

INTRODUCTION TO OMICS DATA ANALYSIS RNA-seq

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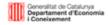
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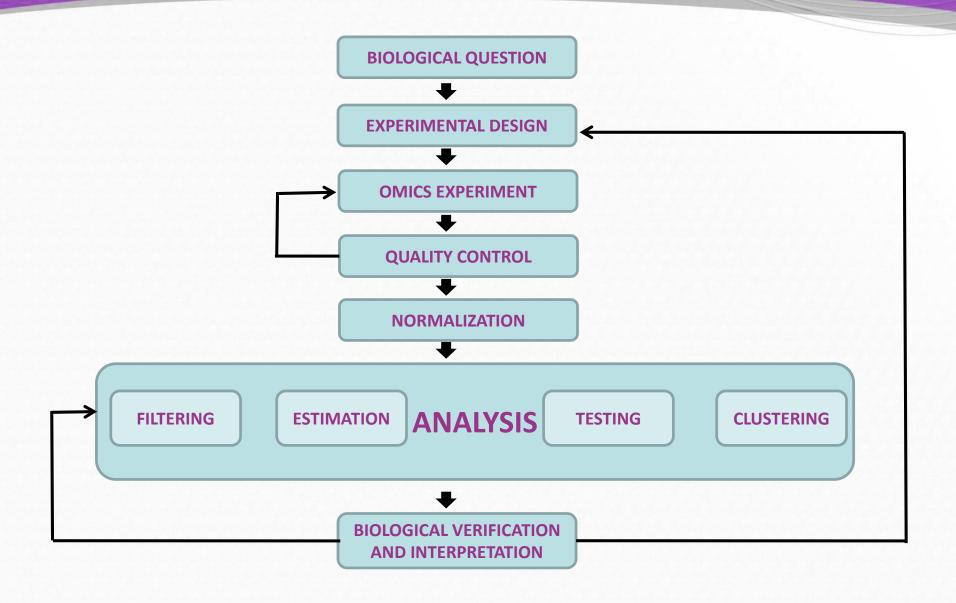
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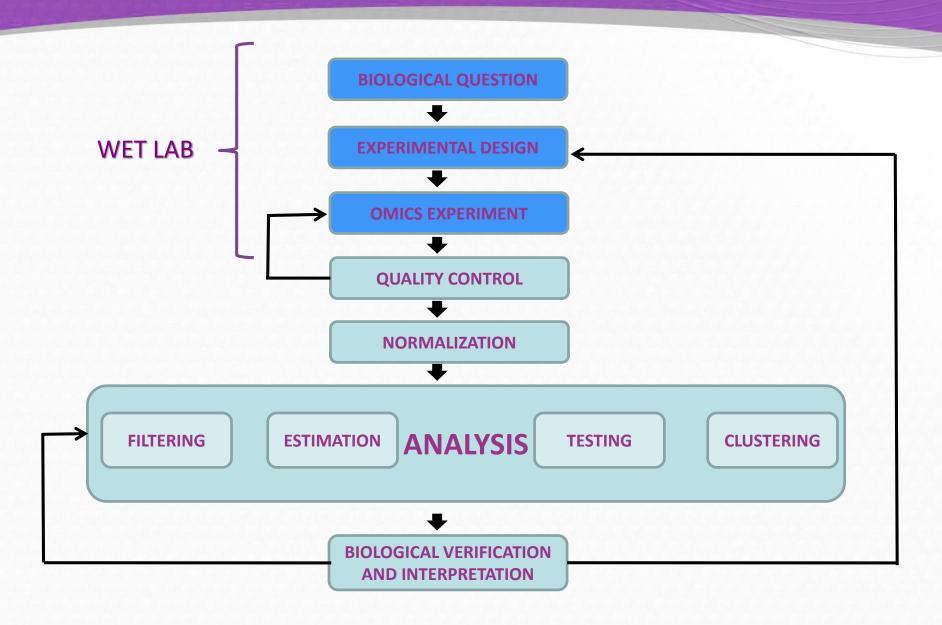
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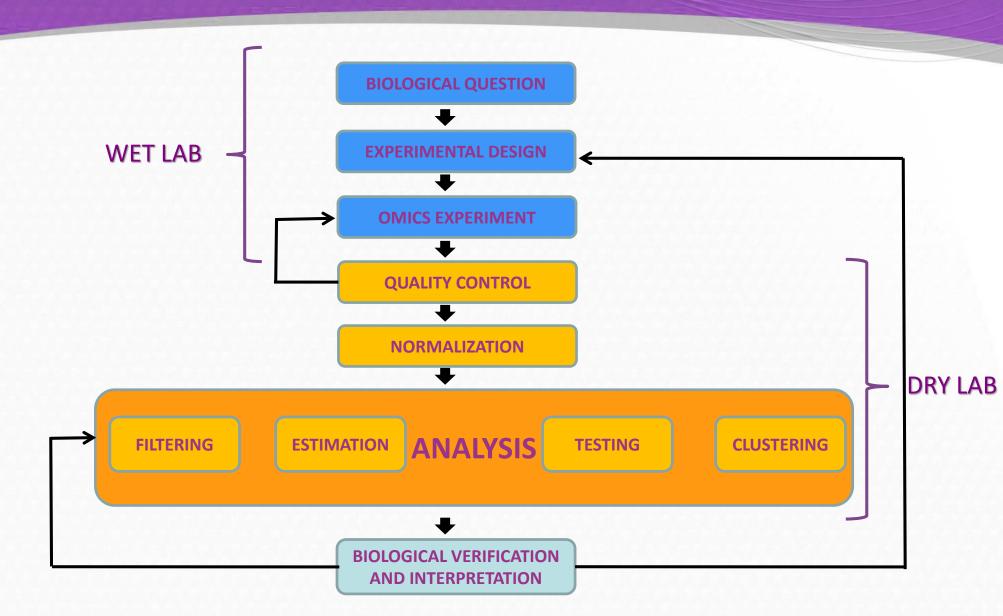
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RNA-seq enables the finding of:

- Alternative gene spliced transcripts,
- Post-transcriptional modifications,
- Gene fusion,
- Mutations/SNPs,
- Changes in gene expression



- Functional studies
 - Genome may be constant but an experimental condition has a pronounced effect on gene expression
 - ✓ e.g. Drug treated vs. untreated cell line
 - ✓ e.g. Wild type versus knock out mice
- Some molecular features can only be observed at the RNA level
 - Alternative isoforms, fusion transcripts, RNA editing
- Predicting transcript sequence from genome sequence is difficult
 - Alternative splicing, RNA editing, etc.

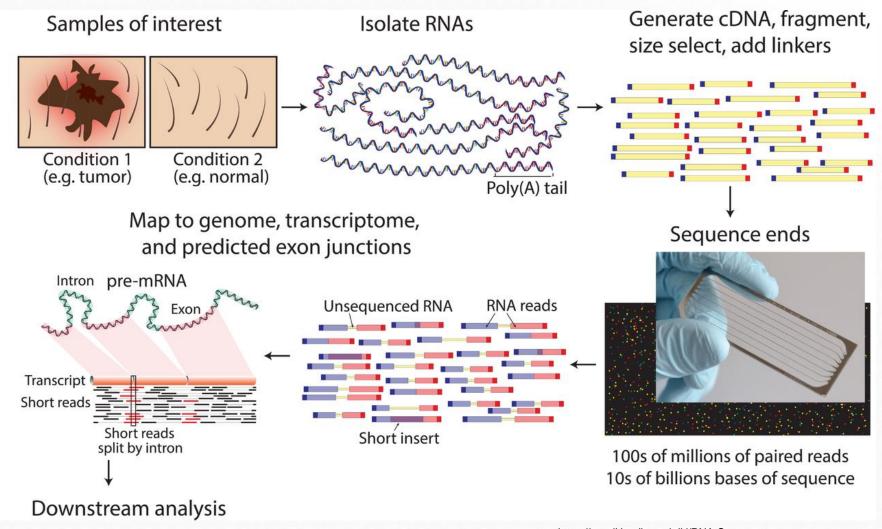


- RNA-seq is the high throughput sequencing of cDNA using NGS technologies
- RNA-seq works by sequencing every RNA molecule and profiling the
 expression of a particular gene by counting the number of time its transcripts
 have been sequenced.
- The summarized RNA-seq data is widely known as count table

	Condition A			Condition B		
Gene1	4	0	2	12	14	13
Gene2	0	23	50	47	22	0
Gene3	0	2	6	13	11	15
GeneG	156	238	37	129	51	118

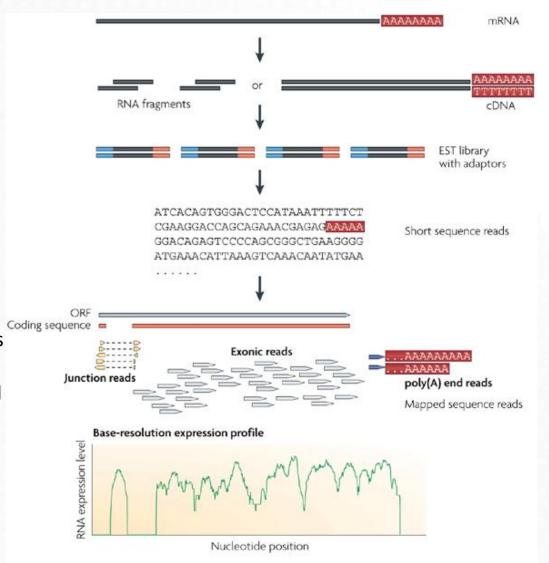


RNA-seq (SGS)





- Long RNAs are first converted into a library of cDNA fragments through either RNA fragmentation or DNA fragmentation.
- Sequencing adaptors (blue) are added to each cDNA fragment and a short sequence is obtained from each cDNA using highthroughput sequencing technology.
- The resulting sequence reads are aligned with the reference genome or transcriptome, and classified as three types: exonic reads, junction reads and poly(A) end-reads. These three types are used to generate a base-resolution expression profile for each gene, as illustrated at the bottom; a yeast ORF with one intron is shown.





Classes of RNA Molecules in Human Cells

Ribosomal RNA - rRNA

- ~80% of total RNA
- 28 S
- 18 S
- 5S and 5.8 S

Noncoding RNA - ncRNA

- tRNA
- snoRNA
- lincRNA
- miRNA
- Many, many others...

Mitochondrial RNA - mtRNA

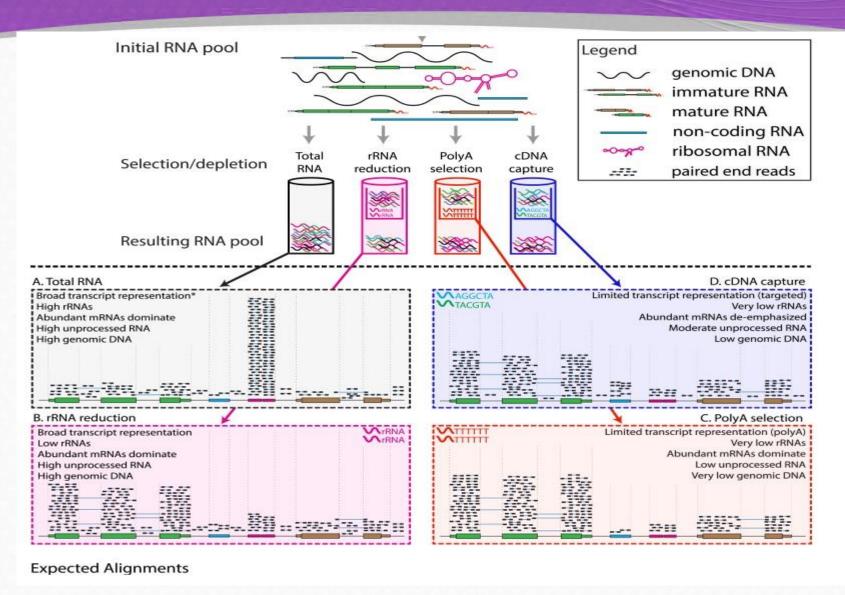
Messenger RNA – mRNA 1-3% of Total RNA

- Highly expressed transcripts (>10,000 copies per cell)
- Rarely expressed transcripts (~1 copy per cell)

RNA Lecture Series: RNAseq - methods and evaluation software

T. Stempfl, 2012-07-04







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2.2 Basic key concepts?

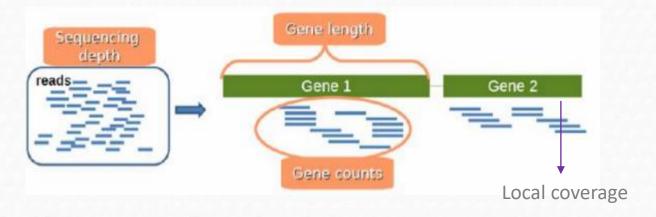


Sequencing depth: Total number of reads mapped to the genome. (Library size) Could also be applied to samples.

Coverage: Number of reads mapped to a specific region (average of them if we are talking about the whole genome...)

Gene length: Number of bases that a gene has.

Gene counts: Number of reads mapping to that gene (expression measurement)





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- Sample
 - Purity? Quantity? Quality?
- RNAs consist of small exons that may be separated by large introns
 - Mapping reads to genome is challenging
 - Non-uniformity coverage of the genome

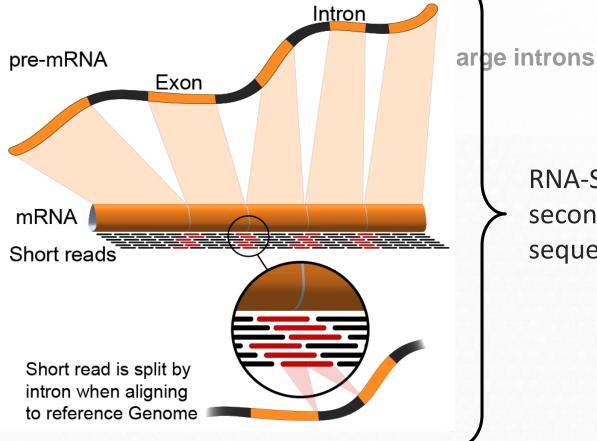




• Purity? Qua-tit-0

RNAs consist of pre-mRNA

- Mapping rea
- Non-uniform



RNA-Seq second generation sequencing





Long read

RNAs consist of pre-mRNA

Mapping rea

Non-uniform

mRNA

Exon

Molecule = Read = Transcript

RNA-Seq third generation sequencing

arge introns



- Sample
 - Purity? Quantity? Quality?
- RNAs consist of small exons that may be separated by large introns
 - Mapping reads to genome is challenging
 - Non-uniformity coverage of the genome
- The relative abundance of RNAs vary wildly
 - 10⁵ 10⁷ orders of magnitude
 - Since RNA sequencing works by random sampling, a small fraction of highly expressed genes may consume the majority of reads (rRNA)
- RNAs come in a wide range of sizes
 - Small RNAs must be captured separately
 - PolyA selection of large RNAs may result in 3' end bias
- RNA is fragile compared to DNA (easily degraded)
- Library preparation



- Capture of less abundant RNAs
- Avoid the conversion to cDNA prior to library construction

RNA-Seq TGS — Increasing the yield

Avoid degradation at 5' end



 Independently of the software used, one needs to think about

DATA STORAGE & MANAGEMENT!!



1 Illumina Flow Cell equals up to

- 1.5 Bn individual Clusters
- = 3 Bn Reads
- = 300 Gbases raw sequence
- = 2.5 TByte of disk space (raw data)
- > 100 GByte of disk space (fastq data)



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News

The death of microarrays?

High-throughput gene sequencing seems to be stealing a march on microarrays. Heidi Ledford looks at a genome technology facing intense competition.

Announcing the death of the Micro-array

30 August 2010 by Anthony Fejes, posted in Uncategorized



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- reproducibility
- only show you what you're looking for
- what about 'indels', inversions, translocations...
- accuracy
- sensitivity



PLoS One. 2013 Aug 20;8(8):e71462. doi: 10.1371/journal.pone.0071462. eCollection 2013.

Large scale comparison of gene expression levels by microarrays and RNAseq using TCGA data.

Guo Y1, Sheng Q, Li J, Ye F, Samuels DC, Shyr Y.

two normalization methods than shorter exons.

Abstract

RNAseq and microarray methods are frequently used to measure gene expression level. While similar in purpose, there are fundamental differences between the two technologies. Here, we present the largest comparative study between microarray and RNAseq methods to date using The Cancer Genome Atlas (TCGA) data. We found high correlations between expression data obtained from the Affymetrix one-channel microarray and RNAseq (Spearman correlations coefficients of ~0.8). We also observed that the low abundance genes had poorer correlations between microarray and RNAseq data than high abundance genes. As expected, due to measurement and normalization differences, Agilent two-channel microarray and RNAseq data were poorly correlated (Spearman correlations coefficients of only ~0.2). By examining the differentially expressed genes between tumor and normal samples we observed reasonable concordance in directionality between Agilent two-channel microarray and RNAseq data, although a small group of genes were found to have expression changes reported in opposite directions using these two technologies. Overall, RNAseq produces comparable results to microarray technologies in term of expression profiling. The RNAseq normalization methods RPKM and RSEM produce similar results on the gene level and reasonably concordant results on the exon level. Longer exons tended to have better concordance between the



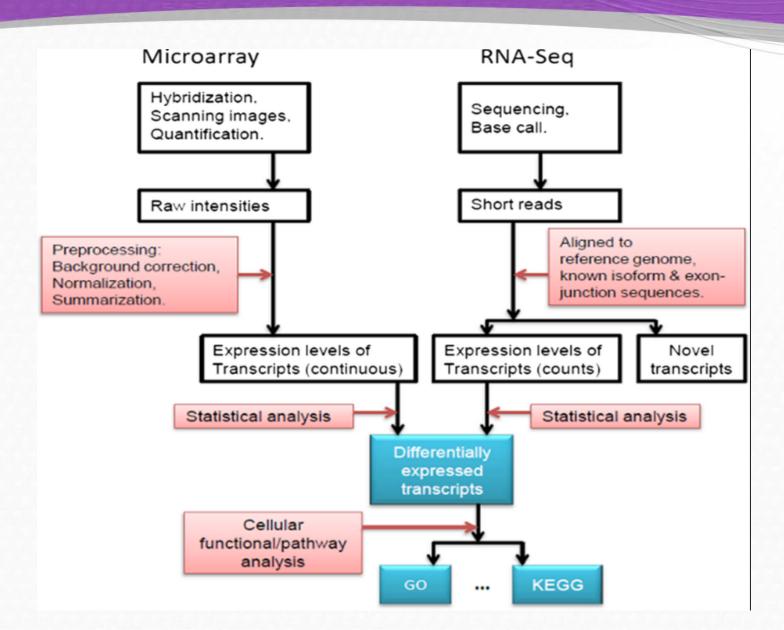
Comparison of RNA-Seq and Microarray in Transcriptome Profiling of Activated T Cells

Shanrong Zhao ☑, Wai-Ping Fung-Leung, Anton Bittner, Karen Ngo, Xuejun Liu ☑
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- RNA-Seq was superior in detecting low abundance transcripts
- > also better detecting differentiating biologically isoforms
- RNA-Seq demonstrated a broader dynamic range than microarray.
- > RNA-Seq avoid problems inherent to microarray probe performance

!!!The study try to demonstrate the benefits of RNA-Seq over microarray in transcriptome profiling







Pros and cons of both technologies

<u>Microarrays</u>

RNA-seq

- Costs,
- well established methods, small data
- Hybridization bias,
- sequence must be known

- High reproducibility,
- not limited to expression
- Costs,
- complexity of analysis

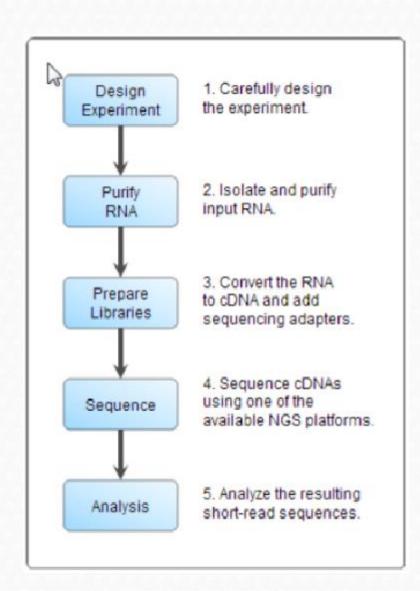
"RNA-Seq sequencing technology is new to most researchers, more expensive than microarray, data storage is more challenging and analysis is more complex."

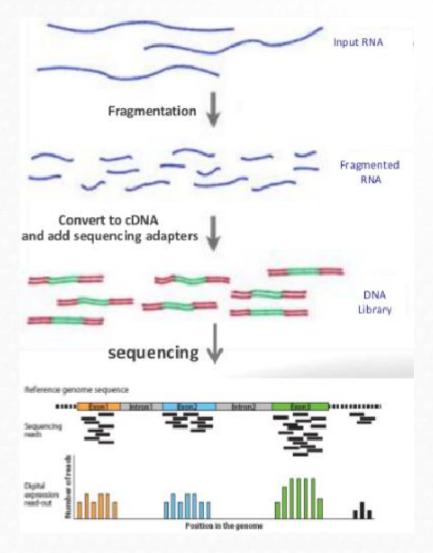
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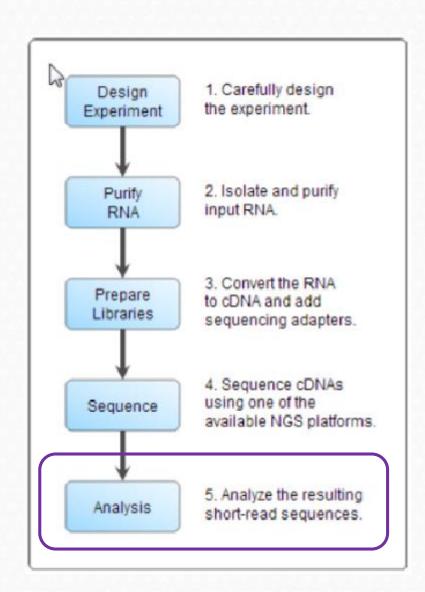
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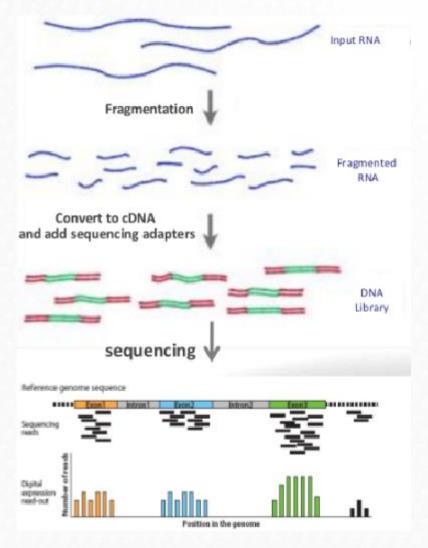




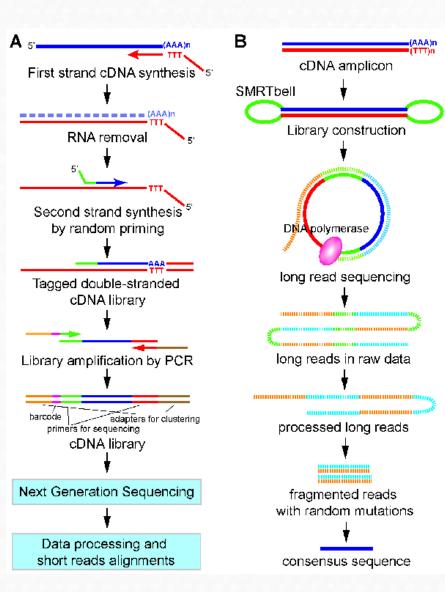












RNA-Seq workflow

A= RNA-Seq (SGS)
B= RNA-Seq (TGS) -> Iso-Seq (PacBio)

https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/28148393/

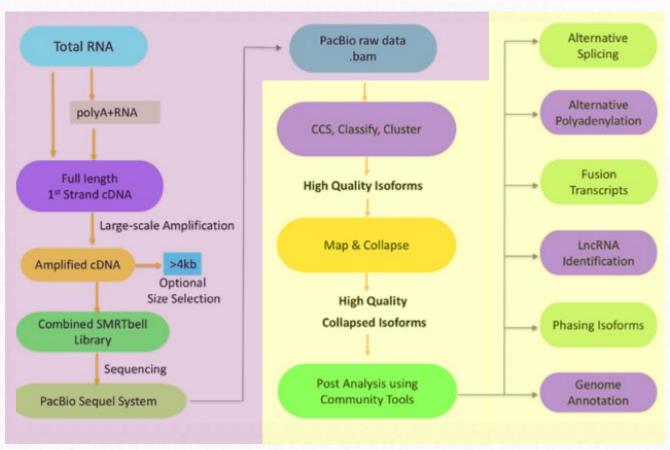


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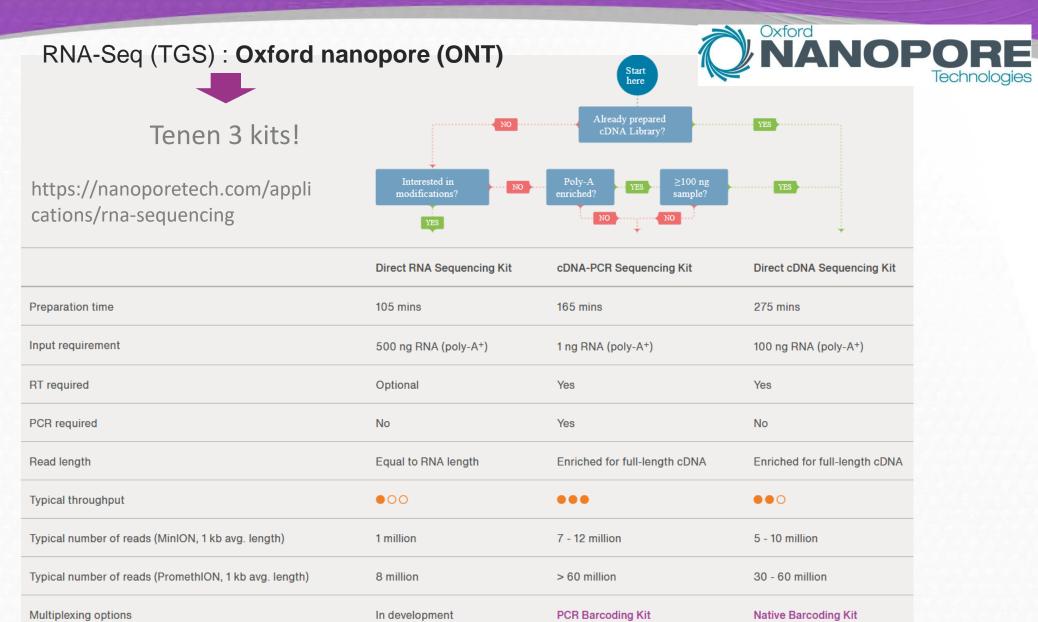


RNA-Seq (TGS) pipeline exemple: Iso-Seq









Typical number of reads (PromethION, 1 kb avg. length)

Multiplexing options



Oxford NANOPORE Technologies RNA-Seq (TGS): Oxford nanopore (ONT) Start here Already prepared Tenen 3 kits! cDNA Library? Interested in https://nanoporetech.com/appli modifications? cations/rna-sequencing **Direct RNA Sequencing Kit** cDNA-PCR Sequencing Kit Direct cDNA Sequencing Kit Preparation time 275 mins 105 mins 165 mins Input requirement 500 ng RNA (poly-A+) 1 ng RNA (poly-A+) 100 ng RNA (poly-A+) RT required Optional Yes Yes PCR required No No Yes Equal to RNA length Read length Enriched for full-length cDNA Enriched for full-length cDNA •00 ••0 Typical throughput Typical number of reads (MinION, 1 kb avg. length) 1 million 7 - 12 million 5 - 10 million

8 million

In development

> 60 million

PCR Barcoding Kit

30 - 60 million

Native Barcoding Kit

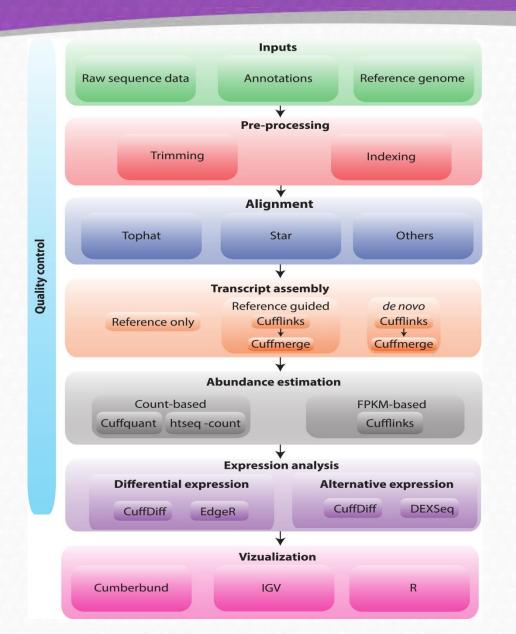


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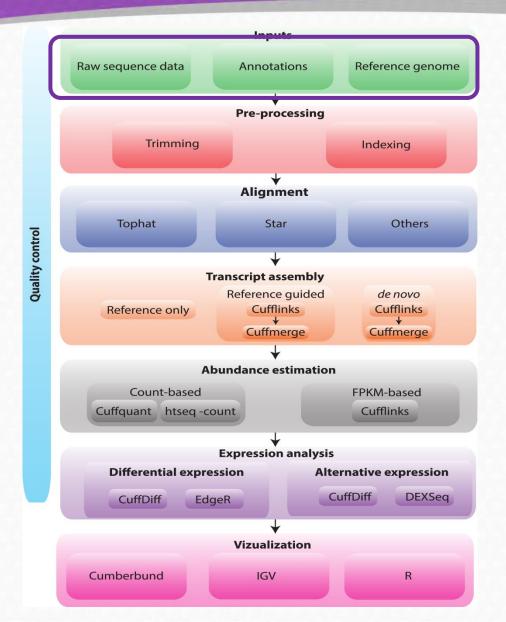
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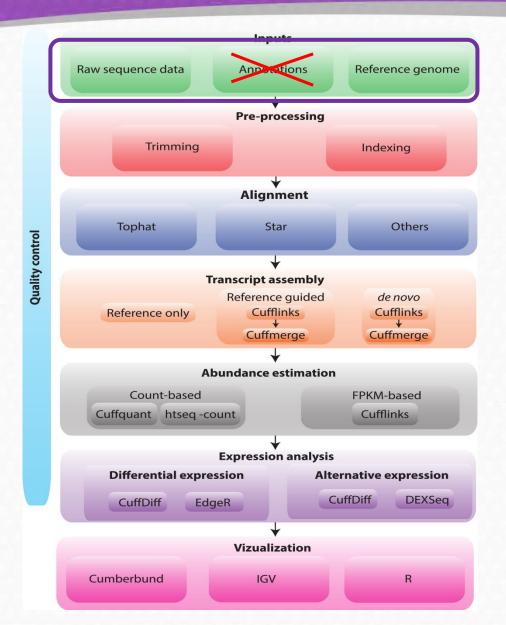
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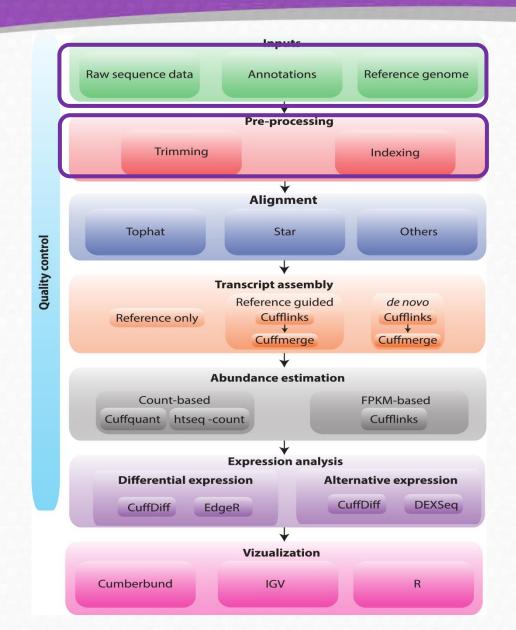
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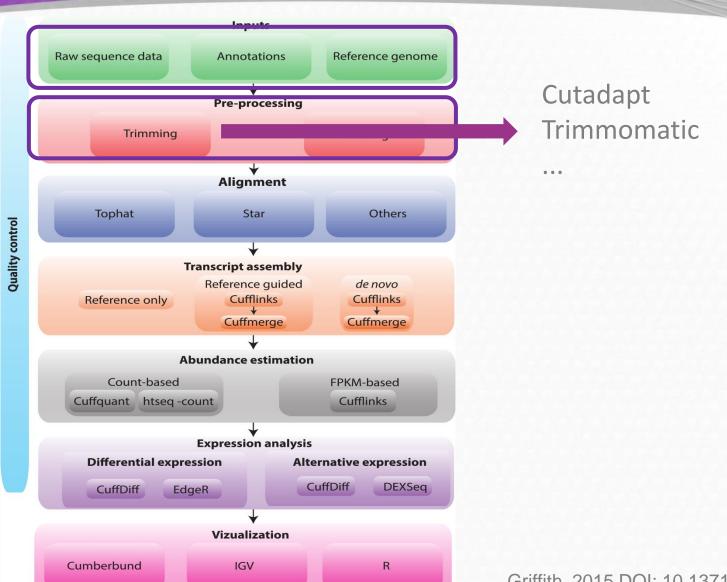


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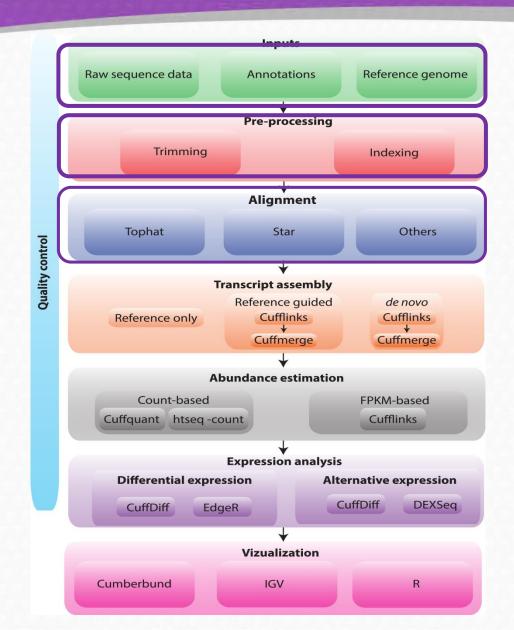






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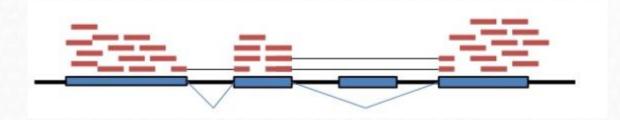
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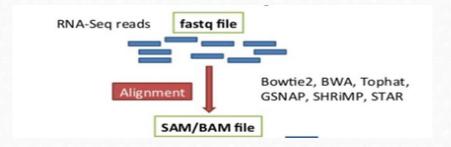


What to map to?

Map to the genome, with knowledge of transcript annotations



- Well annotated genome reference is required.
- To effectively map to exon junctions, you need a **mapping algorithm** that can divide the sequencing reads and map portions independently.
- Identifying alternative transcript isoforms involves complex algorithms





Which sequence mappers to use?

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- Burrows-Wheeler Transform (BWT) mappers
 - Fast
 - Limited mismatches allowed (<3)
 - Limited indel detection ability
 - Examples: Bowtie2, BWA, Tophat, HISAT2
 - Use cases: large and conserved genome and transcriptomes
- Hash Table mappers
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PMID: 29535759

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Brittney N. Keel* and Warren M. Snelling

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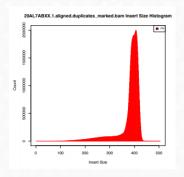
- Unspliced reads are mapped to locate exons (with <u>Bowtie</u>)
- 2. Unmapped reads are then split and aligned independently to identify exon

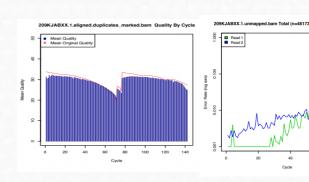


Important to **check the quality** of mapping process (percentage of mapped reads)

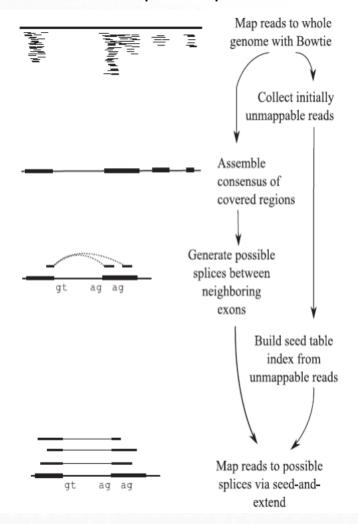


Picard can be used for quality control of mapping





TopHat Pipeline





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 each read to the genome in order to obtain accurate transcript each read.

Brief Communication | Published: 20 April 2014

Sailfish enables alignment-free isoform quantification from RNA-seq reads using lightweight algorithms

Rob Patro, Stephen M Mount & Carl Kingsford ™



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- All you actually need to do is establish the most likely transcript for each read
 - 1. shredding the transcriptome and reads into **kmers** (short overlapping sequences)
 - 2. matching the transcriptome and read kmers (is a very fast and low memory usage)



Alignment-independent quantification for RNA-Seq

- Nowadays there exist various tools:
 - > Salmon, Kallisto, Sailfish

PROS:

- Extremely Fast & Lightweight (can quantify 20 million reads in five minutes on a laptop computer)
- Easy to use



- Limitations of alignment-free tools in Douglas C. Wul 2 10, Jun Yaol 2, Kevin S. Hol 2, Alan M. Lambowitz 1,2 and Claus O. Wilke 1,3* Wu et al. BMC Genomics (2018) 19510
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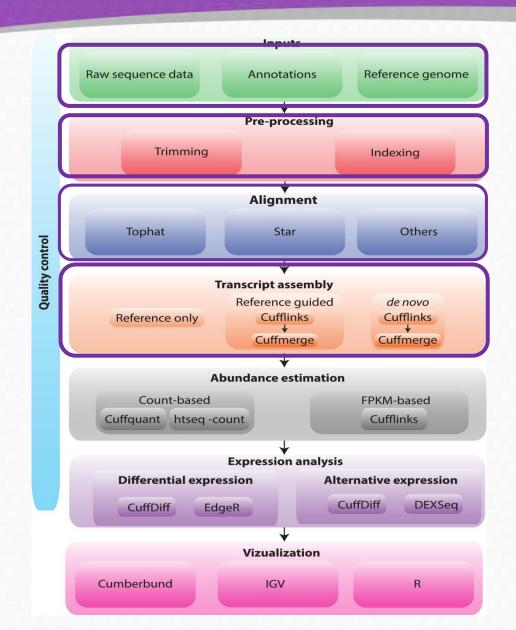
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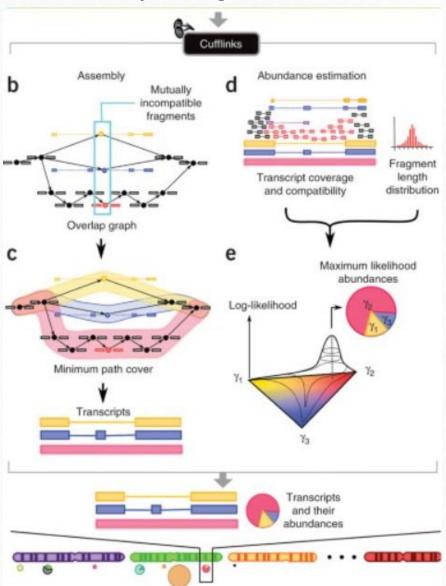
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TopHat alignment



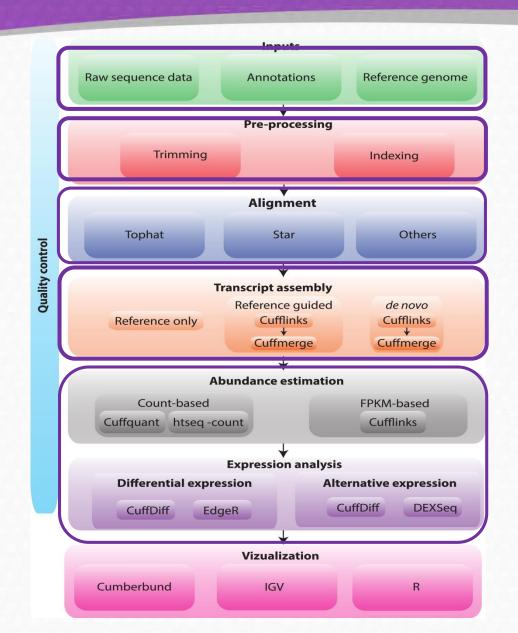


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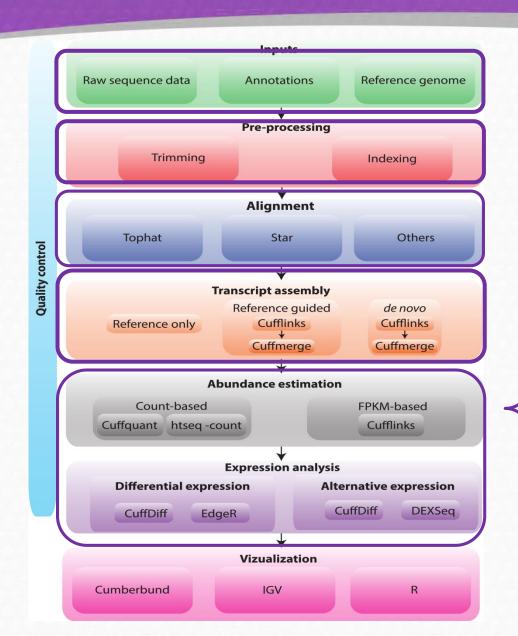
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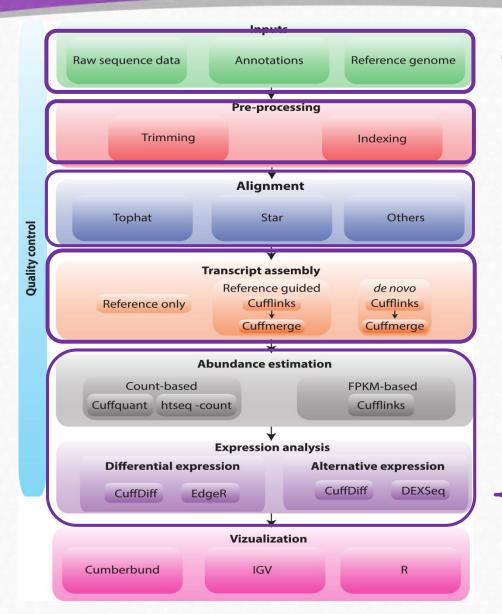




Count-based methods: assign the reads to transcripts directly.

Abundance based methods: assign abundance of each transcript with a probabilistic model that makes use of info such as fragment length distribution etc. Many software tools want raw counts for input because they do their own normalization.





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Differential expression:

taking the normalized read count data and performing statistical analysis to discover <u>quantitative</u> <u>changes</u> in expression levels between experimental groups.

Alternative expression: analysis of RNA-seq data to catalog transcripts and assess <u>alternative</u> expression of known and predicted mRNA isoforms in cells and tissues

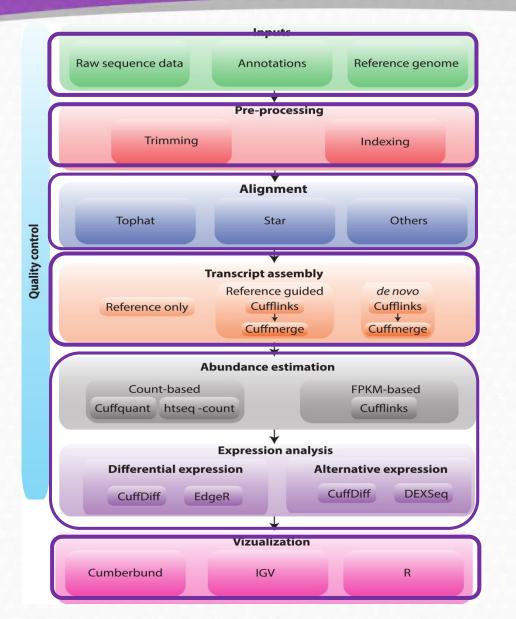


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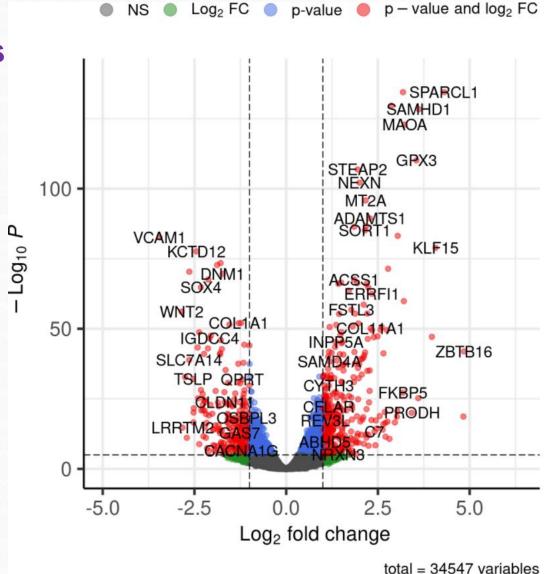




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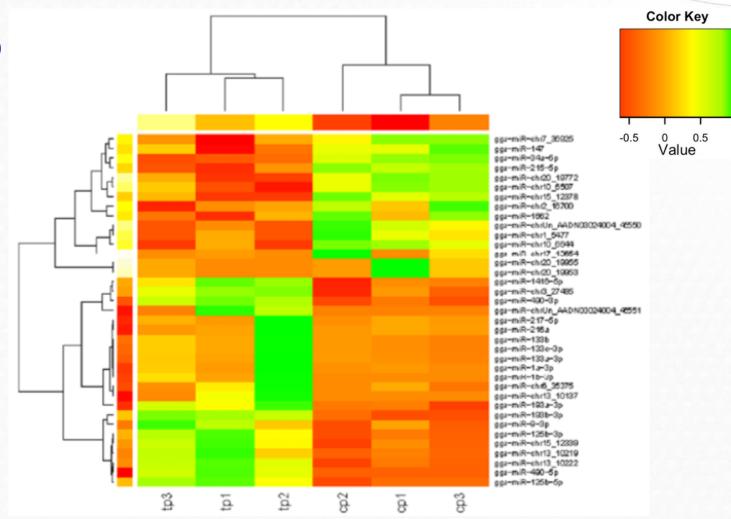
Volcano plots



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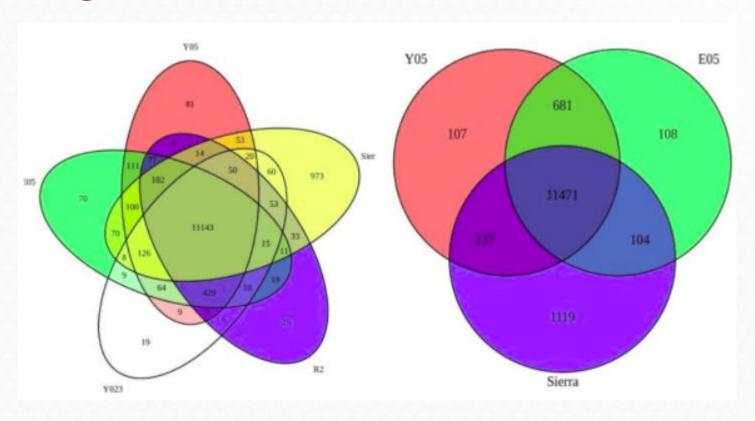


Heatmap





Venn diagrams



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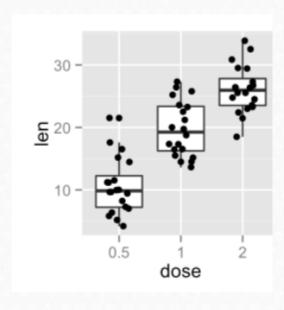
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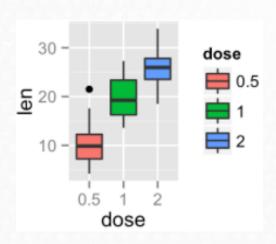


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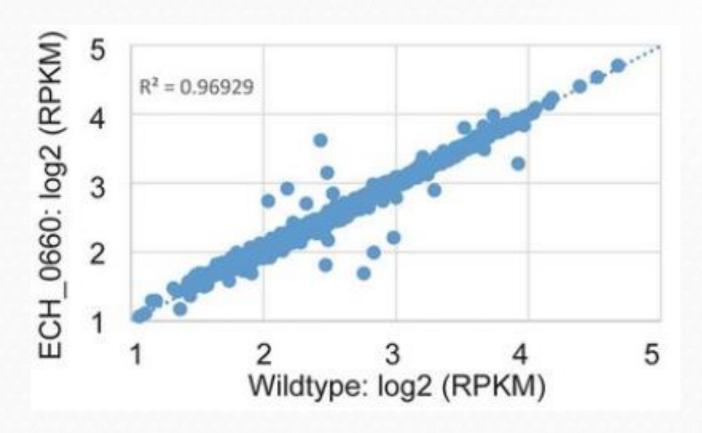




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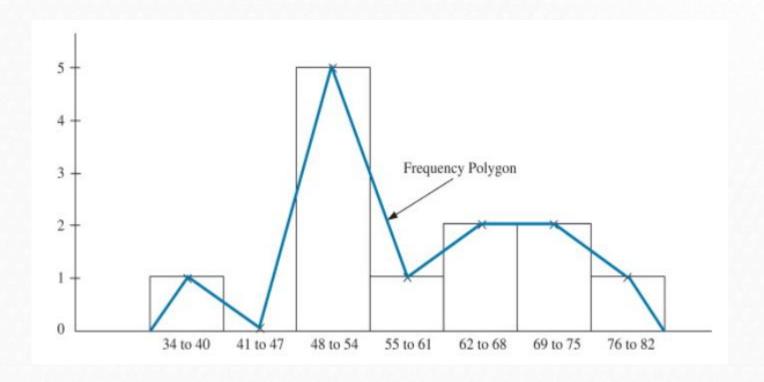


Scatter plot





Frequency plots

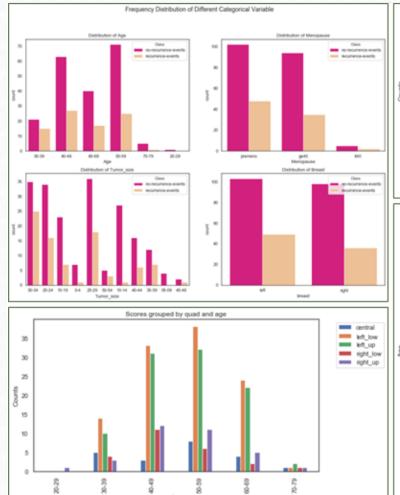


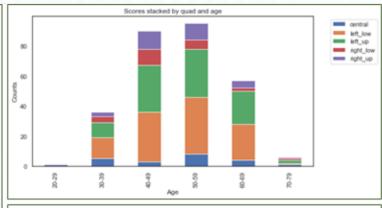
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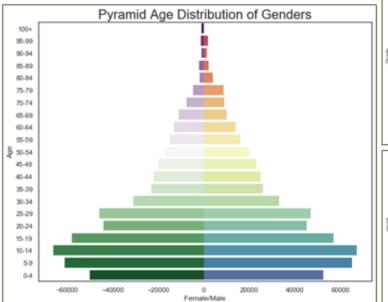


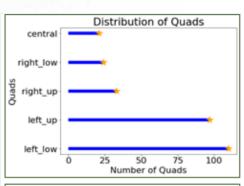
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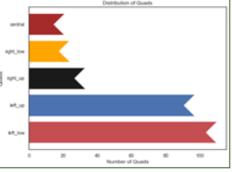
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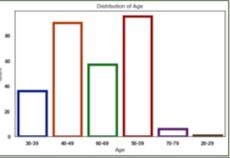










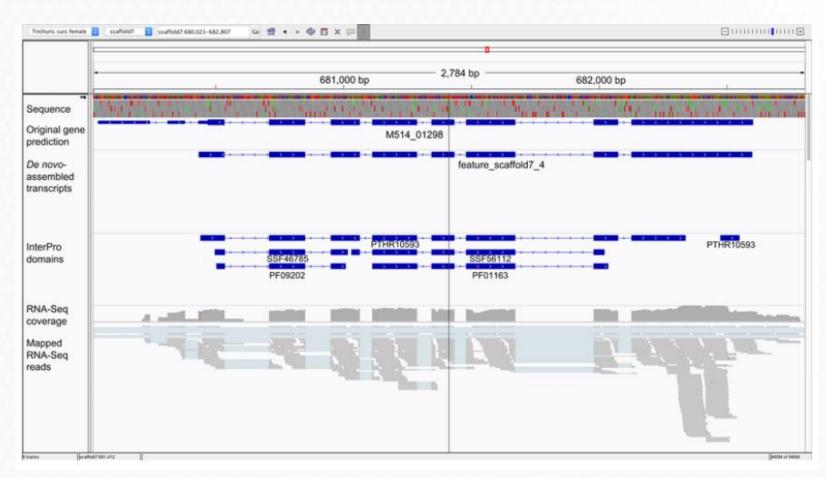




Viewers

UCSC genome browser, IGV...

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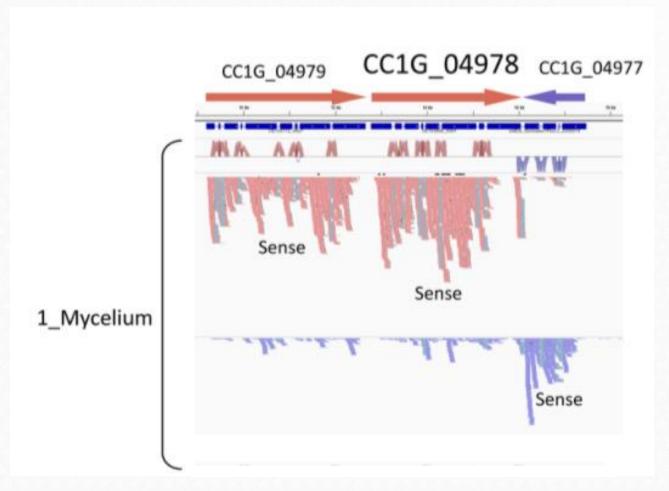


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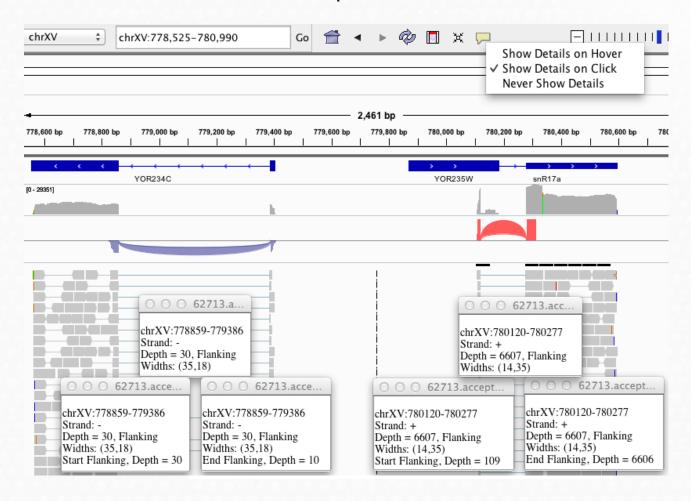


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