

Introduction to RNASeq Data Analysis

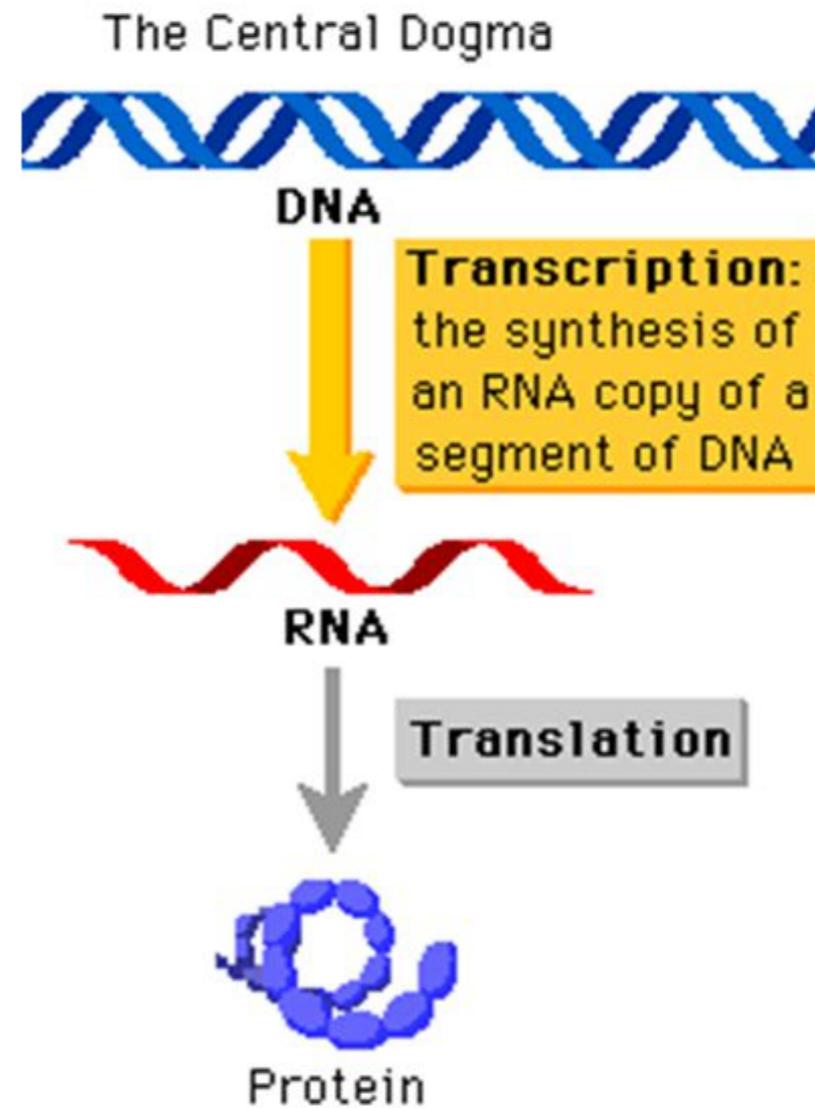
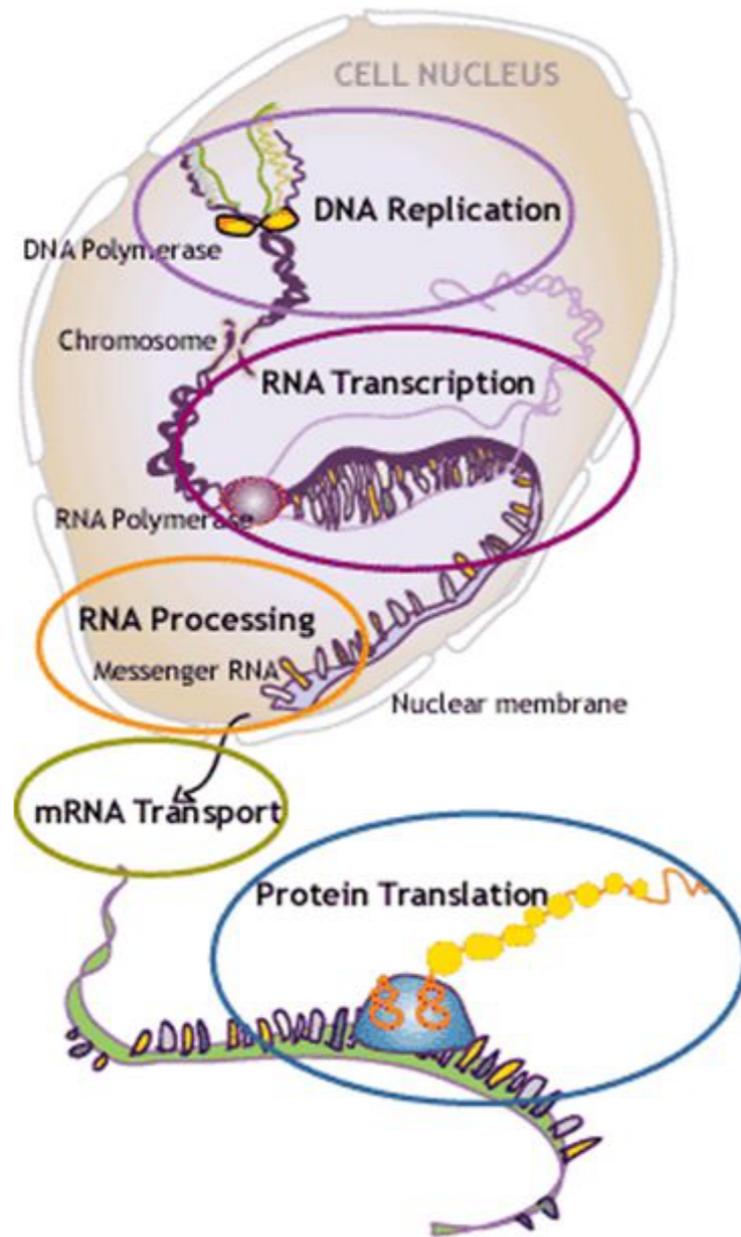
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DNA → RNA → Protein



What is RNASEQ ?

RNA-Seq (RNA sequencing), uses next-generation sequencing (NGS) to reveal the presence and quantity of **RNA** 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 is only valid within the context of Differential Expression)

RNASEQ - WorkFlow

- **Experimental Design**
 - What question am I asking
 - How should I do it (*does it need to be done*)
- **Sample Preparation**
 - Sample Prep
 - Library Prep
 - Quality Assurance
- **Sequencing**
 - Technology/Platform
 - Detail Choices
- **Data Analysis (Computation)**

Experimental Design

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)

What are the Goals of your Experiment

- 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”

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 read help in mapping and junctions

● **Stranded Protocols**

- Give clearer results

● **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

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*

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 bioinformatically.
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 [Sequencing Facility website](#) or contact Bao Tran

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 >0.8) and quantity, and size (Tapestation, Qubit, Bioanalyzer)
- Don't assume everything will work the first time (do pilot experiments) or every time (prepare extra samples)

Sample Amounts

| Type of Library | Minimum DNA/RNA Requirement for Library Construction | Recommended DNA/RNA for Optimal Library Construction | Maximum Sample Volume Requirement for Library Construction | Additional Requirements |
|------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| mRNA Sequencing | 100 ng | 1 μ g | 50 μ L | RIN should be at least 8.0, DNase treated |
| mRNA ultralow Clontech | 100 pg | 10 ng | 10 μ L | RIN should be at least 8.0, DNase treated |
| microRNA Sequencing | 100 ng | 1 μ g | 6 μ L | |
| Total RNA Sequencing | 100 ng | 1 μ g | 10 μ L | DNase treated, FFPE and degraded RNA can be used |
| Total RNA ultralow | 10 ng | 1 μ g | 10 μ L | DNase treated, FFPE and degraded RNA can be used |

RNA-Seq Sample Recommendations (CCBR)

| QC Metric Guidelines | mRNA | total RNA |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| RNA Type(s) | Coding | Coding + non-coding |
| RIN | 8 [low RIN = 3' bias] | > 8 |
| Single-end vs Paired-end | Paired-end | Paired-end |
| Recommended Sequencing Depth | 10-20M PE reads | 25-60M PE reads |
| FastQC | Q30 > 70% | Q30 > 70% |
| Percent Aligned to Reference | 70% | > 65% |
| Million Reads Aligned Reference | 7M PE reads (or > 14M reads) | 16.5M PE reads (or > 33M reads) |
| Percent Aligned to rRNA | < 5% | < 15% |
| Picard RNAseqMetrics | Coding > 50% | Coding > 35% |
| Picard RNAseqMetrics | Intronic + Intergenic < 25% | Intronic + Intergenic < 40% |

Sequencing

Illumina Sequencing Platforms

Illumina

Sequencing by Synthesis (SbS)
/NovaSeq/HiSeq/NextSeq/MiSeq
Short read length (50 to 300 bp)

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

Consult with the Sequencing Core



Illumina
NovaSeq



Illumina
NextSeq



Illumina
MiSeq

Long Read Sequencing Platforms

PacBio

120,000 bases per molecule, with maximum read lengths > 200,000 bases. Good for repetitive regions and isomers, modified bases.



PacBio Sequel II

Oxford Nanopore

Direct DNA or RNA sequencing (Max length 2 Mb) Good for modified bases, repetitive regions, isomers, small genomes.



MinION



GridION

Consult with the Sequencing Cores

Oxford Nanopore

Data Analysis

RNASEQ - Data Analysis WorkFlow I

● **Quality Control**

- Sample quality and consistency
- Is Trimming appropriate - quality/adaptors

* **Reports**

● **Alignment/Mapping**

- Reference Target (Sequence and annotation)
- Alignment Program & parameters
- Mark Duplicates
- Post-Alignment Quality Assurance

* **BAM, WIG, files and reports**

● **Quantification**

- Counting Method and Parameters

* **BED files, count matrices**

RNASEQ - Data Analysis WorkFlow II

- **Quantification**

- Differential Expression - statistics

- * **Data tables, plots**

- **Visualization**

- Visual inspection - IGV
- Data representation - scatter, violin plots, heat-maps

- * **Images and Graphs**

- **Biological Meaning**

- Gene Set Enrichment
- Pathway Analysis

- * **Data tables, network maps**

Computational Considerations

THE GOOD NEWS

For the most part the computational aspects have been taken care of for you.

(no need to develop new algorithms or code).

There are pre-built workflows that can automate many of the processes involved, and facilitate reproducibility

Computational Considerations

THE BAD NEWS

Like most of NGS data analysis, the complexity of RNA-Seq data analysis revolves around data and information management and the dealing with “unexpected” issues.

Consider the simplest experiment

(Two conditions three replicates)

6-12 fastq starting files

6-12 quality control files

6-12 fastq files post trimming of adaptors

6 bam file, and 6 bam index files

6 gene count files

36-48 files minimum (big files)

Computational Considerations

The Challenges

There is no single **best method** for RNA-Seq data analysis - it depends on your definition of best, and even then it varies over time and with the particular goals and specifics of a given experiment

It's for this reason that you should learn enough about the process to make “sensible choices” and to know when the results are reasonable and correct.

Treating an RNA-Seq (or any NGS) analysis as a black box is a “recipe for disaster” (*or at least bad science*). That's not to say that you need to know the particulars of every algorithm involved in a workflow, but you should know the steps involved and what assumptions and/or limitations are build into the whole workflow

Computational Prerequisites

- High performance Linux computer (multi core, high memory, and plenty of storage) for the alignment phase
- Familiarity with the “command line” and at least one programming/scripting 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

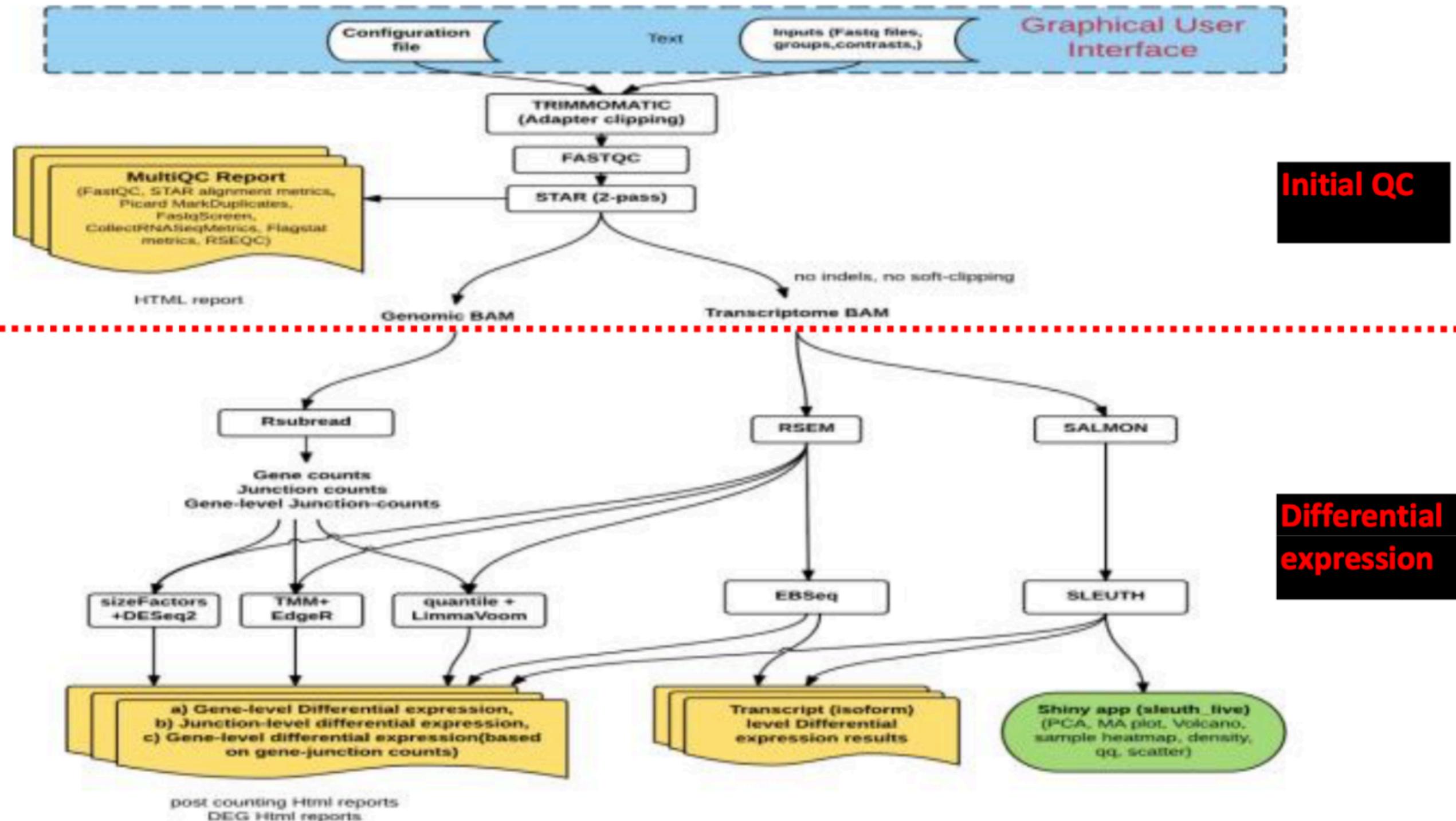
Post-alignment QC & filtering

Quantification

Differential Expression

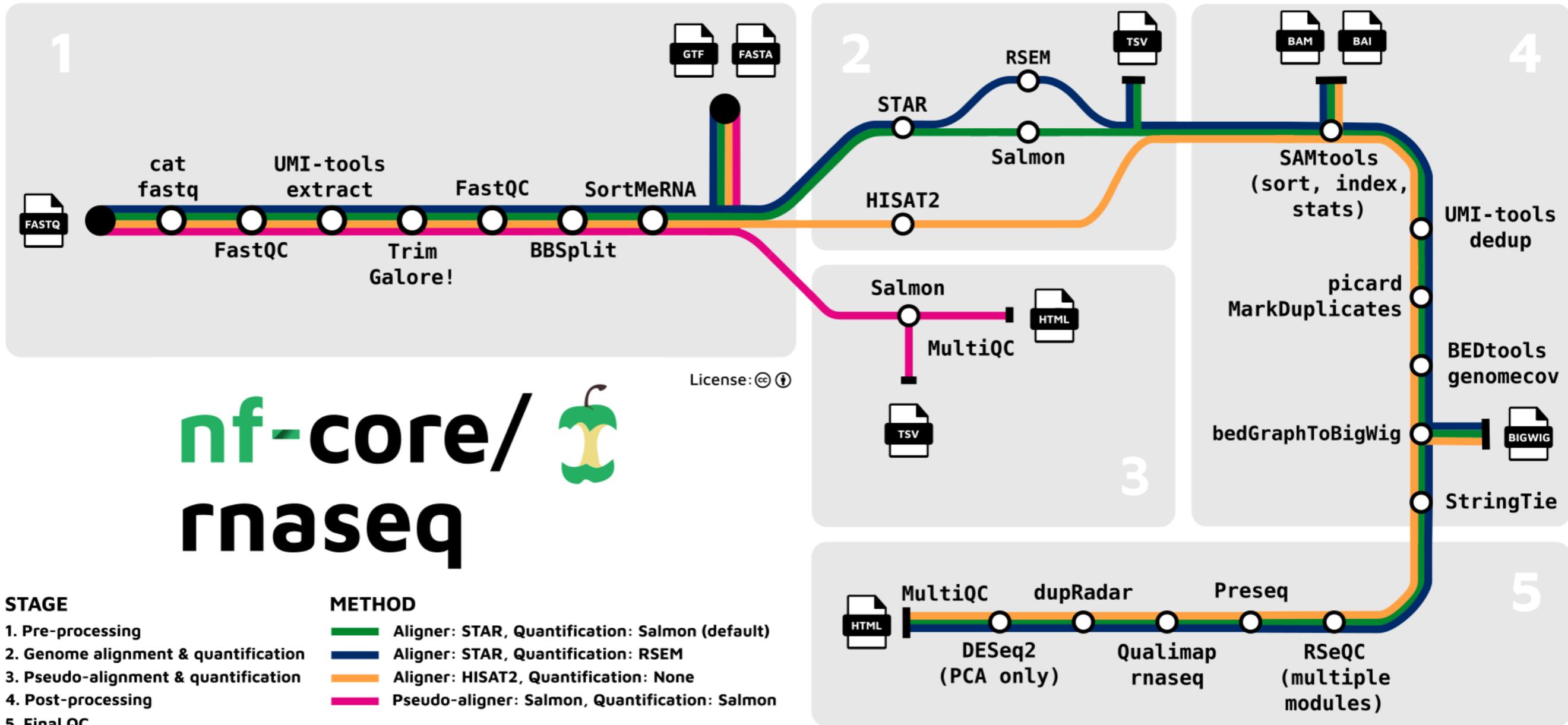
RNASEQ Pipeline

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



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<https://nf-co.re/rnaseq>



Quality Control/Assessment (Pre-Alignment)

Data Quality Assessment

- **Evaluate the read quality to determine**

(Tells us nothing about whether the experiment worked)

- Is the data of sufficiently high quality to be analyzed?
- Are there technical artifacts?
- Are there poor quality samples?

- **Evaluate the following features**

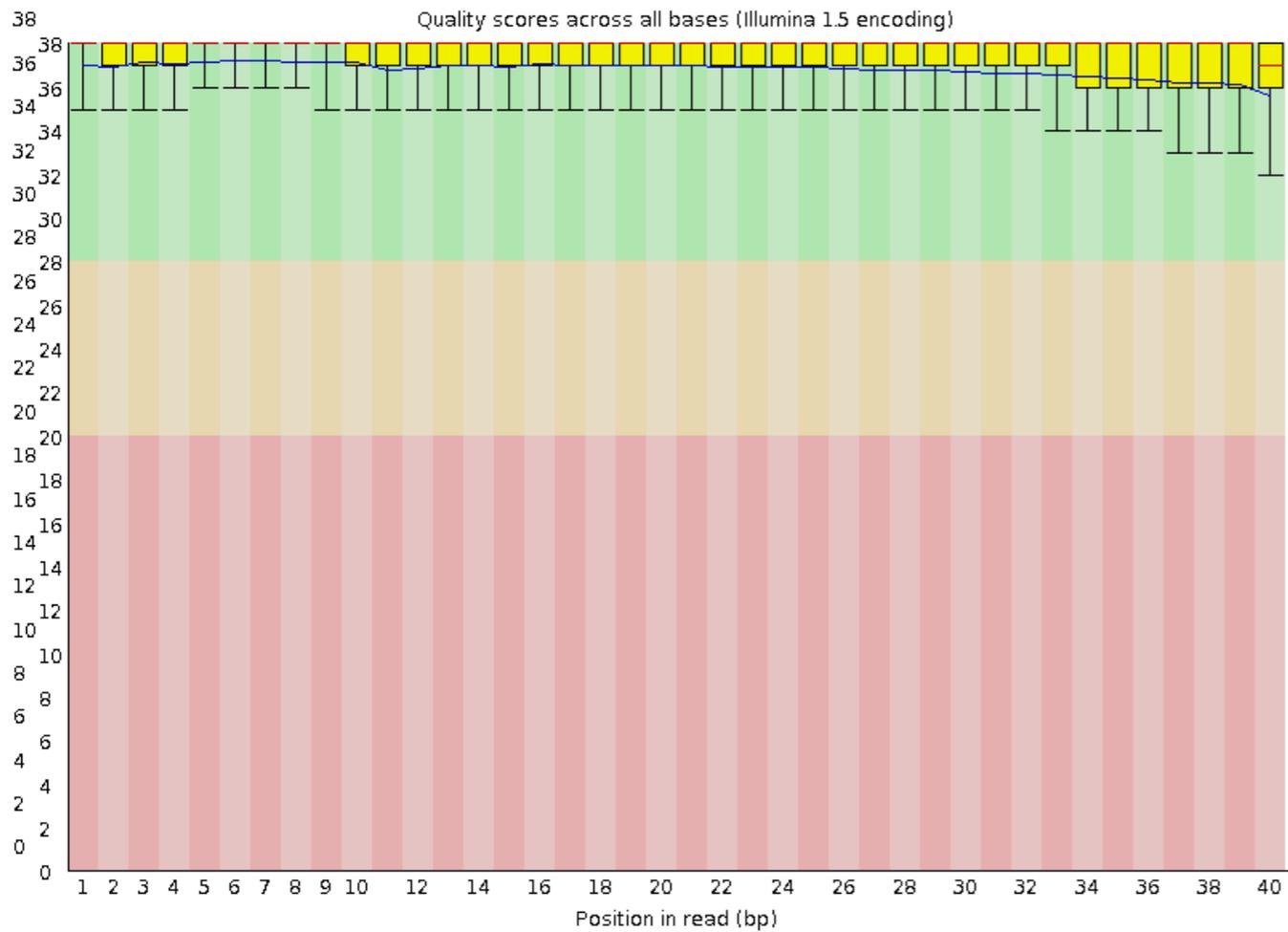
- Overall sequencing quality scores and distributions
- GC content distribution
- Presence of adapter or contamination
- Sequence duplication levels

- **Data should be filtered, trimmed, or rejected as appropriate**

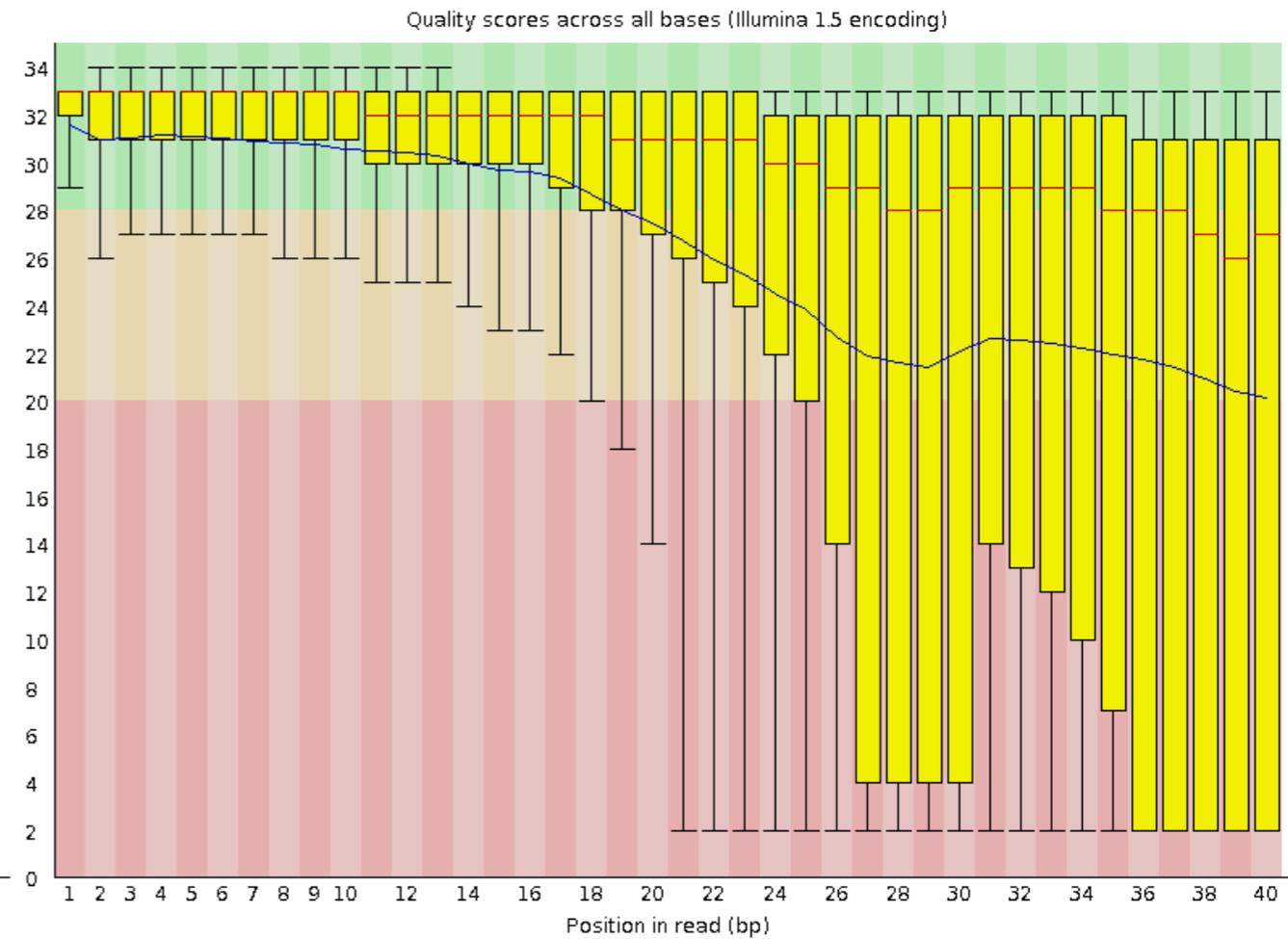
Sequencing cores generally provide some/all of this analysis

FastQC

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



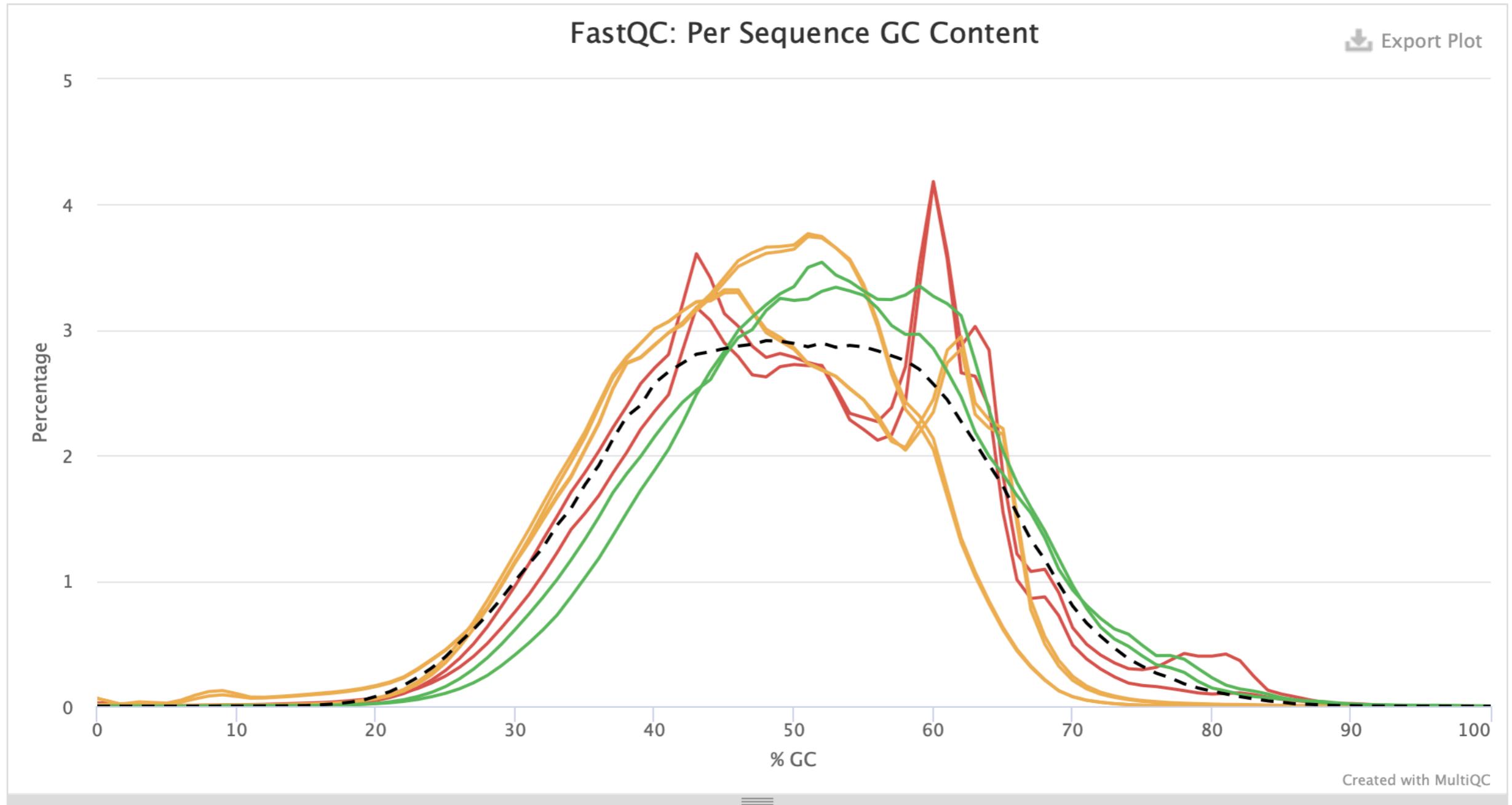
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MultiQC

https://multiqc.info/examples/rna-seq/multiqc_report.html



Raw Sequence Cleanup

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

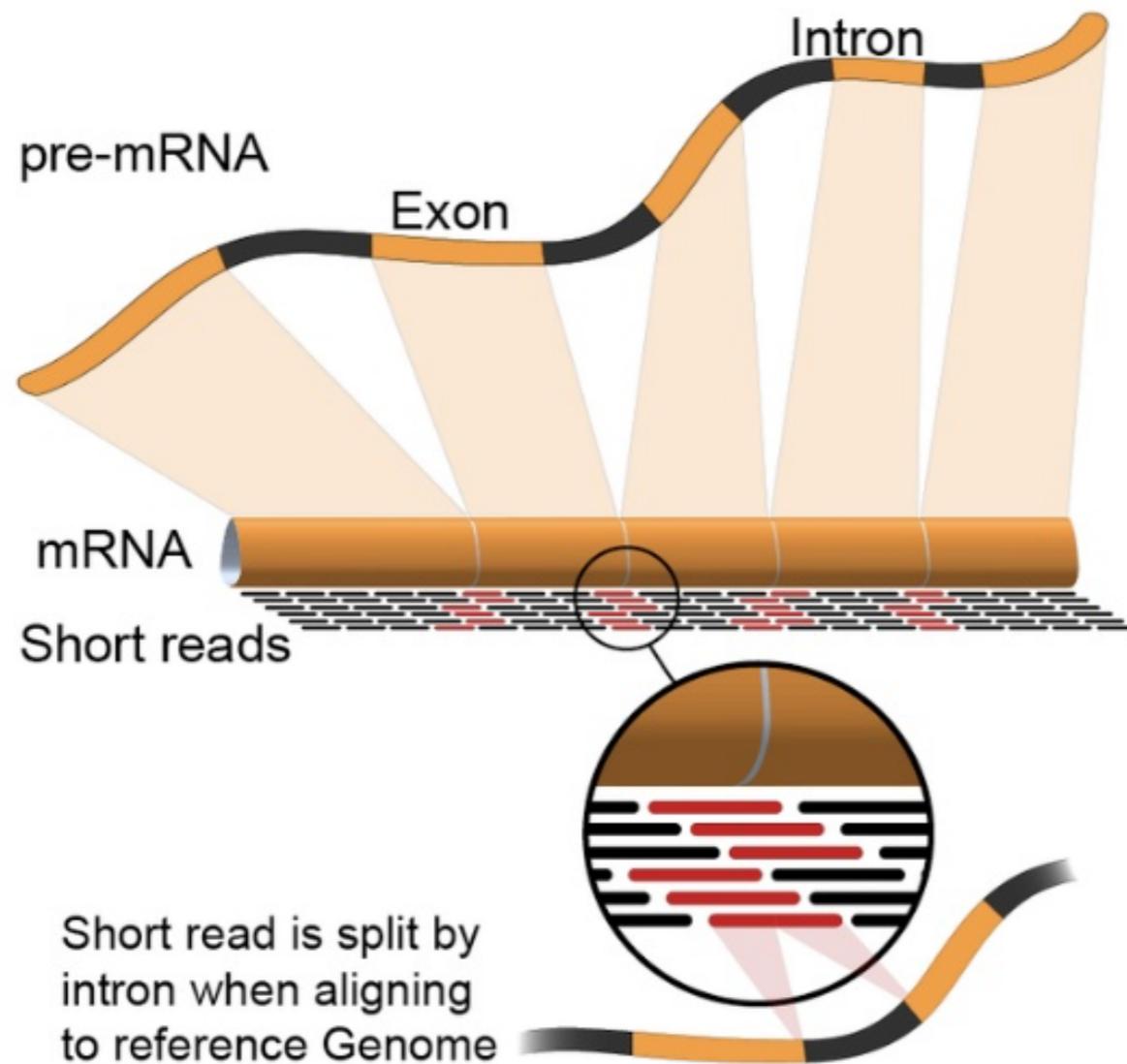
- **FASTX-Toolkit** is a collection of command line tools for Short-Reads FASTA/FASTQ files preprocessing.
- **SeqKit** is an ultrafast comprehensive toolkit for FASTA/Q processing.
- **Trimmomatic** is a fast, multithreaded command line tool that can be used to trim and crop Illumina (FASTQ) data as 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 MspI-digested RRBS-type (Reduced Representation Bisulfite-Seq) libraries.
- **Cutadapt** finds and removes adapter sequences, primers, poly-A tails and other types of unwanted sequence from your high-throughput sequencing reads.

Alignment

(Computationally Intensive Step)

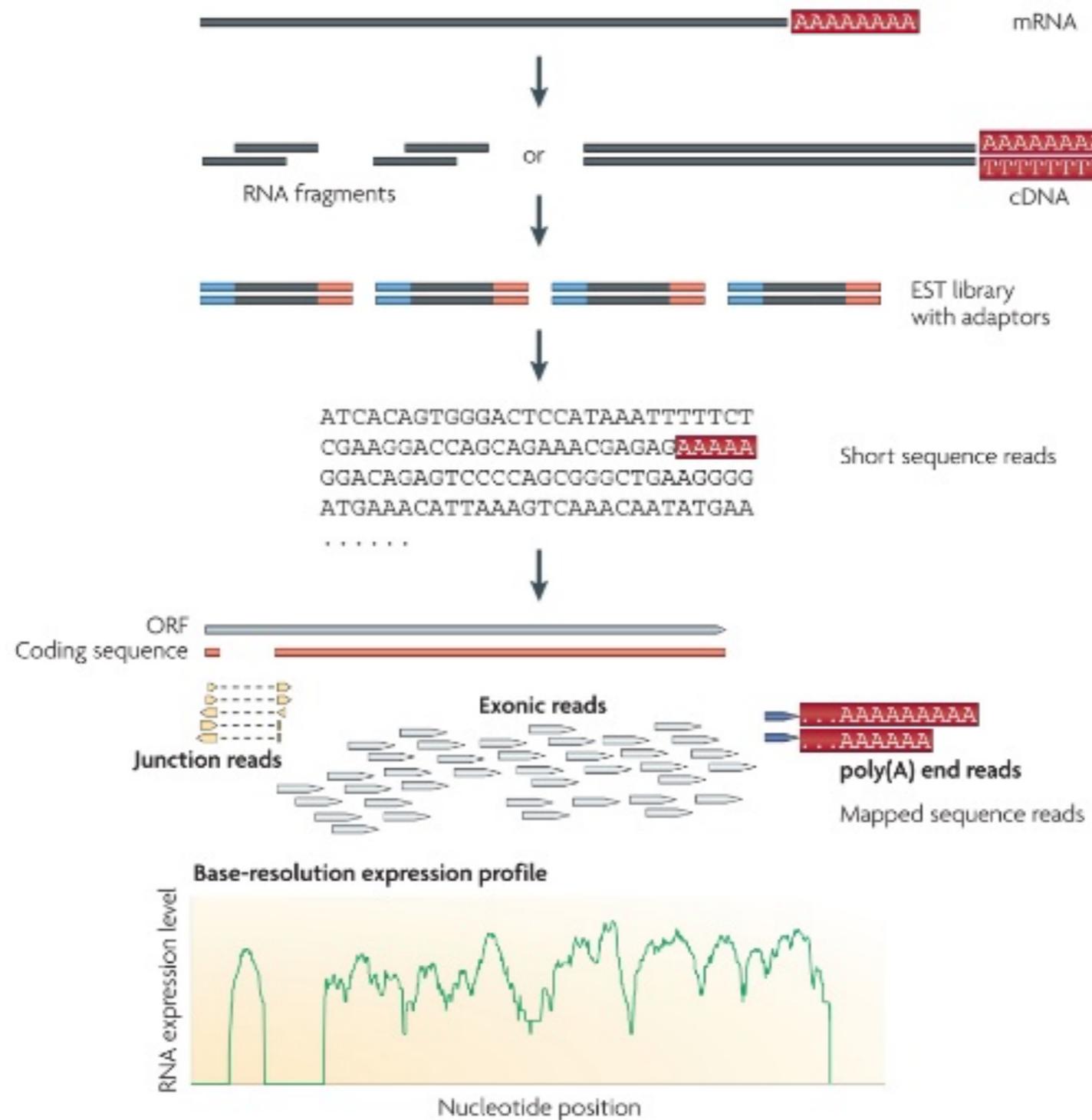
RNASeq Mapping Challenges

RNA-seq Alignment



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

RNA-seq protocol schematic

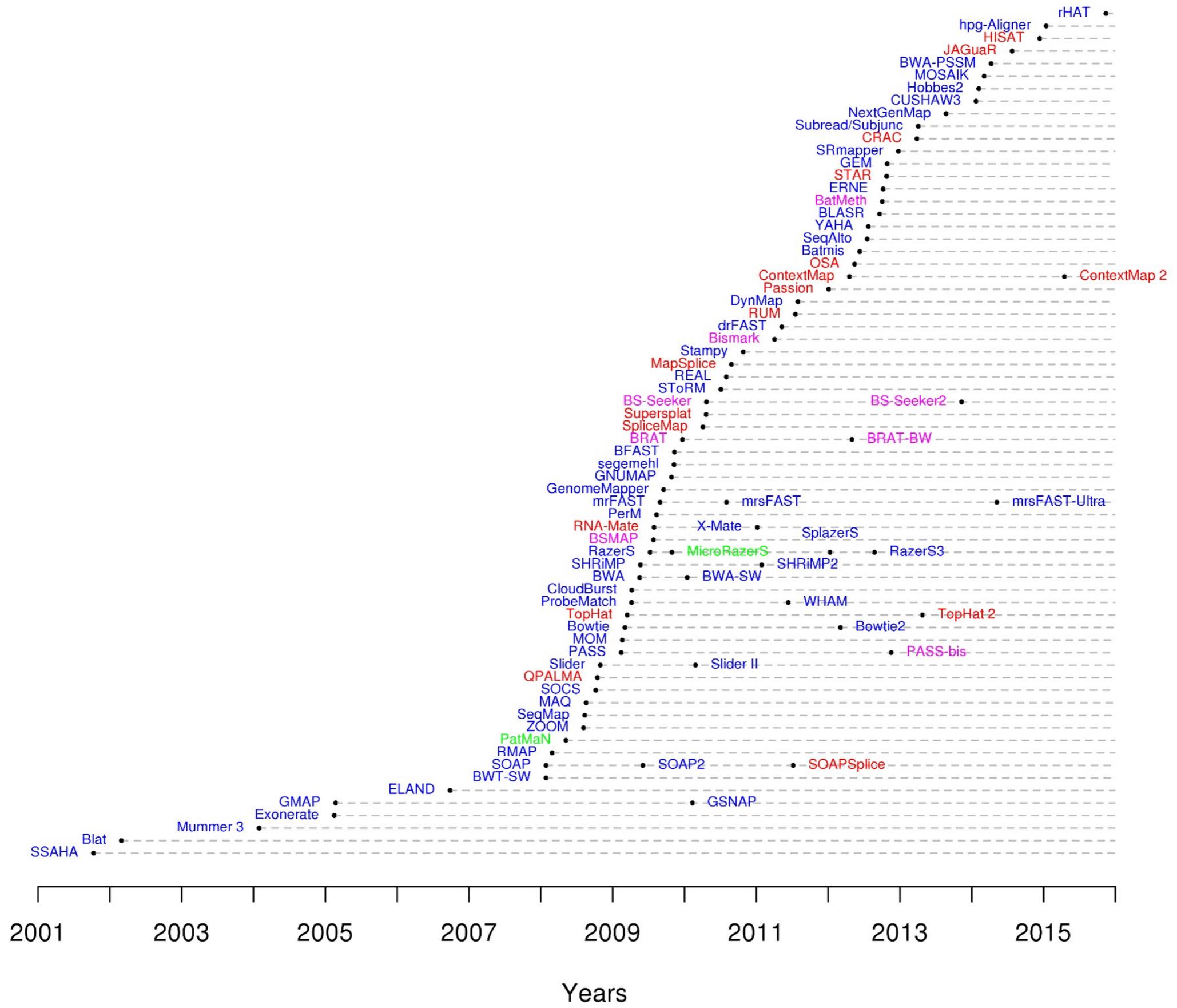


Mapping Challenges

- 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)

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



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](#)

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To Align or not to Align

Aligners typically align against the entire genome and provide a output where the results can be **visibly inspected** (bam file via IGV). They must be used for detecting novel genes/transcripts. Quantitation of aligned reads to specific genes is typically done by a separate program

PseudoAligners assign reads to the most appropriate transcript... can't find novel genes/transcripts or other anomalies. Generally much faster than aligners and are likely more accurate (Recent improvements in salmon have increased its accuracy, at the expense of being somewhat slower than the original)

Typical Questions about alignment

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

Answers

- STAR - (**Salmon** or Kallisto) - *subjective*
- Depends ! most recent or best annotated
- GeneCode with caveats - know what is being annotated and what is not and how it effects your results

Questions not asked

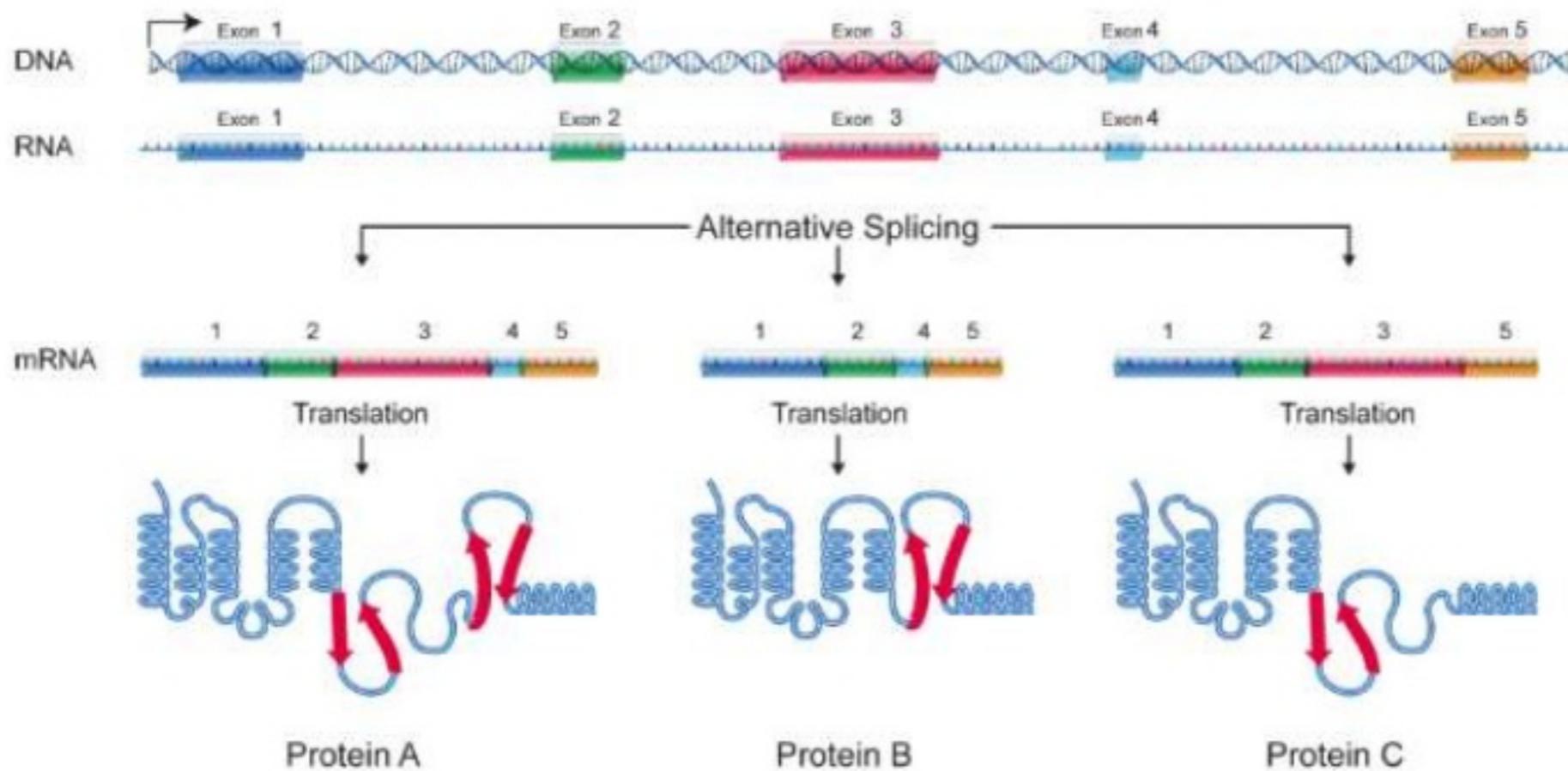
- What parameters should I use?

Answers

- Most programs have lots of optional parameters that can tweak the results, but most are set to defaults that should work in most common situations.
*(Don't touch what you don't understand - **especially** if it gets you, your favorite answer)*

RNA-Seq: Special Mapping Concerns

Alternate Splicing



Post Alignment QC

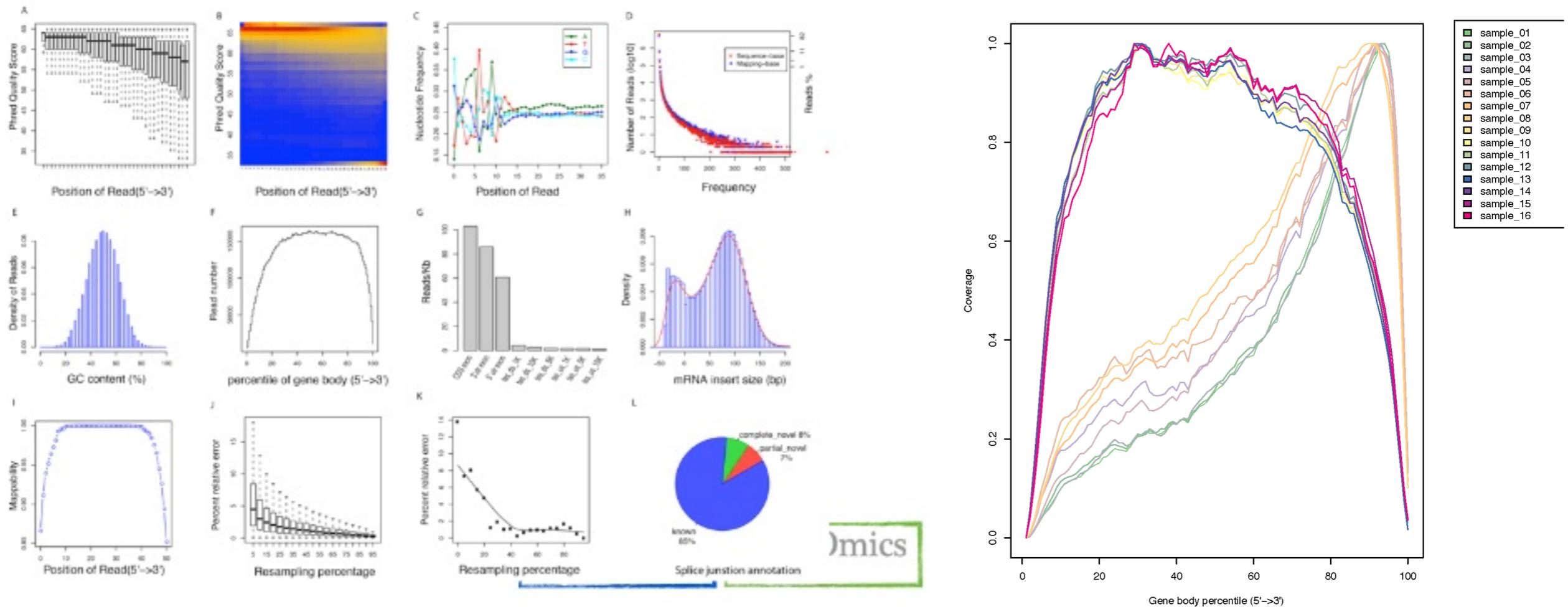
RSeQC package provides a number of useful modules that can comprehensively evaluate high throughput sequence data especially RNA-seq data. “Basic modules” quickly inspect sequence quality, nucleotide composition bias, PCR bias and GC bias, while “RNA-seq specific modules” investigate sequencing saturation 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.

Picard Tools - RNAseqMetrics is a module that produces metrics about the alignment of RNA-seq reads within a SAM file to genes

RSeQC example of plot types

RSEQC



Post Alignment Cleanup

Picard is a set of command line tools for manipulating high-throughput 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.

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

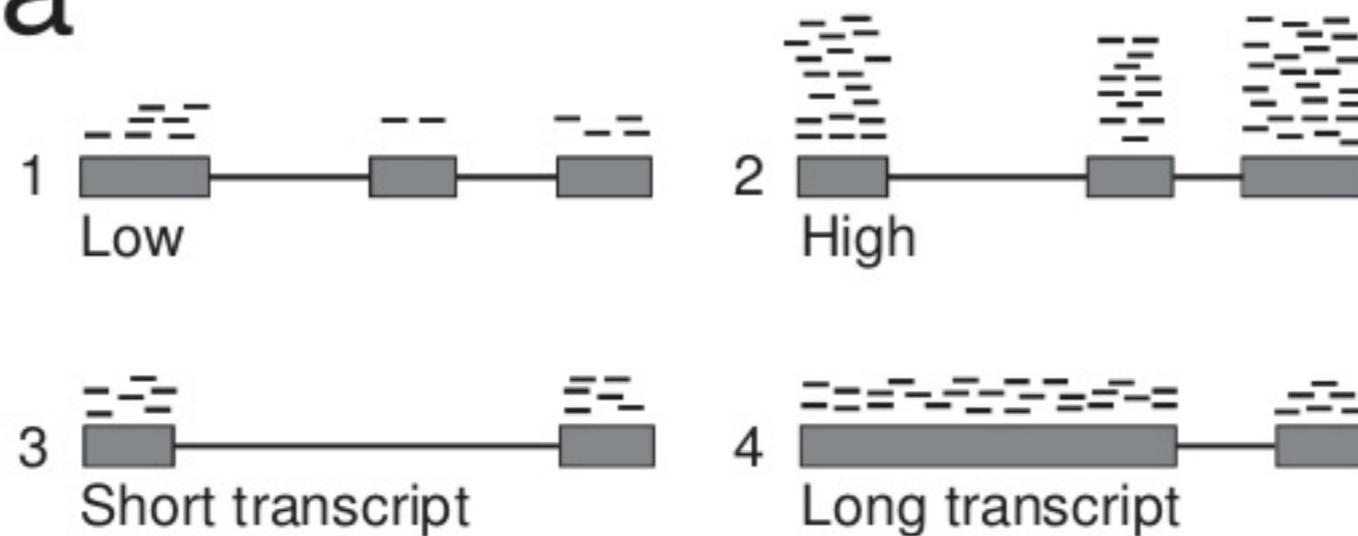
Counting as a measure of Expression

- Count mapped **reads**
- Count each read once (deduplicate)
- Discard reads that:
 - have poor quality alignment scores
 - are not uniquely mapped
 - overlap several genes
 - Have paired reads do not map together
- Document what was done

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

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Normalization

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

- **RPKM = Reads Per Kilobase Million**

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Total Reads}/1,000,000 &= \text{PM} \\ \text{Gene read-count}/\text{PM} &= \text{RPKM} \\ \text{RPM}/\text{gene-length (kb)} &= \text{RPKM} \end{aligned}$$

- **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

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Gene read-count}/\text{gene-length (kb)} &= \text{RPK} \\ (\text{Sum all RPKs})/1,000,000 &= \text{PM} \\ \text{Gene RPK}/\text{PM} &= \text{TPM} \end{aligned}$$

Counting as a measure of Expression

| Name | Length | EffectiveLength | TPM | NumReads |
|---------------------------|---------|-----------------|----------|----------|
| ENSG00000121410.12_4 | 509.732 | 325.991 | 3.22494 | 322.674 |
| ENSG00000268895.6_6 | 1823.71 | 1633.86 | 0.9255 | 464.119 |
| ENSG00000148584.15_4 | 5354.1 | 5164.27 | 0 | 0 |
| ENSG00000175899.14_4 | 4544.77 | 4354.95 | 0.039651 | 53 |
| A2M-AS1 | 2592.39 | 2402.54 | 0.008136 | 5.999 |
| A2ML1 | 1749 | 1561.55 | 0 | 0 |
| SLC7A2 | 452 | 269.66 | 0 | 0 |
| ENSG00000001461.12_NIPAL3 | 386 | 208.766 | 0 | 0 |
| ENSG00000001497.12_LAS1 | 1715 | 1526.05 | 0 | 0 |
| ENSG00000001617.7_SEMA3F | 1023 | 833.15 | 0 | 0 |
| ENSG00000003096.9_KLHL13 | 1457.48 | 1269.51 | 3.23046 | 1258.74 |

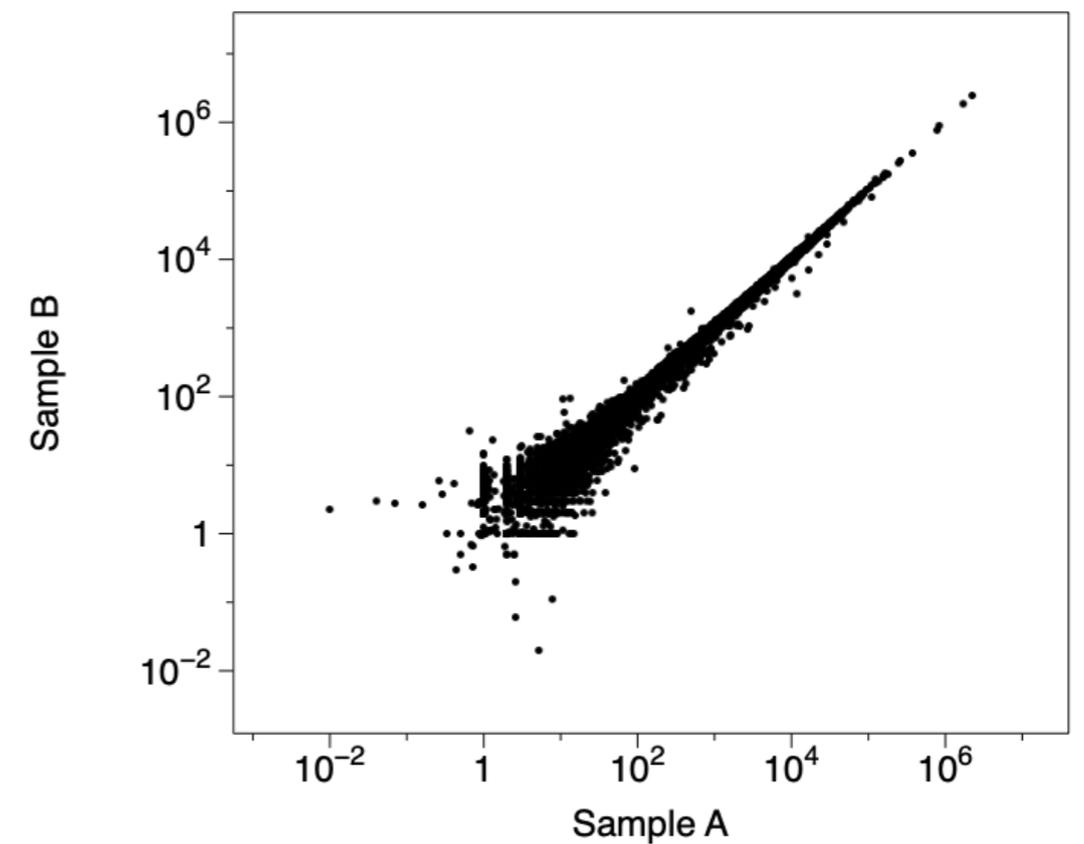
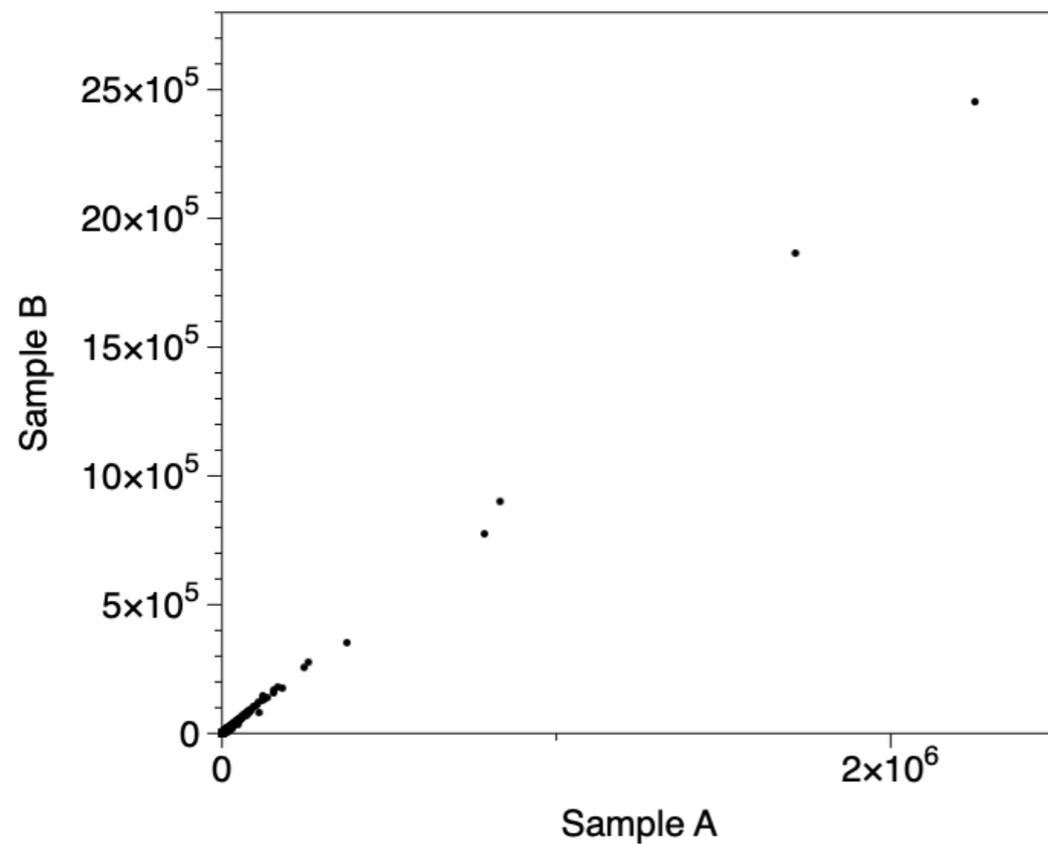
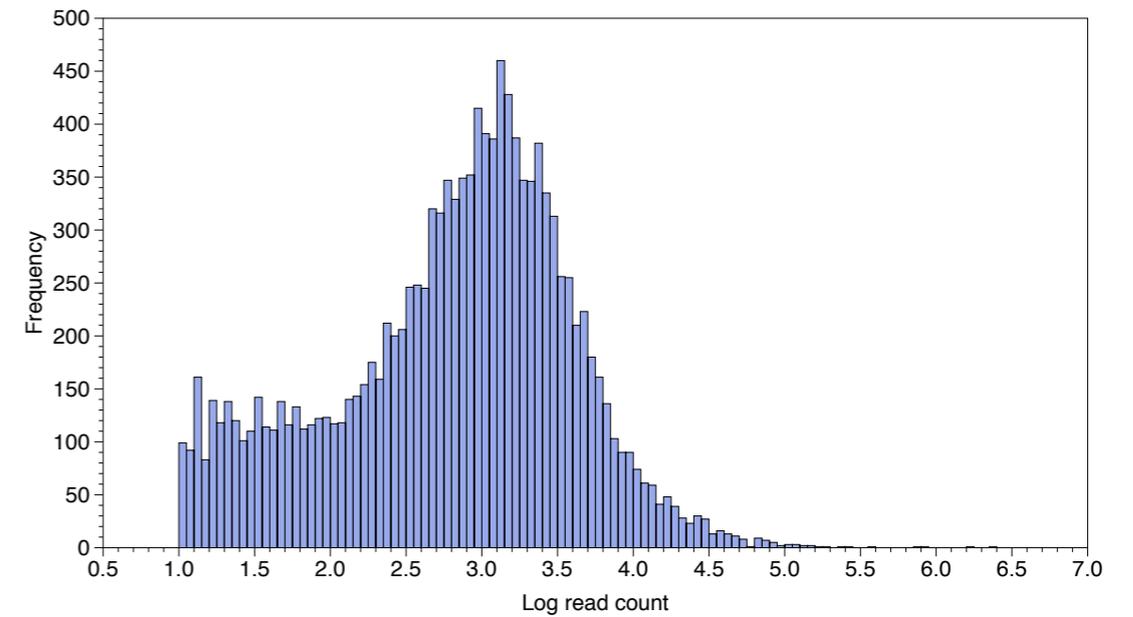
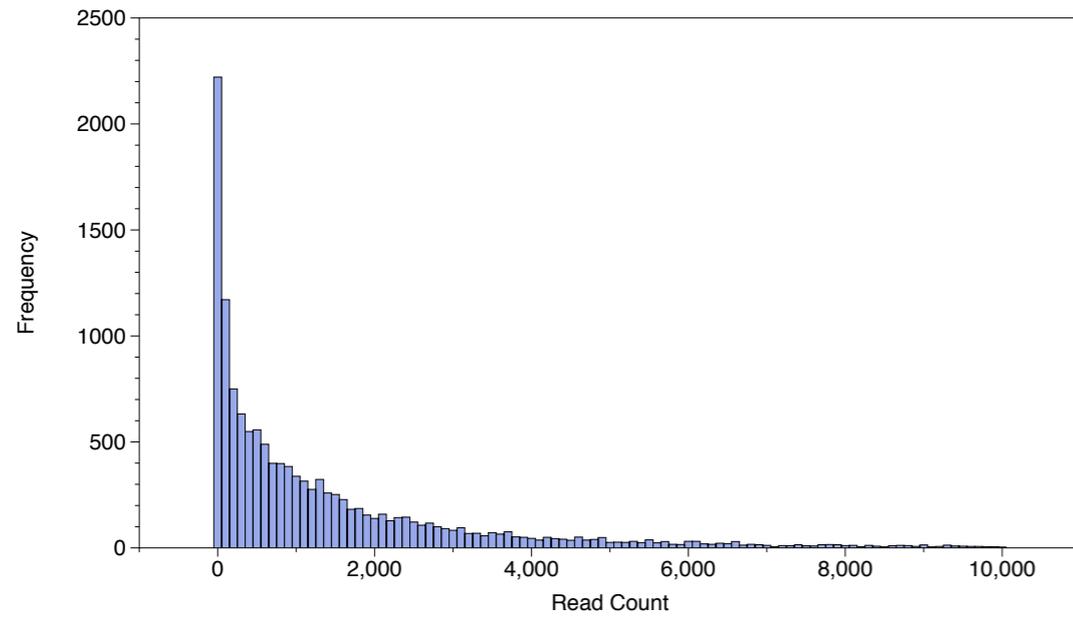


Different ways of annotating the genes



Not always integers -
Decimal values are not acceptable
to some programs

Log Transformed Data



Counting as a measure of Expression

- Subread (featureCount)
- STAR (quantmode)
- HTseq (counts)
- **RSEM** (RNA-Seq by Expectation Maximization)
- **Salmon**, Kallisto - pseudoaligners

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 two different samples.

Differential Expression

Two Statistical Components: (*All statistical methods rely on various assumptions regarding the characteristics of the data*)

- Normalization of counts - the process of ensuring that values are expressed on the same scale (e.g. RPKM, FPKM, TPM, TMM). Corrects for variable gene length, read depth.
- Differential Expression - analysis of the difference in expression of genes under two conditions (pair wise comparison) - *expressed as fold difference*.
A statistical test determines whether the observed difference is statistically significant (i.e. the likelihood of the observation is greater than that expected from random biological variability). Such analyses are typically based on a negative binomial distribution - *expressed as P or corrected P value*.

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 is typically a rank order list of differentially expressed (DE) genes with expression values and 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 due to cascading effects of other genes.

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 of statistical correction will result in a “corrected pvalue”, or a qvalue or FDR or padj (adjusted p value).

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.

Count Matrix

Data_matrix

| Data_matrix | p53_rock_1 | p53_rock_2 | p53_rock_3 | p53_rock_4 | p53_IR_1 | p53_IR_2 | p53_IR_3 | p53_IR_4 | null_rock_1 | null_rock_2 | null_IR_1 | null_IR_2 |
|---------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-------------|-------------|-----------|-----------|
| C330021F23RIK | 83 | 67 | 52 | 117 | 52 | 43 | 38 | 38 | 96 | 71 | 54 | 71 |
| CPS1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| FAM171B | 11 | 11 | 6 | 11 | 13 | 10 | 4 | 8 | 14 | 6 | 10 | 10 |
| OLFR910 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| DYNLL2 | 462 | 413 | 294 | 529 | 330 | 206 | 317 | 293 | 312 | 275 | 409 | 663 |
| NPEPL1 | 2361 | 1794 | 1563 | 1612 | 2296 | 1565 | 2969 | 3758 | 1904 | 1657 | 3200 | 3516 |
| TRAJ2 | 4 | 6 | 6 | 4 | 9 | 13 | 5 | 4 | 7 | 4 | 5 | 2 |
| SLC2A4 | 9 | 11 | 3 | 3 | 15 | 10 | 13 | 21 | 2 | 7 | 0 | 0 |
| ZFP655 | 2874 | 2474 | 2006 | 2517 | 1640 | 1276 | 1881 | 1948 | 2666 | 2412 | 3157 | 3315 |
| SLC8A1 | 1074 | 839 | 941 | 921 | 657 | 340 | 469 | 320 | 852 | 770 | 337 | 803 |
| CYB5R4 | 7431 | 6425 | 4866 | 6215 | 4502 | 3800 | 4170 | 4656 | 6602 | 5619 | 6059 | 6843 |
| GM31123 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| CTDNEP1 | 1210 | 1105 | 869 | 1323 | 833 | 493 | 951 | 1094 | 1063 | 999 | 2069 | 2039 |
| ETS1 | 44445 | 38606 | 27356 | 39522 | 10423 | 7905 | 8481 | 10543 | 42254 | 41214 | 20881 | 27334 |

Contrast File

Study_design

| Study_Design | p53_rock_1 | p53_rock_2 | p53_rock_3 | p53_rock_4 | p53_IR_1 | p53_IR_2 | p53_IR_3 | p53_IR_4 | null_rock_1 | null_rock_2 | null_IR_1 | null_IR_2 |
|--------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-------------|-------------|-----------|-----------|
| p53 | wt | wt | wt | wt | wt | wt | wt | wt | null | null | null | null |
| Treatment | rock | rock | rock | rock | IR | IR | IR | IR | rock | rock | IR | IR |

Study_design-1

| Study_Design | p53 | Treatment |
|--------------|------|-----------|
| p53_rock_1 | wt | rock |
| p53_rock_2 | wt | rock |
| p53_rock_3 | wt | rock |
| p53_rock_4 | wt | rock |
| p53_IR_1 | wt | IR |
| p53_IR_2 | wt | IR |
| p53_IR_3 | wt | IR |
| p53_IR_4 | wt | IR |
| null_rock_1 | null | rock |
| null_rock_2 | null | rock |
| null_IR_1 | null | IR |
| null_IR_2 | null | IR |

Different programs require this file to be organized in different ways

Inferring Differential Expression (DE)

| Method | Normalization | 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 |

Differential Expression Output

EDGER

| Gene | LogFC | AveExpr | P-Value | FDR |
|-------------------------|--------|---------|--------------|----------|
| *CA14 | -6.72 | 4.31 | 1.406716E-10 | 0.000001 |
| *MCF2L | -10.75 | 3.25 | 2.854327E-10 | 0.000001 |
| *COL5A2 | -6.12 | 4.28 | 3.678663E-10 | 0.000001 |
| *TYRP1 | -9.31 | 9.85 | 4.190114E-10 | 0.000001 |
| *BCAN | -8.39 | 5.33 | 6.384088E-10 | 0.000001 |
| *CSAG1 | 10.81 | -0.56 | 7.095577E-10 | 0.000000 |

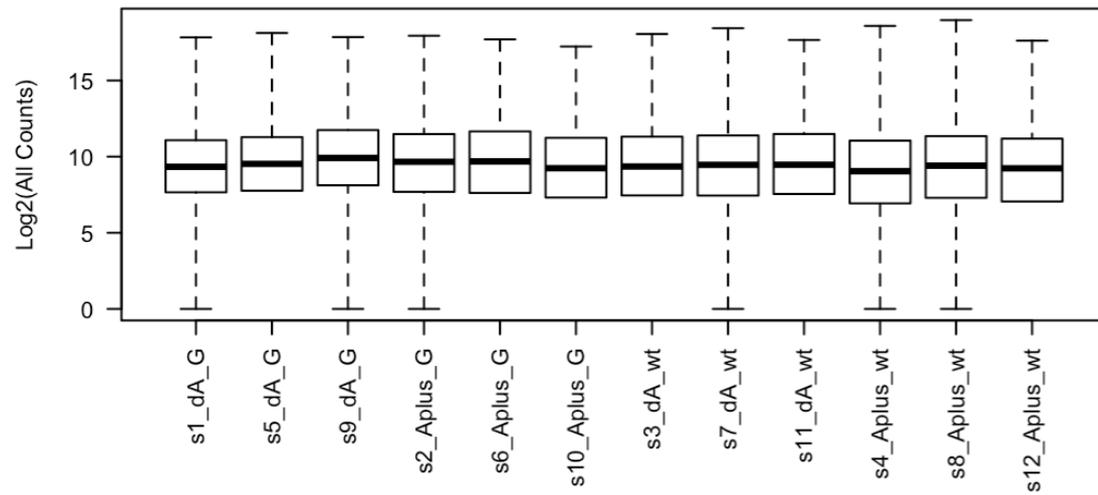
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| Row-names | Symbol | log2FoldChange | padj | p53_mock_1 | p53_mock_2 | p53_mock_3 | p53_mock_4 | p53_IR_1 | p53_IR_2 | p53_IR_3 | p53_IR_4 |
|--------------------|-------------|----------------|--------|------------|------------|------------|------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| ENSMUSG00000000001 | Gnai3;Gnai3 | -0.4763 | 0.1737 | 11.584 | 11.565 | 11.609 | 11.621 | 11.399 | 11.338 | 11.997 | 11.927 |
| ENSMUSG00000000028 | Cdc45;Cdc45 | -0.4610 | 0.4125 | 8.024 | 7.575 | 7.668 | 7.295 | 7.736 | 7.675 | 7.906 | 7.873 |
| ENSMUSG00000000037 | Scml2;Scml2 | 1.3780 | 0.1889 | 3.196 | 3.554 | 3.563 | 3.296 | 4.592 | 5.249 | 4.765 | 5.262 |
| ENSMUSG00000000056 | Narf;Narf | -0.1732 | 0.8053 | 10.644 | 10.609 | 10.634 | 10.754 | 9.640 | 9.516 | 10.036 | 10.127 |
| ENSMUSG00000000058 | Cav2;Cav2 | -0.3945 | 0.6751 | 4.377 | 4.546 | 5.292 | 5.120 | 4.122 | 3.531 | 4.835 | 4.269 |
| ENSMUSG00000000088 | Cox5a;Cox5a | -0.5847 | 0.2738 | 9.887 | 9.754 | 9.964 | 9.851 | 9.692 | 9.501 | 10.530 | 10.467 |
| ENSMUSG00000000120 | Ngfr;Ngfr | 0.7409 | 0.2168 | 7.519 | 7.746 | 7.625 | 8.458 | 8.053 | 8.149 | 7.435 | 7.406 |
| ENSMUSG00000000127 | Fer;Fer | 0.1804 | 0.7480 | 7.324 | 7.381 | 7.368 | 7.008 | 7.389 | 6.650 | 6.534 | 6.235 |
| ENSMUSG00000000142 | Axin2;Axin2 | 0.0927 | 0.9124 | 5.542 | 5.920 | 5.396 | 5.510 | 6.008 | 6.281 | 5.351 | 5.484 |

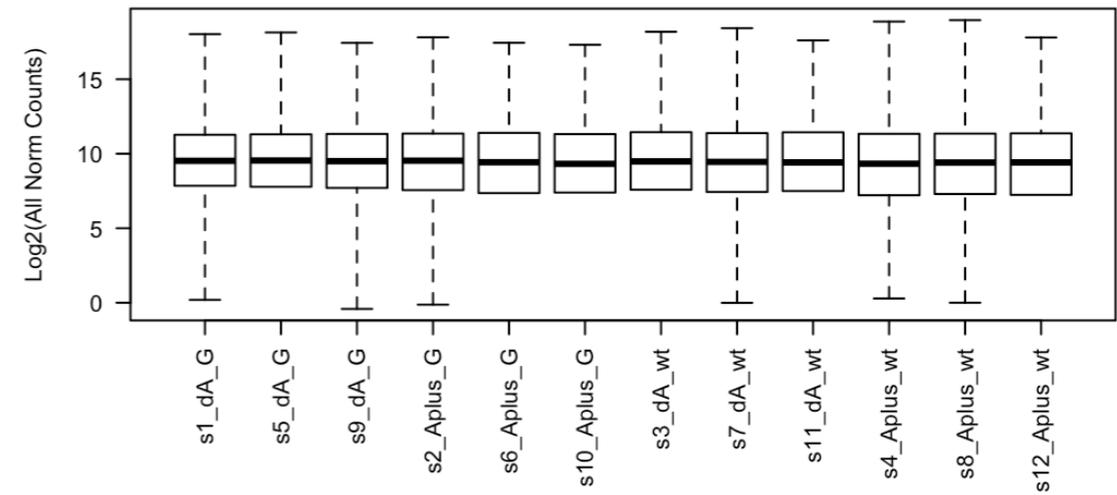
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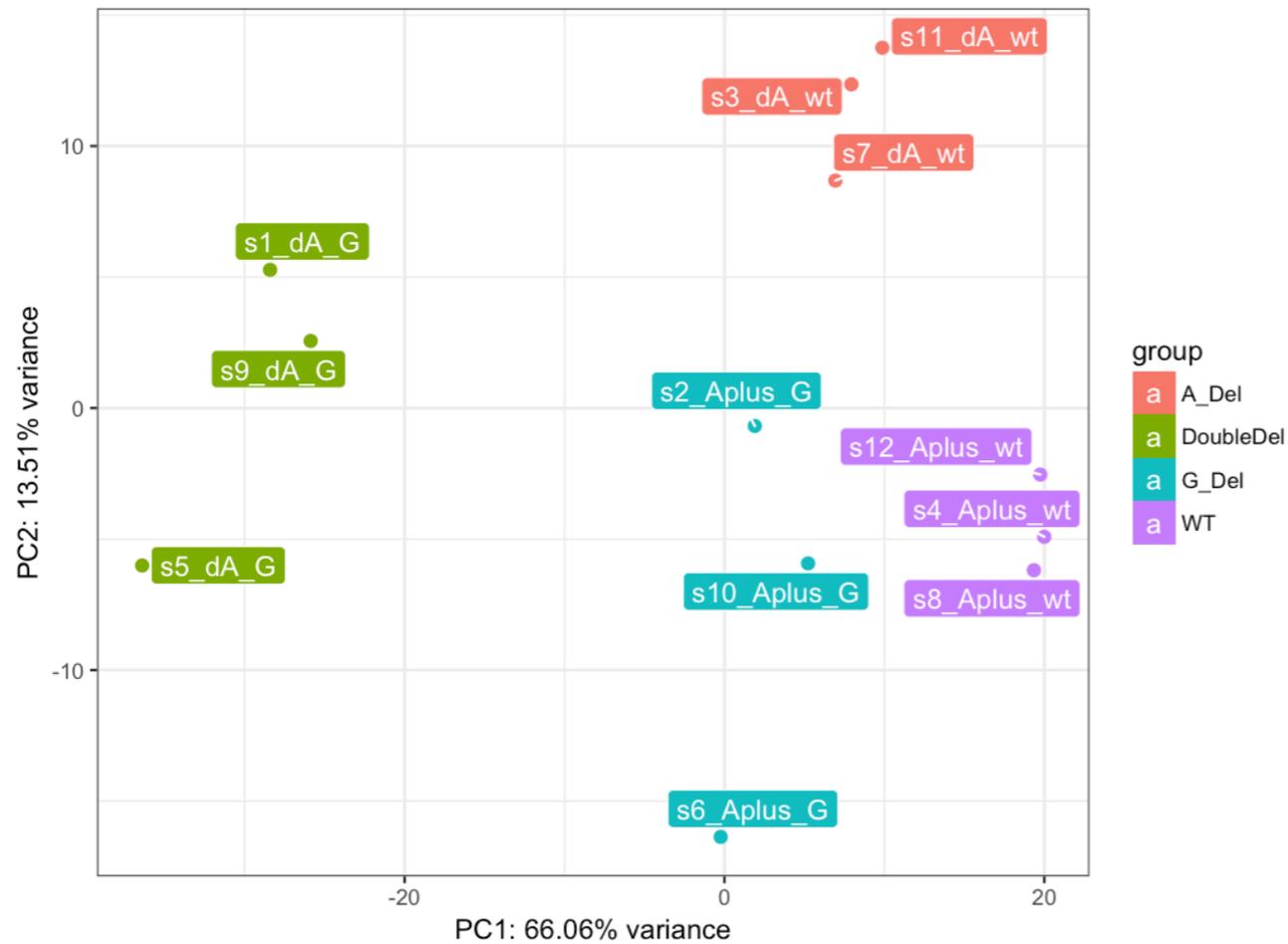
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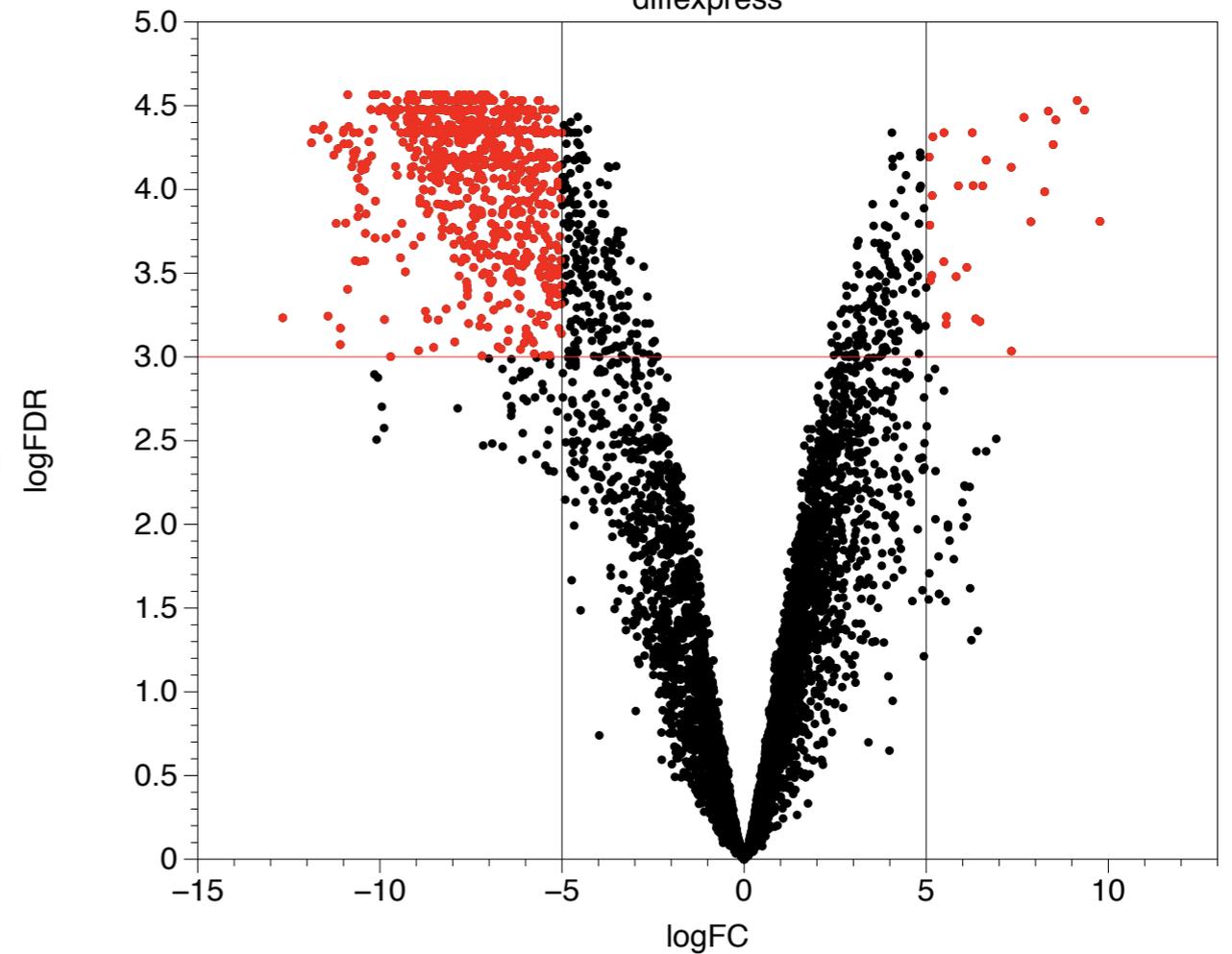
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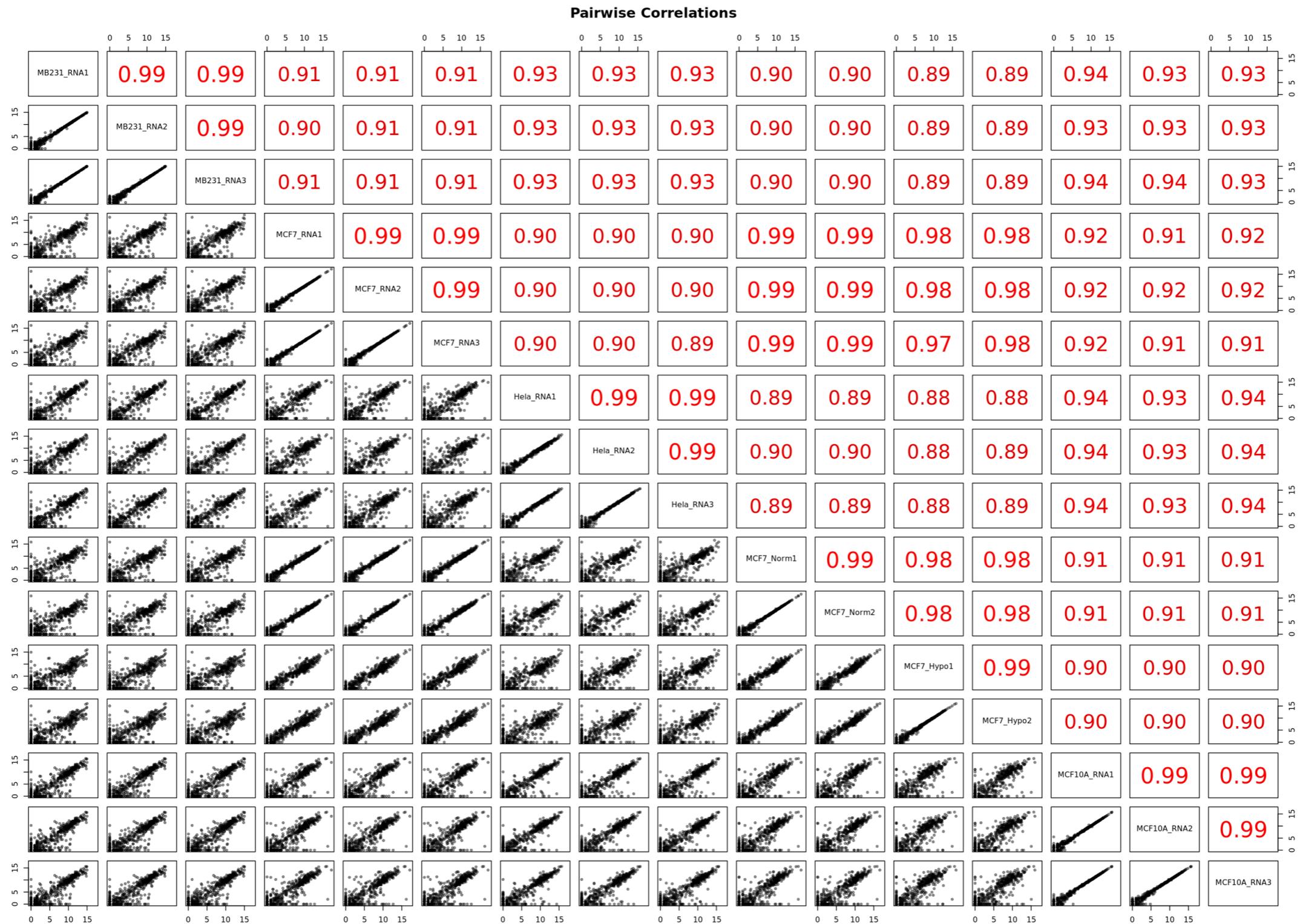
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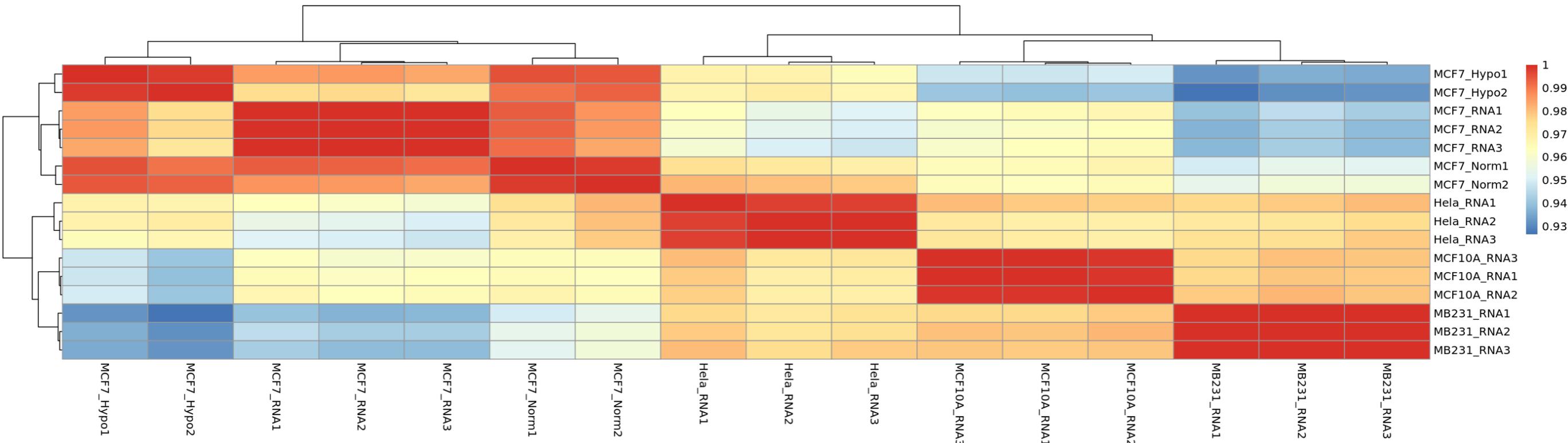
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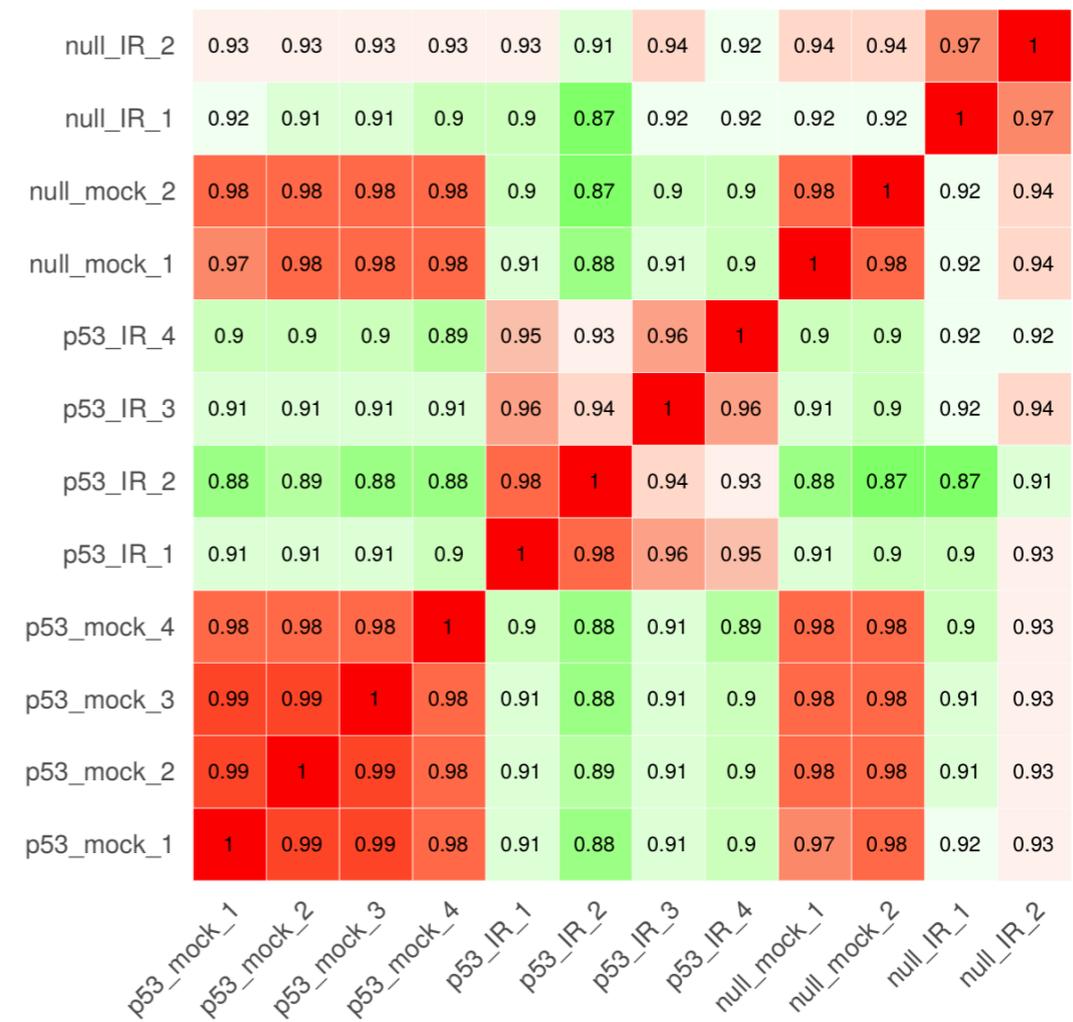
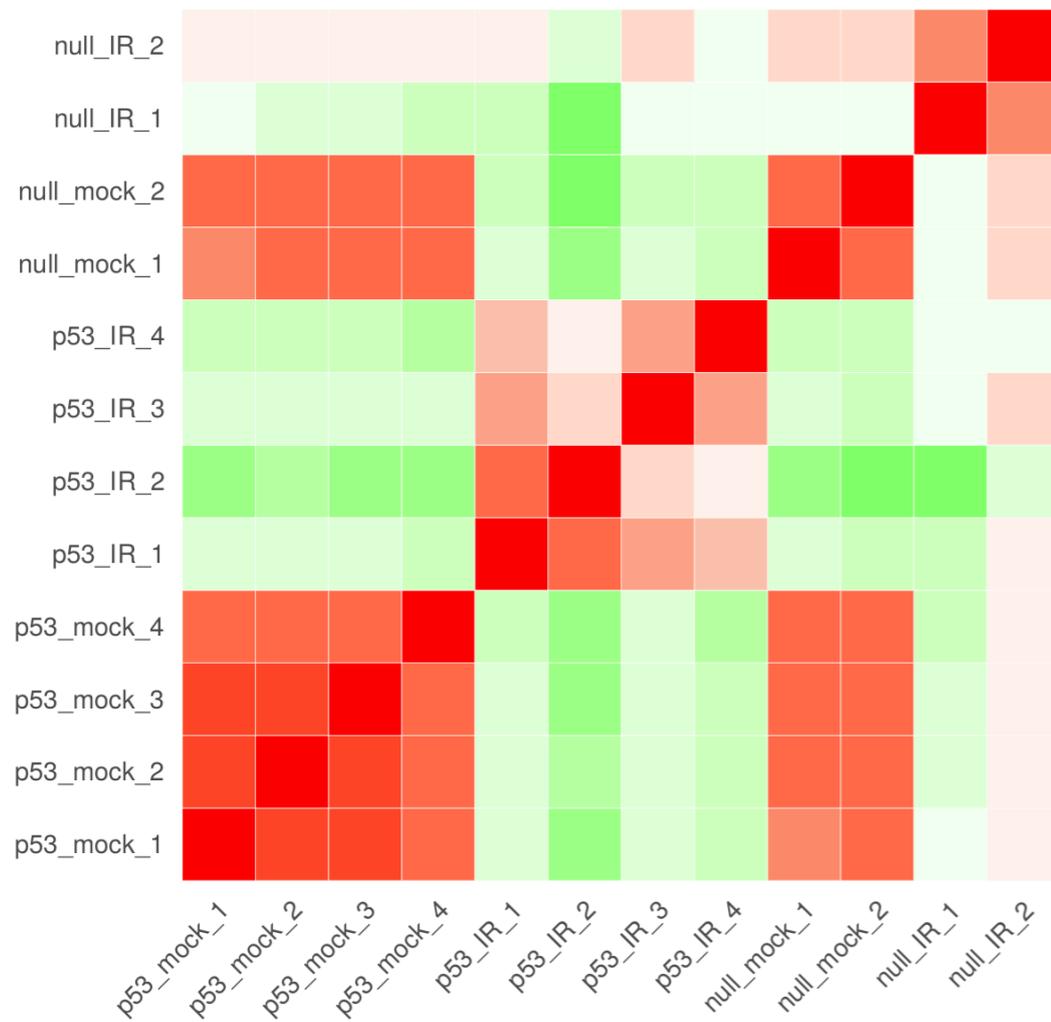


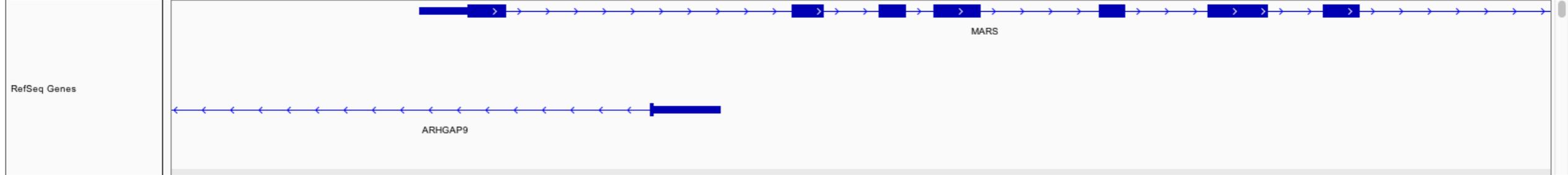
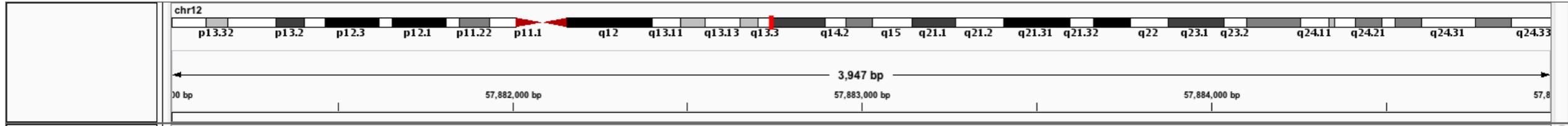
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Heat Maps



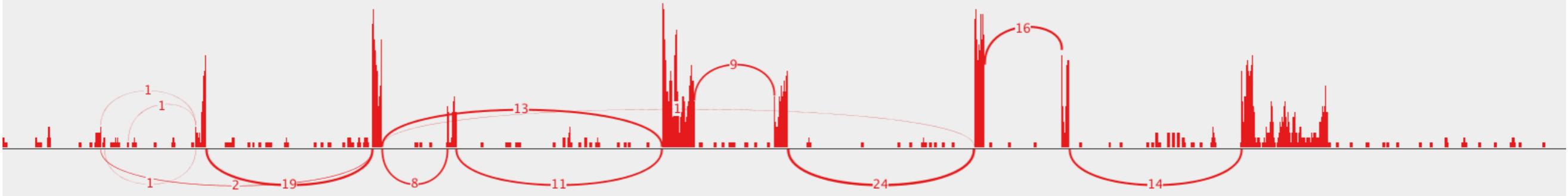






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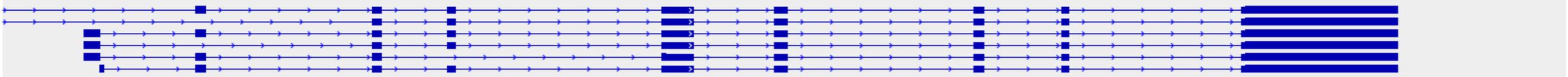


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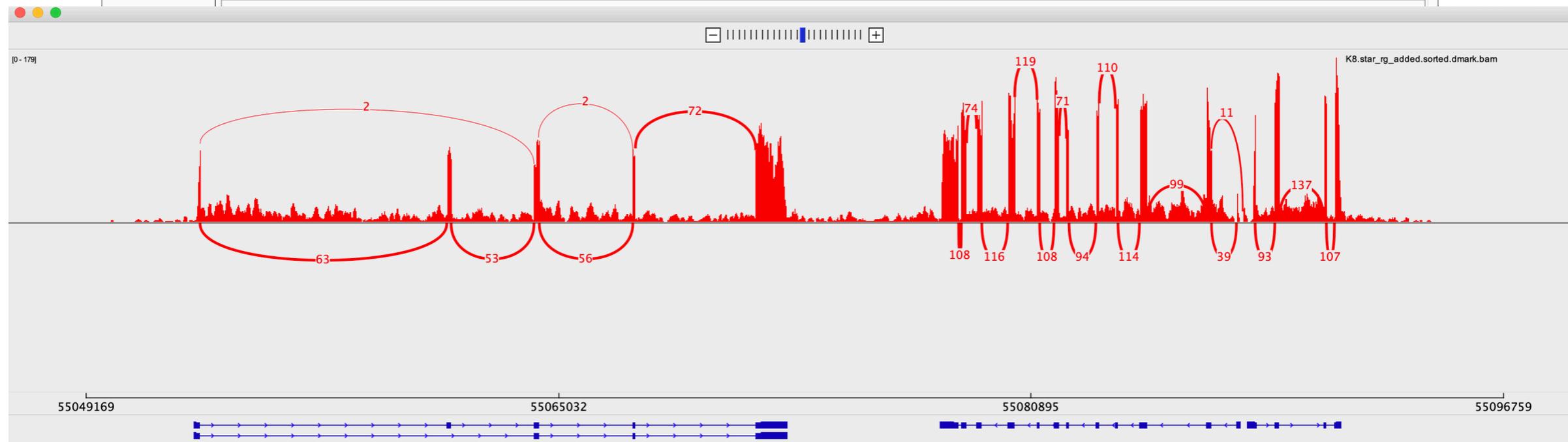
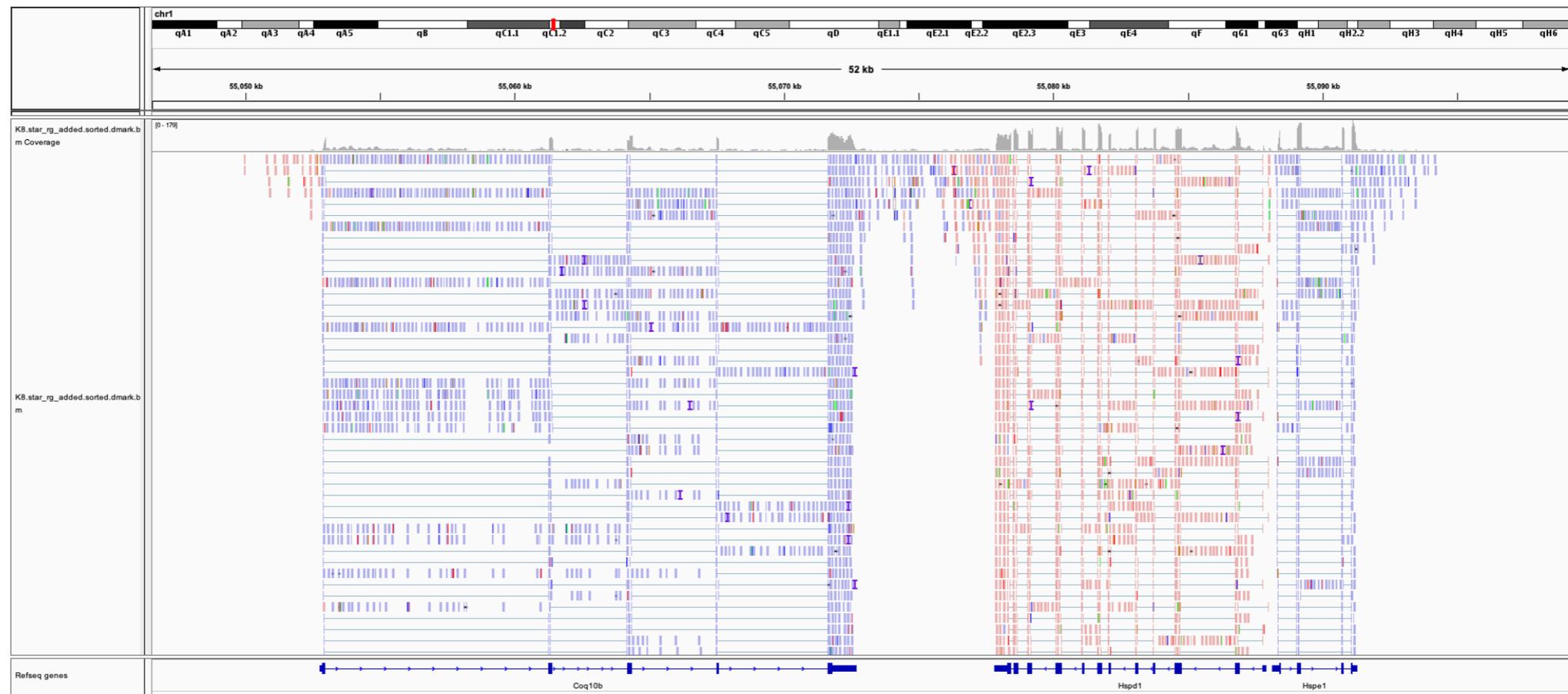
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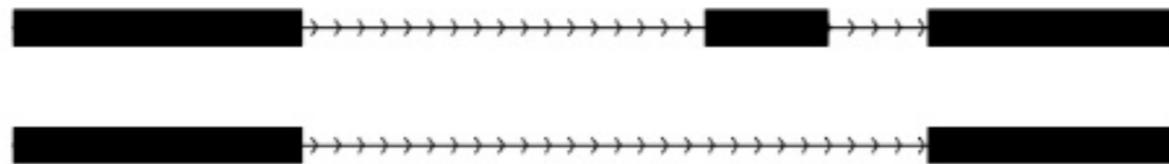
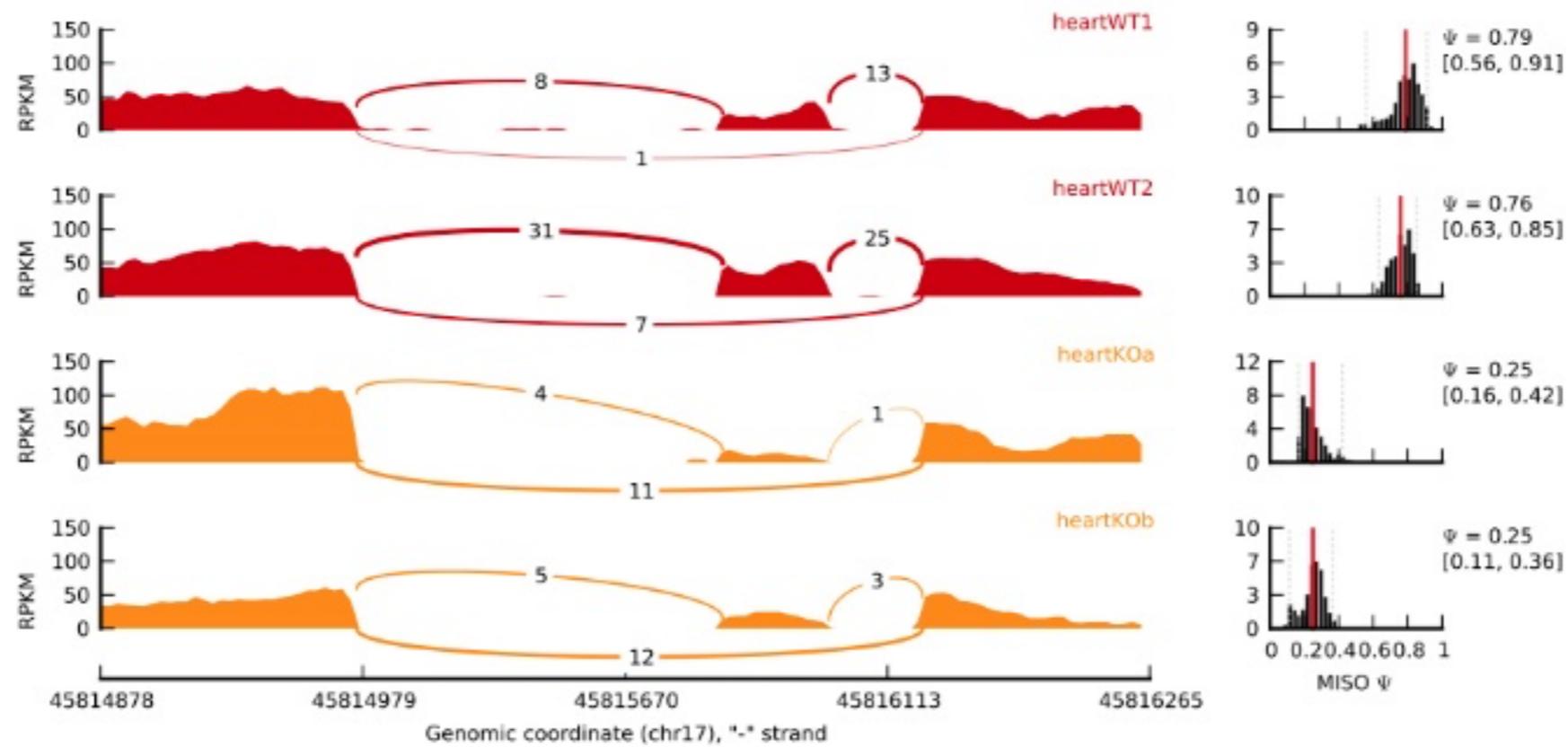


Stranded RNA-Seq Data



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

Tertiary Analysis - Biological Meaning

- **Pathway Analysis**

- IPA (Qiagen - CCR License) Future talk

- **Functional Analysis**

- Gene Set Enrichment Analysis (GSEA)

<https://www.gsea-msigdb.org/gsea/index.jsp>

- DAVID

<https://david.ncifcrf.gov/>

- Enrichr

<https://maayanlab.cloud/Enrichr/>

- **Genomic Location**

- **Transcription Factor Enrichment Analysis**

- **miRNA Enrichment Analysis**

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)
- Partek Flow (Local Web Service)
- DNAnexus (Cloud Solution)
- CLCBio Genomic Workbench (Small genomes)

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)** (<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/sra>)
 - All sequencing data (not necessarily RNA-Seq)
- **ArrayExpress** (<https://www.ebi.ac.uk/arrayexpress/>)
 - European version of GEO
- **Homogenized data:** [MetaSRA](#), [Toil](#), [recount2](#), [ARCHS4](#)

NGS File Formats

- **Sequence**
 - FASTA, FastQ
- **Alignment**
 - SAM, BAM, CRAM
- **Annotation**
 - GTF, GFF, BED (BIGBED)
- **Graphing**
 - WIG (BIGWIG), BEDGRAPH

Utility Programs

- SeqKit
- FastQC, RSeQC, MultiQC
- Cutadapt, Fastp, Trimmomatic, TrimGalore
- STAR, Bowtie, Salmon
- Samtools, Picard, bedtools, bamtools
- R, Python
- IGV

Web-Based Tools

- BioJupies - Many analysis functions - generates Jupyter Notebook of results
(<https://amp.pharm.mssm.edu/biojupies/>)
- IDEP92 - an integrated web application for differential expression and pathway analysis of RNA-Seq data
(<http://bioinformatics.sdstate.edu/idep92/>)

Both allow analysis of many public datasets

File Transfer

- Globus (<https://hpc.nih.gov/storage/globus.html>)
- HPCDME
- BOX
- OneDrive
- (s)FTP
- Network Drives
- Flash Drives

Further Reading

RNA-seqlopedia

<https://rnaseq.uoregon.edu/>

RNA-Seq by Example

<https://www.biostarhandbook.com/>

Questions ?

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