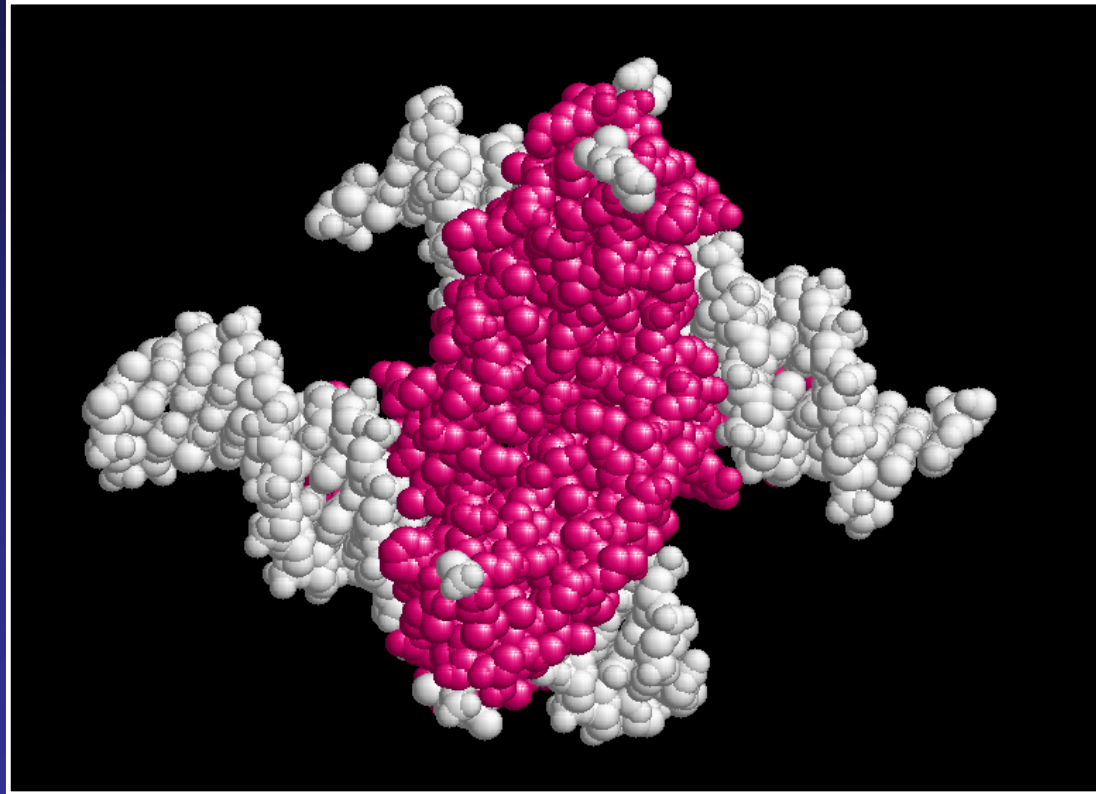


# ***In silico* promoter analysis**



**Edward J. Oakeley**

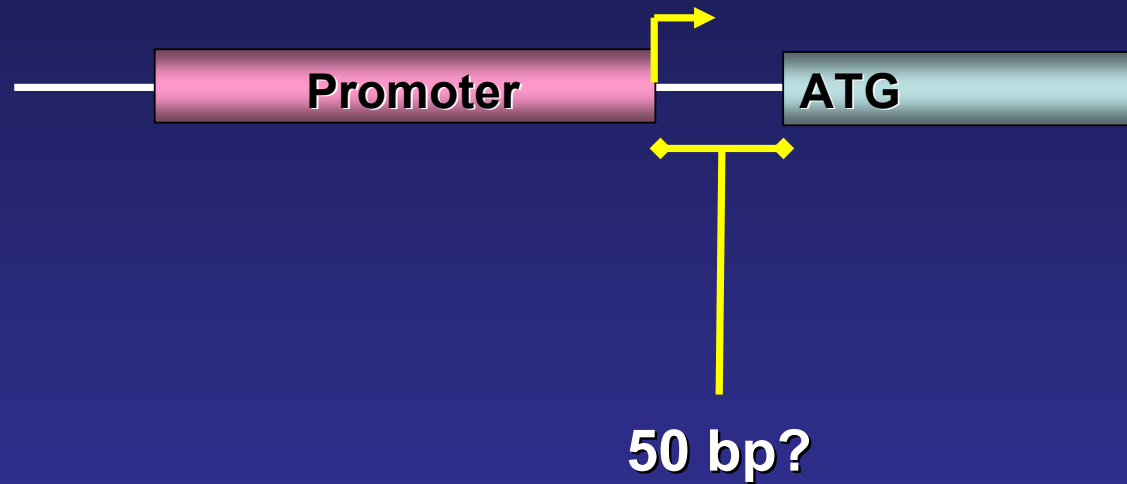
**Alessandro DiCara, Karsten Schmidt**

# Summary

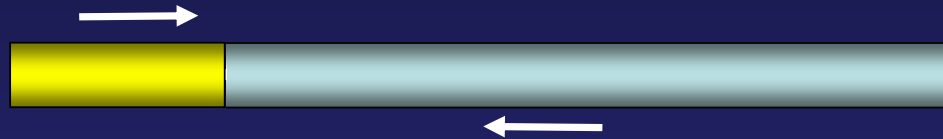
- Where should I look for a promoter?
- Simplifying the analysis problem
- Which transcription factors are expressed?
- Do they dance alone or with friends?
- **Visualisation of the data**



# Where should I look?



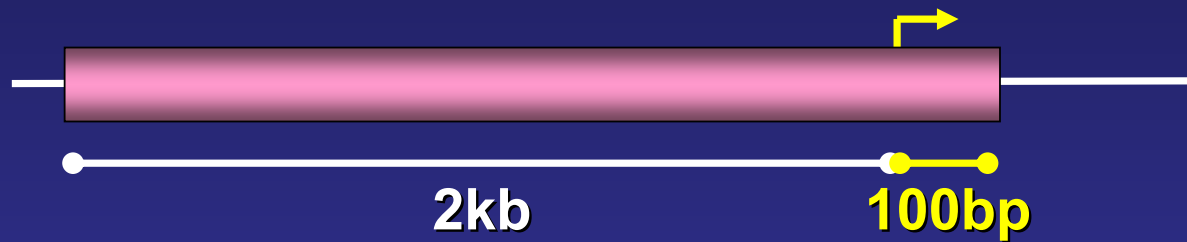
# Oligo capping



**26,480** human  
starts mapped  
(**Genomatix, 2002**)



# Map start of transcription



# Transcription factors

Transfac Pro 7.4.1



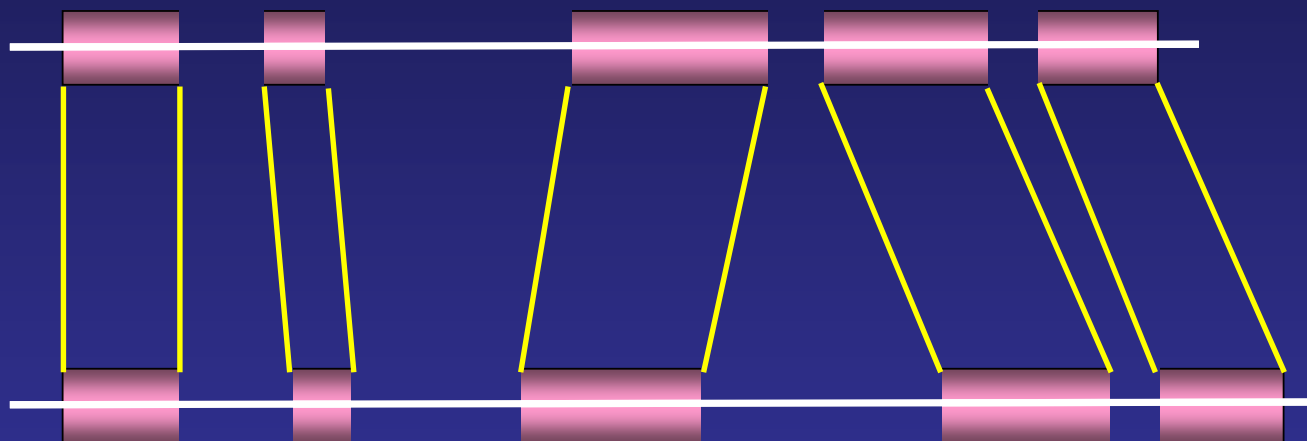
- Minimise false positives 0.2/bp: 400 hits
- Balance false neg/pos 1/bp: 2000 hits
- Minimise false negatives 5/bp: **10000 hits**



# DNA block alignment

Ewan Birney, European Bioinformatics Institute

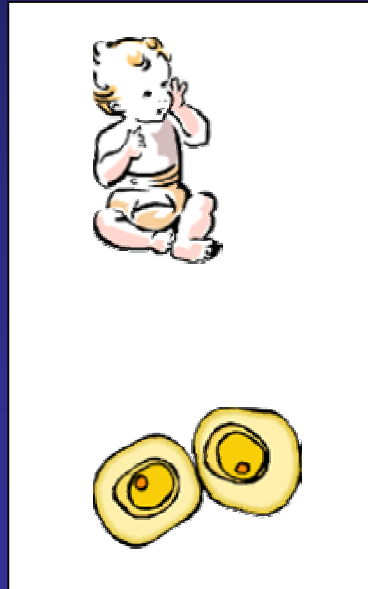
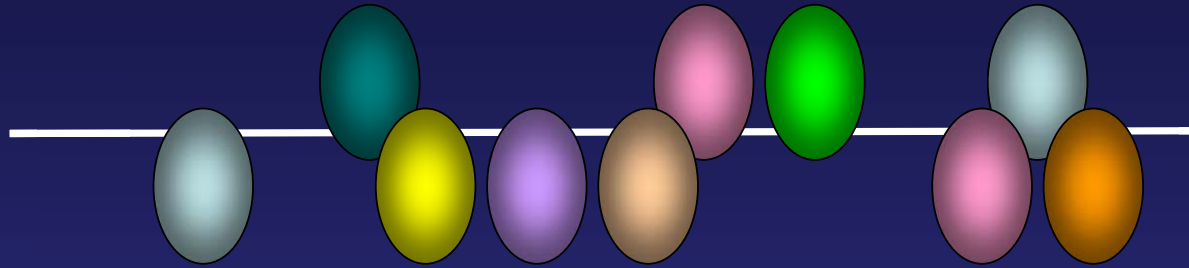
**Human** promoter (from Genomatix)



**Mouse** orthologue promoter  
(also from Genomatix or from BAC clone)

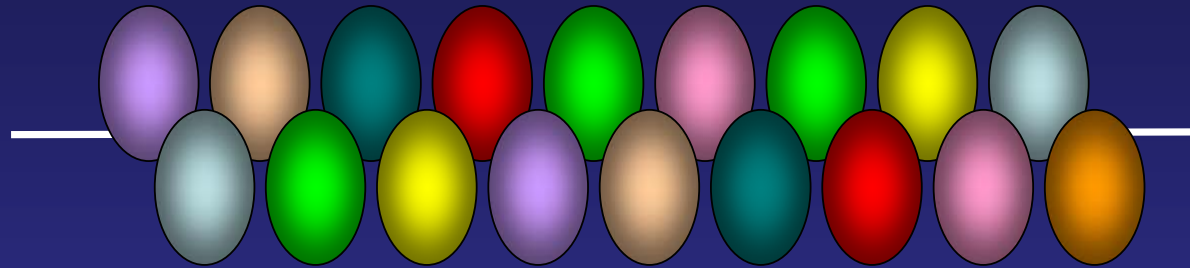


# Functional promoters





# Remove TFs not expressed

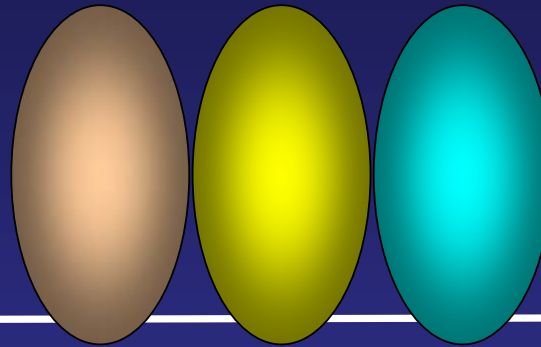


Remove TFs by Affymetrix ID (e.g. 123456\_at)  
(usually those listed as Absent or Marginal)  
Exclude specific Transfac matrices (e.g. V\$OCT1\_01)  
**Exclude specific TF names (e.g. OCT1)**



# Look for patterns

IBM Teiresias pattern discovery algorithm



Patterns are composed of three or more factors  
each  $>10\text{bp}$  apart and all expressed.

**A pattern must occur in a user defined  
number of promoters (at least 2)**



# Automated solutions



PromoterPlot



Friedrich Miescher Institute for Biomedical Research  
Edward J. Oakeley and Alessandro DiCara

Rebuild web  
output

vertebrates

Analyse  
sequences

Block align

- ☒ Minimise false positives
- ☐ Minimise false negatives
- ☐ Balance false pos/neg

**Analyse  
Affymetrix IDs**

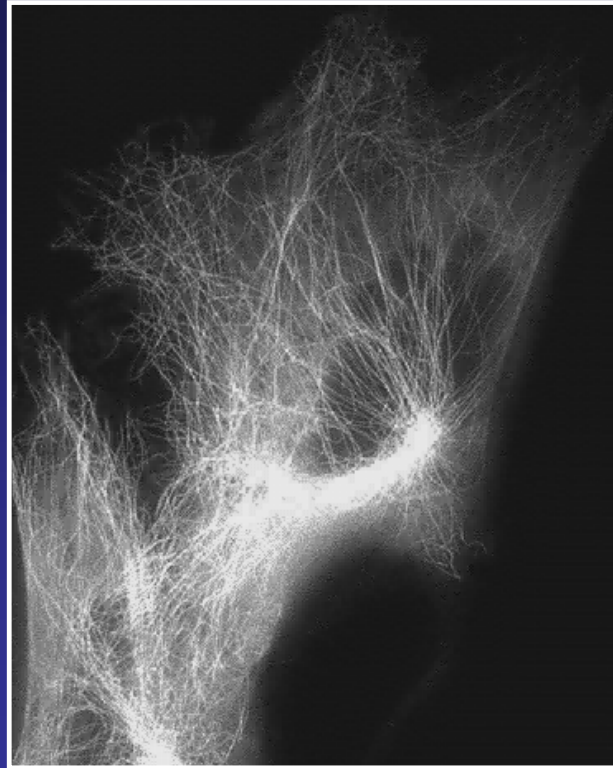
☐ Expression filter

☐ Exclude factors

EBI DNA block FASTA sequences for analysis of orthologues  
In PromoterPlot, sequences found and analysed automatically.  
This the made by constantly block at any back buttons are clicked

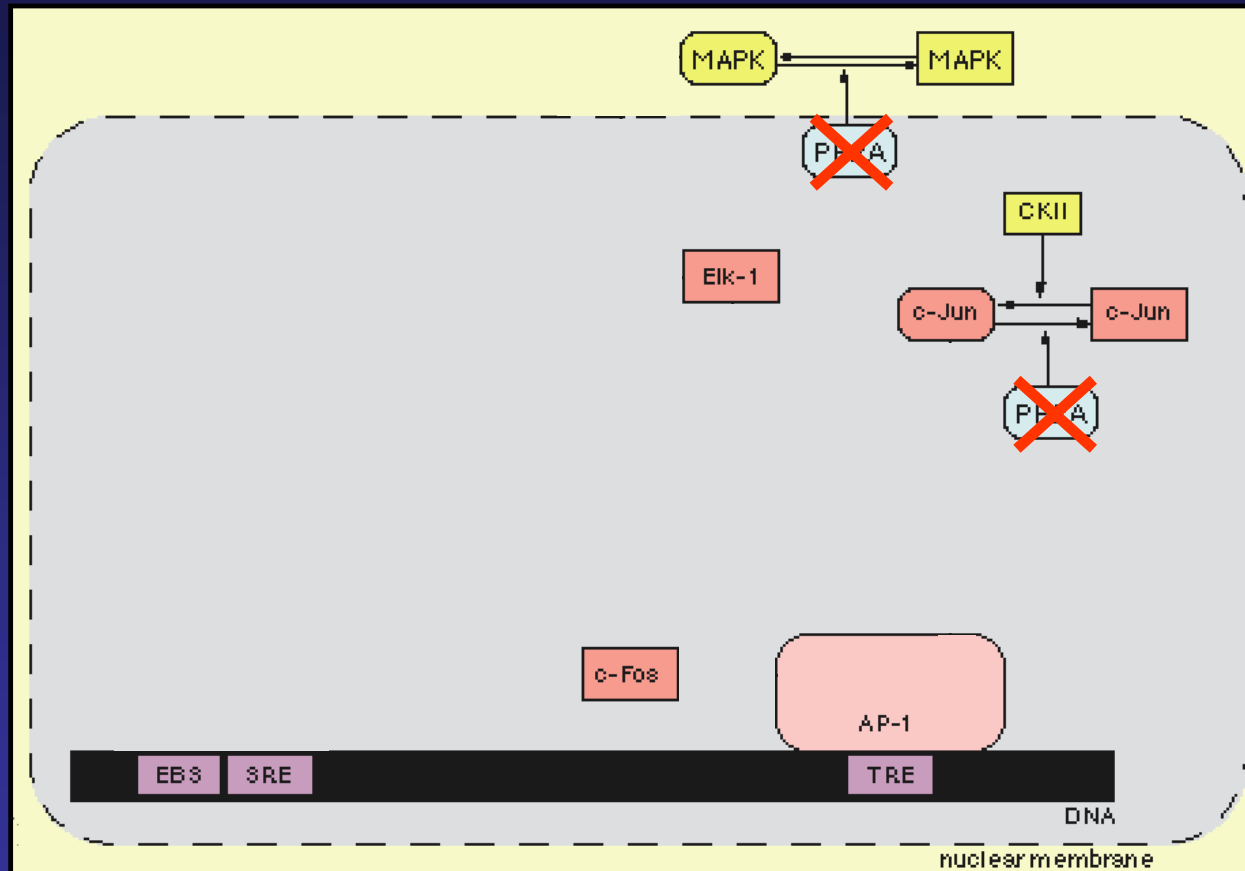


# Real science



**FMI**

# Inhibit PP2A



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Treat HEK293 cells (human) with:

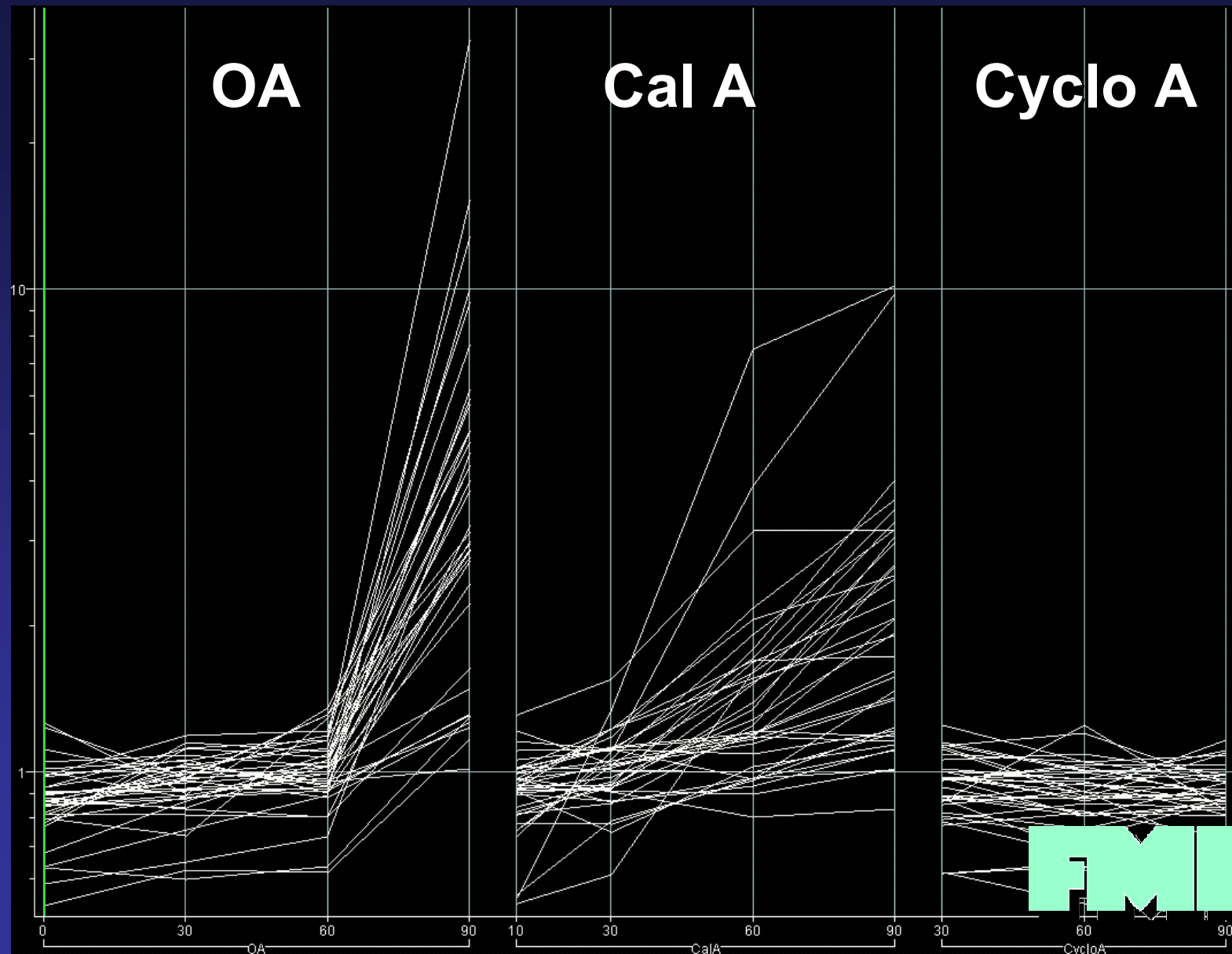
- Okadaic acid

Specific inhibitors of PP2A

- Calyculin A

- Cyclosporin A (**control**)





# TFs upregulated

(with OA and Cal.A but not Cyclo.A)

- FOS (75 -> 2851: **x38**)
  - ATF3 (373 -> 2930: **x7.9**)
  - JUN (220 -> 906: **x4**)
- AP1

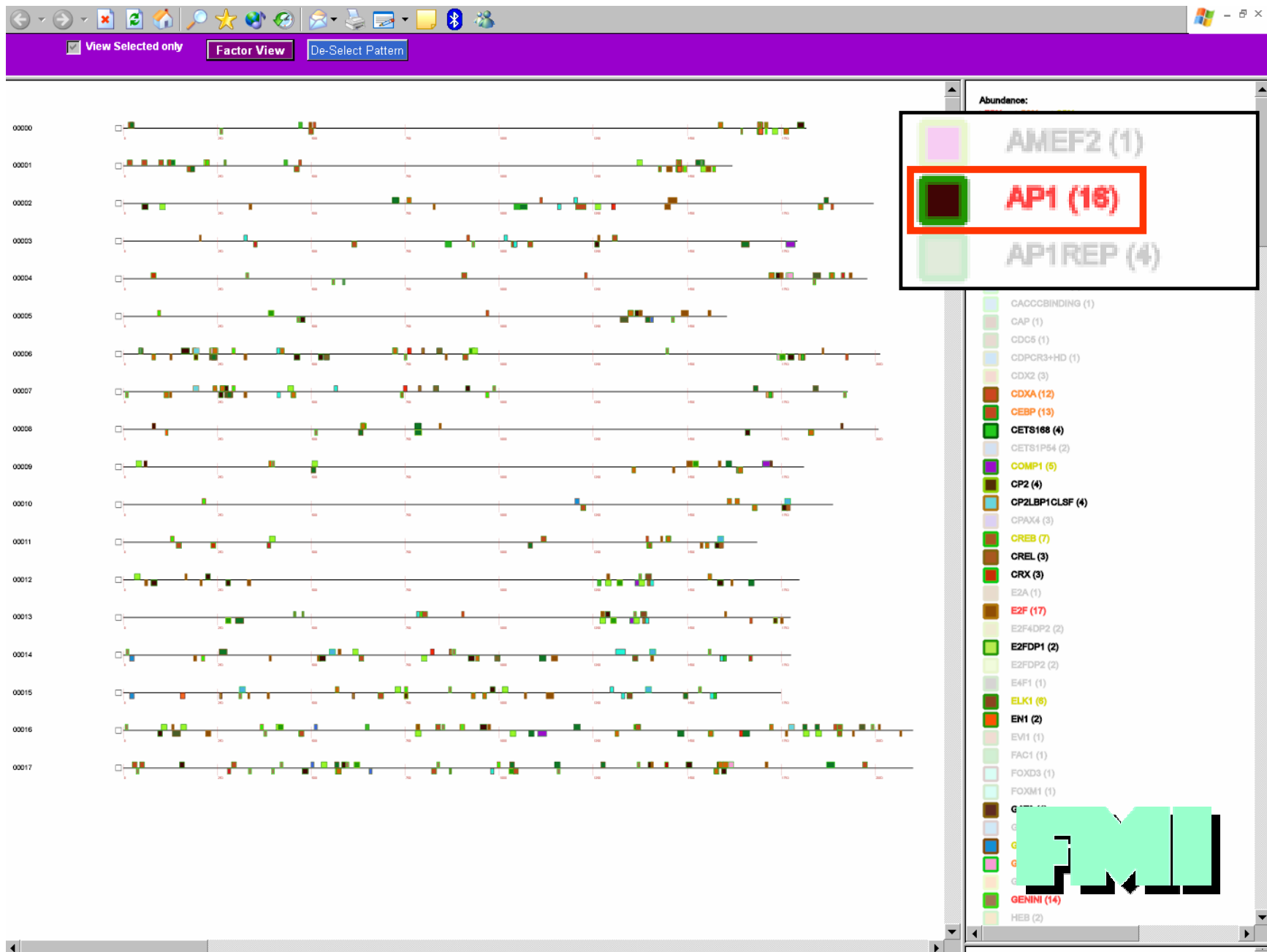


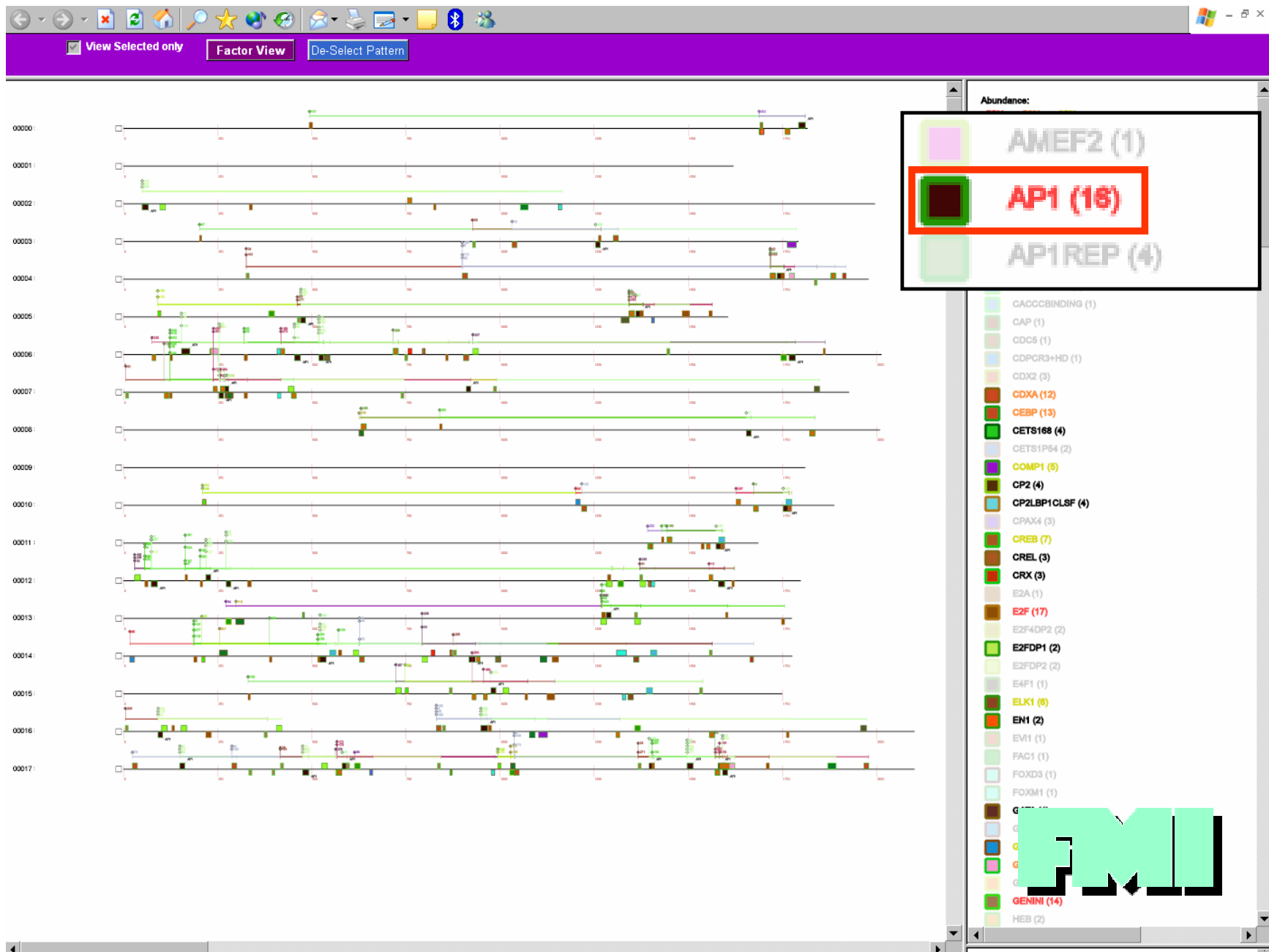


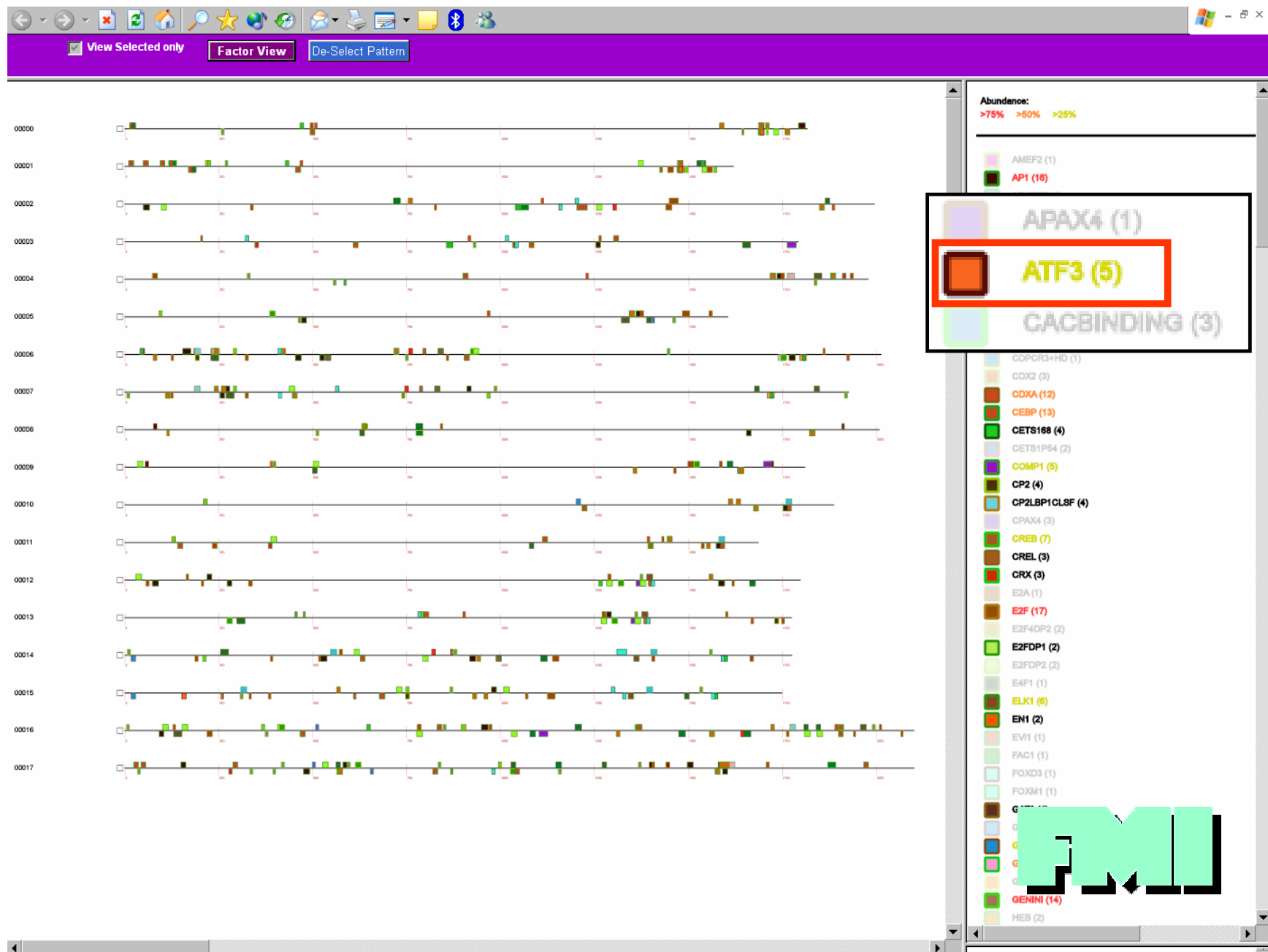
# Image visualisation

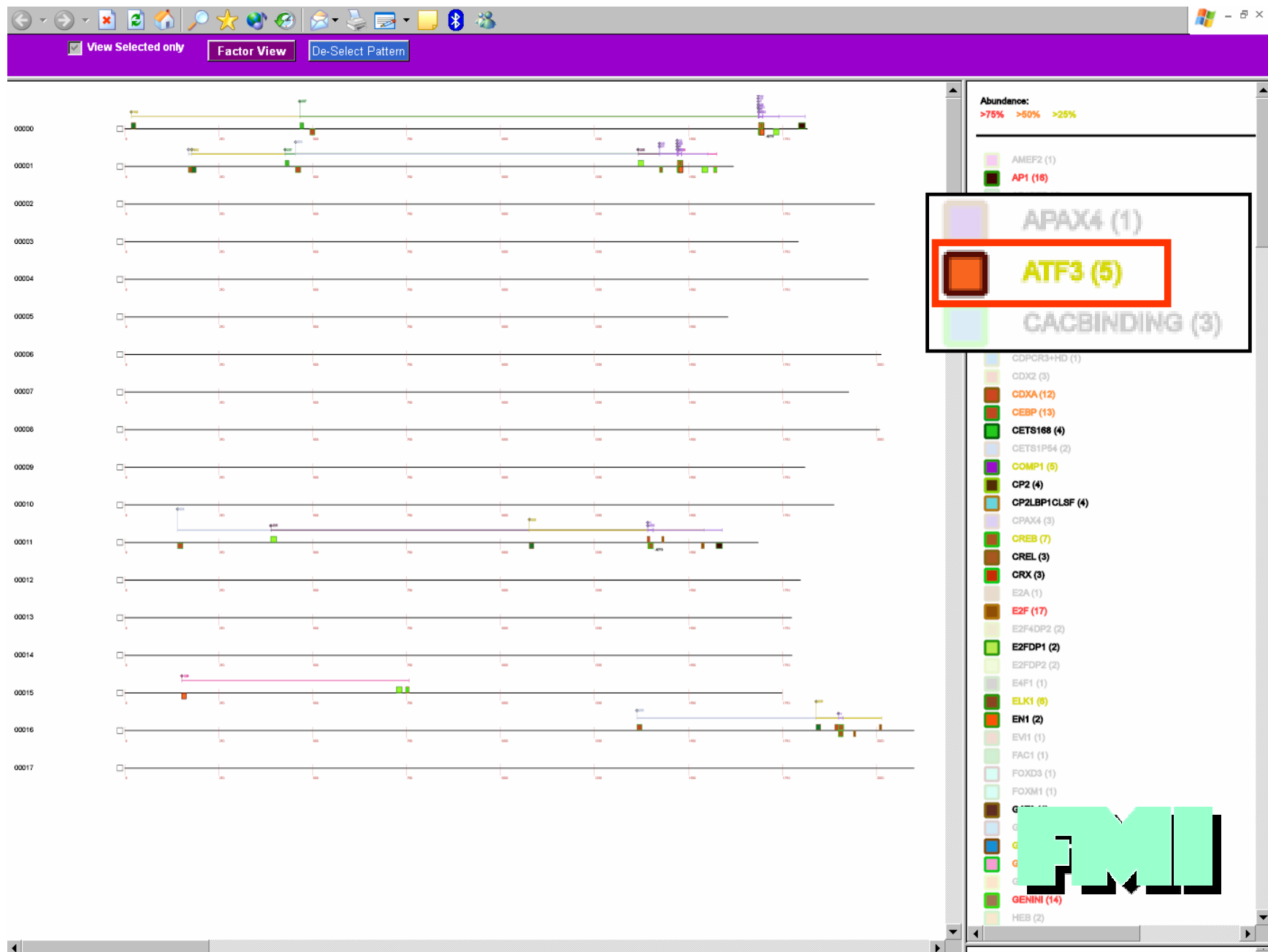


**FMI**

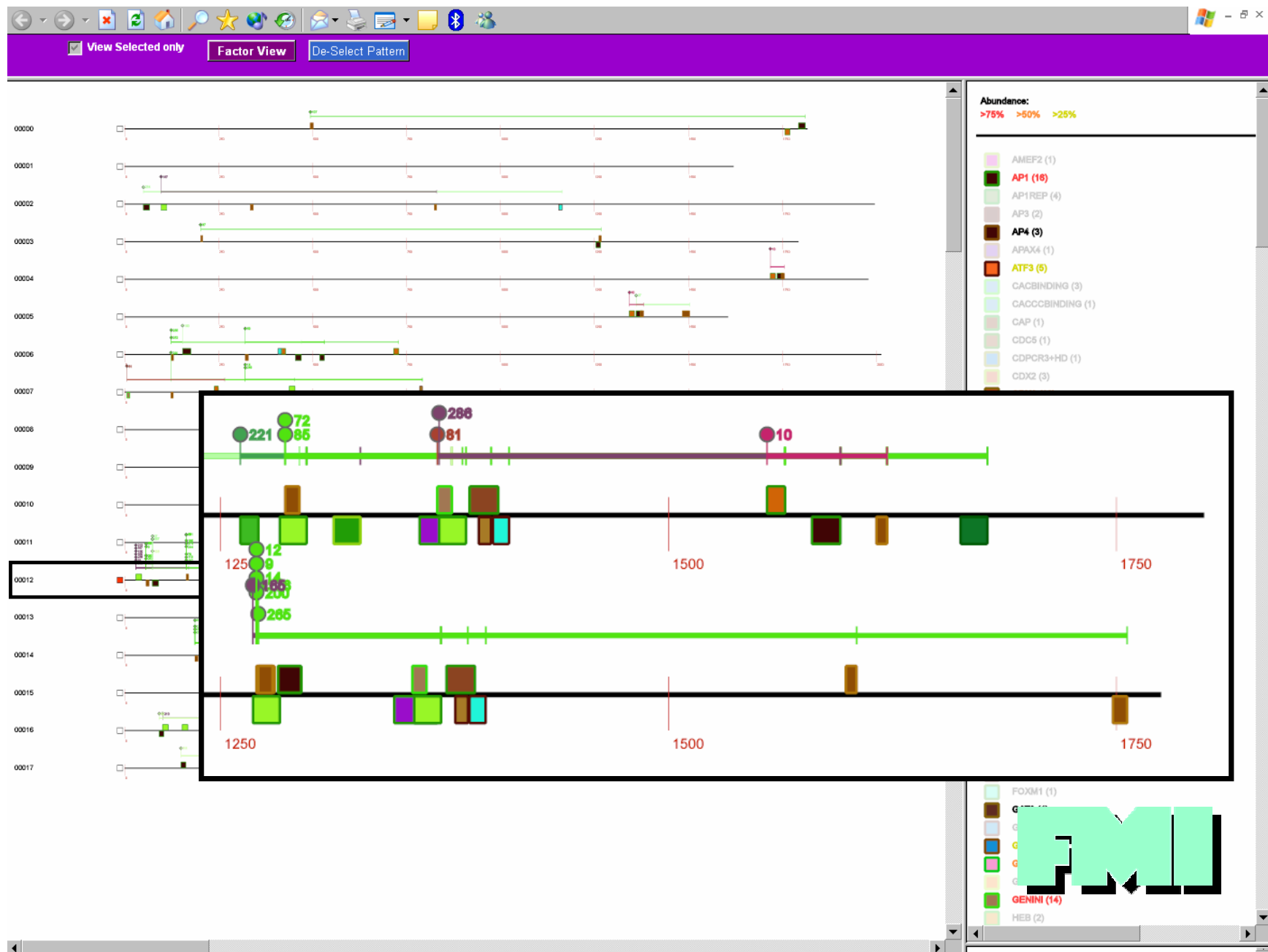




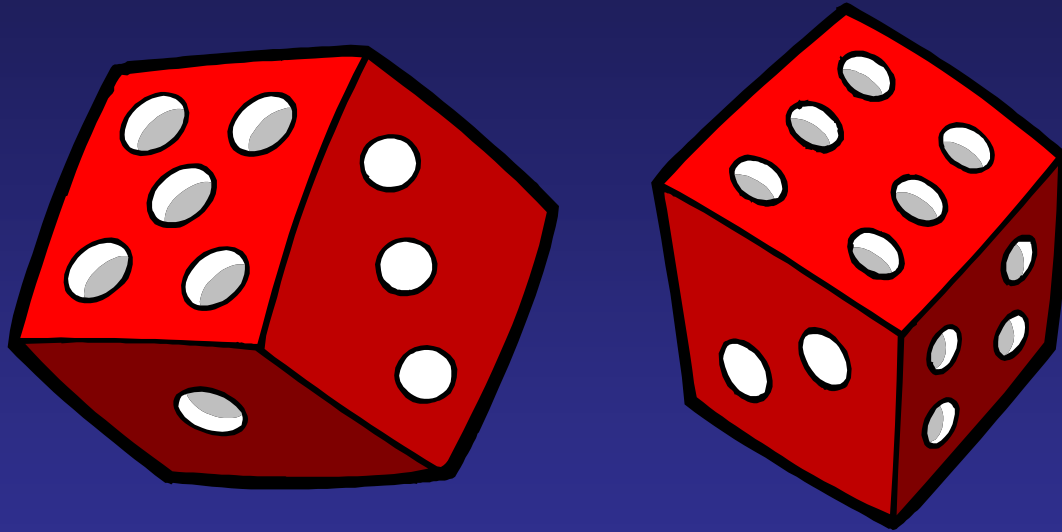








# How specific is this?





OA

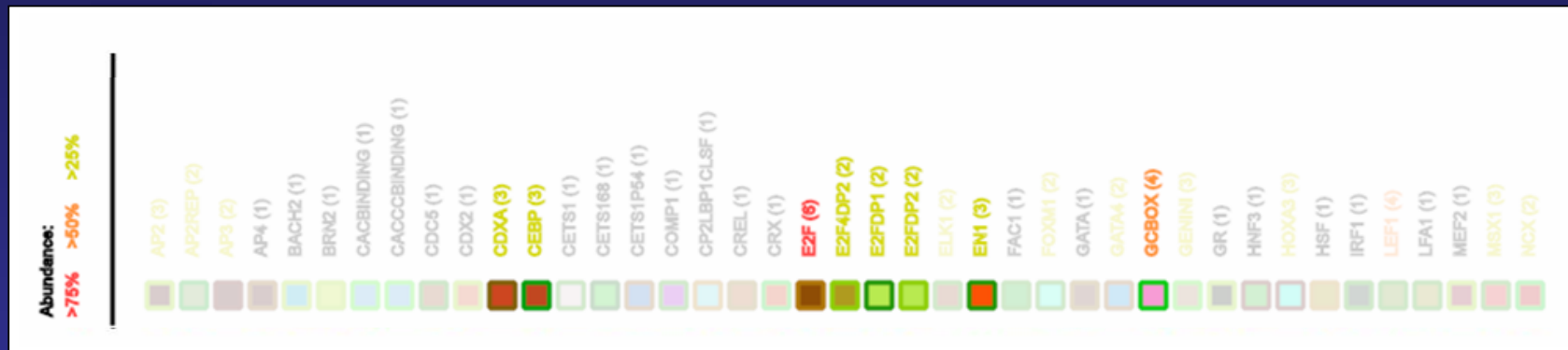
Cal A

Cyclo A

Expression > 100  
Expression (OA)  $\pm$  1%



# How specific is this?



No AP1 or ATF3 patterns



# Summary

- Analyse AffyID (via Genomatix) or FASTA
- Exclude factors by AffyID, common names or Transfac matrix IDs
- Optional block alignment
- IBM Teiresias pattern analysis
- Interactive web output
- [http://www.fmi.ch/members/edward.oakeley/promoter\\_plot.zip](http://www.fmi.ch/members/edward.oakeley/promoter_plot.zip)



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