RNA-Hi-C-tools Documentation

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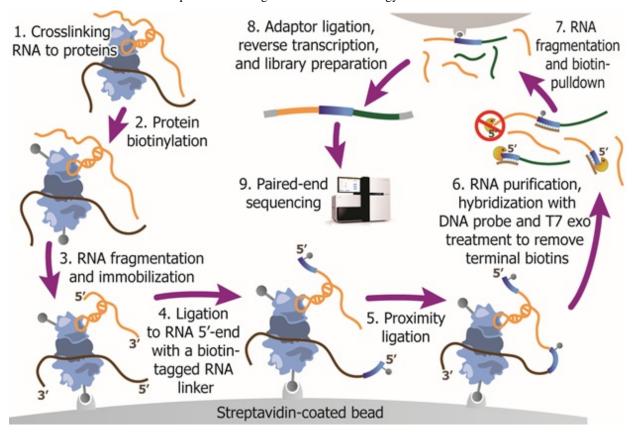
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RNA-HI-C-TOOLS 0.3 DOCUMENTATION

1.1 Overview

RNA-Hi-C-tools is a set of bioinformatic tools for analysis of a novel DNA sequencing based technology to detect RNA-RNA interactome and RNA-chromatin interactome (RNA-chromatin interactome is coming soon).

Below is a illustration for the experimental design of this new technology



See also:

Offline documentation.

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- Epub

1.2 Installation

1.2.1 step 1: Install the dependent prerequisites:

- 1. Python libraries [for python 2.x]:
- Biopython
- Pysam
- BAM2X
- Numpy, Scipy
- Parallel python (Only for Select_strongInteraction_pp.py)
- 2. The Boost.Python C++ library
- 3. Other softwares needed:
- Bowtie (or Bowtie 2 if you set Bowtie2 option in Stitch-seq_Aligner.py)
- · samtools
- NCBI blast+ (use blastn)

1.2.2 Step 2: Download the package

Clone the package from GitHub:

```
git clone http://github.com/yu68/RNA-Hi-C.git
```

1.2.3 Step 3: Add library source to your python path

Add these lines into your ~/.bash_profile or ~/.profile

```
Location="/path/of/RNA-Hi-C-tools" # change accordingly export PYTHONPATH="$Location/src:$PYTHONPATH" export PATH="$PATH:$Location/bin"
Loc_lib="/path/of/boost_1_xx_0/lib/" # change accordingly export LD_LIBRARY_PATH="$Loc_lib:$LD_LIBRARY_PATH"
```

1.3 Support

For issues related to the use of RNA-Hi-C-tools, or if you want to **report a bug or request a feature**, please contact Pengfei Yu <p3yu at ucsd dot edu>

CHAPTER

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ANALYSIS PIPELINE

2.1 Overview

The next generation DNA sequencing based technology utilize RNA proximity ligation to transfrom RNA-RNA interactions into chimeric DNAs. Through sequencing and mapping these chimeric DNAs, it is able to achieve high-throughput mapping of nearly entire interaction networks. RNA linkers were introduced to mark the junction of the ligation and help to split the chimeric RNAs into two interacting RNAs. This bioinformatic pipeline is trying to obtain the strong interactions from raw fastq sequencing data. The major steps are:

- Step 1: Remove PCR duplicates.
- Step 2: Split library based on barcode.txt.
- Step 3: Recover fragments for each library.
- Step 4: Split partners and classify different types of fragments.
- Step 5: Align both parts of "Paired" fragment to the genome.
- Step 6: Determine strong interactions.
- Step 7: Visualization of interactions and coverages.

Other functions:

- 1. Determine the RNA types of different parts within fragments.
- 2. Find linker sequences within the library.
- 3. Find intersections between two different interaction sets based on genomic locations
- 4. Find intersections between two different interaction sets based on annotation
- 5. RNA structure prediction by adding digestion site information

2.2 Pipeline

2.2.1 Step 1: Remove PCR duplicates.

Starting from the raw pair-end sequencing data, PCR duplicates should be removed as the first step if both the 10nt random indexes and the remaining sequences are exactly the same for two pairs. It is achieved by remove_dup_PE.py

```
usage: remove_dup_PE.py [-h] reads1 reads2
```

Remove duplicated reads which have same sequences for both forward and reverse reads. Choose the one appears first.

The program will generate two fastq/fasta files after removind PCR duplicates and report how many read pairs has been removed. The output are prefixed with 'Rm_dupPE'

Note: One pair is considered as a PCR duplicate only when the sequences of both two ends (including the 10nt random index) are the exactly same as any of other pairs.

2.2.2 Step 2: Split library based on barcode.txt.

After removing PCR duplicates, the libraries from different samples are separated based on 4nt barcodes in the middle of random indexes ("RRRBBBBRRR"; R: random, B: barcode). It is implemented by split_library_pairend.py

```
usage: split_library_pairend.py [-h] [-f | -q] [-v] [-b BARCODE]
                                 [-r RANGE [RANGE ...]] [-t] [-m MAX_SCORE]
                                 input1 input2
Example: split_library_pairend.py -q Rm_dupPE_example.F1.fastq
         Rm_dupPE_example.R1.fastq -b barcode.txt
positional arguments:
                        input fastq/fasta file 1 for pairend data (contain
  input1
                        barcodes)
  input2
                        input fastq/fasta file 2 for pairend data
optional arguments:
                   show this help message and exit add this option for fasta input file
  -h, --help
  -f, --fasta
  -q, --fastq
                      add this option for fastq input file
                     show program's version number and exit
  -v, --version
  -b BARCODE, --barcode BARCODE
                       barcode file
  -r RANGE [RANGE ...], --range RANGE [RANGE ...]
                        set range for barcode location within reads, default is
                        full read
  -t, --trim
                        trim sequence of 10nt index
  -m MAX_SCORE, --max_score MAX_SCORE
                        max(mismatch+indel) allowed for barcode match,
                        otherwise move reads into 'unassigned' file
                        default: 2.
Library dependency: Bio
```

Here is a example for barcode.txt

ACCT CCGG GGCG The output of this script are several pairs of fastq/fasta files prefixed with the 4nt barcode sequences, together with another pair of fastq/fasta files prefixed with 'unassigned'.

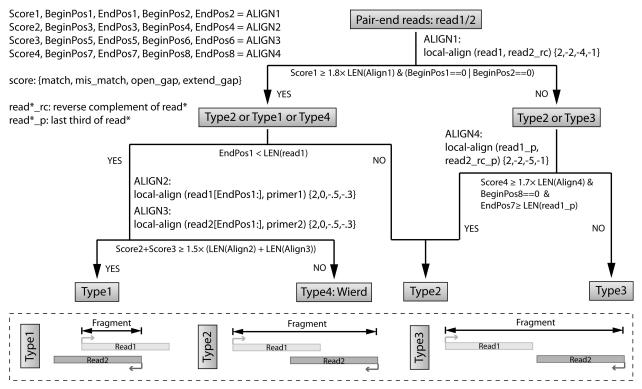
For example, if the input fastq/fasta files are Rm_dupPE_example.F1.fastq and Rm_dupPE_example.R1.fastq, and the barcode file is the same as above, then the output files are:

- ACCT_Rm_dupPE_example.F1.fastq
- ACCT_Rm_dupPE_example.R1.fastq
- CCGG_Rm_dupPE_example.F1.fastq
- CCGG_Rm_dupPE_example.R1.fastq
- GGCG_Rm_dupPE_example.F1.fastq
- GGCG_Rm_dupPE_example.R1.fastq
- unassigned_Rm_dupPE_example.F1.fastq
- unassigned_Rm_dupPE_example.R1.fastq

2.2.3 Step 3: Recover fragments for each library.

After splitting the libraries, the later steps from here (Step 3-7) need to be executed parallelly for each sample.

In this step, we are trying to recover the fragments based on local alignment. The fragments are classifed as several different types as shown in the figure below. The flow chart is also clarified at the top.



We will use a complied program recoverFragment to do that

recoverFragment - recover fragment into 4 different categories from pair-end seq data

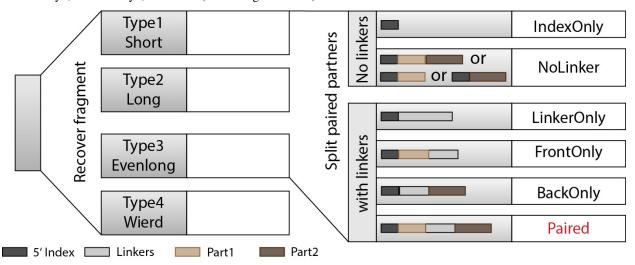
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```
DESCRIPTION
    -h, --help
          Displays this help message.
    --version
          Display version information
    -I, --inputs STR
          input of forward and reverse fastq file, path of two files separated by SPACE
    -p, --primer STR
          fasta file contianing two primer sequences
    -v, --verbose
          print alignment information for each alignment
EXAMPLES
    recoverFragment -I read_1.fastq read_2.fastq -p primer.fasta
          store fragment using fasta/fastq into 4 output files
          'short_*', 'long_*','evenlong_*','wierd_*'
VERSION
    recoverFragment version: 0.1
   Last update August 2013
```

2.2.4 Step 4: Split partners and classify different types of fragments.

When we recovered the fragments, the next we are goting to do is to find parts that are separated by the linkers, and from here, we will be able to classify the fragments into different types: "IndexOnly", "NoLinker", "LinkerOnly", "BackOnly", "FrontOnly", "Paired". (see the figure below).



This will be done by split partner.py

```
type1 and type2
 type3_1
                        read_1 for evenlong (type3) fastq file
 type3_2
                        read_2 for evenlong (type3) fastq file
optional arguments:
 -h, --help
                        show this help message and exit
  -e EVALUE, --evalue EVALUE
                        cutoff evalues, only choose alignment with evalue less
                        than this cutoffs (default: 1e-5).
 --linker_db LINKER_DB
                        BLAST database of linker sequences
  --blast_path BLAST_PATH
                        path for the local blast program
 -o OUTPUT, --output OUTPUT
                        output file containing sequences of two sepatated
                        parts
 -t TRIM, --trim TRIM \, trim off the first this number of nt as index,
                        default:10
 -b BATCH, --batch BATCH
                        batch this number of fragments for BLAST at a time.
                        default: 200000
                        set to allow released criterion for Paired fragment in
 -r, --release
                        Type 3, include those ones with no linker in two reads
 -1 LENGTH, --length LENGTH
                        shortest length to be considered for each part of the
                        pair, default: 15
Library dependency: Bio, itertools
```

Note: New option added in version 0.3.1, which could allow two different strategies for selection of "Paired" fragments from the Type3 fragments. The --release option will allow a read pair to be called as "Paired" fragment even when the linker are not detected in both reads.

The linker fasta file contain sequences of all linkers

```
>L1
CTAGTAGCCCATGCAATGCGAGGA
>L2
AGGAGCGTAACGTACCCGATGATC
```

The output fasta files will be the input file name with different prefix ("NoLinker", "LinkerOnly", "BackOnly", "FrontOnly", "Paired") for different types. The other output file specified by $-\circ$ contains information of aligned linker sequences for each Type1/2 fragment.

For example, if the commend is

```
split_partner.py fragment_ACCT.fasta evenlong_ACCTRm_dupPE_stitch_seq_1.fastq
    evenlong_ACCTRm_dupPE_stitch_seq_2.fastq
    -o fragment_ACCT_detail.txt --linker_db linker.fa
```

Then, the output files will be:

- backOnly fragment ACCT.fasta
- NoLinker_fragment_ACCT.fasta
- frontOnly_fragment_ACCT.fasta
- Paired1_fragment_ACCT.fasta

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- Paired2_fragment_ACCT.fasta
- fragment ACCT detail.txt

The format of the last output file fragment_ACCT_detail.txt will be "Name | linker_num | linker_loc | Type | linker_order". Here are two examples:

```
HWI-ST1001:238:HONYEADXX:1:1101:10221:1918 L1:2;L2:1 19,41;42,67;68,97 None L2;L1;L1 HWI-ST1001:238:HONYEADXX:1:1101:4620:2609 L1:2 28,46;47,79 Paired L1;L1
```

In the **first** fragment, there are three regions can be aligned to linkers, 2 for L1 and 1 for L2, the order is L2, L1, L1. And they are aligned in region [19,41], [42,67], [68,97] of the fragment. "None" means this fragment is either 'LinkerOnly' or 'IndexOnly' (in this case it is 'LinkerOnly'). This fragment won't be written to any of the output fasta files.

In the **second** fragment, two regions can be aligned to linkers, and they are both aligned to L1. The two regions are in [28,46], [47,79] of the fragment. the fragment is "Paired" because on both two sides flanking the linker aligned regions, the length is larger than 15nt. The left part will be writen in Paired1_fragment_ACCT.fasta and the right part in Paired2_fragment_ACCT.fasta

2.2.5 Step 5: Align both parts of "Paired" fragment to the genome.

In this step, we will use the Paired1* and Paired2* fasta files output from the previous step. The sequences of part1 and part2 are aligned to the mouse genome mm9 with Bowtie and the pairs with both part1 and part2 mappable are selected as output. We also annotate the RNA types of each part in this step. All of these are implemented using script Stitch-seq_Aligner.py.

```
usage: Stitch-seq_Aligner.py [-h] [-s samtool_path] [-a ANNOTATION]
                            [-A DB_DETAIL]
                            miRNA_reads mRNA_reads bowtie_path miRNA_ref
                            mRNA ref
Align miRNA-mRNA pairs for Stitch-seq. print the alignable miRNA-mRNA pairs
with coordinates
positional arguments:
 part1_reads
                       paired part1 fasta file
                      paired part2 fasta file
 part2_reads
                     path for the bowtie program
 bowtie_path
 part1_ref
                       reference genomic seq for part1
 part2_ref
                       reference genomic seg for part2
optional arguments:
 -h, --help
                       show this help message and exit
 -b, --bowtie2
                     set to use bowtie2 (--sensitive-local) for alignment,
                      need to change reference index and bowtie_path
 -u, --unique
                       set to only allow unique alignment
 -s samtool_path, --samtool_path samtool_path
                       path for the samtool program
 -a ANNOTATION, --annotation ANNOTATION
                       If specified, include the RNA type annotation for each
                       aligned pair, need to give bed annotation RNA file
 -A DB_DETAIL, --annotationGenebed DB_DETAIL
                       annotation bed12 file for lincRNA and mRNA with intron
                       and exon
Library dependency: Bio, pysam, itertools
```

An annotation file for different types of RNAs in mm9 genome (bed format, 'all_RNAs-rRNA_repeat.txt.gz') was included in Data folder. The annotation bed12 file for lincRNA and mRNA ('Ensembl_mm9.genebed.gz') was also included in Data folder. One can use the option -a ../Data/all_RNAs-rRNA_repeat.txt.gz -A ../Data/Ensembl mm9.genebed.gz for annotation.

Here is a example:

The format for the output file ACCT_fragment_paired_align.txt will be:

Column ¹	Description
1	chromosome name of part1
2,3	start/end position of part1
4	strand information of part1
5	sequence of part1
6	RNA type for part1
7	RNA name for part1
8	RNA subtype ² for part1
9	name of the pair

Note: Bowtie2 ("-sensitive-local" mode) option is added in version 0.3.1 for the user to choose, the reference index and bowtie_path need to be changed accordingly if you use bowtie2 instead of bowtie. User can also choose unique aligned reads or not by setting --unique option.

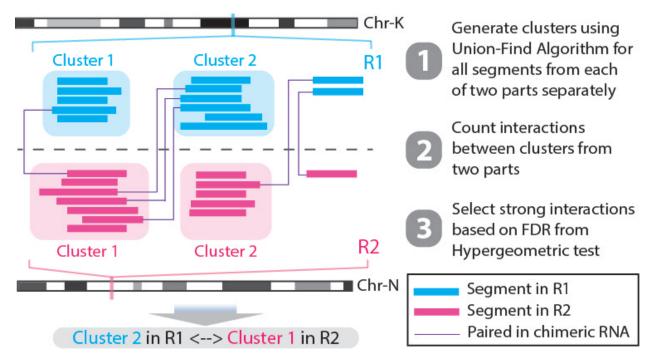
2.2.6 Step 6: Determine strong interactions.

In this step, we will generate clusters with high coverage separately for all part1 (R1) an part2 (R2) segments. Then based on the pairing information, we count the interactions between clusters from part1 and part2. The strong interactions can be selected by applying a p-value cutoff from hypergeometric test. (See figure below)

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¹column 10-17 are the same as column 1-8 except they are for part2 instead of part1.

²subtype can be intron/exon/utr5/utr3 for lincRNA and mRNA (protein-coding), '.' for others



We will use the script Select_strongInteraction_pp.py, parallel computing are implemented for clustering parallelly on different chromosomes:

```
usage: Select_strongInteraction_pp.py [-h] -i INPUT [-M MIN_CLUSTERS]
                                      [-m MIN_INTERACTION] [-p P_VALUE]
                                      [-O OUTPUT] [-P PARALLEL] [-F]
find strong interactions from paired genomic location data
optional arguments:
 -h, --help
                        show this help message and exit
 -i INPUT, --input INPUT
                        input file which is the output file of Stitch-seq-
                        Aligner.py
 -M MIN_CLUSTERS, --min_clusterS MIN_CLUSTERS
                        minimum number of segments allowed in each cluster,
                        default:5
  -m MIN_INTERACTION, --min_interaction MIN_INTERACTION
                        minimum number of interactions to support a strong
                        interaction, default:3
 -p P_VALUE, --p_value P_VALUE
                        the p-value based on hypergeometric distribution to
                        call strong interactions, default: 0.05
 -o OUTPUT, --output OUTPUT
                        specify output file
 -P PARALLEL, --parallel PARALLEL
                        number of workers for parallel computing, default: 5
 -F, --FDR
                        Compute FDR if specified
```

The input of the script is the output of Step 5 (ACCT_fragment_paired_align.txt in the example). "annotated_bed" class is utilized in this script.

Here is a example:

need Scipy for hypergeometric distribution

Select_strongInteraction.py -i ACCT_fragment_paired_align.txt -o ACCT_interaction_clusters.txt

The column description for output file ACCT_interaction_clusters.txt is:

Column	Description	
1	chromosome name of cluster in part1	
2,3	start/end position of cluster in part1	
4	RNA type for cluster in part1	
5	RNA name for cluster in part1	
6	RNA subtype for cluster in part1	
7	# of counts for cluster in part1	
8-14	Same as 1-7, but for cluster in part2	
15	# of interactions between these two clusters	
16	log(p-value) of the hypergeometric testing	

2.2.7 Step 7: Visualization of interactions and coverages.

There are two ways of visulization provided (LOCAL and GLOBAL):

- Visualization of local interactions.
- Visualization of global interactome.

2.3 Other functions

2.3.1 Determine the RNA types of different parts within fragments.

2.3.2 Find linker sequences within the library.

2.3.3 Find intersections between two different interaction sets based on genomic locations

The script tool intersectInteraction.py could be used to identify overlap of interactions between two interaction set from independent experiments based on genomic locations (two replicates or two different samples)

```
usage: intersectInteraction.py [-h] -a FILEA -b FILEB [-s START] [-n NBASE]
                               [-o OUTPUT] [-c]
find intersections (overlaps) between two interaction sets
optional arguments:
 -h, --help
                        show this help message and exit
 -a FILEA, --filea FILEA
                        file for interaction set a
 -b FILEB, --fileb FILEB
                        file for interaction set b
 -s START, --start START
                        start column number of the second part in each
                        interaction (0-based), default:7
 -n NBASE, --nbase NBASE
                        number of overlapped nucleotides for each part of
                      interactions to call intersections, default: 1
 -o OUTPUT, --output OUTPUT
```

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```
specify output file
-p, --pvalue calculate p-values based on 100times permutations
require 'random' &' numpy' &' scipy' module if set '-p'
```

if "-p" option is set, then the program will do permutation for 100 times by shuffling the two partners of interactions in set a. A p-value will be calculate based on permutation distribution.

2.3.4 Find intersections between two different interaction sets based on annotation

The script tool intersectInteraction_genePair.R could be used to identify overlap of interactions between two interaction set from independent experiments based on the RNA annotations (two replicates or two different samples)

```
usage: intersectInteraction_genePair.R [-h] [-n NUM [NUM ...]] [-p] [-r]
                                      [-o OUTPUT]
                                      interactionA interactionB
Call intersections based on gene pairs
positional arguments:
 interactionA the interaction file b, [required]
optional arguments:
 -h, --help
                       show this help message and exit
 -n NUM [NUM ...], --num NUM [NUM ...]
                      Column numbers for the gene name in two part, [default:
                       [5, 12]]
                       set to do 100 permutations for p-value of overlap
 -p, --pvalue
 -r, --release
                       set to only require match of chromosome and RNA name,
                       but not subtype
 -o OUTPUT, --output OUTPUT
                       output intersection file name, pairs in A that overlap
                       with B, [default: intersect.txt]
```

if "-p" option is set, then the program will do permutation for 100 times by shuffling the two partners of interactions in both set a and set b. A p-value will be calculate based on permutation distribution.

2.3.5 RNA structure prediction by adding digestion site information

The script will take selfligated chimeric fragments from given snoRNA (ID) and predict secondary structures with and without constraints of digested single strand sites. It is also able to compare the known structure in dot format if the known structure is available and specified by "-a". The script needs RNAStructure software for structure prediction ("-R") and and VARNA command line tool for visualization ("-v").

```
ID
                        Ensembl gene ID of RNA
 linkedPair
                        file for information of linked pairs, which is output
                        of 'Stitch-seq_Aligner.py'
optional arguments:
 -h, --help
                        show this help message and exit
 -g GENOMEFA, --genomeFa GENOMEFA
                        genomic sequence, need to be fadix-ed
 -R RNASTRUCTUREEXE, --RNAstructureExe RNASTRUCTUREEXE
                        folder of RNAstrucutre suite excutable
 -a ACCEPTDOT, --acceptDot ACCEPTDOT
                        accepted structure in dot format, for comparing of
                        accuracy, no comparison if not set
 -o OUTPUT, --output OUTPUT
                        output distribution of digested sites with dot
                        structures, can be format of eps, pdf, png,...
 -s samtool_path, --samtool_path samtool_path
                        path for the samtool program
 -v VARNA, --varna VARNA
                        path for the VARNA visualization for RNA
 -c COLORMAPSTYLE, --colorMapStyle COLORMAPSTYLE
                        style of color map, choose from: "red", "blue",
                        "green", "heat", "energy", and "bw", default: "heat"
```

Here is a example:

```
python RNA_structure_prediction.py \
    ENSMUSG00000064380 \
    /data2/sysbio/UCSD-sequencing/2013-11-27-Bharat_Tri_Shu/Undetermined_indices/Sample_lane8/ACCT_GGCG
-a Snora73_real_dot.txt \
    -o Snora73_distribution.pdf
```

Here "Snora73_real_dot.txt" is dot format of known Snora73 structure This will generate three eps files with secondary structures ("Predict", "Refine", "Accepted (known)". Also the output pdf file contains the distribution of digested sites in whole RNA molecule.

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VISUALIZATION OF LOCAL RNA-RNA INTERACTIONS

3.1 Prerequirement

This program require python modules: xplib, matplotlib, numpy, bx-python

3.2 Run the program to generate visualization

The script "Plot_interaction.py" will be used for this purpose,

```
usage: Plot_interaction.py [-h] [-n N] [-s START [START ...]] [-d DISTANCE]
                           [-g GENEBED] [-w PHYLOP_WIG] [-p PAIR_DIST] [-S]
                           [-o OUTPUT]
                           interaction linkedPair
plot linked pairs around a given interaction. information of linked pairs are
stored in file '*_fragment_paired_align.txt'
positional arguments:
                        Interaction file from output of
 interaction
                        'Select_strongInteraction_pp.py'
 linkedPair
                        file for information of linked pairs, which is output
                        of 'Stitch-seq_Aligner.py'
optional arguments:
 -h, --help
                        show this help message and exit
 -n N
                        Choose region to plot, it can be a number (around n-th
                        interaction in the interaction file). This is mutually
                        exclusive with '-r' option
 -r R [R ...]
                        Choose region to plot, give two interaction regions
                        with format 'chr:start-end', this is mutually
                        exclusive with '-n' option
 -s START [START ...], --start START [START ...]
                        start column number of the second region in
                        interaction file and linkedPair file, default=(7,8)
 -d DISTANCE, --distance DISTANCE
                        the plus-minus distance (unit: kbp) flanking the
                        interaction regions to be plotted, default=10
 -g GENEBED, --genebed GENEBED
                        the genebed file from Ensembl, default:
                        ../Data/Ensembl_mm9.genebed
 -w PHYLOP_WIG, --phyloP_wig PHYLOP_WIG
                        the bigWig file for phyloP scores, defualt:
```

```
mouse.phyloP30way.bw

-p PAIR_DIST, --pair_dist PAIR_DIST

two interacted parts within this distance are
considered as self-ligated and they are marked or
eliminated (see option -s for slim mode), default:
200bp

-S, --Slim set slim mode to eliminate self ligated interactions
-o OUTPUT, --output OUTPUT
output plot file, can be format of emf, eps, pdf, png,
ps, raw, rgba, svg, svgz
```

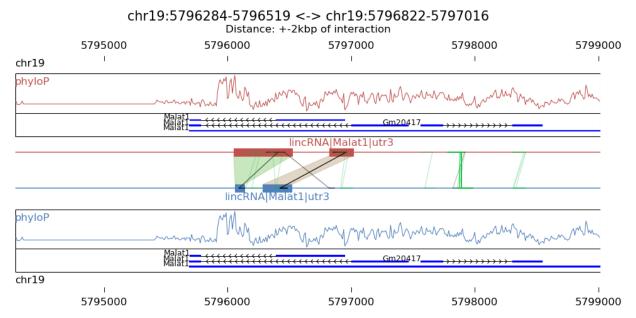
Note: linkedPair file is the output *_fragment_paired_align.txt from *Step5:Stitch-seq_Aligner.py* of the pipeline; Interaction txt file is the output of *Step6:Select_strongInteraction_pp.py*.

3.3 Example of result graph

Example code:

```
python Plot_interaction.py
    ACCT_interaction_clusters_rmrRNA.txt \
    ACCT_fragment_paired_align_rmRNA_sort.txt.gz \
    -n 2412 \
    -d 5 \
    -o local_interaction.pdf
```

Result figure:



Explanation:

VISUALIZATION OF INTRA-RNA INTERACTIONS BY HEATMAP

4.1 Prerequirement

This program require python modules: xplib, matplotlib, numpy

4.2 Run the program to generate heatmap for interactions within RNA molecule

This program could generate an heatmap to show interactions between different regions within an RNA molecule which are spatially proximate to each other. We use the script "Plot_interaction_heatmap.py"

```
usage: Plot_interaction_heatmap.py [-h] [-n NAME] [-r R]
                                   [-s START [START ...]] [-g GENEBED]
                                   [-p PAIR_DIST] [-S] [-t STEP] [-I]
                                   [-o OUTPUT]
                                   interaction linkedPair
plot interactions using a heatmap. information of linked pairs are stored in
file '*_fragment_paired_align.txt'
positional arguments:
 interaction
                       Interaction file from output of
                        'Select_strongInteraction_pp.py'
 linkedPair
                        file for information of linked pairs, which is output
                        of 'Stitch-seq_Aligner.py'
optional arguments:
 -h, --help
                        show this help message and exit
 -n NAME, --name NAME give a gene name and plot the interaction heatmap new
                        the gene region, exclusive with '-r' option
 -r R
                        Choose region to plot, give region with format 'chr
                        :start-end', exclusive with '-n' option
 -s START [START ...], --start START [START ...]
                        start column number of the second region in
                        interaction file and linkedPair file, default=(7,9)
 -g GENEBED, --genebed GENEBED
                        the genebed file from Ensembl, default:
                        Ensembl_mm9.genebed
 -p PAIR_DIST, --pair_dist PAIR_DIST
                        two interacted parts within this distance are
                        considered as self-ligated and they are marked or
                        eliminated (see option -s for slim mode), default:
```

```
-S, --Slim set slim mode to eliminate self ligated interactions
-t STEP, --step STEP step or resolution or unit size of the heatmap,
default=10bp
-I, --SI Specify to add strong interaction in the
figure, default: False
-o OUTPUT, --output OUTPUT
output plot file, can be format of emf, eps, pdf, png,
ps, raw, rgba, svg, svgz

Require: xplib, matplotlib, numpy
```

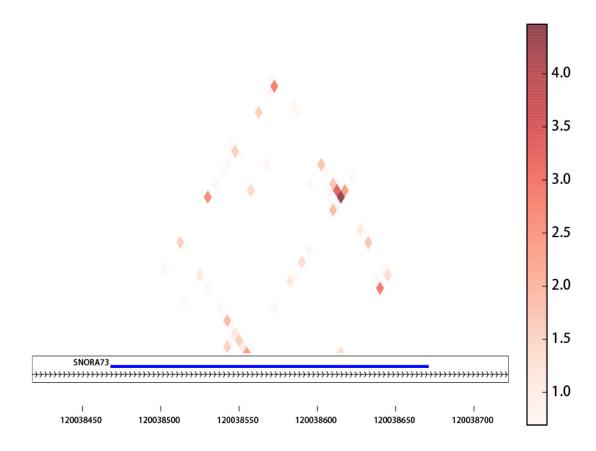
Note: linkedPair file is the output *_fragment_paired_align.txt from *Step5:Stitch-seq_Aligner.py* of the pipeline; Interaction txt file is the output of *Step6:Select_strongInteraction_pp.py*. Users can use two different ways to give the region to be plotted. One is directly use the '-r' option to specify the region, another is to give a gene name and the script can find a larger region covering the gene region.

4.3 Example of result graph

Example code:

```
python Plot_interaction_heatmap.py
    ACCT_GGCG_interaction_clusters.txt \
    ACCT_GGCG_fragment_paired_align_rmRNA_sort.txt.gz \
    -r chr9:120038418-120038722 \
    -t 5 \
    -s 7 9 \
    -g ../Data/Ensembl_mm9.genebed.gz \
    -o Snora73_intra_interaction.pdf
```

Result figure:



Explanation:

The heatmap is basd on the log(count+1) of mapped linkage pairs across two windows with size [step]bp

CHAPTER

FIVE

VISUALIZATION OF GLOBAL RNA-RNA INTERACTOME

5.1 Prerequirement

This program is powered by RCircos.

Required R packages (our program will check for the presence of these packages and install/load them automatically if not present):

• argparse, RCircos, biovizBase, rtracklayer

The program also require a python script "bam2tab.py" (already in /bin/ folder) to call coverage from BAM2X

5.2 Run the program to generate visualization

We will use the script "Plot_Circos.R" for this purpose.

```
usage: Plot_Circos.R [-h] [-g GENOME] [-b BIN] [-o OUTPUT]
                  interaction part1 part2
positional arguments:
 interaction
                       the interaction file, [required]
 part1
                       aligned BAM file for part1, [required]
 part2
                       aligned BAM file for part2, [required]
optional arguments:
 -h, --help
                        show this help message and exit
 -g GENOME, --genome GENOME
                        genome information, choice: mm9/mm10/hg19 et.al.,
                        [default: mm9]
 -b BIN, --bin BIN
                       window size for the bins for coverage calling, [default: 100000.0]
 -o OUTPUT, --output OUTPUT
                        output pdf file name, [default: Interactome_view.pdf]
```

Note: part1, part2 BAM files are the ones generated from *Step5:Stitch-seq_Aligner.py* of the pipeline; Interaction txt file is the output of *Step6:Select_strongInteraction_pp.py*.

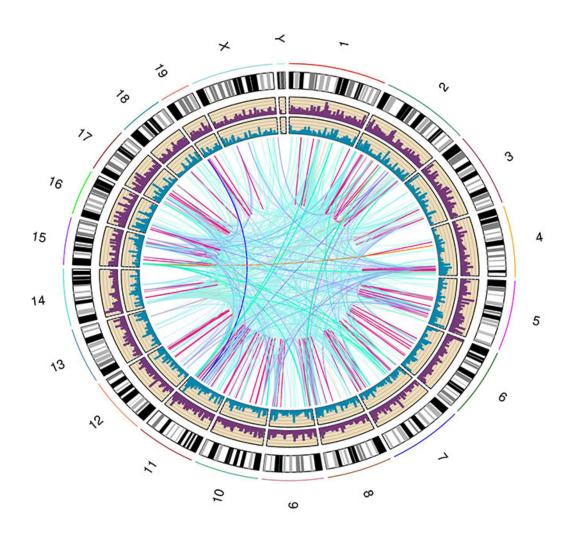
5.3 Example of result graph

Example code:

Rscript Plot_Circos.R GGCG_interaction_clusters.txt
 sort_Paired1_fragment_GGCG.bam sort_Paired2_fragment_GGCG.bam
 -b 100000 -o Interactome_GGCG.pdf

Result figure:

RNA-RNA interactome



Explanation:

VISUALIZATION OF INTERACTION TYPES ENRICHMENT

6.1 Prerequirement

Required R packages (our program will check for the presence of these packages and install/load them automatically if not present):

• "argparse","ggplot2","scales"

6.2 Run the program to generate visualization for enrichment of different types of interactions

We will use the script "Interaction_type_enrichment.R" for this purpose.

```
usage: ../../bin/Interaction_type_enrichment.R [-h] [-n NUM [NUM ...]]
                                                [-o OUTPUT]
                                                interaction
plot the statistical significance for enrichment of different interaction
types
positional arguments:
                      the strong interaction file, [required]
  interaction
 optional arguments:
  -h, --help
                         show this help message and exit
  -n NUM [NUM ...], --num NUM [NUM ...]
                         Column numbers for the type name in two part, [default:
                         [4, 11]]
  -o OUTPUT, --output OUTPUT
                         output pdf figure file, [default:
                         interaction_type.pdf]
```

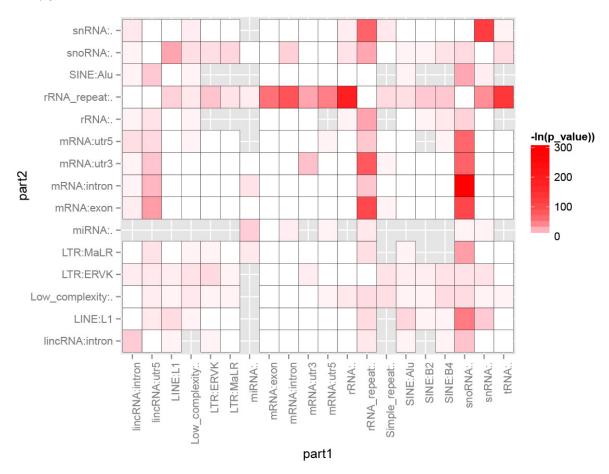
Note: Interaction txt file is the output of *Step6:Select strongInteraction pp.py*.

6.3 Example of result graph

Example code:

Rscript Interaction_type_enrichment.R ACCT_interaction_clusters.txt -n 4 11 -o ACCT_interaction_type.pdf

Result figure:



Explanation:

For each interaction types (Type1_in_Part1<->Type2_in_Part2), we calculated the number of Type1 in Part1 from all interactions n1 and number of Type2 in Part2 from all interactions n2. Then we calculate the number of interactions with this type: Type1_in_Part1<->Type2_in_Part2 n12. The p-value for each interaction type is calculated based on the hypergeometric distribution with R command: phyper(n12, n1, total_n - n1, n2, lower.tail=F). Here total_n is the total number of strong interactions. The color for each cell (each interaction type) are coded based on the value of "-ln(p-value)".

PYTHON APIS CREATED FOR THIS PROJECT

7.1 Annotation module

For the purpose of annotating RNA types for genomic regions.

```
Annotation.overlap(bed1, bed2)
```

This function compares overlap of two Bed object from same chromosome

Parameters

- bed1 A Bed object from xplib.Annotation.Bed (BAM2X)
- bed2 A Bed object from xplib.Annotation.Bed (BAM2X)

Returns boolean - True or False

Example:

```
>>> from xplib.Annotation import Bed
>>> from Annotation import overlap
>>> bed1=Bed(["chr1",10000,12000])
>>> bed2=Bed(["chr1",9000,13000])
>>> print overlap(bed1,bed2)
True
```

Annotation. Subtype (bed1, genebed)

This function determines intron or exon or utr from a BED12 file.

Parameters

- **bed1** A Bed object defined by xplib.Annotation.Bed (BAM2X)
- genebed A Bed12 object representing a transcript defined by xplib Annotaton.Bed with information of exon/intron/utr from an BED12 file

Returns str – RNA subtype. "intron"/"exon"/"utr3"/"utr5"/"."

Example:

```
>>> from xplib.Annotation import Bed
>>> from xplib import DBI
>>> from Annotation import Subtype
>>> bed1=Bed(["chr13",40975747,40975770])
>>> a=DBI.init("../../Data/Ensembl_mm9.genebed.gz","bed")
>>> genebed=a.query(bed1).next()
>>> print Subtype(bed1,genebed)
"intron"
```

Annotation.annotation(bed, ref_allRNA, ref_detail, ref_repeat)

This function is based on overlap() and Subtype() functions to annotate RNA type/name/subtype for any genomic region.

Parameters

- **bed** A Bed object defined by xplib.Annotation.Bed (in BAM2X).
- ref_allRNA the DBI.init object (from BAM2X) for bed6 file of all kinds of RNA
- ref_detail the DBI.init object for bed12 file of lincRNA and mRNA with intron, exon, UTR
- ref_detail the DBI.init object for bed6 file of mouse repeat

Returns list of str – [type,name,subtype]

Example:

```
>>> from xplib.Annotation import Bed
>>> from xplib import DBI
>>> from Annotation import annotation
>>> bed=Bed(["chr13",40975747,40975770])
>>> ref_allRNA=DBI.init("../../Data/all_RNAs-rRNA_repeat.txt.gz","bed")
>>> ref_detail=DBI.init("../../Data/Ensembl_mm9.genebed.gz","bed")
>>> ref_repeat=DBI.init("../../Data/mouse.repeat.txt.gz","bed")
>>> print annotation(bed,ref_allRNA,ref_detail,ref_repeat)
["protein_coding","gcnt2","intron"]
```

7.2 "annotated bed" data class

```
class data structure.annotated bed(x=None, **kwargs)
```

To store, compare, cluster for the genomic regions with RNA annotation information. Utilized in the program Select_stronginteraction_pp.py

Cluster(c)

Store cluster information of self object

Parameters c – cluster index

Example:

```
>>> a=annotated_bed(chr="chr13", start=40975747, end=40975770)
>>> a.Cluster(3)
>>> print a.cluster
3
```

Note: a.cluster will be the count information when a become a cluster object in *Select_stronginteraction_pp.py*

Update (S, E)

Update the upper and lower bound of the cluster after adding segments using Union-Find.

Parameters

- \mathbf{S} start loc of the newly added genomic segment
- E end loc of the newly added genomic segment

Example:

```
>>> a=annotated_bed(chr="chr13", start=40975747, end=40975770)
    >>> a.Update(40975700,40975800)
    >>> print a.start, a.end
    40975700 40975800
___init__(x=None, **kwargs)
    Initiation example:
    >>> str="chr13 40975747
                                      40975770
                                                               ATTAAG...TGA protein_coding gcnt
    >>> a=annotated_bed(str)
    >>> a=annotated_bed(chr="chr13",start=40975747,end=40975770,strand='+',type="protein_coding"
 _lt___(other)
    Compare two objects self and other when they are not overlapped
        Parameters other - another annotated_bed object
        Returns boolean – "None" if overlapped.
    Example:
    >>> a=annotated_bed(chr="chr13", start=40975747, end=40975770)
    >>> b=annotated_bed(chr="chr13",start=10003212,end=10005400)
    >>> print a>b
    False
 _str__()
    Use print function to output the cluster information (chr, start, end, type, name, subtype, cluster)
    Example:
    >>> str="chr13 40975747
                                      40975770
                                                       +
                                                               ATTAAG...TGA
                                                                                 protein_coding gcnt
    >>> a=annotated_bed(str)
    >>> a.Cluster(3)
    >>> a.Update(40975700,40975800)
    >>> print a
    "chr13 40975700
                             40975800
                                              protein_coding gcnt2 intron 3"
overlap (other)
    Find overlap between regions
        Parameters other – another annotated_bed object
        Returns boolean
```

7.3 "RNAstructure" class

```
class RNAstructure .RNAstructure (exe path=None)
```

Interface class for RNAstructure executable programs.

```
DuplexFold (seq1=None, seq2=None, dna=False)
```

Use "DuplexFold" program to calculate the minimum folding between two input sequences

Parameters

- seq1,seq2 two DNA/RNA sequences as string, or existing fasta file name
- dna boolean input. Specify then DNA parameters are to be used

Returns minimum binding energy, (unit: kCal/Mol)

Example:

```
>>> from RNAstructure import RNAstructure
>>> RNA_prog = RNAstructure(exe_path="/home/yu68/Software/RNAstructure/exe/")
>>> seq1 = "TAGACTGATCAGTAAGTCGGTA"
>>> seq2 = "GACTAGCTTAGGTAGGATAGTCAGTA"
>>> energy=RNA_prog.DuplexFold(seq1, seq2)
>>> print energy
```

Fold (seq=None, ct_name=None, sso_file=None, Num=1)

Use "Fold" program to predict the secondary structure and output dot format.

Parameters

- seq one DNA/RNA sequence as string, or existing fasta file name
- **ct_name** specify to output a ct file with this name, otherwise store in temp, default: None
- sso_file give a single strand offset file, format see http://rna.urmc.rochester.edu/Text/File Formats.html#Offset
- Num choose Num th predicted structure

Returns dot format of RNA secondary structure and RNA sequence.

Example:

Parameters exe_path – the folder path of the RNAstructure executables

Example:

```
>>> from RNAstructure import RNAstructure
>>> RNA_prog = RNAstructure(exe_path="/home/yu68/Software/RNAstructure/exe/")
scorer(ct_name1, ct_name2)
```

Use 'scorer' pogram to compare a predicted secondary structure to an accepted structure. It calculates two quality metrics, sensitivity and PPV

Parameters

- ct_name1 The name of a CT file containing predicted structure data.
- ct_name2 The name of a CT file containing accepted structure data, can only store one structure.

Returns sensitivity, PPV, number of the best predicted structure.

Example:

```
>>> ct_name1 = "temp_prediction.ct"
>>> ct_name2 = "temp_accept.ct"
>>> from RNAstructure import RNAstructure
>>> RNA_prog = RNAstructure(exe_path="/home/yu68/Software/RNAstructure/exe/")
>>> sensitivity, PPV, Number = RNA_prog.scorer(ct_name1,ct_name2)
```

RESOURCES OF STRONG INTERACTIONS FROM TWO MOUSE CELL TYPES

8.1 Description of different samples

8.1.1 E14 WP 1

Cell line ESC E14

Barcode ACCT

Experimental Details Actively growing E14 cells were UV irradiated (254 nm) at 200mJ/cm to crosslink proteins to interacting RNAs. After cell lysis, we trim down RNAs into 1000-2000 nt using RNase I and remove DNA by TURBO DNase. To recover RNAs bound to RNA-binding proteins, we biotinlabeled them with EZ-Link Iodoacetyl-PEG2-Biotin from Pierce. RNA-protein complexes were next immobilized on Streptavidin-coated beads. The beads are then saturated with free biotin, preventing it from interfering with following ligation with biotin-tagged linker. A biotin-tagged RNA linker was ligated to the 5'-end of immobilized RNAs. Proximity ligation was then carried out under diluted conditions while the RNA-protein complexes are still bound on bead. After RNA purification by Proteinase K and phenol-chloroform extraction, we specifically removed the unligated biotin by first anneal a complementary DNA oligo to the biotin-tagged linker by using the annealing protocol: 70oC for 5 min, 25oC for 20 min, T7 Exo for 30 min. Exonuclease T7 was added to remove terminal unligated biotin at the double-stranded RNAlinker-DNAoligo hybrid. T7 Exonuclease acts in the 5' to 3' direction, catalyzing the removal of 5' mononucleotides from duplex DNA and RNA/DNA hybrids in the 5' to 3' direction. The resulted RNAs were fragmented again into ~200 nt using RNase III RNA Fragmentation Module from NEB (1ul of RNase III in 6 min at 37C). The RNAs were purified by column and ligated with sequencing adapter, then reverse-transcribed and PCR for library construction. We applied an rRNA removal step after constructing cDNA by using an rRNA removal protocol based on the Duplex-Specific thermostable nuclease (DSN) enzyme using the protocol recommended by Illumina. The constructed cDNAs were quality-checked by Bioanalyzer. The cDNAs were next subjected paired-end sequencing on HiSeq-2500 platform.

Linker mL5: 5' - rCrUrA rG/iBiodT/rA rGrCrC rCrArU rGrCrA rArUrG rCrGrA rGrGrA - 3'

8.1.2 E14_WP_2

Cell line ESC E14

Barcode GGCG

Experimental Details Same as E14_WP_1 but this time rRNA removal was performed right after Proteinase K and phenol-chloroform treatment using the GeneRead rRNA Depletion Kit by Qiagen.

Furthermore, the annealing of RNA linker and complementary DNA oligo was changed into: denature for 90 s at 90°C, and then anneal at -0.1°C/s to 25 °C and then incubate for 25 min at 25 °C. Since after rRNA depletion the amount of RNA remained was less than that obtained from E14 #1, we reduced the duration of RNA fragmentation by RNase III from 6 min to 3 min. However, this reduction in RNase III treatment led to large fragments than desirable.

Linker mL5: 5' - rCrUrA rG/iBiodT/rA rGrCrC rCrArU rGrCrA rArUrG rCrGrA rGrGrA - 3'

8.1.3 E14 WP 3

Cell line ESC E14

Barcode AATG

Experimental Details To detect interactions between RNAs that are not bound to the same protein but to interacting proteins, we used formaldehyde in conjunction with a second crosslinker, EGS. The combination of formaldehyde and EGS crosslinks both RNA-protein and protein-protein interactions thereby maximize the detection of RNA-RNA interactions that are facilitated by interacting proteins. Actively grown E14 cells was crosslinked with 1.5 mM of freshly prepared EthylGlycol bis(SuccinimidylSuccinate) (EGS)) for 45 minutes at room temperature and then 1% of formaldehyde for 10 minutes also at room temperature. Since crosslinking by formaldehyde makes the cells very rigid and less amenable to be broken down lysis buffer. Therefore, we utilized sonication to fragment the protein-bound RNA into ~1000 nt size range. The remaining steps were performed similarly to E14 WP 2.

Another main difference between this sample and other samples is that we didn't remove the nuclei, thus effectively including RNA-RNA interactions inside the nucleus into the sample. In other samples, only the cytoplasm was enriched.

Linker mL5: 5' - rCrUrA rG/iBiodT/rA rGrCrC rCrArU rGrCrA rArUrG rCrGrA rGrGrA - 3'

8.1.4 MEF WP 1

Cell line MEF **Barcode** GGCG

Experimental Details We irradiated actively grown 1E8 MEF cells (254 nm). This time, the RNAs were fragmented into 300nt size range. RNase III fragmentation was also modified accordingly to adjust for smaller amount of RNAs: instead of adding 1ul of RNase III, we added only 0.5uL of RNase III and then incubated at 37C for 5 min. The subsequent steps were performed using the same procedure as E14_WP_2.

Linker mL5: 5' - rCrUrA rG/iBiodT/rA rGrCrC rCrArU rGrCrA rArUrG rCrGrA rGrGrA - 3'

8.2 Resources of Strong Interactions

8.2.1 From merged data of E14 WP 1 and E14 WP 2:

Strong interactions based on clustering of genomic locations

Genome mm9

Explanation

- First seven column is for information of cluster in Part1 of interaction (5'side of linker); second seven column is for information of cluster in Part2 of interaction (3'side of linker)
- Type: RNA types or repeat types; Name: RNA or repeat names; Subtype: intron/utr3/utr5/exon for mRNA, intron/utr for lincRNA or repeat family; Count: number of supported reads in that cluster
- Second last column is the number of mapped pairs that support this interaction.
- Last column is the "ln(p_value)" for the significance of interaction. P_value is based on a hypergeometric test

Strong interactions (ES_UV) (Include two sheets, one for all interactions, and another one for the interactions that are not involving rRNA)

List of clusters (ES_UV) (Removing rRNA/rRNA_repeats)

Strong interactions noLeftRight (ES_UV) (Clusters are generated by merging RNA1 and RNA2, The directions of RNA1 and RNA2 are ignored)

Strong interactions based on annotation of RNAs

Genome mm9

Explanation

- First six column is for information of RNA in Part1 of interaction (5'side of linker); second six column is for information of RNA in Part2 of interaction (3'side of linker)
- Type: RNA or repeat types; Name: RNA or repeat names; Count: number of supported reads in that RNA
- Second last column is the number of mapped pairs that support this interaction.
- Last column is the "ln(p_value)" for the significance of interaction. P_value is based on a hypergeometric test

Strong interactions RNA (ES_UV)

Strong interactions RNA noLeftRight (ES_UV) (The directions of RNA1 and RNA2 are ignored, and interactions involving introns are deleted)

8.2.2 From E14_WP_3 dual crosslinking:

Strong interactions based on clustering of genomic locations

Genome mm9

Explanation

- First seven column is for information of cluster in Part1 of interaction (5'side of linker); second seven column is for information of cluster in Part2 of interaction (3'side of linker)
- Type: RNA types or repeat types; Name: RNA or repeat names; Subtype: intron/utr3/utr5/exon for mRNA, intron/utr for lincRNA or repeat family; Count: number of supported reads in that cluster
- Second last column is the number of mapped pairs that support this interaction.
- Last column is the "ln(p_value)" for the significance of interaction. P_value is based on a hypergeometric test

Strong interactions (ES_dual) (Include two sheets, one for all interactions, and another one for the interactions that are not involving rRNA)

List of clusters (ES_dual) (Removing rRNA/rRNA_repeats)

Strong interactions noLeftRight (ES_dual) (Clusters are generated by merging RNA1 and RNA2, The directions of RNA1 and RNA2 are ignored)

Strong interactions based on annotation of RNAs

Genome mm9

Explanation

- First six column is for information of RNA in Part1 of interaction (5'side of linker); second six column is for information of RNA in Part2 of interaction (3'side of linker)
- Type: RNA or repeat types; Name: RNA or repeat names; Count: number of supported reads in that RNA
- Second last column is the number of mapped pairs that support this interaction.
- Last column is the "ln(p_value)" for the significance of interaction. P_value is based on a hypergeometric test

Strong interactions RNA (ES_dual)

Strong interactions RNA noLeftRight (ES_dual) (The directions of RNA1 and RNA2 are ignored, and interactions involving introns are deleted)

8.2.3 From MEF_WP_1 sample:

Strong interactions based on clustering of genomic locations

Genome mm9

Explanation

- First seven column is for information of cluster in Part1 of interaction (5'side of linker); second seven column is for information of cluster in Part2 of interaction (3'side of linker)
- **Type**: RNA types or repeat types; **Name**: RNA or repeat names; **Subtype**: intron/utr3/utr5/exon for mRNA, intron/utr for lincRNA or repeat family; **Count**: number of supported reads in that cluster
- Second last column is the number of mapped pairs that support this interaction.
- Last column is the "ln(p_value)" for the significance of interaction. P_value is based on a hypergeometric test

Strong interactions (MEF) (Include two sheets, one for all interactions, and another one for the interactions that are not involving rRNA)

List of clusters (MEF) (Removing rRNA/rRNA_repeats)

Strong interactions noLeftRight (MEF) (Clusters are generated by merging RNA1 and RNA2, The directions of RNA1 and RNA2 are ignored)

Strong interactions based on annotation of RNAs

Genome mm9

Explanation

- First six column is for information of RNA in Part1 of interaction (5'side of linker); second six column is for information of RNA in Part2 of interaction (3'side of linker)
- Type: RNA or repeat types; Name: RNA or repeat names; Count: number of supported reads in that RNA
- Second last column is the number of mapped pairs that support this interaction.
- Last column is the "ln(p_value)" for the significance of interaction. P_value is based on a hypergeometric test

Strong interactions RNA (MEF)

Strong interactions RNA noLeftRight (MEF) (The directions of RNA1 and RNA2 are ignored, and interactions involving introns are deleted)

8.2.4 Number of different types of interactions:

Strong interactions based on clusters of genomic locations (There are three sheets, "All_interactions", "Inter-RNA_interactions", "Intra-RNA interactions")

Strong interactions based on annotations of RNAs

Strong interactions based on annotations of RNAs noLeftRight no Intron

- For each cell type, there are two columns,
- The first column gives the number of strong interactions with this interaction type,
- the second column gives the number of mapped pairs that support this interaction type.

8.3 Target of miRNA in mir-290-295 clusters and mmu-mir-703

- The information of miRNAs are in columns 1-5;
- The information of target locations are in columns 6-11;
- The the last column gives the count of supported mapped pairs.

8.3.1 From merged data of E14 WP 1 and E14 WP 2:

Target of miRNA in mir-290-295 clusters and mmu-mir-703 (ES_UV)

8.3.2 From E14_WP_3 dual crosslinking:

Target of miRNA in mir-290-295 clusters and mmu-mir-703 (ES_dual)

Note: RNA Hi-C tools benifits a lot from BAM2X, a convenient python interface for most common NGS datatypes. Try BAM2X now!



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UPDATES

2014-5-15:

- Add result resources for identified strong interactions in mouse E14 cells and MEF cells.
- New function to generate heatmap for intra-RNA interactions: *Plot_interaction_heatmap.py*.

2014-05-14:

- Add new function to find overlap between two interaction sets based on their RNA annotations, see: intersectInteraction genePair.R.
- Allow input of two genomic regions to visualize local interactions using -r option in "Plot_interaction.py" function

2014-05-11:

• Add new function to show enrichment of different types of interactions: *Interaction_type_enrichment.R*.

Version 0.3.2 (2014-05-07):

• change the name into RNA-Hi-C

2014-05-06:

- In "Select_strongInteraction_pp.py" function, now annotations are updated after doing clustering and for strong interaction. The indexing of annotation files may take some time.
- New "RNA_structure_prediction.py" function to refine RNA structure prediction based on empirical offset of free energies for single strand nucleotide.

New features in 0.3.1 (2014-05-02):

- Add "-release" option in "*split_partner.py*" function. Allow a Type3 read-pair considered to be a "Paired" chimeric fragment even linker does not show up.
- Fix bugs in "Select_strongInteraction_pp.py" function when the number of mapped pairs is low and some chromosomes don't have any mapped read in part1 or part2.
- Add bowtie 2 option and Unique-align option in "Stitch-seq_Aligner.py" function.
- Different colors for different types of interactions in the *visualization of interactome*.
- New API for folding energies of two RNA molecules, see "RNA structure".
- Allow permutation-based strategies to calculate the p-value for the overlap between two independent interaction sets in "intersectInteraction.py" function

New features in 0.2.2:

- "Plot_interaction.py" function to plot local RNA-RNA interactions.
- "intersectInteraction.py" function to call overlap between two independent interaction sets.

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