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UMASS CCTS Seminar Series
The Bioinformatics Core
and
The Garber Lab

Manuel Garber
Nov 29th 2012
Plummeting cost of DNA sequencing

Estimated cost per Mb in large scale centers

Redefined the use of sequencing

~100,000X

Cost per Q20 megabase ($)
Illumina Length, quality, yield continue to improve

HiSeq

Base quality vs. Base position

Passing filter (%)

2007

2008

2009

0.56

2.87

15.19

46.17

260

HiSeq

36b  GAII  Jan. 2007

51b  GAII  Jan. 2008

76b  GAII  Jan. 2009

101b GAIIx  Jan. 2010

101b  Hiseq  April 2010
Two step approach – sequence is expensive

- Sequence once, a reference
- Build arrays to explore samples

Toolkits
- Affy/Agilent expression arrays
- Affy genotyping arrays
- Conservation databases

Achievements
- Reference human and other species genomes
- Reference transcriptome
- Reference variation map (HapMap)

Which has drastically change informatics, from
To DNA sequence being general purpose tool

- Normal human variation and association studies
- Human genetics and gene discovery
- Cancer genomics
  - Map translocations, CNVs, structural changes
  - Profile somatic mutations
- Genome assembly
  - Virus
  - Bacteria/fungi
  - Mammals
- Transcriptomics
  - Comprehensive genome annotation
  - Expression dynamics (DGE)
  - micro- and small RNAs
  - Immunogenomics
- Epigenomics
  - Map histone modifications
  - Map DNA methylation
- Polymorphism/mutation discovery (SNPs and structural)
  - Bacteria
  - Genome dynamics/directed evolution
  - Exon (and other target) sequencing
  - Disease gene sequencing
- Ancient DNA (Neanderthal)
- Pathogen discovery
- Metagenomics
  - Human microbiome
“The result is that the ability to determine DNA sequences is starting to outrun the ability of researchers to store, transmit and especially to analyze the data.”

“Data handling is now the bottleneck,” said David Haussler, director of the center for biomolecular science and engineering at the University of California, Santa Cruz. “It costs more to analyze a genome than to sequence a genome.”
Challenges of big data

- Large datasets are “easy”, “fast”, and “cheap” to generate. But they are time consuming and expensive to analyze.
- Looking at data is crucial to data analysis.
- Thinking about how to analyze the data is crucial.
- Data analysis involves many similar steps with only variations on the approach.

My Goal is to have a core focused on enabling sequence data analysis.
Steps for analyzing NGS data

Finding signal, what are my differentially expressed genes, which peaks are in samples vs. controls etc.

Data processing
Sequences → Mapping, assembly, peak calling, transcript quantification → tables, browser tracks

Data setup: format and make data accessible to bioinformatics programs

Biological insight
Most of the technical, computationally intensive is generic and “core”

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Maximum impact

**Biological Insight → Results, grants, papers**

- Eases data access and manipulation
- Implements best of breed, UMASS specific data processing pipelines
- Provides standard analysis options and supports analysis developed at UMASS
An informatics community around the core

Education:
- How to interpret processed data
- Statistics
- Visualization

Training sessions:
- Hands on training
- Consultation
- Q&A

Development
- New tools
- New pipelines

Community
- Regular presentations
- User discussion forum
Current Progress

• Bioinformatics seminar (We’ve had 2 so far, all are welcomed)
  – Occurs the second Friday of every month at 11:00 am
  – Two short talks
    • A computational talk:
      – Algorithm
      – Pipeline
      – Method
    • A data centric analysis:
      – An integrative analysis
      – A preliminary analysis that looks for feedback
      – Data from novel techniques

• Redesigned Website
  – Dynamic website with documentation on pipelines
  – Hot-ticketing system when users experience problems with core-supported pipelines

• One Hire and one more being recruited
• Listserv for online discussions: bioinfo@list.umassmed.edu
Short Term Goals

• Integrate user Galaxy and similar tools with the HPC cluster
• Implement standard pipelines for
  – RNA sequencing analysis
    • including small RNA
  – ChIP sequencing analysis
  – Variant calling from deep sequence or exome data
• Make this pipelines available through Galaxy so that most users can take advantage of them
A typical pipeline (e.g. RNA-Seq)

1. Upload your sequence data (fastq)
2. Align to the ribosome (Bowtie)
3. Align remaining reads to genome (TopHat)
4. Make report of quality metrics
5. Output ribosomal contamination metrics report
6. Produce RNA-Seq report
7. Produce IGV and UCSC friendly files
8. Produce a table with normalized expression values
9. Call differentially expressed genes (if multiple samples)
10. Report pairwise significant genes that are differentially expressed
Pipelines will be available in the HPCC cluster

- For those unafraid of UNIX, pipelines will be available to execute from the command line:
  - Write a script

```bash
#!/bin/bash
# Now set up some environment stuff
export PATH=/share/apps/bin:$PATH

tophat --num-threads 4 --GTF /seq/lincRNA/data/mm9.mrna.10.31.gtf --prefilter-multihits --output-dir ACTAAG.th1.4.1.g15 --segment-length 20 --max-multihits 15 /seq/lincRNA/data/mm9.nonrandom.bowtie
/seq/dcchip/mouse/DC/rnaSeq/DGE/hiseq_1-20-12/split_fqs/ACTAAG.fq

- And submit to the server farm

Of course not everyone is comfortable with UNIX and scripting!
And there is a solution for this ...
Goal: abstract the technical complexity, let labs leverage their intuition

Repeat analysis using different parameter settings
Specific analysis incorporating biological insight
Custom analysis
Custom figures
Writing my paper

Provides standard analysis options and supports analysis developed at UMASS

Implements best of breed, UMASS specific data processing pipelines

Eases data access and manipulation
Help for the last step

• Discussion:
  – Monthly meeting, 2nd Friday of every month at 11:00 am all are welcomed.
    • Next meeting: methods to annotate and quantify piRNAs
  – Mailing list: bioinfo@list.umassmed.edu

• Training:
  – Invited speakers:
    • Genome Space team (February)
    • R workshop (possibly in March)
    • Planning an RNA-Seq analysis workshop
  – Training on supported tools and methods

Questions on the bioninformatics core?
WHAT DOES MY LAB DO?
The genome encodes many different elements

- What is out there?
- Non-coding genes
  - Finding them
  - Characterizing function
  - Mechanism and evolution
- Regulatory elements
Each element set has a unique code

- Genetic Code
- Cis-regulatory code
- RNAi and miRNA codes
- RNA Code
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Our work

Estimate the “functional genome” by finding what is under selection

- Develop informatics tools for new methods
- Develop models of transcriptional regulation
- Develop models of epigenetic interactions
- Evolution of large non-coding RNAs
Project: Transcription regulation in DCs

How is this response controlled?

Amit, Garber et al, Science 2010
What are the direct targets of transcription factors?
Only possible with High throughput ChIP-Sequencing

Crosslink → Sonicate → Precipitate → Purify DNA → Indexed library → Sequence

Magnetic beads
Robot-automated
24 libraries/lane

Ido Amit
Systematic mapping of the DC LPS-response network

RNA-Seq, Pol-II ChIP (time-course of DC response to LPS)

Transcriptional analysis

Find the ~200 top expressed TF; identify key time-points

~300 Antibodies

Curated available reagents

QC

29 targets for ChIP-Seq

HT-ChIP

...
Dataset: temporal view of expression and state

85% of high scoring TF peaks fall within annotated cis-regulatory regions
An example: Stat1, a late induced gene

Stat1 expression

Stat1 expression is a combination of pre-binding and dynamic binding
Transcription factors control specific pathways

- **Inflammation:**
  - B, T activation
  - Anti-viral
  - Anti-apoptotic

- **Cell cycle**

What are the differences between sub-clusters?
Specific factors control amplitude of expression

Binding of stat1/2 controls inductions levels
Immediate early genes are highly bound

What are the differences between sub-clusters?
Immediate early gene programs
Current models under consideration

Two forms of regulation?

Late induced
Stat regulated

Immediate early
highly induced

Late response (stat regulated)

Early response

Two forms of regulation?
Regulatory modes are established hierarchically.

PU.1 coincides with or precedes Stat1 binding.
Conclusions and considerations

- A large fraction of binding exist prior to stimulus
- Immediate vs. late regulation is quite distinct:
  - Early induced genes regulators are more redundant
  - Late induced regulators are less redundant
  - Are the early inflammation pathways evolutionary more malleable?
- Factors act in layers, consistent with previous reports
- Genomic approaches like this are applicable to many systems
  - Protocols can handle smaller input material (Alon Goren, Oren Ram)
- Test models using a genome wide genetic screen
- Map TFs with no available antibodies
- Currently building maps of another 20 factors for which antibodies became available
Next steps: Perturbing each factor

TF binding map

Loss of function screen
An expensive proposition…

~100 genes KD * replicates = LARGE NUMBER of samples
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Cost/sample
10s 100s 1000s
RNASeq

#Genes assayed
10s 100s 1000s
microarray
fluidigm
nanostring
qPCR
Goal: Cheap RNA-Seq for quantification

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Full length RNA-Sequencing

Fragmentation

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Full length RNA-Sequencing

1. **Motivation**
2. **Protocol**
3. **Pipeline**
4. **Quantification**
5. **Diff Expr**
6. **Annotation**

**Fragmentation**

**Library construction**

**Adapter**

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5' End RNA-Seq

Fragmentation

3' End RNA-Seq

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5' exonuclease

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Multiplexed library construction

Motivation  Protocol  Pipeline  Quantification  Diff Expr  Annotation
End RNA-Seq

**5' End RNA-Seq**

- Fragmentation
- 5' exonuclease
- Adapter barcode
- Multiplexed library construction
- 5'RNA end sequencing

**3' End RNA-Seq**

- Heat Fragmentation
- PolyA selection
- Multiplexed library construction
- 3'RNA end sequencing

12-16 samples per lane
Current work: Generating timecourses of KDs
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Automation, High Throughput protocols

Oren Ram, Alon Goren
ChIP String, Low input, many interactions

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Nir Yosef
A non-canonical binder: Runx1

Mechanism unknown, different partner? Different complex?
Understanding the cis-regulome

Loss of function screen

TF binding map
Early inflammatory genes are smaller, have larger enhancers and are farther away from other genes.
Figure S1 (part-I)

A

B

C

D

Traditional ChIP-Seq

HT-ChIP-Seq

$R^2 = 0.96$

Zfp36

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Polli_30

Polli_60

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**Figure S1 (part-III)**