ChIP-Seq project report template: Some Descriptive Title

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1 Introduction

This report describes the analysis of an ChIP-Seq project from Dr. First Last's lab which studies the gene expression changes of ... in *organism* The experimental design is as follows...

2 Sample definitions and environment settings

2.1 Environment settings and input data

Typically, the user wants to record here the sources and versions of the reference genome sequence along with the corresponding annotations. In the provided sample data set all data inputs are stored in a data subdirectory and all results will be written to a separate results directory, while the systemPipeChIPseq.Rnw script and the targets file are expected to be located in the parent directory. The R session is expected to run from this parent directory.

To run this sample report, mini sample FASTQ and reference genome files can be downloaded from here. The chosen data set SRP010938 contains 18 paired-end (PE) read sets from *Arabidposis thaliana* Howard et al. (2013). To minimize processing time during testing, each FASTQ file has been subsetted to 90,000-100,000 randomly sampled PE reads that map to the first 100,000 nucleotides of each chromosome of the *A. thalina* genome. The corresponding reference genome sequence (FASTA) and its GFF annotion files (provided in the same download) have been truncated accordingly. This way the entire test sample data set is less than 200MB in storage space. A PE read set has been chosen for this test data set for flexibility, because it can be used for testing both types of analysis routines requiring either SE (single end) reads or PE reads.

2.2 Required packages and resources

The systemPipeR package needs to be loaded to perform the analysis steps shown in this report (Girke, 2014).

```
library(systemPipeR)
```

If applicable load custom functions not provided by systemPipeR

```
source("systemPipeChIPseq_Fct.R")
```

2.3 Experiment definition provided by targets file

The targets file defines all FASTQ files and sample comparisons of the analysis workflow.

```
targets <- read.delim("targets_chip.txt", comment.char = "#")[,1:4]</pre>
targets
                      FileName SampleName Factor SampleLong
  ./data/SRR446027_1.fastq.gz
                                       M1A
                                               M1
                                                   Mock.1h.A
  ./data/SRR446028_1.fastq.gz
                                       M1B
                                               M1
                                                   Mock.1h.B
  ./data/SRR446029_1.fastq.gz
                                       A1A
                                               A1
                                                    Avr.1h.A
  ./data/SRR446030_1.fastq.gz
                                       A1B
                                               Α1
                                                    Avr.1h.B
5
  ./data/SRR446031_1.fastq.gz
                                               V1
                                                    Vir.1h.A
                                       V1A
  ./data/SRR446032_1.fastq.gz
                                       V1B
                                               V1
                                                    Vir.1h.B
  ./data/SRR446033_1.fastq.gz
7
                                               M6 Mock.6h.A
                                       M6A
  ./data/SRR446034_1.fastq.gz
                                       M6B
                                               M6
                                                   Mock.6h.B
  ./data/SRR446035_1.fastq.gz
                                       A6A
                                               A6
                                                    Avr.6h.A
10 ./data/SRR446036_1.fastq.gz
                                       A6B
                                               A6
                                                    Avr.6h.B
11 ./data/SRR446037_1.fastq.gz
                                       V6A
                                               V6
                                                    Vir.6h.A
12 ./data/SRR446038_1.fastq.gz
                                               V6
                                                    Vir.6h.B
                                      V6B
13 ./data/SRR446039_1.fastq.gz
                                      M12A
                                              M12 Mock.12h.A
14 ./data/SRR446040_1.fastq.gz
                                      M12B
                                              M12 Mock.12h.B
15 ./data/SRR446041_1.fastq.gz
                                      A12A
                                              A12 Avr.12h.A
16 ./data/SRR446042_1.fastq.gz
                                      A12B
                                              A12 Avr.12h.B
17 ./data/SRR446043_1.fastq.gz
                                      V12A
                                              V12 Vir.12h.A
18 ./data/SRR446044_1.fastq.gz
                                      V12B
                                              V12 Vir.12h.B
```

3 Read preprocessing

3.1 **FASTQ** quality report

The following seeFastq and seeFastqPlot functions generate and plot a series of useful quality statistics for a set of FASTQ files including per cycle quality box plots, base proportions, base-level quality trends, relative k-mer diversity, length and occurrence distribution of reads, number of reads above quality cutoffs and mean quality distribution. The results are written to a PDF file named fastqReport.pdf.

```
args <- systemArgs(sysma="param/bowtieSE.param", mytargets="targets_chip.txt")
fqlist <- seeFastq(fastq=infile1(args), batchsize=100000, klength=8)
pdf("./results/fastqReport.pdf", height=18, width=4*length(fqlist))
seeFastqPlot(fqlist)
dev.off()</pre>
```

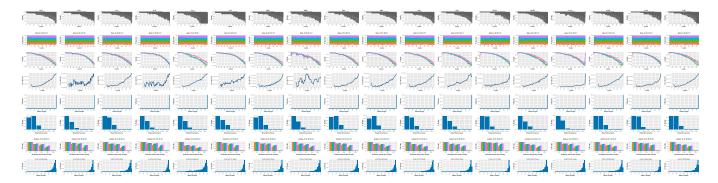


Figure 1: QC report for 18 FASTQ files.

4 Alignments

4.1 Read mapping with Bowtie2

The NGS reads of this project will be aligned against the reference genome sequence using Bowtie2 (Langmead and Salzberg, 2012). The parameter settings of the aligner are defined in the tophat.param file.

```
args <- systemArgs(sysma="param/bowtieSE.param", mytargets="targets_chip.txt")
sysargs(args)[1] # Command-line parameters for first FASTQ file</pre>
```

Submission of alignment jobs to compute cluster, here using 72 CPU cores (18 qsub processes each with 4 CPU cores).

Check whether all BAM files have been created

```
file.exists(outpaths(args))
```

4.2 Read and alignment stats

The following provides an overview of the number of reads in each sample and how many of them aligned to the reference.

```
read_statsDF <- alignStats(args=args)
write.table(read_statsDF, "results/alignStats.xls", row.names=FALSE, quote=FALSE, sep="\t")
read.delim("results/alignStats.xls")</pre>
```

4.3 Create symbolic links for viewing BAM files in IGV

The symLink2bam function creates symbolic links to view the BAM alignment files in a genome browser such as IGV. The corresponding URLs are written to a file with a path specified under urlfile, here IGVurl.txt.

5 Peak calling with MACS2

5.1 Merge BAM files of replicates prior to peak calling

Merging BAM files of technical and/or biological replicates can improve the sensitivity of the peak calling by increasing the depth of read coverage. The mergeBamByFactor function merges BAM files based on grouping information specified by a factor, here the Factor column of the imported targets file. It also returns an updated SYSargs object containing the paths to the merged BAM files as well as to any unmerged files without replicates. This step can be skipped if merging of BAM files of replicated samples is not desired.

```
args <- systemArgs(sysma=NULL, mytargets="targets_bam.txt")
args_merge <- mergeBamByFactor(args, overwrite=TRUE)
writeTargetsout(x=args_merge, file="targets_mergeBamByFactor.txt", overwrite=TRUE)</pre>
```

5.2 Without input/reference sample

```
args <- systemArgs(sysma="param/macs2_noinput.param", mytargets="targets_mergeBamByFactor.txt")
sysargs(args)[1] # Command-line parameters for first FASTQ file
runCommandline(args)
file.exists(outpaths(args))
writeTargetsout(x=args, file="targets_macs.txt", overwrite=TRUE)</pre>
```

5.3 With input/reference sample

```
writeTargetsRef(infile="targets_bam.txt", outfile="targets_bam_ref.txt", silent=FALSE, overwrite=TRUE)
args <- systemArgs(sysma="param/macs2.param", mytargets="targets_bam_ref.txt")
sysargs(args)[1] # Command-line parameters for first FASTQ file</pre>
```

```
runCommandline(args)
file.exists(outpaths(args))
writeTargetsout(x=args, file="targets_macs.txt", overwrite=TRUE)
```

6 Annotate peaks with genomic context

To be continued ...

7 Differential binding analysis of peaks

To be continued ...

8 GO term enrichment analysis

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9 Motif analysis

To be continued ...

10 Version Information

toLatex(sessionInfo())

- R version 3.2.1 (2015-06-18), x86_64-pc-linux-gnu
- Locale: LC_CTYPE=en_US.UTF-8, LC_NUMERIC=C, LC_TIME=en_US.UTF-8, LC_COLLATE=en_US.UTF-8, LC_MONETARY=en_US.UTF-8, LC_MESSAGES=en_US.UTF-8, LC_PAPER=en_US.UTF-8, LC_NAME=C, LC_ADDRESS=C, LC_TELEPHONE=C, LC_MEASUREMENT=en_US.UTF-8, LC_IDENTIFICATION=C
- Base packages: base, datasets, graphics, grDevices, methods, parallel, stats, stats4, utils
- Other packages: Biobase 2.29.1, BiocGenerics 0.15.5, BiocParallel 1.3.48, Biostrings 2.37.3, DBI 0.3.1, GenomeInfoDb 1.5.9, GenomicAlignments 1.5.12, GenomicRanges 1.21.17, IRanges 2.3.17, knitr 1.10.5, Rsamtools 1.21.14, RSQLite 1.0.0, S4Vectors 0.7.12, ShortRead 1.27.5, SummarizedExperiment 0.3.2, systemPipeR 1.3.22, XVector 0.9.1
- Loaded via a namespace (and not attached): annotate 1.47.4, AnnotationDbi 1.31.17, AnnotationForge 1.11.15, base64enc 0.1-3, BatchJobs 1.6, BBmisc 1.9, BiocStyle 1.7.6, bitops 1.0-6, brew 1.0-6, Category 2.35.1, checkmate 1.6.2, colorspace 1.2-6, digest 0.6.8, edgeR 3.11.2, evaluate 0.7, fail 1.2, formatR 1.2, futile.logger 1.4.1, futile.options 1.0.0, genefilter 1.51.0, ggplot2 1.0.1, GO.db 3.1.2, GOstats 2.35.1, graph 1.47.2, grid 3.2.1, GSEABase 1.31.3, gtable 0.1.2, highr 0.5, hwriter 1.3.2, lambda.r 1.1.7, lattice 0.20-33, latticeExtra 0.6-26, limma 3.25.15, magrittr 1.5, MASS 7.3-43, Matrix 1.2-2, munsell 0.4.2, pheatmap 1.0.7, plyr 1.8.3, proto 0.3-10, RBGL 1.45.1, RColorBrewer 1.1-2, Rcpp 0.12.0, reshape2 1.4.1, rjson 0.2.15, scales 0.2.5, sendmailR 1.2-1, splines 3.2.1, stringi 0.5-5, stringr 1.0.0, survival 2.38-3, tools 3.2.1, XML 3.98-1.3, xtable 1.7-4, zlibbioc 1.15.0

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