



Arima-HiC⁺ Kit

Arima-HiC Bioinformatics User Guide for Visualization of HiC Data with HiGlass in a Mac or Linux Based OS

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Visualization with HiGlass

1 Introduction

HiGlass (<https://docs.higlass.io/index.html>) is an extensible and customizable viewer for multi-scale genomic data sets and is an alternative to Juicebox (<https://github.com/aidenlab/Juicebox>). HiGlass runs on web browsers in a Docker container.

2 Installing HiGlass

To install HiGlass, you will need the software packages below:

- Docker (<https://docs.docker.com/engine/install/>): Docker is program that lets you run “containers” hosting software and its dependencies.
- Python 3 (<https://www.python.org/downloads/>): Python 3 is required to install HiGlass.
- higlass-manage (<https://github.com/higlass/higlass-manage>): This package is a wrapper for the Docker commands used to run a local instance. Run the commands below to install:

```
pip install higlass-python
pip install higlass-manage
```

- SAMtools (<https://github.com/samtools/samtools>): This is needed for processing BAM files.
- bgzip (<https://github.com/samtools/tabix>): This is needed for compressing the output files.
- pairix (<https://github.com/4dn-dcic/pairix>): This is needed for indexing and querying on a block-compressed text file containing HiC interactions. Run the command below to install:

```
git clone https://github.com/4dn-dcic/pairix
```

You will need to add SAMtools, bgzip, pairix, and higlass-manage installation paths to your \$PATH variable so that you can run these programs from any directory.

3 Computational Resources

We recommend using at least 4 GB of memory to process the data for visualization. The most time-consuming step will be the bam2pairs script which may run up to 12 hours for samples containing a few hundred million of read pairs.

4 Example Usage

Before you start, download Arima Genomics Public CHiC data from using the command below:

```
wget ftp://ftp-  
arimagenomics.sdsc.edu/pub/ARIMA_TEST_DATASET/BAM/test_300M.bam
```

In order to visualize the HiC interactions using HiGlass, the first step is to convert the BAM file to a format called “pairs” containing HiC interactions using the command below.

```
~/tools/pairix/util/bam2pairs/bam2pairs -c hg38.chrom.sizes  
test_300M.bam test_300M
```

Next convert the *.bsorted.pairs.gz file to a *.cool file in binary format, which stores large matrices of HiC interactions.

```
~/tools/anaconda3/bin/cooler cload pairs -c1 2 -p1 3 -c2 4 -p2 5  
hg38.chrom.sizes:10000 test_300M.bsorted.pairs.gz test_300M.10kb.cool
```

Finally, convert the *.cool format to *.mcool format which contains multiple levels of resolutions of your choice. You can use “-n” option to utilize multiple processors to speed up the computation. When you specify different resolutions, please always include 1 million and 2 million base pair resolutions in order for the browser to fully display the entire genome (see **Fig. 1**) and arrange all other resolutions to be differ by no more than a factor of 5. The “--balance” option will apply iterative correction (i.e. matrix balancing normalization) to the HiC data.

```
~/tools/anaconda3/bin/cooler zoomify --balance -r  
20000,50000,100000,200000,500000,1000000,2000000 test_300M.10kb.cool
```

Once you have the “*.mcool” binary file, you can view your heatmap image using your web browser. In your Linux terminal, please run:

```
higlass-manage start
```

Then the following command will open your default web browser and re-direct you to a webpage looks like this: <http://localhost:8989/app/?config=XXXXXX>

```
higlass-manage view test_300M.10kb.mcool
```

After finish viewing your heatmap image using your web browser, please run:

```
higlass-manage stop
```

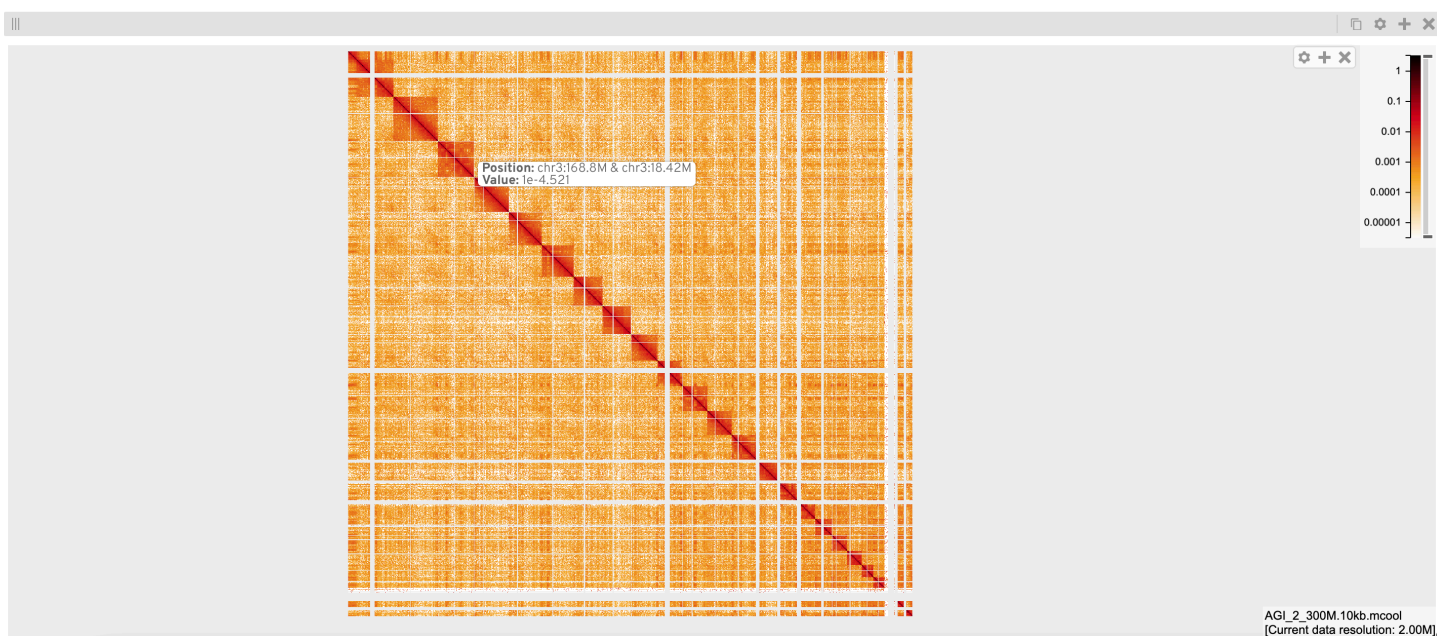


Fig. 1. Visualization of the Arima HiC data using HiGlass.

5 How to Cite

Kerpedjiev et al. (2018), HiGlass: Web-based visual comparison and exploration of genome interaction maps. *Genome Biology*, 19:125.

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