

De novo RNA-Seq Assembly and Transcriptome Studies using Trinity

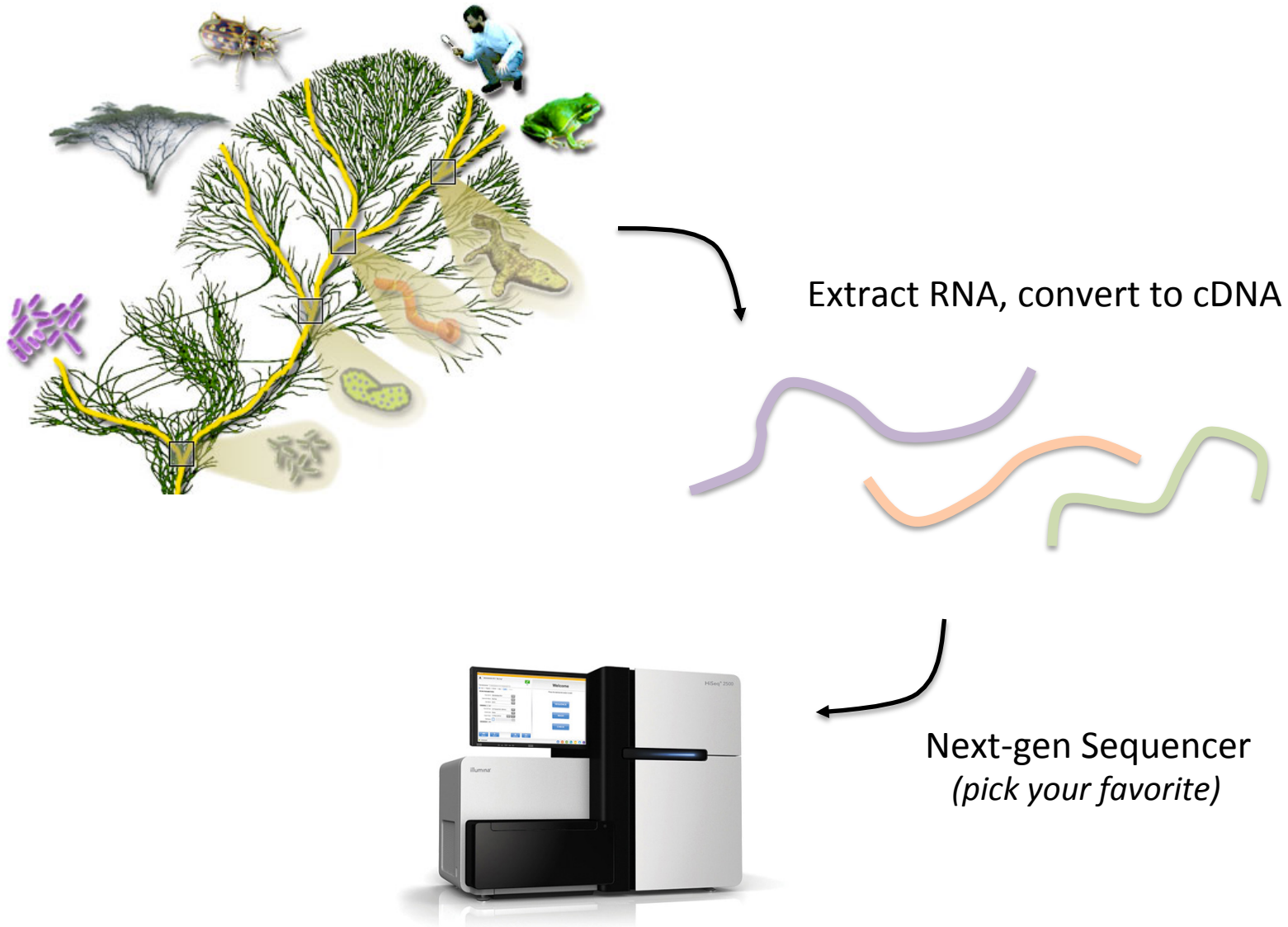


with Applications towards Non-model Organism Studies

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RNA-Seq Empowers Transcriptome Studies



Generating RNA-Seq: *How to Choose?*

Many different instruments hit the scene in the last decade



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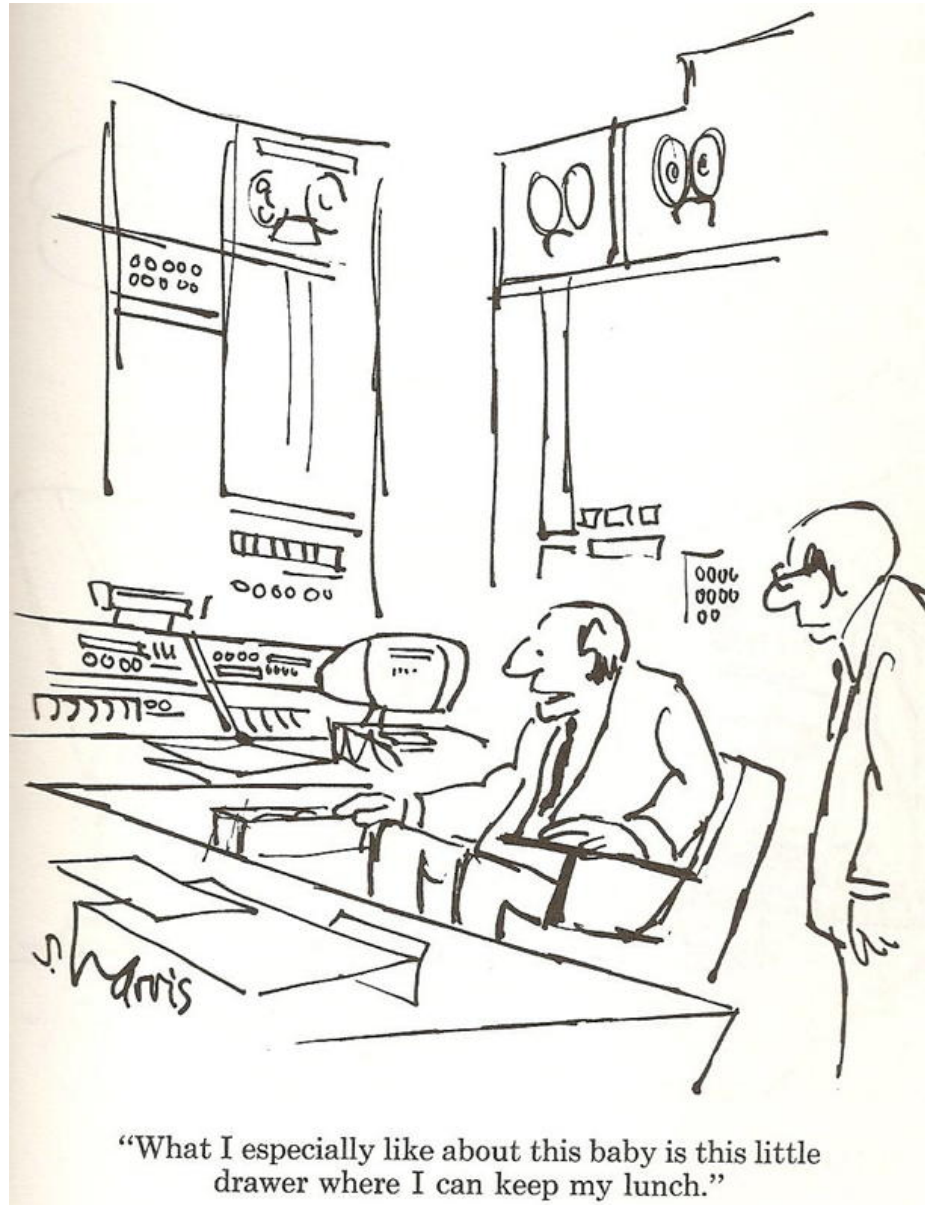
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Popular choices for RNA-Seq today



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Popular choices for RNA-Seq today

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[Newly emerging
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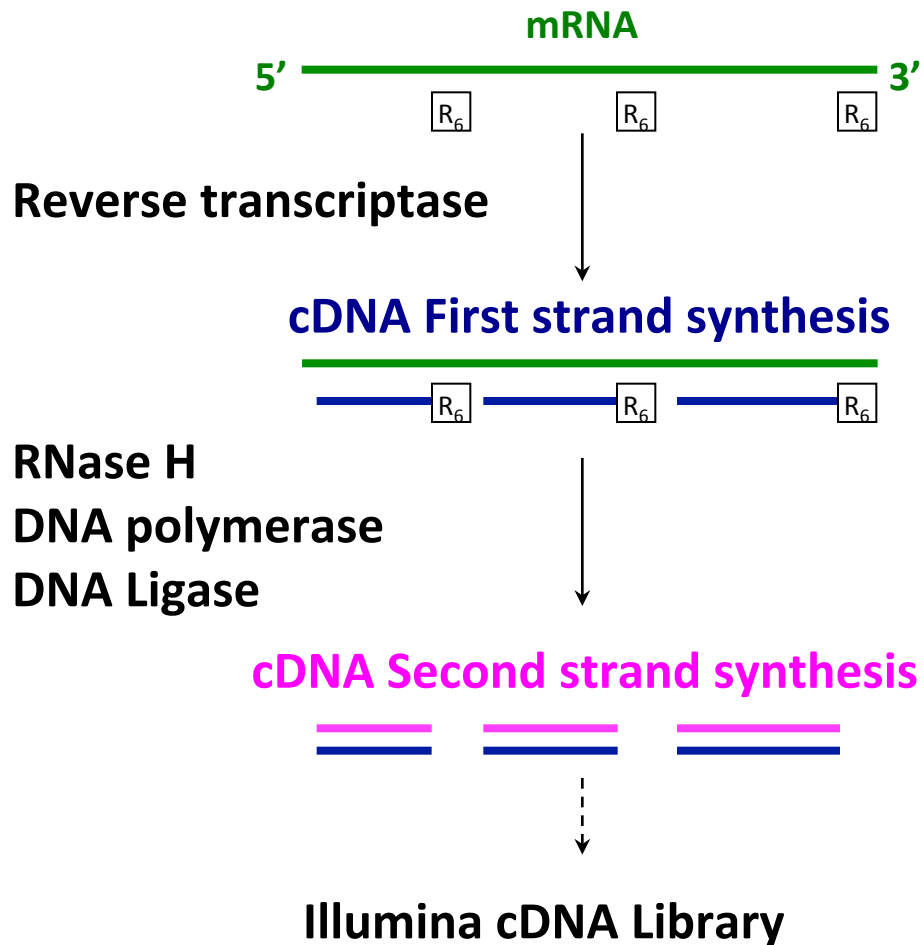
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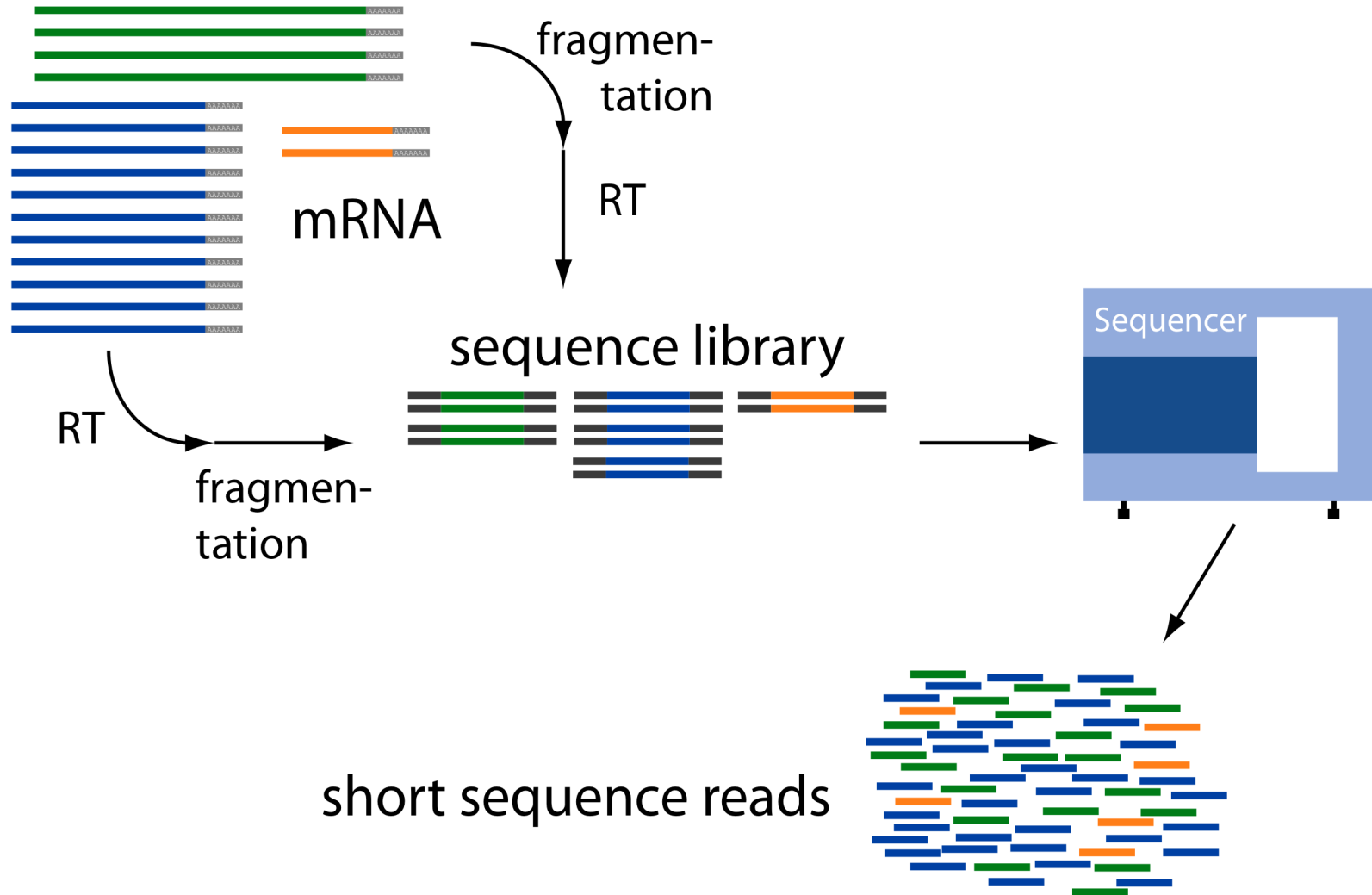
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RNA-Seq: How do we make cDNA?

Prime with Random Hexamers (R6)



Overview of RNA-Seq



Common Data Formats for RNA-Seq

FASTA format:

```
>61DFRAAXX100204:1:100:10494:3070/1
AAACAACAGGGCACATTGTCACTCTTGTATTTGAAAAACACTTTCCGGCCAT
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FASTQ format:

```
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AAACAACAGGGCACATTGTCACTCTTGTATTTGAAAAACACTTTCCGGCCAT
+
ACCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCBC?CCCCCCCC@@@CACCCCCA
```

Read

Quality values

$\text{AsciiEncodedQual}(x) = -10 * \log_{10}(\text{Pwrong}(x)) + 33$



$\text{AsciiEncodedQual}('C') = 64$

So, $\text{Pwrong}('C') = 10^{(64-33/(-10))} = 10^{-3.4} = 0.0004$

Paired-end Sequences

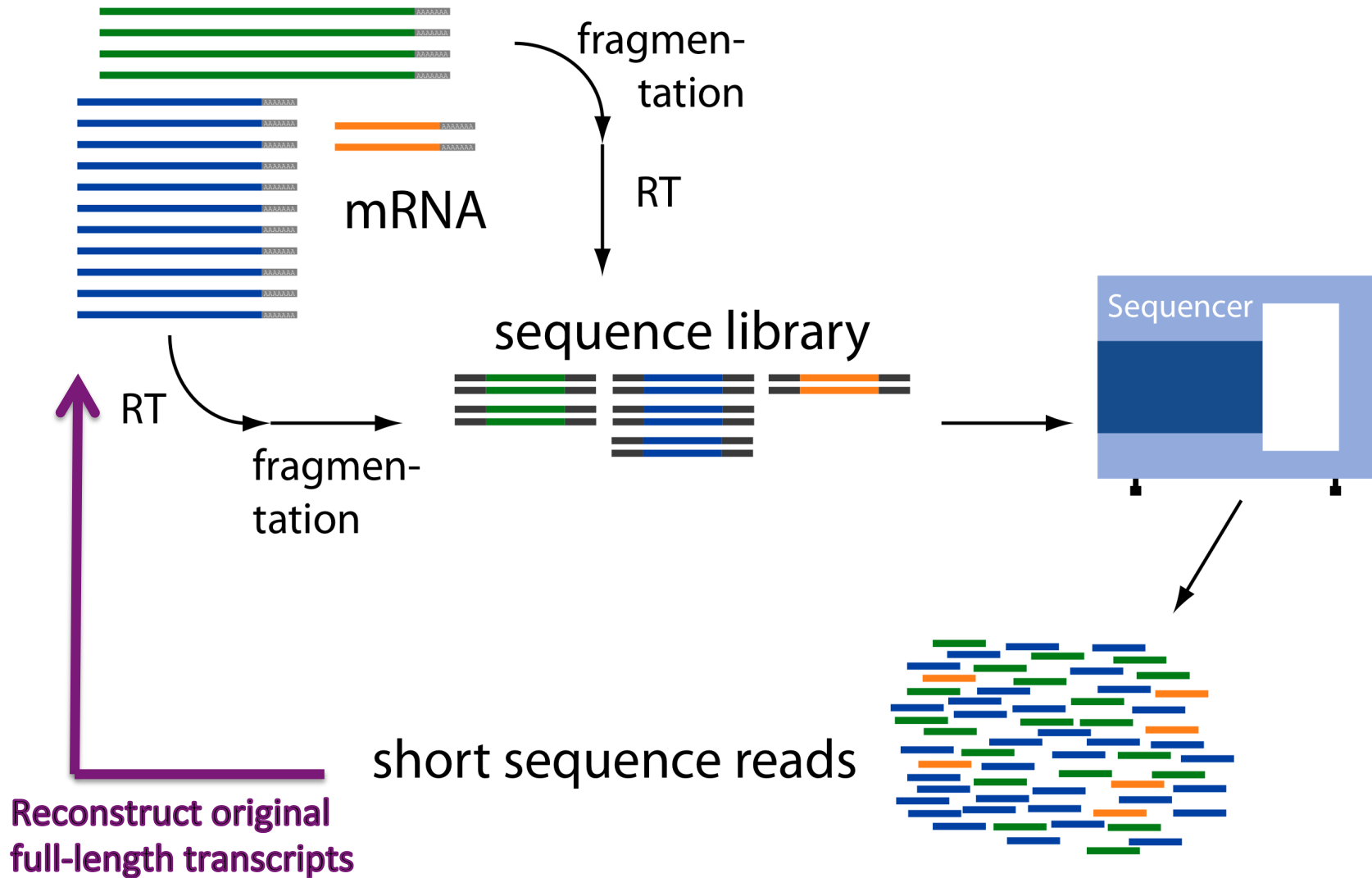


Two FastQ files, read name indicates left (/1) or right (/2) read of paired-end

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+
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CTCAAATGGTTAATTCTCAGGCTGCAAATATTCGTTTCAGGATGGAAGAACA
+
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Overview of RNA-Seq



Transcript Reconstruction from RNA-Seq Reads



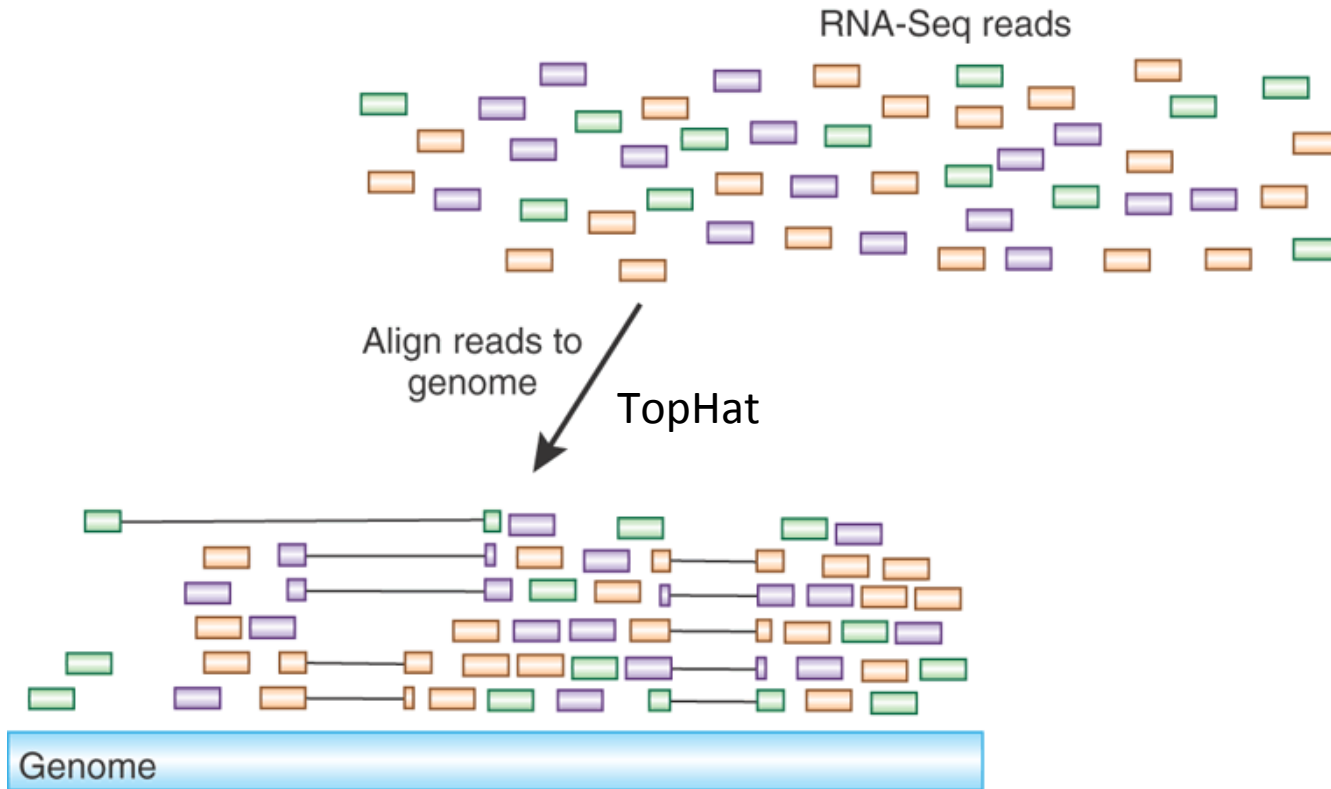
Advancing RNA-Seq analysis

Brian J Haas & Michael C Zody

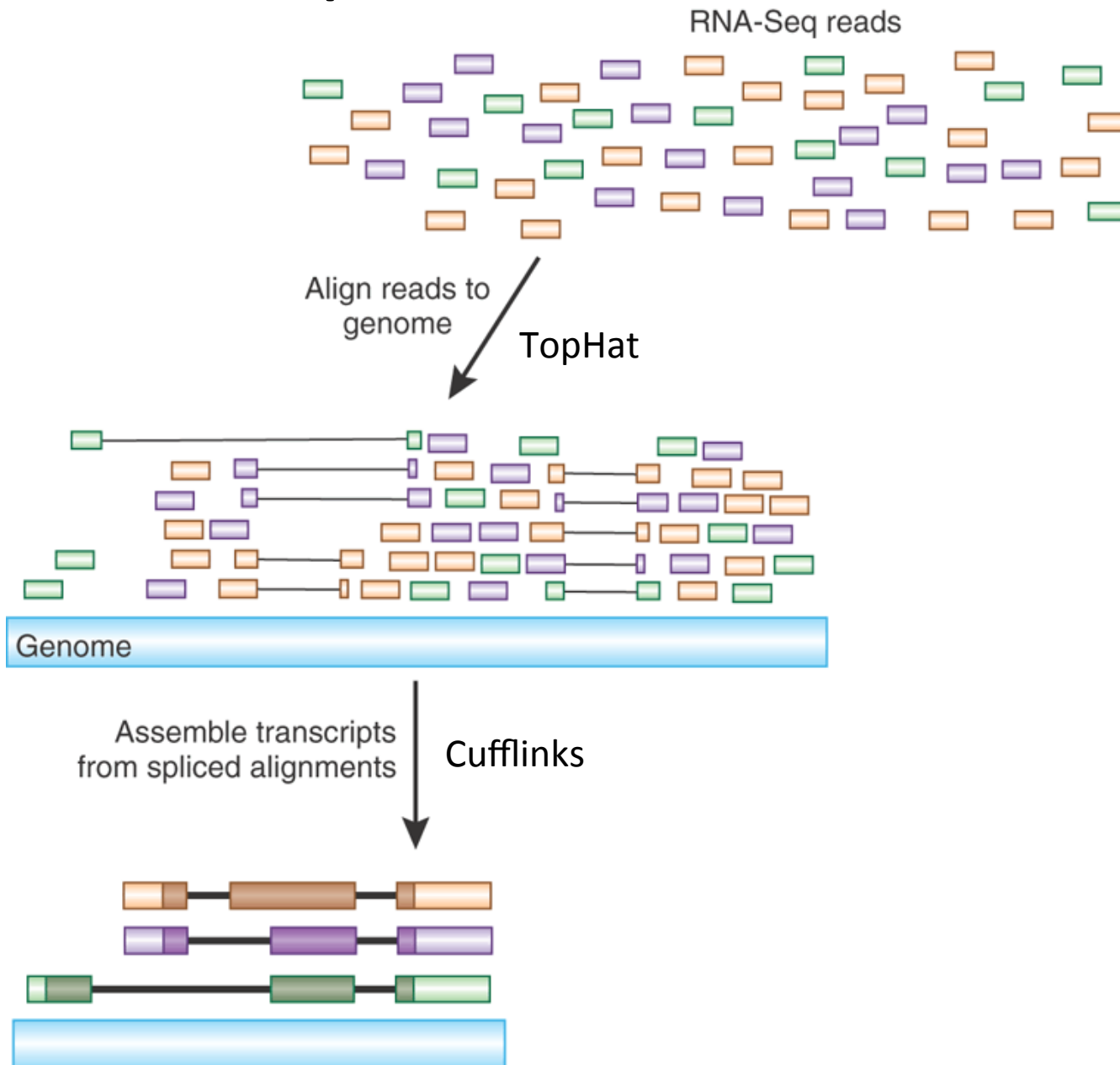
Nature Biotech, 2010

New methods for analyzing RNA-Seq data enable *de novo* reconstruction of the transcriptome.

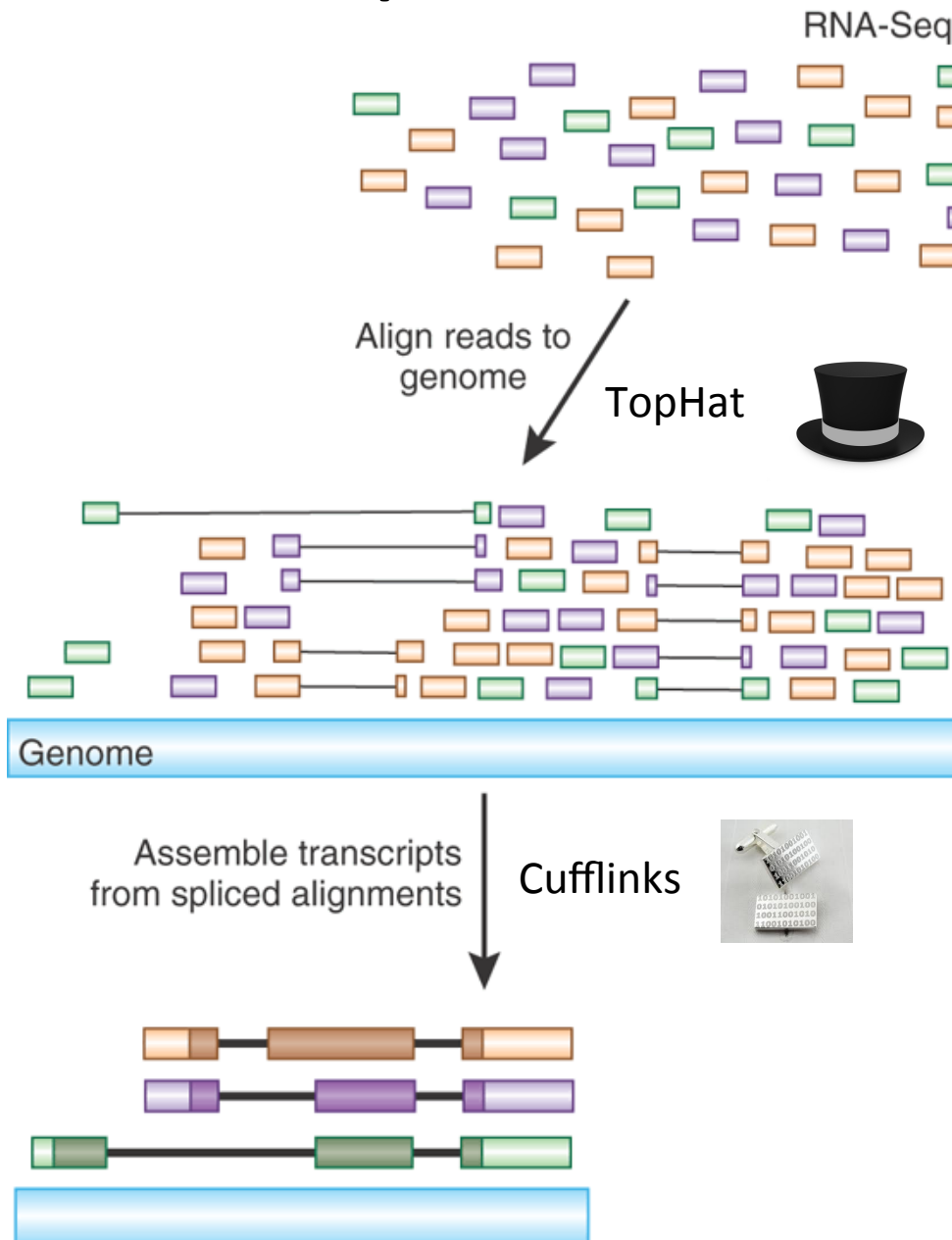
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The Tuxedo Suite: End-to-end **Genome**-based RNA-Seq Analysis Software Package

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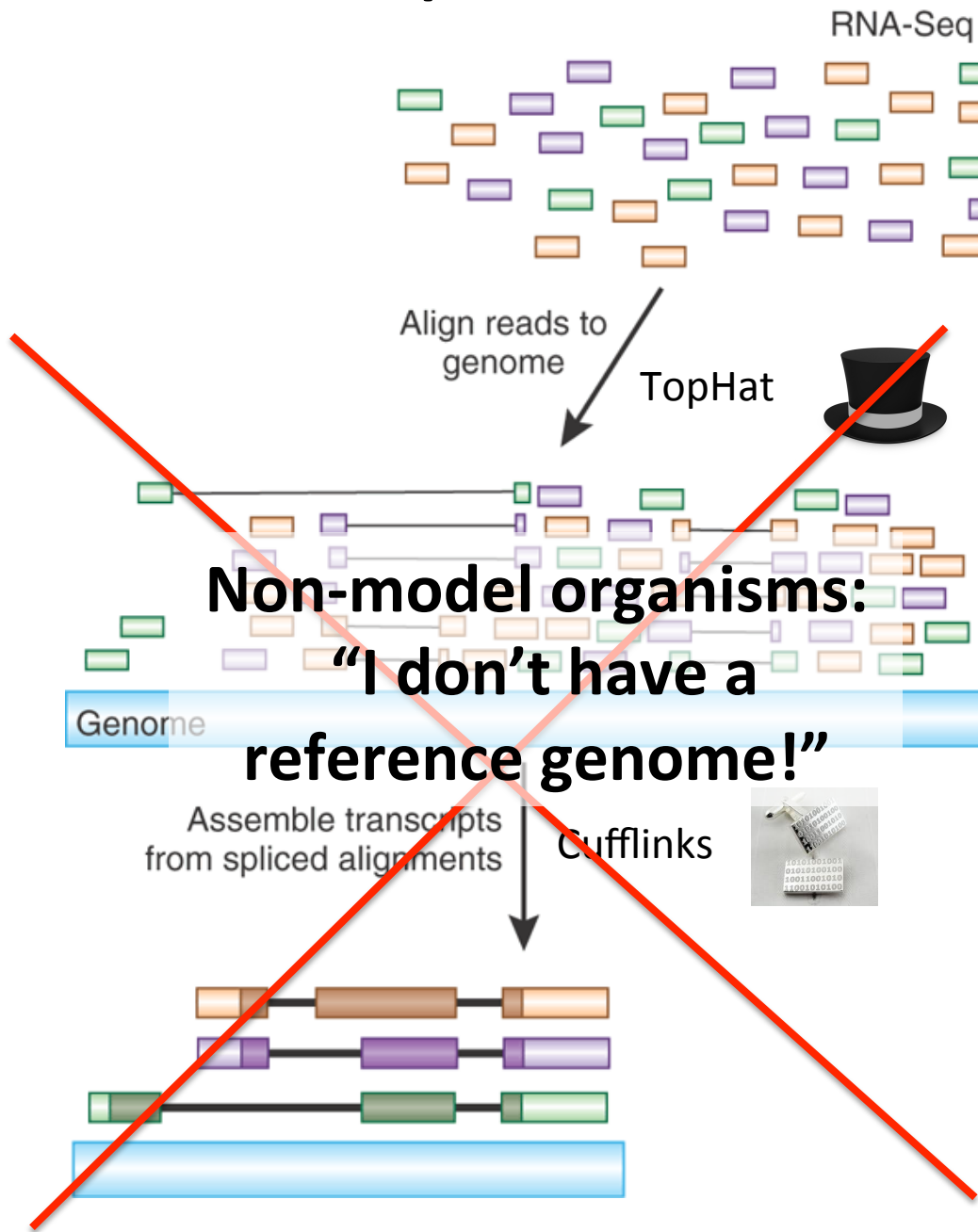
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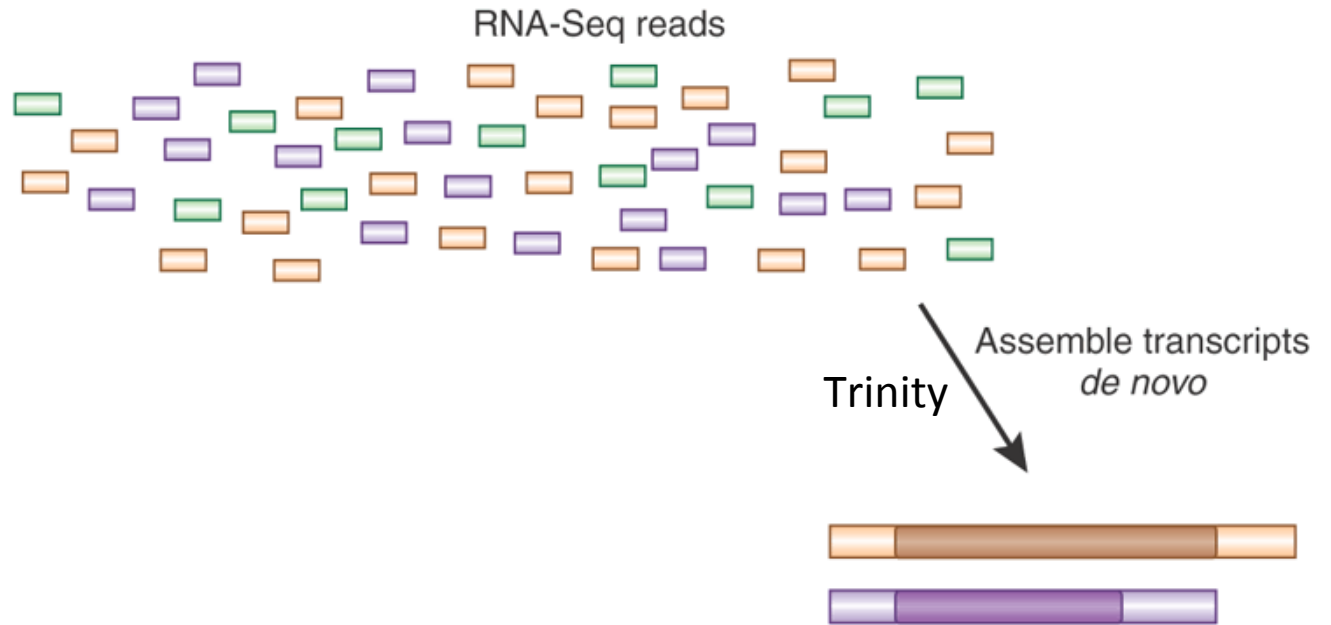
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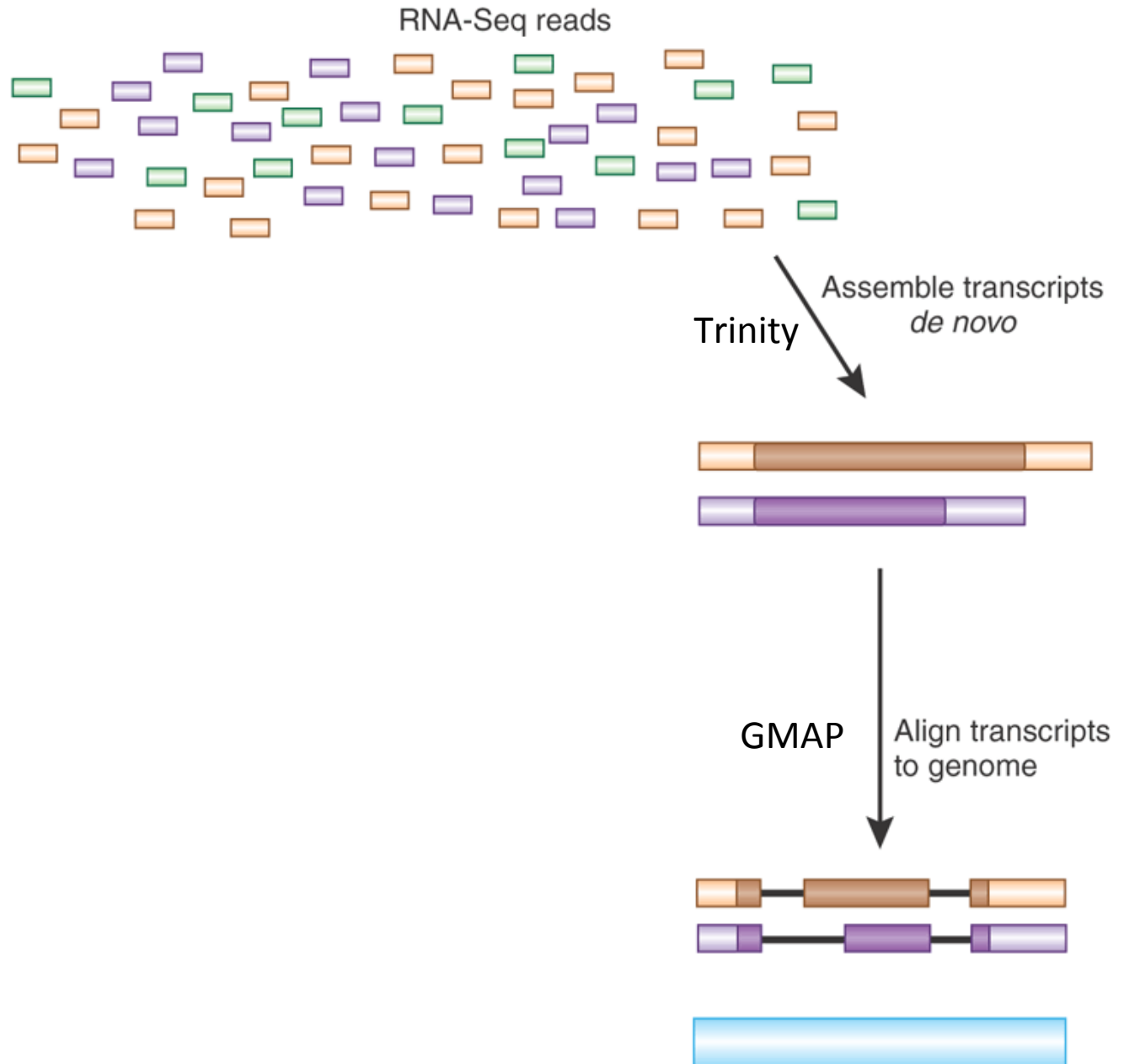
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Assemble transcripts
de novo



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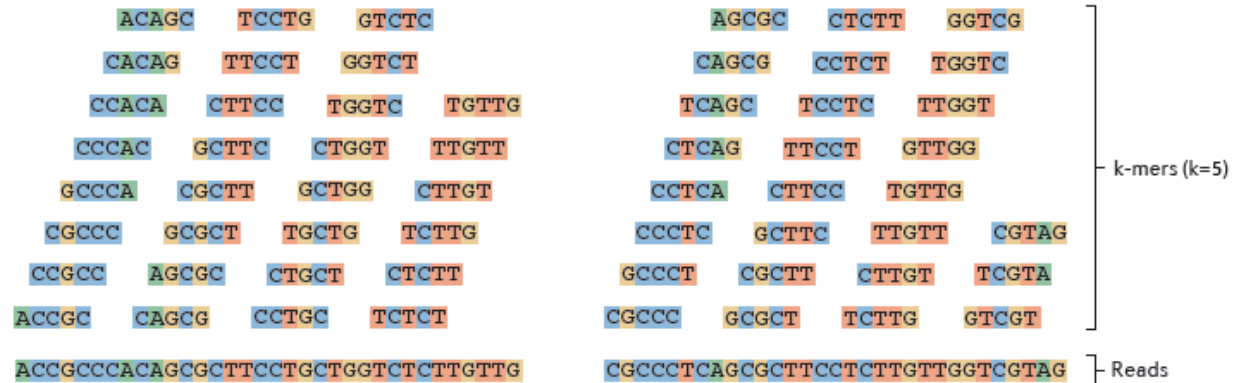
Align transcripts
to genome



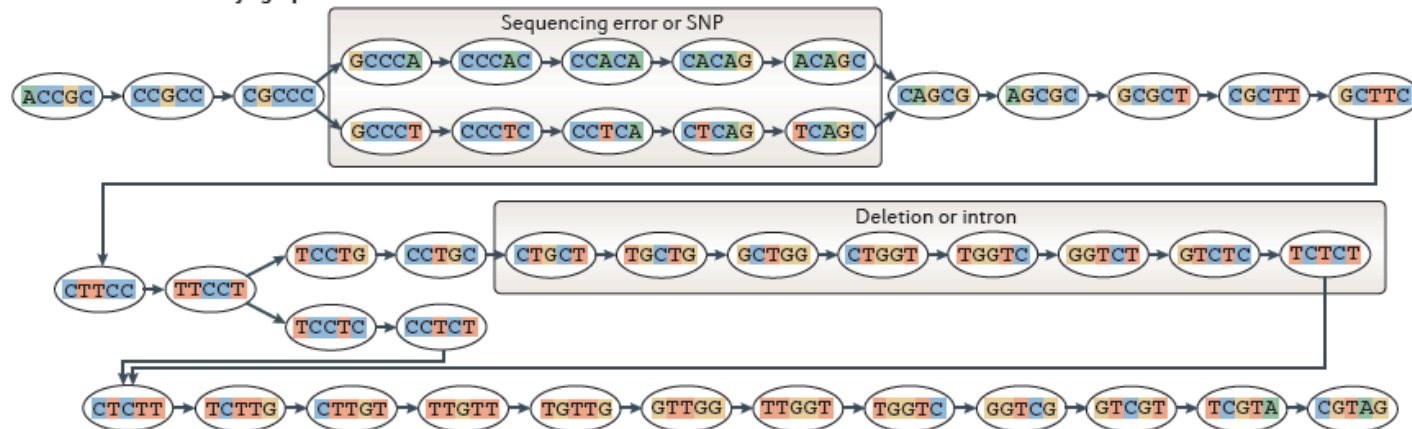
The General Approach to
De novo RNA-Seq Assembly
Using De Bruijn Graphs

Sequence Assembly via De Bruijn Graphs

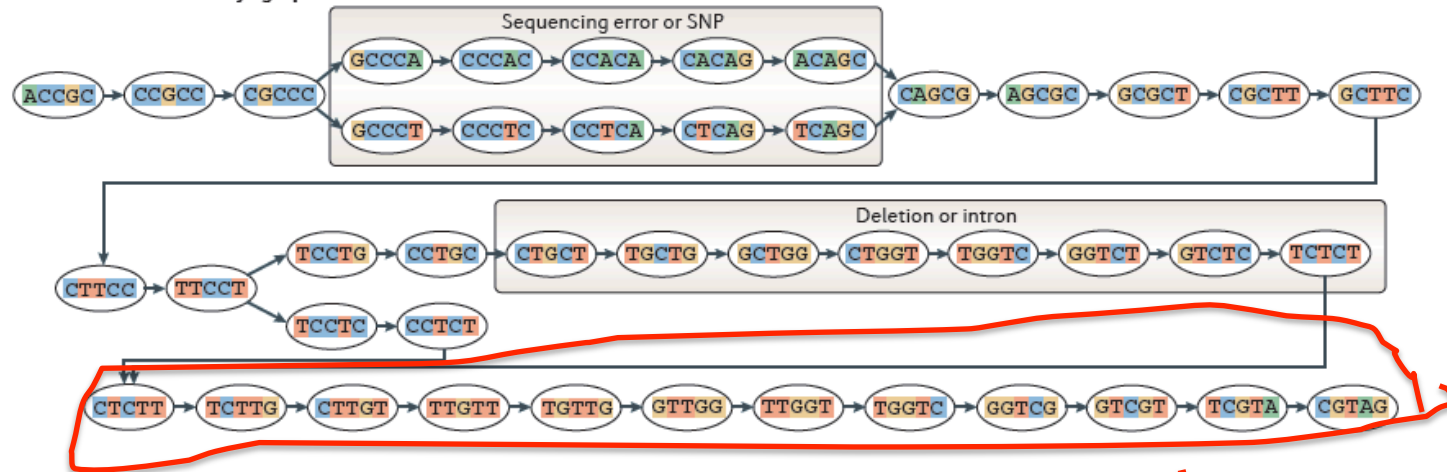
- a Generate all substrings of length k from the reads



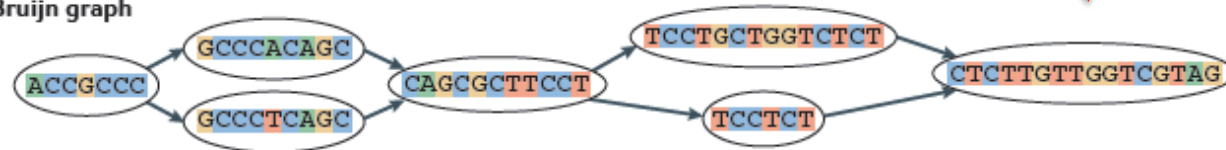
- b Generate the De Bruijn graph



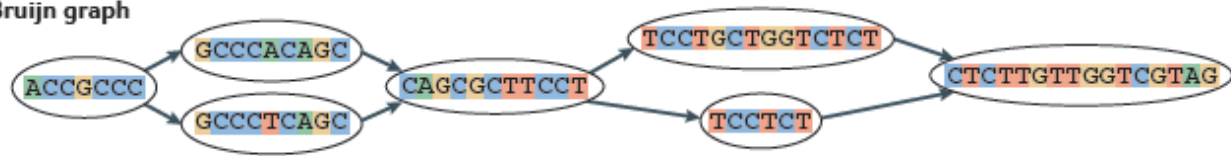
b Generate the De Bruijn graph



c Collapse the De Bruijn graph



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d Traverse the graph



e Assembled isoforms

- - - - - ACCGCCCACAGCGCTTCCTGCTGGTCTCTTGTTGGTCGTAG
 - - - - - ACCGCCCACAGCGCTTCCT - - - - - CTTGTTGGTCGTAG
 - - - - - ACCGCCCTCAGCGCTTCCT - - - - - CTTGTTGGTCGTAG
 - - - - - ACCGCCCTCAGCGCTTCCTGCTGGTCTCTTGTTGGTCGTAG

Contrasting Genome and Transcriptome Assembly

Genome Assembly

- Uniform coverage
- Single contig per locus
- Double-stranded

Transcriptome Assembly

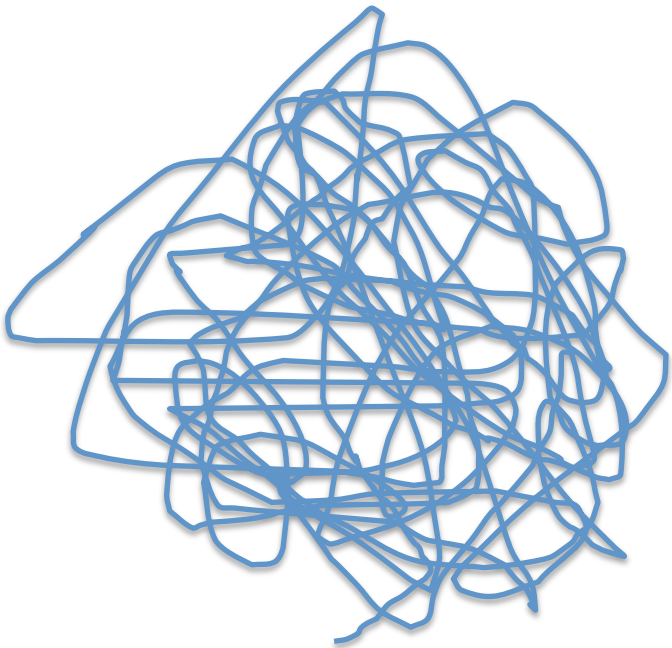
- Exponentially distributed coverage levels
- Multiple contigs per locus (alt splicing)
- Strand-specific



Trinity Aggregates Isolated Transcript Graphs

Genome Assembly

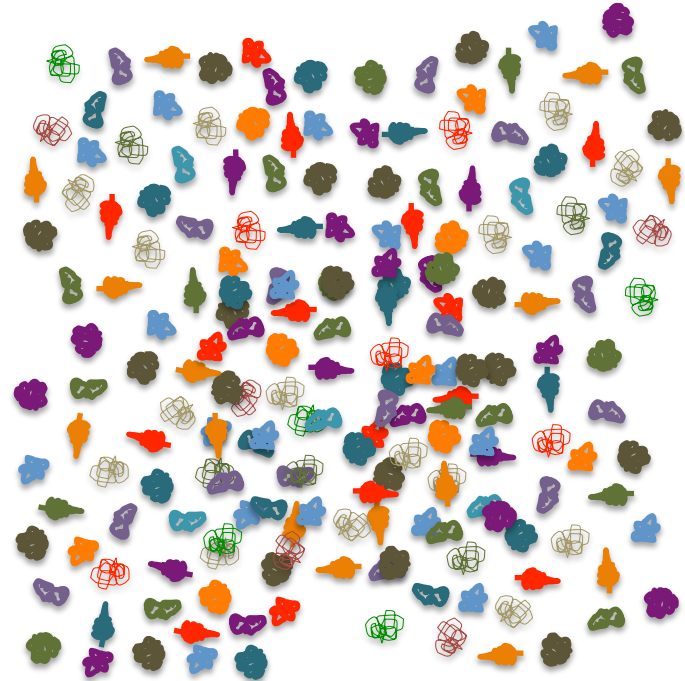
Single Massive Graph



Entire chromosomes represented.

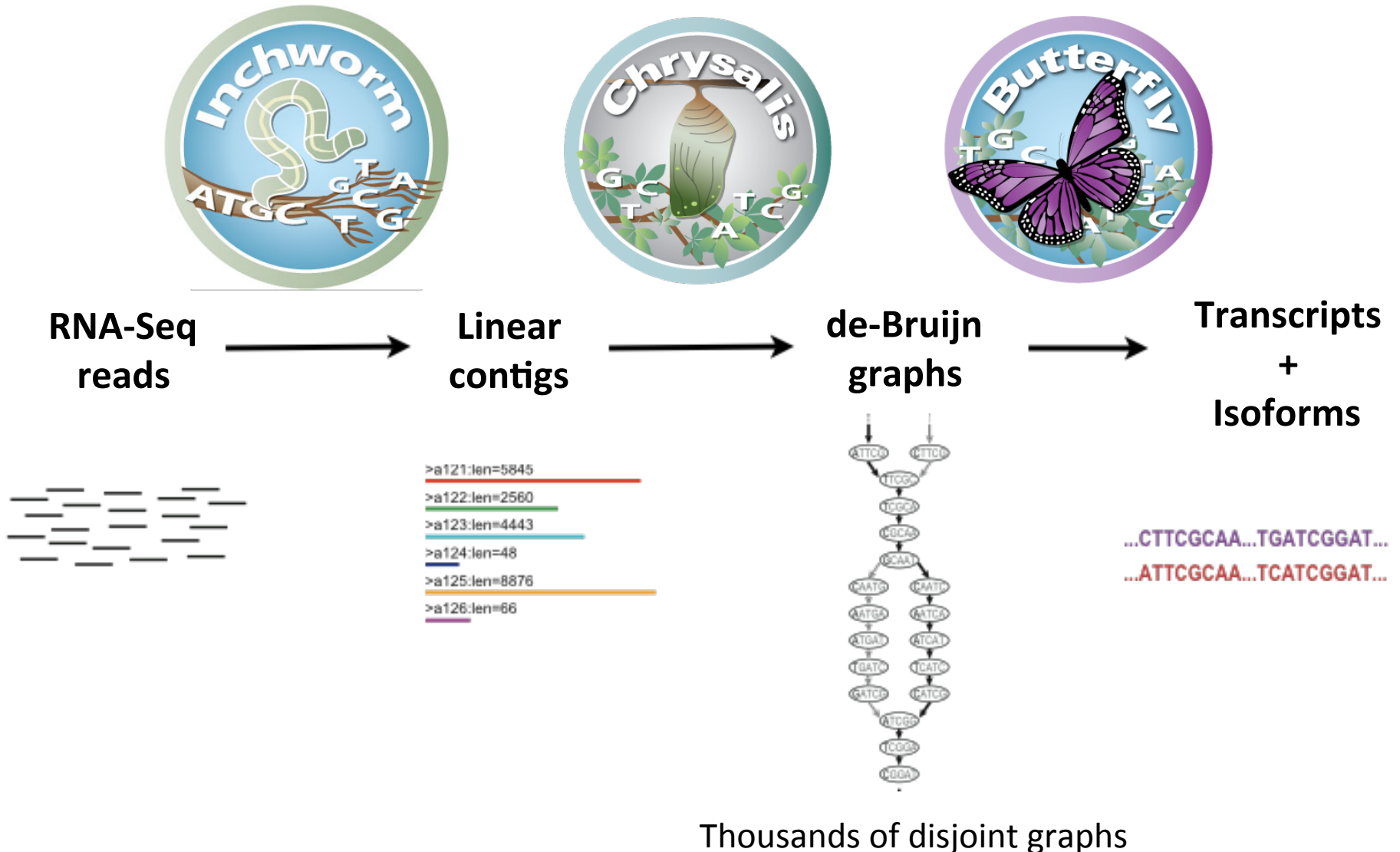
Trinity Transcriptome Assembly

Many Thousands of Small Graphs



Ideally, one graph per expressed gene.

Trinity – How it works:



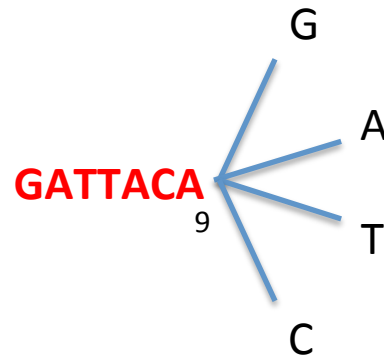


Inchworm Algorithm

Decompose all reads into overlapping Kmers (25-mers)

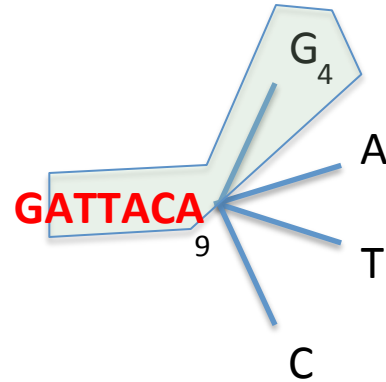
Identify seed kmer as most abundant Kmer, ignoring low-complexity kmers.

Extend kmer at 3' end, guided by coverage.



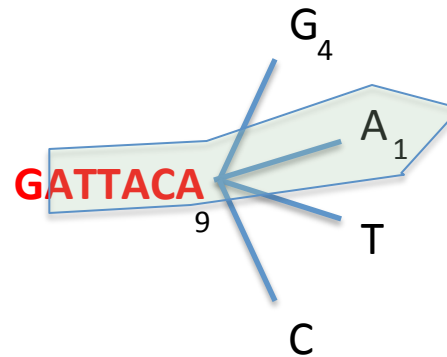


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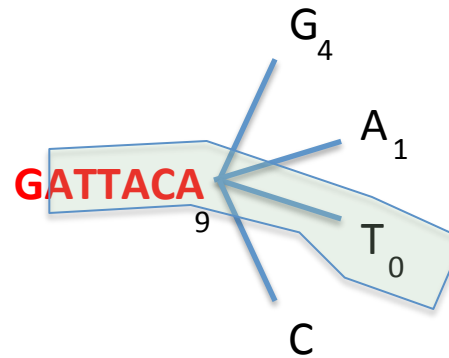


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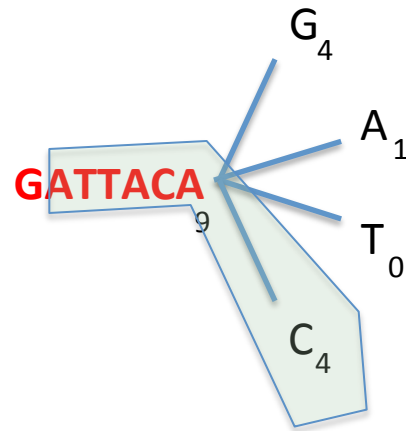


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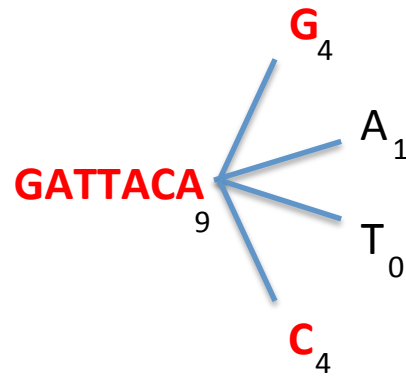


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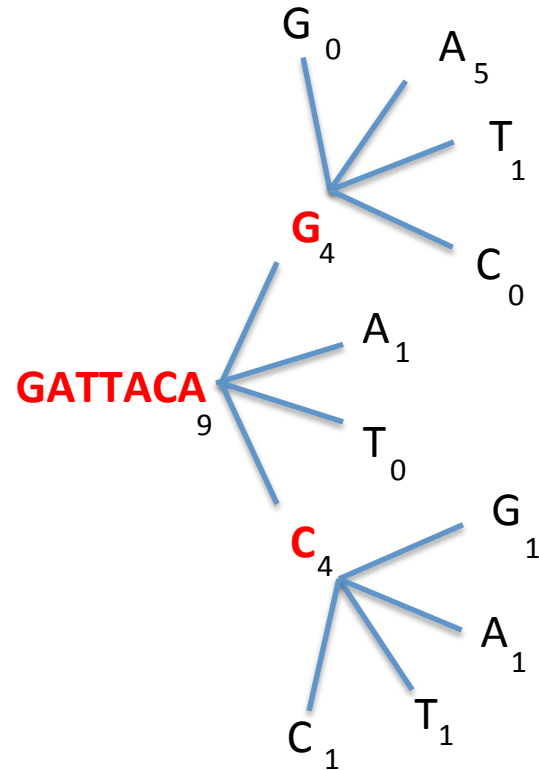


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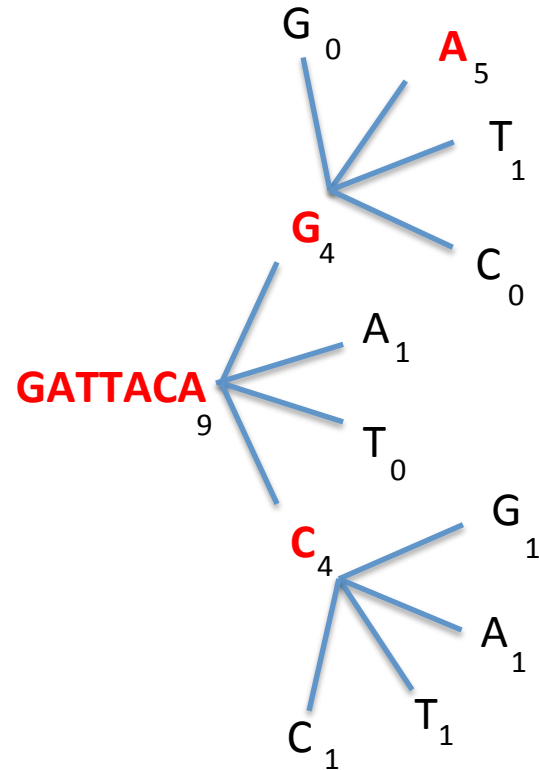


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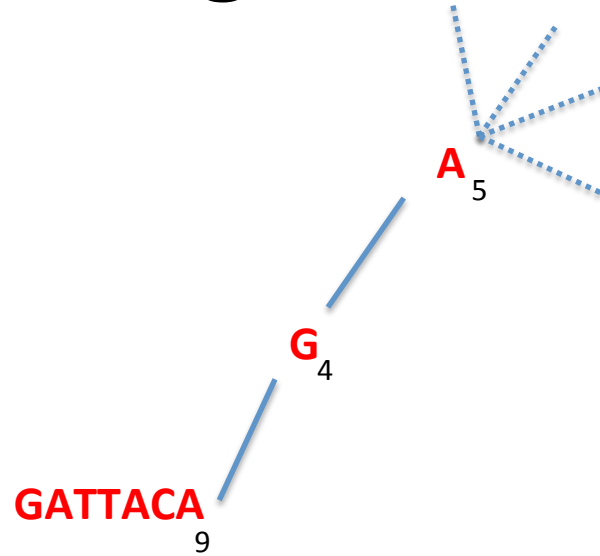


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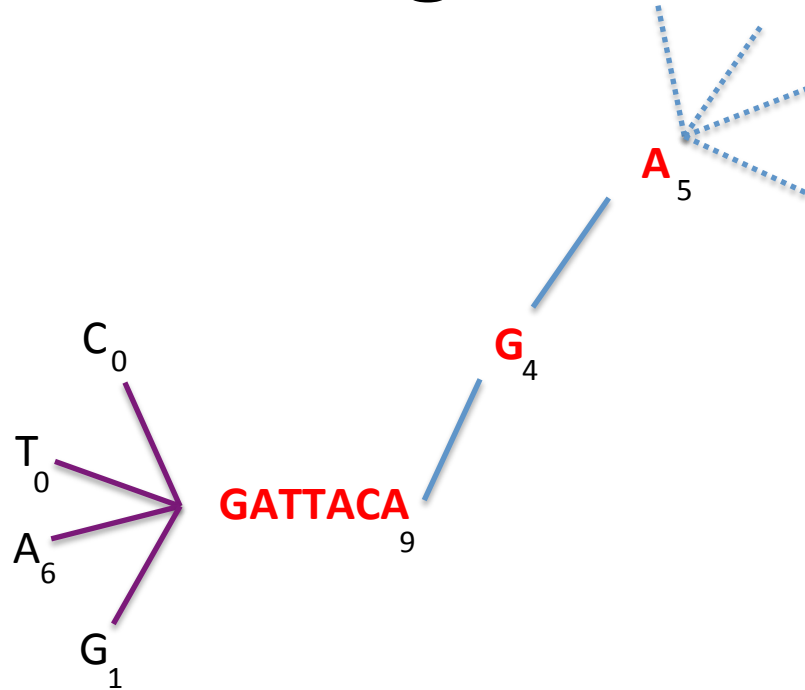


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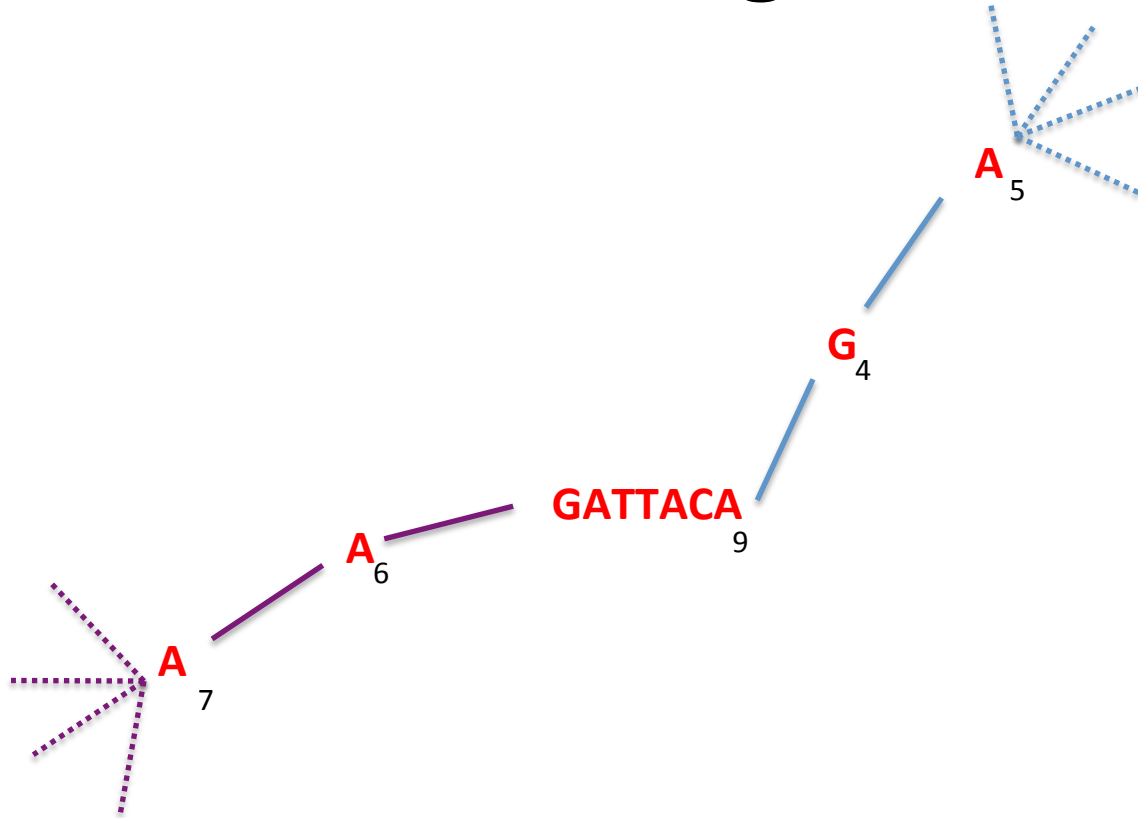


Inchworm Algorithm





Inchworm Algorithm



Report contig:**AAGATTACAGA**....

Remove assembled kmers from catalog, then repeat the entire process.



Inchworm Contigs from Alt-Spliced Transcripts

Expressed isoforms





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Expressed isoforms

Expression



Graphical
representation



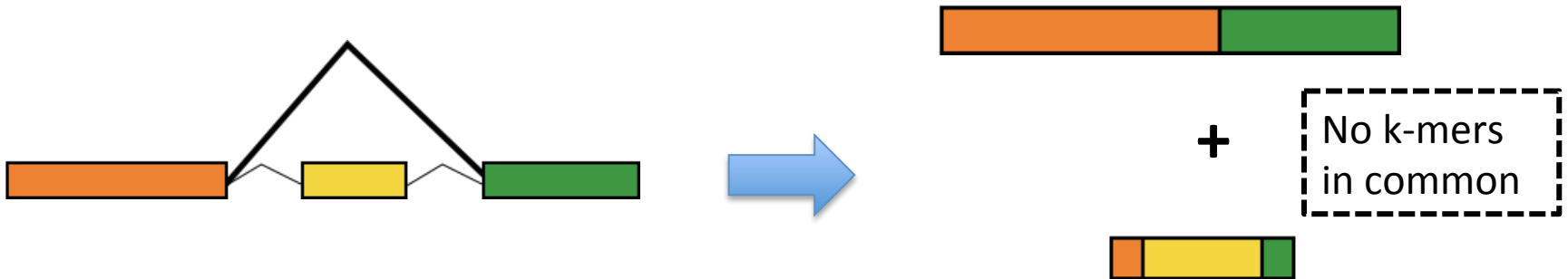


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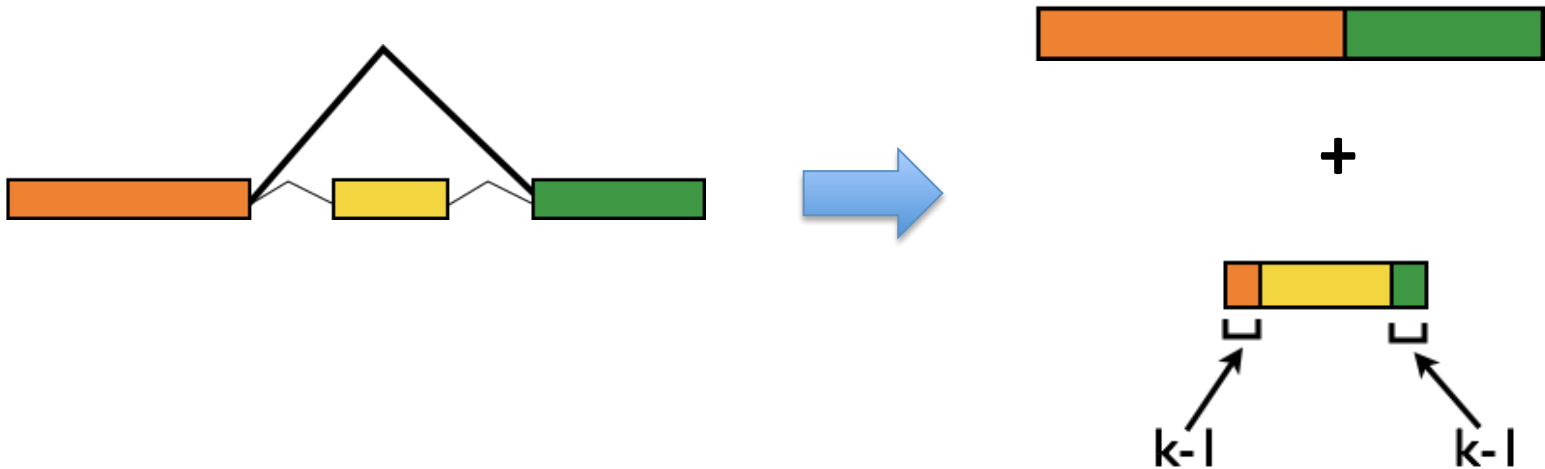


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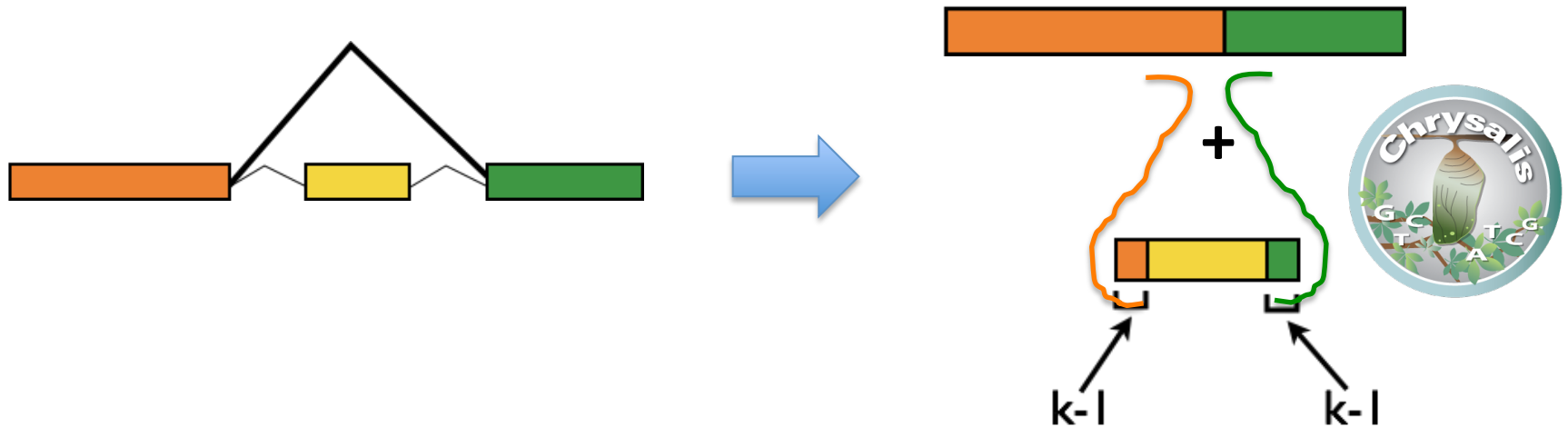




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Chrysalis Re-groups Related Inchworm Contigs



Chrysalis uses $(k-1)$ overlaps and read support to link related Inchworm contigs

Chrysalis

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>a122:len=2560

>a123:len=4443

>a124:len=48

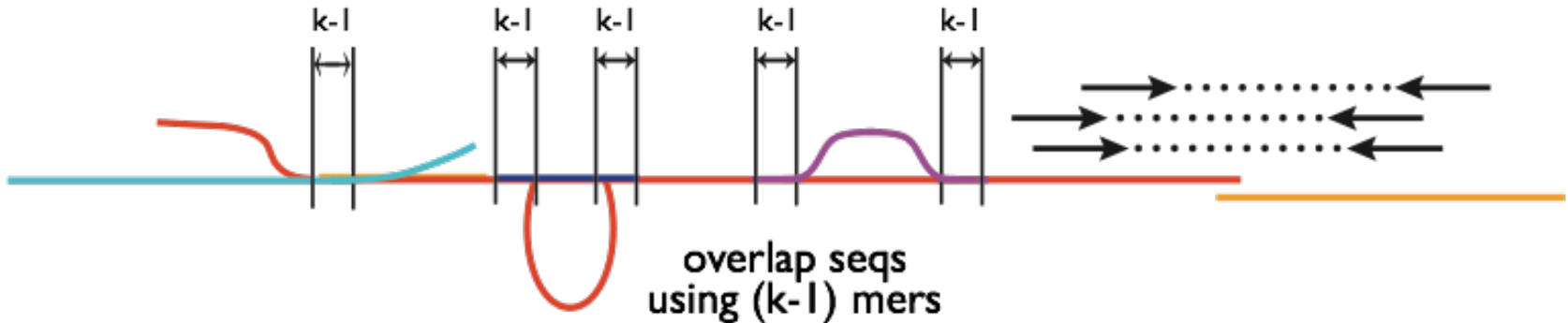
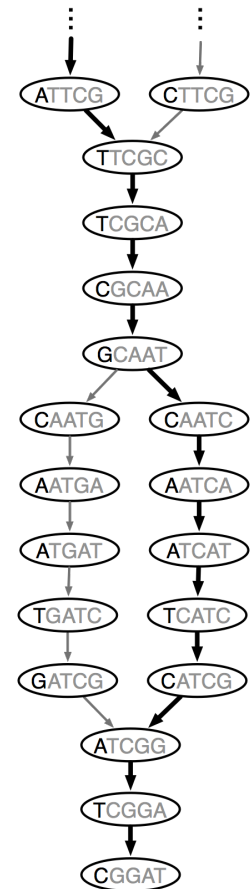
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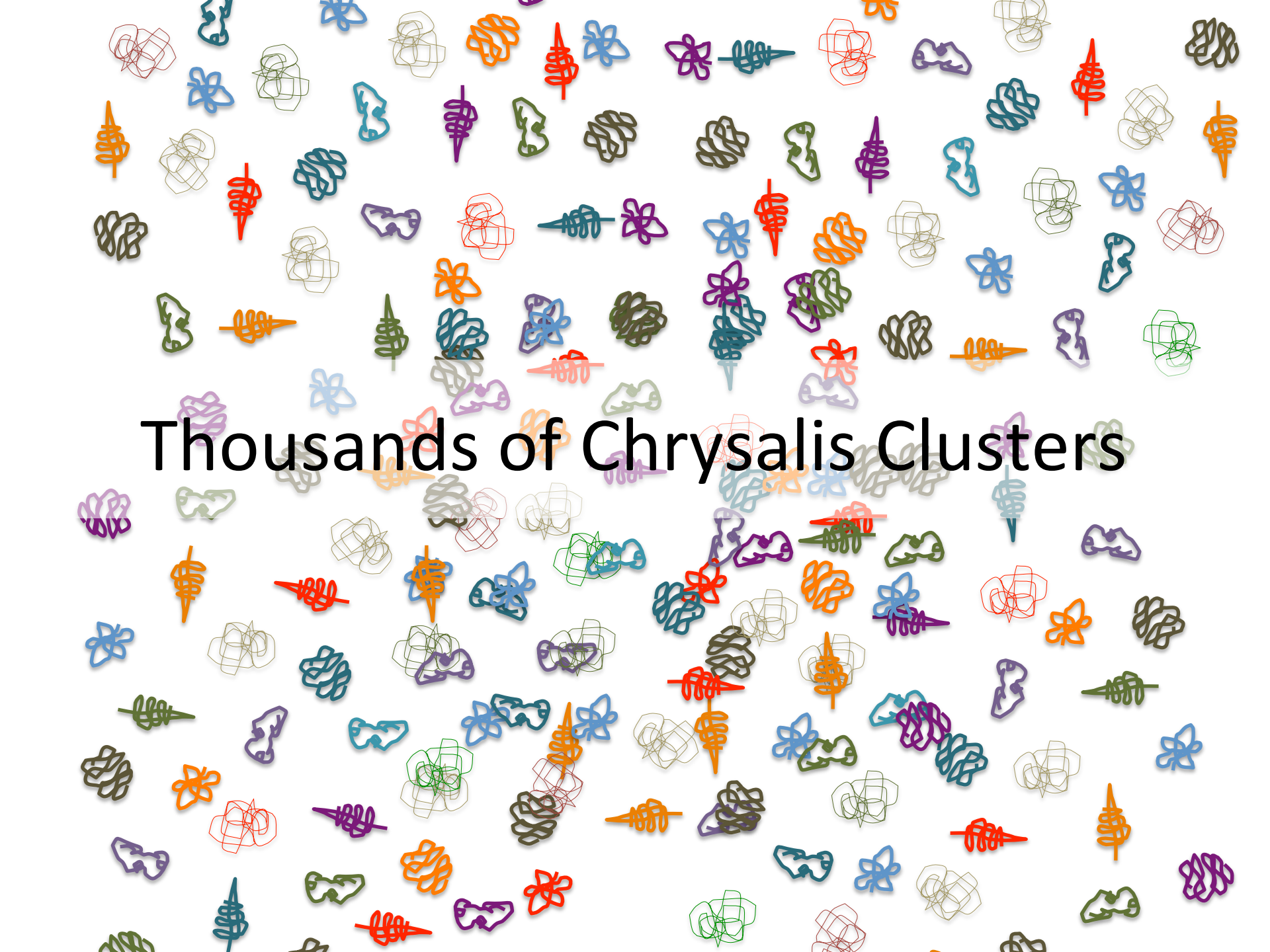
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Integrate isoforms
via $k-1$ overlaps

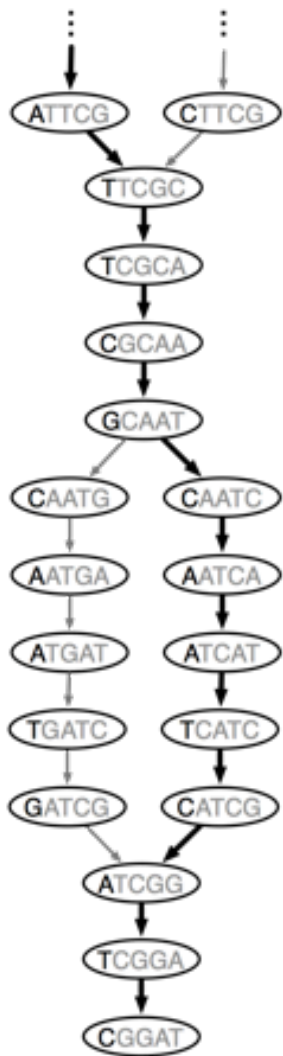
Build de Bruijn Graphs
(ideally, one per gene)





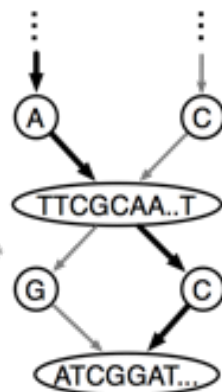
Thousands of Chrysalis Clusters

Butterfly



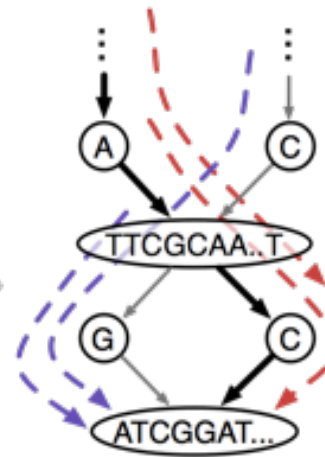
de Bruijn
graph

compacting



compact
graph

finding paths



compact
graph with
reads

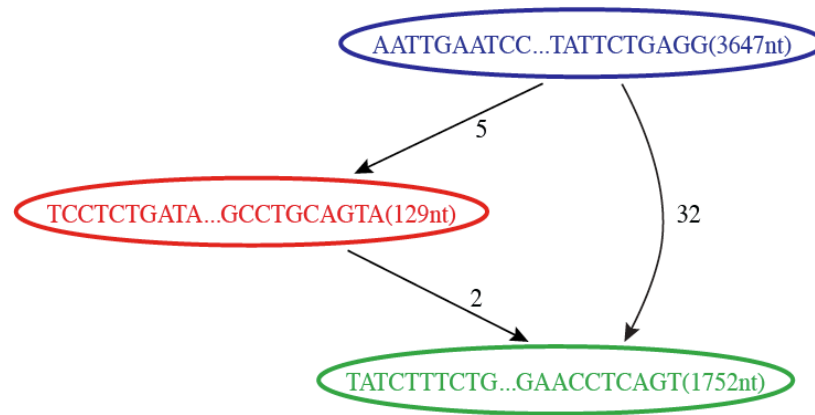
extracting
sequences

..**CTTCGCAA..TGATCGGAT...**
..**ATTCGCAA..TCATCGGAT...**

sequences
(isoforms and paralogs)

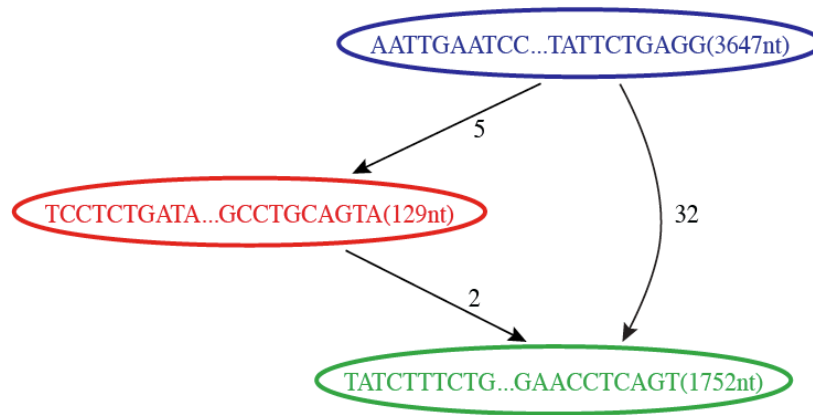
Butterfly Example 1: Reconstruction of Alternatively Spliced Transcripts

Butterfly's Compacted
Sequence Graph



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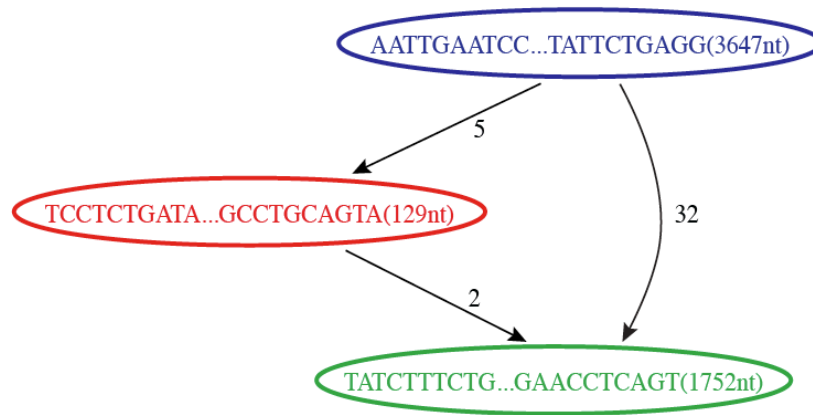


Reconstructed Transcripts



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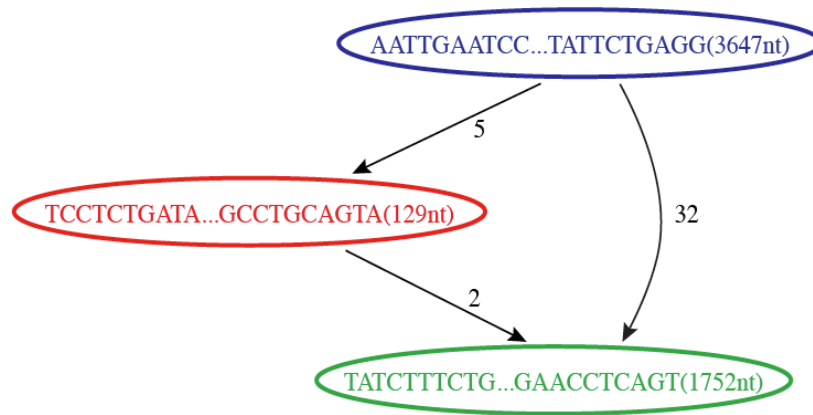


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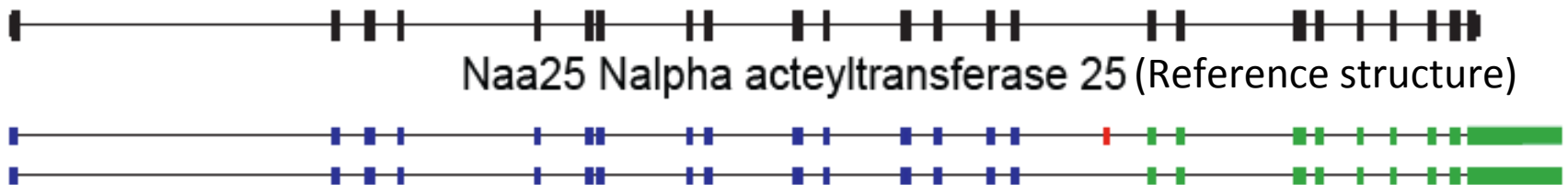
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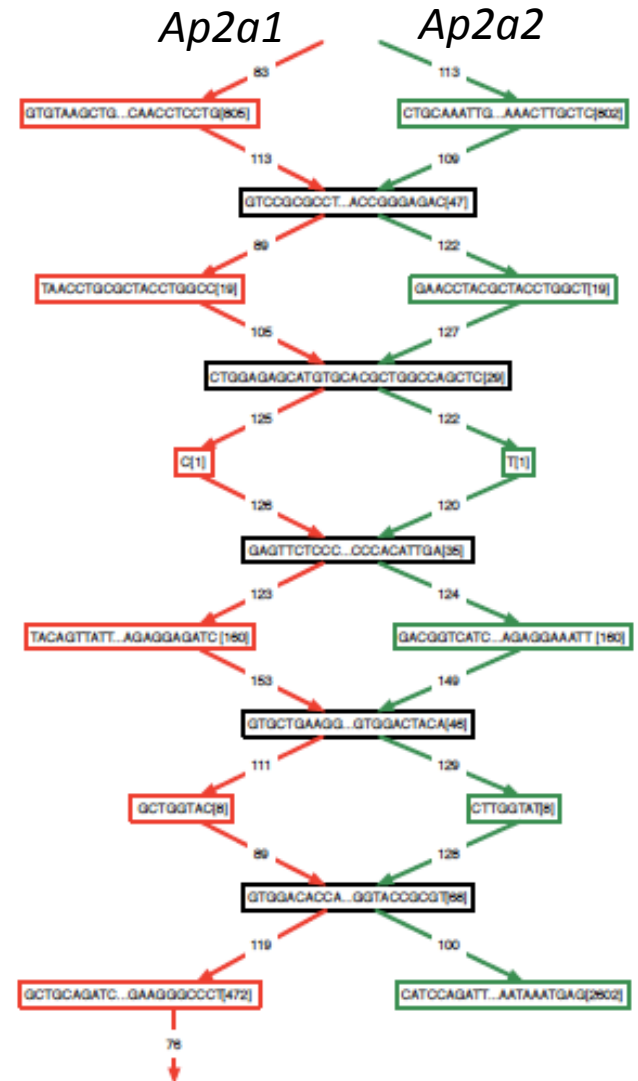
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Aligned to Mouse Genome



Butterfly Example 2: Teasing Apart Transcripts of Paralogous Genes



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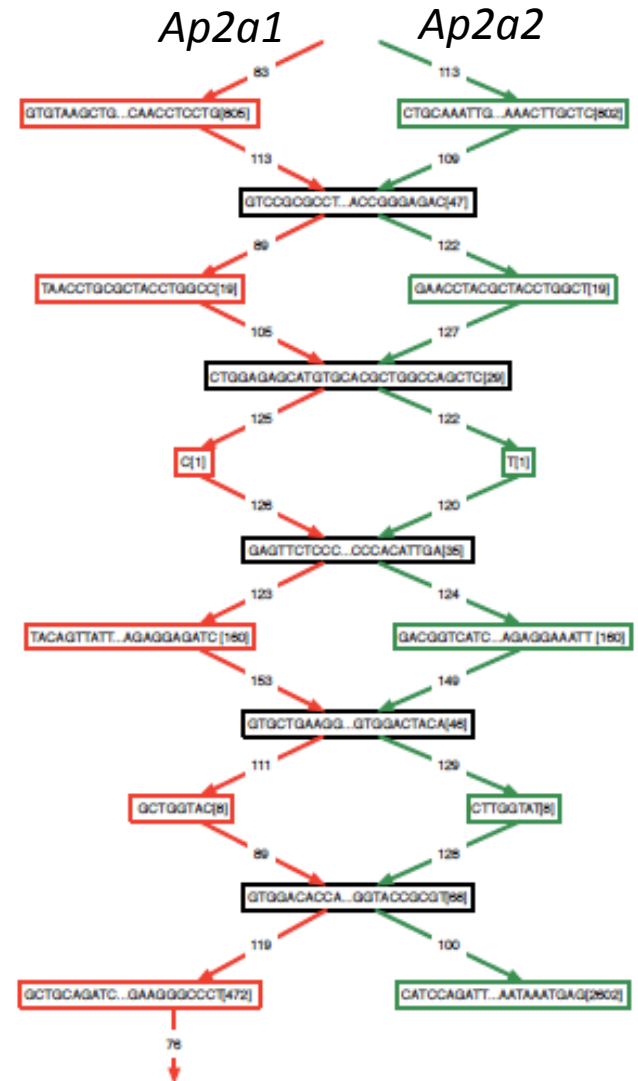
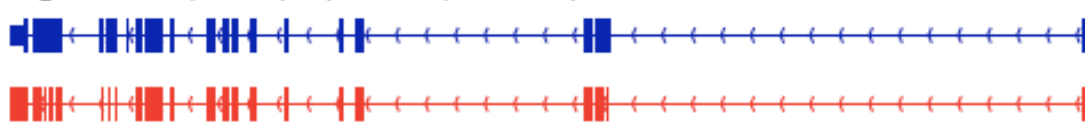
chr7:148,744,197-148,821,437

NM_007459; Ap2a2 adaptor protein complex AP-2, alpha 2 subunit



chr7:52,150,889-52,189,508

NM_001077264; Ap2a1 adaptor protein complex AP-2, alpha 1 subunit



Strand-specific RNA-Seq is Preferred

Computationally: fewer confounding graph structures in de novo assembly:

ex. Forward != reverse complement

(GGAA != TTCC)

Biologically: separate sense vs. antisense transcription

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Comprehensive comparative analysis of strand-specific RNA sequencing methods

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Strand-specific, massively parallel cDNA sequencing (RNA-seq) is a powerful tool for transcript discovery, genome annotation

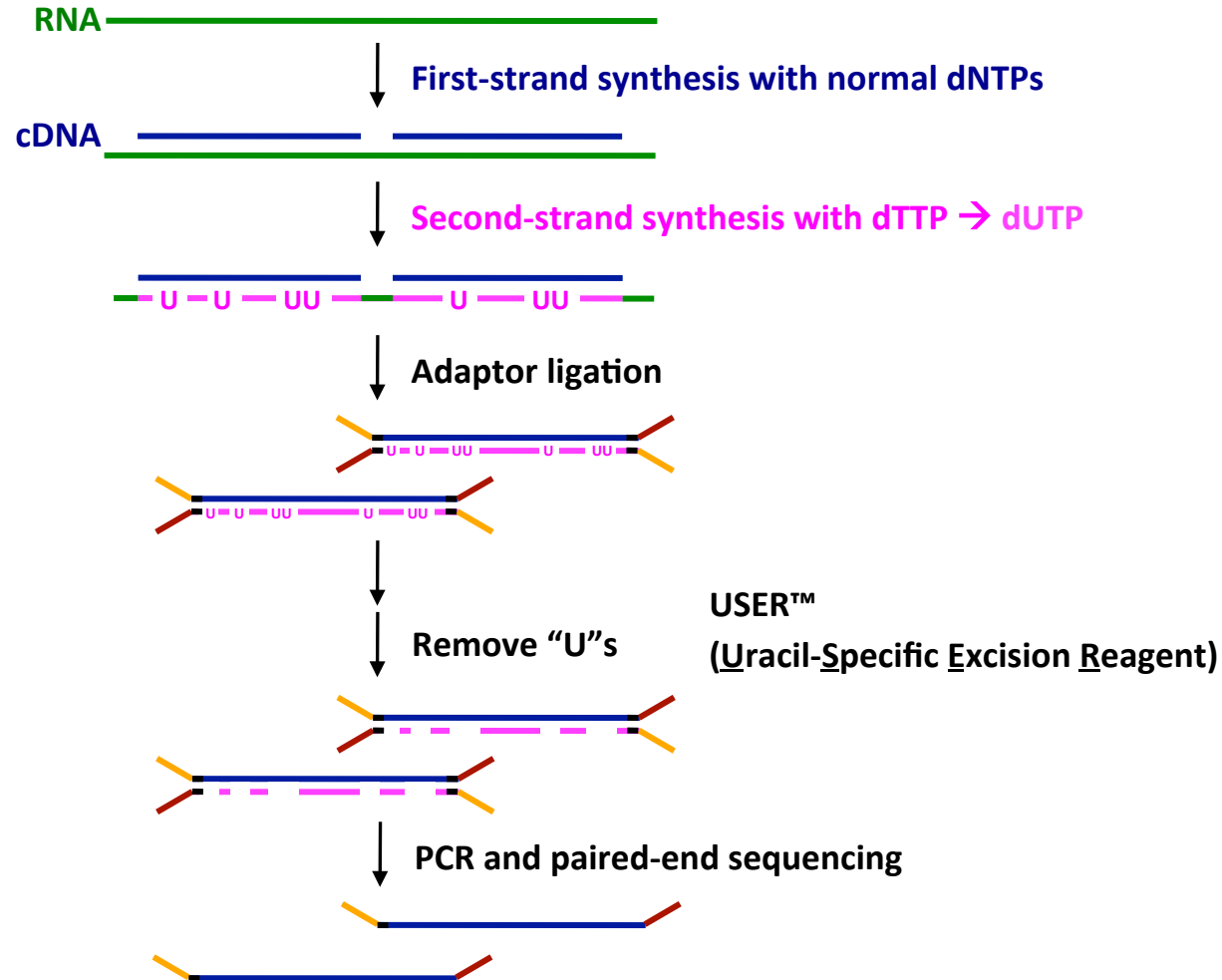
Nevertheless, direct information on the originating strand can substantially enhance the value of an RNA-seq experiment. For

'dUTP second strand marking' identified as the leading protocol

to choose between them, here we developed a comprehensive computational pipeline to compare library quality metrics from any RNA-seq method. Using the well-annotated *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* transcriptome as a benchmark, we compared seven library-construction protocols, including both published and

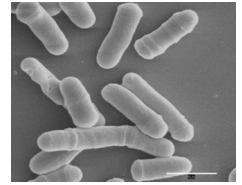
transcribed strand or other noncoding regions; demarcate the exact boundaries of adjacent genes transcribed on opposite strands and resolve the correct expression levels of coding or noncoding overlapping transcripts. These tasks are particularly challenging in small microbial genomes, prokaryotic and eukaryotic, in which

dUTP 2nd Strand Method: Our Favorite

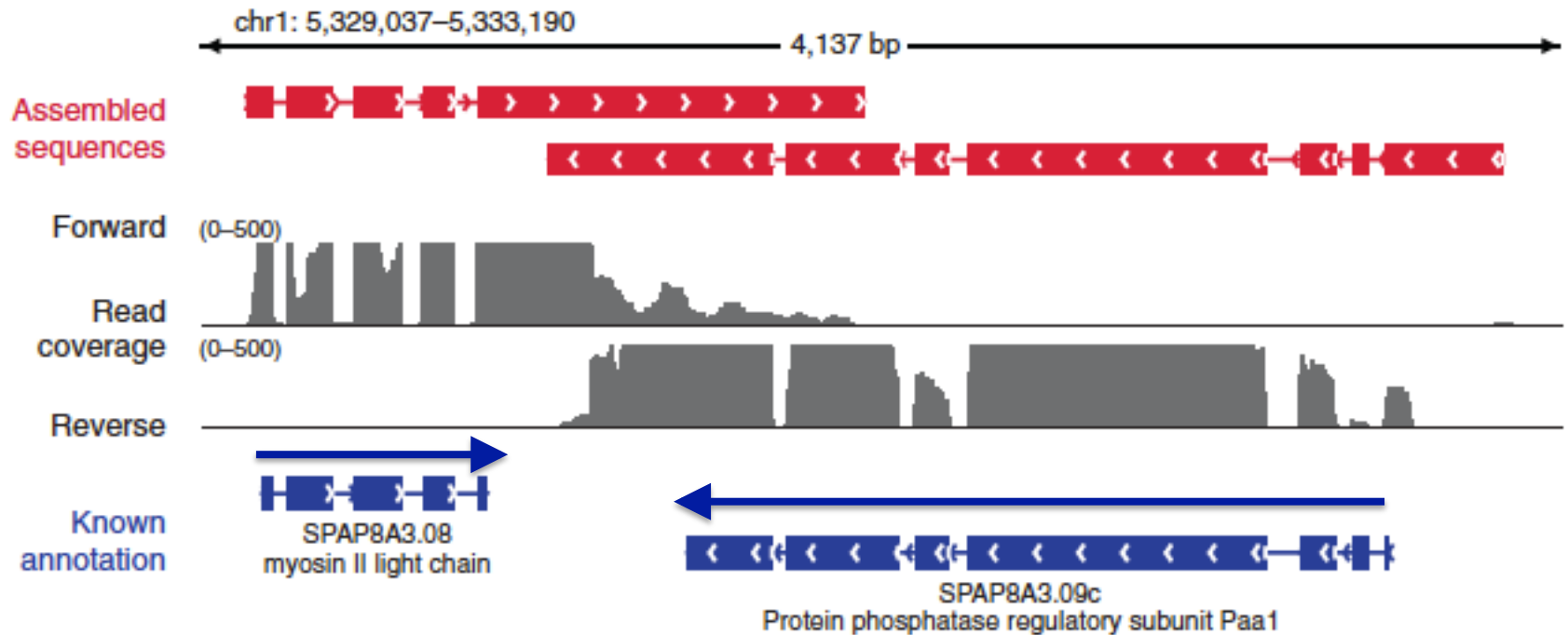


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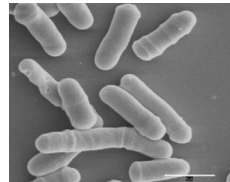
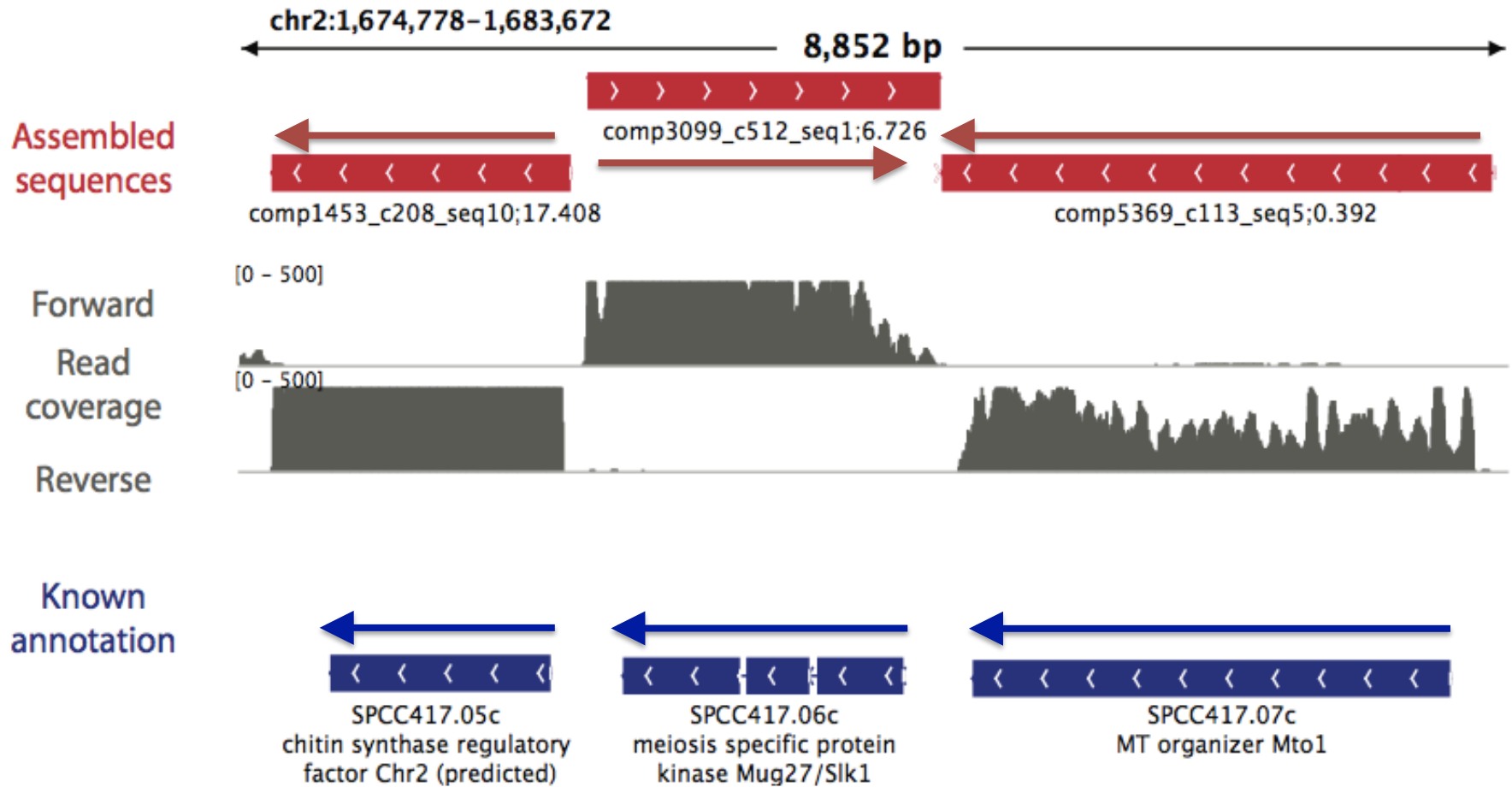
Overlapping UTRs from Opposite Strands



Schizosacharomyces pombe
(fission yeast)



Antisense-dominated Transcription




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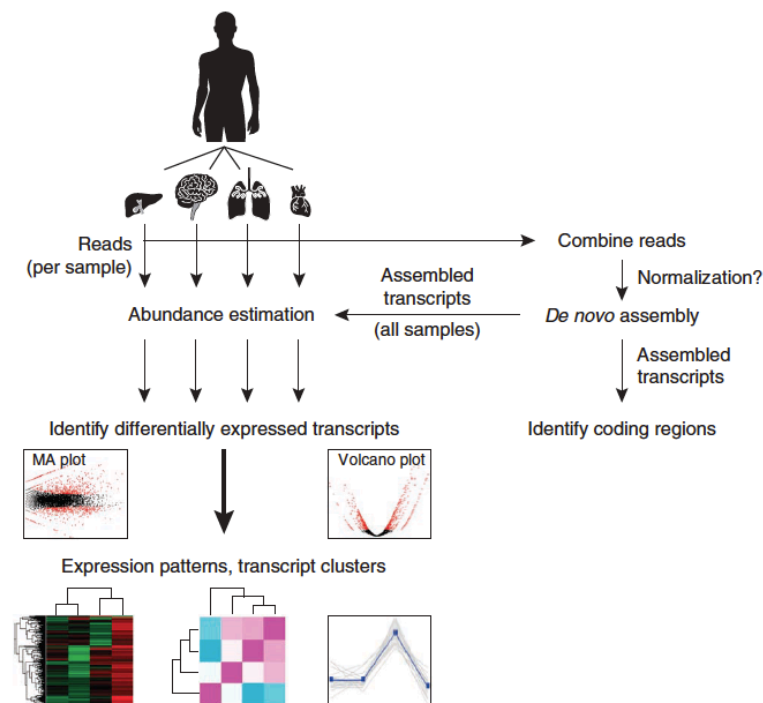
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Evaluating the quality of your transcriptome assembly

- Read representation by assembly
- Full-length transcript reconstruction
- Contig N50 leveraging expression data (ExN50)
- Detonate



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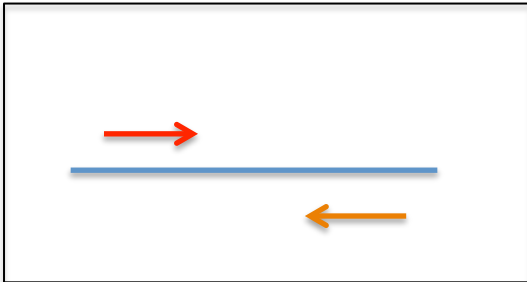
Read representation by assembly

Align reads to the assembled transcripts using Bowtie.

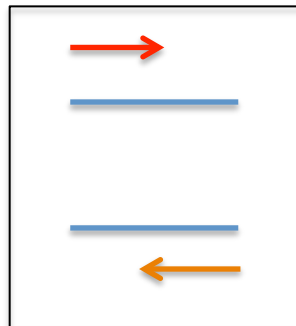
A typical 'good' assembly has ~80 % reads mapping to the assembly and ~80% are properly paired.

Given read pair:   Possible mapping contexts in the Trinity assembly are reported:

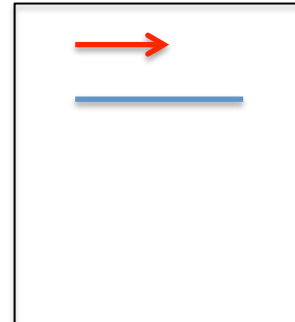
Proper pairs



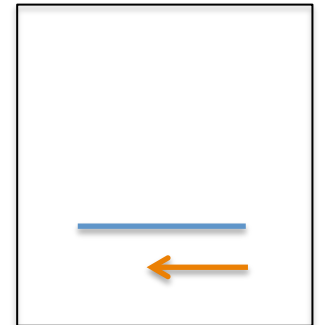
Improper pairs



Left only



Right only



Assembled transcript contig is only as good as its read support.

% samtools tview alignments.bam target.fasta

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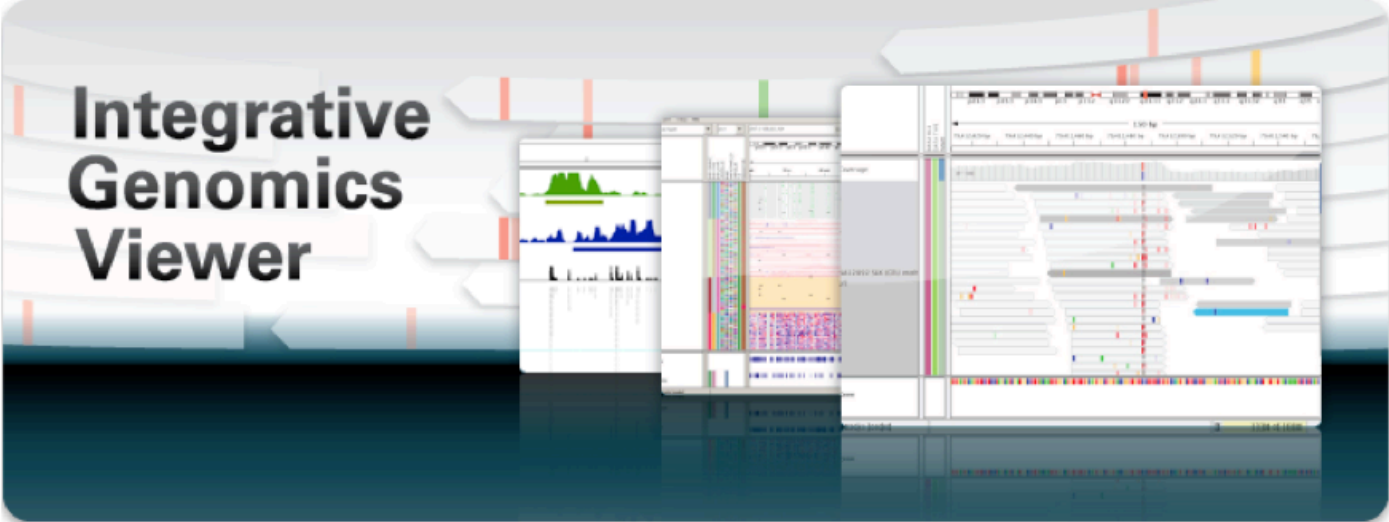
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What's New



July 3, 2012. Soybean (*Glycine max*) and Rat (*m5*) genomes have been updated.

April 20, 2012. IGV 2.1 has been released. See the [release notes](#) for more details.

April 19, 2012. See our new [IGV paper](#) in Briefings in Bioinformatics.

Overview

Citing IGV

To cite your use of IGV in your publication:

James T. Robinson, Helga Thorvaldsdóttir, Wendy Winckler, Mitchell Guttman, Eric S. Lander, Gad Getz, Jill P. Mesirov. [Integrative Genomics Viewer](#). *Nature Biotechnology* 29, 24–26 (2011), or

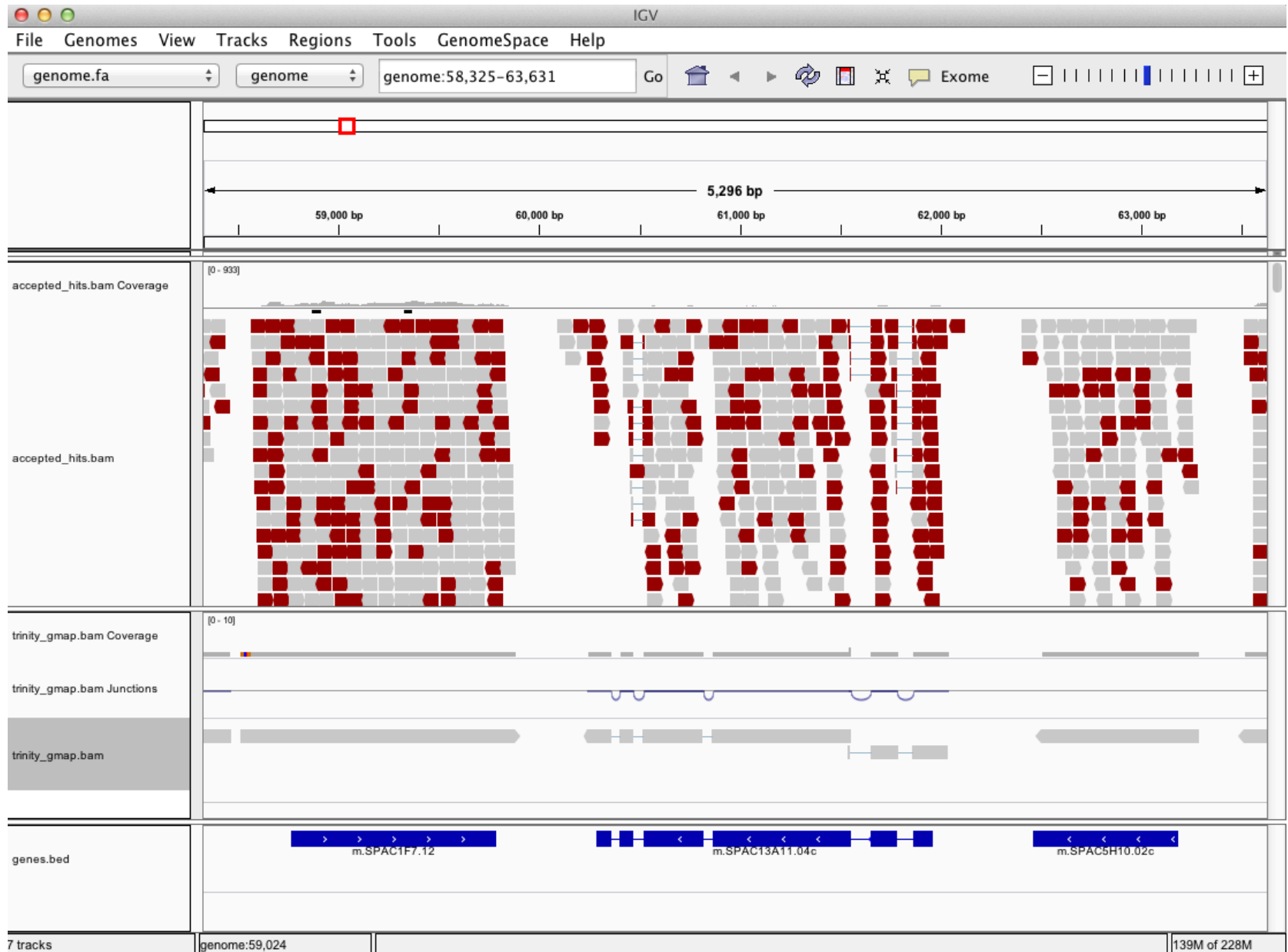
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Can Examine Transcript Read Support Using IGV



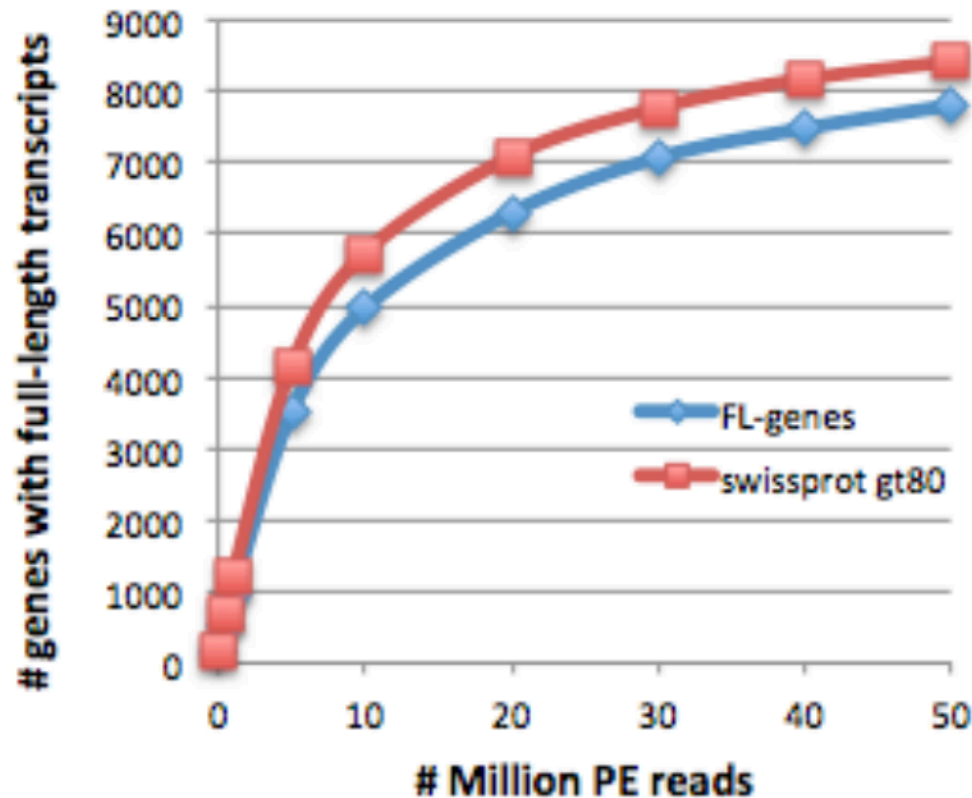
Can align Trinity transcripts to genome scaffolds to examine intron/exon structures

(Trinity transcripts aligned to the genome using GMAP)



Evaluating the quality of your transcriptome assembly

Full-length Transcript Detection via BLASTX



Have you
sequenced
deeply
enough?

The Contig N50 statistic

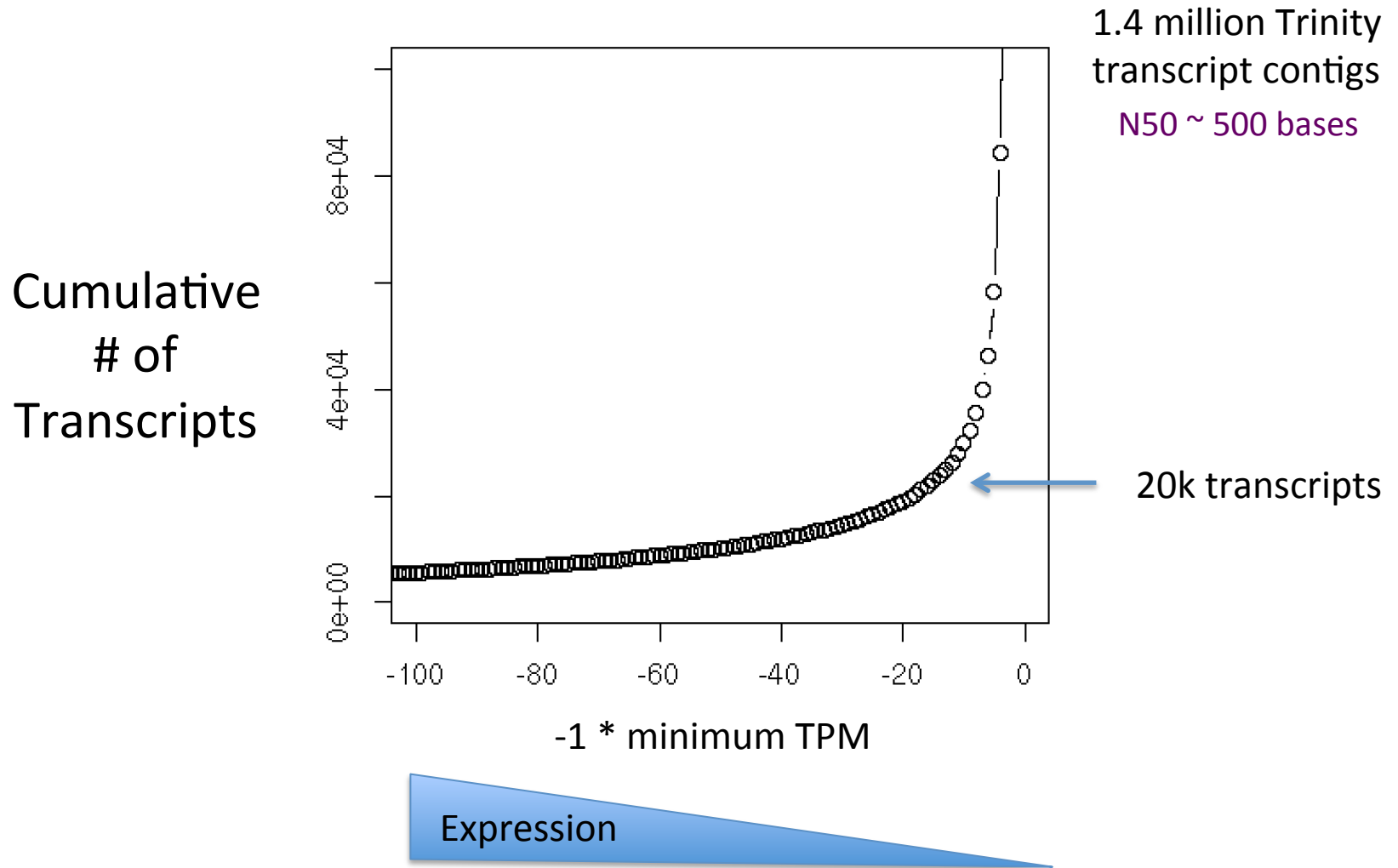
“At least half of assembled bases are in contigs that are at least **N50** bases in length”

In genome assemblies – used often to judge ‘which assembly is better’

In transcriptome assemblies – N50 is **not** very useful.

- Overzealous isoform annotation for long transcripts drives higher N50
- Very sensitive reconstruction for short lowly expressed transcripts drives lower N50

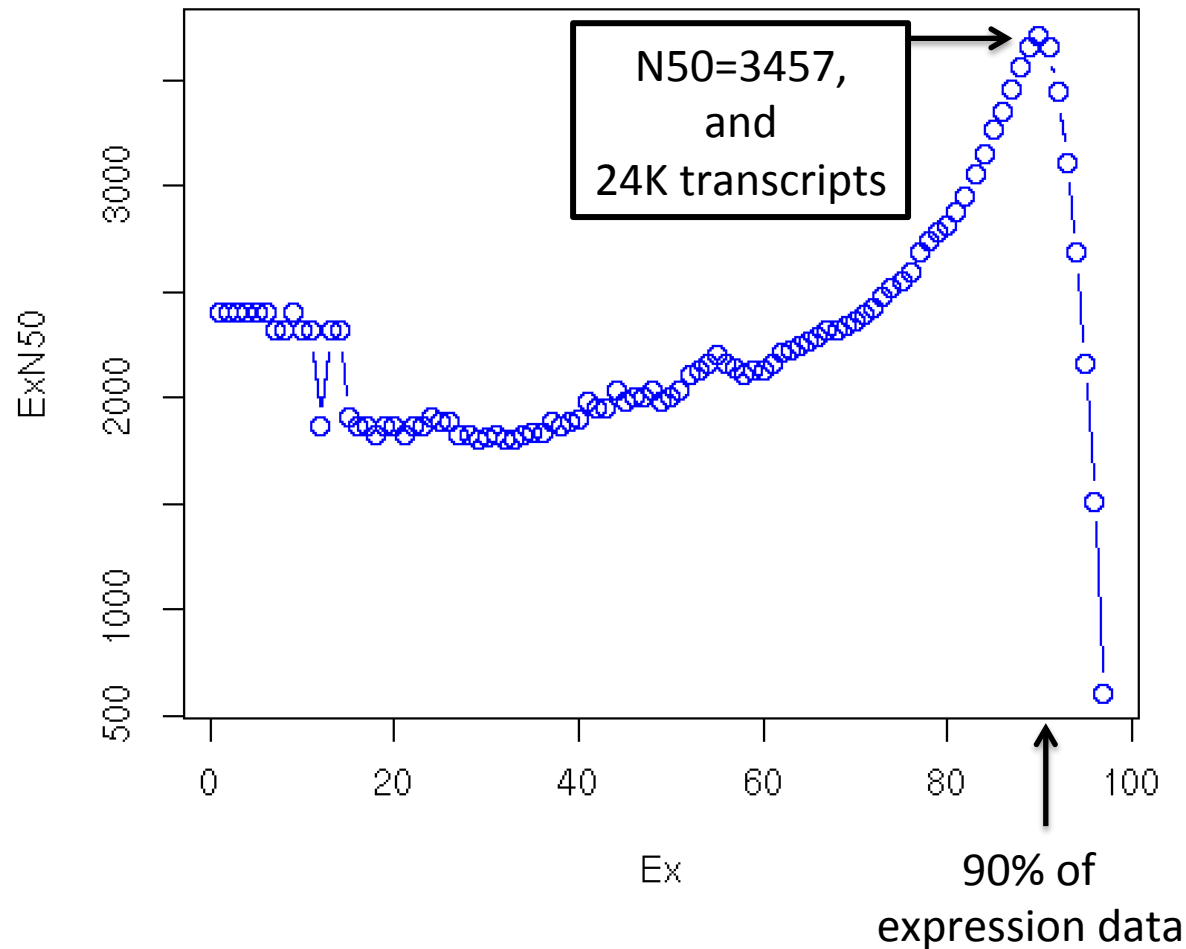
Often, most assembled transcripts are ***very*** lowly expressed
(How many 'transcripts & genes' are there really?)



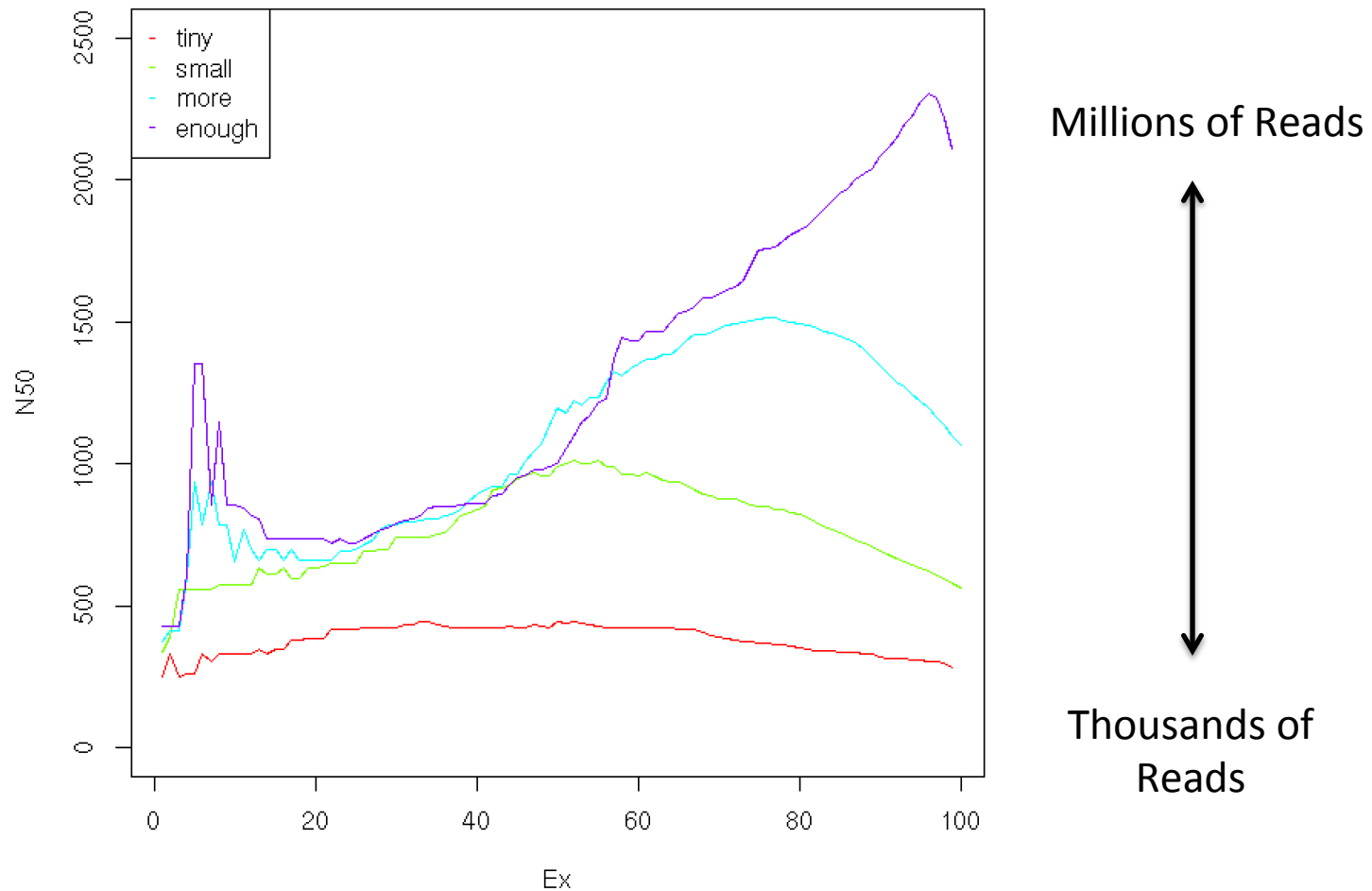
* Salamander transcriptome

Compute N50 Based on the Top-most Highly Expressed Transcripts (ExN50)

- Sort contigs by expression value, descendingly.
- Compute N50 given minimum % total expression data thresholds => ExN50



ExN50 Profiles for Different Trinity Assemblies Using Different Read Depths

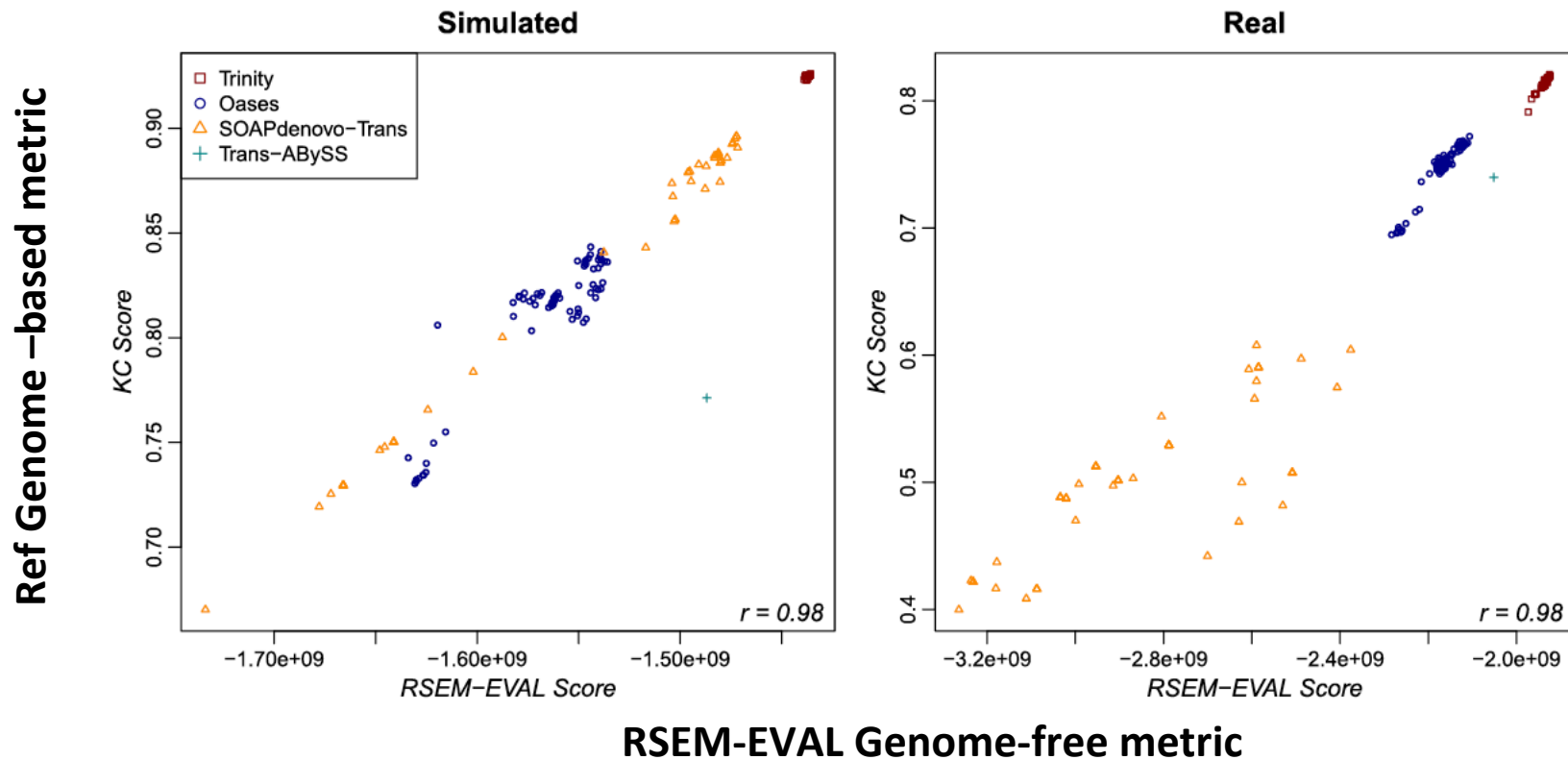


Note shift in ExN50 profiles as you assemble more and more reads.

* Candida transcriptome

Detonate Software

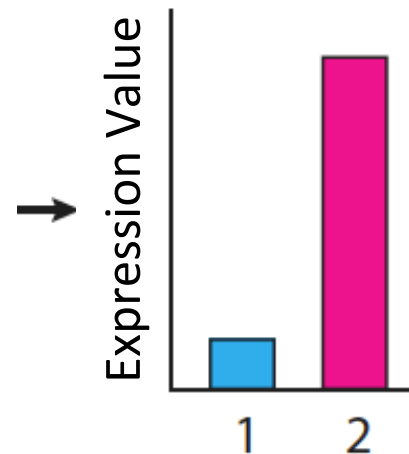
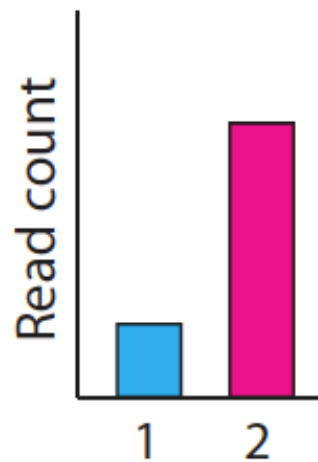
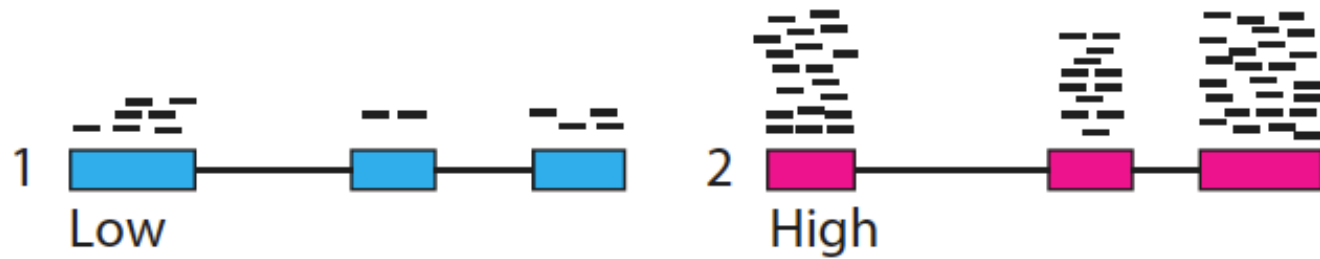
“RSEM-EVAL [sic] uses a novel probabilistic model-based method to compute the joint probability of both an assembly and the RNA-Seq data as an evaluation score.”



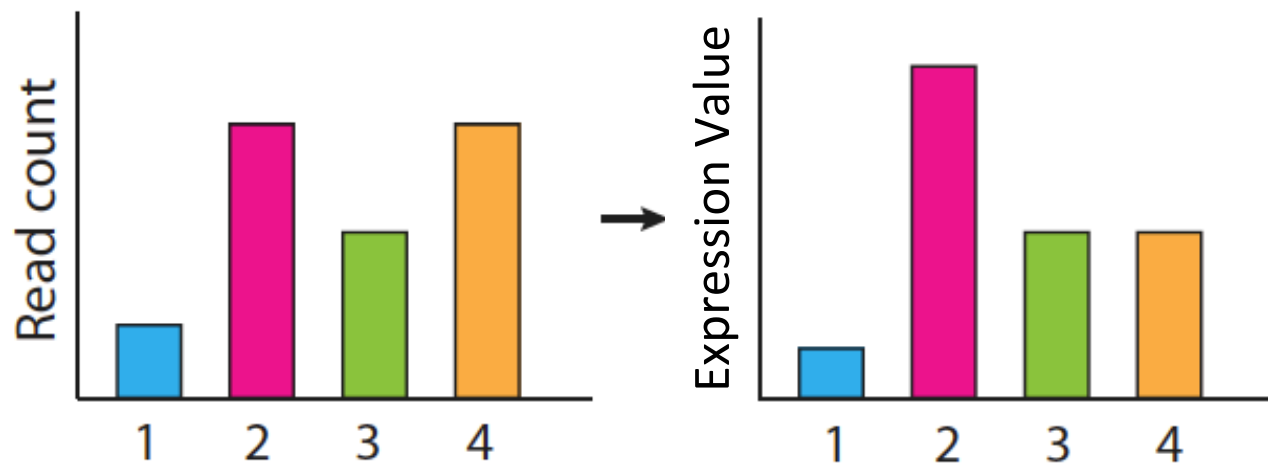
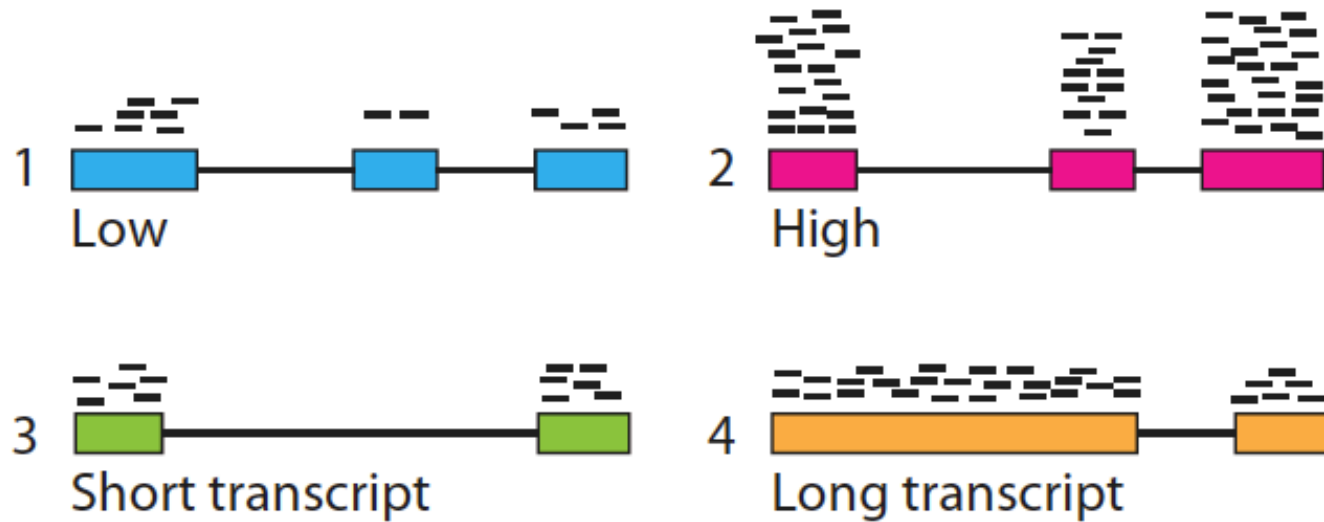
Abundance Estimation

(Aka. Computing Expression Values)

Calculating expression of genes and transcripts



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Normalized Expression Values

- Transcript-mapped read counts are normalized for both length of the transcript and total depth of sequencing.
- Reported as: Number of RNA-Seq **F**ragments
Per **K**ilobase of transcript
per total **M**illion fragments mapped
FPKM

RPKM (reads per kb per M) used with Single-end RNA-Seq reads
FPKM used with Paired-end RNA-Seq reads.

Transcripts per Million (TPM)

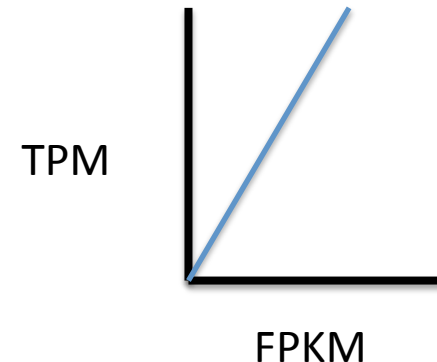
$$TPM_i = \frac{FPKM_i}{\sum_j FPKM} * 1e6$$

Preferred metric for measuring expression

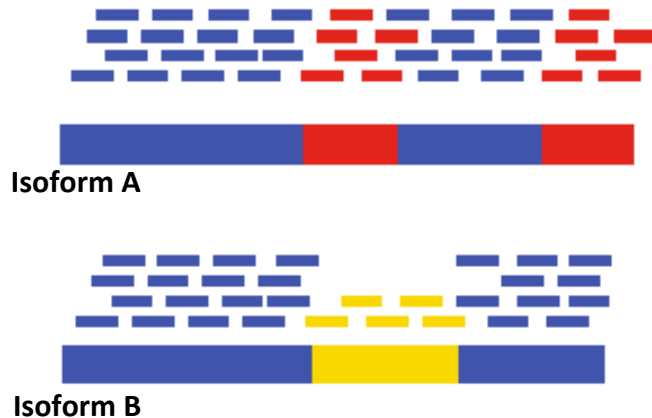
- Better reflects transcript concentration in the sample.
- Nicely sums to 1 million

Linear relationship between TPM and FPKM values.

Both are valid metrics, but best to be consistent.

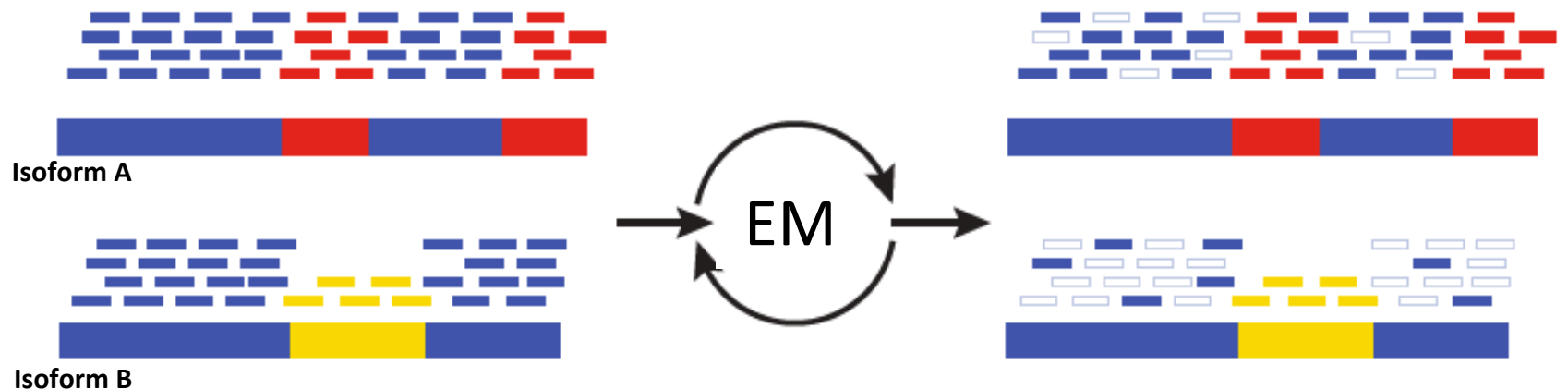


Multiply-mapped Reads Confound Abundance Estimation



Blue = multiply-mapped reads
Red, Yellow = uniquely-mapped reads

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Use Expectation Maximization (EM) to find the most likely assignment of reads to transcripts.

Performed by:

- Cufflinks and Cuffdiff (Tuxedo)
- RSEM
- eXpress

New fast alignment-free methods
now available! eg. Kallisto

Comparing RNA-Seq Samples

Some Cross-sample Normalization May Be Required

Why cross-sample normalization is important

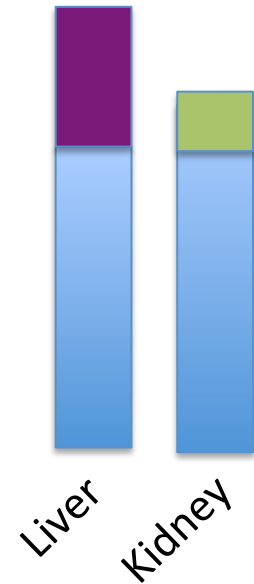
Absolute RNA quantities per cell



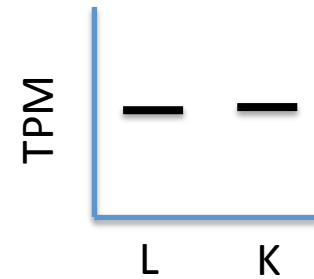
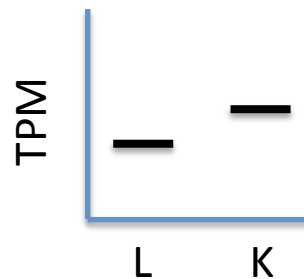
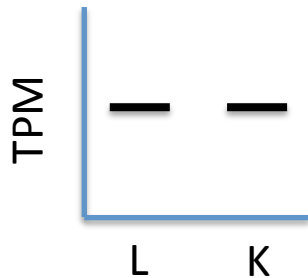
Measured relative abundance via RNA-Seq



Cross-sample normalized (rescaled) relative abundance



eg. Some housekeeping gene's expression level:



Cross-sample Normalization Required

Otherwise, housekeeping genes look diff expressed due to sample composition differences

Subset of genes highly expressed in liver

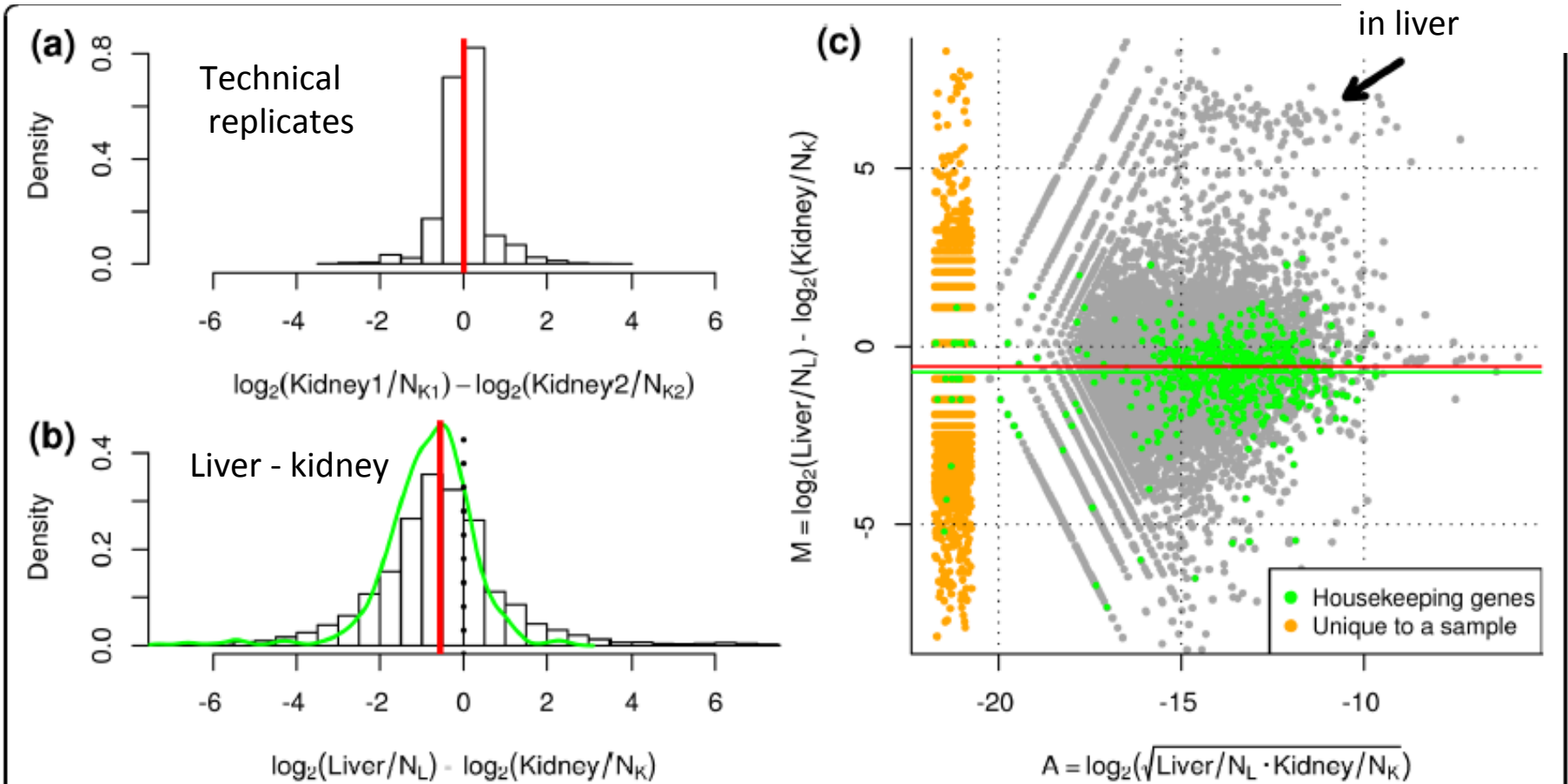
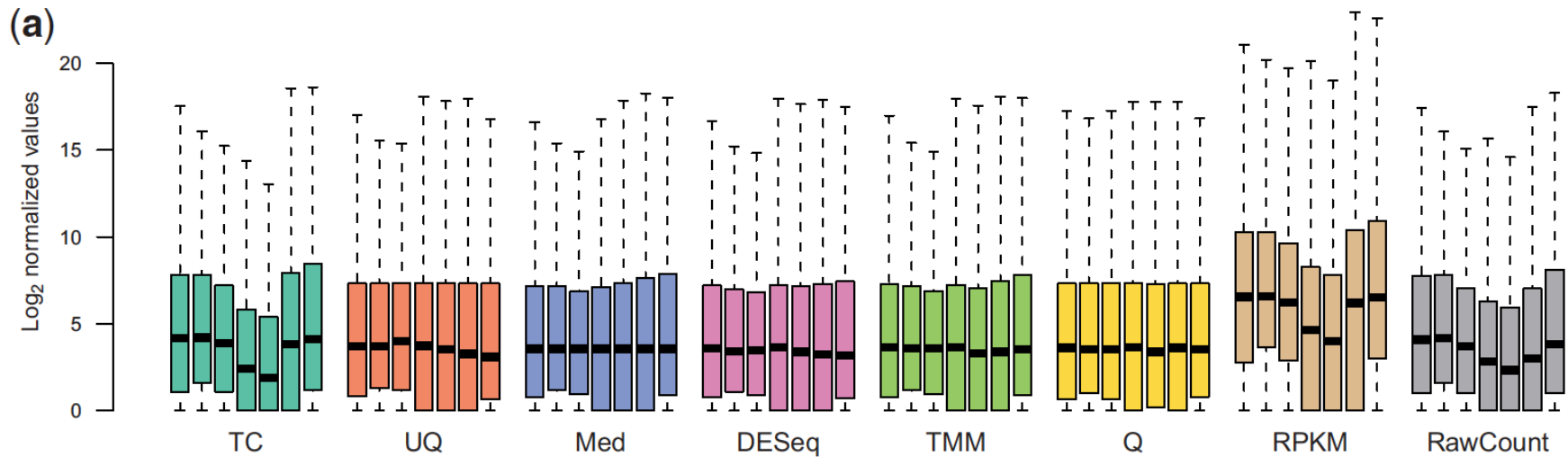


Figure 1 Normalization is required for RNA-seq data. Data from [6] comparing log ratios of (a) technical replicates and (b) liver versus kidney expression levels, after adjusting for the total number of reads in each sample. The green line shows the smoothed distribution of log-fold-changes of the housekeeping genes. (c) An M versus A plot comparing liver and kidney shows a clear offset from zero. Green points indicate 545 housekeeping genes, while the green line signifies the median log-ratio of the housekeeping genes. The red line shows the estimated TMM normalization factor. The smear of orange points highlights the genes that were observed in only one of the liver or kidney largely attributable for the overall bias in log-fold-changes.

Normalization methods for Illumina high-throughput RNA sequencing data analysis.



From “A comprehensive evaluation of normalization methods for Illumina high throughput RNA sequencing data analysis” Brief Bioinform. 2013 Nov;14(6):671-83

<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/22988256>

Differential Expression Analysis Using RNA-Seq

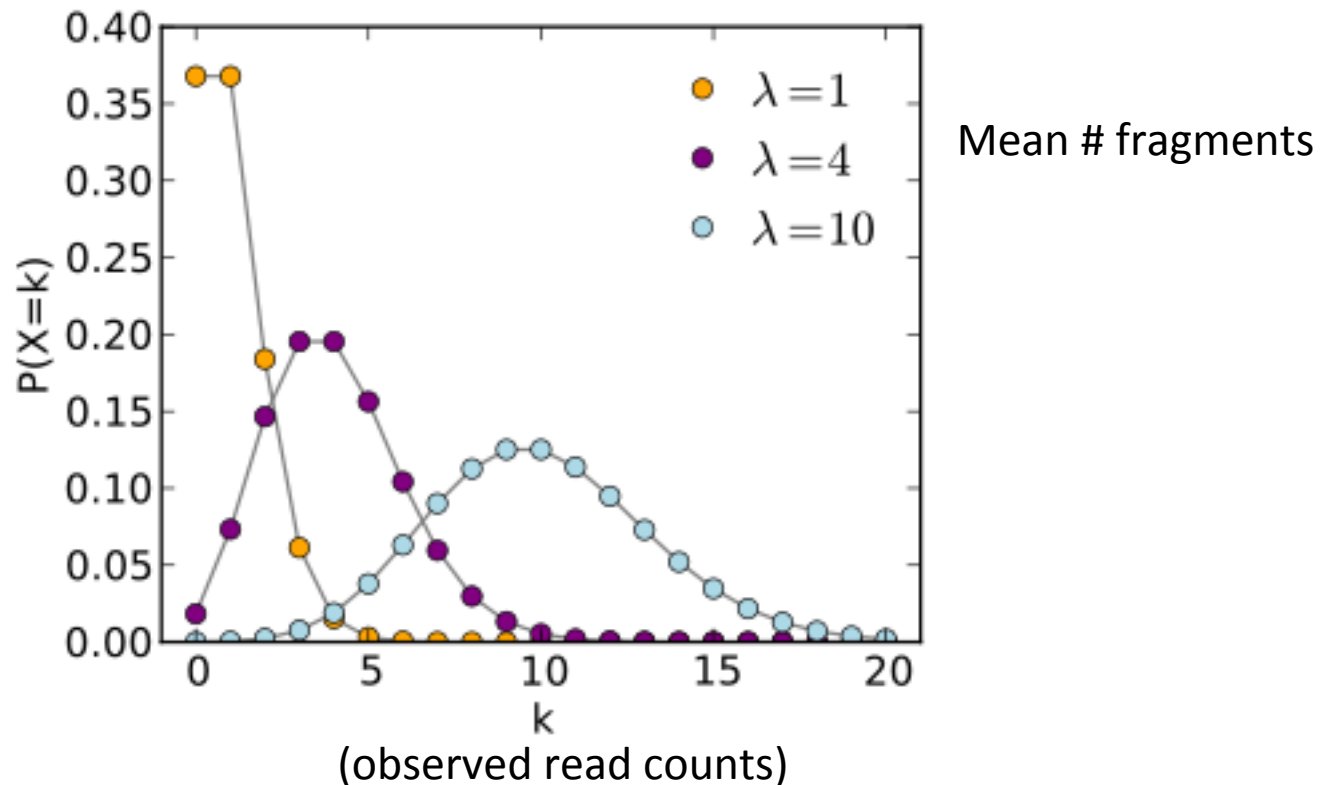
Diff. Expression Analysis Involves

- Counting reads
- Statistical significance testing

	Sample_A	Sample_B	Fold_Change	Significant?
Gene A	1	2	2-fold	No
Gene B	100	200	2-fold	Yes

Observed RNA-Seq Counts Result from Random Sampling of the Population of Reads

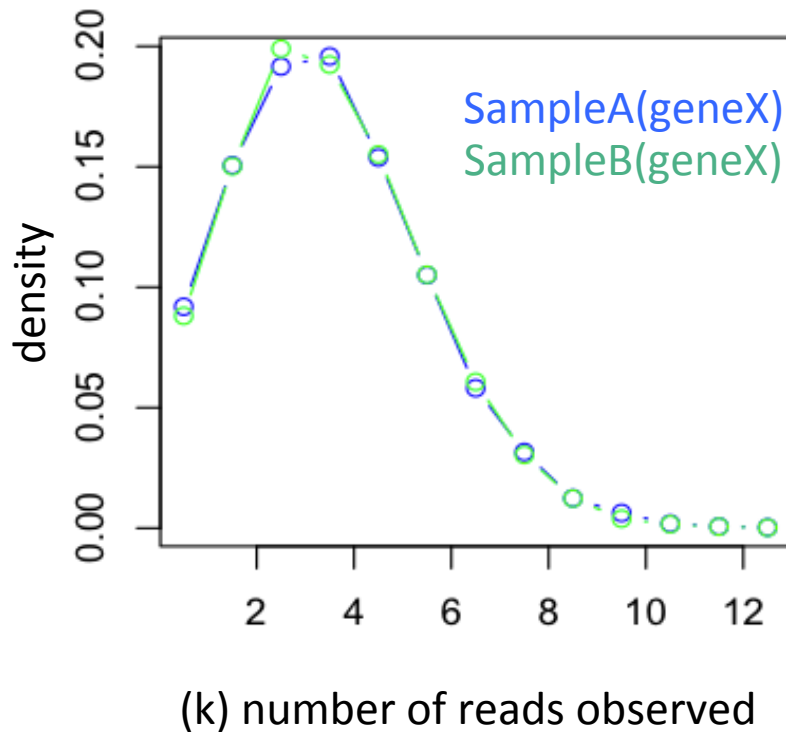
Technical variation in RNA-Seq counts per feature is well modeled by the Poisson distribution



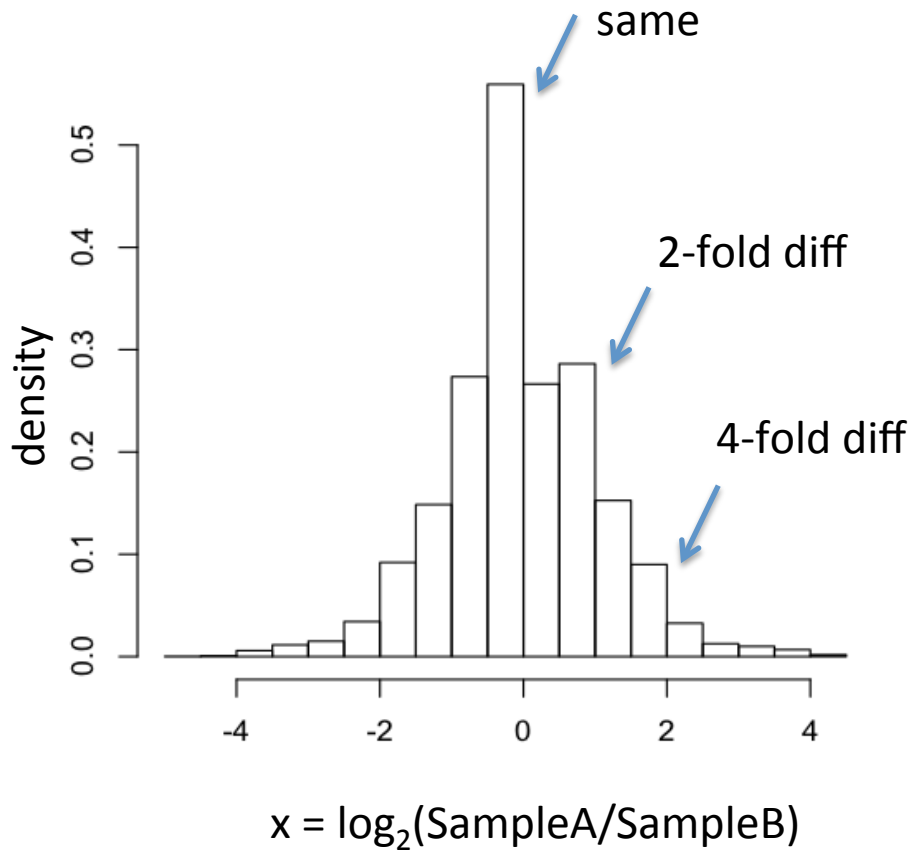
Example: One gene*not* differentially expressed

SampleA(gene) = SampleB(gene) = 4 reads

**Distribution of observed counts for single gene
(under Poisson model)**



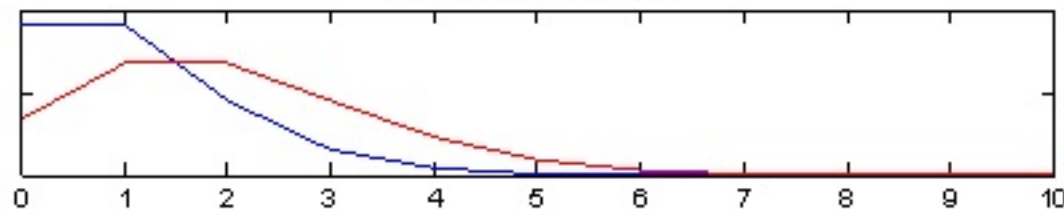
Dist. of $\log_2(\text{fold change})$ values



Beware of concluding fold change from small numbers of counts

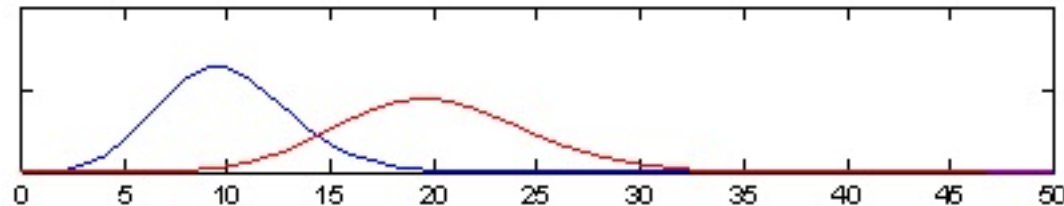
Poisson distributions for counts based on **2-fold** expression differences

1 Read Versus 2 Reads

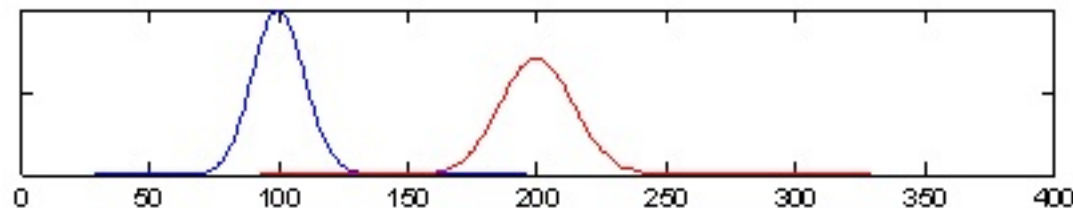


No confidence in 2-fold difference. Likely observed by chance.

10 Reads Versus 20 Reads



100 Reads Versus 200 Reads



High confidence in 2-fold difference. Unlikely observed by chance.

Observed Read Count (k)

$P(x=k)$

More Counts = More Statistical Power

Example: 5000 total reads per sample.

Observed 2-fold differences in read counts.

	SampleA	Sample B	Fisher's Exact Test (P-value)
geneA	1	2	1.00
geneB	10	20	0.098
geneC	100	200	< 0.001

Tools for DE analysis with RNA-Seq



edgeR

ShrinkSeq

DESeq

baySeq

Vsf

Limma/Voom

mmdiff

cuffdiff

ROTS

TSPM

DESeq2

EBSeq

NBPSeq

SAMseq

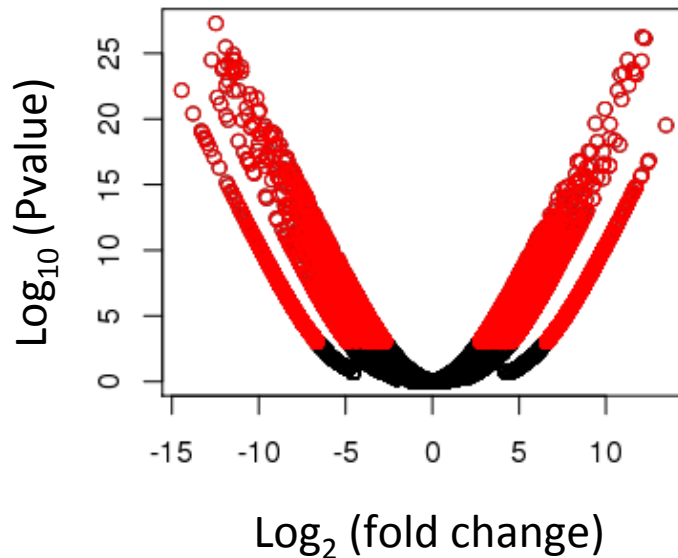
NoiSeq

*(italicized not in R/Bioconductor
but stand-alone)*

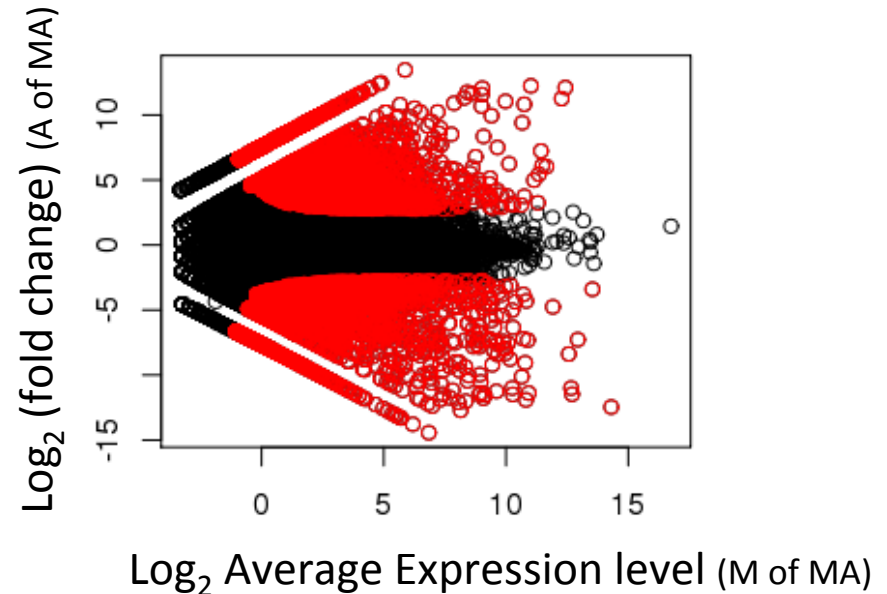
Visualization of DE results and Expression Profiling

Plotting Pairwise Differential Expression Data

Volcano plot
(fold change vs. significance)

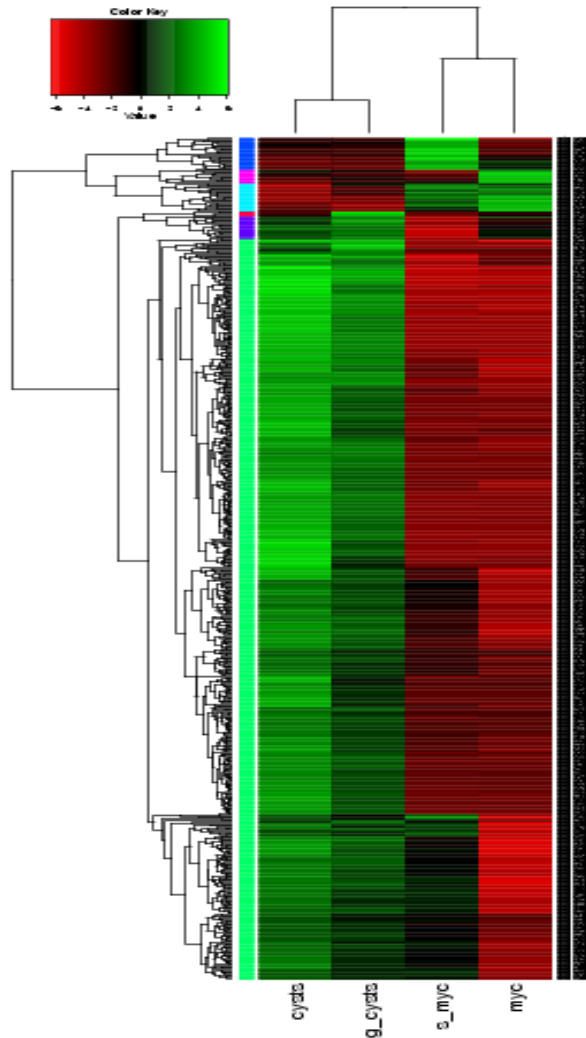


MA plot
(abundance vs. fold change)



Significantly differently expressed transcripts have $\text{FDR} \leq 0.001$
(shown in red)

Comparing Multiple Samples



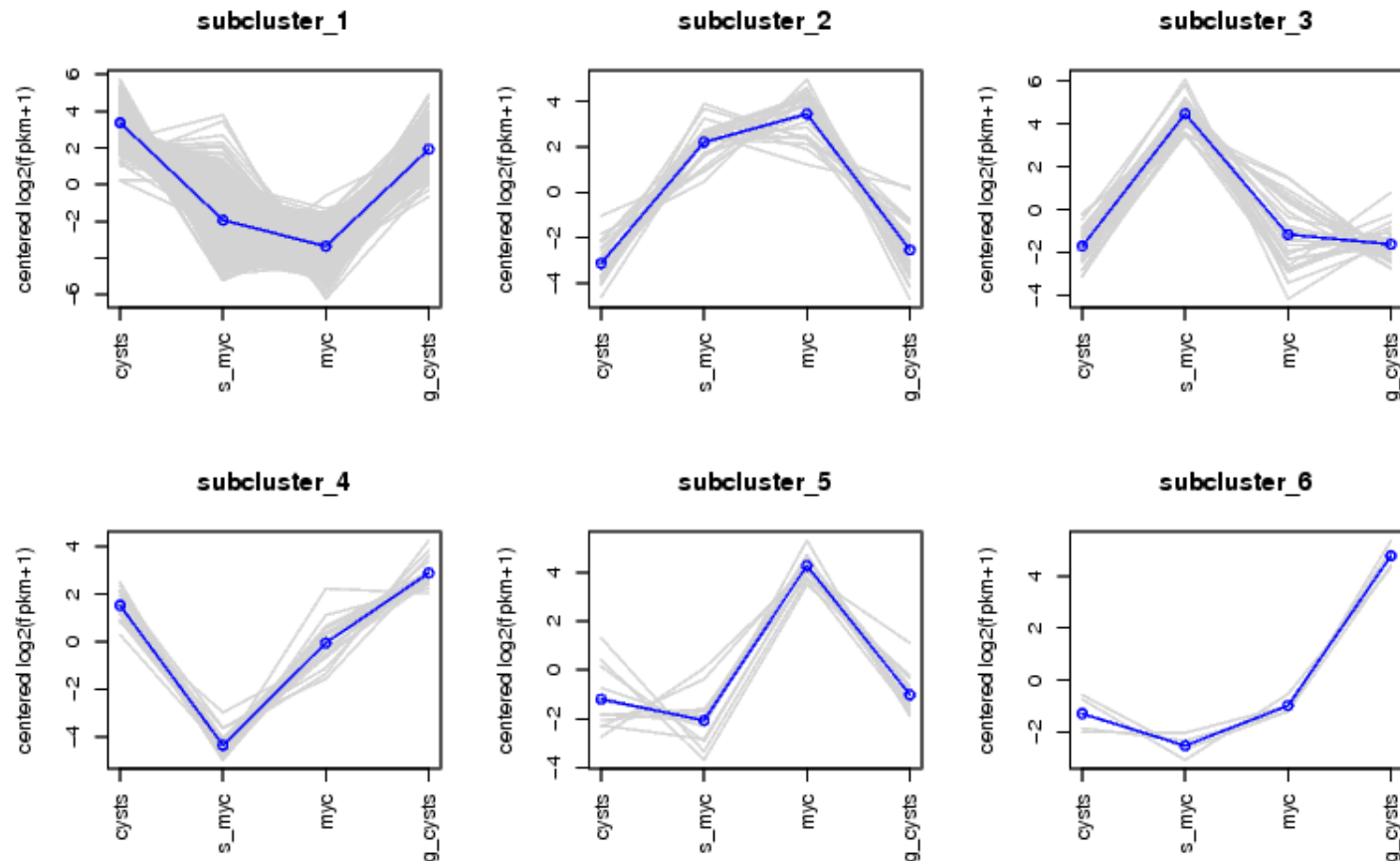
Heatmaps provide an effective tool for navigating differential expression across multiple samples.

Clustering can be performed across both axes:

- cluster transcripts with similar expression patterns.
- cluster samples according to similar expression values among transcripts.

Examining Patterns of Expression Across Samples

Can extract clusters of transcripts and examine them separately.



Functional Annotation of Transcripts

Trinotate



Pfam



eggNOG
version 3.0



GO-Seq



RNA-Seq ➡ Trinity ➡ Transcripts/Proteins ➡ Functional Data ➡ Discovery

Automated Higher Order Biological Analysis

<http://trinotate.sf.net>

Trinotate Web for Interactive Analysis

TrinotateWeb Entry Point

Trinotate Web for Annotation and Expression Analysis

Stats

Various summary stats go here...

Got 8694 genes and 9299 transcripts

Search

Text search of transcript annotations

Still needed: search based on specific attributes: pfam, go, kegg, etc.

Pairwise Expression Comparisons (Volcano and MA plots)

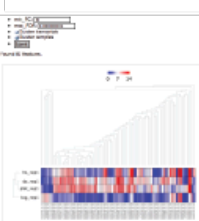
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Sp_log			Sp_log vs. Sp_plat

Multi-sample Comparisons (Expression Profiling)

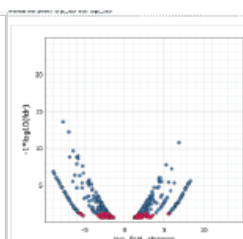
Go to the interactive heatmap for all DE transcripts.

Analyses of clusters of expression profiles:

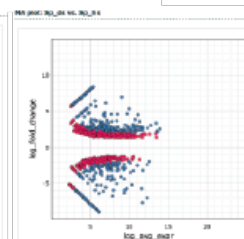
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Heatmaps

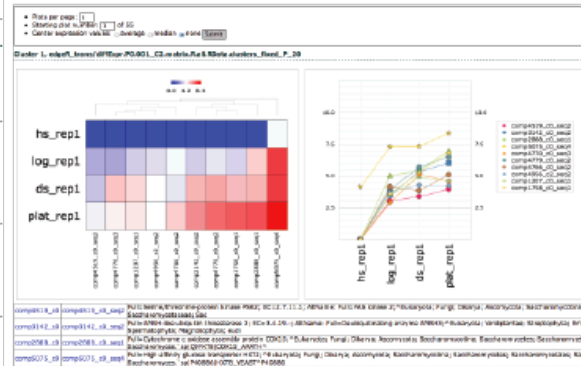


Volcano Plots



MA-Plots

Clustered Expression Profiles



Very Early Release and Just Scratching the Surface

Transcript/Protein Annotation Report Blast Hits, Pfam Domains, etc.

Transcript Annotations (Gene: comp3142_c0, Transcript: comp3142_c0_seq2)

Reference Sequence

ORF:m.2492

Pfam for m.2492

BLAST for m.2492

PF01396.16 JAB1/Mov34/MPN/PAB1 ubiquitin protease

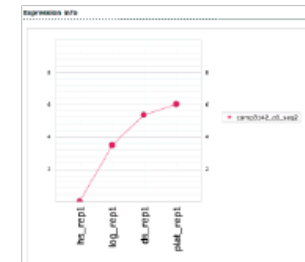
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ap[Q95556]STALP_PONAB[PerID:33.41][E:5e-48 RecName...]



Individual Transcript Expression Profiles

Transcript and Protein Sequences

Transcript Sequence

Protein Sequence

FASTA format

Transcript and Protein Sequences

Deciphering the Cell Circuitry of Limb Regeneration Via Single Cell Transcriptome Studies



Work done in collaboration with
Jessica Whited's lab



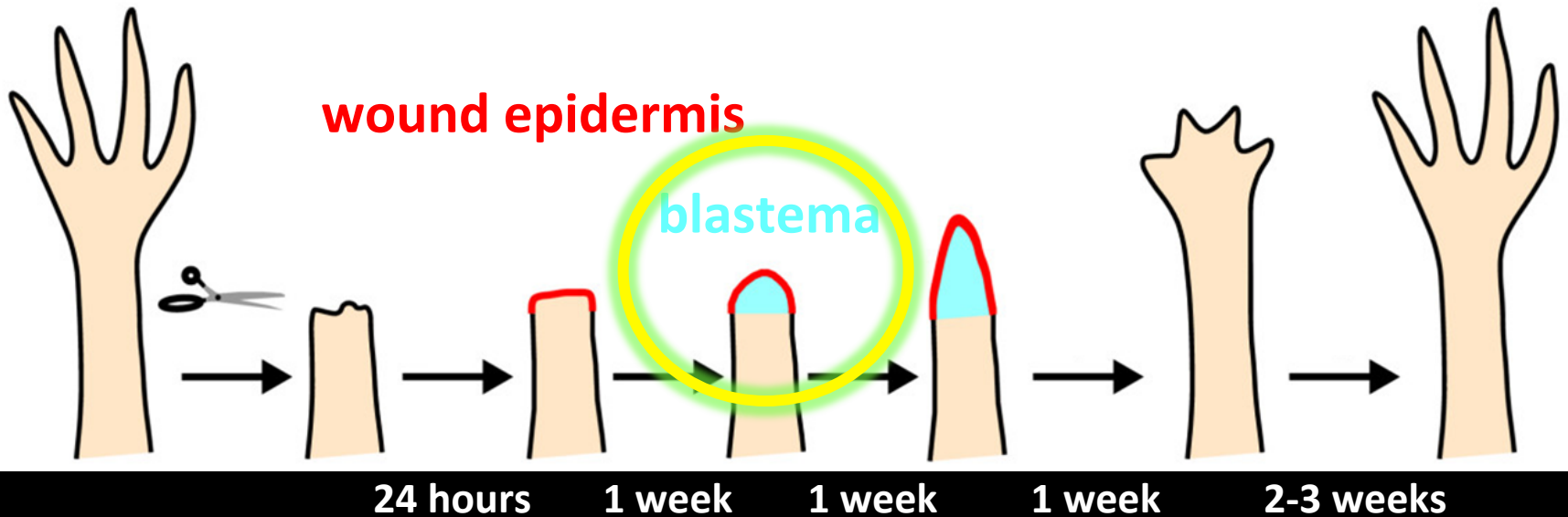
Axolotl (*Ambystoma mexicanum*) Transcriptomics

Axolotl "water monster", aka Mexican salamander or Mexican walking fish.

- Model for vertebrate studies of tissue regeneration
- Short generation time
- Can fully regenerate a severed limb in just weeks.
- Genome estimated at ~30 Gb (not yet sequenced)



Key morphological steps during limb regeneration





1. Building a reference Axolotl transcriptome

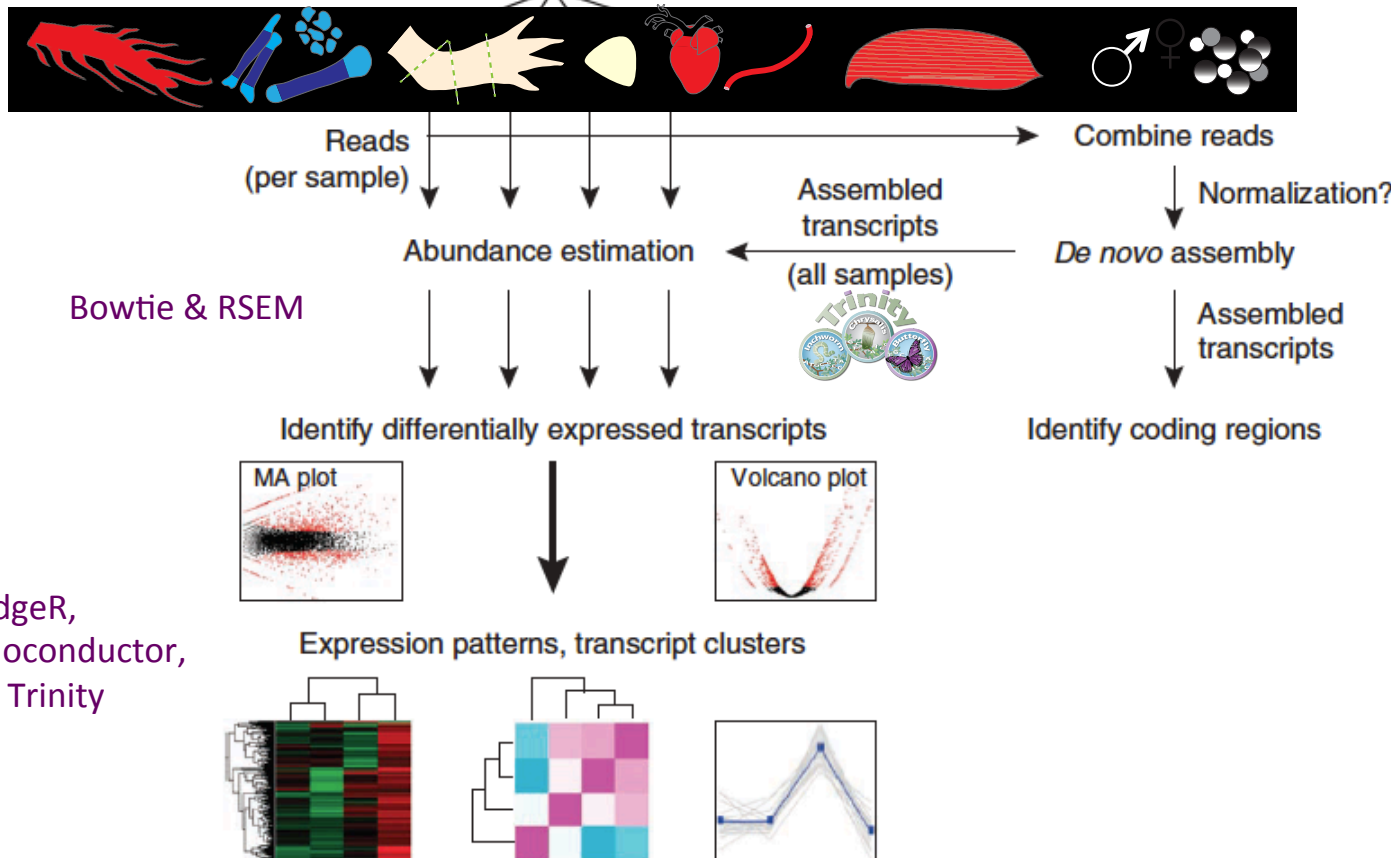


limb tissues and select
other tissues with
biological replicates

1.3 billion of
100 bp paired-end
Illumina reads



Framework for De novo Transcriptome Assembly and Analysis



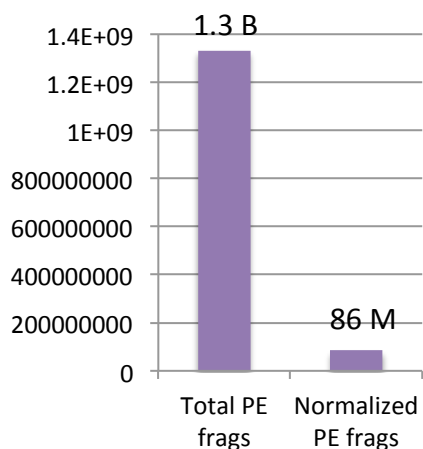
1.3 Billion
Total Reads

86 Million
Normalized Reads



Axolotl Transcriptome De novo Assembly Statistics And Quality Assessment

In silico Normalization

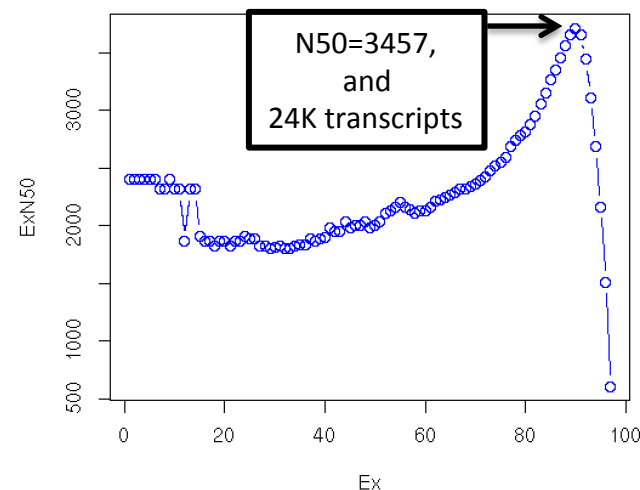


Counts of Transcripts

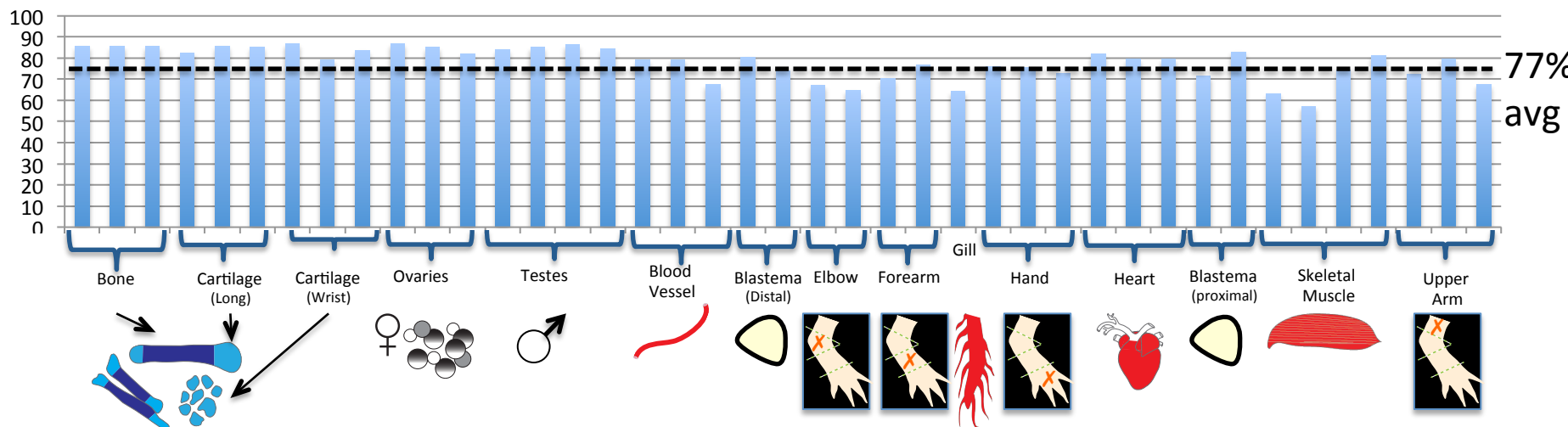
Trinity contigs (transcripts)	1,701,035
Trinity components (genes)	1,327,843

Min. length 200 bases

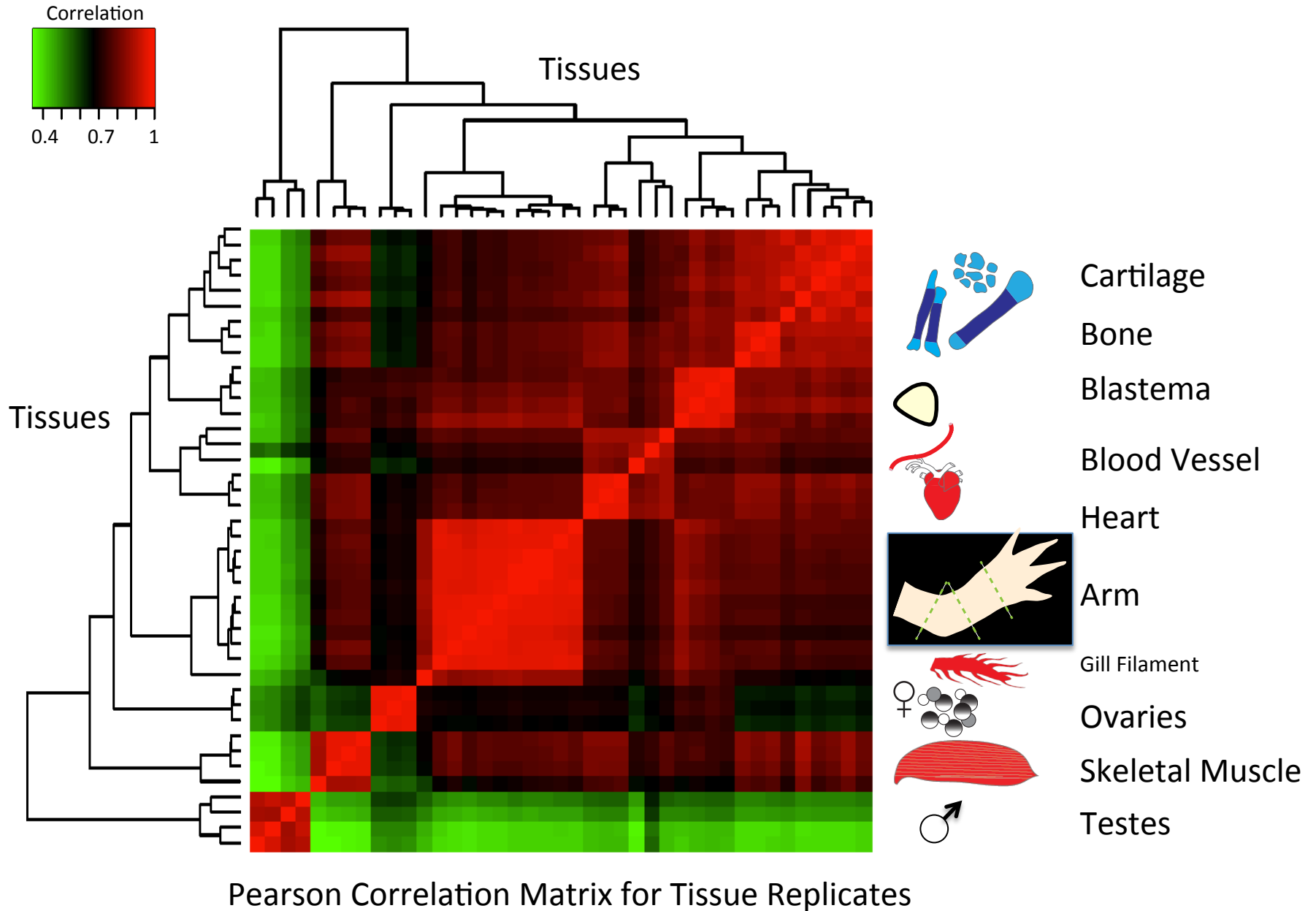
ExN50 looks good!



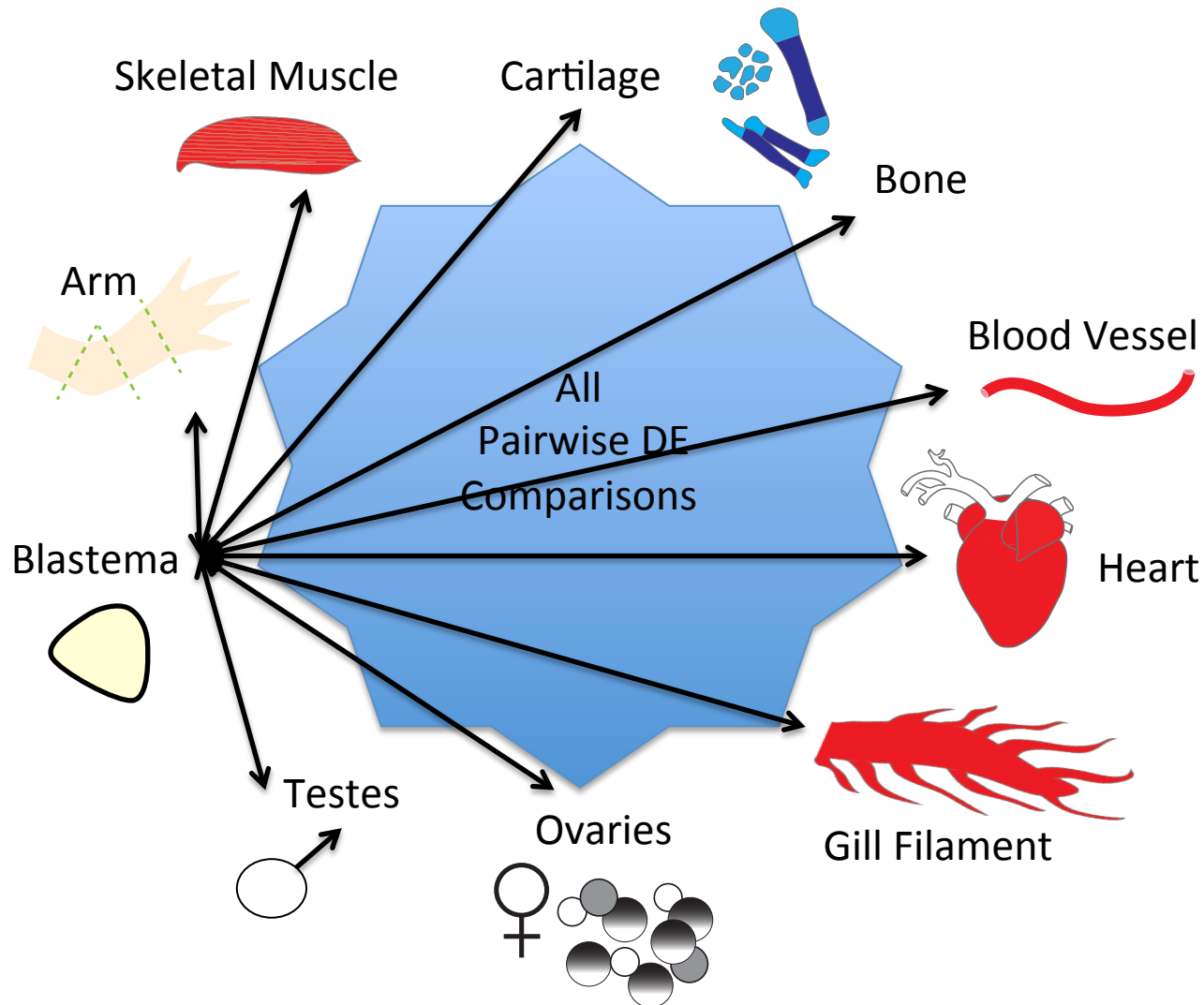
Percent of Non-normalized Fragments Mapping as Properly Paired to Transcriptome



Biological Replicates Cluster According to Sample

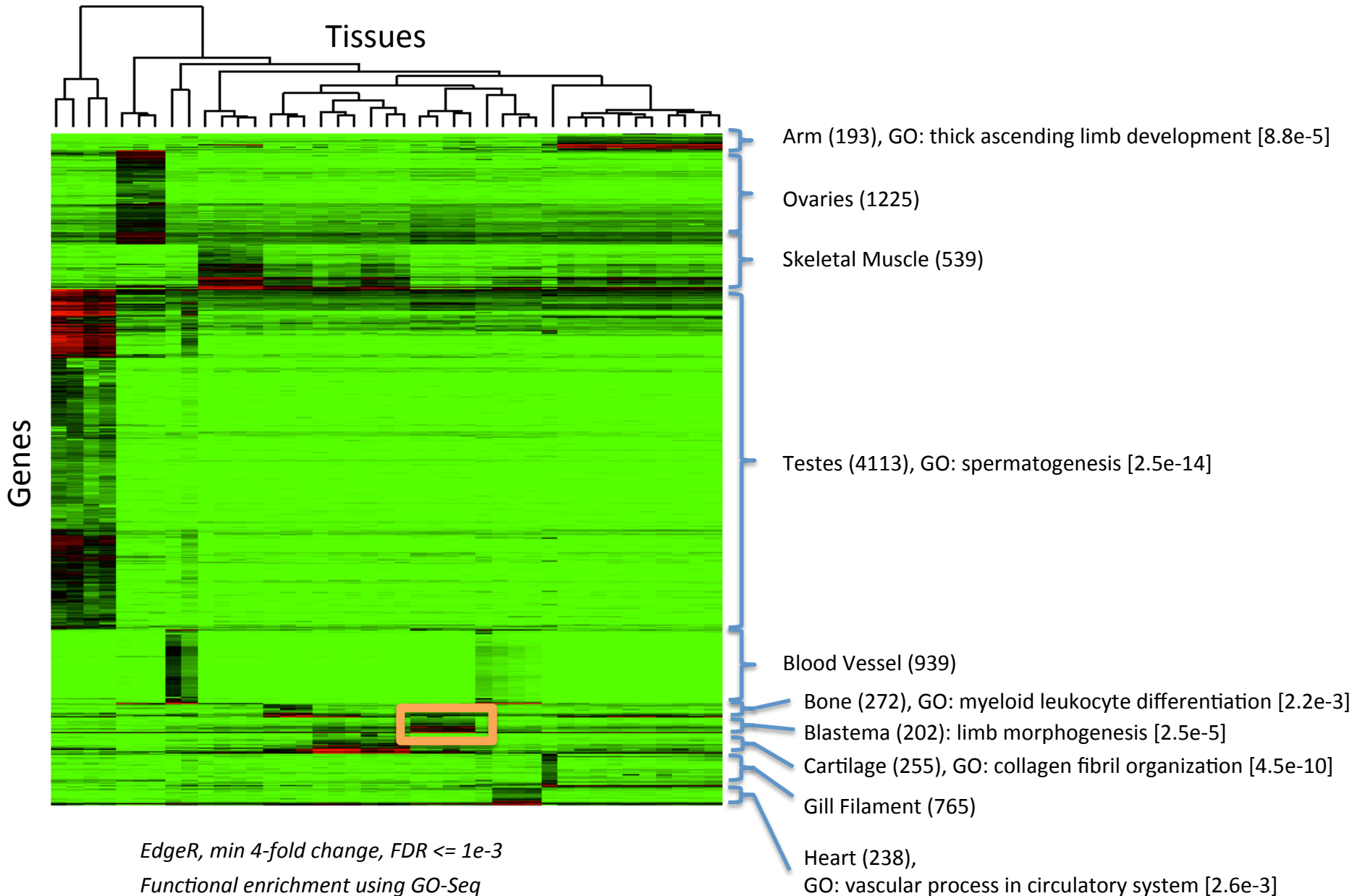


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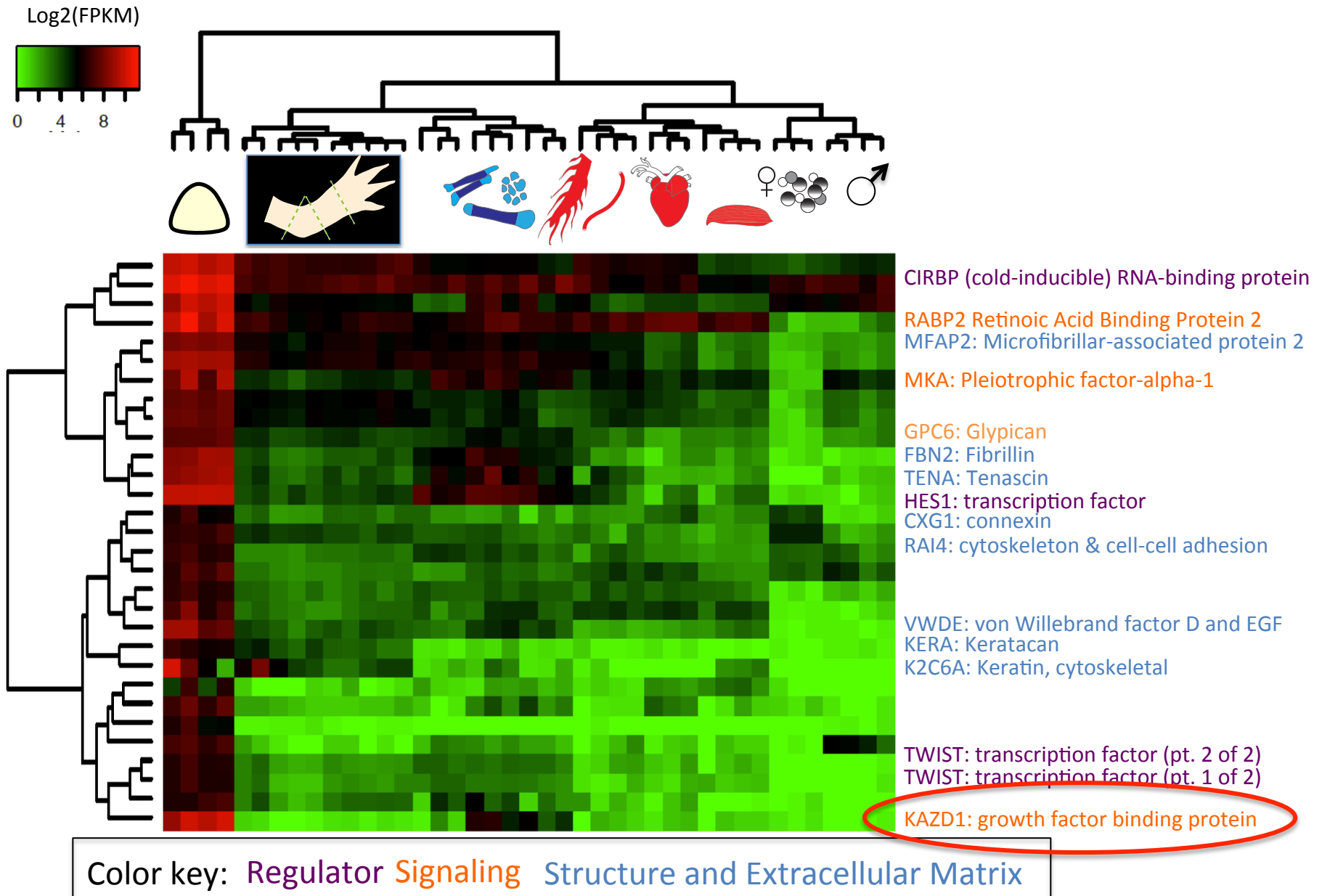


EdgeR, min 4-fold change, FDR $\leq 1e-3$

Identification of Tissue-enriched Gene Expression

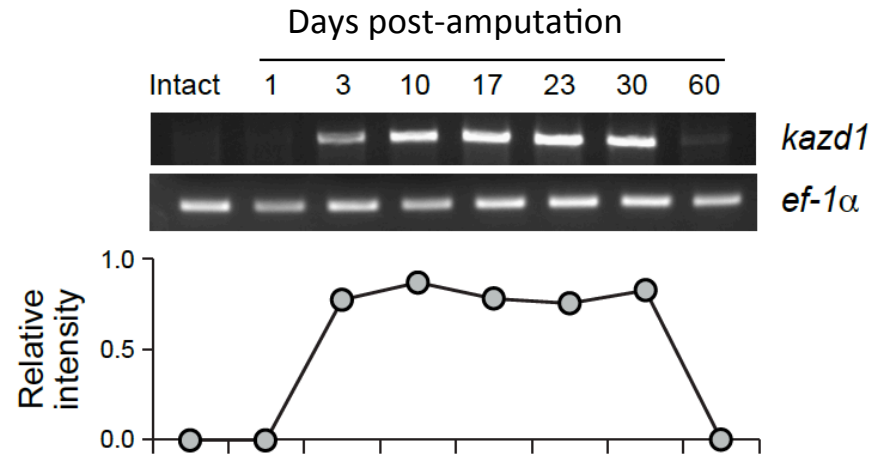


Most Highly Expressed Blastema-enriched Genes

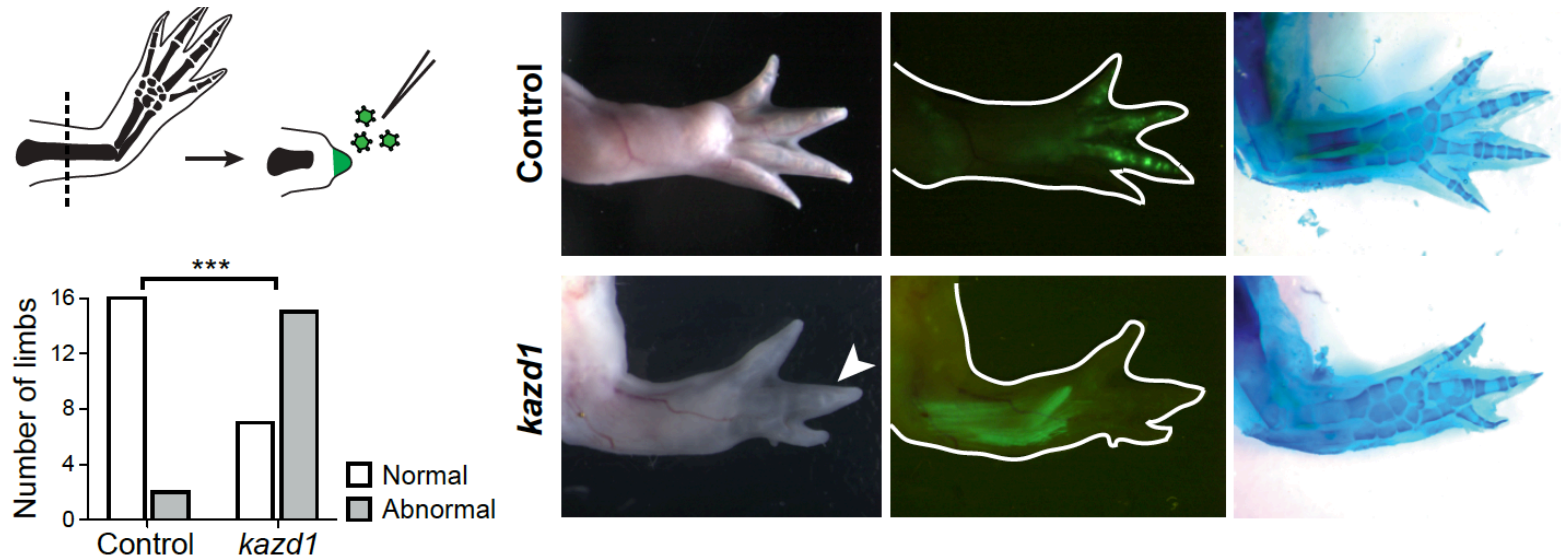


Functional Characterization of Blastema-enriched KAZD1

RT-PCR Timecourse of KAZD1 Expression



Viral-based Delivered Over-expression of KAZD1 Leads to Regeneration Defects



Summary of Key Points

- RNA-Seq is a versatile method for transcriptome analysis enabling quantification and novel transcript discovery.
- Expression quantification is based on sampling and counting reads derived from transcripts
- Fold changes based on few read counts lack statistical significance.
- Trinity assembly and supported downstream computational analysis tools facilitate transcriptome studies.

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