## Enhancers for ENCODE Encyclopedia - Part 4

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## Part 1 Enhancers for Encyclopedia

# Enhancer Predictions using epigenetic datasets (histone and/or DHS) in the absence of training data

All assessments will be performed on the VISTA database\* (labeled data).

Groups are welcome to submit predictions that do not use training data and are applicable to a majority of ENCODE cell-lines/tissues.

\* We should always remember that the VISTA database is small and has multiple sources of bias that are not fully characterized.

## Confusion matrix



In imbalanced datasets, also helps to think of true positive percentage (percentage of all enhancers that are predicted to be enhancers using this method) as well as false positive percentage (percentage of nonenhancers that are predicted to be enhancers by a particular method)

# What is the coverage of VISTA database based on peaks within different epigenetic datasets (forebrain)



Most positives occur on H3K27ac peaks but it also has a high fraction of false positives.

Surprised to see about 15% of enhancers also map to H3K27me3 peaks.

### Characterizing biases in terms of peak ranking (forebrain)



The regions tested are not even over the whole peak list.

We can also characterize bias in terms of multiple co-variates but very few data points.

Accuracy as a function of binned ranking (forebrain)

# Alternative approach: Bin based on ranking but such that all intervals have equal number of tested regions



Cautious about estimating accuracy from such plots.



H3K27me3

### H3K4me1

### H3K4me2

#### H3K4me3

#### H3K9ac



Some H3K27me3 peaks can also be enhancers (forebrain) ?

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## Adding DHS to the picture

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### Characterizing biases in terms of peak ranking (midbrain)









VISTA tested regions intersecting with H3K27me3 peaks







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### Accuracy with ranking (midbrain) - ranking based binning



## Accuracy with ranking (midbrain) - annotation-based binning



# What is the coverage of VISTA database based on peaks within different epigenetic datasets (hindbrain)





VISTA tested regions intersecting with DHS peaks

70

60

.60 50

40











VISTA tested regions intersecting with H3K4me1 peaks



### Characterizing biases in terms of peak ranking (hindbrain)

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### Accuracy with ranking (hindbrain) - ranking based binning



## Accuracy with ranking (hindbrain) - annotation based binning



# What is the coverage of VISTA database based on peaks within different epigenetic datasets (limb)



## Characterizing biases in terms of peak ranking (limb)



### Accuracy with ranking (limb) - ranking based binning



## Accuracy with ranking (limb) - annotation-based binning



# What is the coverage of VISTA database based on peaks within different epigenetic datasets (neuralTube)



#### Characterizing biases in terms of peak ranking (neuralTube)



### Accuracy with ranking (neuralTube) - ranking based binning



# Accuracy with ranking (neuralTube) - annotation-based binning



### What have we learned?

There is a large bias in the VISTA database. We should be careful while evaluating accuracy from VISTA database.

How do we combine peaks in an unsupervised manner?

Linear/Logistic regression do not add much value - DHS and H3K27ac are most valuable marks. H3K9ac assists in the presence of H3K27ac.

Future Directions:

- We will focus on intersection of peaks and look at signal around peaks.

- We will focus on matched filter ranking and compare it to peak-based methods (with intersection).

## Part 2 Enhancers for Encyclopedia

## Enhancer Predictions using epigenetic datasets (histone and/or DHS) in the presence of training data

All assessments will be performed on the VISTA database and new ENCODE phase 2 datasets (labeled data).

Assessing the accuracy of ensemble method by comparing with best unsupervised predictor (H3K27ac peaks - no DHS datasets in this tissue).

# Differences in ranking between H3K27ac peaks and ensemble method



Concentrating on VISTA regions

## Comparing ranking of VISTA regions



positives - filled circles negatives - empty circles

#### Split in to 5 bins based on ranking (grids)

## Does accuracy reduce with ranking - VISTA



Accuracy of highest ranked VISTA regions by Ensemble method are higher

## Comparing ranking of VISTA regions (full ranking)



# Calculating accuracy of predictions as a function of peak ranking



# Calculating accuracy of predictions as a function of ensemble ranking



# Comparing accuracy as a function of ranking (Head to head)



## Concentrating on new ENCODE phase 2 (2015) results

Pros - Prospective rather than retrospective - not trained for this data. Cons - Very few data points and results are bound to be noisy.

## Comparing ranking of ENCODE phase 2 (2015) dataset



positives - filled circles negatives - empty circles

#### Split in to 4 bins based on ranking (grids)

## Does accuracy reduce with ranking - ENCODE phase 2 (2015) dataset



Higher accuracy for highest ranked regions by Ensemble method

## Comparing ranking of ENCODE phase 2 regions (full ranking



# Calculating accuracy of predictions as a function of H3K27ac peak ranking (ENCODE 2015)



Too noisy to make conclusions except that some of the best ranking predictions are good

# Calculating accuracy of predictions as a function of ensemble ranking (ENCODE 2015)



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### Comparing accuracy as a function of ranking (Head to head - ENCODE 2015)



Too noisy to make conclusions except that some of the best ranking predictions (both methods) are good

## Conclusions:

The ensemble method seems to have higher accuracy in the higher ranked elements.

The ensemble method has higher accuracy than H3K27ac peaks in the higher ranked elements.

We can find a few elements to test experimentally (highly ranked by ensemble but mid ranking by H3K27ac and vice versa) to have a head-to-head comparison between the two methods.