

RNA-seq Data Analysis on the HPRC Ada Cluster

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- Both state of Texas law and TAMU regulations prohibit the sharing and/or illegal use of computer passwords and accounts
 - Don't write down passwords
 - Don't choose easy to guess/crack passwords
 - Change passwords frequently



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Email: help@hprc.tamu.edu

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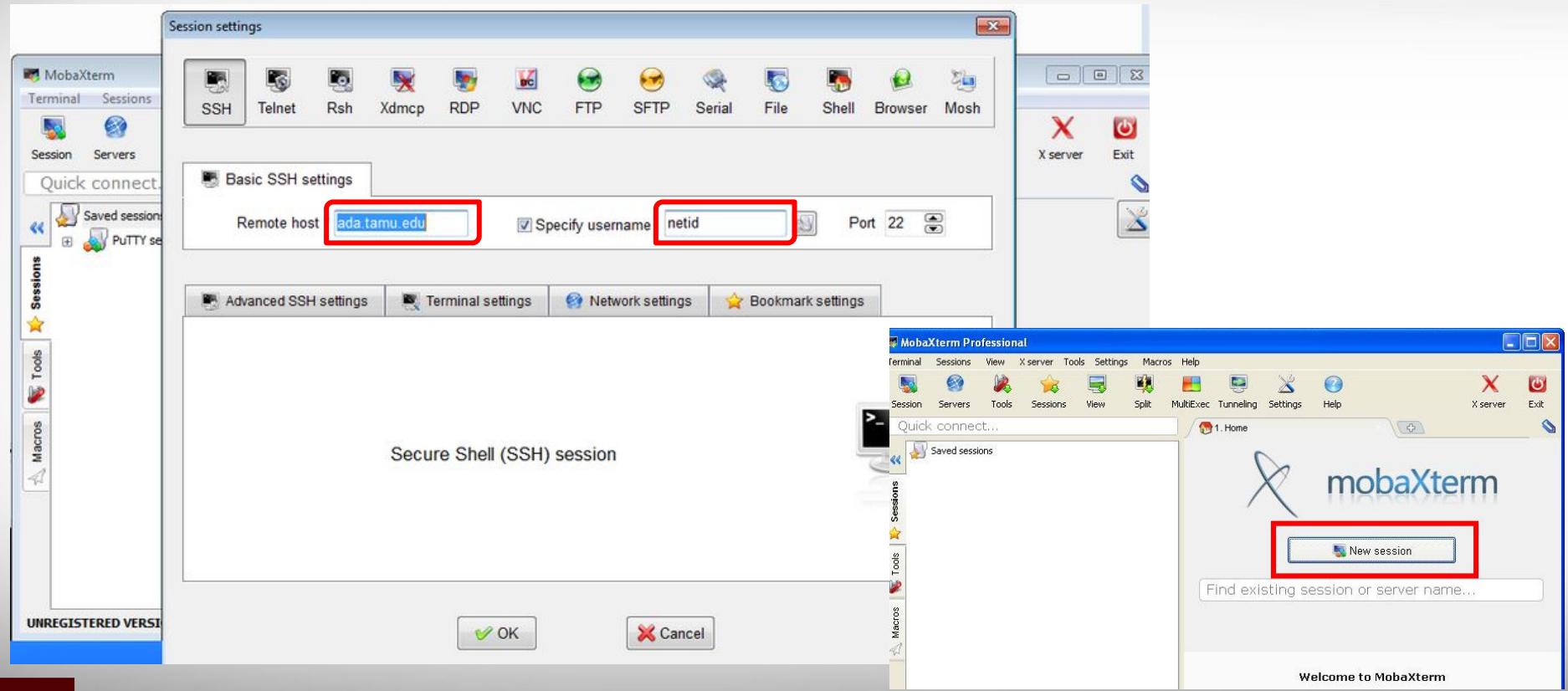
Visit us in person: Henderson Hall, Room 114A

Help us, help you -- we need more info

- Which Cluster
- UserID/NetID
- Job id(s) if any
- Location of your jobfile, input/output files
- Application used if any
- Module(s) loaded if any
- Error messages
- Steps you have taken, so we can reproduce the problem



Using SSH - MobaXterm (on Windows)



Where to Find NGS Tools

- TAMU HPRC Documentation
 - <https://hprc.tamu.edu/wiki/index.php/Ada:Bioinformatics>
- Type the following UNIX **commands** to see which tools are already installed on Ada
 - `module avail`
 - `module spider toolname` (not case sensitive, but read entire output)
 - `module key assembly` (some modules may be missed because this searches tool descriptions)
- If you find a tool that you want installed on Ada, send an email with the URL link to: help@hprc.tamu.edu
 - SeqAnswers <http://seqanswers.com/wiki/Software/list>
 - omictools.com
 - slideshare.net – find shared NGS presentations

Ada Software Toolchains

- Use the same toolchains in your job scripts

Software/**SW.version**-toolchain

```
module load Bowtie2/2.2.6-intel-2015B  
module load TopHat/2.1.0-intel-2015B  
module load Cufflinks/2.2.1-intel-2015B
```

- Avoid loading mixed toolchains:

```
module load Bowtie2/2.2.2-ictce-6.3.5  
module load TopHat/2.0.14-goolf-1.7.20  
module load Cufflinks/2.2.1-intel-2015B
```

- Avoid loading defaults which may have different toolchains

```
module load Bowtie2 TopHat Cufflinks
```

Use **\$TMPDIR** whenever possible

- Use the **\$TMPDIR** if the application you are running can utilize a temporary directory for writing temporary files which are deleted when the job ends
- A temp directory (**\$TMPDIR**) is automatically assigned for each job which uses the disk(s) on the compute node not the **\$SCRATCH** shared file system
 - Especially useful when a computational tool writes tens of thousands of temporary files which are deleted when the job is finished and are not needed for the final results
 - This is useful since files on **\$TMPDIR** will not count against your file quota
 - Be aware when using **\$TMPDIR** if your software uses temporary files for restarting where it left off if it should stop before completion
 - Will significantly speed up an mpiBLAST job

```
run_BUSCO.py --in Trinity.fasta -m transcriptome --tmp_path $TMPDIR /  
-l /scratch/datasets/BUSCO/v3.0.2/fungi_odb9 -c 20 --evaluate 0.001
```



Finding NGS job template scripts using GCATemplates on Ada

```
mkdir $SCRATCH/rnaseq_class
```

```
cd $SCRATCH/rnaseq_class
```

```
module load GCATemplates
```

```
gcatemplates
```

For practice, we will copy a template file

- Select #13 RNA-seq, #1 QC, #1 rnaseqc, #1 two samples
- Final step will save a template job script file to your current working directory
- After you save the template file:

```
module purge
```

Genomic Computational Analysis Templates

BIOINFORMATICS GCATemplates (ada)

CATEGORY

1. BAM files
2. ChIP-seq
3. FASTA files
4. FASTQ files
5. Functional genomics
6. Genome assembly
7. Genotyping
8. Metagenomics
9. Oxford Nanopore tools
10. PacBio tools
11. Phylogenetics
12. Population genetics
13. RNA-seq
14. SNPs & indels
15. Sequence alignments
16. Simulate data

s search
q quit

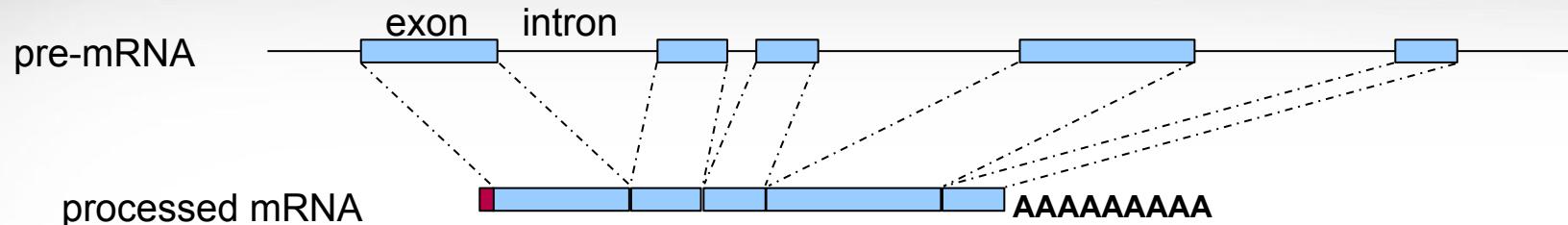
Select: 4



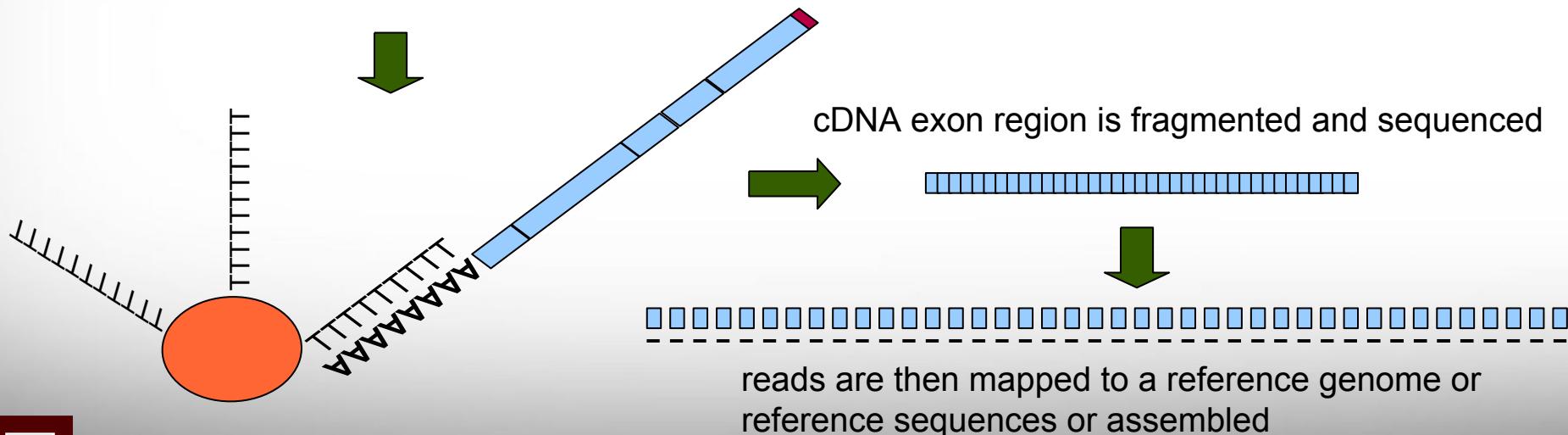
RNA-seq Overview



Example of RNA sequencing



mRNA strands are captured by their Poly(A) tail using Poly(T) coated magnetic beads



RNA-seq Applications

- Differential Expression (DE) and transcript abundance
 - HISAT2, Bowtie, TopHat, Cufflinks, Cuffmerge, Cuffdiff
 - DESeq and DESeq2 (R package)
 - EdgeR (R package)
- Transcriptome assembly (find isoforms and rare transcripts)
 - *de novo* (Trinity, Oases, SOAPdenovo-Trans)
 - reference based (Trinity, StringTie)
- Genome Annotation
 - Align to assembly for validation of gene models
- Variant Calling
 - STAR/Picard/GATK (Haplotype Caller (HC) in RNA-seq mode)
- *de novo* genome assembly scaffolding
 - L_RNA_scaffolder
- Identify fusion transcripts
 - tophat-fusion

Illumina Sequencing Technology

RNA-seq applications					
					
Key Methods	Amplicon, targeted RNA, small RNA, and targeted gene panel sequencing.	Small genome, amplicon, and targeted gene panel sequencing.	Everyday exome, transcriptome, and targeted resequencing.	Production-scale genome, exome, transcriptome sequencing, and more.	Population- and production-scale whole-genome sequencing.
Maximum Output	7.5 Gb	15 Gb	120 Gb	1500 Gb	1800 Gb
Maximum Reads per Run	25 million	25 million [†]	400 million	5 billion	6 billion
Maximum Read Length	2 × 150 bp	2 × 300 bp	2 × 150 bp	2 × 150 bp	2 × 150 bp
Run Time	4–24 hours	4–55 hours	12–30 hours	<1–3.5 days (HiSeq 3000/HiSeq 4000) 7 hours–6 days (HiSeq 2500)	<3 days
Benchtop Sequencer	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No

<http://www.illumina.com/systems/sequencing-platforms.html>

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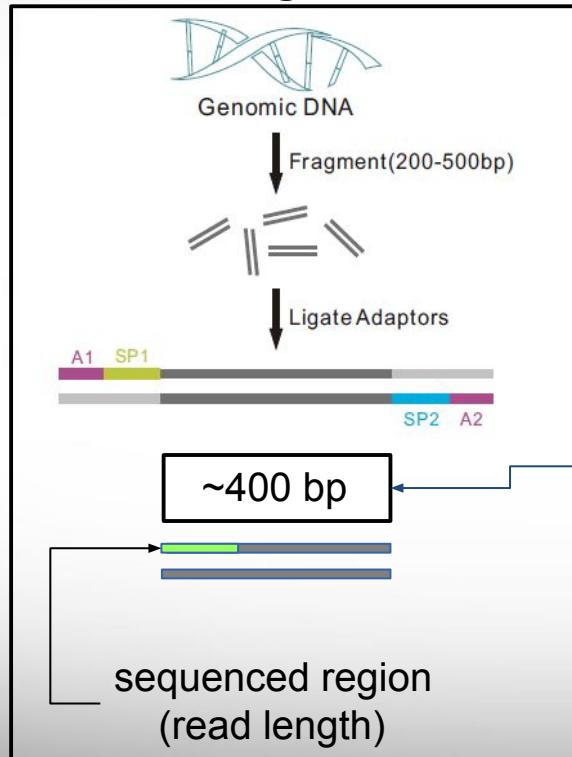
High Performance Research Computing

<https://hprc.tamu.edu>

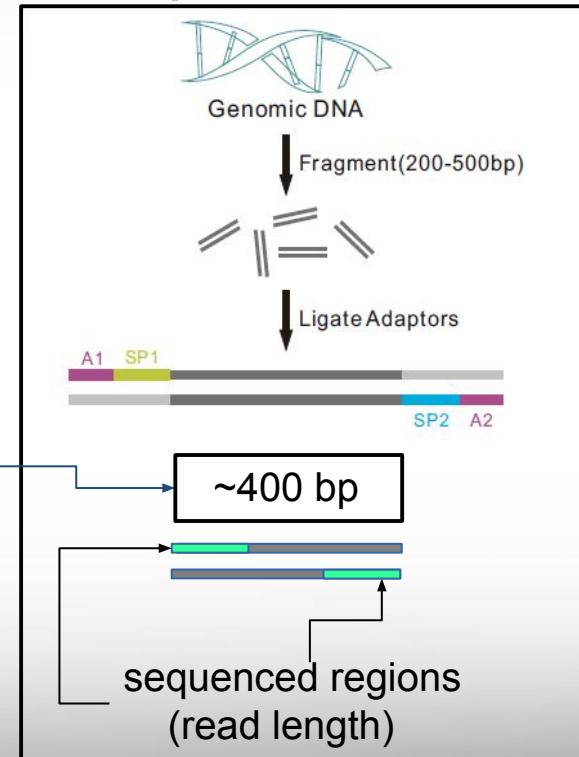
Illumina Sequencing Libraries

illumina.com

single end



paired ends



Biological vs Technical Replication

- Biological replicates include multiple samplings within a population
- Technical replicates include multiple prepping and or resequencing the same individual
- Biological replicates generally increase statistical power more than technical replicates
 - Biological variability is generally greater than technical variability
 - Biological replicates contain both biological and technical variability



Sequence Depth for RNA-seq Differential Expression

RNA-seq differential expression studies: more sequence or more replication?

Liu, Yuwen, Zhou, Jie and White, Kevin P. [Bioinformatics](#). 2014 Feb 1; 30(3): 301–304.
doi: [10.1093/bioinformatics/btt688](https://doi.org/10.1093/bioinformatics/btt688) PMCID: PMC3904521

- Using more biological replicates instead of increasing sequencing depth resulted in improved accuracy of expression estimation
- Use more biological replicates at lower sequencing depth is more beneficial than fewer samples at a higher sequencing depth
- Increasing sequence depth is beneficial for exon or transcript-specific expression studies



Quality Control (QC)



QC Evaluation

```
module spider fastqc
```

- Use FastQC to visualize quality scores
 - Displays quality score distribution of reads
 - Input is a fastq file or files
 - Can disable grouping of sequence regions
 - Will alert you of poor read characteristics
 - Displays a representative sample of the fastq file
 - Can be run as a GUI or a command line interface
- FastQC will process using one CPU core per file
 - If there are 10 fastq files to analyze and 4 cores used
 - 4 files will start processing and 6 will wait in a queue
 - If there is only one fastq file to process then using 10 cores does not speed up the process

QC Quality Trimming

- Sequence quality trimming tools
 - module spider Trimmomatic← recommended tool
- Trimmomatic will maintain paired end read pairing after trimming
- Trim reads based on quality scores
 - Trim the same number of bases from each read or
 - Use a sliding window to calculate average quality at ends of sequences
- Decide if you want to discard reads with Ns
 - some assemblers replace Ns with As or a random base G, C, A or T
- Trim adapter sequences
 - Trimmomatic has a file of Illumina adapter sequences

```
module load Trimmomatic/0.36-Java-1.8.0_92
```

```
ls $EBROOTTRIMMOMATIC/adapters/
```

RNA-SeQC

module spider RNA-SeQC

- Provides alignment metrics & graphs all samples together
 - Yield alignment and duplication rates
 - GC bias
 - rRNA content
 - Regions of alignment (exon, intron, intragenic)
 - continuity of coverage
 - 5'/3' bias and much more ...
- Metrics can help identify sample outliers by comparing metrics of all samples

RNA-SeQC: RNA-seq metrics for quality control and process optimization

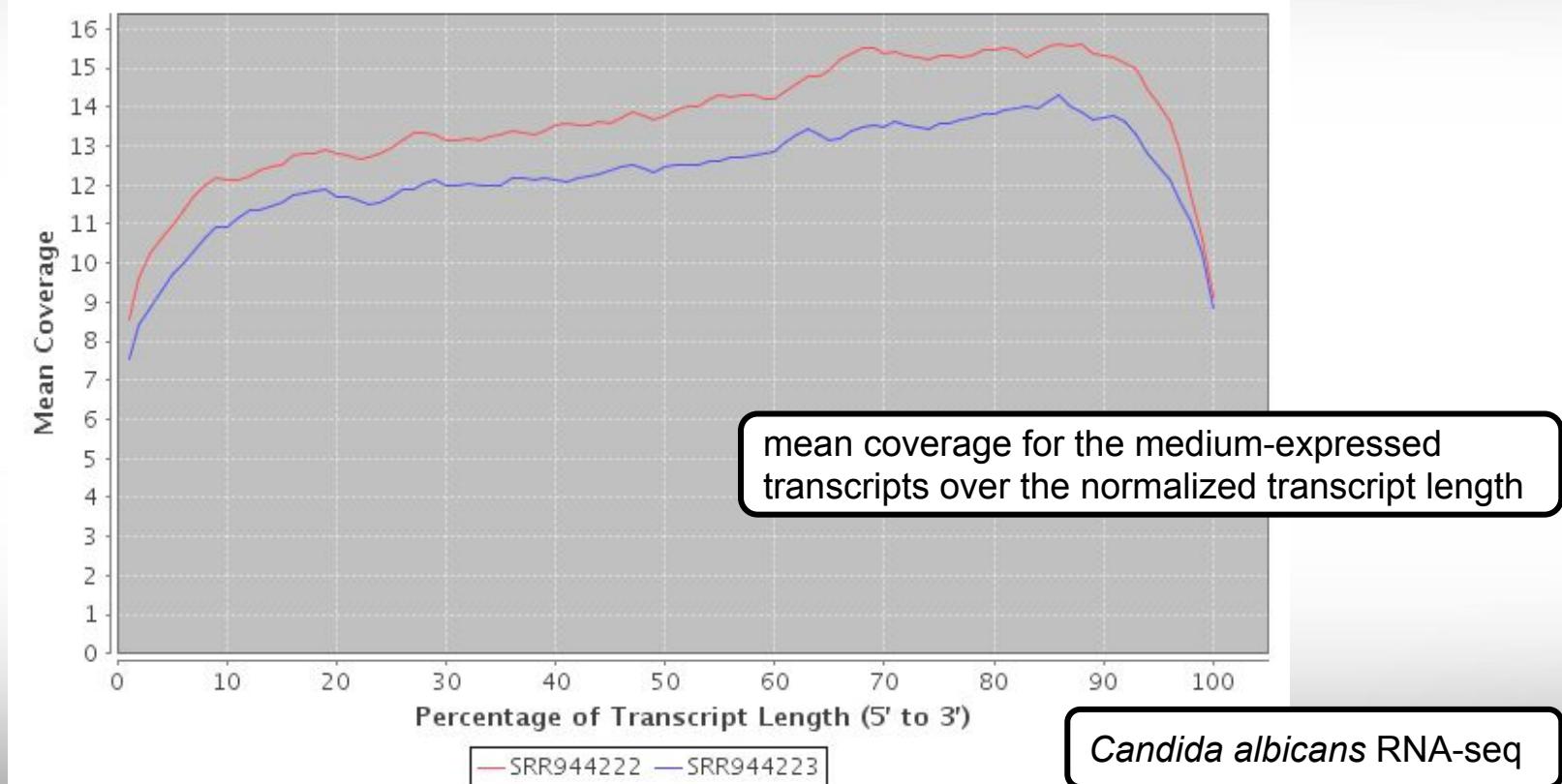
DeLuca, et al. [Bioinformatics](#). 2012 Jun 1; 28(11): 1530–1532. Published online 2012 Apr 25. doi: [10.1093/bioinformatics/bts196](https://doi.org/10.1093/bioinformatics/bts196) PMCID: PMC3356847



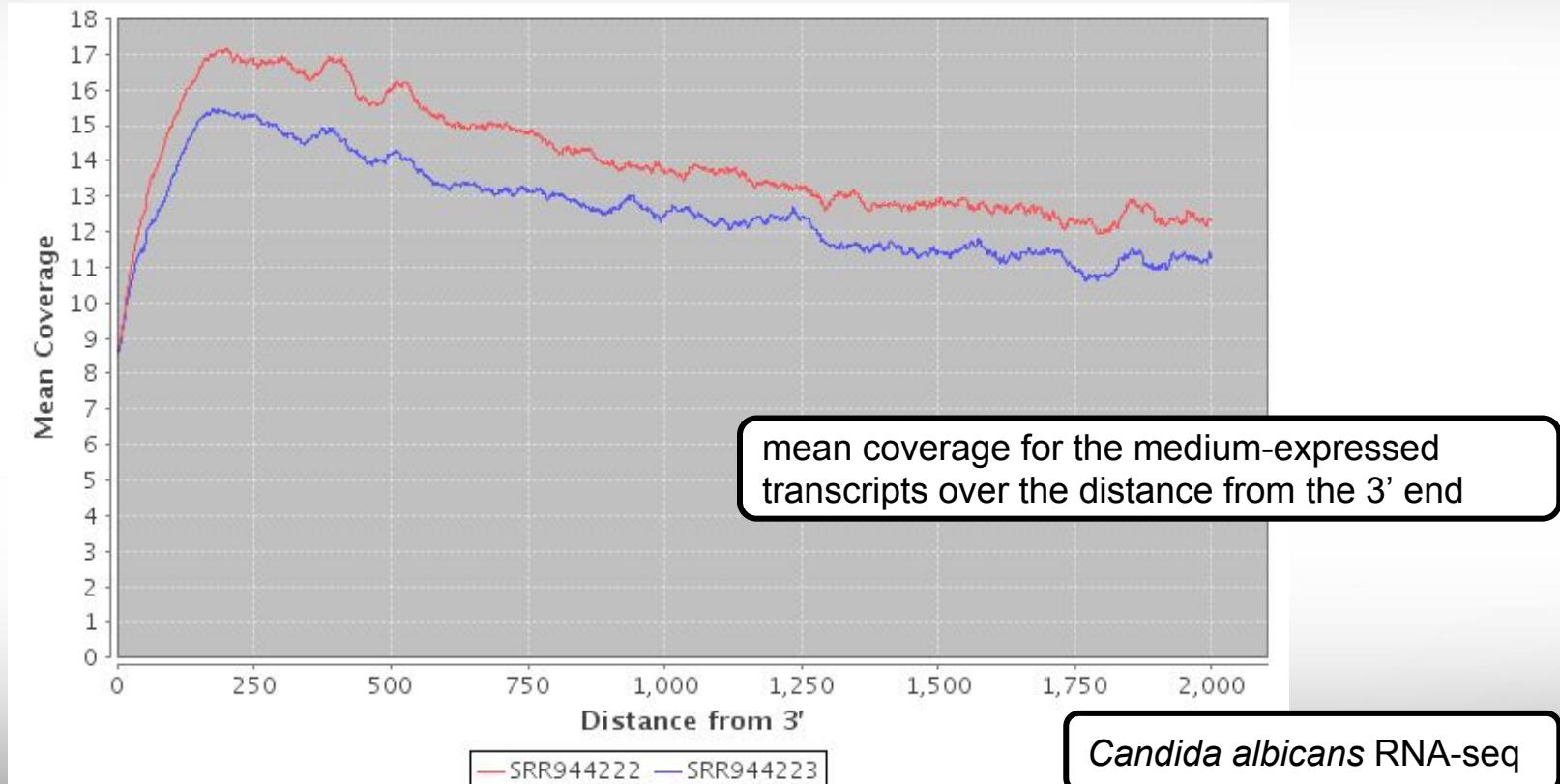
Example of Some of the Metrics Generated by RNA-SeQC

Sample	SRR944222	SRR944223
Intragenic Rate	0.94193894	0.942244
Num. Gaps	261	267
Exonic Rate	0.88744026	0.88684684
Mapping Rate	0.9407622	0.9328903
Mean Per Base Cov.	13.762129	12.427471
Mapped	9991016	10685055
Intergenic Rate	0.058061063	0.057755996
Mean CV	0.4337087	0.43792304
Transcripts Detected	6097	6028
Cumul. Gap Length	10387	10073
Gap %	0.0061764293	0.0061276583
Unpaired Reads	10620129	11453710
Intronic Rate	0.05449866	0.055397186
Mapped Unique Rate of Total	0.9407622	0.9328903
Expression Profiling Efficiency	0.8348703	0.82733077
Mapped Unique	9991016	10685055
Base Mismatch Rate	0.0041912985	0.0042645987

RNA-SeQC meanCoverageNorm_medium



RNA-SeQC meanCoverage_medium



Mapping RNA-seq Reads to a Reference Assembly



Splice-Aware Aligners for RNA-seq Short Reads

- HISAT2 which supersedes TopHat2
 - `/scratch/datasets/genome_indexes/ucsc/mm10/hisat2_index/`
- STAR (on Ada as module STAR-STAR)
 - Uses gene annotations in gtf format
 - can use `gffread` in Cufflinks module to convert gff3 to gtf
 - supports PacBio but should use non-default settings
 - *Bioinfo study: Optimizing STAR aligner for Iso Seq data*
- BBMap
 - also supports PacBio and Nanopore
- GMap
 - also supports PacBio and Nanopore

Visualize BAM File Alignments



Sorting, Viewing sam/bam Files

- Sequence Alignment/Map format (sam)
 - view sam files using the UNIX command:
`more file.sam`
- Binary Alignment/Map format (bam)
 - Compressed (binary) sam files need samtools to view
 - `module load SAMtools/1.3-intel-2015B`
 - Sort sam/bam file based on coordinate into bam format (10 cores, 2GB mem/core)
`samtools sort -@ 10 -m 2G -o file_sorted.bam file.sam`
 - Create an index of the bam file using samtools
 - `samtools index file_sorted.bam`
 - A samtools index is needed prior to viewing alignments in viewers
 - Viewing bam files using samtools (index not required)
 - `samtools view file_sorted.bam | more` view only alignments
 - `samtools view -H file_sorted.bam` view only header
 - `samtools view -h file_sorted.bam | more` view header + alignments



SAM format

```
 samtools view -h file_sorted.bam | more
```

header

```
@HD VN:1.0 SO:coordinate
@PG ID:GMAP PN:gmap VN:2015-09-21 CL:gmap -t 18 -D genome_dir -d ASM678v2 -f
samse --read-group-id=RG1 --read-group-name=ASM678v2 --re
ad-group-library=SRR4289711 --read-group-platform=ILLUMINA
@SQ SN:AE004092 LN:1852433
@RG ID:rg1 PL:ILLUMINA LB:SRR4289711 SM:ASM678v2
```

```
1/1 0 AE004092 1 40 4S41M * 0 0
```

```
TAGCTTGTGATATTCTGTTTTCTTTAGTTTCCACATGA FEHHHHHHHHIHH
IJJJJJJJJJHIIJJJJJJJJJJJJJJJJJ IJ RG:Z:rg1 MD:Z:41 NH:i:1 HI:i:1 NM:i:0 SM:i:40
XQ:i:40 X2:i:0 XO:Z:UU XG:Z:M
```

```
2/1 0 AE004092 36 40 45M * 0 0
```

```
ACATGAAAAAATAGTTGAAAACAATAGCGGTGTCCCCTTAAAATGG FFHHHHHJJJJ
JJJJJJJJJJJJJJJJHIIJJJJJJJJJJJJ JI RG:Z:rg1 MD:Z:45 NH:i:1 HI:i:1 NM:i:0 SM:i:40
XQ:i:40 X2:i:0 XO:Z:UU XG:Z:M
```

```
3/1 0 AE004092 100 40 45M * 0 0
```

```
GAACCCAAATTAACAGTGTAAATTATTTCCACAGGTTGTGGAA DFGF HDFHGIJI
JGHHFHEHGFIJIIGIGHGIJEGI?DGFDG@H RG:Z:rg1 MD:Z:45 NH:i:1 HI:i:1
NM:i:0 SM:i:40 XQ:i:40 X2:i:0 XO:Z:UU XG:Z:M
```



Integrative Genomics Viewer (IGV) Exercise

- IGV is a genome browser with pre-loaded genomes available in which you can use to view multiple .bed, .sam and .vcf files.
- IGV is launched from a login node not a job script or compute node.

```
module spider IGV
```

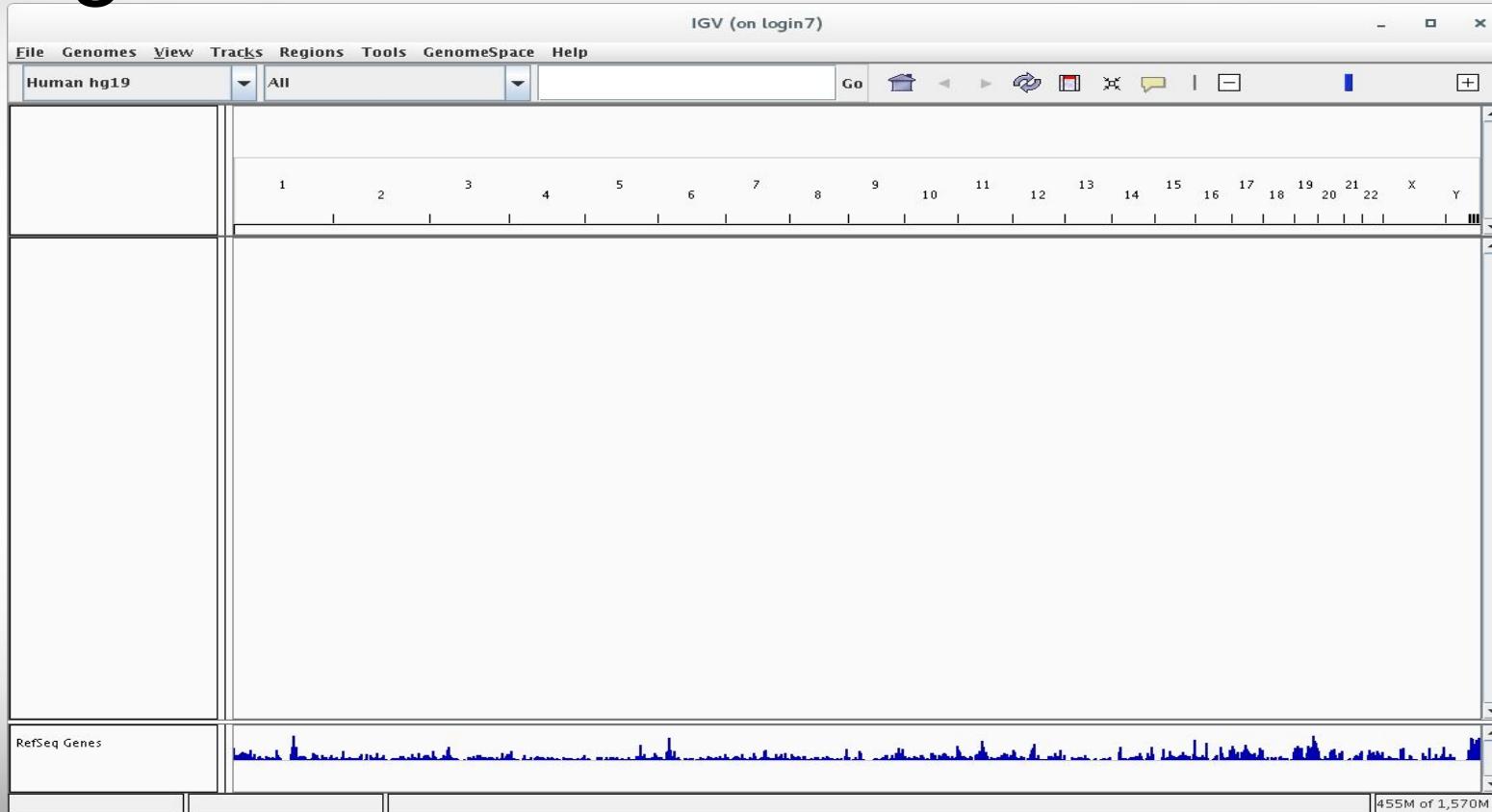
```
module load IGV/2.3.68-Java-1.8.0_66
```

Launch IGV using the igv.sh script (X11 login required)

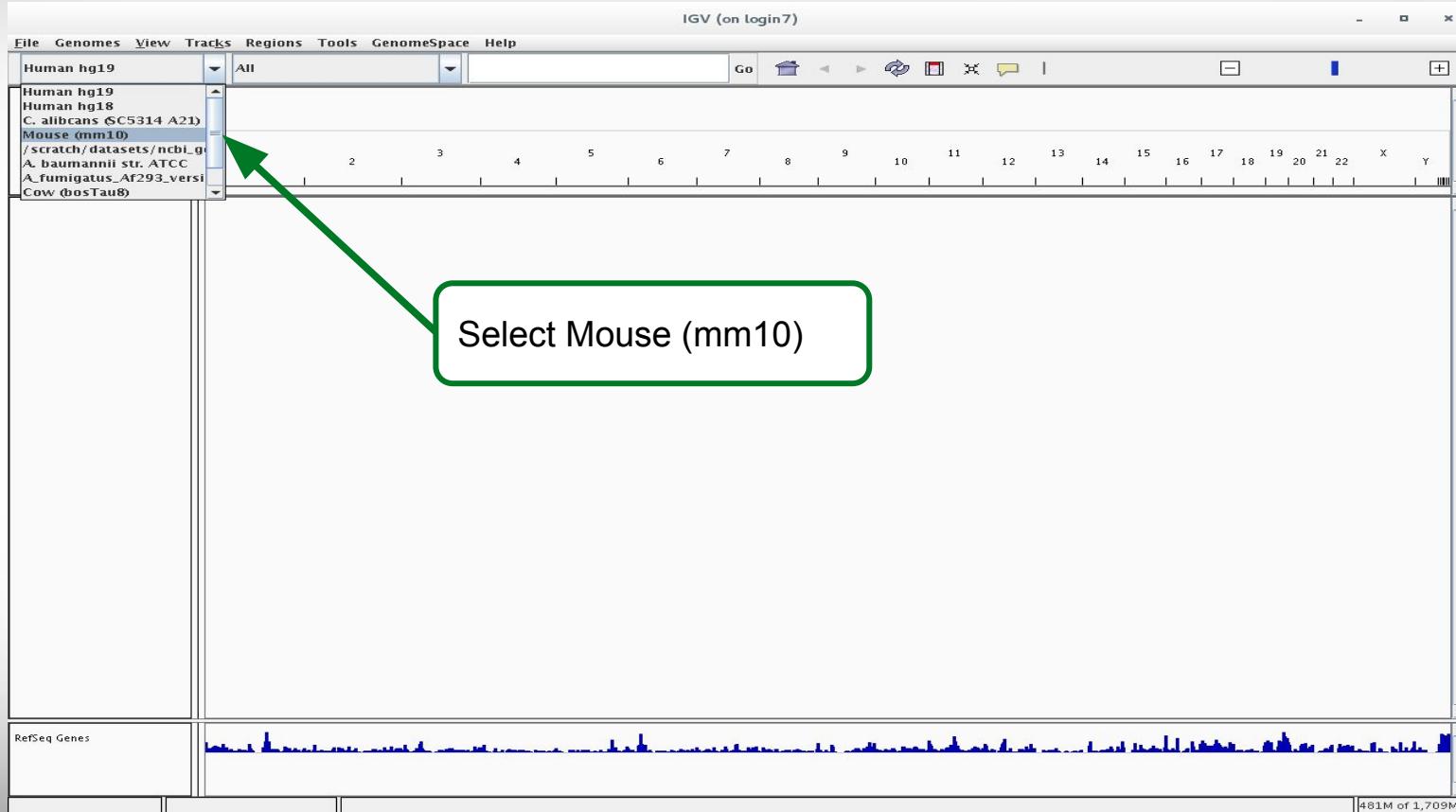
```
igv.sh
```



hg19 is default Reference Genome



Change the Reference Genome



Load BAM Alignment File

1. Select “File → “Load from file”
2. Search for

/scratch/helpdesk/ngs/alignments/mm10/ERS150697_rnaseq_mm10.bam



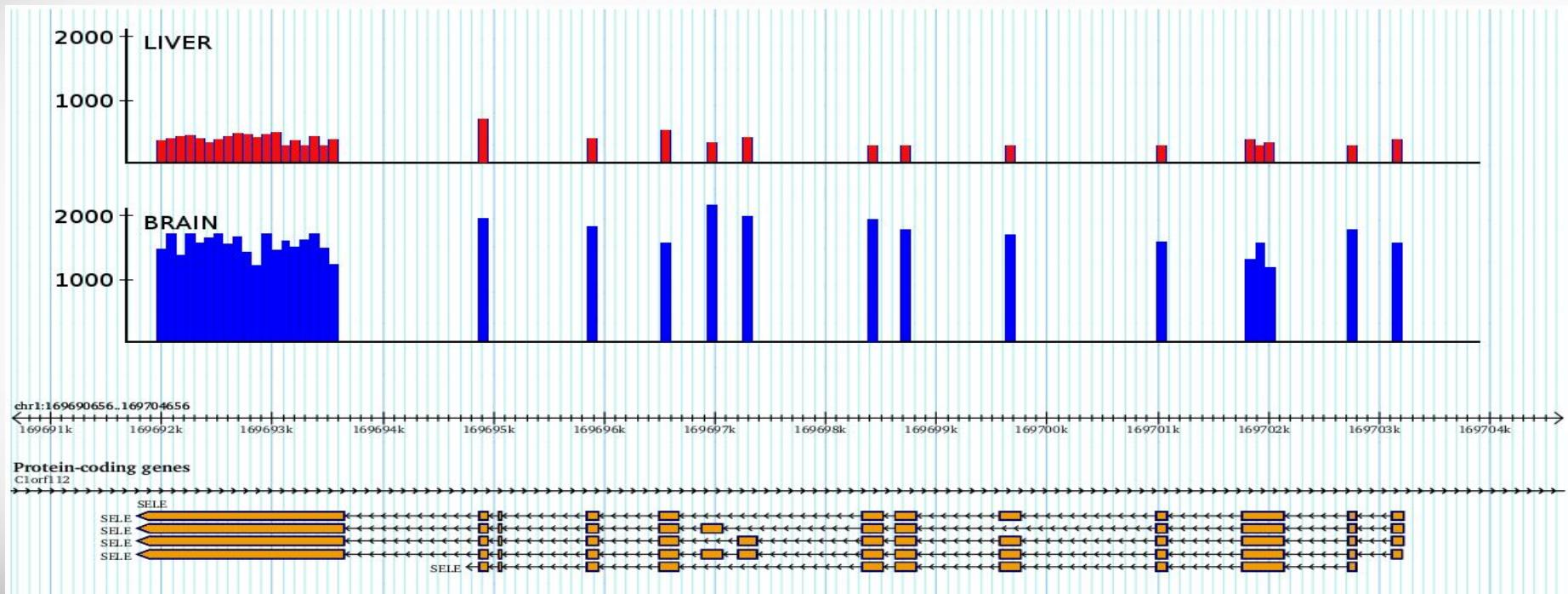
IGV viewing indexed bam file



RNA-seq for Differential Expression



RNA-seq Differential Expression (DE)



http://www.illumina.com/technology/mrna_seq.ilmn



RNA-seq Sequence Fragment Counting

- Alignment based
 - Non-normalized alignment counts
 - HTSeq-count
 - Normalized (RPKM, FPKM, TPM)
 - eXpress (outputs FPKM)
 - RSEM (isoform/gene level estimates without RPKM or FPKM)
 - Trinity Transcript Quantification
 - A Trinity script can run: Kallisto, RSEM, eXpress, Salmon
- Non-Alignment based
 - Kallisto (pseudoalignment)
 - Salmon (lightweight alignment)
 - Sailfish (k-mer)

RPKM vs FPKM vs TPM

- The number of **Reads Per Kilobase of transcript per Million mapped reads.**
 - Intended for single end reads
- The number of **Fragments Per Kilobase of transcript per Million mapped reads.**
 - Intended for paired-end reads
 - If both paired reads align to a transcript then they are counted as one alignment
- **Transcripts Per kilobase Million**
 - Normalize for gene length first
 - Normalize for sequence depth second

<http://www.rna-seqblog.com/rpkf-fpkm-and-tpm-clearly-explained/>



Tuxedo Suite

- HISAT2
 - splice aware mapping of RNA-seq reads
 - TopHat (which uses Bowtie2) and HISAT are superseded by HISAT2
- Cufflinks
 - assembles aligned reads into transcripts and estimates their abundances
- Cuffdiff
 - compares RNA-seq abundance (expression) levels of two samples or groups

test_id	gene_id	gene	locus	sample_1	sample_2	status	value_1	value_2	log2(fold_change)	test_stat	p_value	q_value	significant
CAWT_00001	CAWG_00001	-	chr_1.1:8373-9093	q1	q2	OK	111.944	163.869	0.549763	0.768107	0.58795	0.996768	no
CAWT_00002	CAWG_00002	-	chr_1.1:11447-12425	q1	q2	OK	14.5992	30.9037	1.08189	1.3841	0.2921	0.98312	no
CAWT_00003	CAWG_00003	-	chr_1.1:14130-14451	q1	q2	OK	248.323	259.152	0.0615814	0.172186	0.94685	0.996768	no
CAWT_00004	CAWG_00004	-	chr_1.1:14890-16045	q1	q2	OK	60.9546	86.0009	0.496617	0.604904	0.6204	0.996768	no
...													
...													
CAWT_01628	CAWG_01628	-	chr1.2:664522-665344	q1	q2	OK	3.56447	157.849	5.46871	6.64693	0.00015	0.0482417	yes

p_value = The uncorrected p-value of the test statistic.

q_value = The FDR-adjusted p-value of the test statistic

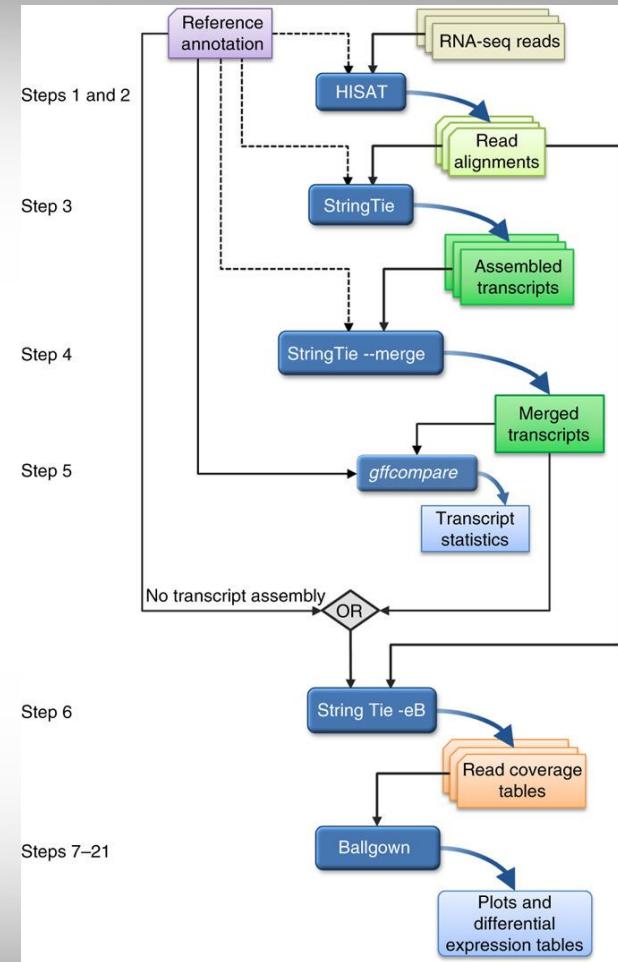


“New Tuxedo” Protocol

Transcript-level expression analysis of RNA-seq experiments with HISAT, StringTie and Ballgown

Pertea, et al. Nature Protocols 11,1650–1667 (2016)
doi:10.1038/nprot.2016.095

HISAT2 supercedes HISAT



Sailfish

- Alignment-free isoform quantification from RNA-seq data (uses k-mers)
- Requires a set of target transcripts (fasta)
 - From a reference or a *de novo* assembly
- Requires sequence reads (fasta or fastq)

Name	Length	EffectiveLength	TPM	NumReads
TRINITY_DN30_c0_g1_i1	215	68.4635	236.773	233
TRINITY_DN43_c0_g1_i1	280	102.34	5971.5	8784
TRINITY_DN88_c0_g1_i1	217	69.3036	191.74	191
TRINITY_DN59_c0_g1_i1	393	194.337	4092.64	11432
TRINITY_DN98_c0_g1_i1	205	64.4299	1097.09	1016
TRINITY_DN17_c0_g1_i1	310	122.99	2634.35	4657

R Bioconductor

- Popular R bioconductor packages for RNA-seq
 - CQN – Normalization of RNA-seq data
 - edgeR – Differential gene expression
 - DESeq, DESeq2 – Differential gene expression
 - cummeRbund – analysis/visualization of cufflinks data
- Bioconductor packages can be found in this R version

```
module load R_tamu/3.3.1-intel-2015B-default-mt
```



Differential Expression (DE) based on alignment counts

Non-normalized abundance counts are used as input for DE analysis in these R Bioconductor Packages

- DESeq2
 - DE for genes not isoforms
- edgeR
 - DE at gene, exon (isoform) or transcript level
- EBSeq
 - DE for isoforms
- DEXSeq
 - DEU differential exon usage

RNA-seq for Transcriptome Assembly



RNA-seq Transcriptome Assembly

- Assembly with a reference genome

```
module spider Trinity
```

```
module spider HISAT2 Cufflinks
```

```
module spider Scripture
```

```
module spider StringTie
```

- *de novo* assembly without a reference genome

```
module spider Trinity
```

```
module spider Oases
```



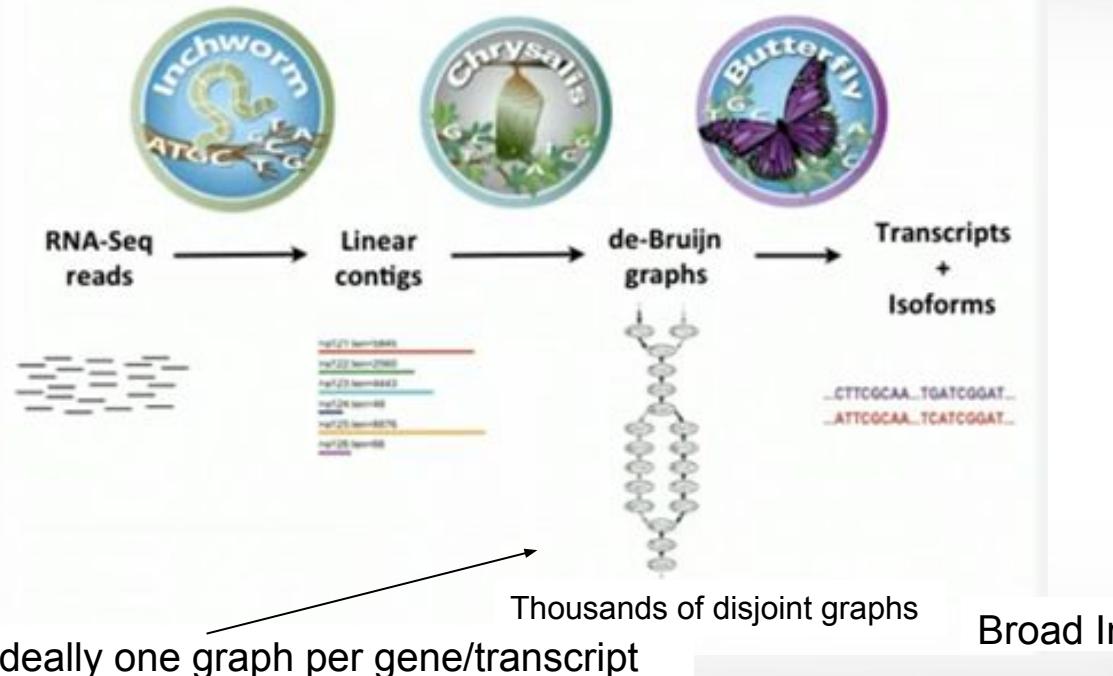
Digital Normalization for Transcriptome Assembly

- Reduce memory requirements by reducing the number of redundant sequence reads if you have a very high sequencing coverage (> 200x)
- Trinity 2.4.0 automatically normalizes reads to a depth of 50
- The **bbnorm.sh** script in BBMap can normalize reads

```
module spider BBMap
```



Trinity – How it works:



<http://www.rna-seqblog.com/a-collection-of-new-rna-seq-videos-from-the-broad-institute/>

Running Trinity on Ada

- Trinity uses 100,000s of intermediate files
 - Contact **help@hprc.tamu.edu** and request a file quota increase before running Trinity
 - Run one Trinity job at a time and check resource usage
 - **showquota**
 - It is recommended not to run multiple Trinity jobs unless you know memory usage and an estimate of the number of temporary files
 - Trinity creates checkpoints and can be restarted if it stops due to file/disk quota met, out of memory or runtime
 - Checkpoints are not available when running Trinity in Galaxy
 - Checkpoints are not available if you use \$TMPDIR with Trinity
 - need to rsync results from \$TMPDIR at end of job script
 - checkpoints are stored in \$TMPDIR which is deleted after job ends
- See GCATemplates for sample Trinity scripts

Running Trinity on Ada 64GB node

- Use all cores and memory on a node
 - There are 54GB available memory on 64GB nodes

```
#BSUB -n 20
#BSUB -R "span[ptile=20]"
#BSUB -R "rusage[mem=2700]"
#BSUB -M 2700
```

- Recommended Trinity options

```
--max_memory 53G
--CPU 20
--inchworm_cpu 6
--no_version_check
```



Running Trinity on Ada 256GB node

- Use all cores and memory on a node
 - There are 246GB available memory on 256GB nodes

```
#BSUB -n 20
#BSUB -R "span[ptile=20]"
#BSUB -R "rusage [mem=12300]"
#BSUB -M 12300
#BSUB -R "select [mem256gb]"
```

- Recommended Trinity options

```
--max_memory 245G
--CPU 20
--inchworm_cpu 6
--no_version_check
```



Running Trinity on Ada 1TB node

- Use all cores and memory on a node
 - There is 1TB avail memory on 1TB nodes

```
#BSUB -n 40
#BSUB -R "span[ptile=40]"
#BSUB -R "rusage [mem=25000]"
#BSUB -M 25000
#BSUB -q xlarge
#BSUB -R "select [mem1tb]"
```

- Recommended Trinity options

```
--max_memory 999G
--CPU 40
--inchworm_cpu 6
--no_version_check
```



Transcriptome Assembly Completeness

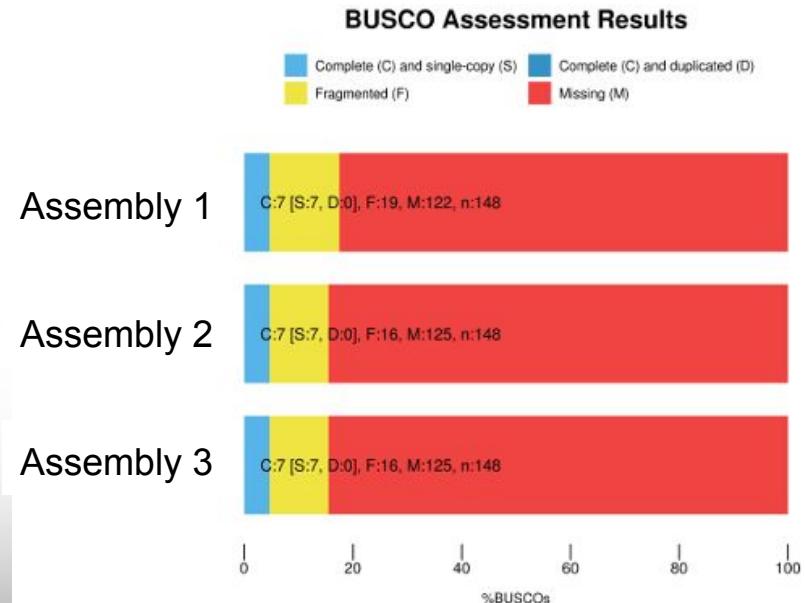
The completeness of a transcriptome can be estimated by using a set of highly conserved genes that are common to specific taxonomic groups

- 44 taxonomic groups available
 - aves, bacteria, eukaryota, insecta, vertebrata, ...
- BUSCO – uses single-copy genes to access transcriptome assembly and annotation completeness
 - evaluates % complete 'BUSCOs', % fragmented, % missing
 - can run in genome, transcriptome or protein mode
 - **module spider BUSCO**



Transcriptome Assembly Completeness

BUSCO script (generate_plot.py) can be used to plot multiple BUSCO short summaries to compare different assemblies



Transcriptome Assembly Evaluation

```
module spider DETONATE
```

- Input transcriptome fasta assembly and sequence reads fastq or fasta files
 - RSEM-EVAL used for reference-free evaluation
 - REF-EVAL used for reference-based evaluation
 - Higher score = better evaluation
- Sample output:

Score	-30198099.46
Number_of_contigs	1976
Number_of_alignable_reads	1140584
Number_of_alignments_in_total	1434453

Transcriptome Assembly Evaluation

```
module spider Transrate
```

- For *de novo* transcriptome assembly quality analysis
 - Inputs are combinations of the following
 - assembly.fa (one or more assemblies)
 - left.fq (quality trimmed)
 - right.fq (quality trimmed)
 - reference.fa
 - Output
 - Contig metrics (smallest, largest, N50, %GC, ...)
 - Supports merging assemblies



Transcriptome Assembly Annotation

module spider Trinotate

- You can run each of the following tools individually but Trinotate will run all these tools to annotate an assembly
 - RNAMMER
 - predicts 5s/8s, 16s/18s, 23s/28s ribosomal RNA
 - TransDecoder
 - predicts coding regions
 - BLAST+ (SwissProt db)
 - HMMER (PFAM db)
 - SignalP
 - predicts presence and location of signal peptide cleavage sites in amino acid sequences
 - tmhmm
 - prediction of transmembrane helices in proteins
- Results are saved in SQLite db and as a summary file: Trinotate.xls





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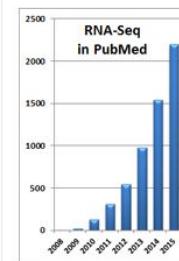
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