

Bioconductor for Sequence Analysis

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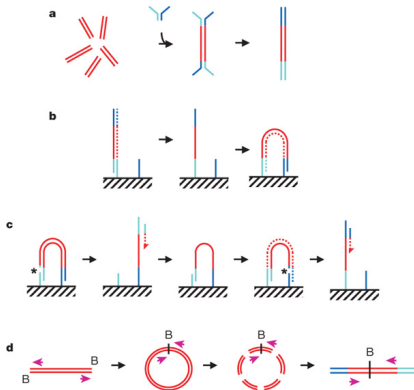
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Introduction: What is *Bioconductor* good for?

- ▶ Microarrays: expression, copy number, SNPs, methylation, ...
- ▶ Sequencing: RNA-seq, ChIP-seq, called variants, ...
 - ▶ Especially *after* assembly / alignment
- ▶ Annotation: genes, pathways, gene models (exons, transcripts, etc.), ...
- ▶ Flow cytometry, proteomics, image analysis, high-throughput screens, ...

Sequencing: Work flows

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Bentley et al., 2008, Nature 456:
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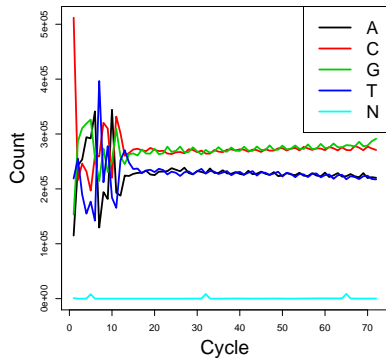
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Sequencing: The *ShortRead* package

```
## Use the 'ShortRead' package
library(ShortRead)
## Create an object to represent a sample from a file
sampler <- FastqSampler("ERR127302_1.fastq.gz")
## Apply a method to yield a random sample
fq <- yield(sampler)
## Access sequences of sampled reads using `sread()`
## Summarize nucleotide use by cycle
## 'abc' is a nucleotide x cycle matrix of counts
abc <- alphabetByCycle(sread(fq))
## Subset of interesting nucleotides
abc <- abc[,c("A", "C", "G", "T", "N"),]
```

Sequencing: The *ShortRead* package

```
## Create a plot from a  
## matrix  
matplot(t(abc), type="l",  
        lty=1, lwd=3,  
        xlab="Cycle",  
        ylab="Count",  
        cex.lab=2)  
## Add a legend  
legend("topright",  
       legend=rownames(abc),  
       lty=1, lwd=3, col=1:5,  
       cex=1.8)
```



Sequencing: Essential packages and classes

- ▶ *Biostrings* and *DNAStringSet*
- ▶ *GenomicAlignments* and *GAlignments*
- ▶ *GenomicRanges* and *GRanges*
- ▶ *GenomicFeatures* and *TranscriptDb*
- ▶ *VariantAnnotation* and *VCF*
- ▶ Input and output: *rtracklayer* (WIG, BED, etc.), *Rsamtools* (BAM), *ShortRead* (FASTQ) file input

Principles: Some key points

- ▶ *R* is a high-level programming language, so lots can be accomplished with just a little code
- ▶ Packages such as *ShortRead* provide a great way to benefit from the expertise of others (and to contribute your own expertise back to the community!)
 - ▶ The path from 'user' to 'developer' is not that long, and has been taken by many!
- ▶ Objects and methods such as *data.frame*, *ShortReadQ* and *alphabetByCycle()* help to manage complicated data
 - ▶ Reducing possibility for clerical and other mistakes
 - ▶ Facilitating inter-operability between different parts of an analysis
- ▶ Scripts make work flows reproducible
- ▶ Visualizing data is an important part of exploratory analysis

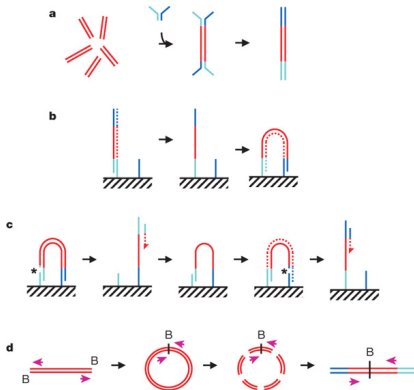
Principles: Successful computational biology software

1. Extensive: software, annotation, integration
 - ▶ 750 inter-operable *Bioconductor* packages
2. Statistical: volume, technology, experimental design
 - ▶ *R* a 'natural' for statistical analysis
3. Reproducible: long-term, multi-participant science
 - ▶ Objects, scripts, vignettes, packages, ... encourage reproducible research
4. Leading edge: novel, technology-driven
 - ▶ Packages and user community closely track leading edge science
5. Accessible: affordable, transparent, usable
 - ▶ *Bioconductor* is free and open, with extensive documentation and an active and supportive user community

Case study: differential expression of known genes; see also [reproducible research](#) lecture.

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Reads

Data Short reads and their qualities

Tasks Input, quality assessment, summary, trimming, ...

Packages *ShortRead*, *Biostrings*

Functions

- ▶ readFastq, FastqSampler, FastqStreamer.
- ▶ qa, report.
- ▶ alphabetFrequency, alphabetByCycle, consensusMatrix.
- ▶ trimTails, trimLRPatterns, matchPDict, ...

Alignments

Data BAM files of aligned reads

Tasks Input, BAM file manipulation, pileups

Packages *GenomicAlignments*, *Rsamtools* (also: *GenomicRanges*)

Functions

- ▶ `readGAlignments`
- ▶ `BamFile`, `BamFileList`
- ▶ `scanBam`, `ScanBamParam` (select a subset of the BAM file)
- ▶ `asBam`, `sortBam`, `indexBam`, `mergeBam`, `filterBam`
- ▶ `BamSampler`, `applyPileups`

Ranges

Data Genomic coordinates to represent data (e.g., aligned reads) or annotation (e.g., gene models).

Tasks Input, counting, coverage, manipulation, ...

Packages *GenomicRanges*, *IRanges*

Functions

- ▶ `readGAlignments`, `readGAlignmentsList`
- ▶ Many intra-, inter-, and between-range manipulating, e.g., `narrow`, `flank`, `shift`, `intersect`, `findOverlaps`, `countOverlaps`

Variants

Data VCF (Variant Call Format) file

Tasks Calling, input, summary, coding consequences

Packages *VariantTools* (linux only), *VariantAnnotation*,
ensemblVEP

Functions

- ▶ `tallyVariants`
- ▶ `readVcf`, `locateVariants`, `predictCoding`
- ▶ Also: SIFT, PolyPhen data bases

Annotations

Data Gene symbols or other identifiers

Tasks Discover annotations associated with genes or symbols

Packages *AnnotationDbi* (*org.**, *GO.db*, ...), *biomaRt*

Functions

- ▶ Discovery: columns, keytype, keys
- ▶ select, merge
- ▶ *biomaRt*: listMarts, listDatasets, listAttributes, listFilters, getBM

Features

Data Genomic coordinates

Tasks Group exons by transcript or gene; discover transcript / gene identifier mappings

Packages *GenomicFeatures* and *TxDb.** packages (also: *rtracklayer*)

Functions

- ▶ `exonsBy`, `cdsBy`, `transcriptsBy`
- ▶ `select` (see Annotations, below)
- ▶ `makeTranscriptDb*`

Genome annotations

Data FASTA, GTF, VCF, ... from internet resources

Tasks Define regions of interests; incorporate known features (e.g., ENCODE marks, dbSNP variants) in work flows

Packages *AnnotationHub*

Functions

- ▶ AnnotationHub, filters
- ▶ metadata, hub\$<tab>

Sequences

Data Whole-genome sequences

Tasks View sequences, match position weight matrices, match patterns

Packages *Biostrings*, *BSgenome*

Functions

- ▶ `available.genomes`
- ▶ `Hsapiens[["chr3"]]`, `getSeq`, `mask`
- ▶ `matchPWM`, `vcountPattern`, ...
- ▶ `forgeBSgenomeDataPkg`

Import / export

Data Common text-based formats, gff, wig, bed; UCSC tracks

Tasks Import and export

Packages *rtracklayer*

Functions

- ▶ `import`, `export`
- ▶ `browserSession`, `genome`

And...

Data representation: *IRanges*, *GenomicRanges*, *GenomicFeatures*, *Biostrings*, *BSgenome*, *girafe*. Input / output: *ShortRead* (fastq), *Rsamtools* (bam), *rtracklayer* (gff, wig, bed), *VariantAnnotation* (vcf), *R453Plus1Toolbox* (454). Annotation: *GenomicFeatures*, *ChIPpeakAnno*, *VariantAnnotation*. Alignment: *Rsubread*, *Biostrings*. Visualization: *ggbio*, *Gviz*. Quality assessment: *qrqc*, *seqbias*, *ReQON*, *htSeqTools*, *TEQC*, *Rolexa*, *ShortRead*. RNA-seq: *BitSeq*, *cqn*, *cummeRbund*, *DESeq*, *DEXSeq*, *EDASeq*, *edgeR*, *gage*, *goseq*, *iASeq*, *tweeDEseq*. ChIP-seq, etc.: *BayesPeak*, *baySeq*, *ChIPpeakAnno*, *chipseq*, *ChIPseqR*, *ChIPsim*, *CSAR*, *DiffBind*, *MEDIPS*, *mosaics*, *NarrowPeaks*, *nucleR*, *PICS*, *PING*, *REDseq*, *Repitools*, *TSSi*. Motifs: *BCRANK*, *cosmo*, *cosmoGUI*, *MotIV*, *seqLogo*, *rGADEM*. 3C, etc.: *HiTC*, *r3Cseq*. Copy number: *cn.mops*, *CNAnorm*, *exomeCopy*, *segmentSeq*. Microbiome: *phyloseq*, *DirichletMultinomial*, *clstutils*, *manta*, *mcaGUI*. Work flows: *ArrayExpressHTS*, *Genominator*, *easyRNASeq*, *oneChannelGUI*, *rnaSeqMap*. Database: *SRadb*. ...

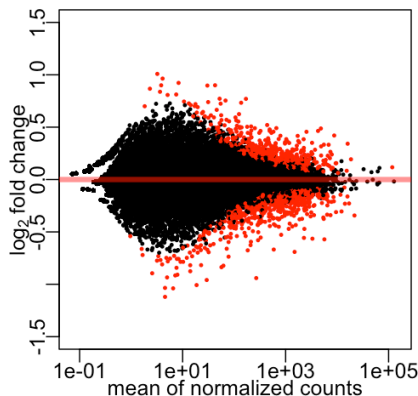
Exemplars: Algorithms to action

1. Batch effects
2. Methylation
3. RNA-seq Differential Representation
4. Visualization

Exemplar: Differential Representation

Haglund et al., 2012 J Clin Endocrin Metab

- ▶ Scientific finding: identify genes whose expression is regulated by estrogen receptors in parathyroid adenoma cells
- ▶ Statistical challenges: between-sample normalization; appropriate statistical model; efficient estimation; ...



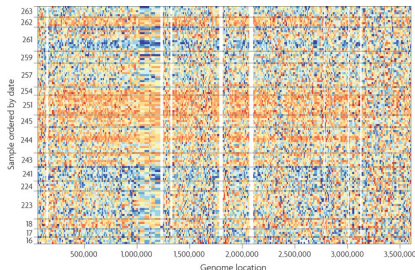
Bioconductor support: [DESeq2](#), [edgeR](#), many statistical 'lessons learned' from microarrays; extensive integration with down-stream tools

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Leek et al., 2010, Nature Reviews Genetics 11, 733-739, Leek & Story PLoS Genet 3(9): e161

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Bioconductor support: [sva](#)



Nature Reviews | Genetics

HapMap samples from one facility, ordered by date of processing. From

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 2. Identify subset of genes driving orthogonal signatures of EH
 3. Build a surrogate variable based on full EH signature of that subset
 4. Include significant surrogate variables as covariates

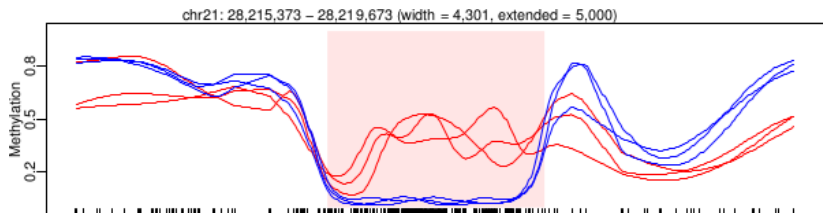
Bioconductor support: [sva](#)

EH: expression heterogeneity

Exemplar: Methylation

Hansen et al., 2011, Nature Genetics 43, 768-775

- ▶ Scientific finding: stochastic methylation variation of cancer-specific de-methylated regions (DMR), distinguishing cancer from normal tissue, in several cancers.
- ▶ Statistical challenges: smoothing, non-specific filtering, t statistics, find DMRs



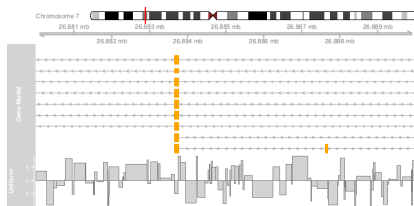
Bioconductor support: whole-genome (*bsseq*) or reduced representation (*MethylSeekR*) bisulfite sequencing; Illumina 450k arrays (*minfi*)

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- ▶ Data panels
- ▶ Fully integrated with *Bioconductor* sequence representations

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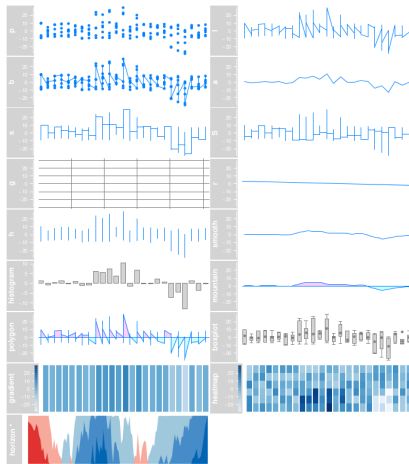


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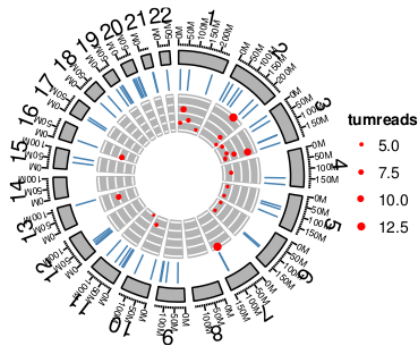


Exemplar: Visualization

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ggbio

- ▶ Comprehensive visualizations
- ▶ autoplot file and data types
- ▶ Fully integrated with *Bioconductor* sequence representations

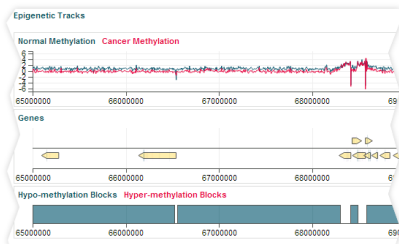
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Exemplar: Visualization

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epivizr

- ▶ Genome browser with socket communication to *R*
- ▶ Fully integrated with *Bioconductor* sequence representations



Challenges & Opportunities

- ▶ Big data – transparent management within *R*, facile use of established resources
- ▶ Developer and user training

Resources

- ▶ <http://r-project.org>, *An Introduction to R* manual; Dalgaard, *Introductory Statistics with R*; *R for Dummies*
- ▶ <http://bioconductor.org/>
- ▶ <http://rstudio.org>
- ▶ [StackOverflow](#), *Bioconductor mailing list*