



# WELCOME TO DIAGENODE

# ChIP Workshop

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# **OBJECTIVES**

### Day 1

- ChIP overviewChip-qPCR vs. ChIP-Seq
- Chromatin preparation
   Fixation, Cell lysis and Chromatin shearing
- Setting up IP
   Antibodies, Replicates, inputs, controls

### Day 2

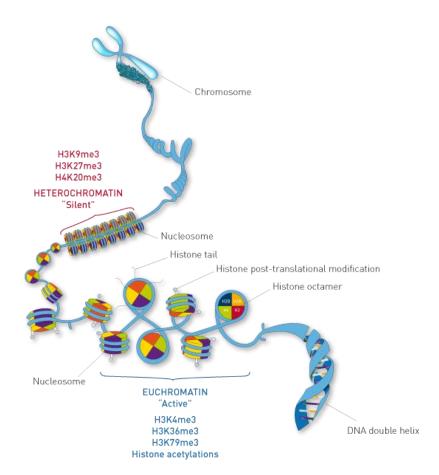
- ChIP-qPCR
- ChIP-seq: library prep & sequencing
- ChIP-seq: analysis
- Overview of alternative methods





# What is Chromatin?

A complex of DNA and proteins found in eukaryotic cells

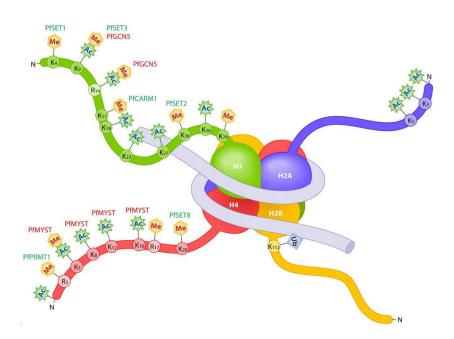


### INTRODUCTION



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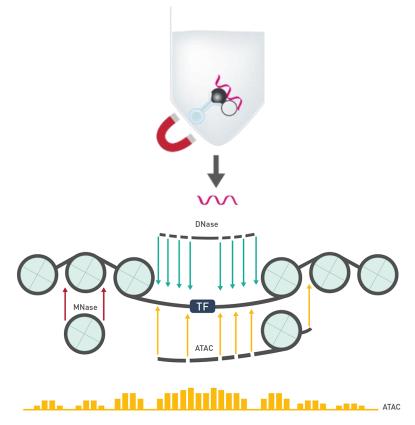
- Identifying genome-wide DNA binding sites for histones, transcription factors and other proteins
- Defines transcription factor (TF) binding sites
- Reveals gene regulatory networks in combination with RNA sequencing and methylation analysis





# CHROMATIN ANALYSIS

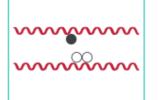
- Interaction between proteins and DNA (immuno- assays)
  - ChIP-qPCR
  - ChIP-Seq
  - Cut&Run and Cut&TAG
- Methods to study chromatin accessibility (non-immuno assays)
  - ATAC-seq



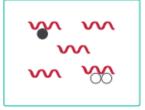


# Workflow: Chromatin ImmunoPrecipitation (ChIP):

Step 1



Cross link to fix proteins to DNA Step 2

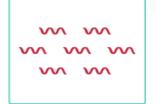


Shear chromatin

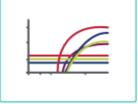
Step 3



Immunoprecipitate with antibody and magnetic beads Step 4



Reverse crosslinks and purify Step 5



Analyze by qPCR

Step 6



Prepare the libraries for NGS

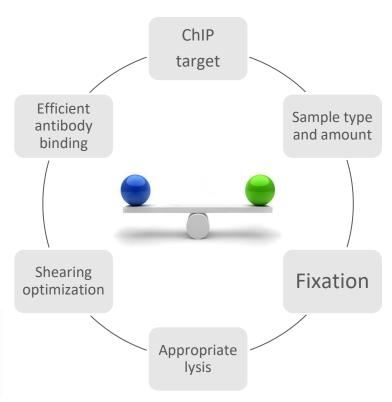


# ChIP-qPCR or ChIP-Seq?

ChIP-qPCR	ChIP-Seq	
Single-locus data	Genome-wide data suitable for exploratory analysis	
QC step for ChIP-seq		
Low-cost	High sequencing costs	
Fast	Longer protocol	
	High sequencing turnaround time	



# Summary – Tips to Prepare Good Chromatin



Guide for successful chromatin preparation using the Bioruptor® Pico



# Starting material: Cells and Tissues

	Standard	Low-input
Cells	Histones: 1 million/IP TF: 4 million/IP for TF (from 100.000 cells depending on target) iDeal ChIP kits	Histones only 10-100k/IP  True MicroChIP-seq Kit
Tissue	soft tissues: Dounce homogenization (liver, brain) hard/frozen/fibrous: bead beater like TissueLyser  Histones: 5-7 mg/IP TF: 30mg/IP (from 1.5mg/IP depending on target) iDeal ChIP kits	Histones only amounts depend on tissue type
FFPE-tissue	Challenging due to extensive crosslinking de-paraffinization with Heptane instead of xylene -> easier, non-toxic workflow from 300ng DNA per IP iDeal ChIP-FFPE kit	
Plant tissue	<b>65mg - 2g / chromatin preparation</b> , depending on sample <u>Universal Plant ChIP-seq kit</u>	

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# Low-input ChIP

### True MicroChIP-seq kit

10k-100k cells/histone-IP 10k-700k cells /chromatin prep

Suitable for FACS-sorted samples

Single step lysis & minimal handling



Protocol for:



**Batch** 



Individual



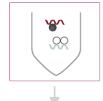
**FACS-sorted** 

Cell or tissue collection and DNA-protein cross-linking

30 minutes to 1 hour





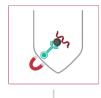




Cell lysis and chromatin shearing

1 to 2 hours







Overnight

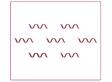
LEGEND











Elution, decross-linking and DNA purification

5 hours



# **Fixation**

Covalent stabilization of protein-DNA interactions; Reversible
 Directly in medium for weak or rare protein-DNA interaction
 For histone marks, cells can be resuspended by trypsinization before fixation

Common fixative: Formaldehyde

Fresh

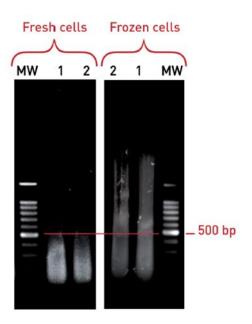
Methanol-free not mandatory

Target Fixator	Formaldehyde	ChIP Cross-link Gold C01019021
Histones	Yes (8-10 min)	No need
Transcriptional factors directly bound to DNA	Yes (10-20 min)	No need
Indirect higher order and/or dynamic interactions	Yes (10-15 min)	Yes (30-45 min)



# Cell Lysis

- One step lysis for low cell numbers
  - Lyse cells directly with an SDS-containing buffer
- Two step lysis standard protocol, difficult cells
  - Remove soluble cytosolic proteins first
  - Improves sonication efficiency
  - Reduces background
- Tips/Tricks/Critical steps:
  - Incubate on ice to start lysis and get narrower fragments size
  - Centrifuge to remove soluble membranes and cytosol
  - Avoid freezing chromatin if possible





# **Stopping Points**

### Cells

- Fix cells, lyse, isolate & shear chromatin -> freeze
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### **Tissues**

- Fix tissue, lyse, isolate & shear chromatin -> freeze
- Freeze prior fixation



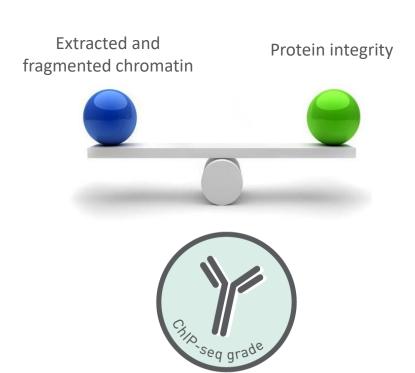
**Optimal: Perform ChIP workflow directly, without freezing** 



# Secrets of ChIP Success

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  - Suitable fragment size and available epitopes
- Use a good antibody at the right concentration

 Optimize for highest specific signal and the lowest background



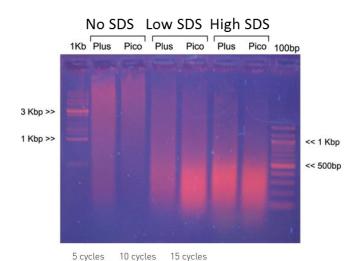


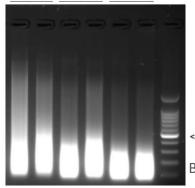
# **Chromatin Shearing**

- 100-800 bp fragments, peak 200-500bp
- Use a good sonicator
   Gentle not to dislodge protein
   Uniform and reproducible energy
   Temperature control at 4°C
   Multiplex and easy to use



- Shearing buffer with detergents, preferably SDS
   Increase sonication efficiency and chromatin yield
   Improve epitope availability
   Balance shearing and downstream IP
- Sample concentration
- Select the shortest time resulting in efficient shearing





<< 500bp

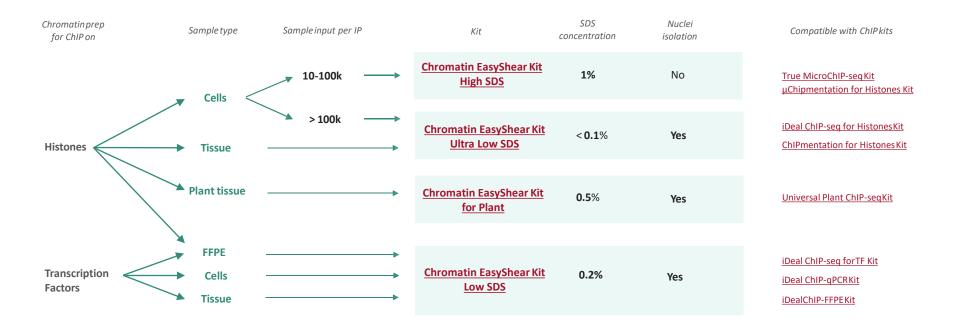
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# **Chromatin Shearing**





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### **Chromatin EasyShear Kits**

Kit of choice for:





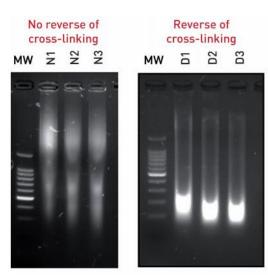
### **Features & Benefits**

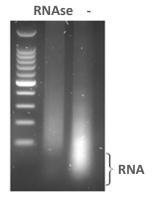
- Highly optimized for chromatin preparation
- Preserves epitope integrity
- Recommended for the optimization of the chromatin shearing of a new cell line/new sample type prior to ChIP
- Validated: Kit performance has been validated in ChIP-seq



# **Analyzing Fragment Size**

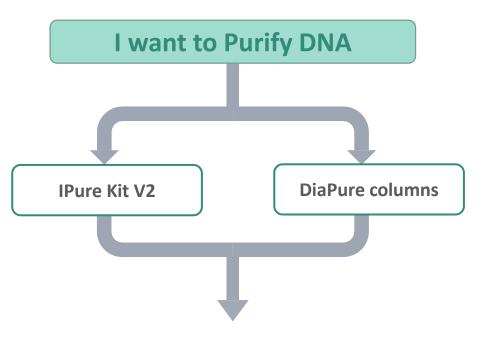
- De-crosslink
  - · Residual crosslinking retards migration
- RNase treatment
  - reduces background
- DNA purification
  - IPure beads + DiaMag magnetic rack
  - **Low inputs:** DiaPure columns (eluted in 6 μl)
- Electrophoretic analysis
  - 1.2 1.8% agarose gel
  - 300 ng or 60k cells per lane
  - **Low inputs:** FragmentAnalyzer, 2k cells







# **DNA** Purification



Provides pure DNA for any downstream application (e. g. NGS)



# **DNA Purification**

### **IPure Kit v2**

- Best yields
- Recovery of small amounts of DNA
- No toxic reagents (e.g. phenol/chloroform)
- Compatible with automation





### MicroChIP DiaPure columns

- Perfect for low concentrated samples (elution from 6 μl)
- DNA recovery 70-90% (50bp 10kB)
- No toxic reagents (e.g. phenol/chloroform)

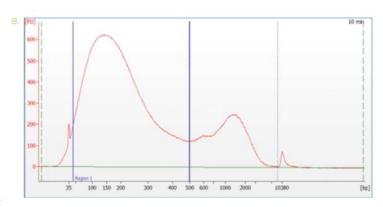




# Analyzing fragment size

- Use agarose gel or fragment analyzer
- Bioanalyzer or Tapestation:
  - Over-representation of HMW fragments
  - Log-based -> visual misinterpretation of fragment distribution
  - More sensitive to overloading, incomplete reverse crosslinking and residual contaminants



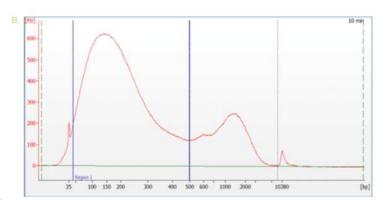


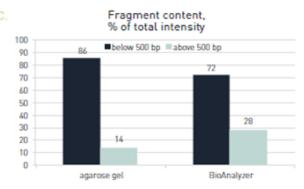


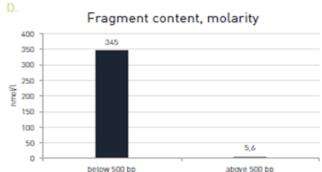
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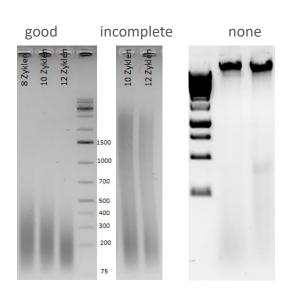
# Troubleshooting Chromatin Shearing

### No shearing at all

- Incomplete lysis check buffer composition
- Check instrument efficiency QC test on sonicator

### Incomplete shearing

- Over-fixation: check fixative and duration
- Too high cell density
- Changes in sample require adjustment of shearing protocol
  - Fresh vs. Frozen chromatin
  - Different sample types
- Wrong consumables (tubes)
- Sample out of sonication focus
  - droplets on walls/lid of tube
  - Wrong sample volume
- Wrong temperature (should be 4°C for chromatin)
- None of the above? -> Check instrument efficiency QC test on sonicator





# **Concentration matters**

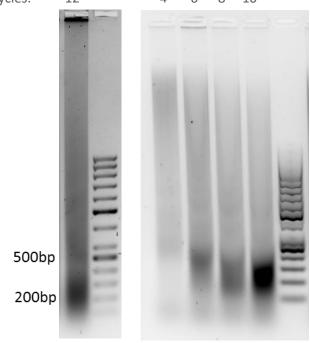
### A.Thaliana root

3x-diluted undiluted (0.5g/600 $\mu$ l)

cycles: 8 12 12 15 500bp 200bp

### 2 Mio Monocytes

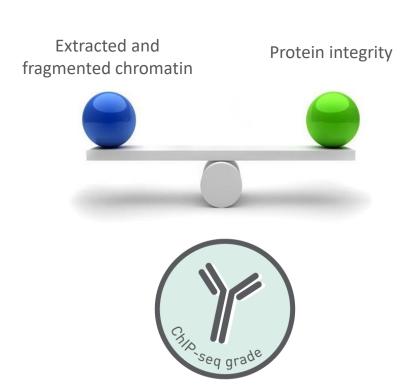
volume:  $100\mu l$   $200\mu l$  cycles: 12 4 6 8 10





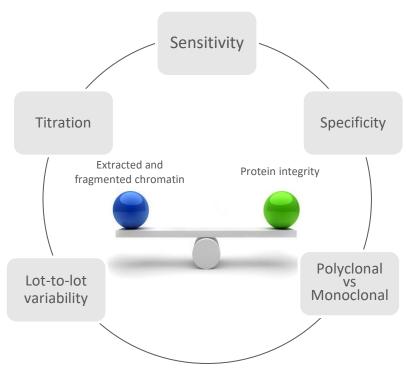
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# Antibodies for ChIP





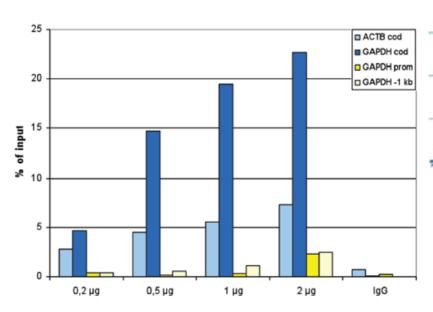
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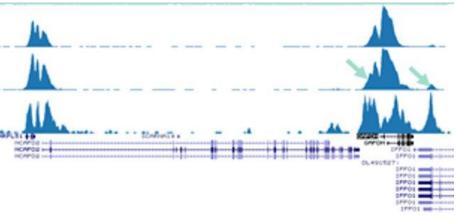




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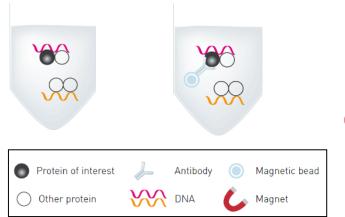
Polyclonal H3K36me3 antibody titration (Diagenode C15410192) 1µg IgG as negative IP control Chromatin from 100.000 cells







# Setting up IP





### **Components:**

- Sheared chromatin
- ChIP/ChIP-seq grade antibodies
  - -> optimized quantity
- ProteinA/G magnetic beads
- ChIP buffer
- Protease inhibitor cocktail





# Antibodies for ChIP – What beads?

## Agarose beads

Required: centrifuge

Sensitive to handling

High background

Risk of carry-over

# **Magnetic beads**

Required: magnetic rack

Robust

Low background

Easy separation

Limit antibody amounts to bead capacity!



# Protein G or A beads

- Both bind to IgG antibodies and are structurally similar
- Slightly different affinities for IgG subclasses across different species.
- Use appropriate depending on the IgG subtype you are using:

# Protein A Rabbit Pig Dog Cat

# Protein G Mouse Rat Human



# Setting up IP: Input Sample

- Fraction of sheared chromatin is kept aside as INPUT
  - Processed in parallel with IP-samples from reversed crosslinking
  - Include one input for each chromatin sample
- Key reference for ChIP-qPCR and ChIP-seq analysis
- ChIP-qPCR: used to calculate the recovery (% of input)
- ChIP-seq: mandatory for bio-informatics analysis
  - Normalization for mappability of a region, avoid duplication bias etc.
  - Input pooling can be considered for ChIP-seq on very similar samples



# Setting Up IP: Additional Controls

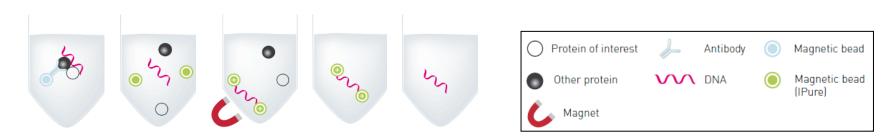
- Positive control (H3K4me3, CTCF):
  - Confirm overall efficiency of ChIP workflow ChIP optimization for new target
- Negative Control (IgG)
  - Measure of non specific IP background
    Include one negative IgG control in each series of ChIP reactions
- Not necessary to sequence these but good control for qPCR
- Biological Replicates

ChIP-qPCR ≥3

ChIP-seq ≥2



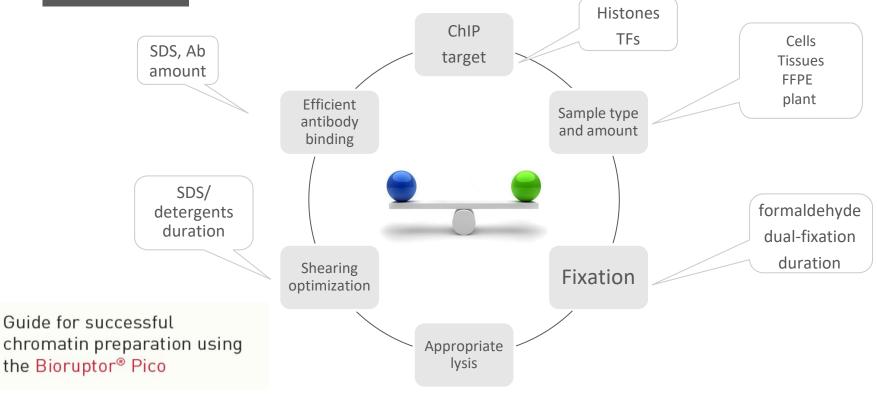
# ChIP Protocol – Elution, de-crosslinking and DNA isolation



- Elution of the chromatin complexes from protein A/G-bound magnetic beads: elution buffer 30 min at RT
- Reversal of cross-links: Incubation for at least 4h at 65°C
- Isolation of the ChIP'd DNA:
   IPure magnetic beads
   Column purification (DiaPure columns for low elution volumes >6µl)



# Summary – Tips to Prepare Good Chromatin





# ChIP-qPCR

- Target & Primer selection is key for ChIP-qPCR
- Predict qPCR-targets from ChIP-seq data
- qPCR as QC prior ChIP-seq
- If no ChIP-seq data: estimate binding from similar data, biological function etc. -use multiple regions
- PCR program depends on Master Mix, qPCR system and primer pairs





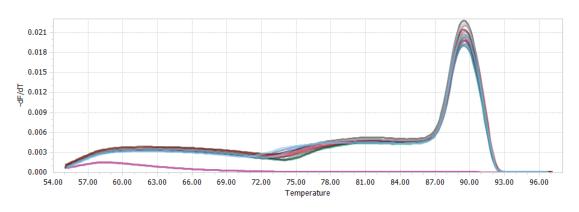
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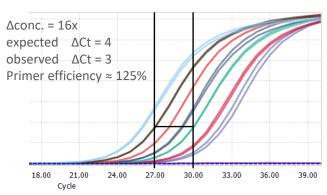
### Target primer design:

- Place primers around binding site
- 50-150bp amplicons
- 20-30 bp primers with a similar Tm between 55° and 60°C

### Primer pair validation:

- Check on gDNA/input for T<sub>m</sub> profile
- Check efficiency (95-105% acceptable)

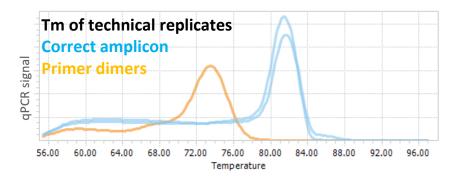






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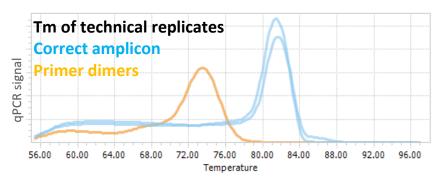
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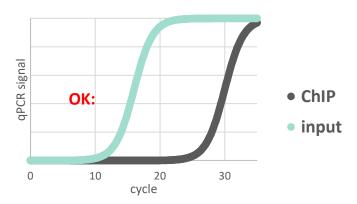
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### ChIP and input samples

- Adjust amount of ChIP-sample/input to obtain comparable Ct values
- Consider primer efficiency for high ΔCt







# ChIP-qPCR analysis

### ChIP recovery R:

- chromatin recovery as % of Input
- R should be minimal for the IgG control and high for the epitope of interest

$$R = \frac{2^{Ct (input) - Ct(ChIP)}}{100 (input fraction)}$$

-> for each target separately

Input fraction is often corrected with a logarithmic compensatory factor, e.g. -6.64 Ct for 1% input

#### **ChIP fold-enrichment** F **with \Delta\DeltaCt method:**

- fold-enrichment of bound vs. epitope-"free" regions
- F varies depending on regions analyzed

$$F = \frac{R(positive \ region)}{R(negative \ region)}$$

-> main success parameter

#### Successful ChIP?

- If wrong regions targeted risk of false negative result
- **F** > 2 for ChIP-qPCR analysis
- F > 4 for ChIP-seq





# ChIP-qPCR Exercise

Conditions: untreated (A), treated (B)

Targets: positive control (e.g. GAPDH) (P), genes of interest (G1, G2) intergenic region (N)

Antibodies: IgG, H3K4me3

### Ct values

Α

P G1 G2 N

IgG H3K4me3 I		H3K4me3		Input (1% o	of sample)
34.0	36.0	26.0	26.1	27.0	27.1
35.0	35.0	27.0	27.2	26.0	25.7
-	37.0	33.0	34.0	29.0	29.6
34.0	35.0	33.0	33.5	28.0	28.1

В

IgG			H3K4me3		Input (1% c	of sample)
	-	36.4	25.4	25.5	26.5	26.6
	35.4	36.4	26.4	26.6	25.4	25.1
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## 1. Technical sanity check

A

- values out of range
- high Ct-variation (>0.3) between technical replicates
- A/B inputs shifted
- Ct(H3K4me3) ≈ Ct(input)



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### 2. Averaging Technical replicates

P G1 G2 N

IgG		H3K4me3	Input (1% o	f
	35.0	26.1	27.1	
	35.0	27.1	25.9	
	37.0	33.5	29.3	
	34.5	33.3	28.1	

sample)	IgG	H3K4me3	Input
	36.4	25.5	26.6
	35.9	26.5	25.3
	33.9	28.6	28.7
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В

### 3. Biological Sanity Check

- Ct(P) < Ct(N) for H3K4me3
- Ct(H3K4me3) << Ct(IgG)</li>



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G2		
N		

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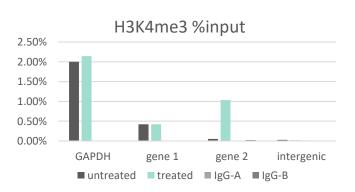
## 4. Recovery (% of input)

$$R = \frac{2^{Ct (input) - Ct(ChIP)}}{100 (input fraction)}$$

Α

P G1 G2 N

Α	IgG-A	В	IgG-B
2.00	% 0.00%	2.14%	0.00%
0.42	% 0.00%	0.42%	0.00%
0.05	% 0.00%	1.04%	0.03%
0.03	% 0.01%	0.02%	0.00%





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#### H3K4me3 % of input

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N	0.03%	0.02%

### 5. ChIP fold-enrichment

$$F_A = \frac{R(P_A)}{R(N_A)} = 74x \ enrichment$$
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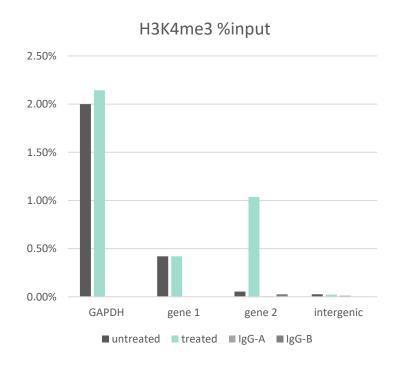
### 6. Assessment

- F>2 ChIP-qPCR qualified- F>4 ChIP-seq qualified
- 7. Optimization
  - if **R** or **F** are low, optimize ChIP parameters



# ChIP-qPCR Analysis summary

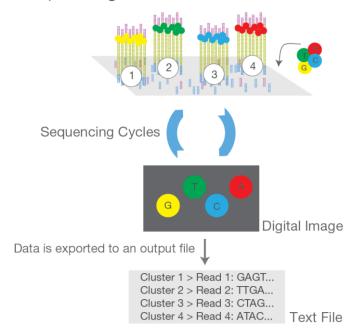
- Determine ChIP-recovery and fold-enrichment
- input used as reference to calculate ChIP-recovery
- Each ChIP-target requires specific control regions
- Suitable control regions can vary among samples





# ChIP-seq: library prep

# C. Sequencing



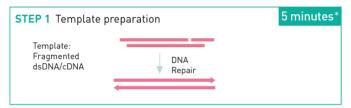
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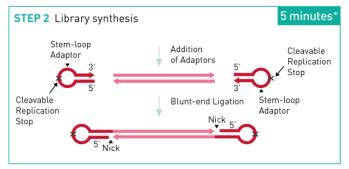


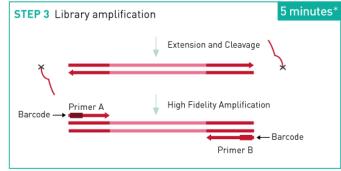
- Low input
- Minimal steps
  - To maximize recovery
- Sensitive
  - Minimal PCR amplification
- Suitable for pooling



### MicroPlex kit workflow









# Benefits of Multiplexing

## ■ Fast High-Throughput Strategy:

Large sample numbers can be simultaneously sequenced

### Cost-Effective Method:

- Reduces time and reagent use
- Cluster detection more efficient with different bases in beginning of read

### Simplified Analysis:

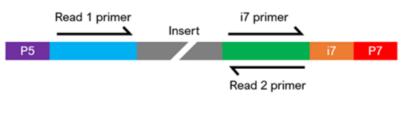
Automatic sample identification with "barcodes" using Illumina software



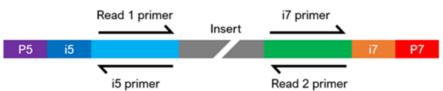


# Single and Dual-indexed Libraries

- Single-index sequencing
  - Low level of multiplexing
- Dual indexing
  - Higher multiplexing more samples per lane possible
  - Higher accuracy of sample identification
- Unique dual indexing (UDI)
  - Allows filtering of index-hopping events









# **Library Pooling**

### Determine library size

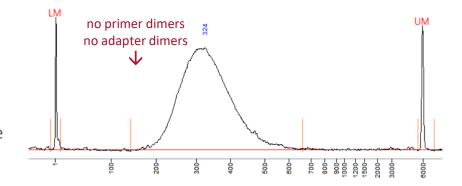
- Bioanalyzer or Fragment Analyzer
- Identify adapter dimers or unexpected library sizes

## • Quantify

- Qubit
- qPCR –quantify sequencable library
- Convert from ng/µl to nM using average library size



Same size for best clustering





# ChIP-seq: Sequencing Settings

### **Read length**

- 50 bp sufficient for most ChIPs
- adjust fragment-size to read length

### **Sequencing depth**

- mainly set by samples/flow cell and flow cell type
- 30 M reads for sharp peaking targets e.g. H3K4me3, H3K27ac
- 50 M for broadly distributed and abundant targets e.g. H3K27me3
- use same depth for input

### Replicates

- ≥ duplicates
- increased replicate number will improve sensitivity of the downstream analysis

### **Input sequencing**

- one input per sample is gold standard
- pooling inputs from replicates can often be considered



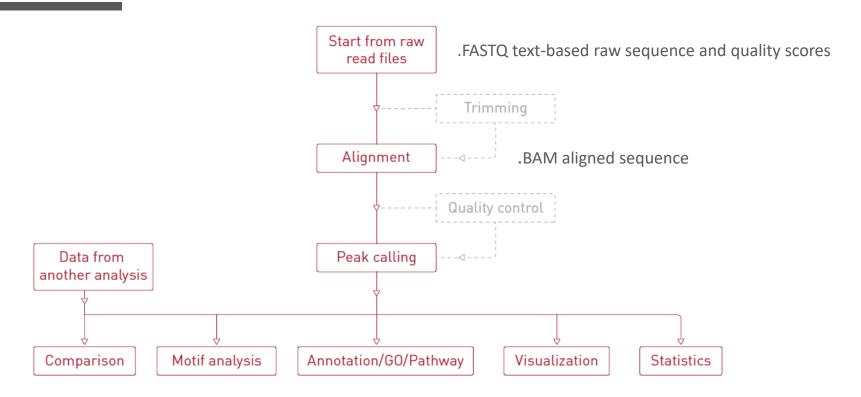


# ChIP-seq: Analysis

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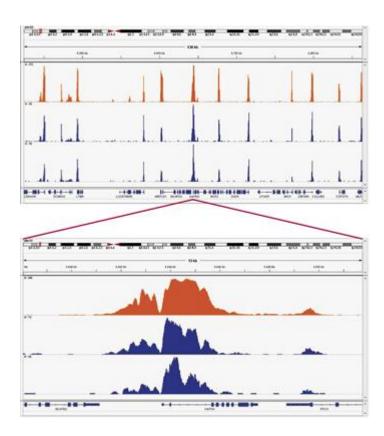
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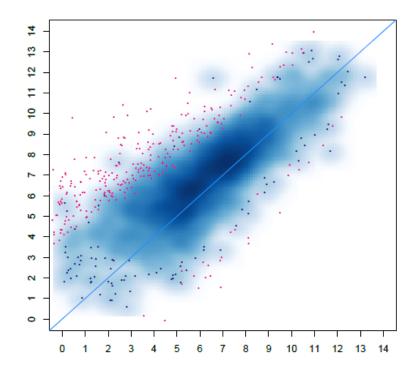
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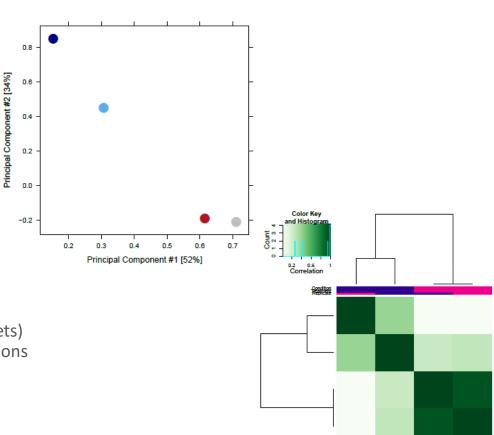
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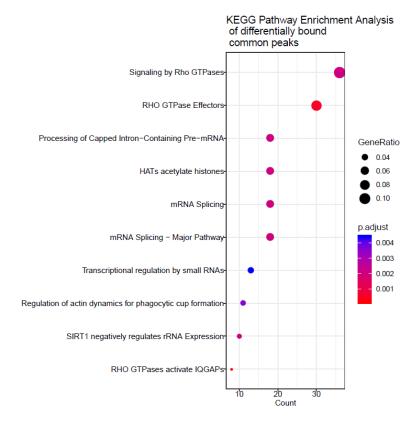
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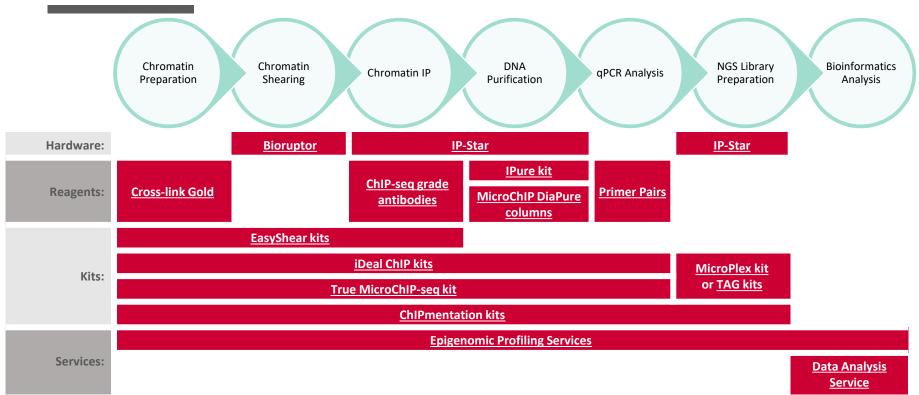
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# Summary



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# Other Methods to Study Chromatin

- Interaction between proteins and DNA (immuno- assays)
  - ChIPmentation
  - Cut&Run and Cut&TAG

- Methods to study chromatin accessibility (non-immuno assays)
  - ATAC-seq



# ChIPmentation™ & μChIPmentation™

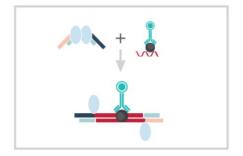
Easier and faster than classical ChIP-seq

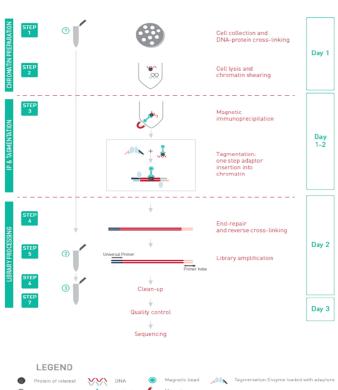
Validated for various histone marks

Ideal for analysis of large cohorts of samples (easy and fast)

Ideal for analysis of large number of marks on a unique sample

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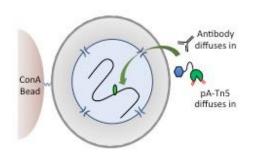


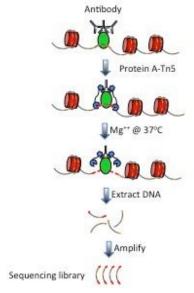




# CUT&Tag: Cleavage Under Targets and Tagmentation

## CUT&Tag (Cleavage Under Targets & Tagmentation)





## **Key features:**

## Crucial reagent:

proteinA-Tn5

## Fast and easy protocol:

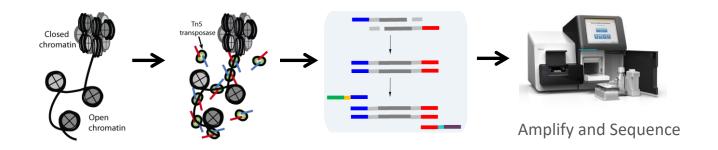
- fast tagmentation-based library prep
- No chromatin prep
- Suitable for low cell numbers

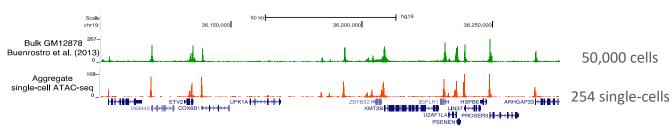


New application note available <u>here</u>



# Assay for Transposase-Accessible Chromatin





Buenrostro et al., Nature, 2013



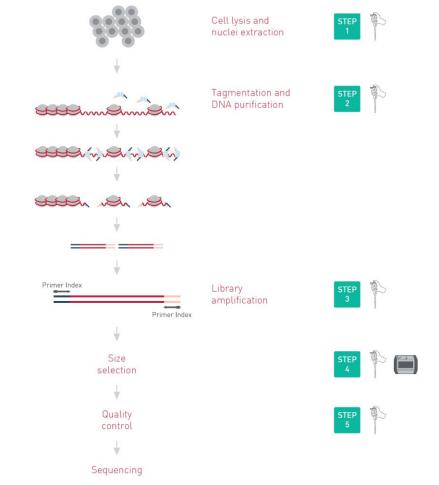


# New! ATAC-seq Kit

Starting material: 200k-500k/sample

Minimal: 20k cells/reaction Optimal: 50k cells/reaction

Validated on mammalian cells



#### **LEGEND**

processing



processing

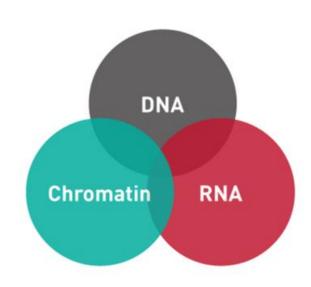


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