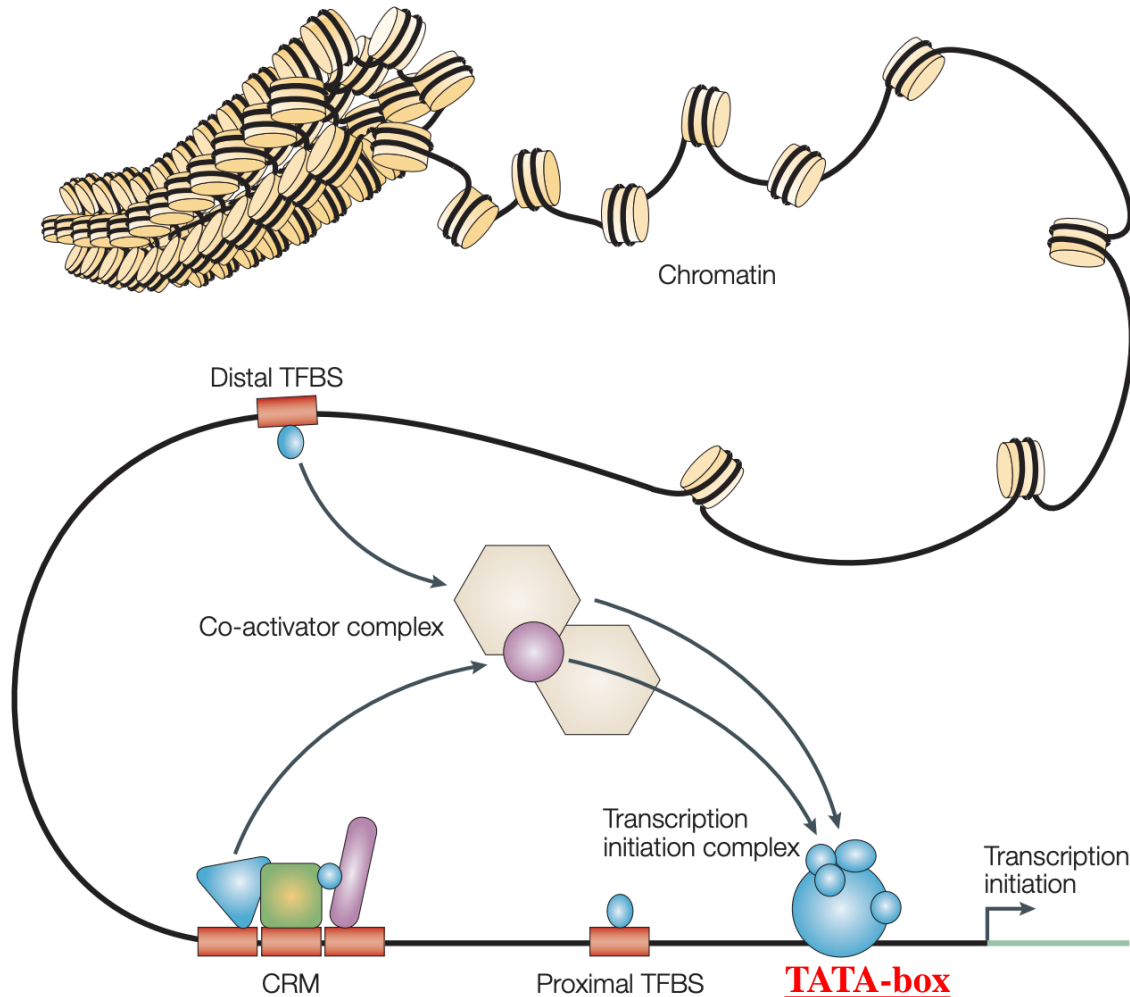


PLMview a database and web interface for  
PLMdetect, an *in silico* tool to predict cis-regulatory  
motifs

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# Transcriptional regulation and cis-regulatory motifs

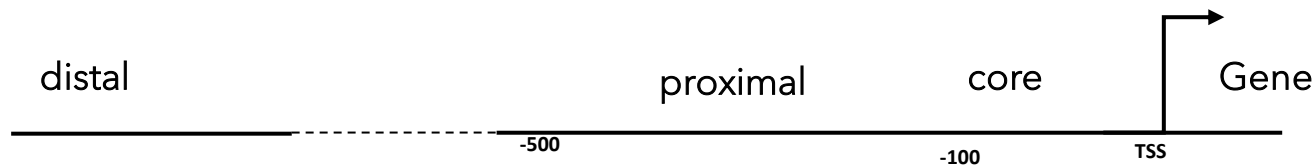


*from Wasserman and Sandelin, 2004*

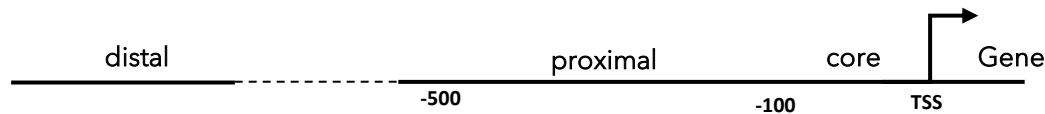
Cis-regulatory motifs are 4 to 15 bases sequences bound by Transcription Factors (TF)

# PLMdetect – find enrichment of cis-regulatory element in proximal regions of genes

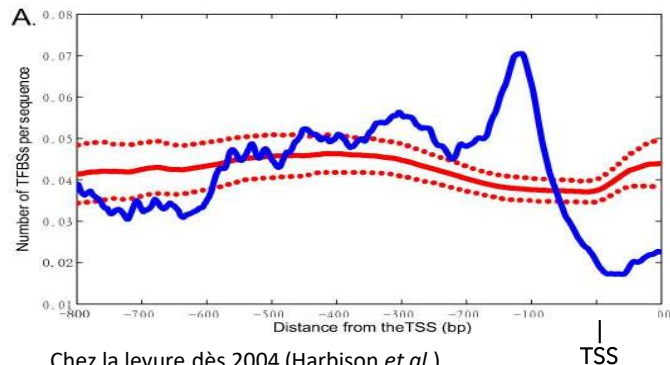
Hypothesis: gene-proximal regions enriched with cis-regulatory motifs, evolutionary conservation



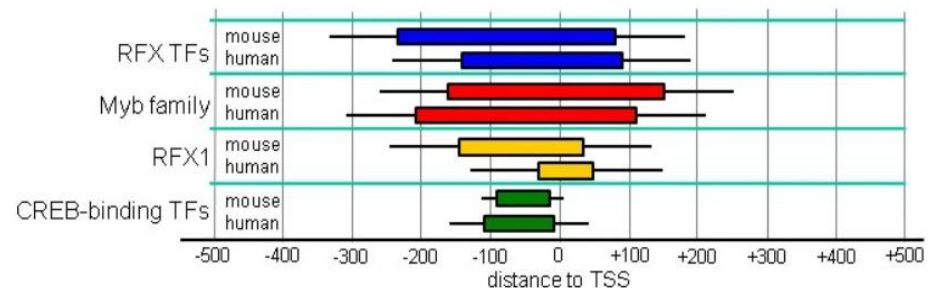
# PLMdetect – find enrichment of cis-regulatory element in proximal regions of genes



Why focus on this proximal region?



Chez la levure dès 2004 (Harbison *et al.*)  
et en 2010 Lin *et al.* (extraction figure)

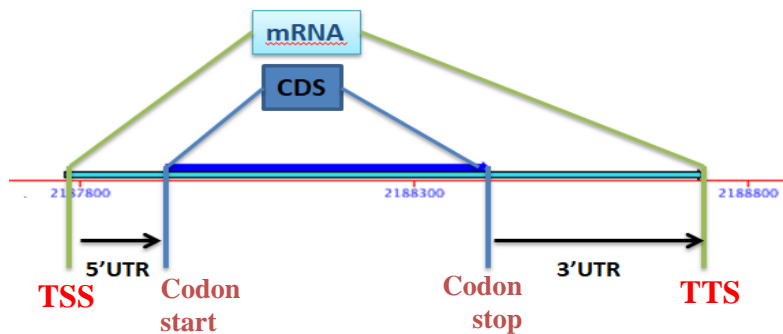


Article de 2013 Vandenbon *et al.* chez la souris et l'humain

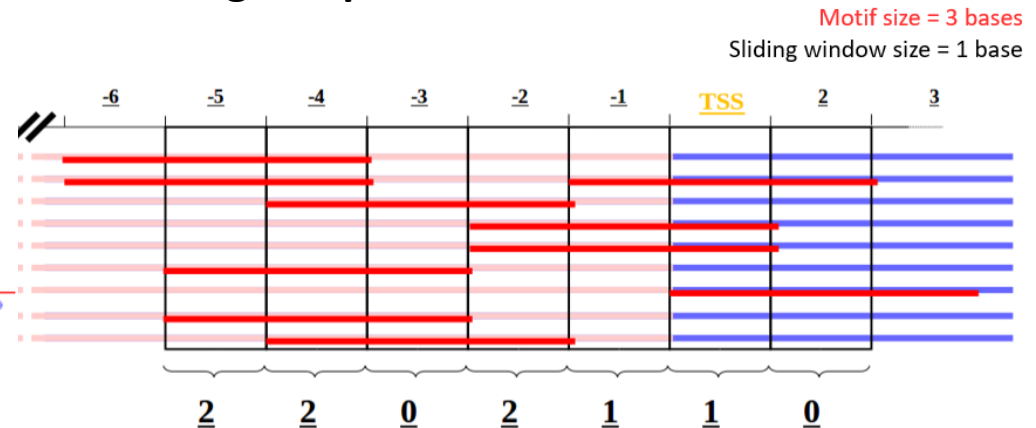
In *Arabidopsis*, Yu *et al.* 2016 confirms this enrichment: 86% of TFBSs in the [-1000,+200] region and 63% in the [-400, +200] region.

# PLMdetect method

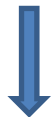
## 1- Extract gene-proximal sequences



## 2- Align sequences on TSS/TTS



- ✓ UTR required
- ✓ [-1000,+500] TSS
- ✓ [-500,+1000] TTS

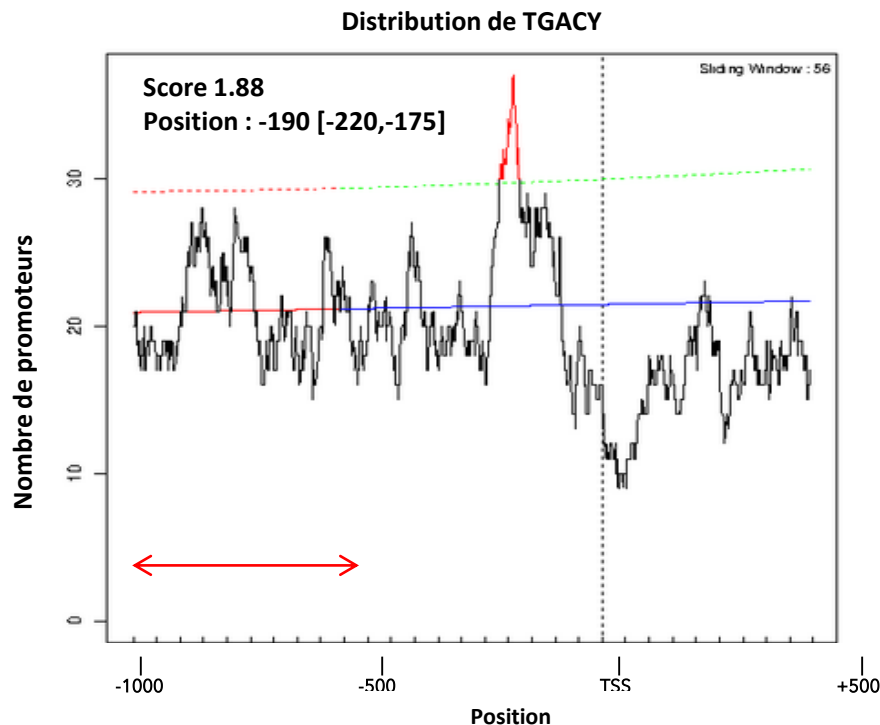


- Applied to coding genes
- Need UTR annotations
- Not all regions processed, only utr defined

## 3- Calculate motif frequency

# PLM Preferentially Located Motif

- 4- Detect a motif-enriched region ?
- Use the region [-1000, -500] of sequences to define the linear average frequency of each motif
  - Calculate a confidence interval (0.99)
  - A peak is defined if  $>$  confidence interval



PLM TGACY (W-box) defined by

- ✓ Preferential Position -190
- ✓ Enriched region [-220,-175]
- ✓ Gene list with PLM in the enriched region
- ✓ Score 1.88

# PLMdetect - INPUT

## Gene-proximal regions (5' or 3')



Sequence:  Name:

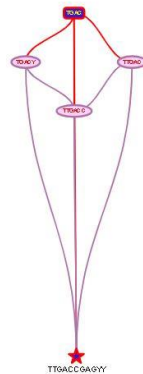
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Description:

Other names:

PubMedID references:

Species list:



★  
Your Query

*de novo* DNA motifs

OR

Known TFBS

AGRIS (99)  
Arabidopsis

PLACE (469)  
Plant database

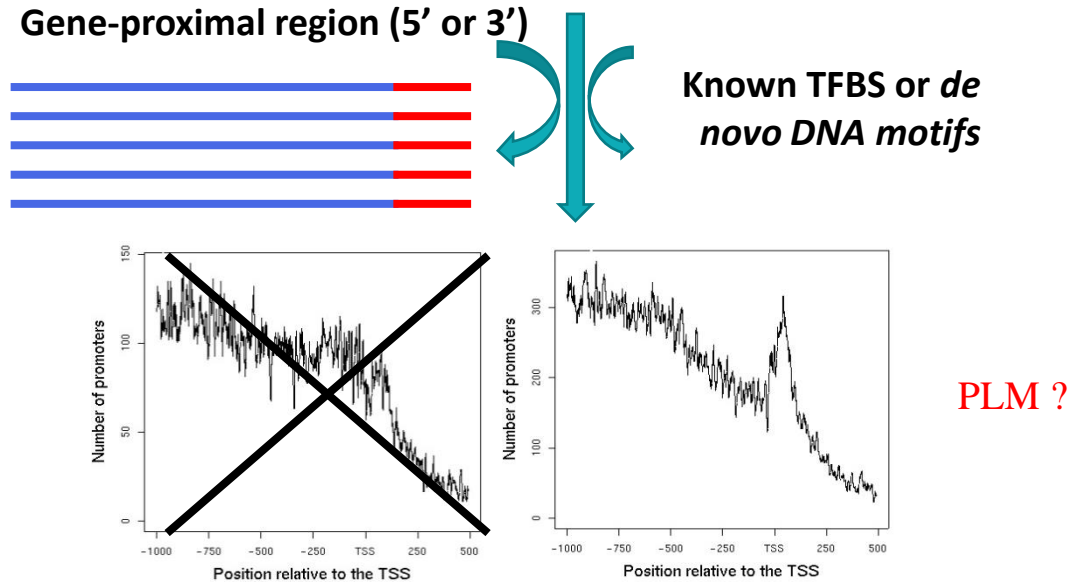
JASPAR-Plant  
(656)

Removed

- redundancy
- Size too long (>16)
- Too degenerate

840 motifs

# PLMdetect - Usage



- ✓ Apply at genome-wide in order to list and characterize PLM in the proximal regions of the genes (Roziere et al. 2022) – applied in Maize and Arabidopsis genomes
- ✓ Apply to a list of differentially expressed genes to identify TFs that regulate these genes (5 publications since 2014)

➡ PLMdetect not easy to use and analyze the results ➡ PLMView



PLMview a web application for PLMdetect  
<http://plmview.ips2.universite-paris-saclay.fr/>



A **P**referentially **L**ocated **M**otif View for Plants

Plant-PLMview is a database to detect over-represented DNA motifs in gene proximal regions of plants

Introduction

Run PLMview

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INRAE



# PLM Inputs: GenelD by species



A Preferred  
Plant-PLMview is a database to detect

Introduction

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Query submission

Gene-proximal sequences

Access Species Information

Select a gene-proximal region : ☒ 5' ☐ 3'

☒ Paste gene IDs

AT4G32280

AT4G13560

AT4G14630

Arabis thaliana (Ar)

☐ Upload gene ID file

Upload

Choose File

Arabis thaliana (Ar)

☐ Upload your sequences

Upload

Choose File

Number of analyzed sequences : 125

Cis-regulatory sequences

Access to motif catalog

☒ Select the default list

☐ Upload your DNA sequences

Upload

Choose File

Number of cis-regulatory sequences : 840

PLMdetect parameters

Sliding window

☒ Not defined (default)

☐ Define value

50

Reverse motif

☒ Yes (default)

☐ No

Job information

Enter a name

your.email@demo.fr

Email address where results will be sent

Run PLM

RUN DEMO

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# PLM Inputs: GeneID by species or multispecies (20 species)

Query submission

Gene-proximal sequences

Access Species Information

Select a gene-proximal region : ☒ 5' ☐ 3'

☒ Paste gene IDs ☐ Upload gene ID file ☐ Upload your sequences

AT4G32280  
Zm00001d030542  
Sobic.004G220300

Multispecies

Help Dialog

Species	GFF3 version	Gene number	5' number	3' number
<i>Arabidopsis lyrata</i>	v2.1	31132	29792	29726
<i>Brachypodium distachyon</i>	v3.2	32439	26787	27315
<i>Cucumis melo</i>	v2	27427	18886	19731
<i>Cucurbita maxima</i>	v1.1	32076	14780	16054
<i>Fragaria vesca</i>	v4.0	34006	19710	20117
<i>Helianthus annuus</i>	r1.2	52243	32581	35930
<i>Hordeum vulgare</i>	r1	39734	31486	33407
<i>Lupinus albus</i>	20171117r1	38258	32122	31914
<i>Medicago truncatula</i>	v4.0	50894	21022	21849
<i>Oryza sativa</i>	v7.0	42189	22122	23182
<i>Phaseolus vulgaris</i>	v2.1	27433	22367	22281
<i>Populus trichocarpa</i>	v4.1	34699	30661	30846
<i>Prunus persica</i>	v2.1	26873	21129	21817
<i>Solanum lycopersicum</i>	v3.0	35768	17683	18408
<i>Vitis vinifera</i>	v2.1	31845	14412	16155
<i>Triticum aestivum</i>	v2	99386	37640	48429
<i>Malus domestica</i>	v1.1	45116	28835	30583
<i>Sorghum bicolor</i>	v3.1.1	34211	26545	28073
<i>Arabidopsis thaliana</i>	Araport11	28775	23595	23784
<i>Zea mays</i>	v4.39	39498	25879	25239

# PLM Inputs: Gene ID, Motif list (default list or custom list)

Query submission

Gene-proximal sequences

Access Species Information

Select a gene-proximal region : ☒ 5' ☐ 3'

☒ Paste gene IDs 

?

AT4G32280  
AT4G13560  
AT4G14630  
Arabidopsis\_thaliana (Ar

☐ Upload gene ID file 

?

Upload Choose File

☐ Upload your sequences 

?

Upload Choose File

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PLMdetect parameters

Sliding window 

?

☒ Not defined (default)  
☐ Define value 50

Reverse motif 

?

☒ Yes (default)  
☐ No

Job information

Enter a name

Email address where results will be sent

Run PLM







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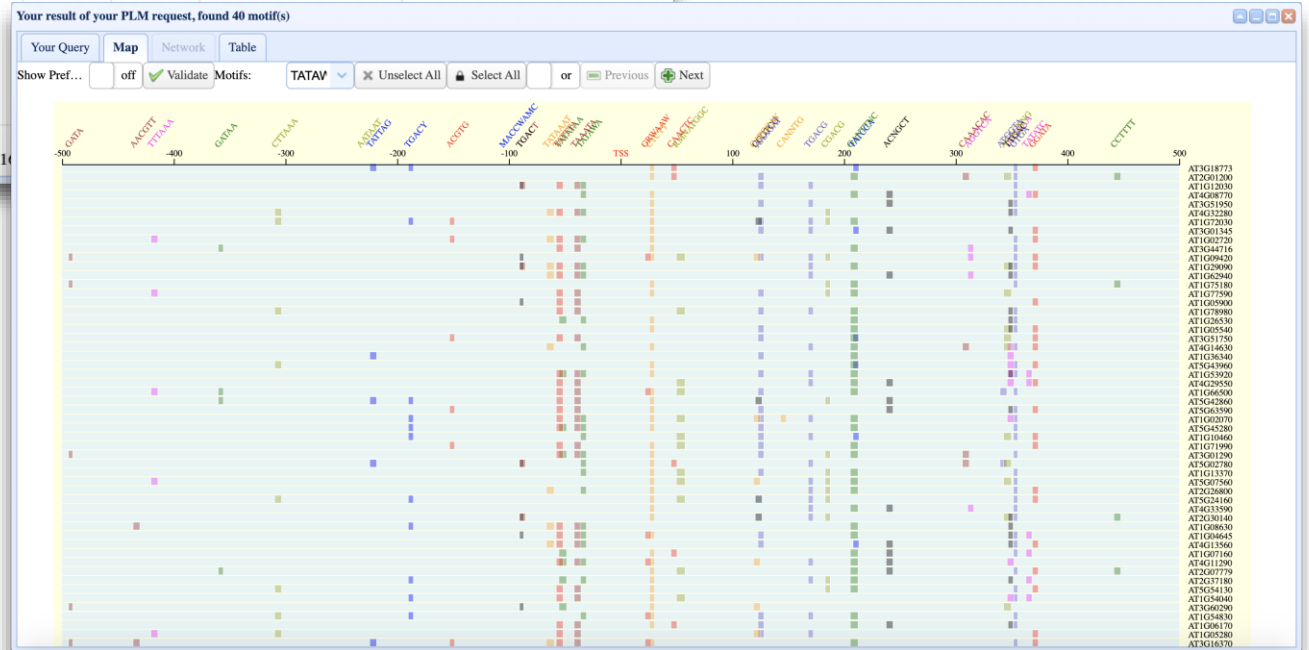
Reset

→ Mail with link to access and play with your results (kept one week)

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## → Table of results and map visualization

	<a href="#">TATAWA</a>	7.91	-43	-27	-36	TATA-box	
	<a href="#">TATTTA</a>	4.67	-151	24	-57	TATA-like	
	<a href="#">RMNATGGC</a>	4.66	-43	407	50	TRANSINITMONOCOTS	Context sequence of translation initiation codon in monocots M=A/C
	<a href="#">TAAATA</a>	4.2	-133	19	-41	TATA-like	
	<a href="#">TGACG</a>	4.13	18	436	168	ASF1MOTIFCAMV	ASF-1 binding site in CaM promoter; ASF-1 binds to TGACG motifs; See S000023 (ASF1) HBP-1 binding site of wheatear gene; TGACG motifs are found in promoters and are involved in transcriptional activation of genes by auxin and/or salicylic acid
	<a href="#">CCGTCG</a>	3.88	10				




129 PLM(s) for 213 genes

Your Query

Map







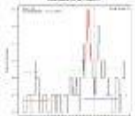
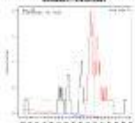

Network

**Table Results**

 Download Results



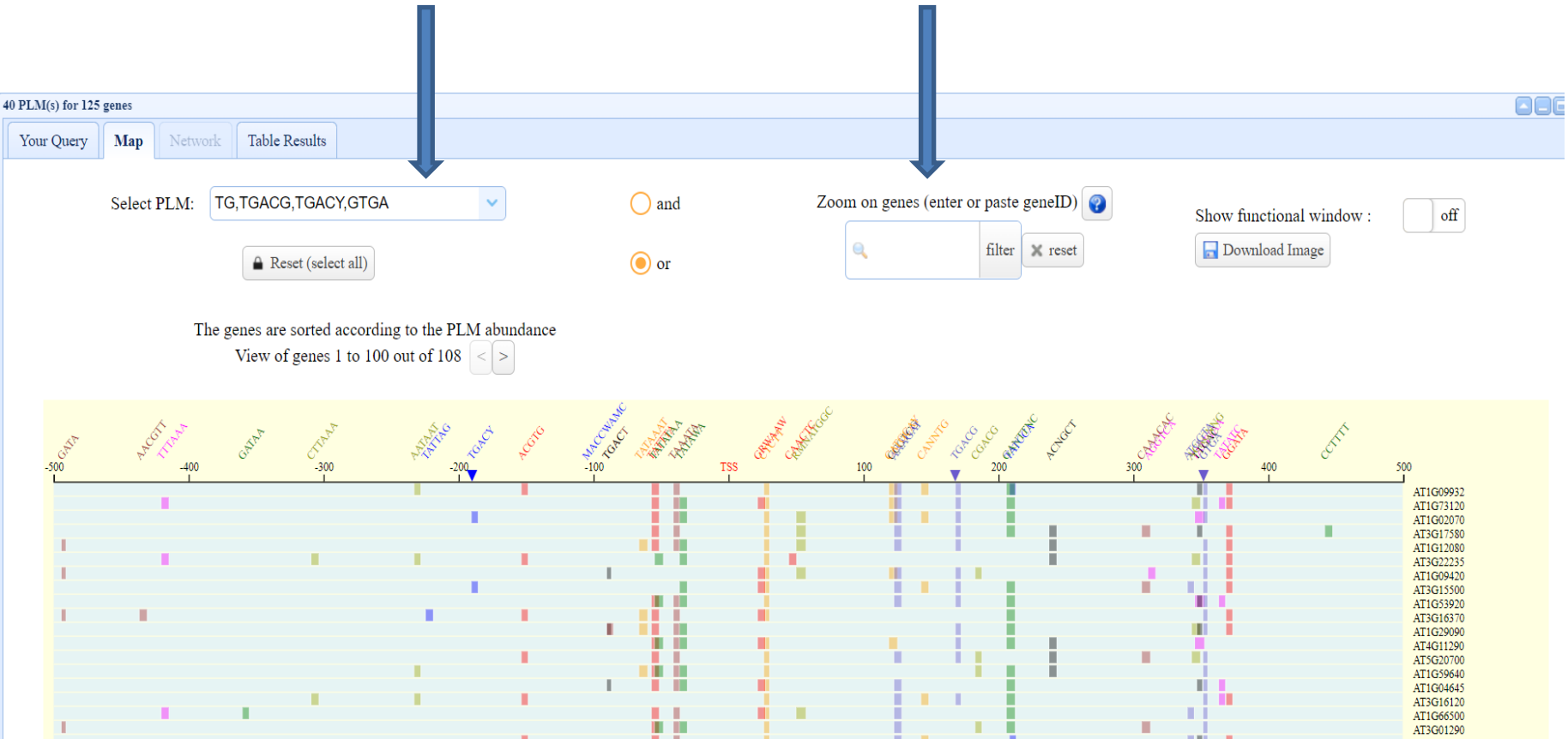
Table, matrix PLM-Gene, PLM Graph

PLM	PLM frequency graph	Score 	Top 	Start 	Stop 	Name	I
<a href="#">GGGCC</a>		3.54	-118	-137	-32	SORLIP2	
<a href="#">GKTAGGTR</a>		3.01	-112	-134	-24	MYB111	
<a href="#">YCACCAACMMC</a>		8.89	-47	-131	263	MYB83	
<a href="#">TATTTAA</a>		3.05	-235	-264	-161	TATABOXOSPAL	

→ Resume of PLM characteristics and distributions

## Select PLM (or, and)

## Select GeneID



# PLMview - specificity

- ☐ Twenty Plant gene-proximal regions
  - Processed 3' region
  - Select gene-proximal regions with UTR defined
- ☐ Multi-species access
- ☐ Download results with list of genes associated to each PLM
- ☐ PLM description (if information is present in our database)
- ☐ Map visualisation
- ☐ Web interface to play with your favorite genes!



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PLMview a database and web interface for PLMdetect tool