DEEPN 1.0

Illumina Data Processing

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1.1 Cloning

1.1.1 Construction of Gal4-DNA-binding domain Plasmids

Any TRP1-containing plasmid accommodating expression fusions to a myc epitope-tagged Gal4 DNA binding domain are suitable for the workflow described here. The current study uses pGBKT7 (clonetech), a plasmid carrying the Kanamycin-resistance gene for selection in bacteria, the TRP1 gene for selection in trp1 mutant yeast such as Y187 and PJ69-4A, and the Gal4 DNA binding domain encoded by bp 1-147 of *S. cerevisiae* GAL4. DNA fragments encoding proteins of interest to be cloned downstream of the Gal4 DNA binding domain region can be made by gene synthesis using the codon bias of *S. cerevisiae* as an aid to ensure high level production and as an aid for cloning ([**ang2016multi**]). Synthetic gene fragments (gBlocks, Integrated DNA Technologies, Coralville, IA; or Strings, Thermofisher, Waltham, MA) were PCR amplified and cloned into pGBKT7 cut with EcoRI and BamHI using the method of Gibson et al and the Gibson Assembly Master Mix kit available from New England Biolabs. Resulting Kanamycin-resistant bacterial colonies were screened for the insert of interest using colony PCR and primers for the insert of interest.

1.1.2 Expression of Gal4-DNA-binding domain fusion proteins

The TRP1-carrying bait plasmids are then transformed into PJ69-4A, a MATA strain suitable for selection of Yeast 2-hybrid interactions. The resulting strain can be mated to the Y187 strain that contains the yeast 2-hybrid library. Other MATA strains, such as the Y2HGold yeast strain (Clontech, Mountain View, CA) can be used to hold the TRP1-containing bait plasmid, however, PJ69-4A showed a 20 fold better mating efficiency than other Y2H strains including the Y2HGold strain. So this protocol will not work with Y2HGold or other yeast that do not have efficient mating. Yeast transformation was performed as previously described using a Lithium Sorbitol buffer (Kawai et al., 2010).

To check for expression of the Gal4-DBD-fusion protein, transformed PJ69-4A cells are grown in 1 mls of Synthetic Defined media lacking Tryptophan (SD-Trp) overnight. Dilute with 2 volumes of YPD and grow for 1 hr at 30°C. Pellet cells and resuspend in 1 ml 0.2N NaOH. After 5

min incubation at 25°C, re-pellet cells, remove the NaOH, and resuspend the pellet in 100µls TWIRL/0.8M BME sample buffer (von der Haar, 2007). Incubate lysate at 70°C for 5 min and analyze by SDS-PAGE and immunoblotting as using anti-myc antibodies.

1.2 Self-Activation Test

1.2.1 Test selection conditions for yeast 2-hybrid interaction

The Gal4-DBD-fusion proteins need to be tested for conditions that will select for possible yeast-2hybrid interactions. This needs to be in the context of the same diploid background that will house the bait and library prey plasmids after mating.

- Transform the Y187 strain with the empty vector-only "prey" plasmid. This workflow uses a plasmid (pGADT7) that expresses the Gal4-transcriptional activation domain and carries the ampicillin-resistance for bacterial growth and the LEU2 gene for selection in yeast.
- Mate the Leu+ Y187 transformant with the Trp+ PJ69-4A transformant carrying the bait plasmid of interest by patching them together on a YPD plate. Allow the plate to grow overnight at 30°C, before streaking yeast from the patch onto SD-Leu-Trp plate to select and isolate single colonies of PJ69-4A/Y187 MatA/α diploids.
- Create a set of tester plates: SD-Leu-Trp, SD-Trp-Leu-His, SD-Leu-Trp-His with the addition of 0.1-10 mM 3AT (3-amino-triazole). Grow diploids overnight in SD-Leu-Trp, pellet and resuspend cells twice in sterile water and resuspend to OD 0.5. Serially dilute cells 1:10 in tubes or 96 well dish and spot 4 μl of each dilution onto each type of plate. Grow for 2-3 days at 30°C.

R The best result is to see growth in the presence but not absence of Histidine regardless of whether there is 3AT. This will allow the use of SD-Trp-Leu-His to select for yeast with a positive yeast-2hybrid interaction. If there is growth on SD-Leu-Trp-His plates, then a Y2H selection can still be obtained using the lowest concentration of 3AT that prevents growth. Typically, the level of 3AT to establish a threshold of selection is between 0.1 and 1 mM. This can be observed in Figure 1. Using higher levels of 3AT or other selections that are more stringent will undermine the ability to detect Y2H interactors. If growth is observed on SD-Leu-Trp-His > 1mM 3AT a different bait plasmid should be sought.

1.2.2 Mating and Selection

The Y187 strain does not mate well. Thus, the following optimized conditions are required to maintain complexity of the library. The overall scheme is pictured in Figure 2.

Day 1 Innoculate a fresh culture of the PJ69-4A strain transformed with the TRP1-containing bait plasmid in 23 mls of SD-Trp media. Thaw a vial of the Y187 cells containing the LEU2-carrying "prey" library plasmid and inoculate a 125mls of SD-LEU media. Grow all cultures overnight at 30°C, 200rpm.

Day 2 The O.D. of the overnight cultures should range between 1.0 to 1.5. Pellet 21 OD equivalents of the PJ69-4A transformant cells and 15 OD equivalents of the Y187 strain carrying the library plasmids in separate 50mL conical tubes. Resuspend cells in 10ml of water and re-pellet in new 50 ml conical tube. Resuspend PJ69-4A cells and Y187 cells in 4 ml bYPDA pH 3.7, each. To set-up 4 equivalent mating reactions, add 1mL PJ69-4A cells, 1ml Y187 cells, and 1 ml bYPDA pH 3.7 to new 50 ml conical tube. Incubate at 30°C with gentle orbital agitation (80-100rpm) for 90 min so that the cells do not fully sediment. Pellet cells, and resuspend in 2mls of bYPDA (See Appendix A). Plate all 2 mLs onto a 150 mm YPD plate.

Day 3 Harvest cells from the YPD plates using 12 mls of SD-Leu-Trp media and place into a 50mL conical tube. Pellet cells and resuspend the cells in 40 mLs SD-Leu-Trp media. To calculate the the number of diploid cells, dilute 4µls of the diploid mixture into 200 μls SD-Trp-Leu media and plate onto an SD-Leu-Trp plate. This plate represents a 1:10,000 fold dilution of the stock of diploids harvested and should yield 100-1000 colonies after plate is incubated at 30°C for 2 days.
Take the remainder of each 40ml cell resuspension and inoculate a flask containing 500mls of SD-Leu-Trp media. Shake incubate these flasks at 30°C, 2200rpm until they reach saturation (2.0 OD/ml). This typically takes about 36 hours.

R To harvest cells efficienctly from YPD agar plates, scrap the cells off the YPD plates using a cell scrapper and -Leu-Trp media into a 50mL conical tube. This will take about 4 or 5 times of rinsing the YPD plate with 2 -3mls of -Leu-Trp media at a time.

Day 4 Monitor the growth of all flasks by checking the Optical Density.

Day 5 At this point, the titer plates should be ready to analyze, allowing verification of sufficient mating efficiency to maintain library complexity. A minimum of 1 million total diploids is recommended for this workflow. Take 20 mls from the saturated 500 ml culture and use to inoculate flasks containing 750 mls SD-Leu-Trp media and another 20 mls to inoculate a flask containing 750 mls SD-Leu-Trp-His with the lowest level of 3AT that eliminates background growth in –His media. Mix the new cultures (770 mls) well and take an initial OD600. Shake incubate cultures at 30°C, 200rpm until reaching saturation, which typically occurs in 24 hrs for the unselected SD-Leu-Trp culture and can take up to 40+ hrs for cultures under stringent selection for Y2H interactions.

R Make sure that you mix the 500mL flask well before taking 20mls out for inoculation because yeast can sediment quickly and cell suspension needs to be homogeneous.

Day 6 Once unselected SD-Leu-Trp cultures have reached saturation (OD 2.0), remove 10 mls, pellet cells, and freeze at -20°C or continue onto DNA extraction. For the unselected SD-Leu-Trp culture, this will serve as the sample for sequencing.

Day 7 Once selected SD-Leu-Trp-His culture that is selecting for Y2H interactions has reached saturation, remove 2 mls of the culture and inoculate into 75 mls of fresh SD-Leu-Trp-His containing appropriate levels of 3AT. Allow this culture to grow at 30°C with shaking, 200rpm, until it reaches saturation, which can be followed throughout the course of growth by taking OD measurements. Saturation is typically attained between 30-60 hrs.

Day 8-9 Once the Selected SD-Leu-Trp-His cultures have reached saturation (OD 2.0), remove 10 mls, pellet cells, and at this point cells can be frozen at -20°C or continue onto the next step of DNA extraction.

1.2.3 Sample preparation for DEEPN Illumina Sequencing

DNA Extraction Resuspend pellets of cells in 500ul of 50mMTris 20mMEDTA and transfer to a 1.5mL eppendorf tube. Add 3 μl of BME and 10 μl of Zymolase stock. Mix well and incubate in the 37°C incubator for 24-36hours. Extract with Phenol/Chloroform/Isoamyl alcohol and ethanol precipitate. Resuspend pellet in 100 μl of 50mMTris/20mMEDTA add 1 μl of RNaseA stock and incubate at 37°C for 1hr. Ethanol precipitate and resuspend in 100 μl 5mMTris/2mMEDTA. Quantify DNA by absorbance at 280 nm.

2 PCR cDNA inserts Perform 2, 50µl PCR reactions per DNA sample. Each reaction contains 50 pmoles F1-primer and R1-primer (Figure 3), 25µls NEBNext High-Fidelity 2x PCR Master Mix, 5 ug of DNA sample, and water up to 50ul. The reactions are amplified for 25 cycles with extension times of 3 min. Analyze PCR products by agarose gel electrophoresis. Samples should show smear of DNA around 1-3 kb, where the banding pattern may be found for samples where a yeast two-hybrid interaction was selected for (Figure 3). Combine duplicate PCR samples and purify using the QIAquick PCR purification kit.

Illumina sequencing 550ng of PCR product was sheared using a Covaris E220 to give fragments of an average length of 300bp. Indexed Sequencing libraries were generated using the KAPA Hyper Prep kit Cat No: KK8500 (KAPA Biosystems, Wilmington, MA) for Illumina sequencing that adds linkers encoding barcodes, priming sites and capture sequences asymmetrically on the ends of the DNA fragments. Indexed libraries were then pooled and sequenced using the Illumina 2x100 nt SBS v3 chemistry run on an Illumina HiSeq2500 (Illumina, Inc., San Diego, CA). The number of reads targeted was between 10 and 30 million, with more reads desired for the unselected populations that are typically more complex.

II Software

2. DEEPN Software Overview

2.1 About DEEPN

The **DEEPN** bioinformatics workflow is a collection of 4 programs

Gene Count counts the number of sequence reads found for every gene.

Junction Make finds and identifies all the sequences corresponding to the junction sequences that span the end of the bait plasmid with the cDNA insert in the library "prey" plasmid.

Blast Query allows the junction sequences to be analyzed.

Read Depth calculates the read depth for a particular cDNA, useful for predicting the 3' end of a cDNA insert.

DEEPN was developed to process and analyze sequence information from the Illumina platform that produces 110-140 bp reads. Both single and paried-end sequences are appropriate, **DEEPN** considers the different sides of a paried-end sequence as two separate sequences. **DEEPN** requires sequence files in `.sam` format, in which sequences have been mapped to the genome. Processing of .fastq sequence files with `Tophat2` will work, producing unmapped and mapped `.sam` files for each fastq read file. **DEEPN** requires BOTH mapped and unmapped `.sam` files to fully analyze a sequence dataset. See Section 2.4.1 for download link.

R Later releases of DEEPN for Mac will also contain functions to automatically map `.fastq` files with Tophat2 to allow for seamless integration of processing sequence data.

`.fastq` → Tophat2/Bowtie → Gene Count → Junction Make → Blast Query → Read Depth.

The **DEEPN** application provides a graphic user interface to guide the launch and operation of Gene Count , Junction Make , Blast Query , or Read Depth modules within it. **DEEPN** comes in versions that run on Windows and Mac operating systems. See Section 2.4.1 for download link.

This user guide describes use of the standalone **DEEPN** application and how to operate the modules within it.

2.2 Contents within DEEPN

1. Program modules
   - Gene Count
   - Junction Make
   - Blast Query
   - Read Depth

   which are launched from within the main DEEPN.app or DEEPN.exe.
2. Databases for the Gene and mRNA coordinates
   - mouse mm10 genome and mouse RefSeq data
   - Gene and ORF coordinates for the SacCer3 genome

   These allow analysis of mouse cDNA Y2H libraries and yeast genomic Y2H libraries. The mouse RefSeq database that **DEEPN** uses contains just the known annotated mRNAs, basically the entries that have an `NM_*` nomenclature in genbank. It does not contain microRNAs, long non-coding RNAs, and theoretical splice variants. **DEEPN** contains a database of yeast genes, with a hybrid nomenclature of their systematic SGD name and their genebank `NM_*` nomenclature. For simplicity, a given yeast gene consists of the protein coding sequence flanked by 100 bp of untranslated region.
3. Database of "junction tags" for different libraries. Currently, analysis of the mouse mm10 data defaults to the use of the Clontech mate/plate pGADT7 plasmid. And analysis of the yeast libraries is tied to the Phil James libraries housed in pGAD-C1, C2, and C3. These default junction tags are:
   - cDNA insert (mouse)

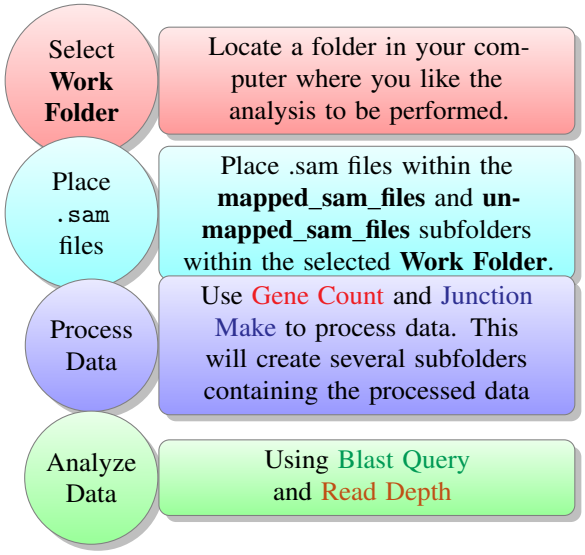
     ```
     AATTCCACCCAAGCAGTGGTATCAACGCAGAGTGGCCATTACGGCCGGGG
     ```

   - genomic fragment insert (*S. cerevisiae*)

     ```
     ATACCCCACCAAACCCAAAAAAAGAGATCGAATTCCCCGGGGGATCCATC
     ```

   R Users can insert their own junction sequence into the **DEEPN** dialog box if using a different library. For a more permanent solution, users can modify the SQL database that houses these data (see below)
4. **DEEPN** operates the `blastn` program while its processing data. That is called upon by the Junction Make program. All of the relevant files required to blast search mouse mRNAs or yeast genes are included in internal resources. Stand-alone Blastn program and associated databases to perform `blastn` locally from within the **DEEPN** application.

2.3 DEEPN WorkFlow Overview



Step-by-step screen-shots and instructions are detailed in the following chapters.

2.4 Installation

2.4.1 Download Link

Platform-specific compiled binaries (*Mac OS X, Windows and Linux*) of **DEEPN** can be downloaded from the below URL.

```
https://github.com/emptyewer/DEEPN/releases
```

2.4.2 Mac OS X Compatibility

`Mac OS X (10.10+) Yosemite and above`

2.4.3 Windows Compatibility

`64-bit or 32 bit Windows 7 and above. Note that DEEPN itself is a 32-bit software.`

2.4.4 Linux Compatibility

`Scheduled for release in Version 2.0 of DEEPN.`

2.5 Open Source License

3. Initial Setup

3.1 Preprocessing `.fastq files`

The current DEEPN application requires that `.sam` files have been generated from the `.fastq` illumine sequence files. This is done using the mapping program `Tophat2` that uses `Bowtie`. It is imperative that downstream processing by DEEPN uses the same databases that `Tophat2` uses to map the sequence files. These are...

1. Mouse: mm10GRCm38 2011 *Mus musculus* assembly (Genome Reference Consortium Mouse Build 38 (`GCA_000001635.2`)
   `https://goo.gl/T6OT2F`
2. Yeast: sacCer3 2011 *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* S288c assembly from Saccharomyces Genome Database (`GCA_000146055.2`)
   `https://goo.gl/wfPbvA`

`Tophat2` should produce sets of .sam files of Mapped Reads and Unmapped Reads for every input .fastq file. DEEPN will use both of these files.

3.2 Initializing DEEPN

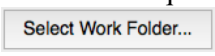
3.2.1 Launching

Open the **DEEPN** application by double clicking. This opens a window (DEEPN) that can be used to run the other modules.

Step 1. Select Parameters from the list menu in the top. Figure 3.1

- Selecting the M. musculus option selects the mm10 mouse databases
- Selecting the S. cerevisiae option selects the sacCer3 databases
- Once this is selected, the "Select Work Folder" will be activated for use

Step 2. Create a work folder Figure 3.2

- **DEEPN** needs a folder to write its files into and to read sequence files from. This is done using the "Select Work Folder" button 

. Here create a new folder or select an existing one.

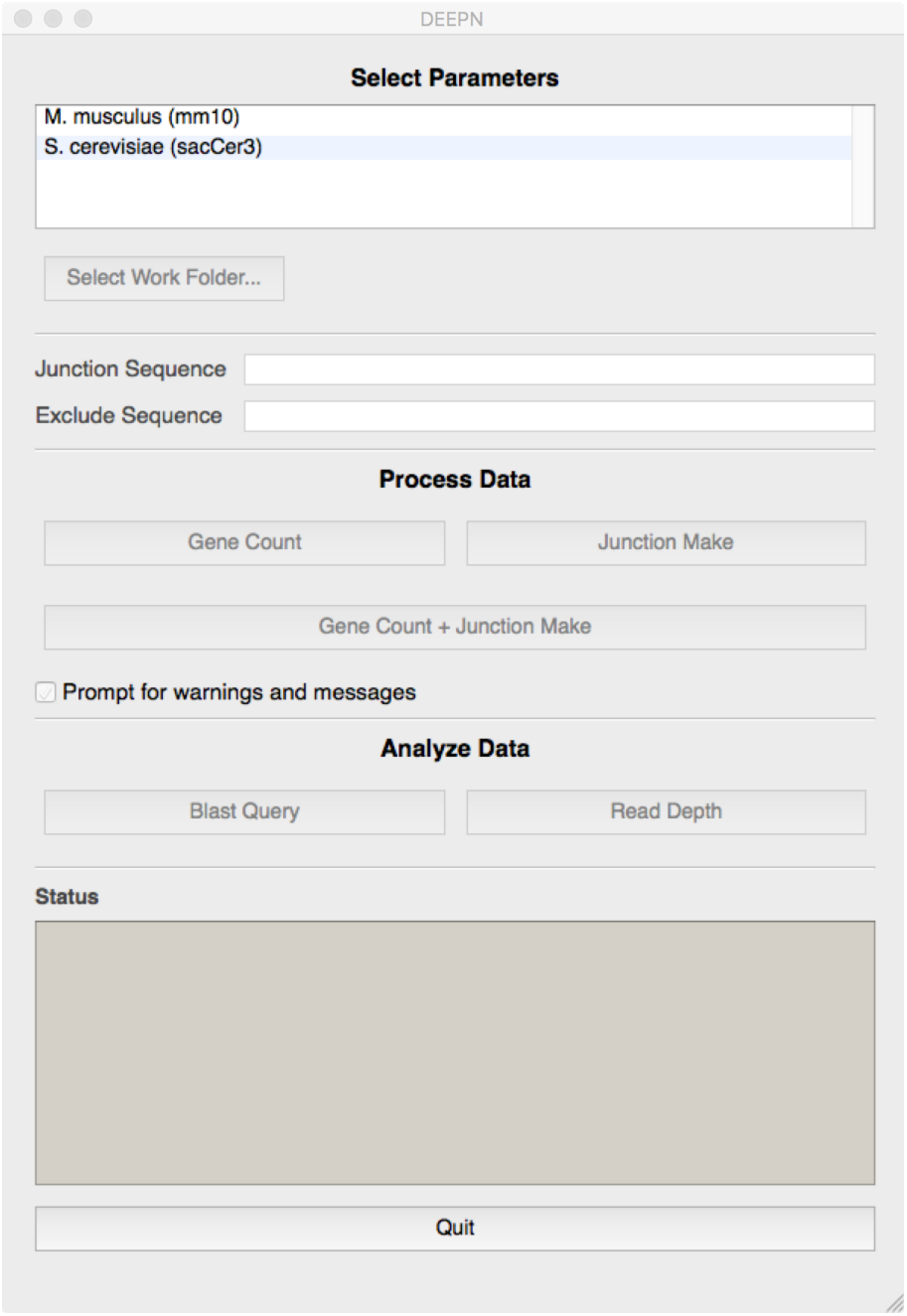


Figure 3.1: **DEEPN** main interface.

- Once your Work Folder is designated, **DEEPN** will need to operate from two subfolders within it (See Figure 3.2). These folders are called...
  - `mapped_sam_files`
  - `unmapped_sam_files`
- If these folders already exist within the "Work Folder" because of previous processing, then **DEEPN** will use them.
- If the "Work Folder" is new and those folders do not exist, **DEEPN** will create them.

Step 3. To start things off, move your `.sam` files generated by Tophat2 into the `mapped_sam_files` and `unmapped_sam_files` folders.

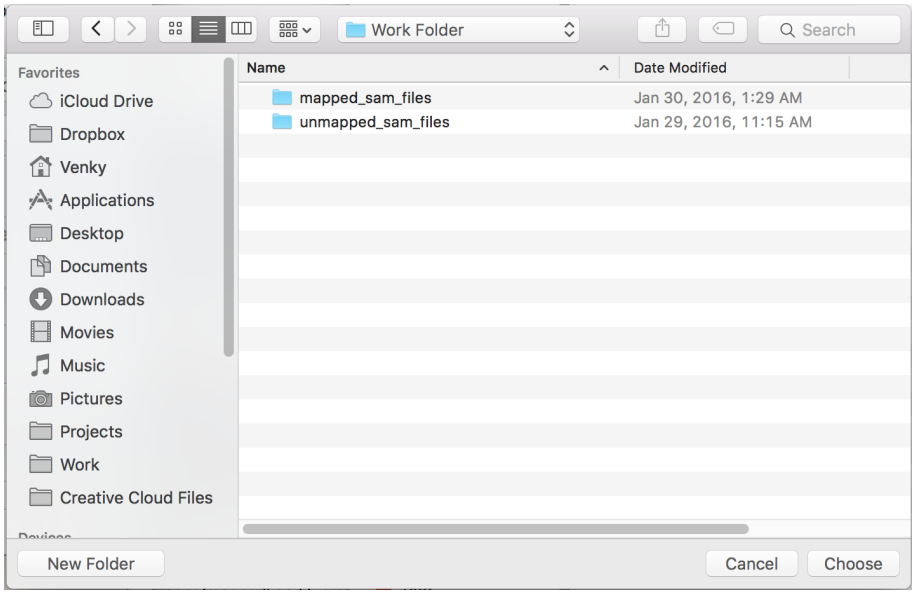


Figure 3.2: Folder with two subfolders, named `mapped_sam_files` and `unmapped_sam_files` is the starting state of **DEEPN** work folder before processing.

Gene Count module will process the `.sam` files placed in the `mapped_sam_files` folder. These files should contain the mapped read files outputted from Tophat2

Junction Make module will process the `.sam` files placed in the `unmapped_sam_files` folder. These files should contain the UNmapped read files outputted from Tophat2. These are the reads that were unable to to mapped adequately to the **SacCer3** or the **Mm10** genomes and that contains the bulk of junction reads. With Illumina 110-120 bp reads, the stretch of cDNA or gene DNA in these "Junction sequences" is too short to be mapped to a chromosome by Tophat2. This workflow assumes these types of short reads. Were one to have longer reads, the Junction Sequences might be able to be mapped, which would oblige the search for them to included the Mapped reads as well.

- Once `.sam` files are placed within `mapped_sam_files`, the Gene Count button is activated and the Gene Count processing can begin by clicking the button.
- Once `.sam` files are placed within `unmapped_sam_files`, the Junction Make button is activated and the Junction Make processing can begin by clicking the button.

A warning message may appear if **DEEPN** detects folders created by previous processing runs. **DEEPN** will add to these folders, but users run the risk that if file names are the same, the old files will be written over by the new files. To avoid any problems, one can move the processed data folders to a new location.

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Processing Data

4. Gene Count

Gene Count will process all the `.sam` files that are in the folder `mapped_sam_files`

Once the `.sam` files are moved to this folder, click the Gene Count button.

R Clicking the Gene Count button will only be possible if there are files in `mapped_sam_files` folder.

After starting, Gene Count will report to you the following:

```
>>>GENEcountY2H
Gene Count will process the mapped .sam files present in the folder
    mapped_sam_files
Gene Count will generate two folders for its output data:
gene_count_summary contains a summary files of genes and their count frequency.
chromosome_files contains more granular data for each gene.

Be patient....This program is slow but will keep you posted.
>>>END
```

Gene Count will populate the `gene_count_summary` and `chromosome_files` folders with files that have names corresponding to the input files.

For an input file named `Dataset1.sam`

- The `gene_count_summary` folder will contain `Dataset1_summary.csv`
- The `chromosome_files` folder will contain `Dataset1_ChrGene.csv`

The `_summary.csv` files generated by Gene Count have the following format when opened in `Microsoft Excel`. See Figure 4.1.

- The name of the `.sam` file processed is found along the top.
- **Column A** shows Chromosome on which each gene is located

- **Column B** shows gene name
- **Column C** shows the frequency of reads for that gene in parts per million (PPM)
- **Columns D and greater** show corresponding NCBI genbank accession numbers that describe annotated mRNA sequences for that gene

Shown are the "Total Mapped Reads" that were found in the starting `.sam` file (TotalReads). Also shown are the "Total Mapped Reads" that were used in the PPM calculation (TotalReads(PPM))

R TotalReads(PPM)) is the number of reads that were found to have a position corresponding to a known exon as annotated in the corresponding database used. Since some exons have yet to be annotated, some of the reads may not be able to be assigned to a particular gene, which accounts for the discrepancy between TotalReads(PPM) and TotalReads.

	A	B	C	D
1	Dataset1.san	Dataset1.sam	Dataset1.sam	Dataset1.sam
2		TotalReads	7196880	
3		TotalReads (PPM)	5441854	
4	Chromosom	GeneName	PPM	NCBI_Acc
5	4_JH584293_	Gm13305	0.183760902	NM_001099348
6	4_JH584293_	Ccl21b	0	NM_011335
7	X_GL456233_	Tmlhe	0.367521804	NM_138758
8	X_GL456233_	Vamp7	106.5813232	NM_001302138
9	X_GL456233_	Spry3	4.042739846	NM_001030293
10	10	Bclaf1	275.0900704	NM_153787
11	10	Samd3	3.491457139	NM_001115154
12	10	Pcnt	4.042739846	NM_001282992
13	10	Hal	0.367521804	NM_010401

Figure 4.1: Screen-shot of `_summary.csv` file generated by Gene Count .

5. Junction Make

Junction Make will process all the `.sam` files that are in the folder `unmapped_sam_files`.

Once the `.sam` files are moved to this folder, click the Junction Make button.

Clicking the Junction Make button will only be possible if there are files in `unmapped_sam_files` folder.

Junction Make will report to you the following:

```
>>>Comment1
- Make sure all ".SAM" files from your UNmapped reads are in the folder:
unmapped_sam_files
- This program will scan for junction sequences that span the Gal4 activation
    domain and the prey.
- The junction tag sequence used will be the one entered in the Junction
    Sequence textbox
- Output files will be placed in the junction_files folder as .junctions.txt
    files.
- Blast identified reads will be placed in the blast_results folder as
    .blast.txt files
- A database of identified junctions will be placed in the blast_results_query
    folder as .p files
>>>END
```

Junction Make will make the `junction_files`, `blast_results`, and `blast_results_query` folders to accept the new files it will produce. If these folders already exist, a warning will be issued to alert the user that files might be overwritten if Junction Make is run again. To avoid this, move the files out of the `junction_files`, `blast_results`, and `blast_results_query` folders to a new place or Abort, rename the `junction_files`, `blast_results`, and `blast_results_query` folders and start Junction Make again.

Junction Make will look for different junction "tag" sequence. When different `Gal4AD-` libraries are used, here is where some user input may be necessary.

For the **clontech mate and plate library** the junction "tag" sequence looked for is:

```
AATTCCACCCAAGCAGTGGTATCAACGCAGAGTGGCCATTACGGCCGGGG
```

So Junction Sequences look like this for the mouse cDNA Mate/Plate pGADT7 library (Figure 5.1):

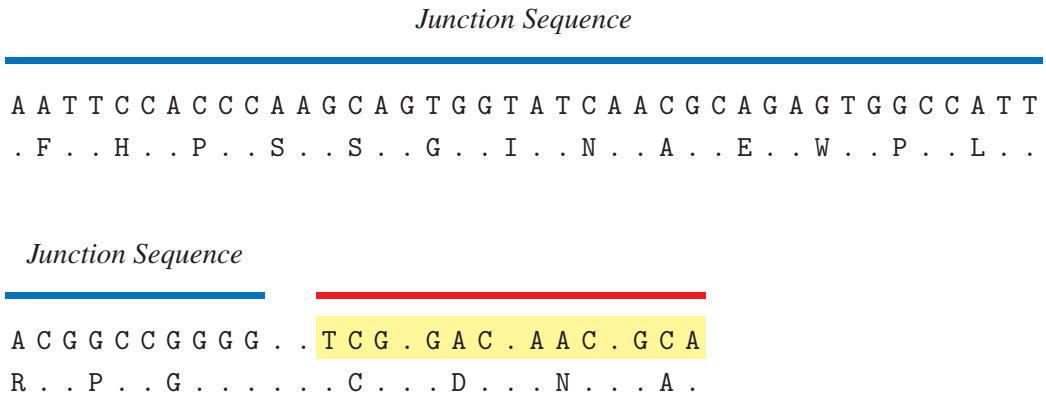


Figure 5.1: Junction Sequences look like this for the mouse cDNA Mate/Plate pGADT7 library

For the **yeast genomic Phil James (pGAD-C1,2,3) library** the junction "tag" sequence looked for is:

```
ATACCCCACCAAACCCAAAAAAAGAGATCGAATTCCCCGGGGGATCCATC
```

So junction sequences look like this for the pGAD-C yeast genomic library (Figure 5.2):

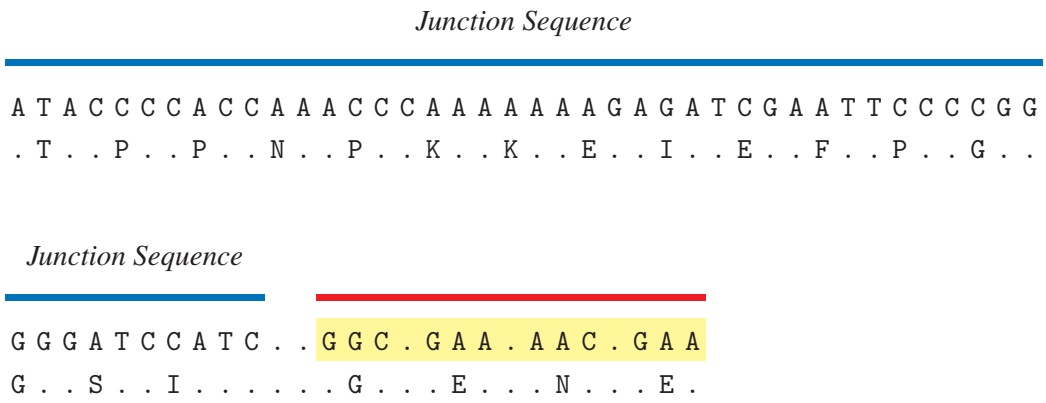


Figure 5.2: Junction sequence for the pGAD-C yeast genomic library.

If you need to use another **Junction Sequence** you can do so by pasting it directly into the textbox labeled "junction sequence"

A new junction sequence should be

- UPPER case and be 50 nt long.
- Be immediately upstream of the cDNA/fragment fusion site
- Have the last 3 nt define a complete codon for the preceding reading frame. In the examples above the last 3 nucleotides define the operative frame (GGG → Glycine or ATC → Isoleucine)

Junction Make takes the 50 nt sequence and creates 3 sequences "tag" from it. It will then make a new file of all the reads that contain one or more of these sequence tags. These lists can be found in the folder `junction_files`. Consider the following sequence:

Gal4AD *Junction Sequence*

A A C G T T C C A G A C A A C G G C C G G G G A A A C C C G G G A A A C C C G G G A

Junction Make will first search for the tag `AGACAACGGCCGGGG`.

Once found it will determine the Downstream Reading Frame (the fusion point of the cDNA), which would be: `AAACCCGGGAAACCCGGGA`.

Sometimes that there is a cloning mismatch in where a cDNA is inserted into the library. This could be a base substitution or a missing nucleotide. To compensate, Junction Make will also look for a 15 bp upstream sequence 4 nt back from what it first looked for. It only does this if the read in question does not have a perfect match to the primary junction sequence query above.

This looks like the following:

Gal4AD *Junction Sequence*

A A C G T T C C A G A C A A C G G C C G X G G A A A C C C G G G A A A C C C G G G A

The sequence to be searched for is: `TTCCAGACAACGGCC`

The Downstream Reading Frame returned remains: `AAACCCGGGAAACCCGGGA`

We have even found this does not fully capture all the junction sequences there are so Junction Make will do the same thing again, going back another another 4 nt to yield.

Gal4AD *Junction Sequence*

A A C G T T C C A G A C A A C G X C C G G X G A A A C C C G G G A A A C C C G G G A

The sequence to be searched for is: AACGTTCCAGACAAC
The Downstream Reading Frame returned remains: AAACCCGGGAAACCCGGGA

Junction Make will generate these 3 junction tags that it will look for an apprise you of its status by stating

```
>>>Comment2
The primary, secondary, and tertiary sequences that will be searched for are:
1st sequence
2nd sequence
3rd sequence
>>>END
```

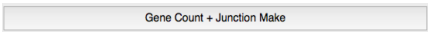
Junction Make will then notify you that it has started to search the .sam files using

```
>>>Comment3
Junction Make is searching .sam files for the junctions that span the GAL4-AD
    and library insert
The next step converts files to a FASTA file format used for blastn search
The FASTA files are temporary \_TEMP.fa files are located in the blastResults
    folder

\_TEMP.fa files are being converted into blast.txt files that contain the blastn
    results for each junction.
This is done by searching each sequence against the reference cDNA database
    using blastn.
This takes a while...
>>>END
```

During this time, Junction Make runs a blastn search of each of the junction reads against a database of annotated RefSeq mRNAs or yeast genes. Results from this blast search are found in the "blast_results" folder. Files from this folder are then used to create a searchable format that can be used by the analysis program Blast Query . Junction Make creates a Python dictionary ".p" file for each dataset are stores this in the blast_results_query folder.

6. Running Gene Count & Junction Make

The **DEEPN** application also provides a 

button. Clicking this sequentially runs Gene Count and Junction Make on the contents of "mapped_sam_files" and the "unmapped_sam_files" automatically. Thus, one can queue in the files and let processing complete overnight. To run this option be sure that the "Work Folder" contains only:

- `mapped_sam_files` folder with mapped `.sam` files
- `unmapped_sam_files` folder with corresponding unmapped `.sam` files

If there are no other folders, you can be sure to avoid any **WARNINGS** that might interrupt the processing workflow. Alternatively, you can unclick the box on the **DEEPN** window to skip such prompts.

IV Analyzing Data

7. Blast Query

This program allows you to assess the fusion point between the Gal4AD and each gene/cDNA in question.

- This program queries the blast searches done previously in `blast_results_query` folder
- Once loaded, you simply type in the NCBI reference number (**NM_*****)
- The fusion points and their frequency in `ppm` are displayed

Once Junction Make has loaded the `blast_results_query` folder with processed ".p" files, Blast Query can be used to analyze the junctions. Clicking the Blast Query button launches the module and a new graphic user interface.

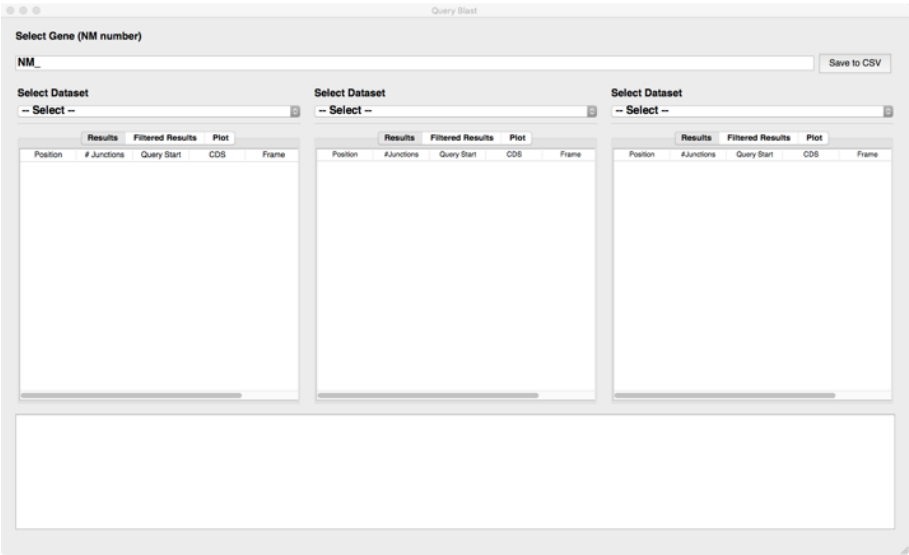


Figure 7.1: Screen shot of Blast Query user interface.

Enter in GeneID in the text box above in Figure 7.1. These are **NM_*** identifiers that can be

found in relation to gene names in the `summary.csv` files generated by Gene Count . An example is **NM_146001**.

Then use the pull-down menu to select which datasets to compare. The list of datasets is generated by reading what ".p" files are in the `blast_results_query` folder that is within your "Work Folder". If the right .p file is not in that folder, you can simply move it in from somewhere else.

The data window can be selected to display **Results** , **Filtered Results** or **Plot** as shown in Figure 8.1.

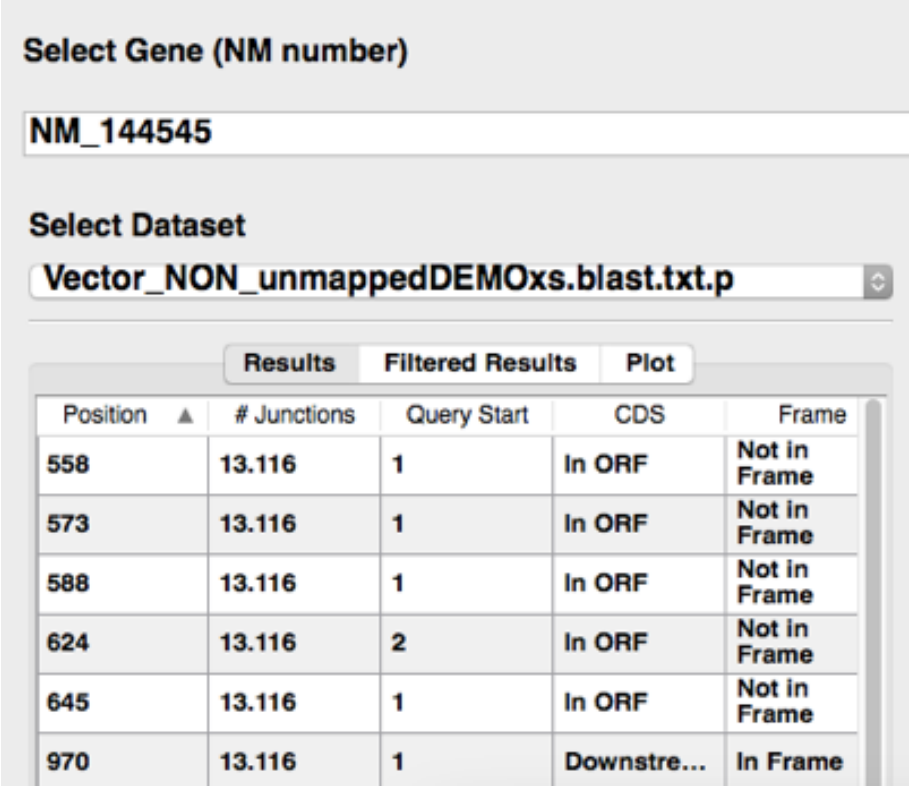


Figure 7.2: Screen shot of Blast Query user interface.

7.1 Results Tab

The "Results Tab" shows

- **Position** (which is the position of first nucleotide of the given insert that found for a particular junction read).
- **#Junctions** is a count, in PPM, for how abundant that particularjunction is
- **QueryStart** comes from the q.start value of the `blastn` search used to identify the downstream gene fused to the Gal4AD. It refers to how many nucleotides are between the junction tag and the matched cDNA position. Often, this number is 1, but sometimes there are cloning artifacts that generate extra sequence between the end of the Gal4-AD and where the match is to the cDNA. These extra nucleotides will have an impact on the translation reading frame. So the Position and the Query Start are used to calculate whether a particular junction is within the Coding Region (CDS) and whether it is in-frame.
- **CDS** shows whether the junction site in the mRNA of interest is upstream of the coding region, downstream of the coding region, or within (In ORF) of the coding region.

- **Frame** calculates whether the downstream library insert that encodes the candidate protein of interest is in the same frame as the upstream Gal4AD.

7.2 Filtered Results Tab

Sometimes, sequencing the same junction multiple times leads to sequence errors which can produce reads that have the same Position but different Q.Starts, or that have Positions that are 1-2 bp different from the main Position. To simplify comparisons, one can use the "Filtered Results" tab, which collapses all similar Positions that may have different Q.starts into a single value. Filtered Results also displays only the Positions that are found within the **Left** most dataset. Thus, by placing, say, a total unselected library dataset on the left, the **Right**-hand datasets will only display position sites that are in common with the unselected library dataset.

7.3 Plot Tab

The plot tab creates a quick graphic displaying where each junction site is along the given mRNA or gene. The abundance of each junction sequence within the dataset are plotted on the Y axis in ppm. If a junction site is downstream of the CDS or out of translational frame, the bar is grey. If it is within the CDS and in-frame it is dark blue, and if it is upstream of the CDS start but within the correct translational reading frame, it is cyan. The start and stop sites for translation are shown with red bars. The mRNA/gene sequence itself is given in the text box below, where the protein coding sequence is shown in black text and the upstream and downstream untranslated regions are in grey.

7.4 Export for Graphing

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button is found at the top right hand corner. This will save the current **Results** and **Filtered Results** Tables in a `.csv` file that can be opened in `Microsoft Excel`. Results from each selected dataset are saved in a different sheet.

This output pasted program for further analysis or graphing such as GraphPad Prism

http://www.graphpad.com/scientific-software/prism/

8. Read Depth

Read Depth is used as an aid to determine the 3' end of the interacting cDNA insert. Most genes that enrich upon selection are represented by a single plasmid, which can be surmised by having a dominant junction site. Thus, much of a given cDNA insert extends downstream can be determined by read-depth along the cDNA sequence. Read Depth determines this by measuring how many sequences within the dataset contain a 25 bp interval of the cDNA sequence in question. Read Depth first makes a subset of all the mapped reads that correspond to the gene of interest and then counts how many of these reads contain sequence that match along the length of the cDNA. The up/down arrows can be used to adjust the interval distance in increments of 50 nt. Users can also directly enter a desired interval, with a minimum interval of 50 nt.

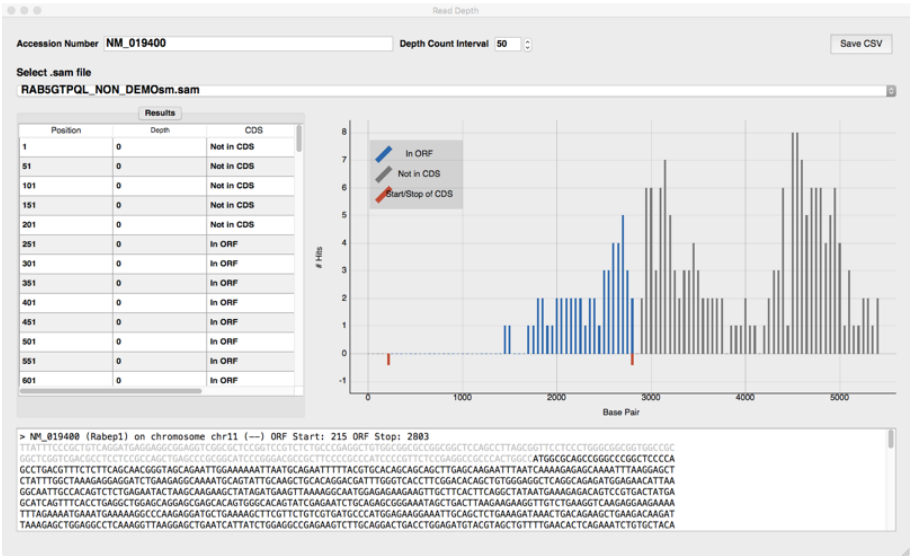

Figure 8.1: Screen shot of Read Depth user interface.

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