A Basic Overview of RNASeq Data Analysis

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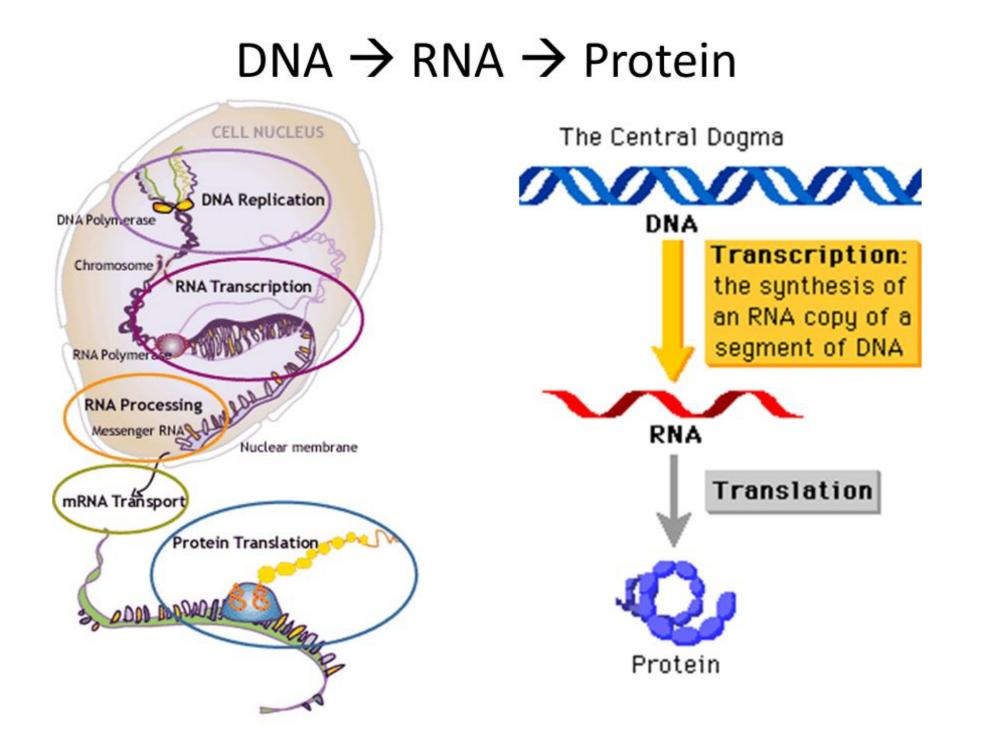
- Introduction To RNA-Seq Technology, Overview And Analyses
- A Practical Guide to Interpreting RNA-Seq Data Mayank Tandon (CCBR), Skyler Kuhn (CCBR)

Other Reading



https://rnaseq.uoregon.edu

RNA-seqlopedia is written by the Cresko Lab of the University of Oregon



What is RNASEQ ?

RNA-Seq (RNA sequencing), uses next-generationsequencing (NGS) to reveal the presence and quantity ofRNA in a biological sample at a given moment. (*Wikipedia*)

- Strictly speaking this could be any type of RNA (mRNA, rRNA, tRNA, snoRNA, miRNA) from any type of biological sample.
- For the purpose of this talk we will be limiting ourselves to mRNA.
- Technically, with a few exceptions, we are not actually sequencing mRNA but rather cDNA.

RNASEQ - WorkFlow

Experimental Design

- What question am I asking?
- Do I need to do the experiment?
- How should I do it?

Sample Preparation

- Sample Prep
- Library Prep
- Quality Assurance

Sequencing

- Technology/Platform
- Detail Choices
- Data Analysis (Computation)

RNASEQ - Data Analysis WorkFlow

Quality Control

- Sample Cleanup ("bad reads" e.g. too short, Ns)
- Trimming (adaptors and or quality)

Alignment/Mapping

- Reference Target (Sequence and annotation)
- Alignment Program
- Alignment Parameters
- Post-Alignment Quality Assurance

Quantification

- Counting Method
- Counting Parameters

Visualization

RNASEQ - Differential Expression WorkFlow

Sample Consistency

- Check for sample outliers
- Check for batch effects

Differential Expression Program

- Filtering
- Normalization
- Fit to Statistical Model
- Generate Comparison Ratios
- Adjust for Multiple Testing
- Check results for confidence
- Annotation

RNASEQ - WorkFlow

Differential Expressed Gene List

- Log fold change
- pvalue
- FDR

Visualization

- IGV genomic context and raw data
- Clustering
- Scatter plots

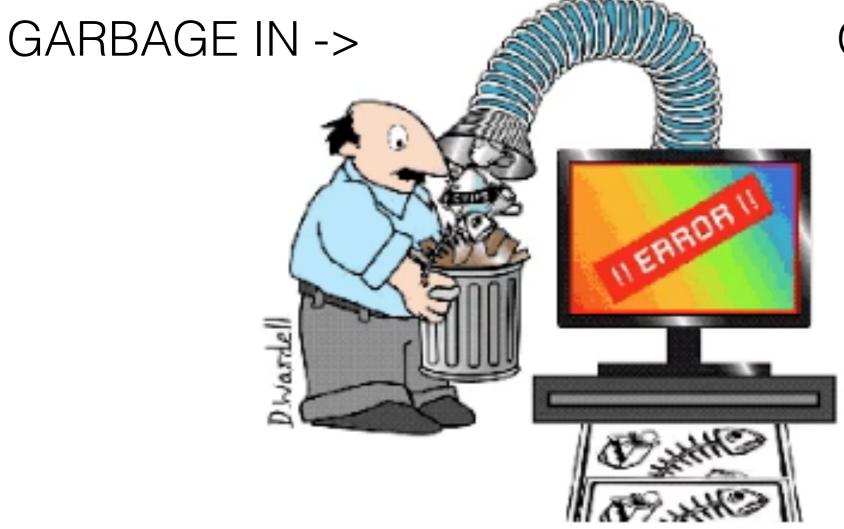
Biological Interpretation

- GSEA
- Pathway Analysis

Generating the Data

Experimental Design Sample Preparation Sequencing

Experimental Design



GARBAGE OUT ->

Only Sequence the RNA of interest

- Remember ~90% of RNA is ribosomal RNA
- Therefore enrich your total RNA sample by:
 - polyA selection (oligodT affinity) of mRNA (eukaryote)
 - rRNA depletion RiboZero is typically used (costs extra)

Remember

- RNASEQ looks at steady state mRNA levels which is the sum of transcription and degradation
- Protein levels are assumed to be driven by mRNA levels
- RNASEQ can reliably measure relative abundance not absolute abundance
- RNASEQ is really all about sequencing cDNA

What question(s) are you asking?

- Which gene are expressed?
- Which genes are differentially expressed?
- Are different splicing isoforms expressed?
- Are there novel genes or isoforms expressed?
- Are you interested in structural variants or SNPs, indels
- Are you interested in non-coding RNAs
- Does your interest lie in micro RNAs
- If this a standalone experiment, a pilot, or a "fishing trip"

Data Analysis Questions

- Where will the primary data be stored (fastq)?
- Where will the processed data be stored (bam)?
- Who will do the primary analysis?
- Who will do the secondary analysis?
- Where will the published data be deposited and by who? (what metadata will they require)
- Are you doing reproducible science?

Talk to the people who will be analyzing your data **BEFORE** doing the experiment

Decissions, decisions, decisions!

- MiSeq
- NextSeq
- HiSeq
- NovaSeq
- PacBio
- OxfordNanopore

- Short Reads
- Long Reads
- Very Long Reads
- Very Very Long Reads

- Single End
- Paired End
- Stranded
- Unstranded

mRNA

- rRNA
- miRNA

- Coding RNA
- non-Coding RNA
- Novel Genes
- Splice Variants
- Gene Fusions
- SNPs
- Structural Variants

Next Generation Sequencing Platforms

Illumina

Sequencing by Synthesis (SbS) /NovaSeq/HiSeq/NextSeq/MiSeq Short read length (30 to 300 bp) High throughput "Industry Standard"



PacBio

Sequencing by Synthesis single-molecule, real-time (SMRT) technology Long Reads ~10,000 bp No PCR bias and artifacts

Minion (Oxford Nanopore)

Long Reads ~100,000 bp No PCR bias and artifacts RNA and DNA



Need size range and technology

Read Choices

Read Depth

- More depth needed for lowly expressed genes
- Detecting low fold differences need more depth

Read Length

- The longer the length the more likely to map uniquely
- Paired reads help in mapping and junctions

Replicates

- Detecting subtle differences in expression needs more replicates
- Detecting novel genes or alternate iso-forms need more replicates

Increasing depth, length, and/or replicates increase costs

Replicates

Technical Replicates

- It's generally accepted that they are not necessary because of the low technical variation in RNASeq experiments
- Biological Replicates (Always useful)
 - Not strictly needed for the identification of novel transcripts and transcriptome assembly.
 - Essential for differential expression analysis must have 3+ for statistical analysis
 - Minimum number of replicates needed is variable and difficult to determine:

3+ for cell lines

5+ for inbred samples

20+ for human samples (rarely possible)

More is always better

Best Practice Guidelines from Bioinformatic Core (CCBR):

1. Factor in at least 3 replicates (absolute minimum), but 4 if possible (optimum minimum). Biological replicates are recommended rather than technical replicates.

2. Always process your RNA extractions at the same time. Extractions done at different times lead to unwanted batch effects.

- 3. There are 2 major considerations for RNA-Seq libraries:
 - If you are interested in coding mRNA, you can select to use the mRNA library prep. The recommended sequencing depth is between 10-20M paired-end (PE) reads. Your RNA has to be high quality (RIN > 8).
 - If you are interested in long noncoding RNA as well, you can select the total RNA method, with sequencing depth ~25-60M PE reads. This is also an option if your RNA is degraded.

4. Ideally to avoid lane batch effects, all samples would need to be multiplexed together and run on the same lane. This may require an initial MiSeq run for library balancing. Additional lanes can be run if more sequencing depth is needed.

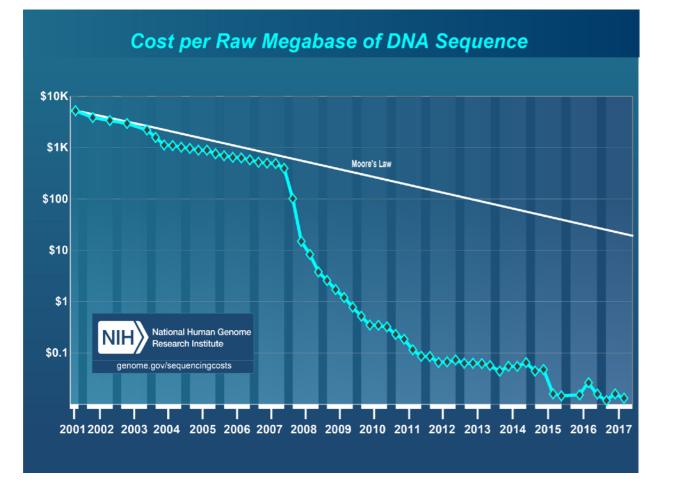
5. If you are unable to process all your RNA samples together and need to process them in batches, make sure that replicates for each condition are in each batch so that the batch effects can be measured and removed computationally.

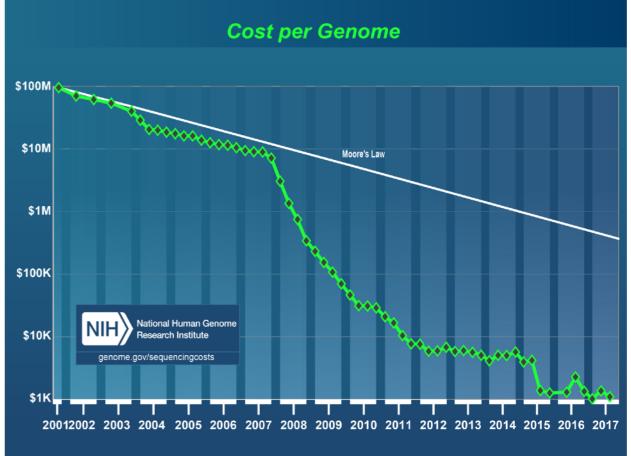
6. For sequence depth and machine requirements, visit Illumina Sequencing Coverage website

For cost estimates, visit Sequencing Facility pricing for NGS

For further assistance in planning your RNA-Seq experiment or to discuss specifics of your project, please contact us by email: **CCBR@mail.nih.gov** OR visit us during office hours on Fridays 10am to noon (Bldg37/Room3041). For cost and specific information about setting up an RNA-Seq experiment, please visit the <u>Sequencing Facility website</u> or contact Bao Tran

http://genome.gov/sequencingcosts/





- Labor, administration, management, utilities, reagents, and consumables
- Sequencing instruments and other large equipment (amortized over three years)
- Informatics activities directly related to sequence production (e.g., laboratory information management systems and initial data processing)
- Submission of data to a public database
- Indirect Costs as they relate to the above items



CCR Sequencing Facility (subsidized pricing)

Library Construction	\$61	
Illumina HiSeq 4000	\$1007/lane	PE 2 x 75 (all 8 lanes)
Illumina NovaSeq	\$4382/lane	1 x 100 bp
Illumina NextSeq High Output	\$1956	2 x 75 bp (V2)
Illumina MiSeq	\$623	PE 2 x 75 bp (V3)

https://ostr.ccr.cancer.gov/resources/sequencing-facility/

CCR Sequencing Facilities (subsidized pricing)

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NCI CCR Genomics Core

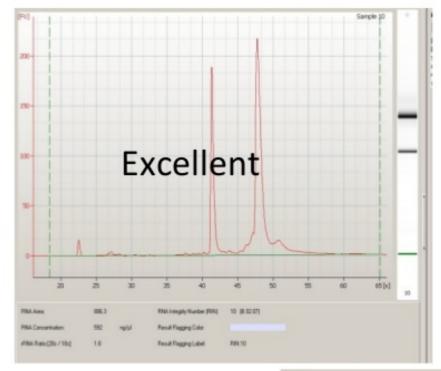
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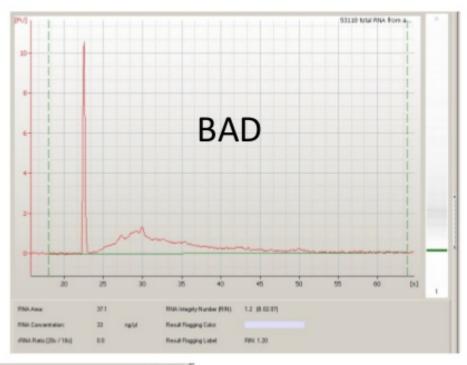
Sample Preparation

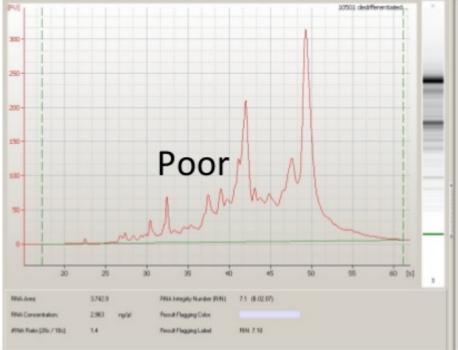
General Rules for Sample Preparation

- Prepare all samples at the same time or as close as possible. The same person should prepare all samples
- Do not prepare "experiment" and "control" samples on different days or by different people. (Batch effects).
- Use high quality means to determine sample quality (RNA Integrity Number) (RIN >0.7) and quantity, and size (Tapestation, Qibit, Bioanalyzer)
- Don't assume everything will work the first time (do pilot experiments) or every time (prepare extra samples)

Determining Library size distribution



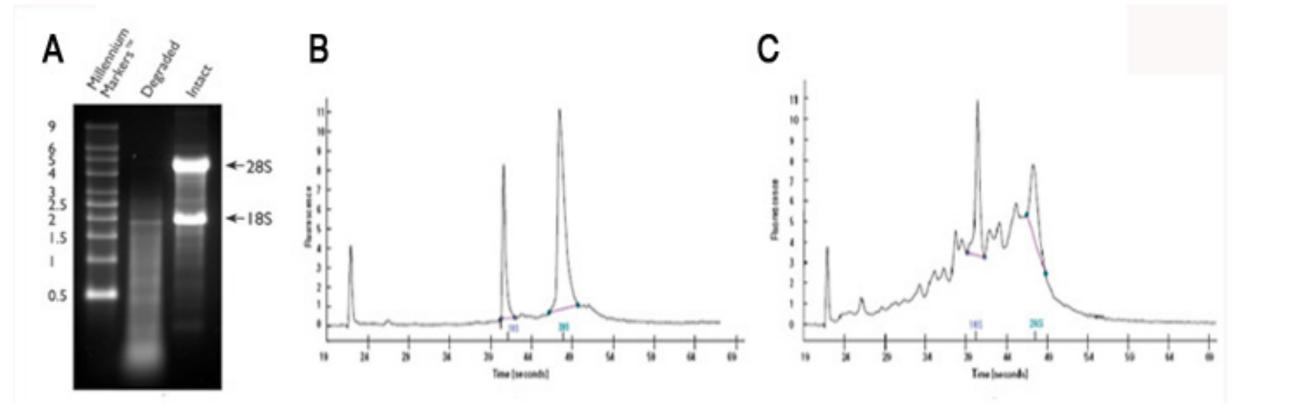








Degraded vs Intact RNA (Bioanalyzer)



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Sequencing

Illumina Sequencing Platforms

Illumina

Sequencing by Synthesis (SbS) /NovaSeq/HiSeq/NextSeq/MiSeq Short read length (30 to 300 bp)

Selection driven by cost, precision, speed, number of samples and number of read required

Consult with the Sequencing Core



Illumina NovaSeq

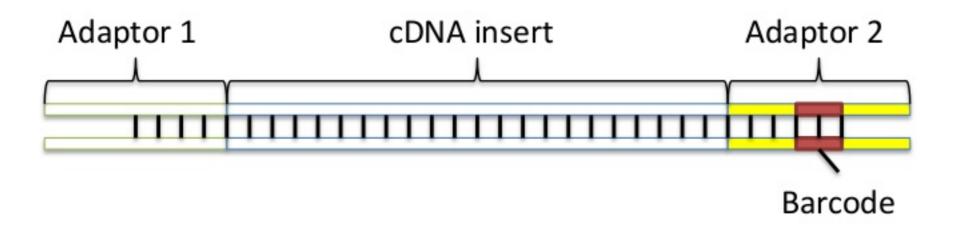


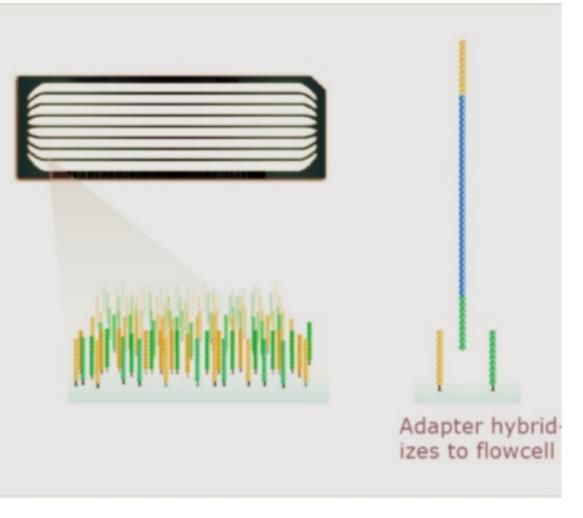
Illumina NextSeq



Illumina MiSeq

Sequencing Library Structure



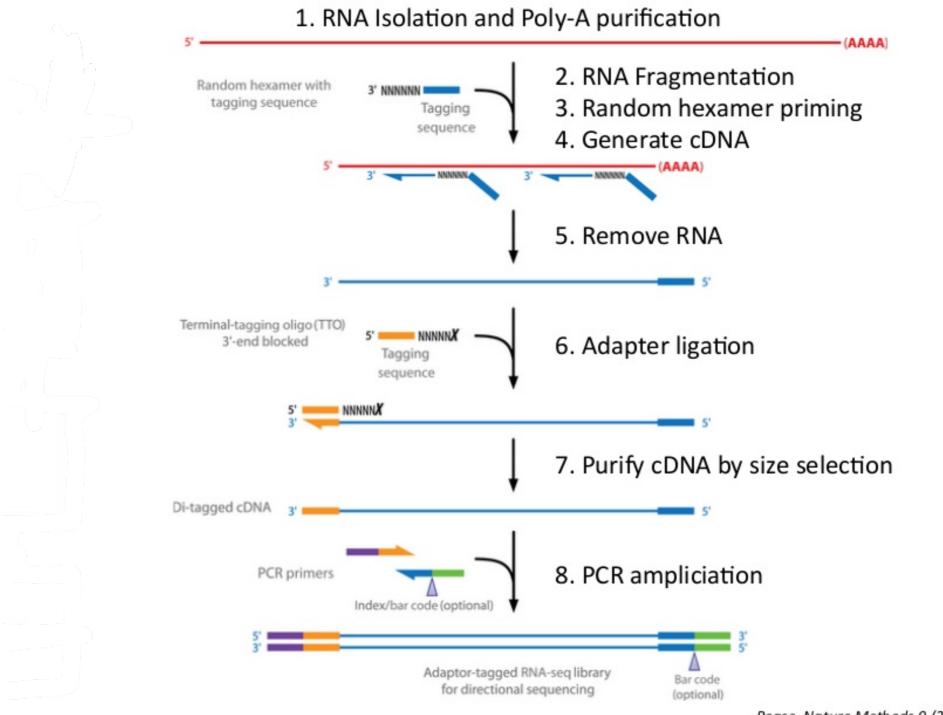


Adaptor – 58 bp nucleotide sequence to fix sequence library onto flow cell

Barcode – optional index sequence that is typically 6 nucleotide bases long for associating sequence with a particular sample (can be present on both adaptor)

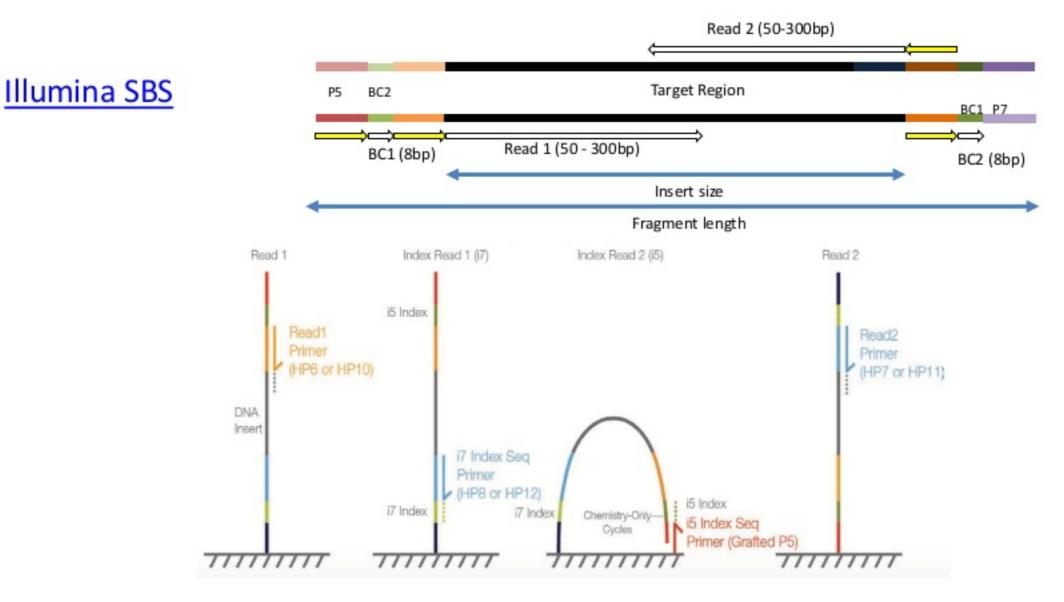
cDNA insert – fragmented cDNA sequence generated from mRNA of interest. The insert typically range between 300-500bp for mRNA

Illumina SBS RNASeq



Pease, Nature Methods 9 (2012)

Illumina sequencing sequencing by synthesis



FASTA FORMAT

FASTA

Single sequence example:

Multiple sequence example:



FASTQ FORMAT

FASTQ

Text based format for storing sequence data and corresponding quality scores for each base. To enable a one-one correspondence between the base sequence and the quality score the score is stored as a single one letter/number code using an offset of the standard ASCII code. Quality scores range from 0 to 40 and represent a log¹⁰ score for the probability of being wrong. E.g. score of 30 = > 1:1000 chance of error



FASTQ FORMAT

FASTQ

Each fastq file contain multiple entries and each entry consists of 4 lines:

- 1. header line beginning with "@" and sequence name
- 2. sequence line
- header line beginning with "+" which can have the name but rarely does
- 4. quality score line



FASTQ FORMAT

FASTQ

@HWI-ST398_0092:6:73:5372:2486#0/1
TTTTTCGTTCTTTCATGTACCGCTTTTGTTCGGTTAGATCGGAAGAGCGGTTCAGCAGGAATGCCGAGACCGAT
+HWI-ST398_0092:1:1:5372:2486#0/1
ffffeedfcedffffeffdefff_ffffdccfdZdeeadefecZedaecdbRdTY^ZYT``_T`_^bc_Wceaa[

6 - Flowcell lane

73 - Tile number

5372:2486 - 'x','y'-coordinates of the cluster within the tile #0 - index number for a multiplexed sample (0 for no indexing)

/1 - the member of a pair, /1 or /2 (paired-end or mate-pair reads only)

For paired end reads fastq files come in pairs, typically labelled R1 and R2 (reads are in same order in both files...header often does not distinguish between read1 and read2



QUALITY SCORES

Quality (Q) = $-10log_{10}P$

Quality Score	Probabiliy that the base has been called incorrectly	
10	1 in 10	
20	1 in 100	
30	1 in 1,000	
40	1 in 10,000	



SEQUENCE FILE FORMATS

QUALITY SCORES

ASCII TABLE

Decimal	Hex	Char	Decimal	Hex	Char	Decimal	Hex	Char	Decimal	Hex	Char
0	0	[NULL]	32	20	[SPACE]	64	40	0	96	60	`
1	1	[START OF HEADING]	33	21	1	65	41	Α	97	61	а
2	2	[START OF TEXT]	34	22	н	66	42	В	98	62	b
3	3	[END OF TEXT]	35	23	#	67	43	С	99	63	с
4	4	[END OF TRANSMISSION]	36	24	\$	68	44	D	100	64	d
5	5	[ENQUIRY]	37	25	%	69	45	E	101	65	е
6	6	[ACKNOWLEDGE]	38	26	&	70	46	F	102	66	f
7	7	[BELL]	39	27	1	71	47	G	103	67	g
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9	9	[HORIZONTAL TAB]	41	29)	73	49	1	105	69	i i
10	Α	[LINE FEED]	42	2A	*	74	4A	J	106	6A	j
11	В	[VERTICAL TAB]	43	2B	+	75	4B	Κ	107	6B	k
12	С	[FORM FEED]	44	2C	,	76	4C	L	108	6C	1
13	D	[CARRIAGE RETURN]	45	2D	-	77	4D	М	109	6D	m
14	E	[SHIFT OUT]	46	2E		78	4E	Ν	110	6E	n
15	F	[SHIFT IN]	47	2F	1	79	4F	0	111	6F	0
16	10	[DATA LINK ESCAPE]	48	30	0	80	50	Ρ	112	70	р
17	11	[DEVICE CONTROL 1]	49	31	1	81	51	Q	113	71	q
18	12	[DEVICE CONTROL 2]	50	32	2	82	52	R	114	72	r
19	13	[DEVICE CONTROL 3]	51	33	3	83	53	S	115	73	S
20	14	[DEVICE CONTROL 4]	52	34	4	84	54	т	116	74	t
21	15	[NEGATIVE ACKNOWLEDGE]	53	35	5	85	55	U	117	75	u
22	16	[SYNCHRONOUS IDLE]	54	36	6	86	56	V	118	76	v
23	17	[ENG OF TRANS. BLOCK]	55	37	7	87	57	W	119	77	w
24	18	[CANCEL]	56	38	8	88	58	X	120	78	x
25	19	[END OF MEDIUM]	57	39	9	89	59	Υ	121	79	У
26	1A	[SUBSTITUTE]	58	3A	1.00	90	5A	Z	122	7A	z
27	1B	[ESCAPE]	59	3B	;	91	5B	[123	7B	{
28	1C	[FILE SEPARATOR]	60	3C	<	92	5C	١	124	7C	1
29	1D	[GROUP SEPARATOR]	61	3D	=	93	5D	1	125	7D	}
30	1E	[RECORD SEPARATOR]	62	3E	>	94	5E	^	126	7E	~
31	1F	[UNIT SEPARATOR]	63	3F	?	95	5F	_	127	7F	[DEL]
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SEQUENCE FILE FORMATS

QUALITY SCORES

ASC	II BASE=3	3 Illumina	, Io	n Torrent	, PacBio	and S	anger				
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ASCII BASE=64 Old Illumina

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0	1.00000	64 @	11	0.07943	75 K	22	0.00631	86 V	33	0.00050	97 a
1	0.79433	65 A	12	0.06310	76 L	23	0.00501	87 W	34	0.00040	98 b
2	0.63096	66 B	13	0.05012	77 M	24	0.00398	88 X	35	0.00032	99 c
3	0.50119	67 C	14	0.03981	78 N	25	0.00316	89 Y	36	0.00025	100 d
4	0.39811	68 D	15	0.03162	79 0	26	0.00251	90 Z	37	0.00020	101 e
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Data Analysis

Computational Prerequisites

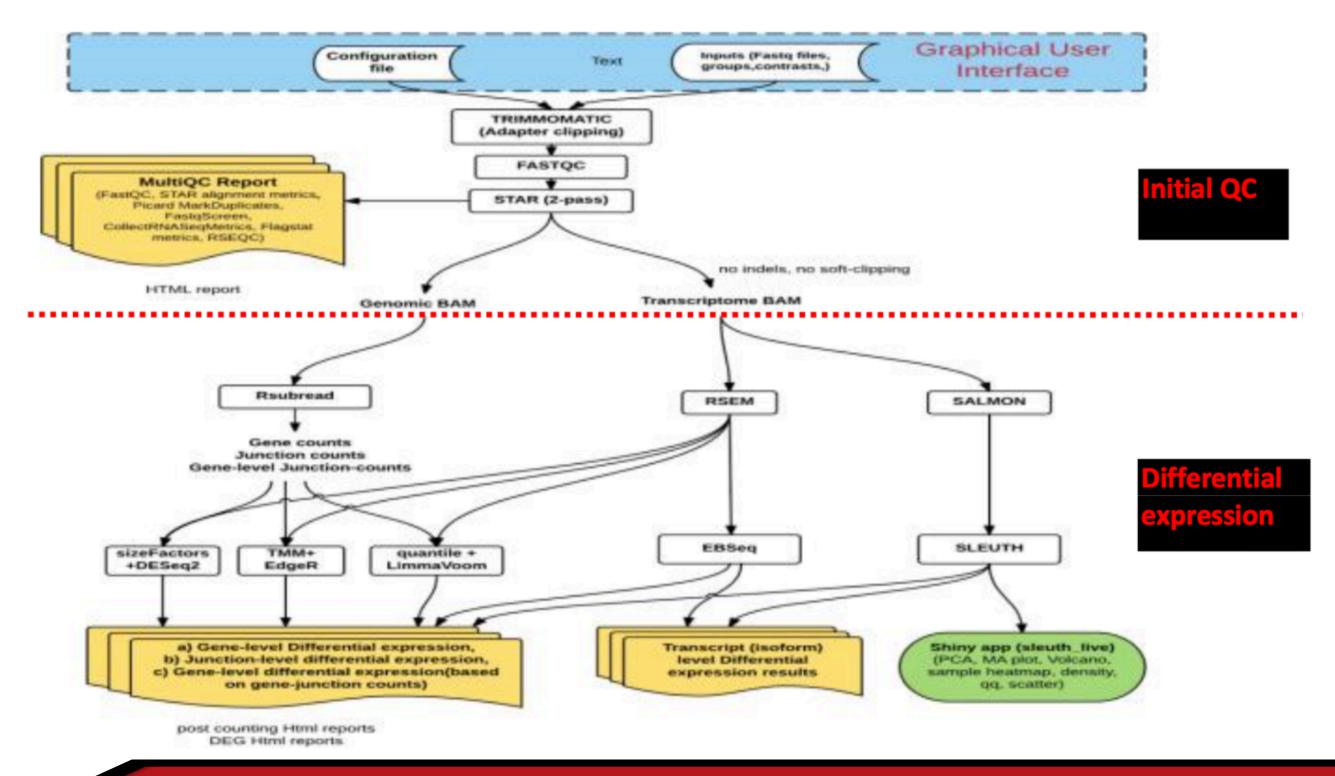
- Migh performance Linux computer or Cloud (multi core, high memory, and plenty of storage)
- Familiarity with the "command line" and at least one programming language.
- Basic knowledge of how to install software
- Basic knowledge of R and/or statistical programming
- Basic knowledge of Statistics and model building

Data Analysis

Pre-alignment QC & cleanup Alignment Post-alignment QC & filtering Quantification Differential Expression

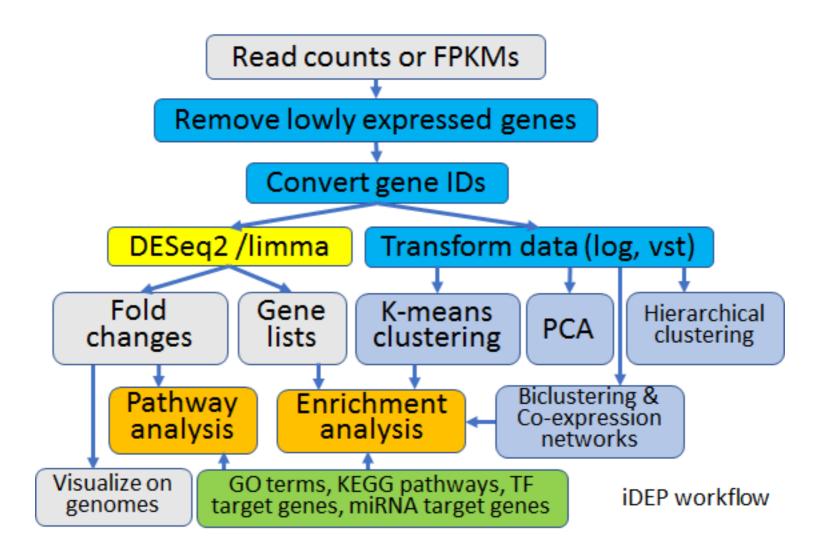
RNASEQ Pipeline

https://github.com/CCBR/Pipeliner/blob/master/RNASeqDocumentation.pdf



iDep Workflow

http://bioinformatics.sdstate.edu/idep/



Quality Control/Assesment (Pre-Alignment)

Data Quality Assessment

Evaluate the read quality to determine

- Is the data of sufficiently high quality to be analyzed?
- Are there technical artifacts?
- Are there poor quality samples?
- Note this Tells us nothing about whether the "experiment worked"

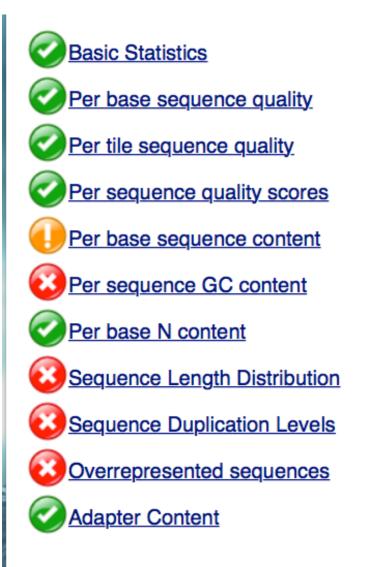
Evaluate the following features

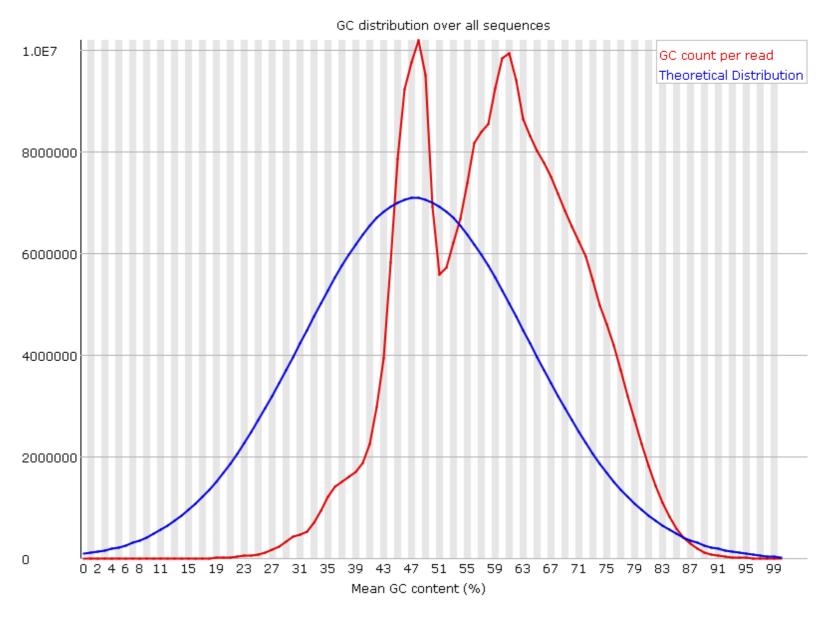
- Overall sequencing quality scores and distributions
- GC content distribution
- Presence of adapter or contamination
- Sequence duplication levels

Data should be filtered, trimmed, or rejected as appropriate

Sequencing cores generally provide some/all of this analysis

FastQC

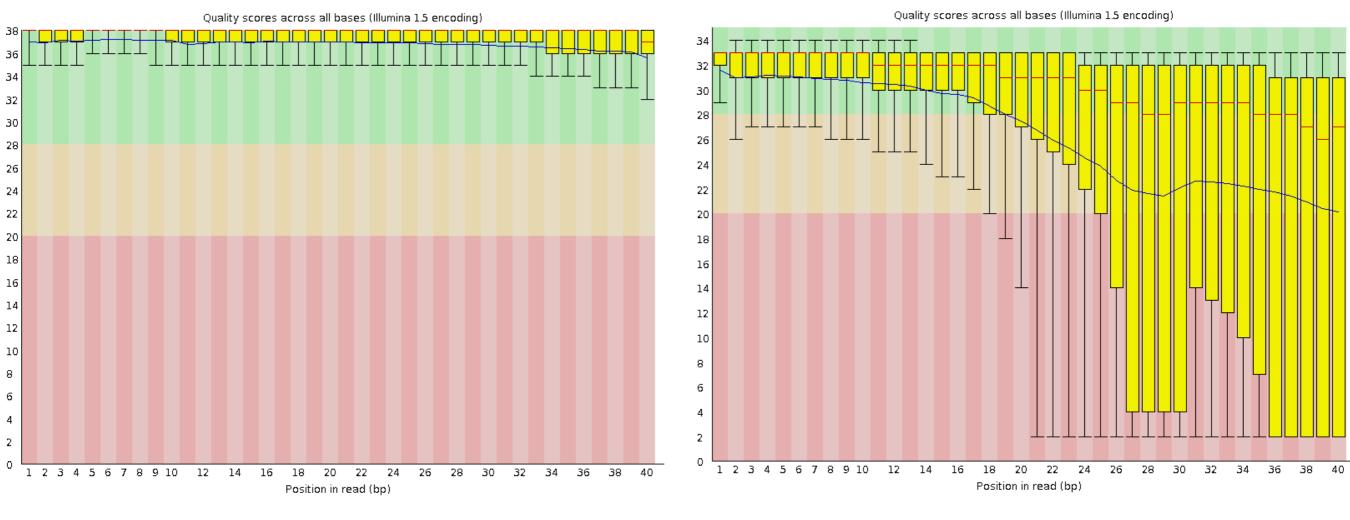




GC content - bad/not normal



https://www.bioinformatics.babraham.ac.uk/projects/fastqc/ good_sequence_short_fastqc.html



GOOD

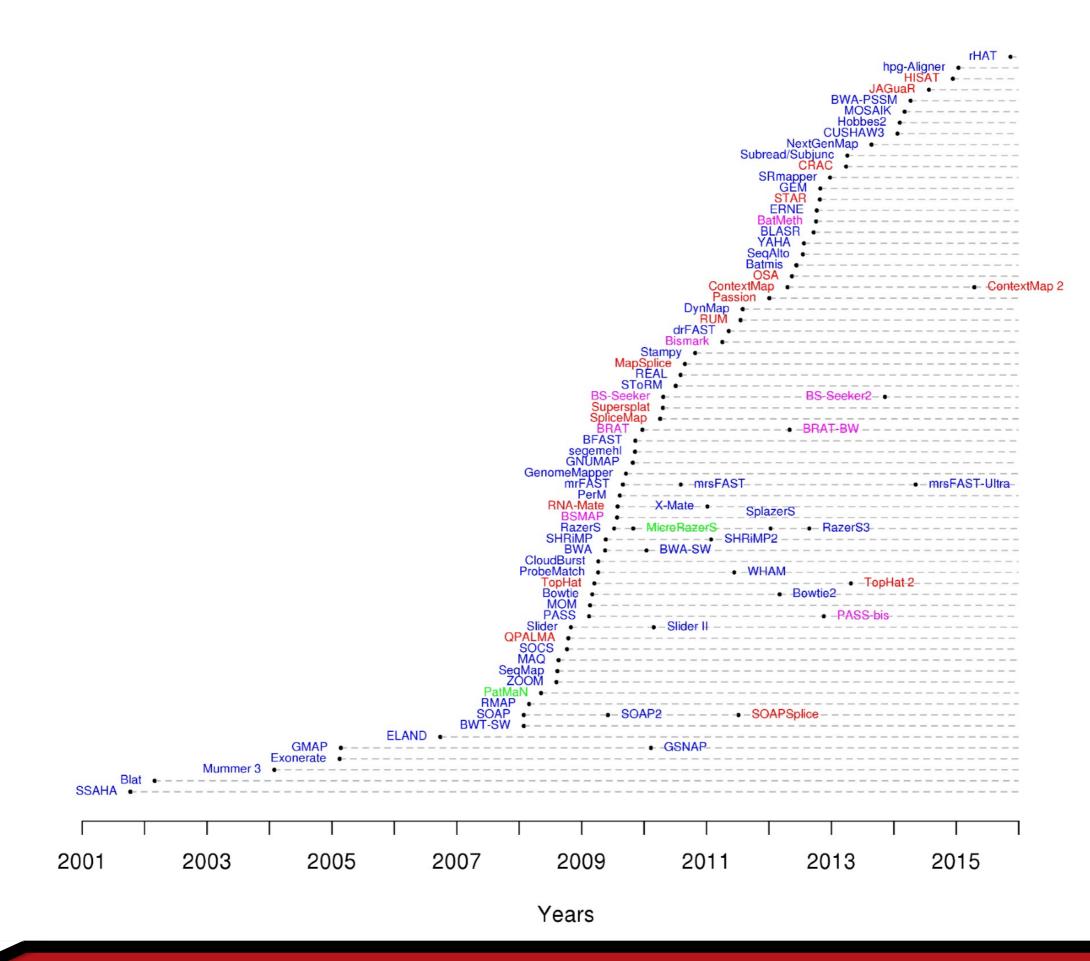
BAD

Raw Sequence Cleanup

Trim and/or filter sequence to remove sequencing primers/adaptor and poor quality reads. Example programs:

- Trimmomatic is a fast, multithreaded command line tool that can be used to trim and crop Illumina (FASTQ) data as well as to remove adapters.
- TrimGalore is a wrapper tool around Cutadapt and FastQC to consistently apply quality and adapter trimming to FastQ files, with some extra functionality for Mspl-digested RRBS-type (Reduced Representation Bisufite-Seq) libraries.
- Cutadapt finds and removes adapter sequences, primers, poly-A tails and other types of unwanted sequence from your high-throughput sequencing reads.
- FASTX-Toolkit is a collection of command line tools for Short-Reads FASTA/ FASTQ files preprocessing.

Alignment



Common Aligners

Most alignment algorithms rely on the construction of auxiliary data structures, called indices, which are made for the sequence reads, the reference genome sequence, or both. Mapping algorithms can largely be grouped into two categories based on properties of their indices: algorithms based on hash tables, and algorithms based on the Burrows-Wheeler transform

- Bowtie2
- BWA/BWA-mem
- STAR
- HISAT
- HISAT2
- TopHat
- TopHat2

Tools for mapping high-throughput sequencing data

Nuno A. Fonseca Johan Rung Alvis Brazma John C. Marioni Author Notes Bioinformatics, Volume 28, Issue 24, 1 December 2012, Pages 3169–3177, https://doi.org/10.1093/bioinformatics/bts605

The Times they are a Changin !!

Check for new versions... try new software



Following

I was amazed to see that just last month @GTExPortal published its main paper with TopHat 1.4

nature.com/nature/journal ... That's not even the most recent version of TopHat! There have been 16 releases since then (2012), the most recent in 2016. And that's 3 *programs* ago!



Genetic effects on gene expression across human ... Samples of different body regions from hundreds of human donors are used to study how genetic variation influences gene expression levels in 44 disease-relev...

nature.com

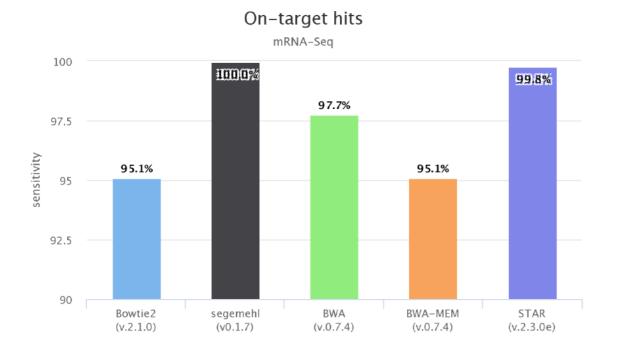


Please stop using Tophat scholar.google.com.mx/scholar? hl=es& ... Cole and I developed the method in *2008*. It was greatly improved in TopHat2 then HISAT & HISAT2. There is no reason to use it anymore. I have been saying this for years yet it has more citations this year than last #methodsmatter

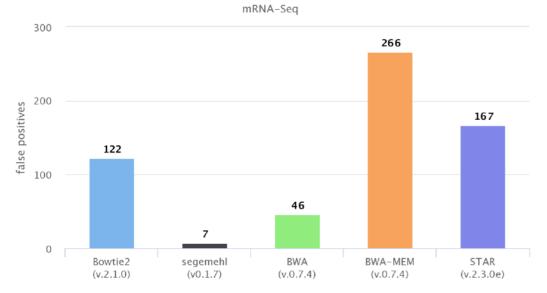
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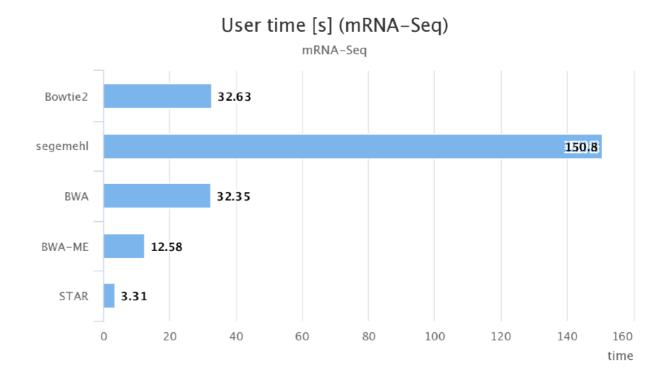
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False positive hits





Memory consumption [GB] mRNA-Seq Bowtie2 3.76 segemehl 70.05 3.73 BWA BWA-ME 5.66 28.12 STAR 0 10 20 30 40 50 60 70 80 memory

EC**SEO** BIOINFORMATICS

Typical Questions about alignment

- What is the best aligner to use?
- What Genome version should I use?
- What annotation should I use?

Answers

- STAR (also Kalisto or Salmon) subjective
- Depends !
- GeneCode with caveats

Questions not asked

What parameters should I use?
What about non-aligners?

Answers

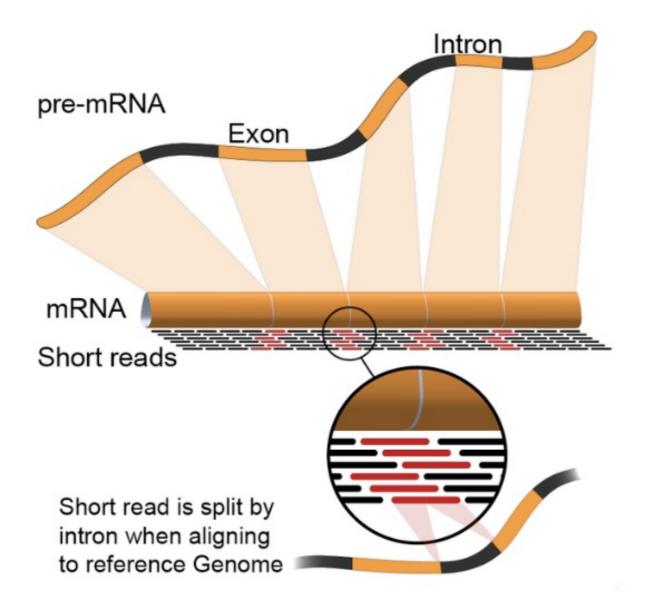


Additional Parameters For Star In CCBR Pipeliner Program

STAR --runThreadN 32 --genomeDir /fdb/STAR 2.4.2a/GENCODE/Gencode mouse/ release_M4/genes-125 --readFilesIn R1_all.fastq.gz R2_all.fastq.gz --readFilesCommand zcat --limitSjdbInsertNsj 2000000 --outFileNamePrefix Ker_RNA.Rep01.p2. --outSAMtype BAM SortedByCoordinate --outSAMstrandField None --outSAMunmapped Within --outWigType None --outWigStrand Stranded --outFilterType BySJout --outFilterMultimapNmax 10 --outFilterMismatchNmax 10 --outFilterMismatchNoverLmax 0.3 --outFilterIntronMotifs RemoveNoncanonicalUnannotated --clip3pAdapterSeq ---alignIntronMin 21 --alignIntronMax 0 --alignMatesGapMax 0 --alignSJoverhangMin 5 --alignSJDBoverhangMin 3 --sjdbFileChrStartEnd Ker_RNA.Rep01.SJ.out.tab --sjdbGTFfile /fdb/GENCODE/Gencode_mouse/release_M4/ gencode.vM4.annotation.gtf --quantMode Transcriptome

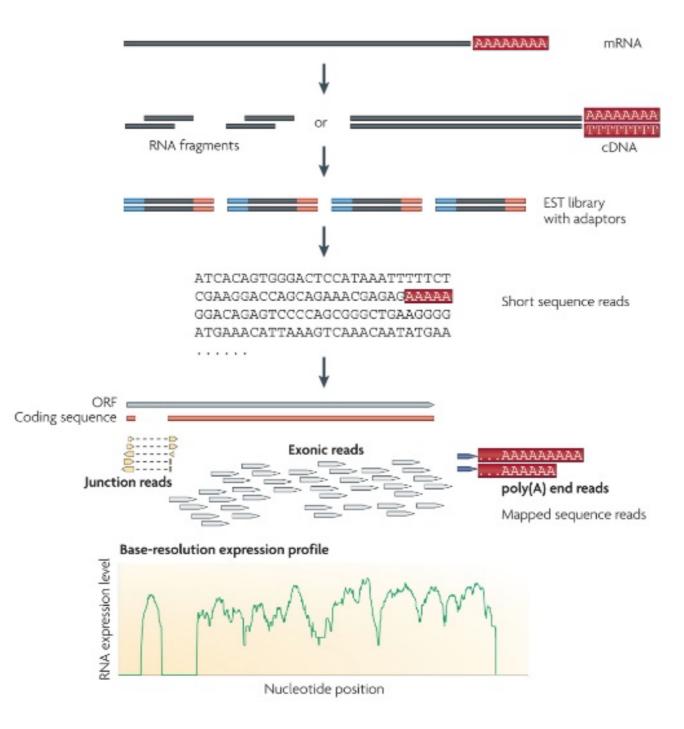
RNASeq Mapping Challenges

RNA-seq Alignment



The majority of mRNA derived from eukaryotes is the result of splicing together discontinuous exons.

RNA-seq protocol schematic

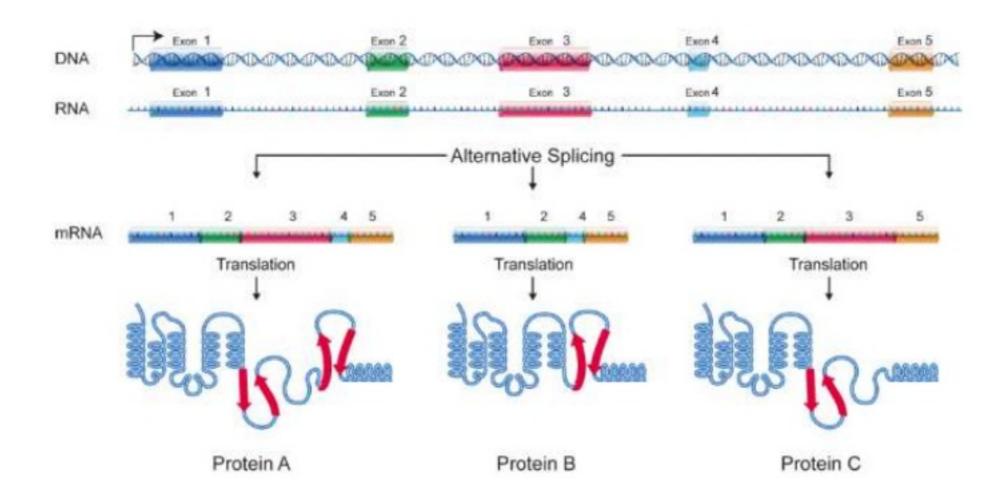


Mapping Challenges

- Reads not perfect
- Duplicate molecules (PCR artifacts skew quantitation)
- Multimapped reads Some regions of the genome are thus classified as unmappable
- Aligners try very hard to align all reads, therefore fewest artifacts occur when all possible genomic locations are provided (genome over transcriptome)

RNA-Seq: Special Mapping Concerns

Alternate Splicing



RNASeq Mapping Solutions

Align against the transcriptome

- Many/All transcriptomes are incomplete
- Can only measure known genes
- Won't detect non-coding RNAs
- Can't look at splicing variants
- Can't detect fusion genes or structure variants

De novo assembly of RNASeq reads

Largely used for uncharacterized genomes

Align against the genome using a splice-aware aligner

Most versatile solution

Pseudo-Aligner - quasi mappers (Salmon and Kalisto)

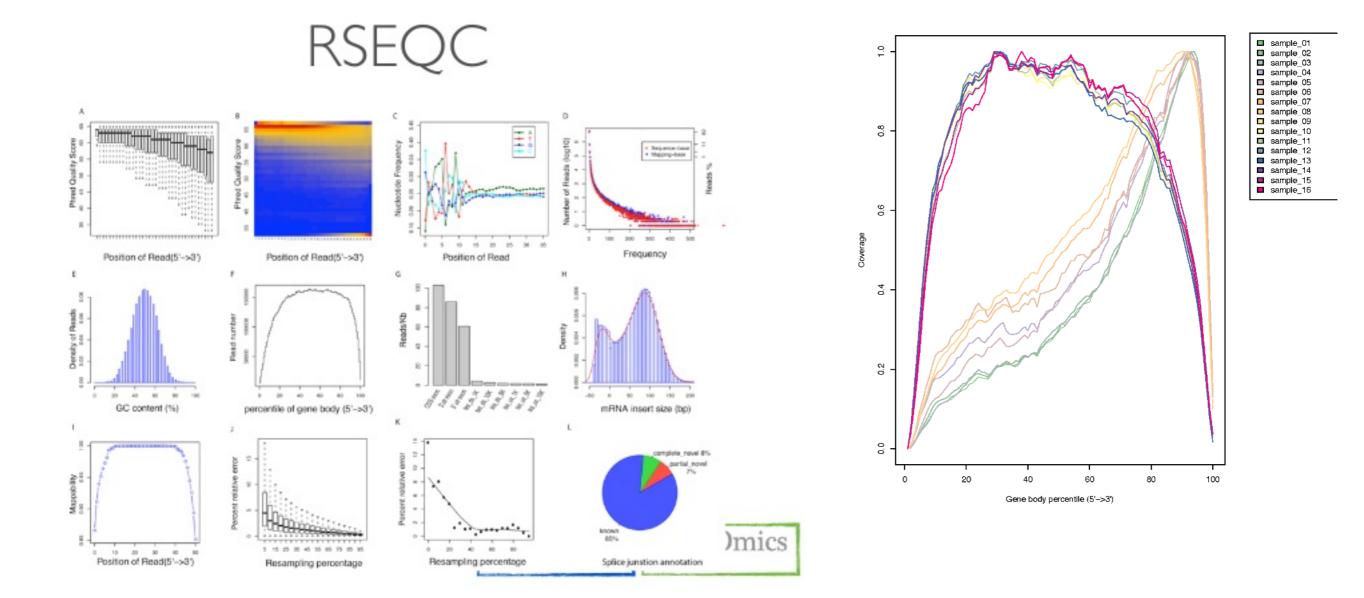
- New class of programs blazingly fast
- Map to transcriptome (not genome) and does quantitation
- Surprisingly accurate except for very low abundance signals
- With bootstrapping can give confidence values

Post Alignment QC

RSeQC package provides a number of useful modules that can comprehensively evaluate high throughput sequence data especially RNA-seq data. "Basic modules" quickly inspect sequence quality, nucleotide composition bias, PCR bias and GC bias, while "RNA-seq specific modules" investigate sequencing saturation status of both splicing junction detection and expression estimation, mapped reads clipping profile, mapped reads distribution, coverage uniformity over gene body, reproducibility, strand specificity and splice junction annotation.

MultiQC is a modular tool to aggregate results from bioinformatics analyses across many samples into a single report.

RSeQC example of plot types



Post Alignment Cleanup

Picard is a set of command line tools for manipulating highthroughput sequencing (HTS) data and formats such as SAM/ BAM/CRAM and VCF. (mark pcr duplicates)

Samtools provide various utilities for manipulating alignments in the SAM/BAM format, including sorting, merging, indexing and generating alignments in a per-position format.

BamTools is a command-line toolkit for reading, writing, and manipulating BAM (genome alignment) files.

SAM FORMAT

The **SAM Format** (Sequence Alignment/Map) is a text format for storing sequence alignment data in a series of tab delimited ASCII columns.

The file has two parts:

- 1. **Header** Each line starts with a "@".
 - @HD, @SQ, @RG, @PG
- 2. Alignments One line for each entry.



SAM FORMAT

Example of SAM Header

@HD VN:1.0 SO:unsorted **@SQ** SN:chr1 LN:195471971 @SQ SN:chr2 LN:182113224 @SQ SN:chr3 LN:160039680 @SQ SN:chr4 LN:156508116 @SQ SN:chr5 LN:151834684 @SQ SN:chr6 LN:149736546 @SQ SN:chr7 LN:145441459 @SQ SN:chr8 LN:129401213 @SQ SN:chr9 LN:124595110 @SQ SN:chr10 LN:130694993 @SQ SN:chr11 LN:122082543 @SQ SN:chr12 LN:120129022 @SQ SN:chr13 LN:120421639 LN:124902244 @SQ SN:chr14 @SQ SN:chr15 LN:104043685 @SQ SN:chr16 LN:98207768 @SQ SN:chr17 LN:94987271 @SQ SN:chr18 LN:90702639 @SQ SN:chr19 LN:61431566 @SQ SN:chrX LN:171031299 @SQ SN:chrY LN:91744698 @SQ SN:chrM LN:16299 @PG ID:bowtie2 PN:bowtie2 VN:2.2.9

@PG ID:bowtie2 PN:**bowtie2 VN:2.2.9** CL:"/usr/local/apps/bowtie/2-2.2.9/bowtie2-align-s --wrapper basic-0 -x /fdb/bowtie 2.DELETE/mm10 -g jun minus dex rep1a -S jun minus dex rep1a mm10.sam -p8"



SAM FORMAT

8_100_10000_12	163	chr7	271183	255	40M	=	271294	151	TGGTGTA TTATACG		XA:i:0 MD:Z:40
QNAME	FLAG	RNAME	POS	MAPQ	CIGAR	MRNM	MPOS	TLEN	SEQ	QUAL	ОРТ

Col	Field	Description
1	QNAME	Query template/pair NAME
2	FLAG	bitwise FLAG
3	RNAME	Reference sequence NAME
4	POS	1-based leftmost POSition/coordinate of clipped sequence
5	MAPQ	MAPping Quality (Phred-scaled)
6	CIGAR	extended CIGAR string
7	MRNM	Mate Reference sequence NaMe ('=' if same as RNAME)
8	MPOS	1-based Mate POSistion
9	TLEN	inferred Template LENgth (insert size)
10	SEQ	query SEQuence on the same strand as the reference
11	QUAL	query QUALity (ASCII-33 gives the Phred base quality)
12+	OPT	variable OPTional fields in the format TAG:VTYPE:VALUE



SAM FORMAT

Understanding Flag codes

http://broadinstitute.github.io/picard/explain-flags.html

1	read paired
2	read mapped in proper pair
4	read unmapped
8	mate unmapped
16	read reverse strand
32	mate reverse strand
64	first in pair
128	second in pair
256	not primary alignment
512	read fails platform/vendor quality checks
1024	read is PCR or optical duplicate
2048	supplementary alignment



BAM/CRAM FORMAT

BAM (*.bam) is the compressed binary version of the <u>Sequence Alignment/Map</u> (<u>SAM</u>) format, a compact and index-able representation of nucleotide sequence alignments. **BAM** is compressed in the **BGZF** format that supports random access through the BAM file index (*.bam.bai).

HINT: Filename.bam and filename.bai always go together

CRAM (*.cram) - newer implementation of BAM like binary data.

- 1. Significantly better lossless compression than BAM
- 2. Full compatibility with BAM
- 3. Effortless transition to CRAM from using BAM files
- 4. Support for controlled loss of BAM data



ANNOTATION FILE FORMATS

BED FORMAT

- 1. chrom name of the chromosome
- 2. chromStart Start of feature (0-based)
- 3. chromEnd End of the feature (not included in display)

+ 9 optional columns - most common are:

- 4. name a label for the feature
- 5. **score** a score (0-1000)
- 6. strand which strand the feature on (+/-)

chr1	15000	20000	gene1	50	+
chr2	106000	108000	gene2	400	_



ANNOTATION FILE FORMATS

BED FORMAT

- thickStart The starting position at which the feature is drawn thickly (for example, the start codon in gene displays). When there is no thick part, thickStart and thickEnd are usually set to the chromStart position.
- 8. **thickEnd** The ending position at which the feature is drawn thickly (for example the stop codon in gene displays).
- 9. **itemRgb** An RGB value of the form R,G,B (e.g. 255,0,0). If the track line itemRgb attribute is set to "On", this RBG value will determine the display color of the data contained in this BED line. NOTE: It is recommended that a simple color scheme (eight colors or less) be used with this attribute to avoid overwhelming the color resources of the Genome Browser and your Internet browser.
- 10. blockCount The number of blocks (exons) in the BED line.
- 11. **blockSizes** A comma-separated list of the block sizes. The number of items in this list should correspond to blockCount.
- 12. **blockStarts** A comma-separated list of block starts. All of the blockStart positions should be calculated relative to chromStart. The number of items in this list should correspond to blockCount.



ANNOTATION FILE FORMATS

GFF FORMAT

GFF (General Feature Format) GFF lines have nine required fields that *must* be tab-separated [GFF2 - UCSC & GFF3 - EMBL]

- 1. **squid** The name of the chromosome or scaffold.
- 2. **source** The program that generated this feature.
- 3. **feature** The name of this type of feature. Some examples of standard feature types are "CDS" "start_codon" "stop_codon" and "exon"li>
- 4. **start** The starting position of the feature in the sequence. The first base is numbered 1.
- 5. **end** The ending position of the feature (inclusive).
- 6. score floating point value
- 7. **strand** Valid entries include "+", "-", or "." (for don't know/don't care).
- 8. **phase** If the feature is a coding exon, frame should be a number between 0-2 that represents the reading frame of the first base. If the feature is not a coding exon, the value should be ".".
- 9. attributes- A list of feature attributes in the format tag=value pairs separated by ";"

GFF2 http://genome.ucsc.edu/FAQ/FAQformat.html#format3
GFF3 https://github.com/The-Sequence-Ontology/Specifications/blob/master/gff3.md
http://useast.ensembl.org/info/website/upload/gff3.html



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GFF FORMAT

GFF example

0	##gff-version 3.2.1						
1	<pre>##sequence-region ctg123</pre>	1 149	7228				
2	ctg123 . gene	1000	9000	•	+	•	ID=gene00001;Name=EDEN
3	ctg123 . TF_binding_site	1000	1012	•	+	•	ID=tfbs00001;Parent=gene00001
4	ctg123 . mRNA	1050	9000	•	+	•	<pre>ID=mRNA00001;Parent=gene00001;Name=EDEN.1</pre>
5	ctg123 . mRNA	1050	9000	•	+	•	<pre>ID=mRNA00002;Parent=gene00001;Name=EDEN.2</pre>
6	ctg123 . mRNA	1300	9000	•	+	•	<pre>ID=mRNA00003;Parent=gene00001;Name=EDEN.3</pre>
7	ctg123 . exon	1300	1500	•	+	•	ID=exon00001;Parent=mRNA00003
8	ctg123 . exon	1050	1500	•	+	•	<pre>ID=exon00002;Parent=mRNA00001,mRNA00002</pre>
9	ctg123 . exon	3000	3902	•	+	•	<pre>ID=exon00003;Parent=mRNA00001,mRNA00003</pre>
10	ctg123 . exon	5000	5500	•	+	•	<pre>ID=exon00004;Parent=mRNA00001,mRNA00002,mRNA00003</pre>
11	ctg123 . exon	7000	9000	•	+	•	<pre>ID=exon00005;Parent=mRNA00001,mRNA00002,mRNA00003</pre>
12	ctg123 . CDS	1201	1500	•	+	0	<pre>ID=cds00001;Parent=mRNA00001;Name=edenprotein.1</pre>
13	ctg123 . CDS	3000	3902	•	+	0	<pre>ID=cds00001;Parent=mRNA00001;Name=edenprotein.1</pre>
14	ctg123 . CDS	5000	5500	•	+	0	<pre>ID=cds00001;Parent=mRNA00001;Name=edenprotein.1</pre>
15	ctg123 . CDS	7000	7600	•	+	0	<pre>ID=cds00001;Parent=mRNA00001;Name=edenprotein.1</pre>
16	ctg123 . CDS	1201	1500	•	+	0	<pre>ID=cds00002;Parent=mRNA00002;Name=edenprotein.2</pre>
17	ctg123 . CDS	5000	5500	•	+	0	<pre>ID=cds00002;Parent=mRNA00002;Name=edenprotein.2</pre>
18	ctg123 . CDS	7000	7600	•	+	0	<pre>ID=cds00002;Parent=mRNA00002;Name=edenprotein.2</pre>
19	ctg123 . CDS	3301	3902	•	+	0	<pre>ID=cds00003;Parent=mRNA00003;Name=edenprotein.3</pre>
20	ctg123 . CDS	5000	5500	•	+	1	<pre>ID=cds00003;Parent=mRNA00003;Name=edenprotein.3</pre>
21	ctg123 . CDS	7000	7600	•	+	1	<pre>ID=cds00003;Parent=mRNA00003;Name=edenprotein.3</pre>
22	ctg123 . CDS	3391	3902	•	+	0	<pre>ID=cds00004;Parent=mRNA00003;Name=edenprotein.4</pre>
23	ctg123 . CDS	5000	5500	•	+	1	<pre>ID=cds00004;Parent=mRNA00003;Name=edenprotein.4</pre>
24	ctg123 . CDS	7000	7600	•	+	1	<pre>ID=cds00004;Parent=mRNA00003;Name=edenprotein.4</pre>



ANNOTATION FILE FORMATS

GTF FORMAT

GTF (Gene Transfer Format) is a refined form of the GFF with group attributes - essentially the same as GFF2

- 1. **seqname** The name of the sequence. Must be a chromosome or scaffold. (chr1 or 1)
- 2. **source** The program that generated this feature.
- 3. **feature** The name of this type of feature. Some examples of standard feature types are "CDS" "start_codon" "stop_codon" and "exon"li>
- 4. **start** The starting position of the feature in the sequence. The first base is numbered 1.
- 5. **end** The ending position of the feature (inclusive).
- 6. score A score between 0 and 1000 (UCSC) OR floating point value
- 7. **strand** Valid entries include "+", "-", or "." (for don't know/don't care).
- 8. **frame** If the feature is a coding exon, frame should be a number between 0-2 that represents the reading frame of the first base. If the feature is not a coding exon, the value should be ".".
- 9. attributes/group A list of feature attributes in the format tag=value pairs separated by ";"

GTF/GFF2 http://useast.ensembl.org/info/website/upload/gff.html



GRAPHING FILE FORMATS

WIG (BIGWIG) FORMAT

1) FixedStep

fixedStep	chrom=chr1 start=3001 step=1
24	
56	
100	

2) VariableStep

variableStep	chrom=chr1
3001	24
3002	56
3003	100

variableStep	chrom=chr1
3001	24
3003	56
3010	100



GRAPHING FILE FORMATS

BEDGRAPH FORMAT

1.chrom - name of the chromosome
 2.chromStart - Start of feature (0-based)
 3.chromEnd - End of the feature (not included in display)
 4.score - a score (integer or real positive / negative number)

chr1	15000	20000	1
chr2	106000	108000	0.75



Format Conversion Utilities

- Galaxy (<u>http://galaxy.psu.edu</u>/ <u>http://galaxy.cit.nih.gov</u>/)
 - <u>Galaxy</u> is an open, web-based platform for data intensive biomedical research. Whether on the <u>free public server</u> or <u>your own instance</u>, you can perform, reproduce, and share complete analyses.
- Samtools (<u>http://samtools.sourceforge.net</u>)
 - SAM Tools provide various utilities for manipulating alignments in the SAM format, including sorting, merging, indexing and generating alignments in a per-position format. Also, note TABIX for indexing generic tab delimited files.
- Picard (<u>http://picard.sourceforge.net</u>/)
 - Picard comprises Java-based command-line utilities that manipulate SAM files, and a Java API (SAM-JDK) for creating new programs that read and write SAM files. Both SAM text format and SAM binary (BAM) format are supported.
- UCSC Utilities (<u>http://hgdownload.cse.ucsc.edu/admin/exe/</u>)



Format Conversion Utilities

- Bamtools -(https://github.com/pezmaster31/bamtools)
 - BamTools provides both a programmer's API and an end-user's toolkit for handling BAM files.
- Bedtools (http://bedtools.readthedocs.io/en/latest/)
 - Collectively, the bedtools utilities are a swiss-army knife of tools for a wide-range of genomics analysis tasks. The most widely-used tools enable genome arithmetic: that is, set theory on the genome. For example, bedtools allows one to intersect, merge, count, complement, and shuffle genomic intervals from multiple files in widely-used genomic file formats such as BAM, BED, GFF/GTF, VCF. While each individual tool is designed to do a relatively simple task (e.g., intersect two interval files), quite sophisticated analyses can be conducted by combining multiple bedtools operations on the UNIX command line.
- FASTX-Toolkit (http://hannonlab.cshl.edu/fastx_toolkit//)
 - The FASTX-Toolkit is a collection of command line tools for Short-Reads FASTA/FASTQ files preprocessing.
- SRA ToolKit (<u>https://github.com/ncbi/sra-tools</u>)
 - The SRA Toolkit and SDK from NCBI is a collection of tools and libraries for using data in the INSDC Sequence Read Archives.



Binary Formats & Indices

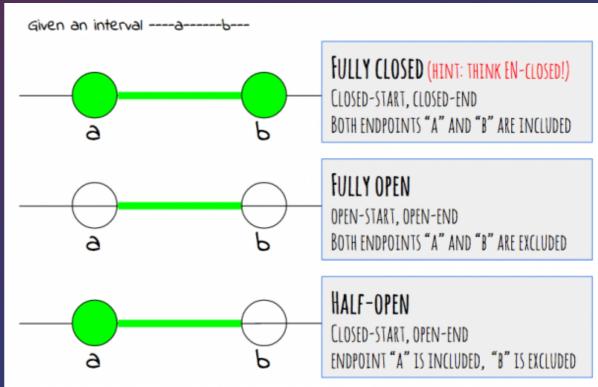
Indexed binary file formats are much more efficient.

Only the portions of the files needed for the region currently being processed or visualized are transferred and loaded as needed. Thus for large data sets they are considerably faster than regular files. (e.g. bigBED, bigWIG, BAMindexed)



Numbering Conventions

The "BED" format ("0-start, half-open" system) 0-based. ACTGA 0,1,2,3,4 Wiggle (wig) format ("1-start, fully-closed" system) 1-based. ACTGA 1,2,3,4,5





Quantitation

Counting as a measure of Expression

- Most RNASEQ techniques deal with count data. The reads are mapped to a reference and the number of reads mapped to each gene/transcript is counted
- Read counts are roughly proportional to gene-length and abundance
- The more reads the better
 - Artifacts occur because of:
 - Sequencing Bias
 - Positional bias along the length of the gene
 - Gene annotations (overlapping genes)
 - Alternate splicing
 - Non-unique genes
 - Mapping errors

Counting as a measure of Expression

- Count mapped reads
- Count each read once (deduplicate)
- Discard reads that:
 - The alignment has a poor quality score
 - Are not uniquely mapped
 - Alignment overlaps several genes
 - Pair reads do not map together
 - Document what was done

Read Counting

	union	intersection _strict	intersection _nonempty
read gene_A	gene_A	gene_A	gene_A
gene_A	gene_A	no_feature	gene_A
gene_A gene_A	gene_A	no_feature	gene_A
gene_A gene_A	gene_A	gene_A	gene_A
read gene_A gene_B	gene_A	gene_A	gene_A
gene_A gene_B	ambiguous	gene_A	gene_A
gene_A gcne_B	ambiguous	ambiguous	ambiguous

Counting as a measure of Expression

- Subread (featureCount)
- STAR (quantmode)
- HTseq (counts)
- RSEM (RNA-Seq by Expectation Maximization)

Differential Expression

Differential Expression Differential expression involves the comparison of **normalized** expression counts of different samples and the application of **statistical measures** to identify quantitative changes in gene expression between the different samples.

The two most important step are:

- The normalization of the data to ensure all samples are comparable (variable gene length, read depth)
- The statistical test that determines whether an observed difference is statistically significant (i.e. the likelihood of the observation is greater than that expected from random biological variability).

Differential Expression

Biological replicates are essential to derive a meaningful result. Don't mistake the high precision of the technique for the need for biological replicates.

Final output generally a rank order list of differentially expressed (DE) genes with expression values with associated p-values.

If technical or biological variability exceeds that of the experimental perturbation you will get zero DEs.

Remember not all DE **may** be directly due to the experimental perturbation, but **could** be do to cascading effects of other genes.

Inferring Differential Expression (DE)

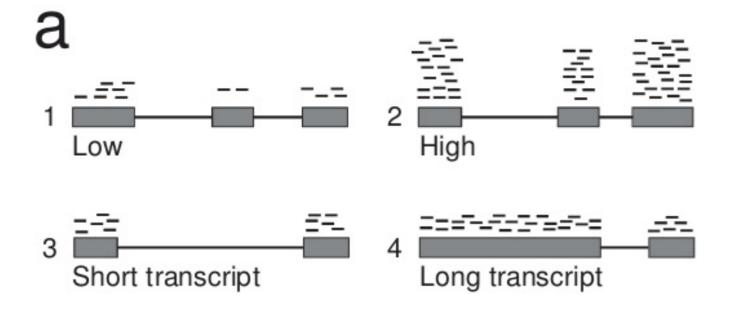
Method	Normalizati on	Needs replicas	Input	Statistics for DE	Availability	
edgeR	Library size	Yes	Raw counts	Empirical Bayesian estimation based on Negative binomial distribution	R/Bioconductor	
DESeq	Library size	No	Raw counts	Negative binomial distribution	R/Bioconductor	
baySeq	Library size	Yes	Raw counts	Empirical Bayesian estimation based on Negative binomial distribution	R/Bioconductor	
LIMMA	Library size	Yes	Raw counts	Empirical Bayesian estimation	R/Bioconductor	
CuffDiff	RPKM	No	RPKM	Log ratio	Standalone	

Models for RNA-seq

- Count-based models
- Multi-reads (isoform resolution)
- Paired-end reads (include length resolution step)
- Positional bias along transcript length
- Sequence bias

Count Normalization

- Number of reads aligned to a gene gives a measure of its level of expression
- Normalization of the count data
 - Sequencing depth
 - Length bias



Normalization

There are three metrics commonly used to attempt to normalize for sequencing depth and gene length.

RPKM = Reads Per Kilobase Million

Total Reads/1,000,000 = PM Gene read-count/PM = RPKM RPM/gene-length (kb) = RPKM

FPKM = Fragments Per Kilobase Million

FPKM is very similar to RPKM. RPKM was made for single-end RNASEQ, where every read corresponded to a single fragment that was sequenced. FPKM was made for paired-end RNA-seq.

• **TPM = Transcripts Per Million (***Sum of all TPM in samples is the same***)** TPM is very similar to RPKM and FPKM. The only difference is the order of operations

Gene read-count/gene-length (kb)	= RPK
(Sum all RPKs)/1,000,000	= PM
Gene RPK/PM	= TPM

https://www.rna-seqblog.com/rpkm-fpkm-and-tpm-clearly-explained/

Multiple Testing Correction

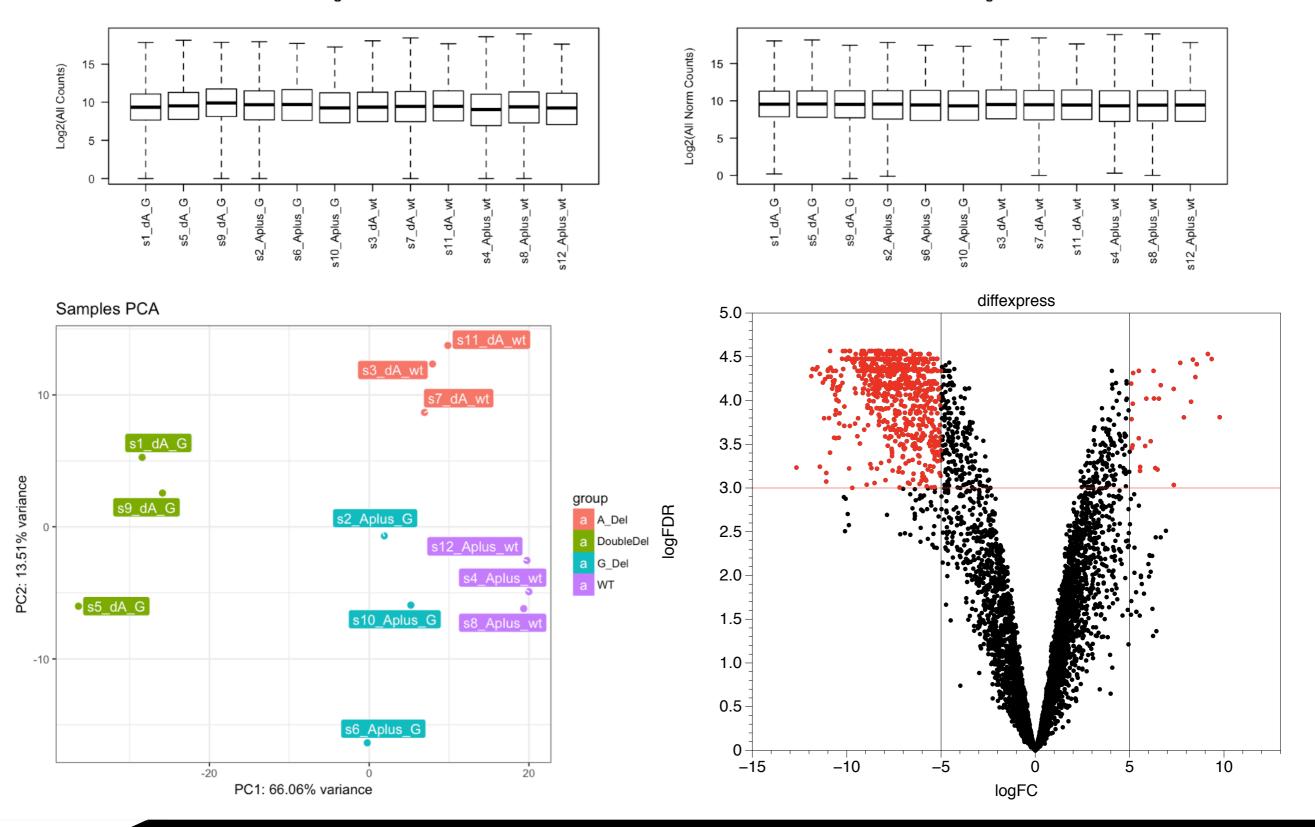
Differential Expression data **must** be corrected for multiple testing. Two common methods are the "Bonferroni procedure" and "Benjamini–Hochberg procedure". These forms or statistical correction will result in a "corrected pvalue", or a qvalue or FDR.

Note pvalues refer to the each gene, whereas an FDR (or qvalue) is a statement about a list. So using FDR cuff of 0.05 indicates that you can expect 5% false positives in the list of genes with an FDR of 0.05 or less.

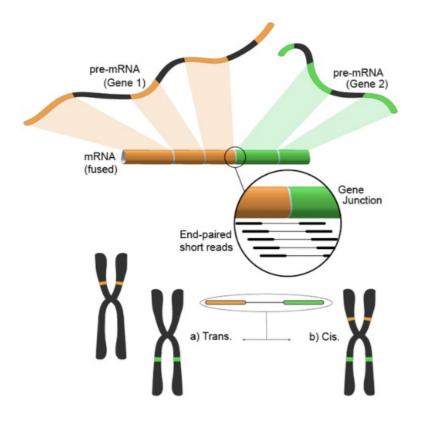
Plotting the Data

Raw Log2 All Counts

Normalized Log2 All Counts



Fusion gene schematic



Fusion Detection

TABLE 1: Filtering steps embedded in the algorithms.

Filters	Fusion finders								
Thicis	FF	THF	MS	FM	FH	DF	BF	CS	
Pair distance	Х					Х	х	Х	
Anchor length		Х			Х			Х	
Read-through	Х	Х		Х	Х		Х		
Junction-spanning				Х	Х		Х		
PCR artifact				Х	Х		х		
Homology	Х	Х					х		
Quality			Х	Х					

FF: FusionFinder; THF: TopHat-fusion; MS: MapSplice; FM: FusionMap; FH: FusionHunter; DF: deFuse; BF: Bellerophontes; CS: ChimeraScan.

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Research Article State-of-the-Art Fusion-Finder Algorithms Sensitivity and Specificity

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False Positive Fusion Detection

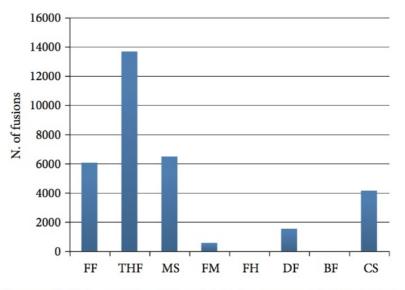


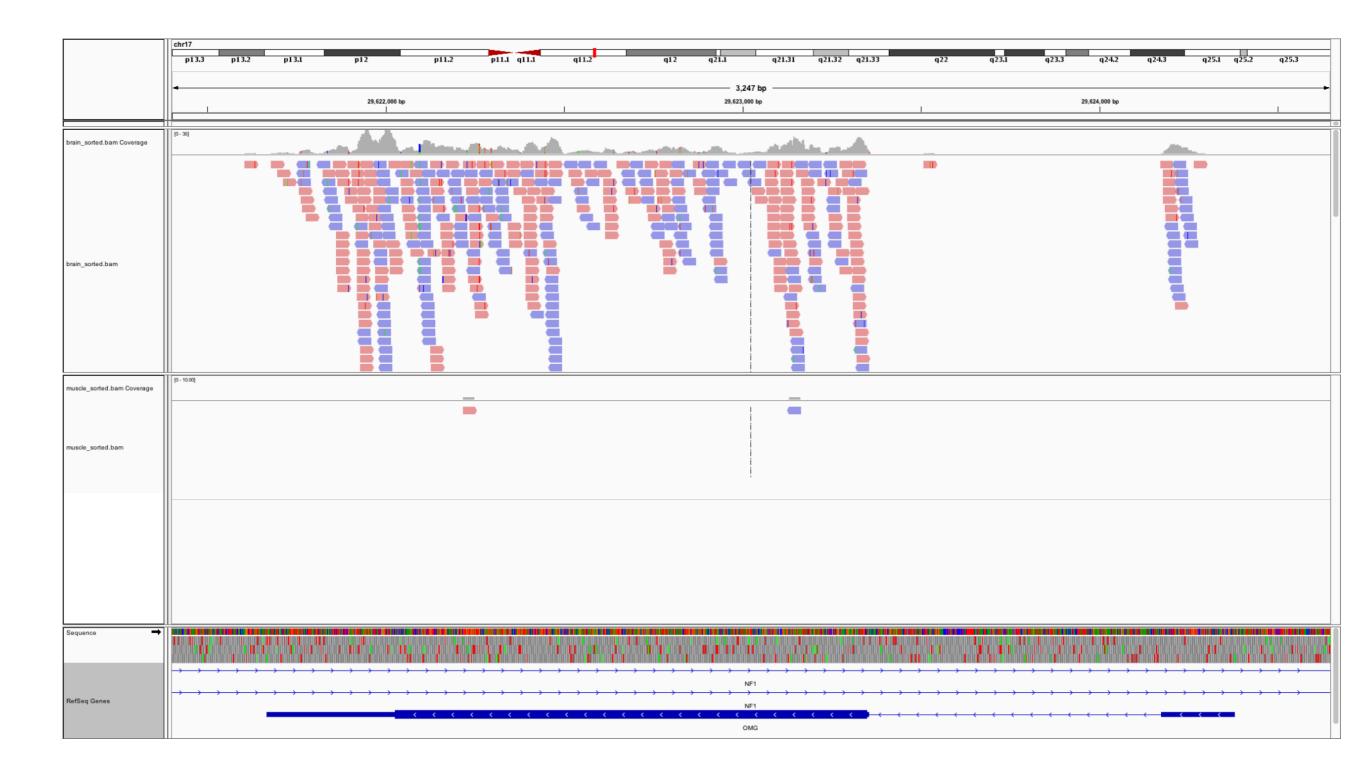
FIGURE 4: False positive fusion detected using a synthetic dataset without chimeras. FF: FusionFinder; THF: TopHat-fusion; MS: MapSplice; FM: FusionMap; FH: FusionHunter; DF: defuse; BF: Bellerophontes; CS: ChimeraScan.

Visualization

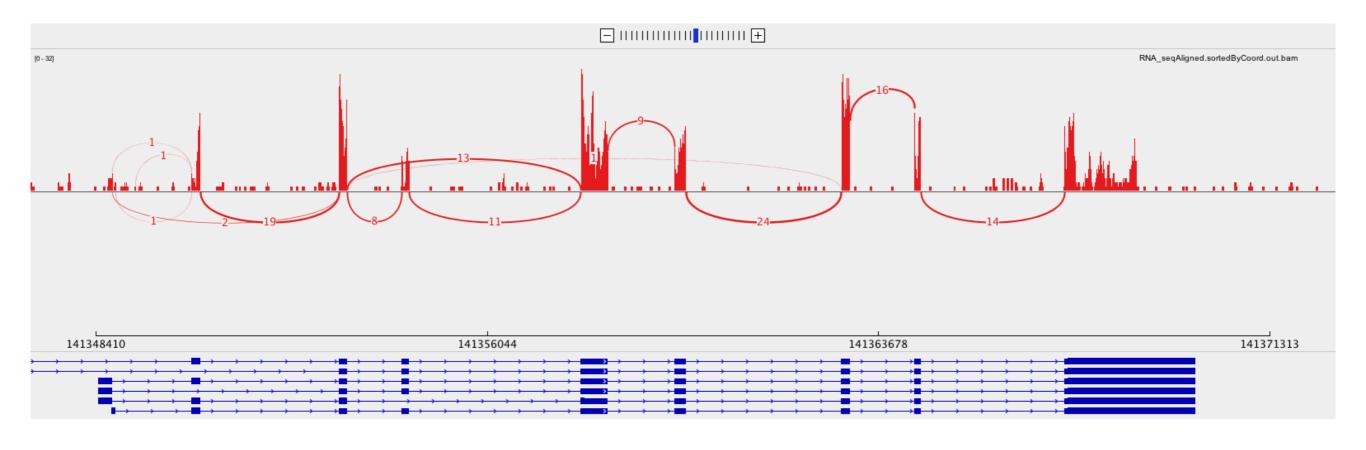
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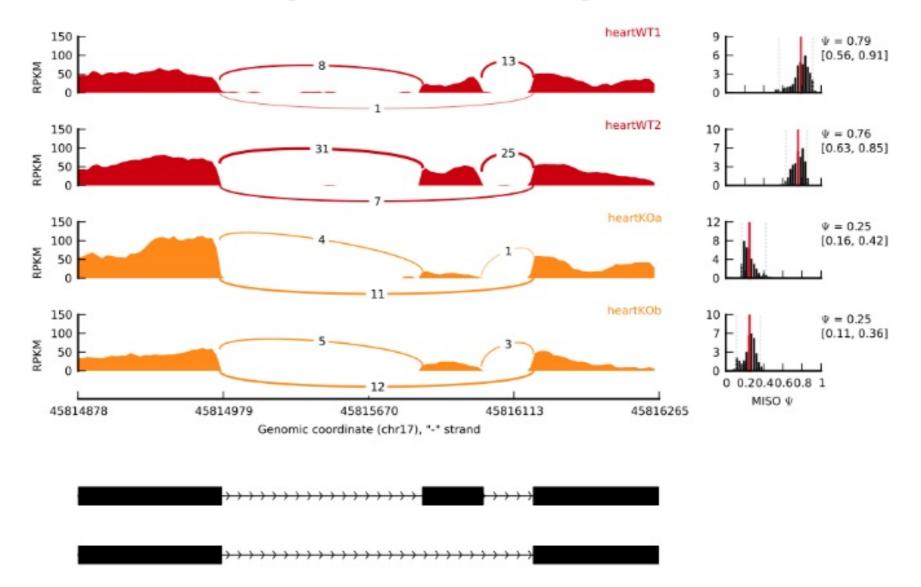


IGV (Sashimi Plot)



Visualizing Splicing

chr17:45816186:45816265:-@chr17:45815912:45815950:-@chr17:45814875:45814965:-



Visualization and Next step tools

Visualization

1. Integrated Genome Viewer (https://www.broadinstitute.org/igv/)

Further Annotation of Genes

- 1. DAVID (http://david.abcc.ncifcrf.gov/tools.jsp)
- 2. ConsensusPathdb (http://cpdb.molgen.mpg.de/)
- 3. NetGestalt (http://www.netgestalt.org/)
- 4. Molecular Signatures Database (http://www.netgestalt.org/)
- 5. PANTHER (http://www.pantherdb.org/)
- 6. Cognoscente (http://vanburenlab.medicine.tamhsc.edu/cognoscente.shtml)
- 7. Pathway Commons (http://www.pathwaycommons.org/)
- 8. Readctome (http://www.reactome.org/)
- 9. PathVisio (http://www.pathvisio.org/)
- 10. Moksiskaan (http://csbi.ltdk.helsinki.fi/moksiskaan/)
- 11. Weighed Gene Co-Expression Network Analysis (WGCNA)s
- 12. More tools in R Bioconductor

Pseudo-Aligners

kallisto is a program for quantifying abundances of transcripts from RNA-Seq data, or more generally of target sequences using high-throughput sequencing reads. It is based on the novel idea of pseudoalignment for rapidly determining the compatibility of reads with targets, without the need for alignment. (*https://doi.org/10.1038/nbt.3519*)

Salmon uses new algorithms (specifically, coupling the concept of quasi-mapping with a two-phase inference procedure) to provide accurate expression estimates very quickly (i.e. wickedfast) and while using little memory. Salmon performs its inference using an expressive and realistic model of RNA-seq data that takes into account experimental attributes and biases commonly observed in real RNA-seq data. (*https://doi.org/10.1038/nmeth.4197*)

Software Solutions

CCR staff have access to a number of resources

- Biowulf (Helix) CIT maintained large cluster with a huge software library (Unix command line)
- CCBR Pipeliner (Biowulf GUI interface)
- Partek Flow (Local Web Service)
- **DNAnexus** (Pilot Cloud Solution)
- Palantir (RNA-Seq Workflow in Cloud)
- CLCBio Genomic Workbench (Small genomes)

Count matrices - web based analyses

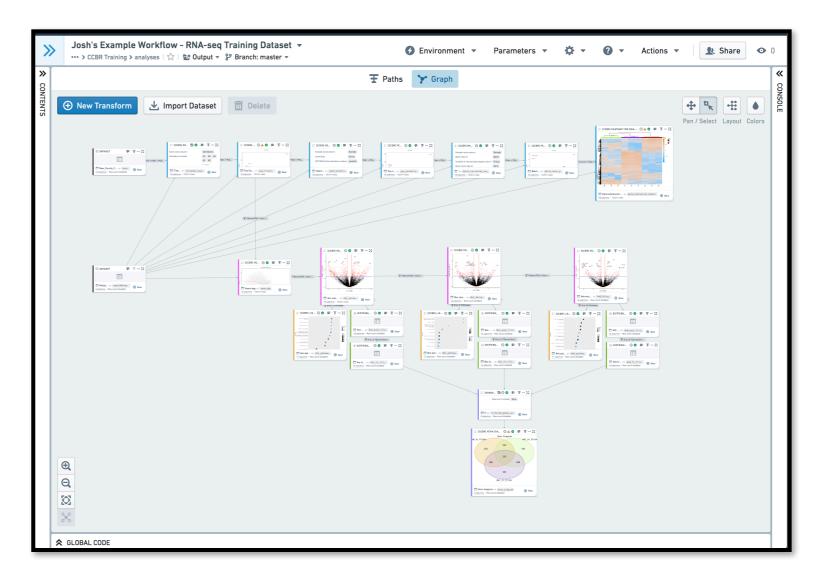
- iDEP (<u>http://bioinformatics.sdstate.edu/idep/</u>)
- BioJupies (<u>https://amp.pharm.mssm.edu/biojupies/</u>)

RNA-seq Analysis Using the CCBR-Palantir Platform

- Use your own data:
 - Raw FASTQs or a counts matrix
- Data QC, filtering, and normalization
- DEG analysis and pathway enrichment
- Expression heatmaps, Volcano plots, Venn diagrams, and more!
- Please click <u>this link</u> to sign up for available training dates

Or email CCBR@mail.nih.gov

Upcoming Introductory Training Dates June 6th and 14th



Public sources of RNA-Seq data

Gene Expression Omnibus (GEO) (http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/geo/)

- Both microarray and sequencing data
- Sequence Read Archive (SRA) (<u>http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/sra</u>)
 - All sequencing data (not necessarily RNA-Seq)
- ArrayExpress (<u>https://www.ebi.ac.uk/arrayexpress/</u>)
 - European version of GEO
- Homogenized data: MetaSRA, Toil, recount2, ARCHS, <u>http://dee2.io</u>

File Transfer

- Globus (<u>https://hpc.nih.gov/storage/globus.html</u>)
- Active Echo (https://activecho.cit.nih.gov/signin)
- (s)FTP
- Network Drives
- Flash Drives

Questions ?

Hands-on drop-in session on RNA-Seq May 24, 2019 - May 24th, 2019 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

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