Immune repertoire forensics

A RepSeq data analysis tutorial

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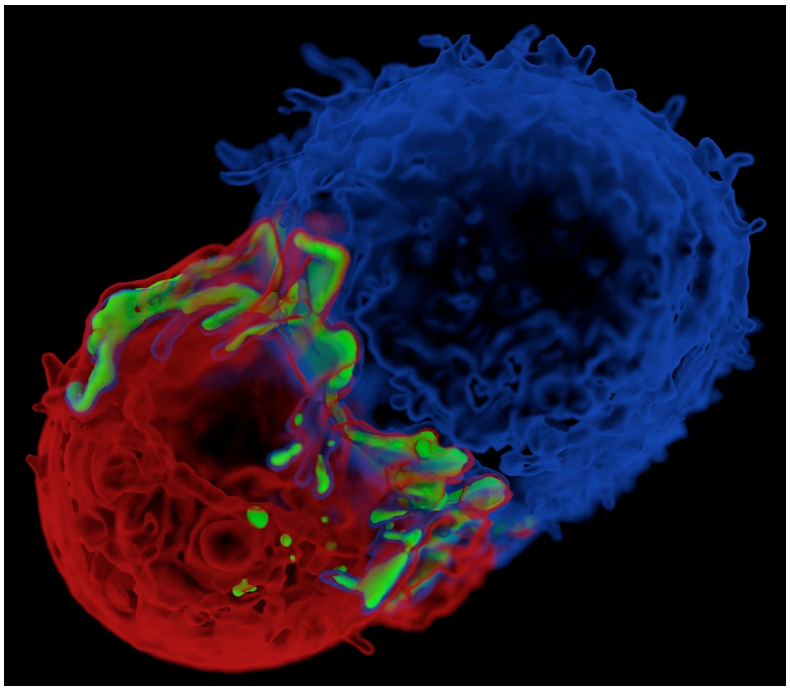

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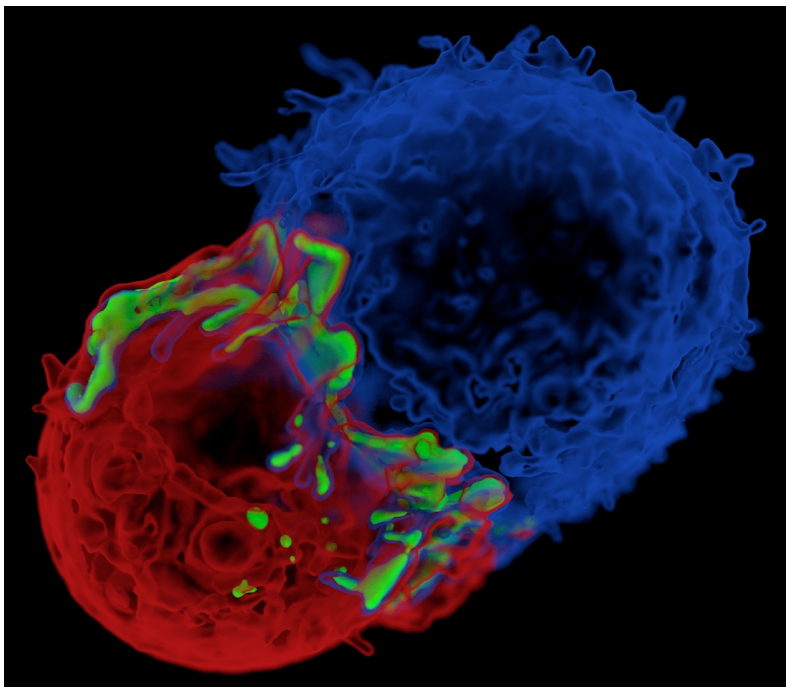

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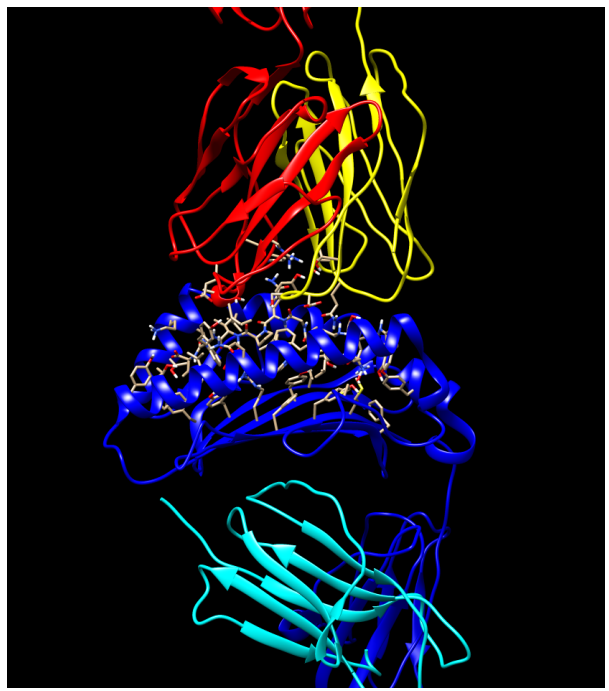

PDB:1ao7, rendered using UCSF chimera, colored by chain

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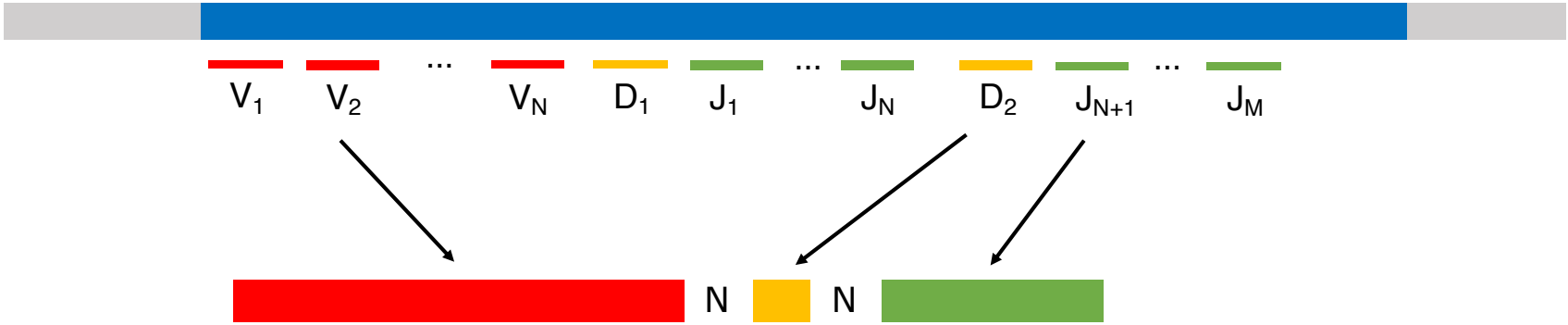

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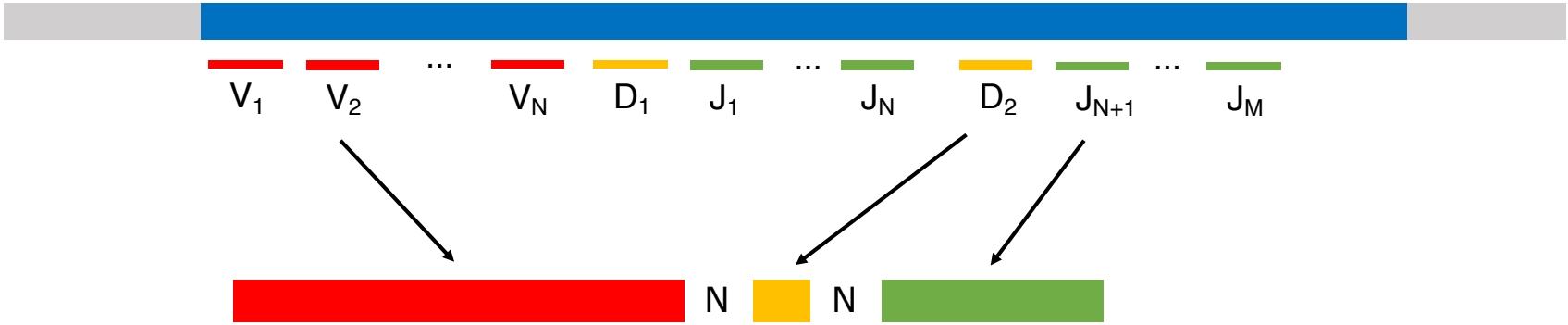

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VDJ rearrangement mechanism can be efficiently recaptured with a probabilistic model [Murugan et al. PNAS 2012]

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P(\sigma) = & P(V)P(D,J) \\
& \times P(\#del_V|V)P(\#del_J|J)P(\#del_{D5},\#del_{D3}|D) \\
& \times P(\#ins_{VD})P(\#ins_{DJ}) \prod_{i\in ins_{VD}} P(b_i|b_{i-1}) \prod_{i\in ins_{DJ}} P(b_i|b_{i+1})
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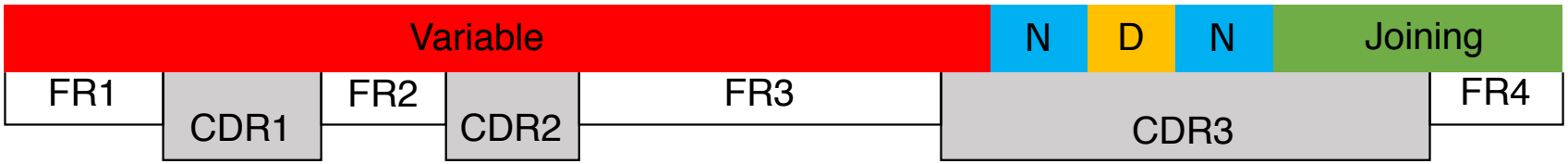

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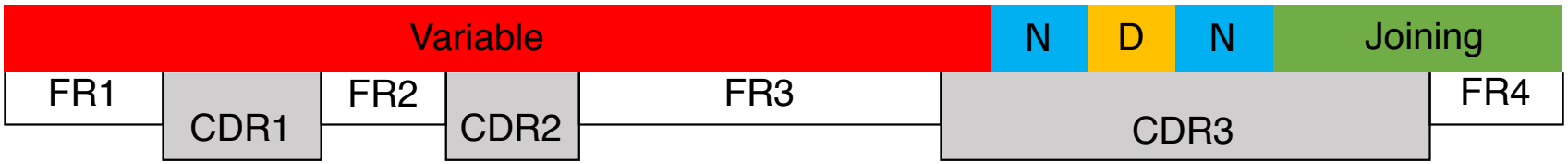

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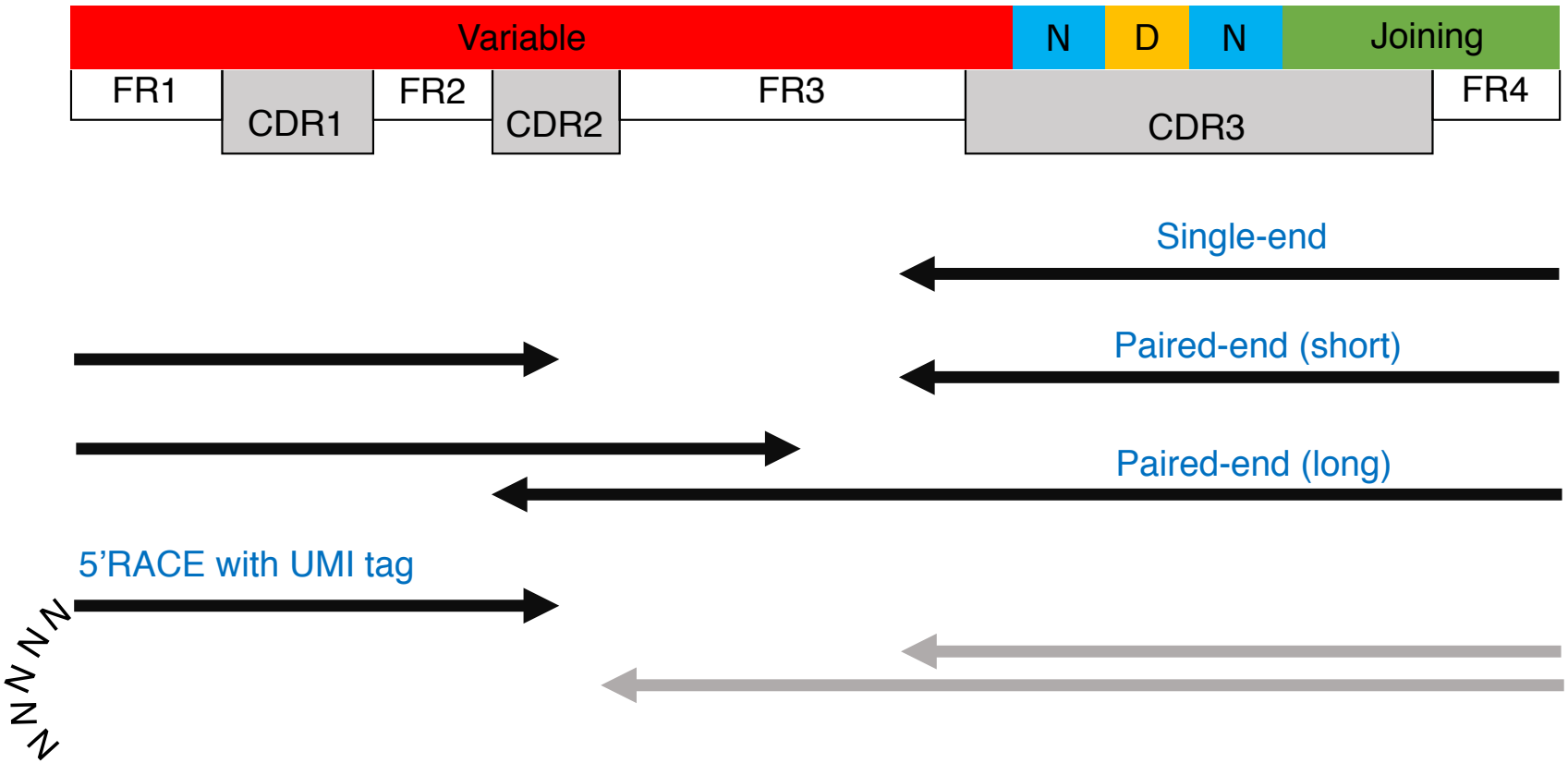
The likely functions of these regions are:

- FR regions maintain TCR secondary structure and (possibly) play role in MHC binding
- CDR1,2 are germline encoded and play role in antigen recognition, as well as (possibly) MHC binding
- CDR3 plays a major role in antigen recognition and is extremely variable

TCR repertoire sequencing



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1	1.0%	3913	CSAGGLGSTDTQYF	TRBV20-1	TRBD1	TRBJ2-3	TGCAGTGCTGGGGGGCTCGGTAGCACAGATACGCAGTATTTT
2	0.90%	3440	CASNSGSSYNEQFF	TRBV5-1	TRBD2	TRBJ2-1	TGCGCCAGCAATAGCGGGAGCTCCTACAATGAGCAGTTCTTC
3	0.79%	3021	CSARQGNQPQHF	TRBV20-1	TRBD1	TRBJ1-5	TGCAGTGCGCGACAGGGGAATCAGCCCCAGCATTTT
4	0.65%	2490	CASSQEPGGEQFF	TRBV4-1	TRBD2	TRBJ2-1	TGCGCCAGCAGCCAAGAGCCGGGCGGGGAGCAGTTCTTC
5	0.61%	2336	CASSYGMNTEAFF	TRBV6-6	TRBD2	TRBJ1-1	TGTGCCAGCAGTTACGGGATGAACACTGAAGCTTTCTTT
6	0.52%	1992	CASSQGGRAPHTQYF	TRBV4-3	TRBD2	TRBJ2-3	TGCGCCAGCAGCCAAGGGGGGAGGGCCCCCCATACGCAGTATTTT
7	0.49%	1871	CASSQSQGGSYEQYF	TRBV5-1	TRBD1	TRBJ2-7	TGCGCCAGCAGCCAAAGTCAAGGGGGGTCCTACGAGCAGTACTTC
8	0.48%	1847	CASSRPKSGRSGELFF	TRBV11-2	TRBD2	TRBJ2-2	TGTGCCAGCAGCCGACCCAAGAGCGGGAGAAGTGGGGAGCTGTTTTTT

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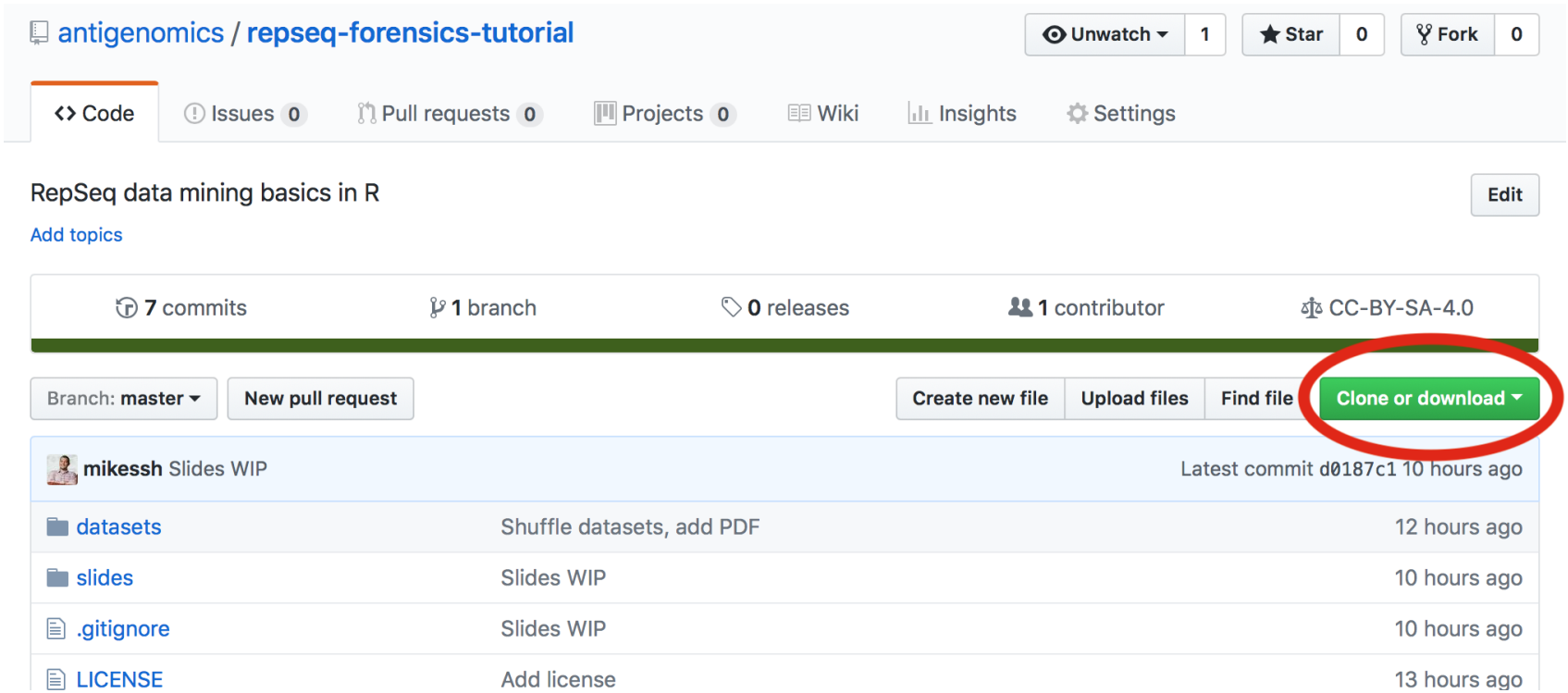
Downloading data

Navigate to `https://github.com/antigenomics/repseq-forensics-tutorial` and download the data + code bundle as zip



Executing R code

Open the `tutorial.Rmd` in RStudio, it can be found in the root folder of the bundle.

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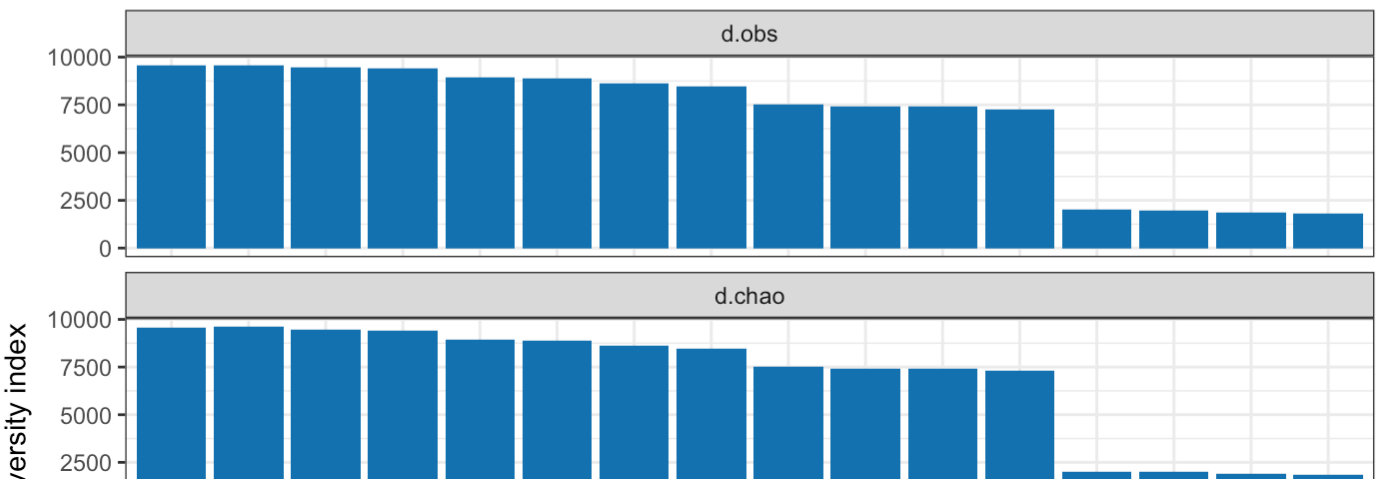

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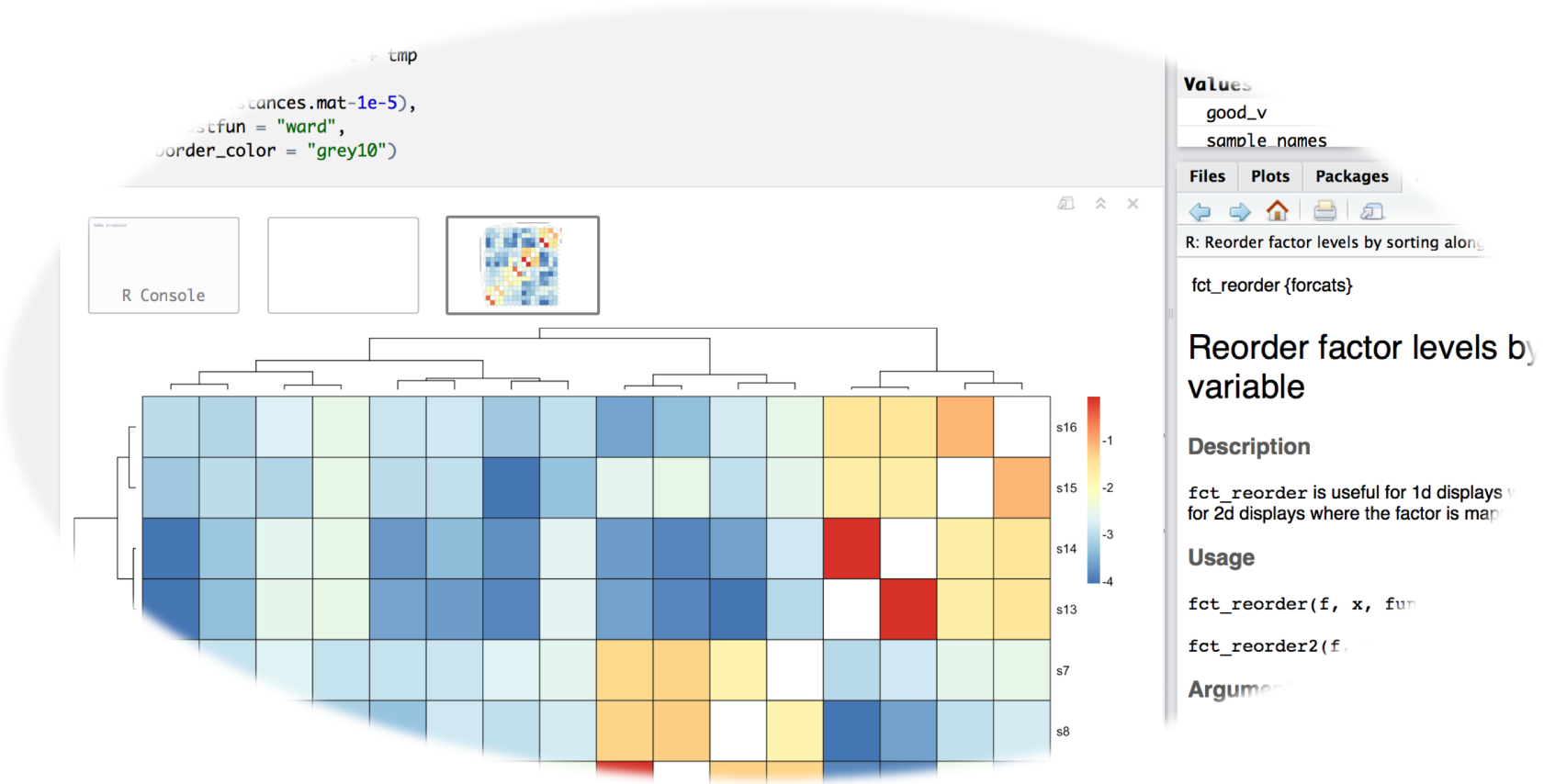
- **TCR sequence annotation** using a curated database of TCRs with known antigen specificity.

Interactive part



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The assignment

Using the analysis results we've obtained we need to assign feature labels to each sample. Namely, you need to fill the table with the following structure:

sample	**donor**	**subset**	**phenotype**	**CMVstatus**
s1	D1	CD4	memory	CMV-
s2	D2		naive	CMV+
s3	D1	CD8	naive	CMV-
...	...	...	...	...

Details

Table filling rules:

- Column names should match those on previous slide
- Sample id should be one of $s_1..s_{16}$
- Two distinct donor IDs should be used, naming doesn't matter
- Subset should be either **CD4** or **CD8**
- Phenotype should be either **memory** or **naive**
- CMV status should be either **CMV+** or **CMV-**
- Unknown/ambiguous fields should be left blank

A hint

While you can unambiguously assign CD4/8 and memory/naive labels, as well as point out biological replicates of the same sample, assigning donor labels is tricky.

First, it is impossible to link CD4-CD8 cells of the same donor. Same for CMV status, that is unambiguous only for CD8+ memory T-cells. Therefore I expect that you mark donors in the way they will distinguish samples/replicas coming from the same and different donors.

I.e. there is no problem if donor labels are swapped between CD4 and CD8 T-cells as far as they point to distinct donors for CD4 or CD8 T-cells coming from different donor and the same donor for replicas.

Feedback

Send me filled tables as plain text tab-delimited files, the file name should be in format `your-name.assignment.txt`

Final remarks

Thanks for your attention!

These slides and a PDF file containing compiled analysis results can be found in `slides/` and root folders of the data and code bundle.