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The goal of Ensembl Regulation team is to annotate the genome with features that may play a role in the transcriptional regulation of genes, ie promoters, enhancers insulators etc, using:

- Predicted open/closed chromatin
 - DNase I sensitivity
- Transcription factor binding sites
- Epigenetic marks
 - Histone modifications
 - DNA methylation
- RNA Pol binding







We do not...

- …link promoters/enhancers/insulators or any other regulatory features to genes. We allow you see what is where and make your own inferences.
- …link regulatory features to gene expression. We have cell-line specific regulation data and tissue specific expression data make of it what you will.

Regulatory data is incredibly complex and still in relative infancy. There is no comprehensive database of regulation data.







Data sources











A subset of cell types

- Only a subset of available data is displayed in Ensembl.
- We display cell types that have, at a minimum:
 - CTCF binding
 - DNase or FAIRE data
 - H3K4me3, H3K27me3, H3K36me3 data
- We display all TFBS and histone modification data known in these cell types.
- We process these data to predict activity.
- Further data can be added using track hubs.







Processing the data

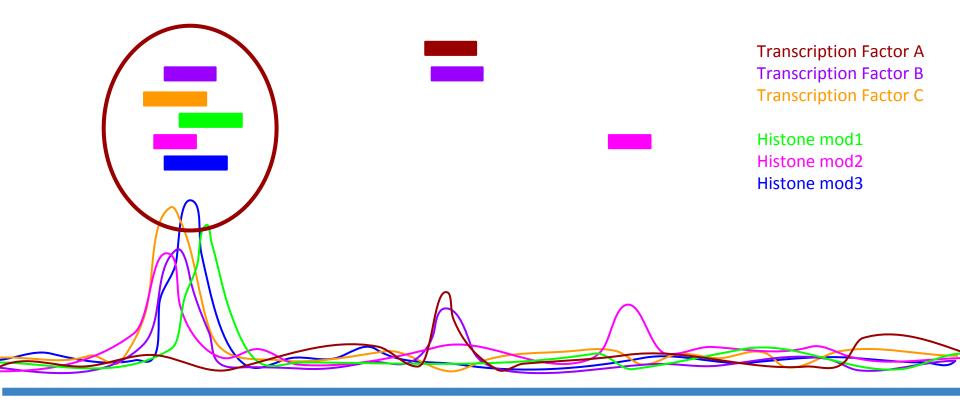
- The raw data is taken from the various sources.
- This is processed to predict the positions of regulatory features, such as promoters, enhancers and insulators.
- The activity of these features is predicted in the different cell types.
- All of this can be viewed in the genome browser.







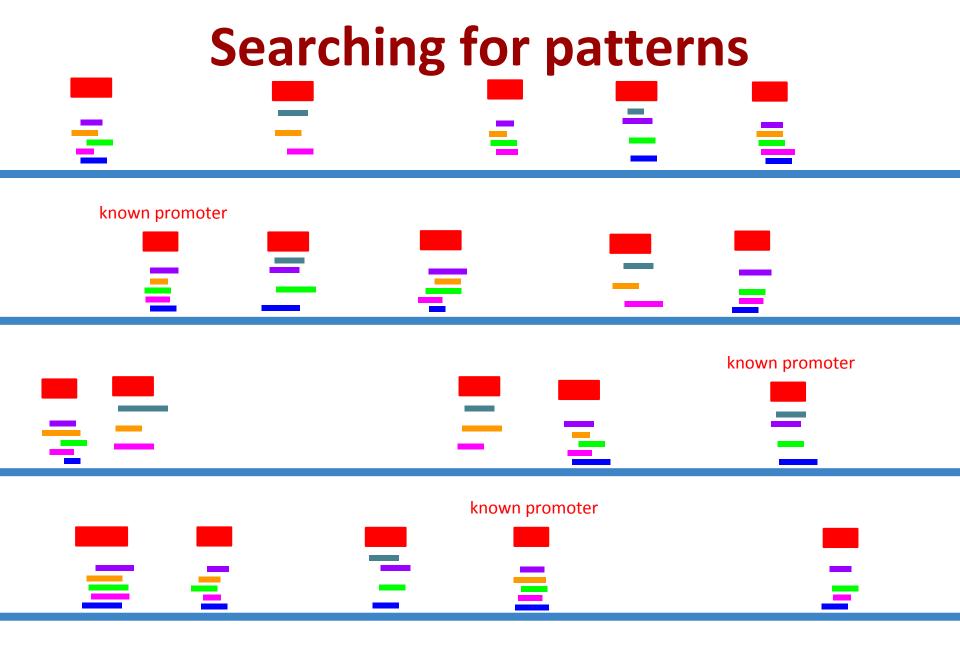
Raw data









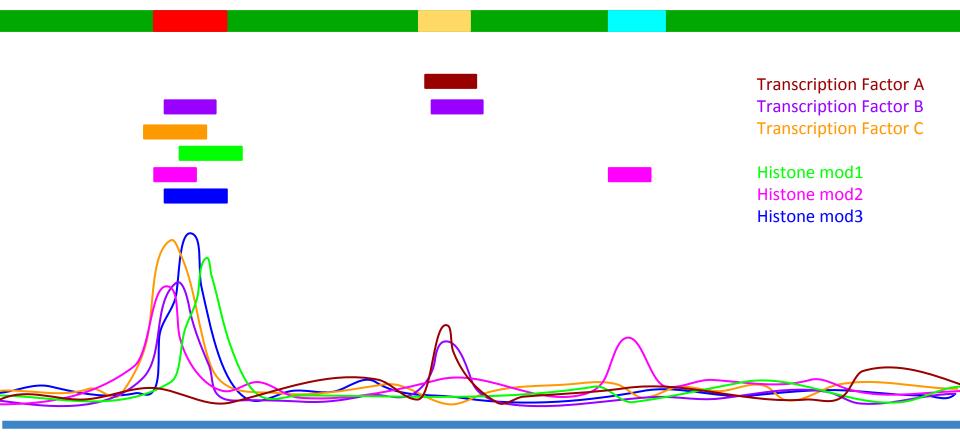








Segmentation









MultiCell features

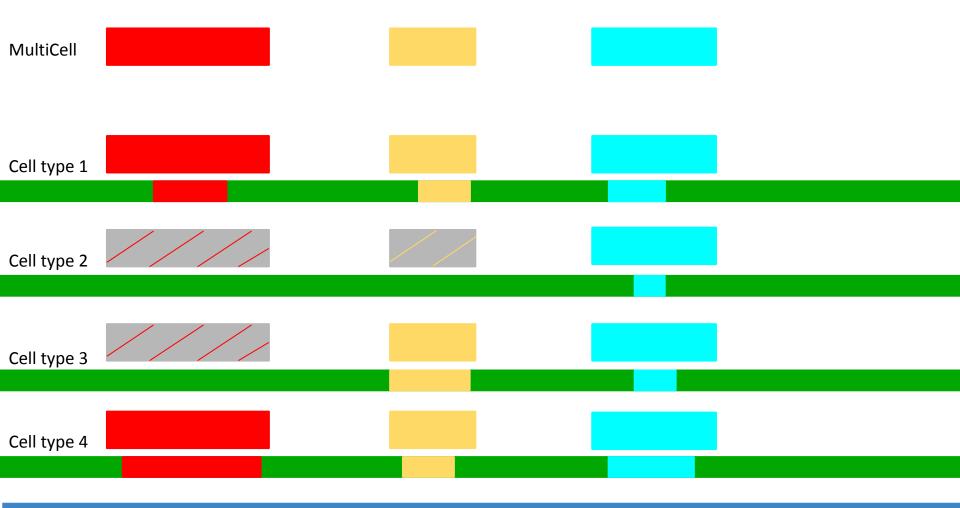
Cell type 1														
Cell type 2														
Cell type 3														
Cell type 4														







Cell-specific features









Coverage

Label	Count	Mean length (bp)	Max length (bp)	Total length (Mbp)
TSS	40,249	973.2	11,400	39.2
Proximal Reg.	101,206	1005.5	15,000	101.8
Distal Reg.	209,081	526.1	8,400	110.0
CTCF	108,284	550.1	5,200	59.6
Unannotated TFBS	163,528	155.8	1,630	25.5
Union				299.2





Hands on

- We're going to look at the region of a gene *LIMD2* to find regulatory features and explore what cells types they are active in and what evidence there is to show this.
- We'll have a go at a quick BioMart query to get the loci and functions of some Regulatory Features:

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