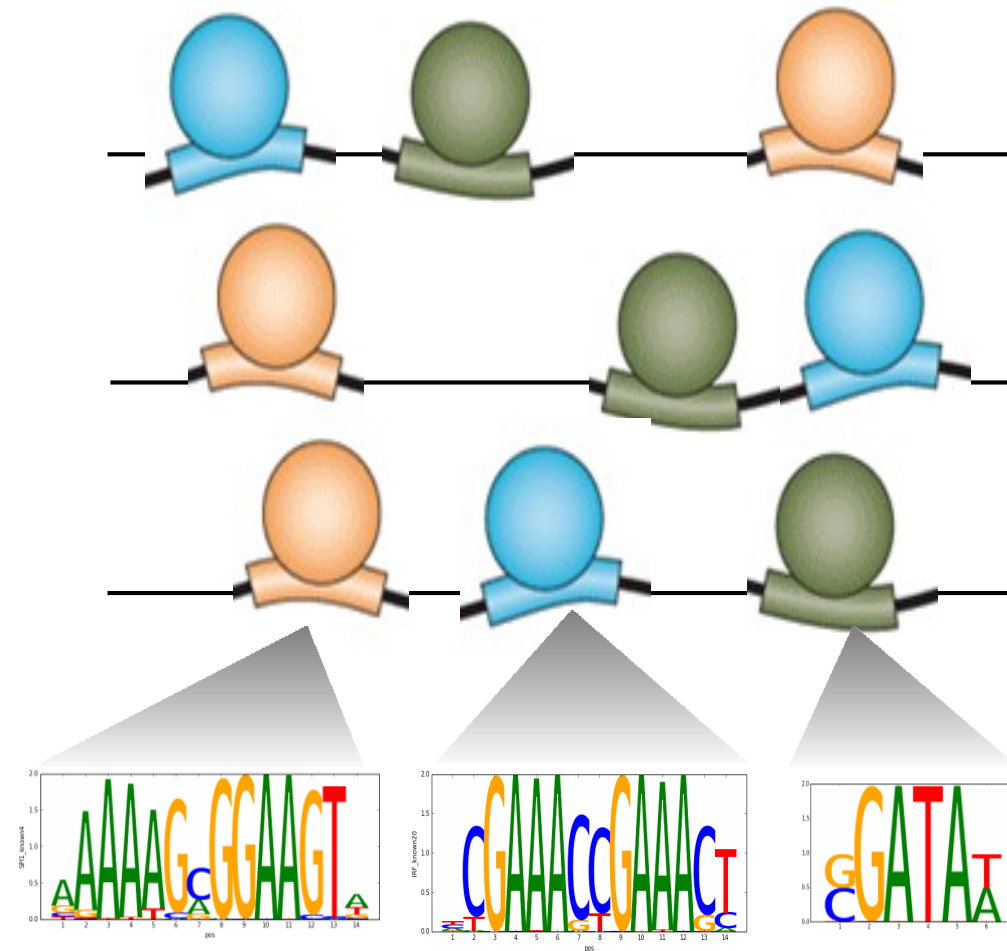
# Key properties of regulatory sequence



## HOMOTYPIC MOTIF DENSITY

Regulatory sequences often contain more than one binding instance of a TF resulting in homotypic clusters of motifs of the same TF

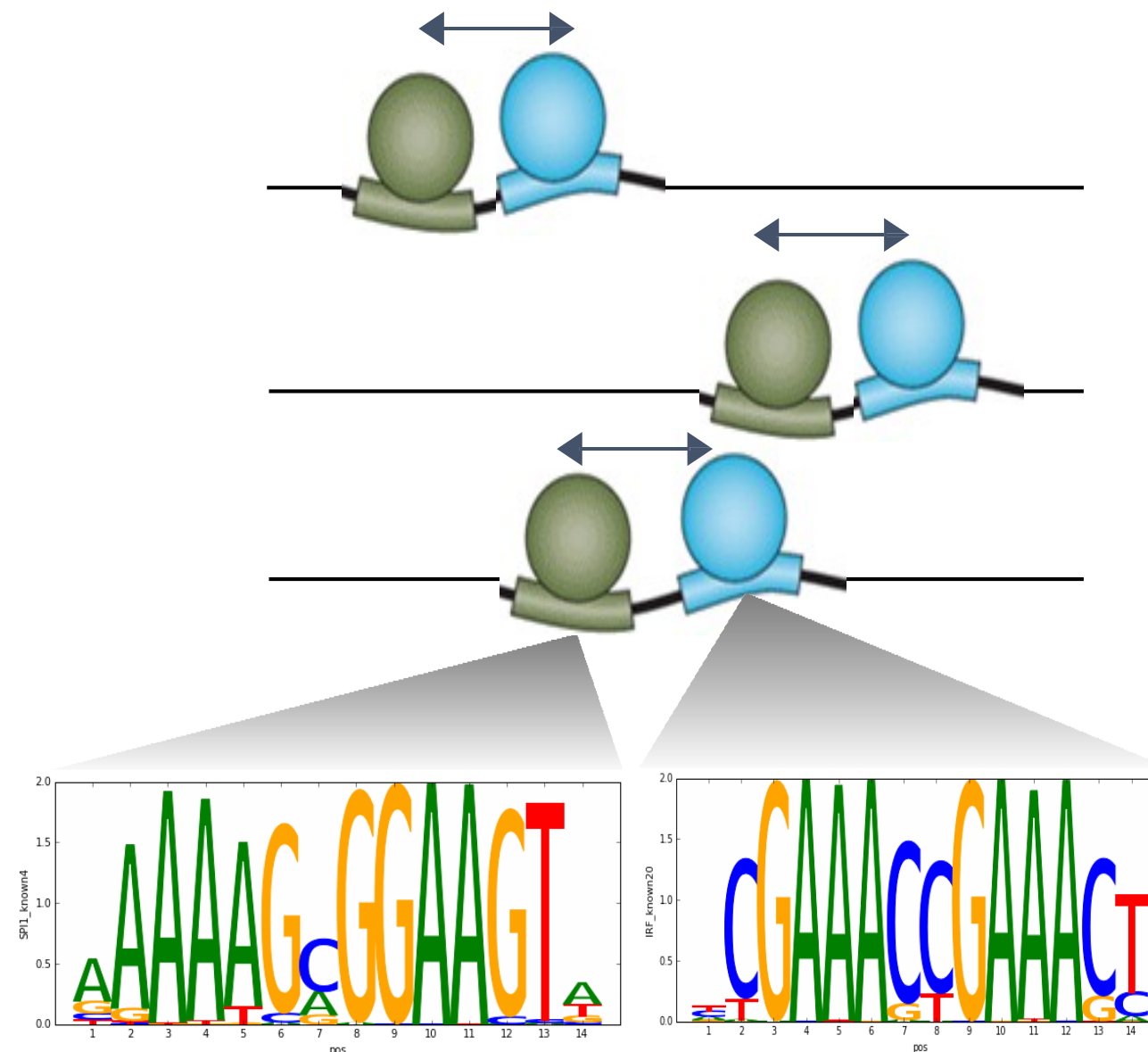
# Key properties of regulatory sequence



## HETEROTYPIC MOTIF COMBINATIONS

Regulatory sequences often bound by combinations of TFs resulting in heterotypic clusters of motifs of different TFs

# Key properties of regulatory sequence



## SPATIAL GRAMMARS OF HETEROTYPIC MOTIF COMBINATIONS

Regulatory sequences are often bound by combinations of TFs with specific spatial and positional constraints resulting in distinct motif grammars

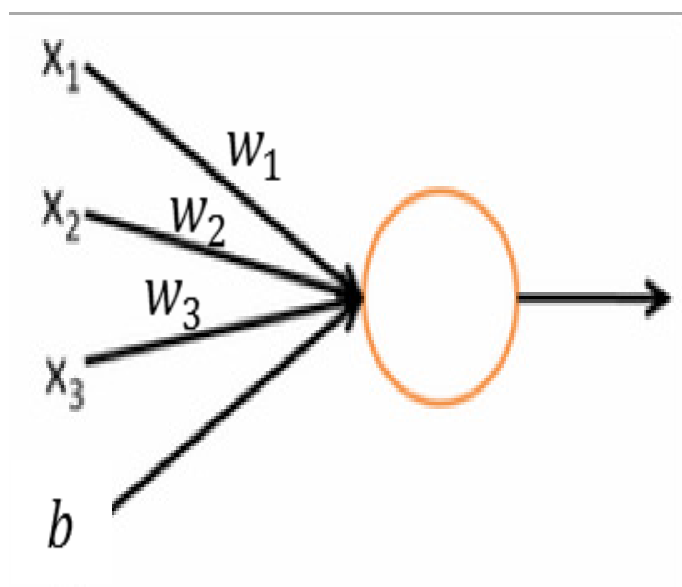
# A simple classifier (An artificial neuron)

$$Y = F(x_1, x_2, x_3)$$

$$Z = w_1 \cdot x_1 + w_2 \cdot x_2 + w_3 \cdot x_3 + b$$

parameters

Linear function



$Z$

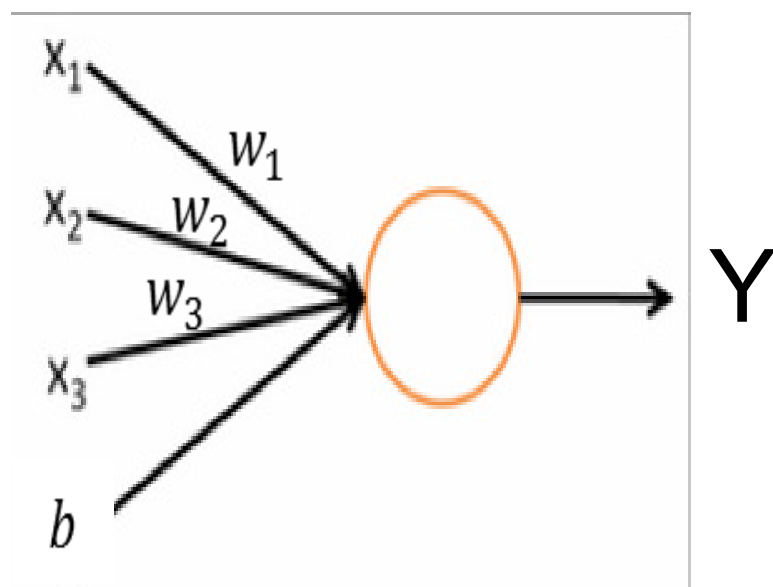
Training the neuron means learning the optimal  $w$ 's and  $b$

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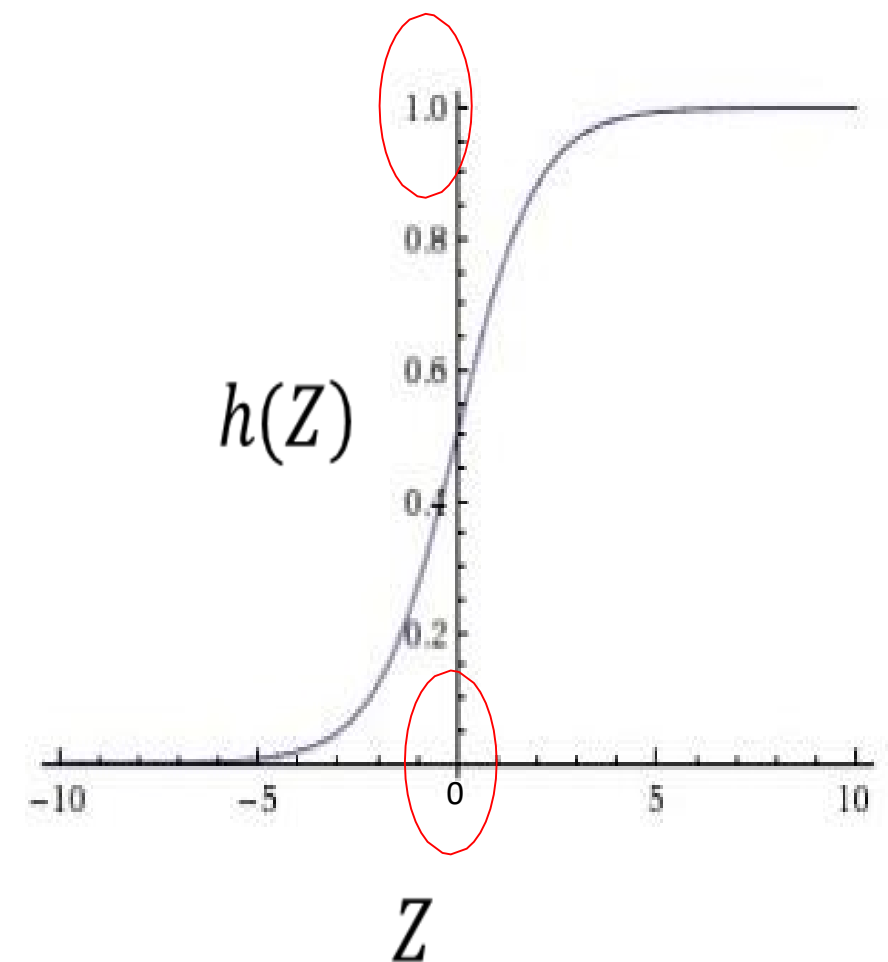
$$Z = w_1 \cdot x_1 + w_2 \cdot x_2 + w_3 \cdot x_3 + b$$
$$Y = h(Z)$$



Non-linear  
function

Logistic / Sigmoid

Useful for predicting probabilities



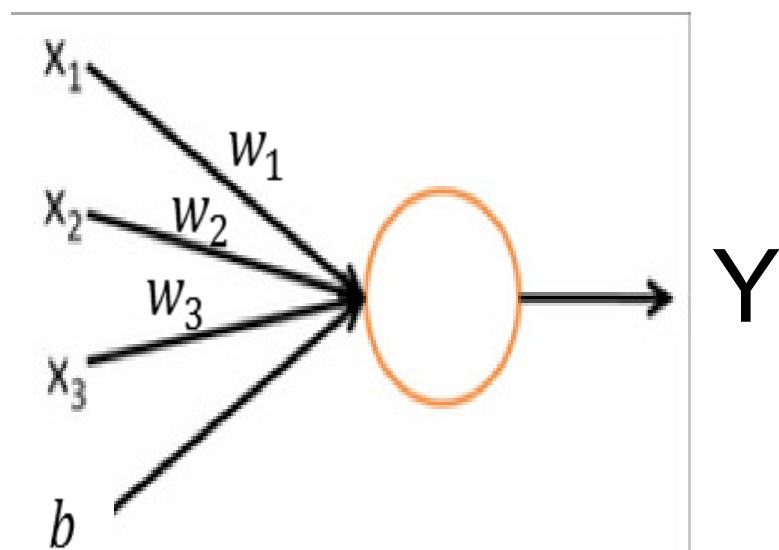
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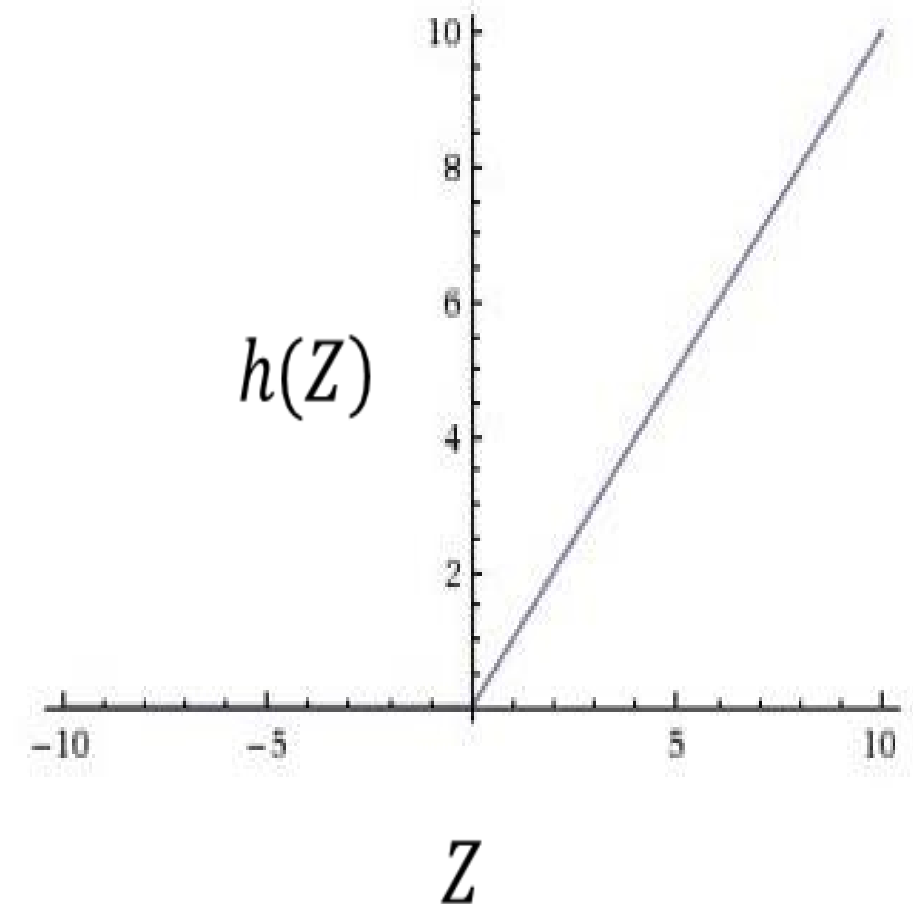
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$$Z = w_1 \cdot x_1 + w_2 \cdot x_2 + w_3 \cdot x_3 + b$$
$$Y = h(Z)$$



Non-linear  
function

ReLu (Rectified Linear Unit)  
Useful for thresholding



Training the neuron means learning the optimal  $w$ 's and  $b$



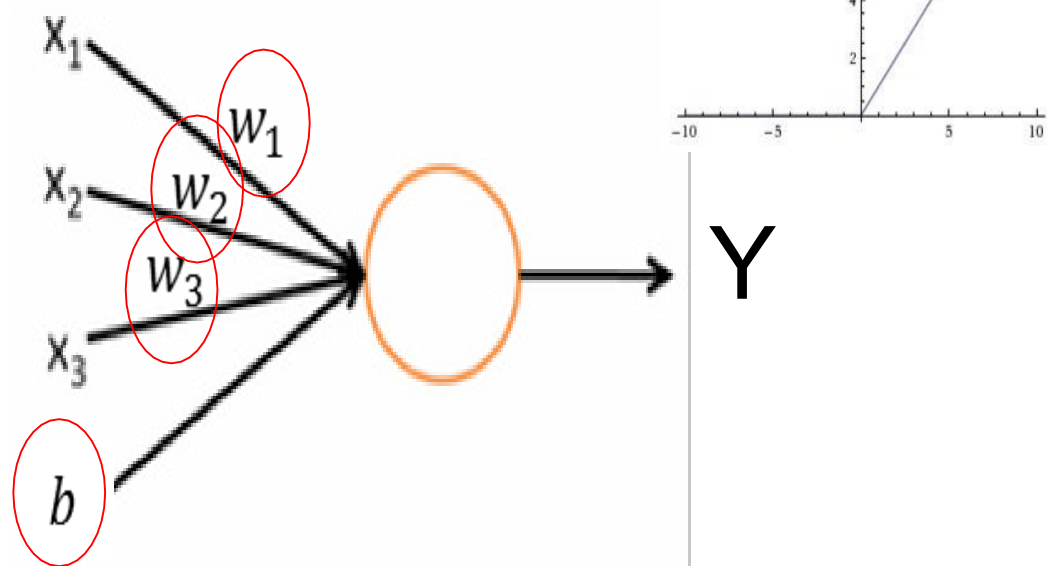
# Artificial neuron can represent a motif

$$Y = F(x_1, x_2, x_3)$$

$$Z = w_1 \cdot x_1 + w_2 \cdot x_2 + w_3 \cdot x_3 + b$$

$$Y = h(Z)$$

parameters



Thresholded Motif  
Scores  
 $\max(0, W \cdot x)$

|   |   |     |   |   |   |
|---|---|-----|---|---|---|
| 0 | 0 | 2.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
|---|---|-----|---|---|---|

Motif match Scores  
 $\text{sum}(W \cdot x)$

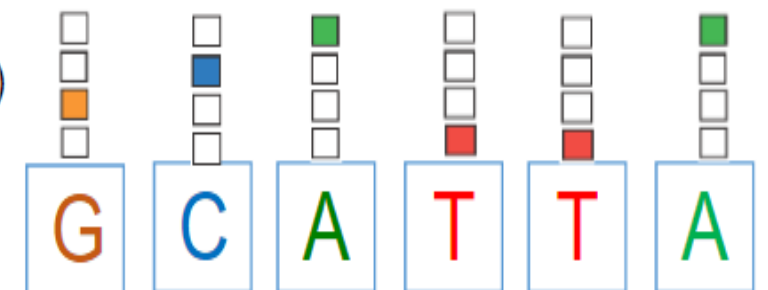
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Scoring  
weights  
 $W$

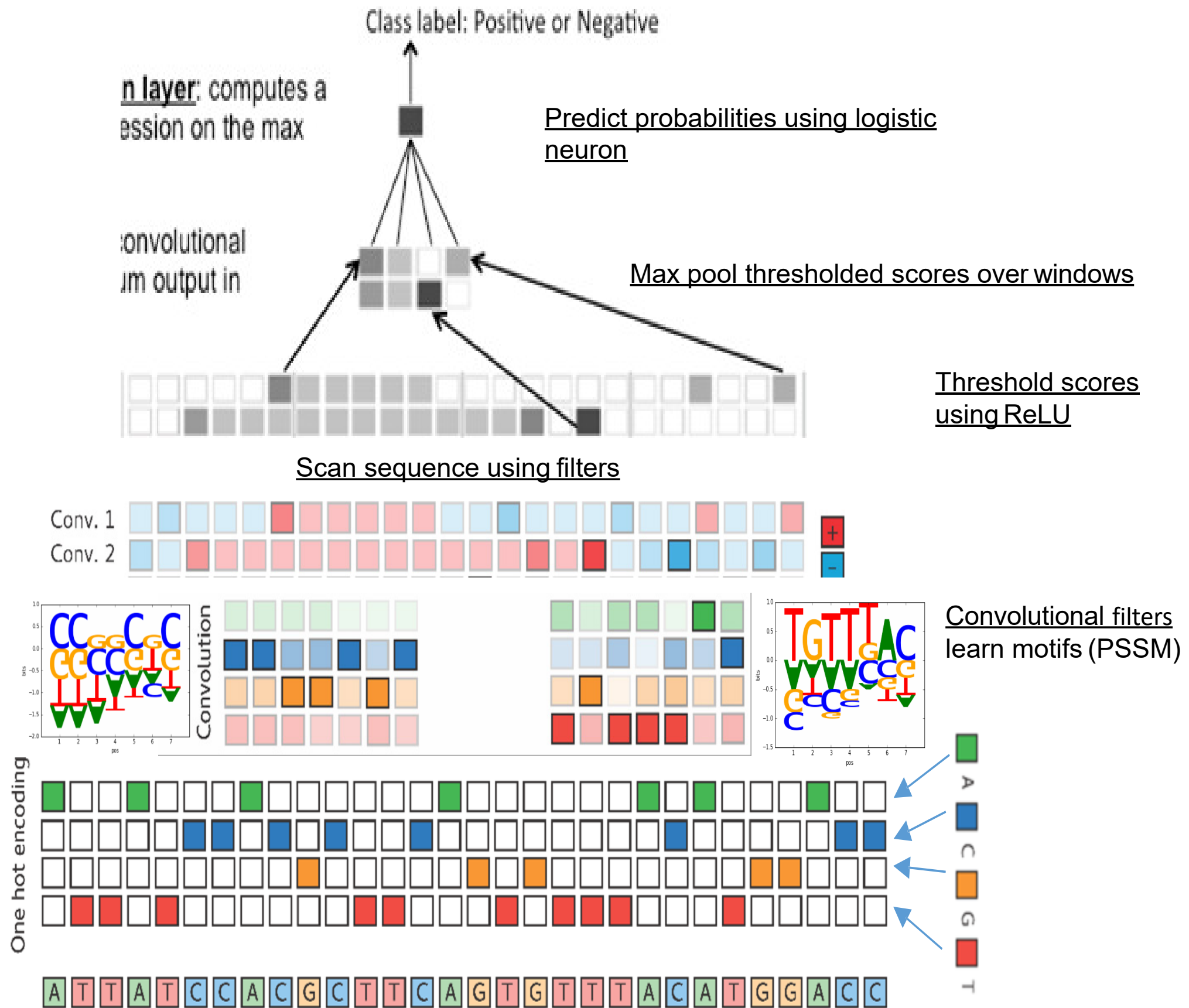
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One-hot encoding (X)

Input sequence



# Biological motivation of Deep CNN



# Deep convolutional neural network

Sigmoid activations

Typically followed by one or more fully connected layers

Maxpooling layers take the max over sets of conv layer outputs

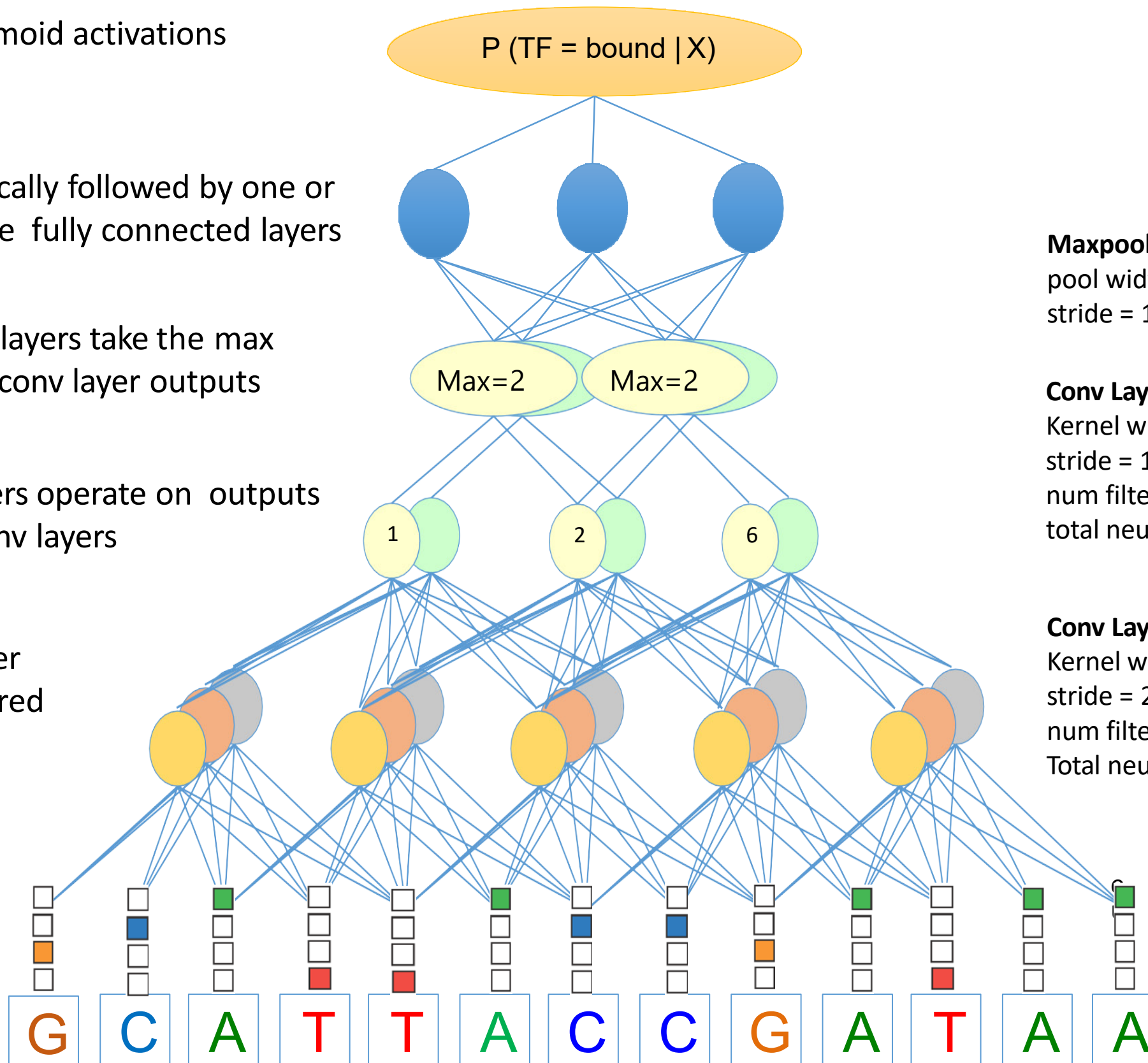
Later conv layers operate on outputs of previous conv layers

Convolutional layer  
(same color = shared weights)

**Maxpooling layer**  
pool width = 2  
stride = 1

**Conv Layer 2**  
Kernel width = 3  
stride = 1  
num filters / num channels = 2  
total neurons = 6

**Conv Layer 1**  
Kernel width = 4  
stride = 2\*  
num filters / num channels = 3  
Total neurons = 15



\*for genomics, a stride of 1 for conv layers is recommended

# Multi-task CNN

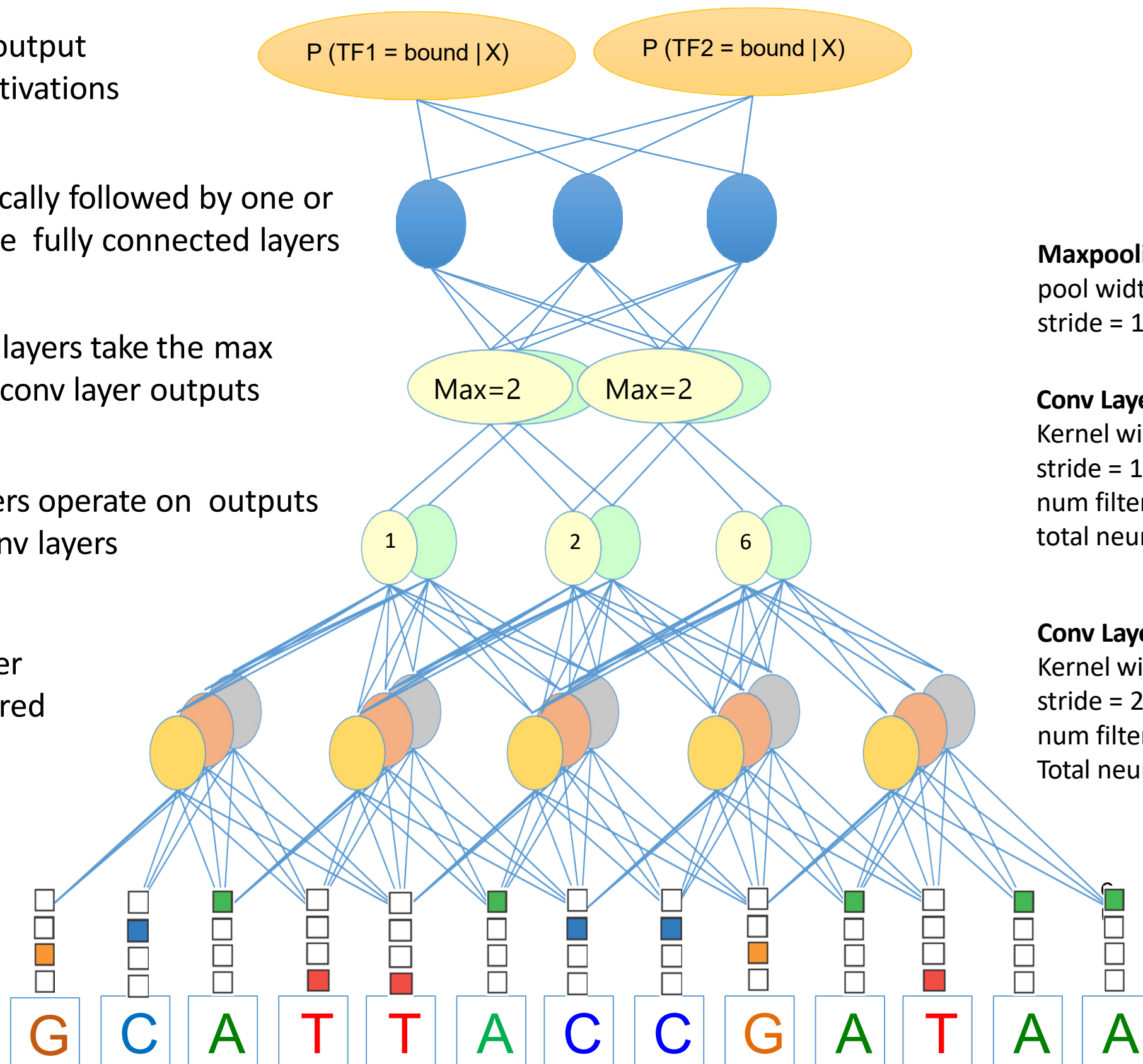
Multi-task output  
(sigmoid activations  
here)

Typically followed by one or  
more fully connected layers

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over sets of conv layer outputs

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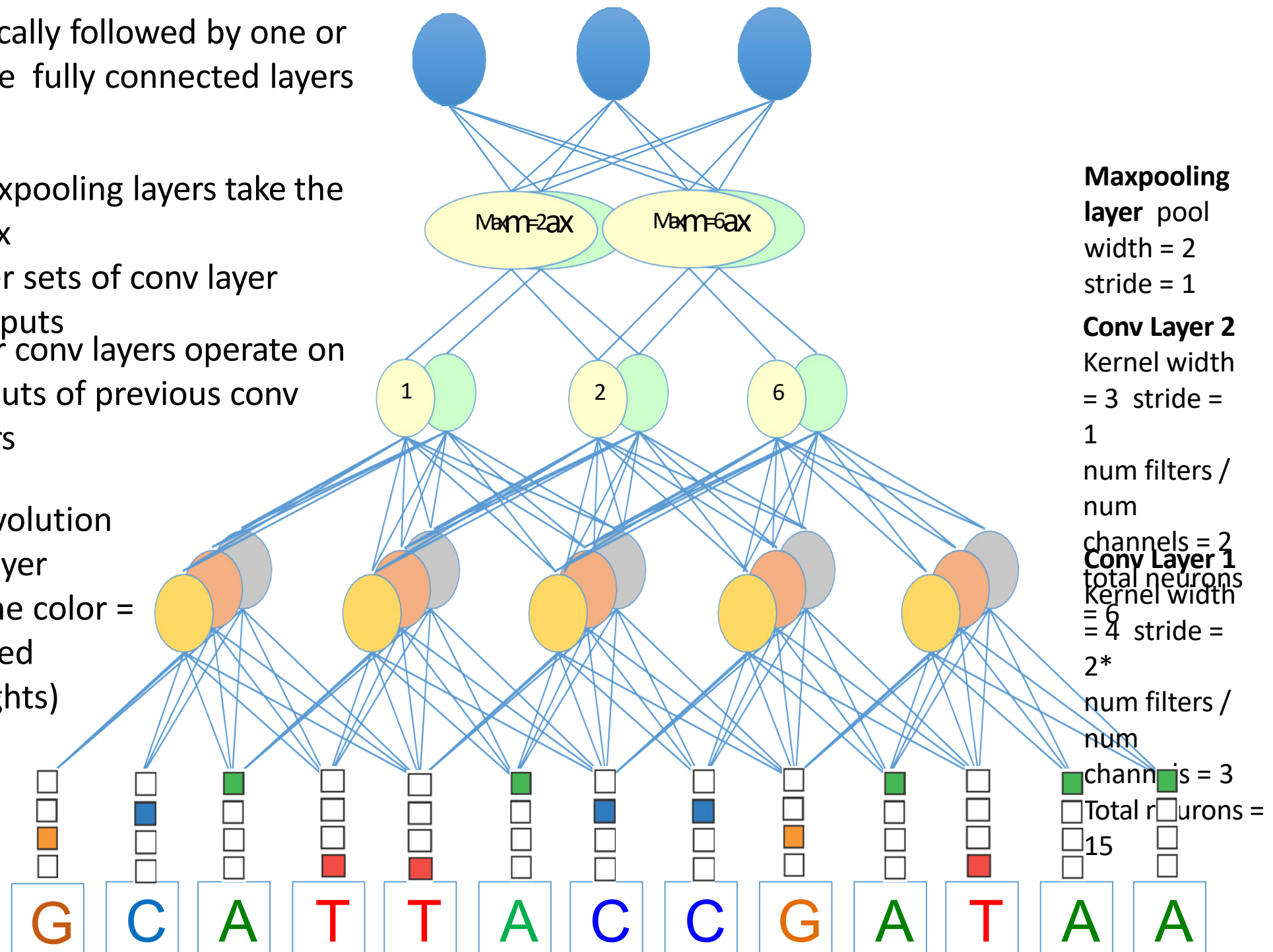


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# Deep Learning for Regulatory Genomics

## 1. Biological foundations: Building blocks of Gene Regulation

- Gene regulation: Cell diversity, Epigenomics, Regulators (TFs), Motifs, Disease role
- Probing gene regulation: TFs/histones: ChIP-seq, Accessibility: DNase/ATAC-seq

## 2. Classical methods for Regulatory Genomics and Motif Discovery

- Enrichment-based motif discovery: Expectation Maximization, Gibbs Sampling
- Experimental: PBMs, SELEX. Comparative genomics: Evolutionary conservation.

## 3. Regulatory Genomics CNNs (Convolutional Neural Networks): Foundations

- Key idea: pixels  $\Leftrightarrow$  DNA letters. Patches/filters  $\Leftrightarrow$  Motifs. Higher  $\Leftrightarrow$  combinations
- Learning convolutional filters  $\Leftrightarrow$  Motif discovery. Applying them  $\Leftrightarrow$  Motif matches

## 4. Regulatory Genomics CNNs/RNNs in Practice: Diverse Architectures

- DeepBind: Learn motifs, use in (shallow) fully-connected layer, mutation impact
- DeepSea: Train model directly on mutational impact prediction
- Basset: Multi-task DNase prediction in 164 cell types, reuse/learn motifs
- ChromPuter: Multi-task prediction of different TFs, reuse partner motifs
- DeepLIFT: Model interpretation based on neuron activation properties
- DanQ: Recurrent Neural Network for sequential data analysis

## 5. Guest Lecture: Anshul Kundaje, Stanford, Deep Learning for Reg. Genomics

## 6. Guest Lecture: Avantika Lal, Nvidia, Deep Learning for ATAC/scATAC

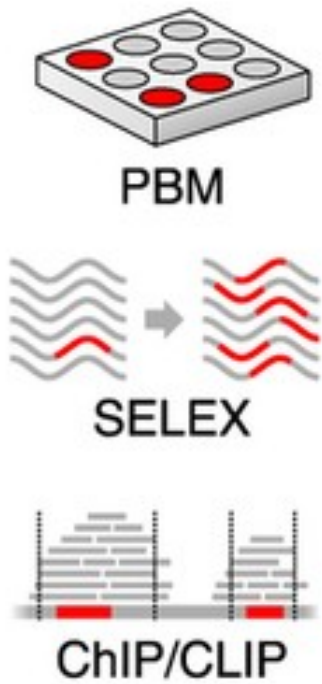


## 4. Regulatory Genomics CNNs in Practice:

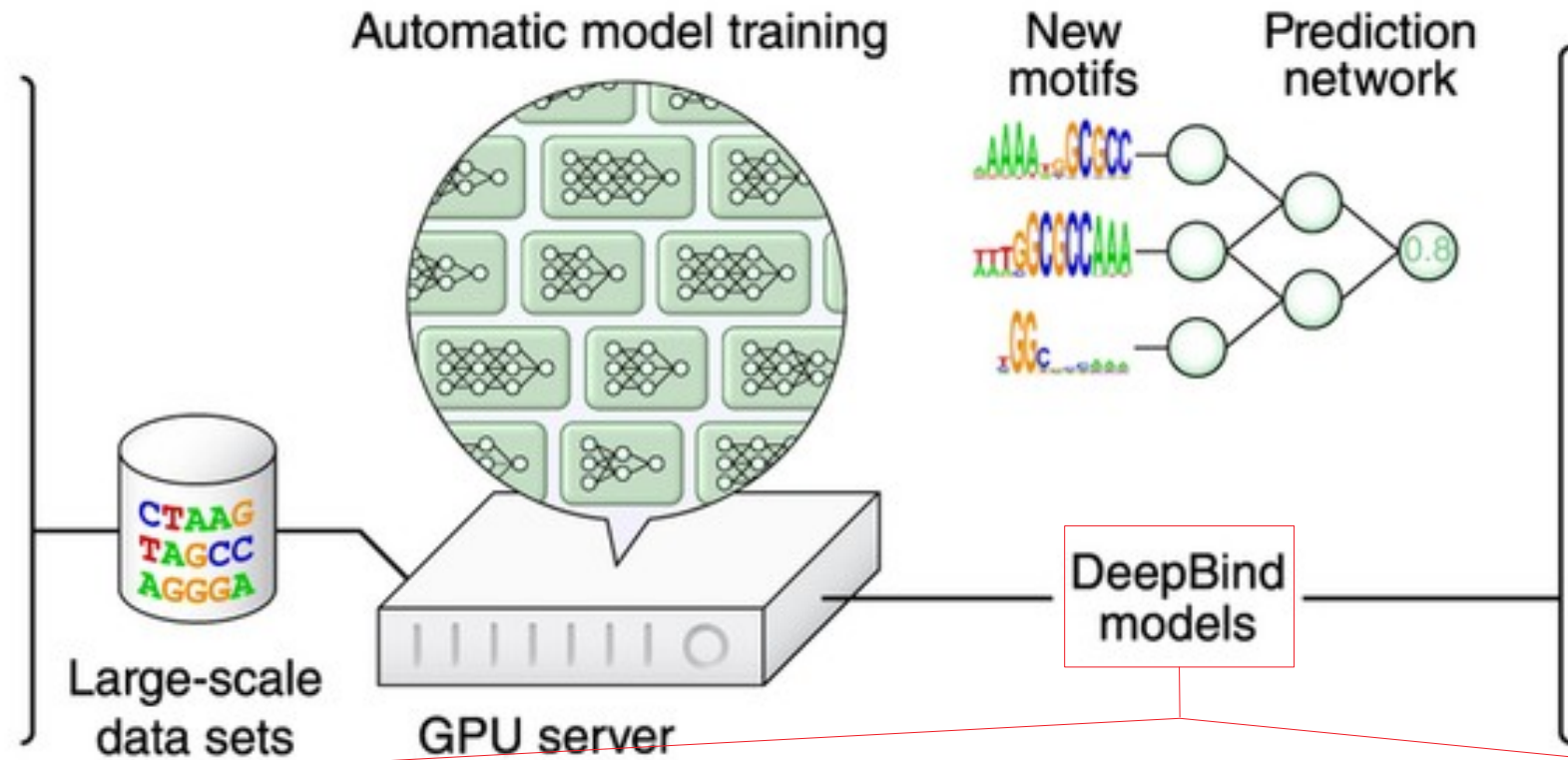
### (a) DeepBind

# DeepBind

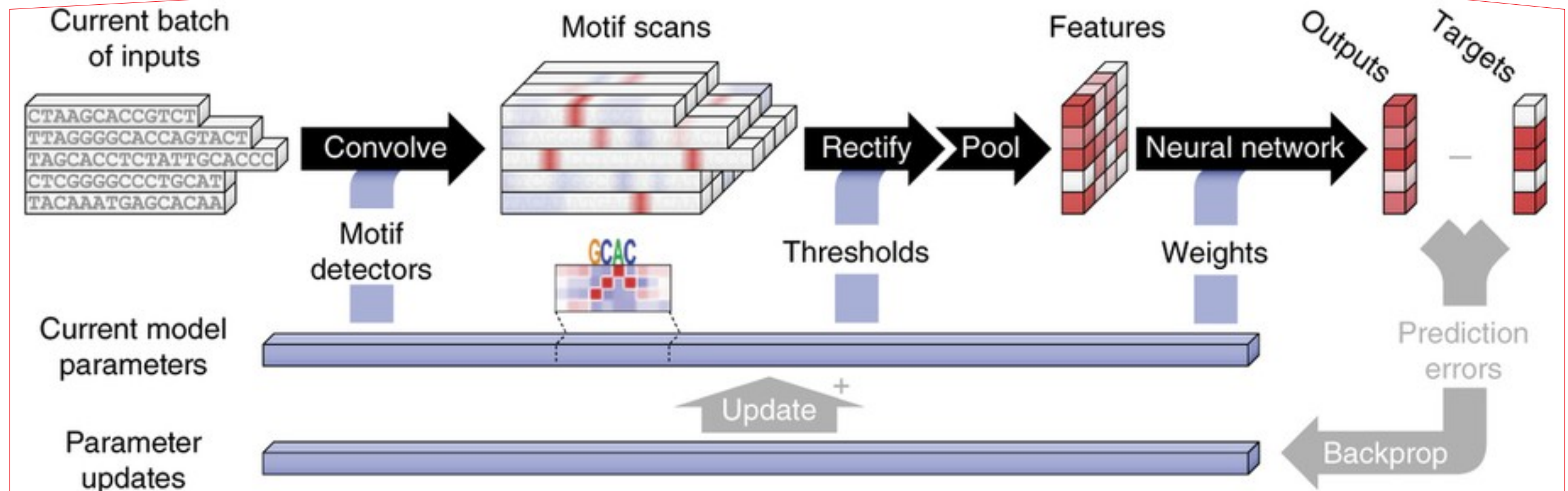
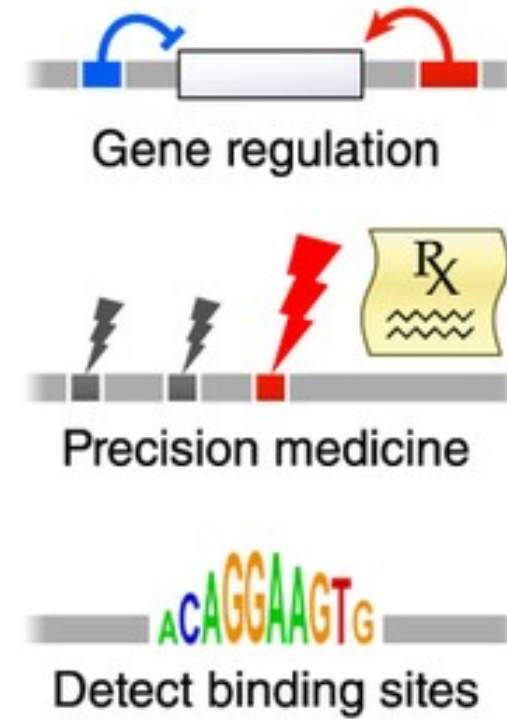
## 1. High-throughput experiments



## 2. Massively parallel deep learning



## 3. Community needs



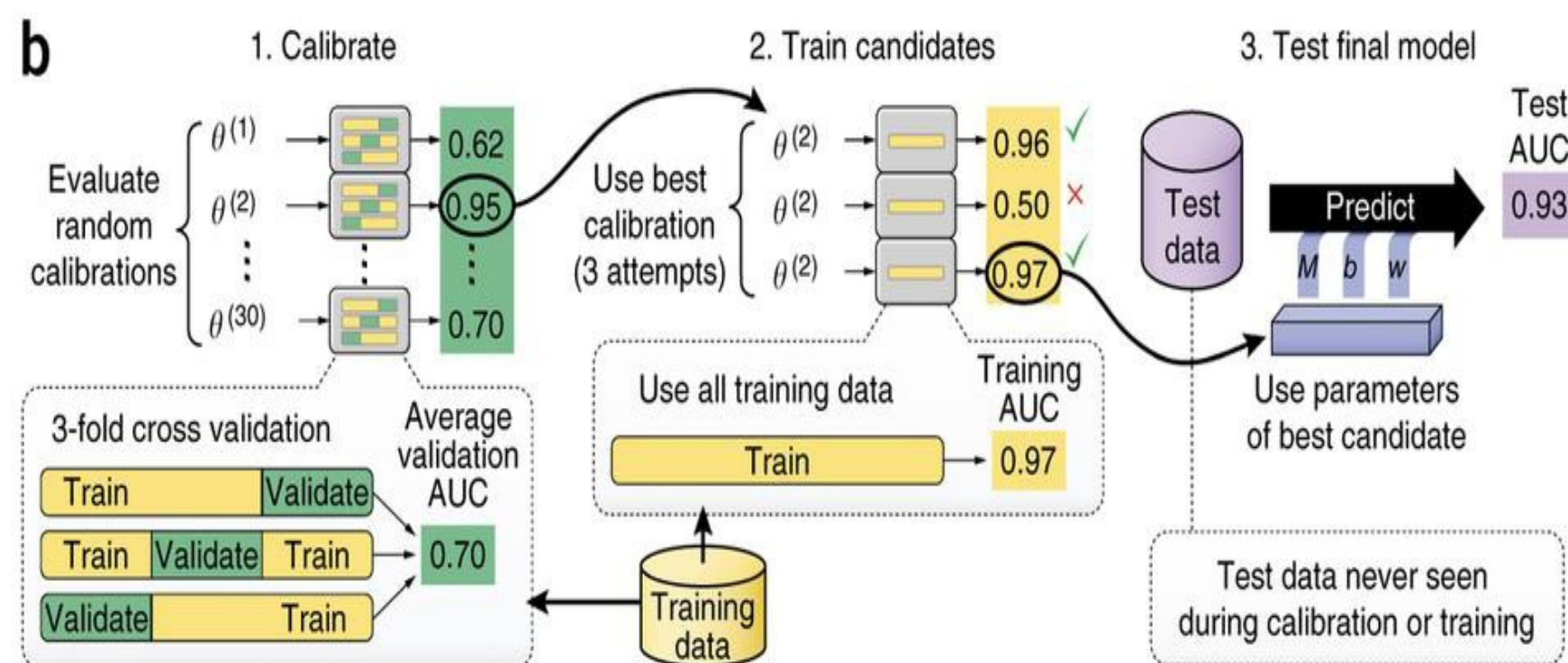
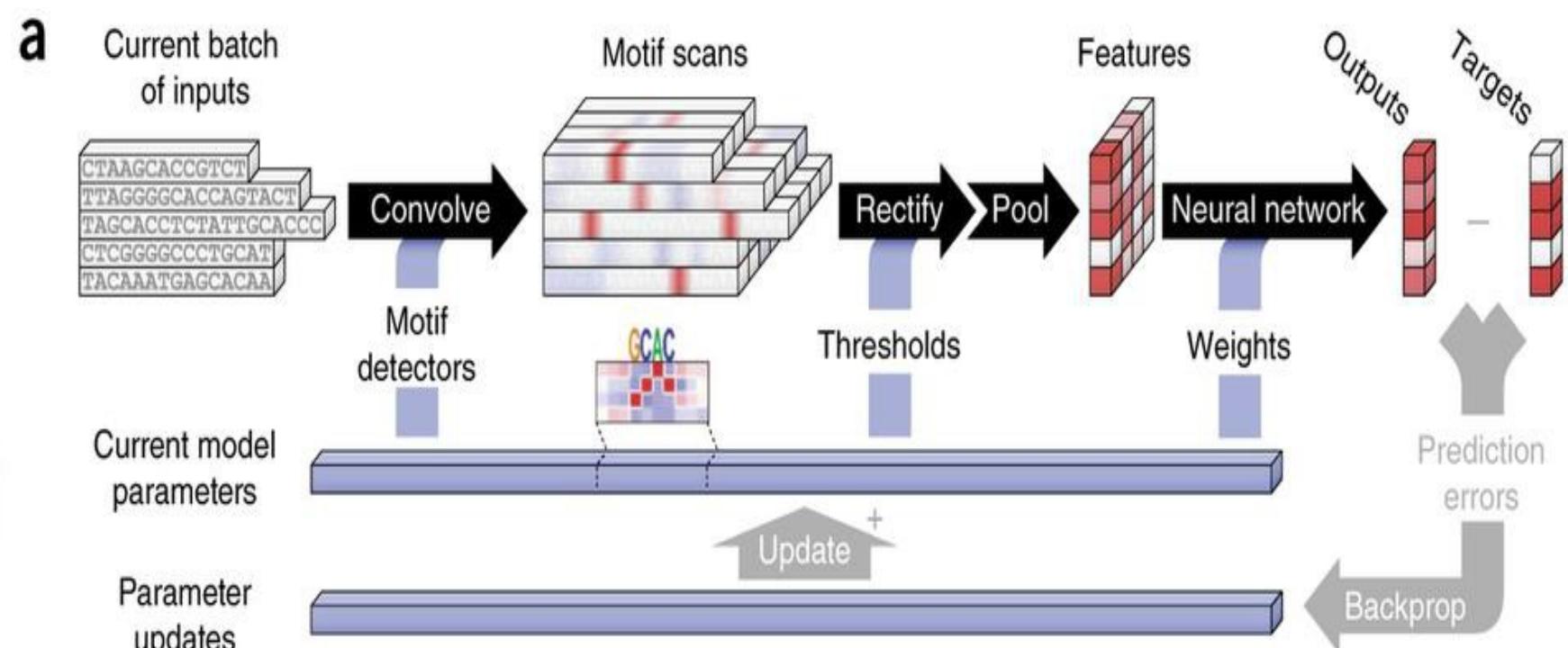
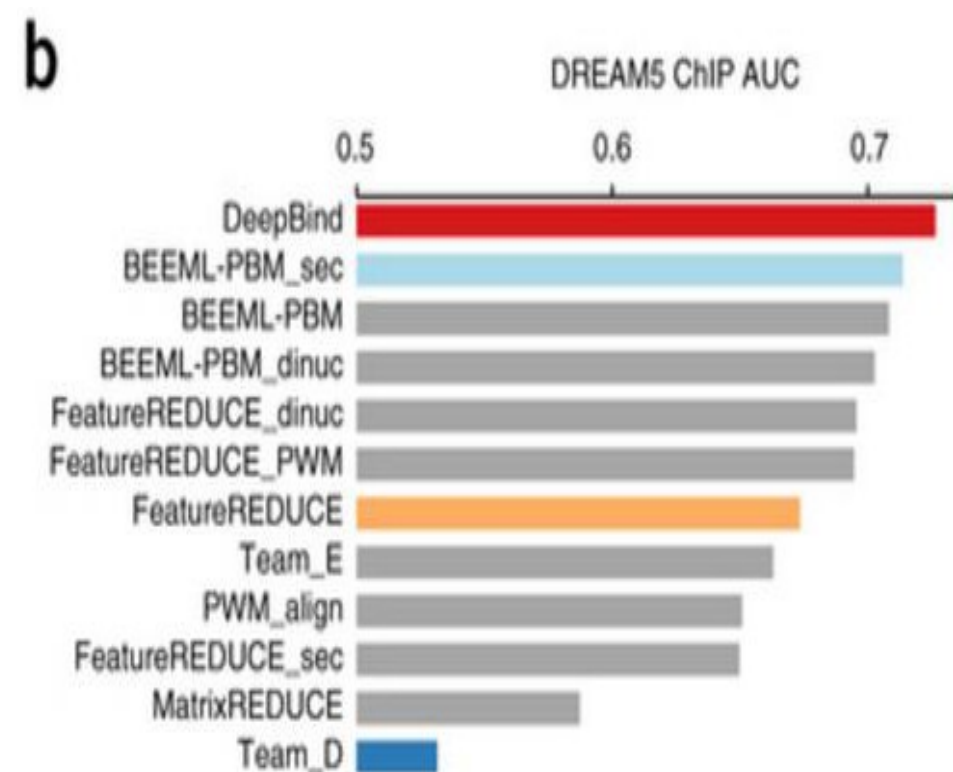
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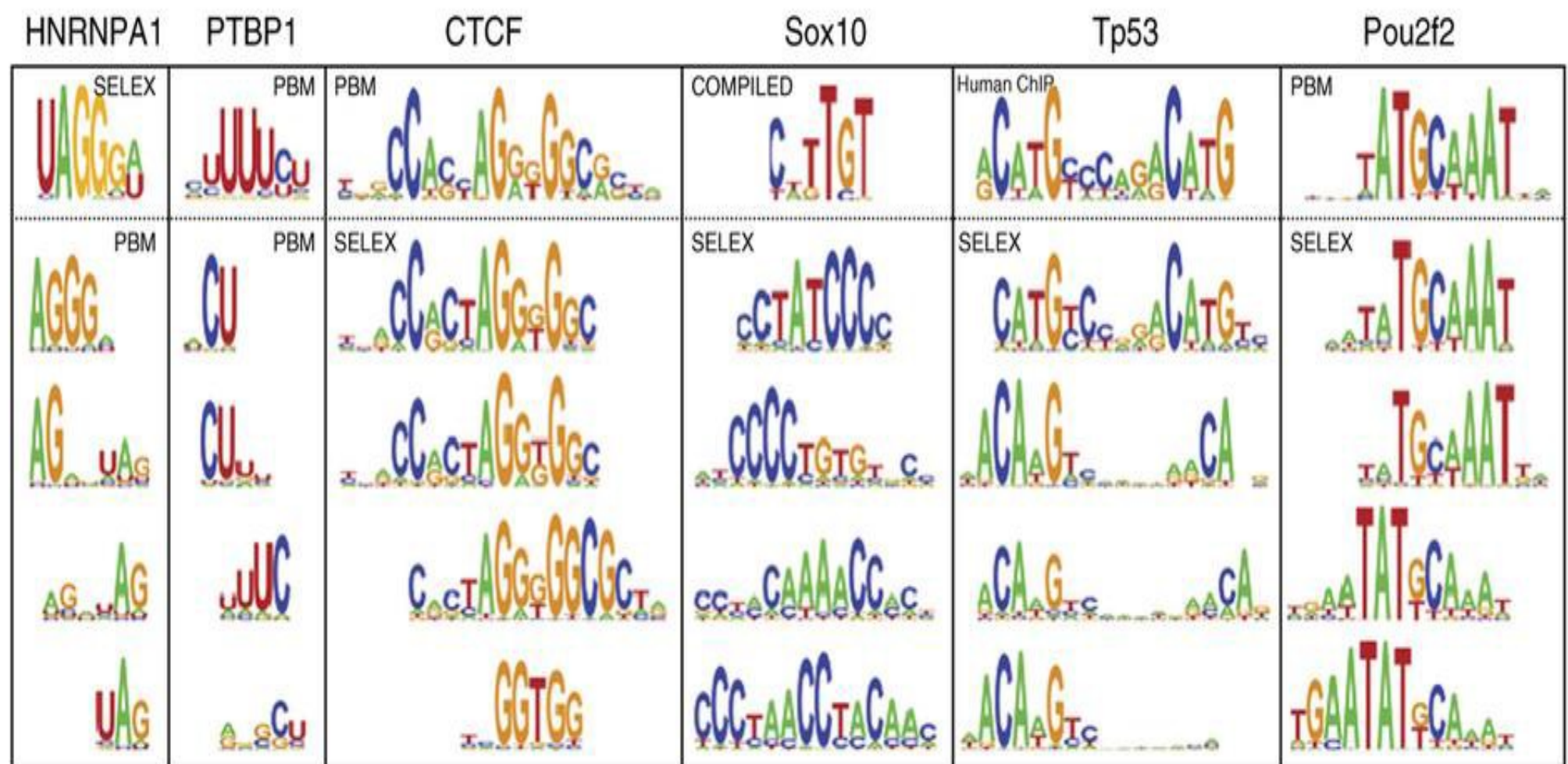
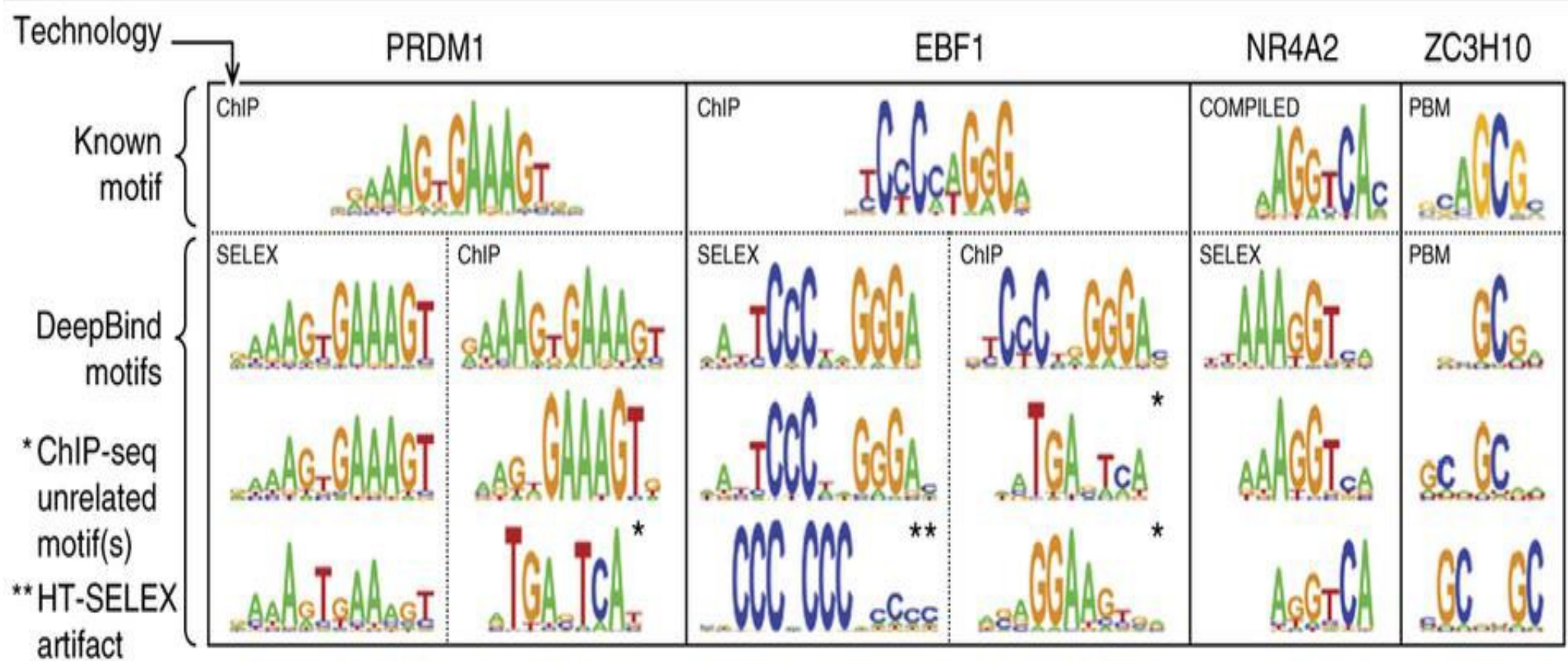
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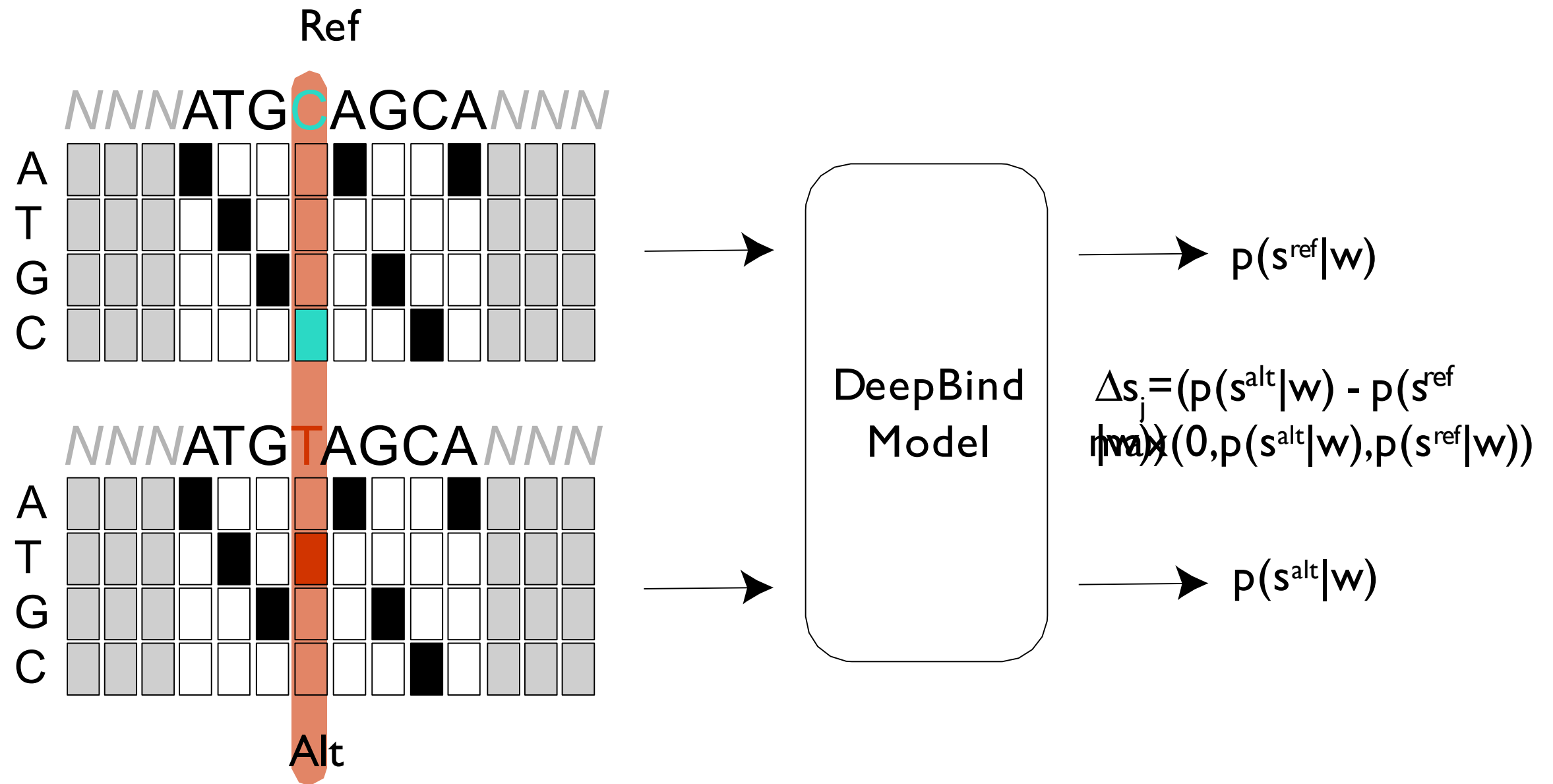
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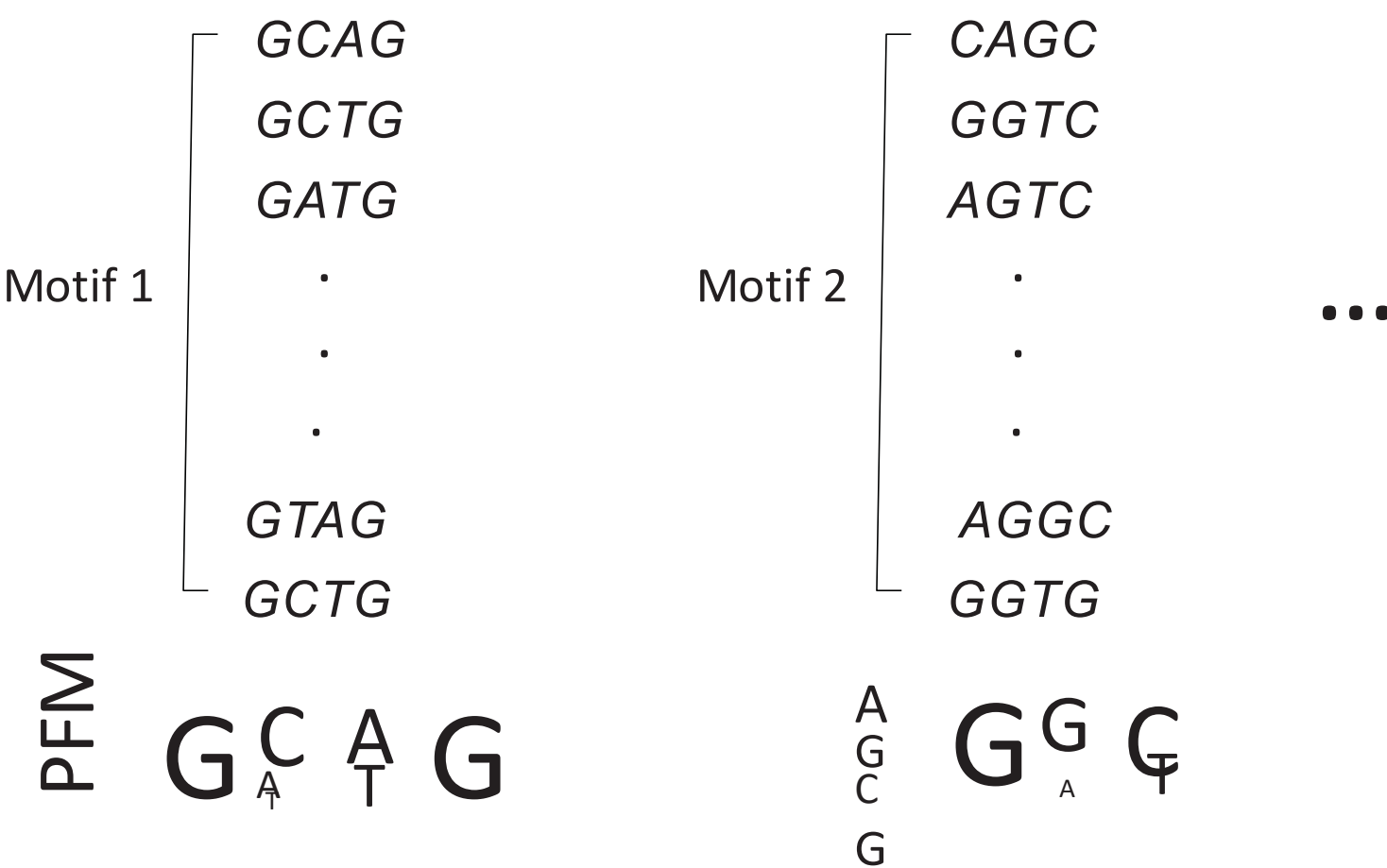
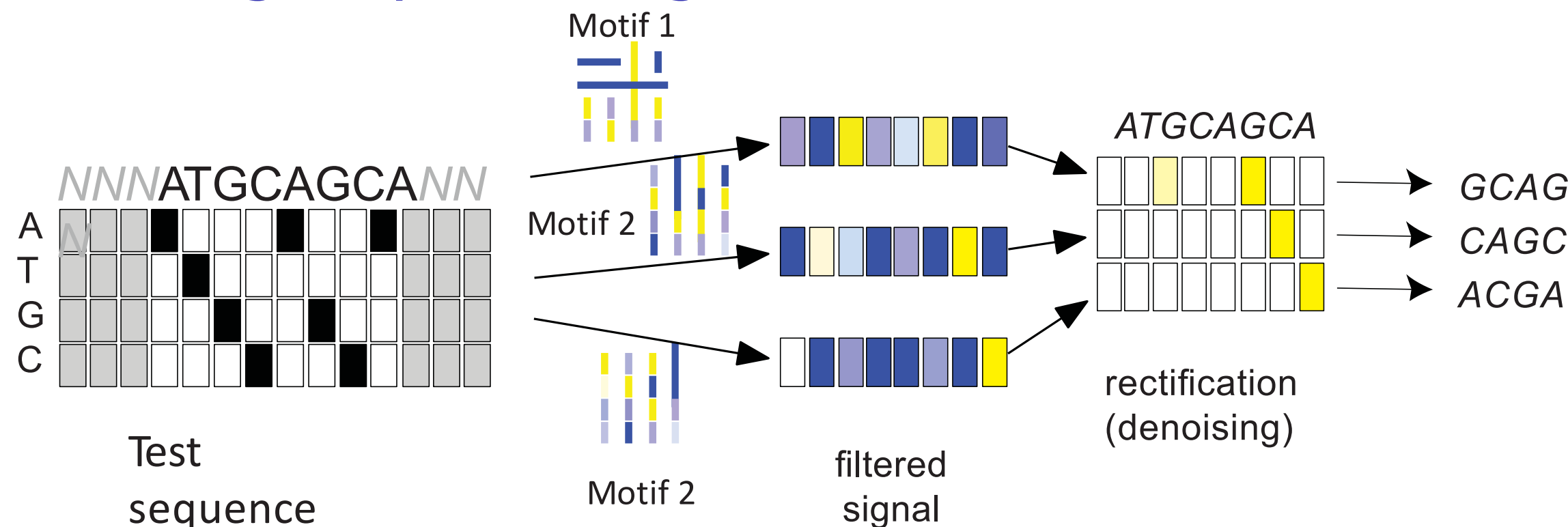




# Constructing mutation map



# Constructing sequence logo



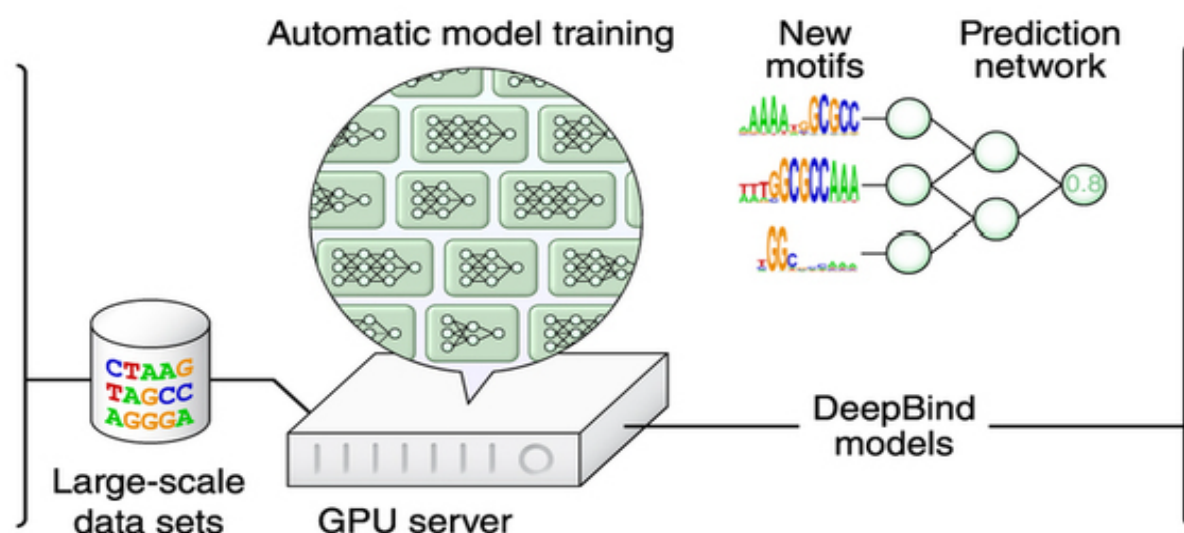


# Predicting disease mutations

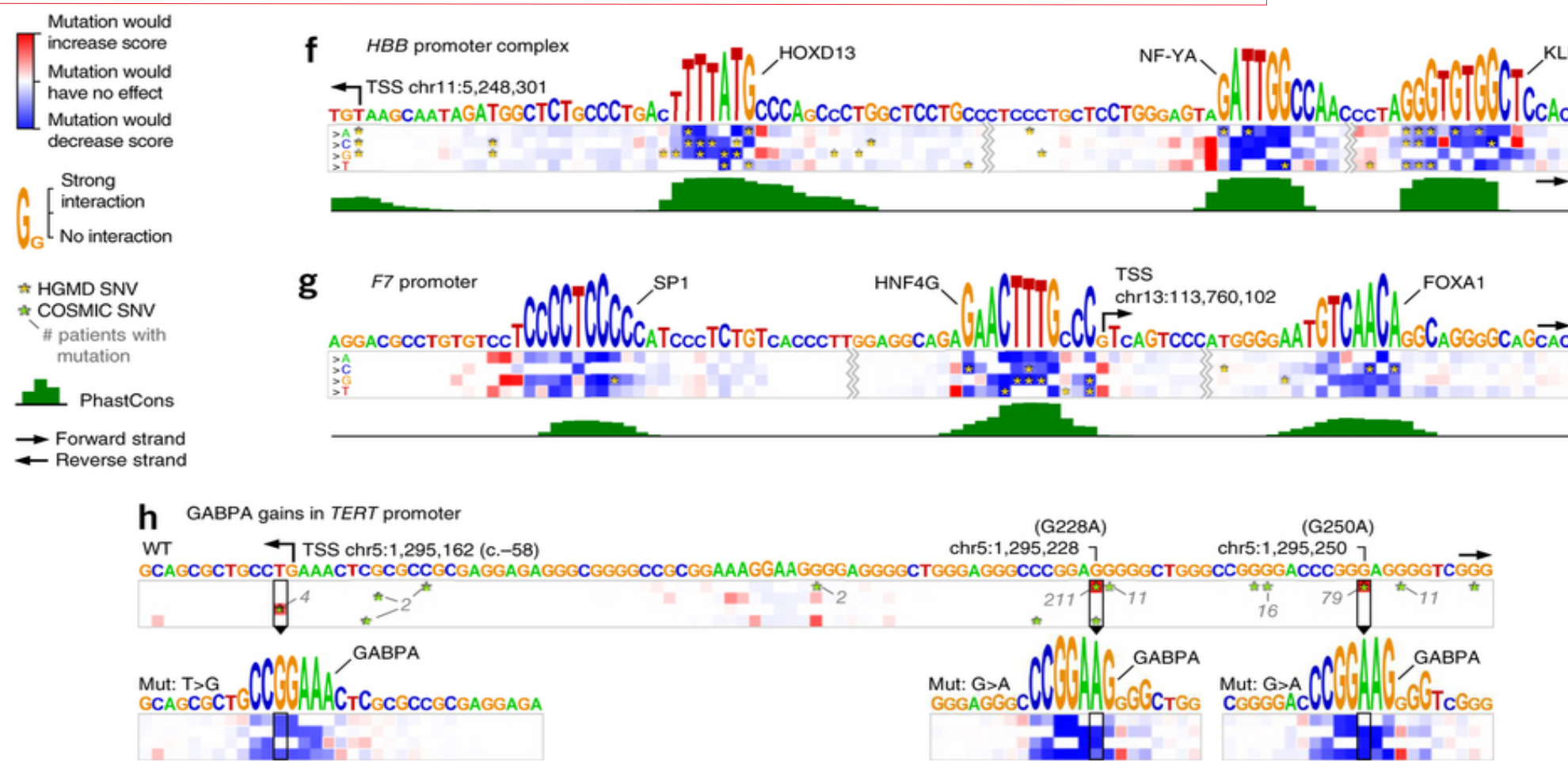
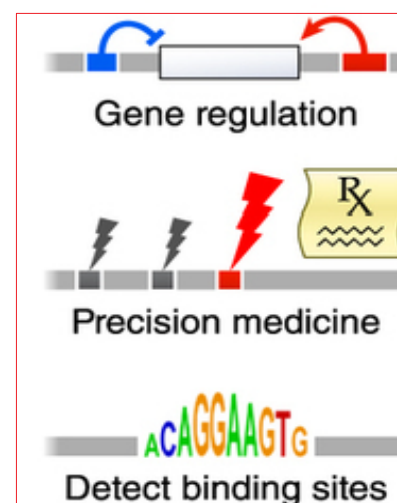
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## 2. Massively parallel deep learning



## 3. Community needs



# DeepBind summary

The key deep learning techniques:

- Convolutional learning
- Representational learning
- Back-propagation and stochastic gradient
- Regularization and dropout
- Parallel GPU computing especially useful for hyperparameter search

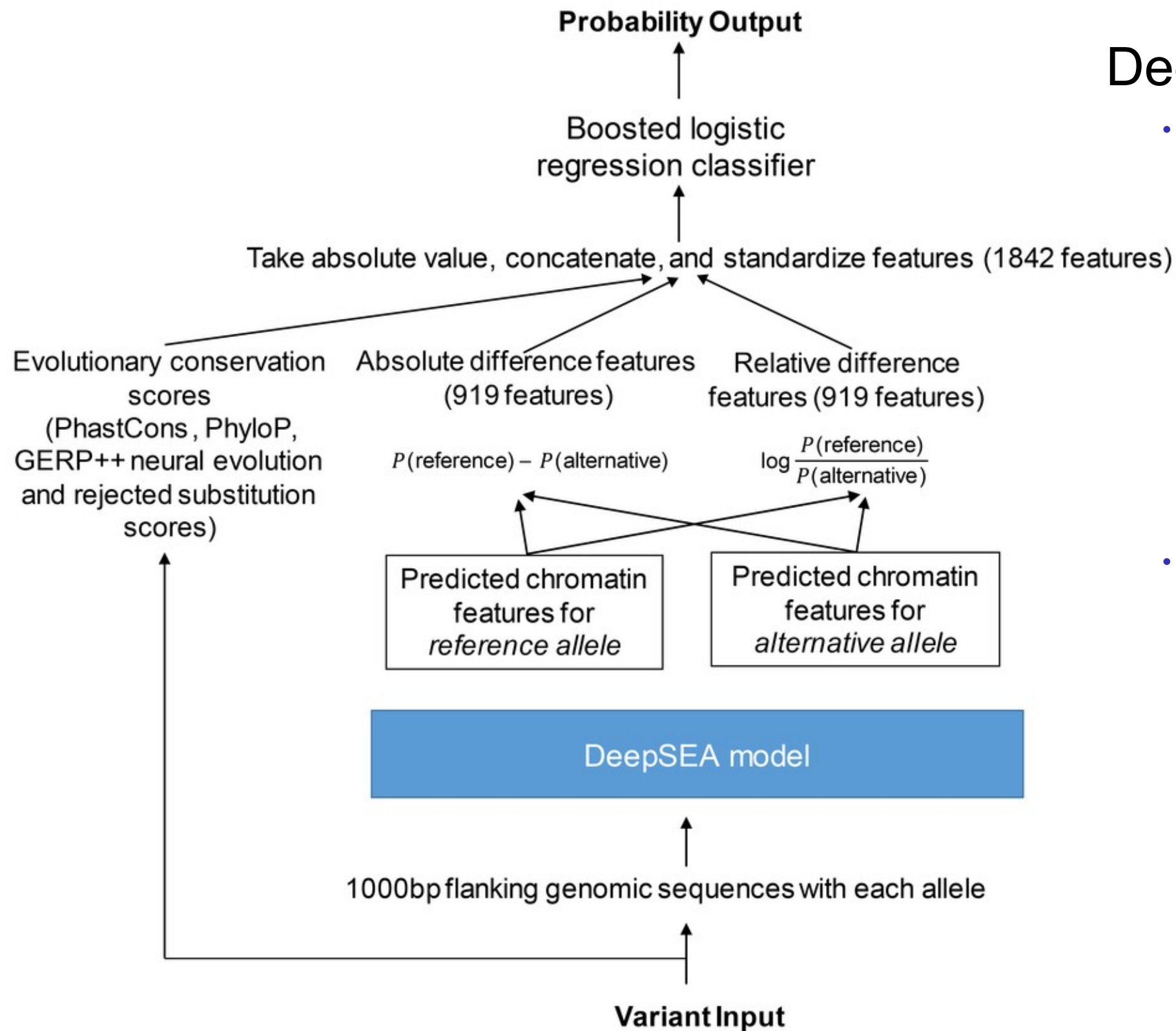
Limitations in DeepBind:

- Require defining negative training examples, which is often arbitrary
- Using observed mutation data only as post-hoc evaluation
- Modeling each regulatory dataset separately

# Regulatory Genomics CNNs in Practice:

## (b) DeepSEA

# DeepSea



## DeepSea:

- Similar as DeepBind but trained a separate CNN on each of the ENCODE/Roadmap Epigenomic chromatin profiles 919 chromatin features (125 DNase features, 690 TF features, 104 histone features).
- It uses the  $\Delta s$  mutation score as input to train a linear logistic regression to predict GWAS and eQTL SNPs defined from the GRASP database with a P-value cutoff of  $1E-10$  and GWAS SNPs from the NHGRI GWAS Catalog

# Regulatory Genomics CNNs in Practice:

(c) Basset

# Basset: Learning the regulatory code of the accessible genome with deep convolutional neural networks.

David R. Kelley

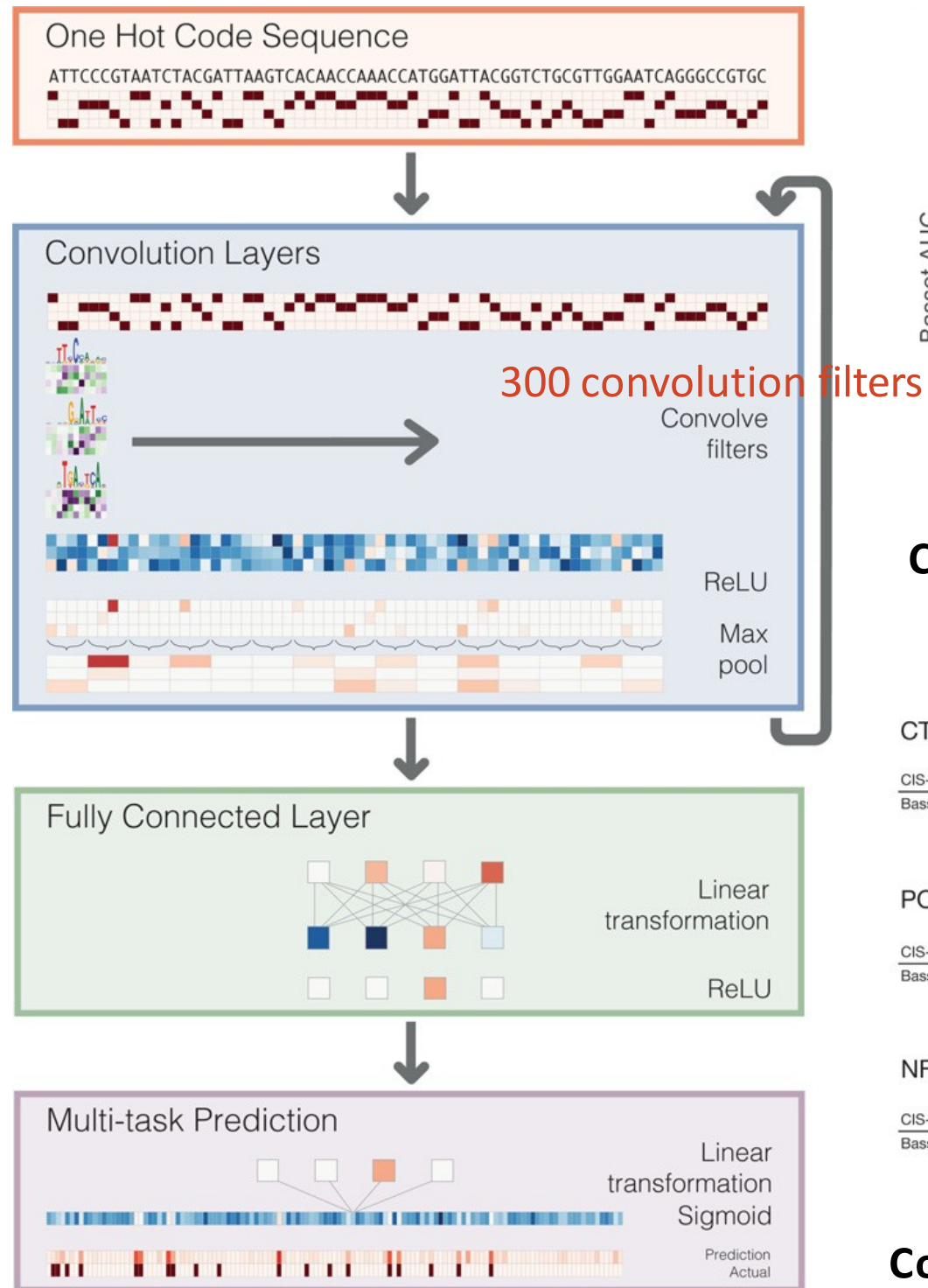
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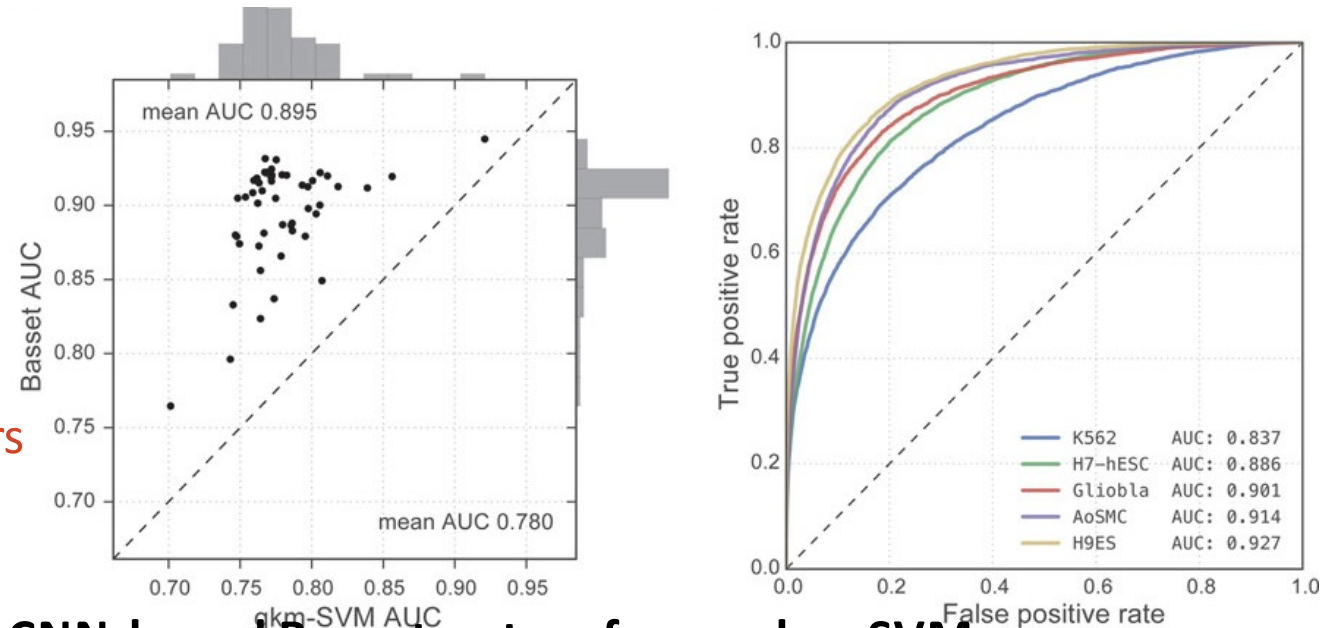
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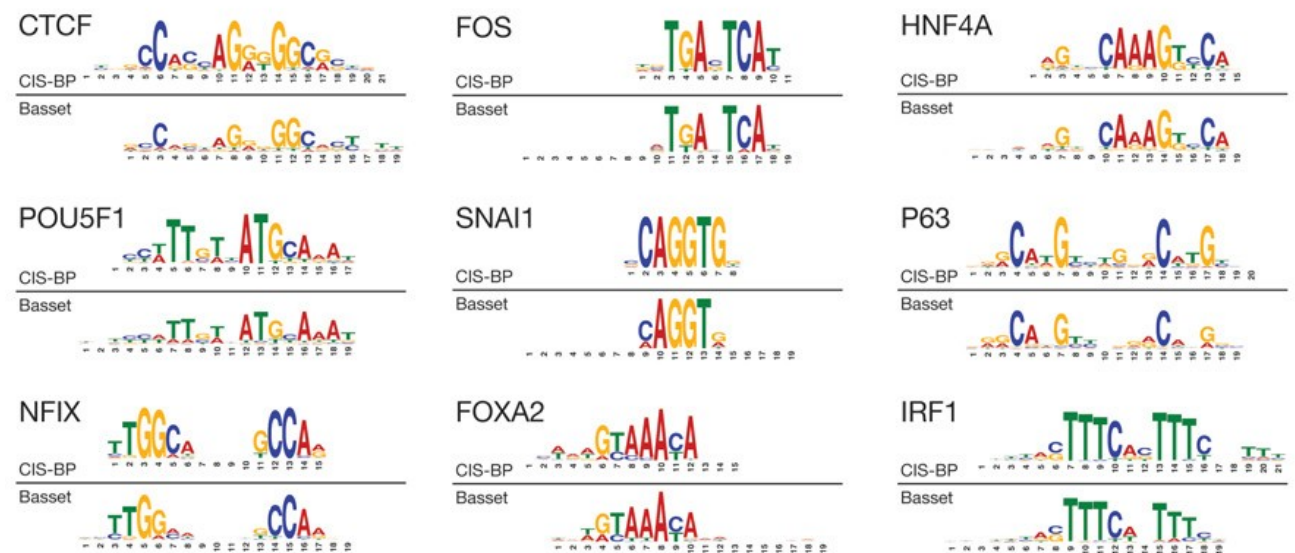
# Basset



**Simultaneously  
predicting DNase sites in  
164 cell types**



**CNN-based Basset outperforms gkm-SVM**



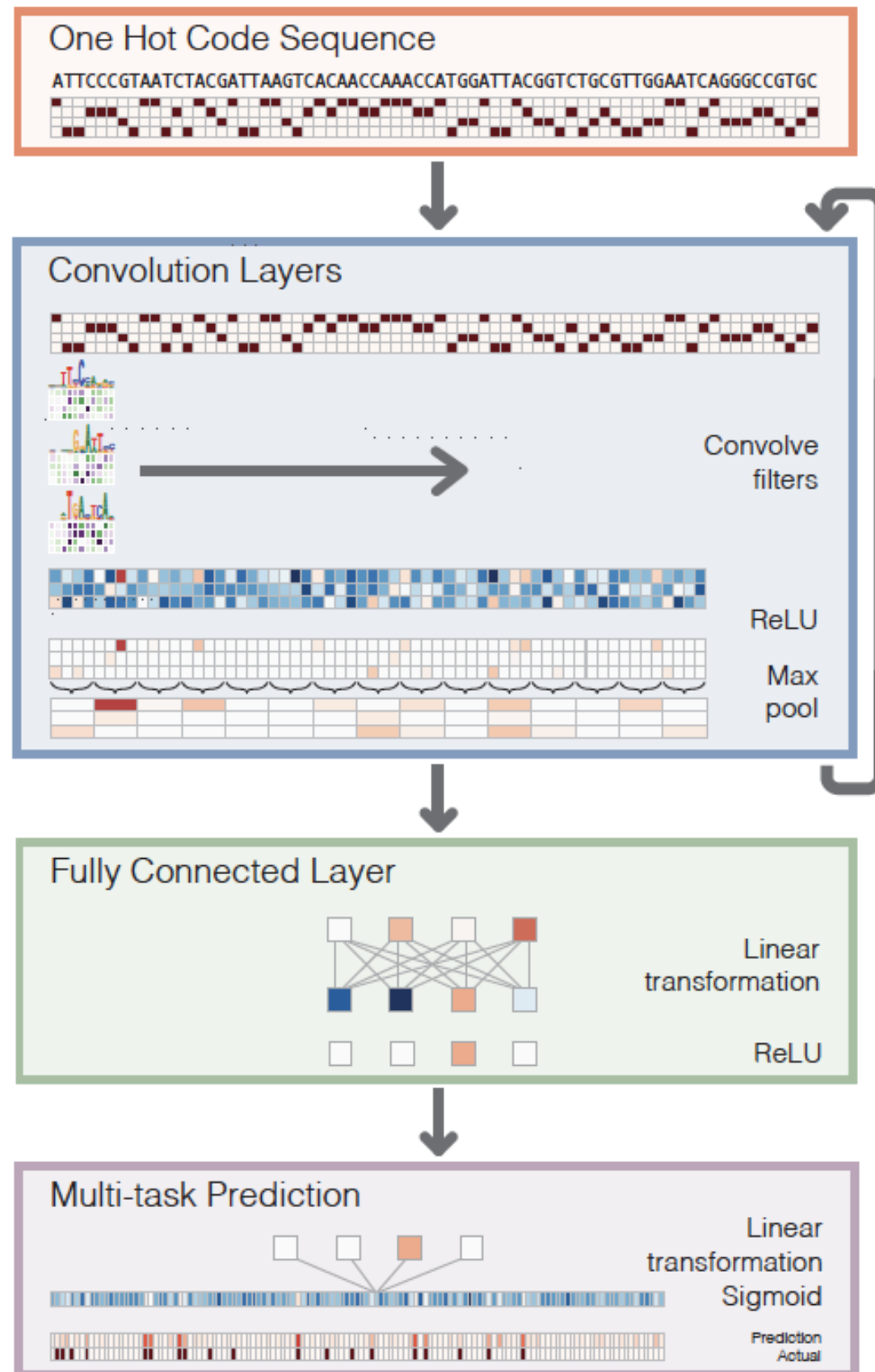
**Convolutional filters connected to the input  
sequence recapitulate some known TF motifs**

# Bassett architecture for accessibility prediction

Input:  
600 bp

1.9 million  
training  
examples

Output:  
168 bits



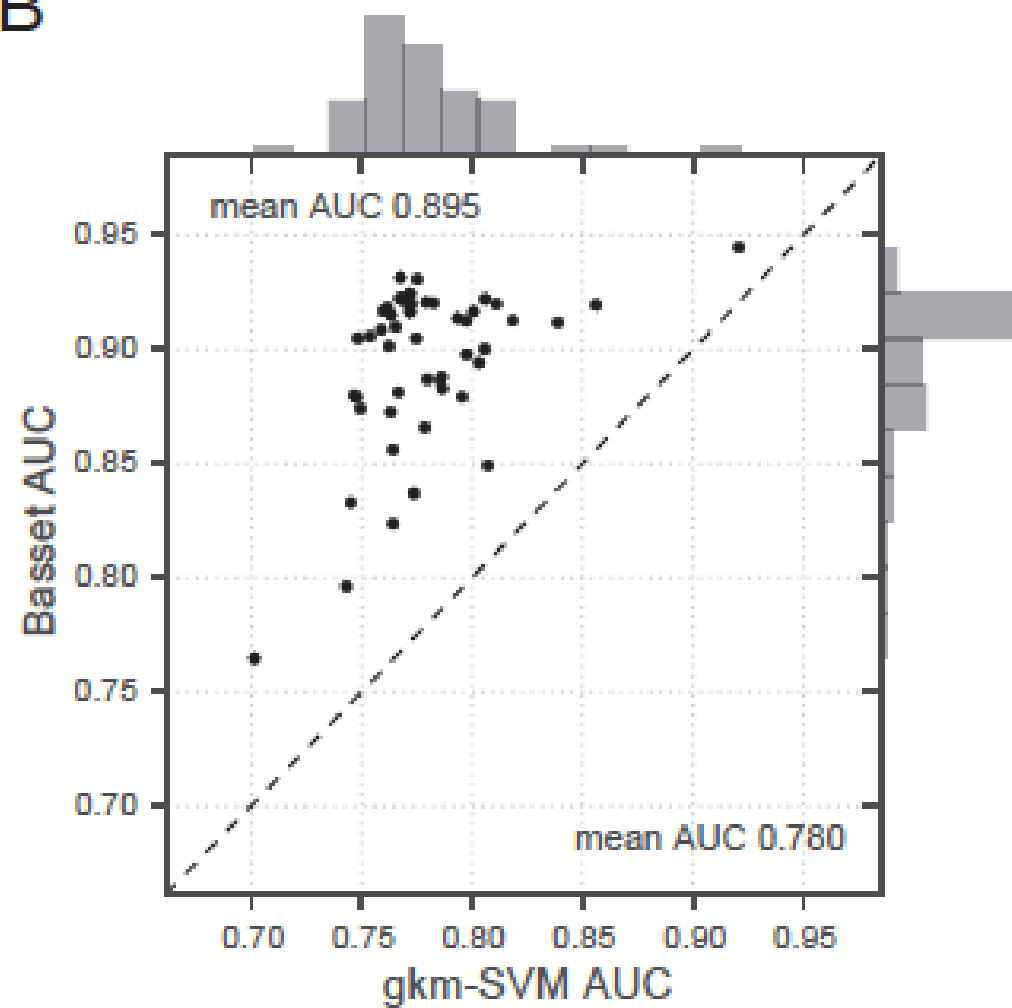
300 filters  
3 conv layers  
3 FC layers

3 fully connected layers

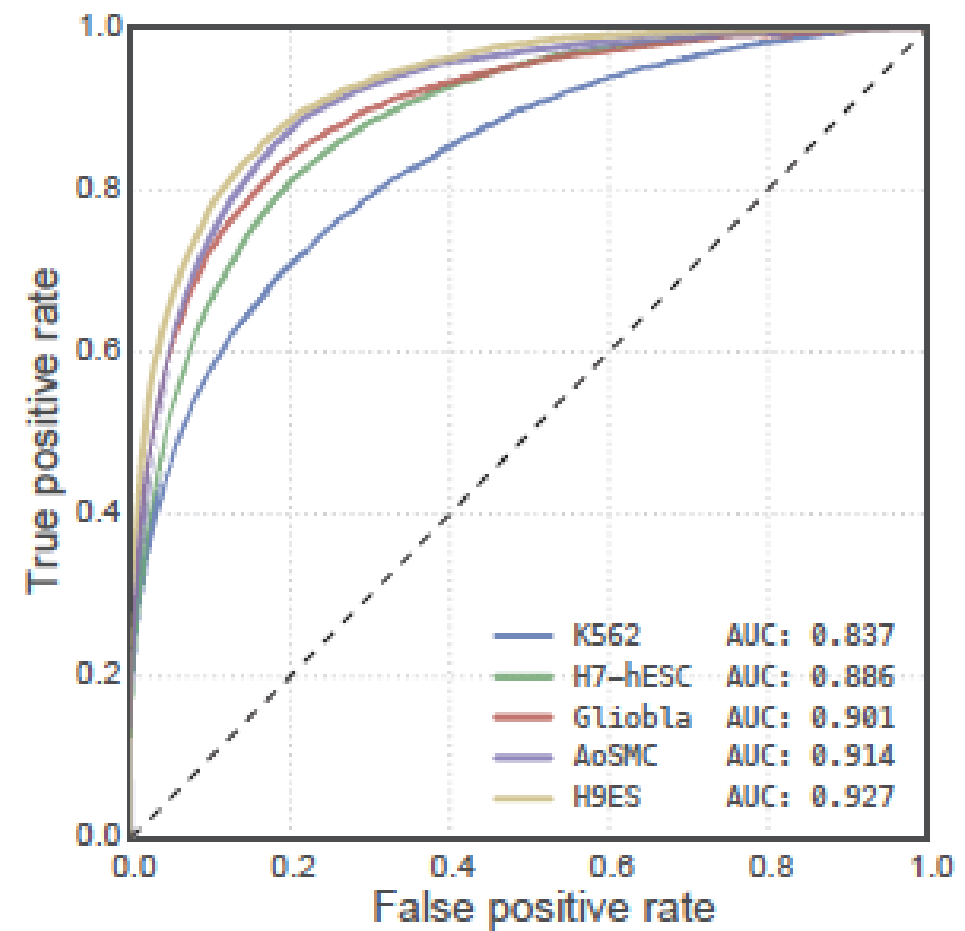
168 outputs  
(1 per cell type)

# Basset AUC performance vs. gkm-SVM

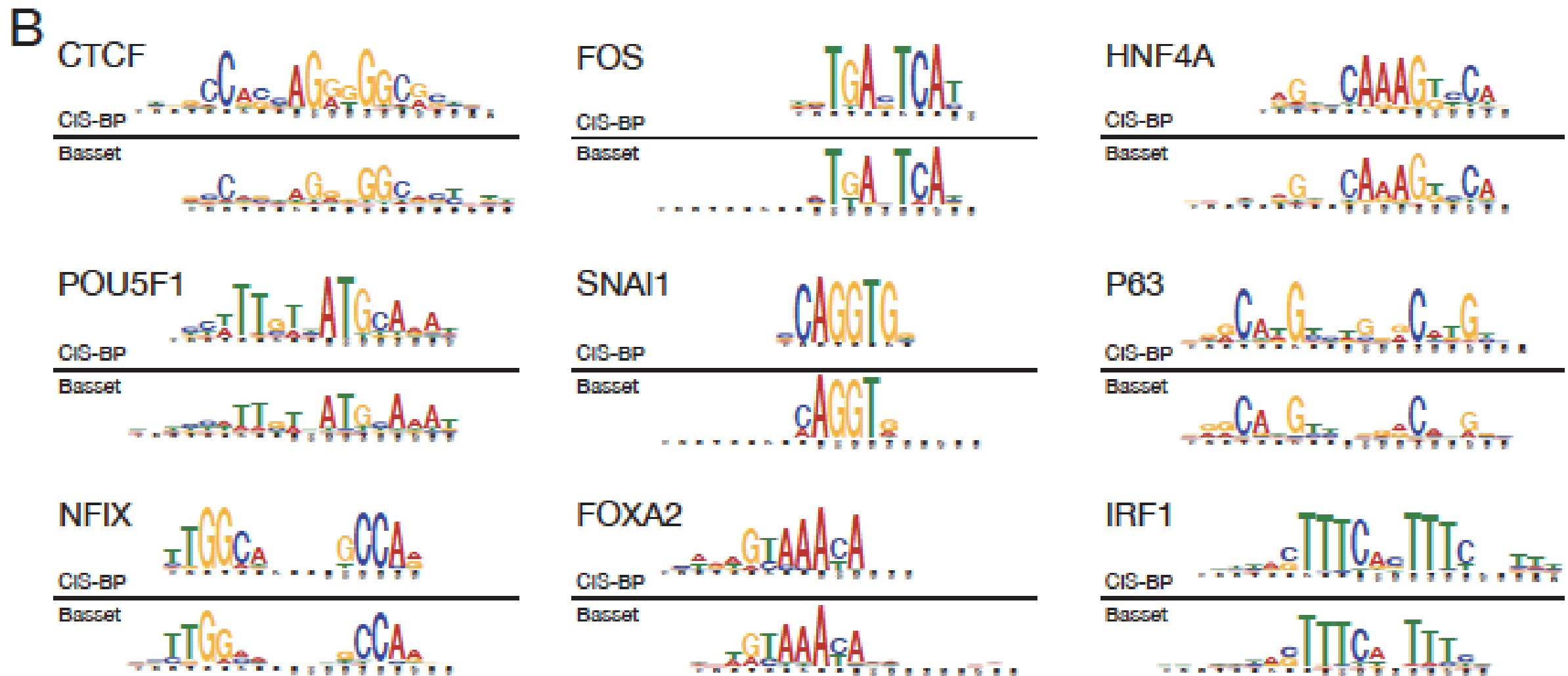
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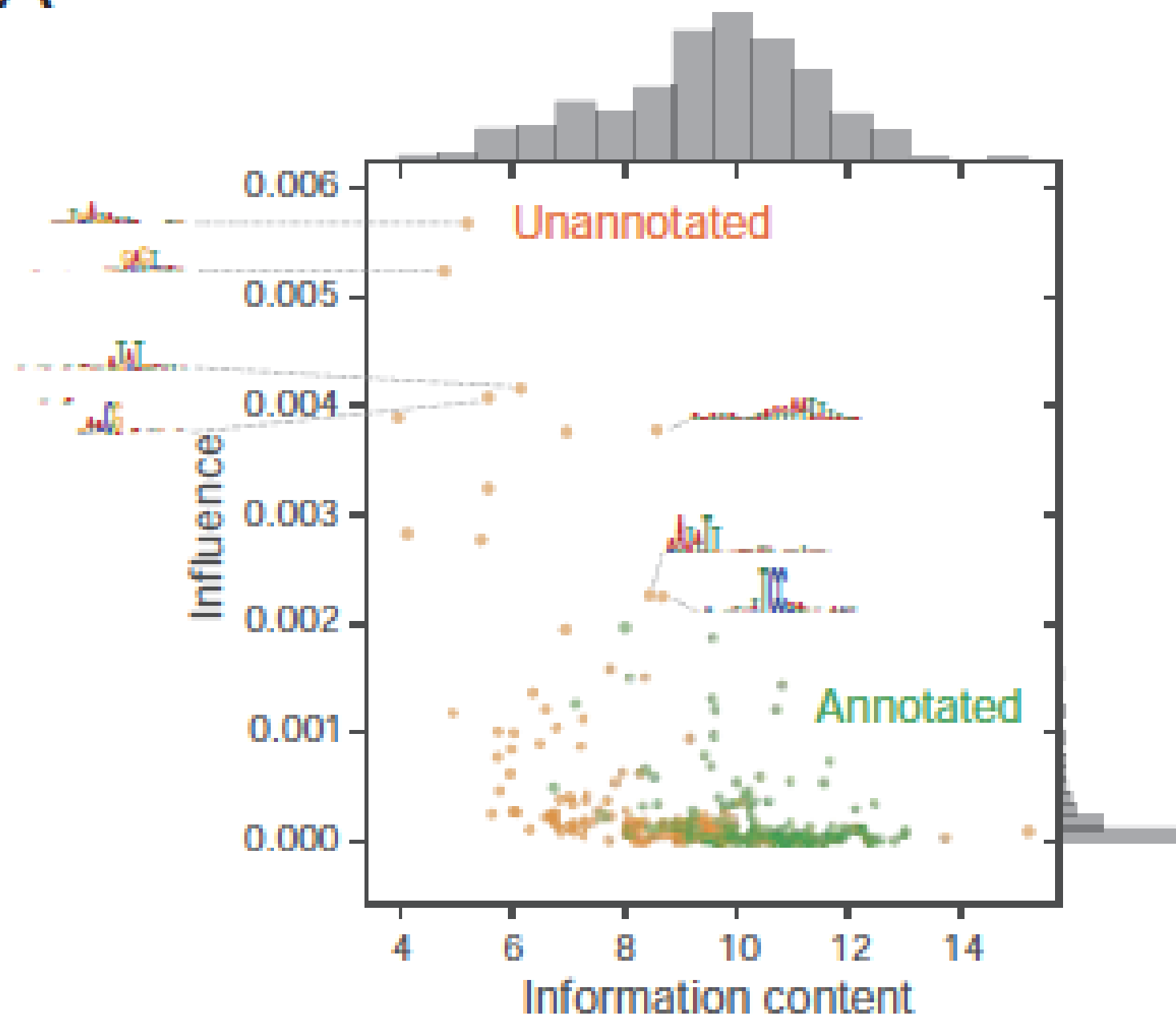
# 45% of filter derived motifs are found in the CIS-BP database



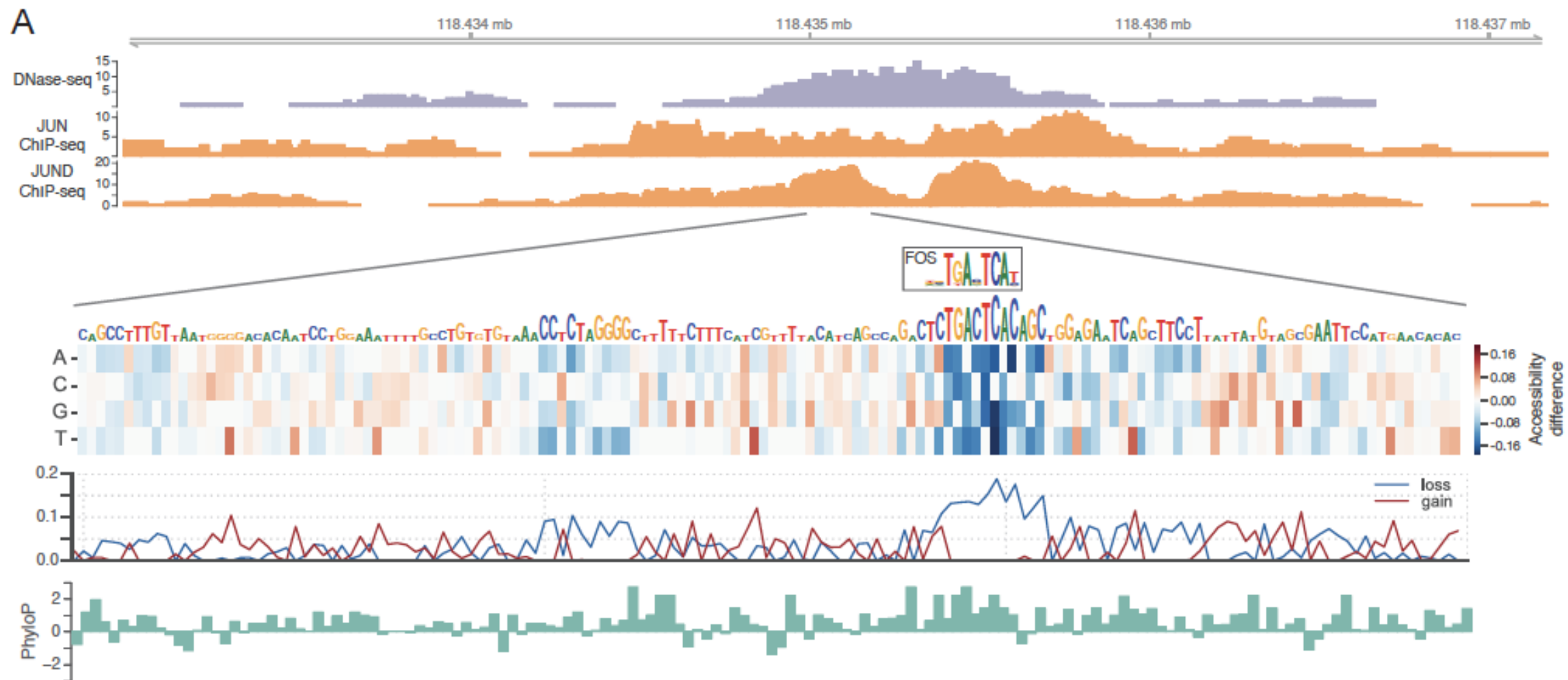
Motifs created by clustering matching input sequences and computing PWM

# Motif derived from filters with more information tend to be annotated

A



# Computational saturation mutagenesis of an AP-1 site reveals loss of accessibility

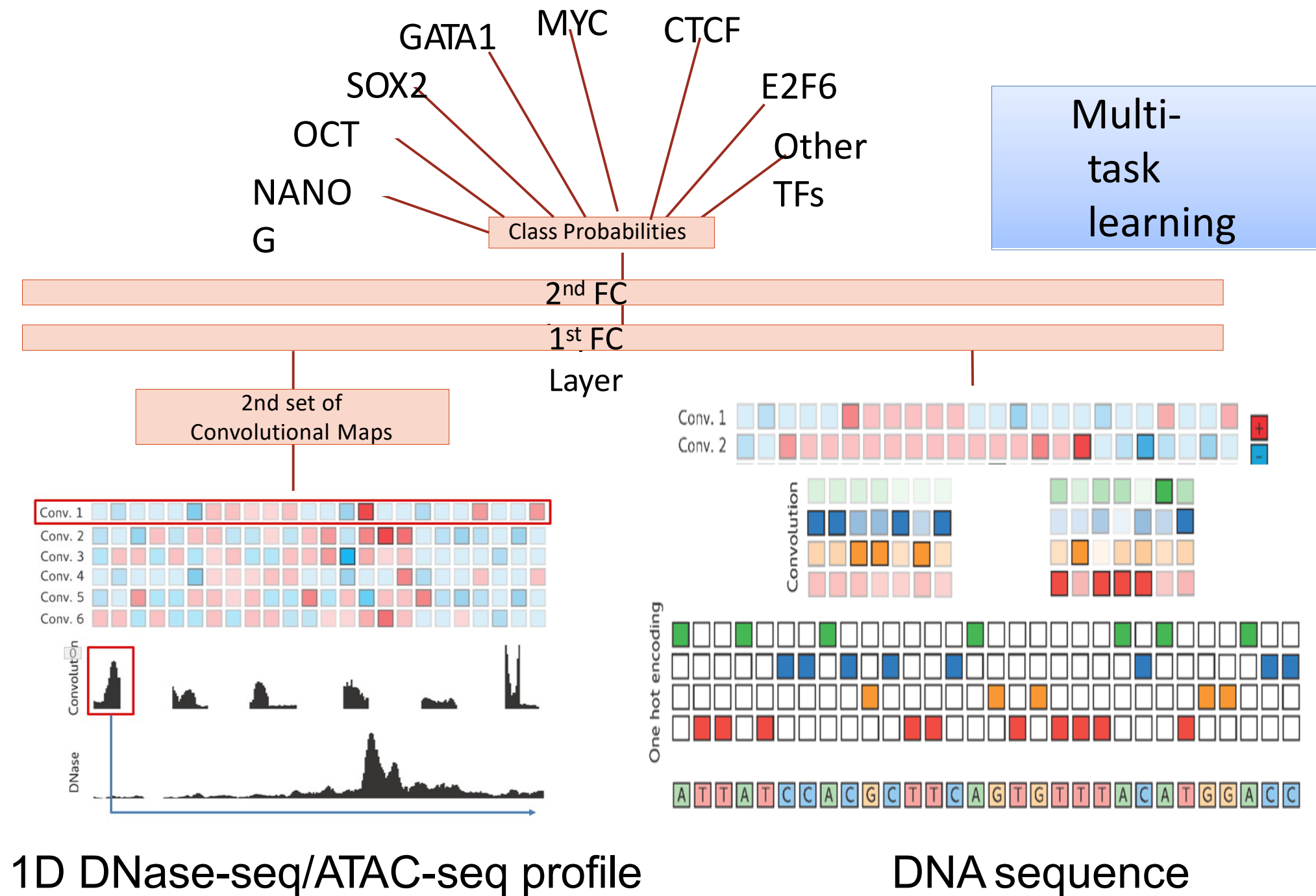




# Regulatory Genomics CNNs in Practice:

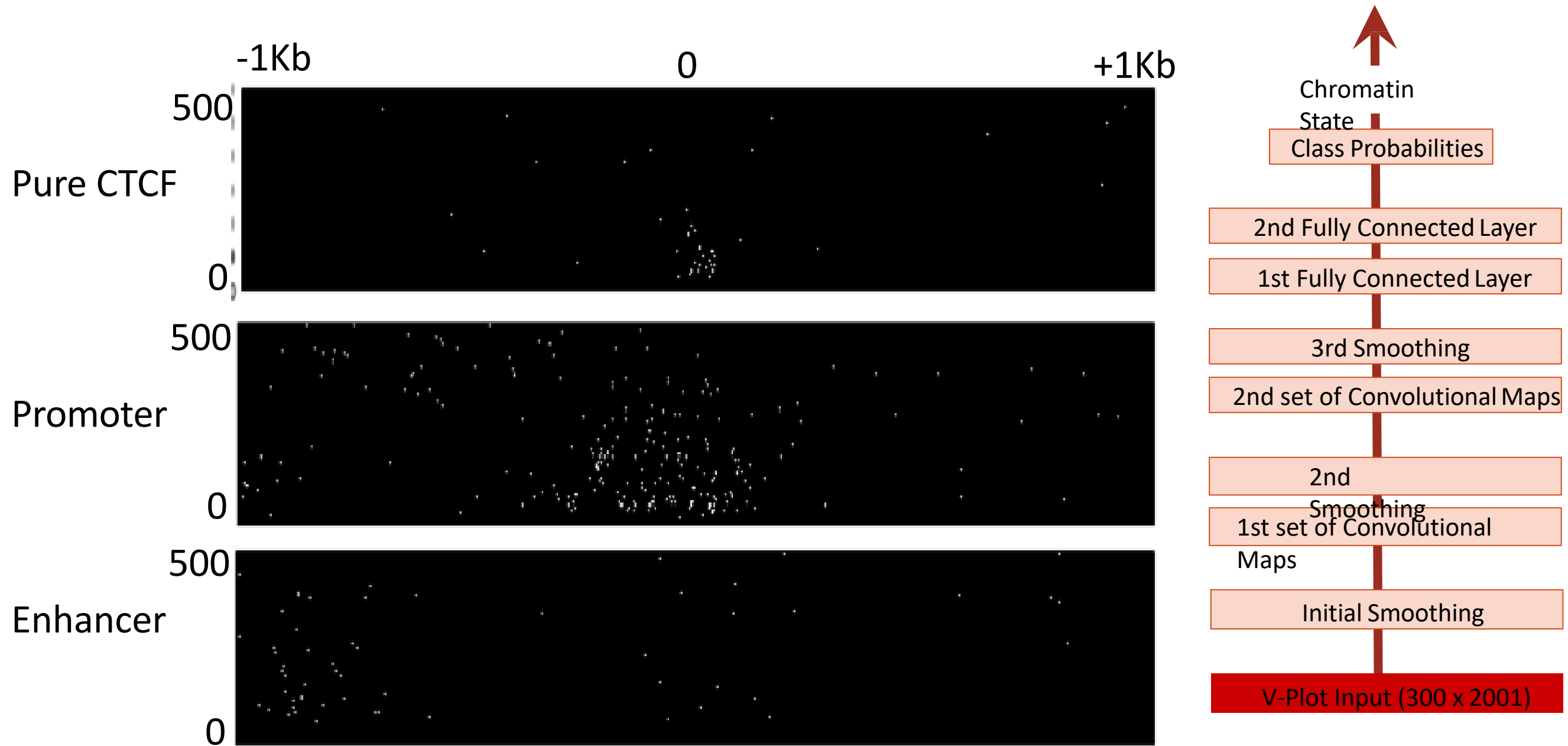
## (d) Chromputer

# ChromPuter



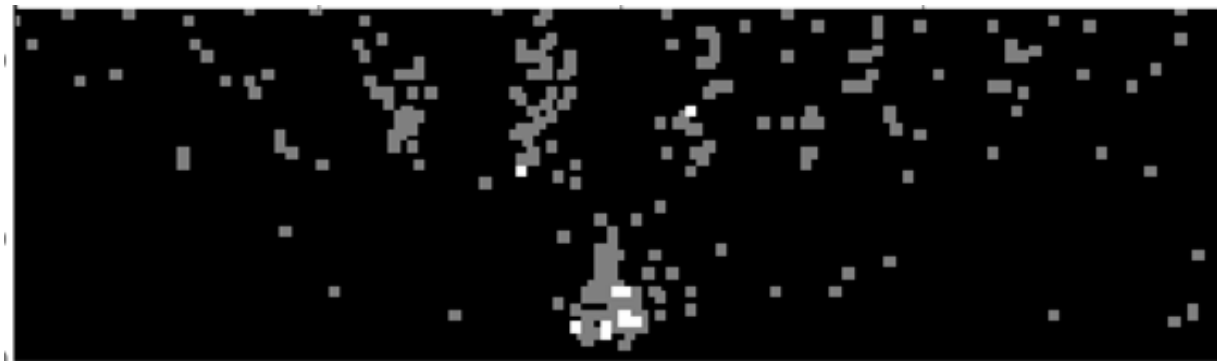
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# How does a deep conv. neural network transform the raw V-plot input at each layer

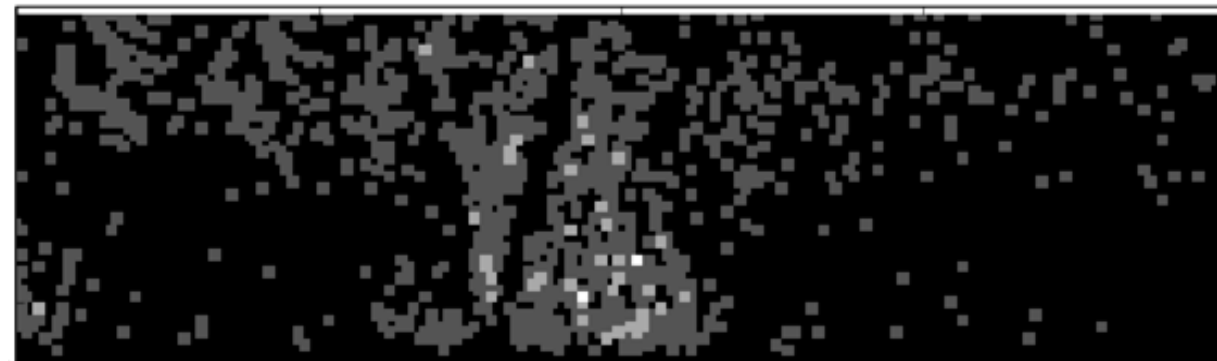


# After initial pooling (smoothing)

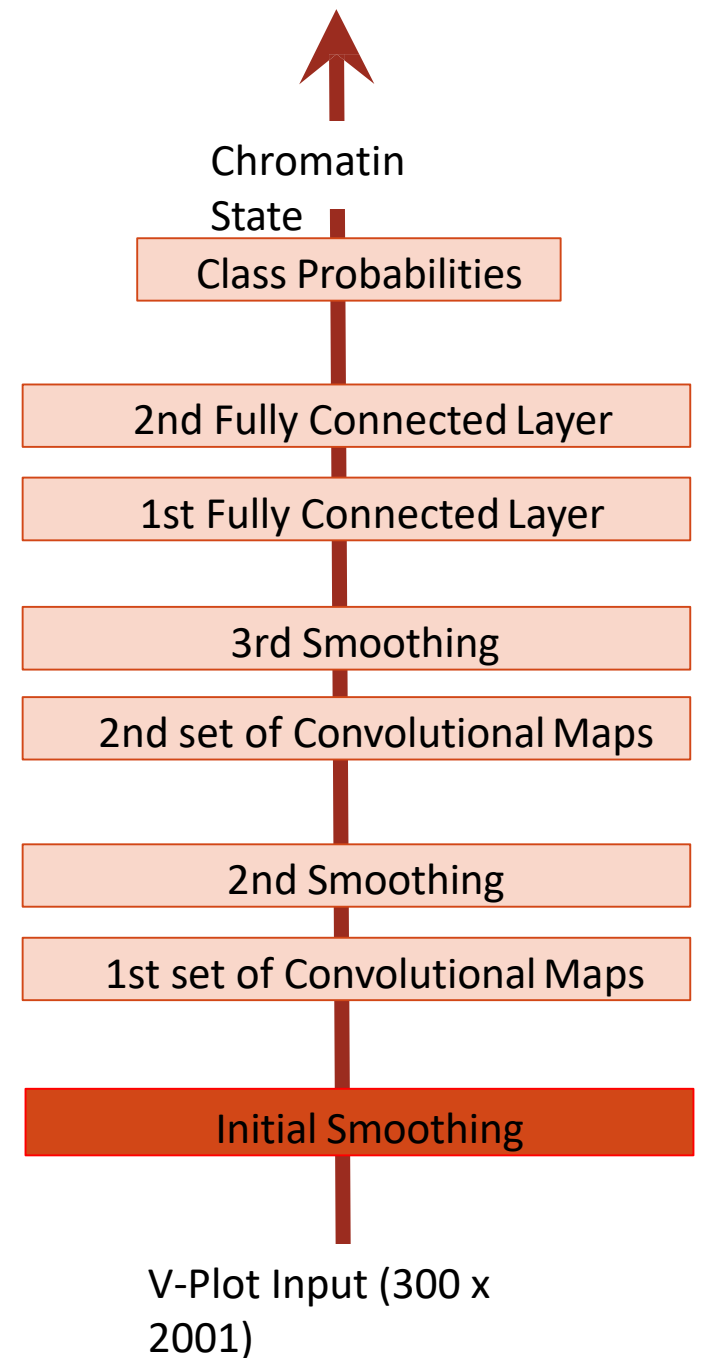
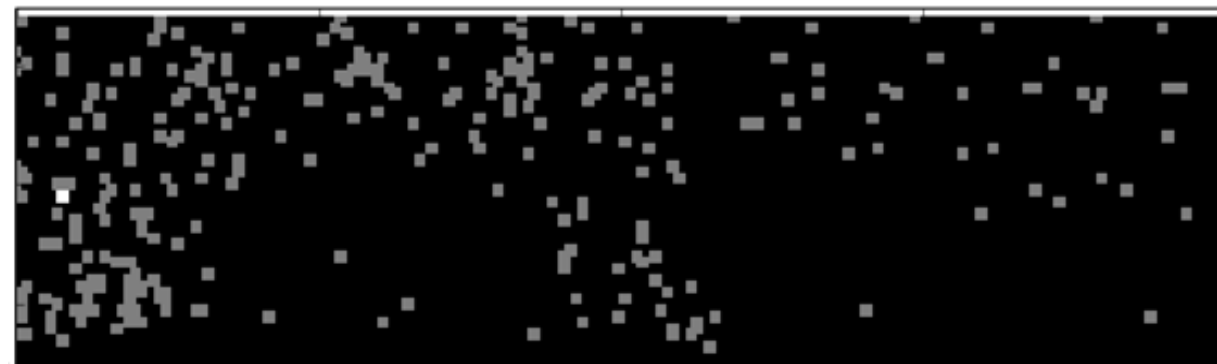
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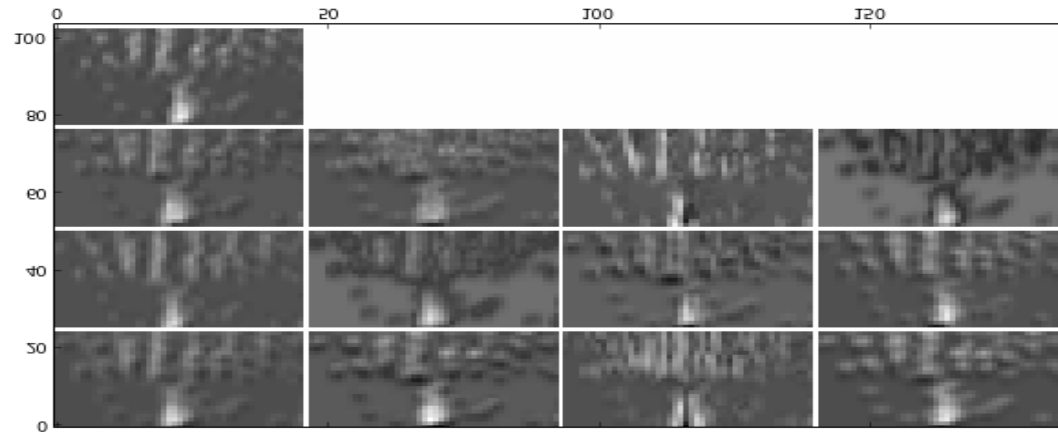


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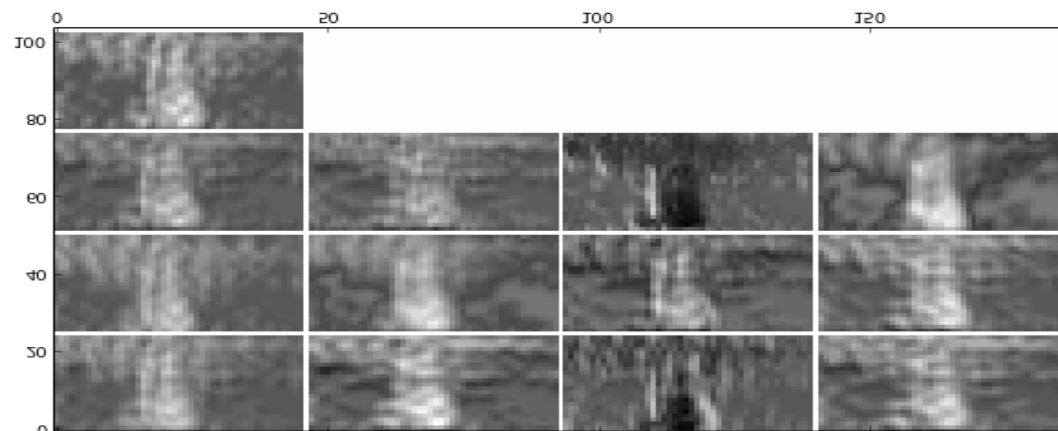


# Second set of convolutional maps

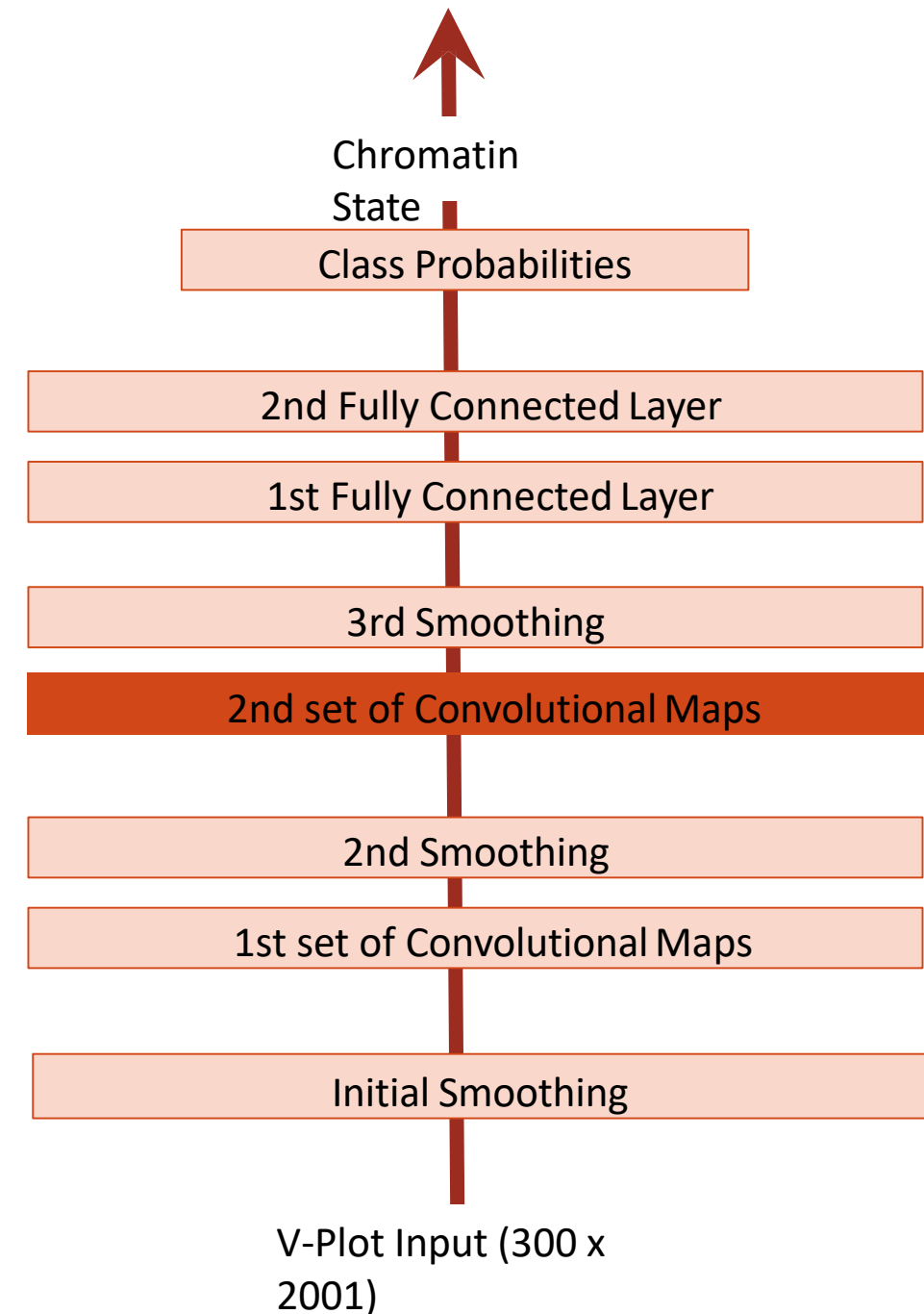
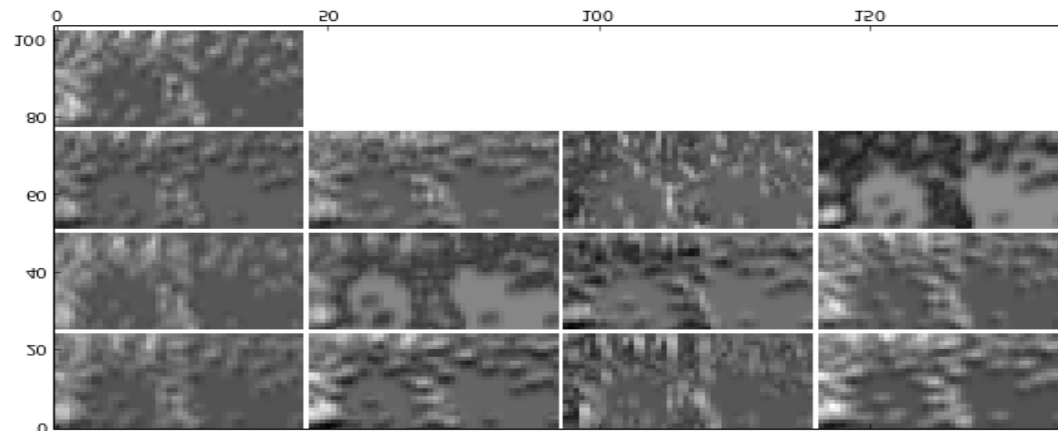
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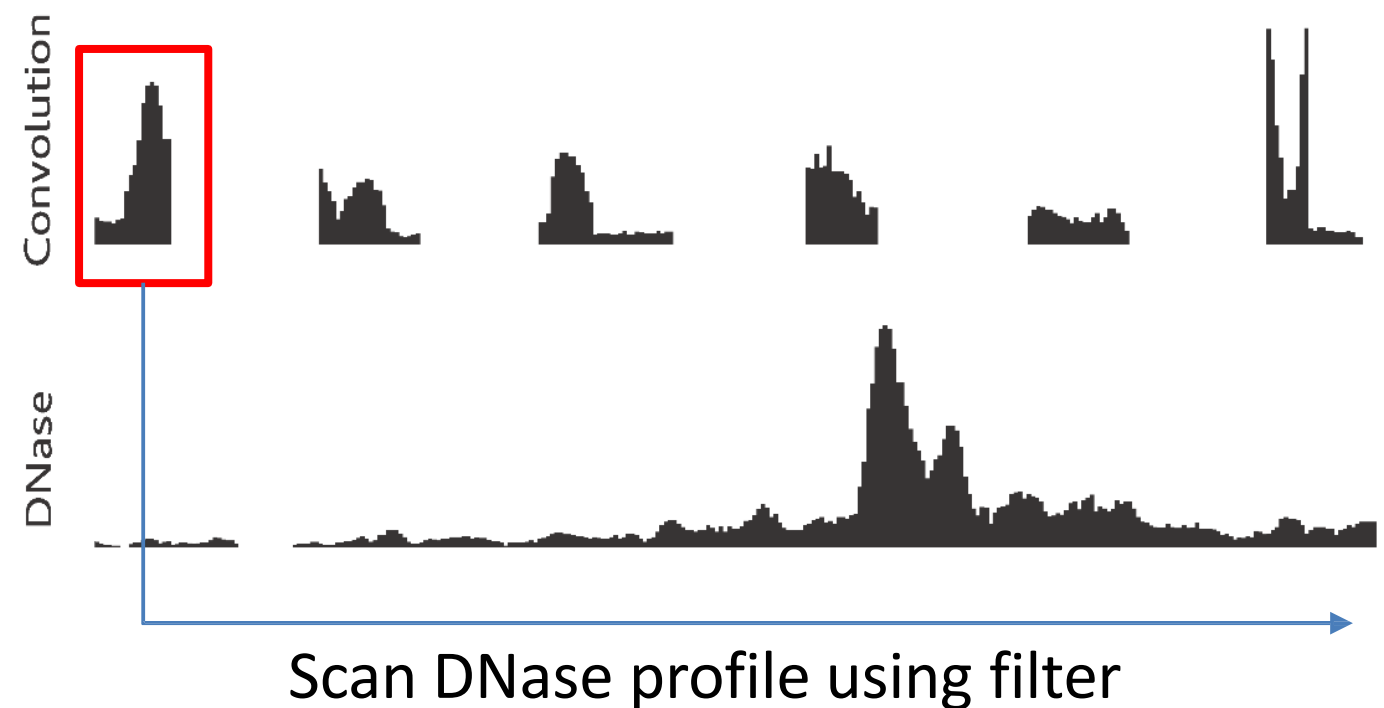
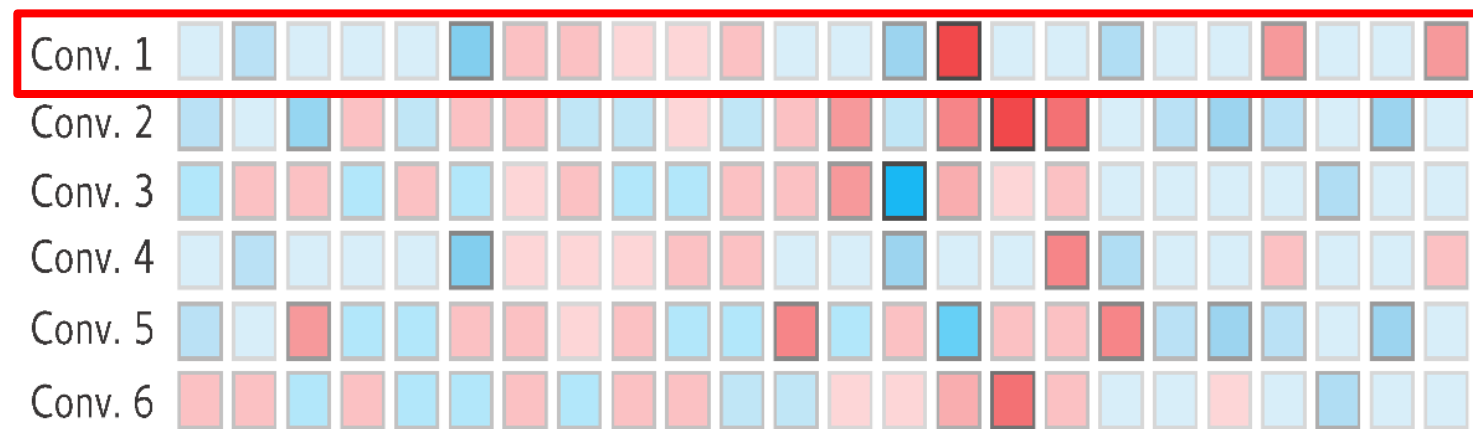
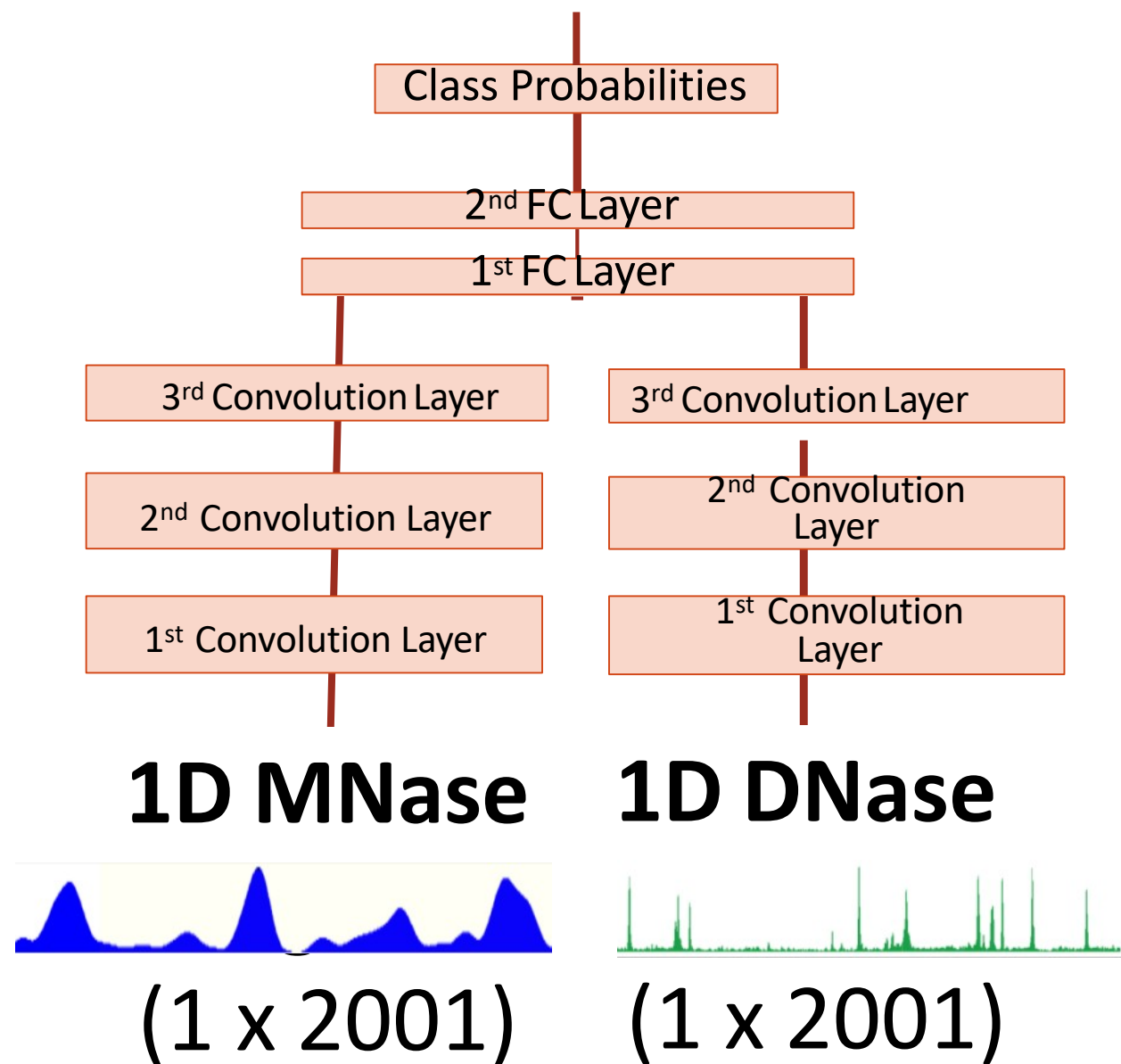


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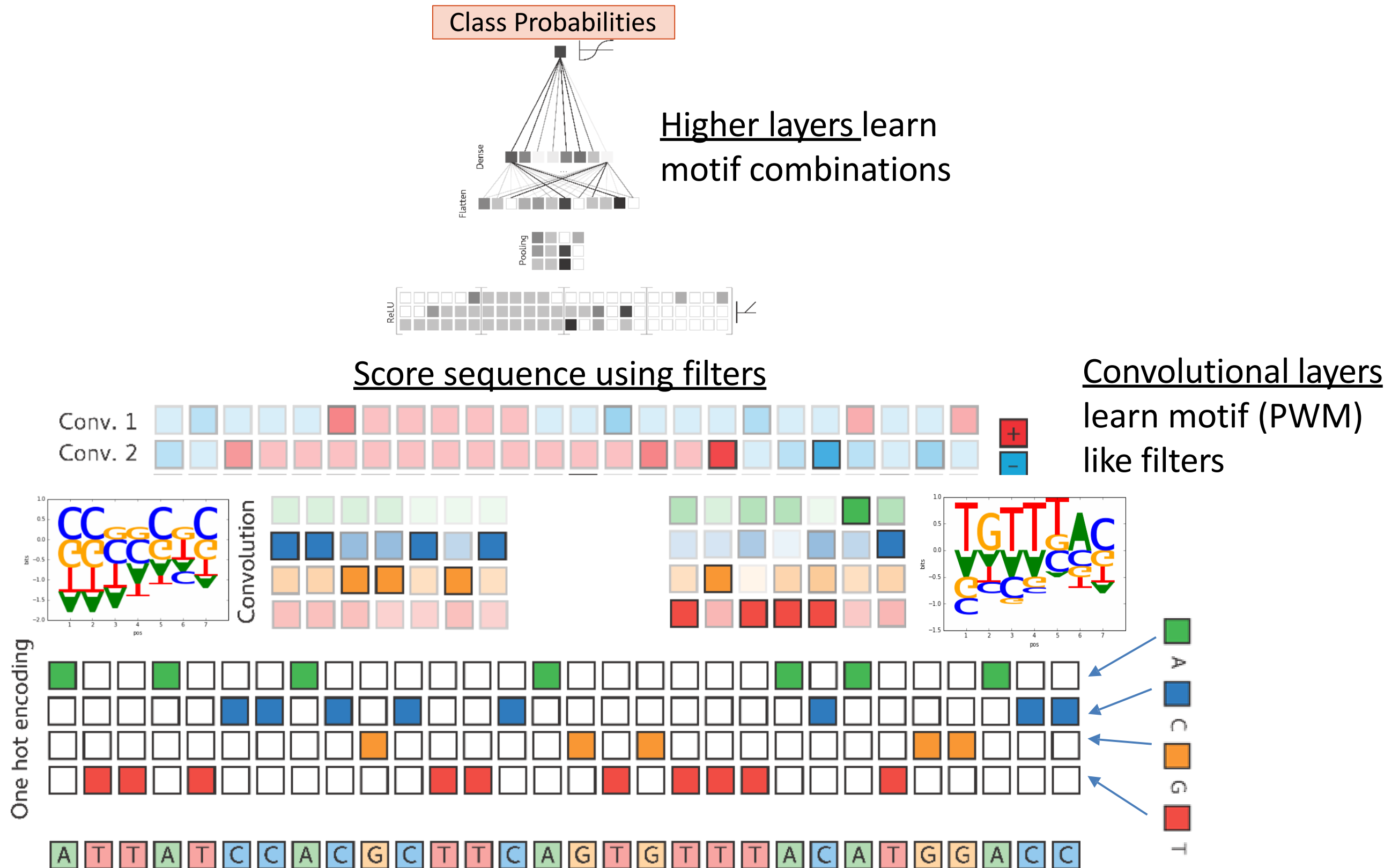
# Learning from multiple 1D functional data (e.g. DNase, MNase)

## Chromatin State



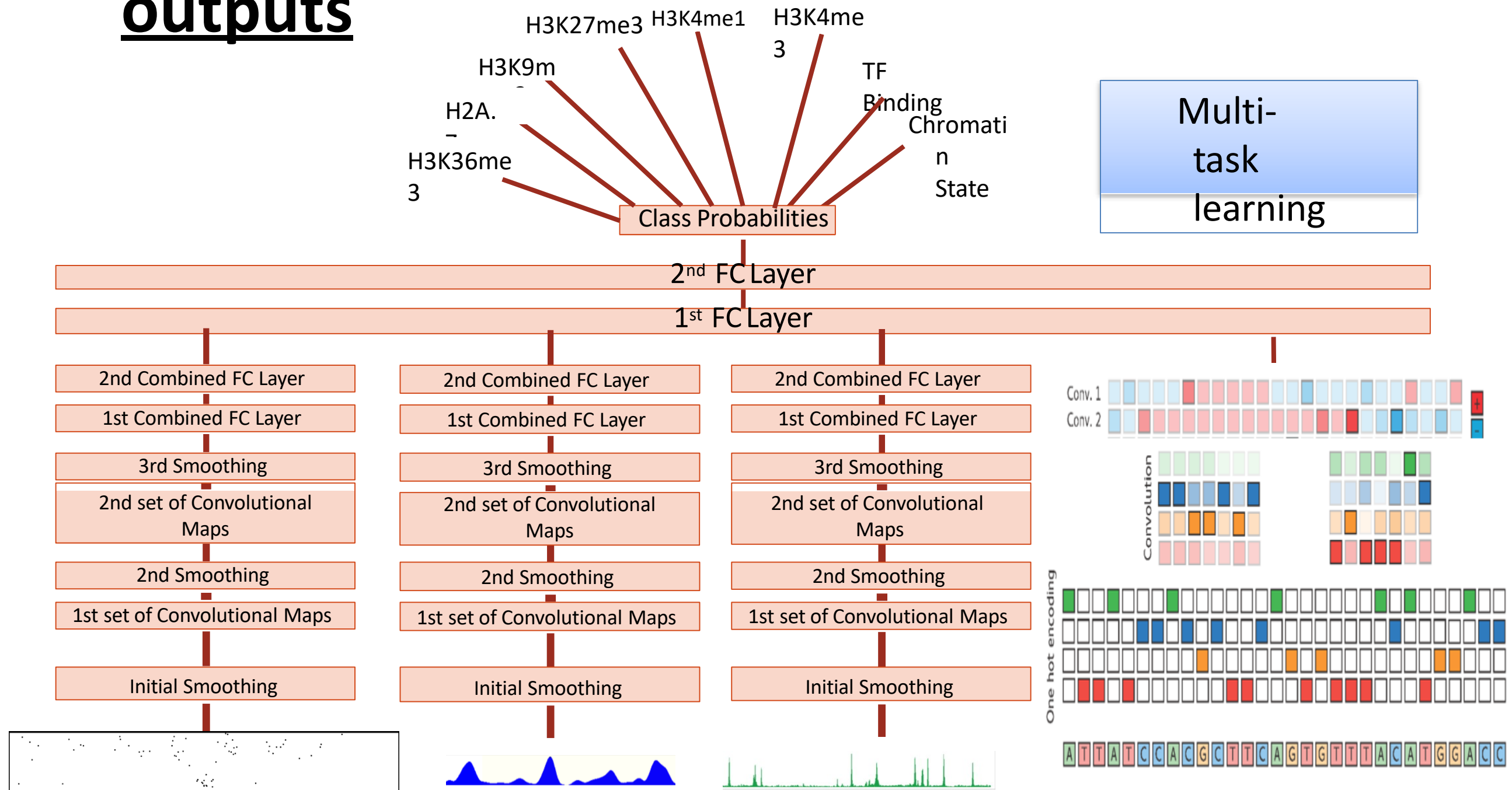


# Learning from raw DNA sequence



# THE CHROMPUTER

Integrating multiple inputs (1D, 2D signals, sequence) to simultaneously predict multiple outputs



# Chromatin architecture can predict chromatin state in held out chromosome (same cell type)

| Model + Input data types                                  | 8-class chromatin state accuracy (%) |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Majority class (baseline)                                 | 42%                                  |
| Gene proximity                                            | 59%                                  |
| <u>Random Forest</u> : <b>ATAC-seq</b> (150M reads)       | 61%                                  |
| Chromputer: <b>DNase</b> (60M reads)                      | 68.1%                                |
| Chromputer: <b>Mnase</b> (1.5B reads)                     | 69.3%                                |
| Chromputer: <b>ATAC-seq</b> (150M reads)                  | 75.9%                                |
| Chromputer: <b>DNase</b> + <b>MNase</b>                   | 81.6%                                |
| Chromputer: <b>ATAC-seq</b> + <b>sequence</b>             | 83.5%                                |
| Chromputer: <b>DNase</b> + <b>MNase</b> + <b>sequence</b> | 86.2%                                |
| Label accuracy across replicates (upper bound)            | 88%                                  |

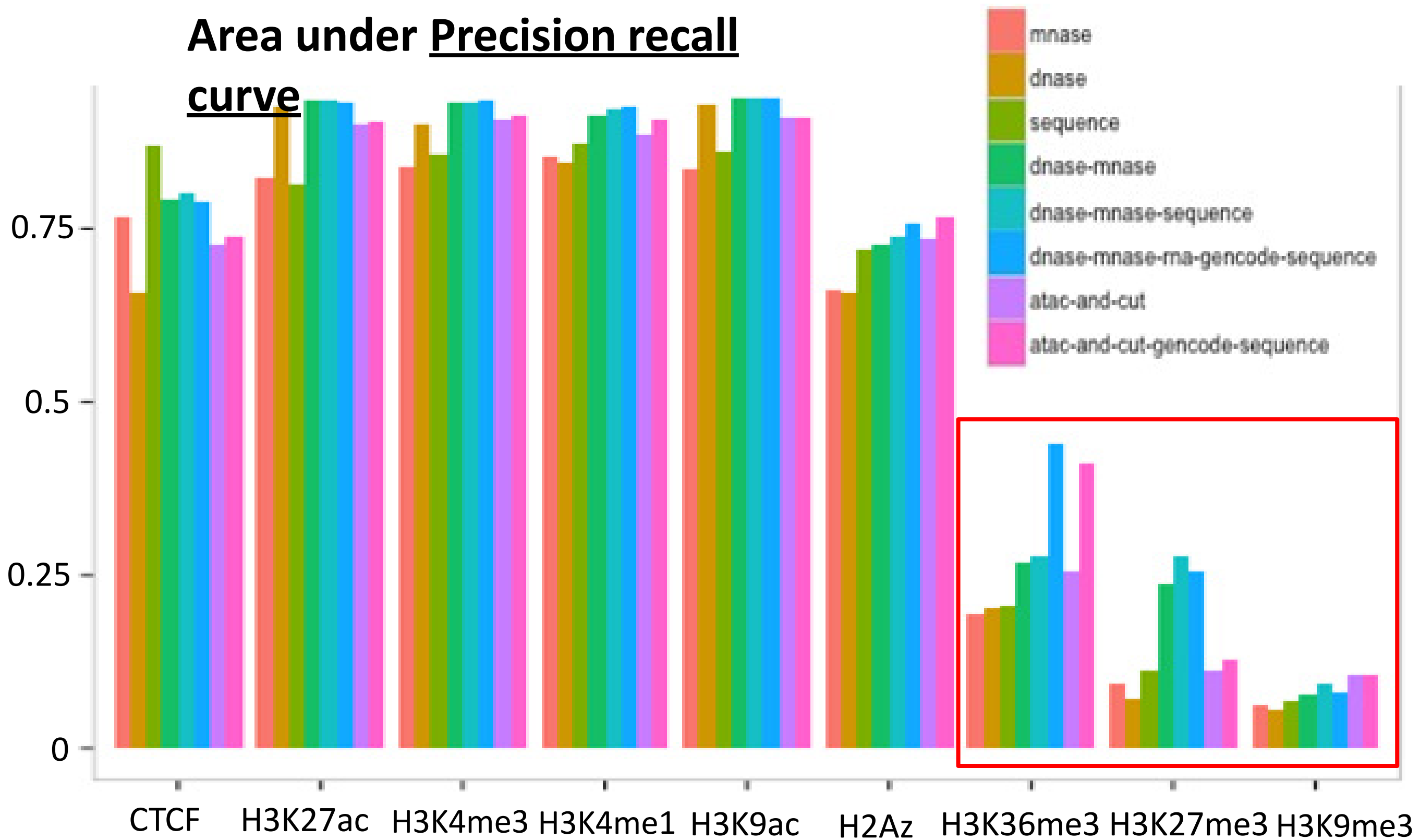
# High cross cell-type chromatin state prediction

- Learn model on DNase and MNase only
- Learn on GM12878, predict on K562 (and vice versa)
- Requires local normalization to make signal comparable

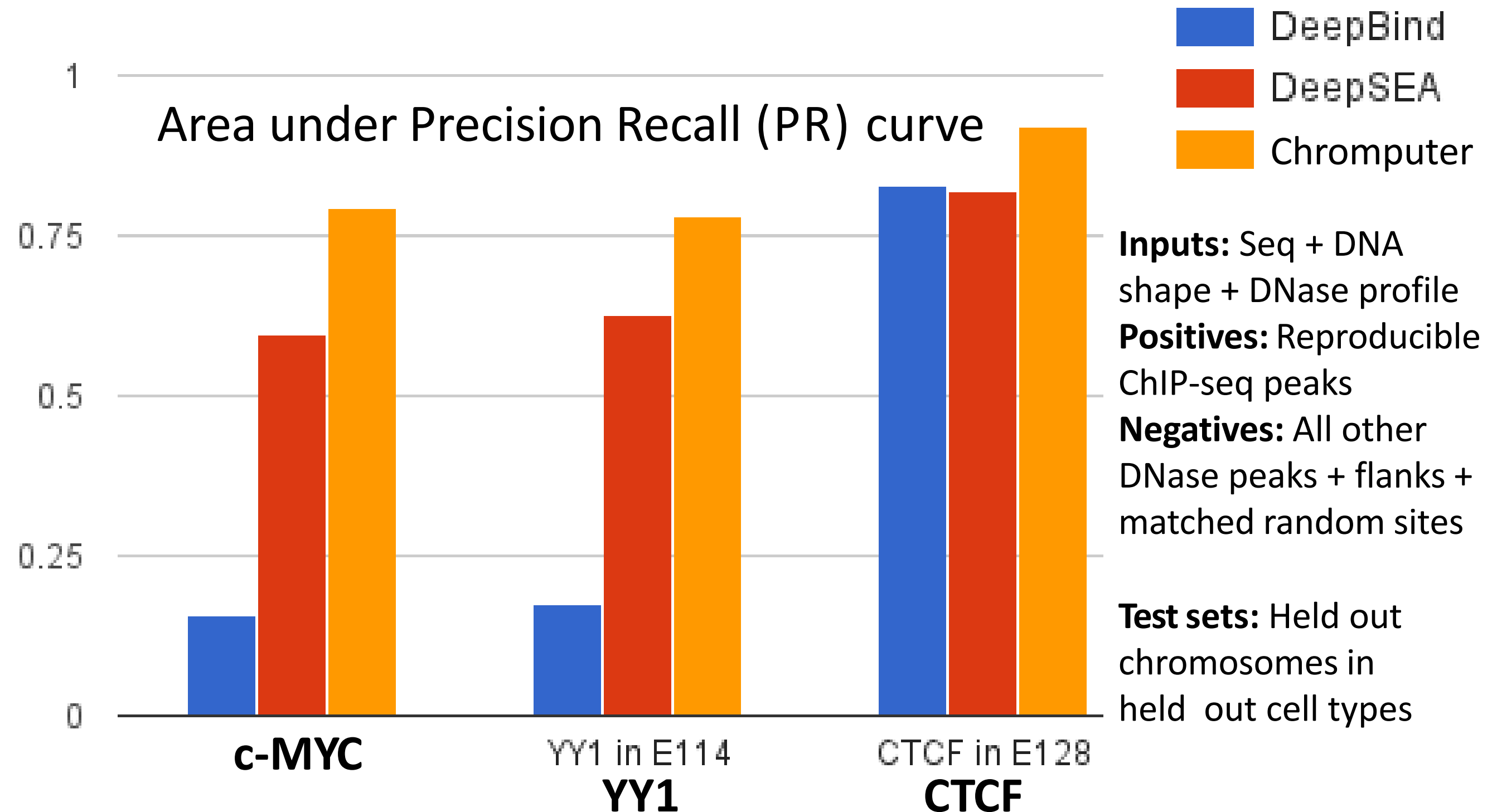
| 8 class chromatin state accuracy |              |              |
|----------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Train ↓ / Test →                 | GM12878      | K562         |
| GM12878                          | 0.816        | <b>0.818</b> |
| K562                             | <b>0.769</b> | 0.844        |

# Predicting individual histone marks from ATAC/DNase/MNase/Sequence

Area under Precision recall  
curve

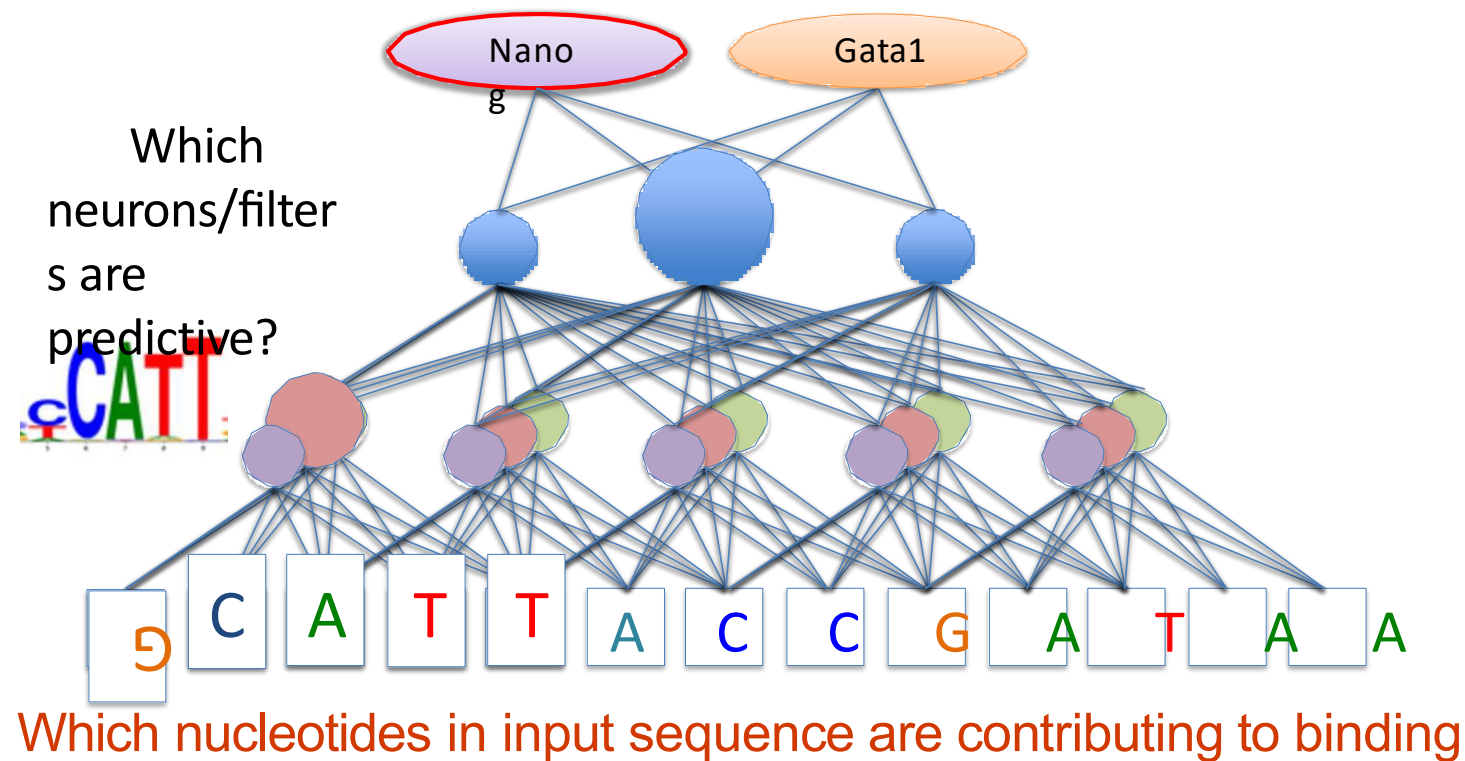


# Chromputer trained on TF ChIP-seq predicts cross cell-type in-vivo TF binding with high accuracy





# DeepLift reveals feature importance at the input layer



## Key idea:

- ReLU is piece-wise linear
- Backpropagation differences of outputs using observed and reference inputs (e.g., inputs of all zeros) to obtain gradient w.r.t. the input
- Importance of any input to any output is the gradients weighted by the input itself

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# Deep Learning for Regulatory Genomics

## 1. Biological foundations: Building blocks of Gene Regulation

- Gene regulation: Cell diversity, Epigenomics, Regulators (TFs), Motifs, Disease role
- Probing gene regulation: TFs/histones: ChIP-seq, Accessibility: DNase/ATAC-seq

## 2. Classical methods for Regulatory Genomics and Motif Discovery

- Enrichment-based motif discovery: Expectation Maximization, Gibbs Sampling
- Experimental: PBMs, SELEX. Comparative genomics: Evolutionary conservation.

## 3. Regulatory Genomics CNNs (Convolutional Neural Networks): Foundations

- Key idea: pixels  $\Leftrightarrow$  DNA letters. Patches/filters  $\Leftrightarrow$  Motifs. Higher  $\Leftrightarrow$  combinations
- Learning convolutional filters  $\Leftrightarrow$  Motif discovery. Applying them  $\Leftrightarrow$  Motif matches

## 4. Regulatory Genomics CNNs/RNNs in Practice: Diverse Architectures

- DeepBind: Learn motifs, use in (shallow) fully-connected layer, mutation impact
- DeepSea: Train model directly on mutational impact prediction
- Basset: Multi-task DNase prediction in 164 cell types, reuse/learn motifs
- ChromPuter: Multi-task prediction of different TFs, reuse partner motifs
- DeepLIFT: Model interpretation based on neuron activation properties
- DanQ: Recurrent Neural Network for sequential data analysis

## 5. Guest Lecture: Anshul Kundaje, Stanford, Deep Learning for Reg. Genomics

## 6. Guest Lecture: Avantika Lal, Nvidia, Deep Learning for ATAC/scATAC

# Deep learning at base-resolution reveals cis-regulatory motif syntax

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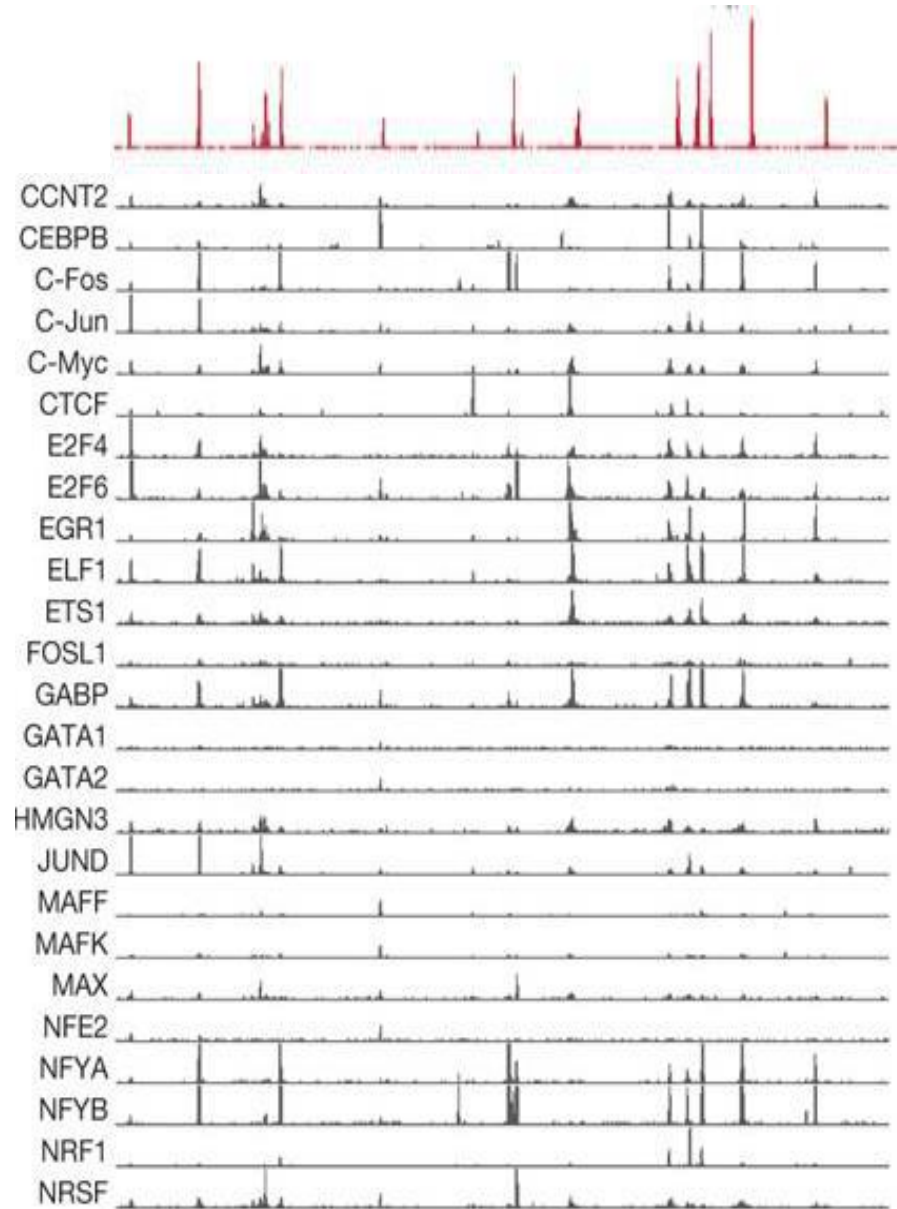
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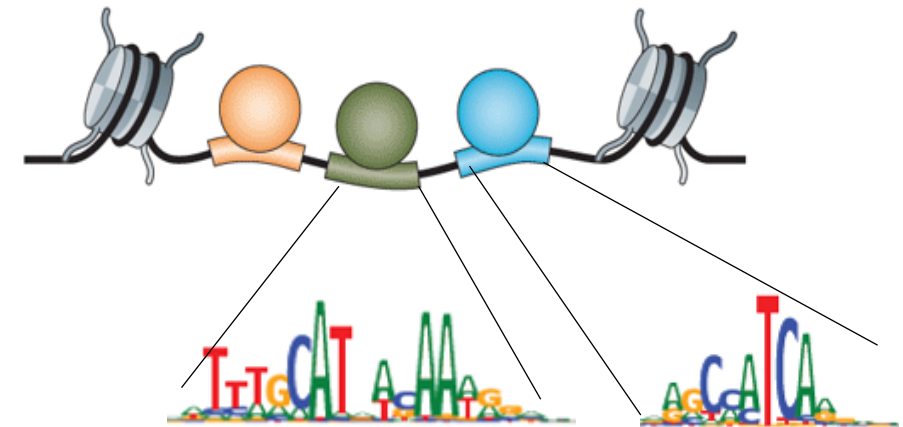
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# Deciphering syntax of regulatory DNA



**chromatin accessibility  
(ATAC-seq / DNase-seq)**

**Transcription  
factor  
ChIP-seq  
experiments**



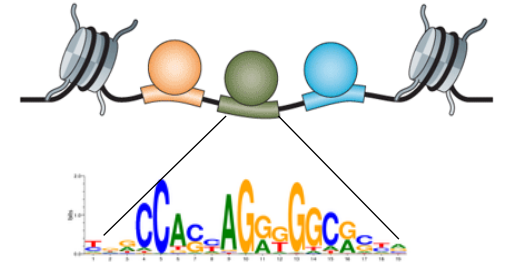
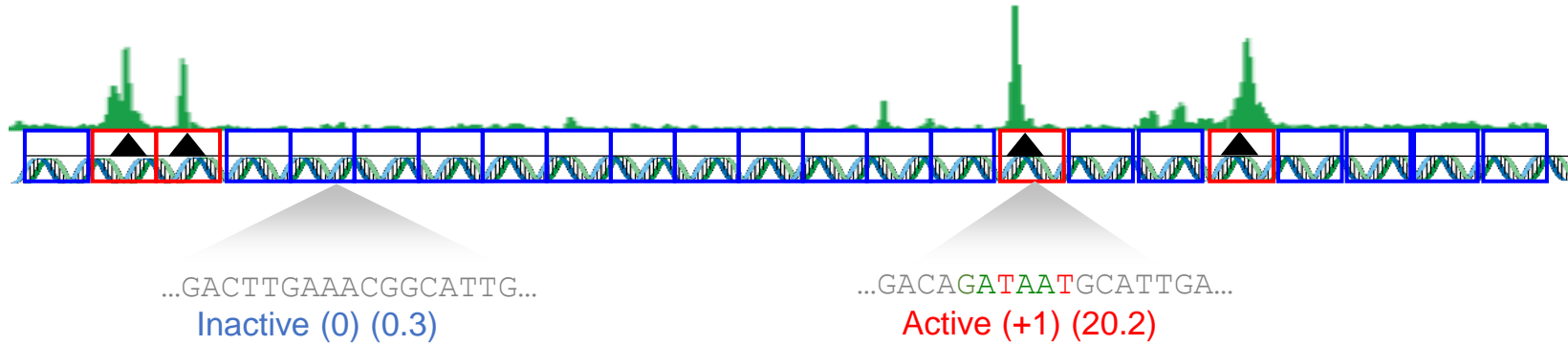
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Motif syntax: rules of  
arrangement, preferred spacing,  
orientation => cooperativity

*Adapted from Thurman et al 2012*

# Predictive model of regulatory DNA

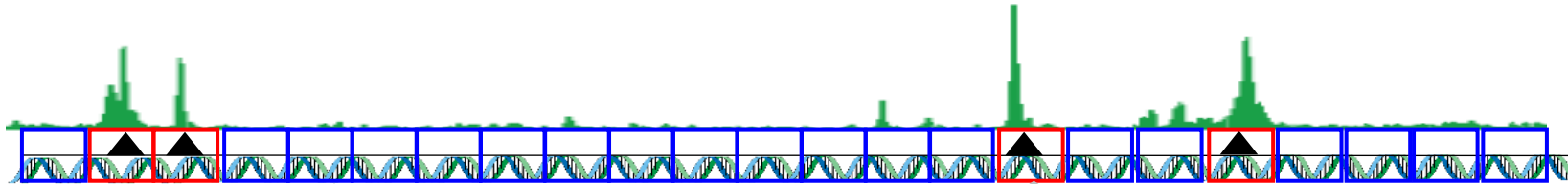
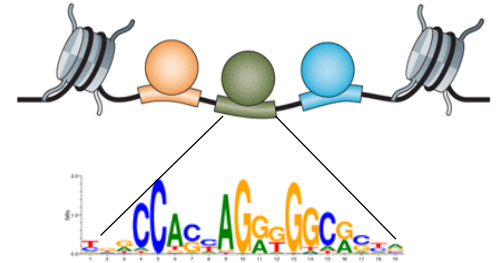
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...GACTTGAAACGGCATTG...  
Inactive (0) (0.3)

...GACAGATAATGCATTGA...  
Active (+1) (20.2)

...GACAGATAATGCATTGA...

...ACTGTCATGGATAATTCT...

...GATAATTCTACTGTAAG...

DNA sequences ( $S_i$ )

...CAACCTTGAACGGCATTG...

...GACTTGAAACGGCATTG...

...CAGTATGCATACGTGAA...

Classification  
or Regression  
model  
 $F(S_i)$

Class = +1 (20.2)

Class = +1 (10.6)

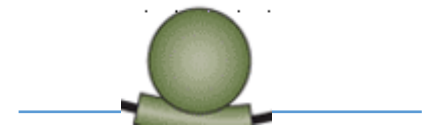
Class = +1 (15.8)

Measured  
Labels ( $Y_i$ )

Class = 0 (0.3)

Class = 0 (1.2)

Class = 0 (3.5)

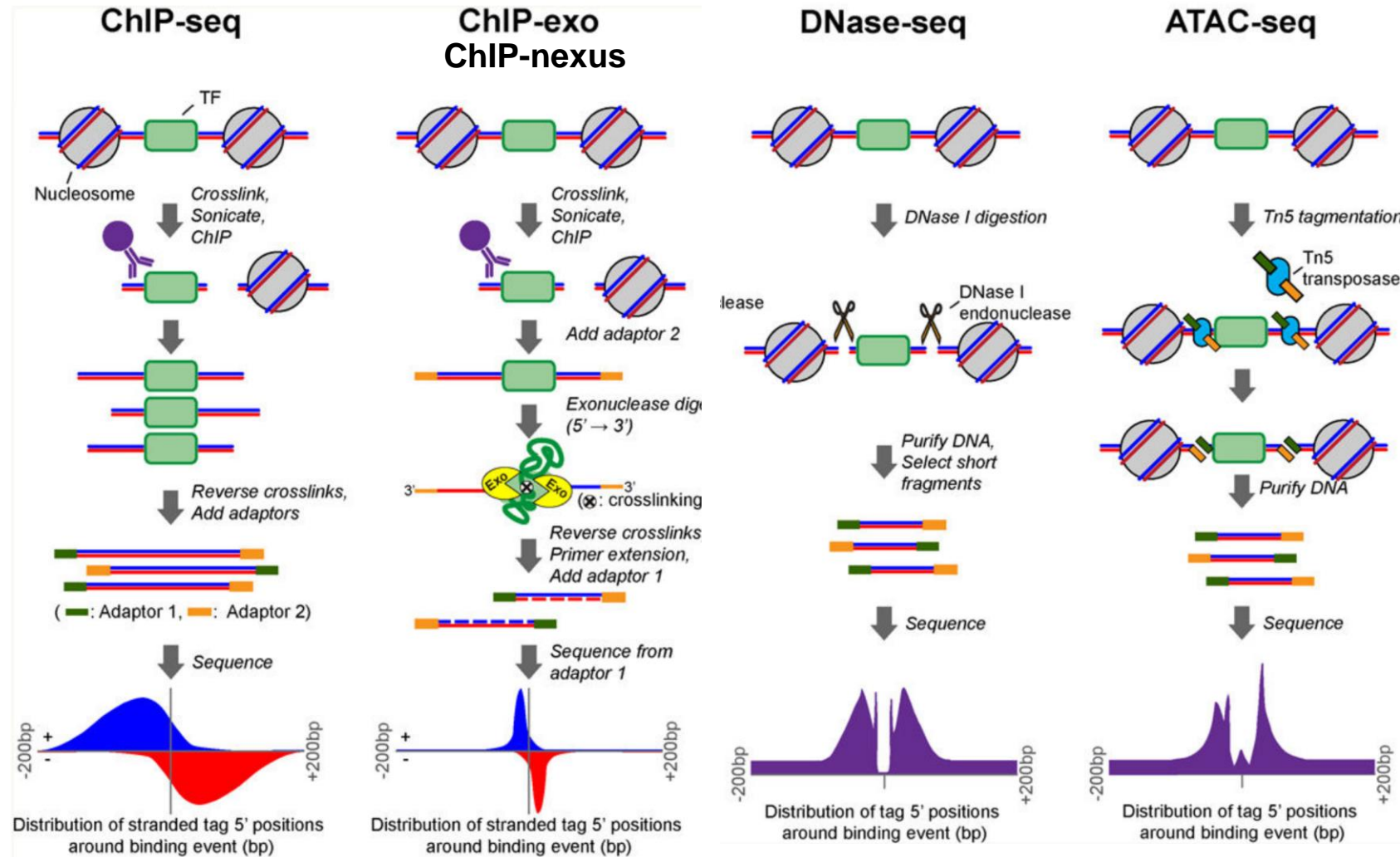


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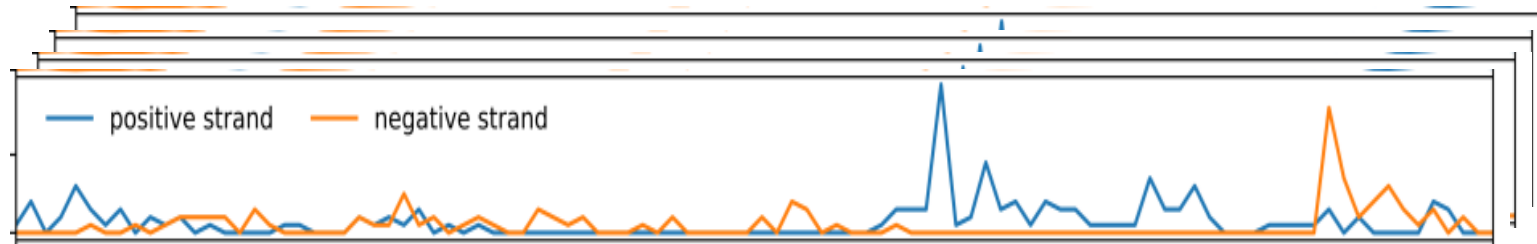
Arvey et al. 2012  
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# High-resolution 'shapes' of regulatory profiles capture exquisite information about protein-DNA contacts

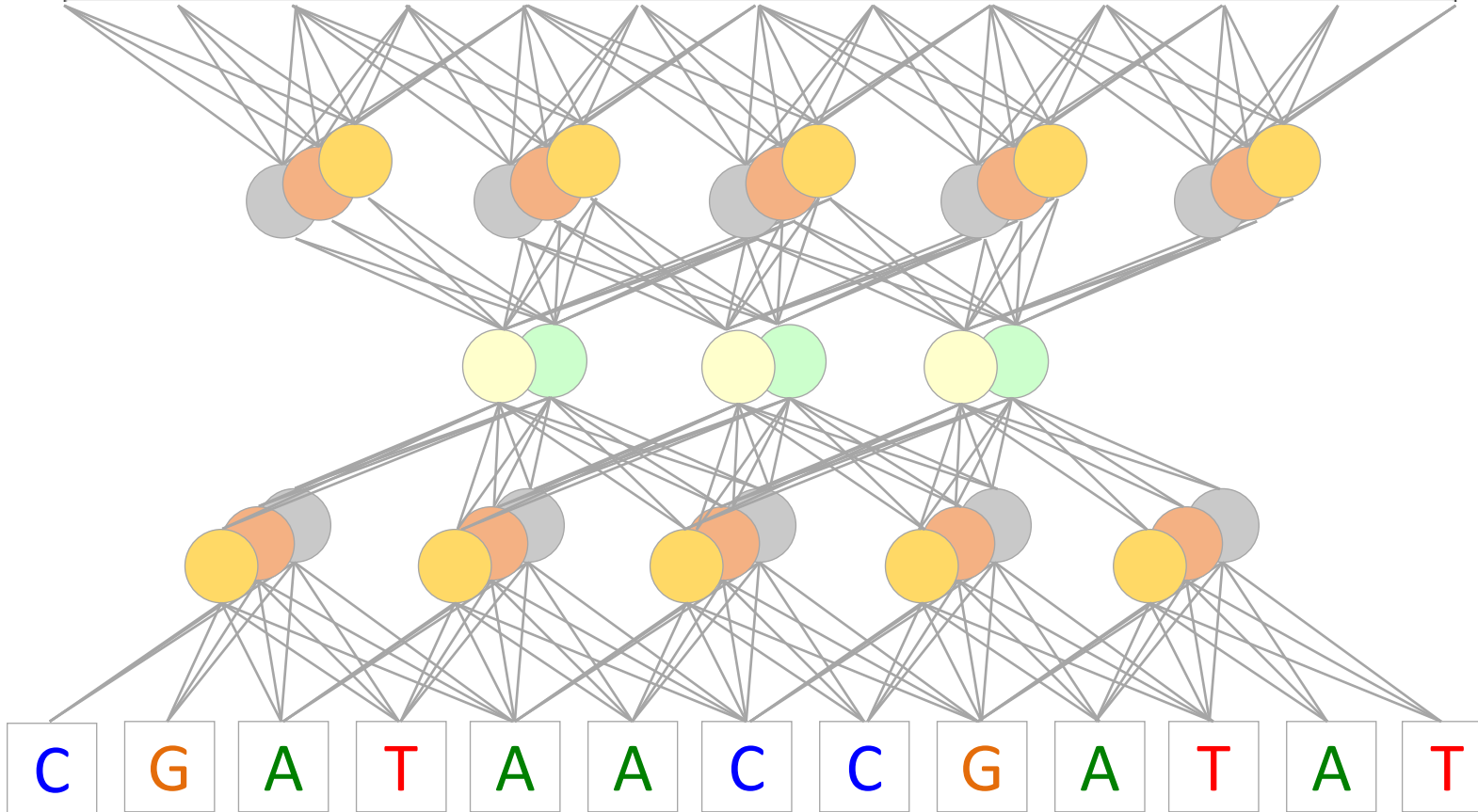


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stranded base-resolution probability profiles + total read count



Multi-task training on multiple readouts



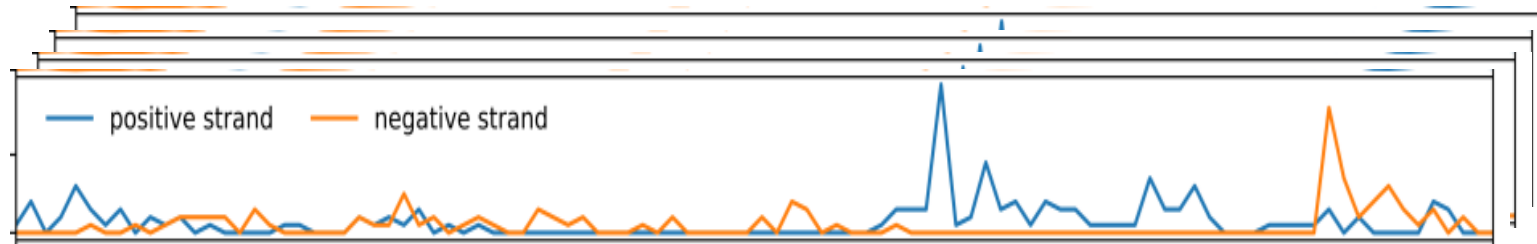
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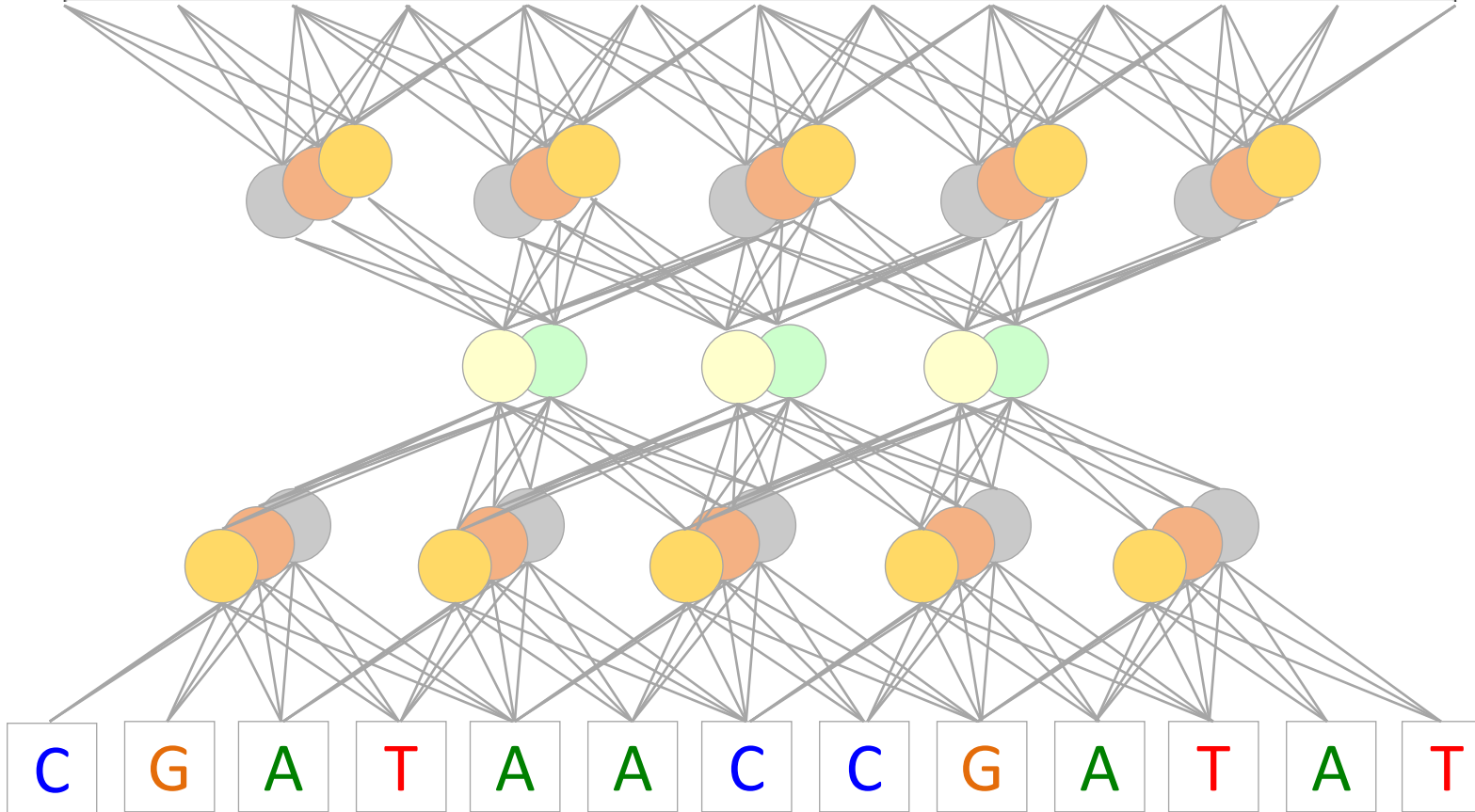
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- Novel loss function
  - MSE for log(total counts)
  - Multinomial NLL for profile distribution
- Automatic assay bias correction
- Fully conv. architecture
  - Dilated convolutions
  - Residual connections



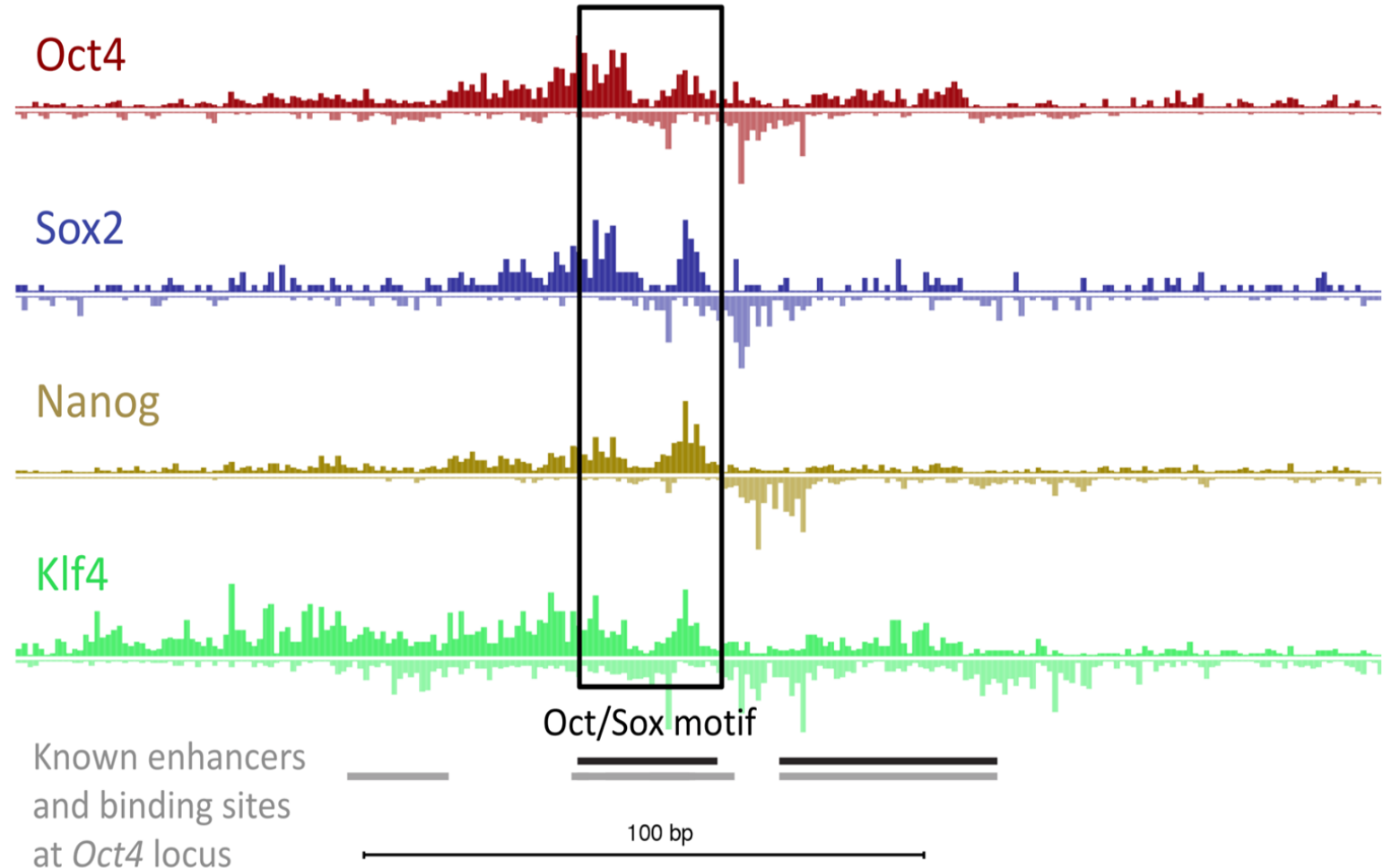
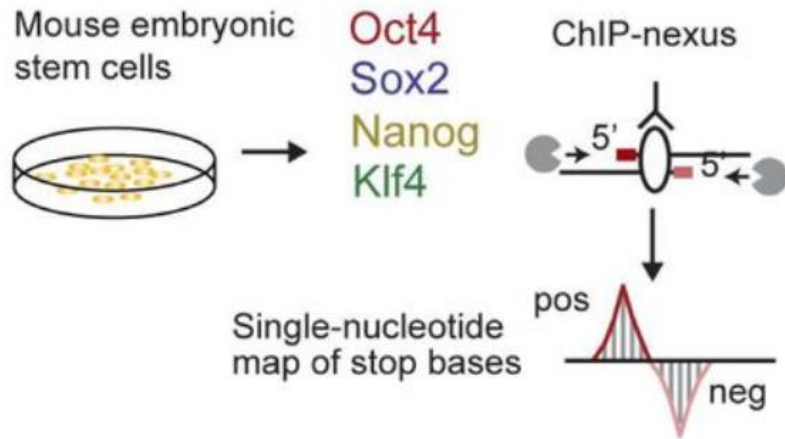
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# ChIP-exo/nexus: High resolution TF binding footprints

ChIP-nexus data for key transcription factors in mouse embryonic stem (ES) cells



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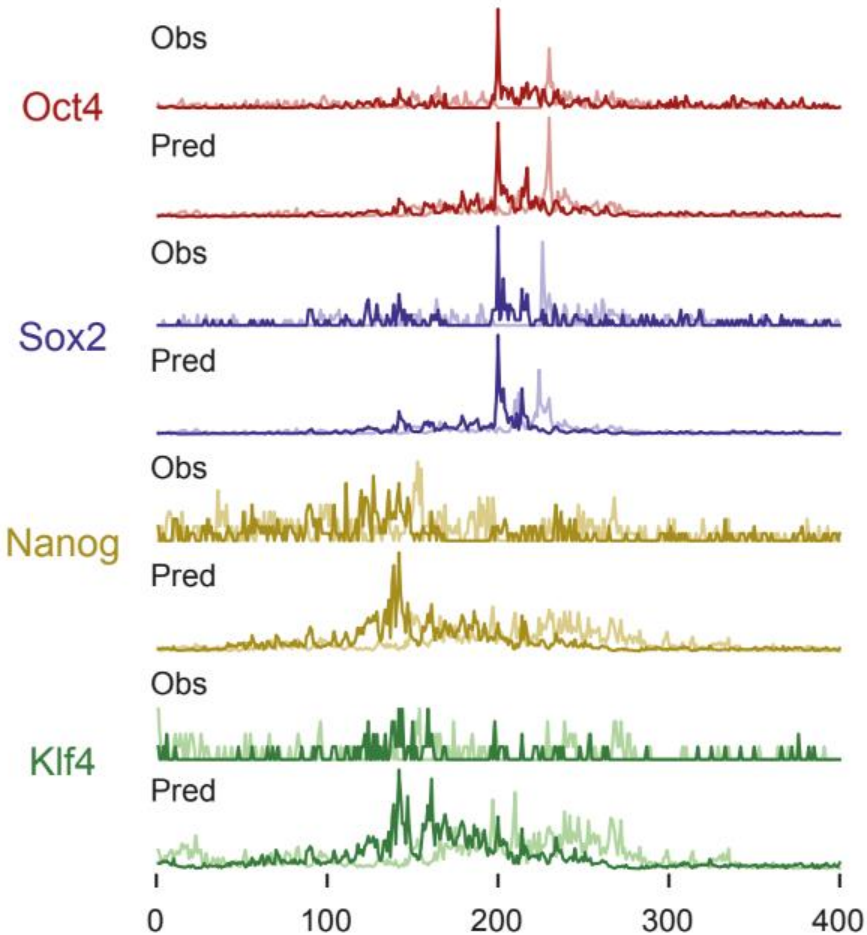


# BPNet predicts base resolution binding footprints with unprecedented accuracy

+ strand (dark color)

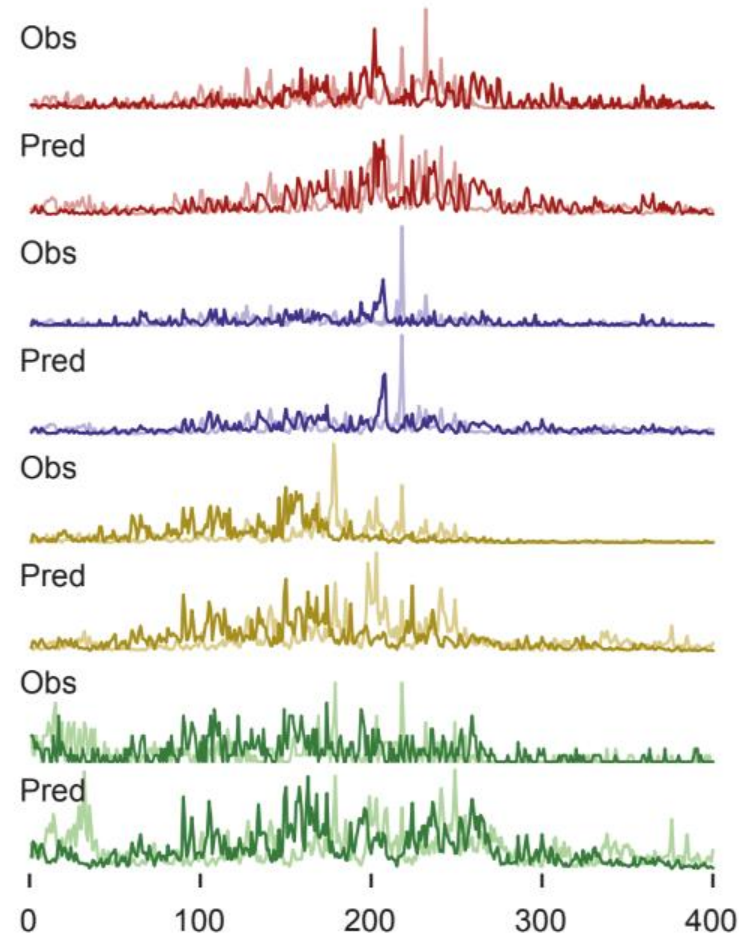
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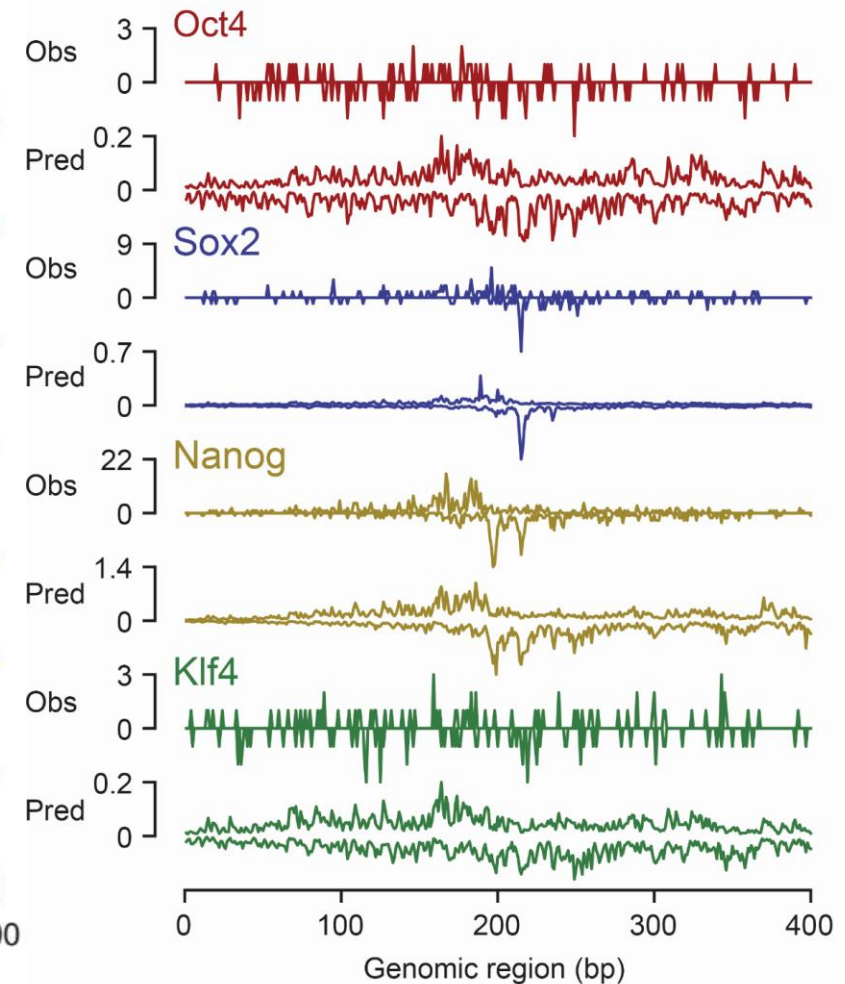


putative *Sal1* enhancer

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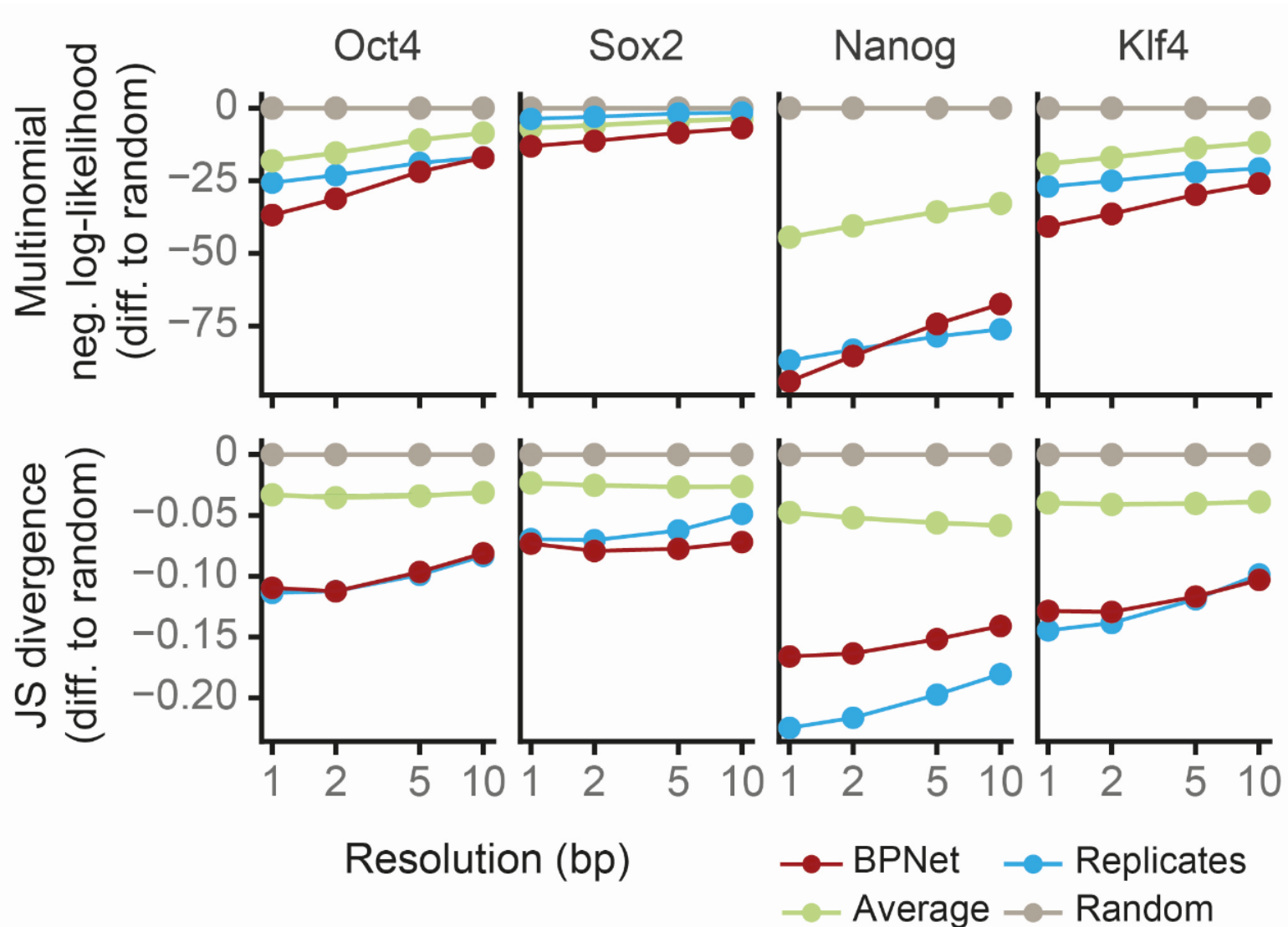


chr1:136680205-136680605 (known *Zfp281* enhancer)



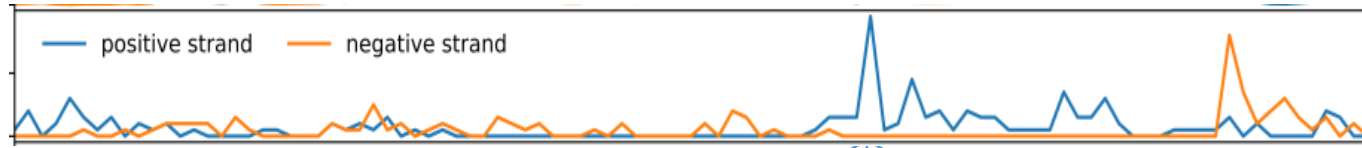


# Profile prediction is on par with concordance from replicate experiments

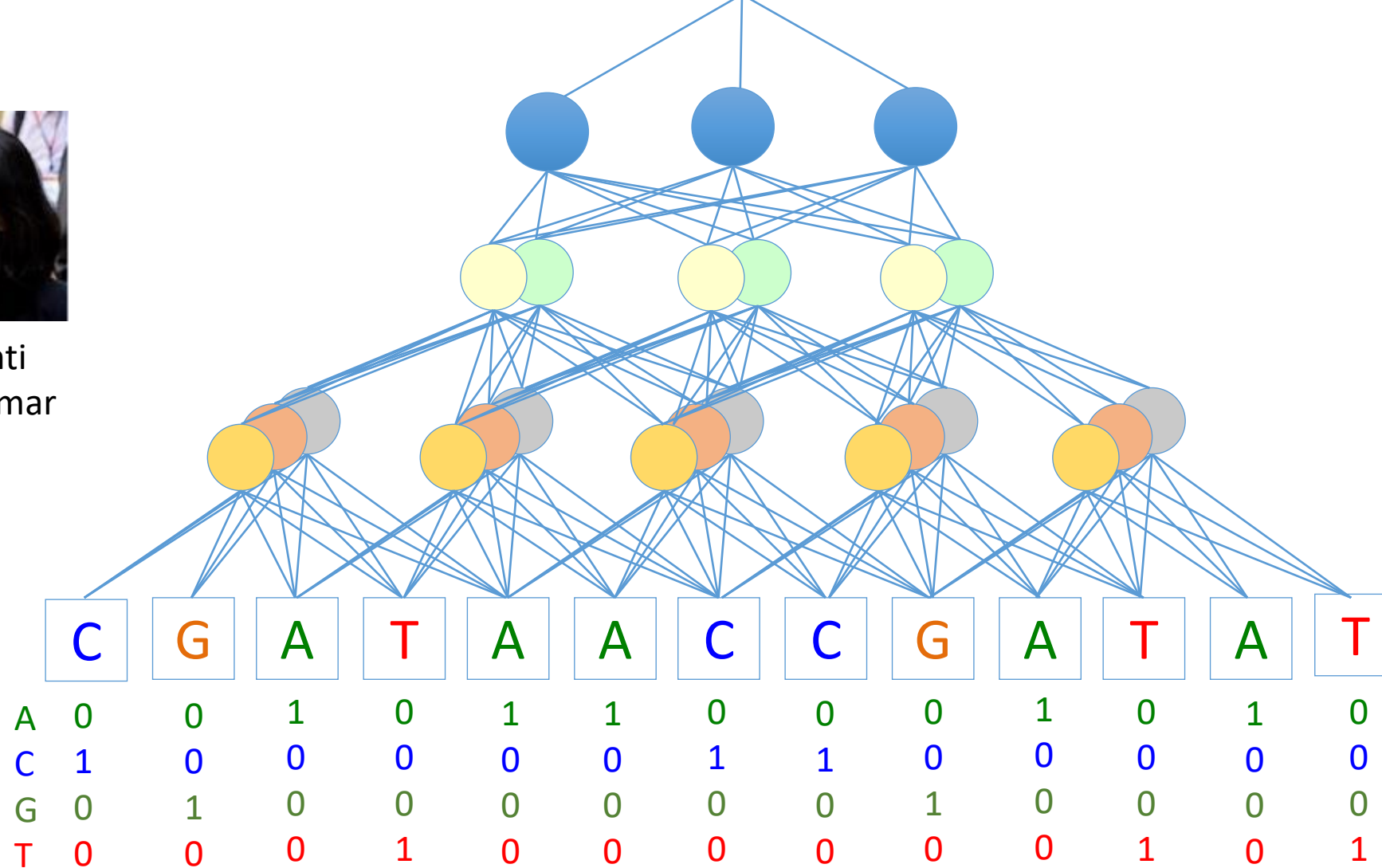


# Deciphering predictive motifs and motif instances

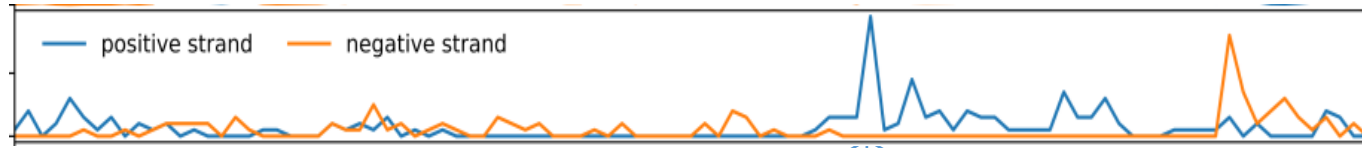
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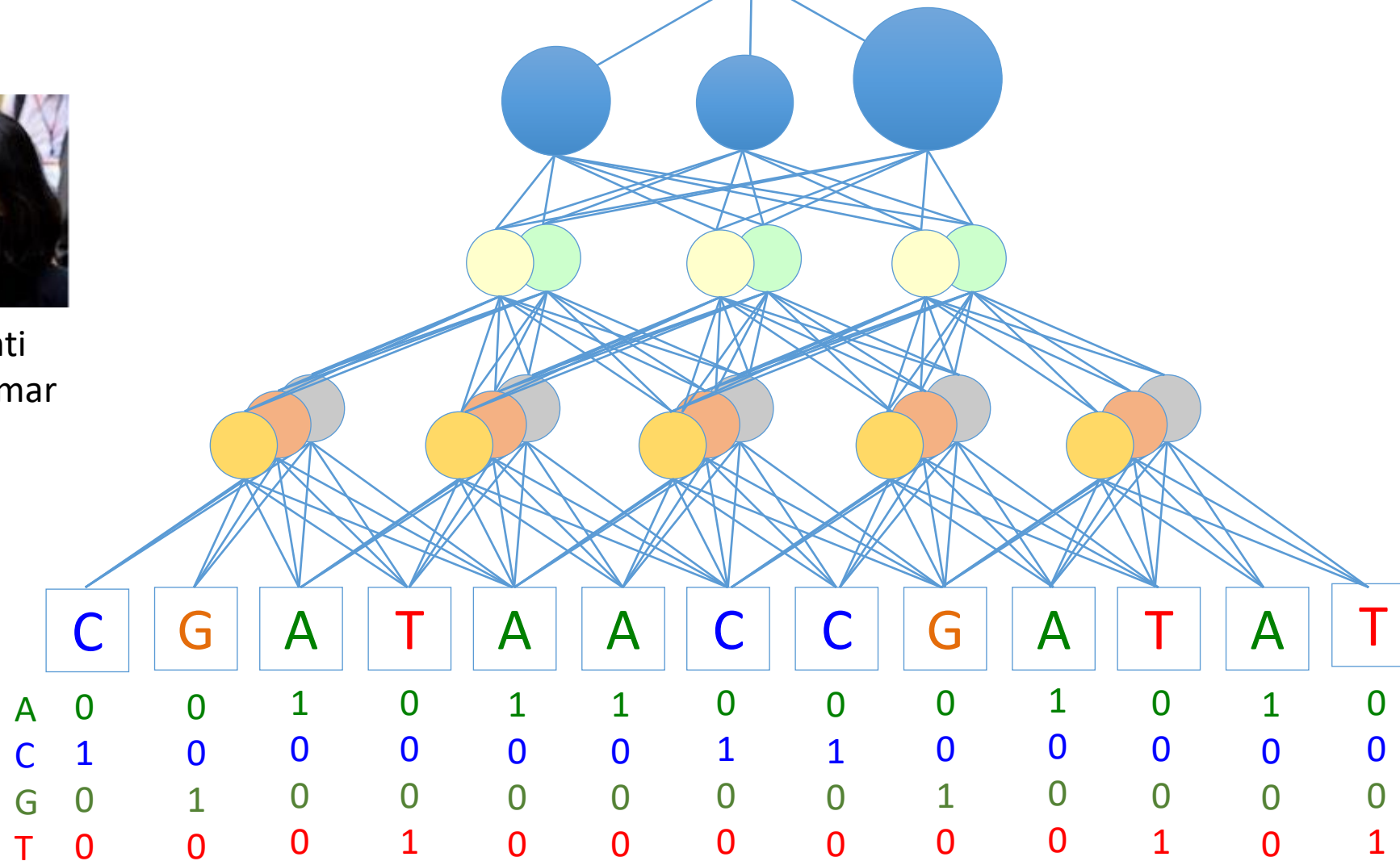
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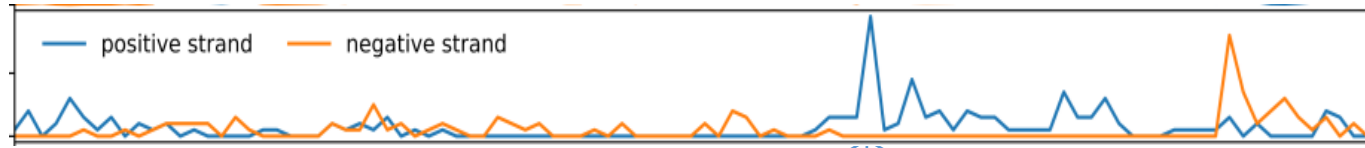
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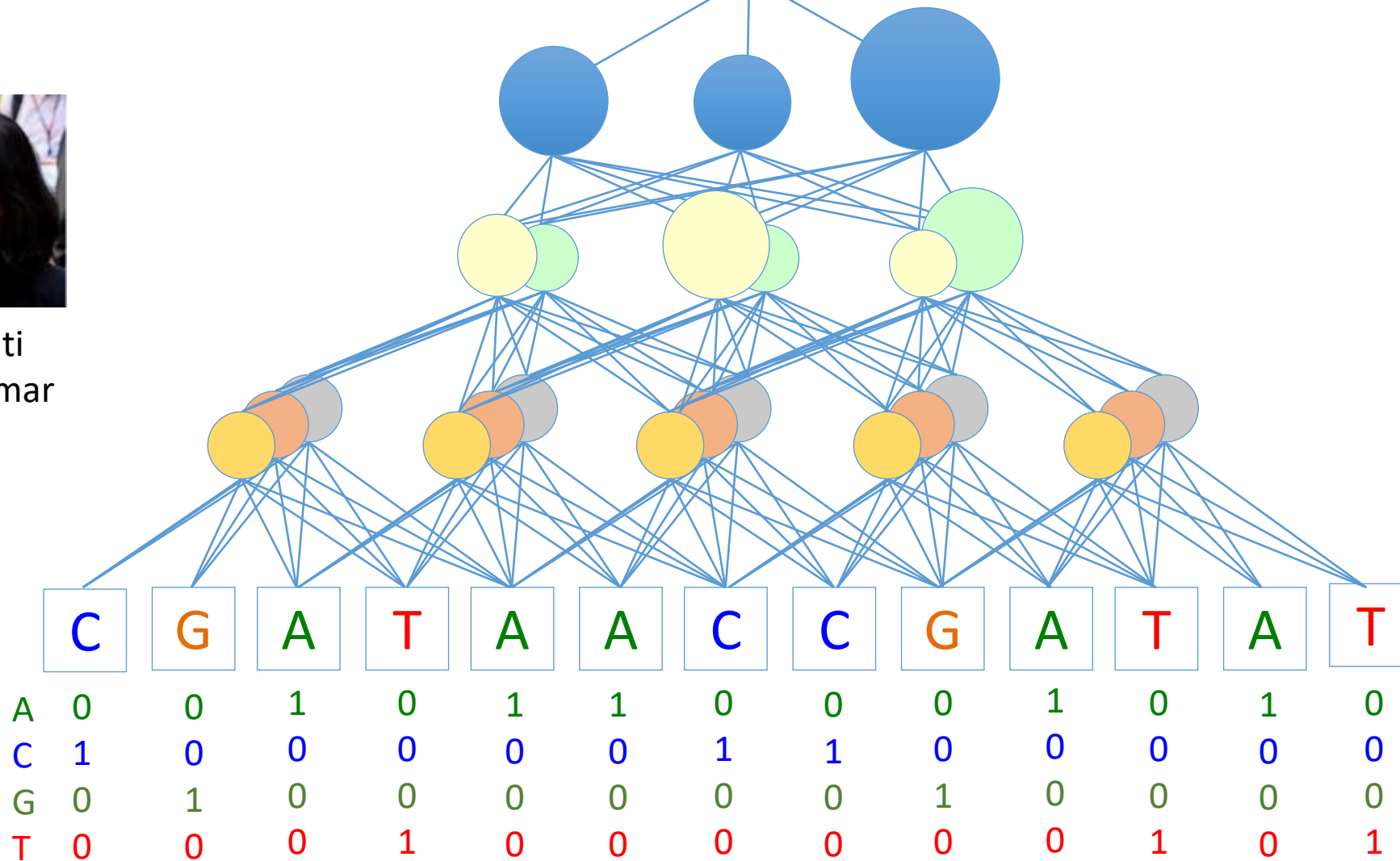
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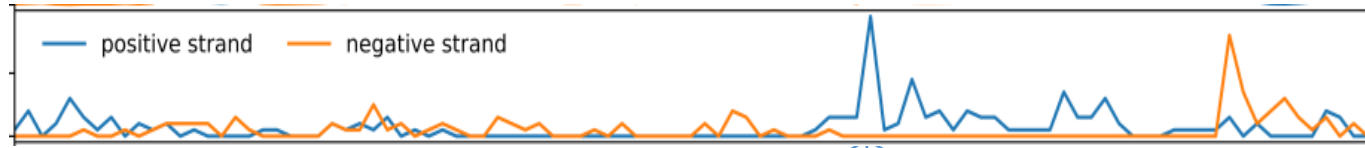
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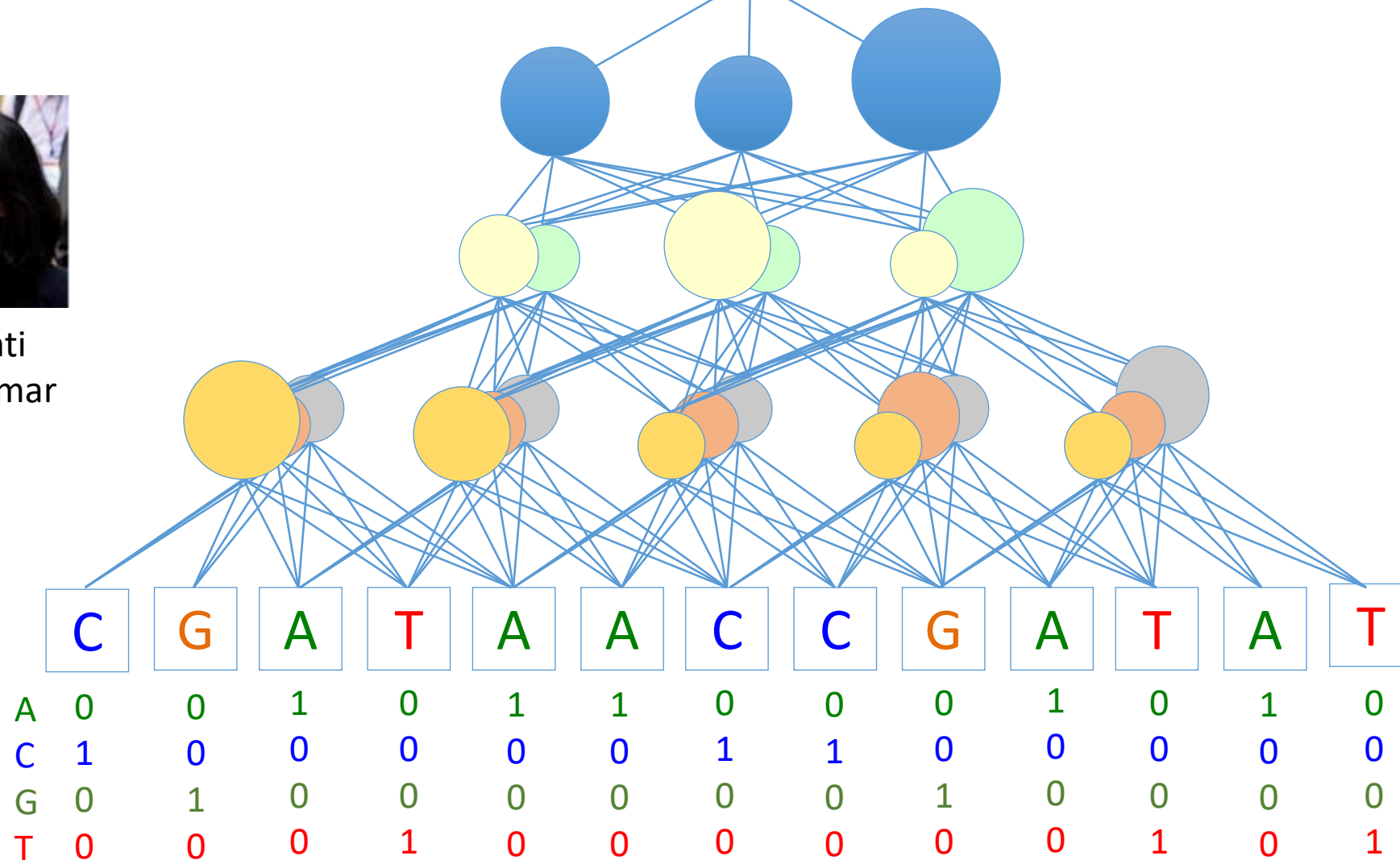
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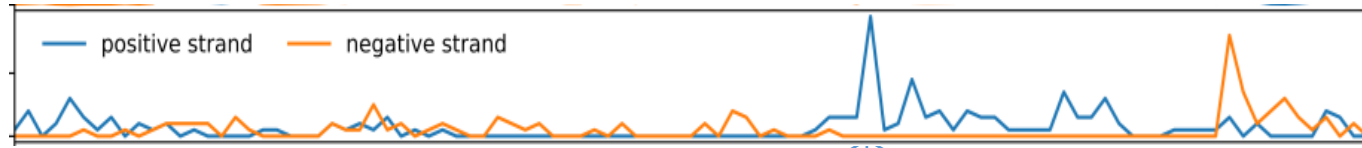


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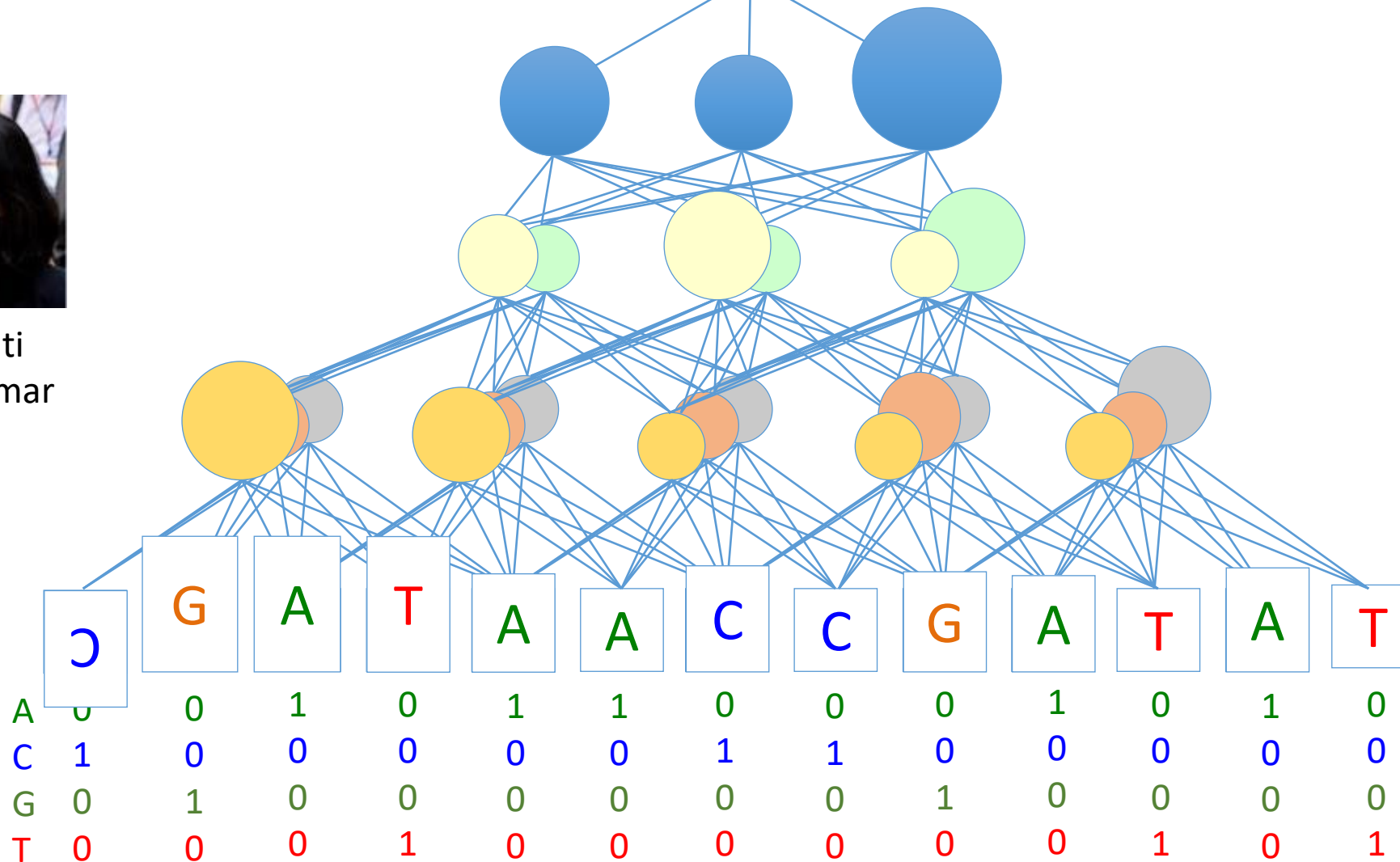




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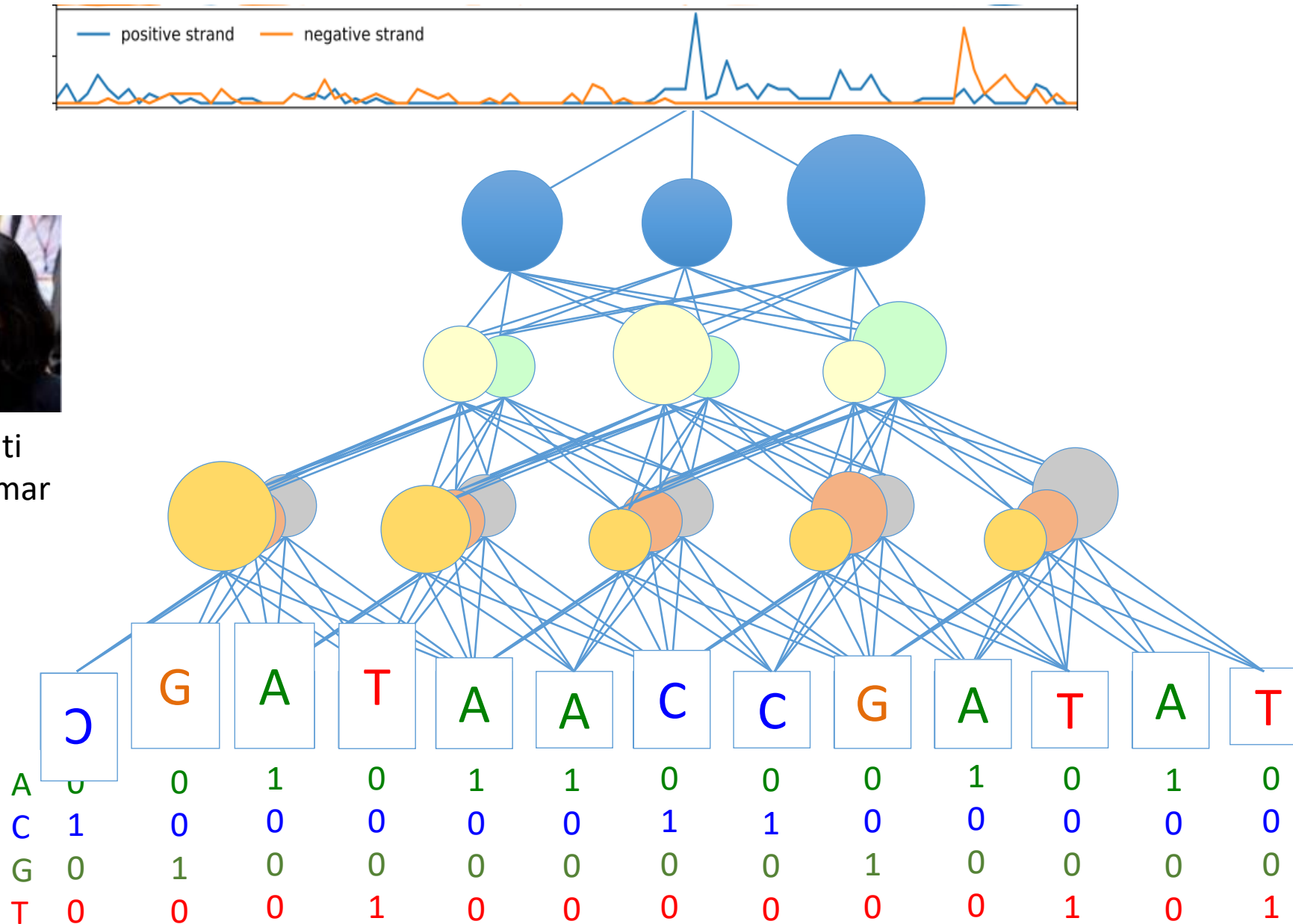


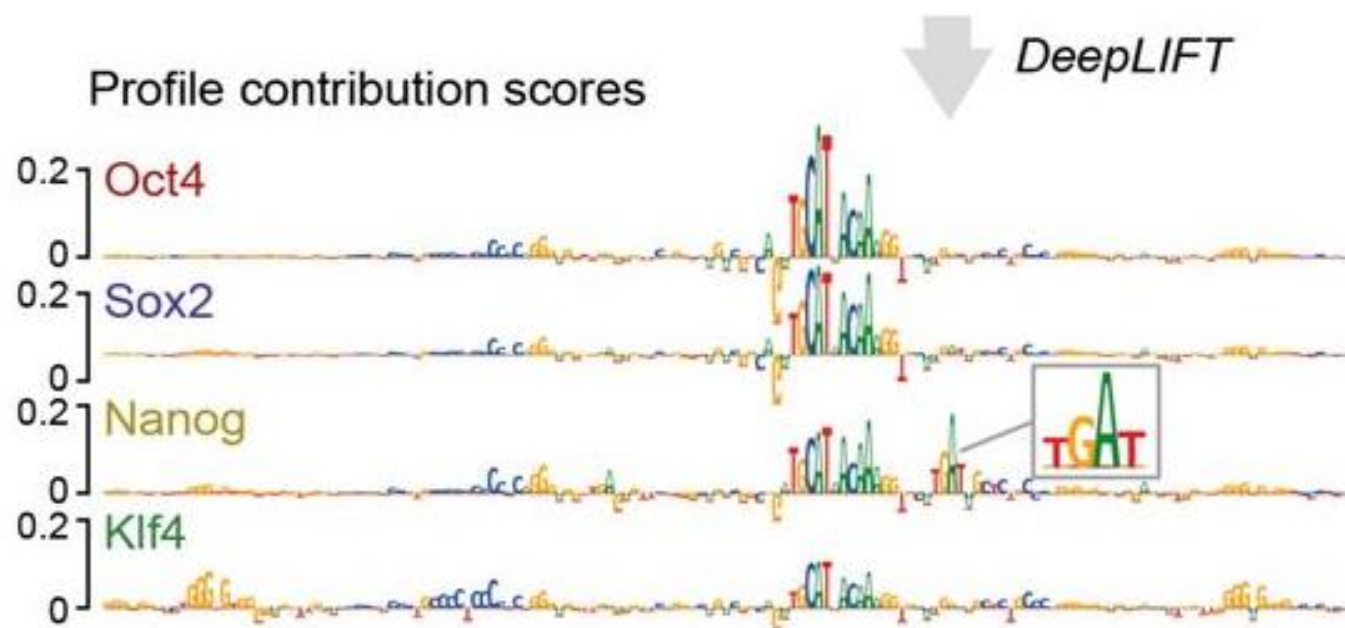
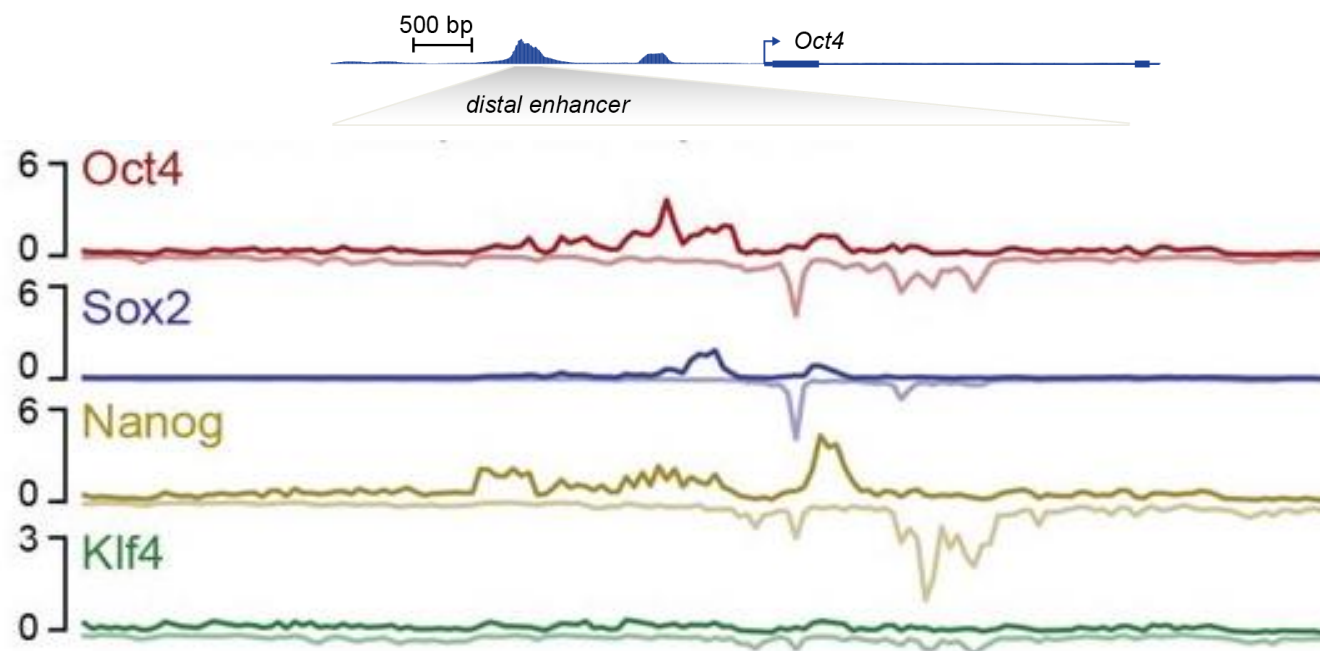
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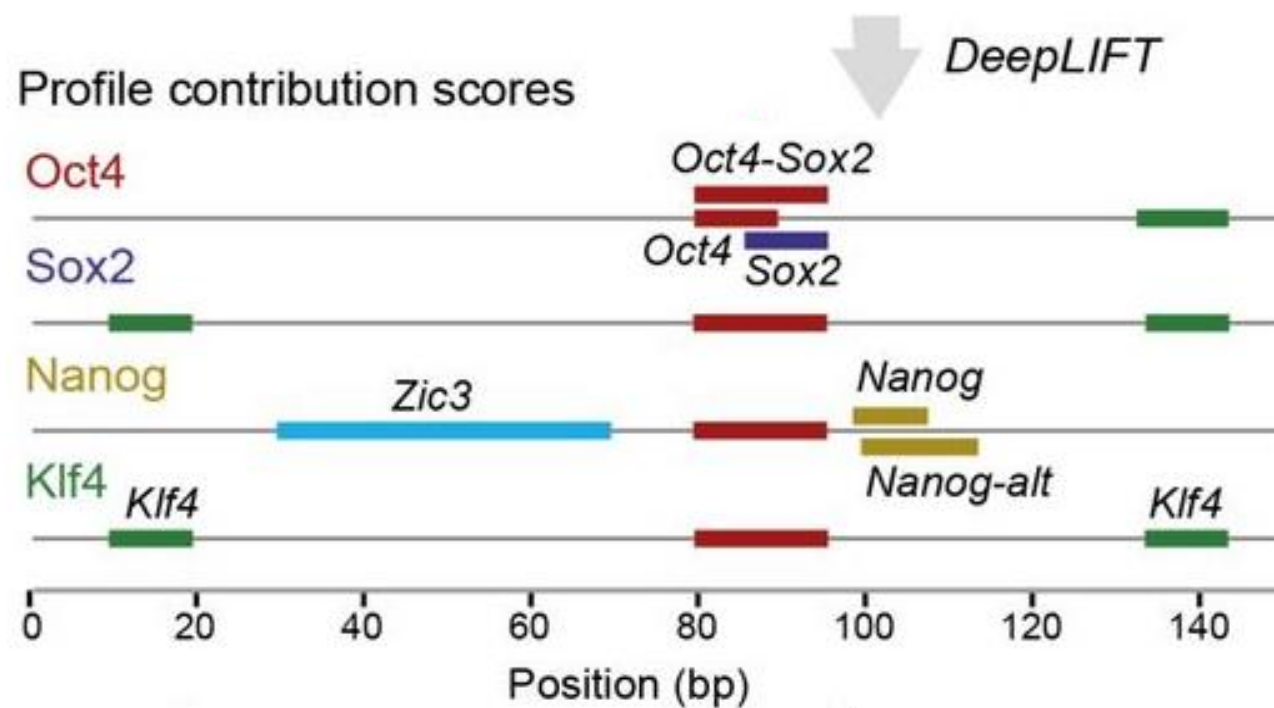
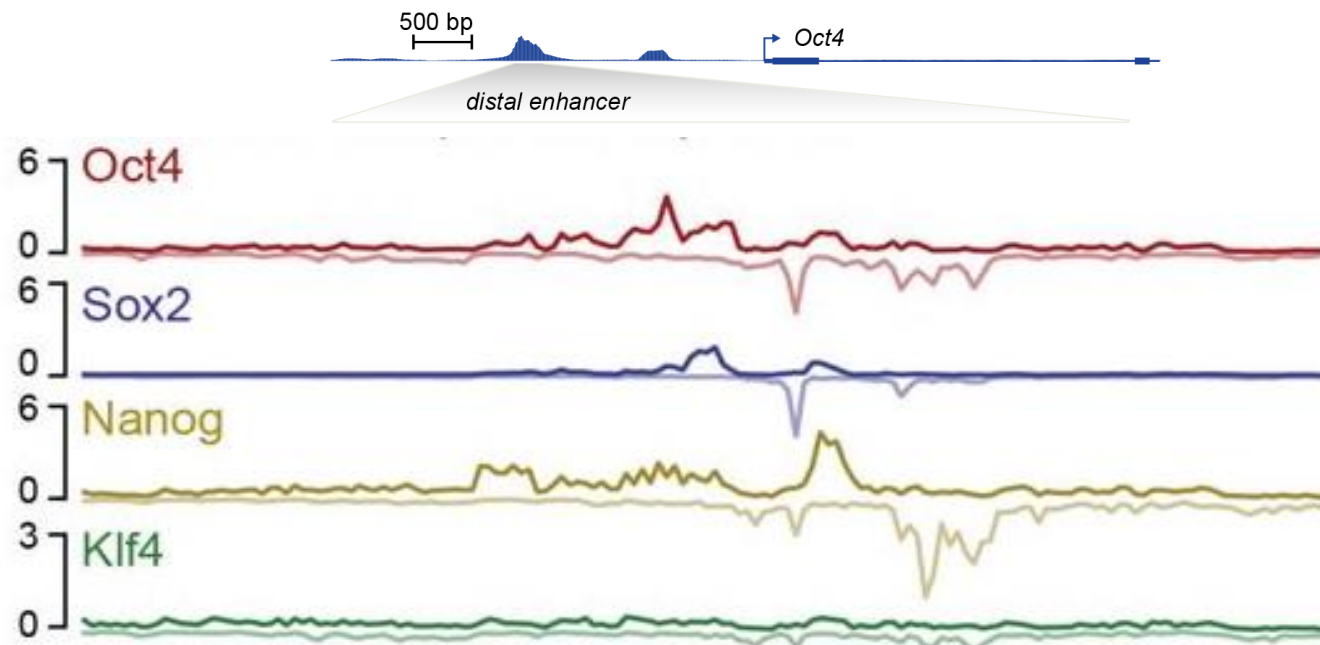
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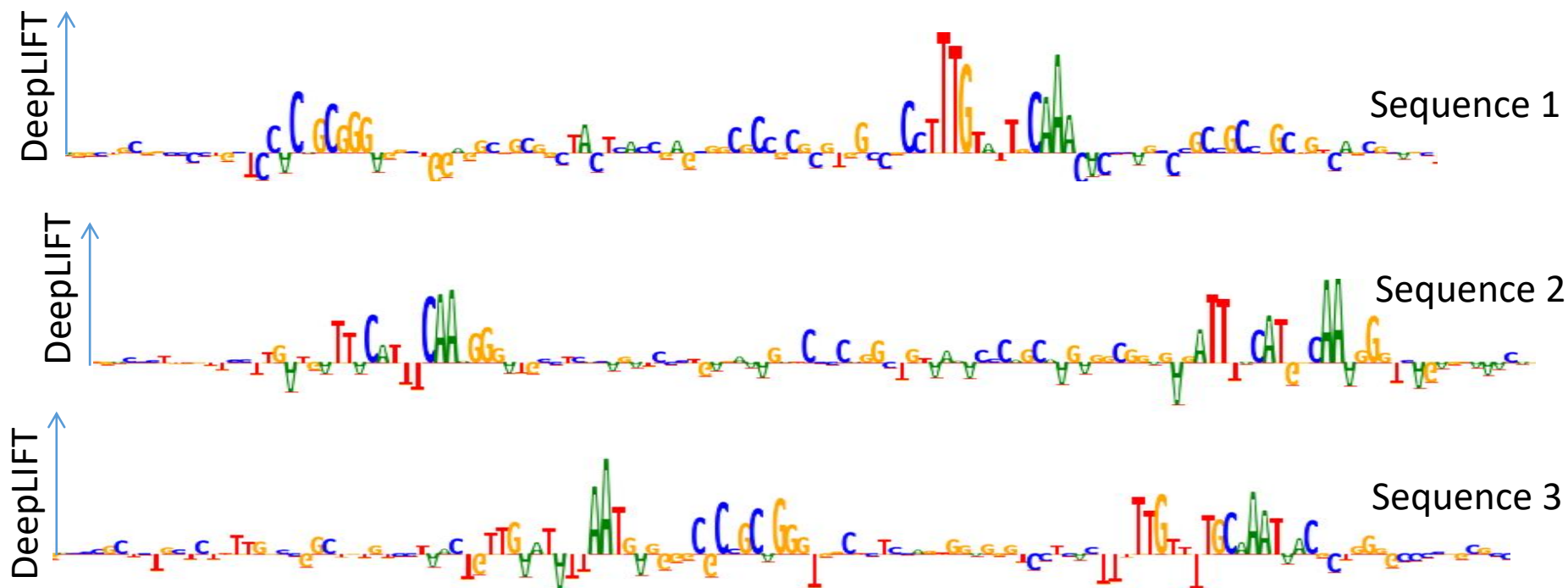




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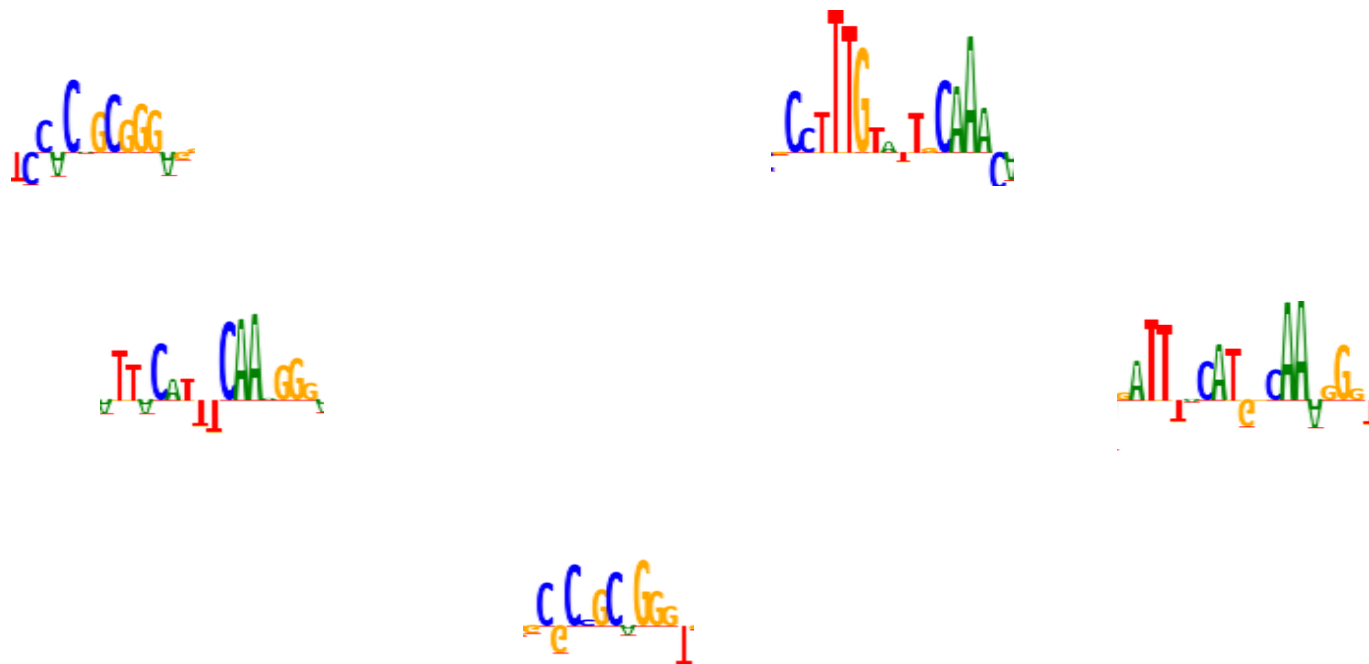
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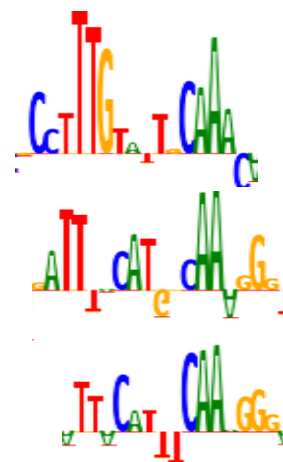
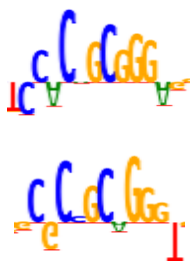
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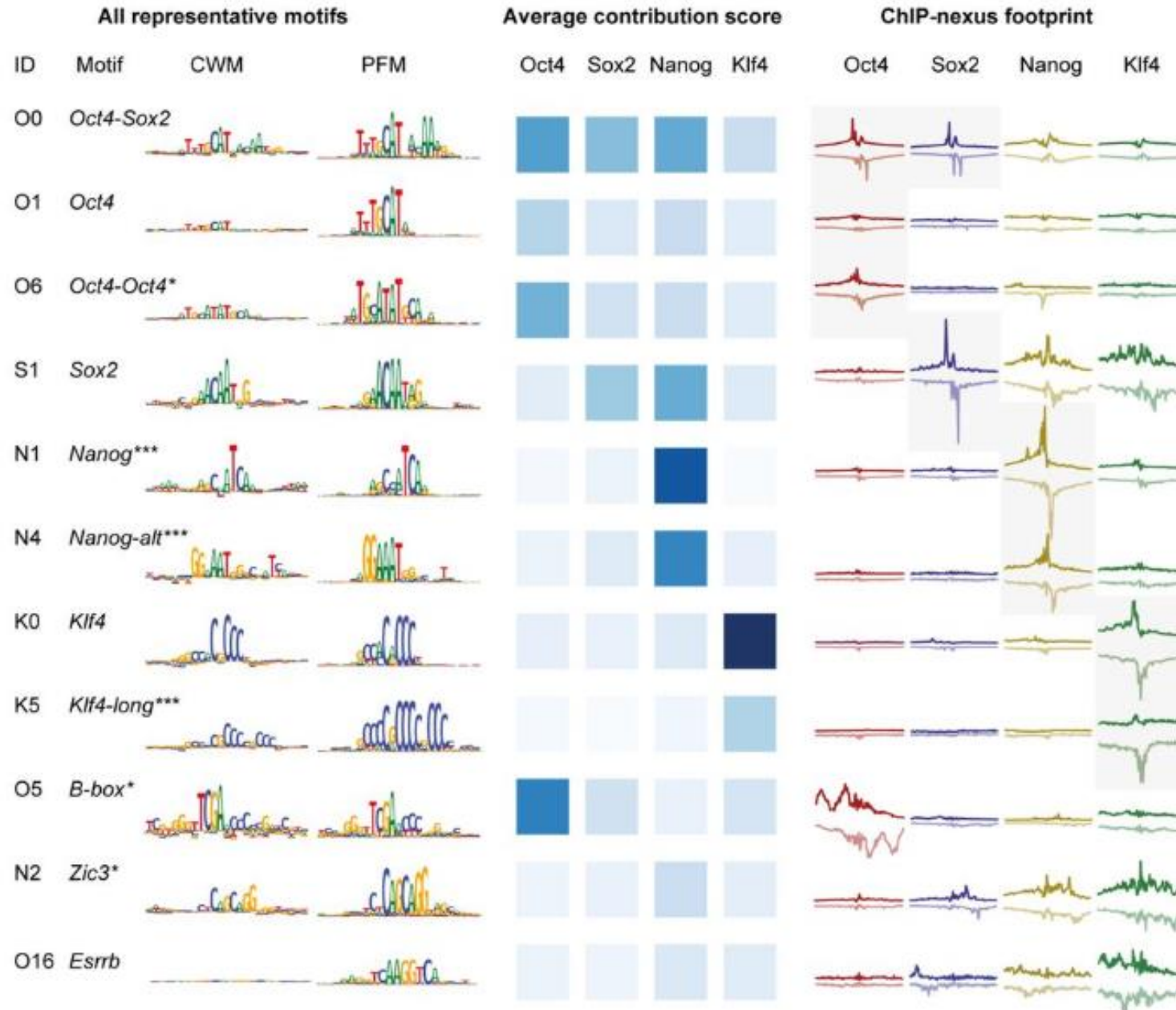


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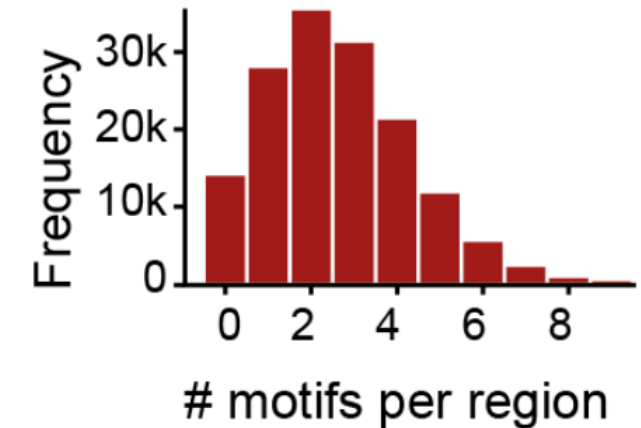
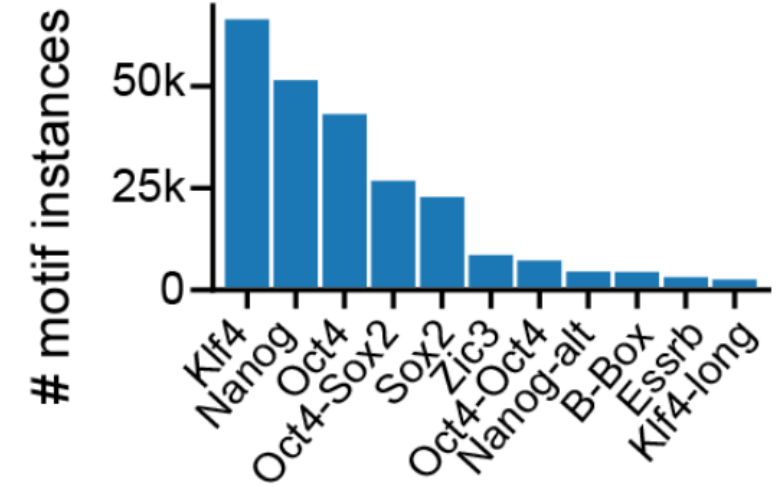
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# Consolidated motifs with combinatorial footprints



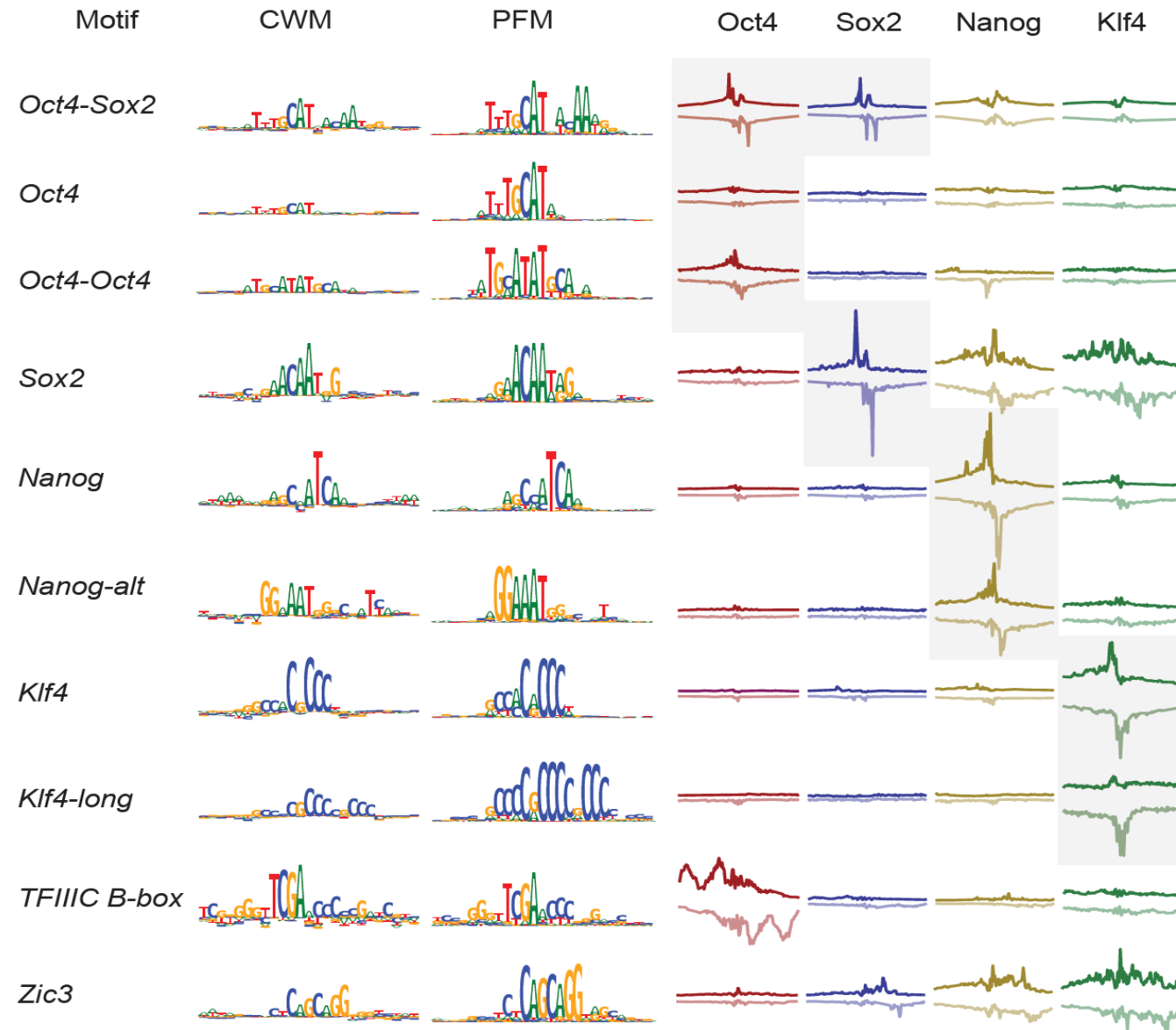
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# Multiple binding motifs for Nanog

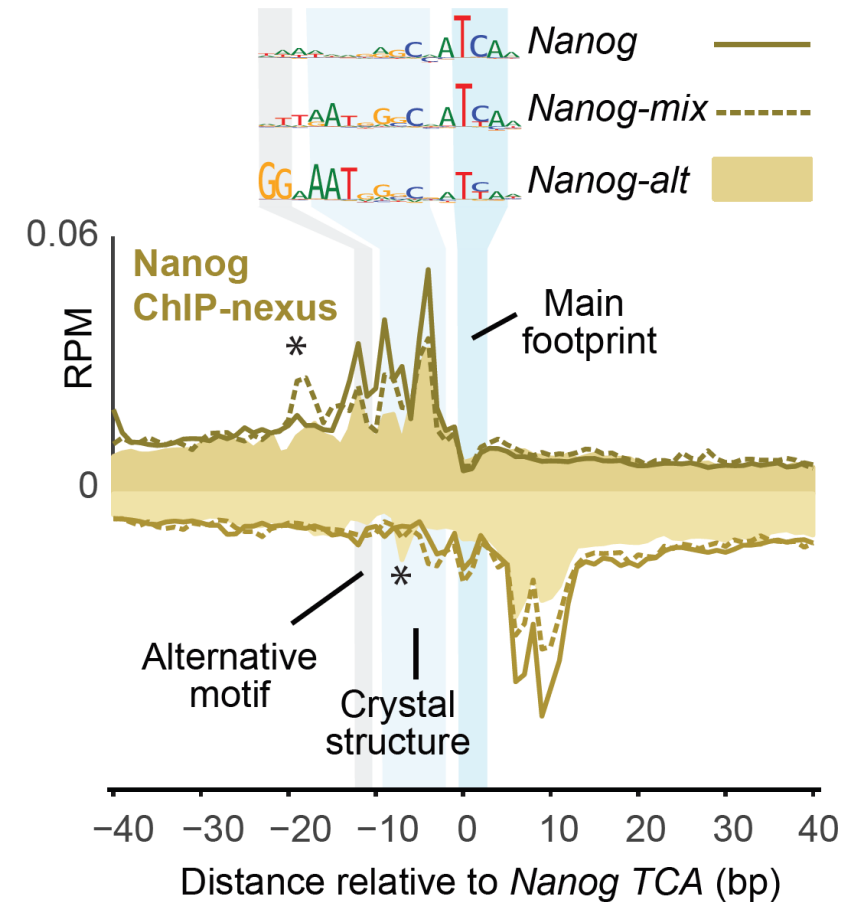
Representative discovered motifs

Corresponding average footprint



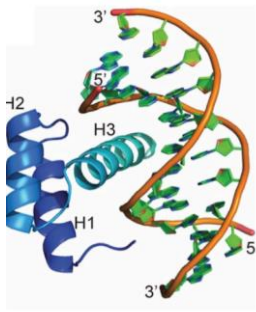
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Subtle differences in Nanog motifs



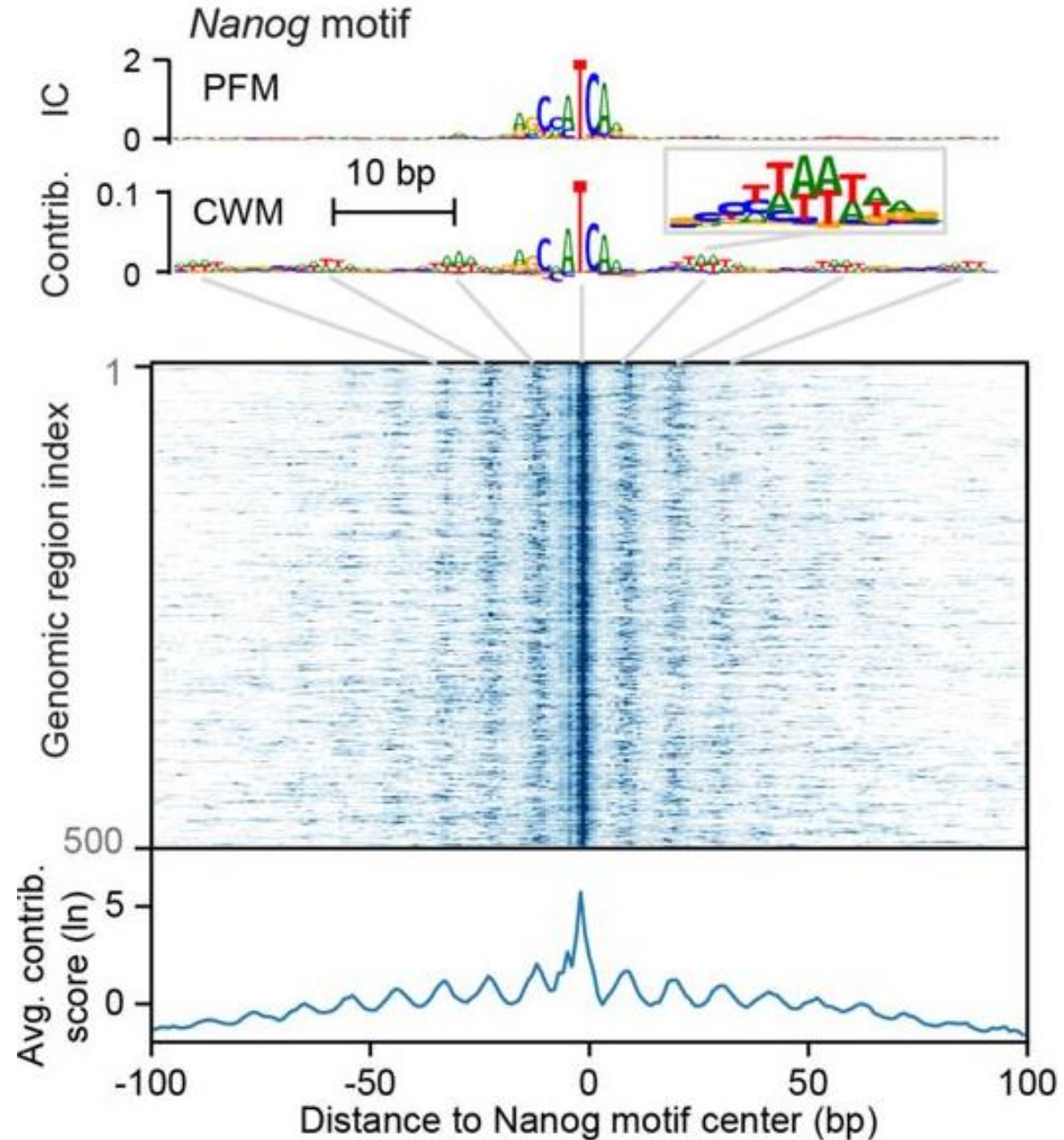
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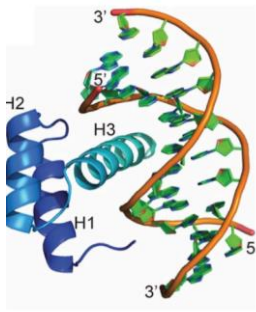




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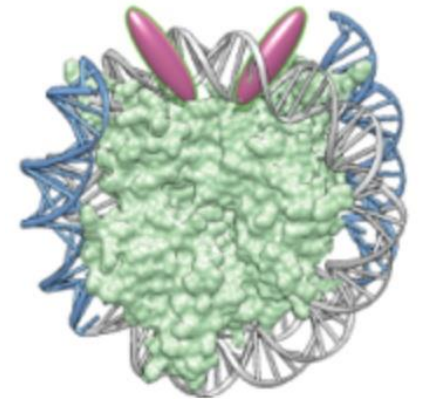
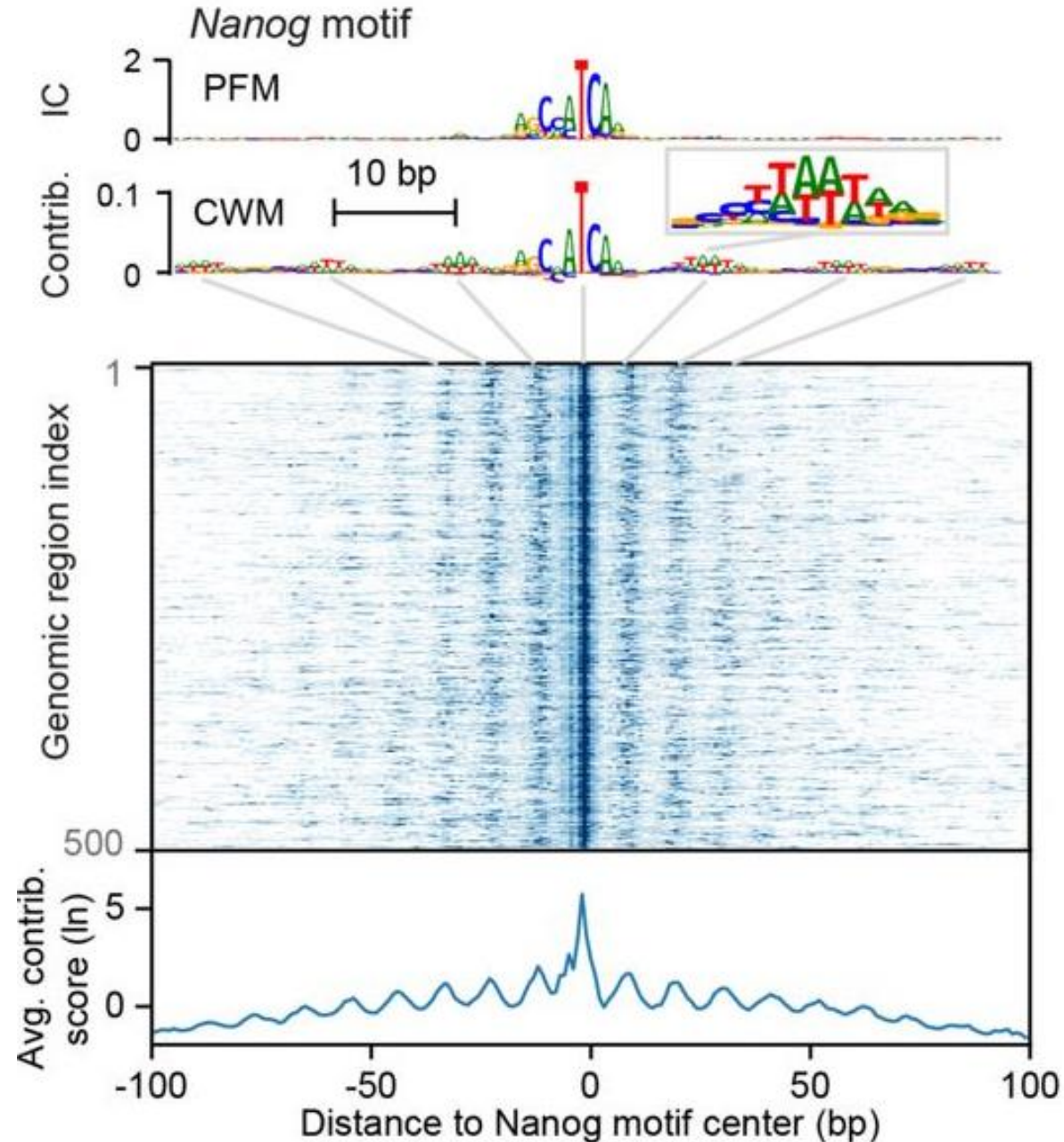
## 10.5 bp helical periodic flanking pattern for Nanog





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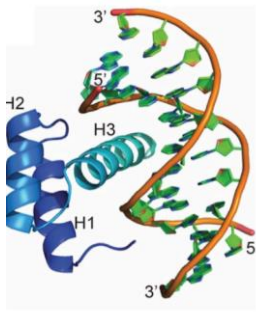
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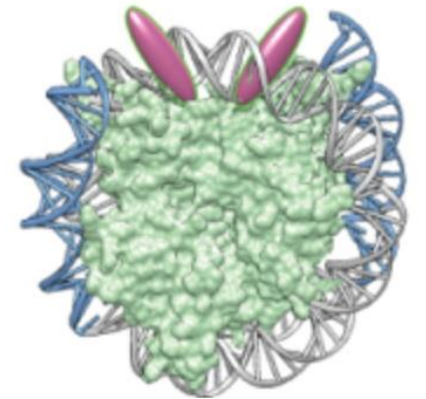
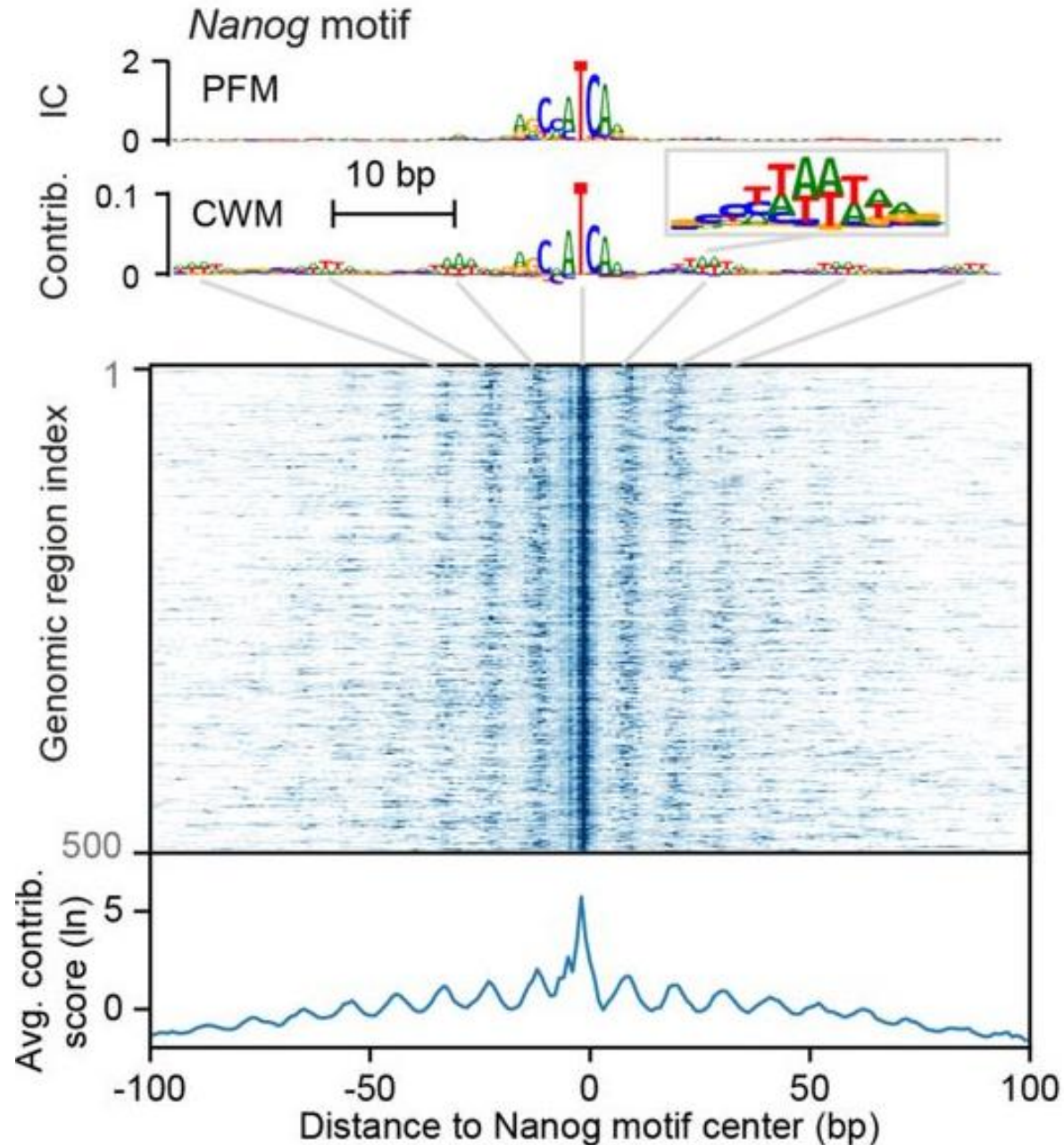
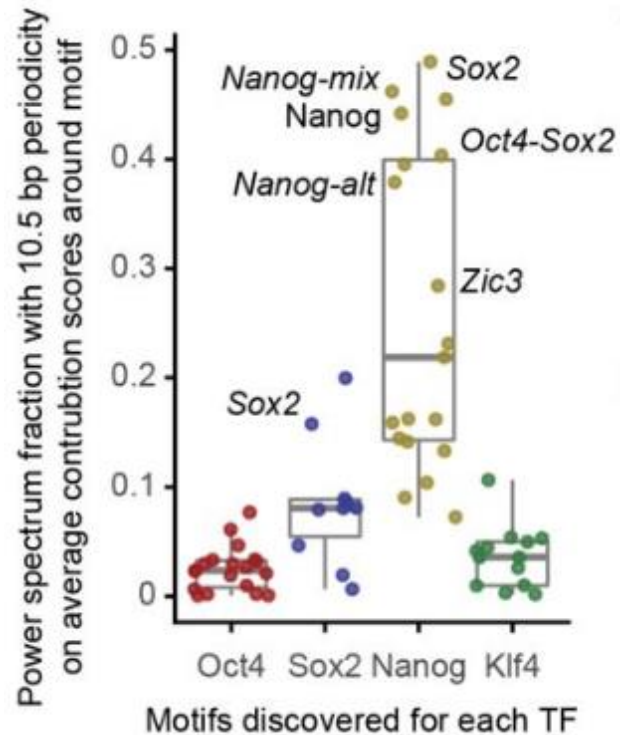
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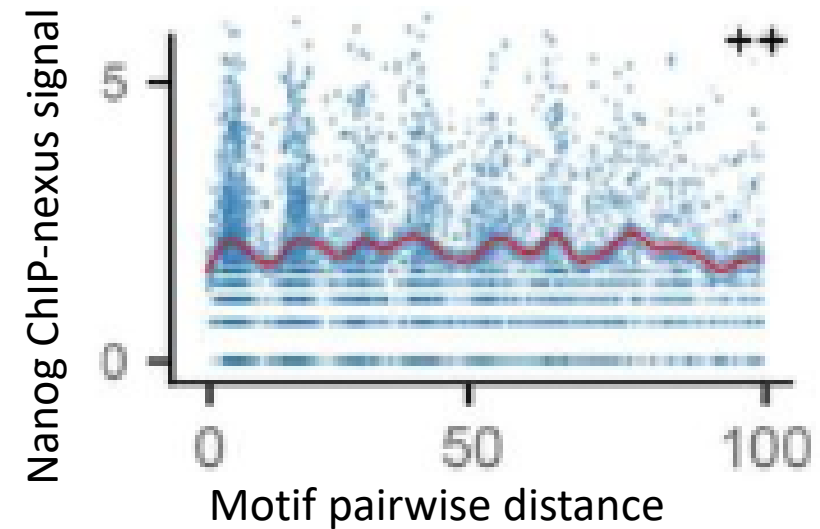
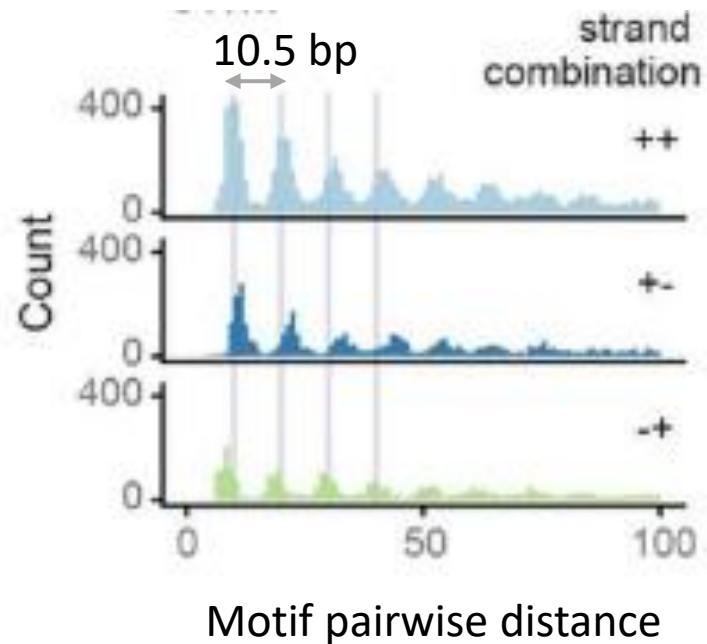
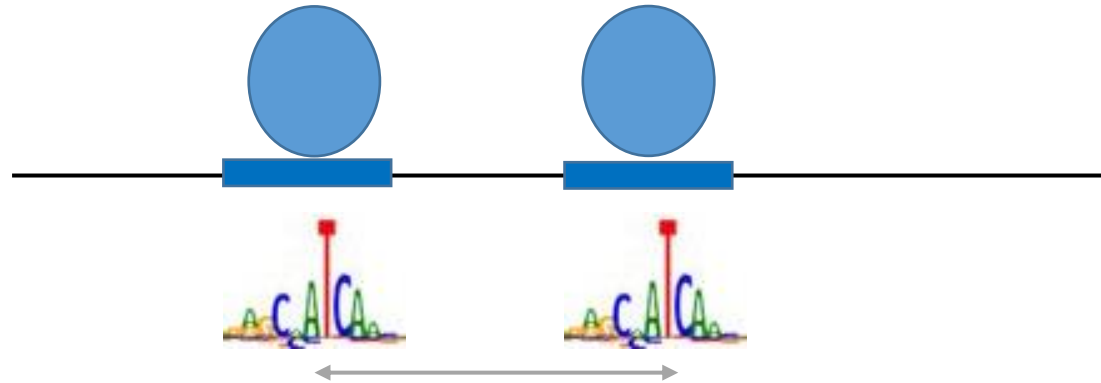


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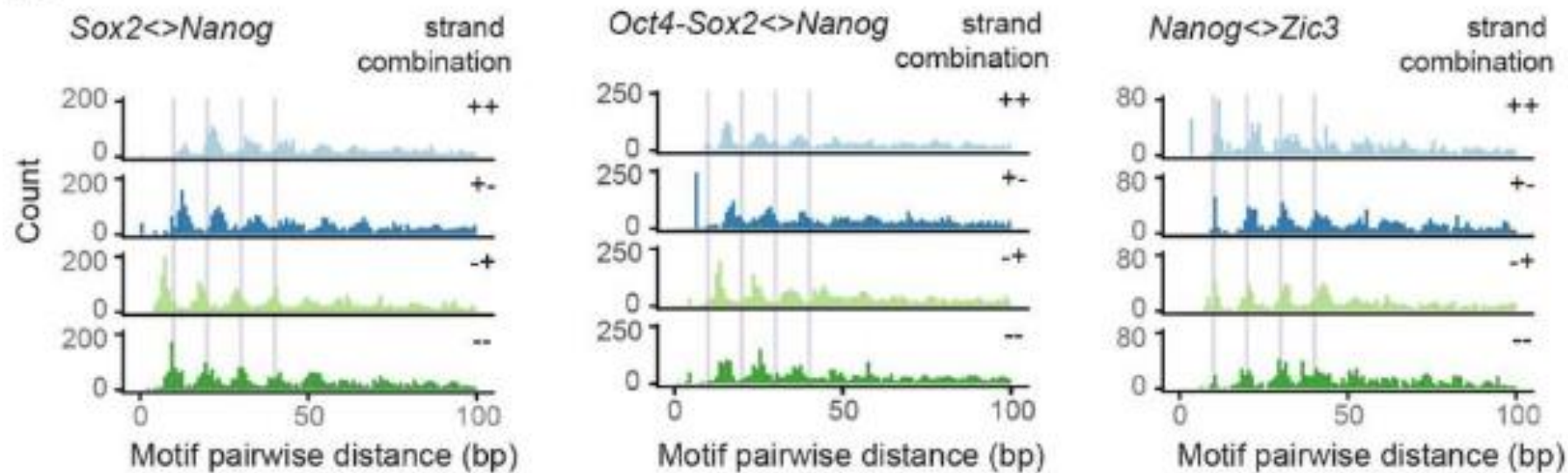
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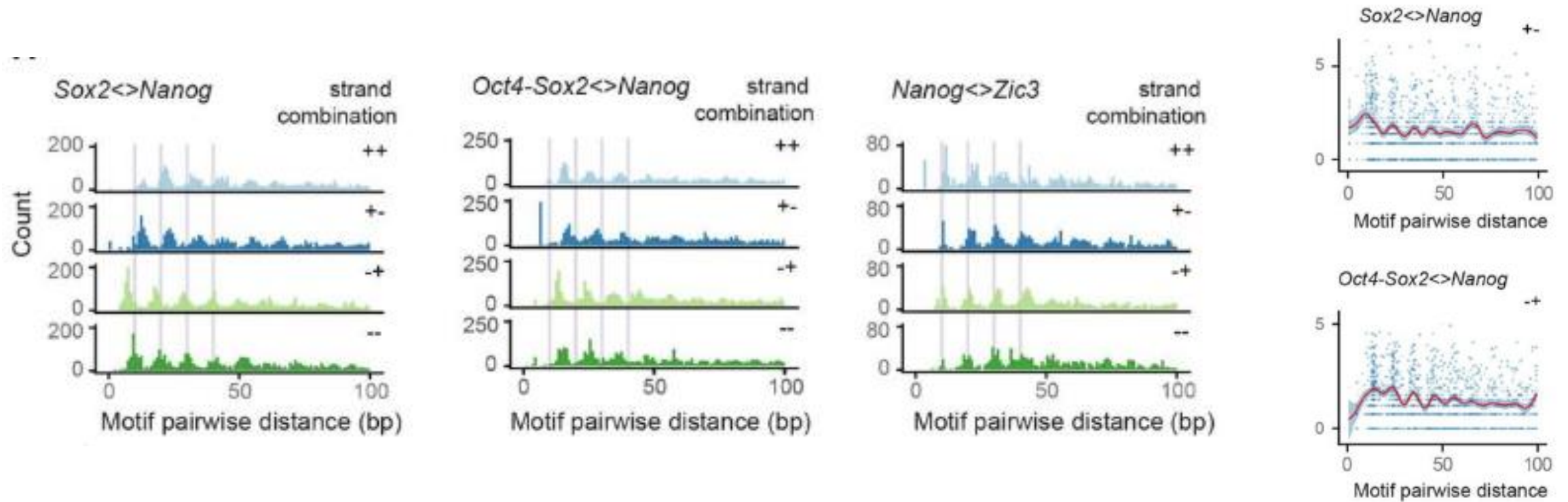
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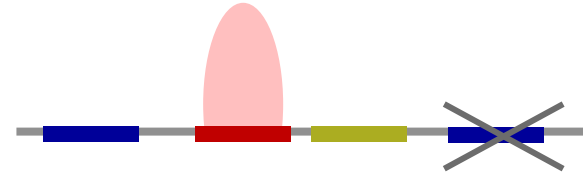
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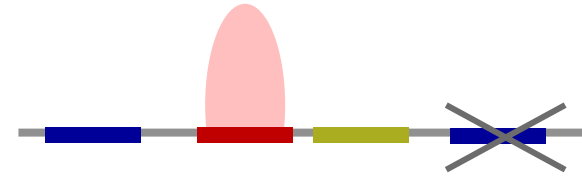
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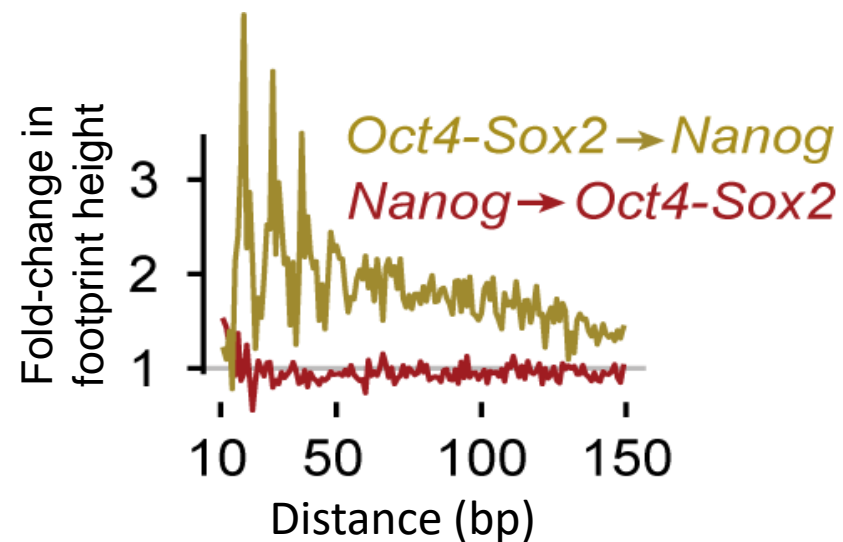
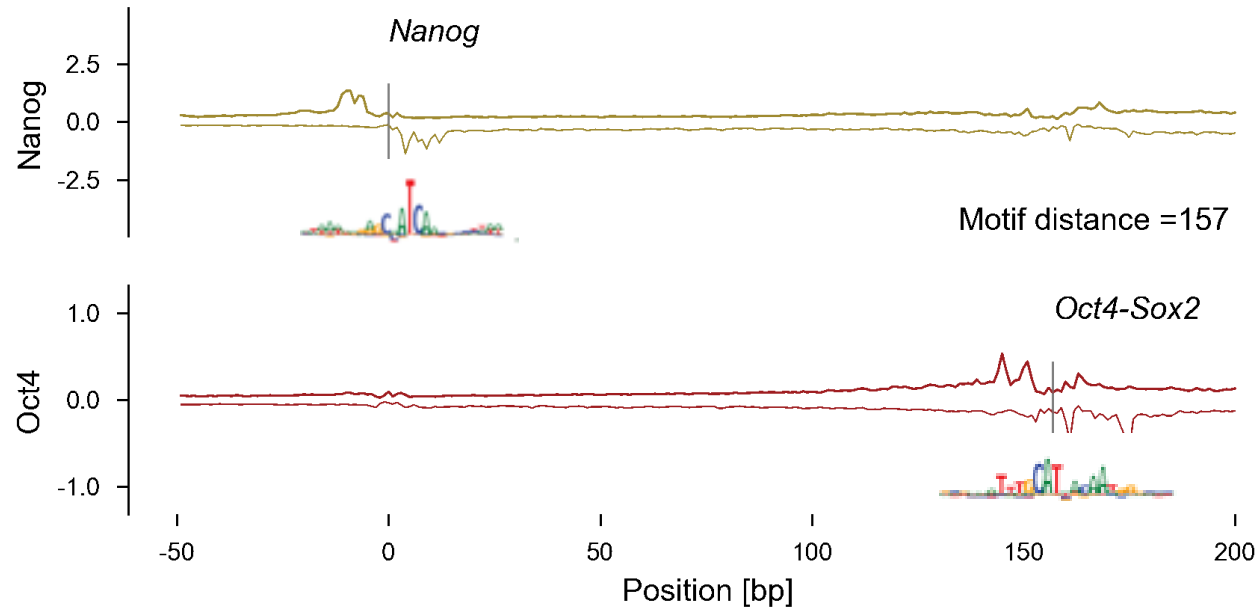
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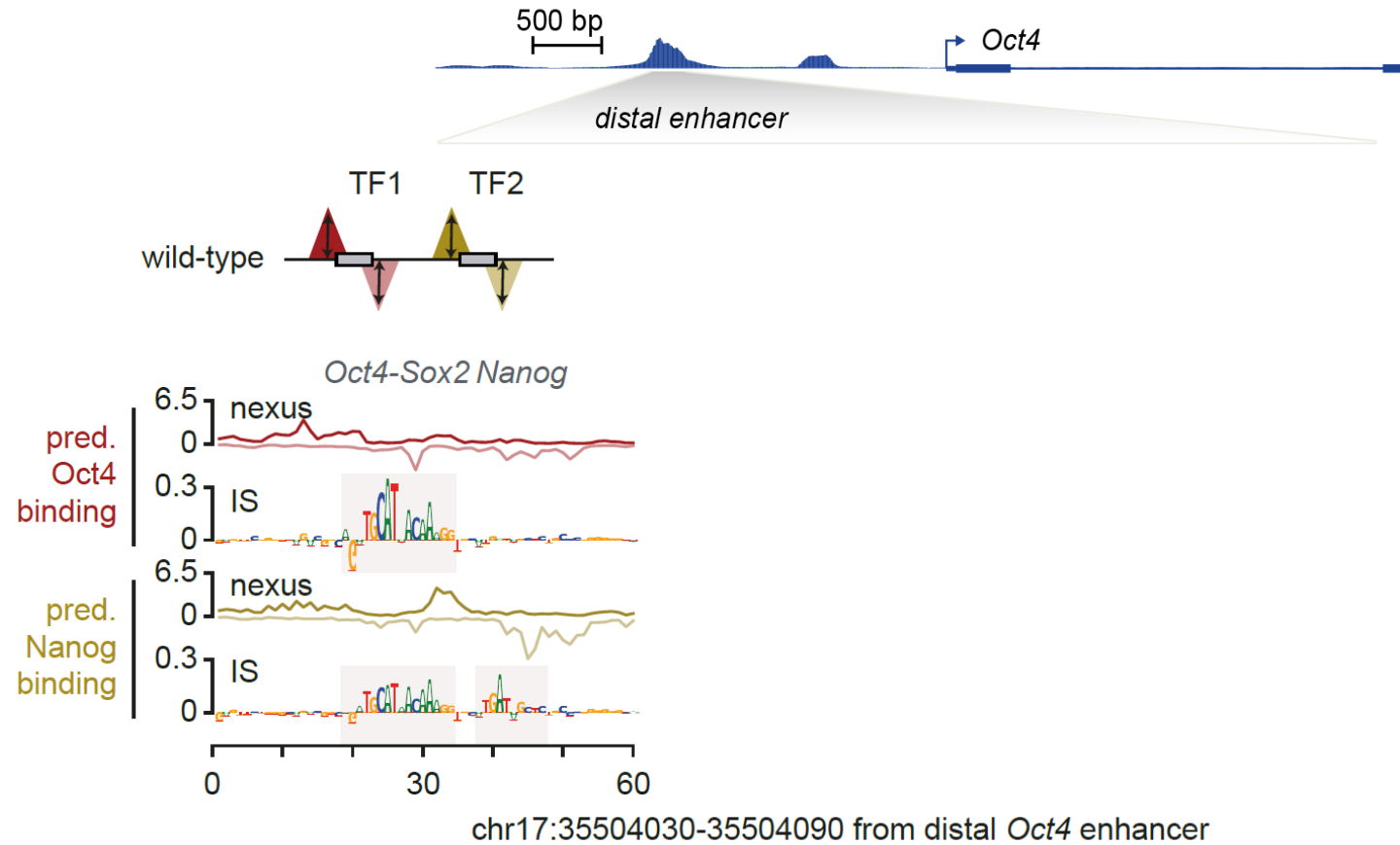
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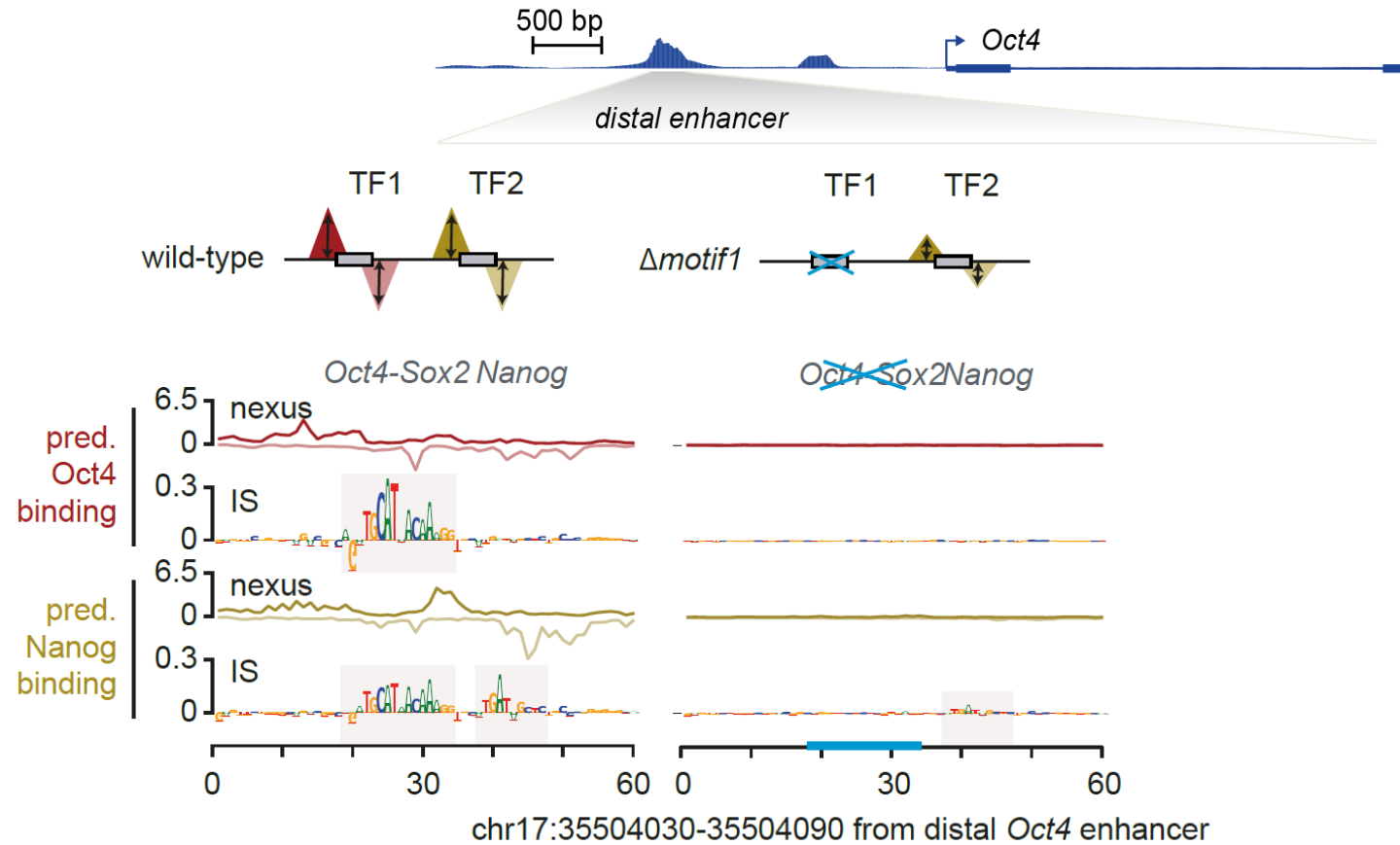
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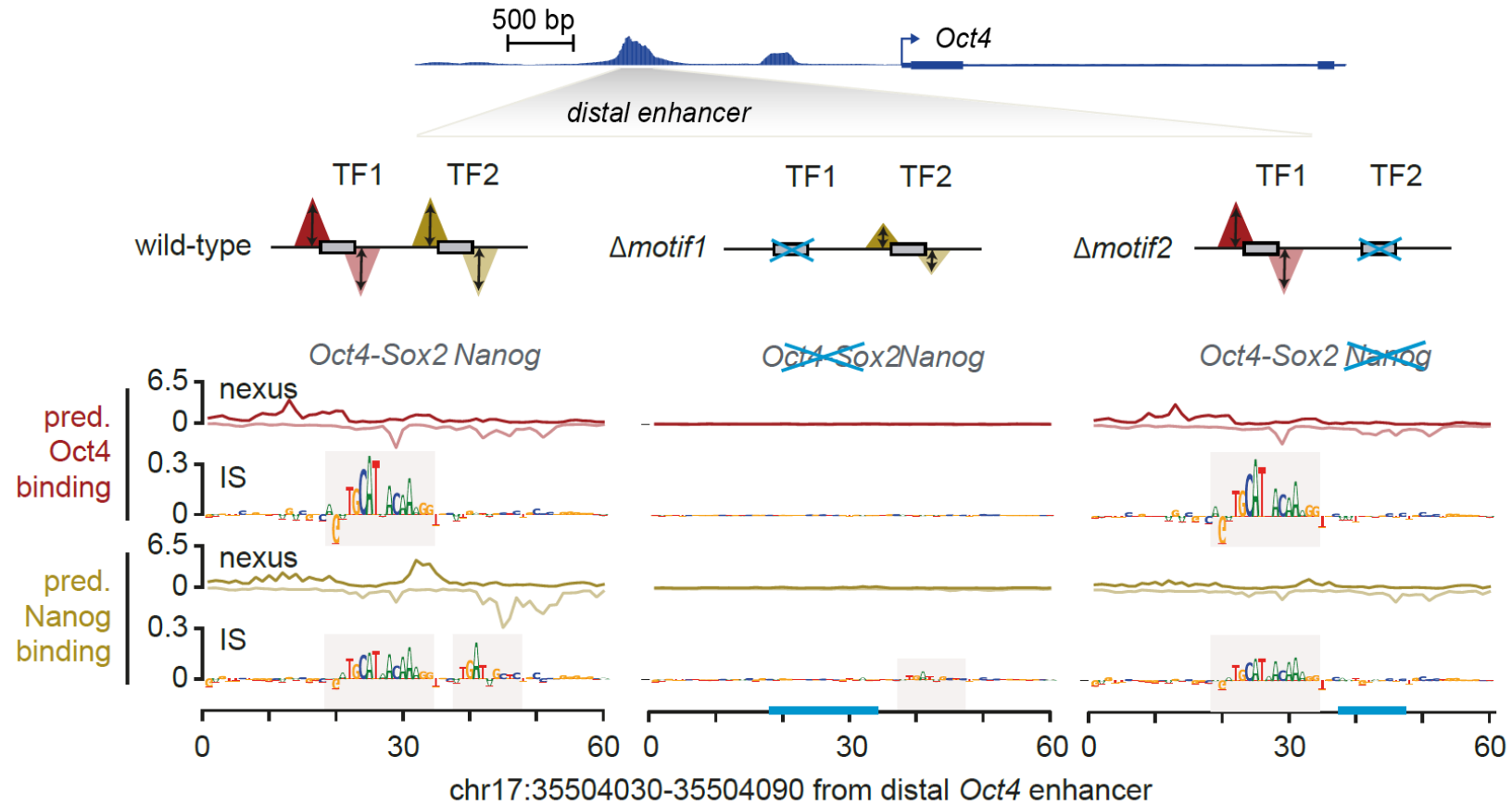
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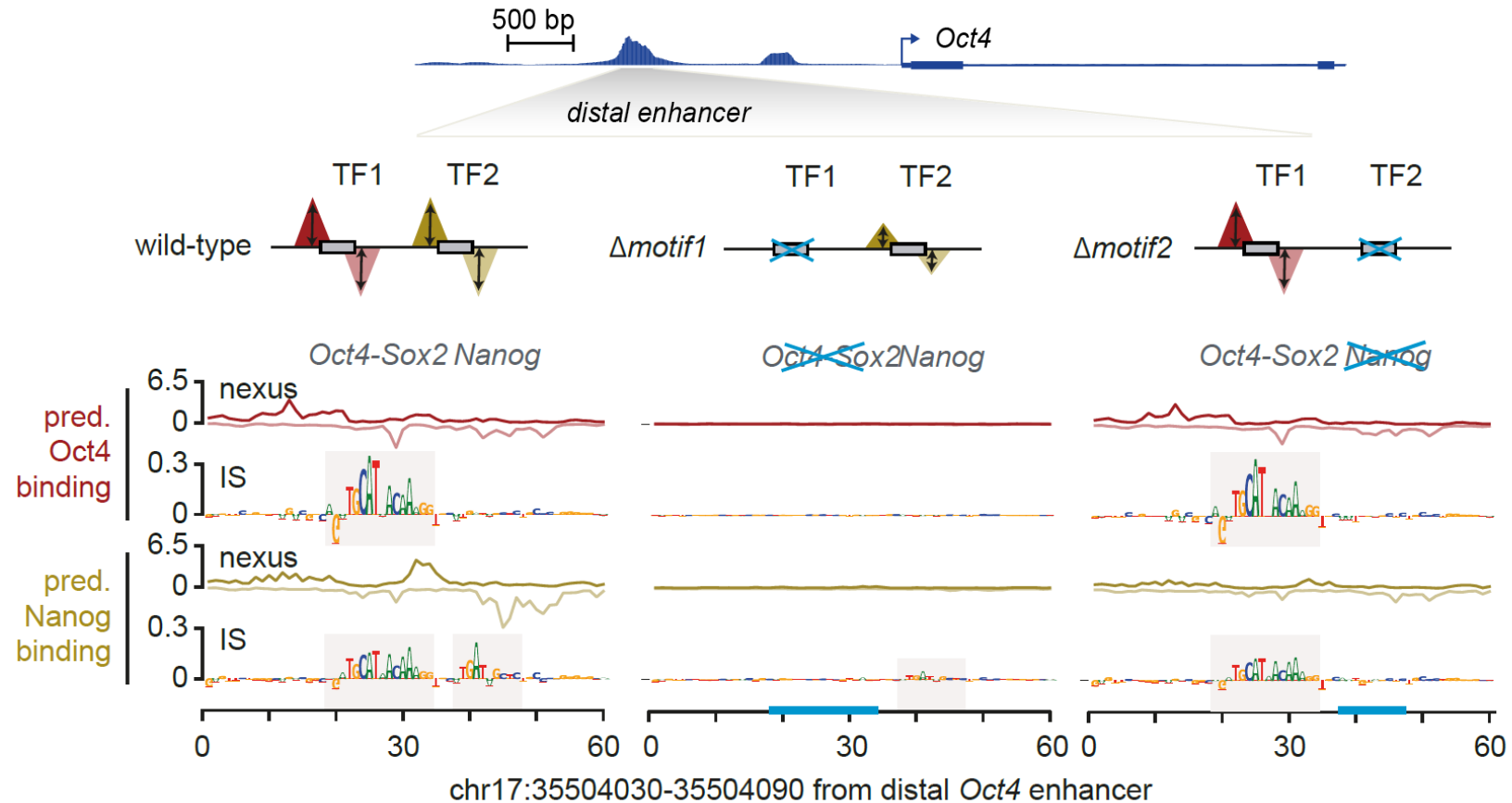
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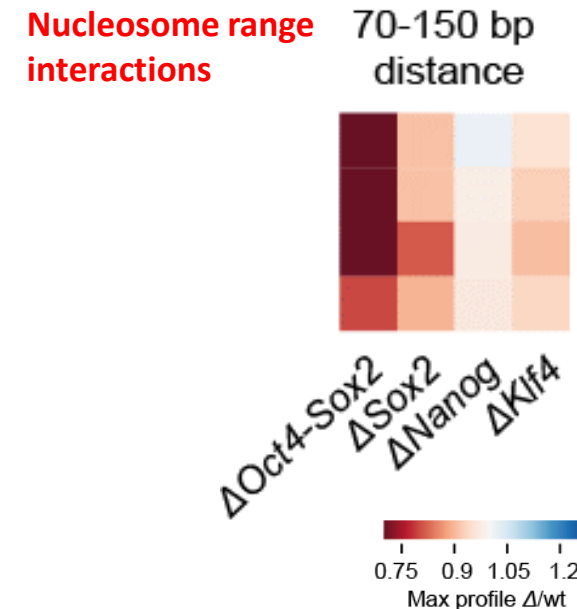
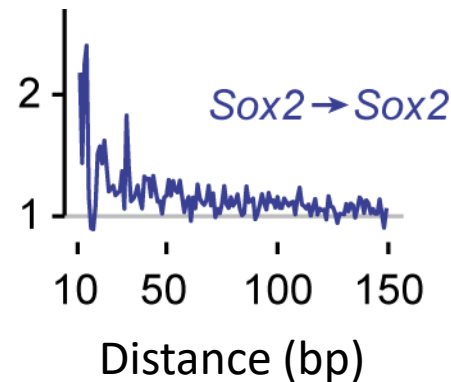
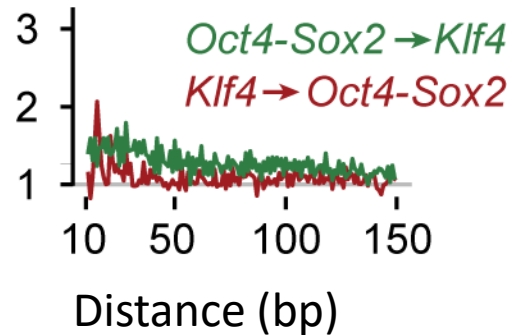
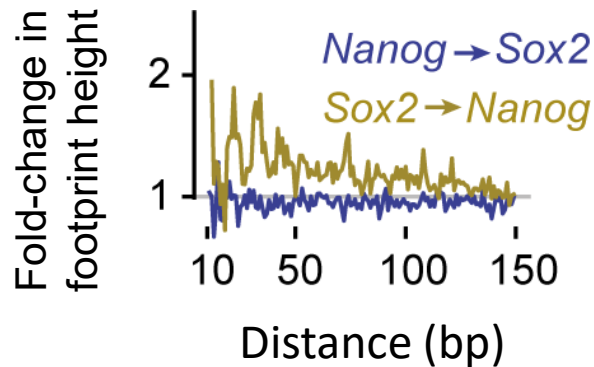
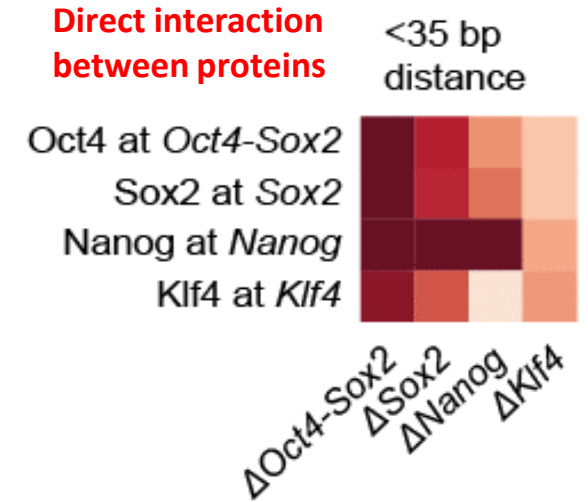
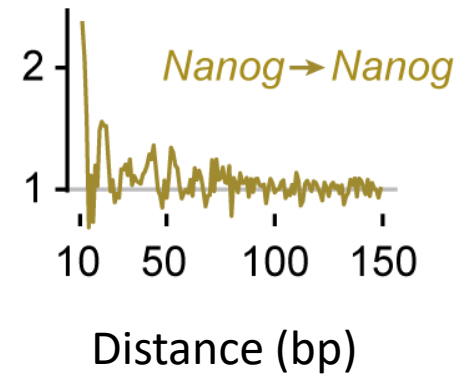
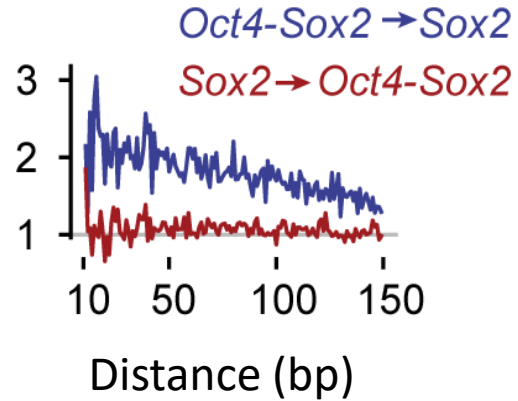
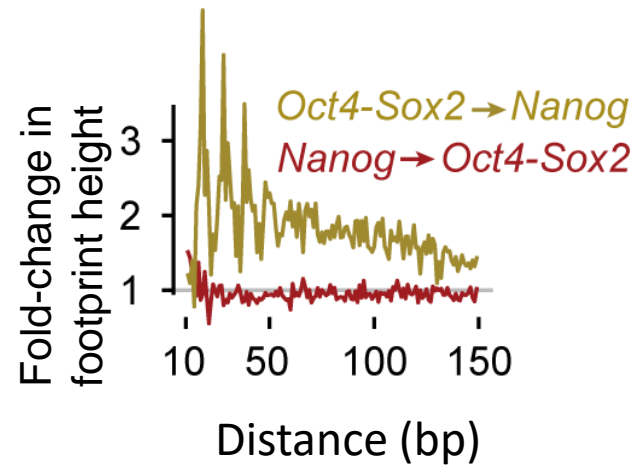


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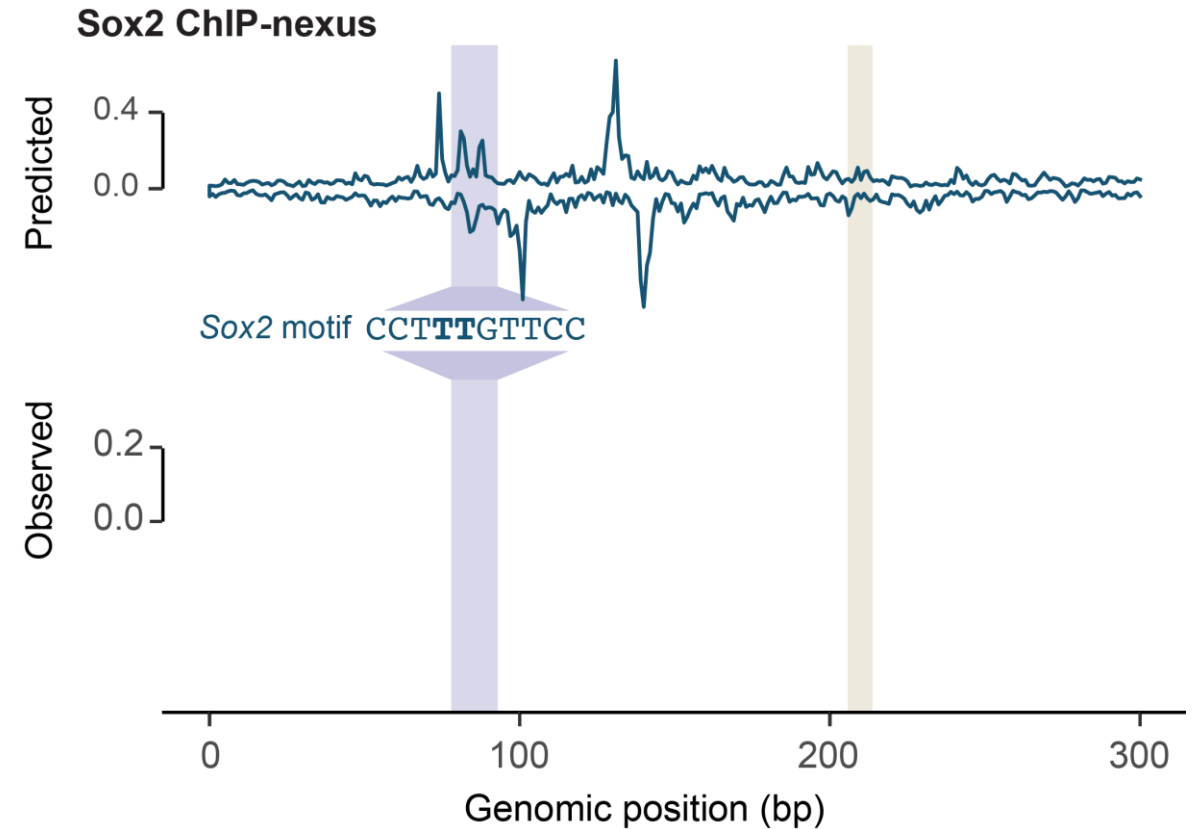


# TF cooperativity is often directional & dependent on syntax with different distance ranges

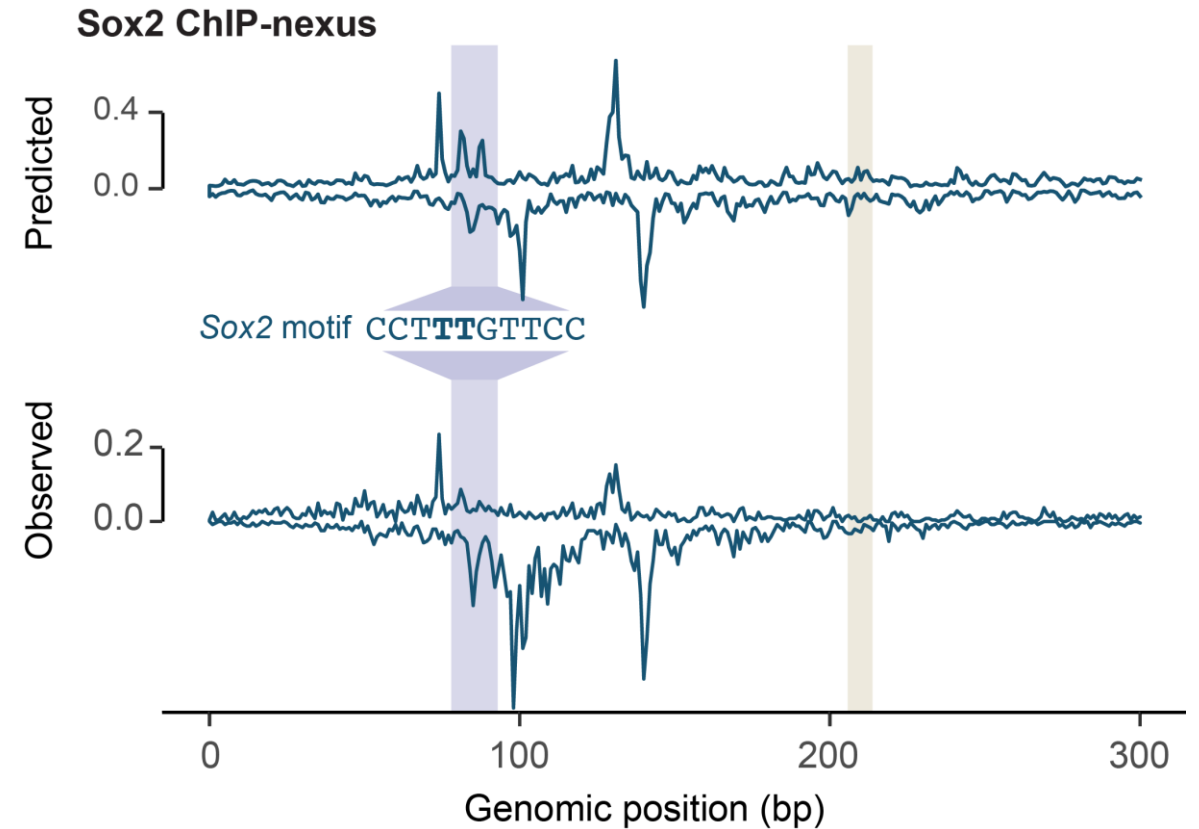


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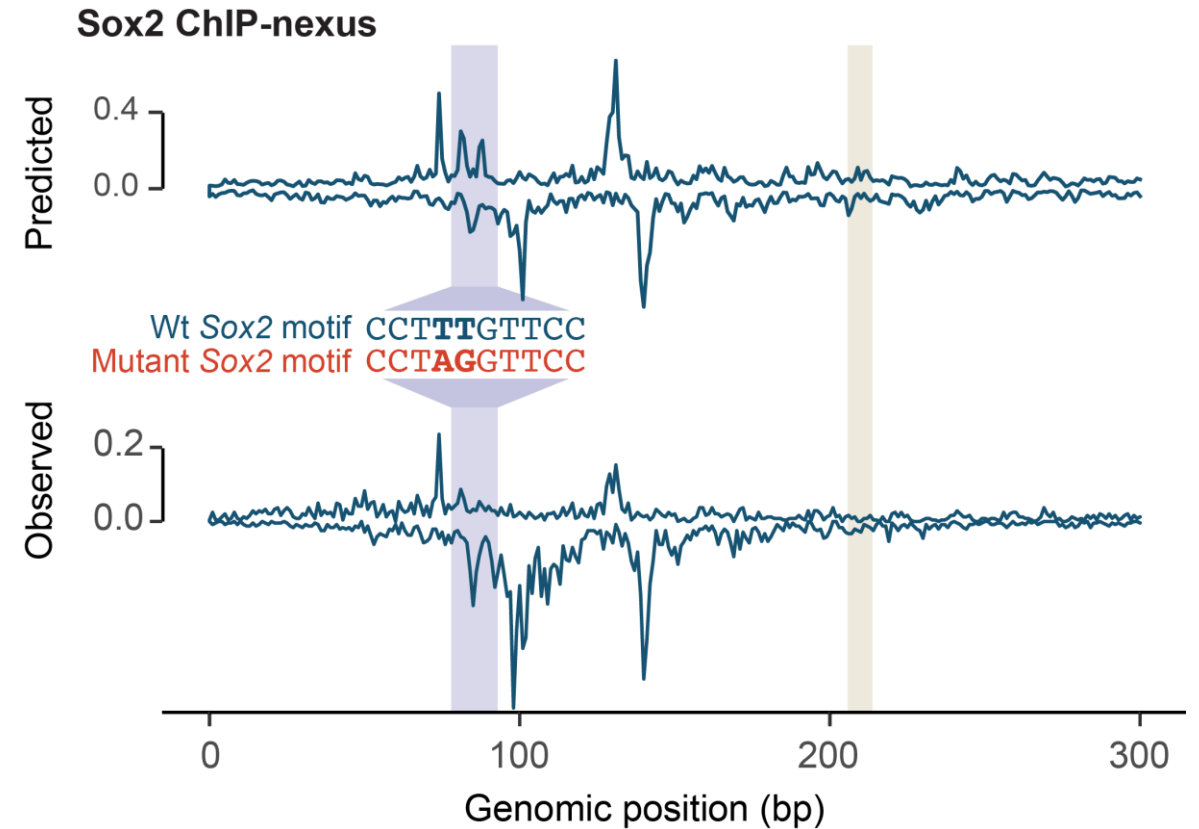
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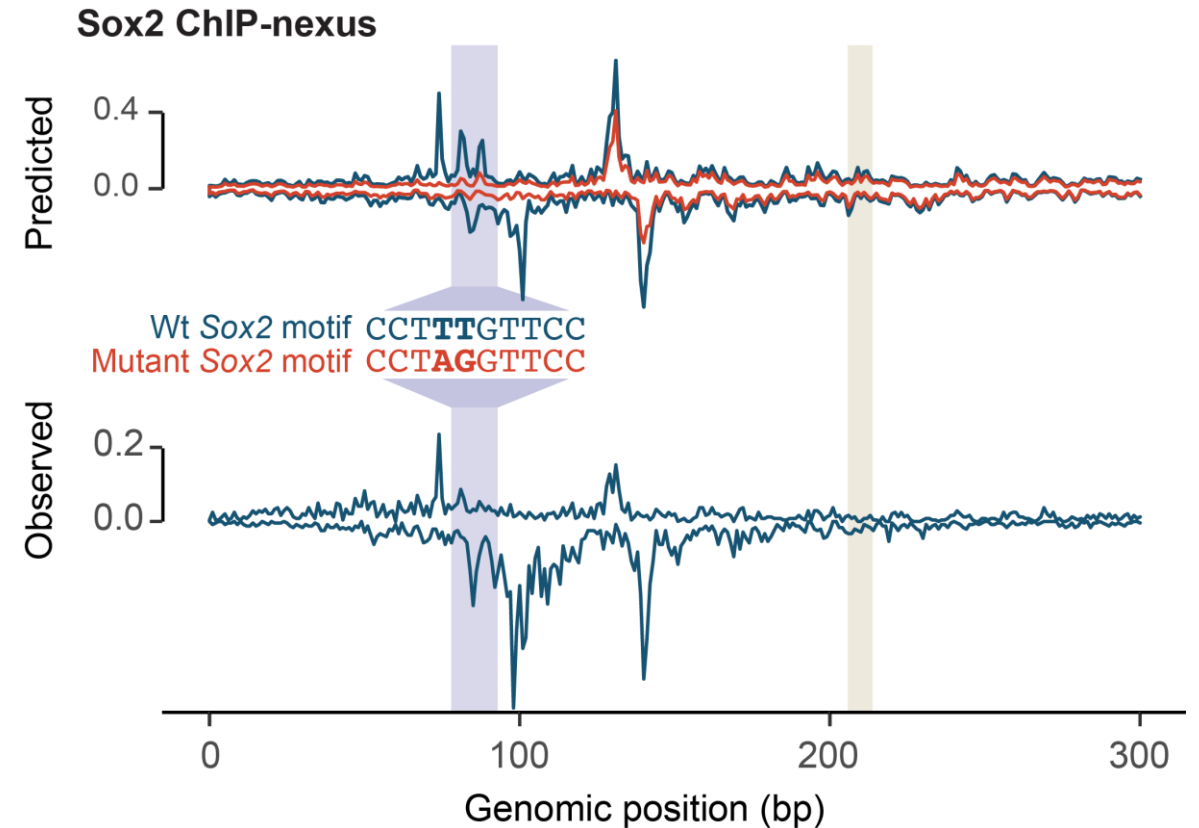
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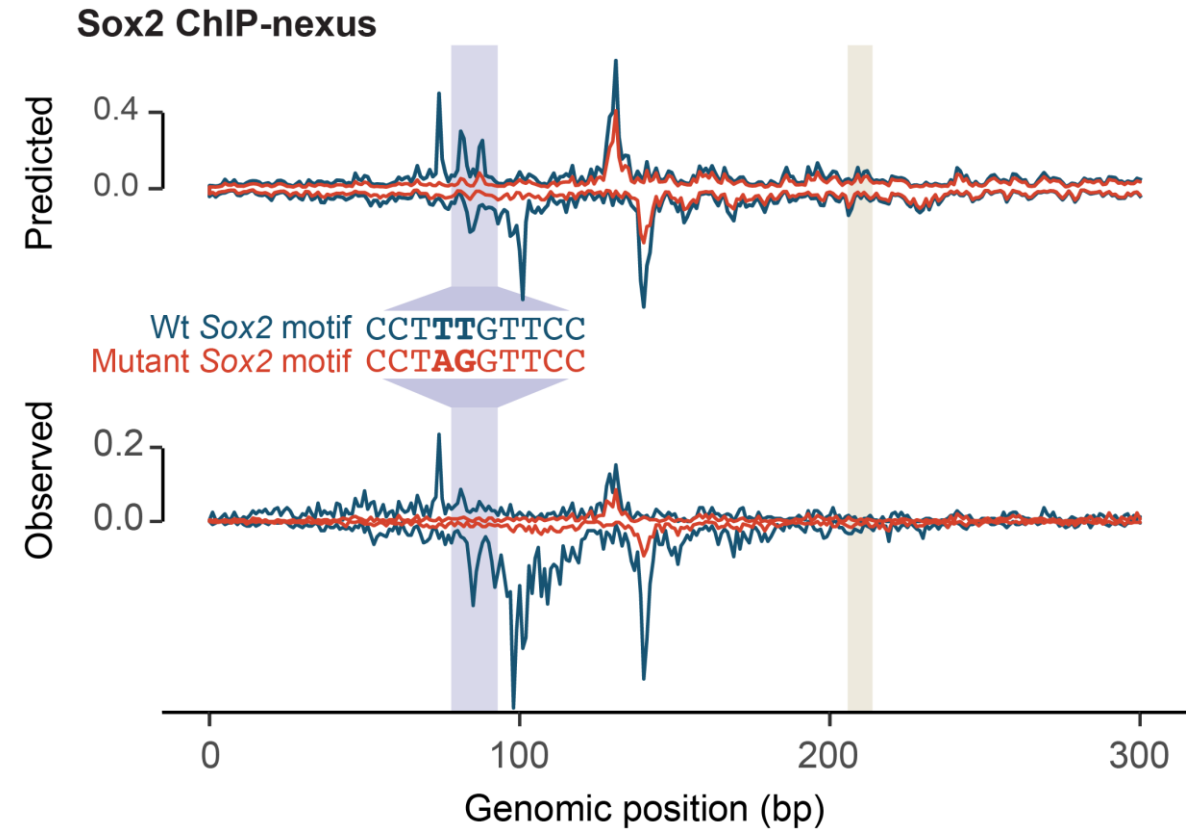


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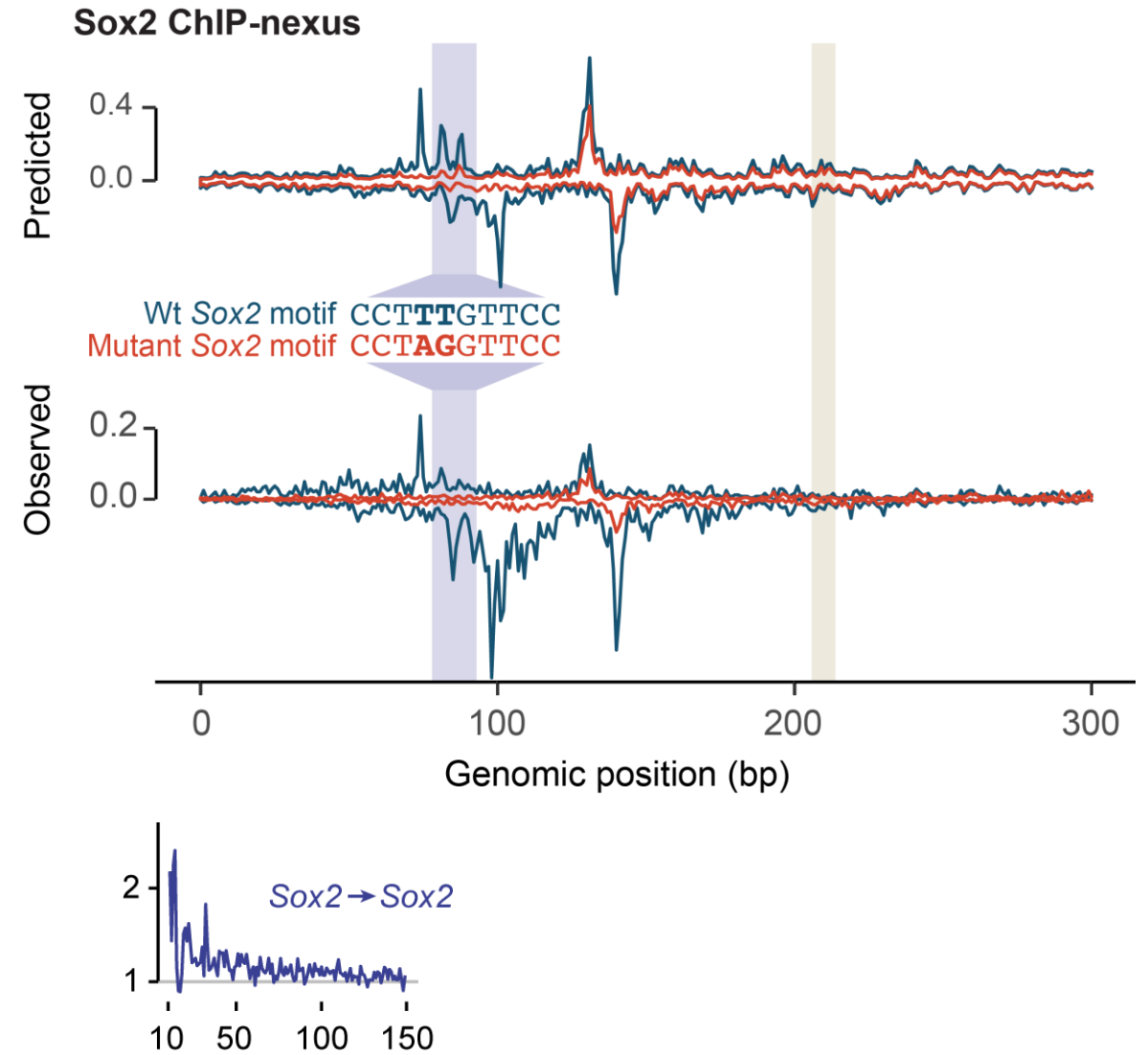




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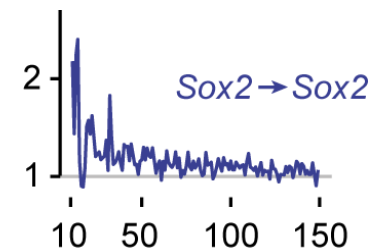
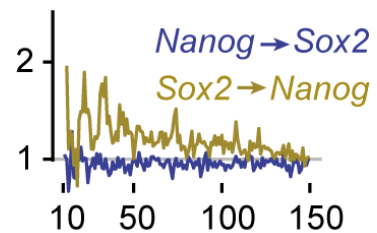
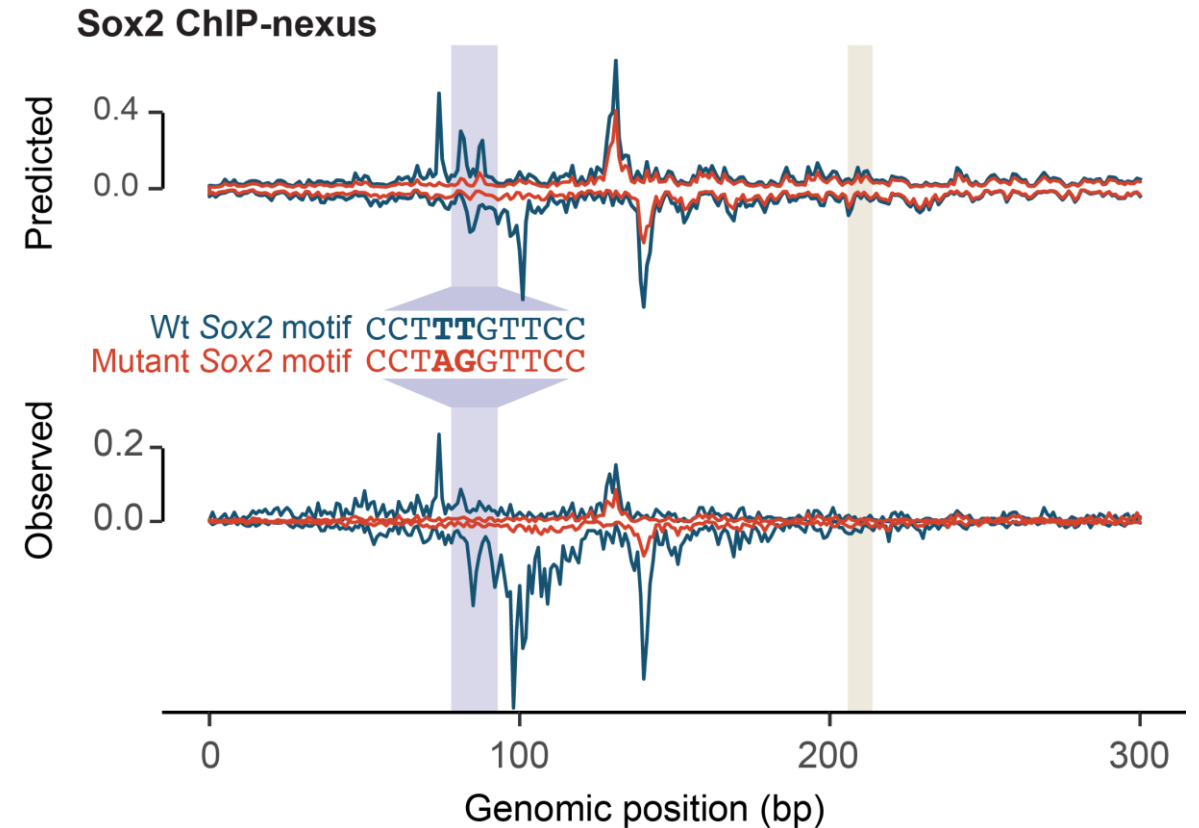


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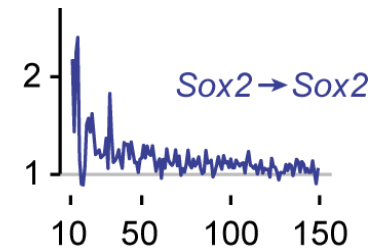
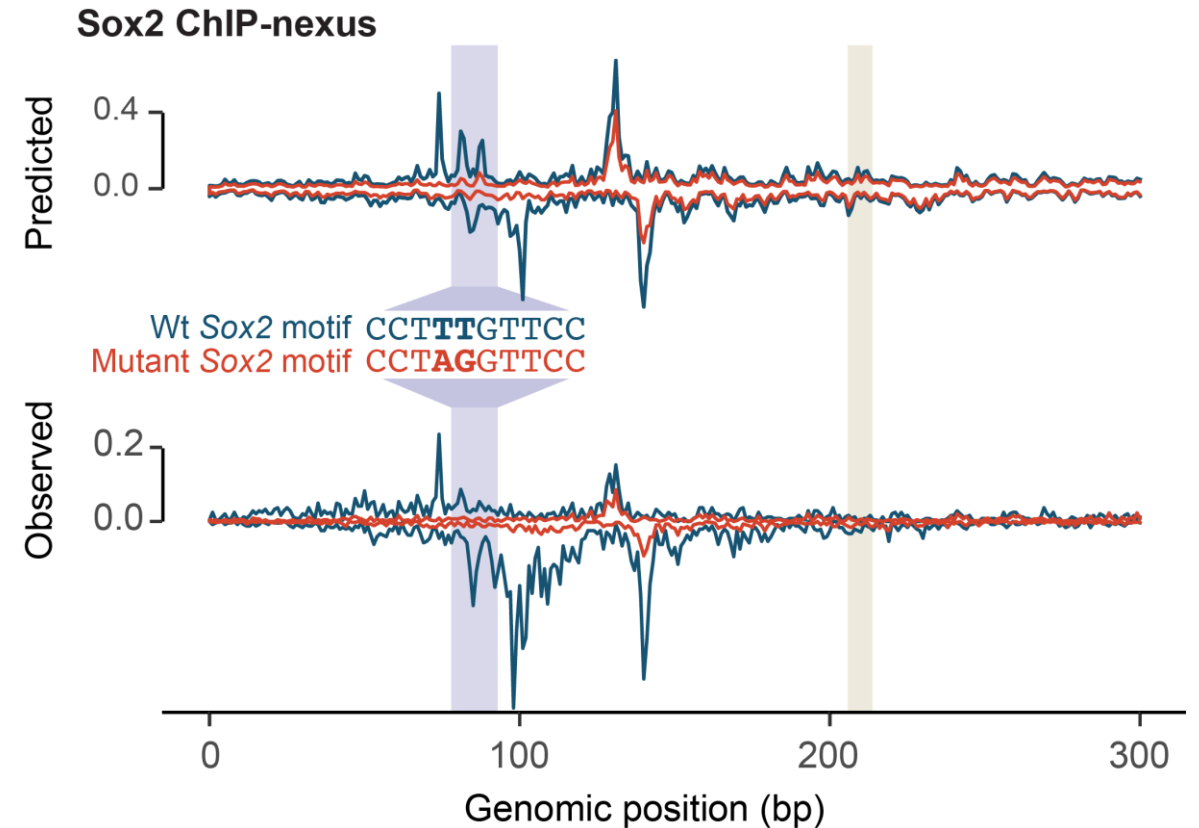
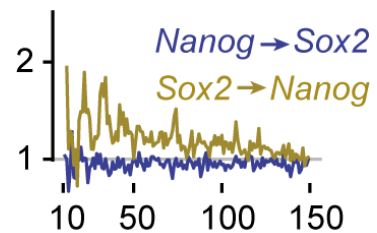
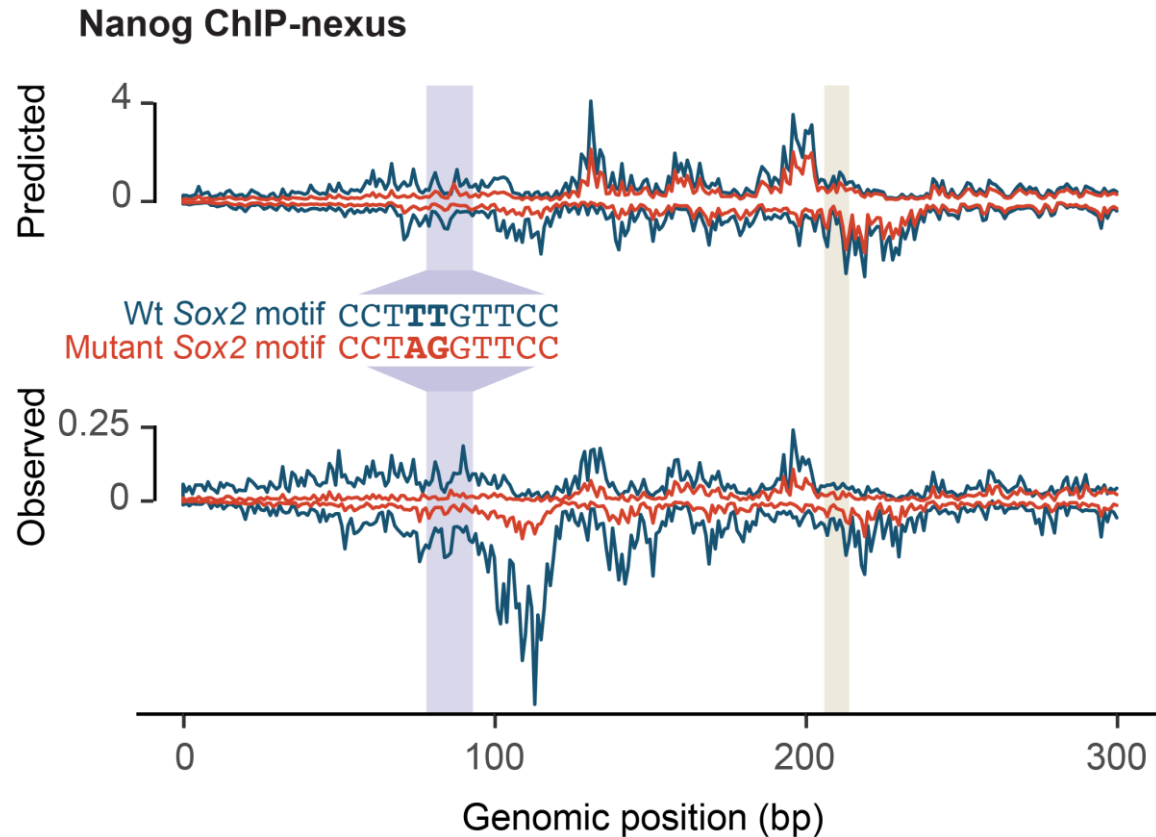
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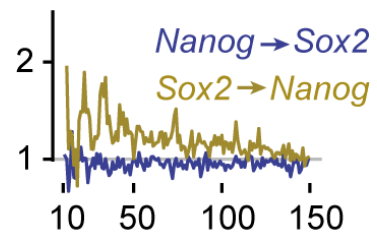
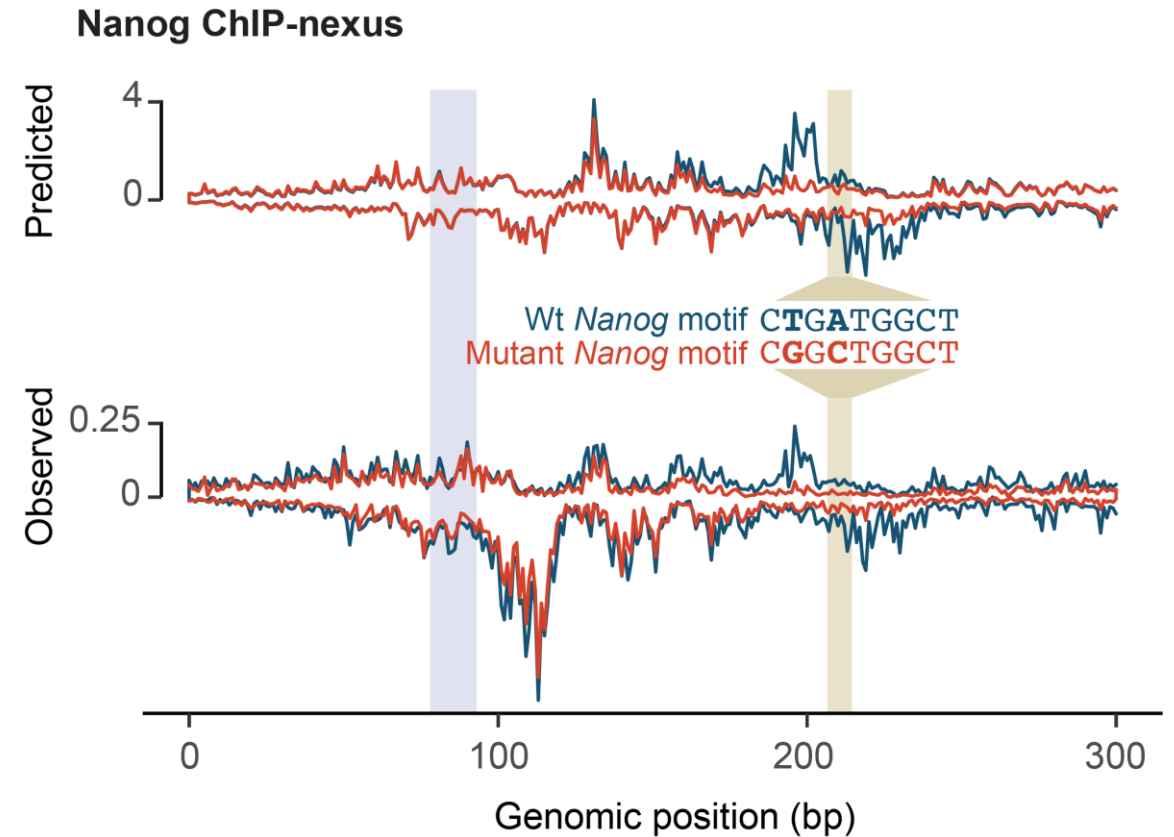
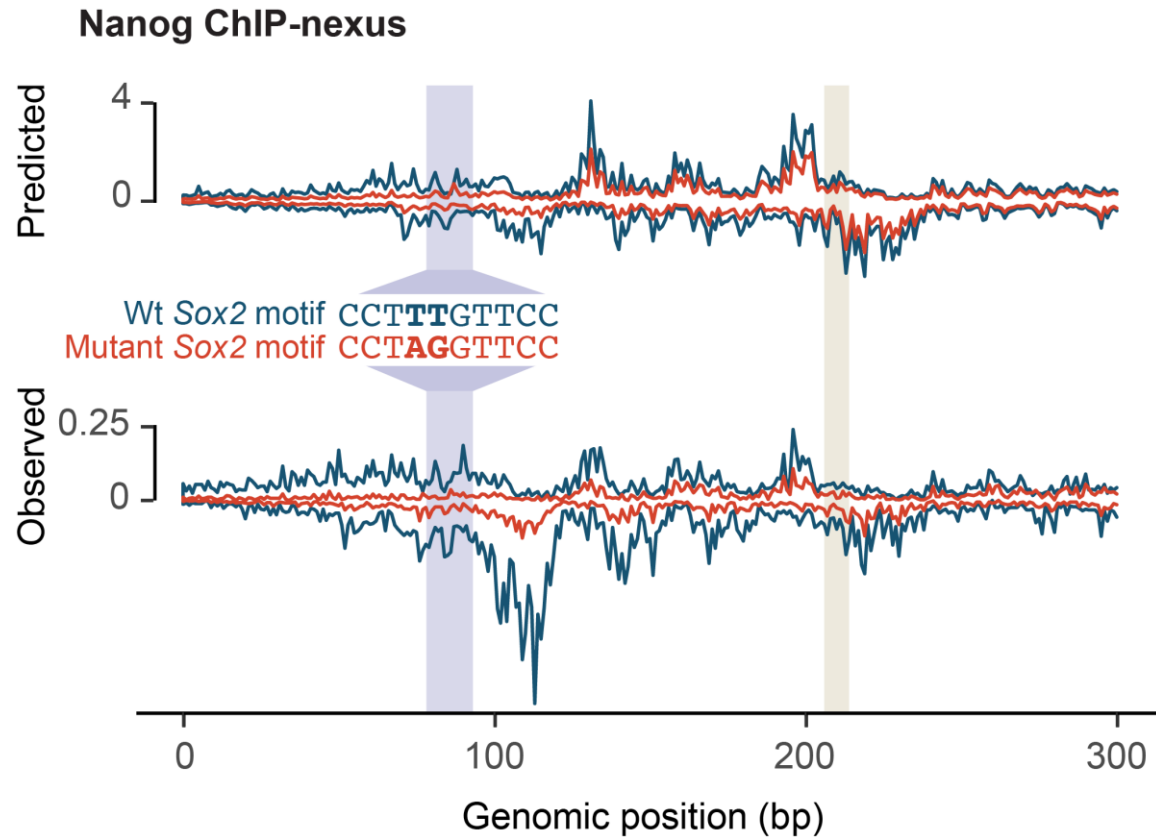


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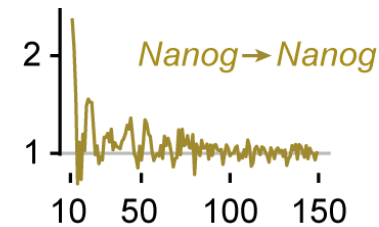
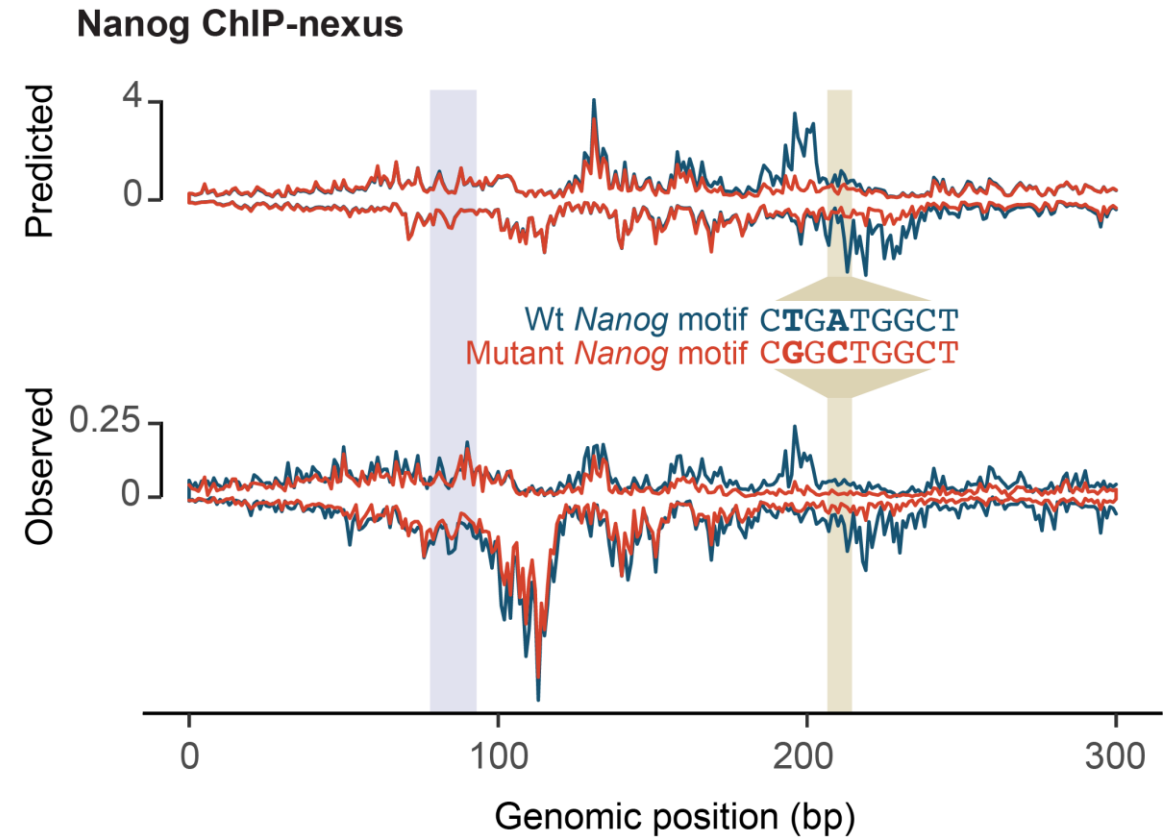
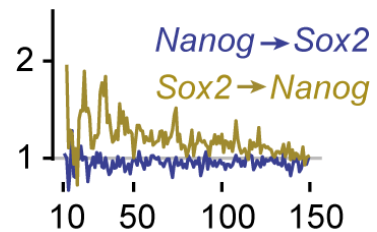
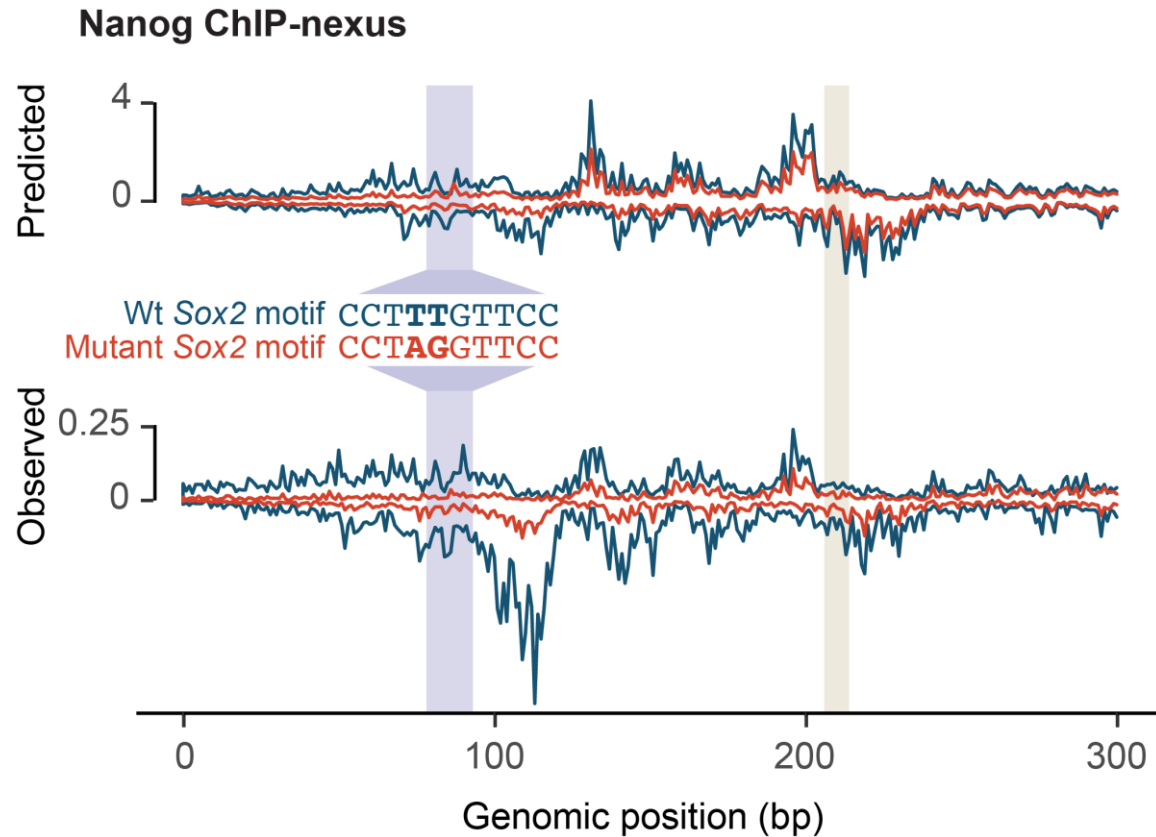
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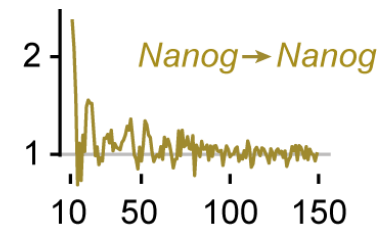
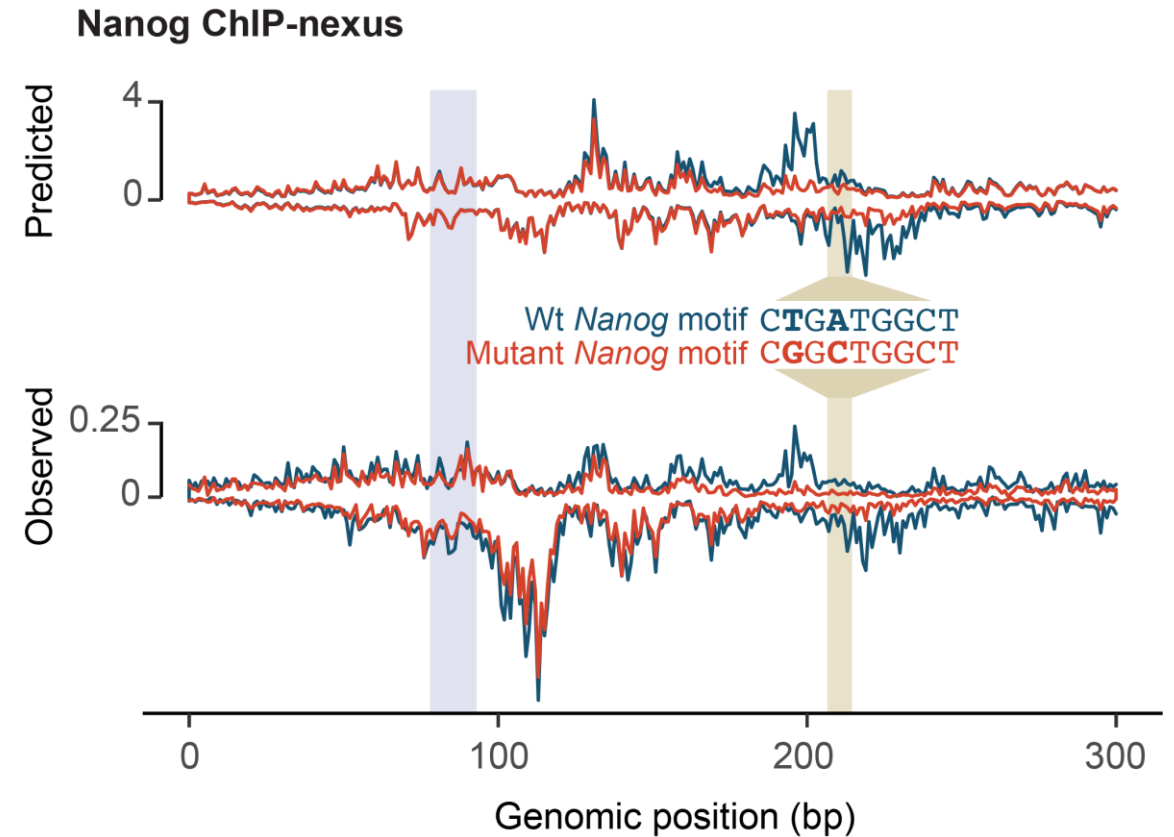
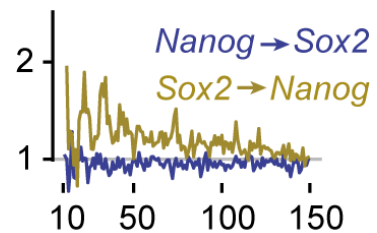
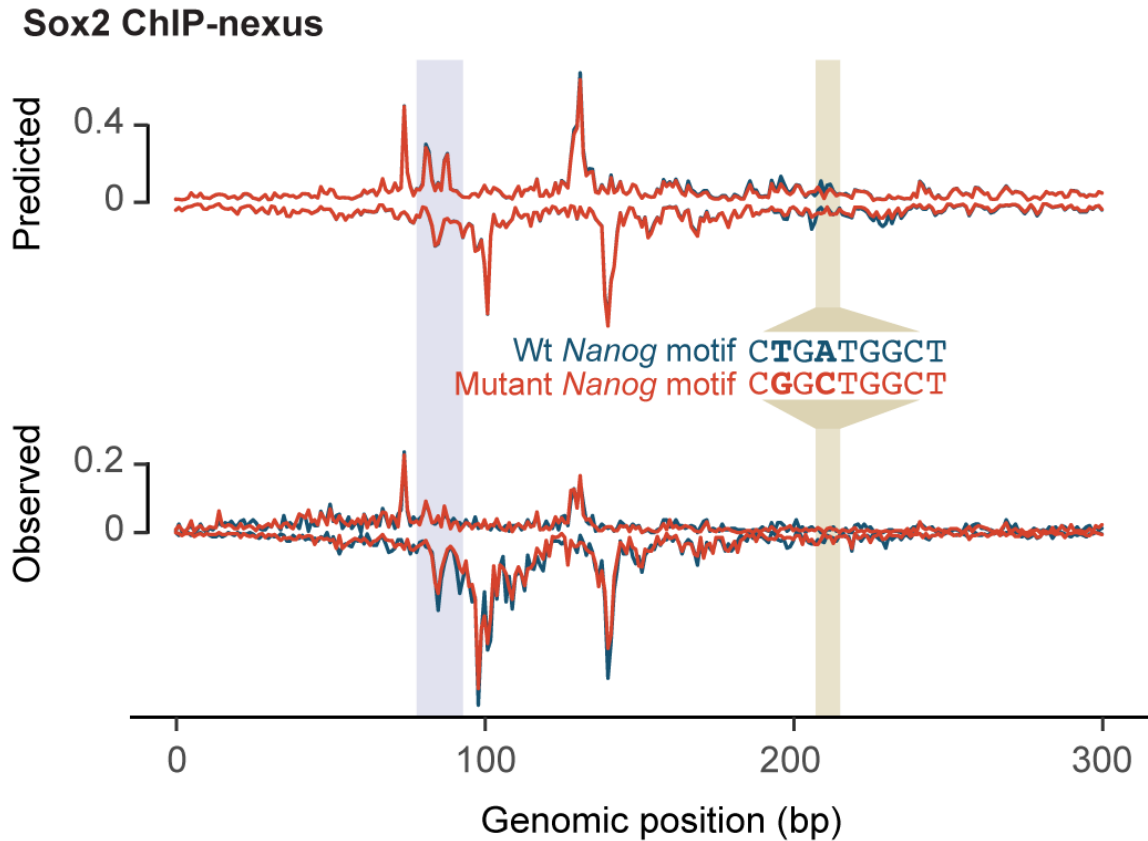


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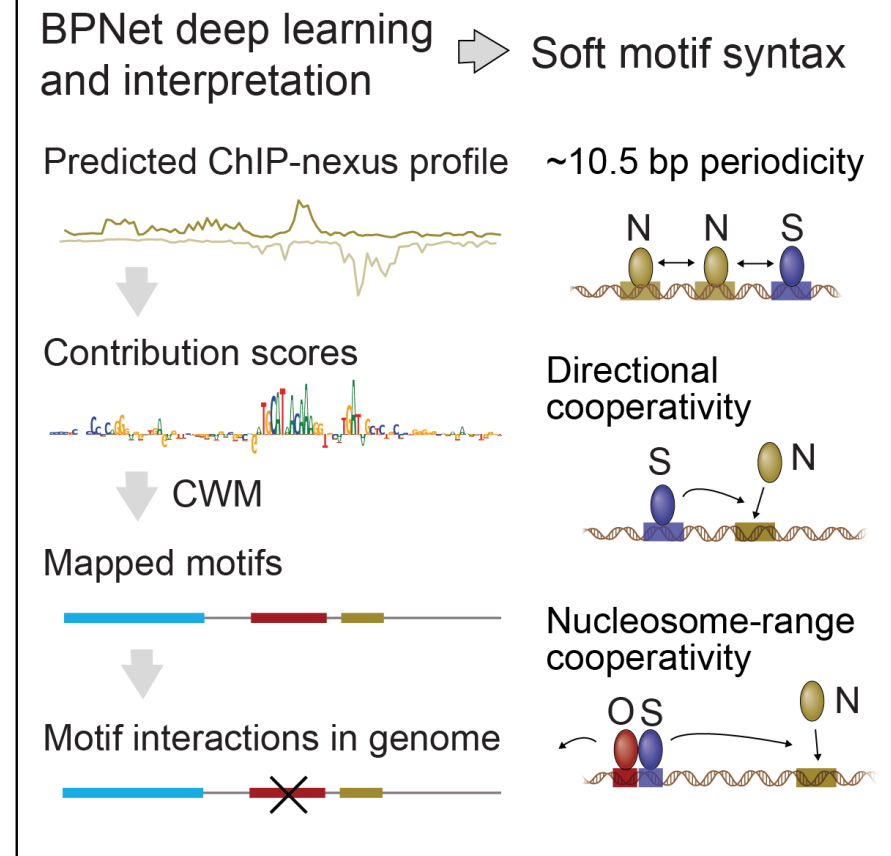


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# Summary

- BpNet can map raw DNA sequence to base-resolution regulatory profiles with unprecedented accuracy
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  - DNase-seq, ATAC-seq, scATAC-seq
  - Histone ChIP-seq / CUT&RUN
  - PRO-seq, RAMPAGE/CAGE
- Interpretation frameworks enable discovery of soft syntax mediated directional TF cooperativity
- Syntax of TF binding is predictive of
  - CRISPR motif perturbation experiments
  - Differential chromatin accessibility after TF knockdown
  - Reporter expression activity



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# Deep Learning for Regulatory Genomics

## 1. Biological foundations: Building blocks of Gene Regulation

- Gene regulation: Cell diversity, Epigenomics, Regulators (TFs), Motifs, Disease role
- Probing gene regulation: TFs/histones: ChIP-seq, Accessibility: DNase/ATAC-seq

## 2. Classical methods for Regulatory Genomics and Motif Discovery

- Enrichment-based motif discovery: Expectation Maximization, Gibbs Sampling
- Experimental: PBMs, SELEX. Comparative genomics: Evolutionary conservation.

## 3. Regulatory Genomics CNNs (Convolutional Neural Networks): Foundations

- Key idea: pixels  $\Leftrightarrow$  DNA letters. Patches/filters  $\Leftrightarrow$  Motifs. Higher  $\Leftrightarrow$  combinations
- Learning convolutional filters  $\Leftrightarrow$  Motif discovery. Applying them  $\Leftrightarrow$  Motif matches

## 4. Regulatory Genomics CNNs/RNNs in Practice: Diverse Architectures

- DeepBind: Learn motifs, use in (shallow) fully-connected layer, mutation impact
- DeepSea: Train model directly on mutational impact prediction
- Basset: Multi-task DNase prediction in 164 cell types, reuse/learn motifs
- ChromPuter: Multi-task prediction of different TFs, reuse partner motifs
- DeepLIFT: Model interpretation based on neuron activation properties
- DanQ: Recurrent Neural Network for sequential data analysis

## 5. Guest Lecture: Anshul Kundaje, Stanford, Deep Learning for Reg. Genomics

## 6. Guest Lecture: Avantika Lal, Nvidia, Deep Learning for ATAC/scATAC





# Enhancing epigenomic data with deep learning

Avantika Lal, 3/11/2021

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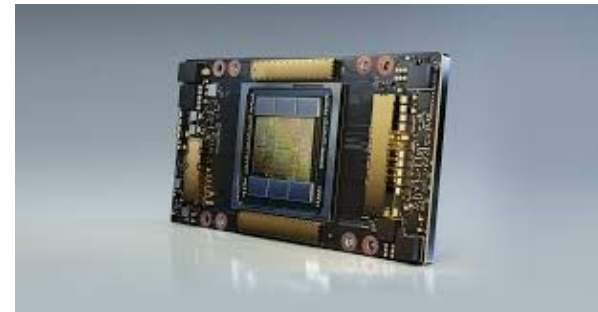
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# Deep learning-based enhancement of epigenomics data with AtacWorks

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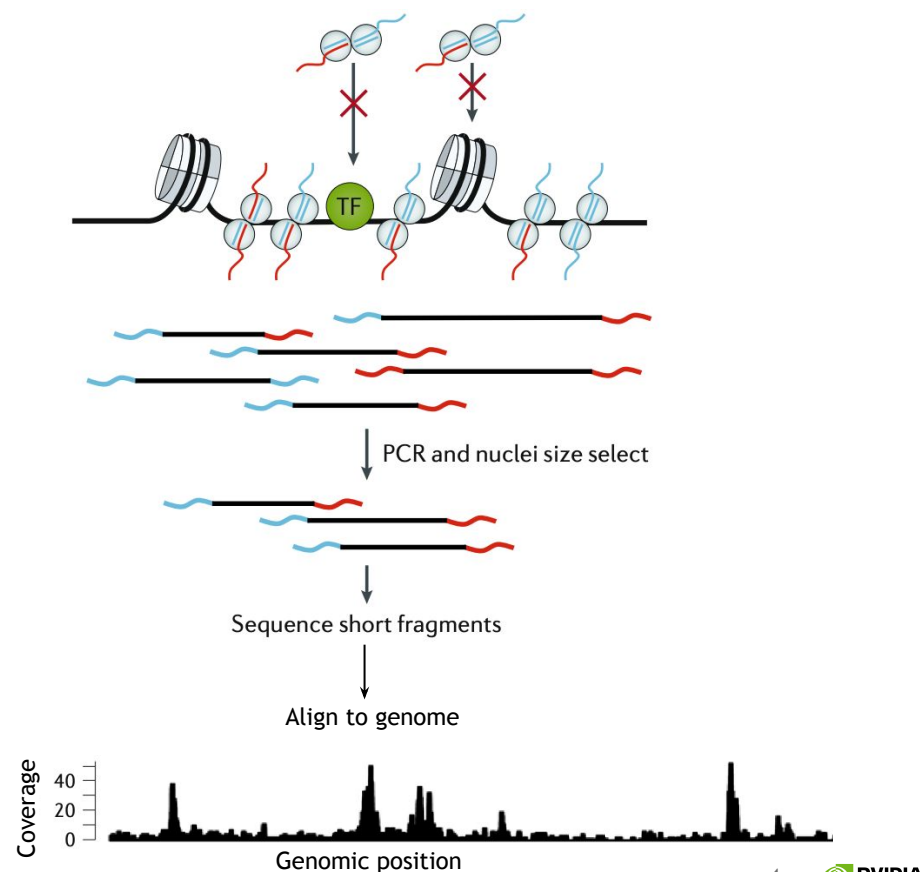
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## Chromatin accessibility mapping with DNA sequencing

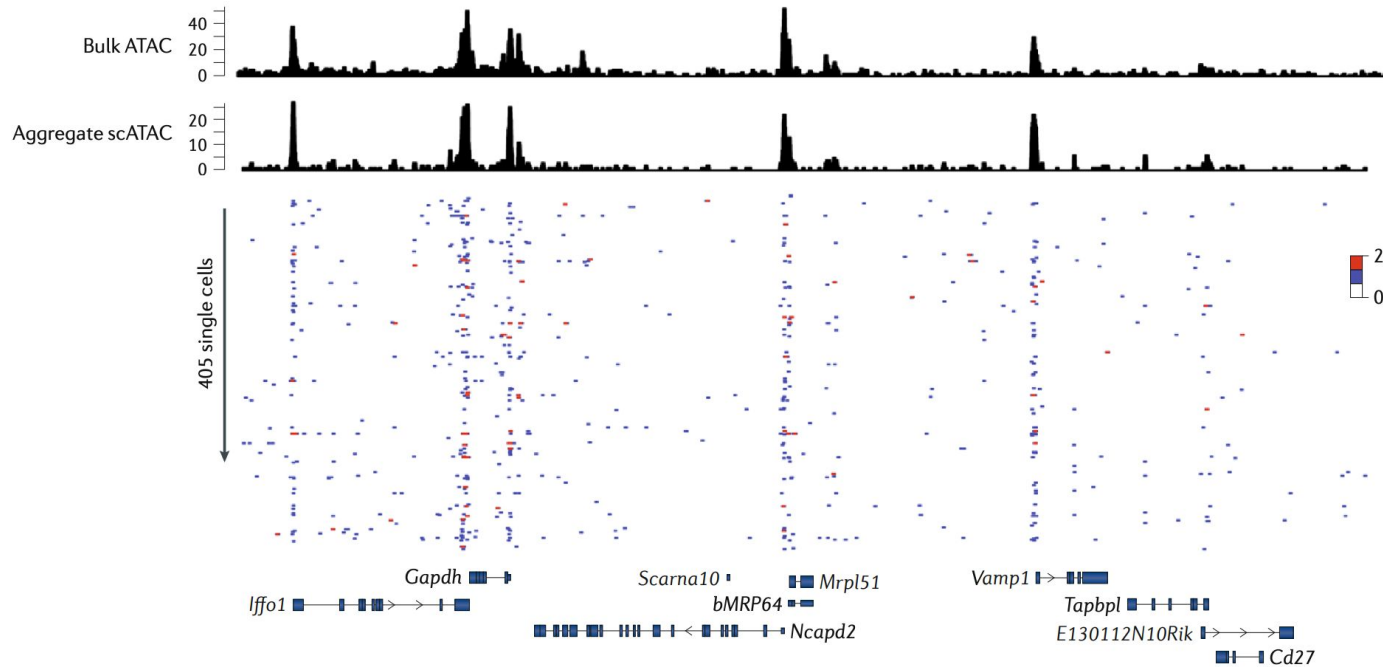
ATAC-seq measures chromatin accessibility using DNA sequencing.

‘Peaks’ of high sequencing read coverage correspond to regions of open chromatin in the genome.

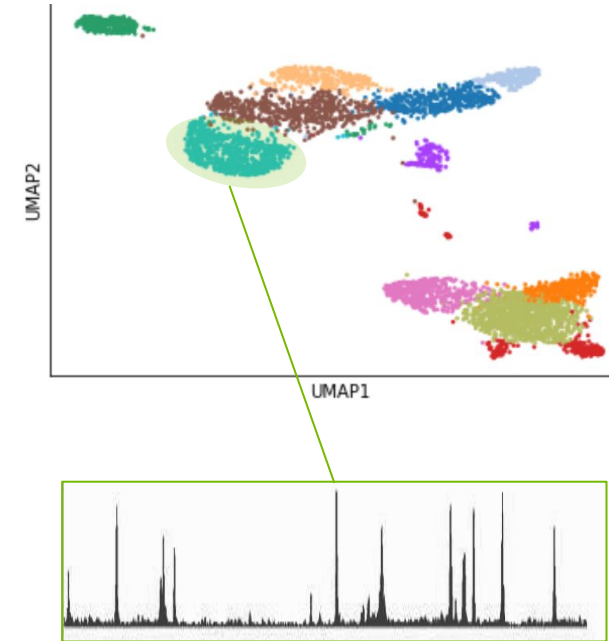
ATAC-seq helps identify active regulatory elements, build regulatory networks, and study the effect of non-coding variation.



# SINGLE-CELL ATAC-SEQ



Cluster cells and identify accessible sites at the cell type level

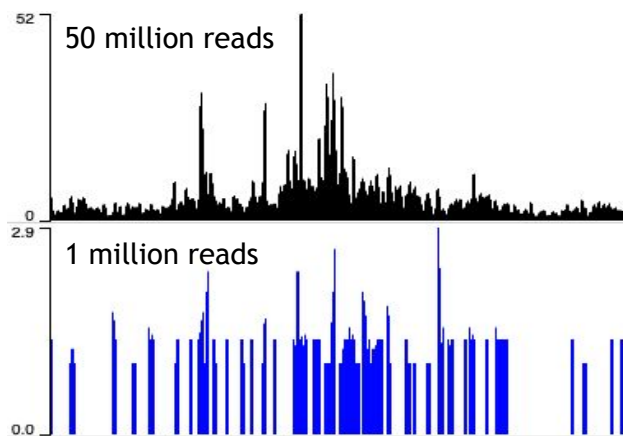


Biological tissues are heterogeneous mixtures of different types of cells. Single-cell sequencing shows us this heterogeneity, but each cell provides only a noisy, sparse signal.

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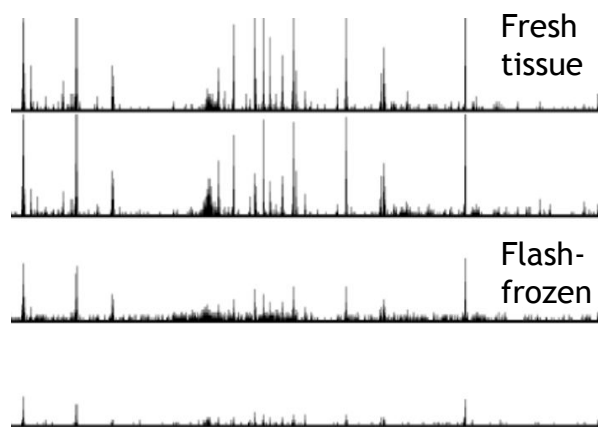
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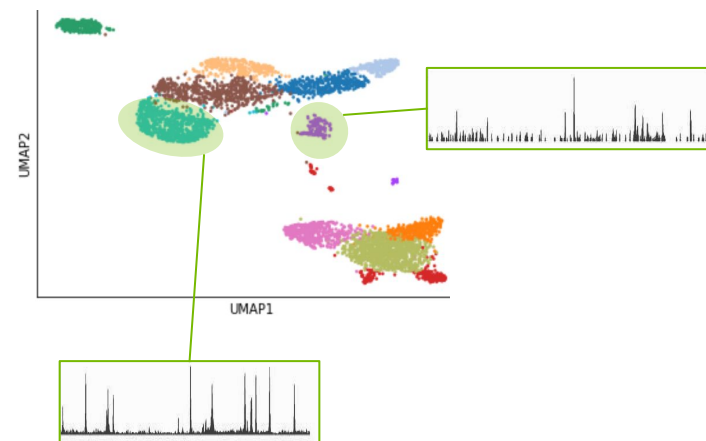
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Sample/experimental factors



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Low aggregate cell count



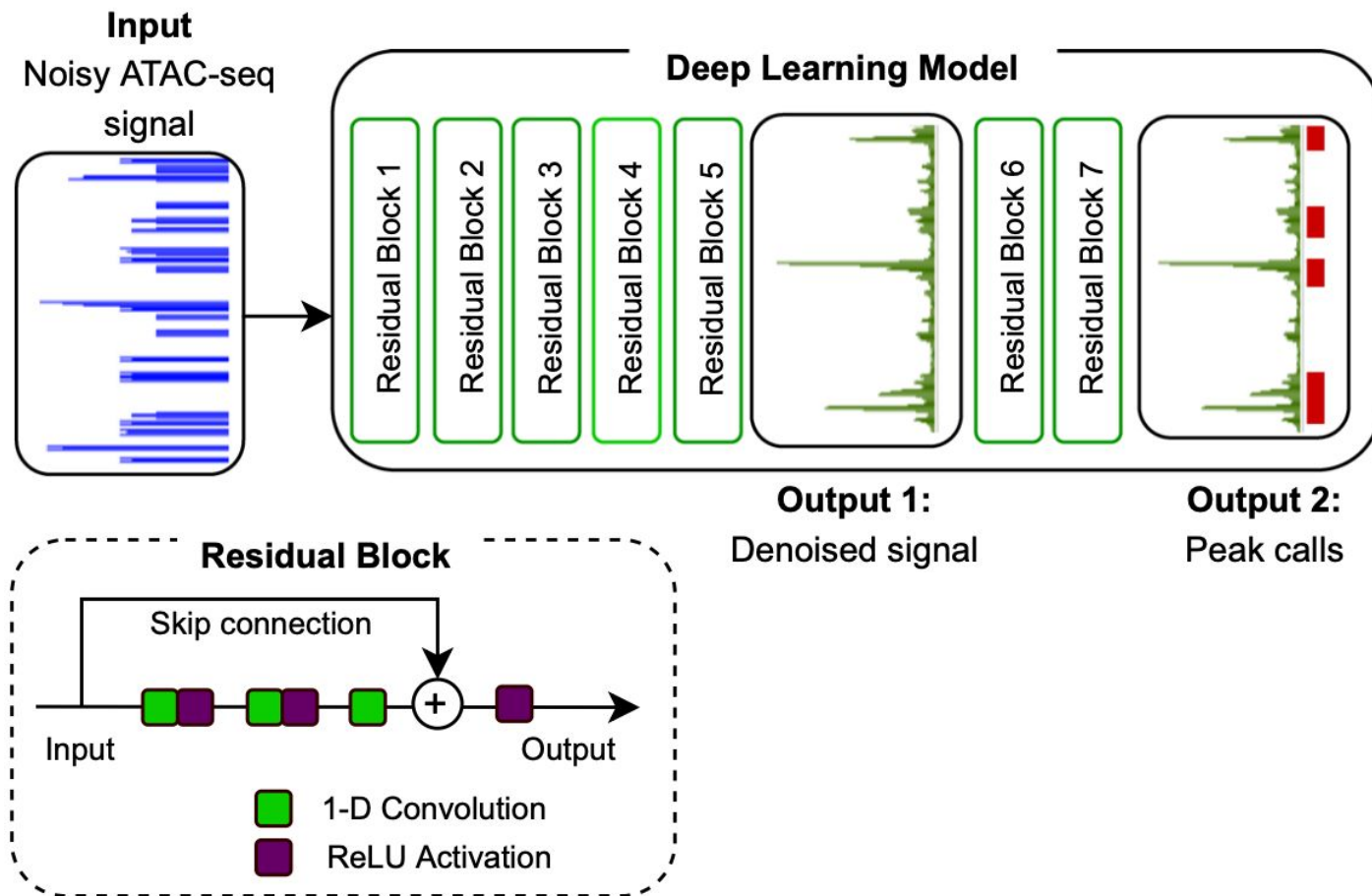
# ATACWORKS

AtacWorks takes as input the coverage track from an ATAC-seq experiment, and improves its accuracy.

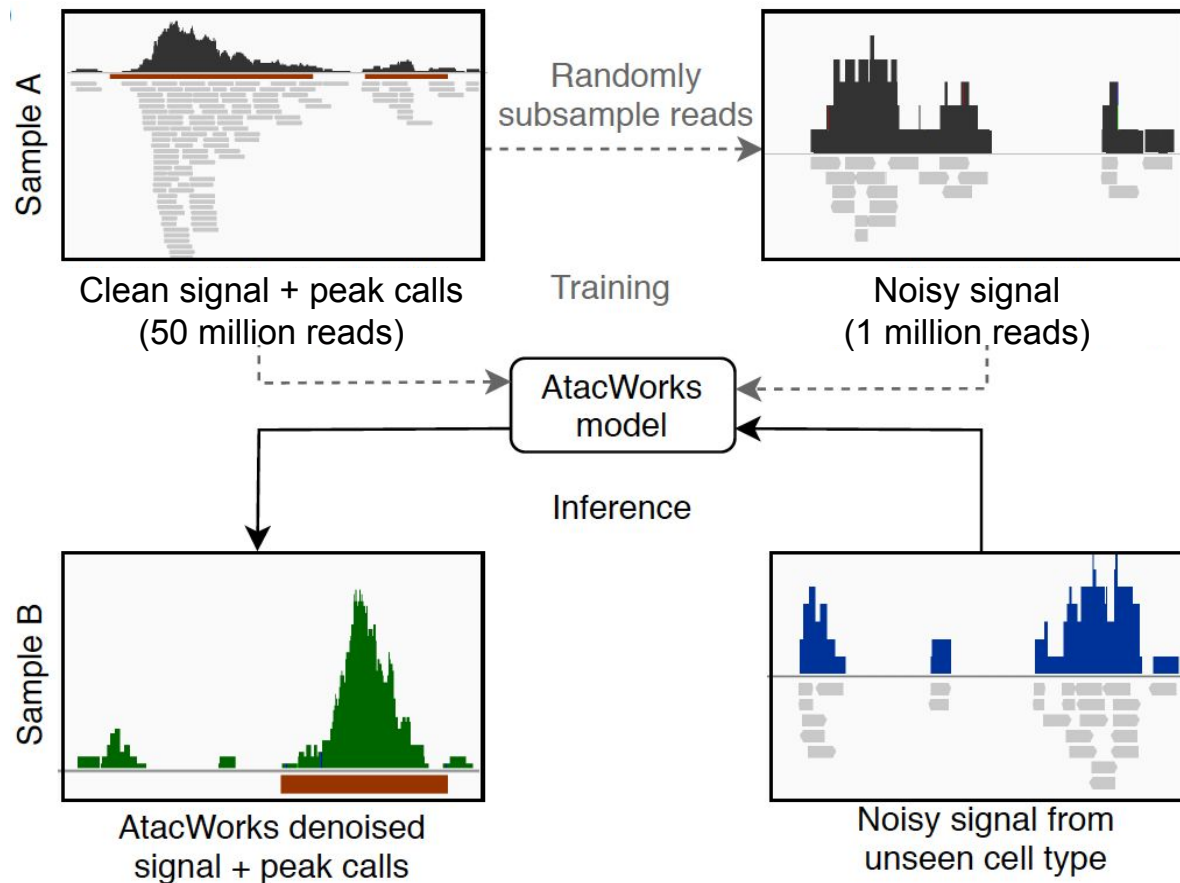
AtacWorks also identifies the peaks, or open chromatin regions.

It uses a ResNet (Residual Neural Network) architecture, a convolutional architecture originally used in computer vision.

However, it uses 1-D convolutional layers instead of the 2-D layers used in image analysis.



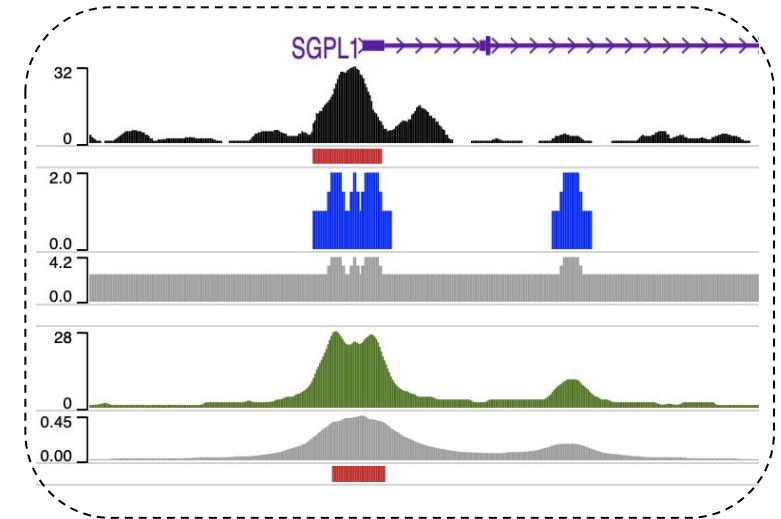
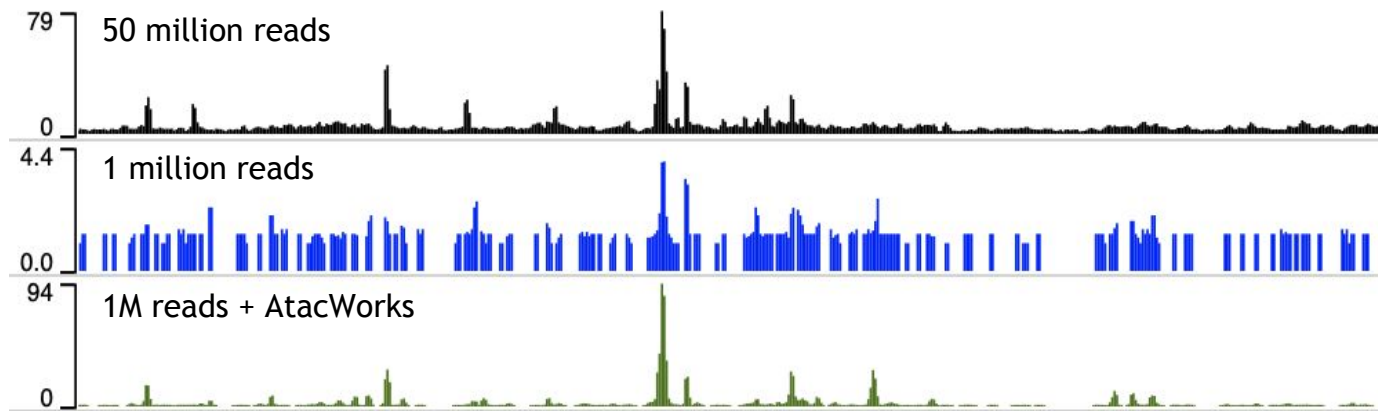
# TRAINING ATACWORKS TO ENHANCE LOW-COVERAGE ATAC-SEQ DATA



# ATACWORKS DENOISES AND CALL PEAKS FROM LOW-COVERAGE ATAC-SEQ

Bulk ATAC-seq data from human Erythroblasts

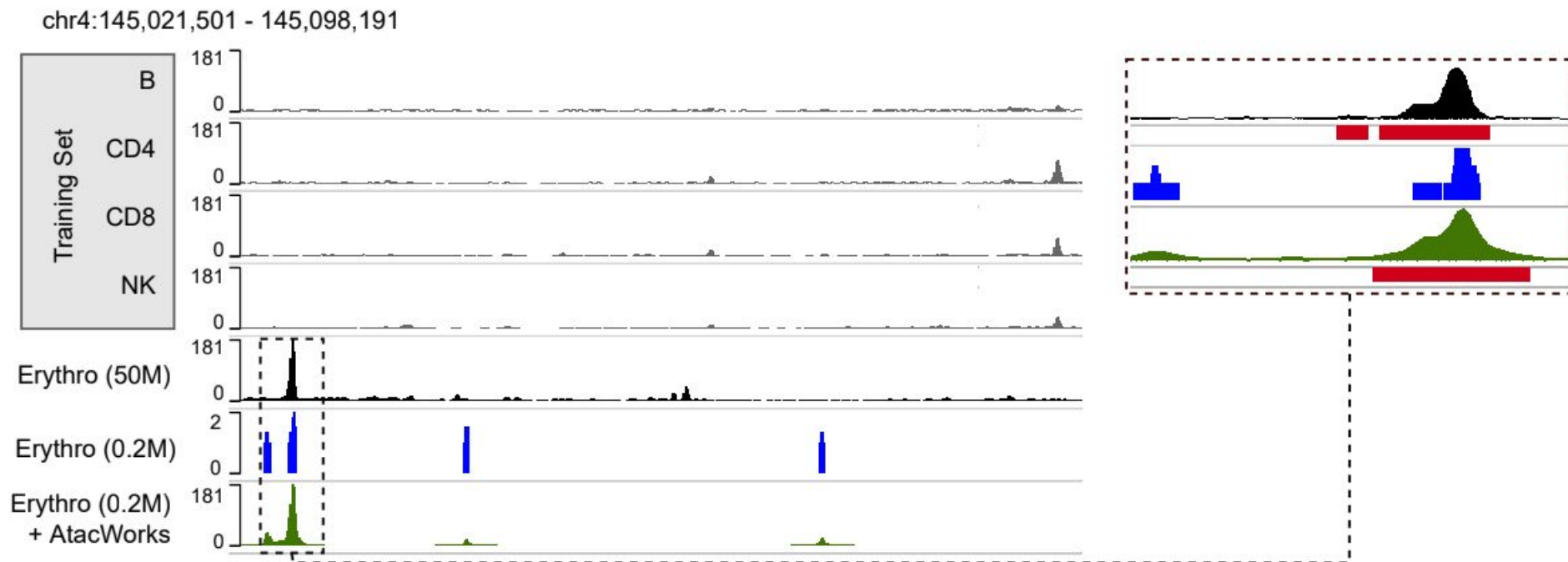
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AtacWorks distinguishes real peaks and identifies peaks missed by MACS2.

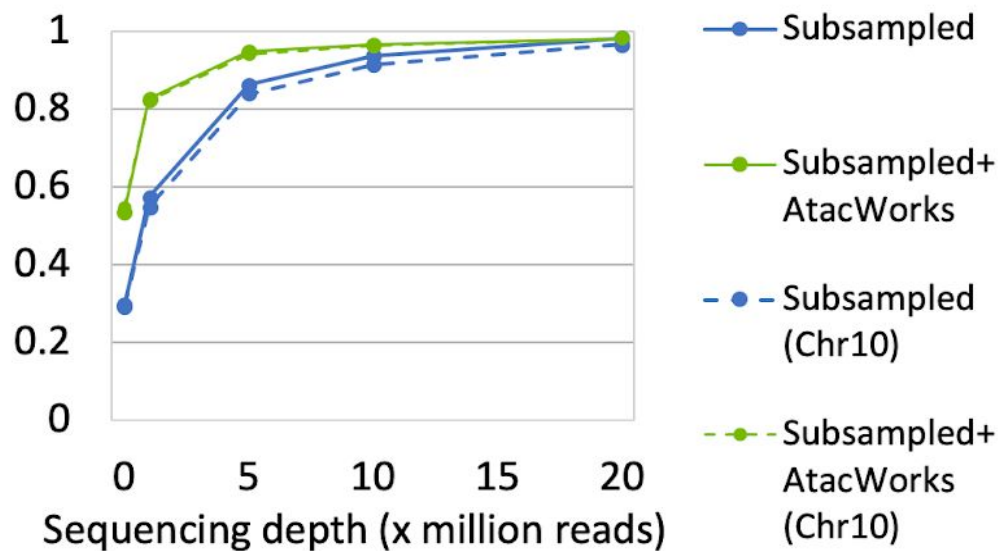


# ATACWORKS GENERALIZES ACROSS CELL TYPES

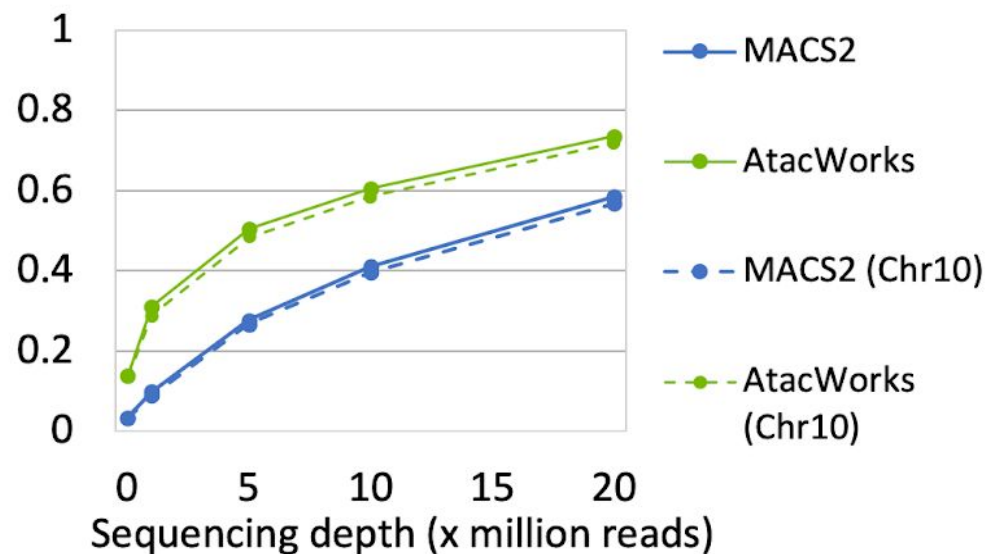


# GENOME-WIDE PERFORMANCE METRICS

Pearson correlation with clean (50 million read) data



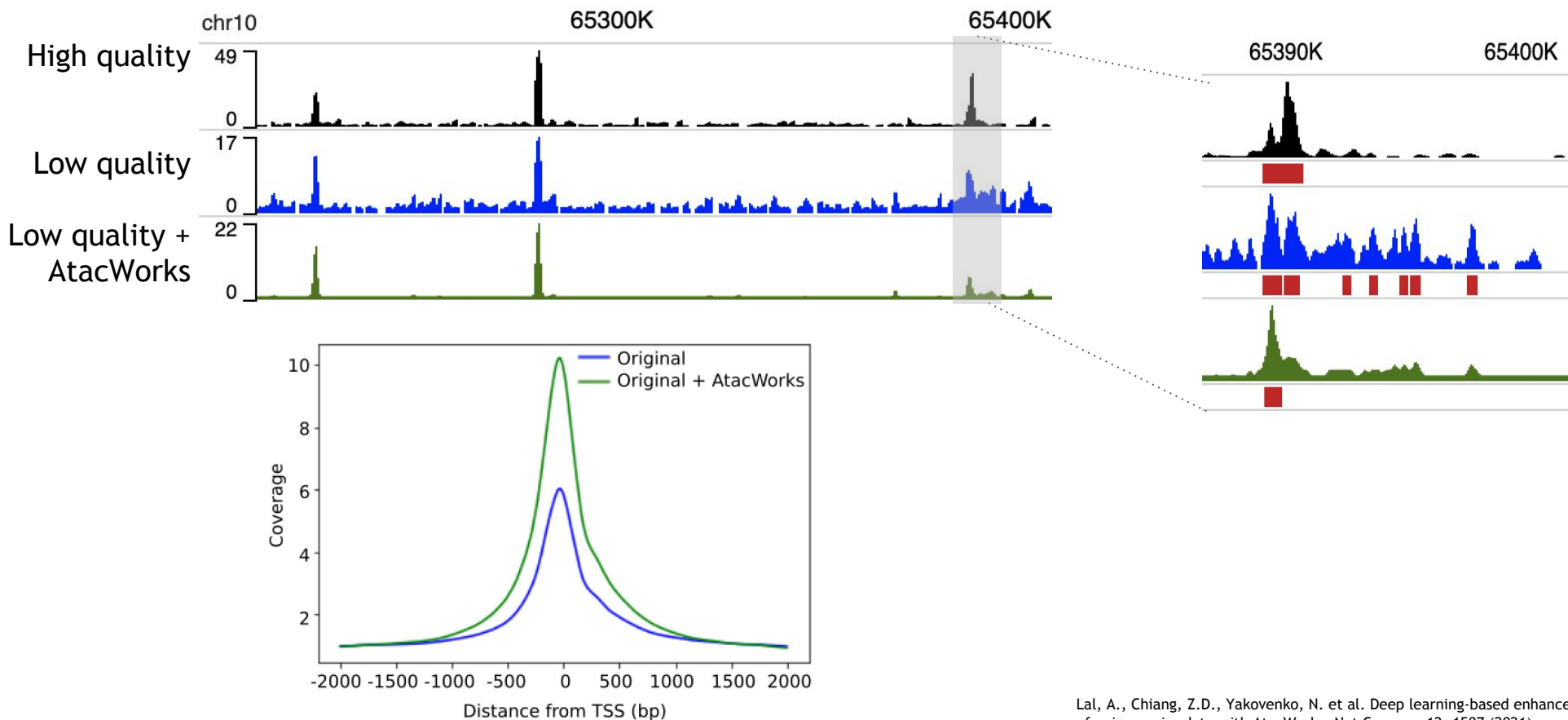
AUPRC (Area under precision-recall curve) of peak calls



AtacWorks returns equivalent results at 2-5x lower sequencing depth.

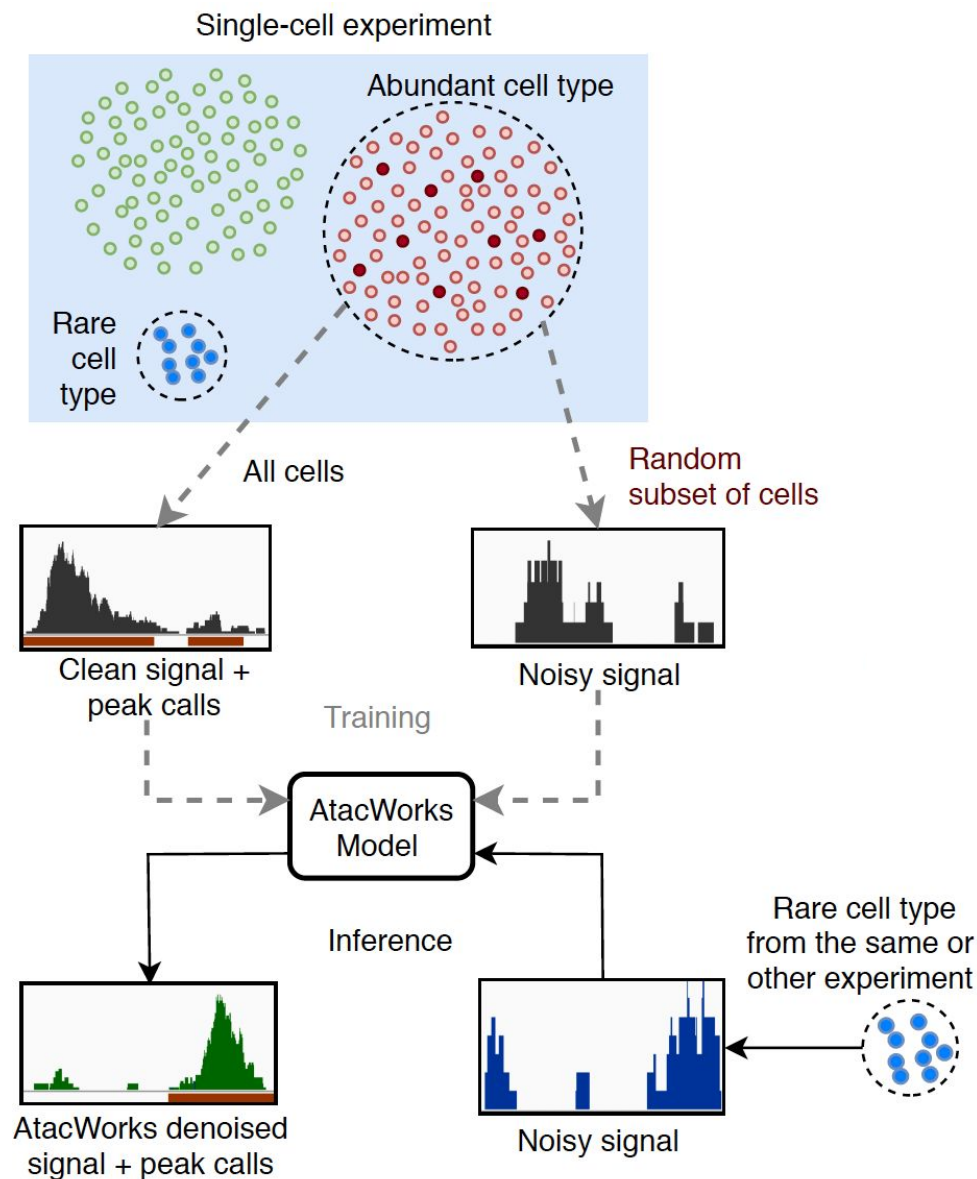
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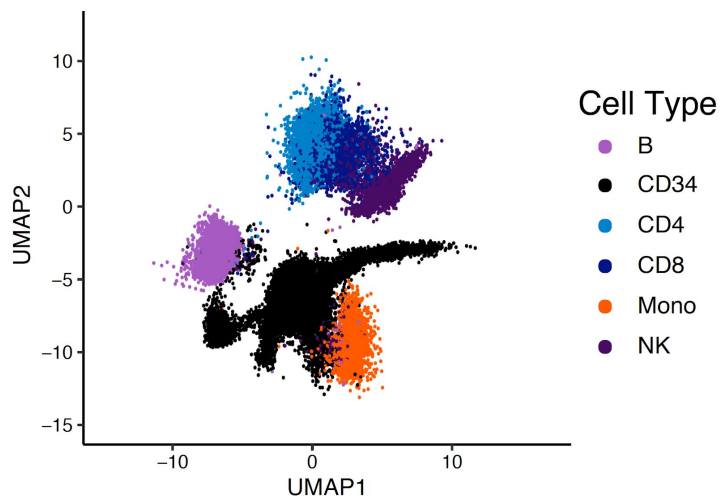


# ATACWORKS FOR SINGLE-CELL ATAC-SEQ

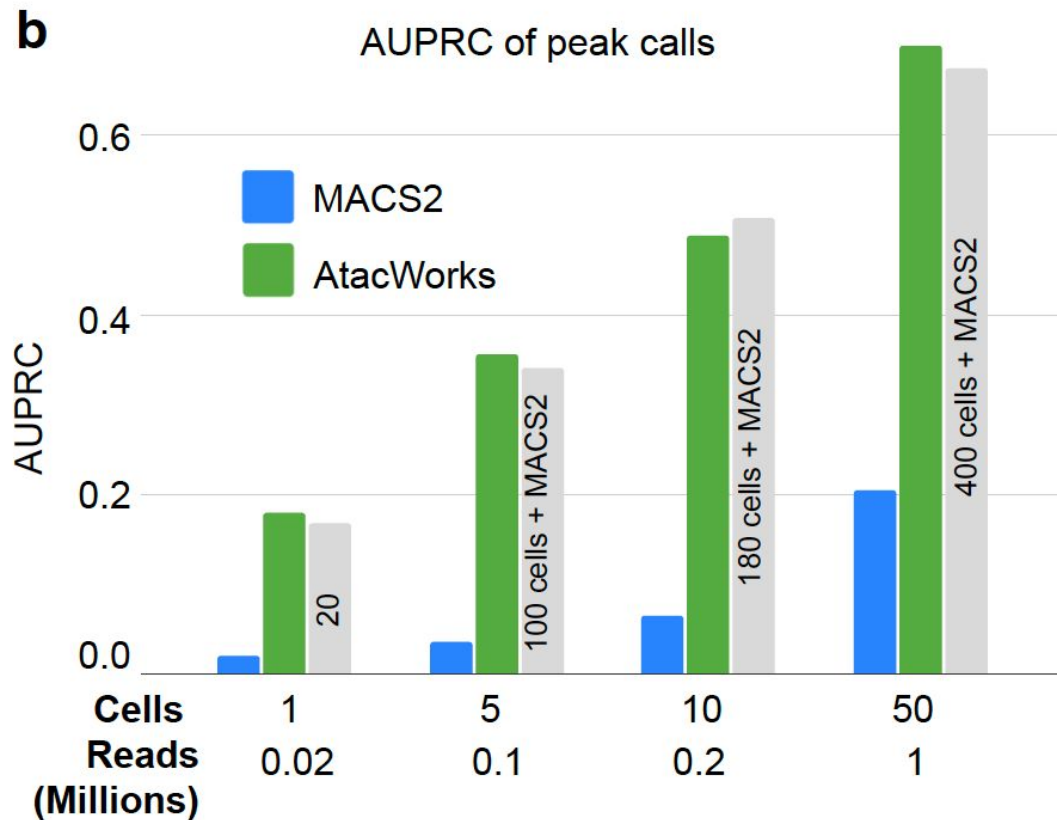
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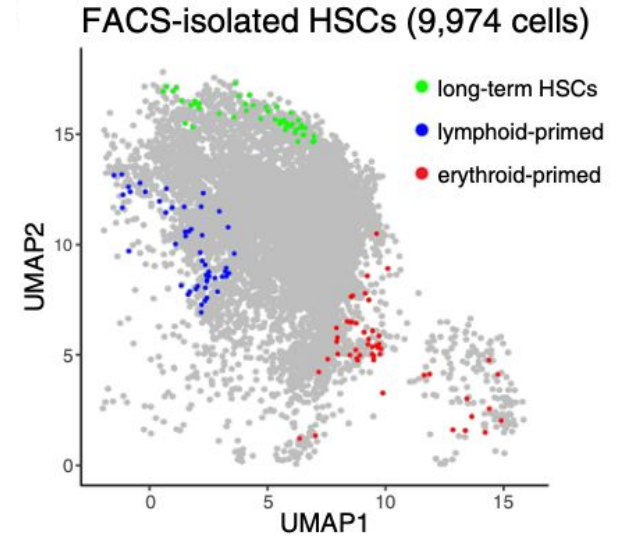
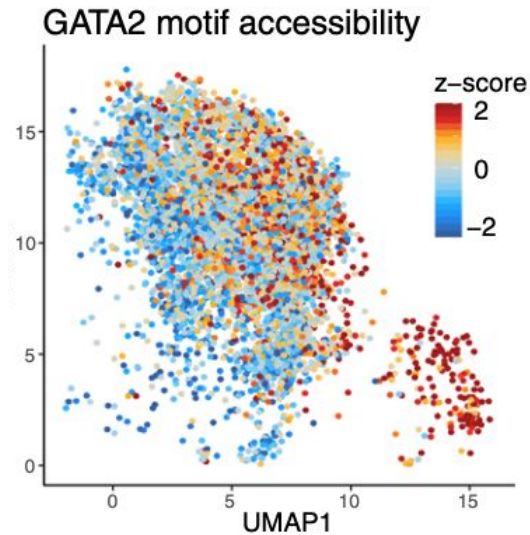
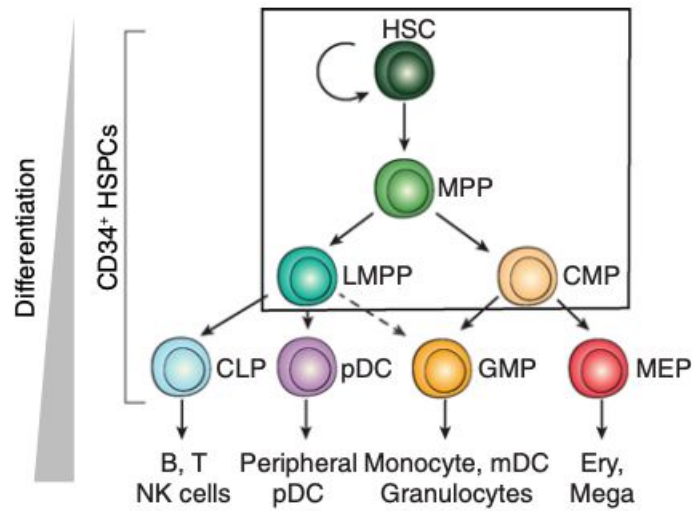
# ATACWORKS ENABLES ANALYSIS OF SMALL NUMBERS OF CELLS



AtacWorks can obtain the same quality from ~10x fewer cells, increasing the resolution of single-cell chromatin accessibility profiling by an order of magnitude.

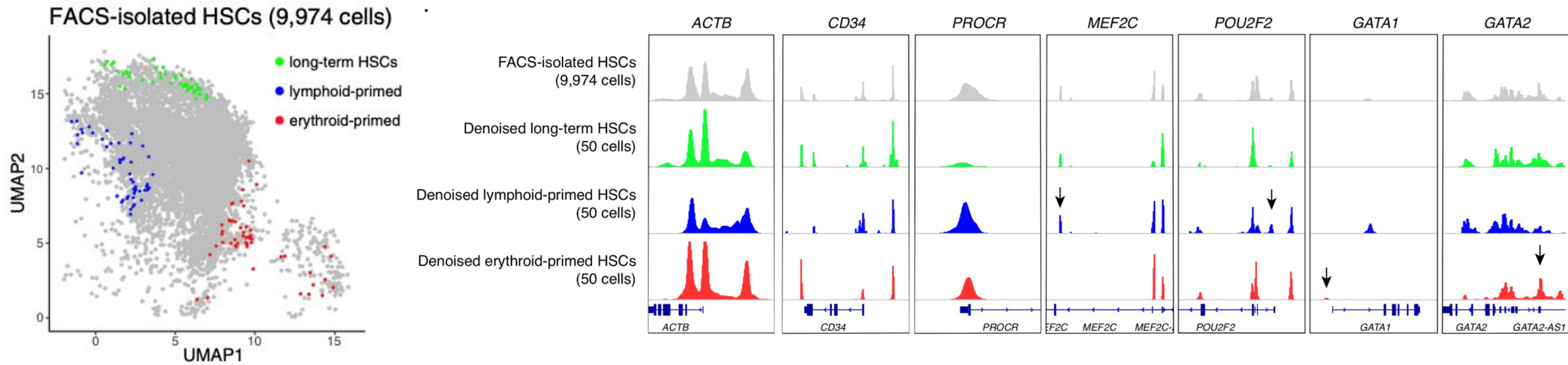


# LINEAGE PRIMING IN HEMATOPOIETIC STEM CELLS





# ATACWORKS IDENTIFIES REGULATORY ELEMENTS THAT CONTROL LINEAGE PRIMING



# INTERACTIVE EXAMPLE

[https://github.com/clara-parabricks/rapids-single-cell-examples/blob/master/notebooks/5k\\_pbmc\\_coverage\\_gpu.ipynb](https://github.com/clara-parabricks/rapids-single-cell-examples/blob/master/notebooks/5k_pbmc_coverage_gpu.ipynb)

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# Deep Learning for Regulatory Genomics

## 1. Biological foundations: Building blocks of Gene Regulation

- Gene regulation: Cell diversity, Epigenomics, Regulators (TFs), Motifs, Disease role
- Probing gene regulation: TFs/histones: ChIP-seq, Accessibility: DNase/ATAC-seq

## 2. Classical methods for Regulatory Genomics and Motif Discovery

- Enrichment-based motif discovery: Expectation Maximization, Gibbs Sampling
- Experimental: PBMs, SELEX. Comparative genomics: Evolutionary conservation.

## 3. Regulatory Genomics CNNs (Convolutional Neural Networks): Foundations

- Key idea: pixels  $\Leftrightarrow$  DNA letters. Patches/filters  $\Leftrightarrow$  Motifs. Higher  $\Leftrightarrow$  combinations
- Learning convolutional filters  $\Leftrightarrow$  Motif discovery. Applying them  $\Leftrightarrow$  Motif matches

## 4. Regulatory Genomics CNNs/RNNs in Practice: Diverse Architectures

- DeepBind: Learn motifs, use in (shallow) fully-connected layer, mutation impact
- DeepSea: Train model directly on mutational impact prediction
- Basset: Multi-task DNase prediction in 164 cell types, reuse/learn motifs
- ChromPuter: Multi-task prediction of different TFs, reuse partner motifs
- DeepLIFT: Model interpretation based on neuron activation properties
- DanQ: Recurrent Neural Network for sequential data analysis

## 5. Guest Lecture: Anshul Kundaje, Stanford, Deep Learning for Reg. Genomics

## 6. Guest Lecture: Avantika Lal, Nvidia, Deep Learning for ATAC/scATAC