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# bio-informatic analysis of RNASeq data

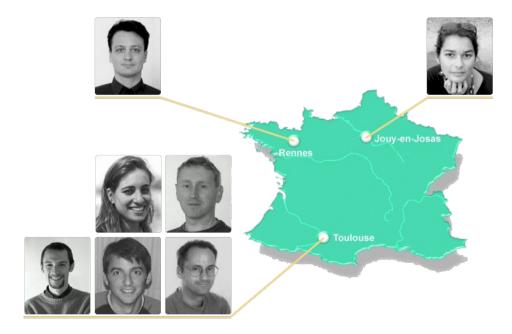
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### **Overview**

- Transcriptome and transcription variability
- Sequencing techniques
- Usual questions
- Data quality control
- Read spliced alignment
- Expression quantification
- Novel gene and transcript identification



- 7 engineers work in farm animal genomics
- 30 running projects
- > 400 publications (citing the team or having a team member in the authors)



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- 12 engineers
- > 4,000 cpus, 1Pb disk space
- 10 training sessions
- > 20 running projects





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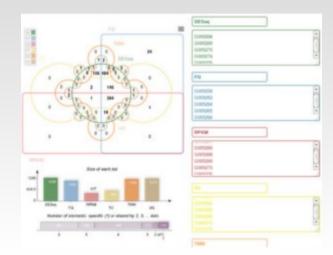
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## Definitions

### RNA-Seq :

RNA-seq (RNA Sequencing), also called Whole Transcriptome Shotgun Sequencing (WTSS), is a technology that uses the capabilities of nextgeneration sequencing to reveal a snapshot of RNA presence and quantity from a genome at a given moment in time.

### **RNA-Seq aims**

- Find the structures and functions of expressed genes and transcripts (possible splice forms),
- Measure the expression levels usually to find differentially expressed transcripts (explaining the phenotype),
- Find polymorphisms in the transcripts :
  - SSR (short sequence repeat),
  - SNP (Single nucleotide polymorphism),
  - INDEL (Insertion / Deletion).

### **RNA-Seq limitations**

- No sequencer is able, today, to produce large quantities of reliable sequences corresponding to full length transcripts :
  - HiSeq produces short reads
  - MiSeq, PGM, proton produce lower read numbers (quantities)
  - PacBio reads have an high error rate and low through-put

### Hands-on

- In small groups, define transcription and the different products produced by transcription.
- Group the products depending on their features.
- List the different forms of variability found in transcription products and discuss their impact.

### **GENCODE view**

### Version 21 (June 2014 freeze, GRCh38) - Ensembl 77

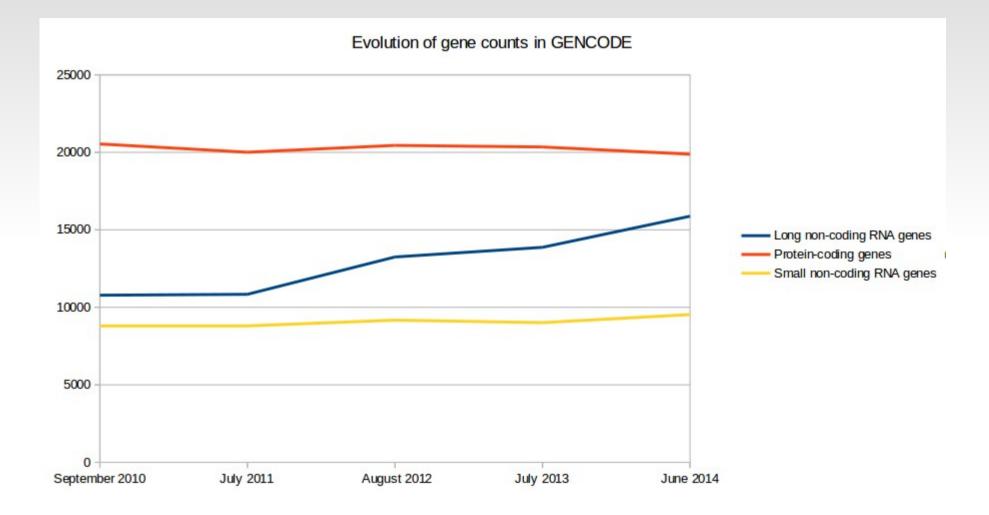
#### **General stats**

Total No of Genes	60155
Protein-coding genes	19881
Long non-coding RNA genes	15877
Small non-coding RNA genes	9534
Pseudogenes	14467
- processed pseudogenes:	10753
- unprocessed pseudogenes:	3230
- unitary pseudogenes:	170
- polymorphic pseudogenes:	59
- pseudogenes:	29
Immunoglobulin/T-cell receptor gene segments	
- protein coding segments:	395
- pseudogenes:	226

Total No of Transcripts	196327
Protein-coding transcripts	79377
- full length protein-coding:	54420
- partial length protein-coding:	24957
Nonsense mediated decay transcripts	13222
Long non-coding RNA loci transcripts	26414

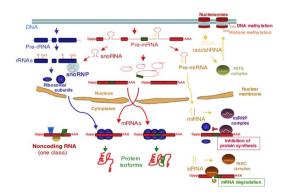
Total No of distinct translations	59512
Genes that have more than one	13526
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### **Lnc-RNA counts in GENCODE**

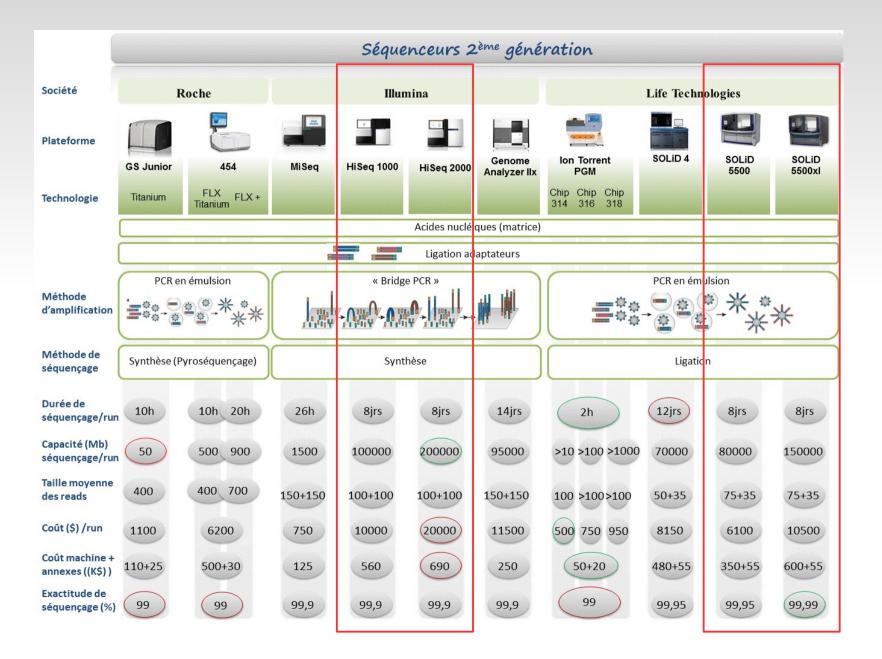


## **Transcription variability**

- Number of transcripts
  - possible variation factor between transcripts: 10<sup>6</sup> or more,
  - expression variation between samples (biological repeats, technical repeats).
- Many types of transcripts
  - mRNA, ncRNA,...
- Isoforms (with non canonical splice sites)
- Intron retention
  - The splicing is not always completed
  - Is a new isoform or a transcription error
- Transcript decay (degradation)
- Allele specific expression
- Gene fusion (found in cancer cells)



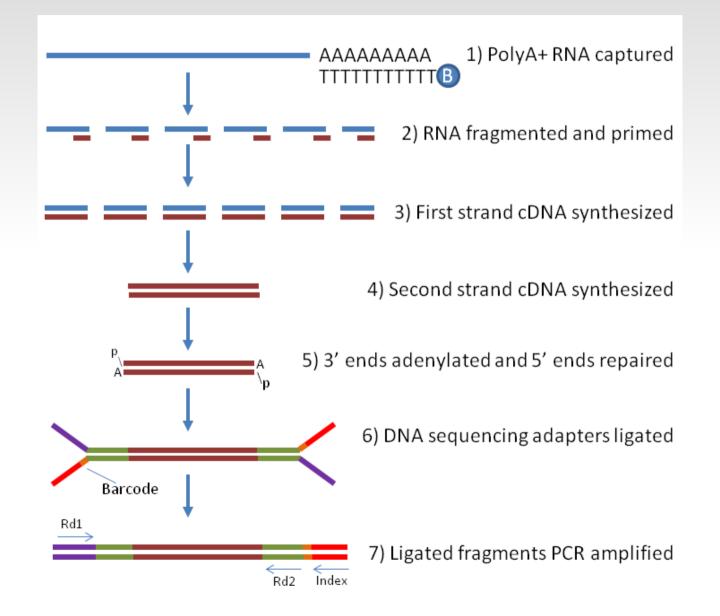
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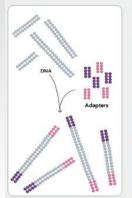
### **Technological variability**

- Types of reads
  - Long (> 200 bp ... 40kb)
  - Short (16 bp ...200 bp)
- Number of reads
  - millions ... billions
- Strand specific or not
- Paired or not
- Different biases

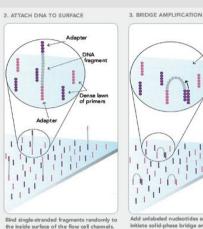
## **Illumina library preparation**



### **Illumina Sequencing protocol**



1. PREPARE GENOMIC DNA SAMPLE



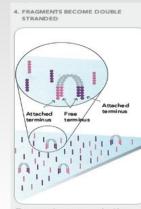
Randomly fragment genomic DNA and ligate adapters to both ends of the

4. ERAGMENTS RECOME DOURIE STRANDED

5. DENATURE THE DOUBLE-STRANDED MOLECULES

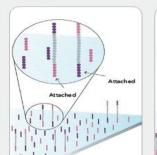
Add unlabeled nucleotides and enzyme to initiate solid-phase bridge amplification.

6. COMPLETE AMPLIFICATION



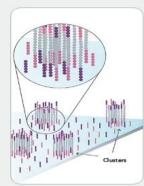
The enzyme incorporates nucleotides to build double-stranded bridges on the solidphase substrate.

5. DENATURE THE DOUBLE-STRANDED MOLECULES



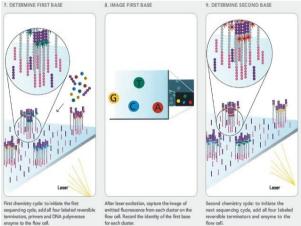
Denaturation leaves single-stranded

templates anchored to the substrate

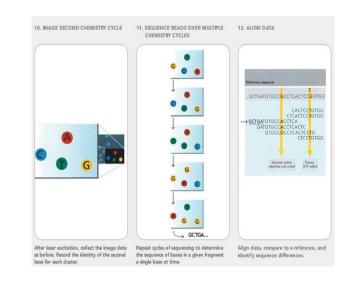


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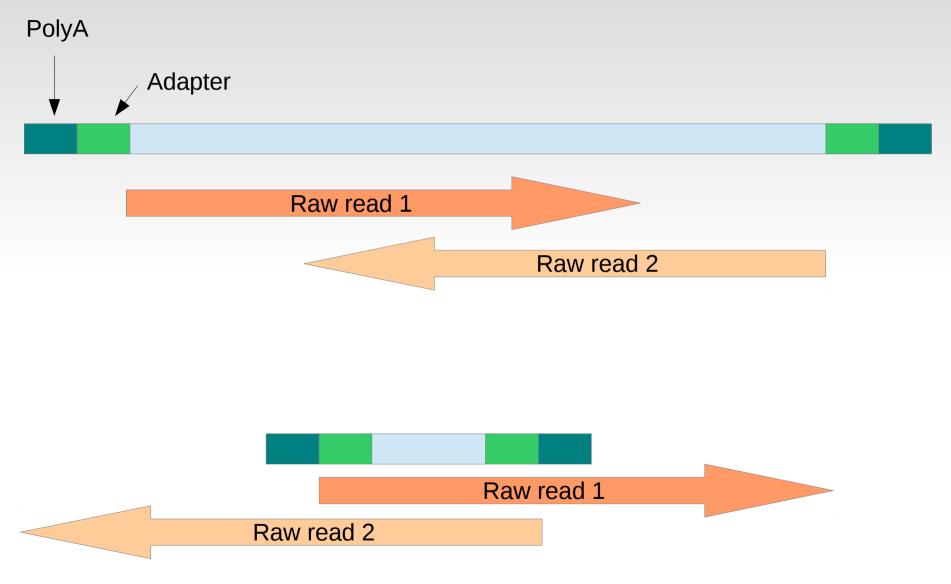
Several million dense dusters of double stranded DNA are generated in each char of the flow cell.



flow cell.



### For small or empty inserts



## The output : fastq file

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### **Fastq file format**

Published online 16 December 2009

Nucleic Acids Research, 2010, Vol. 38, No. 6 1767–1771 doi:10.1093/nar/gkp1137

### SURVEY AND SUMMARY

### The Sanger FASTQ file format for sequences with quality scores, and the Solexa/Illumina FASTQ variants

Peter J. A. Cock<sup>1,\*</sup>, Christopher J. Fields<sup>2</sup>, Naohisa Goto<sup>3</sup>, Michael L. Heuer<sup>4</sup> and Peter M. Rice<sup>5</sup>

**Table 1.** The three described FASTQ variants, with columns giving the description, format name used in OBF projects, range of ASCII characters permitted in the quality string (in decimal notation), ASCII encoding offset, type of quality score encoded and the possible range of scores

Description, OBF name	ASCII o	characters	Quality score		
	Range	Offset	Туре	Range	
Sanger standard fastq-sanger Solexa/early Illumina	33–126	33	PHRED	0 to 93	
fastq-solexa	59-126	64	Solexa	-5 to 62	
Illumina 1.3+ fastq-illumina	64–126	64	PHRED	0 to 62	

$$Q_{\rm PHRED} = -10 \times \log_{10}(P_e)$$

$$Q_{\text{Solexa}} = -10 \times \log_{10} \left( \frac{P_e}{1 - P_e} \right)$$

### **Usual questions**

- How long should my reads be ?
- Single-end or paired-end ?
- Is one pooled sample enough?
- How many replicates ?
- Technical or/and biological replicates ?
- How many reads for each sample?
- How many conditions for a full transcriptome ?

### **ENCODE** answers in 2011

- RNA-Seq is not a mature technology.
- Experiments should be performed with two or more biological replicates, unless there is a compelling reason why this is impractical or wasteful
- A typical R2 (Pearson) correlation of gene expression (RPKM) between two biological replicates, for RNAs that are detected in both samples using RPKM or read counts, should be between 0.92 to 0.98. Experiments with biological correlations that fall below 0.9 should be either be repeated or explained.
- Between 30M and 100M reads per sample depending on the study.
- NB. Guidelines for the information to publish with the data.



# **Encyclopedia of DNA Elements**

http://encodeproject.org/ENCODE/dataStandards.html

### **Statistician answers**

- Less reads
- More samples



Gene Available online 10 December 2014 In Press, Corrected Proof — Note to users



Diminishing returns in next-generation sequencing (NGS) transcriptome data Rex Lei<sup>a, b</sup>, Kaixiong Ye<sup>a</sup>, Zhenglong Gu<sup>a,</sup> . Xuepeng Sun<sup>a, c,</sup> . Show more

doi:10.1016/j.gene.2014.12.013

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Highlights

- · We analyzed RNA-seq datasets from six widely-used model organisms
- · One million reads provide good accuracy for the abundance of highly-expressed genes
- · Results are instructive for cost-effective designs in the RNA-seq research

http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0378111914013869

### **Analysis workflow**

Data quality control

Spliced mapping

Quantification

Gene and transcript discovery

## Verifying RNASeq raw data

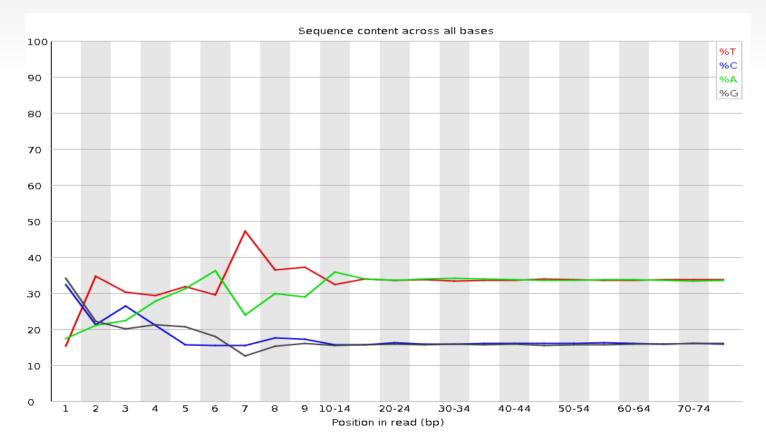
FastQC : http://www

http://www.bioinformatics.bbsrc.ac.uk/projects/fastqc/

- Import of data from BAM, SAM or FastQ files
- quick overview
- Summary graphs and tables to quickly assess your data
- Export of results to an HTML report
- Offline operation to allow automated generation of reports
- Color code to check quickly the quality

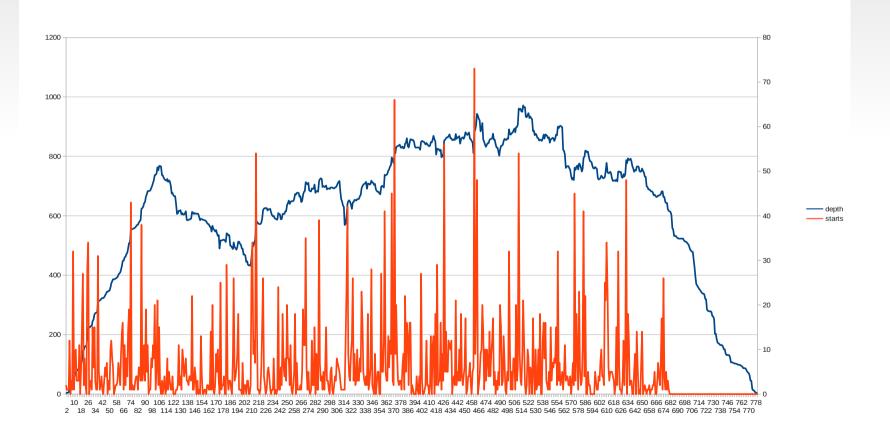
## **Quality control**

- Technical characteristics conformity
- Contamination search
- Classical RNA-Seq biases
  - Example : hexamer random priming



## **Bias impact on alignment**

- Orange = reads start sites
- Blue = coverage



### **Transcript length bias**



#### Transcript length bias in RNA-seq data confounds systems biology.

Oshlack A, Wakefield MJ.

#### Abstract

**Background:** Several recent studies have demonstrated the effectiveness of deep sequencing for transcriptome analysis (RNA-seq) in mammals. As RNA-seq becomes more affordable, whole genome transcriptional profiling is likely to become the platform of choice for species with good genomic sequences. As yet, a rigorous analysis methodology has not been developed and we are still in the stages of exploring the features of the data.

**Results:** We investigated the effect of transcript length bias in RNA-seq data using three different published data sets. For standard analyses using aggregated tag counts for each gene, the ability to call differentially expressed genes between samples is strongly associated with the length of the transcript.

**Conclusion:** Transcript length bias for calling differentially expressed genes is a general feature of current protocols for RNA-seq technology. This has implications for the ranking of differentially expressed genes, and in particular may introduce bias in gene set testing for pathway analysis and other multi-gene systems biology analyses.

Reviewers: This article was reviewed by Rohan Williams (nominated by Gavin Huttley), Nicole Cloonan (nominated by Mark Ragan) and James Bullard (nominated by Sandrine Dudoit).

- the differential expression of longer transcripts is more likely to be identified than that of shorter transcripts

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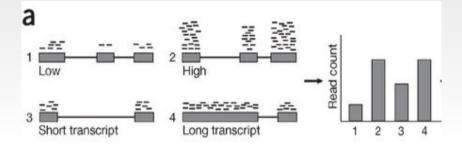
ORIGINAL PAPER

Vol. 27 no. 5 2011, pages 652-659 doi:10.1030/bioinformatics/bt-905

#### Gene expression

Advance Access publication January 19, 2011

Length bias correction for RNA-seq data in gene set analyses Liyan Gao<sup>1,†</sup>, Zhide Fang<sup>2,†</sup>, Kui Zhang<sup>1</sup>, Degui Zhi<sup>1</sup> and Xiangqin Cui<sup>1,\*</sup>



### Hands-on

- Run fastqc (fastqc)on one of the fastq files found on you USB stick
- In groups explain the different graphics produced by fastqc

### Take home messages on quality analysis

Elements to be checked :

- Random priming effect
- K-mer (polyA, polyT)

Alignment on reference for the second quality check and filtering.

A good run has :

- the expected number of reads (2x500millions / flowcell),
- the expected reads length (100pb),
- a random nucleotides selection and the GC%,
- a high alignment rate : very few unmapped reads, pairs mapped on opposite strands (shown in the next part).

### **Analyse workflow**

Data quality control

Spliced mapping

Quantification

Gene and transcript discovery

### Where to find a reference genome?

- Fasta file
- Retrieving the genome file:
  - The Genome Reference Consortium

http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/projects/genome/assembly/grc/

- ! NCBI chromosome naming with « | » not well supported by mapping software
- Prefer EMBL:

http://www.ensembl.org/info/data/ftp/index.html



The chromosome names should be the same in the gtf file and fasta file.

### **Reference transcriptome file**

What is a GTF file ?

- Tab delimited text file
- derived from GFF (General Feature Format, for description of genes and other features)
- Gene Transfer Format : http://genome.ucsc.edu/FAQ/FAQformat.html#format4

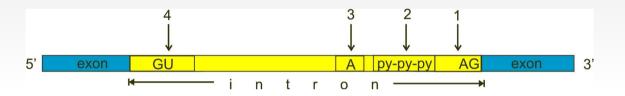
<seqname> <source> <feature> <start> <end> <score> <strand> <frame> [attributes] [comments]

The [attribute] list must begin with:

- gene\_id value : unique identifier for the genomic source of the sequence.
- transcript\_id value : unique identifier for the predicted transcript.

### **Splice sites**

 Canonical splice site: which accounts for more than 99% of splicing GT and AG for donor and acceptor sites



 http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/RNA\_splicing
 Non-canonical site: GC-AG splice site pairs, AT-AC pairs

Nucleic Acids Res. 2000 Nov 1;28(21):4364-75.

Analysis of canonical and non-canonical splice sites in mammalian genomes.

Burset M, Selectsov IA, Solovyev VV.

 Trans-splicing : splicing that joins two exons that are not within the same RNA transcript

## **Spliced alignment**

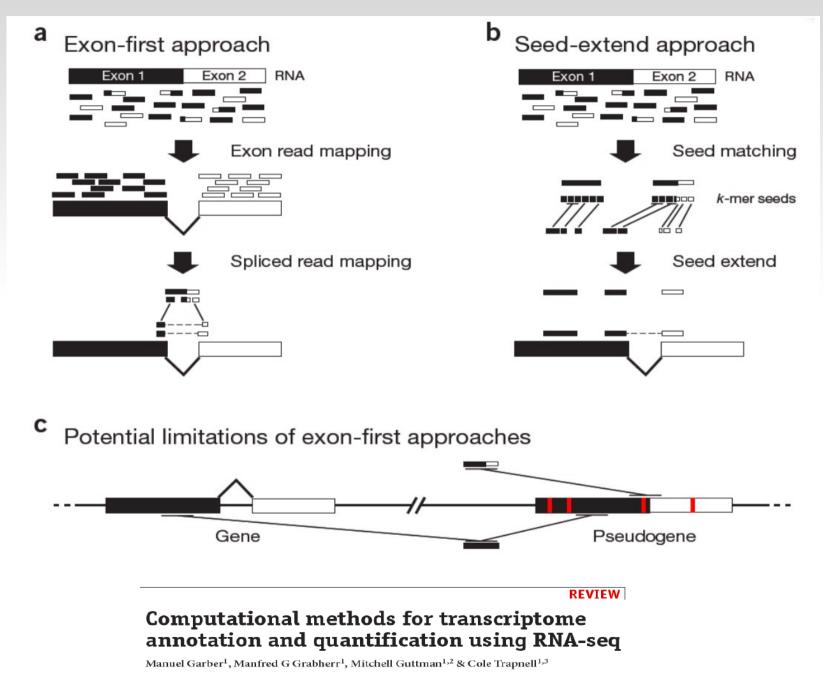
- The recognition of exon/intron junctions can be inferred from the reads that overlap the splicing sites. The resulting spliced reads can produce very short alignments, part of the read will not map contiguously to the reference.
  - $\rightarrow$  therefore this approach requires a dedicated algorithm
- Generation:
   Genome Res. 1998 Sep;8(9):967-74.

   A computer program for aligning a cDNA sequence with a genomic DNA sequence.

   Sim4
   Florea L, Hartzell G, Zhang Z, Rubin GM, Miller W.

   Department of Computer Science and Engineering, The Pennsylvania State University, University Park, Pennsylvania 16802 USA.
  - Seqanswer : http://seqanswers.com/wiki/Software/list
- Idea :
  - Database of potential splice junction sequences (known)
  - splice canonical / non canonical site search (seed then mapping)

### **Exon first vs seed extend**



### **TopHat**

BIOINFORMATICS ORIGINAL PAPER

Vol. 25 no. 9 2009, pages 1105–1111 doi:10.1093/bioinformatics/btp120

Sequence analysis

TopHat: discovering splice junctions with RNA-Seq

Cole Trapnell<sup>1,\*</sup>, Lior Pachter<sup>2</sup> and Steven L. Salzberg<sup>1</sup>

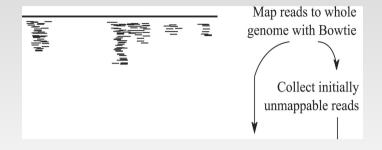
### http://tophat.cbcb.umd.edu/

- Aligns RNA-Seq reads to a reference genome with Bowtie
- splice junction mapper for reads without knowledges
- identify splice junctions between exons.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List\_of\_RNA-Seq\_bioinformatics\_tools#Spliced\_aligners

## **TopHat initial algorithm : first step**

- TopHat finds junctions by mapping reads to the reference:
  - all reads are mapped to the reference genome using Bowtie
  - reads not mapped to the genome are set aside as IUM (initially unmapped)
  - low complexity reads are discarded
  - for each read : allow until 20 alignments



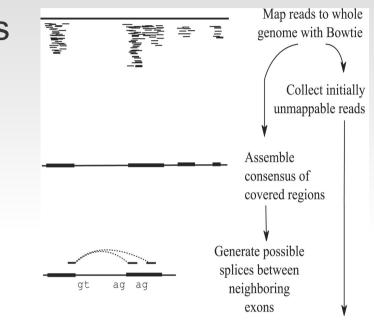
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### **Exon assembly process**

- TopHat then assembles mapped reads
- Define island: aggregates mapped reads in islands of candidate exons
  - Generate potential donor/acceptor splice sites using neighbouring exons



• +/- 45 bp from reference on either side of island



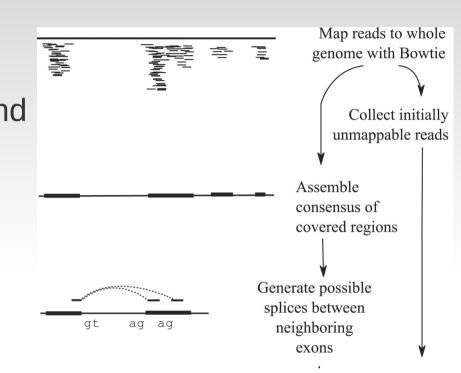
## **Spice junction reference**

To map reads to splice junction : - Enumerate all canonical donor and acceptor sites in islands • long (>= 75 bp) reads: "GT-AG","GC-AG" and "AT-AC" introns

• Shorter reads:

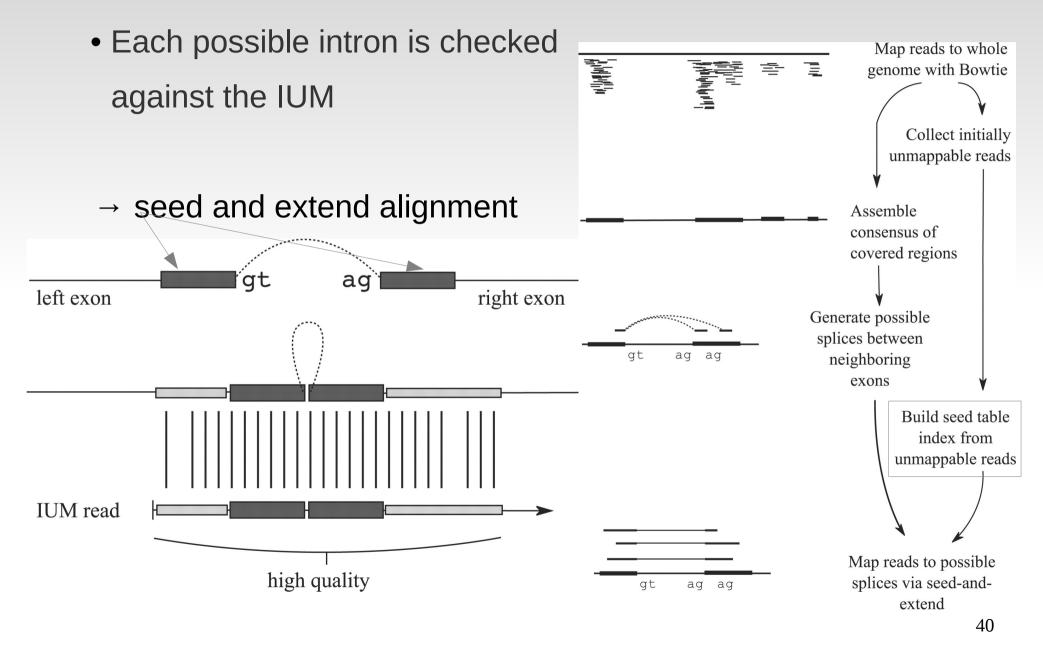
only "GT-AG" introns

- Find all pairings which produce
   GT-AG introns between islands
  - 70 bp < Intron size < 20,000 bp



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### **IUM alignment**



Trapnell C et al. Bioinformatics 2009;25:1105-1111

### **TopHat Inputs**

Inputs :

- bowtie2 index of the genome

ftp://ftp.cbcb.umd.edu/pub/data/bowtie\_indexes/ http://bowtie-bio.sourceforge.net/index.shtml

- file fasta (.fa) of the reference or will be build by bowtie, in the index directory
- File fastq of the reads

Command lines :

bowtie2-build <reference.fasta> <index\_base>
tophat [options] <index\_base> <reads1\_1[,...,readsN\_1]><[reads1\_2,...readsN\_2]>

### **TopHat Options**

Options:		
-v/version		
-o/output-dir	<string></string>	[ default: ./tophat_out ]
bowtie1		[ default: bowtie2 ]
-N/read-mismatches	<int></int>	[ default: 2 ]
read-gap-length	<int></int>	[ default: 2 ]
read-edit-dist	<int></int>	[ default: 2 ]
read-realign-edit-dist	<int></int>	<pre>[ default: "read-edit-dist" + 1 ]</pre>
-a/min-anchor	<int></int>	[ default: 8 ]
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-I/max-intron-length	<int></int>	[ default: 500000 ]
-p/num-threads	<int></int>	[ default: 1 ]
-R/resume	<out_dir></out_dir>	( try to resume execution )
- G/ GTF	<filename></filename>	(GTF/GFF with known transcripts)

### **Special note on the website**

Please Note TopHat has a number of parameters and options, and their default values are tuned for processing mammalian RNA-Seq reads.

If you would like to use TopHat for another class of organism, we recommend setting some of the parameters with more strict, conservative values than their defaults.

Usually, setting the maximum intron size to 4 or 5 Kb is sufficient to discover most junctions while keeping the number of false positives low.

### **More topHat options**

Your own junctions :

-G/--GTF <GTF2.2file>
-j/--raw-juncs <.juncs file>
-no-novel-juncs (ignored without -G/-j)

Your own insertions/deletions:

--insertions/--deletions <.juncs file>

--no-novel-indels

## **Library types**

library-ty		will treat the reads as strand specific. Every read alignment will have an XS attribute tag. Consider ng library type options below to select the correct RNA-seq protocol.
Library Type	Examples	Description
fr-unstranded	Standard Illumina	Reads from the left-most end of the fragment (in transcript coordinates) map to the transcript strand, and the right-most end maps to the opposite strand.
fr-firststrand	dUTP, NSR, NNSR	Same as above except we enforce the rule that the right-most end of the fragment (in transcript coordinates) is the first sequenced (or only sequenced for single-end reads). Equivalently, it is assumed that only the strand generated during first strand synthesis is sequenced.
fr-secondstrand	Ligation, Standard SOLi	D Same as above except we enforce the rule that the left-most end of the fragment (in transcript coordinates) is the first sequenced (or only sequenced for single-end reads). Equivalently, it is assumed that only the strand generated during second strand synthesis is sequenced.

### **TopHat Outputs**

Outputs :

- accepted\_hits.bam : list of read alignments in SAM format compressed
- junctions.bed : track of junctions,

scores : number of alignments spanning the junction

- *insertions.bed* and *deletions.bed* : tracks of insertions and deletions
- logs directory files
- **unmapped.bam** : Unmapped or multi-mapped (over the threshold) reads
- prep\_reads.info : number of reads and read length for input and output

## Sequence alignment and map

- SAM (Sequence Alignment/Map) format:

- Capture all of the critical information about NGS data in a single indexed and compressed file
- Sharing : data across and tools
- Generic alignment format
- SAMTOOLS: provide various

Li H.\*, Handsaker B.\*, Wysoker A., Fennell T., Ruan J., Homer N., Marth G., Abecasis G., Durbin R. and 1000 Genome Project Data Processing Subgroup (2009) The Sequence alignment/map (SAM) format and SAMtools. Bioinformatics, 25, 2078-9. [PMID: 19505943]

utilities for manipulating alignments in the SAM format:sorting, merging, indexing...

http://samtools.sourceforge.net/

http://picard.sourceforge.net/explain-flags.html

### **Spliced cigar line**

### - Extend CIGAR strings

Op	BAM	Description
М	0	alignment match (can be a sequence match or mismatch)
I	1	insertion to the reference
D	2	deletion from the reference
N	3	skipped region from the reference
S	4	soft clipping (clipped sequences present in SEQ)
н	5	hard clipping (clipped sequences NOT present in SEQ)
Р	6	padding (silent deletion from padded reference)
=	7	sequence match
X	8	sequence mismatch

- Example: intron de 81 bases

### Bam & Bed

- BAM (Binary Alignment/Map) format:
  - Compressed binary representation of SAM
  - Greatly reduces storage space requirements to about 27% of original SAM
  - Bamtools: reading, writing, and manipulating BAM files
- Bed (Browser Extensible Data) format:
  - tab-delimited text file that defines a feature track http://genome.ucsc.edu/FAQ/FAQformat.html#format1
  - The first three required BED fields are: <chromosome> <start> <end>
  - 9 additional optional BED fields

### **Bed example**

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# **Mapper comparisons**

### Comparative Analysis of RNA-Seq Alignment Algorithms and the RNA-Seq Unified Mapper (RUM)

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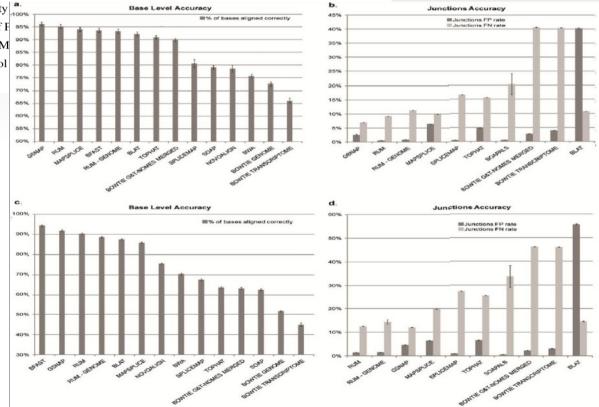


Fig. 6. Accuracy statistics for analyses of simulated data sets. A, B. Simulated data set 1. C,D. Simulated data set 2. Test 1 has low polymorphism and error rates, while Test 2 has moderate polymorphism and error rates. In A and C The dark bars show the base-wise accuracy (the percent of bases that aligned and to the right location); the light bars give the coverage plot accuracy. B and D show the accuracy of the junction calls, dark bars show the false positive (FP) rate and light bars show the false negative (FN) rate. The algorithms are sorted in A and C by accuracy and in B and D by the sum of the FP and FN rates. Results are mean +/- SEM over the three replicate simulated data sets for each test. There is a considerable dropoff in accuracy and the FP and FN rates on junction calls are taken in conjunction to determine the overall effectiveness of an algorithm. Based on these results, we conclude that GSPAN, MapSplice and RUM are the ones that are most viable for RNA-Seq alignment.

### Hands-in : spliced alignment

- Index the genome file Danio\_rerio.Zv9.62.dna.chromosome.22.fa with bowtie2
- Align both reads paired files to the genome using tophat2
  - ERR022486\_chr22\_read1.fastq.gz ERR022486\_chr22\_read2.fastq.gz
  - ERR022488\_chr22\_read1.fastq.gz ERR022488\_chr22\_read2.fastq.gz
  - Parameters :
    - Max intron size : 5kb
    - Number of threads : 4
    - Use the name of the file ERR022486 ERR022488 as output directory name
- Index the accepted\_hits.bam file
- Count the number of alignments with samtools flagstat for ERR022486

### Hands-in : commands

bowtie2-build Danio\_rerio.Zv9.62.dna.chromosome.22.fa Danio\_rerio.Zv9.62\_chr22

tophat **-p 4 –output-dir=tophat\_ERR022486 -I 5000** Danio\_rerio.Zv9.62\_chr22 ERR022486\_read1.fastq,ERR022486\_read2.fastq

samtools index ERR022486/accepted\_hits.bam

samtools flagstat ERR022486/accepted\_hits.bam



### http://www.broadinstitute.org/igv/home

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#### Integrative genomics viewer

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- High-performance visualization tool
- Interactive exploration of large datasets
- Supports a wide variety of data types
- Documentations available
- Developed at the Broad Institute of MIT

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### hands-on : IGV

- Create the genome dr22 in IGV using Danio\_rerio.Zv9.62.dna.chromosome.22.fa
- Load the gtf file : Danio\_rerio\_chr22.Zv9.62.gtf
- Load the bam file : ERR022486/accepted\_hits.bam

### **Analyse workflow**

Data quality control

Spliced mapping

Quantification

Gene and transcript discovery

### What do we want to build?

### The gene / transcript description file (and corresponding fasta)

9	protein_coding	exon	697785	697947		-		gene_id "ENSDARG00000075709"; transcript_id "ENSDART00000144625"; exon_number "1"
9	protein_coding	exon	696518	696600		-		gene_id "ENSDARG00000075709"; transcript_id "ENSDART00000144625"; exon_number "2"
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### The count file

	row.names	SRR519727	SRR519728	SRR519729	SRR519730	SRR519731	SRR519747	SRR519748	SRR519749	SRR519750	SRR51975
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3	mira_c3	1874	1392	2583	1333	1245	2890	5104	4052	12012	4150
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17	mira rep c18	4419	5668	7750	8570	9559	3954	6610	6180	8273	8728
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19	mira rep c20	1236	2314	3180	2903	2605	818	2196	1843	2478	2410
20	mira rep c22	2315	4329	5360	5760	5582	2471	5163	5061	5906	6482
21	mira rep c24	4488	7523	11333	10104	9537	4409	8676	9297	9060	10178
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24	mira_c27	766	889	1283	1364	1577	820	1224	1100	1530	1436

## If you have the model file

The model is presented in the GTF file (Gene Transfer Format)

- Two approaches
  - Gene level
  - Transcript level

Tools for each approach

- htseq-count
- Cufflinks or FeatureCounts

### **HTSeq-count**

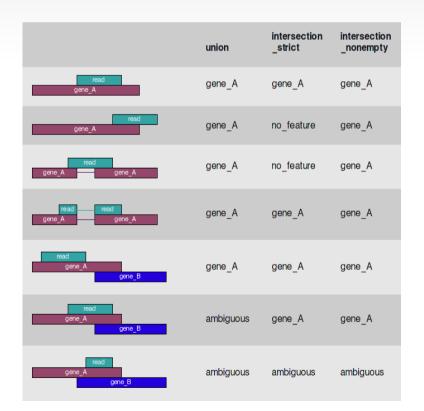
http://www-huber.embl.de/users/anders/HTSeq/doc/overview.html

- Process the output from short read aligners in various formats
- Count how many reads map to each feature (in RNA-Seq, the features are typically genes)
  - counting reads by genes
  - or consider each exon as a feature to check for alternative splicing
- Inputs:
  - file with aligned sequencing reads: bam (or sam) file
  - list of genomic feature: gtf file

### **HTSeq-count parameters**

- Command line :

- htseq-count [options] <sam\_file> <gtf\_file>
- samtools view accepted\_hits.bam | htseq-count --stranded=no -m intersection-nonempty - file.gtf -q > output.htseq-count.txt &



Some options:

-m <mode> : intersection-strict or intersection-nonempty (default union)

--stranded =<yes, no, or reverse>
(default yes)
-t <feature type> : 3rd column in GTF
file
-q : quiet

-h : help

### **HTSeq-count output**

- Output: a table with counts for each feature and a summary of reads not counted for any feature:
  - *no\_feature*: reads which couldn't be assigned to any feature
  - ambiguous: reads which could have been assigned to more than one feature and hence were not counted for any of these
  - *not\_aligned*: reads in the SAM file without alignment
  - alignment\_not\_unique: reads with more than one reported alignment. These reads are recognized from the NH optional SAM field tag. (If the aligner does not set this field, multiply aligned reads will be counted multiple times.)

## **Quantification with cufflinks**

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#### Transcript assembly and quantification by RNA-Seq reveals unannotated transcripts and isoform switching during cell differentiation

Cole Trapnell, Brian A Williams, Geo Pertea, Ali Mortazavi, Gordon Kwan, Marijke J van Baren, Steven L Salzberg, Barbara J Wold & Lior Pachter

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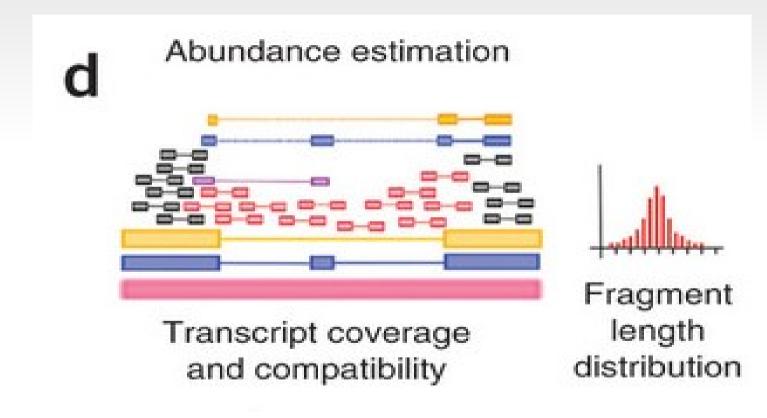
Nature Biotechnology 28, 511–515 (2010) | doi:10.1038/nbt.1621 Received 02 February 2010 | Accepted 22 March 2010 | Published online 02 May 2010

http://cufflinks.cbcb.umd.edu/

- assembles transcripts
- estimates their abundances : based on how many reads support each one
- tests for differential expression in RNA-Seq samples

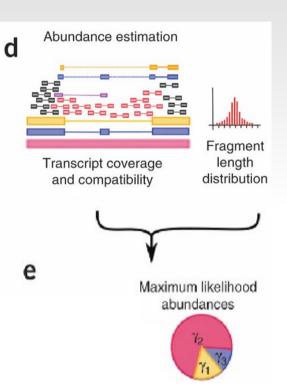
### **Cufflinks read attribution**

- Violet fragment: from which transcript?
  - Use of Fragment length distribution



### **Cufflinks expression measurement**

- Fragments attribution
- Isoforms abundances estimation:
  - RPKM for single reads
  - FPKM for paired-end reads



Trapnell C et al. Nature Biotechnology 2010;28:511-515

### **RPKM / FPKM**

- Transcript length bias
- RPKM : Reads per kilobase of exon per million mapped reads
  - 1kb transcript with 1000 alignments in a sample of 10 million reads (out of which 8 million reads can be mapped) will have:

RPKM = 1000/(1 \* 8) = 125

- the transcript length depends on isoform inference
- **FPKM** : for paired-end sequencing
  - A pair of reads constitute one fragment

### **Cufflinks inputs and options**

- Command line:
  - cufflinks [options]\* <aligned\_reads.(sam/bam)>
- Some options :

-h/--help

-o/--output-dir

-p/--num-threads

-G/--GTF <reference\_annotation.(gtf/gff)> : estimate isoform expression, no assembly novel transcripts

### **Merging individual count files**

- Each quantification is produced from a bam file corresponding to a sample
- The quantification column has to be extracted
- The columns are the joined (paste)
- A header is added to the count file

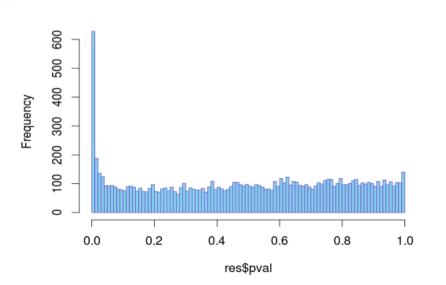
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3	mira_c3	1874	1392	2583	1333	1245	2890	5104	4052	12012	4150
4	mira_rep_c4	697	789	1044	1100	1363	657	1001	836	1289	1313
5	mira_rep_c5	5765	12517	17170	16120	15121	6042	16388	14329	18505	16999
6	mira_rep_c6	2165	4727	6457	5312	4960	2399	7010	5196	8063	6718
7	mira_rep_c7	260	436	637	627	694	247	689	522	928	940
8	mira_rep_c8	616	1425	1906	1897	2050	691	1537	1551	1667	1552
9	mira_rep_c9	786	1885	2739	2493	2573	735	2345	2012	3308	2645
10	mira_rep_c10	311	517	684	886	895	346	659	581	1041	1030
11	mira_rep_cll	51	212	234	210	175	68	192	261	209	299
12	mira_rep_c12	1129	2191	2833	3128	3088	1139	2983	2575	4384	3811
13	mira_rep_c13	536	913	944	1256	1275	515	1029	913	1407	1444
14	mira_rep_c15	4678	13751	18095	16722	16476	4962	16867	14581	17733	18771
15	mira_rep_c16	7209	22856	32768	28699	27176	8532	28567	25091	35040	30702
16	mira_rep_c17	945	1566	2066	2530	3372	860	1704	1451	3327	3498
17	mira_rep_c18	4419	5668	7750	8570	9559	3954	6610	6180	8273	8728
18	mira_rep_c19	1765	2941	4757	4265	4062	1652	4604	3568	4983	4202
19	mira_rep_c20	1236	2314	3180	2903	2605	818	2196	1843	2478	2410
20	mira_rep_c22	2315	4329	5360	5760	5582	2471	5163	5061	5906	6482
21	mira_rep_c24	4488	7523	11333	10104	9537	4409	8676	9297	9060	10178
22	mira_rep_c25	448	702	944	1155	1245	338	885	740	1680	1599
23	mira_rep_c26	1307	2569	3436	3231	3009	1310	2907	2785	2989	3267
24	mira_c27	766	889	1283	1364	1577	820	1224	1100	1530	1436

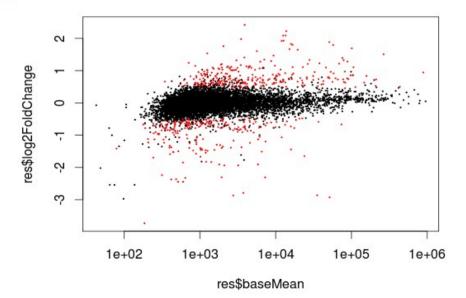
# Statistical analysis in R (DESeq2 / edgeR)

>	head(res)	, , ,			-			
	j	d baseMea	an baseMeanA	baseMeanB	foldChange	log2FoldChange	pval	padj
1	mira_o	1 3549.23	01 3345.3374	3753.1228	1.1218967	0.165939787	0.375560007	0.97718309
2	mira_c	2 685.76	51 662.2140	709.3163	1.0711284	0.099131456	0.521137290	1.00000000
3	mira_o	3 3530.86	70 5096.4370	1965.2970	0.3856218	-1.374741648	0.001403322	0.03732238
4	mira_rep_c	4 1012.52	17 975.4453	1049.5981	1.0760194	0.105704140	0.795193064	1.00000000
5	mira_rep_c	5 12946.11	99 12949.4349	12942.8048	0.9994880	-0.000738847	0.985437095	1.00000000
6	mira_rep_c	6 4924.78	17 5224.1292	4625.4341	0.8853981	-0.175601809	0.290161543	0.92152339
>	hist(res\$p	val, break	s=100, col="s	kyblue", bo	rder="slatek	olue", main="")		

> plotDE <- function( res ) { plot( res\$baseMean, res\$log2FoldChange, log="x", pch=20, cex=.3, col = ifelse( res\$padj < .1,
 "red", "black" ) ) }
>

> plotDE(res)





# **Hands-on : quantification**

1/ Quantify the genes of chromosome 22 using htseq-count and the Ensembl GTF file for both samples.

2/ Merge both files to produce the count tables. Add a header to the count table.

3/ create the count table dotplot

# Hands-on : hints

samtools view ERR022486/accepted\_hits.bam | htseq-count --stranded=no -m intersection-nonempty - /work/.../Danio\_rerio\_chr22.Zv9.62.gtf -q > ERR022486/accepted\_hits.bam.htseq-count\_nonempty\_nostranded &

The same for ERR022488

paste ERR022486/accepted\_hits.bam.htseq-count\_nonempty\_nostranded ERR022488/accepted\_hits.bam.htseq-count\_nonempty\_nostranded | cut -f1,2,4 > All.htseq-count

### **Analyse workflow**

Data quality control

Spliced mapping

Gene and transcript discovery

Quantification

# **Transcript reconstruction**

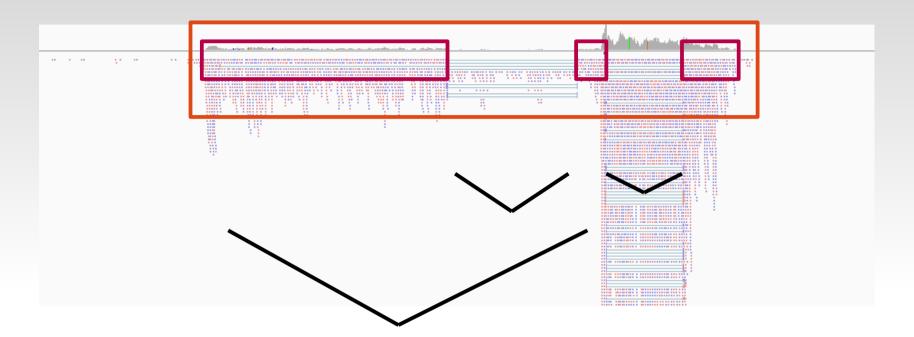
The different ways :

- Finding the gene locations
- Finding the exons
- Finding the junctions :
  - · Between pairs junctions
  - $\cdot$  Within sequences junction

Defining the model building strategy

- Number of built models
- Intronic reads

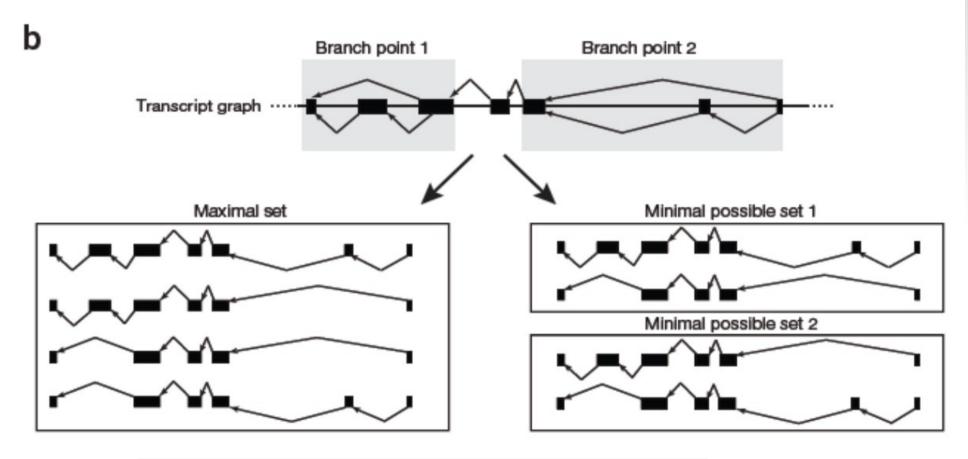
# The elements of the model



- gene location Exon location Junctions :
- Between read pair junction
- Within read junction



# **Model building strategies**



REVIEW

# Computational methods for transcriptome annotation and quantification using RNA-seq

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# **Cufflinks**

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Transcript assembly and quantification by RNA-Seq reveals unannotated transcripts and isoform switching during cell differentiation

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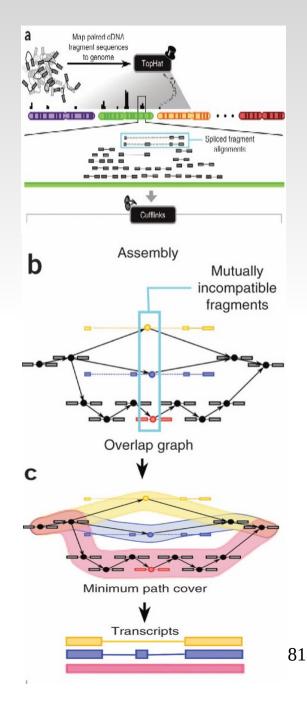
Nature Biotechnology 28, 511–515 (2010) | doi:10.1038/nbt.1621 Received 02 February 2010 | Accepted 22 March 2010 | Published online 02 May 2010

http://cufflinks.cbcb.umd.edu/

- assembles transcripts
- estimates their abundances : based on how many reads support each one
- tests for differential expression in RNA-Seq samples

# **Cufflinks transcript assembly**

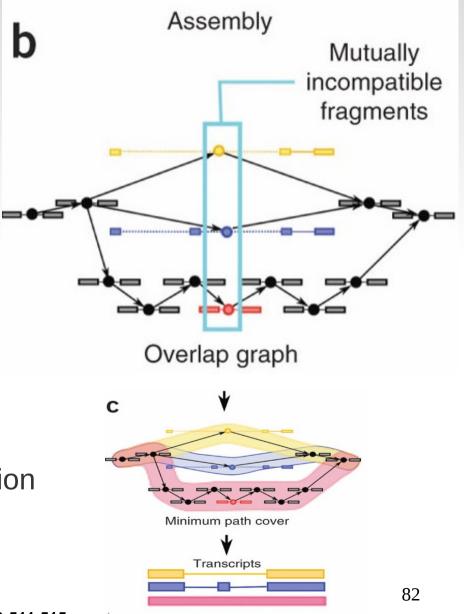
- Transcripts assembly :
  - Fragments are divided into nonoverlapping loci
  - each locus is assembled independently :
- Cufflinks assembler
  - find the mini nb of transcripts that explain the reads
  - find a minimum path cover ( Dilworth's theorem) :
    - nb incompatible read = mini nb of transcripts needed
    - each path = set of mutually compatible fragments overlapping each other



# **Cufflinks transcript assembly**

- Transcripts assembly :
  - Identification incompatibles

fragments: distinct isoforms



• Compatibles fragments are connected: graph construction

# **Cufflinks inputs and options**

- Command line:
  - cufflinks [options]\* <aligned\_reads.(sam/bam)>
- Some options :

-h/--help

-o/--output-dir

-p/--num-threads

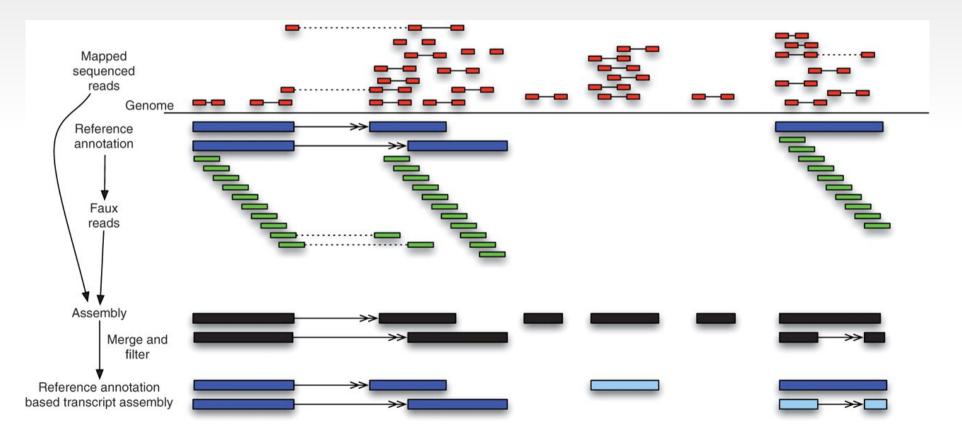
-G/--GTF <reference\_annotation.(gtf/gff)> : estimate isoform expression, no assembly novel transcripts

*-gI--GTF-guide <reference\_annotation.(gtf/gff)>* : guide RABT (**R**eference **A**nnotation **B**ased **T**ranscript) assembly

#### **Cufflinks RABT assembly option**

- Some options :

-**g/**--GTF-guide <reference\_annotation.(gtf/gff)> : guide RABT assembly

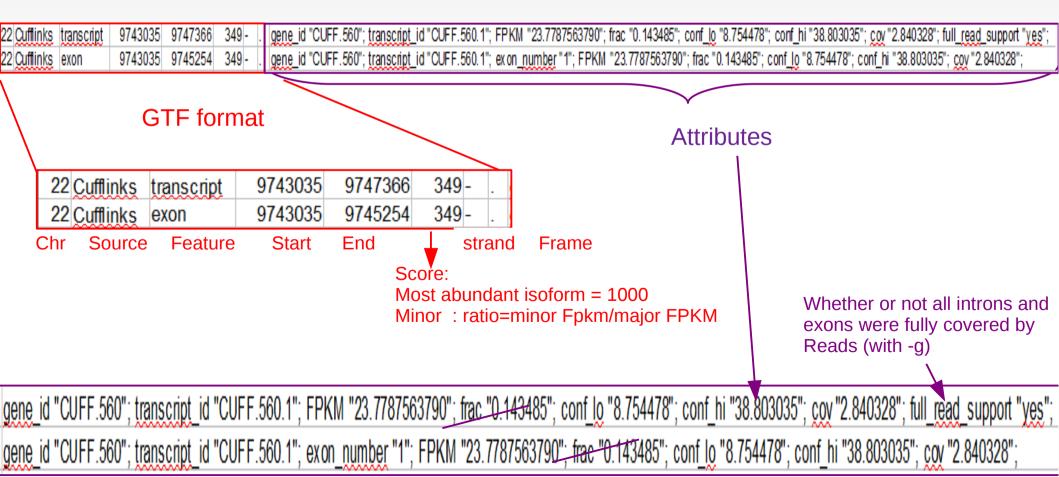


# **Cufflinks outputs**

- **transcripts.gtf :** contains assembled isoforms (coordinates and abundances)
- genes.fpkm\_tracking: contains the genes FPKM
- **isoforms.fpkm\_tracking:** contains the isoforms FPKM

# **Cufflinks GTF description**

- transcripts.gtf (coordinates and abundances): contains assembled isoforms: can be visualized with a genome viewer
  - GTF format + attributes (ids, FPKM, confidence inteval bounds, depth or read coverage, all introns and exons covered)

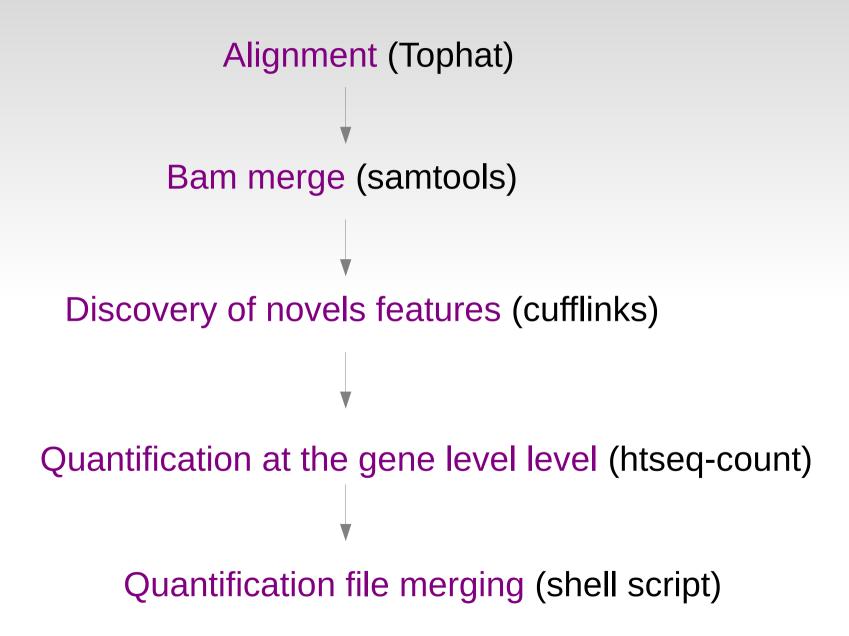


# **Cufflinks GTF description**

- transcripts.gtf (coordinates and abundances): contains assembled isoforms: can be visualized with a genome viewer
  - IGV visualization

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# **Gene discovery pipeline**



# **Quantification strategy**

- First set your gene and transcript model = build a reference GTF file
- Then use option -G to quantify the same set of elements on all your samples with sigcufflinks
- Then sort your raw\_transcript.tsv files
- cut the second or third column of the sorted file
- Paste all the column in the count file

# **Hands-on : cufflinks**

- Merge all bam files using samtools merge.
- Run cufflinks to discover new genes and transcripts using the merged bam file

#### **Hands-on : commands**

• Merge all bam files :

samtools merge ALL.bam *ERR022486/accepted\_hits.bam ERR022488/accepted\_hits.bam* 

• Cufflinks command:

cufflinks -- output-dir=CUFFLINKS -g Danio\_rerio\_chr22.Zv9.62.gtf ALL.bam

# **Conclusions**

- RNASeq analysis are performed routinely.
- There are still some questions about the best possible aligner or gene seeker but some tools are now well established as good solutions.
- The number of replicates is particularly important if the expression difference is small between conditions.
- Pay attention to the correspondence between your library type and the program parameters you use.

# Questions ?