

# Deep learning oracles for genomic discovery

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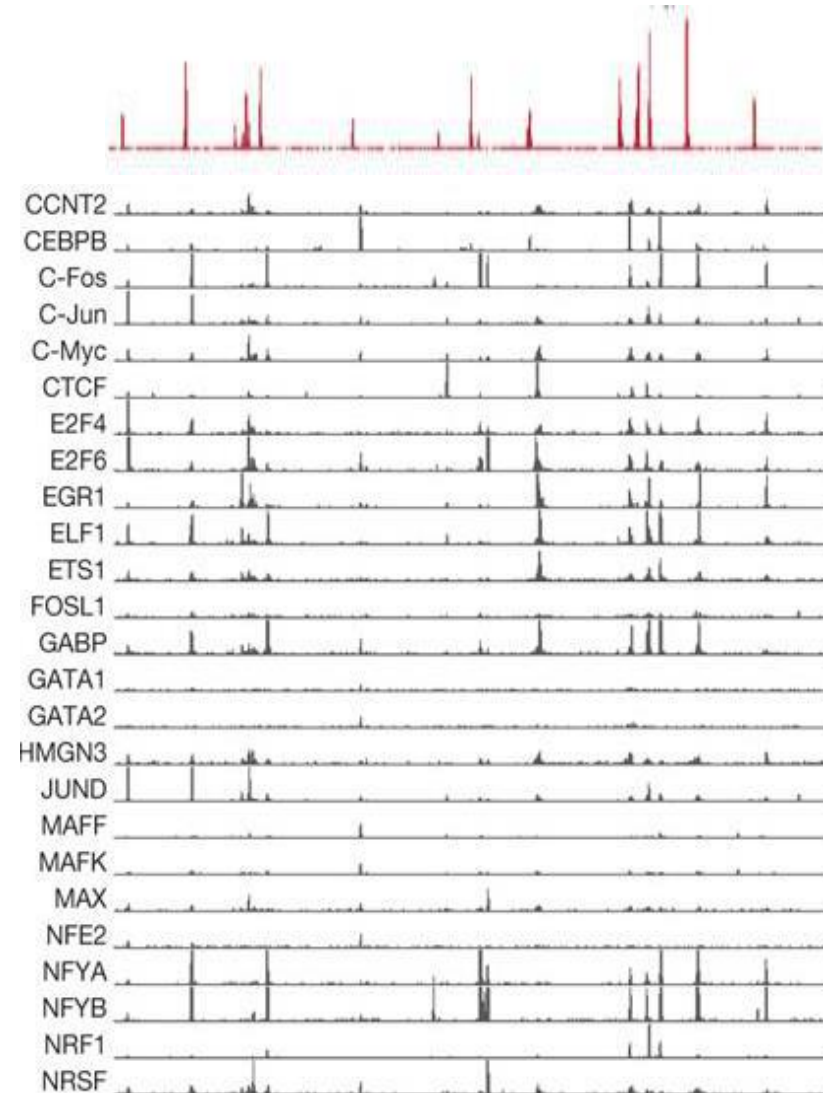
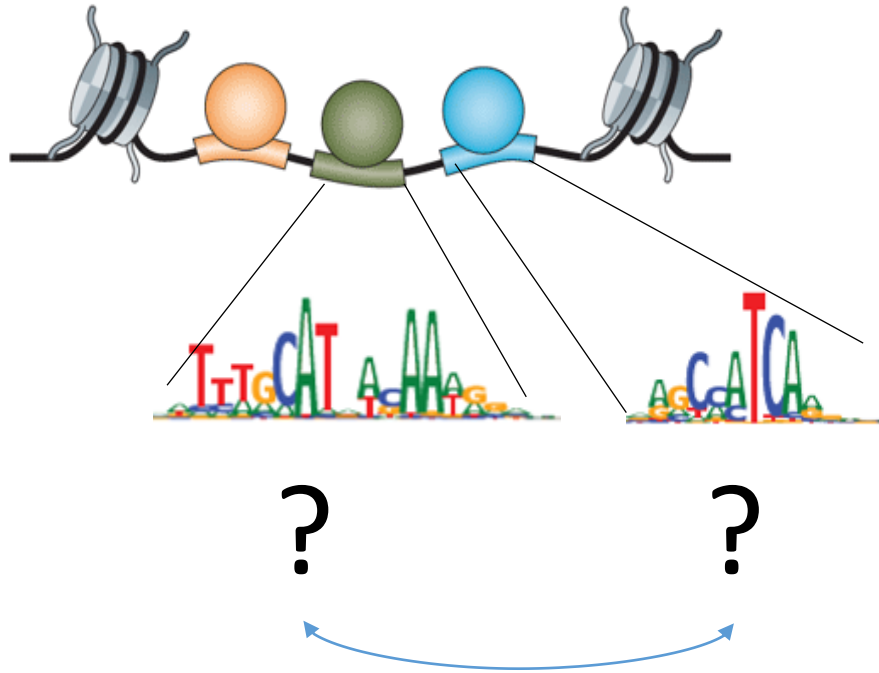
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# Deciphering functional DNA words and their syntax in regulatory DNA

Syntax: Rules of arrangement, preferred spacing, orientation, interactions between works

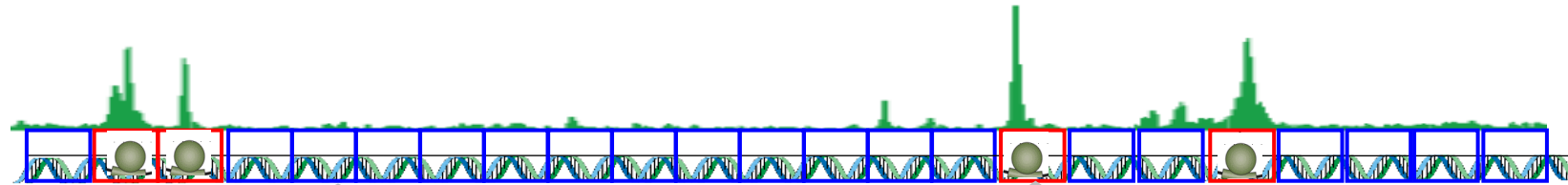


chromatin accessibility  
(ATAC-seq / DNase-seq)

Protein-DNA binding  
maps  
(ChIP-seq, ChIP-exo)

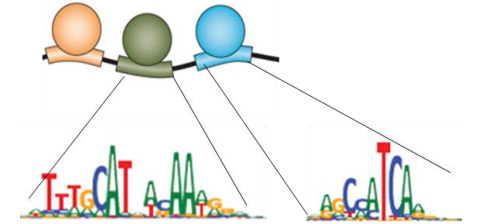
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Genome-wide protein-DNA binding map



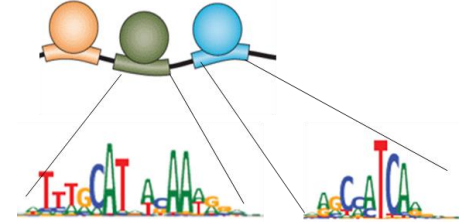
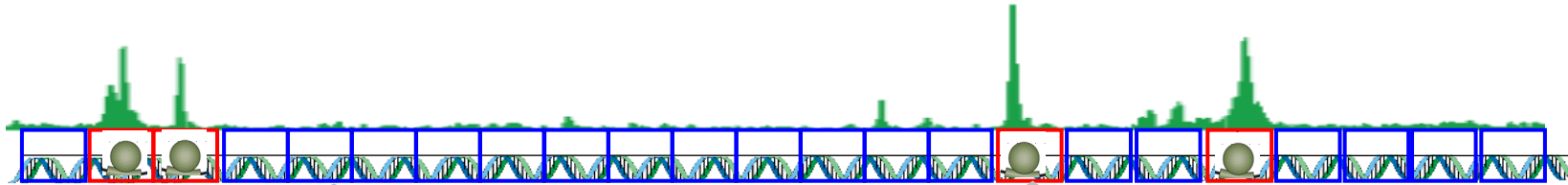
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DNA sequences ( $S_i$ )

...CAACCTTGAACGGCATTG...

...GACTTGAAACGGCATTG...

...CAGTATGCATACGTGAA...

Classification  
or Regression  
model  
 $F(S_i)$

Arvey et al. 2012  
Ghandi et al. 2014  
Setty et al. 2015  
Alipanahi et al. 2015  
Zhou et al. 2015  
Kelly et al. 2016, 2018  
Avsec et al. 2021

Class = +1 (20.2)

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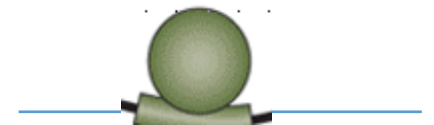
Class = +1 (15.8)

Measured  
Labels ( $Y_i$ )

Class = 0 (0.3)

Class = 0 (1.2)

Class = 0 (3.5)

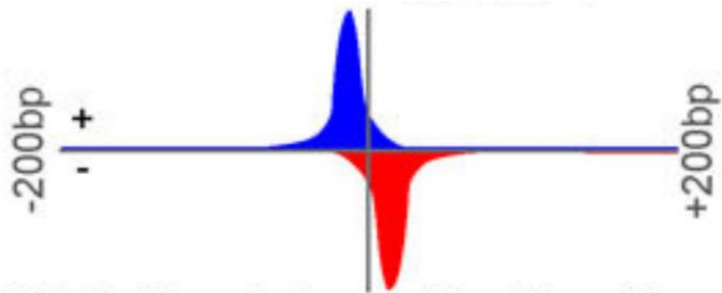
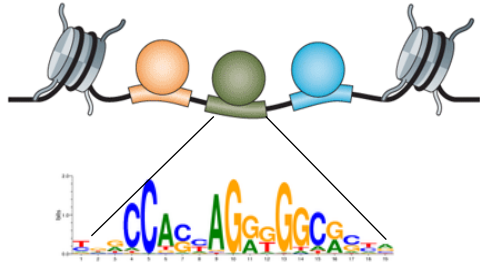


Bound



Unbound

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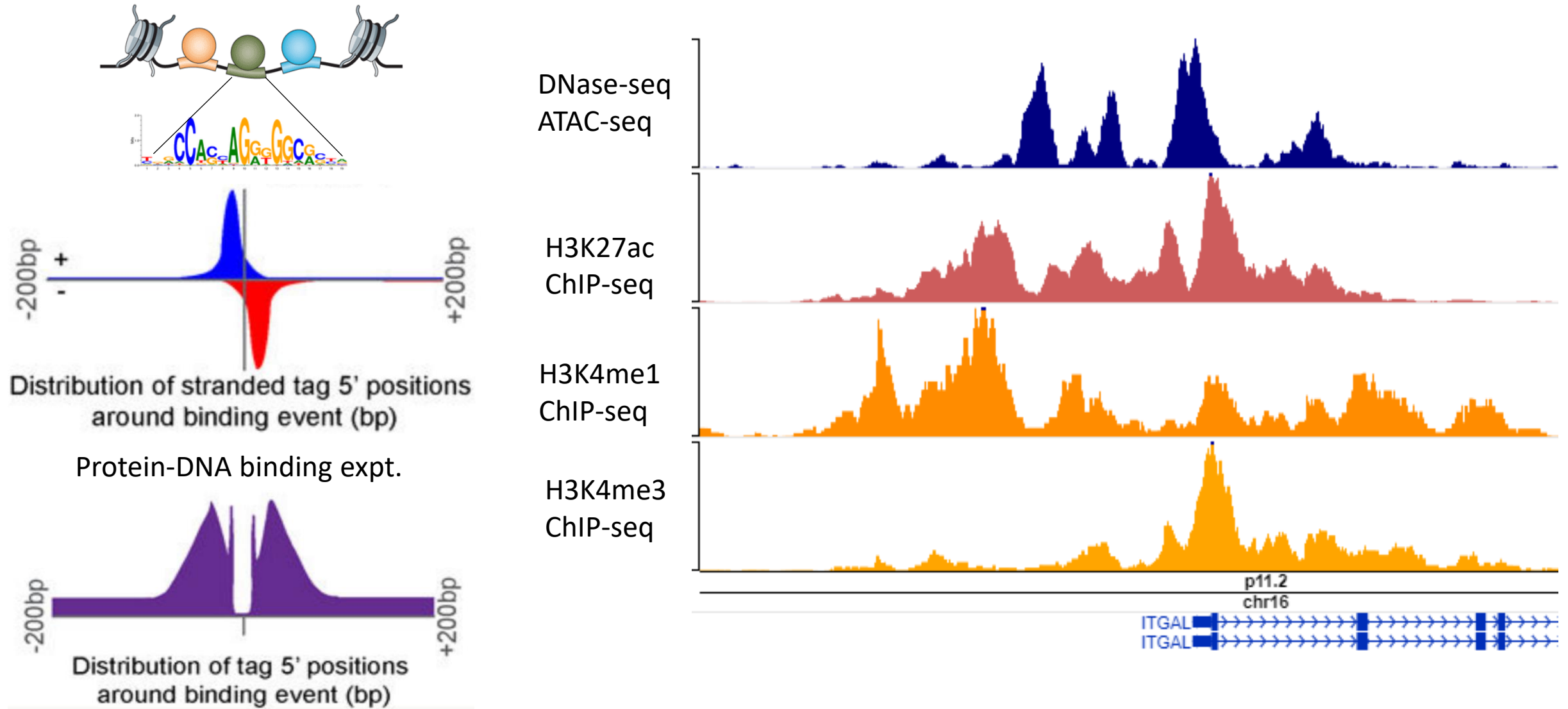
Protein-DNA binding expt.



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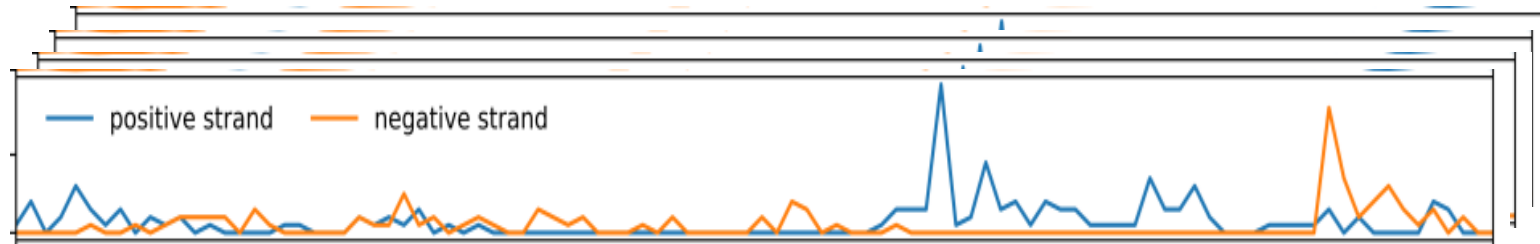
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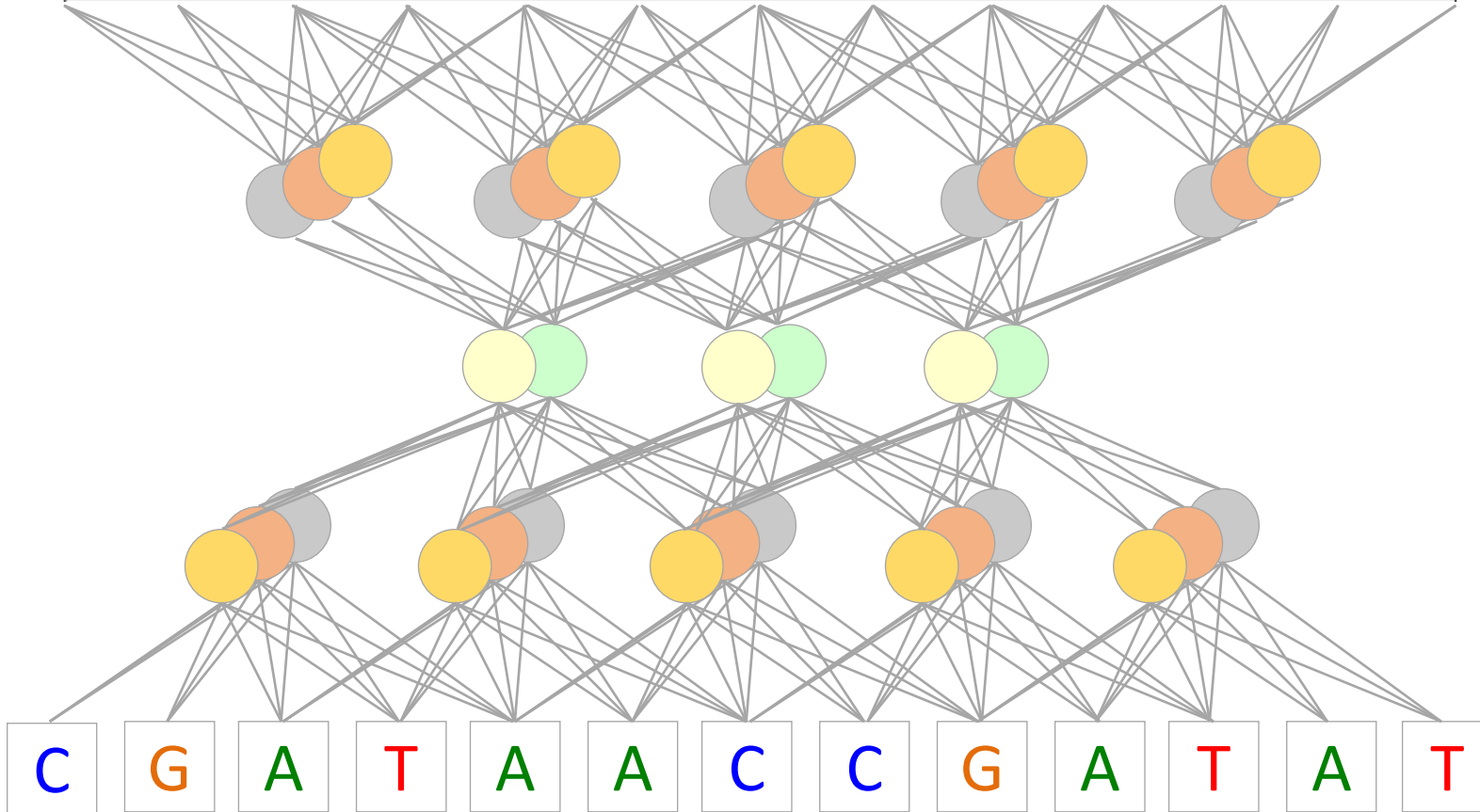
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Total reads + base-resolution probability profile (1 kb)



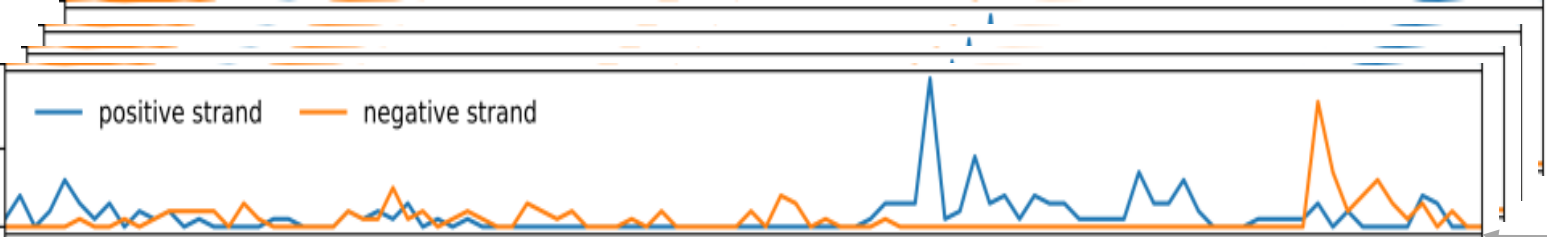
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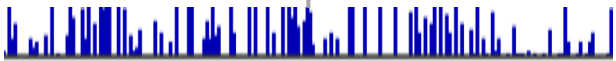
Sequence windows (2 kb)

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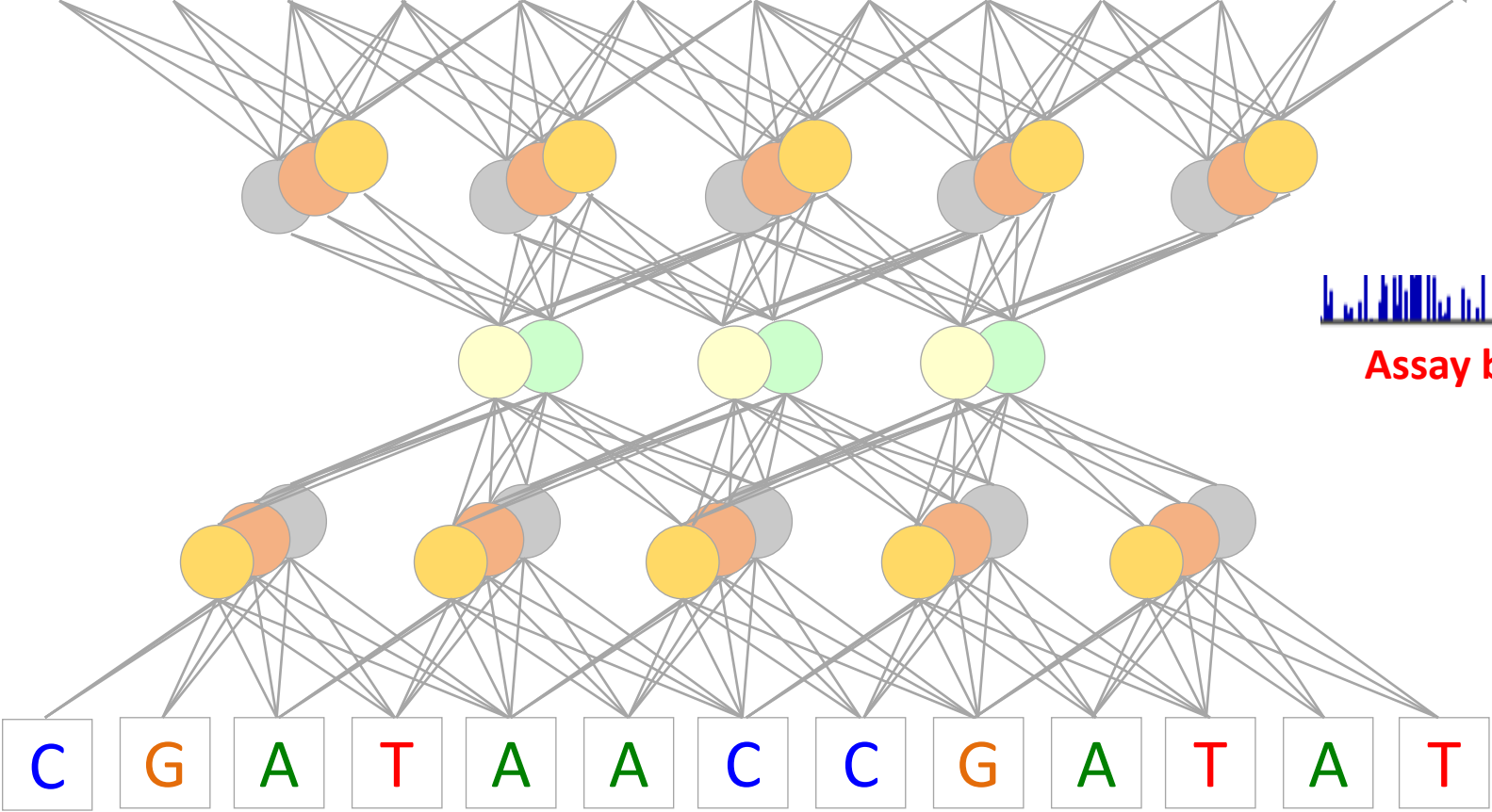
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Assay bias/control track

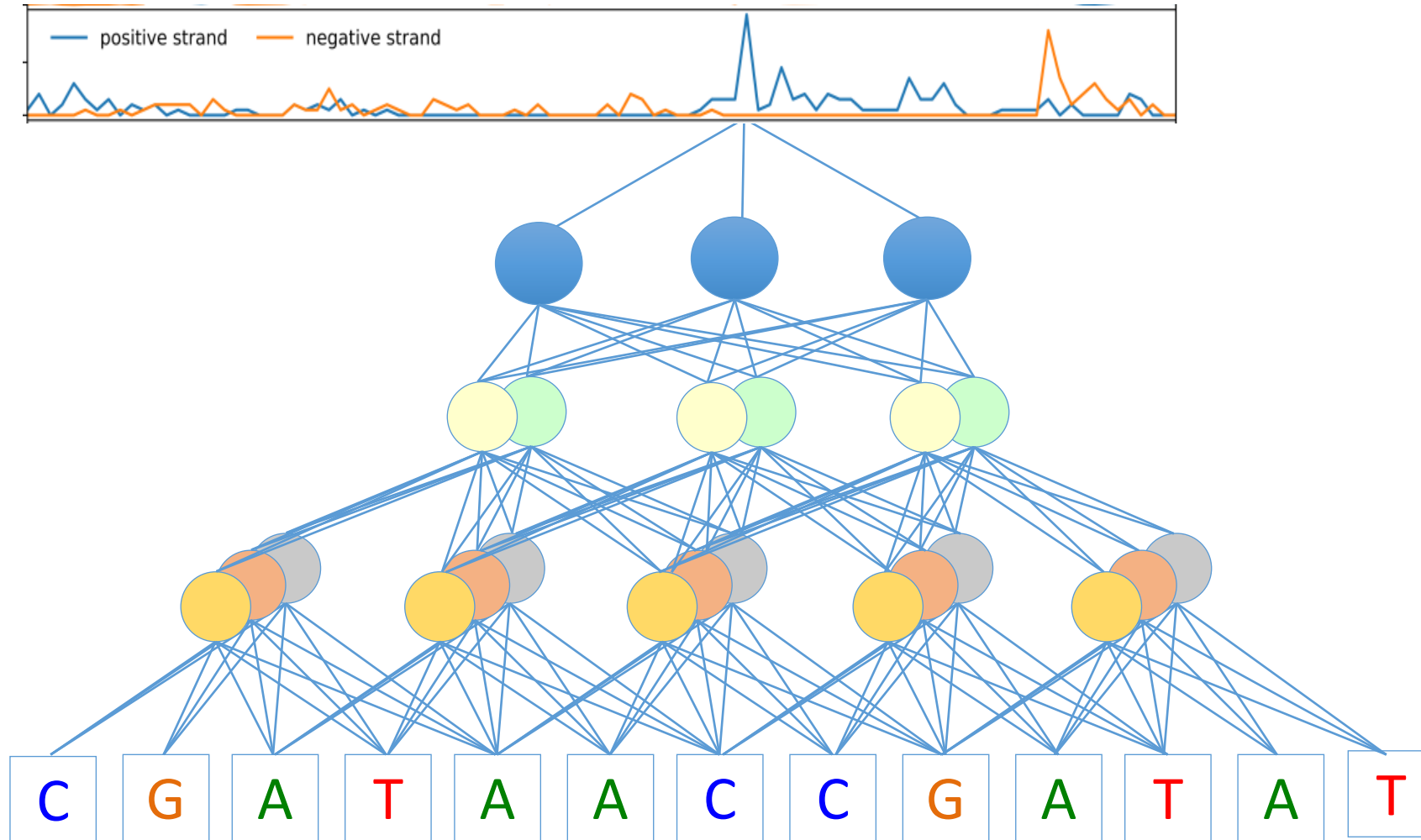


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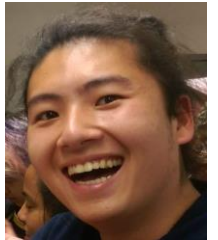




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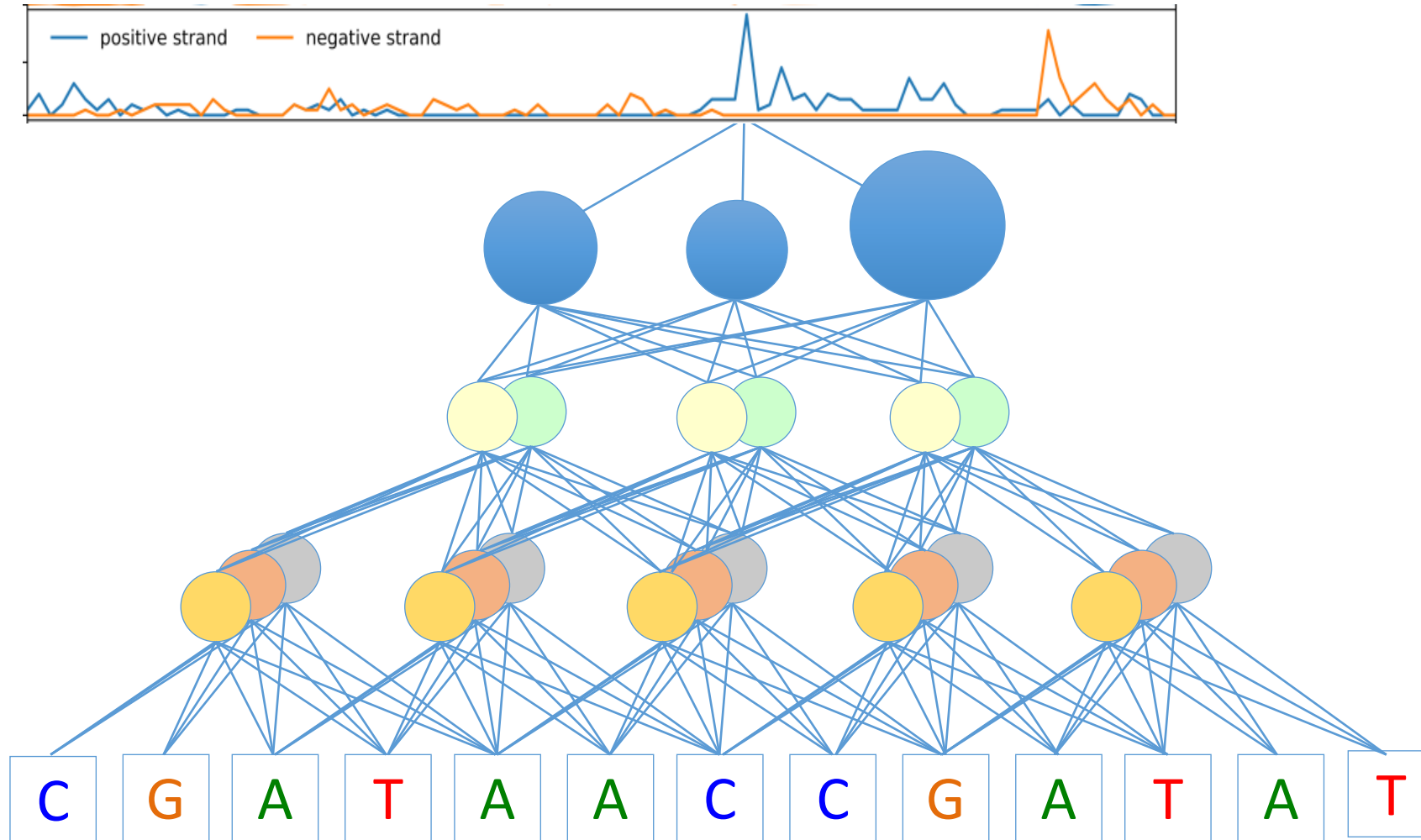
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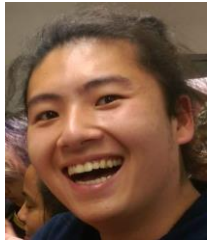
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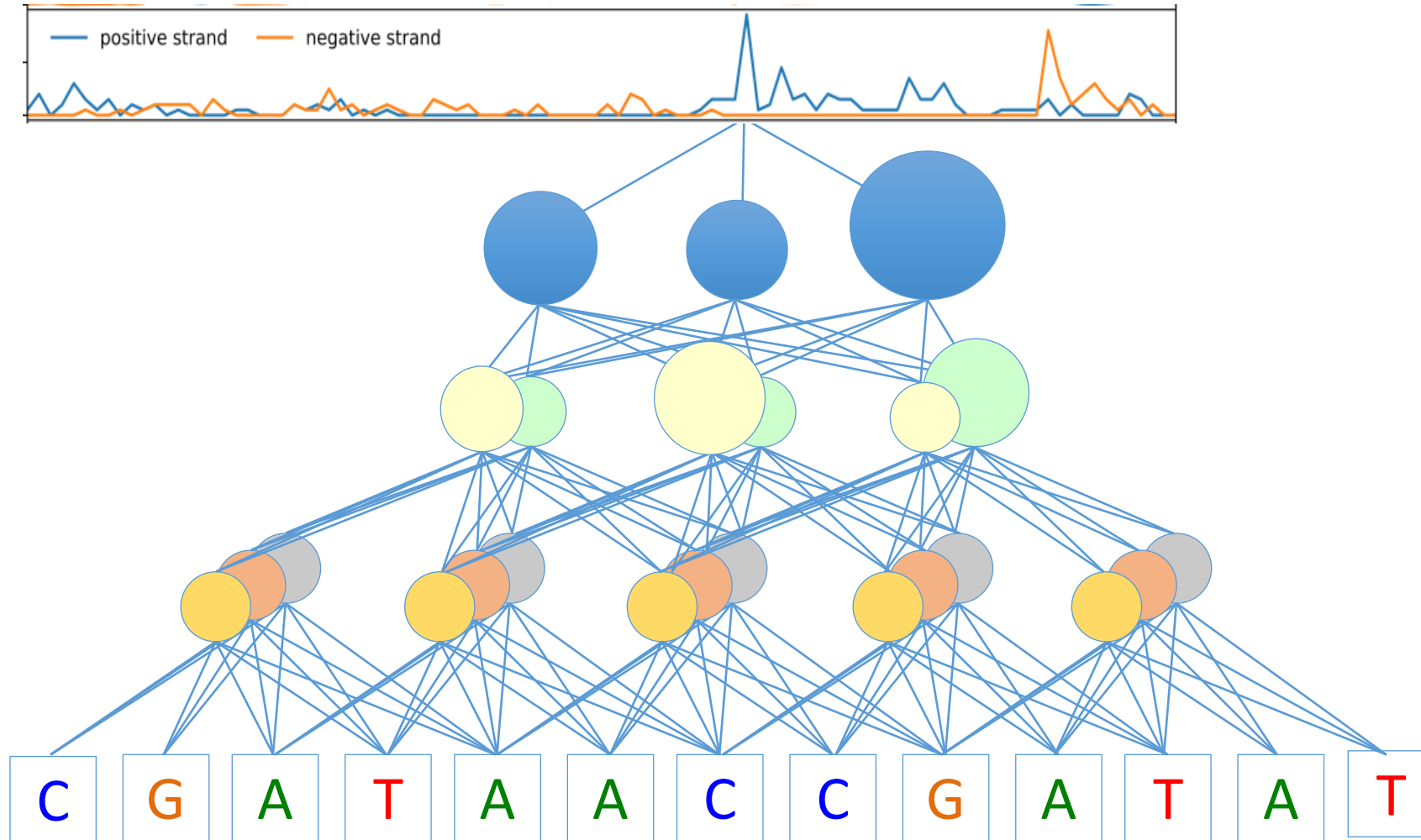
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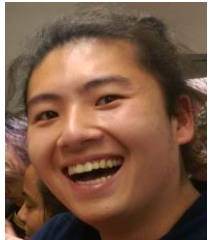
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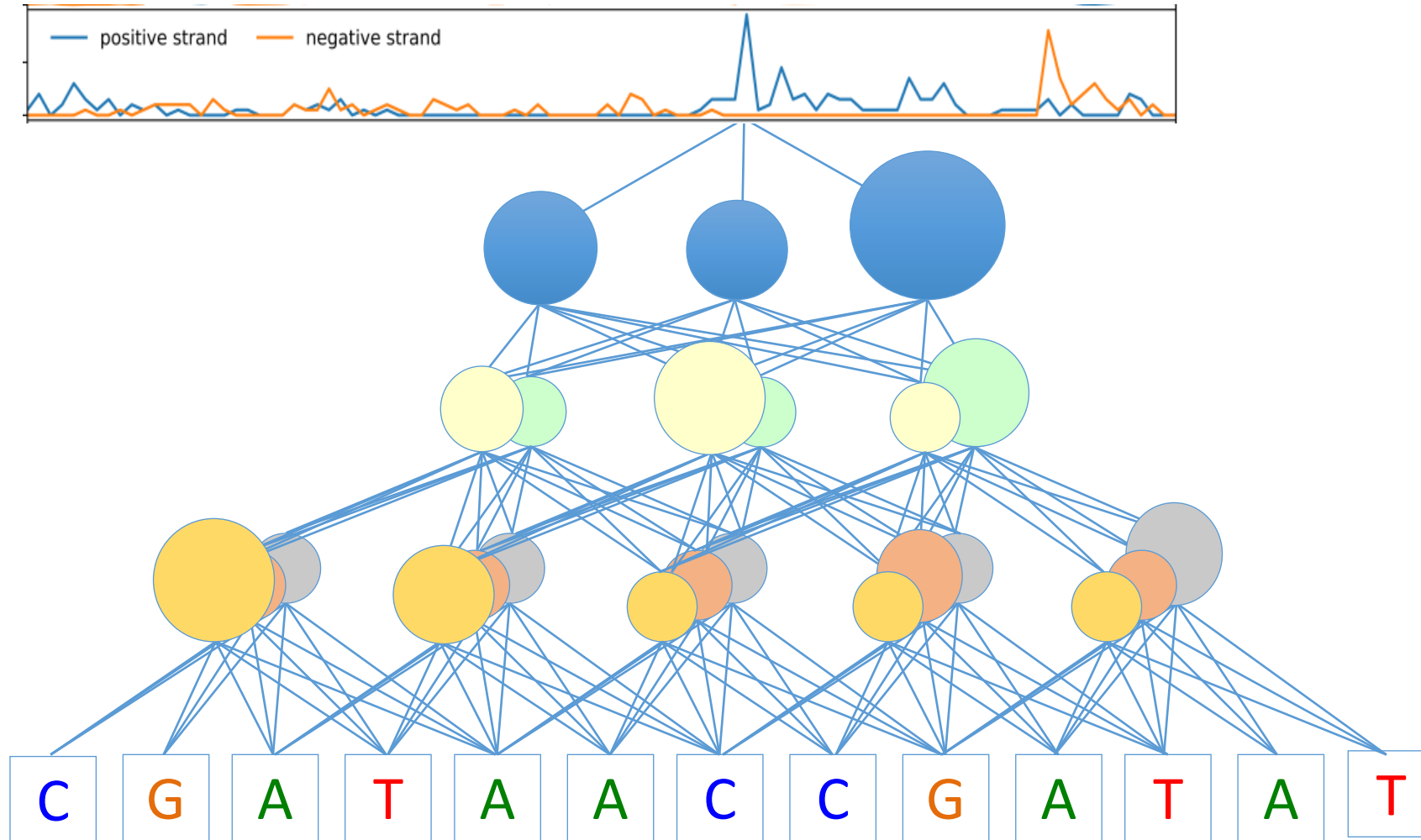
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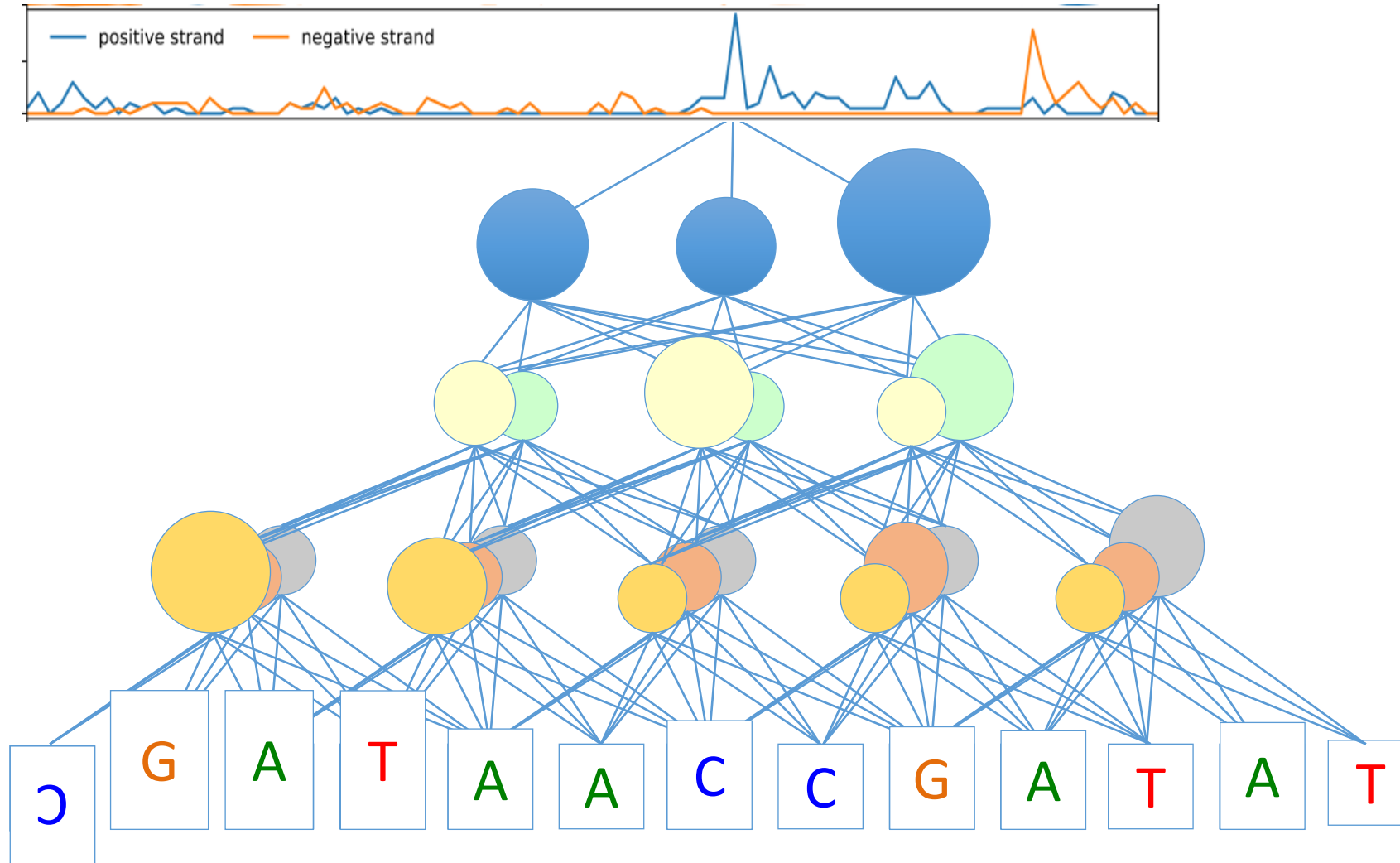
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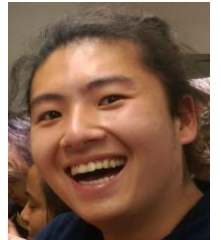
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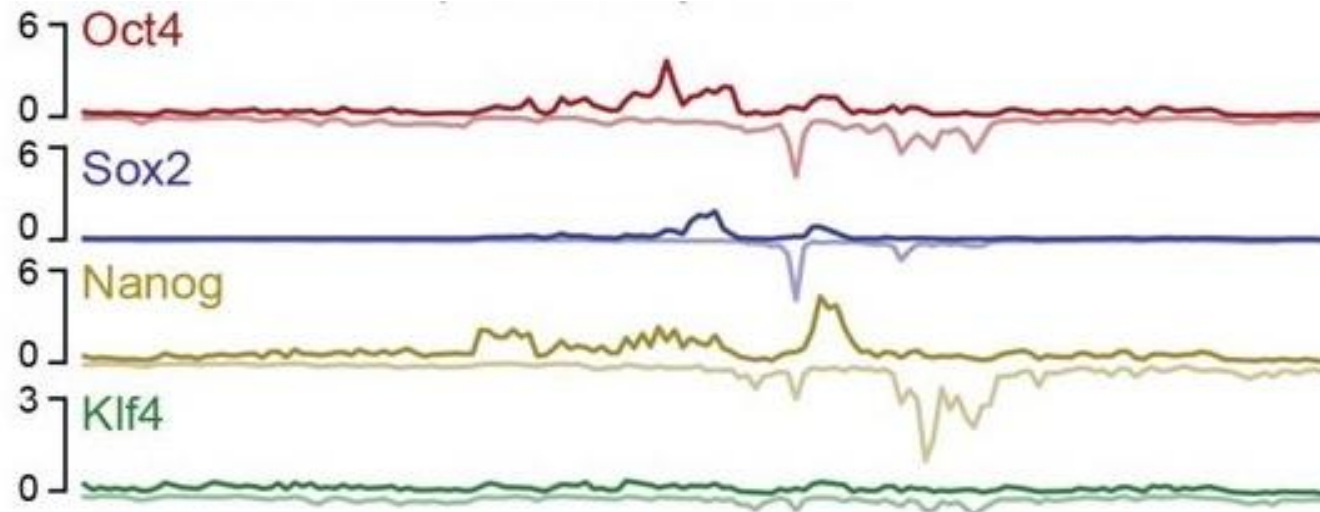
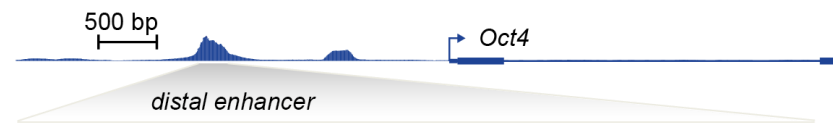
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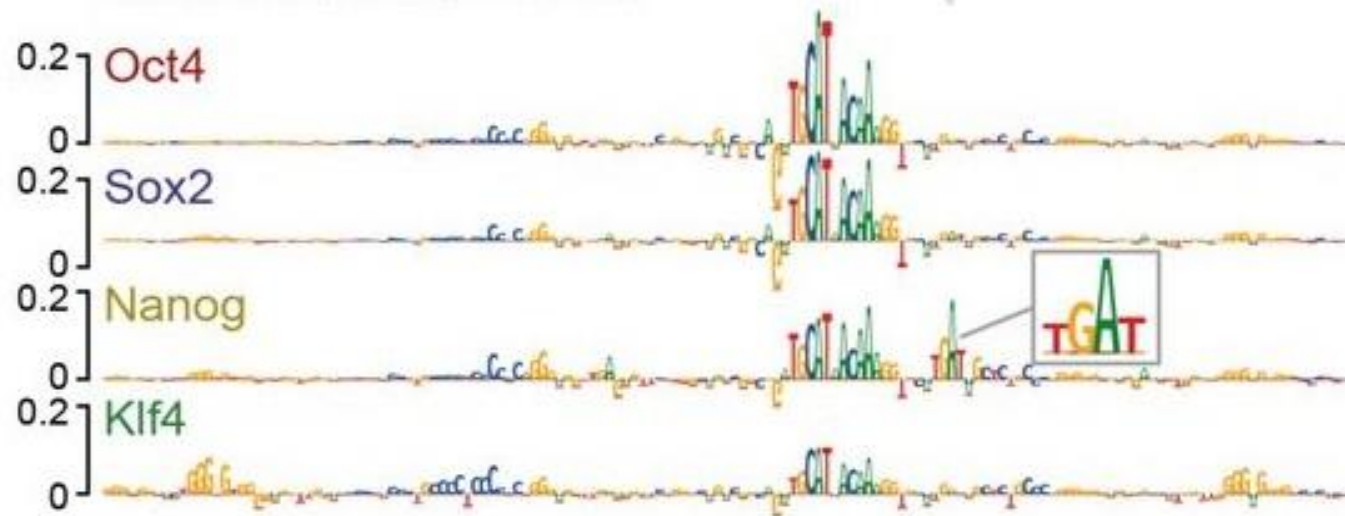
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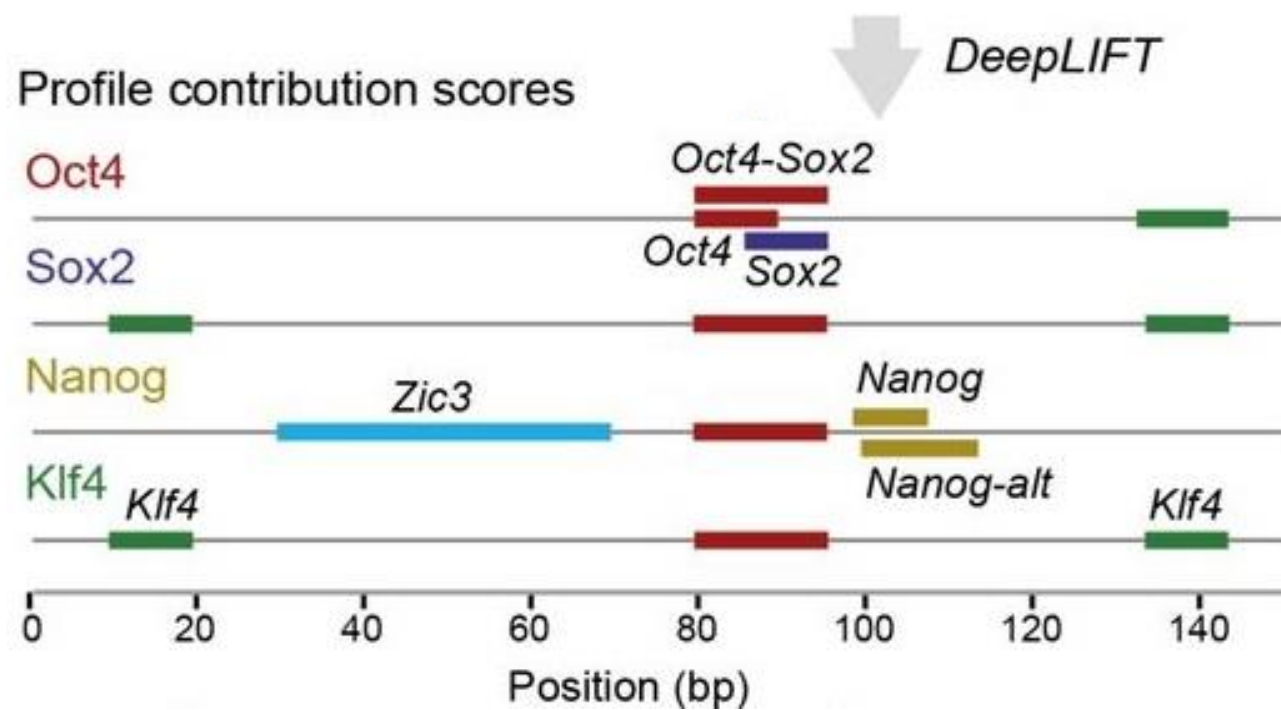
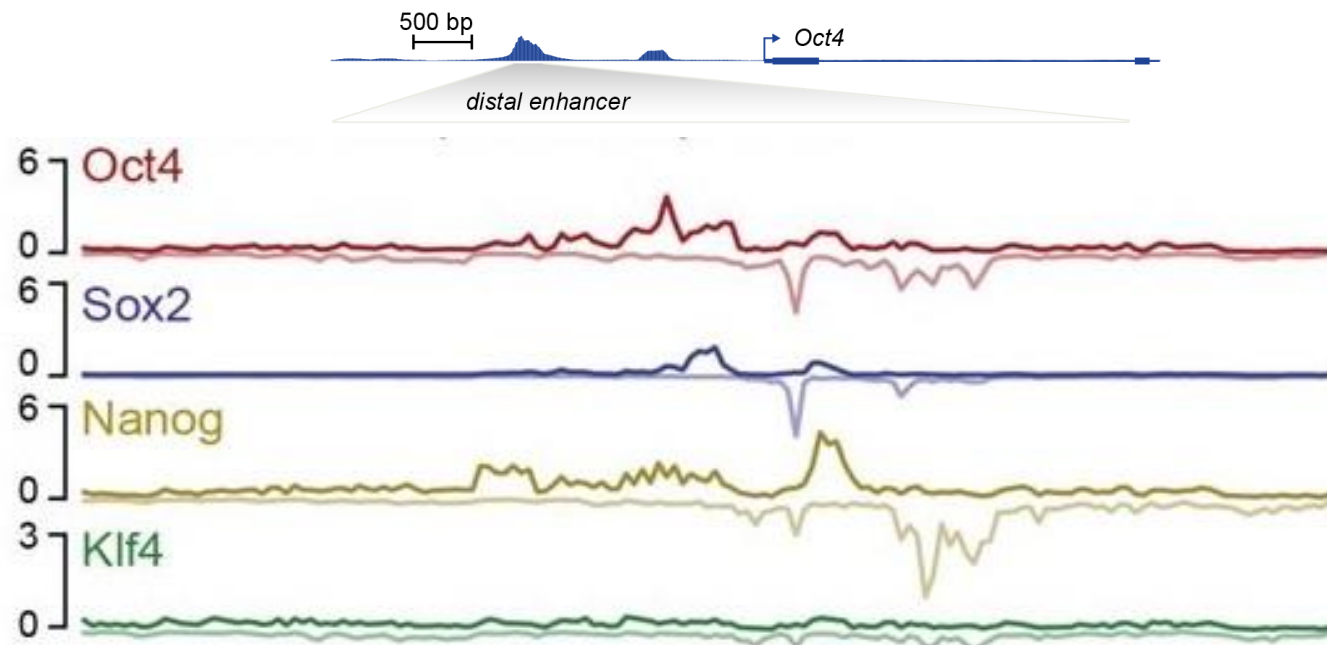


DeepLIFT

Profile contribution scores

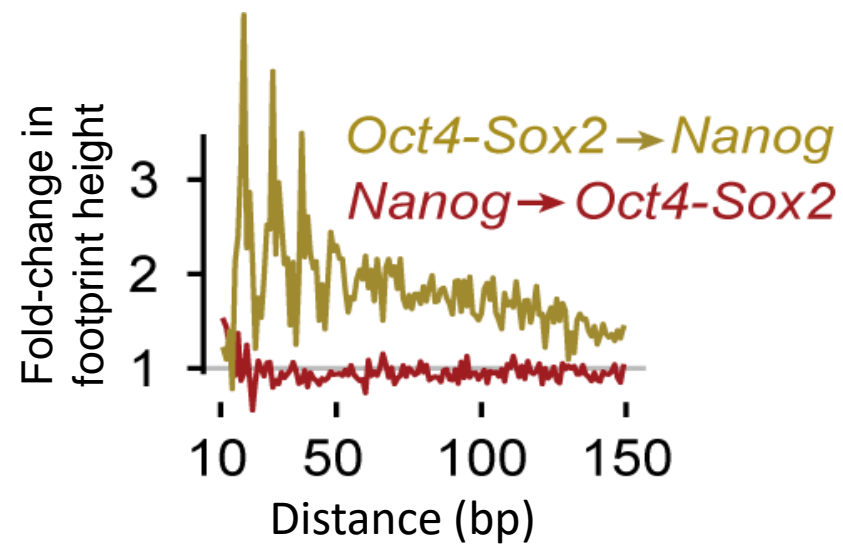
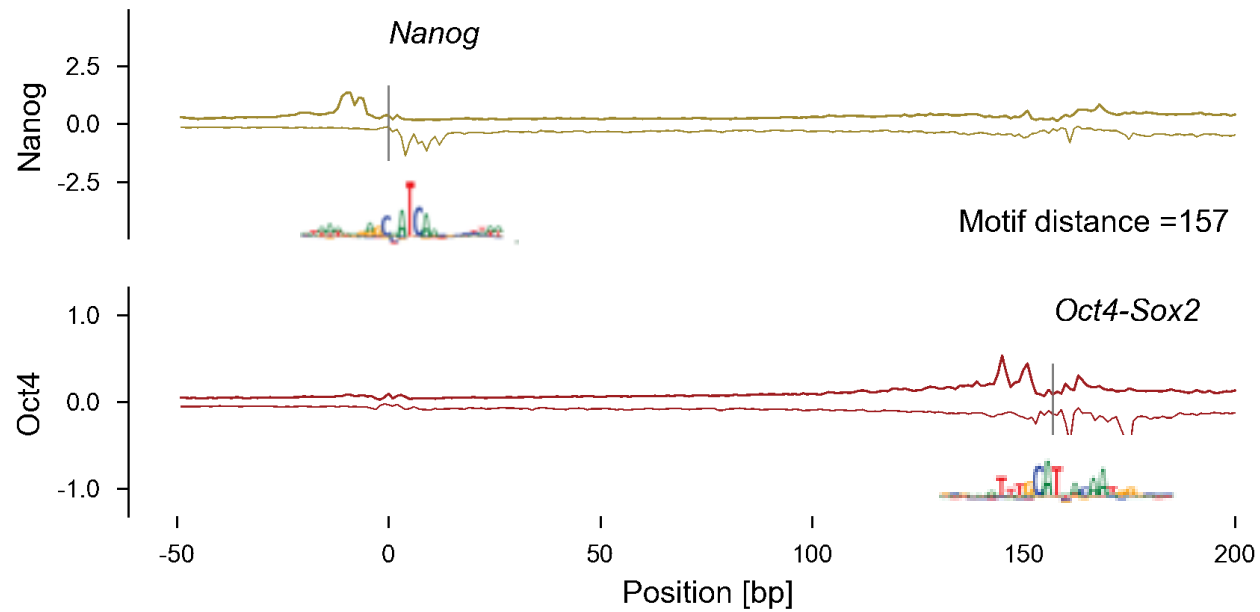


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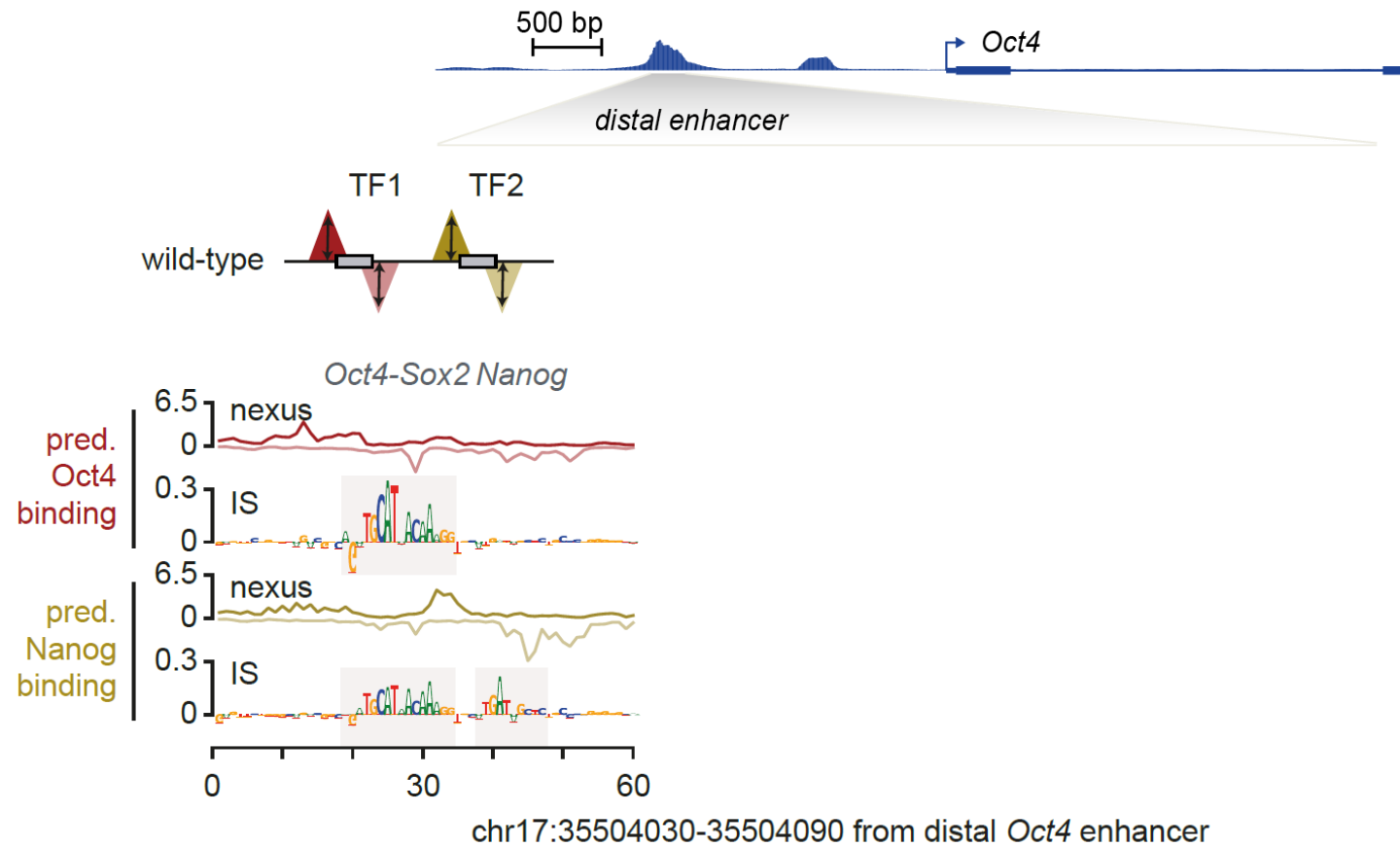




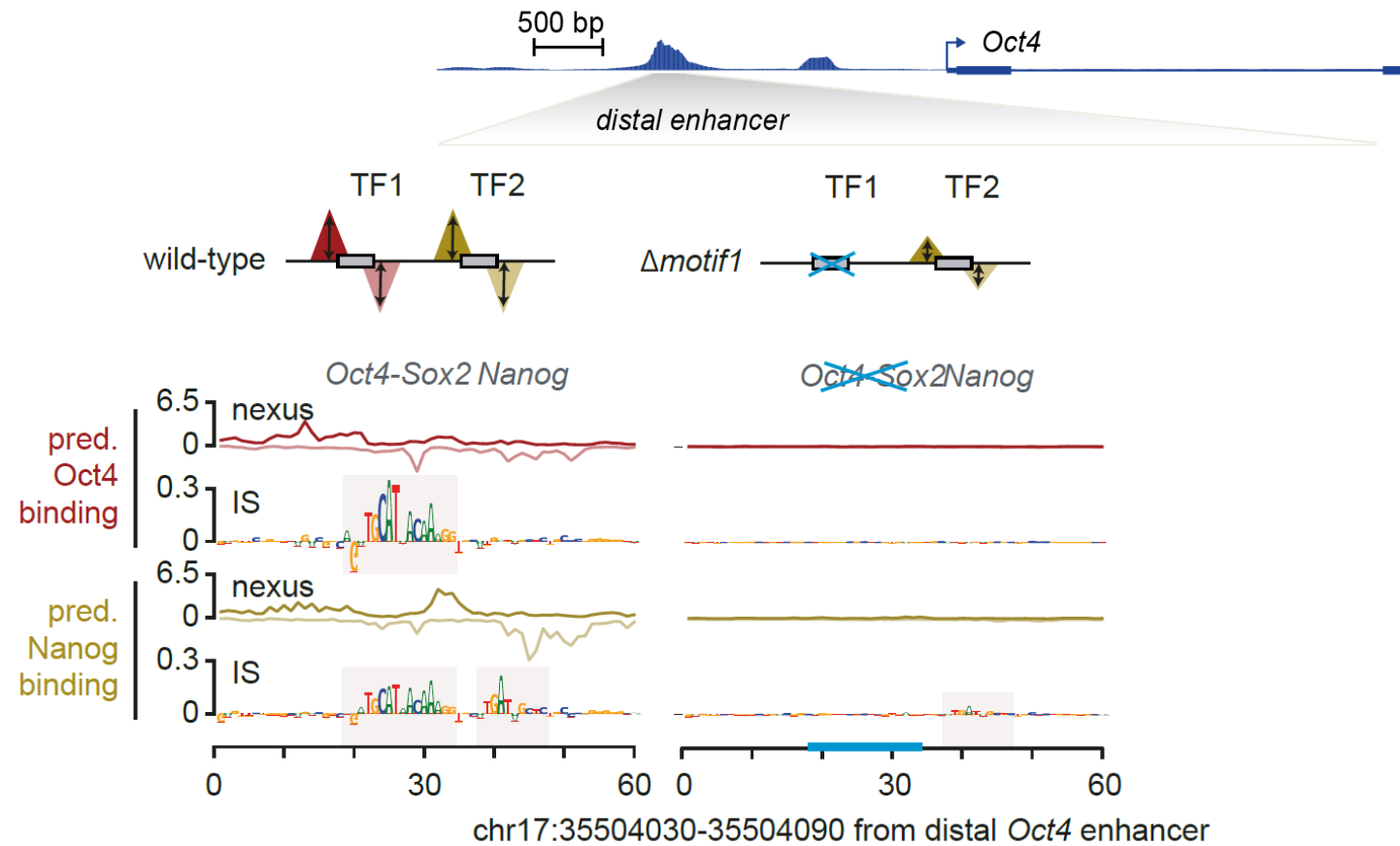
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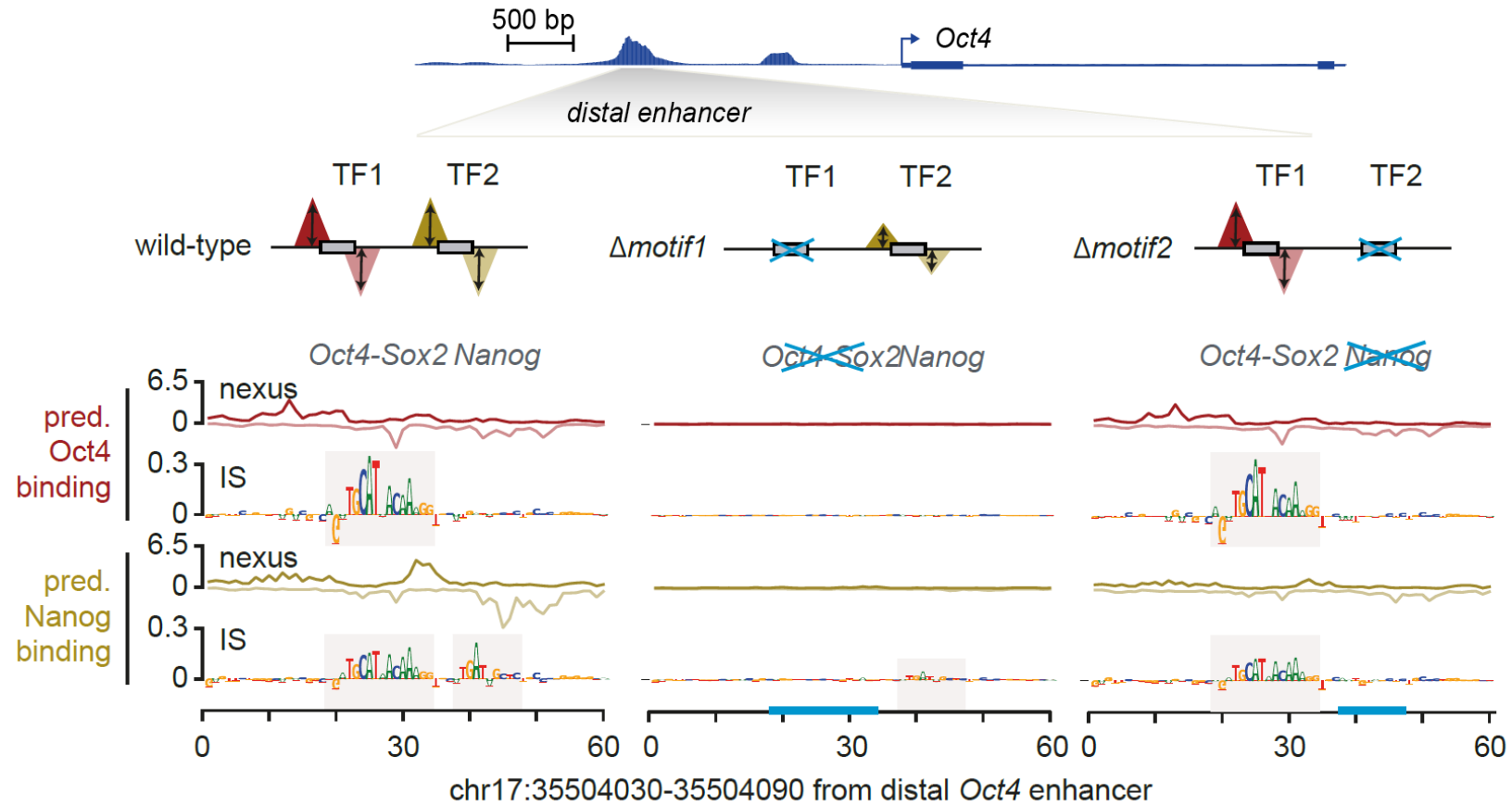
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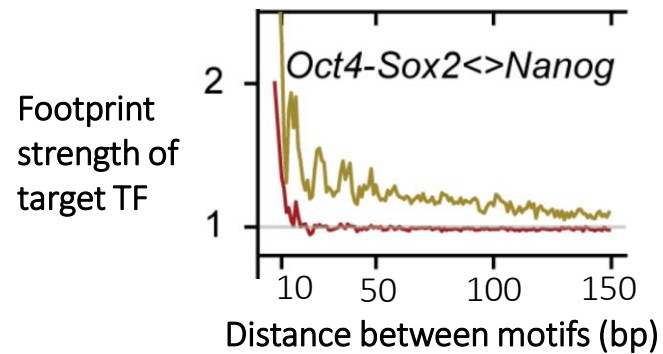
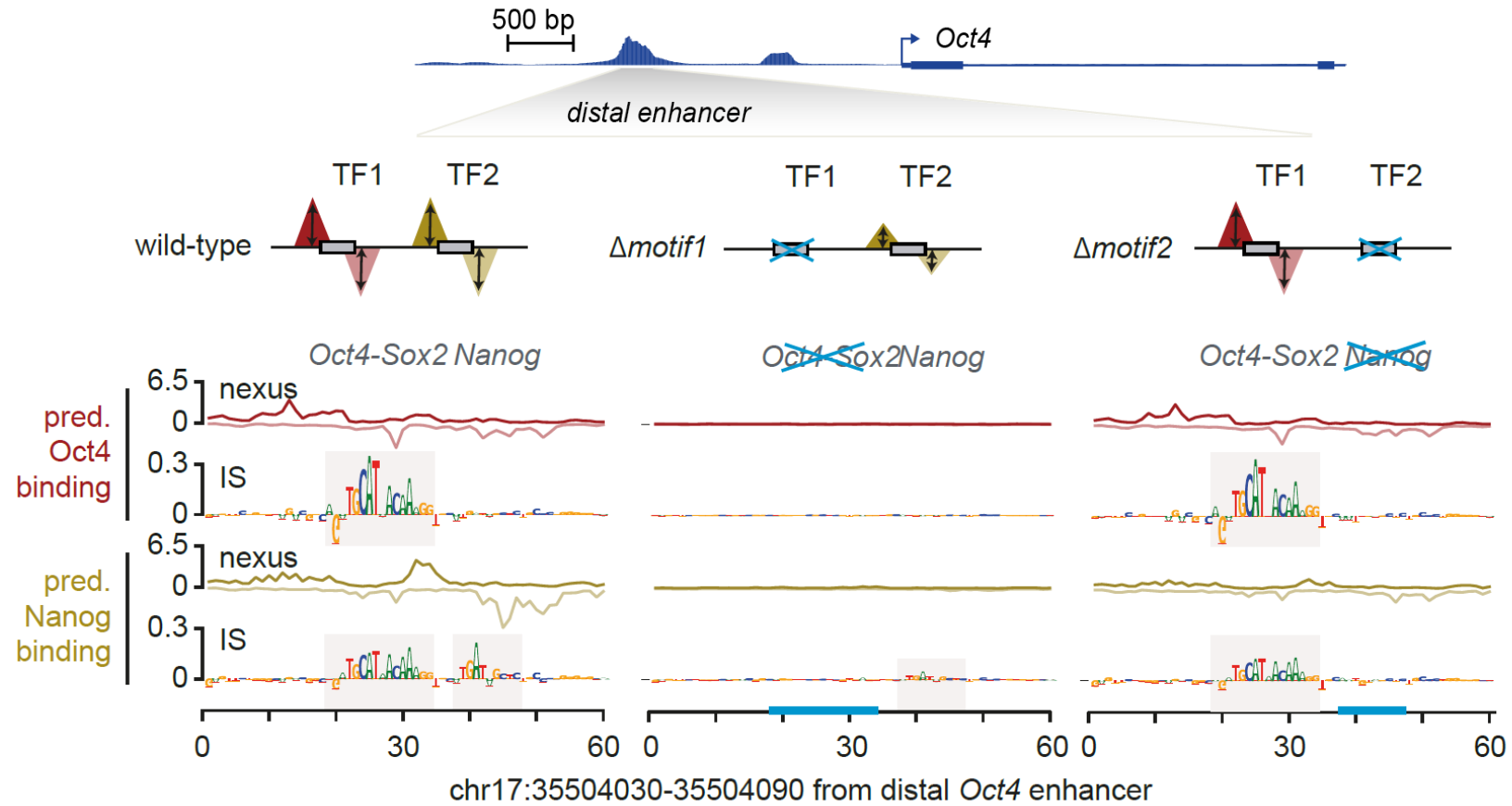
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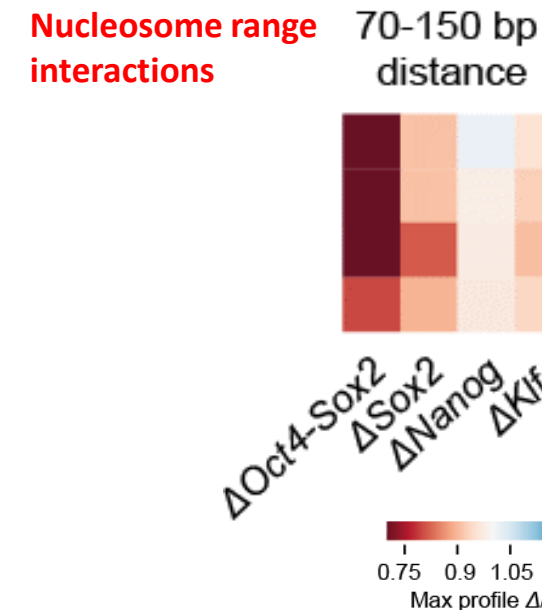
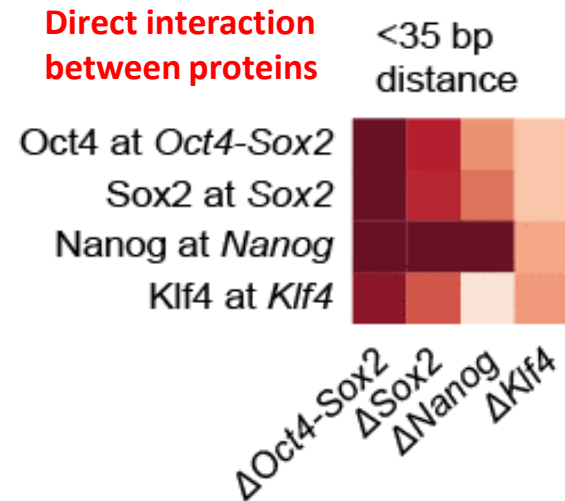
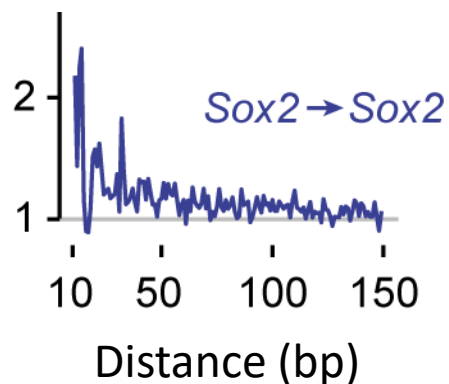
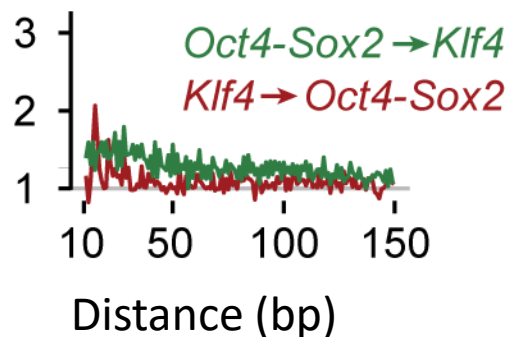
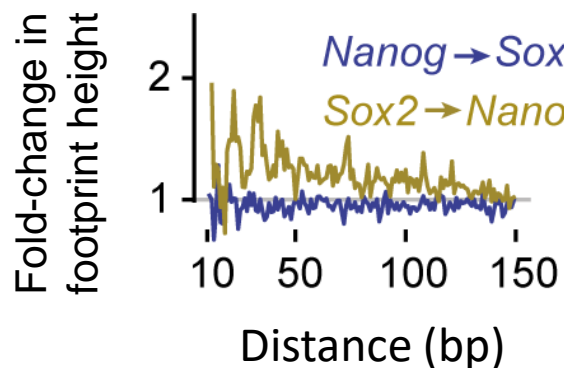
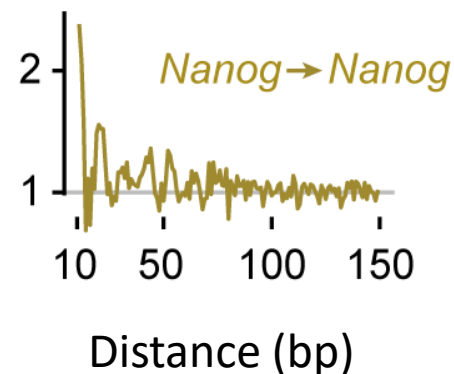
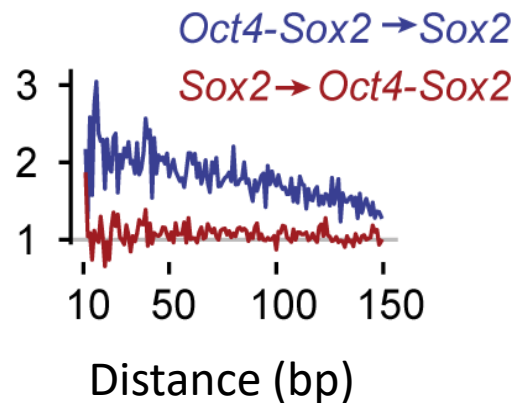
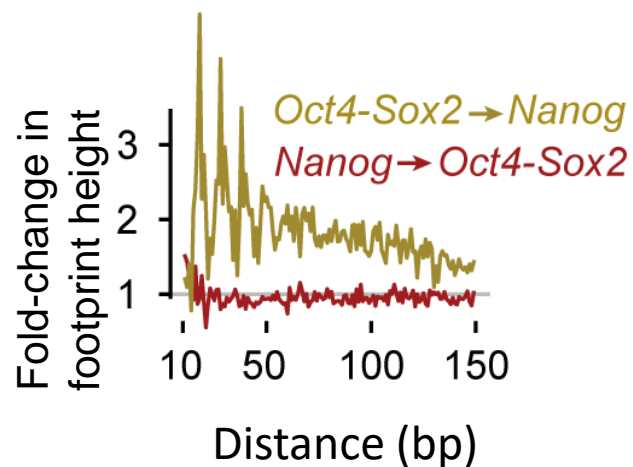
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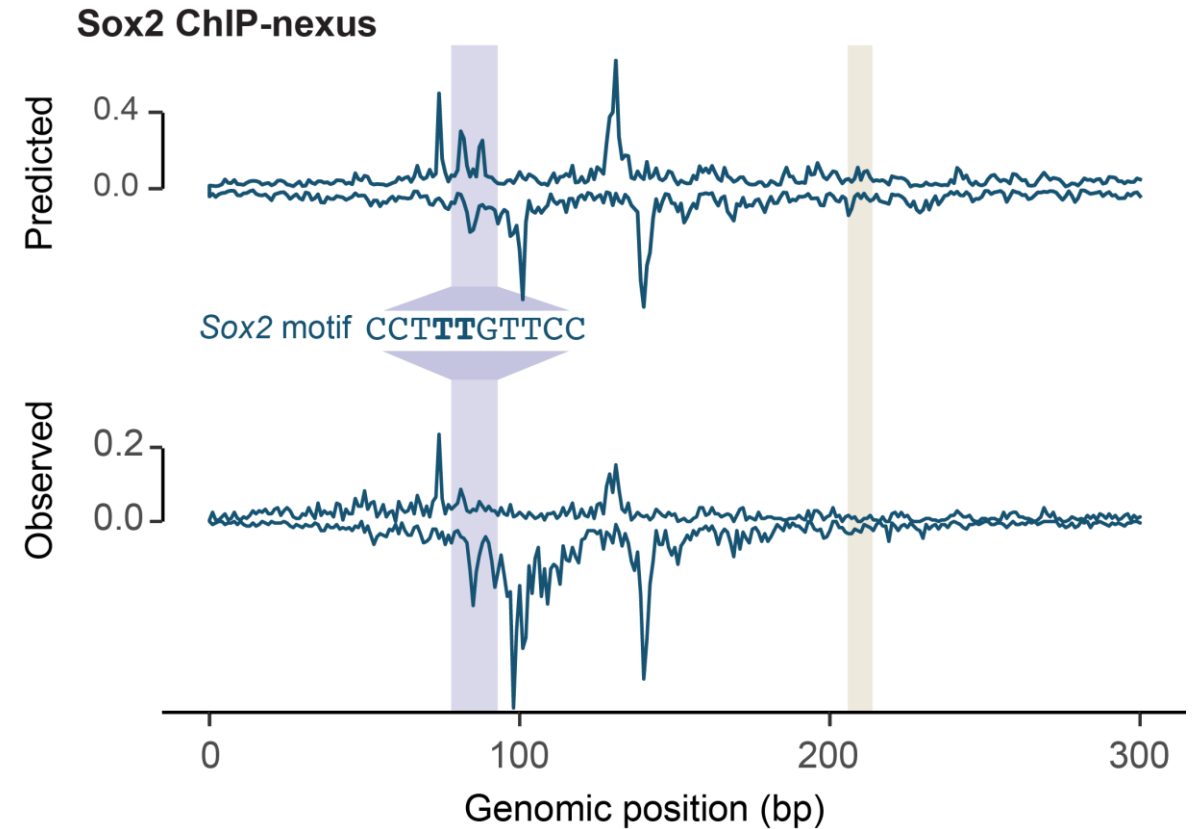


# Distance dependent motif syntax rules of asymmetric directional cooperativity



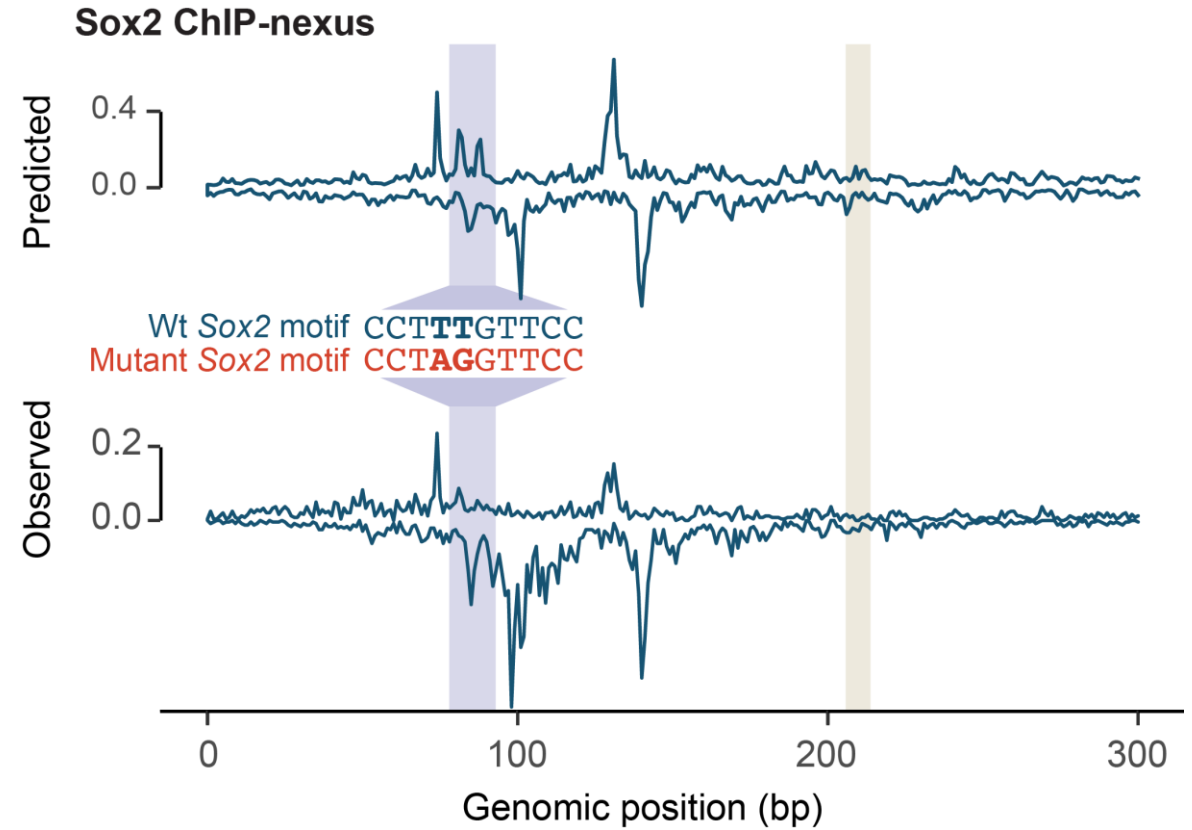
Validated with CRISPR/Cas9 syntax editing experiments

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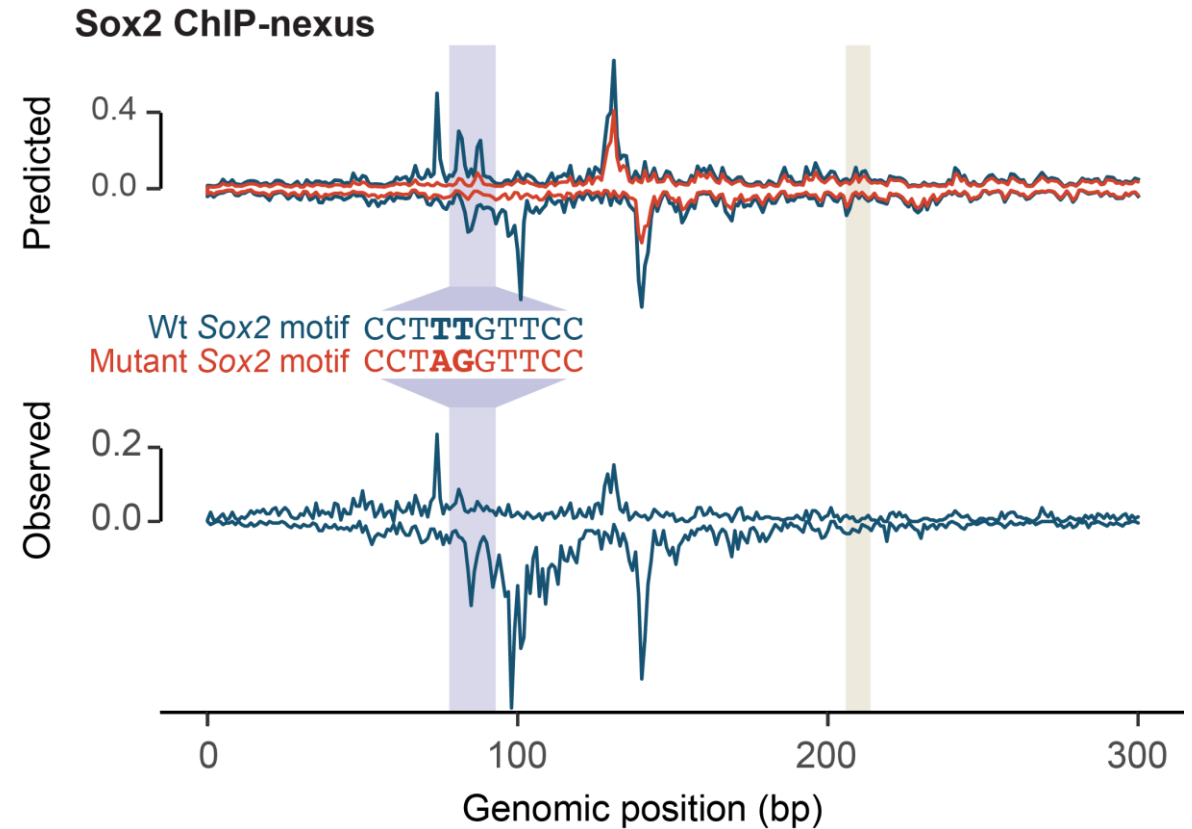
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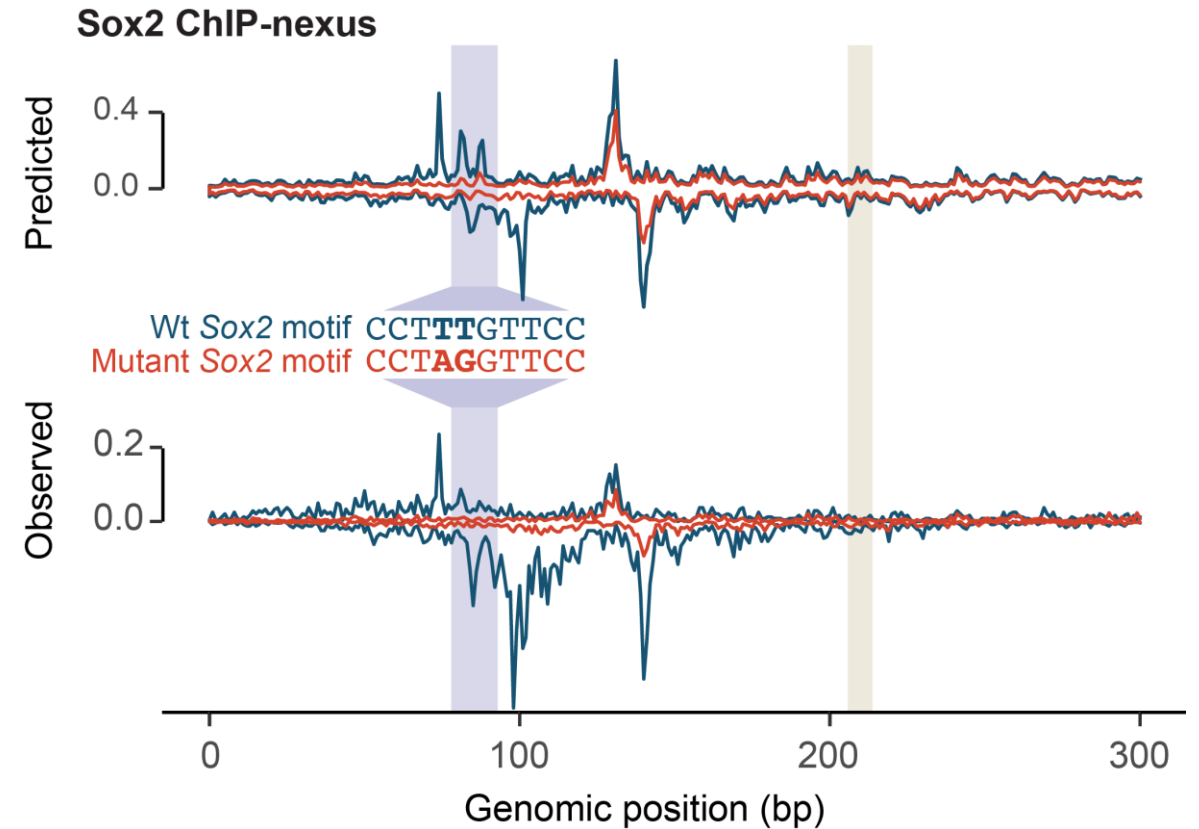


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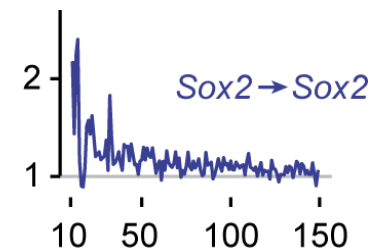
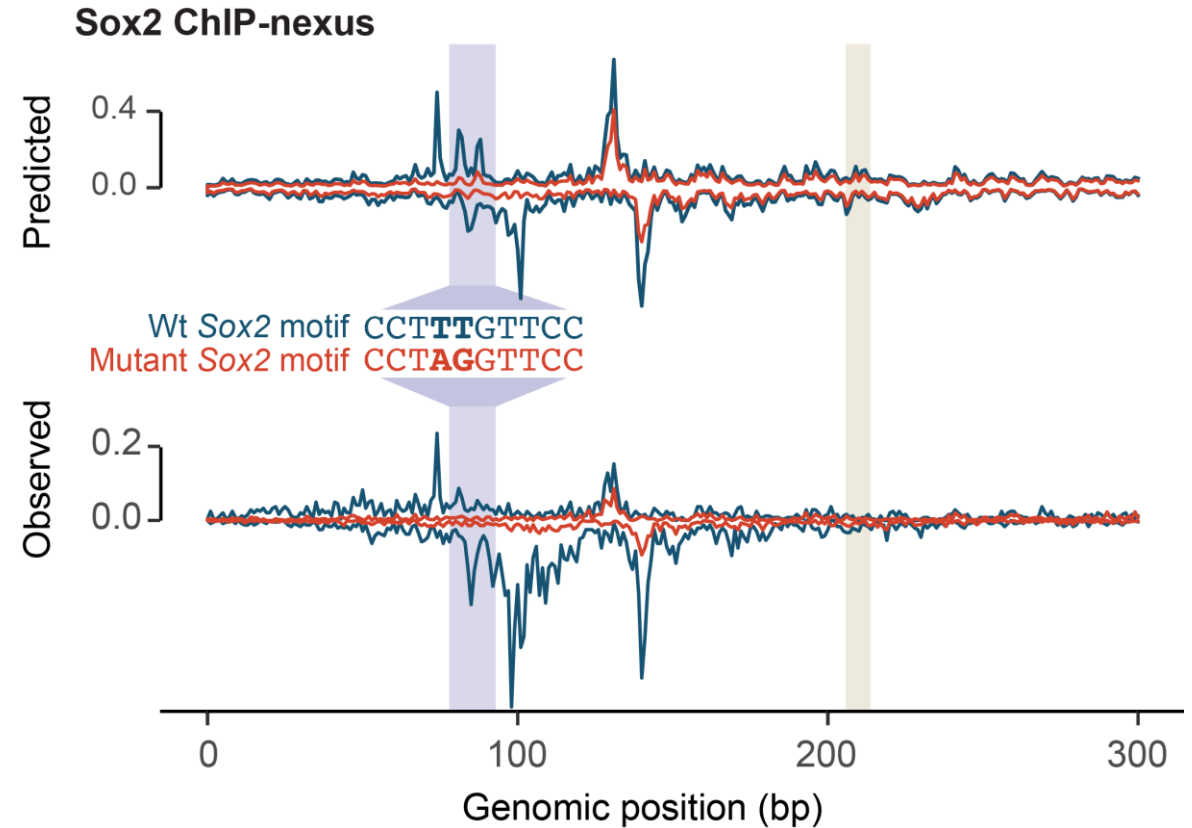
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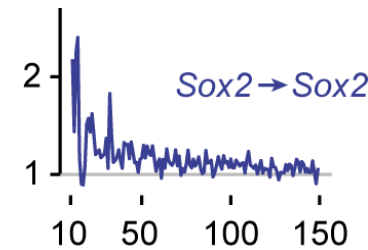
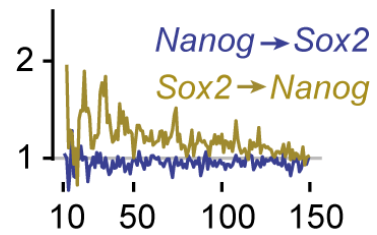
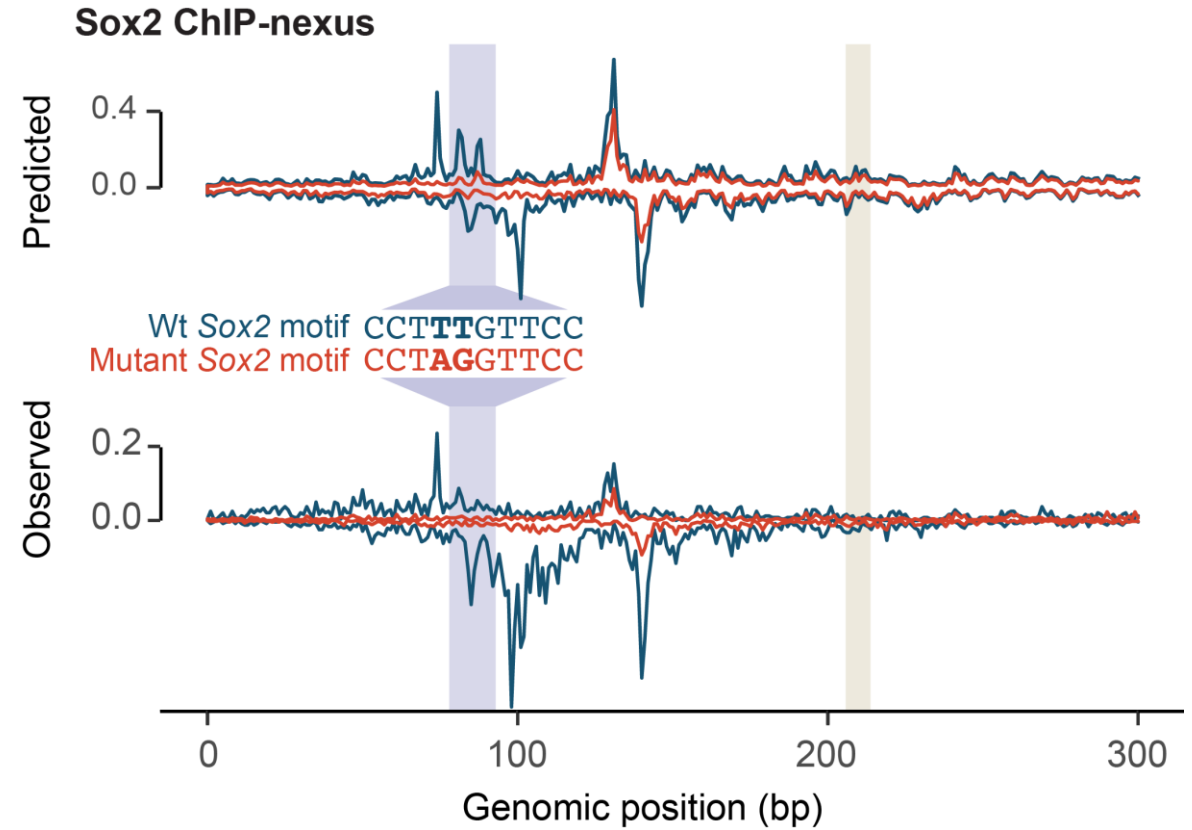


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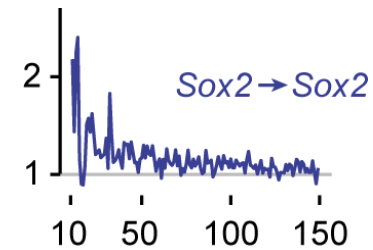
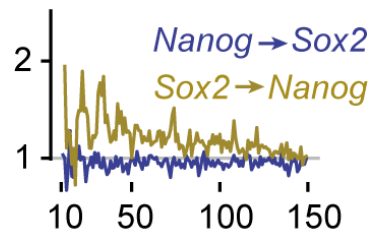
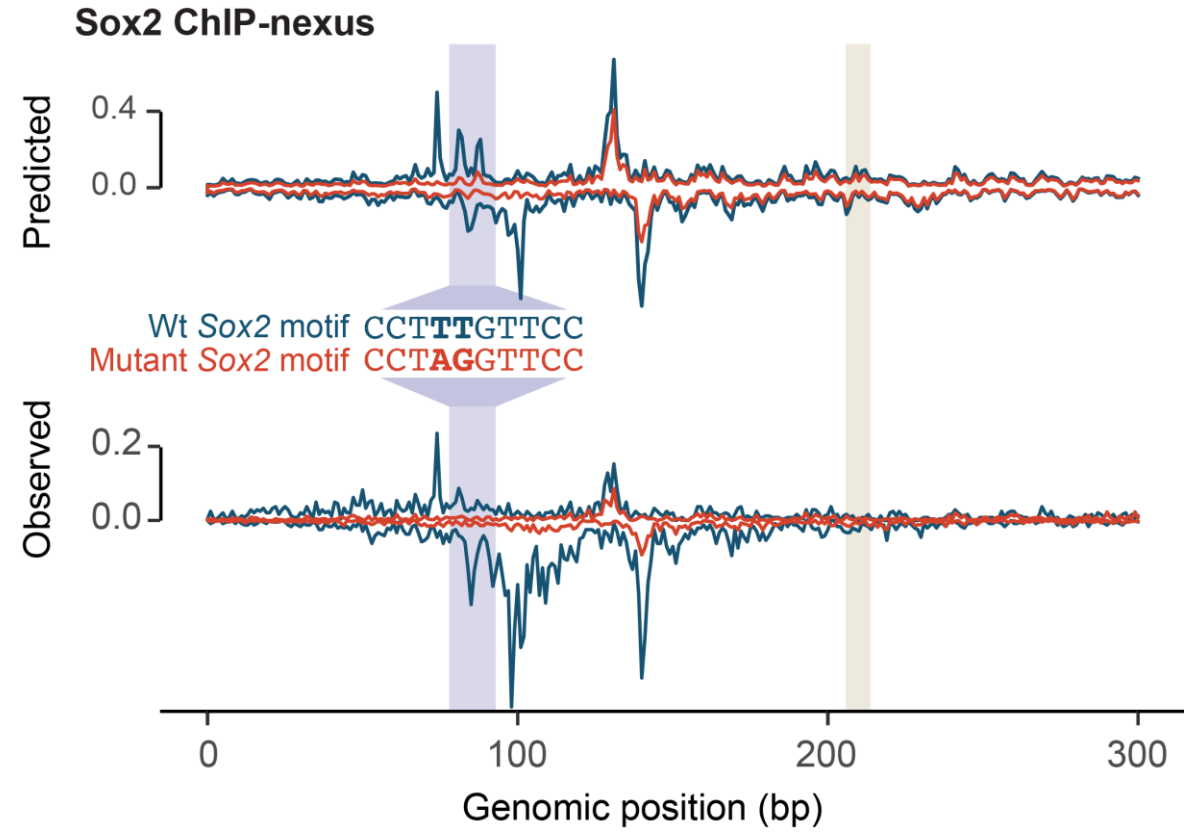
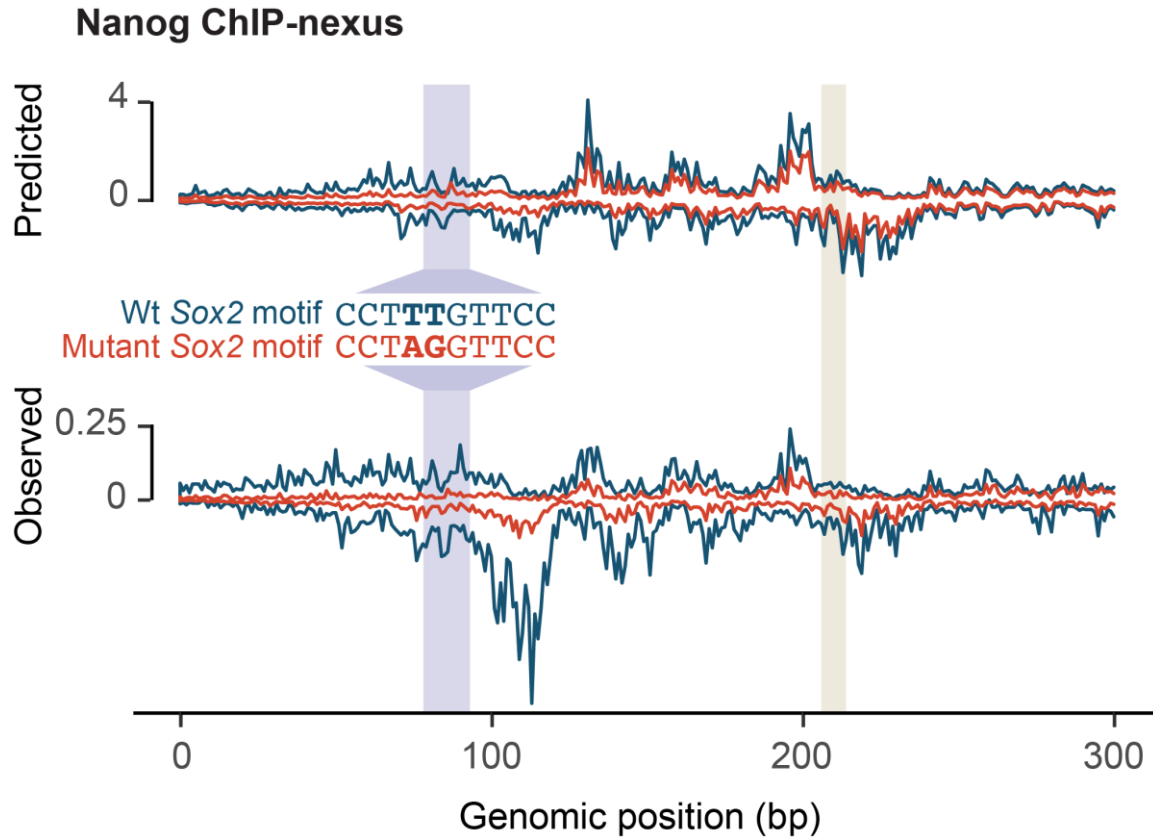
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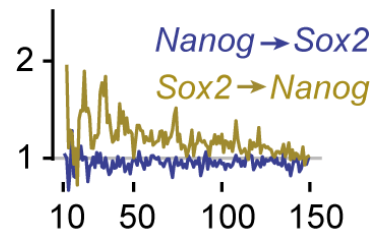
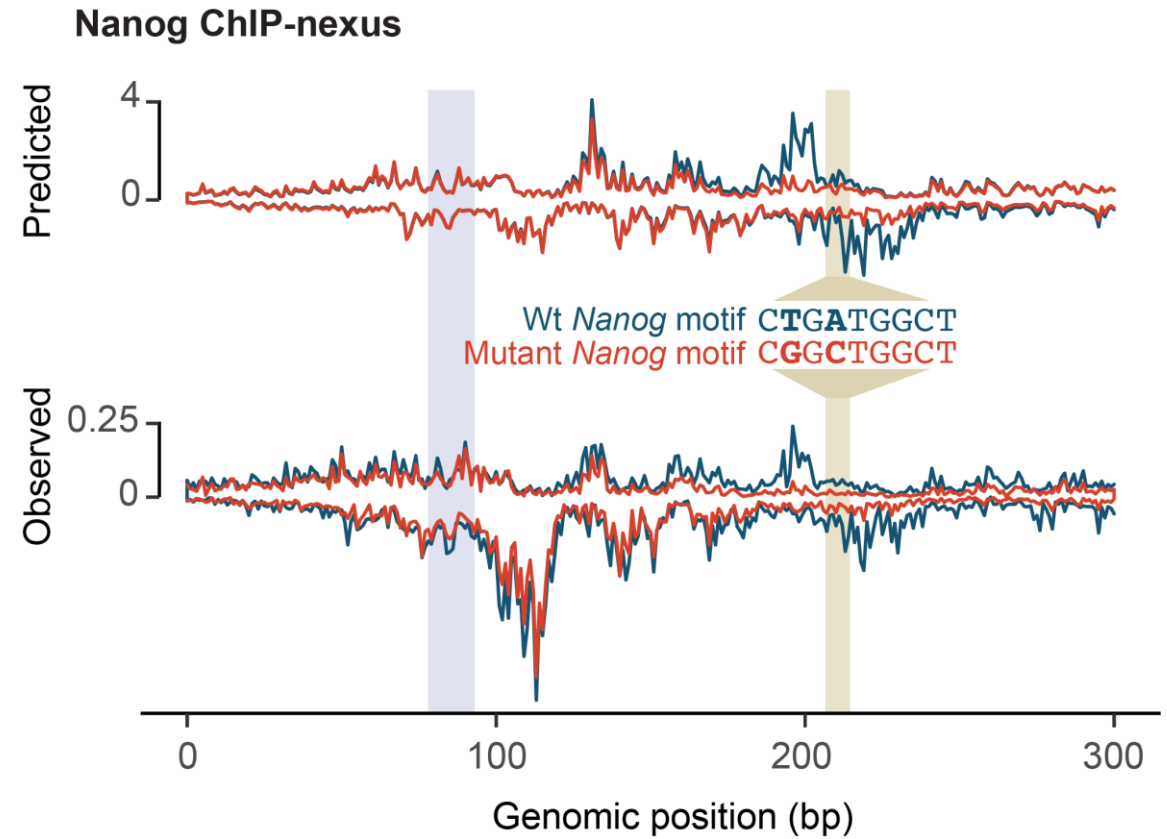
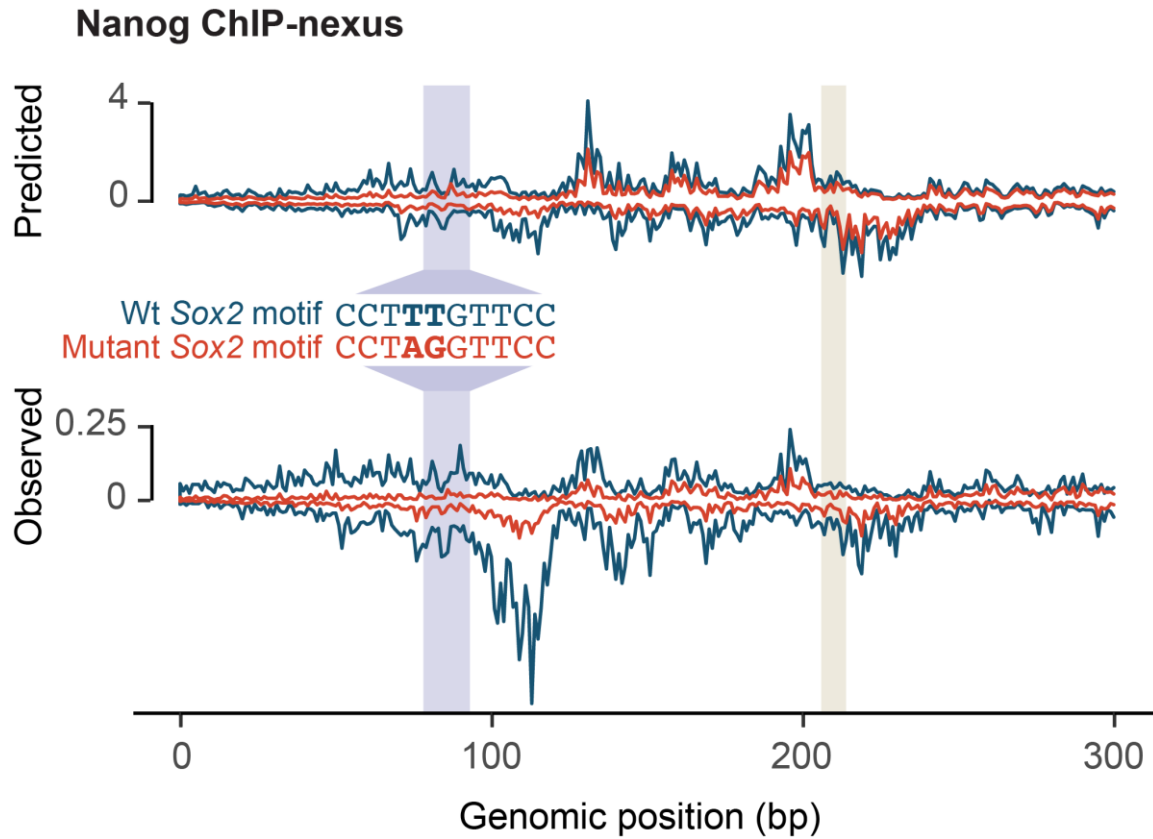
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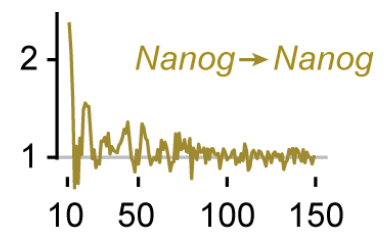
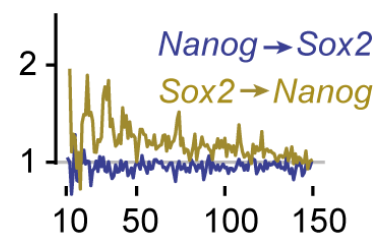
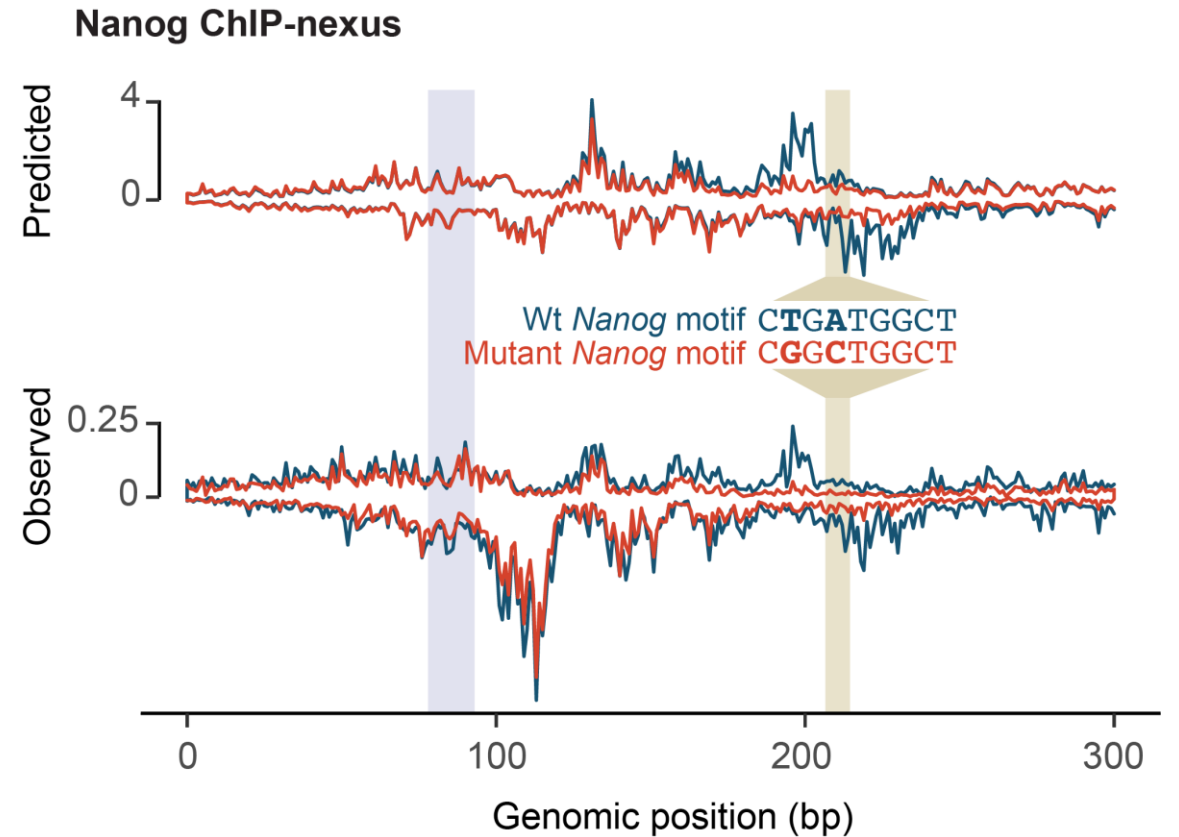
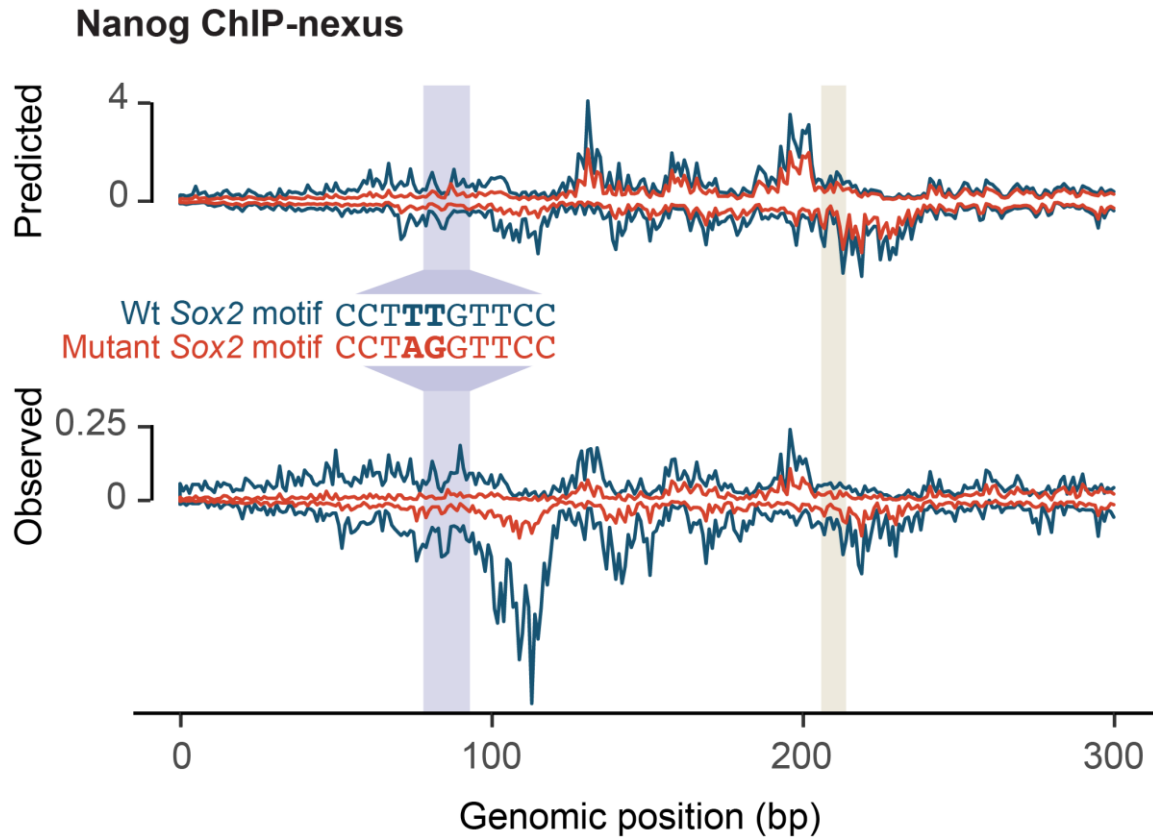
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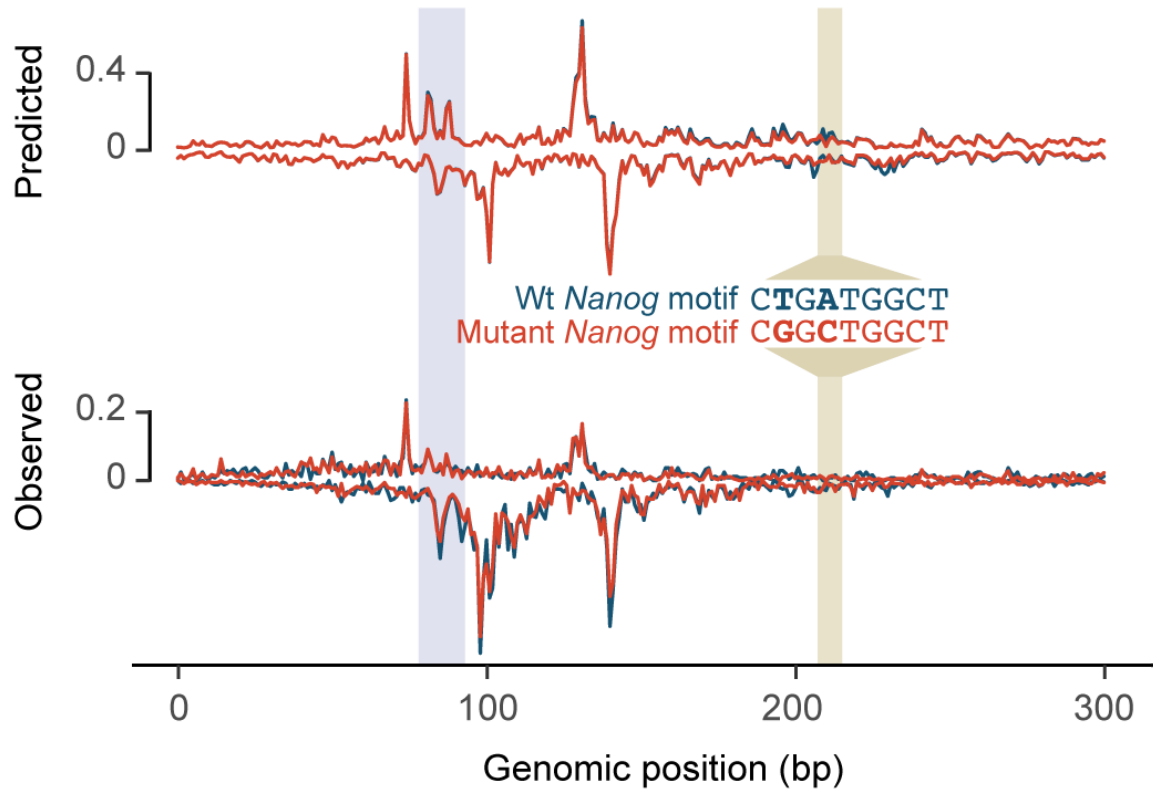


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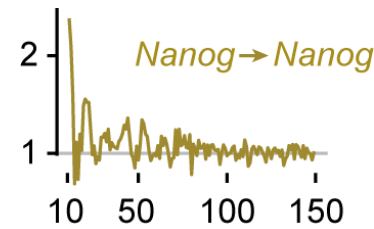
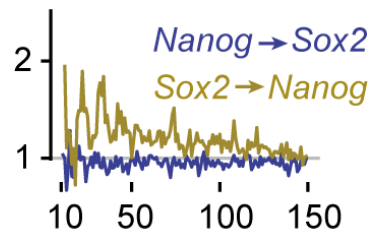
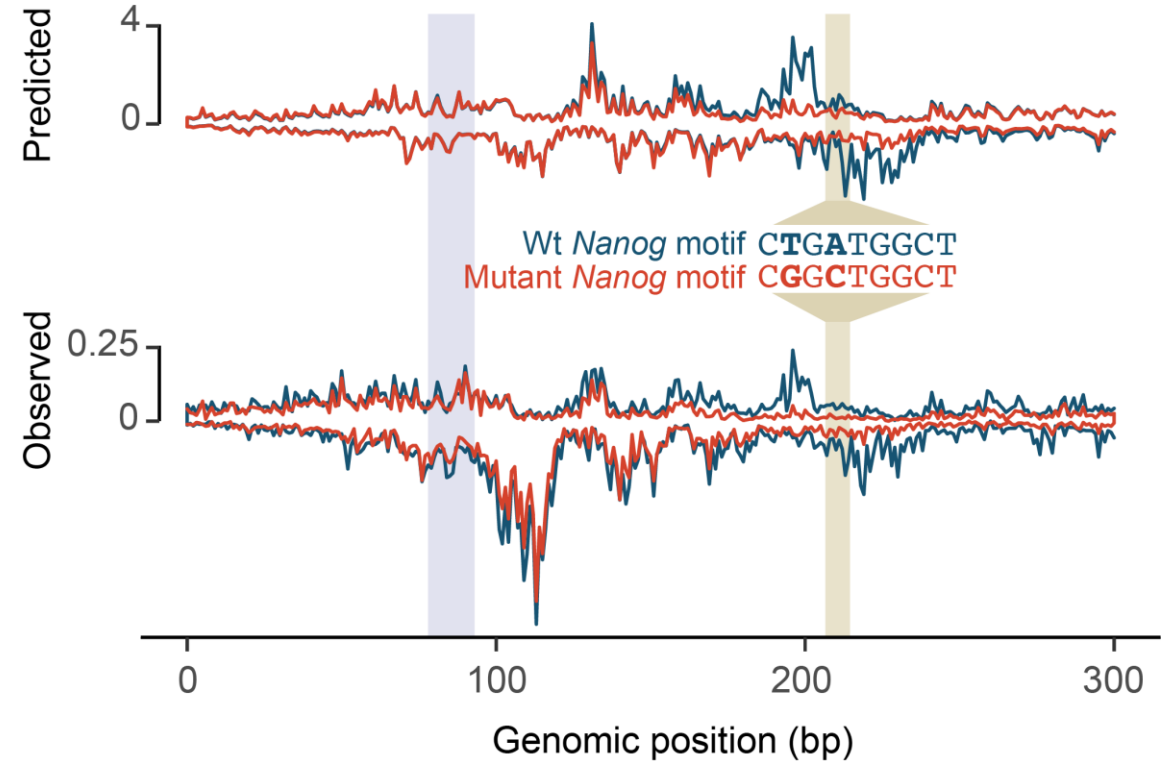


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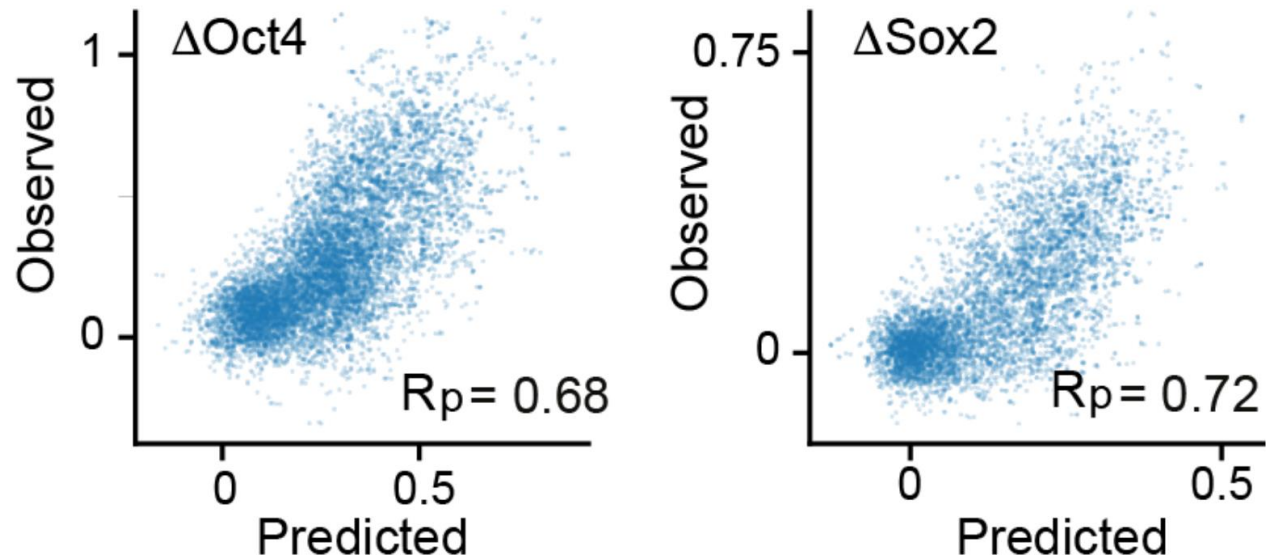
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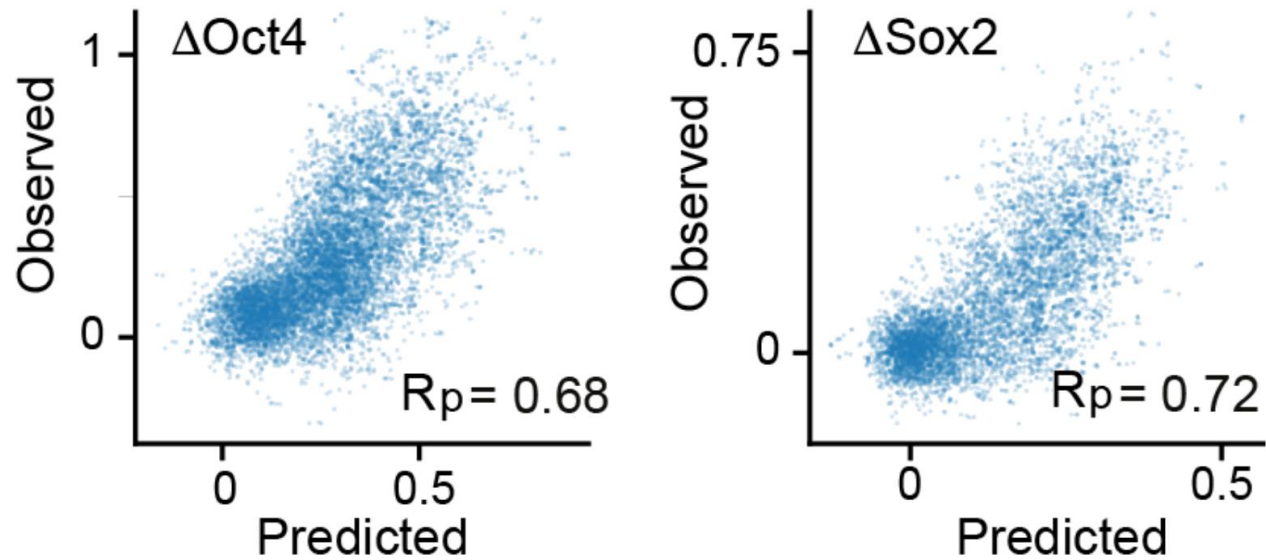
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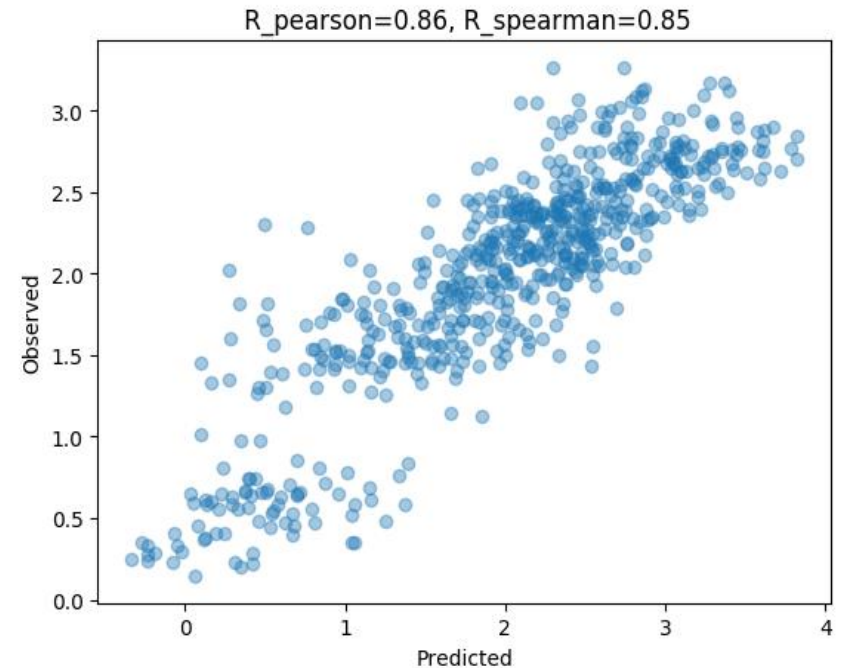
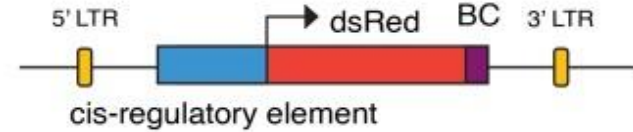
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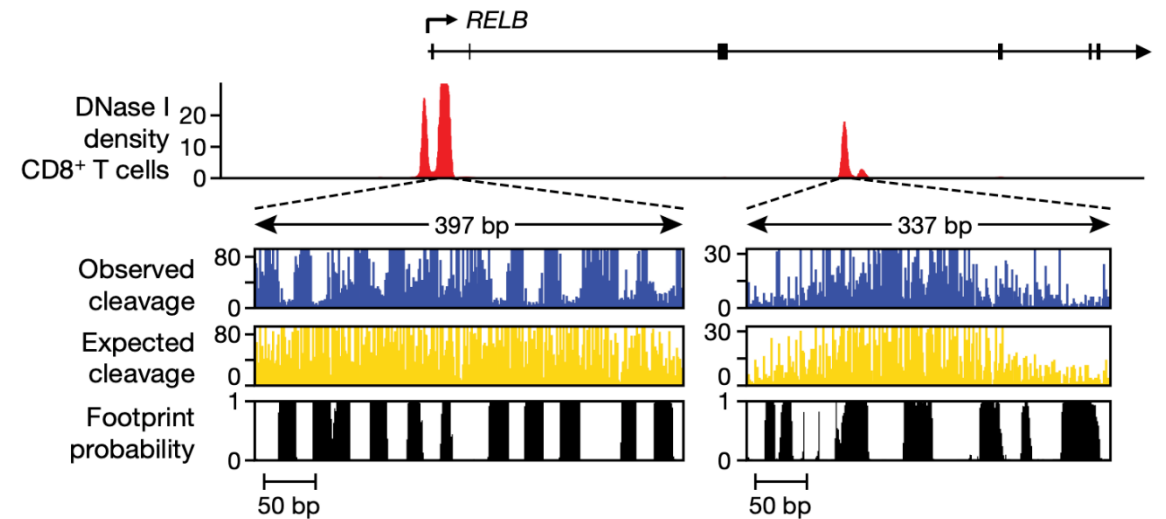
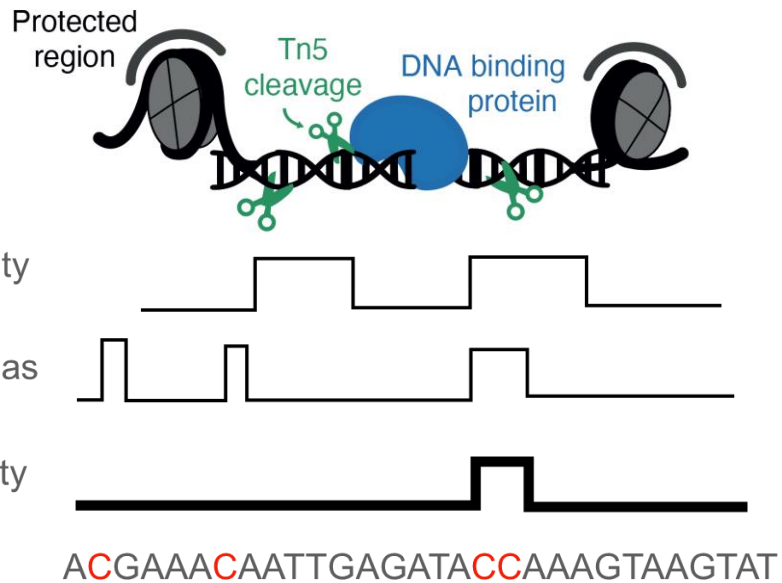
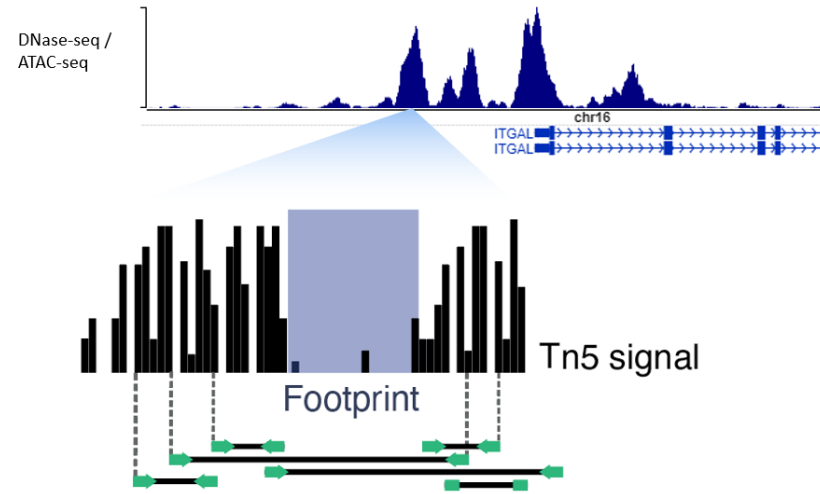


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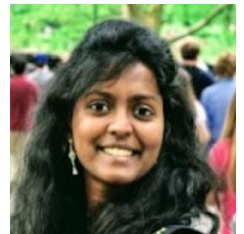
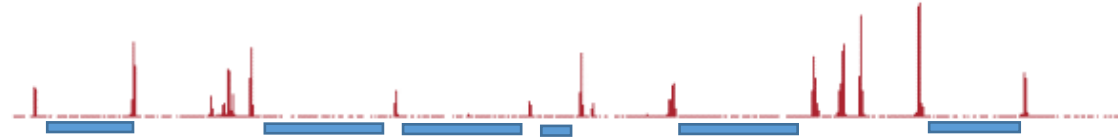


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# Modeling ATAC-seq / DNase-seq profiles (enzyme bias affects footprints)



# How to estimate Tn5 / DNase bias?

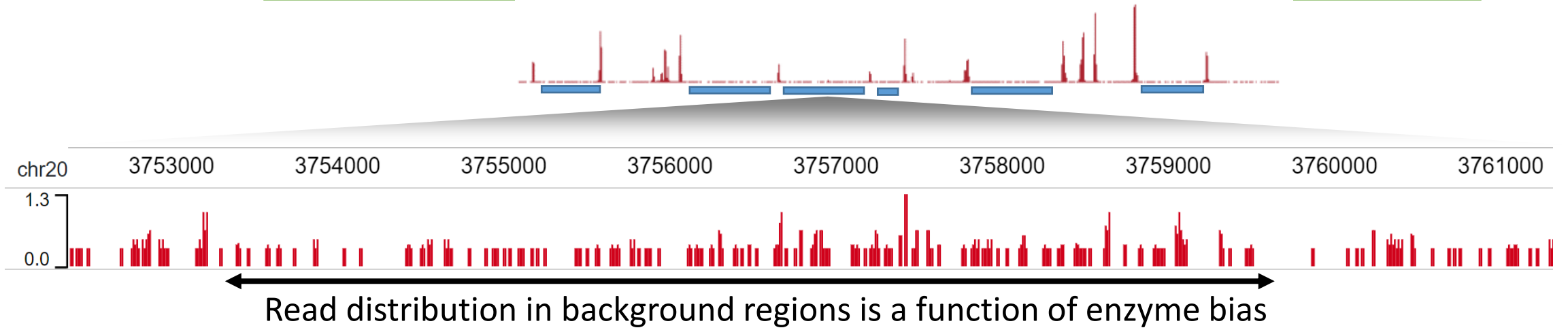


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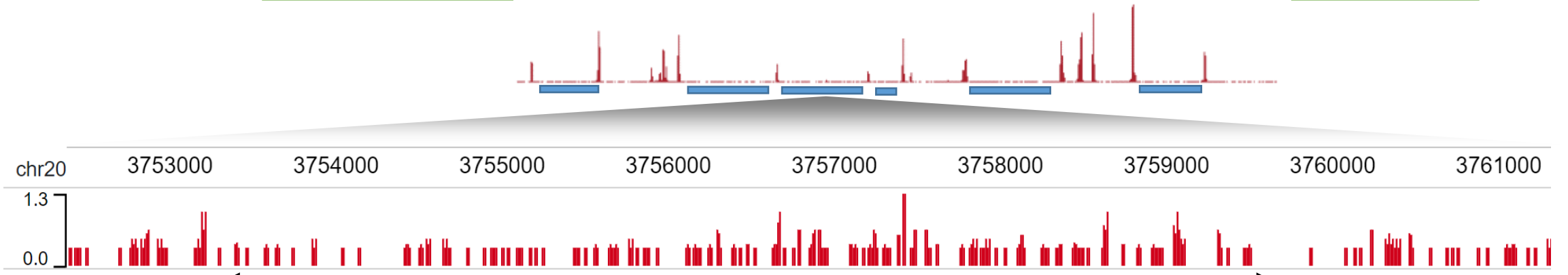


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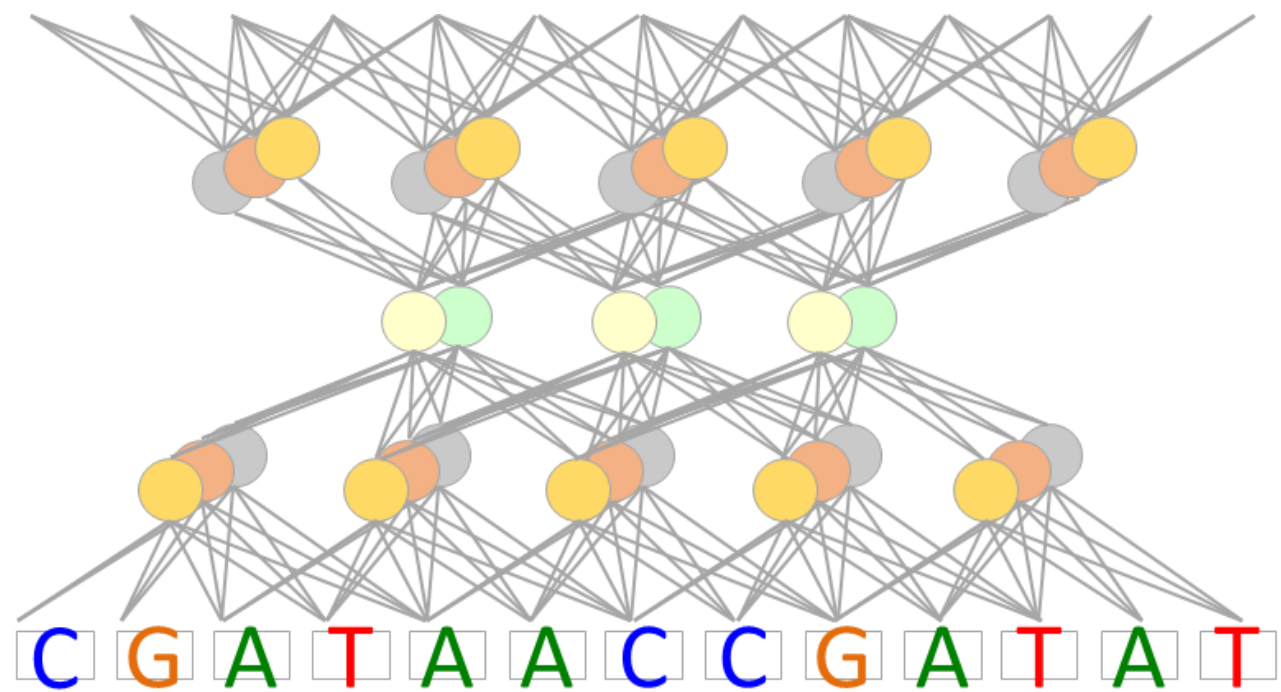


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Read distribution in background regions is a function of enzyme bias



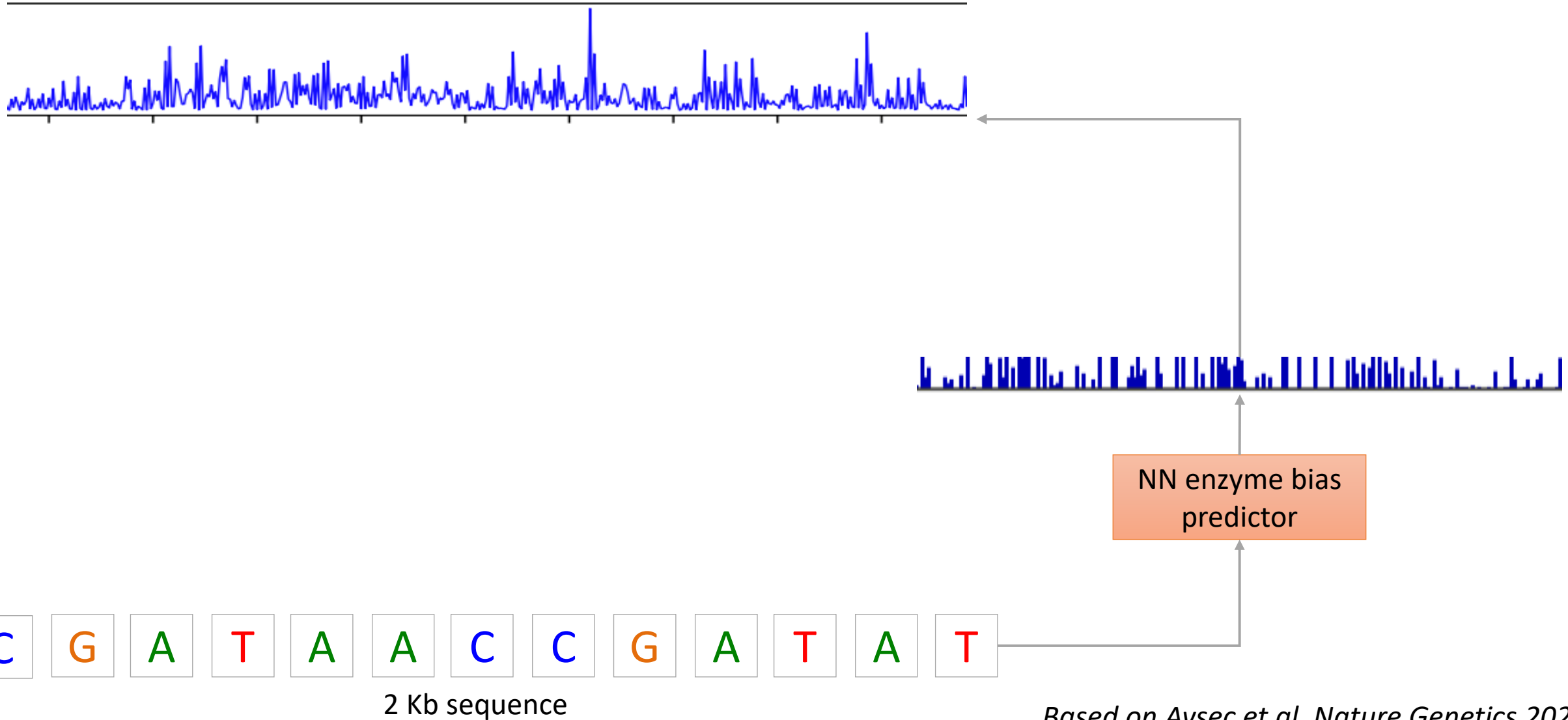
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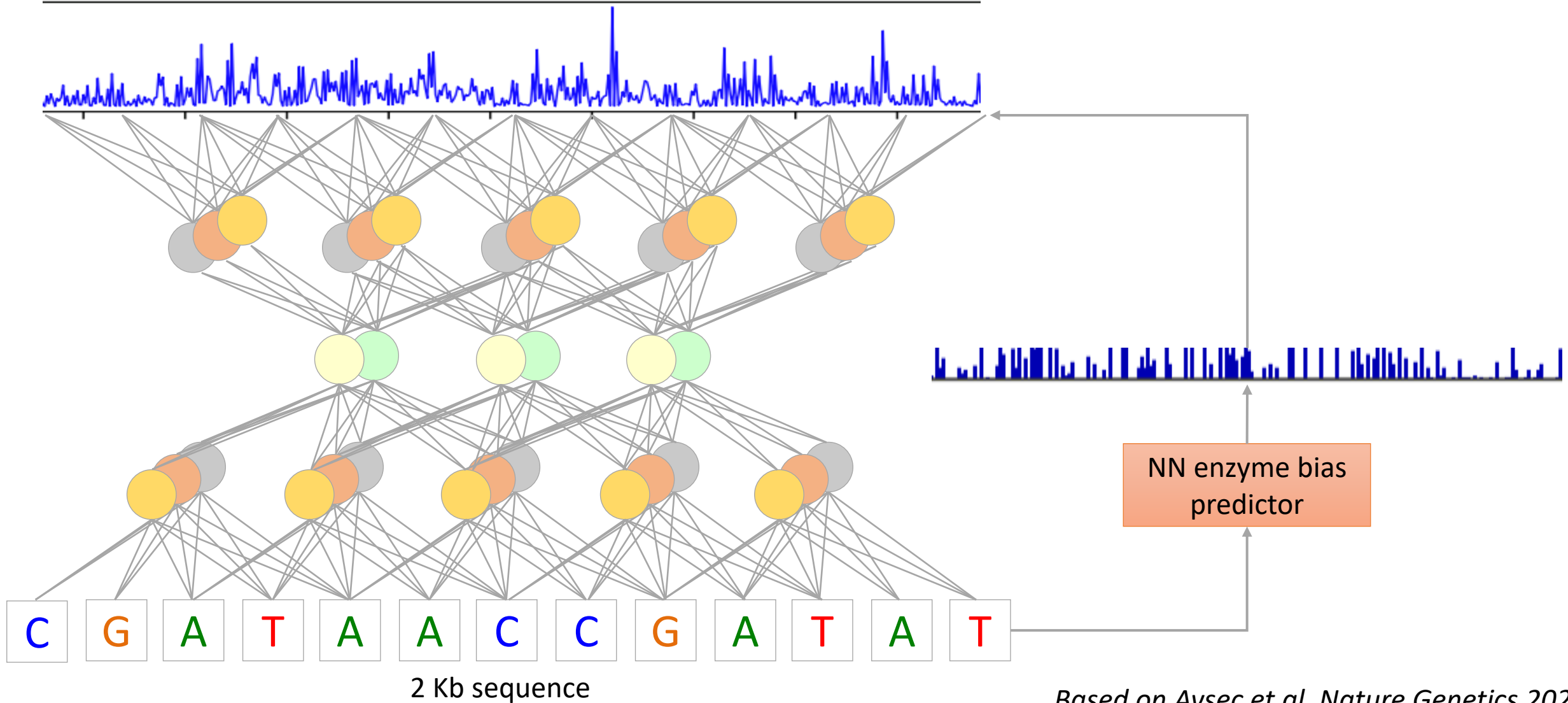
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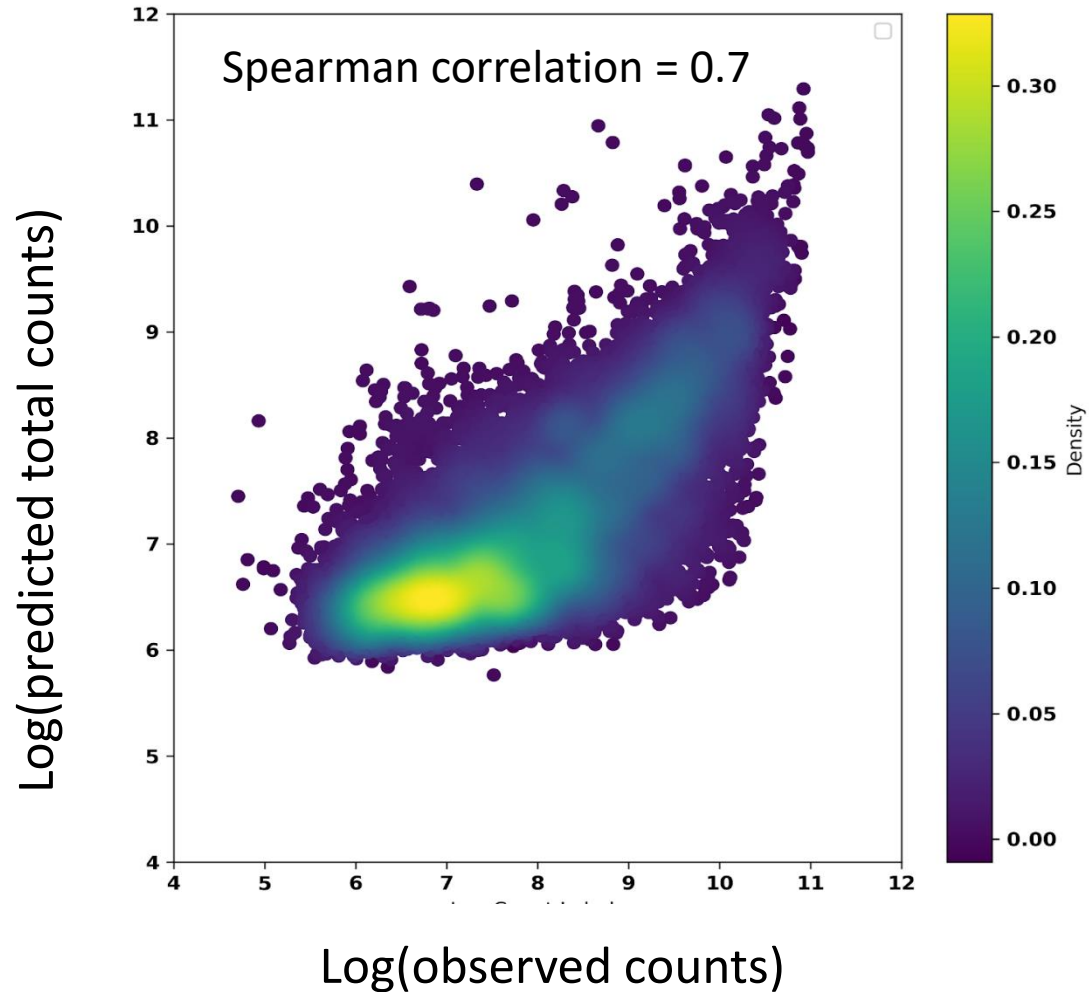
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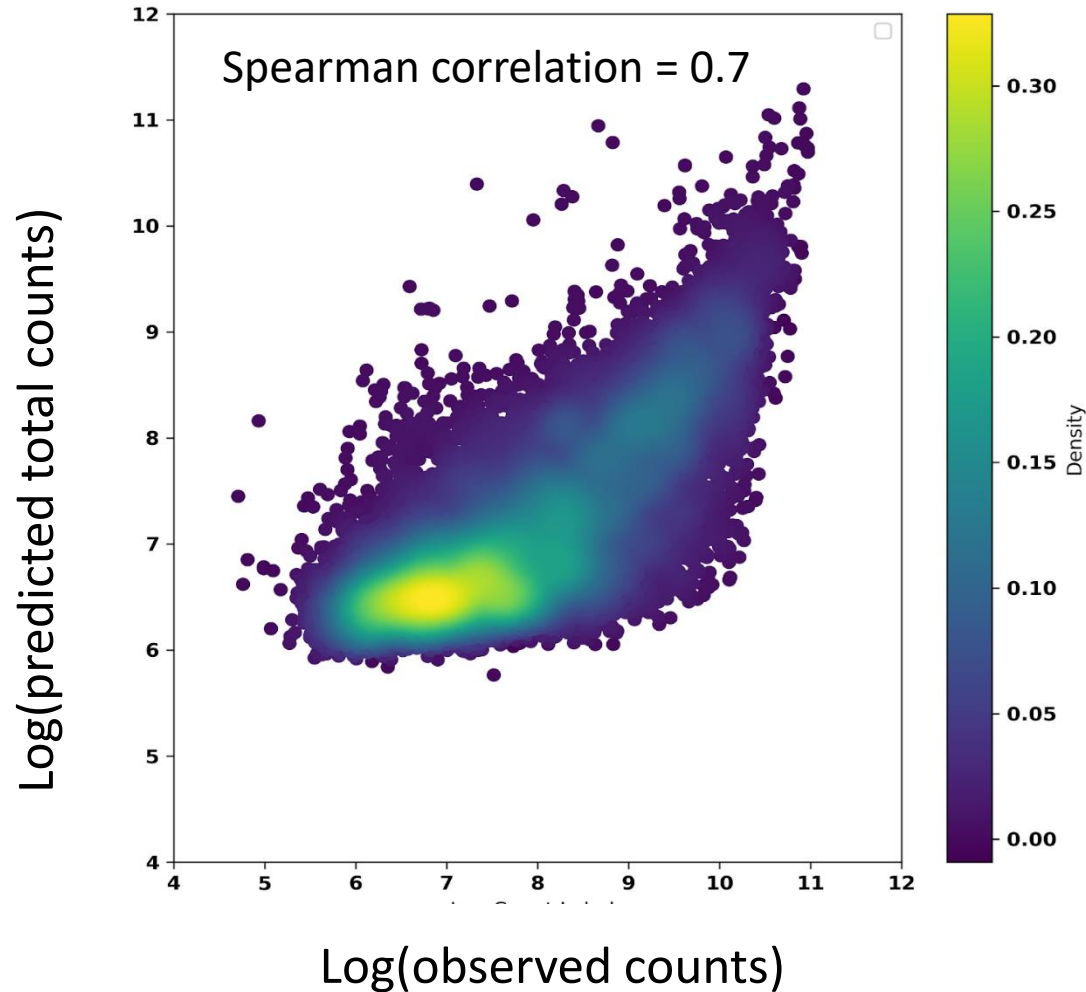
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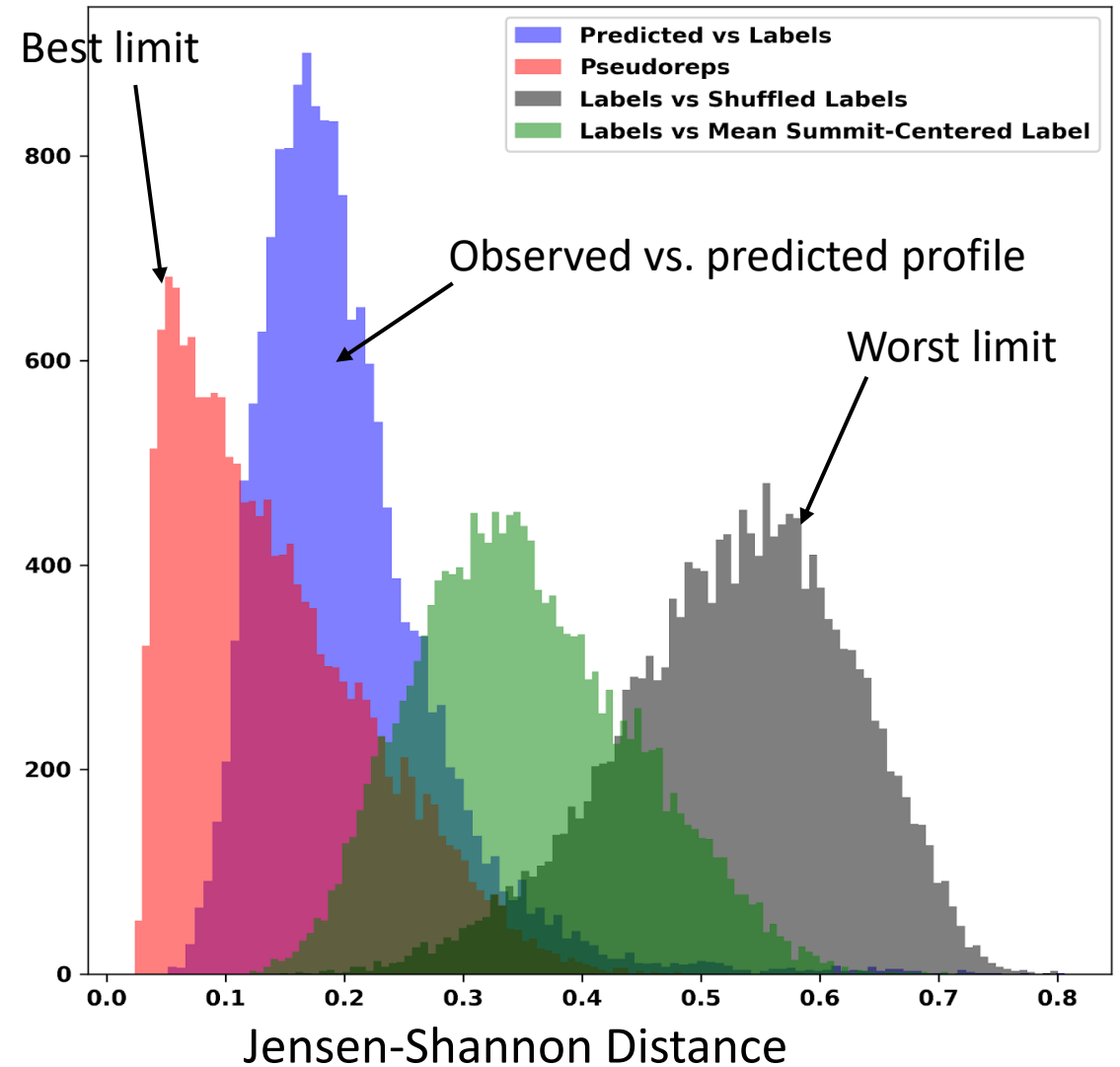


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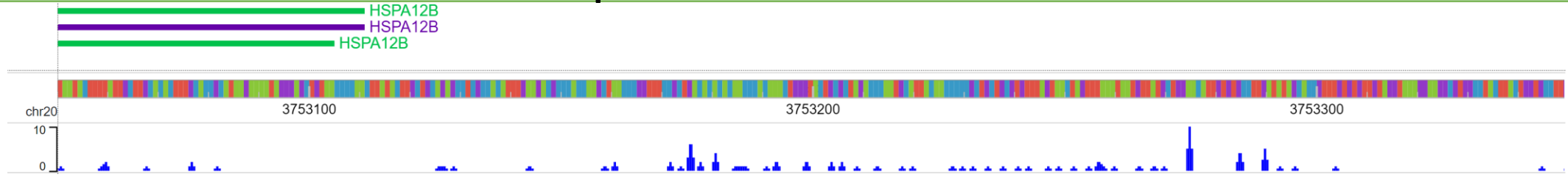
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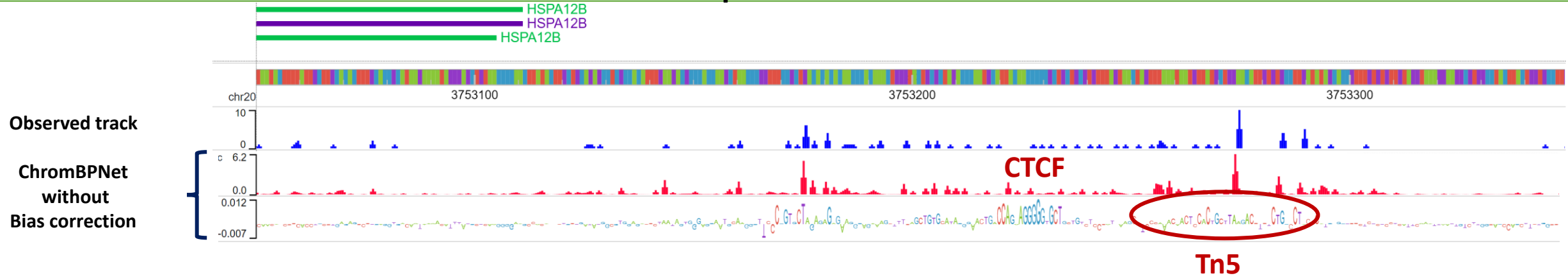
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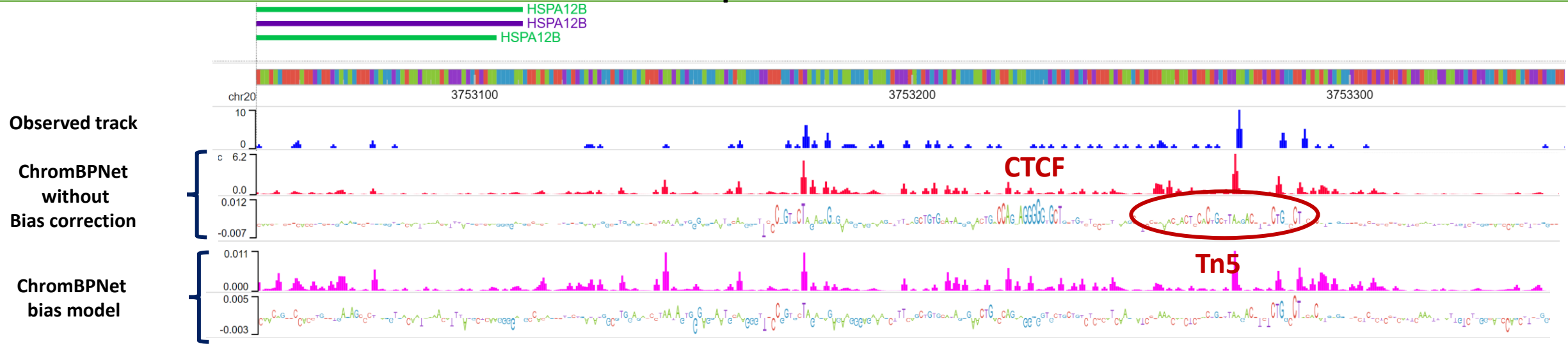
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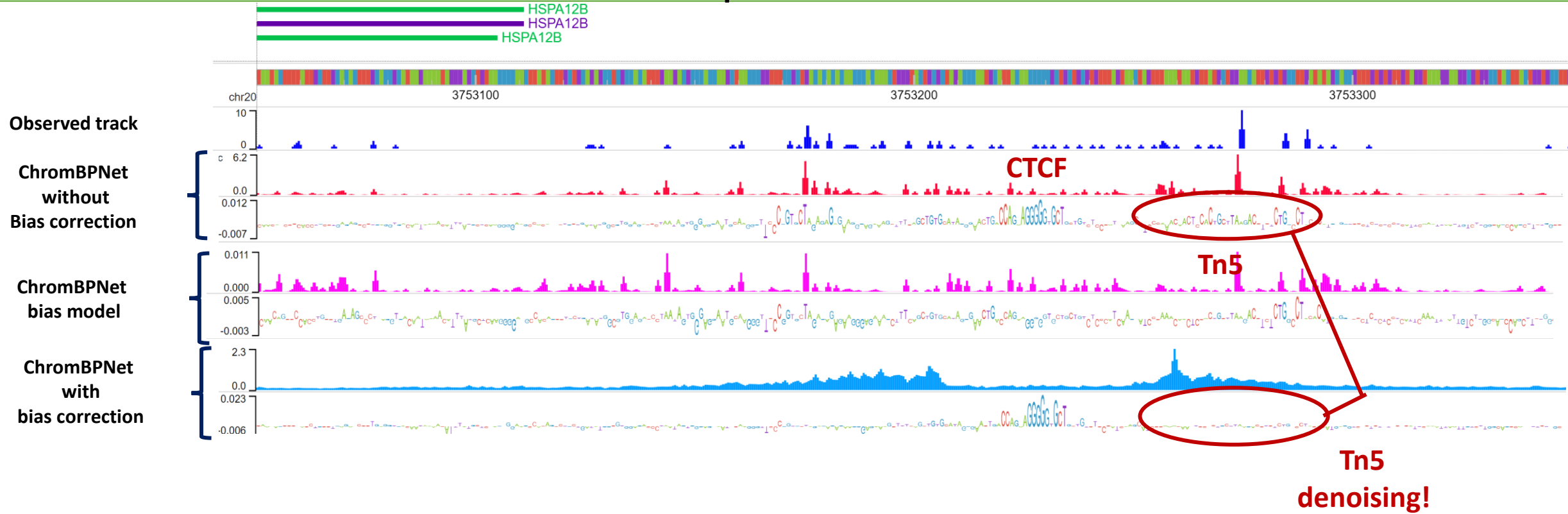
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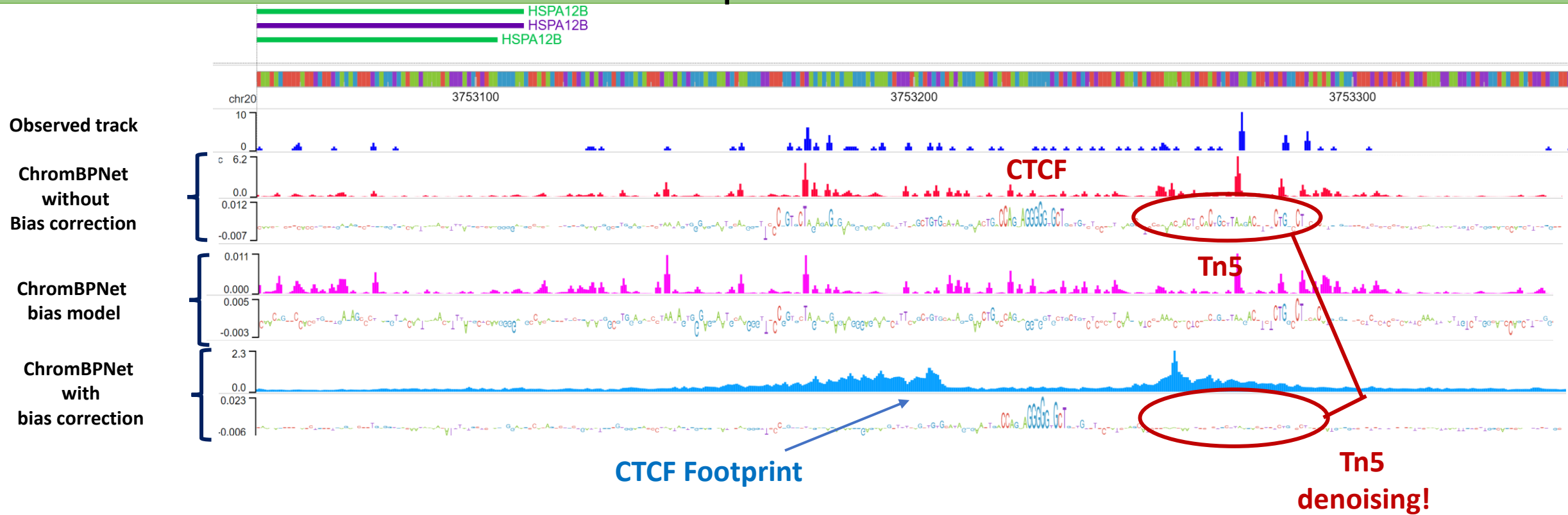
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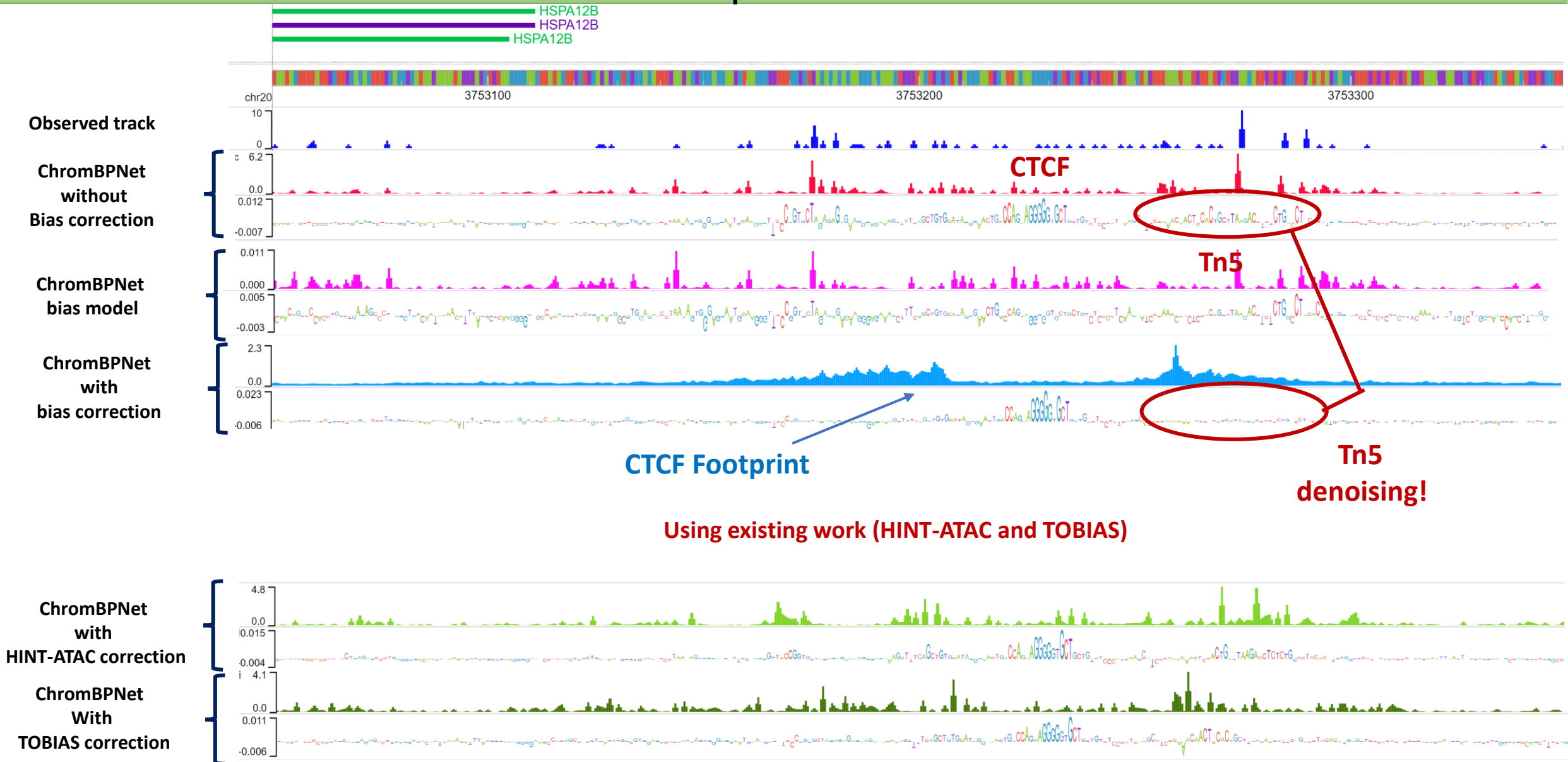


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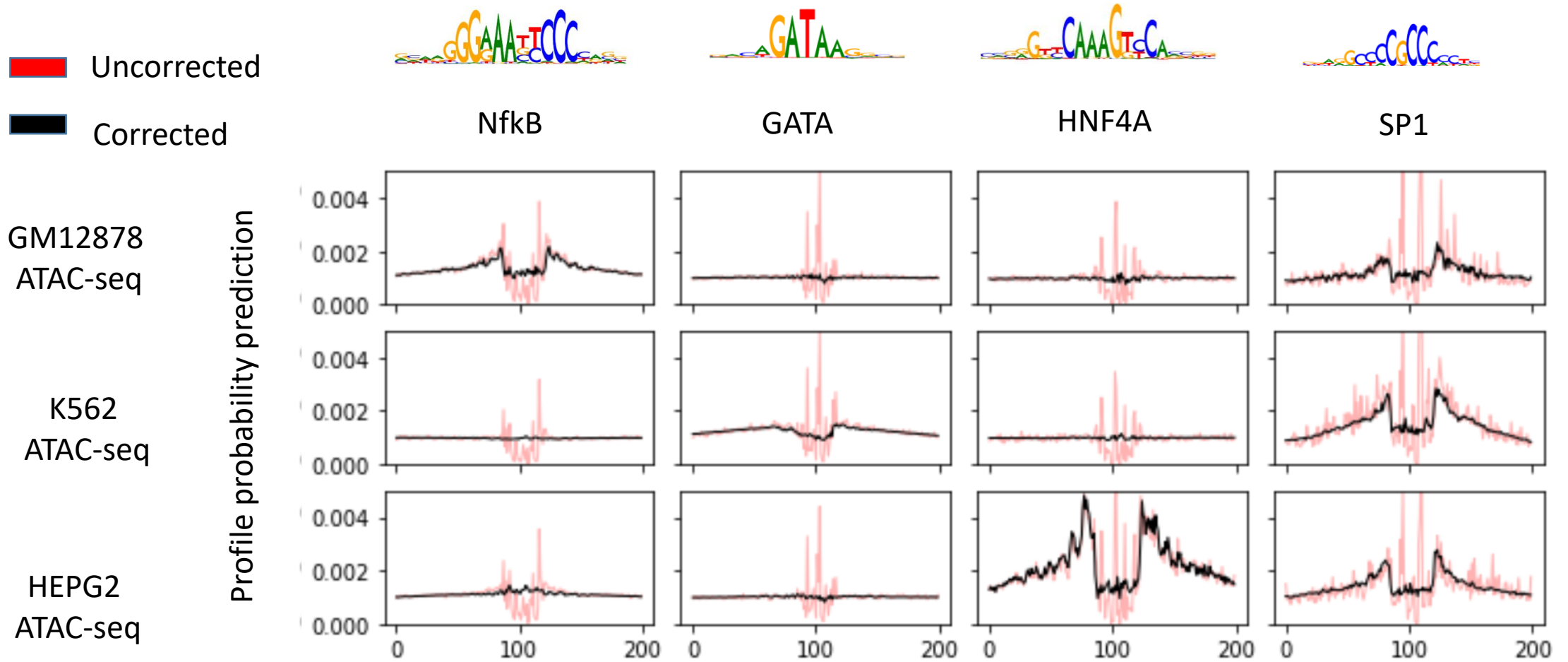


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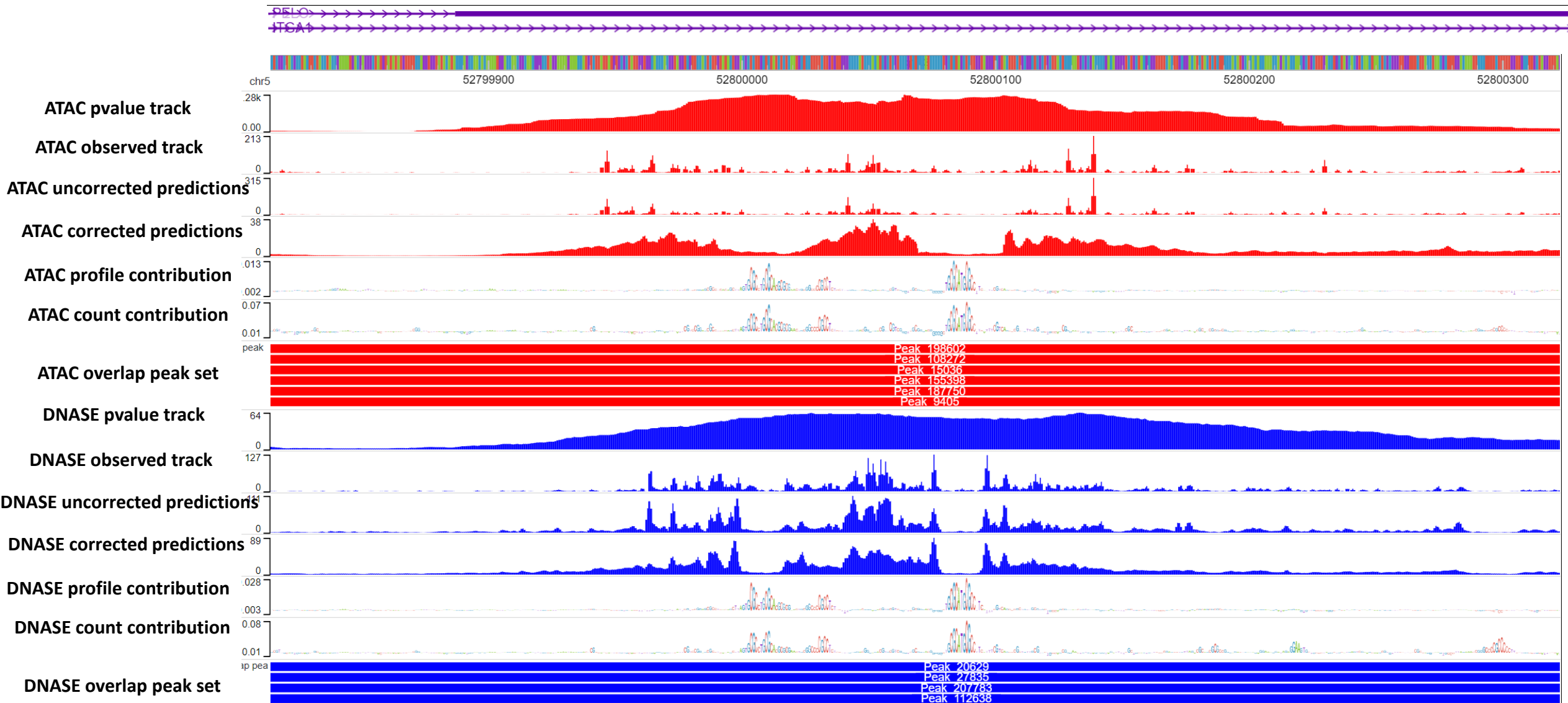
Using existing work (HINT-ATAC and TOBIAS)

# ChromBPNet can predict marginal footprints of cell-type specific TFs



200bp surrounding the motif insertion site in 10K random non-peak sequences

# Similar sequence syntax derived from DNase-seq and ATAC-seq data

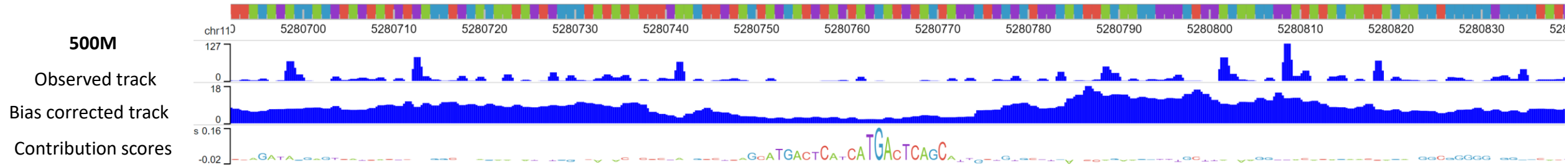


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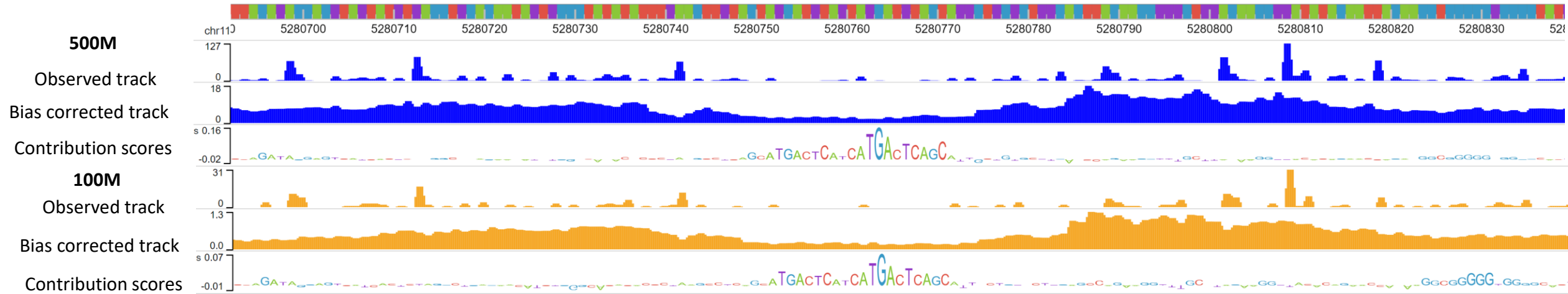
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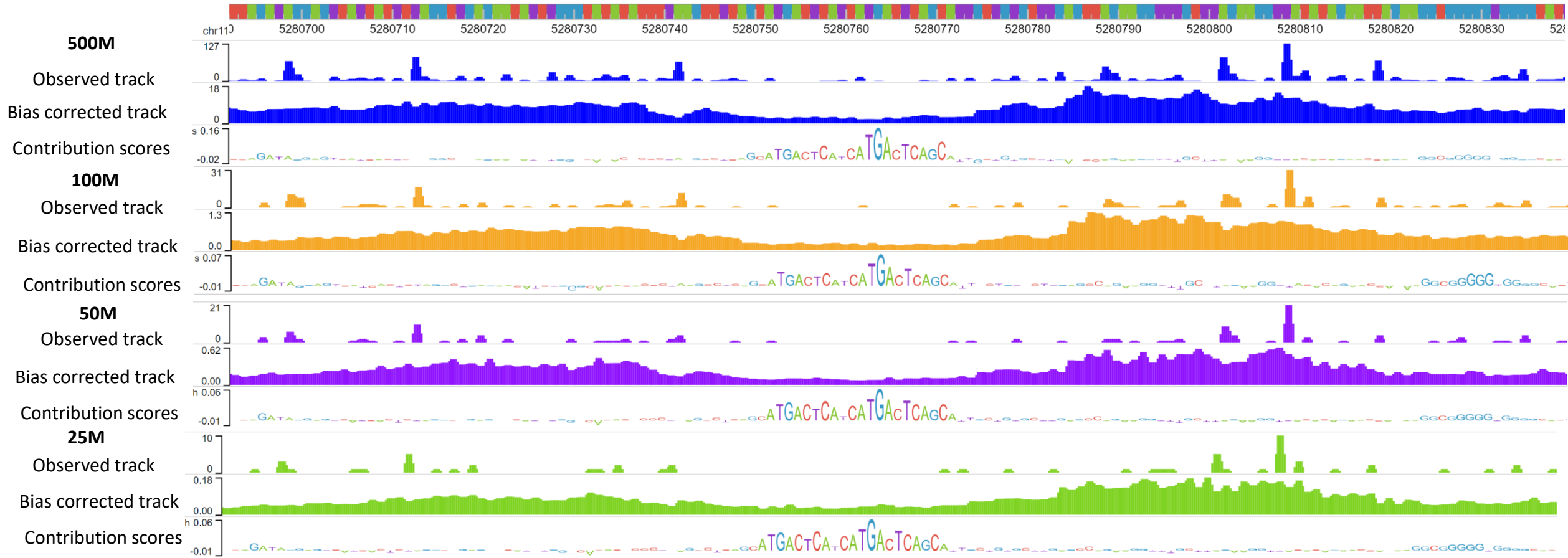
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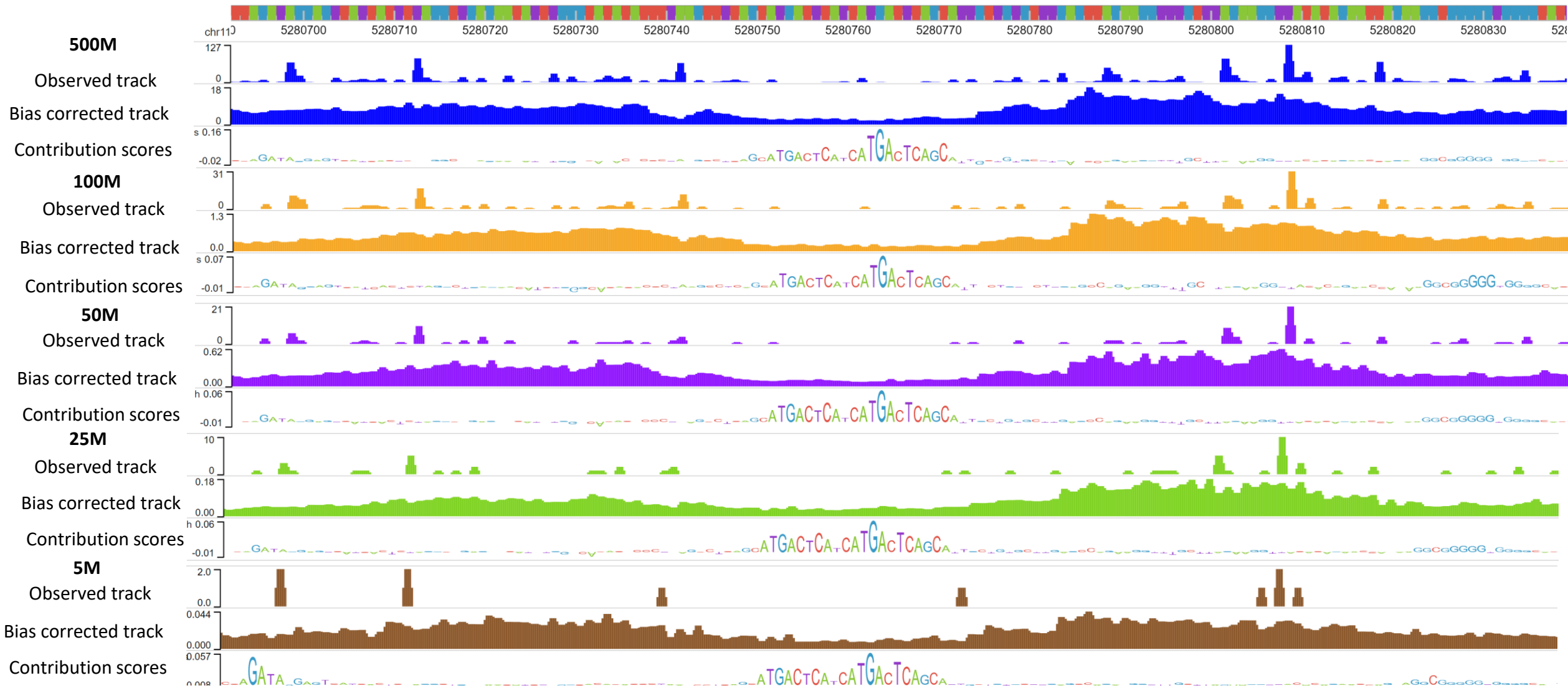
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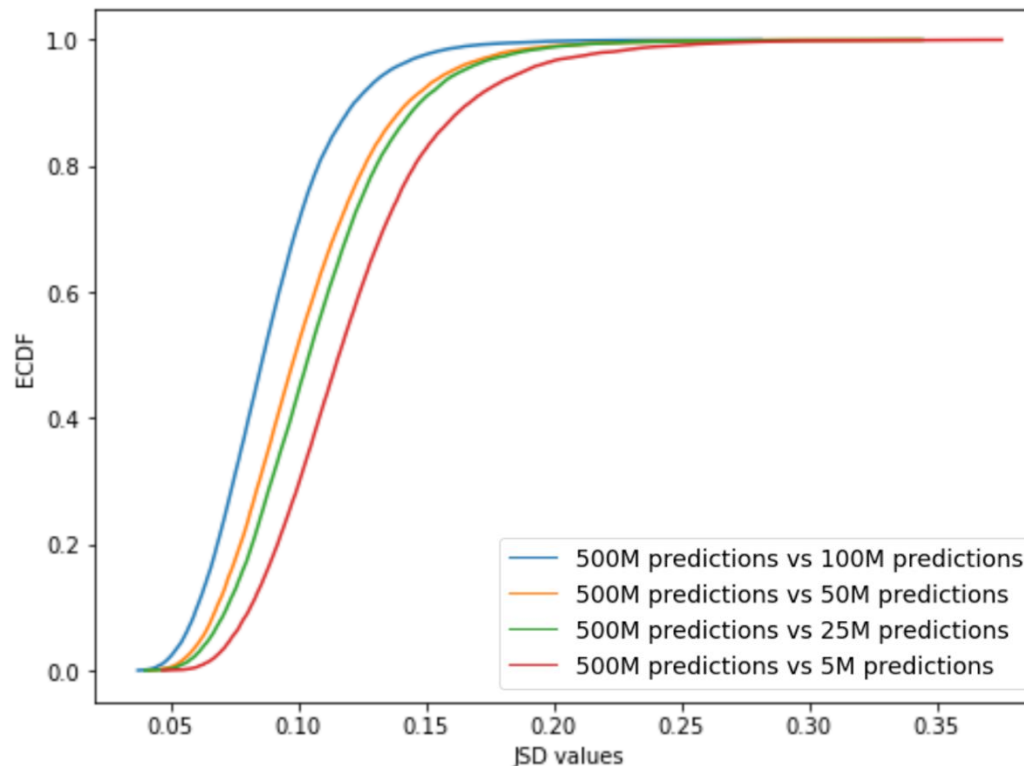
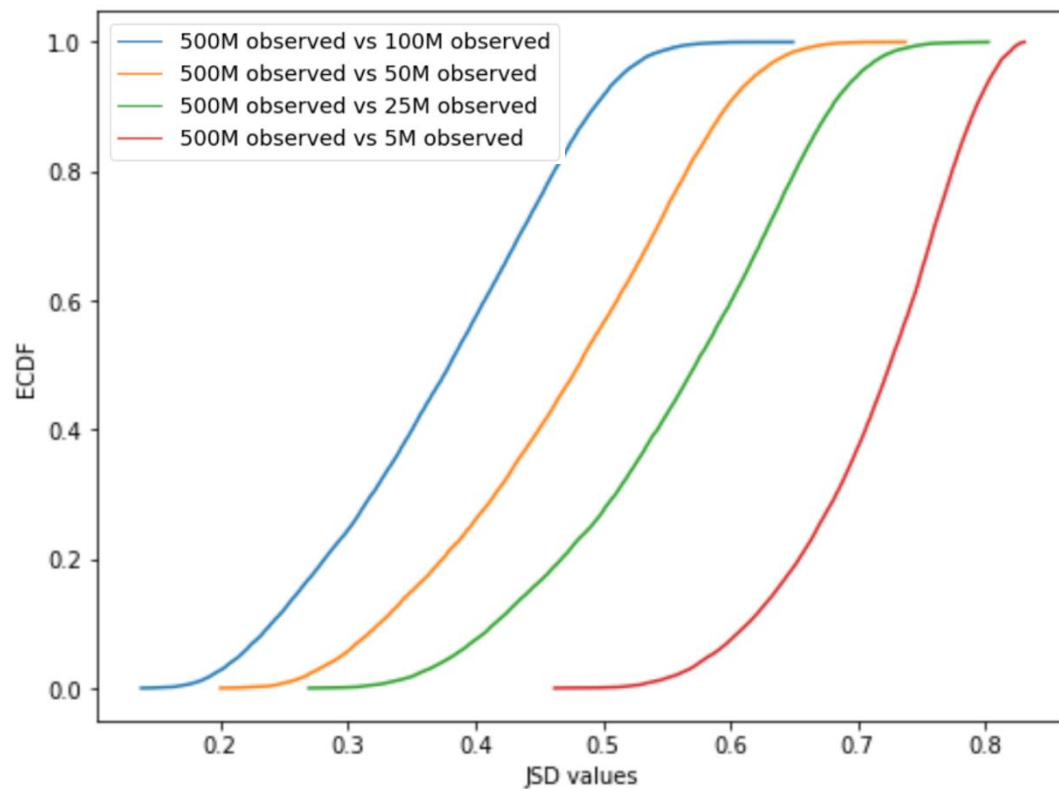


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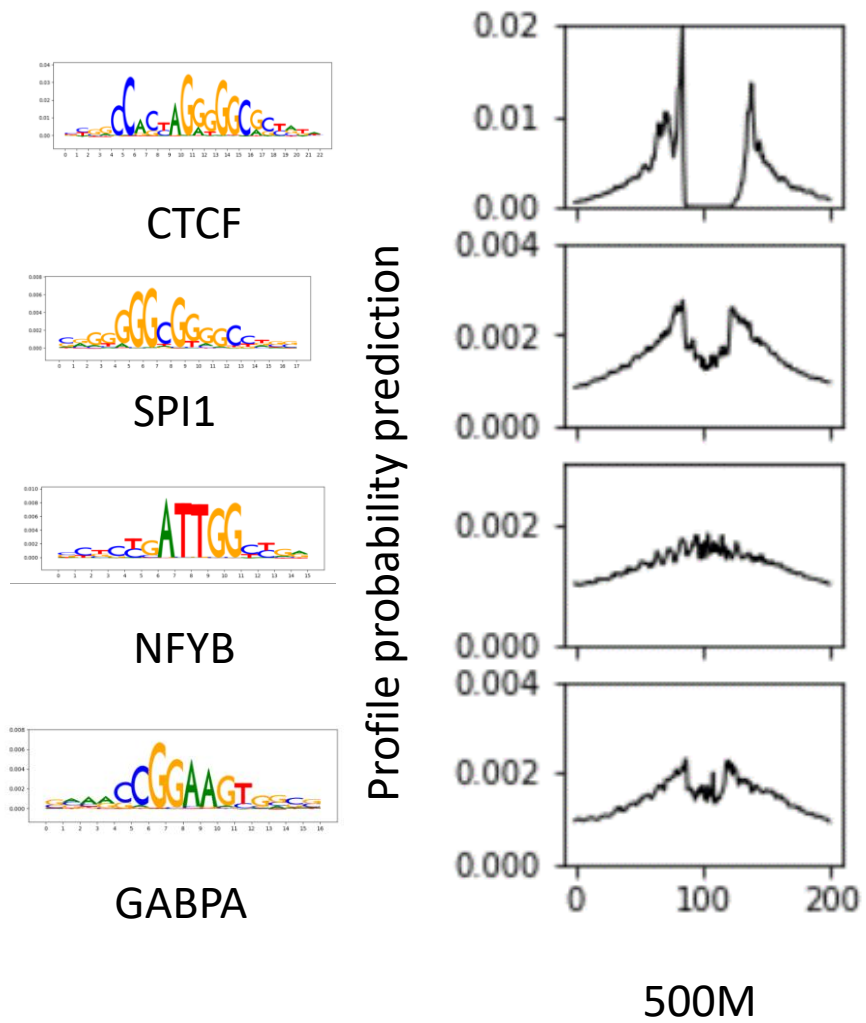


Using 500M as ground truth we compare degradation in signal quality at different read depths

ChromBPNet predicts substantially similar profiles compared to the observed tracks

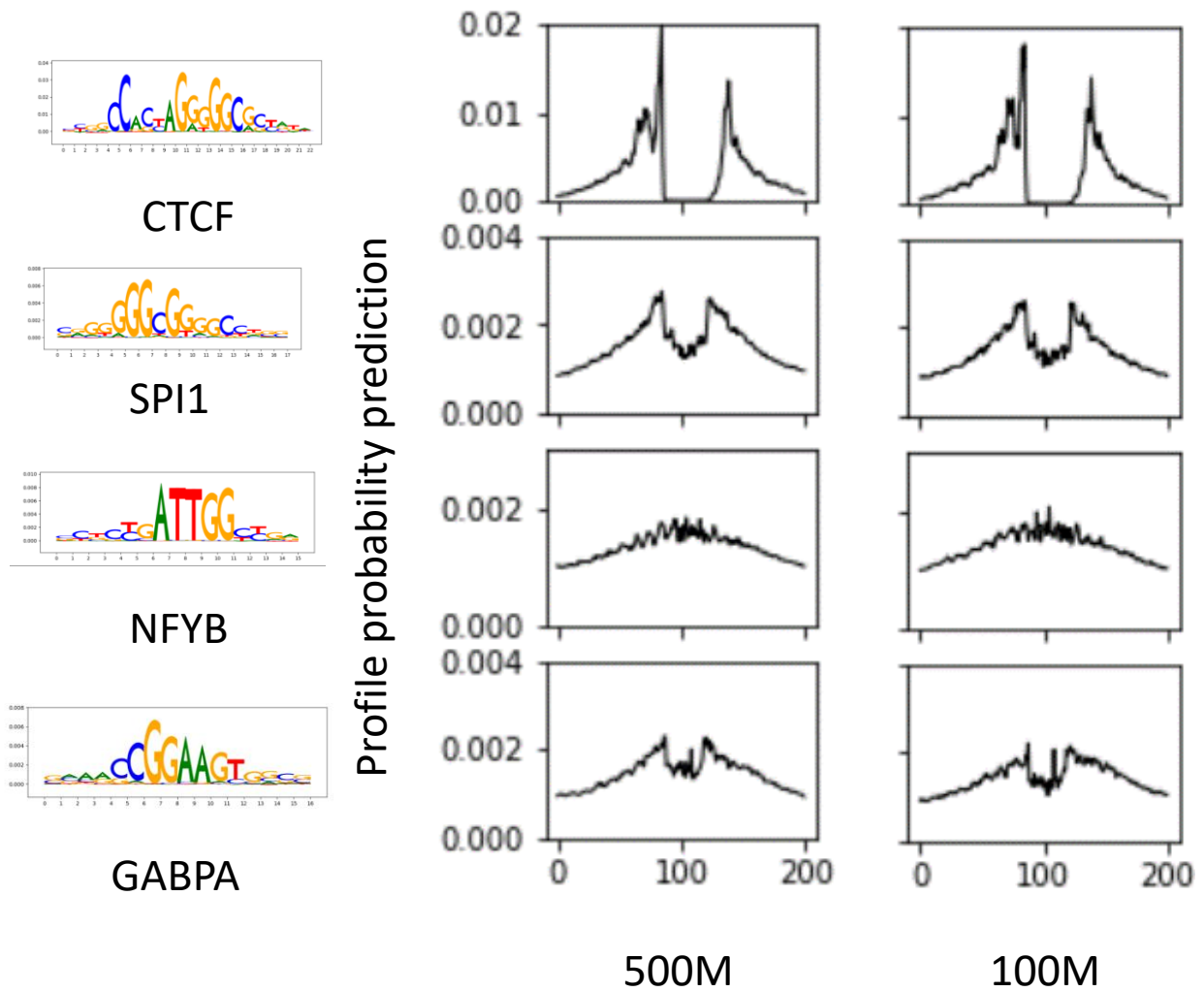
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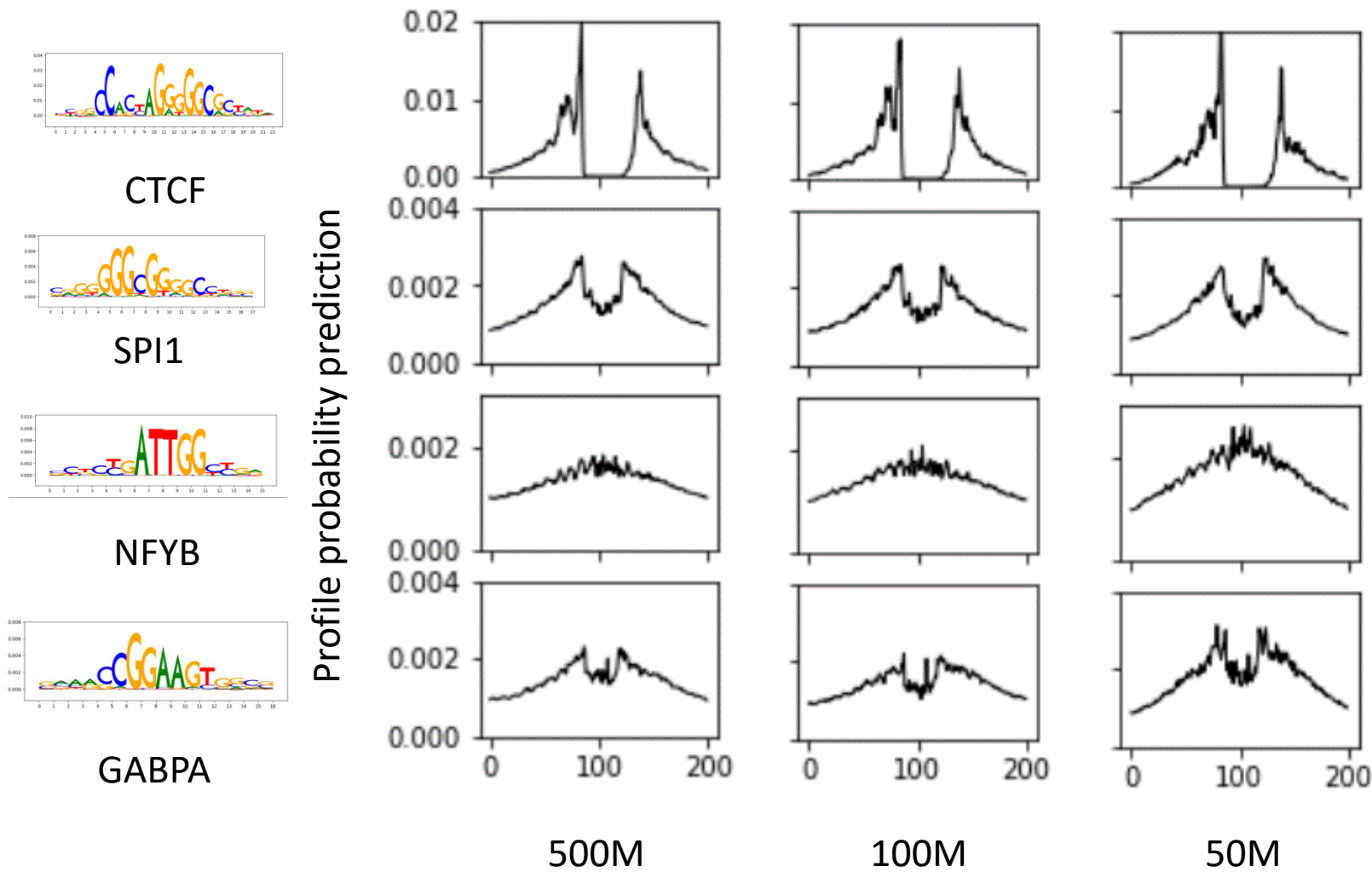
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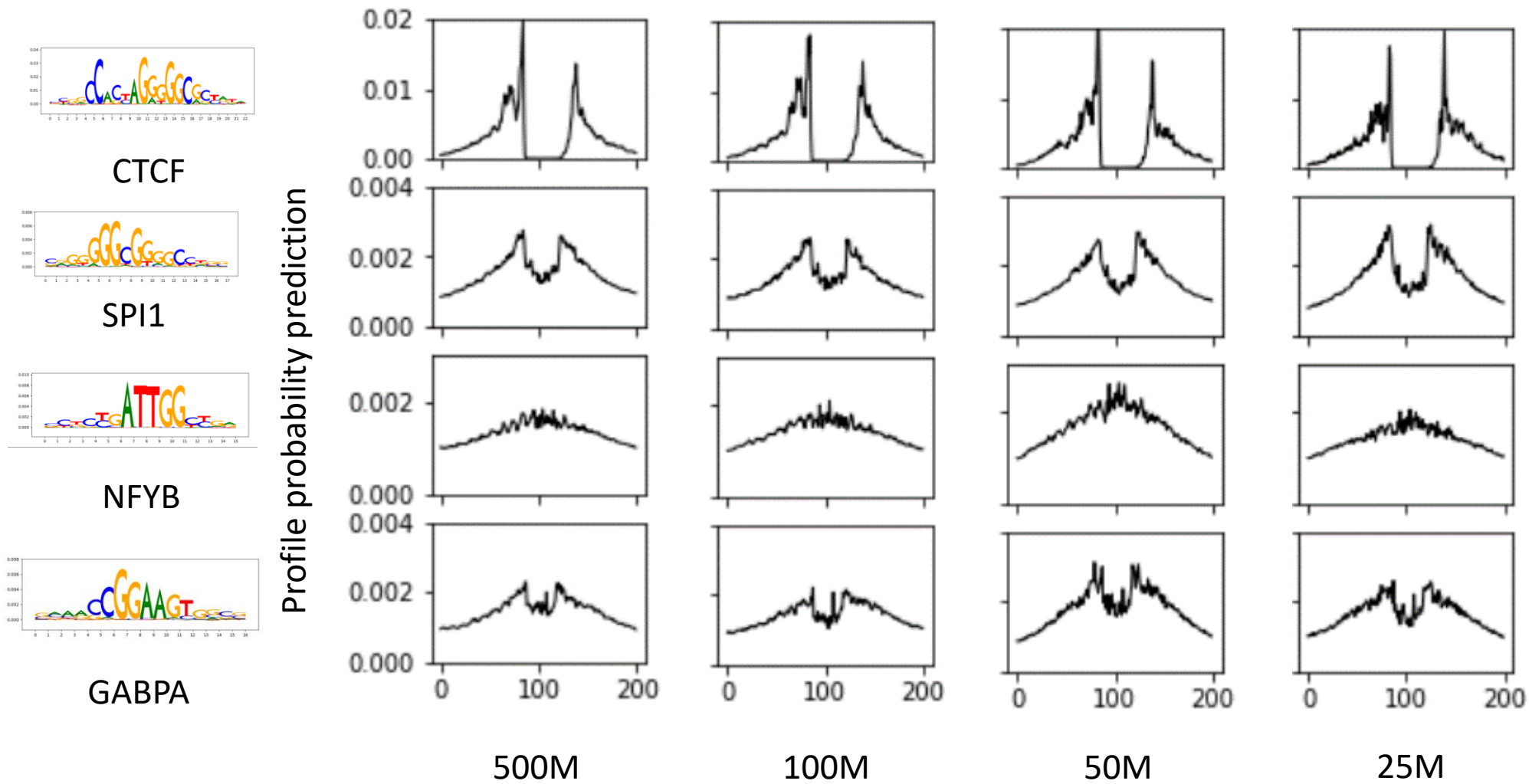
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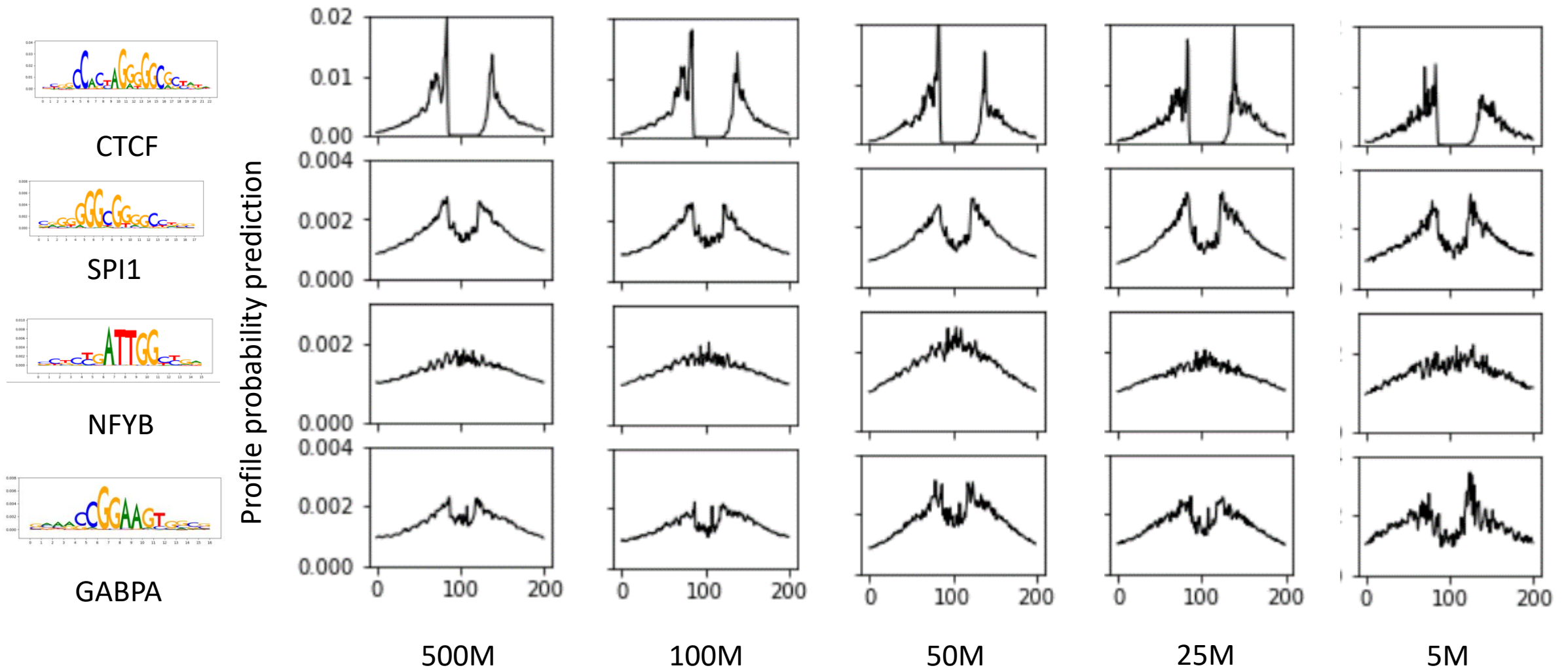
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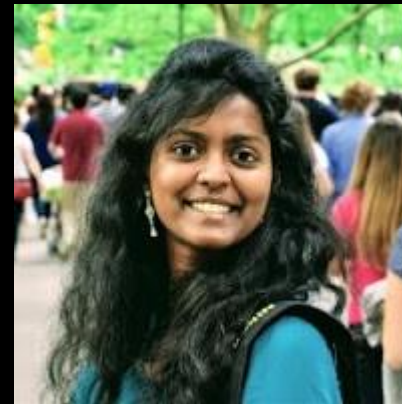
# Model driven prioritization and interpretation of non-coding genetic variation



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# Large proportion of disease-associated genetic loci are non-coding

Benign

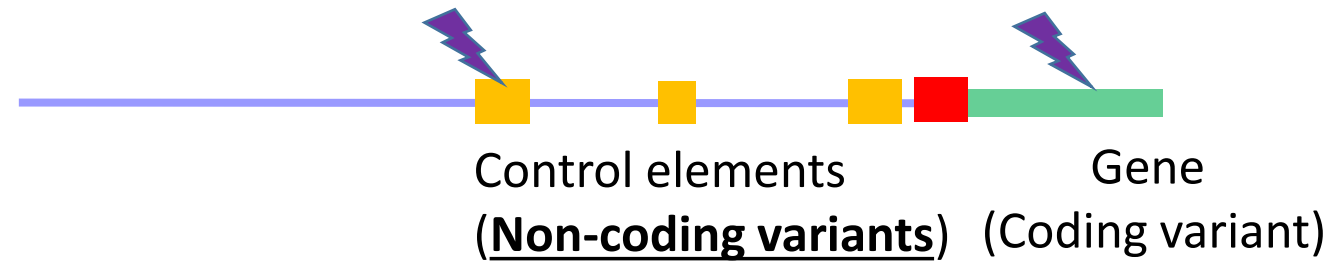
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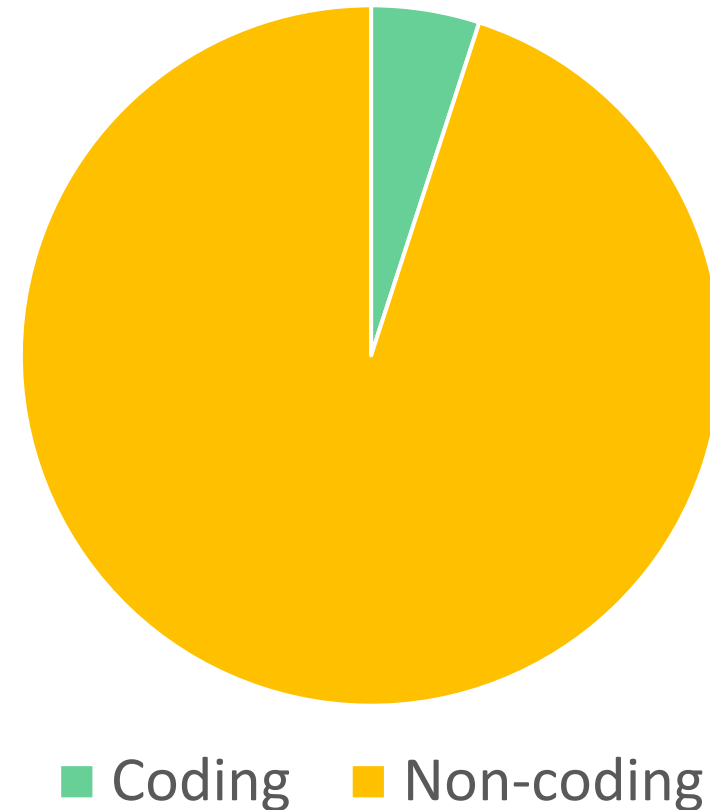
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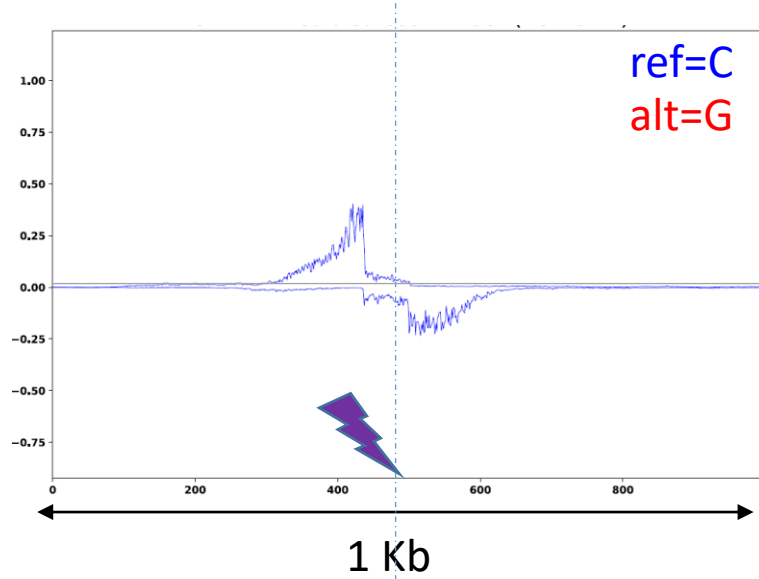
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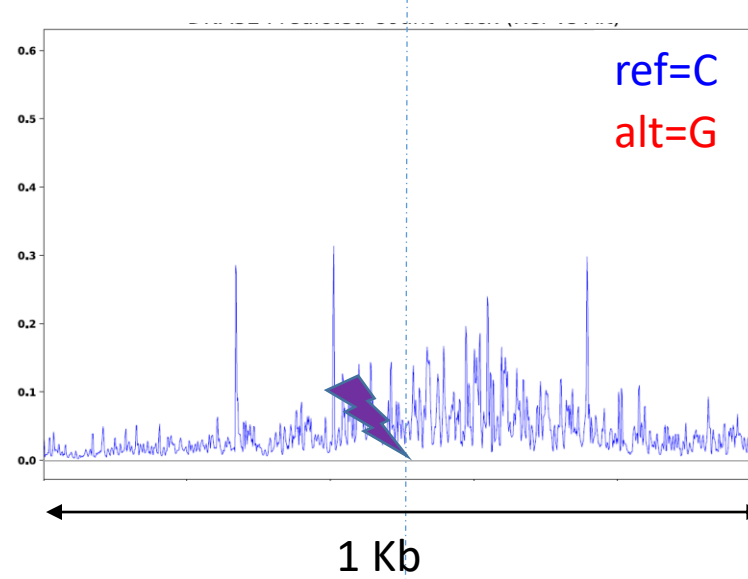


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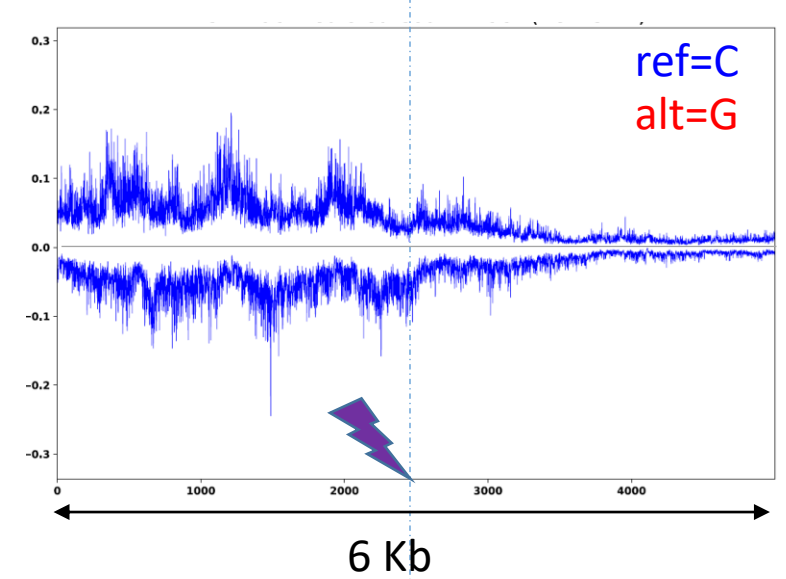
Predicted SPI1 protein-DNA binding



Predicted chromatin accessibility



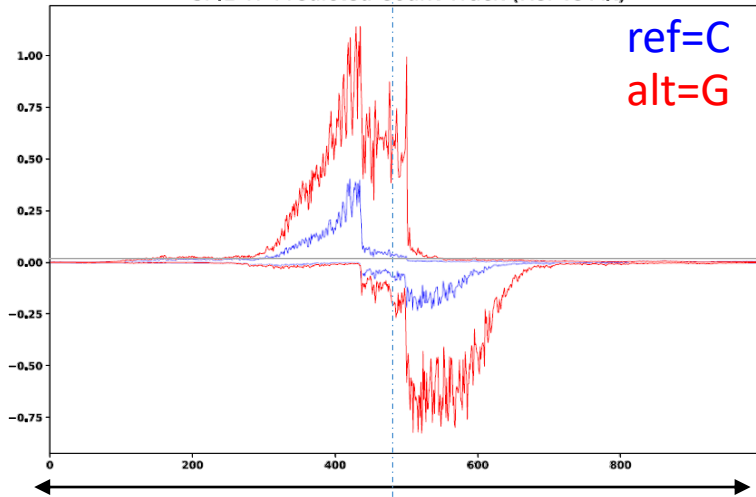
Predicted histone mark (H3K27ac)



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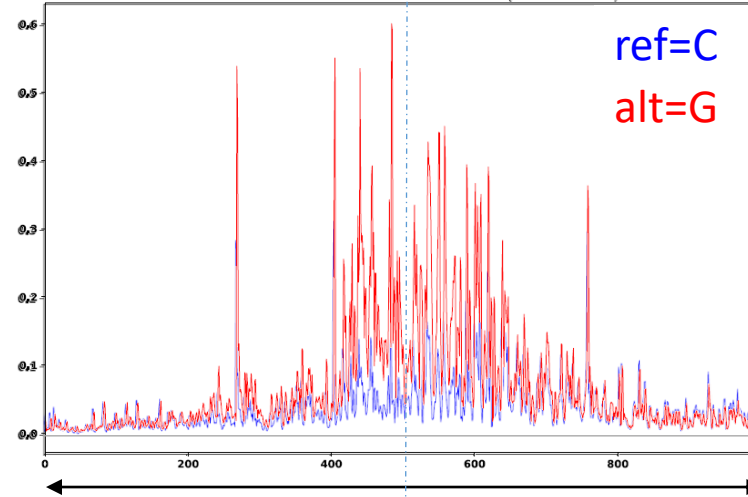
SPI1 TF Predicted Count Track (Ref vs Alt)



1 Kb

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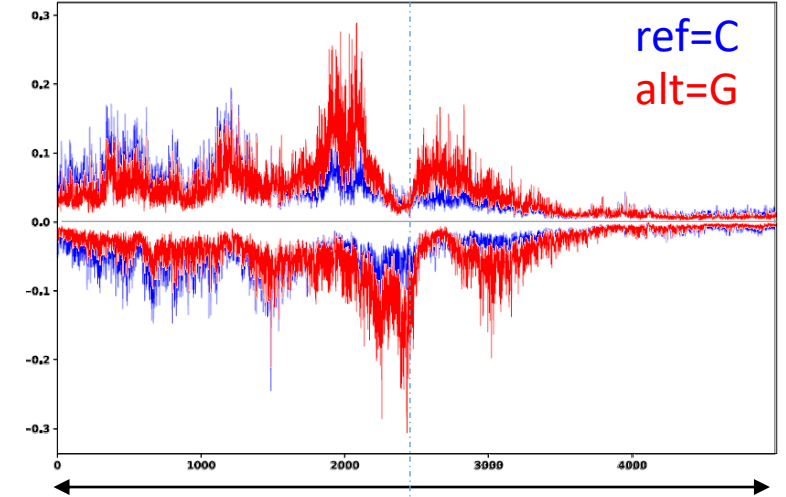
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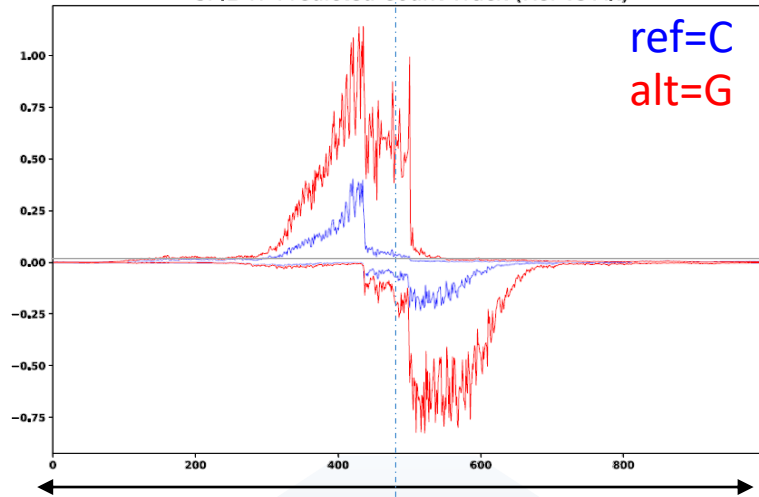


6 Kb

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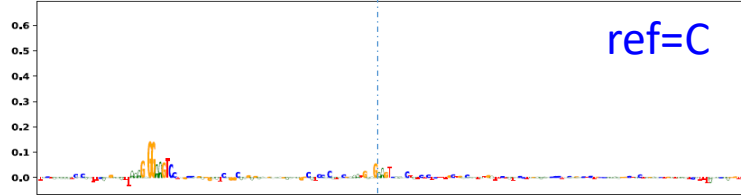
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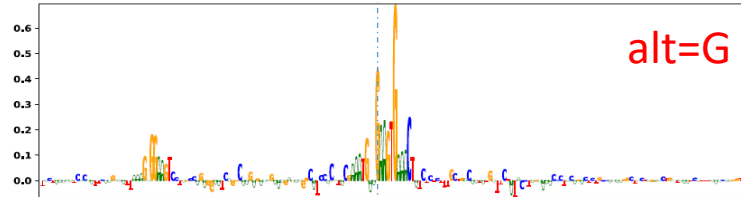
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TF Ref Count SHAP



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TF Alt Count SHAP

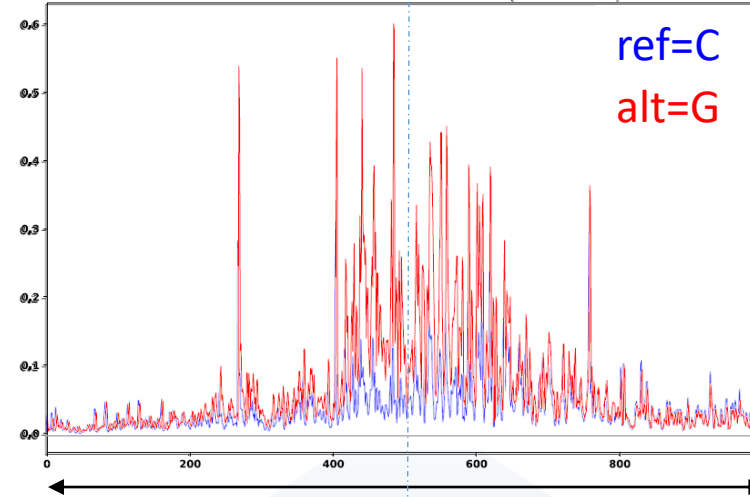


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200 bp

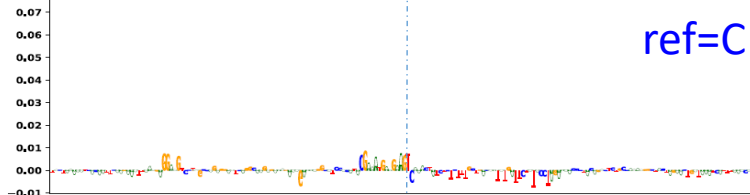
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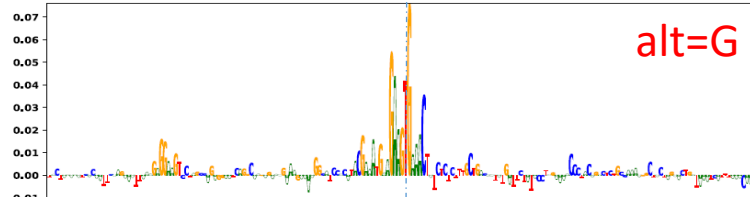
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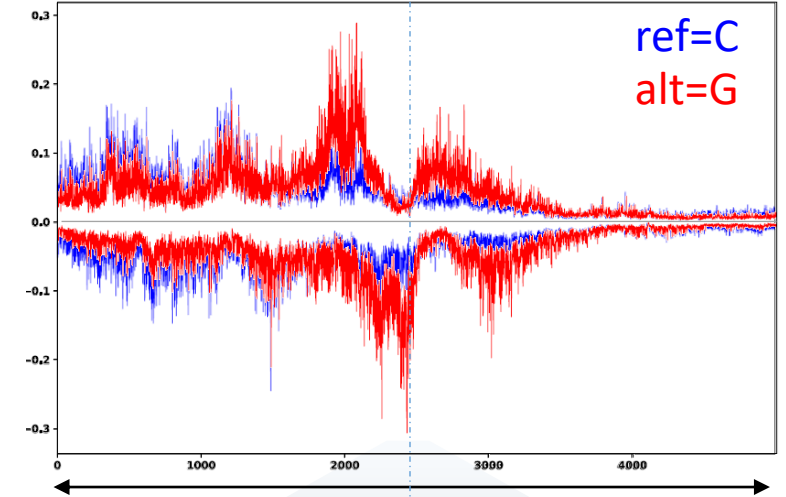


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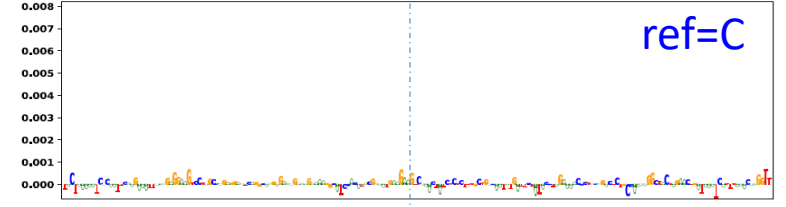
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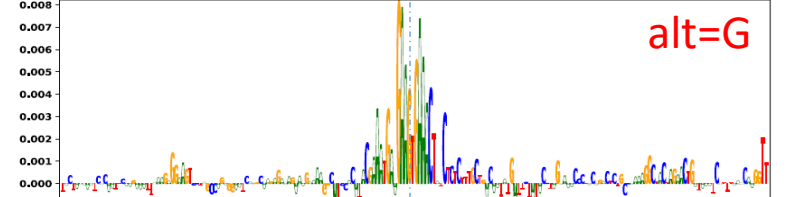
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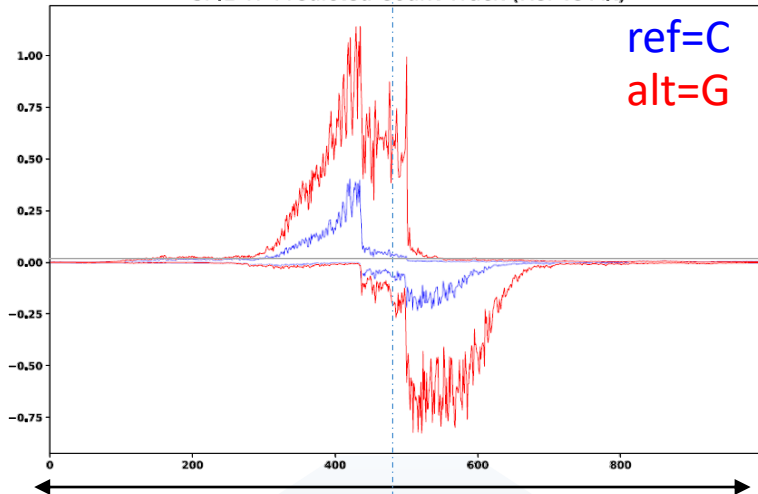
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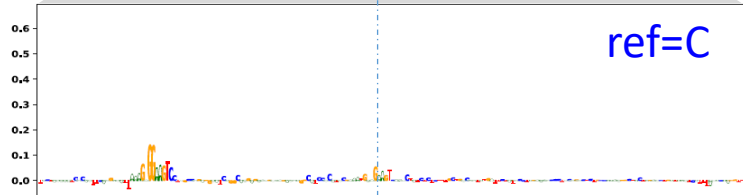
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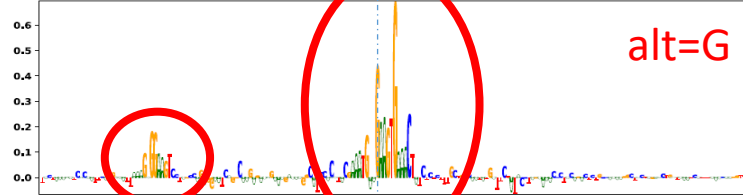


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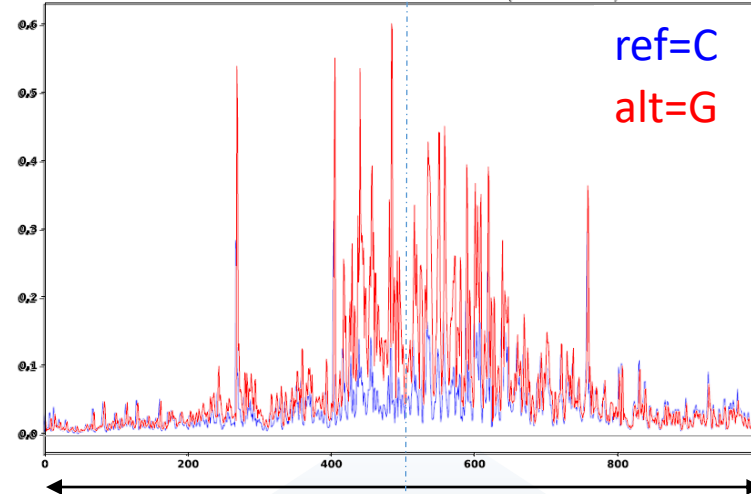


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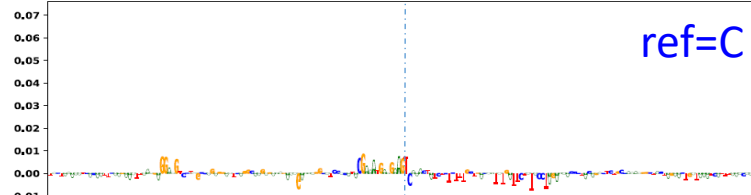
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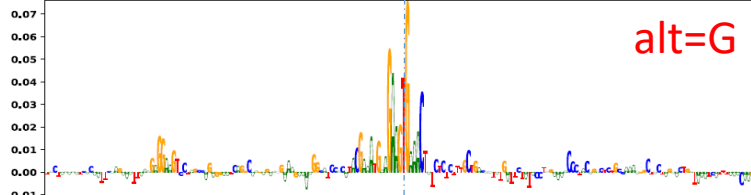


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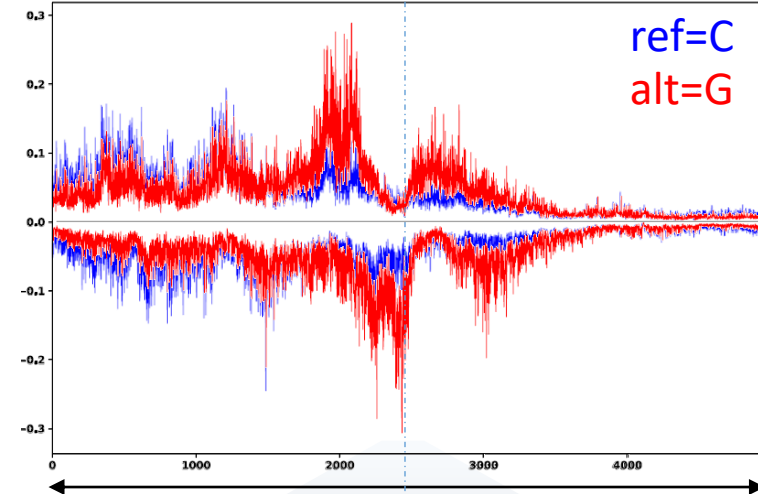


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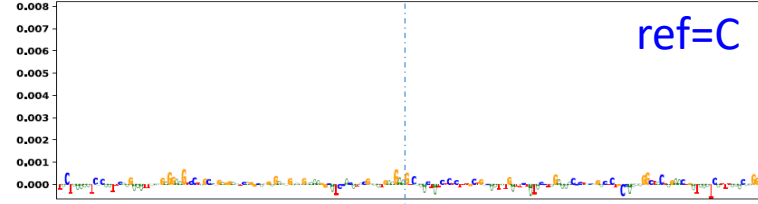
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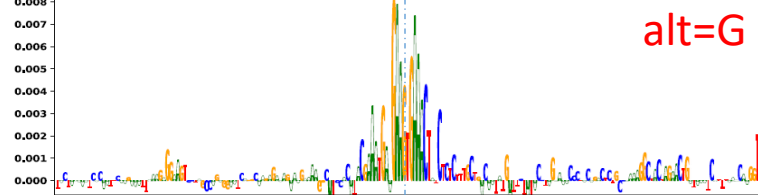


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# Variant Effect Scoring with ChromBPNet

- ChromBPNet has two heads counts and profiles
- Variant effect scoring with counts head

$$\log(counts_{alt}) - \log(counts_{ref})$$

- Variant effect scoring with profile head

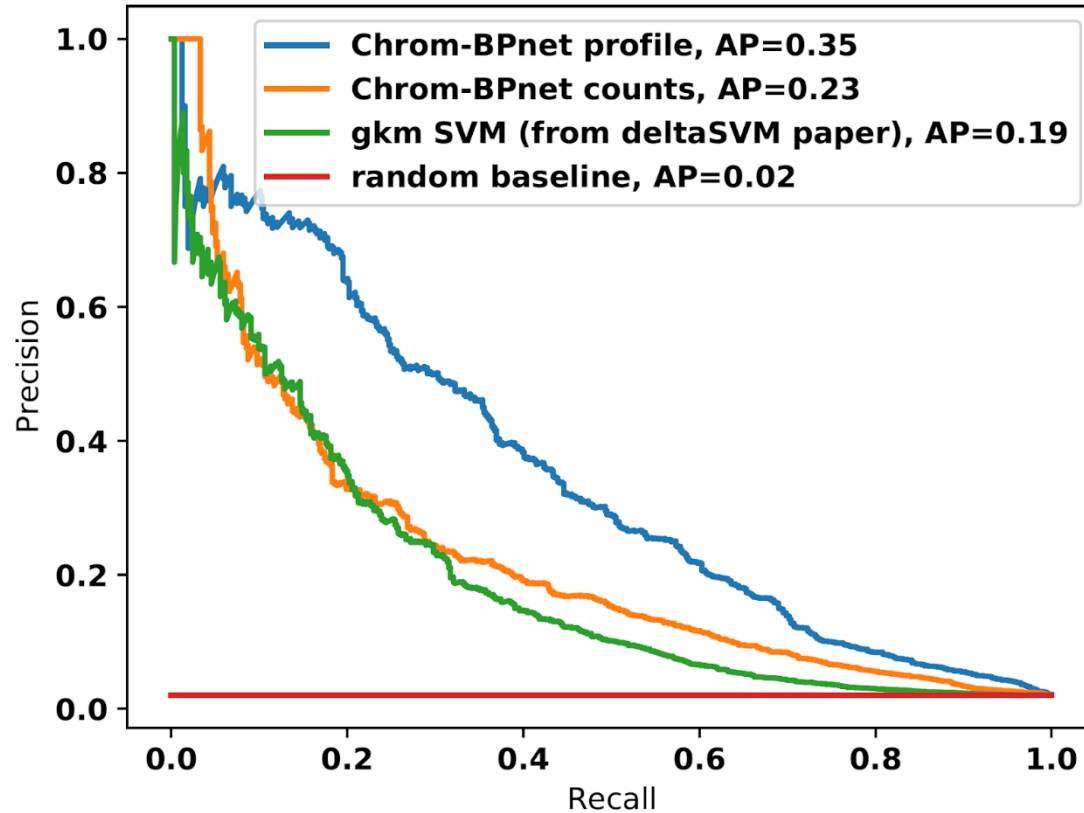
$$JensenShanon(Profile_{alt}, Profile_{ref}) * Sign(\log(counts_{alt}) - \log(counts_{ref}))$$



# Dnase-seq ChromBPNet outperforms deltaSVM for predicting dsQTLs in LCLs

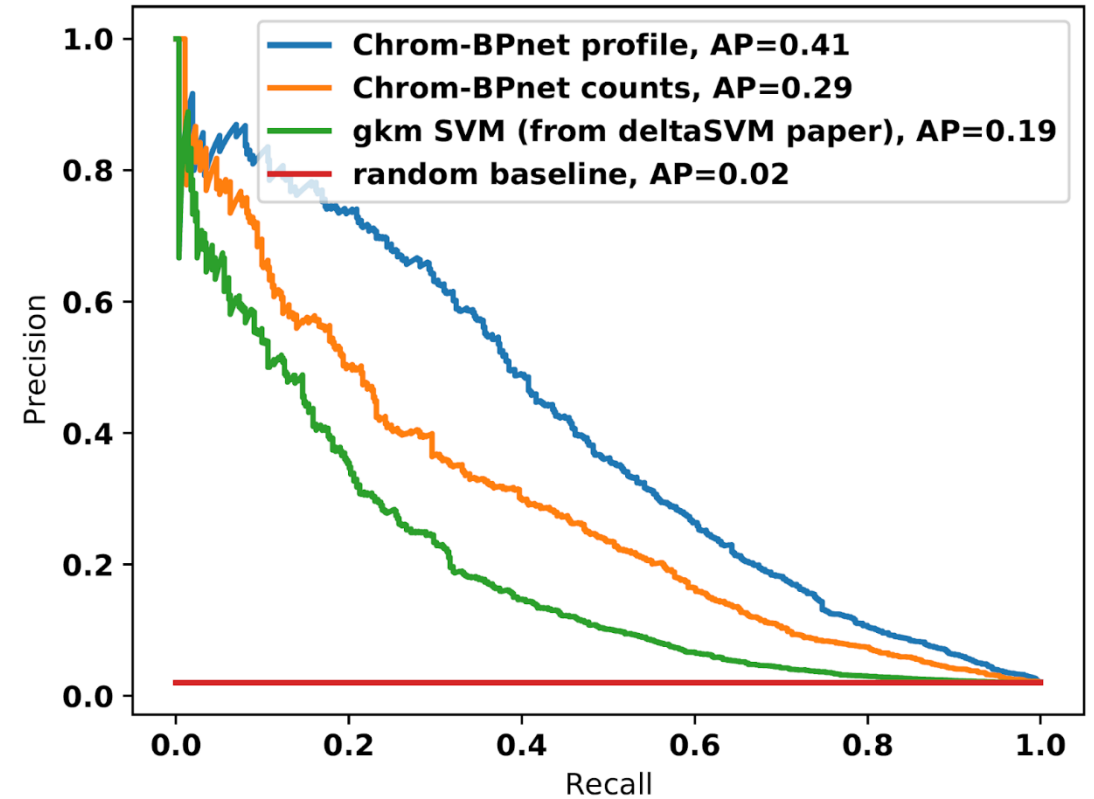
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85M read depth

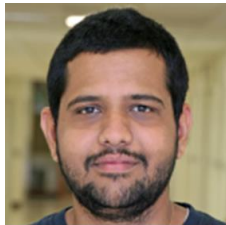
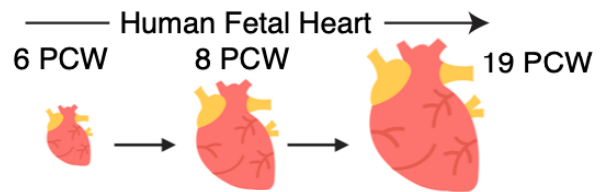


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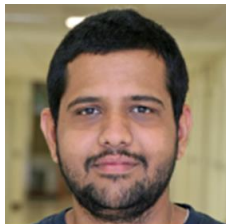
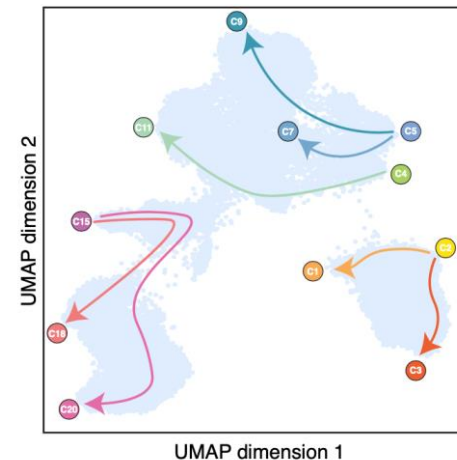
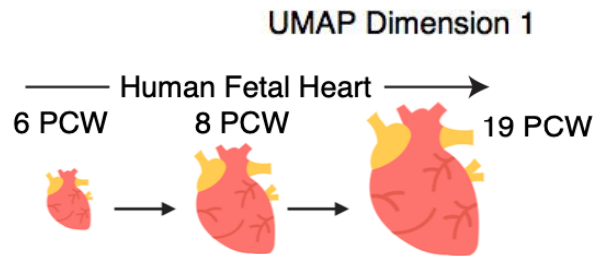
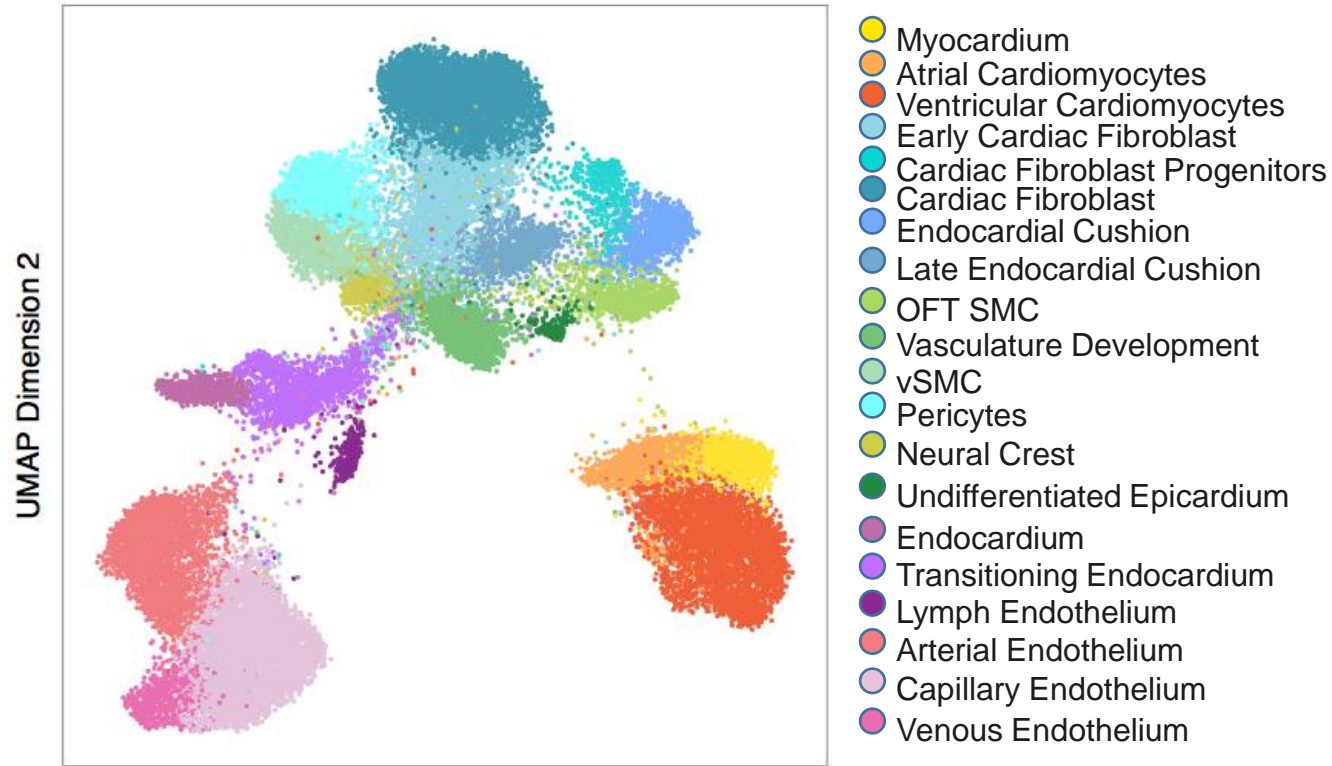
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# Single cell chromatin dynamics during human cardiogenesis

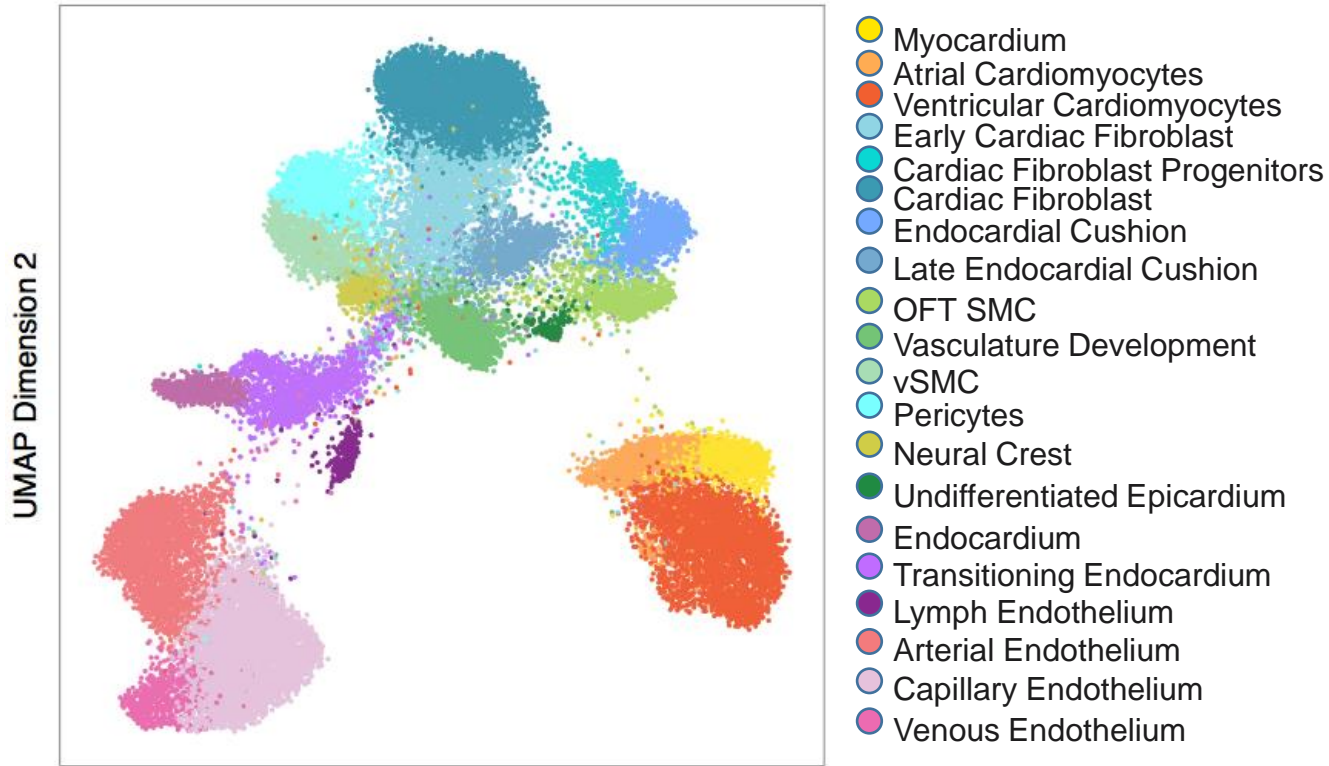


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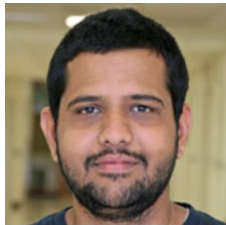
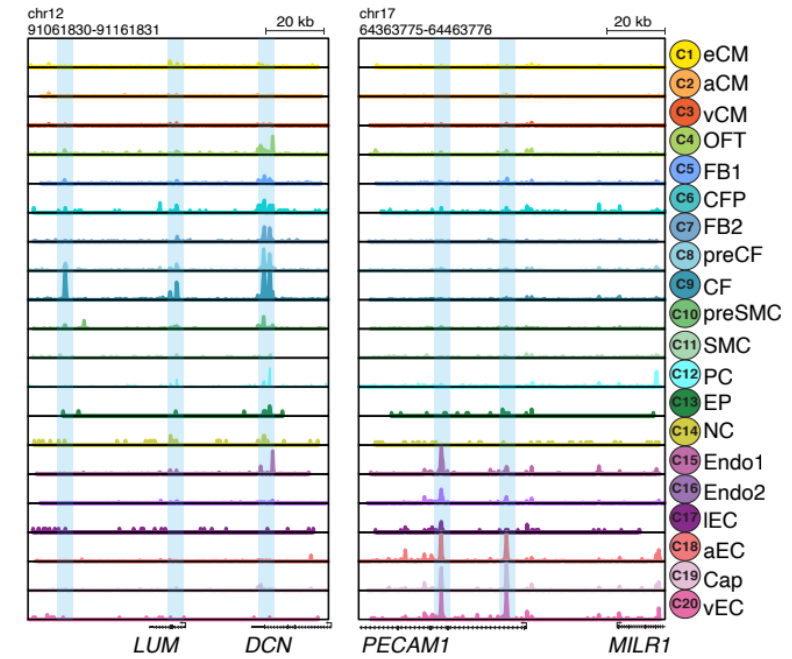
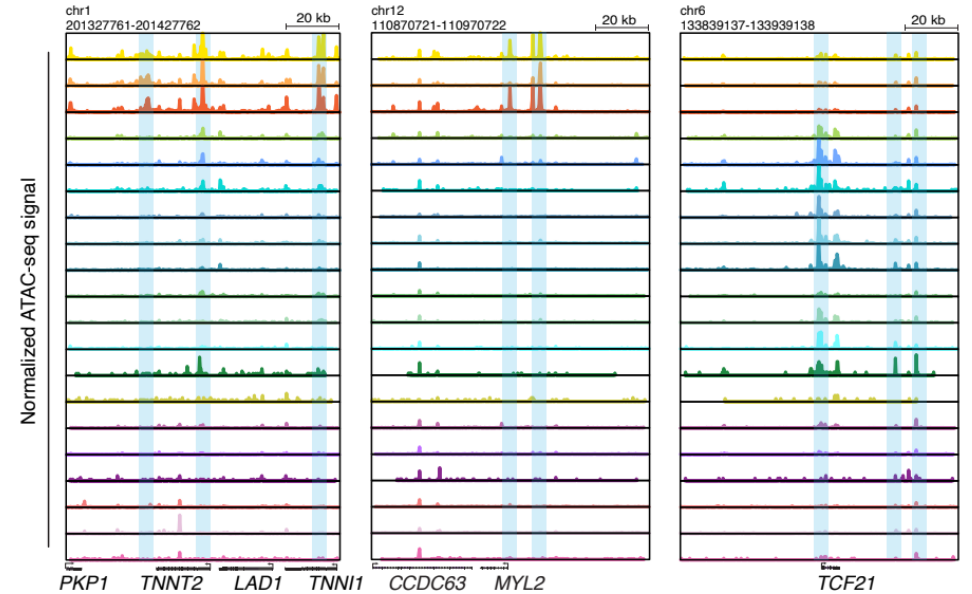
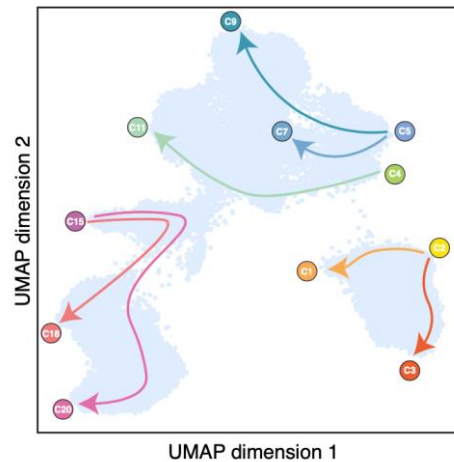
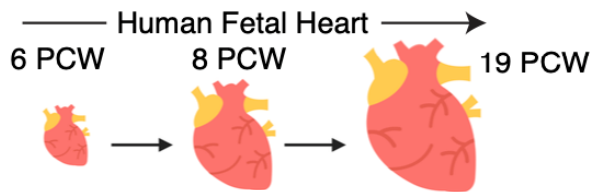


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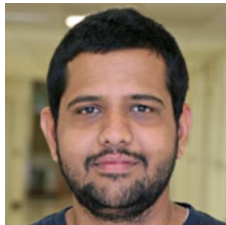
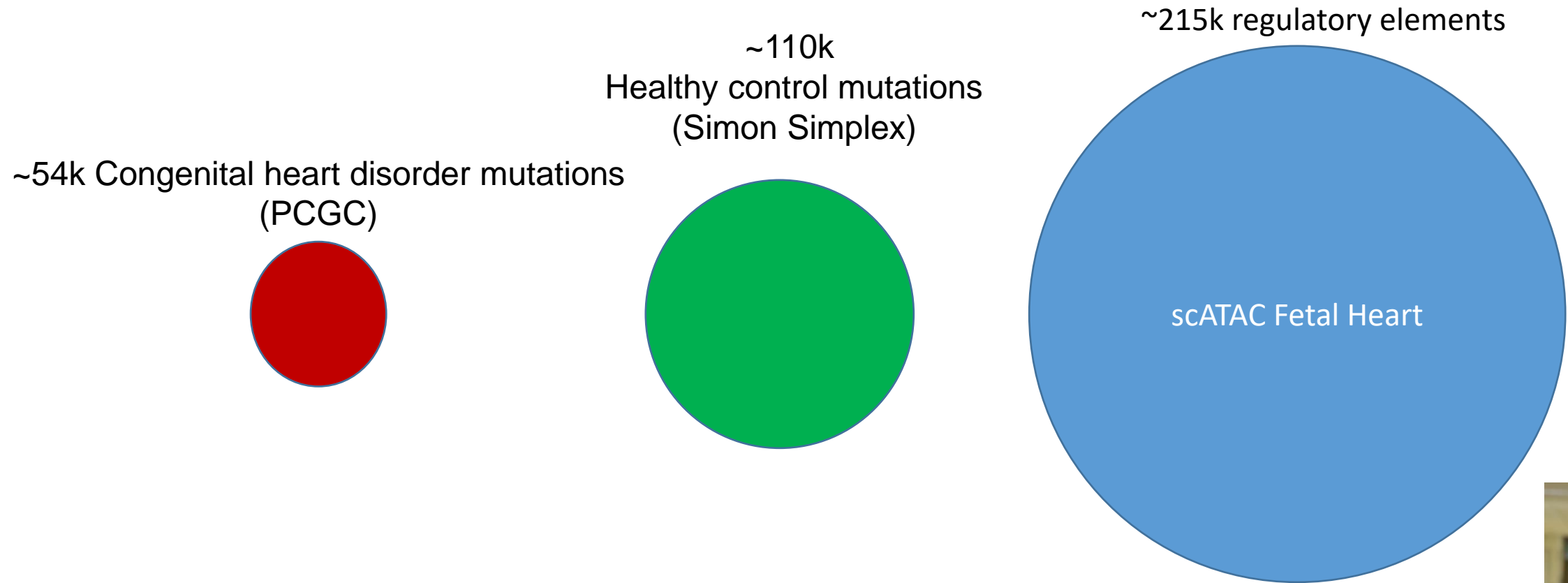


UMAP Dimension 1



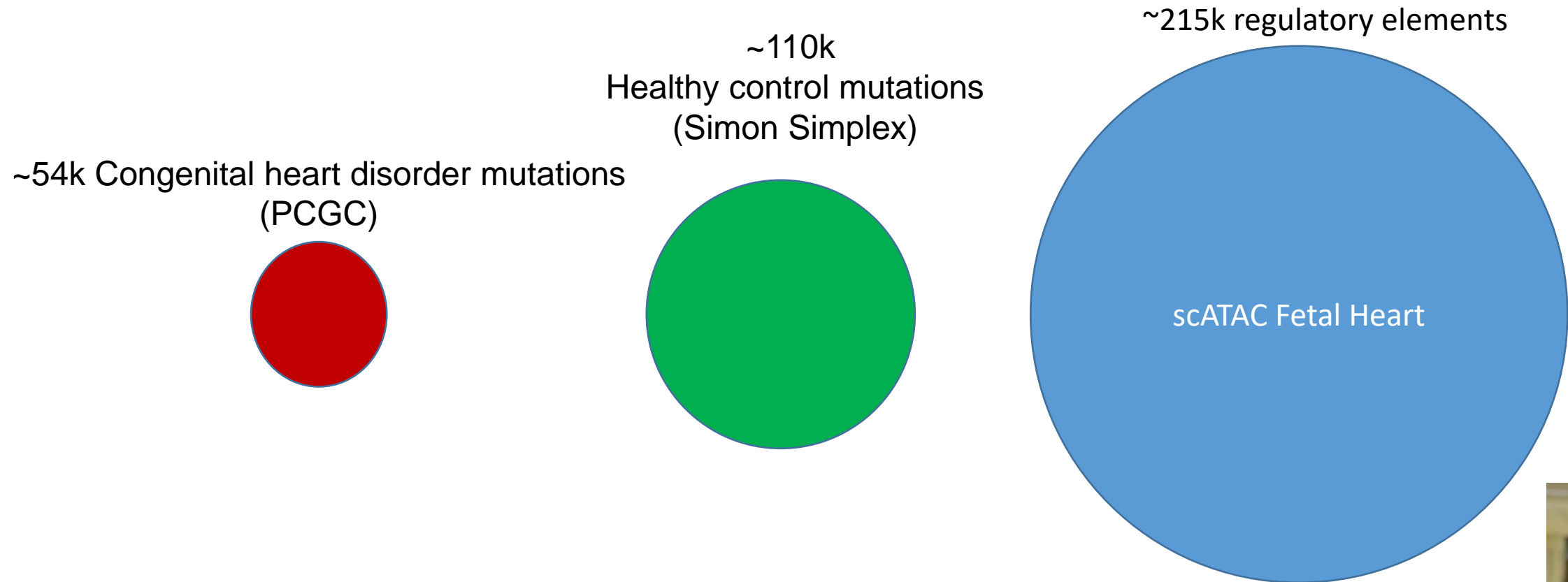
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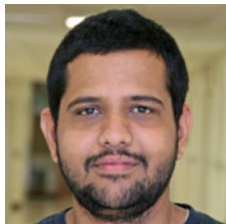


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**No enrichment of CHD mutations in all/cell type resolved scATAC-seq peaks!**



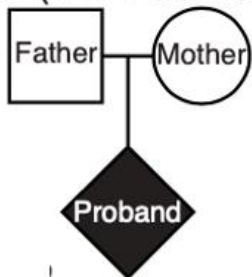
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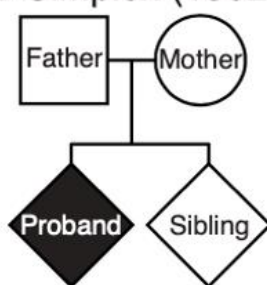
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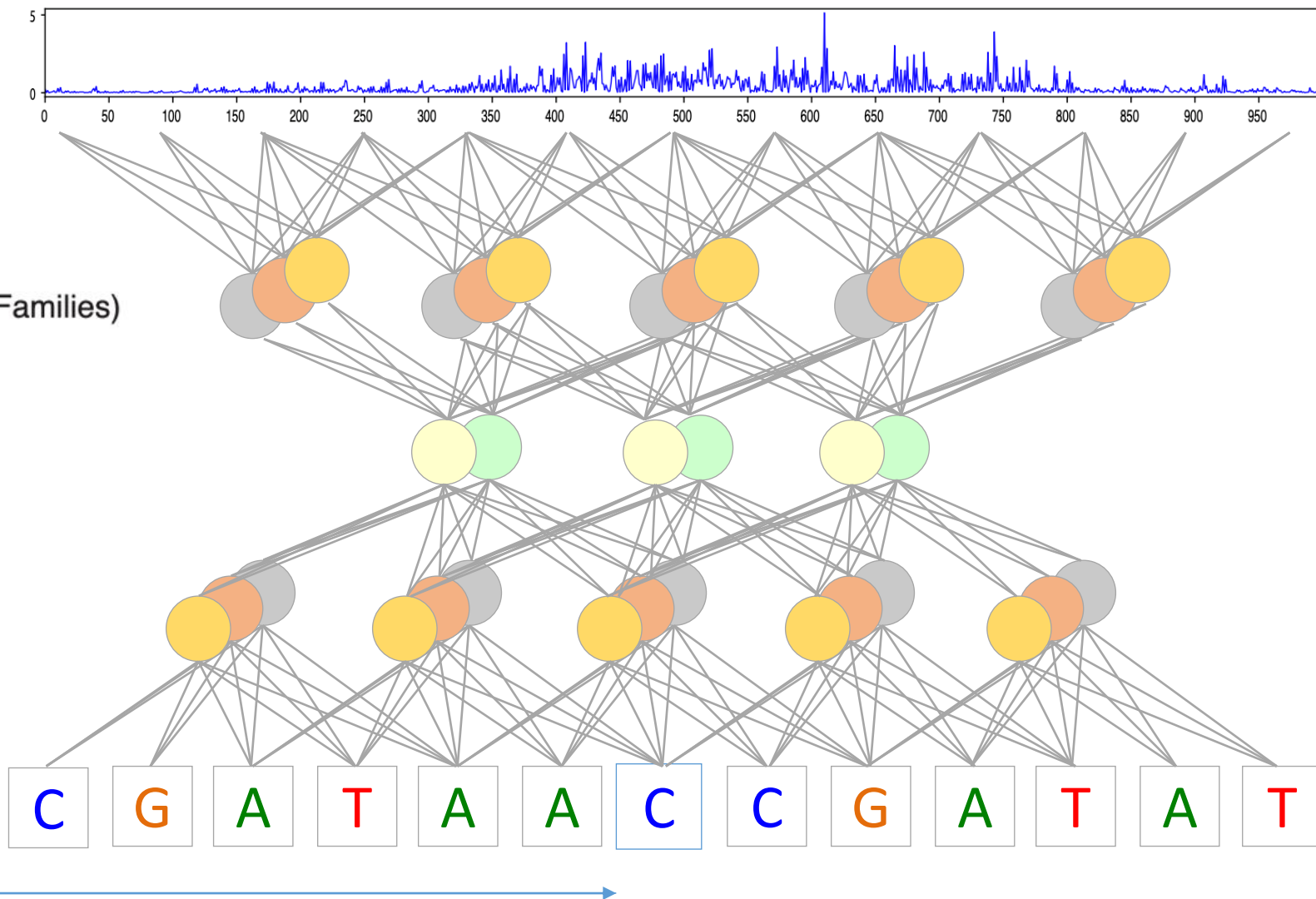
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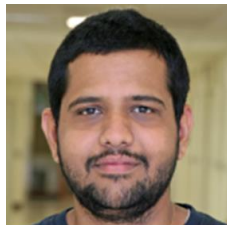


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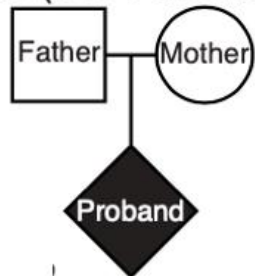


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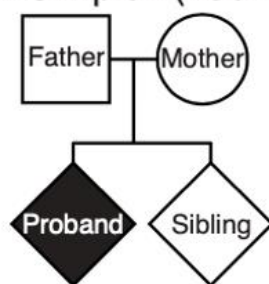
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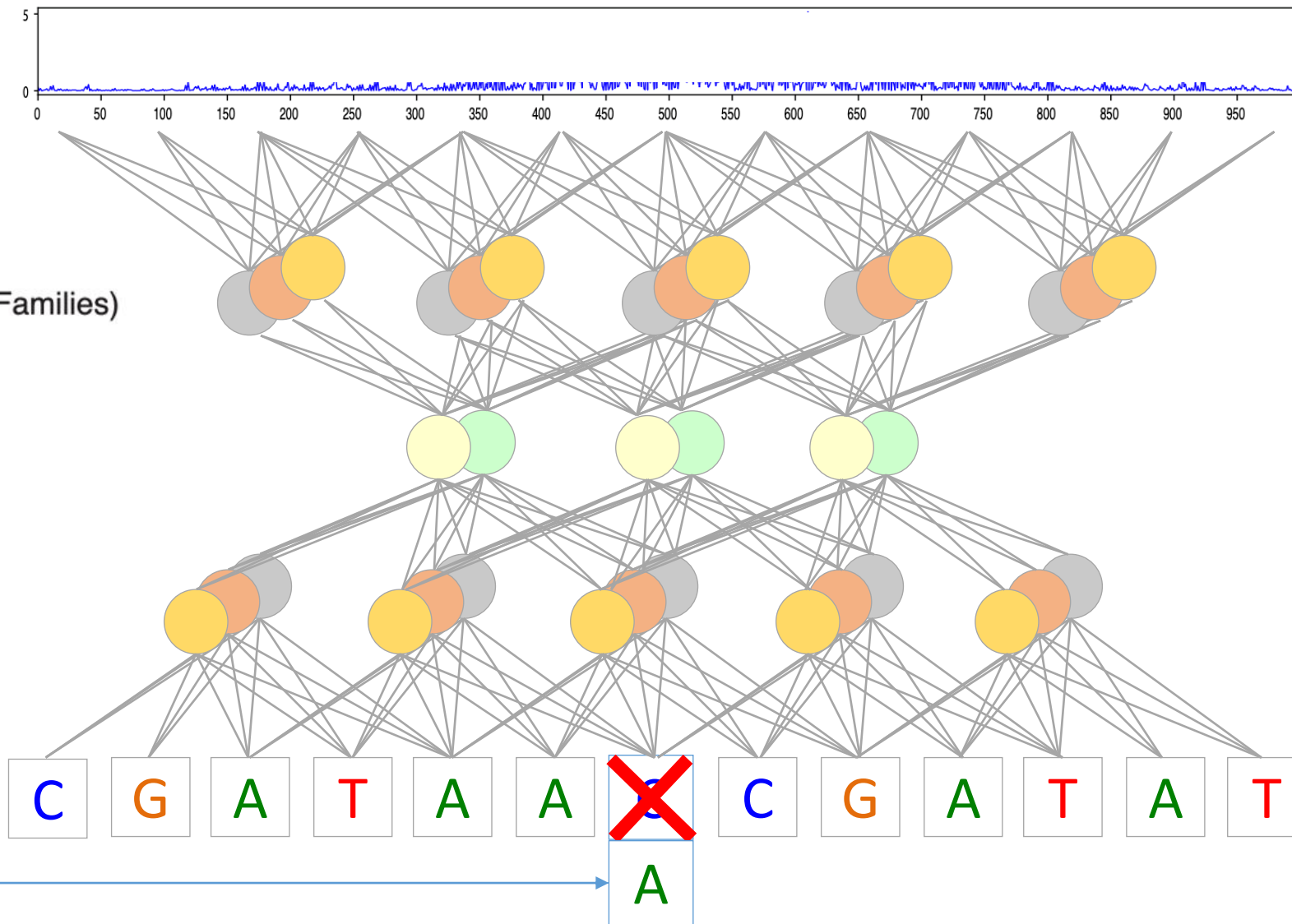
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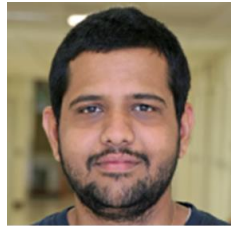
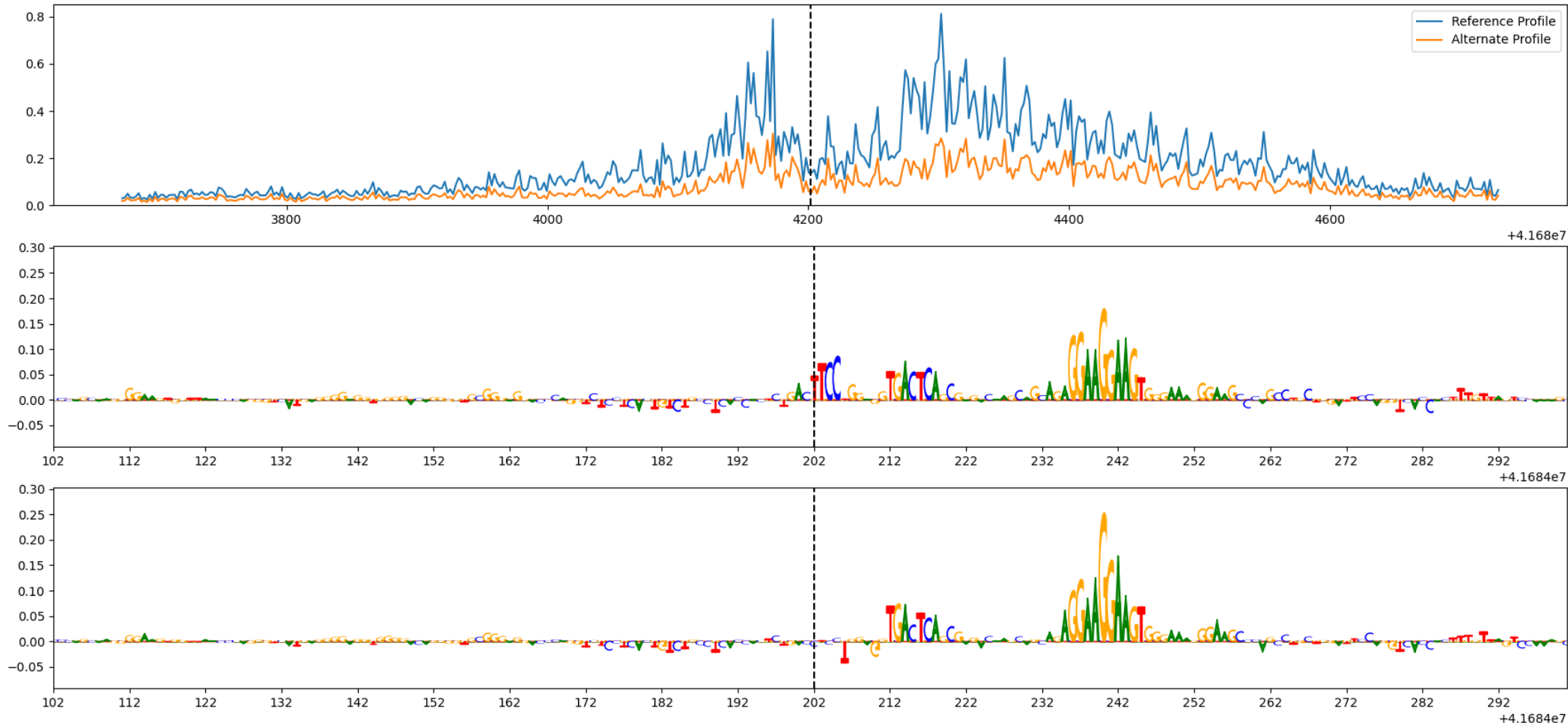
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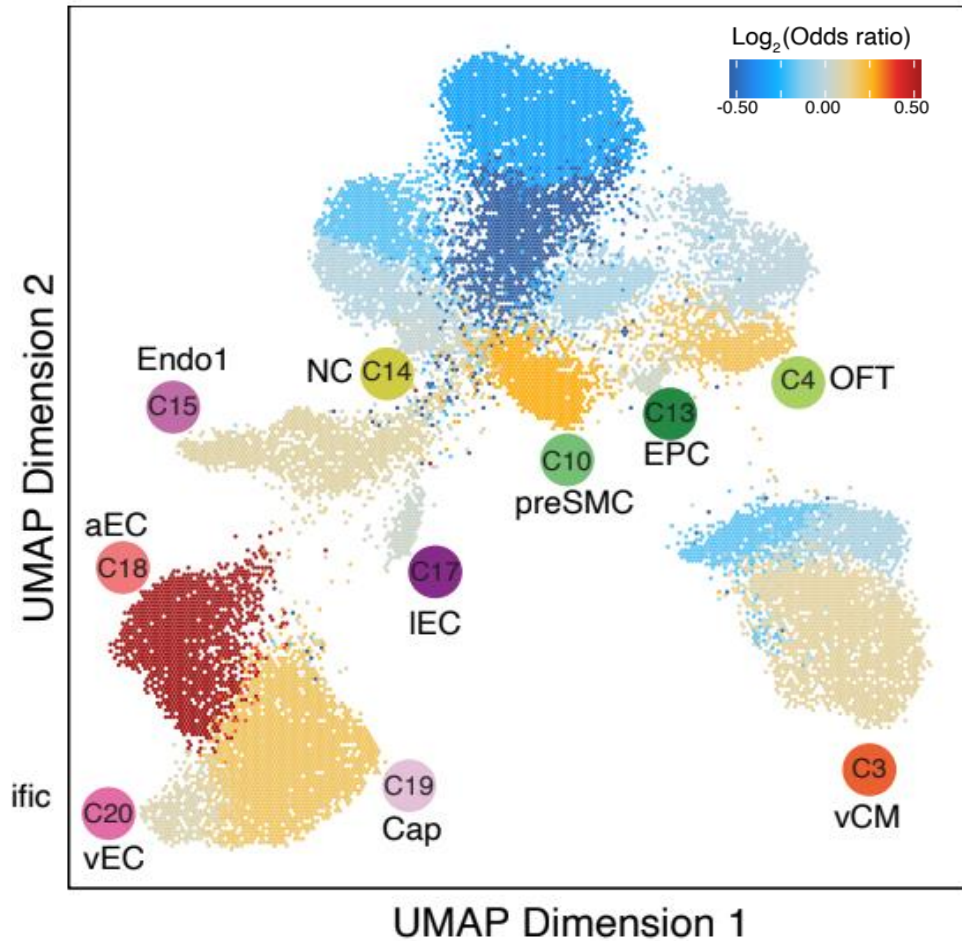
# Eg: CHD case mutation affecting accessibility of enhancer in Art/Cap endothelial cells



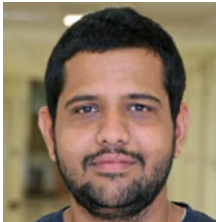
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Mutation disrupts an ETS/ELK/ETV family motif

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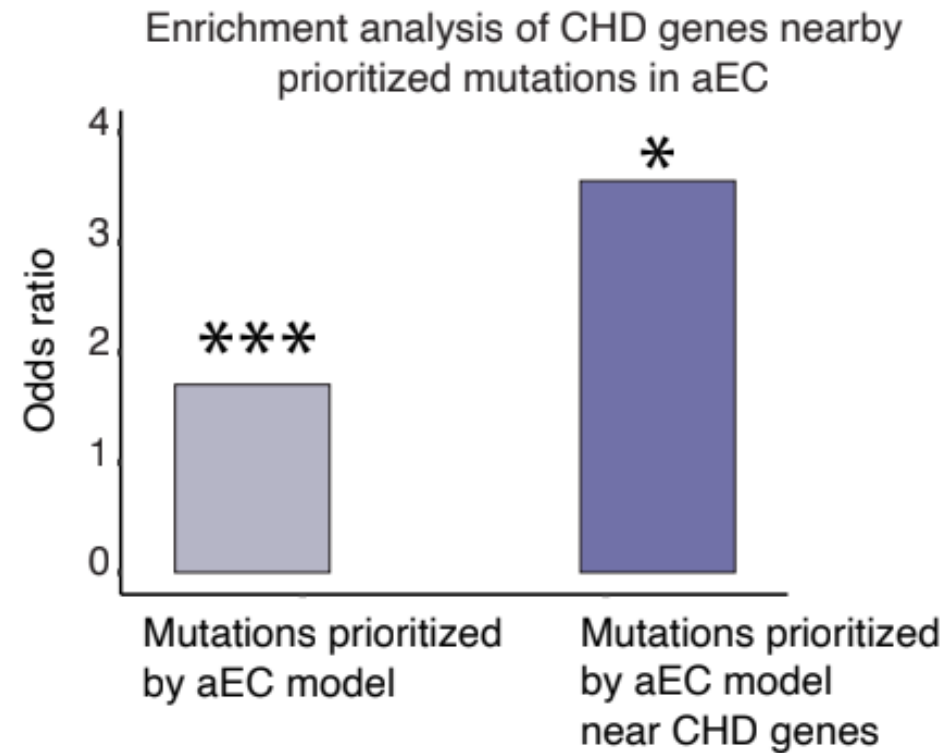
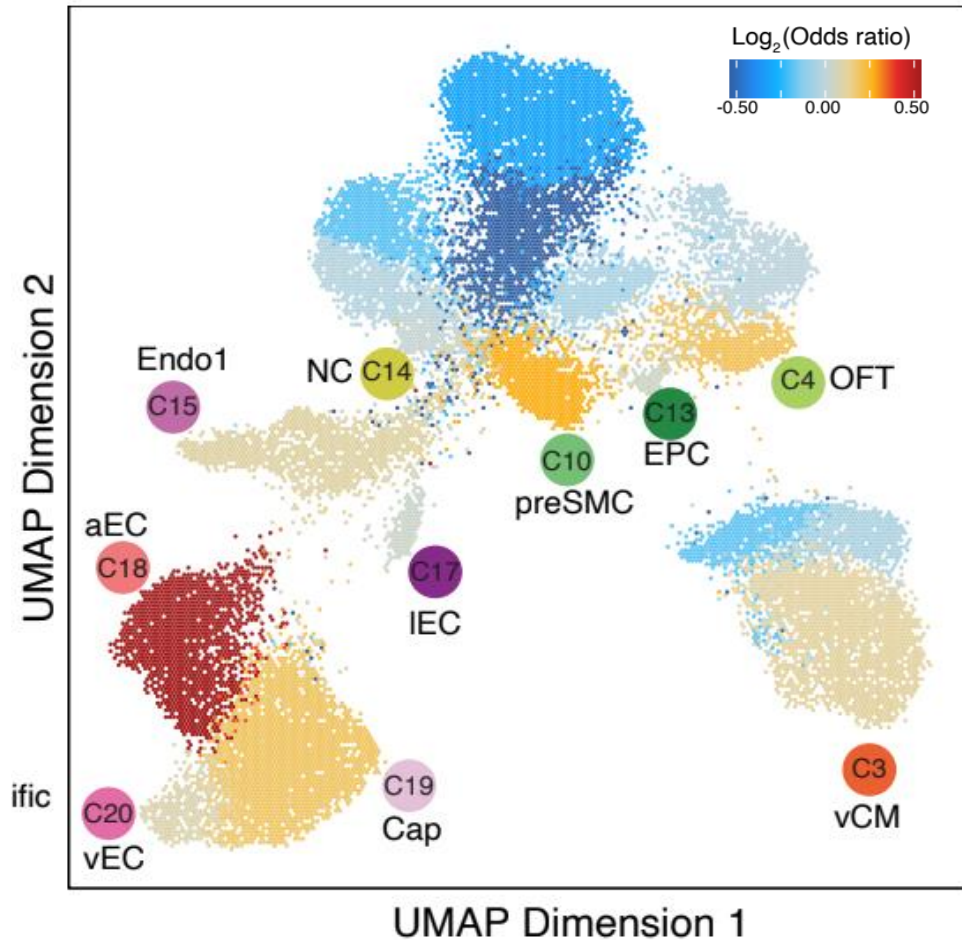


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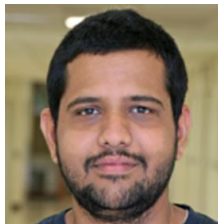


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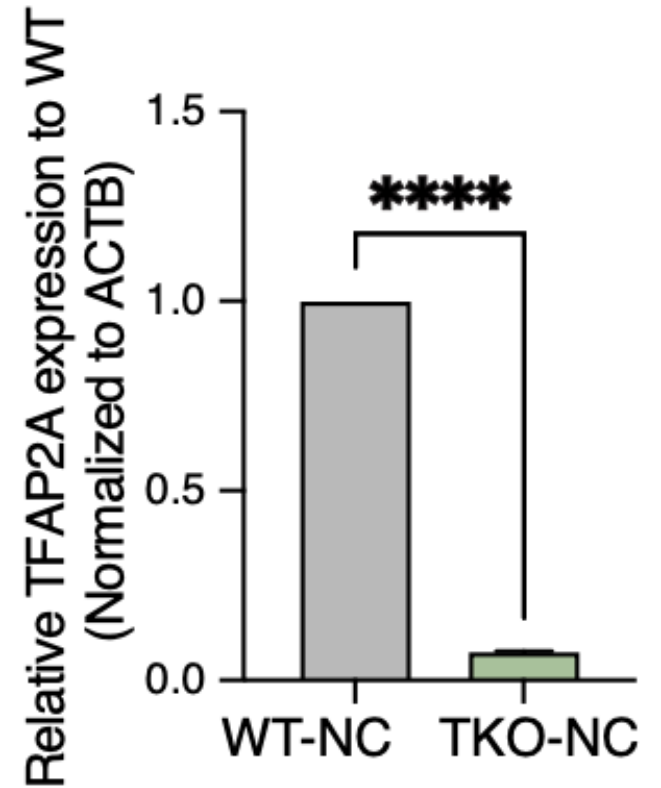
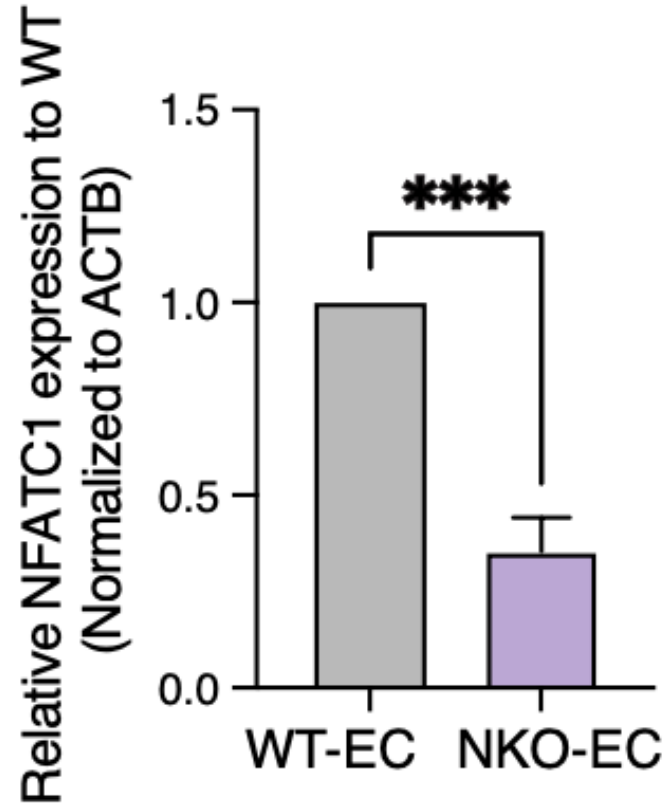
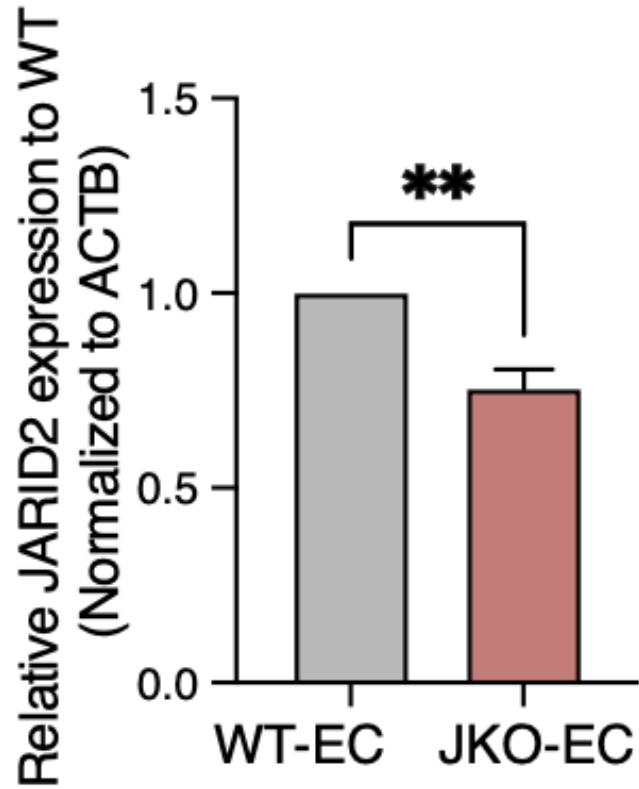


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# CRISPR experiments confirm downstream gene targets of enhancers containing prioritized CHD mutations



# Summary

- Base-resolution neural networks can learn very accurate models of regulatory DNA sequence from bulk and single cell regulatory profiling experiments
- Can be queried to decipher novel subtle sequence syntax properties
- Can be used to decipher regulatory genetic variation
- Can be used to prioritize likely causal variants in GWAS loci and de-novo non-coding mutations
- Can be used to design precise genome editing experiments
- Foundation of *in-silico* platforms for biological discovery, hypothesis generation & model-driven iterative expt. design

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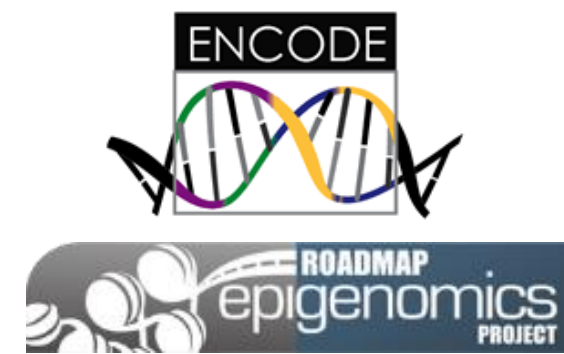
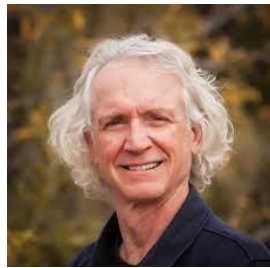
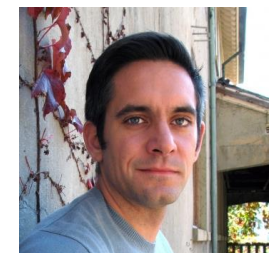


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