Structure determination of genomes and genomic domains by satisfaction of spatial restraints

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Resolution Gap

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Hybrid Method

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Experiments



Computation



Structure determination by satisfaction of spatial restraints



Biomolecular structure determination 2D-NOESY data



Chromosome structure determination 3C-based data







FastQ files to Maps

Map analysis

Model building

Model analysis





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expression regulation and replication (1-6). The advent of the so-called Chromosome Conformation Capture (3C) as-

says (7), which allowed identifying chromatin-looping inter-actions between pairs of loci, helped deciphering some of

the key elements organizing the genomes. High-throughput derivations of genome-wide 3C-based assays were estab-

lished with Hi-C technologies (8) for an unbiased identifi-cation of chromatin interactions. The resulting genome in-

teraction matrices from Hi-C experiments have been exten-

sively used for computationally analyzing the organization of genomes and genomic domains (5). In particular, a sig-nificant number of new approaches for modeling the 3D or-

ganization of genomes have recently flourished (9-14). The

main goal of such approaches is to provide an accurate 3D

representation of the bi-dimensional interaction matrices,

which can then be more easily explored to extract biolog-

ical insights. One type of methods for building 3D models

from interaction matrices relies on the existence of a limited number of conformational states in the cell. Such methods

are regarded as mean-field approaches and are able to capture, to a certain degree, the structural variability around

these mean structures (15). We recently developed a mean-field method for model-

ing 3D structures of genomes and genomic domains based on 3C interaction data (9). Our approach, called TADbit,

was developed around the Integrative Modeling Platform (IMP, http://integrativemodeing.org), a general framework

for restraint-based modeling of 3D bio-molecular struc-

tures (16). Briefly, our method uses chromatin interaction

frequencies derived from experiments as a proxy of spatial proximity between the ligation products of the 3C libraries.

Two fragments of DNA that interact with high frequency are dynamically placed close in space in our models while

two fragments that do not interact as often will be kept apart. Our method has been successfully applied to model

the structures of genomes and genomic domains in eukary-ote and prokaryote organisms (17–19). In all of our studies,

the final models were partially validated by assessing their

Assessing the limits of restraint-based 3D modeling of genomes and genomic domains

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ABSTRACT

Restraint-based modeling of genomes has been recently explored with the advent of Chromosome Conformation Capture (3C-based) experiments. We previously developed a reconstruction method to resolve the 3D architecture of both prokarvotic and eukarvotic genomes using 3C-based data. These models were congruent with fluorescent imaging validation. However, the limits of such methods have not systematically been assessed. Here we propose the first evaluation of a mean-field restraint-based reconstruction of genomes by considering diverse chromosome architectures and different levels of data noise and structural variability. The results show that: first, current scoring functions for 3D reconstruction correlate with the accuracy of the models; second, reconstructed models are robust to noise but sensitive to structural variability; third, the local structure organization of genomes, such as Topologically Associating Domains, results in more accurate models; fourth, to a certain extent, the models capture the intrinsic structural variability in the input matrices and fifth, the accuracy of the models can be a priori predicted by analyzing the properties of the interaction matrices. In summary, our work provides a systematic analysis of the limitations of a meanfield restrain-based method, which could be taken into consideration in further development of methods as well as their applications.

INTRODUCTION

Recent studies of the three-dimensional (3D) conformation of genomes are revealing insights into the organiza-tion and the regulation of biological processes, such as gene

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75 bp/nm



150 bp/nm

40 bp/nm





set 0 ($\Delta ts = 10^{\circ}$)

set 1 ($\Delta ts = 10^{1}$) set 2 ($\Delta ts = 10^2$)







chr40 TAD

<dRMSD>: 32.7 nm <dSCC>: 0.94



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TADbit previous applications...

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Progesterone-regulated transcription in breast cancer



Vicent et al 2011, Wright et al 2012, Ballare et al 2012

> 2,000 genes Up-regulated> 2,000 genes Down-regulated

Regulation in 3D?



Experimental design





Are there TADs? how robust?





Are TADs homogeneous?





Do TADs respond differently to Pg treatment?







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Pg induced fold change per TAD (6h)





Modeling 3D TADs



61 genomic regions containing 209 TADs covering 267Mb



How TADs respond structurally to Pg?







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Model for TAD regulation





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