

BIOL 343

Applied Bioinformatics I

Post-alignment QC

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Alignment is the most important step in RNA-seq analysis

Counting (also important) and DEG ID relies on high-confidence mapping

- Recall the goal of our RNA-seq experiments...
 - Treatment vs Control
 - Mutant vs Wild type
 - *Identify differentially expressed genes (DEGs)*
- DEGs will be identified using statistical tests comparing **expression values** of transcripts/genes
- Expression values will be calculated based on the number of reads that **align/map** to a given genomic locus
- **Filtering** out spurious or redundant alignments is an important QC step after mapping

Browsing RNA-seq alignments

JBrowse2

1. Open JBrowse2
2. Download the genome files (.fa, .fai, .gtf)
3. Download the alignments (merged.bam and Aligned.sortedByCoord.out.bam) and indexes
4. Load the genome (.fa and .fai)
5. Add tracks:
 1. GTF
 2. Both alignments

Browsing RNA-seq alignments

JBrowse2

1. Navigate to SM_V10_3:12,442,794..12,489,015
2. Three dots on RNA-seq track...
 1. Pileup settings > Filter by...
 2. Pileup settings > Color by > Strand
 3. SNPCoverage settings > Draw arcs (deselect)

Filter options

Set filter bitmask options. Refer to <https://broadinstitute.github.io/picard/explain-flags.html> for details

Read must have ALL these flags

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☐ read paired
☐ read mapped in proper pair
☐ read unmapped
☐ mate unmapped
☐ read reverse strand
☐ mate reverse strand
☐ first in pair
☐ second in pair
☐ not primary alignment
☐ read fails platform/vendor quality checks
☐ read is PCR or optical duplicate
☐ supplementary alignment

Read must have NONE of these flags

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Filter by tag name and value. Use * in the value field to get all reads containing any value for that tag. Example: filter tag name SA with value * to get all split/supplementary reads. Other examples include HP for haplotype, or RG for read group

Enter tag name

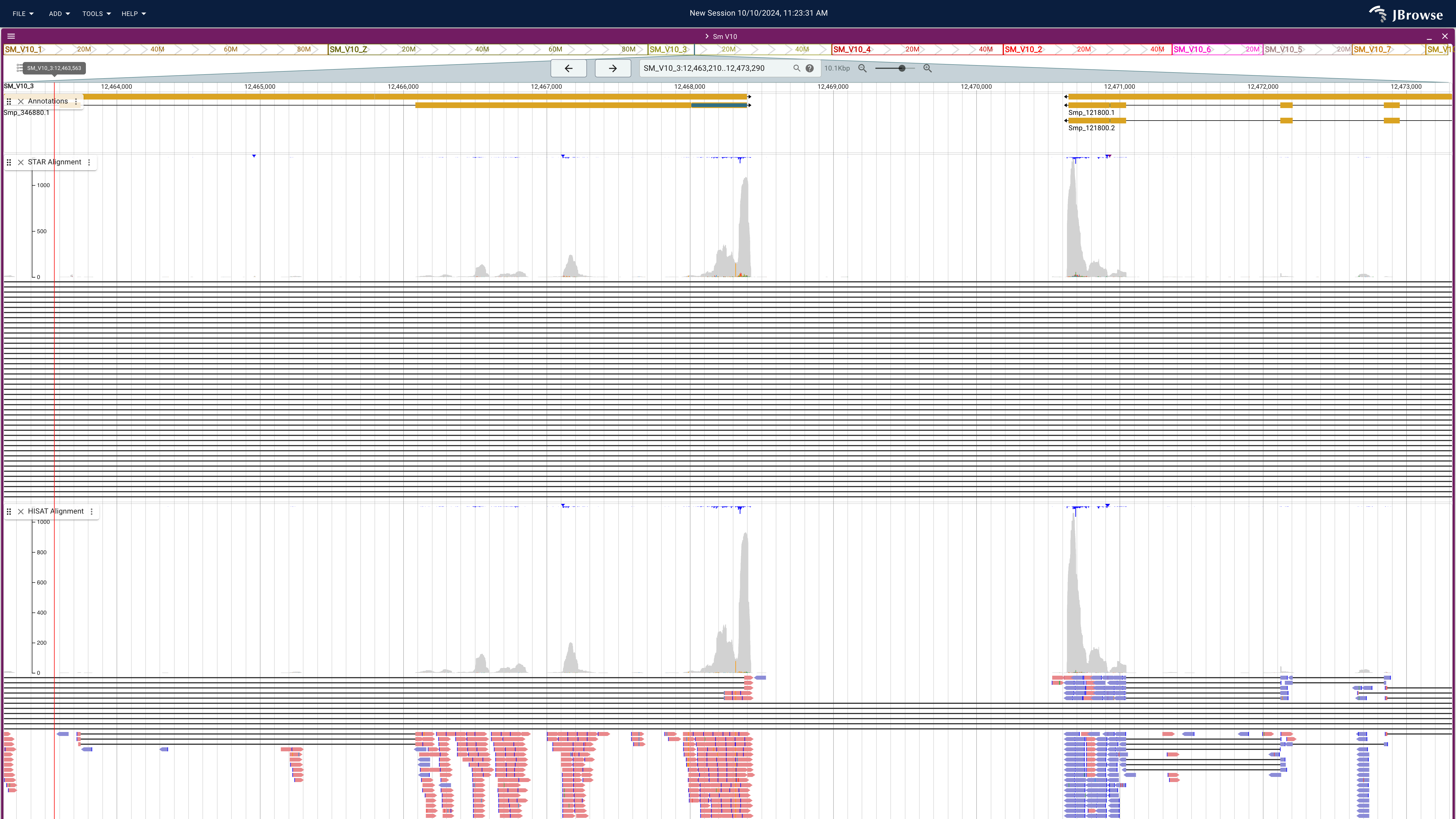
Enter tag value

Filter by read name

Enter read name

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CANCEL



Browsing RNA-seq alignments

JBrowse2

1. Close STAR Alignment
2. HISAT Alignment three dots...
 1. Pileup settings > Group by...
 1. Tag name = RG (read group)
3. Close all the im alignments
4. Navigate to SM_V10_1:7098303..7098851
5. Adjust heights so that they're evenly spaced and all you can see is the histogram

