#### **RNA-Seq Module 3**

Advanced RNA-Seq Analysis Topics and Trouble-Shooting

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### RNA-Seq Tutorials

- Tutorial 1: Introductory (Mar. 28 & Apr. 19)
  - RNA-Seq experiment design and analysis
  - Instruction on individual software will be provided in other tutorials
- Tutorial 2: Introductory (Apr. 3 & Apr 24)
  - Analysis RNA-Seq using TopHat and Cufflinks
- Tutorial 3: Intermediate (May 24)
  - Advanced RNA-Seq analysis topics and troubleshooting
- Hands-on tutorials (Summer 2012)...

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Advanced RNA-Seq Analysis Topics and Trouble-Shooting

**Part I:** Review and Considerations for Different Goals and Biological Systems (Kevin Silverstein, PhD)

**Part II**: Read Mapping Statistics and Visualization (John Garbe, PhD)

**Part III**: Post-Analysis Processing – Exploring the Data and Results (Ying Zhang, PhD)

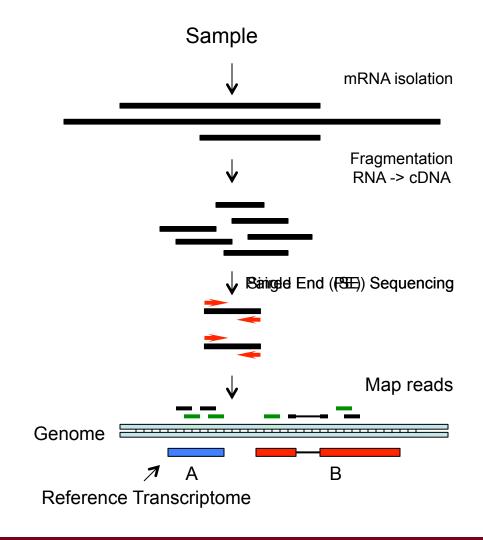
### Part I

# Review and Considerations for Different Goals and Biological Systems

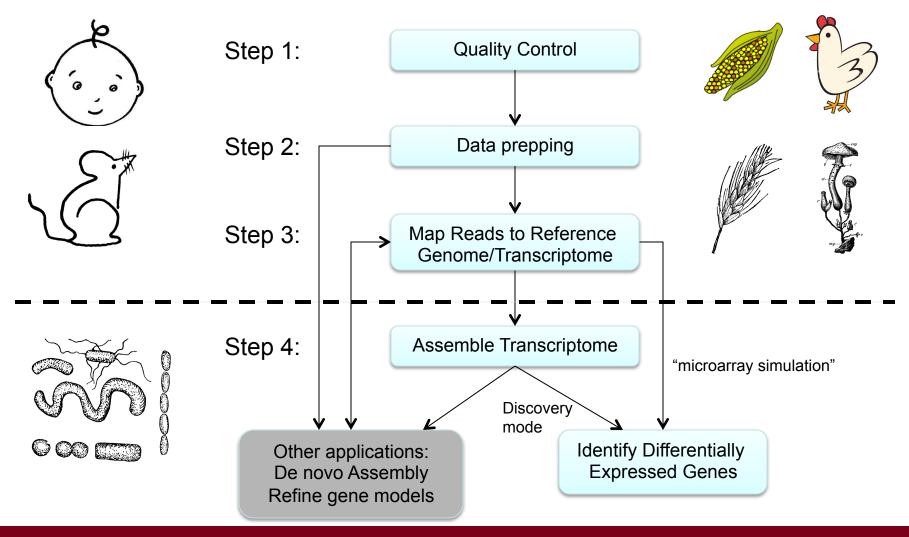
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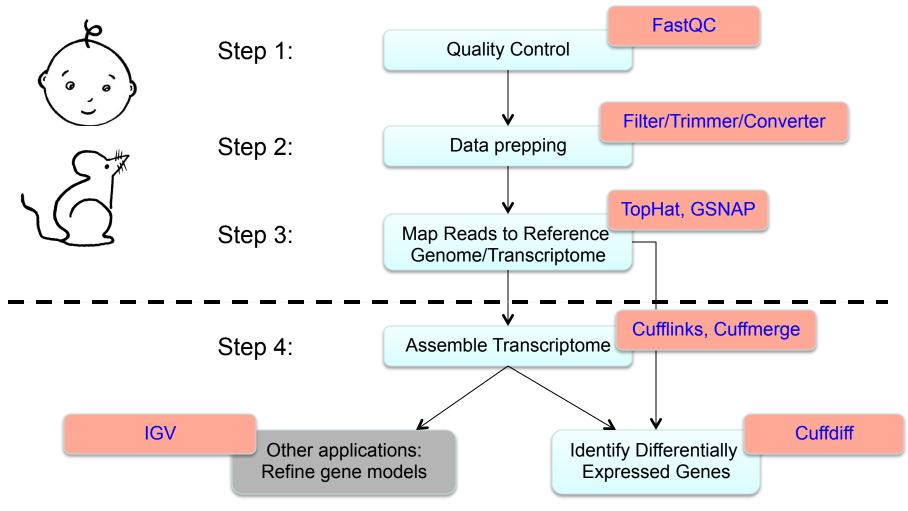


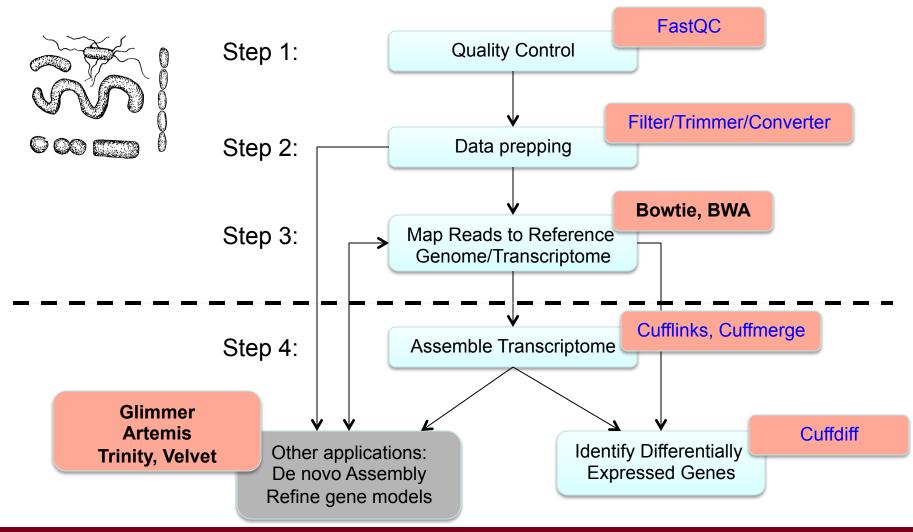
#### Typical RNA-seq experimental protocol and analysis



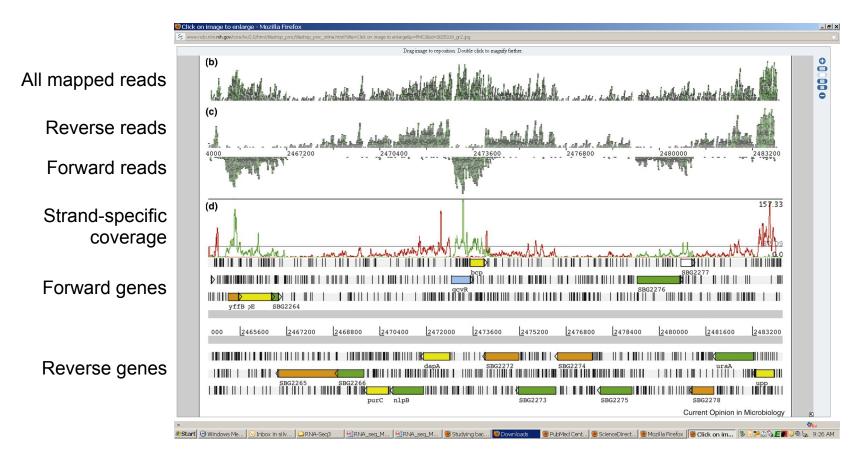
### Steps in RNA-Seq data analysis depend on your goals and biological system



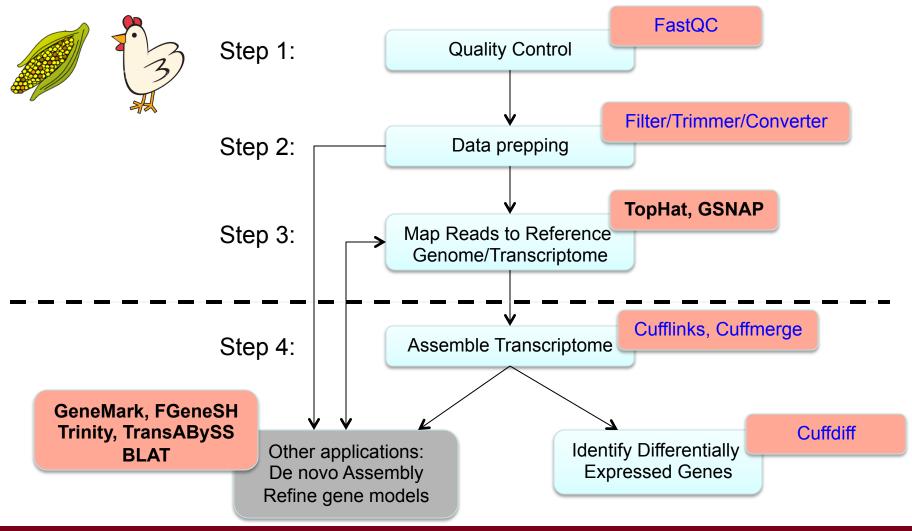


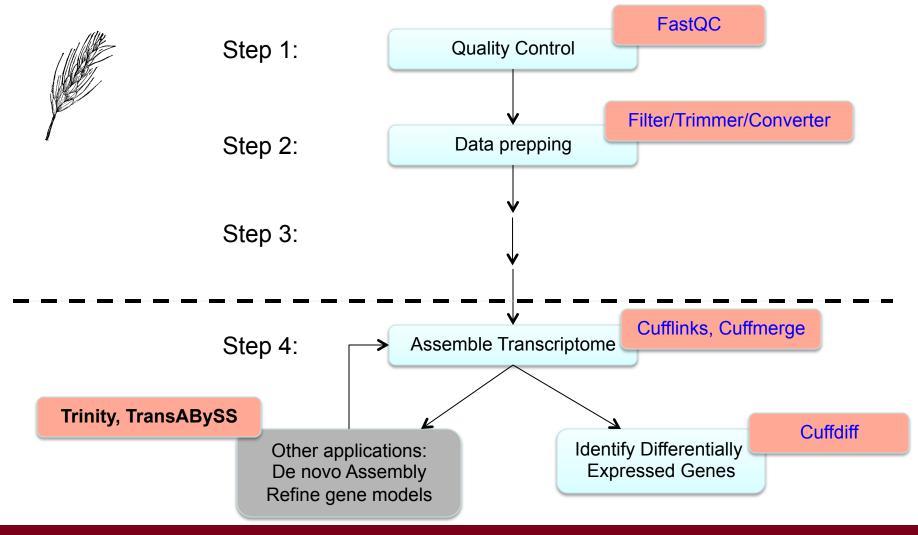


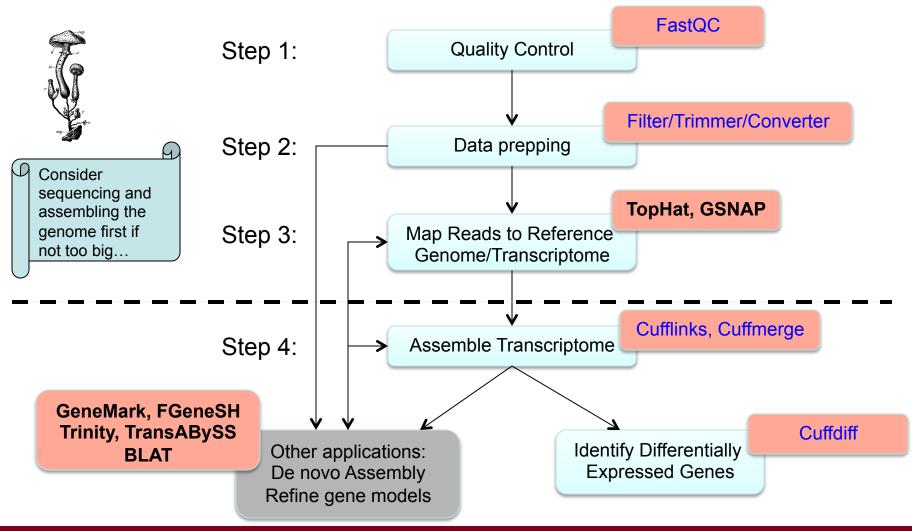
#### Visualizing microbial data in Artemis



Croucher NJ and Thomson NR. Curr Opin Microbiol. (2010) 13:619–624.

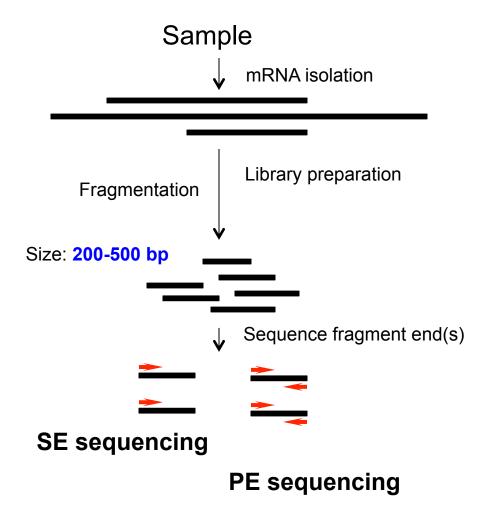




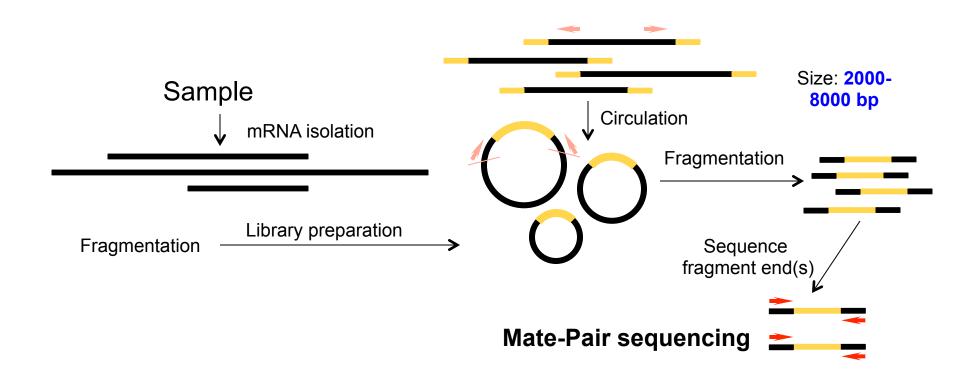


## Library construction and sequencing design decisions

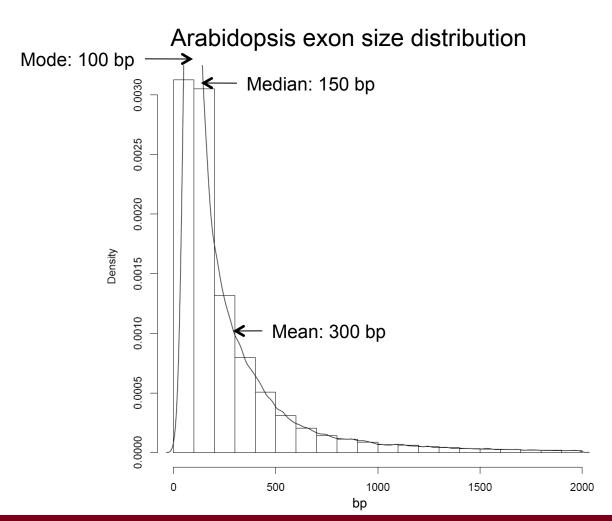
#### Library type (SE/PE) and insert size



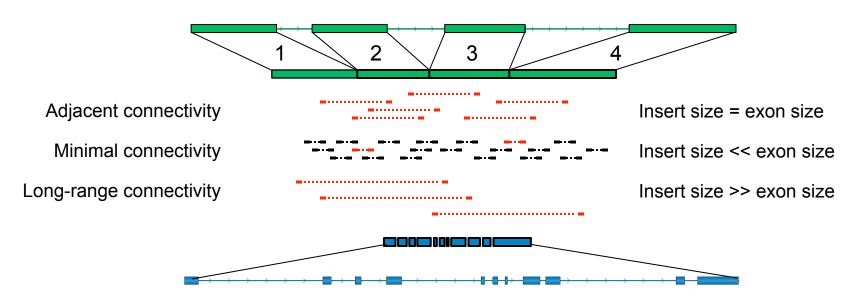
#### Library type (Mate-pair) and insert size



### Optimal library size depends on goals and organism: **exon size**



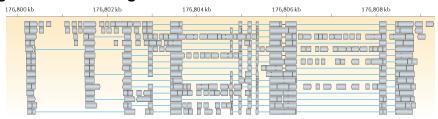
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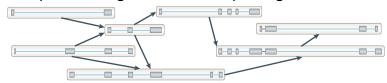
One size doesn't fit all: organisms can differ in exon size distribution

#### How does connectivity play into the analysis?

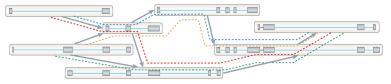
1. splice-align reads to the genome



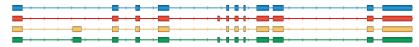
2. Build a graph representing alternative splicing events



3. Traverse the graph to assemble variants



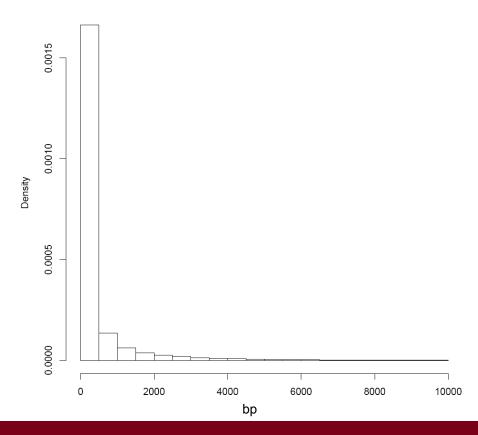
4. Assemble isoforms



Martin JA and Wang Z. Nat Rev Genet. (2011) 12:671-682.

Some algorithms (e.g., tophat) exhaustively look for candidate splices in a specified distance pegged to the expected intron size distribution (default 70-500,000)

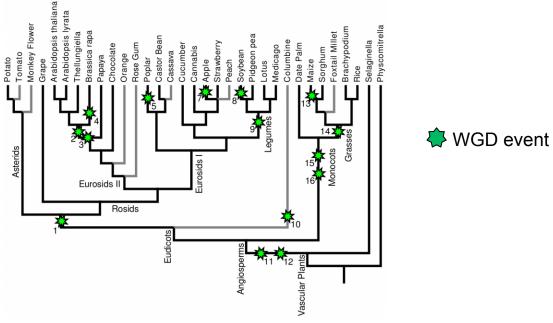
#### Arabidopsis intron size distribution



### Why not just leave the defaults? (e.g., 70-500,000 bp)

- ~3500 Arabidopsis introns < 70 bp</li>
- Huge increase in computation time
- Will accumulate spurious long-range splice junctions

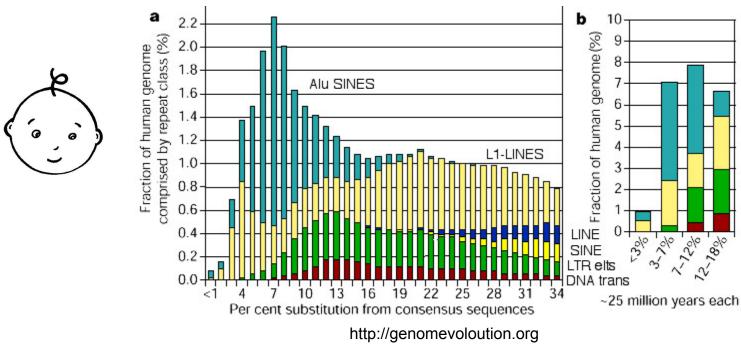
### Many plant genomes have undergone ancient Whole Genome Duplications (WGDs)



http://genomevoloution.org

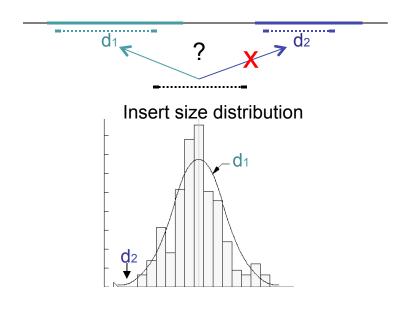
- Difficulty mapping uniquely to related gene family members
- Abundance levels (e.g., FPKMs) can become skewed for members of large gene families
- Both PE strategies and longer reads help to distinguish paralogs

#### Some genomes are rife with repetitive elements



- 50%, 65% of the human and maize genome are repeat elements, respectively (repbase, Kronmiller et al., Plant Phys 2008; )
- PE, mate-pair strategies and multiple insert sizes help to uniquely map repeats
- Long reads can help for small-scale or simple repeats

### Why is PE crucial for repetitive genomes and those with paralogous gene families?

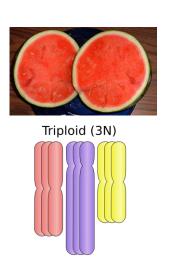


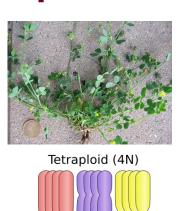
2 x 50 bp is better than 1 X 100 bp for most applications and systems.

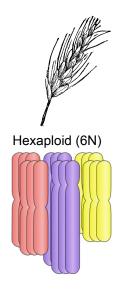
### Sequencing depth needed depends on transcriptome size and the project goals

- Sequencing Depth is the average read coverage of target sequences
  - Sequencing depth = total number of reads X read length / estimated target sequence length
  - Example, for a 5MB transcriptome, if 1Million 50 bp reads are produced, the depth is 1 M X 50 bp / 5M ~ 10 X
- Average coverage may be misleading, since expression levels can vary more than 5 orders of magnitude!
- Differential expression requires less depth than assembly, gene model refinement and structural variant discovery.

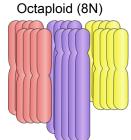
## Polyploidy is particularly problematic





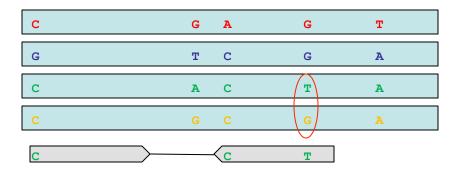






- Difficult to distinguish alleles from paralogs
- Genome assembly often intractable
- Need care in design of transcriptome experiment

## Certain applications and biological systems will require special design considerations for maximal resolution



- Polyploid genomes may require long reads, multiple insert sizes and custom software to distinguish among highly similar alleles at each locus.
- Ditto for those who wish to interrogate allele-specific differential expression (e.g., maternal or paternal impriting).

#### Genome size characteristics (iGenomes)

Species	Number of genes	Transcriptome size (Mbp)	Mode  Avg <b>exon</b> size	Intron size range (1% 99%)	% genome repetitive	% genes in families*
Homo sapiens	29230	70.1	100 300	77 107000	47	20
Mus musculus	24080	61.4	100 300	78 100000	44	NA
Gallus gallus**	4906	11.1	100 230	73 120000	10	NA
Drosophila melanogaster	18436	30.1	150 450	30 25000	32	7
Caenorhabditis elegans	23933	28.0	110 220	43 8000	4	24
Arabidopsis thaliana	27278	51.1	70 300	46 4900	9	35
Saccharomyces cerevisiae	6692	8.9	75 1200	20 2600	1	36
Escherichia coli***	4290	0.6	NA	NA	3	52

<sup>\* %</sup> genes with at least one paralog in the COG database (unicellular) or included in the COG lineage specific expansion (LSE) list. (These percentages are likely systematic underestimates)

<sup>\*\*</sup> Poor annotation is suspected for iGenomes UCSC-based Gallus gallus (galGal3)

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> http://users.rcn.com/jkimball.ma.ultranet/BiologyPages/E/Esch.coli.html; ecocyc; Gur-Arie, Genome Res 2000;.

### Summary of Library Construction and Sequencing Decisions

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Project Goals:	<i>De novo</i> Assembly of transcriptome	Refine gene model	Differential Gene Expression	Identification of structural variants
Library Type:	PE, Mated PE	PE, SE	PE	PE, Mated PE
Sequencing Depth:	Extensive (> 50 X)	Extensive	Moderate (10 X ~ 30 X)	Extensive

- SE may be OK for (3) DGE if you have a good annotation and a simple genome.
- Strand-specific library creation may be necessary for organisms with a large percentage of genes that overlap on opposite strands (e.g. bacteria, yeast), or if you're interested in antisense regulation.

#### Sample Replicates and Pooling Decisions

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Project Goals	<i>De novo</i> Assembly of transcriptome	Refine gene model	Differential Gene Expression	Identification of structural variants
Pooling OK?	No	Yes	No	Yes, for discovery
Biological Replicates?	Yes	Yes, if not pooling	Yes	Yes, if not pooling

 Pooling may be advisable if RNA is limited or if not interested in biological variability.



As a general rule, the following biological replicates are advisable for DGE:

- 3+ for cell lines and pooled samples
- 5+ for inbred lines (e.g., BL6 mice, NILs, RILs)
- 20+ for human samples



#### Part II

## Read Mapping Statistics and Visualization

John Garbe, PhD

### Mapping Statistics

How well did my sequence library align to my reference?

### Mapping Statistics

- Mapping Output
  - SAM (text) / BAM (binary) alignment files
  - Summary statistics (per read library)
    - % reads with unique alignment
    - % reads with multiple alignments
    - % reads with no alignment
    - % reads properly paired (for paired-end libraries)
    - Mean and standard deviation of insert size

SAM specification: http://samtools.sourceforge.net/SAM1.pdf

### **Mapping Statistics**

- SAM Tools
- Picard
- Tophatstats

### Mapping Statistics – SAMtools

- Galaxy
  - NGS: SAM Tools -> flagstat
- MSI Command line
  - Module load samtools
  - samtools flagstat accepted hits.bam

### Mapping Statistics – SAMtools

#### SAMtools output

```
% samtools flagstat accepted_hits.bam
31443374 + 0 in total (QC-passed reads + QC-failed reads)
0 + 0 duplicates
31443374 + 0 mapped (100.00%:-nan%)
31443374 + 0 paired in sequencing
15771038 + 0 read1
15672336 + 0 read2
15312224 + 0 properly paired (48.70%:-nan%)
29452830 + 0 with itself and mate mapped
1990544 + 0 singletons (6.33%:-nan%)
0 + 0 with mate mapped to a different chr
0 + 0 with mate mapped to a different chr (mapQ>=5)
```

### Mapping Statistics - Picard

- Galaxy
  - NGS: Picard (beta) -> SAM/BAM Alignment
     Summary Metrics
- Command line:
  - module load picard-tools
  - java -Xmx2g -jarCollectAlignmentSummaryMetrics.jarINPUT=accepted\_hits.bam OUTPUT=stats.txt

## Mapping Statistics - Picard

### Picard output

```
CATEGORY TOTAL_READS
FIRST_OF_PAIR 14739626
SECOND_OF_PAIR 14653925
PAIR 29393551
```

### Mapping Statistics – tophatstats

- Galaxy
  - MSI -> tophatstats
- Command line
  - module load tophatstats

## Mapping Statistics – tophatstats

### Tophatstats output (paired-end reads)

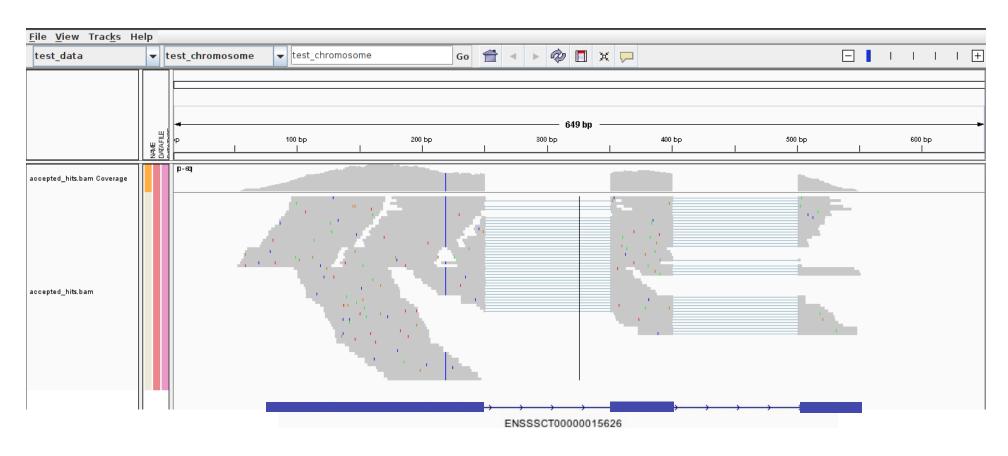
## Mapping Visualization

- Integrative Genomics Viewer (IGV)
  - Fast genome browser
  - Supports array-based and next-generation sequence data, and genomic annotations
  - Free Java program



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

## Mapping Visualization



Bam file viewed with IGV

## Causes of poor mapping

- Improper alignment parameters
- Poor quality sequence library
- Contaminated sequence library
- Poor quality reference
- Repetitive genome
- Divergence between sequenced population and reference
- Mislabeled samples
- Corrupted files
- Short read length
- Poor choice of mapping software
- Bug in mapping software
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## **Poor Quality Library**



## Bug in software

Tophat 2.0.0	<b>Tophat 2.0.1</b>	
35%	48%	mapped, properly paired
33%	20%	mapped, wrong insert size
10%	9%	singleton
22%	22%	no mapping

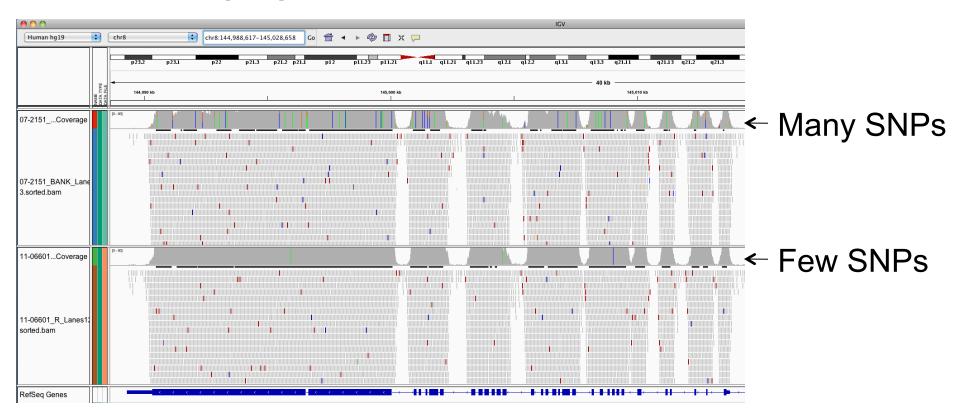
New "bugfix" release of Tophat improves mapping performance

## Poor Quality Reference

Sus scrofa 9.2	Sus scrofa 10.2	
46%	48%	mapped, properly paired
17%	20%	mapped, wrong insert size
9%	9%	singleton
26%	22%	no mapping

Mapping performance improves due to improvement in Pig genome build

## Divergence between sequenced population and reference



Large and small sequence divergence between two human samples and the human reference genome

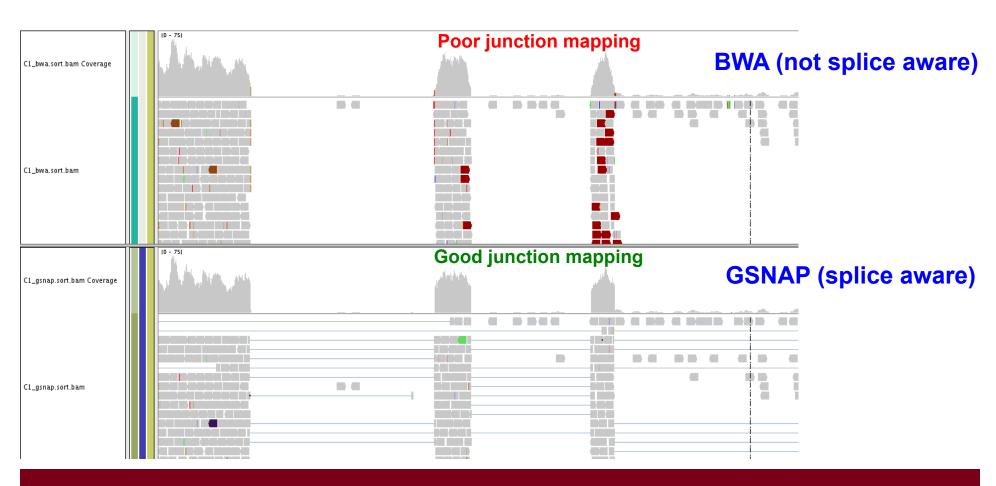
### Contaminated sequence library

#### Overrepresented sequences

Sequence	Count	Percentage	Possible Source
GTATTACAGATCGGAAGAGCGGTTCAGCAGGAATGCCGAGACCGATCTCG	820428	2.8366639370528275	Illumina Paired End PCR Primer 2 (100% over 43bp)
${\tt GTATACAGATCGGAAGAGCGGTTCAGCAGGAATGCCGAGACCGATCTCGT}$	749728	2.5922157461699773	Illumina Paired End PCR Primer 2 (100% over 44bp)
${\tt CGGTTCAGCAGGAATGCCGAGATCGGAAGAGCGGTTCAGCAGGAATGCCG}$	648852	2.243432780066747	Illumina Paired End Adapter 2 (100% over 31bp)
${\tt GATCGGAAGAGCGGTTCAGCAGGAATGCCGAGATCGGAAGAGCGGTTCAG}$	176765	0.6111723403310748	Illumina Paired End PCR Primer 2 (97% over 36bp)
${\tt ACGTCGTAGATCGGAAGAGCGGTTCAGCAGGAATGCCGAGACCGATCTCG}$	143840	0.4973327832615156	Illumina Paired End PCR Primer 2 (100% over 43bp)
${\tt GTATTCAGATCGGAAGAGCGGTTCAGCAGGAATGCCGAGACCGATCTCGT}$	124281	0.42970672717272257	Illumina Paired End PCR Primer 2 (100% over 44bp)
${\tt GTATCAGATCGGAAGAGCGGTTCAGCAGGAATGCCGAGACCGATCTCGTA}$	99207	0.34301232917842867	Illumina Paired End PCR Primer 2 (100% over 45bp)
${\tt GATCGGAAGAGCGGTTCAGCAGGAATGCCGAGACCGATCTCGTATGCCGT}$	96289	0.33292322279941655	Illumina Paired End PCR Primer 2 (100% over 50bp)
${\tt CGGAAGAGCGGTTCAGCAGGAATGCCGAGATCGGAAGAGCGGTTCAGCAG}$	93842	0.3244626185124245	Illumina Paired End PCR Primer 2 (96% over 33bp)
${\tt CGTTACGAGATCGGAAGAGCGGTTCAGCAGGAATGCCGAGACCGATCTCG}$	75370	0.26059491013918545	Illumina Paired End PCR Primer 2 (100% over 43bp)
${\tt CGTACGAGATCGGAAGAGCGGTTCAGCAGGAATGCCGAGACCGATCTCGT}$	63691	0.22021428183196043	Illumina Paired End PCR Primer 2 (100% over 44bp)
${\tt ACGTAGATCGGAAGAGCGGTTCAGCAGGAATGCCGAGACCGATCTCGTAT}$	56765	0.19626734873359242	Illumina Paired End PCR Primer 2 (100% over 46bp)
${\tt TACTGTAAGATCGGAAGAGCGGTTCAGCAGGAATGCCGAGACCGATCTCG}$	42991	0.14864317078139472	Illumina Paired End PCR Primer 2 (100% over 43bp)

FastQC output showing ~10% adapter contamination

### Poor choice of mapping software



### Improper alignment parameters

Correct inner distance (60)	Incorrect inner distance (220)	
48%	43%	mapped, properly paired
20%	25%	mapped, wrong insert size
9%	10%	singleton
22%	22%	no mapping

Incorrect "inner mate pair distance" parameter decreases mapping performance

## Corrupted files

Correct fastq file	Corrupted fastq file	
48%	22%	mapped, properly paired
20%	46%	mapped, wrong insert size
9%	10%	singleton
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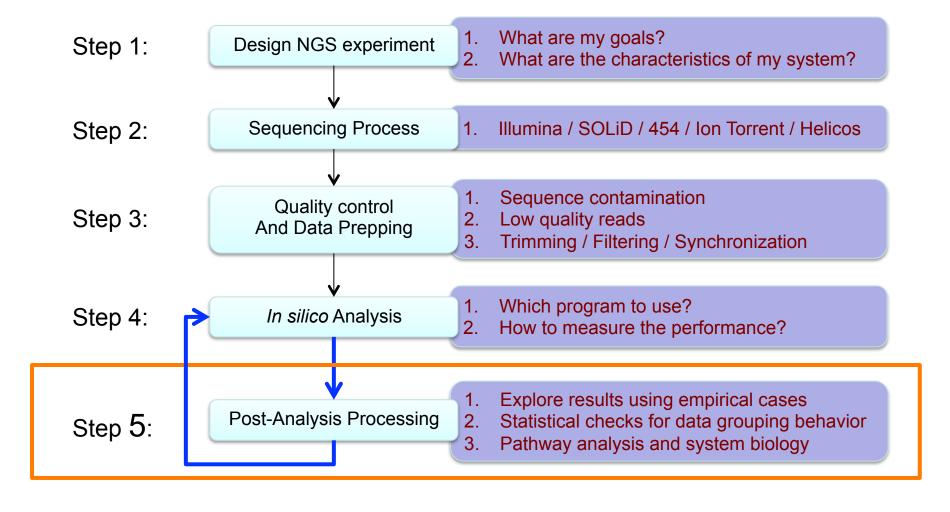
Unsynchronized paired-end fastq file decreases percentage of properly-paired reads

### Part III

## Post-Analysis Processing - Exploring the Data and Results

Ying Zhang, PhD

### Workflow of a typical NGS project



### Widely-used Tools in Data Exploring

- Direct visualization of "positive controls":
  - IGV viewer
  - UCSC Genome Browser
- Statistical checks of data structure:
  - PCA: principle component analysis
  - MDS: multi-dimension scaling
  - Unsupervised clustering and Heatmap
- System-level Analysis:
  - IPA: ingenuity pathway analysis

### Integrative Genomics Viewer (IGV)

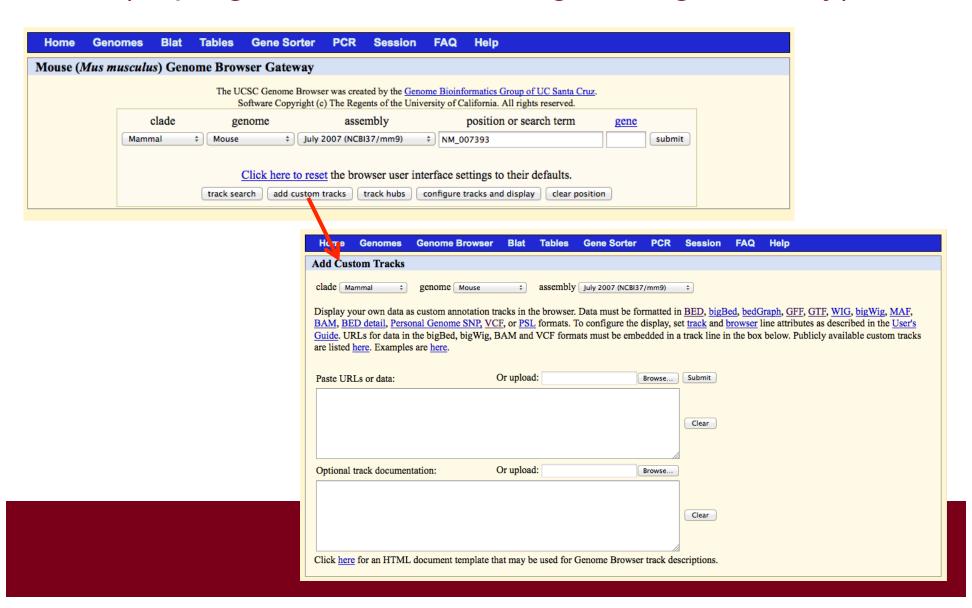
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- Launch:
  - From Galaxy
  - From Desktop: allocate enough memory





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## UCSC Genome Browser (http://genome.ucsc.edu/cgi-bin/hgGateway)

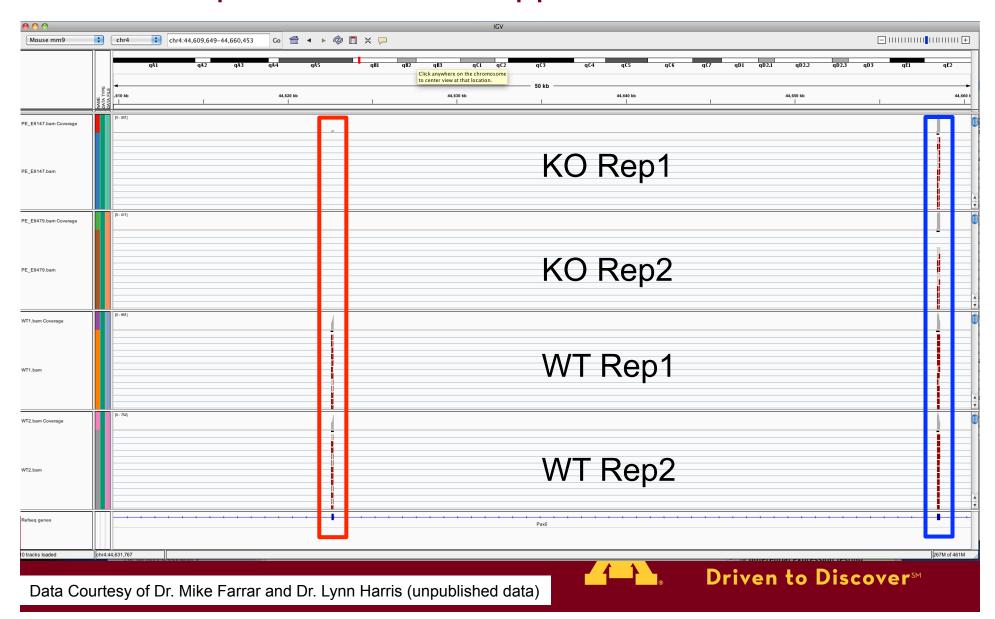


## No. 1 in your Check-List

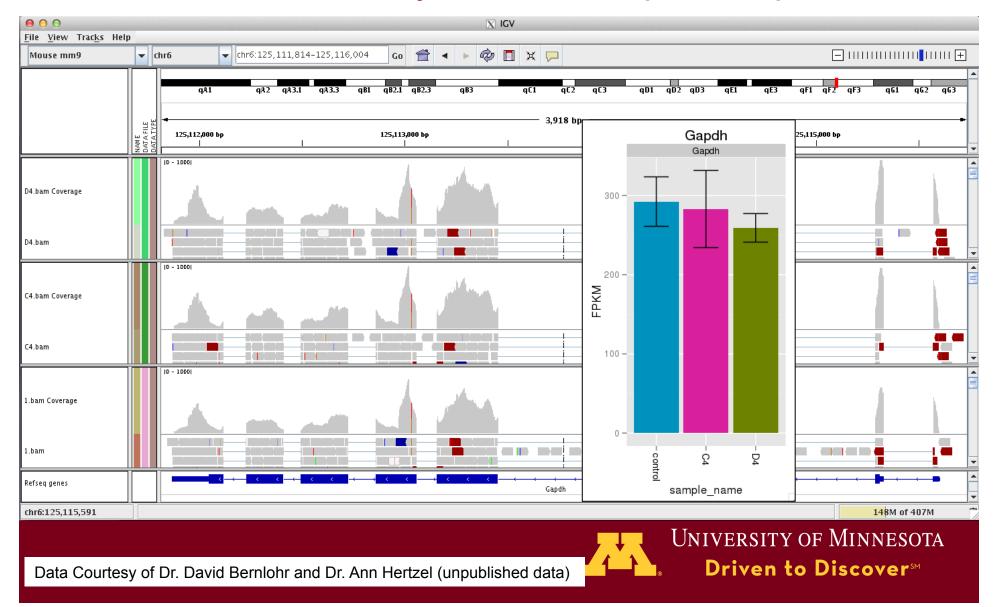
# "Are my data behaving as expected?"



## Exploring results using Empirical Cases – Example I: no reads mapped at knock-out site

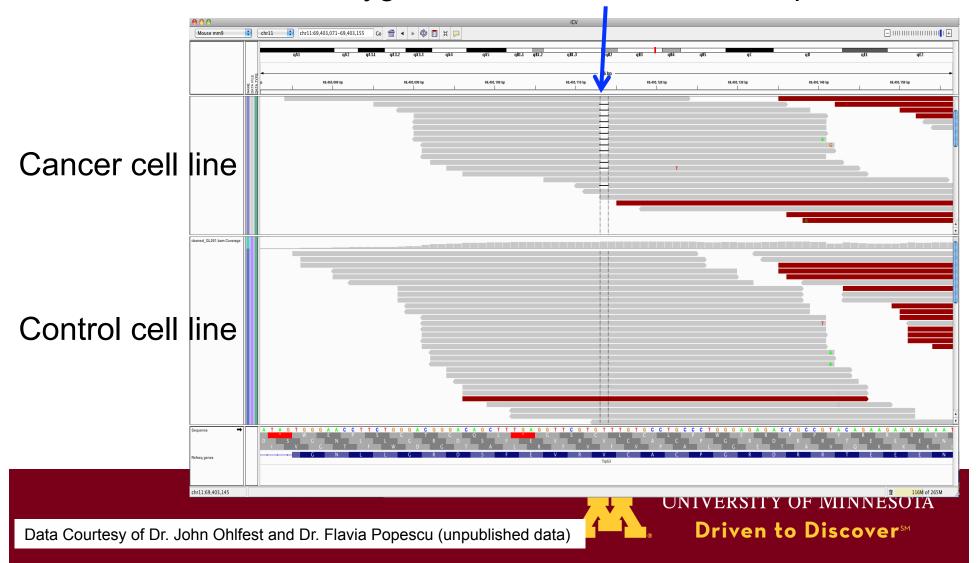


## Example II: Housekeeping genes should behave similarity across multiple samples

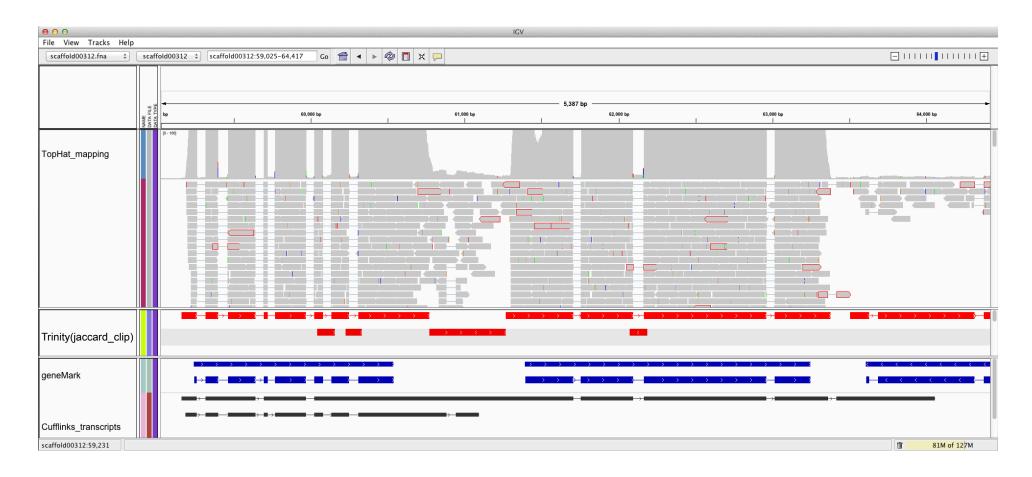


## Example III: review of known biomarkers, for example, known SNP and indel

Heterozygous deletion of 'T' with 46% penetrance



### Example IV: detect the caveat of programs



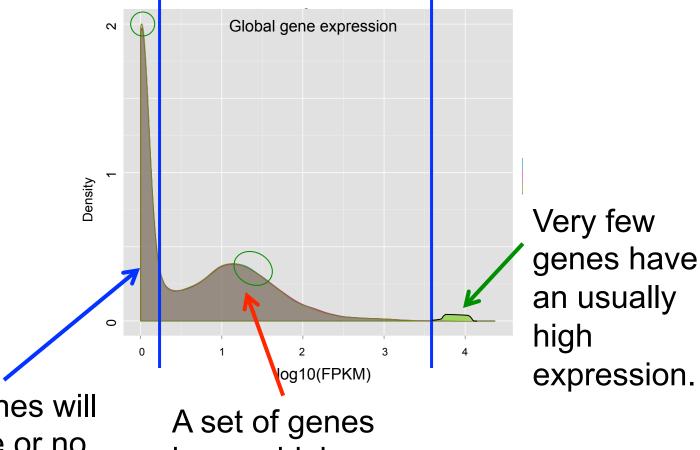
### Specific Notes for Prokaryotes' samples

Cufflinks developer:

"We don't recommend assembling bacteria transcripts using Cufflinks at first. If you are working on a new bacteria genome, consider a computational gene finding application such as Glimmer."

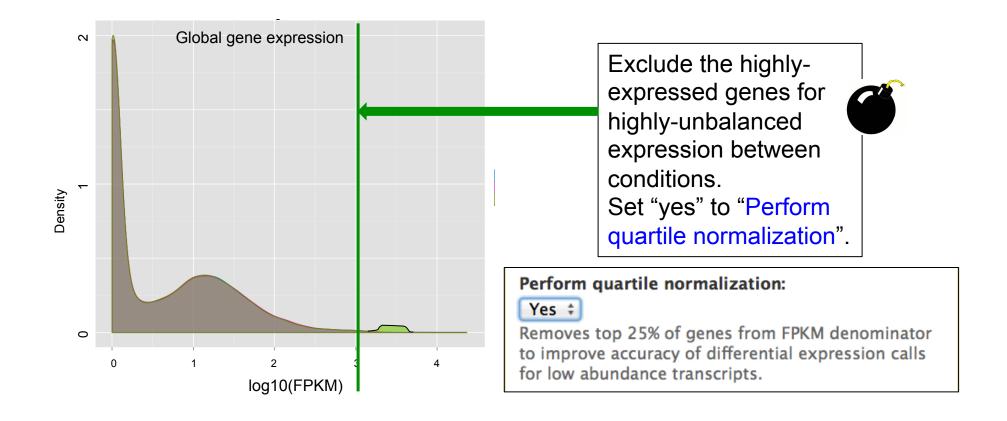
- So for bacteria transcriptome:
  - If the genome is available, do genome annotation first then reconstruct the transcriptome.
  - If the genome is not available, try de novo assembly of the transcriptome, followed by gene annotation.

#### Explore the global distribution of data



Many genes will have little or no expression.

A set of genes have a high expression.

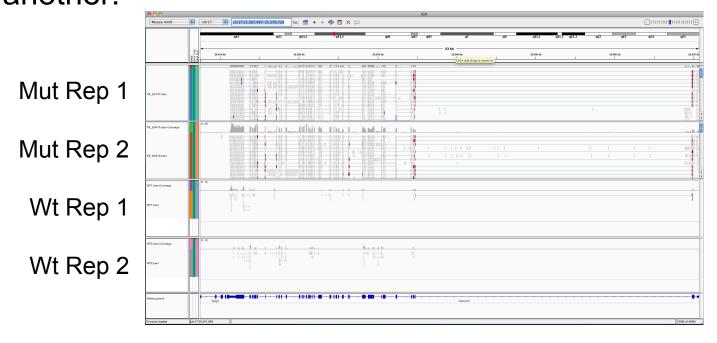


Example: red cell blood compared to other tissue

#### Warning: don't throw the baby with the bathwater...



Cuffdiff: "Min Alignment Count" must be satisfied in all samples – too high a value will remove genes not expressed in one condition but strongly expressed in another!



This gene was reported as DE with "Min Alignment Count" = 10, but not with 100.

## Statistical Checks of data structure – Multi-Variable Analysis

- Biological replicates should show grouping behavior in multi-variable analysis:
  - innate consistence between samples

A hypothetical PCA plot

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#### Within-group variation: non-biological variations

- Source of non-biological variation:
  - Batch effect
    - How were the samples collected and processed? Were the samples processed as groups, and if so what was the grouping?
  - Non-synchronized cell cultures
    - Were all the cells from the same genetic backgrounds and growth phase?
  - Use technical replicates rather than biological replicates

#### How to check for data variation?

- Principle Component Analysis (PCA)
  - Uses an orthogonal transformation
  - The first principle component has the largest possible variance
- Multi-Dimensional Scaling (MDS)
  - Computes euclidean distances among all pairs of samples
- Unsupervised Clustering / heatmap
  - Identify the hidden structure in "unlabeled" data
- Tools:
  - Galaxy
  - Statistical Package: R, SPSS, MatLab
  - Partek and Genedata Expressionist

### Steps in PCA analysis

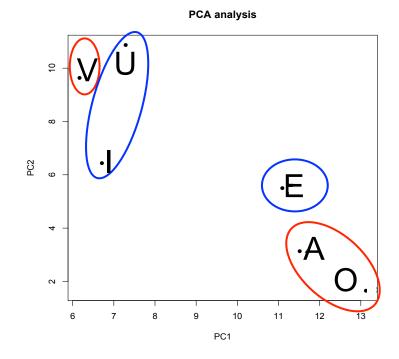
1. Construct the multiple variable matrix



2. Run PCA analysis and explore the result

#### e.g. tables of FPKM values

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transcript	Н	Sample A	Sample V	Sample C	H	Sample E	Sample I	Sample U
gene1	Ц	6.18	6.64	6.46	ļ	6.30	6.58	6.54
gene2		5.48	0.11	1.00		0.24	0.02	0.68
gene3		20.53	18.93	18.79		18.51	18.00	18.26
gene4		55.47	52.71	50.39		54.66	49.15	44.68
gene5		7.28	8.09	8.57		7.82	8.29	9.38
gene6		14.65	13.88	13.48		13.98	14.72	12.47
gene7		16.41	13.80	14.99		17.20	14.39	13.50
gene8		6.17	6.79	7.20		6.70	8.42	7.26
gene9		25.83	24.24	25.63		27.09	22.18	23.09
gene10	П	38.04	30.39	35.53	ı	37.42	28.72	27.28
gene11	П	195.06	179.88	178.18		208.25	179.01	155.15
gene12	П	32.82	32.04	31.84	ı	33.62	31.06	29.46
gene13	П	18.41	16.75	16.72		17.33	16.32	16.87
gene14	П	24.00	21.05	22.68	ı	22.72	22.08	22.45
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		Group 1 (A,V,O)					Grou (E,I,l	=



### Heatmap: Unsupervised clustering

1. Construct the multiple variable matrix

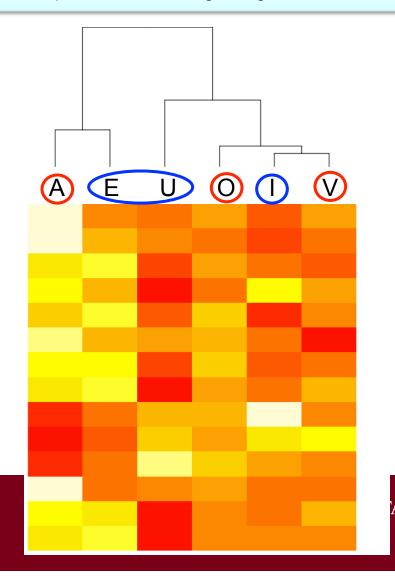
2. Run Unsupervised Clustering and generate Heatmap

#### e.g. tables of FPKM values

transcript	Sample A	Sample V	Sample O	Sample E	Sample I	Sample U
gene1	6.18	6.64	6.46	6.30	6.58	6.54
gene2	5.48	0.11	1.00	0.24	0.02	0.68
gene3	20.53	18.93	18.79	18.51	18.00	18.26
gene4	55.47	52.71	50.39	54.66	49.15	44.68
gene5	7.28	8.09	8.57	7.82	8.29	9.38
gene6	14.65	13.88	13.48	13.98	14.72	12.47
gene7	16.41	13.80	14.99	17.20	14.39	13.50
gene8	6.17	6.79	7.20	6.70	8.42	7.26
gene9	25.83	24.24	25.63	27.09	22.18	23.09
gene10	38.04	30.39	35.53	37.42	28.72	27.28
gene11	195.06	179.88	178.18	208.25	179.01	155.15
gene12	32.82	32.04	31.84	33.62	31.06	29.46
gene13	18.41	16.75	16.72	17.33	16.32	16.87
gene14	24.00	21.05	22.68	22.72	22.08	22.45

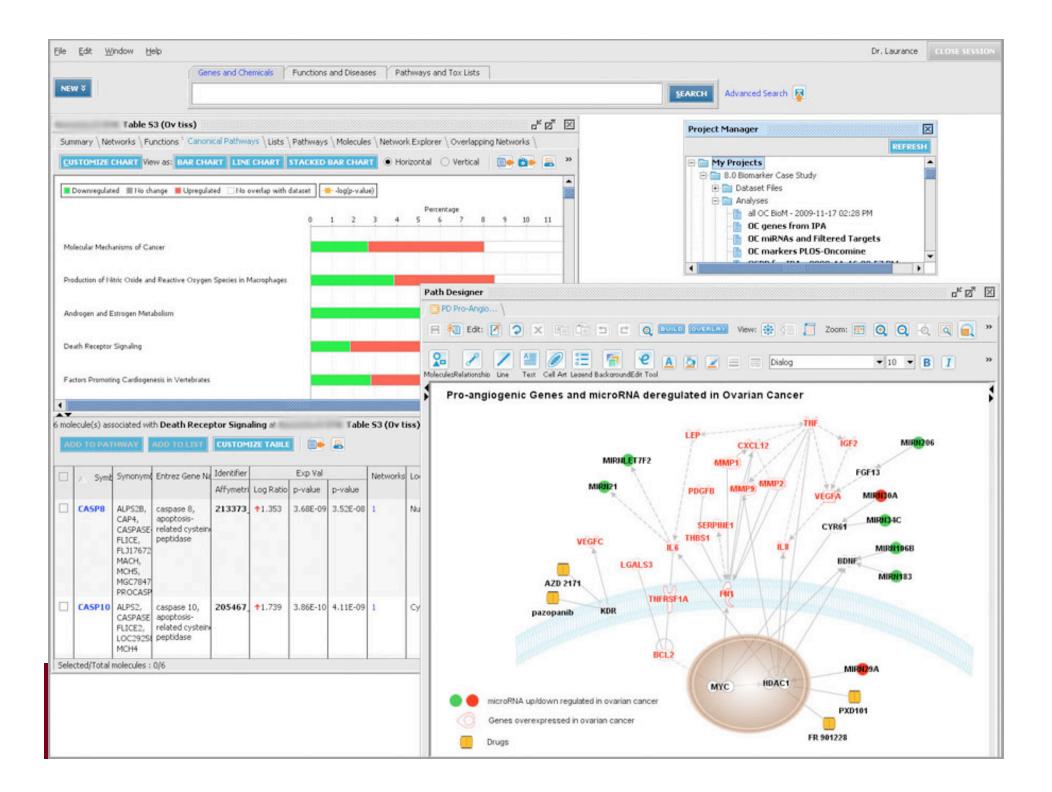
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## Exploring data at system-level: Ingenuity Pathway analysis

- Using the differentially expressed genes
- Connecting the genes with known knowledge
- Testing for the significance of the identified network
- Check the details at:
  - http://ingenuity.com/products/pathways\_analysis.html



### Discussion and Questions?

- Get Support at MSI:
  - Email: help@msi.umn.edu
  - General Questions:
    - Subject line: "RISS:..."
  - Galaxy Questions:
    - Subject line: "Galaxy:..."