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# RNA-seq

## differential expression analysis

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# Case Study

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- ❖ Compare two conditions with three replicates
- ❖ *in silico* simulated dataset
- ❖ NCBI GEO: GSE32038
- ❖ DOI: 10.1038/nprot.2012.016

**TopHat**  
A spliced read mapper for RNA-Seq

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## PROTOCOL

# Differential gene and transcript expression analysis of RNA-seq experiments with TopHat and Cufflinks

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**HISAT2**

graph-based alignment of next generation sequencing reads to a population of genomes

# TUXEDO pipeline

## Bowtie

Extremely fast, general purpose short read aligner

## TopHat

Aligns RNA-Seq reads to the genome using Bowtie  
Discovers splice sites

## Cufflinks package

### Cufflinks

Assembles transcripts

### Cuffcompare

Compares transcript assemblies to annotation

### Cuffmerge

Merges two or more transcript assemblies

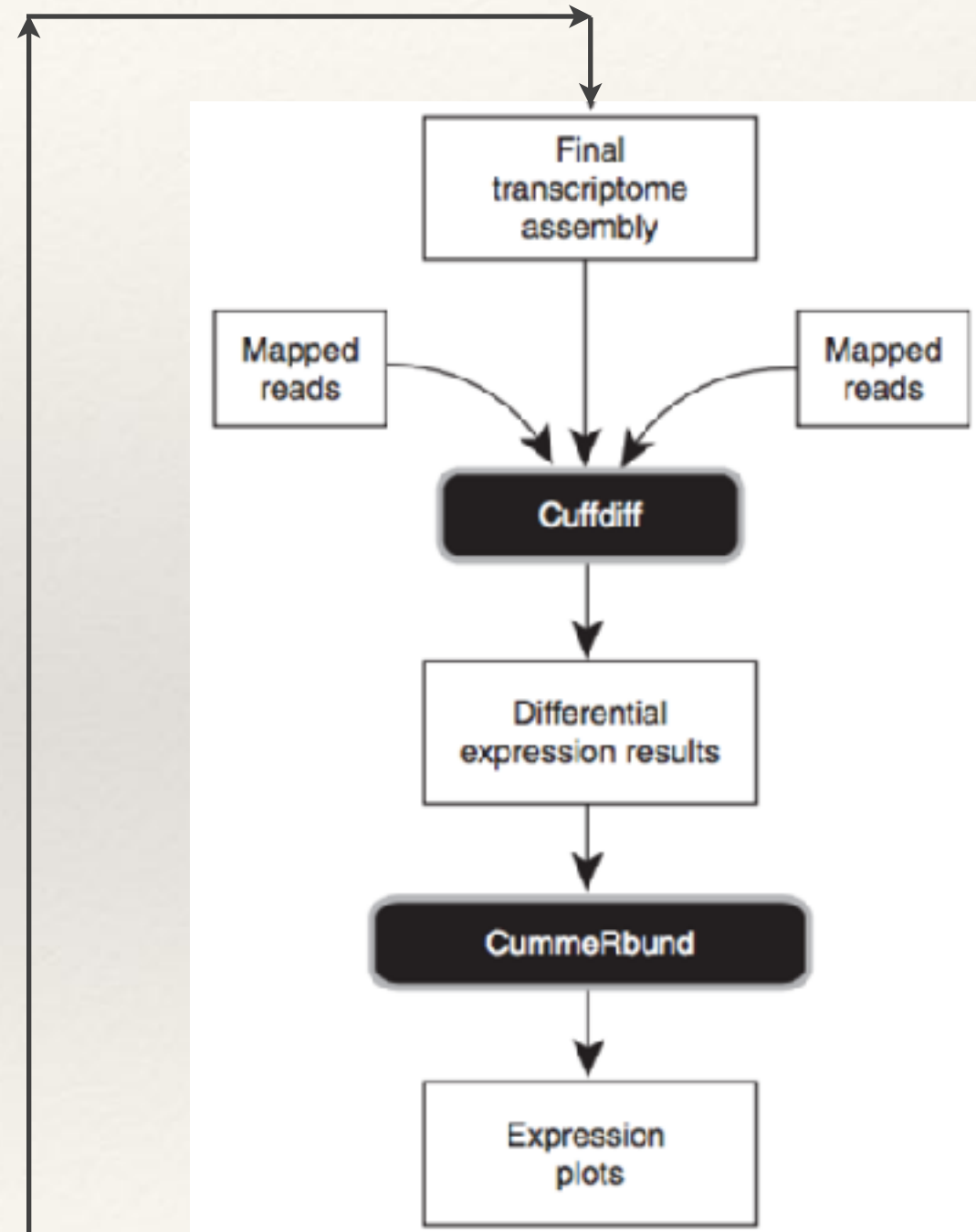
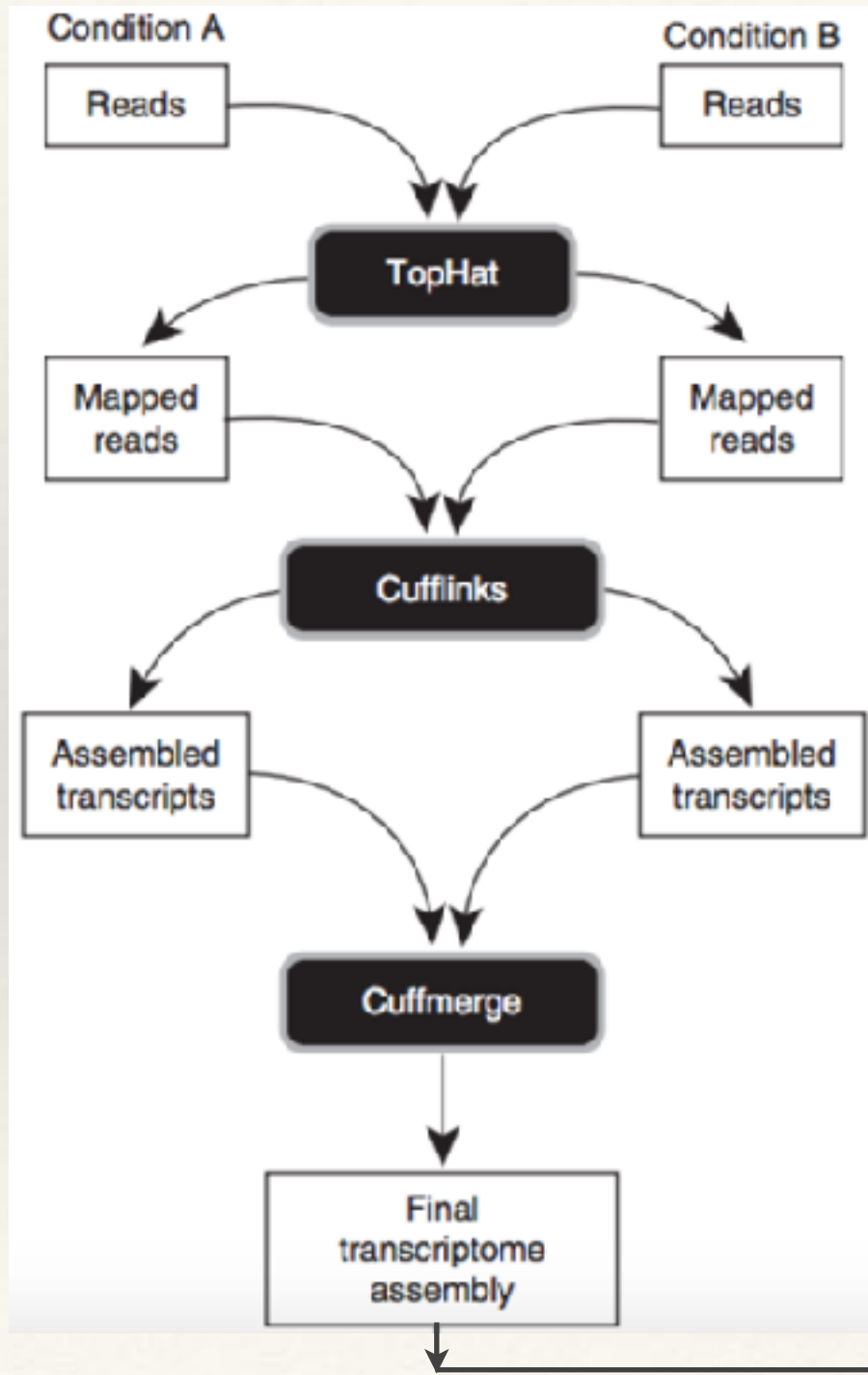
### Cuffdiff

Finds differentially expressed genes and transcripts  
Detects differential splicing and promoter use

## CummeRbund

Plots abundance and differential  
expression results from Cuffdiff

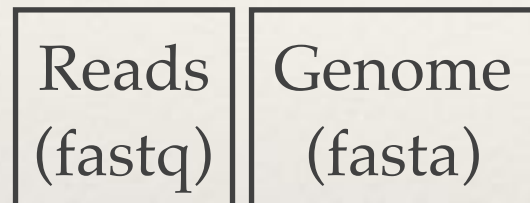
# TUXEDO pipeline





# TUXEDO pipeline

## Genome



Tophat2

BAM

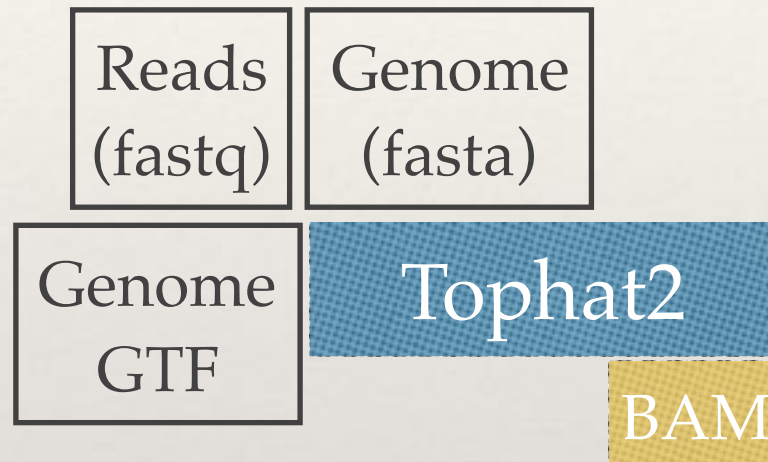
Cufflinks

Sample GTF

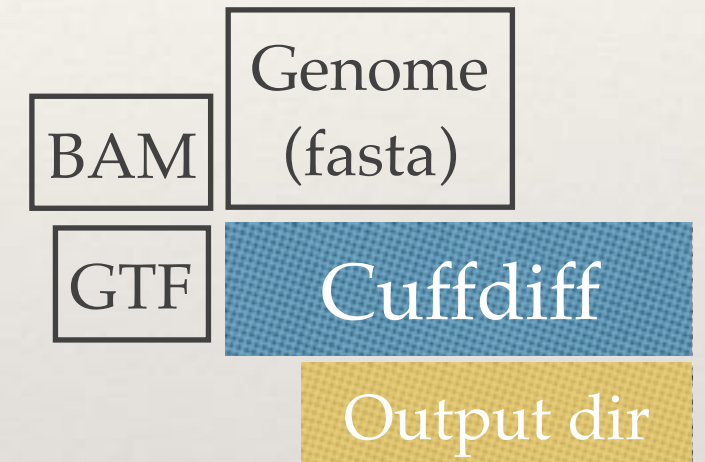
Cuffmerge

Project GTF

## Genome + Transcriptome



## Differential Expression



CummeRbund

Cuffnorm

Cuffquant

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# TUXEDO input

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- ❖ Sequenced data - Fastq files
  - ❖ Single read
  - ❖ Paired end reads
  - ❖ pre-processed and cleaned\*

Not necessary but a good practice
- ❖ Reference genome
- ❖ Reference annotation (GTF)\*
  - ❖ Good to provide one if decent annotation exists

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# Tophat aka Tophat2

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- ❖ Tophat2 uses bowtie2 aligner engine
  - ❖ Bowtie2 is not a splice-aware aligner
  - ❖ Tophat2 is a splice-aware *aligner*
- ❖ Identifies potential exons and possible splice junctions in the genome and uses aligned data to confirm the same.

Handles **STRANDED** RNA data



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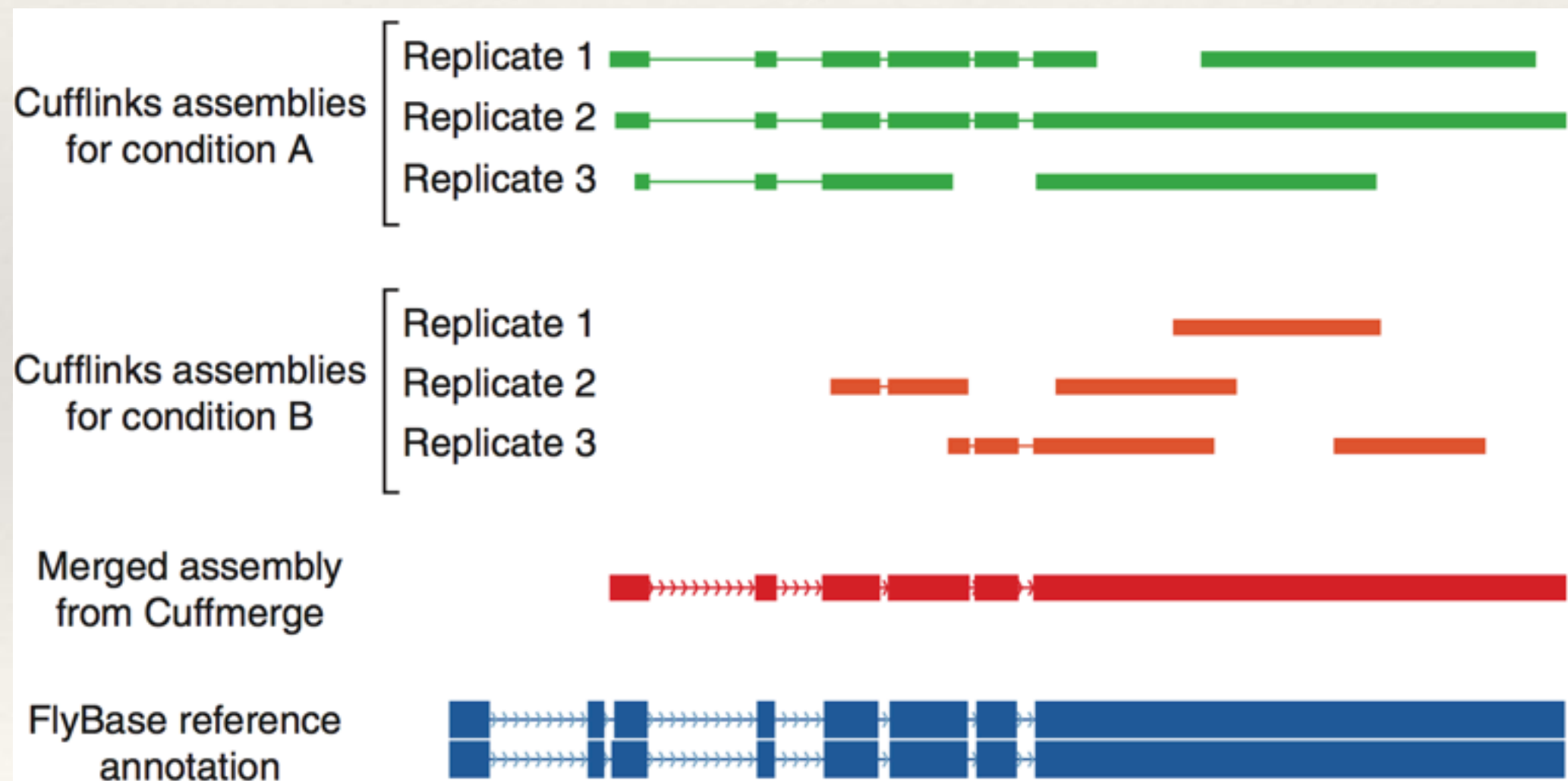
# Cufflinks

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- ❖ Transcript assembly
  - ❖ A parsimonious strategy to resolve isoforms
- ❖ First level transcript quantification
  - ❖ Immature vs mature transcripts

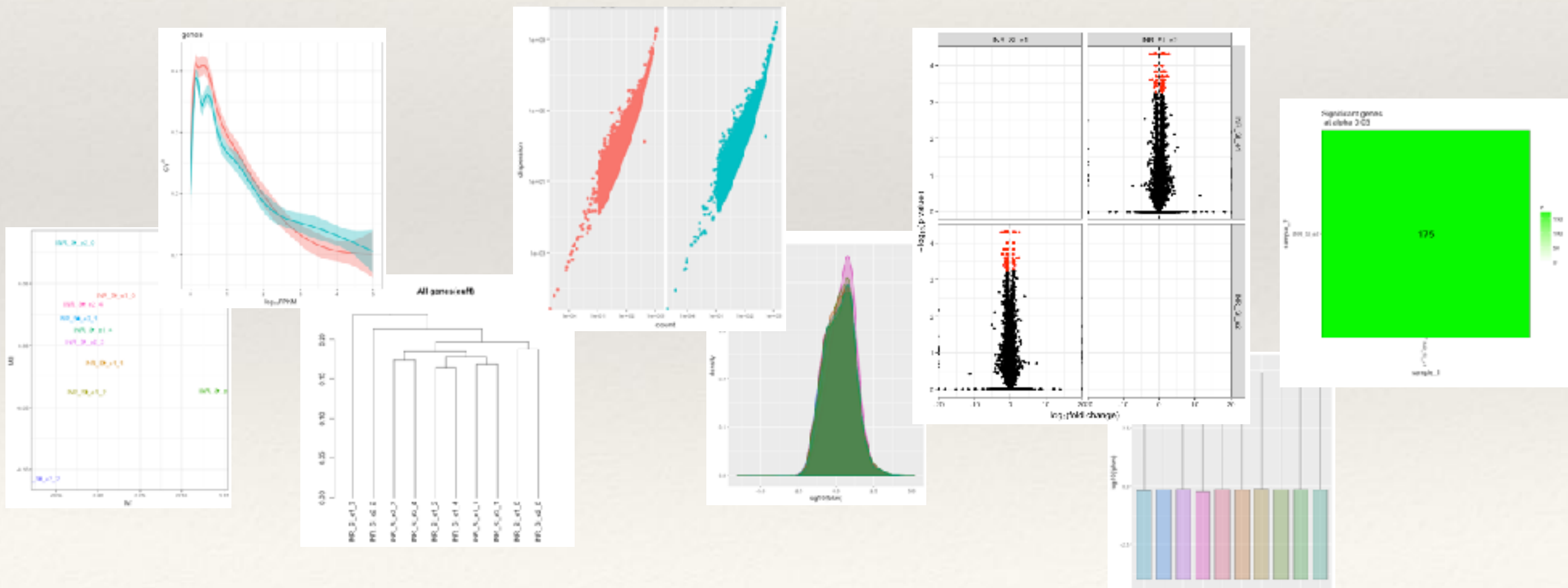
# Cuffmerge

- ❖ Pooling of cufflinks data per sample to ensure proper overall experiment “present transcripts” overview



# Cuffdiff

- ❖ Cuffdiff “learns the variation for each gene across replicates” to calculate differential expression
- ❖ CummeRbund in R used for visualisation



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# RNA-seq analysis

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# Reference

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- ❖ Prepare reference
  - ❖ Index genome using bowtie2-build
  - ❖ If you are using the annotation in GTF format, you 'tophat2' to create a 'transcriptome index'

```
$ cd
$ cd Desktop
$ mkdir rna_seq
$ cd rna_seq
$ mkdir reference
$ cd reference
$ ln -s /data/RNA-seq/reference/* .
```

```
bowtie2-build genome.fa genome
tophat2 -G genes.gtf --transcriptome-index=known genome
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script.sh
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# Raw data

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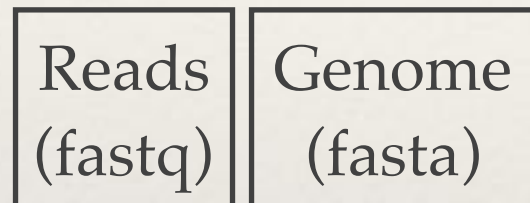
- ❖ Compare two conditions (C1, C2) with three replicates (R1, R2, R3)
- ❖ *in silico* simulated dataset from *Drosophila melanogaster*
- ❖ NCBI GEO: GSE32038

```
$ cd
#
$ check if you are in your home page
$ cd Desktop
$ mkdir rna_seq
$ cd rna_seq
$ mkdir 00_raw_data
$ cd 00_raw_data
$ ln -s /data/RNA-seq/00_raw_data/C* .

## Run fastQC to check raw data
```

# TUXEDO pipeline

## Genome



Tophat2

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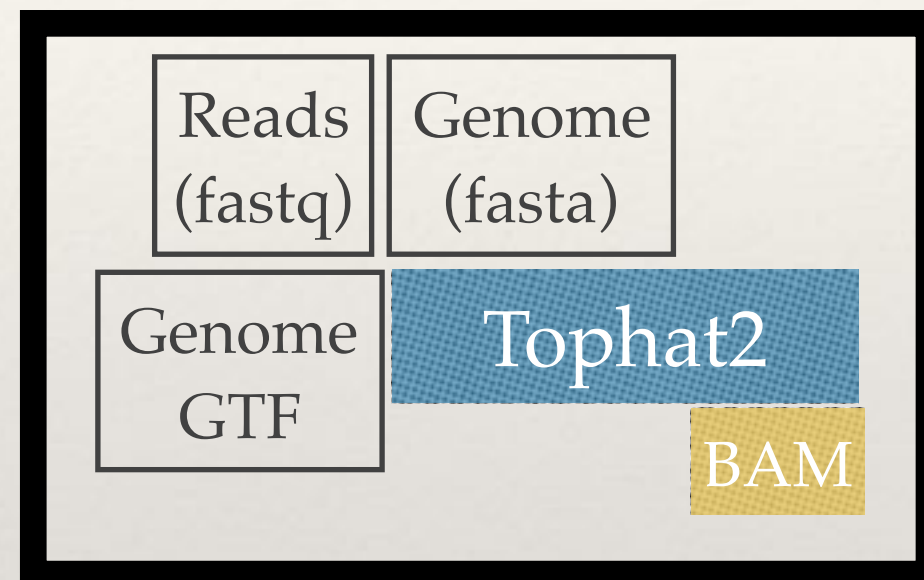
Cufflinks

Sample GTF

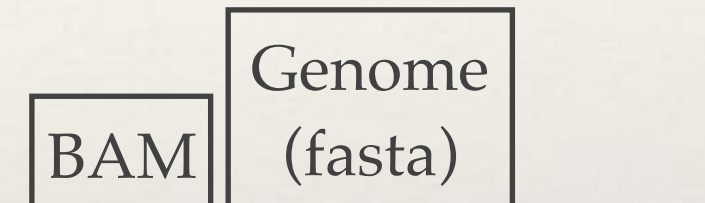
Cuffmerge

Project GTF

## Genome + Transcriptome



## Differential Expression



GTF

Cuffdiff

Output dir

CummeRbund

Cuffnorm

Cuffquant

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# Tophat2

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- ❖ Raw data is available in folder `raw_data`
- ❖ Tophat2 has to be run for individual samples - 6 times for this case study

```
tophat2 <options> -o output_folder genome_bowtie2_idx Read1 Read2
```

```
tophat2
-p 8
-G reference/genes.gtf
--transcriptome-index=reference/known
-o C1_R1_thout
reference/genome
00_raw_data/C1_R1_1.fq.gz
00_raw_data/C1_R1_2.fq.gz
```



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# Tophat2

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- ❖ If your tophat2 has not completed, copy the output as below

```
$ cd
$ cd Desktop
$ cd rna_seq
$ mkdir 10_tophat
$ cd 10_tophat
$ cp /data/RNA-seq/10_tophat/C1_R1_thout.tar .
$ tar -xvf C1_R1_thout.tar
```

# Tophat2

- ❖ Tophat2 produces a lot of output files in the directory
  - ❖ `accepted_hits.bam` contain the aligned data
    - ❖ mapped reads only
  - ❖ `align_summary.txt` contains mapping statistics

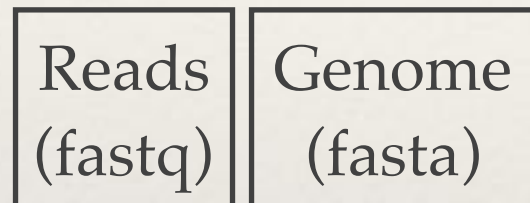
```
C1_R1_thout/  
accepted_hits.bam  
align_summary.txt  
deletions.bed  
insertions.bed  
junctions.bed  
logs/  
prep_read.info  
unmapped.bed
```

tophat2 output dir

```
bash-4.2$ cat align_summary.txt  
Left reads:  
    Input      :   1000000  
    Mapped     :   670287 (67.0% of input)  
    of these:   22216 ( 3.3%) have multiple alignments (421 have >20)  
Right reads:  
    Input      :   1000000  
    Mapped     :   682380 (68.2% of input)  
    of these:   22618 ( 3.3%) have multiple alignments (410 have >20)  
67.6% overall read mapping rate.  
  
Aligned pairs:   607227  
  of these:      19173 ( 3.2%) have multiple alignments  
                20393 ( 3.4%) are discordant alignments  
58.7% concordant pair alignment rate.
```

# TUXEDO pipeline

## Genome



Tophat2

BAM

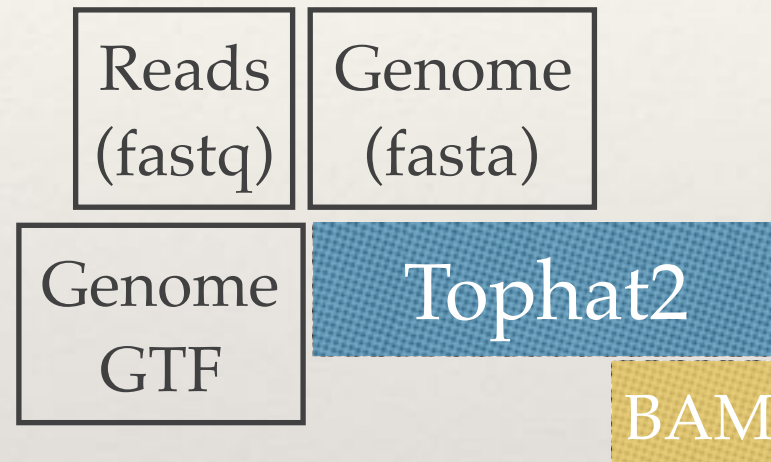
Cufflinks

Sample GTF

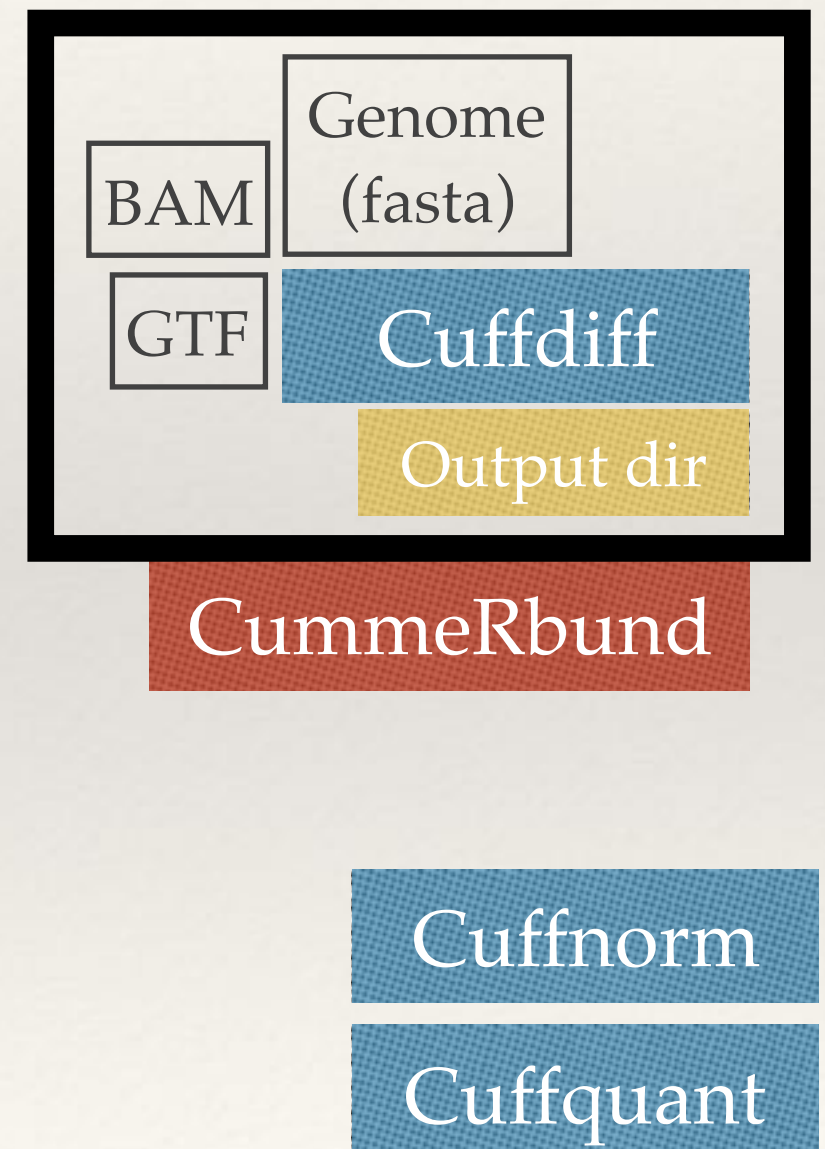
Cuffmerge

Project GTF

## Genome + Transcriptome



## Differential Expression



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# Cuffdiff

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- ❖ Cuffdiff calculates differential expression between two conditions
  - ❖ takes care of replicates
  - ❖ produces statistical information

```
cuffdiff
```

```
-p 8  
-b reference/genome.fa  
-u reference/genes.gtf  
-o diff_out  
-L C1,C2
```

```
C1_R1_thout/accepted_hits.bam,  
C1_R2_thout/accepted_hits.bam,  
C1_R3_thout/accepted_hits.bam
```

```
C2_R1_thout/accepted_hits.bam,  
C2_R2_thout/accepted_hits.bam,  
C2_R3_thout/accepted_hits.bam
```



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# CummeRbund

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```
$ cd
$ cd Desktop/rna_seq
$ cp /data/RNA-seq/20_cuffdiff.tar .
$ tar -xvf 20_cufflinks.tar
$ mkdir 30_cummeRbund
$ cd 30_cummeRbund

## R using Rstudio
$ rstudio

> getwd()
# should point to 30_cummeRbund
> library("cummeRbund")
> cuff <- readcufflinks("../20_cufflinks")
> cuff
```

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# CummeRbund

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```
> dispersionPlot(genes(cuff))
> csDensity(genes(cuff), replicates=T)
> csBoxplot(genes(cuff), replicates=T)
> csScatterMatrix(genes(cuff))
> csDendro(genes(cuff), replicates=T)
> fpkmSCVPlot(genes(cuff))
> csVolcanoMatrix(genes(cuff))
> MDSplot(genes(cuff), replicates=T) > sigMatrix(cuff)
> sigMatrix(cuff, level="isoforms")

> diff.genes <- diffData(genes(cuff))
> annot.genes <- annotation(genes(cuff))[,c(1,4)]
> diff.genes.annot <- merge(diff.genes, annot.genes, by = 'gene_id')
> diff.genes.sig <- subset(diff.genes.annot, significant=="yes")
> write.table(diff.genes.sig, 'DE_cuff_genes.txt', quote=F, sep="/t")

> diff.iso <- diffData(isoforms(cuff))
> annot.iso <- annotation(isoforms(cuff))[,c(1,2,4)]
> diff.iso.annot <- merge(diff.iso, annot.iso, by = 'isoform_id')
> diff.iso.sig <- subset(diff.iso, significant=="yes")
> write.table(diff.iso.sig, 'DE_cuff_isoforms.txt', quote=F, sep="/t")
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# featureCounts

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## Correct

```
$ featureCounts -p -s 2 -a ../reference/genes.gtf -o  
counts_paired_stranded ../35_tophat_for_featureCounts/*.bam
```

## Try the following, run DESeq2 and check the difference from above

```
$ featureCounts -p -a ../reference/genes.gtf -o  
counts_paired ../35_tophat_for_featureCounts/*.bam
```

```
$ featureCounts -a ../reference/genes.gtf -o counts ../  
35_tophat_for_featureCounts/*.bam
```

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# DESeq2

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```
> library("DESeq2")
# Check folder
> count <- read.delim('counts_paired_stranded', skip=1, header=T)
> data <- count[,c(7:12)]
> rownames(data) <- count[,1]
> colnames(data) <- c('C1_R1', 'C1_R2', 'C1_R3', 'C2_R1', 'C2_R2',
'C2_R3')

> colData <- data.frame(condition = c('C1', 'C1', 'C1', 'C2', 'C2',
'C2'))
> rownames(colData) <- colnames(data)

> dds <- DESeqDataSetFromMatrix(countData = data, colData = colData,
design=~condition)
> dds <- DESeq(dds)
> res <- results(dds)
> summary(res)

> plotDispEsts(dds)
> plotPCA(DESeqTransform(dds))
> plotMA(dds)
```