

# Clinical and Research Genomics

## Lecture 04 & 06

### RNA-Sequencing, Epitranscriptomes, and Single Cells

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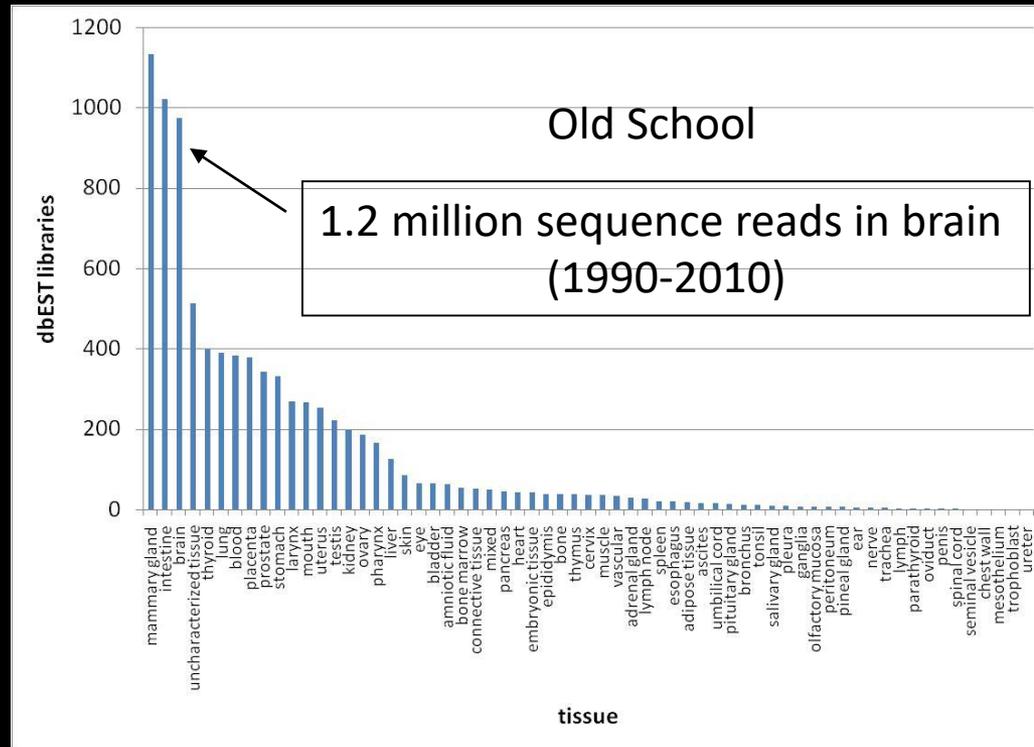
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Epigenome

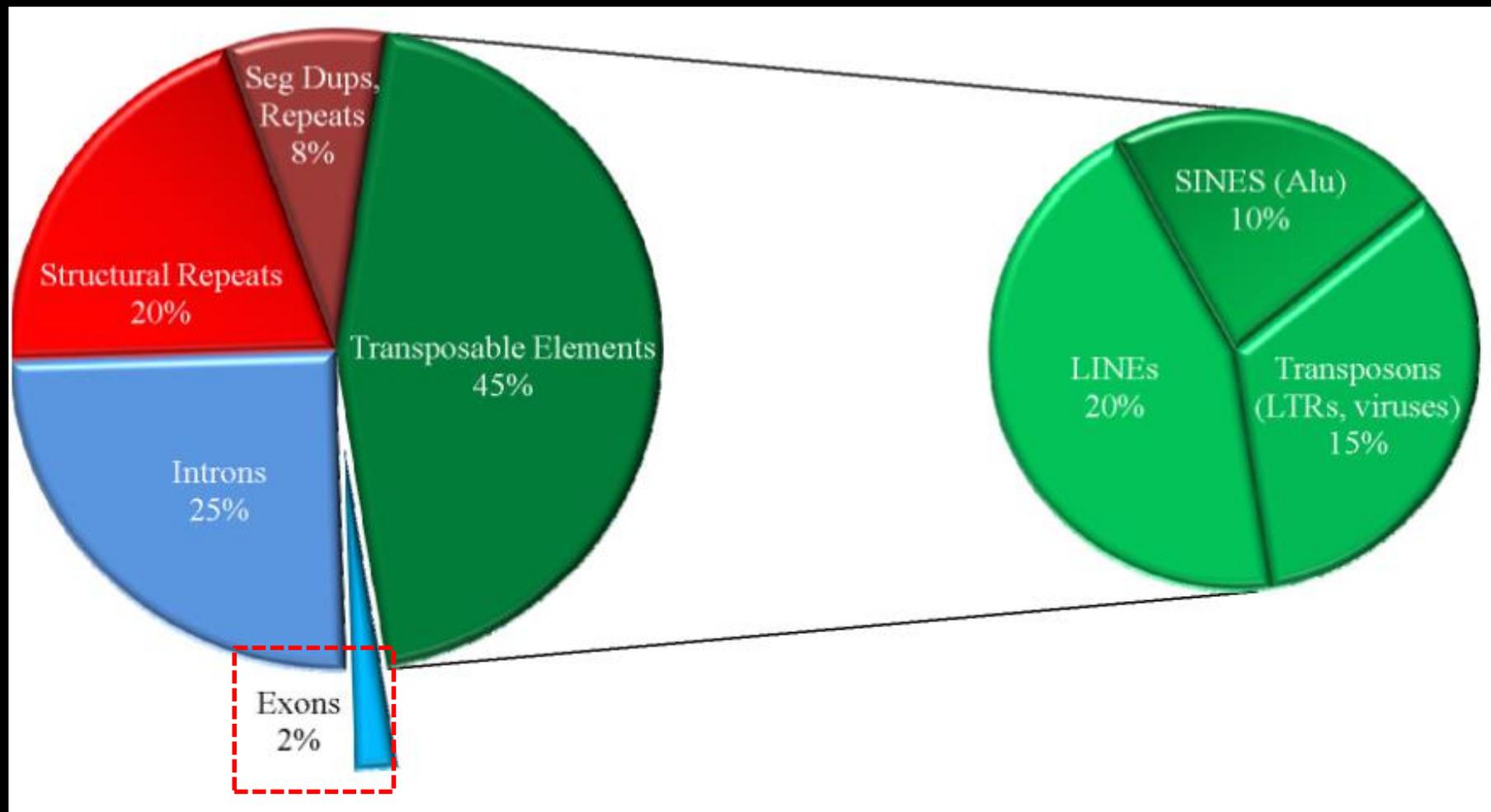


We can observe  
many, many more molecules than before

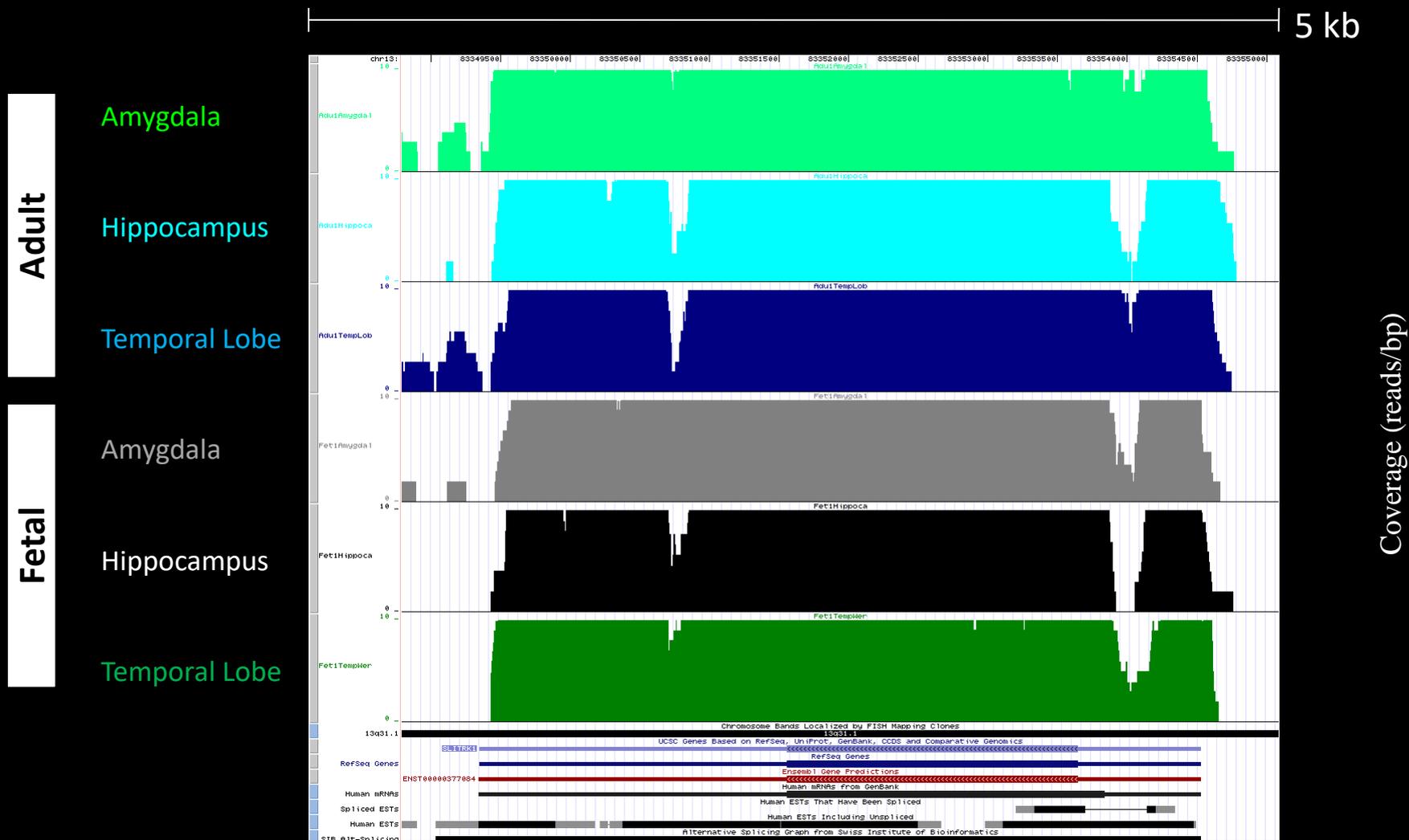


New School:  
One run of a NGS machine = billions of sequence reads in days

# The Annotation/Composition of the Human Genome



# Validation of known Gene Boundaries



# Find Longer Isoforms

63 kb

Adult

Amygdala

Hippocampus

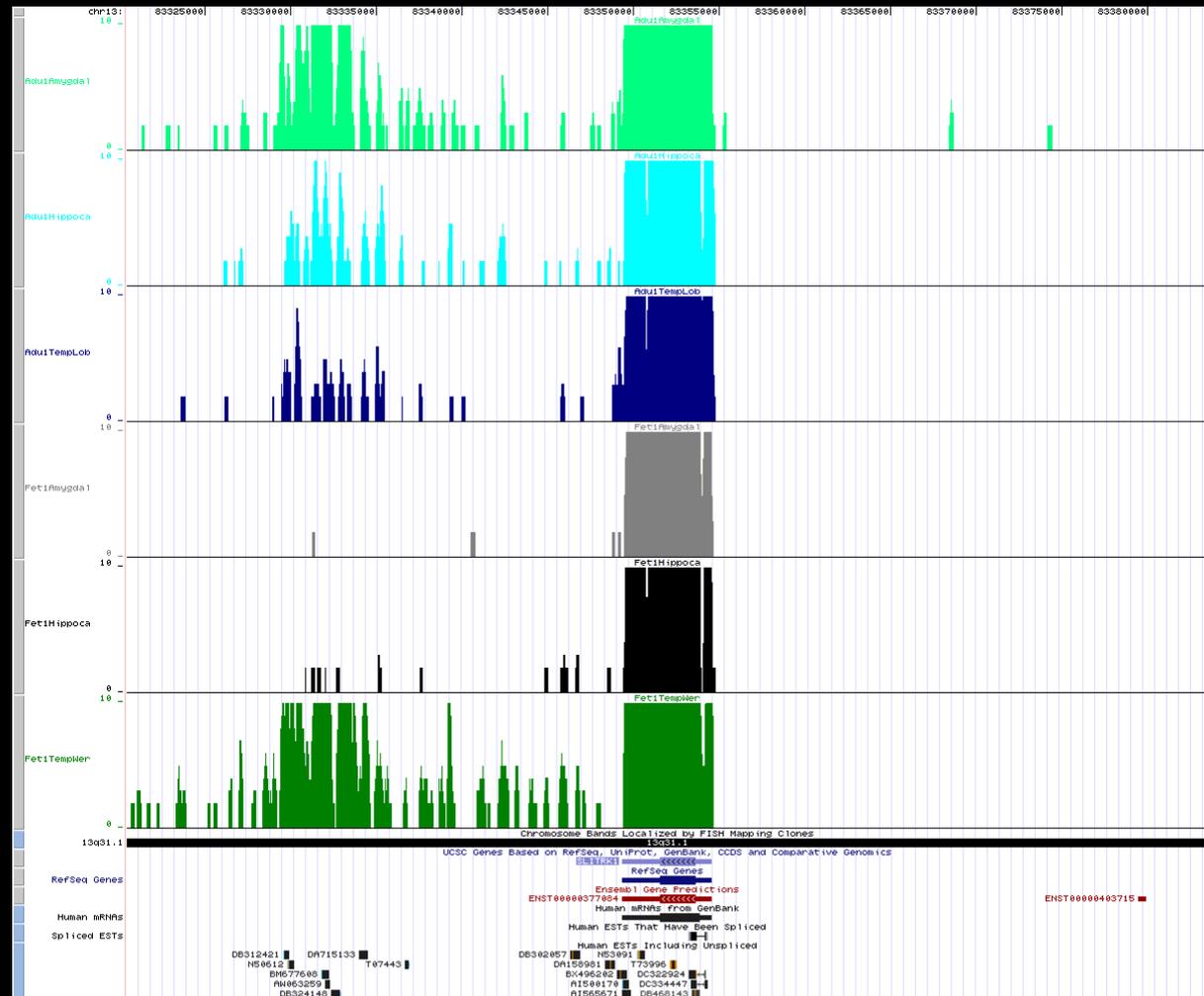
Temporal Lobe

Fetal

Amygdala

Hippocampus

Temporal Lobe



Coverage (reads/bp)

# Find New Genes

2Mb

Adult

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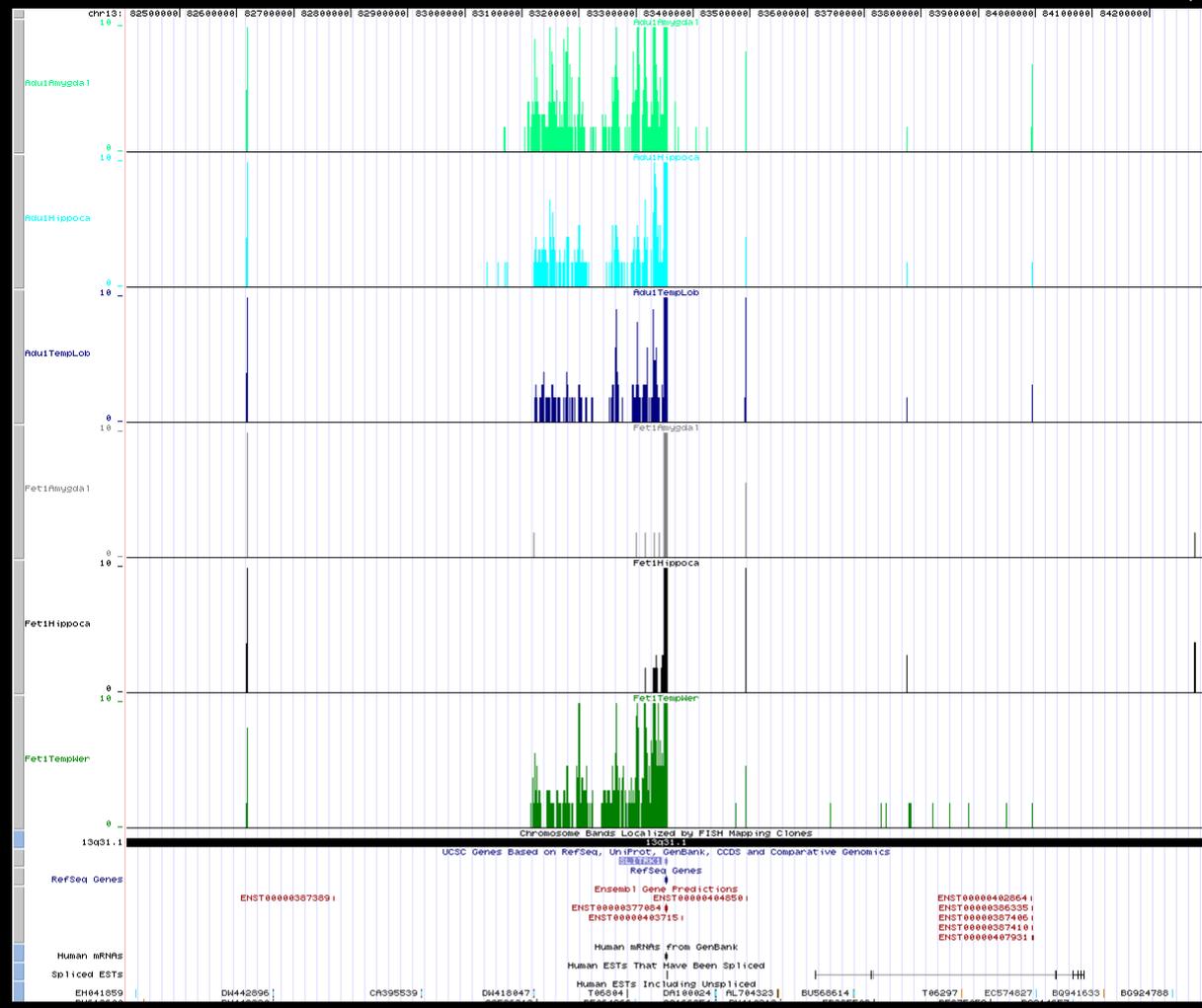
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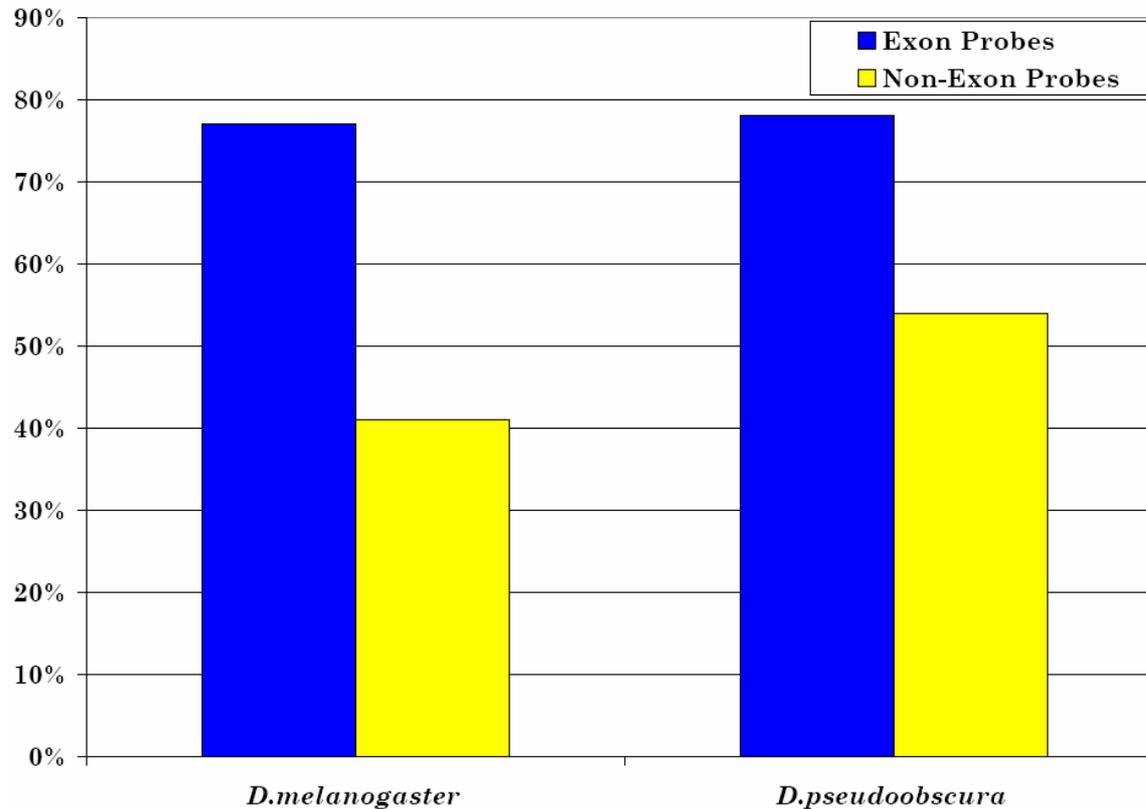
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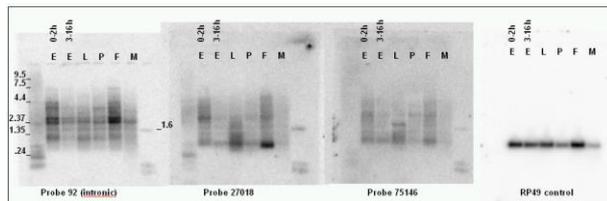


Coverage (reads/bp)

# About Half of the Noncoding Genome is Transcriptionally Active



Mason, 2006



Stolc, Gauhar, Mason et al, *Science*, 2004

Humans: 47% (Schadt *et al.*, 2004)

Arabidopsis: 51% (Yamada *et al.*, 2003)

# The transcriptome's potential complexity is vast

Exons	Variants	Junctions
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1 1 0

2 3 1

3 7 3

4 15 6

5 31 10

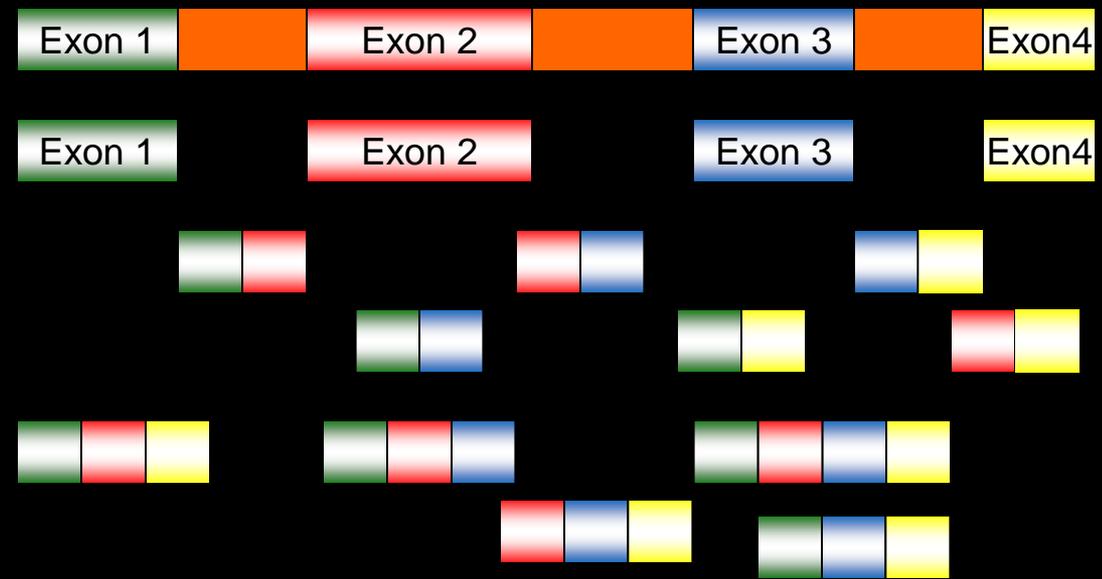
6 63 15

7 127 21

8 255 28

$$2^{n-1}$$

$$\frac{n(n-1)}{2}$$



- exon4
- exon1
- exon2
- exon3
- exon1-exon2
- exon1-exon3
- exon2-exon3
- exon1-exon2-exon3
- exon1-exon4
- exon2-exon4
- exon3-exon4
- exon1-exon2-exon4
- exon1-exon3-exon4
- exon2-exon3-exon4
- exon1-exon2-exon3-exon4

$8 \times 10^{83}$  theoretical transcript combinations  
 $8 \times 10^{80}$  atoms in the universe  
*( $1^{59}$  atoms/star,  $1^{11}$  stars/galaxy,  $1^{10}$  galaxies)*

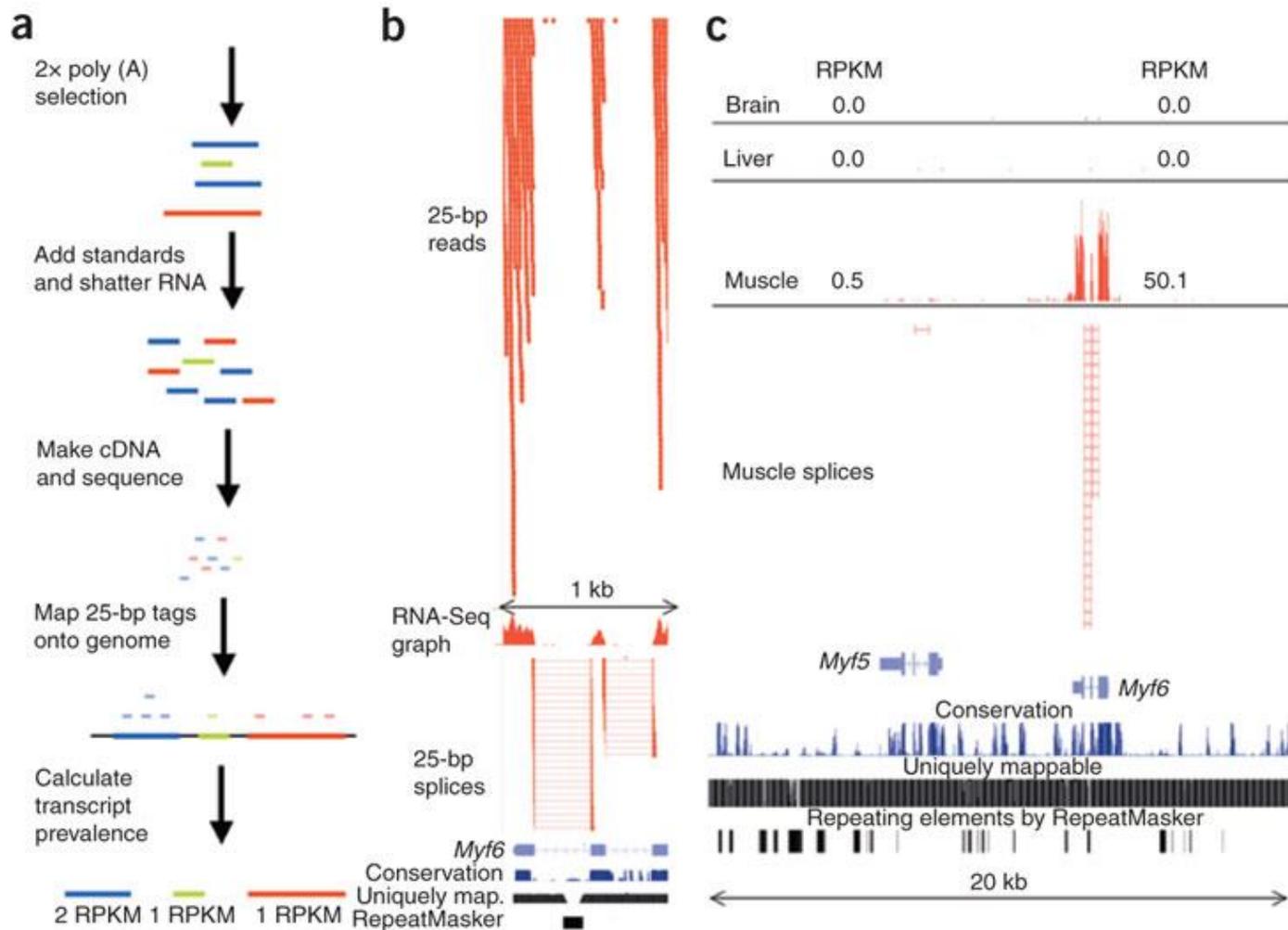
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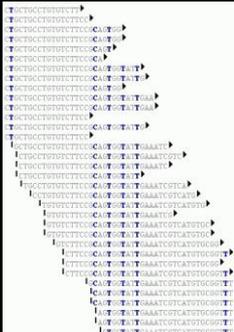
Development

# Mapping and quantifying mammalian transcriptomes by RNA-Seq

Ali Mortazavi<sup>1,2</sup>, Brian A Williams<sup>1,2</sup>, Kenneth McCue<sup>1</sup>, Lorian Schaeffer<sup>1</sup> & Barbara Wold<sup>1</sup>



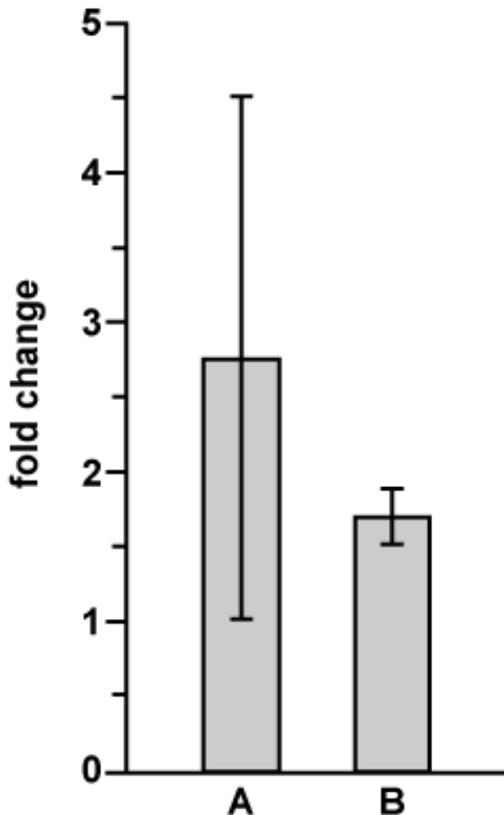
# Can RNA-Seq replace microarrays?



RNA-Seq: An assessment of technical reproducibility and comparison with gene expression arrays

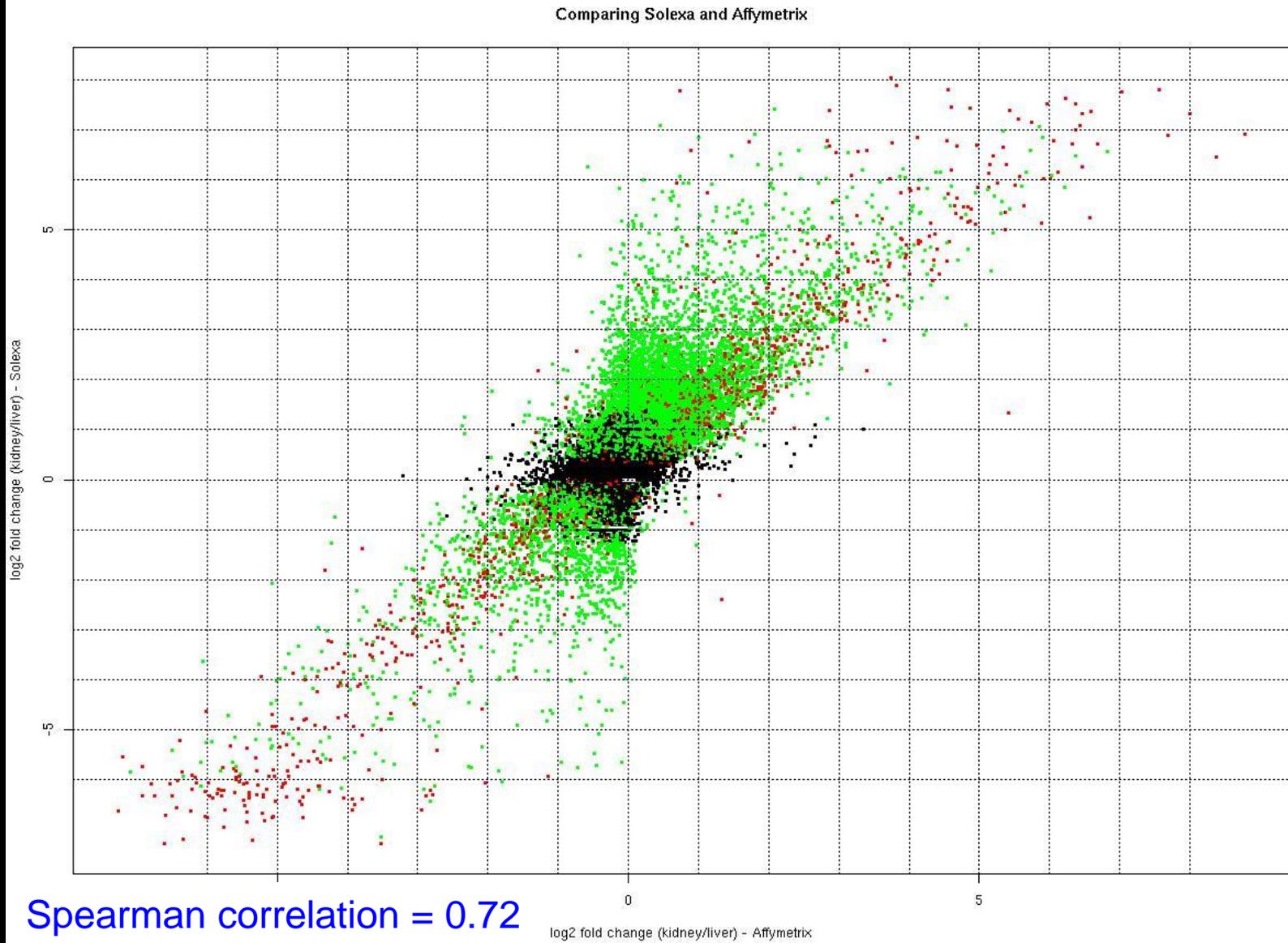
# Data Analysis: What genes are differentially expressed?

- Early days—fold change cutoffs (e.g., 2x difference or better)
- not a very satisfying approach:
  - doesn't take into account variance
  - misses any small changes

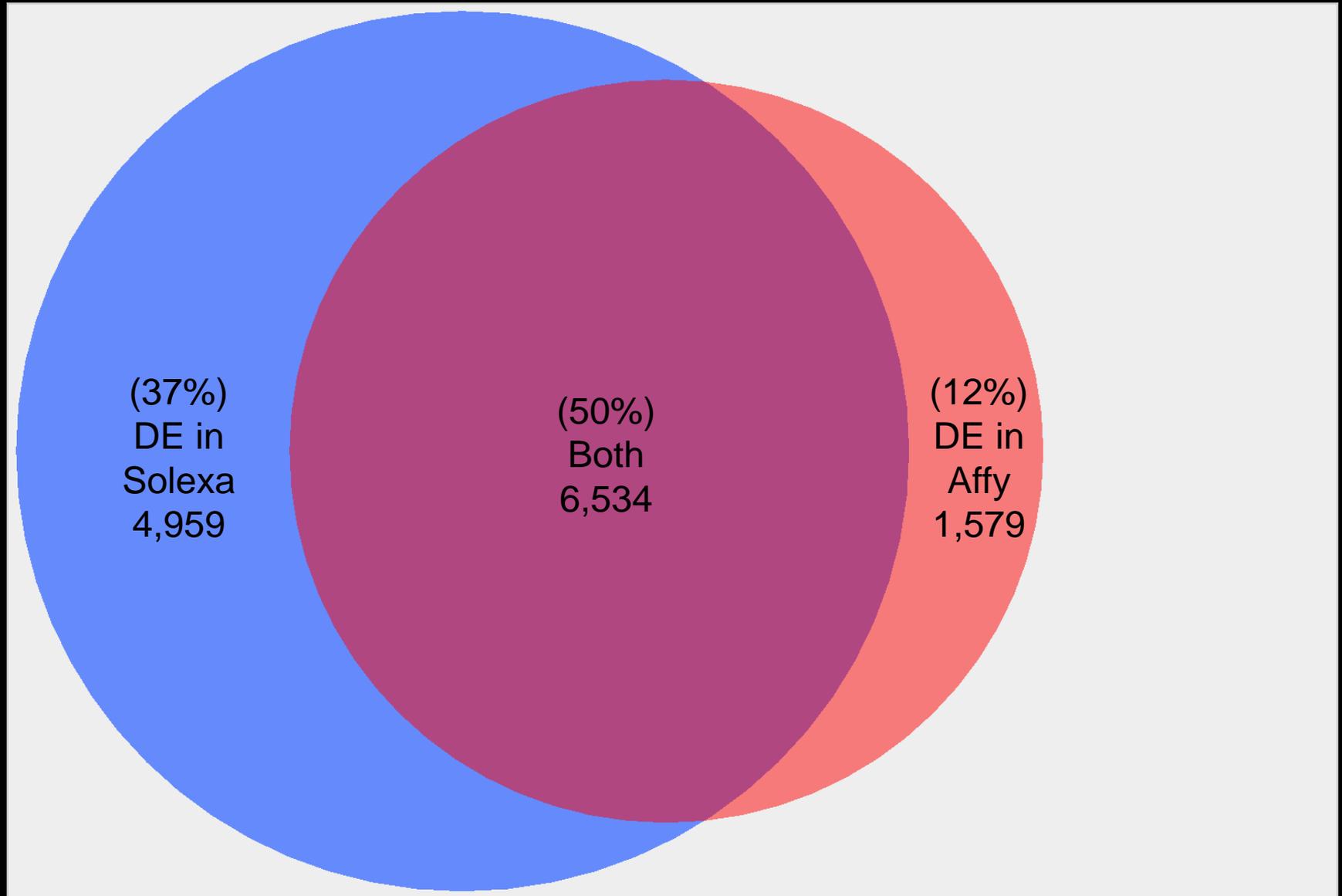


Here, “A” has a fold change  $>2.5$ , but varies greatly between replicate experiments. “B” has a fold change of only 1.75, but changes reliably each time the experiment is performed.

# Comparing GA and Affy arrays



# 13,072 Differentially Expressed (DE) Genes

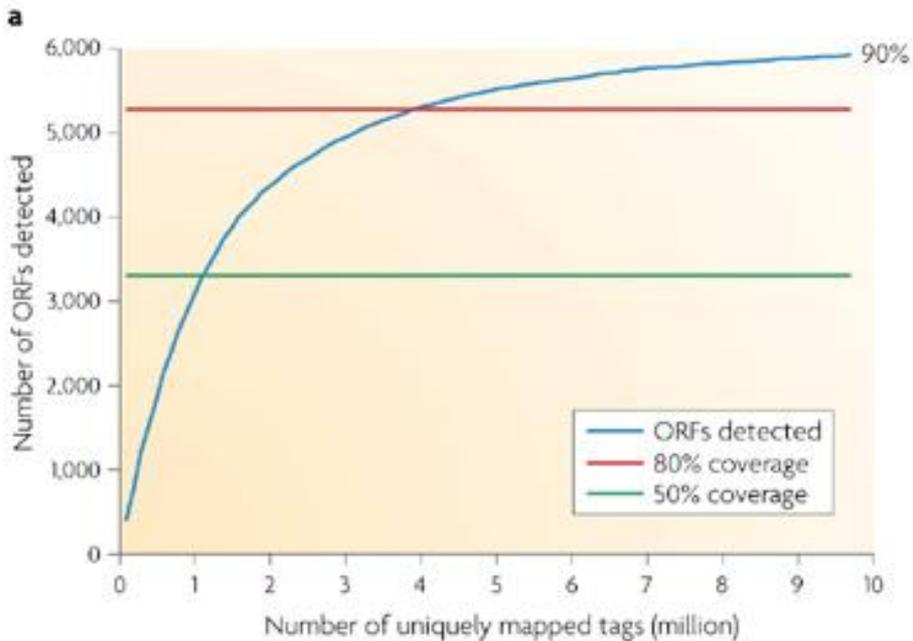


# Coverage Requirements: How many lanes/plates/wells?

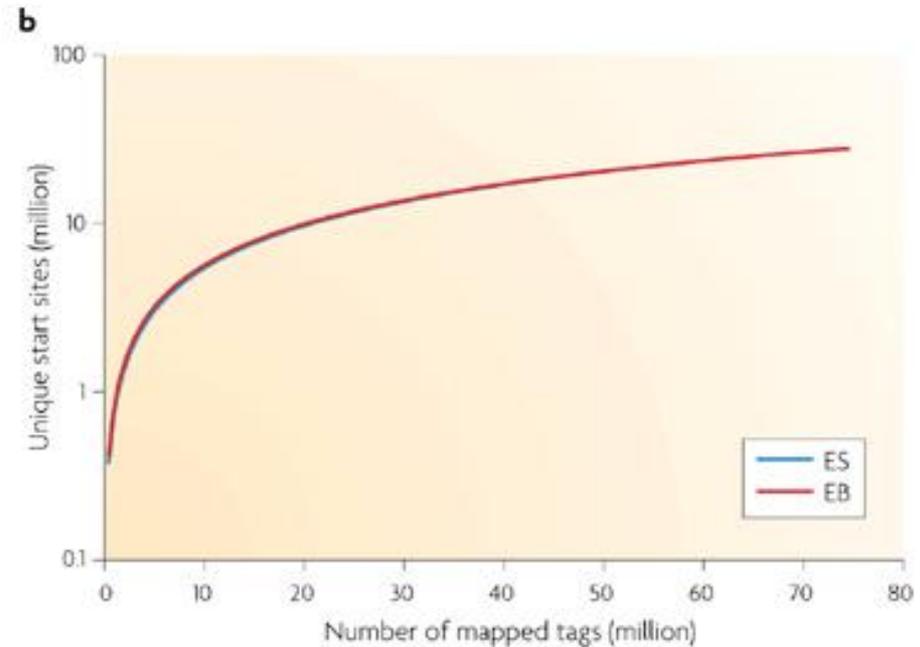
Depends on:

1. Read Length
2. Size of Transcriptome
3. Complexity of Transcriptome
4. Cellular Heterogeneity of Tissue
5. Biological Variance
6. Errors (random and systematic)

# But, coverage Requirements depend on your species



Yeast



Mouse

Nature Reviews | Genetics

# Metric for RNA-Seq Expression

RPKM:

Reads per Kilobase per Million Reads

Normalizes for (1) gene size and (2) sequencing depth  
(~0.1-1 transcript/cell)

$$\text{RPKM} = \frac{N \text{ reads}}{1 \text{ gene}} \times \frac{1 \text{ gene}}{B \text{ bp}} \times \frac{1000 \text{ bp}}{1 \text{ Kb}} \times \frac{1 \text{ Million reads}}{Y \text{ total reads}}$$

Y = (exons, introns, intergenic reads)

FPKM=fragments-PKM  
is for paired-end data

Mortazavi, Williams, *et al.*  
*Nature Methods*, 2008

# RPKM, FPKM, TPM

## **RPKM:**

- 1.Count up the total reads in a sample and divide that number by 1,000,000 – this is our “per million” scaling factor.
- 2.Divide the read counts by the “per million” scaling factor. This normalizes for sequencing depth, giving you reads per million (RPM)
- 3.Divide the RPM values by the length of the gene, in kilobases. This gives you RPKM.

## **TPM:**

- 1.Divide the read counts by the length of each gene in kilobases. This gives you reads per kilobase (RPK).
- 2.Count up all the RPK values in a sample and divide this number by 1,000,000. This is your “per million” scaling factor.
- 3.Divide the RPK values by the “per million” scaling factor. This gives you TPM.

# TPM normalizes data across replicates better

## RPKM vs TPM

RPKM

Gene Name	Rep1 RPKM	Rep2 RPKM	Rep3 RPKM
A (2kb)	1.43	1.33	1.42
B (4kb)	1.43	1.39	1.42
C (1kb)	1.43	1.78	1.42
D (10kb)	0	0	0.009

... the sums of each column are very different.

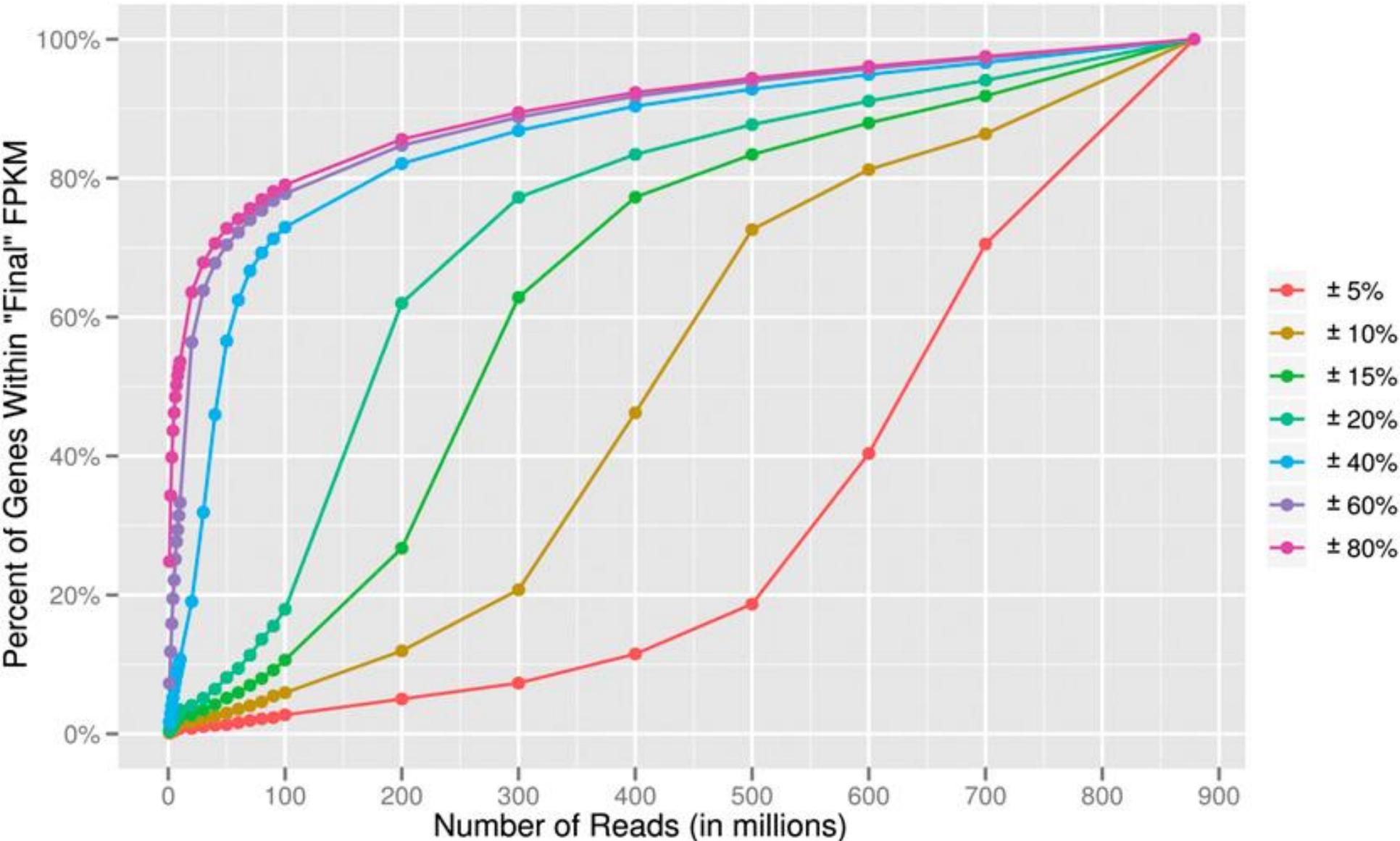
Total: 4.29      4.5      4.25

TPM

Gene Name	Rep1 TPM	Rep2 TPM	Rep3 TPM
A (2kb)	3.33	2.96	3.326
B (4kb)	3.33	3.09	3.326
C (1kb)	3.33	3.95	3.326
D (10kb)	0	0	0.02

Total: 10      10      10

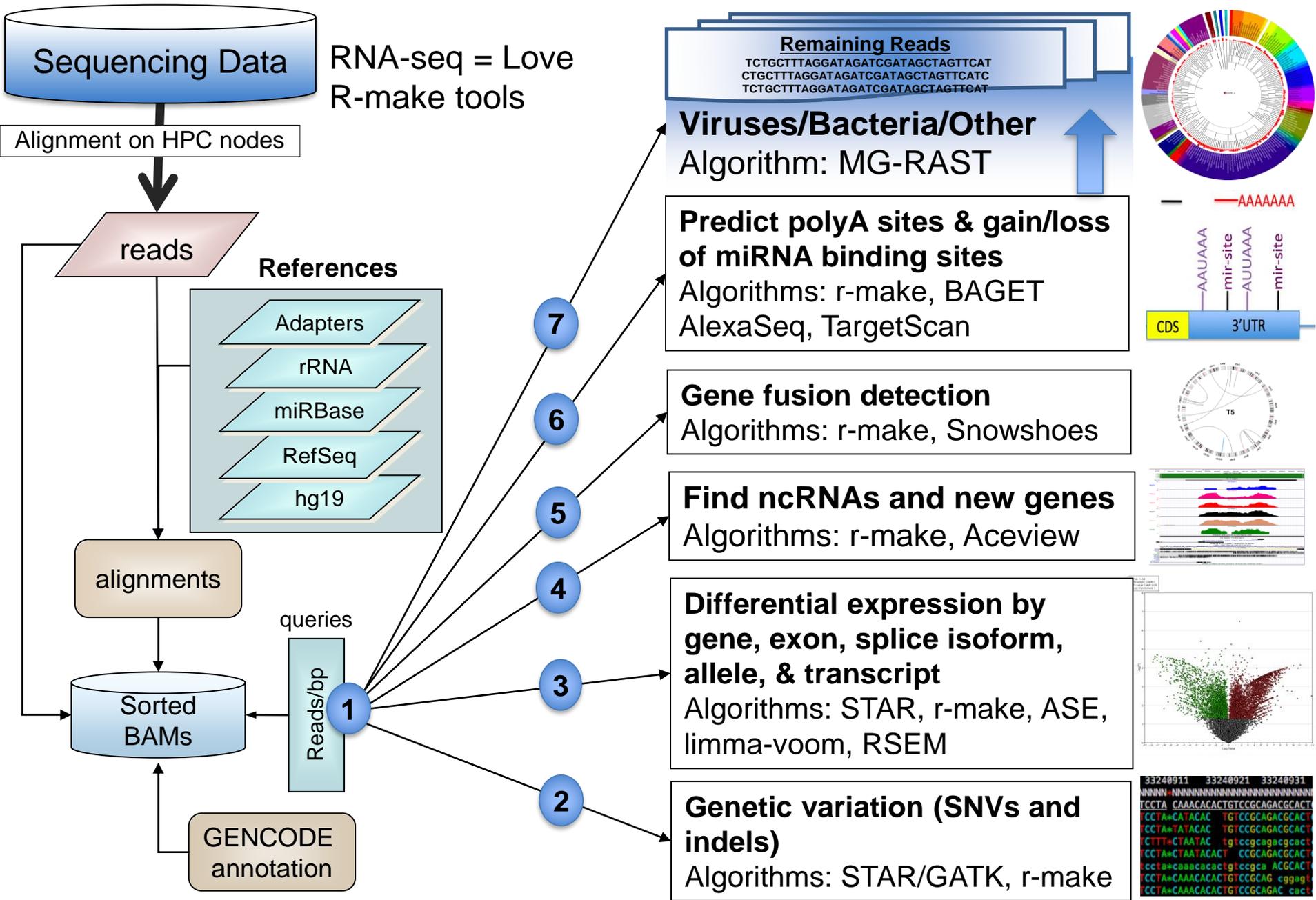
# Accurate gene quantification requires greater depth than gene discovery



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Tools &  
Standards

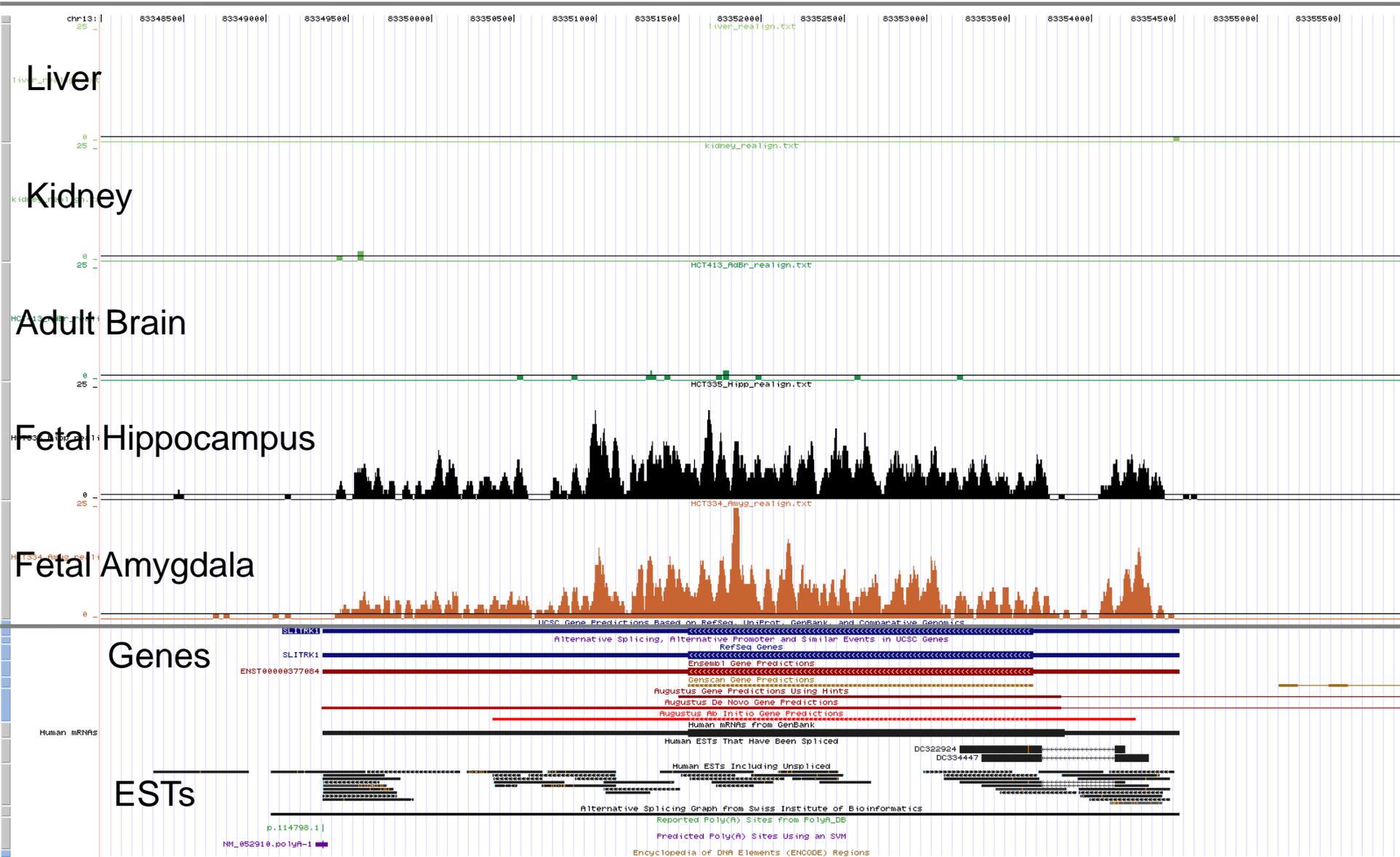
**RNA-Seq and all its flavors  
create excitement**



**But!**

**There is some noise**

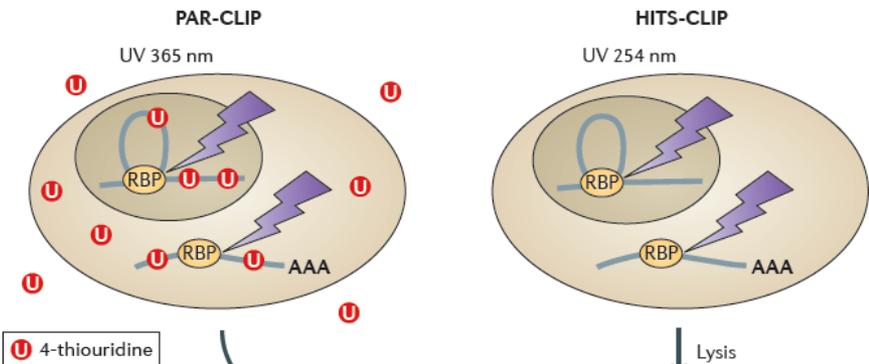
# What is the source of the wiggles?



# The Dirty Dozen: $\geq$ 12 Sources of Technical Noise in RNA-Seq

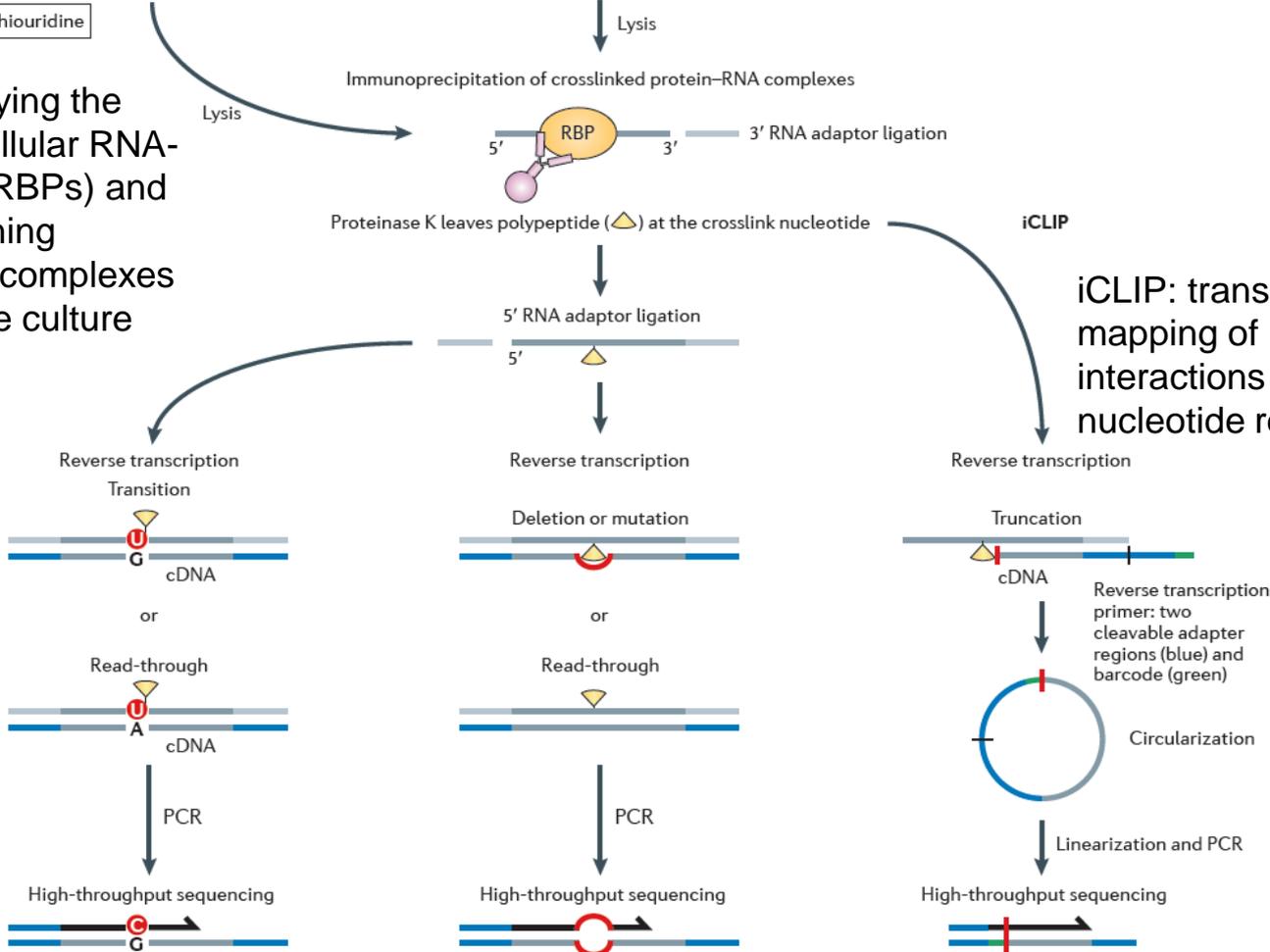
- (1) RNA integrity:** Sample purity or degradation
- (2) Sample RNA complexity:** polyA RNA, total RNA, miRNA
- (3) cDNA synthesis:** random hexamer vs. polyA-primed
- (4) Library isolation:** Gel excision vs. column
- (5) Technical Errors:** Machine, Site, Lane, Technician, Library Size
- (6) Amplification Cycles or Methods:** NuGen, Tn5, Phi29
- (7) Input amount:** (1, 10, 100, 1000 cells)
- (8) Algorithms:** for alignment and assembly
- (9) Fragment size distribution:** Paired-End, Single-End (adaptors)
- (10) Ligation Efficiency:** Multiplexing/Barcoding and RNA ligases
- (11) Depth of Sequencing:** cost/benefit point
- (12) RNA fragmentation:** cation, enzymatic

# Comparison of HITS-CLIP and its latest variants, PAR-CLIP and iCLIP



**HITS-CLIP: genome-wide means of mapping protein-RNA binding sites in vivo.**

**PAR-CLIP: identifying the binding sites of cellular RNA-binding proteins (RBPs) and microRNA-containing ribonucleoprotein complexes (miRNPs) in tissue culture cells.**



**iCLIP: transcriptome-wide mapping of protein-RNA interactions with individual nucleotide resolution.**

# Which type of RNA?

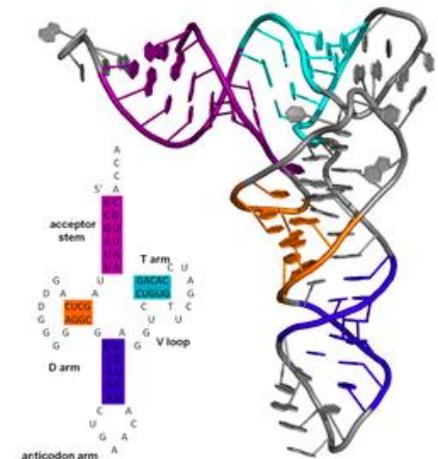
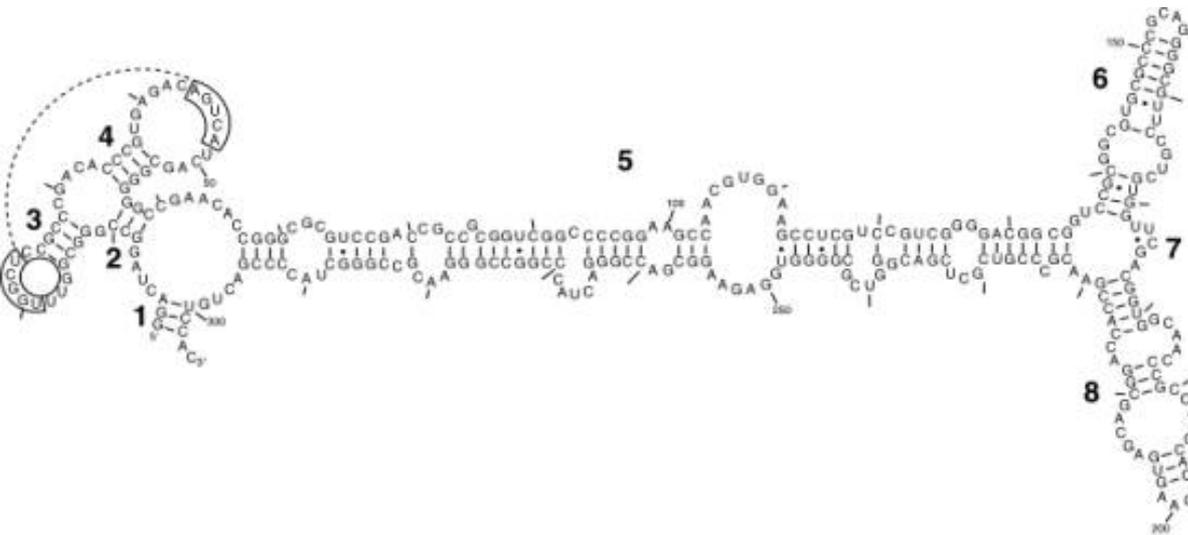
Type	Abbreviation	Function	Organisms
7SK RNA	7SK	negatively regulating CDK9/cyclin complex	metazoans
Signal recognition particle RNA	7SRNA	Membrane integration	All organisms
Antisense RNA	aRNA	Regulatory	All organisms
CRISPR RNA	crRNA	Resistance to parasites	Bacteria and Archaea
Guide RNA	gRNA	mRNA nucleotide modification	Kinetoplastid mitochondria
Long noncoding RNA	lncRNA	XIST (dosage compensation), HOTAIR (cancer)	Eukaryotes
MicroRNA	miRNA	Gene regulation	Most eukaryotes
Messenger RNA	mRNA	Codes for protein	All organisms
Piwi-interacting RNA	piRNA	Transposon defense, maybe other functions	Most animals
Repeat associated siRNA	rasiRNA	Type of piRNA, transposon defense	Drosophila
Retrotransposon	retroRNA	self-propagation	Eukaryotes and some bacteria
Ribonuclease MRP	RNase MRP	rRNA maturation, DNA replication	Eukaryotes
Ribonuclease P	RNase P	tRNA maturation	All organisms
Ribosomal RNA	rRNA	Translation	All organisms
Small Cajal body-specific RNA	scaRNA	Guide RNA to telomere in active cells	Metazoans
Small interfering RNA	siRNA	Gene regulation	Most eukaryotes
SmY RNA	SmY	mRNA trans-splicing	Nematodes
Small nucleolar RNA	snoRNA	Nucleotide modification of rRNAs	Eukaryotes and Archaea
Small nuclear RNA	snRNA	Splicing and other functions	Eukaryotes and Archaea
Trans-acting siRNA	tasiRNA	Gene regulation	Land plants
Telomerase RNA	telRNA	Telomere synthesis	Most eukaryotes
Transfer-messenger RNA	tmRNA	Rescuing stalled ribosomes	Bacteria
Transfer RNA	tRNA	Translation	All organisms
Viral Response RNA	viRNA	Anti-viral immunity	C. elegans
Vault RNA	vRNA	self-propagation	Expulsion of xenobiotics
Y RNA	yRNA	RNA processing, DNA replication	Animals

Zumbo and Mason

Genome Analysis: Current Procedures and Applications, 2014.

# RNAs can have structure/function all their own

- mFOLD/sFOLD
- RNAMotifScan
- RNAfold



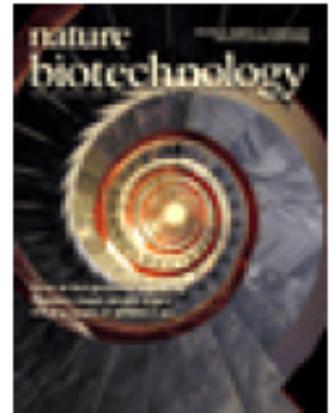
# And - which one do we use?

## Technologies Bifurcate into two main realms:

Optical Sequencing					
Platform	Instrument	Template Preparation	Chemistry	Average Length	Longest Read
Illumina	HiSeq2500	BridgePCR/cluster	Rev. Term., SBS	100	150
Illumina	HiSeq2000	BridgePCR/cluster	Rev. Term., SBS	100	150
Illumina	MiSeq	BridgePCR/cluster	Rev. Term., SBS	250	300
GnuBio	GnuBio	emPCR	Hyb-Assist Sequencing	1000*	64,000*
Life Technologies	SOLID5500	emPCR	Seq. by Lig.	75	100
LaserGen	LaserGen	emPCR	Rev. Term., SBS	25*	100*
Pacific Biosciences	RS	Polymerase Binding	Real-time	1800	15,000
454	Titanium	emPCR	PyroSequencing	650	1100
454	Junior	emPCR	PyroSequencing	400	650
Helicos	Heliscope	none	Rev. Term., SBS	35	57
ZS Genetics	N/A	Atomic Labeling	Electron Microscope	N/A	N/A
Halcyon Molecular	N/A	N/A	Direct Observation of DNA	N/A	N/A

Electrical Sequencing					
Platform	Instrument	Template Preparation	Chemistry	Average Length	Longest Read
IBM DNA Transistor	N/A	none	Microchip Nanopore	N/A	N/A
Nabsys	N/A	none	Hyb-Assisted Nanopore (HANS)	N/A	N/A
Life Technologies	PGM	emPCR	Semi-conductor	150	300
Life Technologies	Proton	emPCR	Semi-conductor	300*	500*
Life Technologies	Proton2	emPCR	Semi-conductor	400*	800*
Oxford Nanopore	MinION	none	Protein Nanopore	1000*	10,000*
Oxford Nanopore	GridION2K	none	Protein Nanopore	1000*	500,000*
Oxford Nanopore	GridION3K	none	Protein Nanopore	1000*	500,000*

# *Nature Biotechnology's* Call for Action



Editorial, *Nature Biotechnology*, October 2008

“... a related endeavor that would help better benchmark the different next-generation sequencing technologies would be to carry out an initiative similar to the Microarray Quality Control [MAQC] consortium where different platforms would be compared against one another as well as against DNA microarrays or quantitative PCR.”

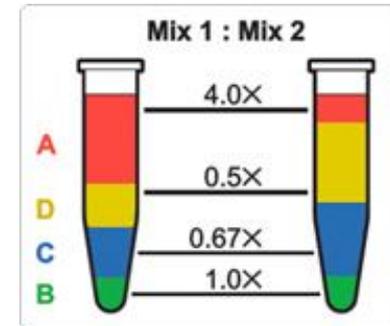
**There is some hope from at least five places:**

- 1. ABRF-NGS Study Consortium**
- 2. FDA's SEQC (MAQC-III) Group**
- 3. ENCODE's RGASP**
- 4. RIKEN's FANTOM**
- 5. NIST's ERCCs**
- 6. GEUVADIS Consortium**

**But only the first two have data to address technical questions of RNA-Seq**

# What are ERCCs?

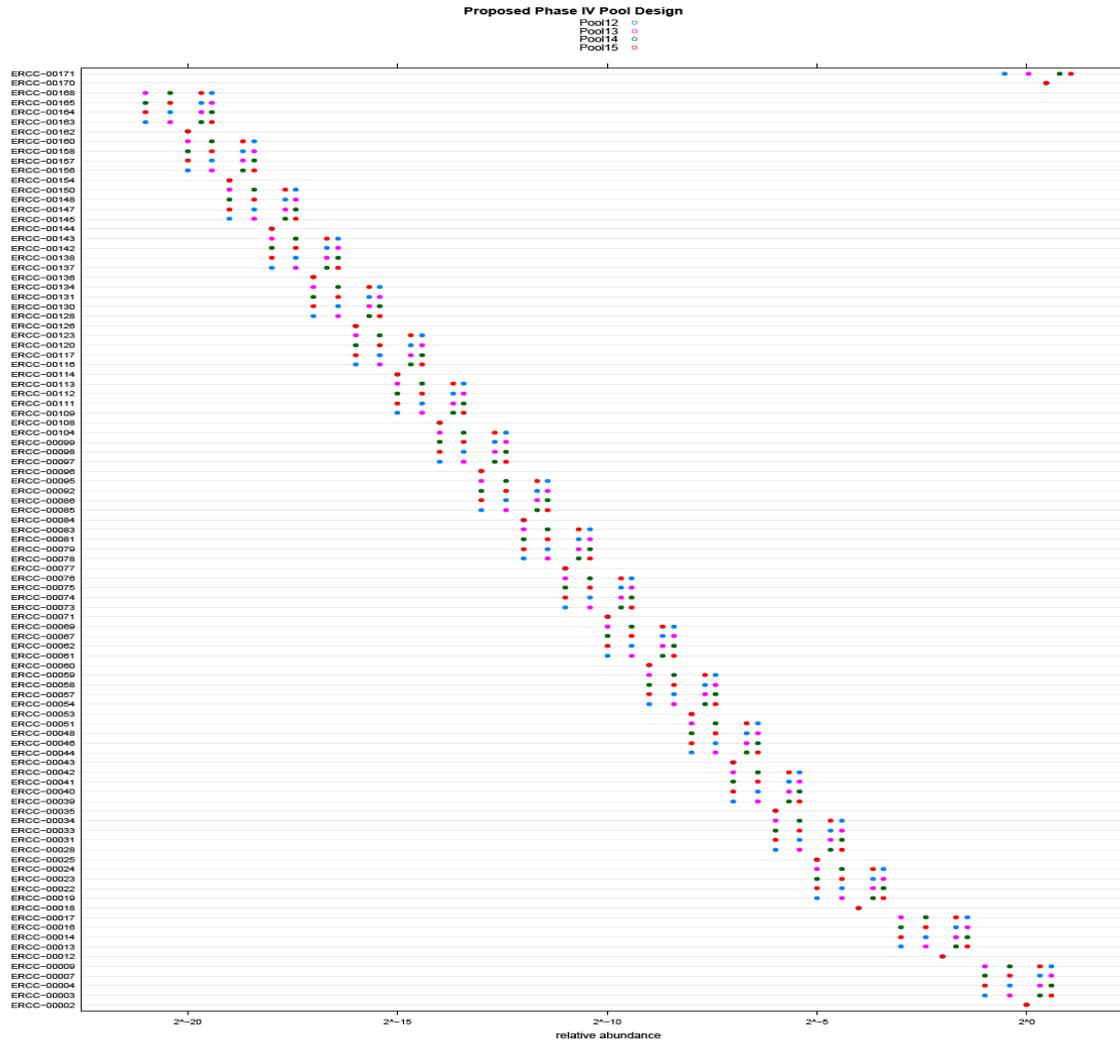
## ERCC Spike-In Mixes with synthetic RNAs From Ambion (ERCC=External RNA Control Consortium)



*“Ambion® ERCC Spike-In Control Mixes are commercially available, pre-formulated blends of **92 transcripts**, derived and traceable from NIST-certified DNA plasmids. The transcripts are designed to be **250 to 2,000 nt** in length, which mimic natural eukaryotic mRNAs.*

*With two spike-in mix formulations (Spike-In Mix 1 and Spike-In Mix 2), various measurements can be examined to assess different parameters in an experiment or across experiments. Measurements are determined via known molar concentrations for each transcript within a spike-in mix and through association of the two mixes (using **a combination of ratios across 4 different subgroups of the 92 transcripts**). Furthermore, expression fold-change ratios between two samples can be calculated with a high degree of confidence using the highly concordant relationship between ExFold RNA Spike-In 1 and ExFold RNA Spike-In 2.”*

From any species of RNA (left), you can examine it relative to another RNA molecular at a different concentration (x-axis), covering a  $2^{20}$  dynamic range



# Samples of the MAQC, SEQC and ABRF-NGS Study

## Stratagene Universal Human Reference RNA (UHRR)

**A**

### 10 CELL LINES

- LIVER 
- LIPOSARCOMA 
- BRAIN 
- SKIN 
- BREAST 
- TESTIS 
- CERVIX 
- T-LYMPHOCYTE 
- B-LYMPHOCYTE 
- MACROPHAGES 

2 tubes  
200 µg each



*RNA ISOLATION: equal quantities of total RNA from each cell line were pooled together*



Courtesy of Dr. Gavin Fischer (Stratagene)

<http://www.stratagene.com/manuals/740000.pdf>

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## Ambion Human Brain Reference RNA (HBRR)

**B**

Age	Sex	Race
68	M	Caucasian
59	F	Caucasian
63	M	Caucasian
73	F	Caucasian
59	F	Caucasian
23	M	Caucasian
81	M	Caucasian
84	F	Caucasian
54	M	Caucasian
79	M	Caucasian
61	M	Unknown
86	M	Caucasian
85	F	Caucasian
78	F	Caucasian
81	M	Caucasian
70	M	Caucasian
55	M	Caucasian
74	F	Caucasian
60	M	Caucasian
59	F	Caucasian
54	M	Caucasian
86	F	Caucasian
80	F	Caucasian

Different **B**rain regions from 23 donors.

50 µg  
200 µg  
2.5 mg



<http://www.ambion.com/catalog/CatNum.php?6050>

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# SEQC Samples = MAQC A,B,C,D with ERCC spike-ins

**Stratagene Universal Human Reference RNA (UHRR)** **(A)**

10 CELL LINES

- LIVER
- LIPOBLASTOMA
- BRN1
- SKNSH
- TESTIS
- CERVIX
- TELYPHOCTE
- ELYPHOCTE
- MACROPHAGE

2 tubes  
200 µg each

RNA ISOLATION: equal quantities of total RNA from each cell line were pooled together.

STRATAGENE  
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Courtesy of Dr. Steve Parker (Stratagene) <http://www.stratagene.com/stratene/710000.pdf>

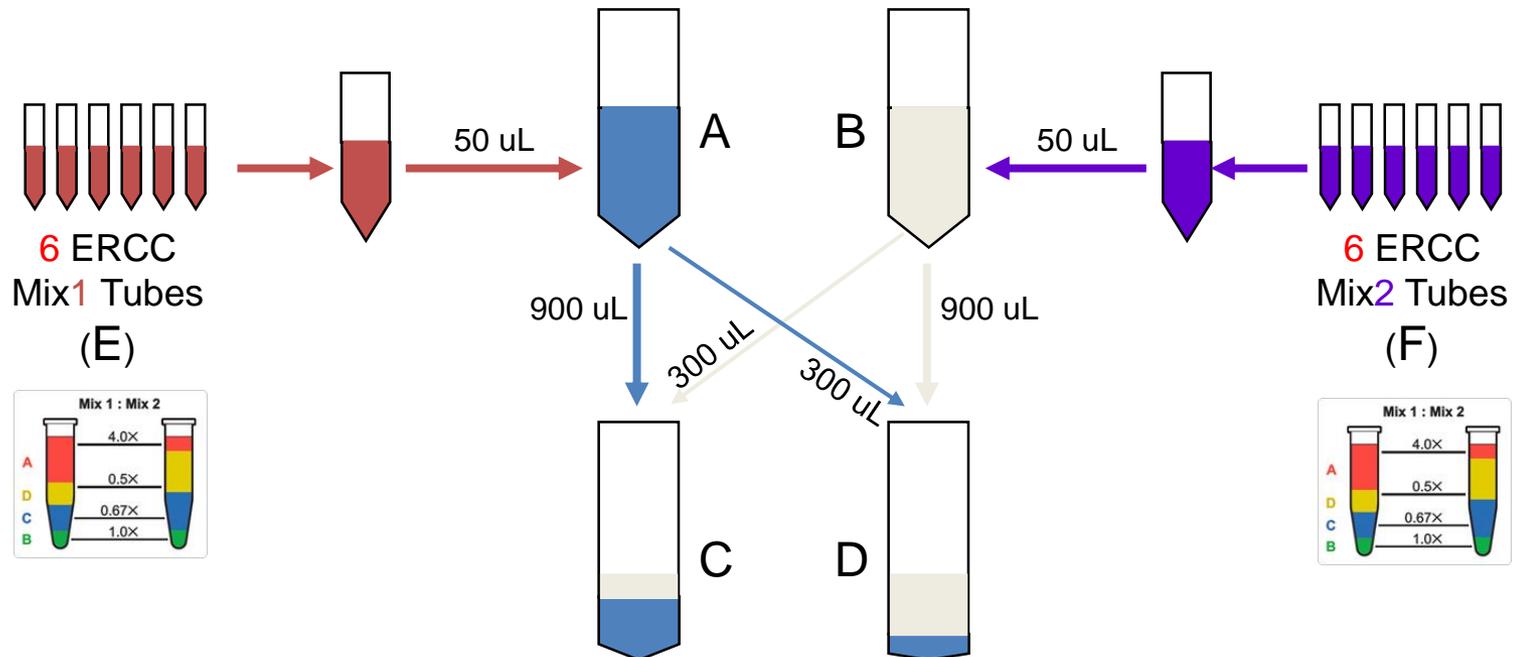
**Ambion Human Brain Reference RNA (HBRR)** **(B)**

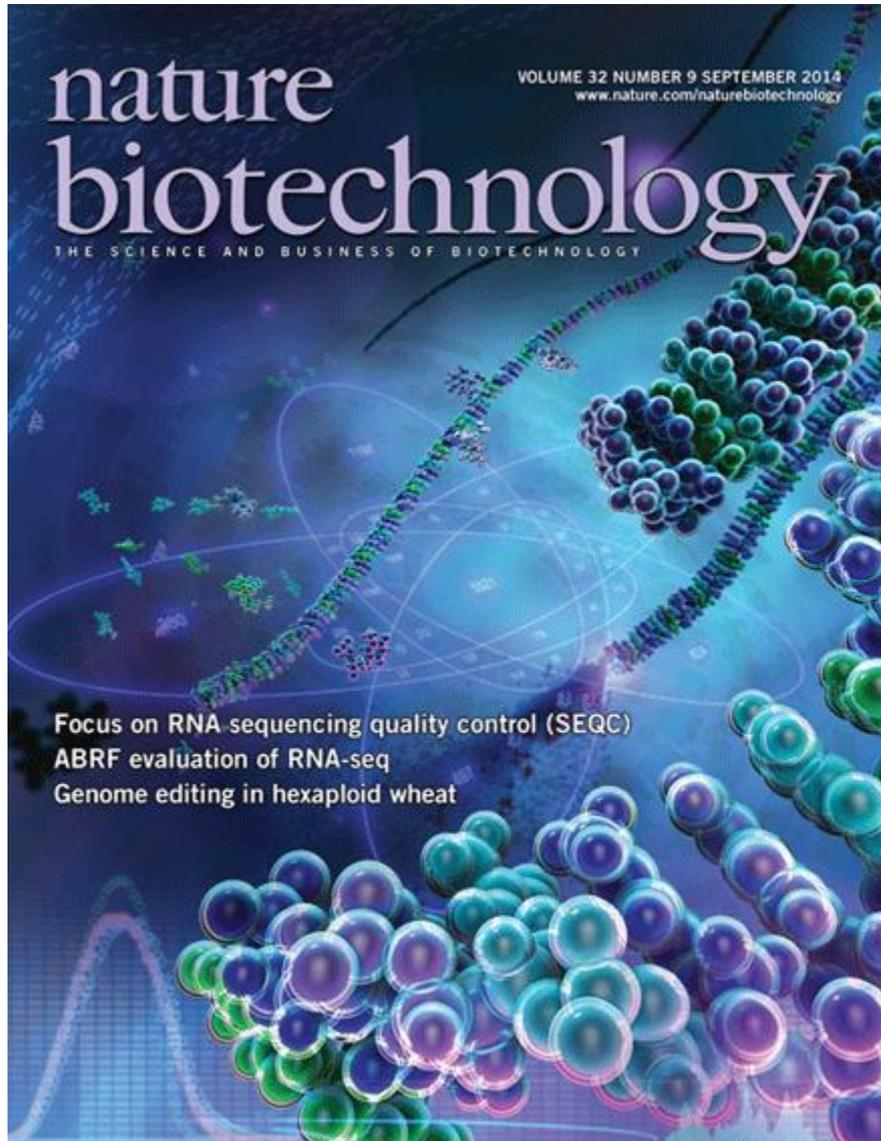
Age	Sex	Brain
66	M	Caudate
72	F	Caudate
73	F	Caudate
74	F	Caudate
77	M	Caudate
84	M	Caudate
14	M	Caudate
17	M	Caudate
20	M	Caudate
25	F	Caudate
26	M	Caudate
30	M	Caudate
35	M	Caudate
40	M	Caudate
45	F	Caudate
50	M	Caudate
55	F	Caudate
60	M	Caudate
65	F	Caudate
68	M	Caudate
70	F	Caudate

Different Brain regions from 23 donors.

50 µg  
200 µg  
2.5 mg

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## Current Results Phase I: RNA Standards

ARTICLES

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### Multi-platform assessment of transcriptome profiling using RNA-seq in the ABRF next-generation sequencing study

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High-throughput RNA sequencing (RNA-seq) greatly expands the potential for genomics discoveries, but the wide variety of platforms, protocols and performance capabilities has created the need for comprehensive reference data. Here we describe the Association of Biomolecular Resource Facilities next-generation sequencing (ABRF-NGS) study on RNA-seq. We carried out replicate experiments across 15 laboratory sites using reference RNA standards to test four protocols (poly-A-selected, ribo-depleted, size-selected and degraded) on five sequencing platforms (Illumina HiSeq, Life Technologies PGM and Proton, Pacific Biosciences RS and Roche 454). The results show high intraplatform (Spearman rank  $R > 0.86$ ) and inter-platform ( $R > 0.83$ ) concordance for expression measures across the deep-count platforms, but highly variable efficiency and cost for splice junction and variant detection between all platforms. For intact RNA, gene expression profiles from rRNA-depletion and poly-A enrichment are similar. In addition, rRNA depletion enables effective analysis of degraded RNA samples. This study provides a broad foundation for cross-platform standardization, evaluation and improvement of RNA-seq.

Li S, et al. *Nat Biotechnol.* 2014 Sep;32(9):915-925.  
doi: 10.1038/nbt.2972. Epub 2014 Aug 24. PMID: 25150835

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The main banner features the text "Now Publishing" and "nature plants" on a green background with a collage of plant images. Below this, the "nature biotechnology" logo is displayed on a dark green background with a circuit-like pattern. A search bar with a "go" button and a link to "Advanced search" is positioned at the bottom right of the banner.

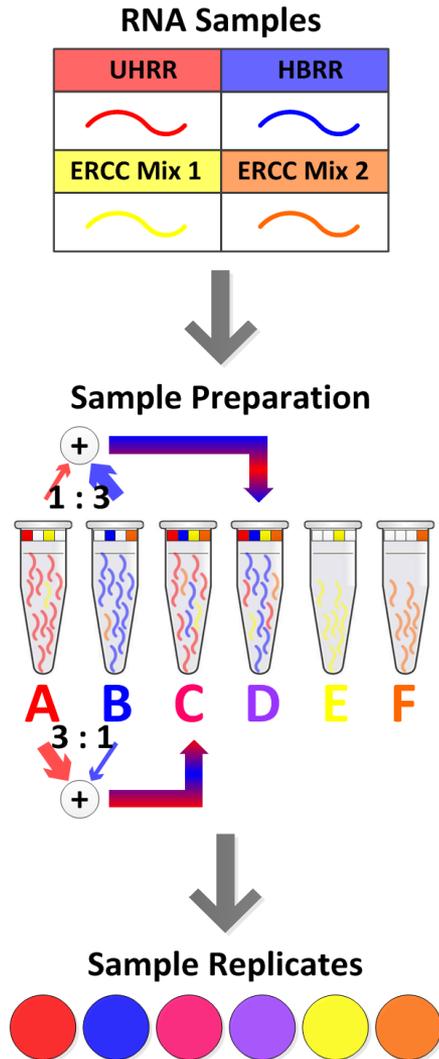
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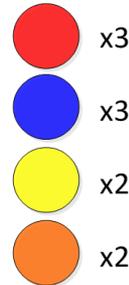
# ABRF-NGS study



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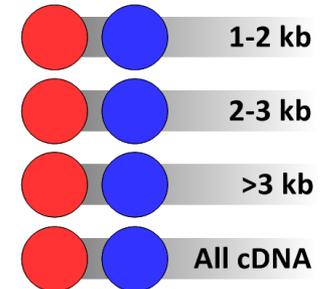
3 Sites



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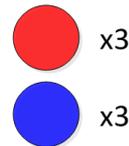
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**Life Tech. Ion Proton**



3 Sites

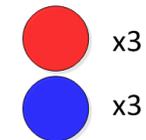


**Illumina HiSeq 2000**



5 Sites

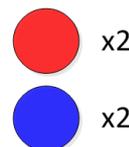
(polyA Selection)



**Roche 454 FLX**

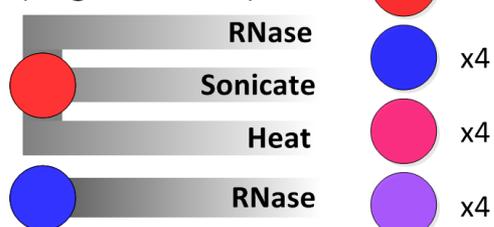


3 Sites



2 Sites

(Degraded RNA)



1 Sites

(Ribo. Reduction)



# Error models

highly variable among  
platforms

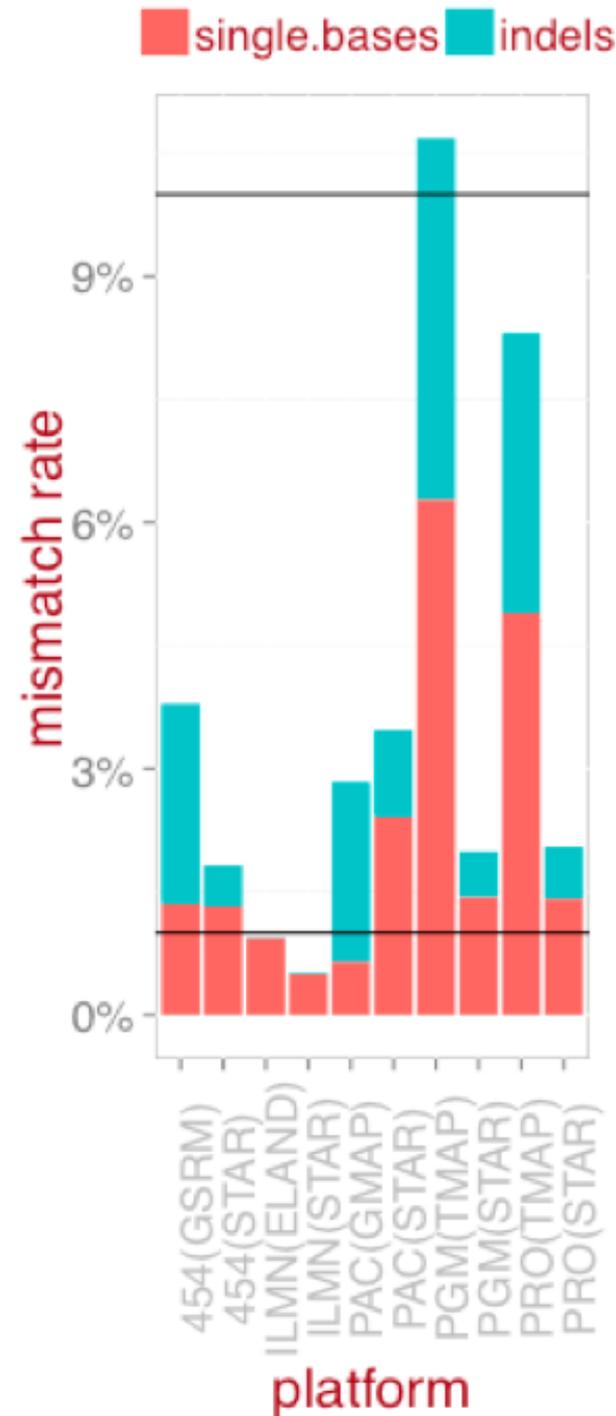
454: Roche 454 GS FLX+

ILMN: Illumina HiSeq 2000/2500

PAC: Pacific Biosciences RS I

PGM: Ion Personal Genome Machine

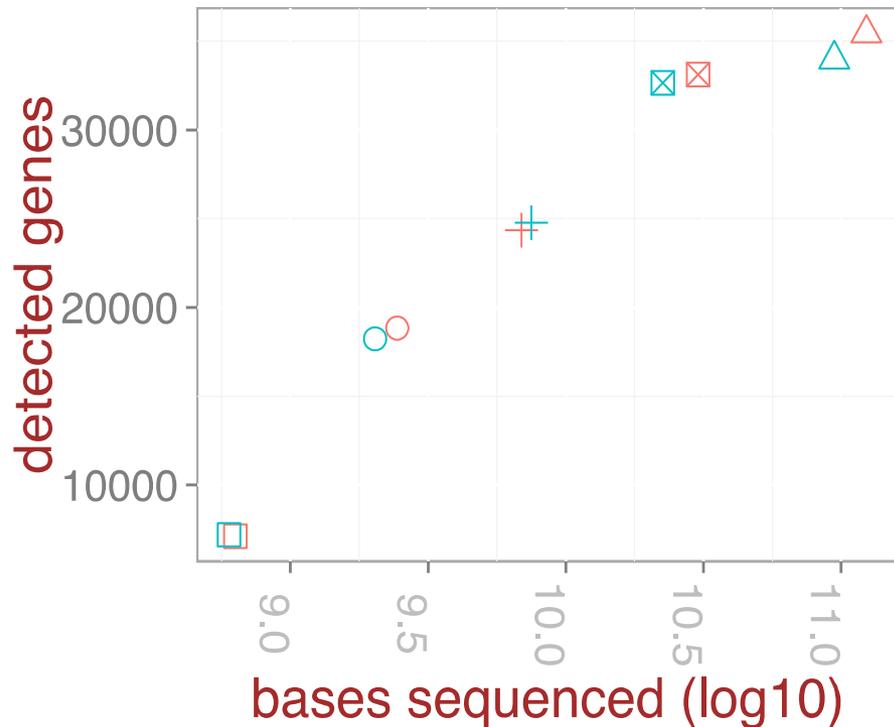
PRO: Ion Torrent Proton



# Genes detection is log-linear; Junction detection is length-dependent

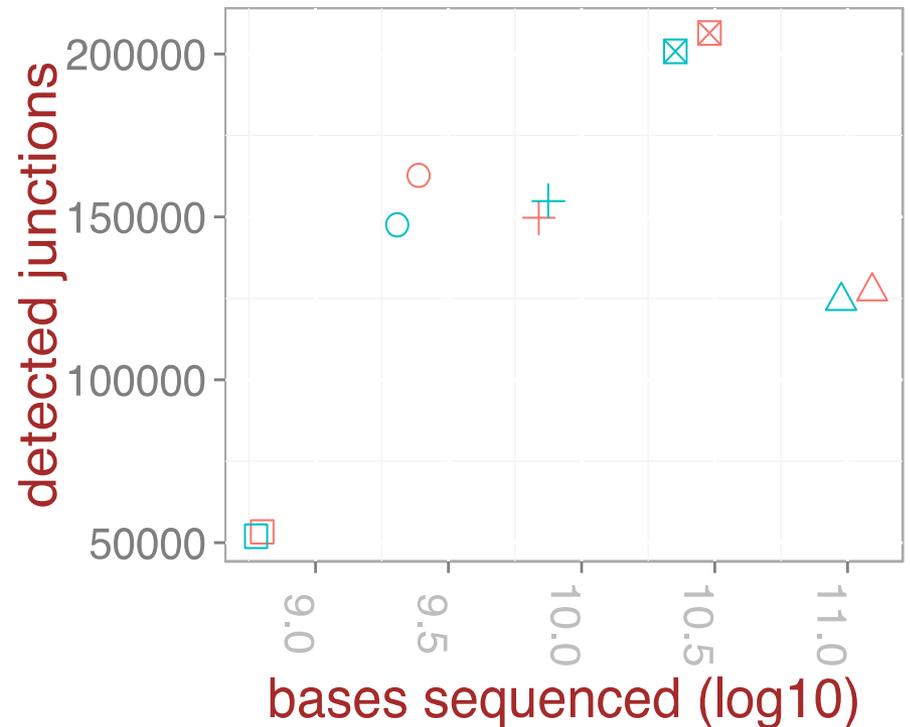
○ 454 △ ILMN □ PAC + PGM ⊠ PRO

● A ● B

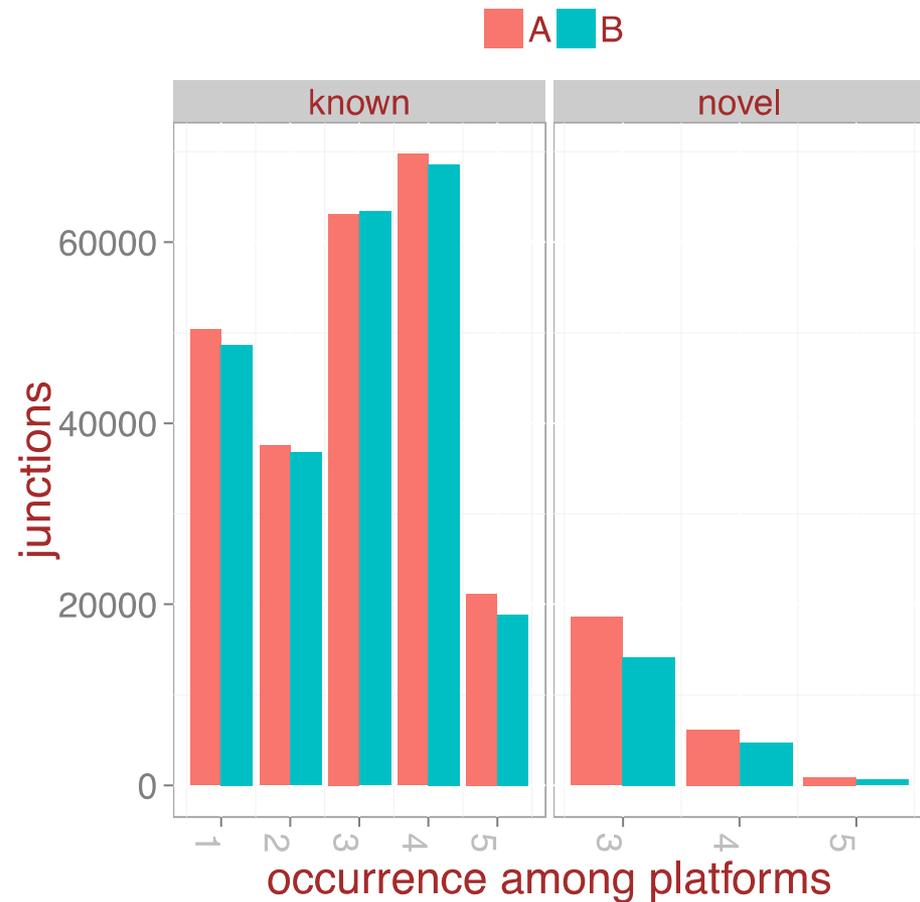
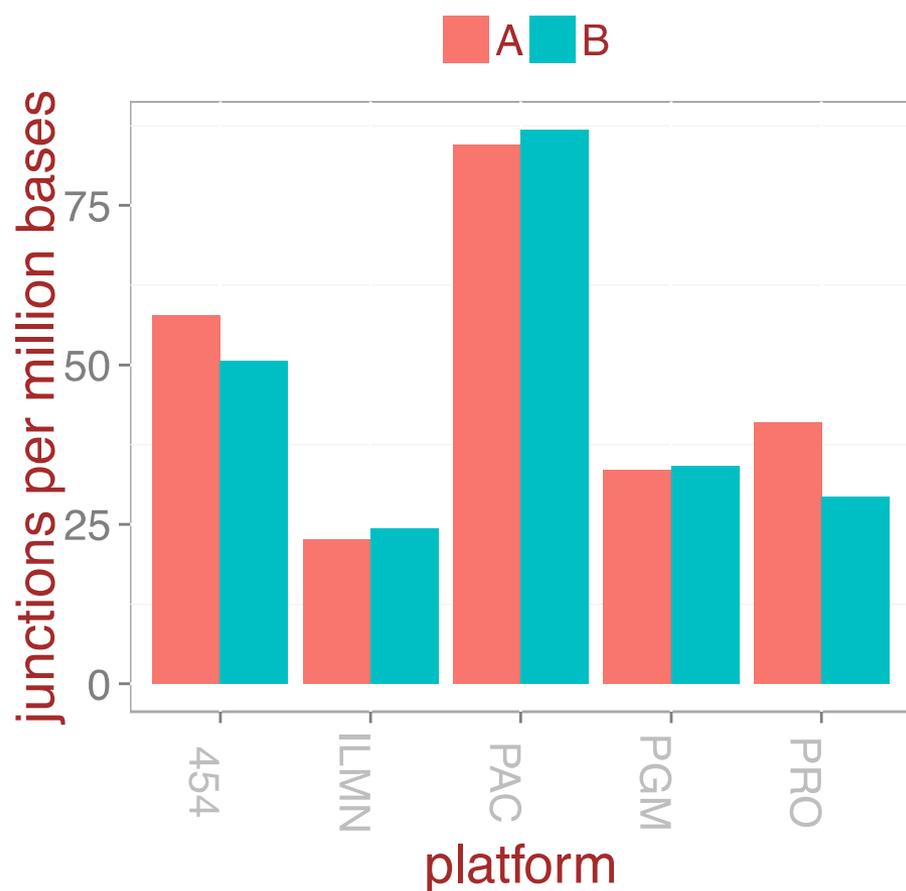


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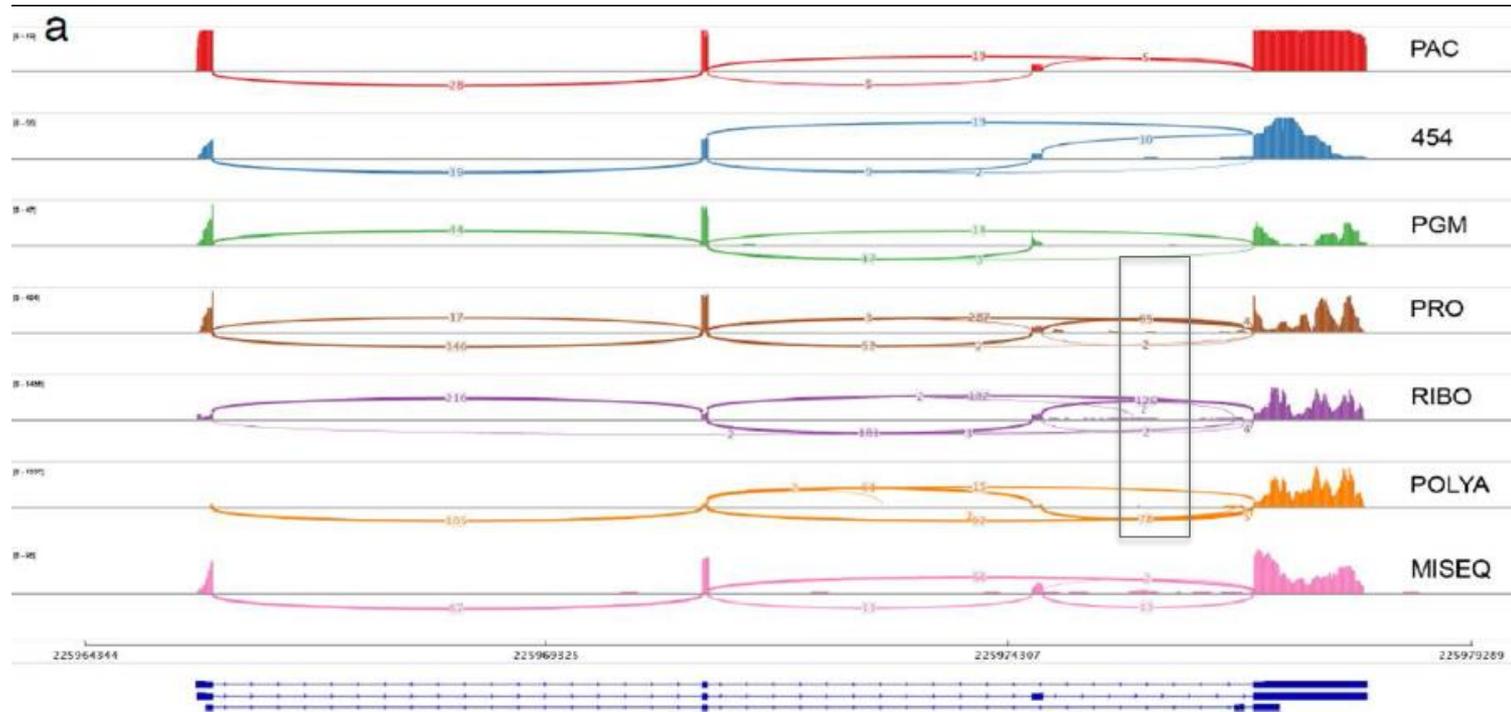
# Junctions detection efficiency highly variable; agreement common



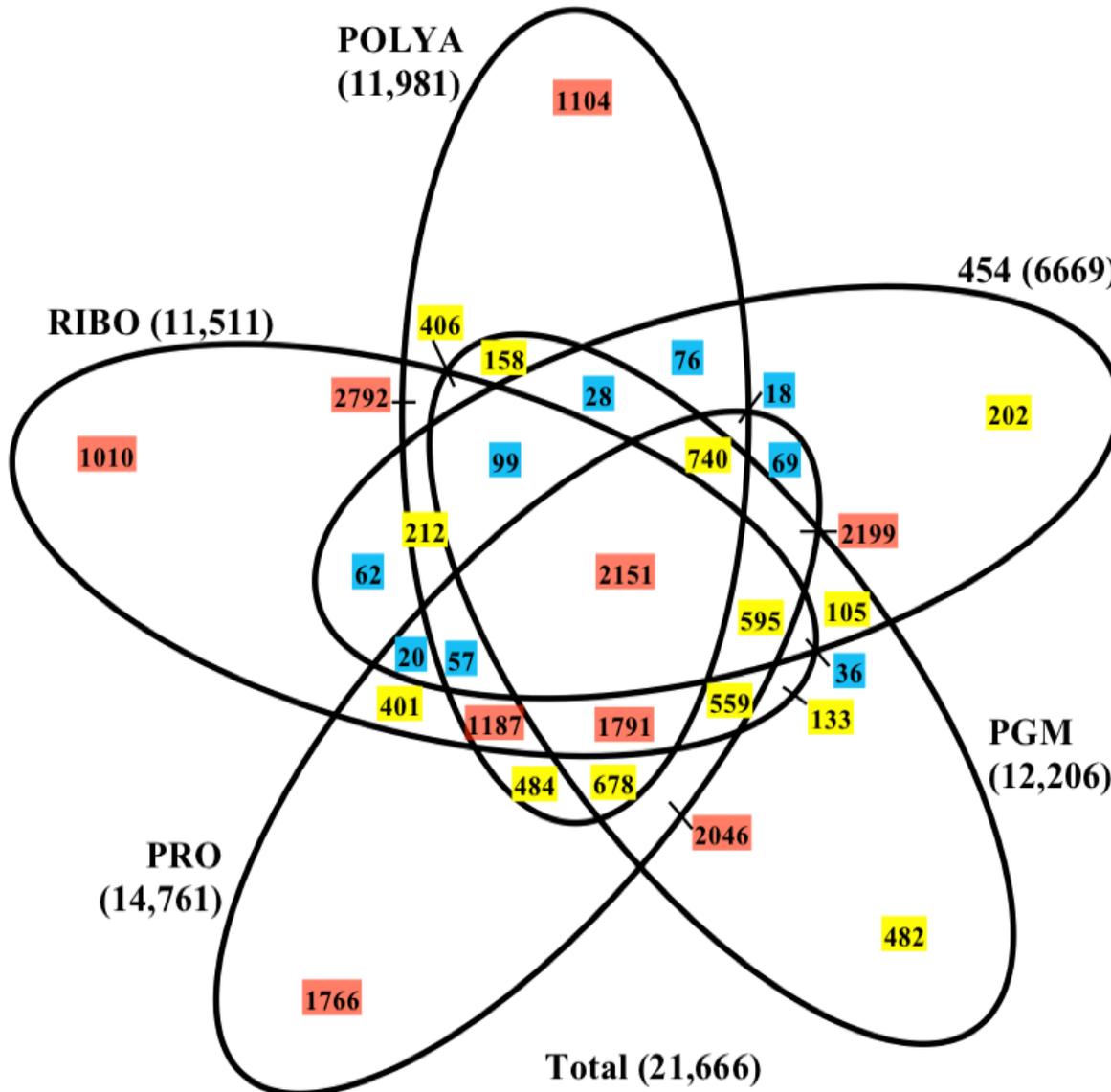
Note: Only use a subset of reads among platforms to normalize the scale

Most of the known junctions are shared by at least 3 platforms

# Sequencing depth is important to discover low abundance transcripts



# Inter-platform differential gene expression show 88-97% agreement



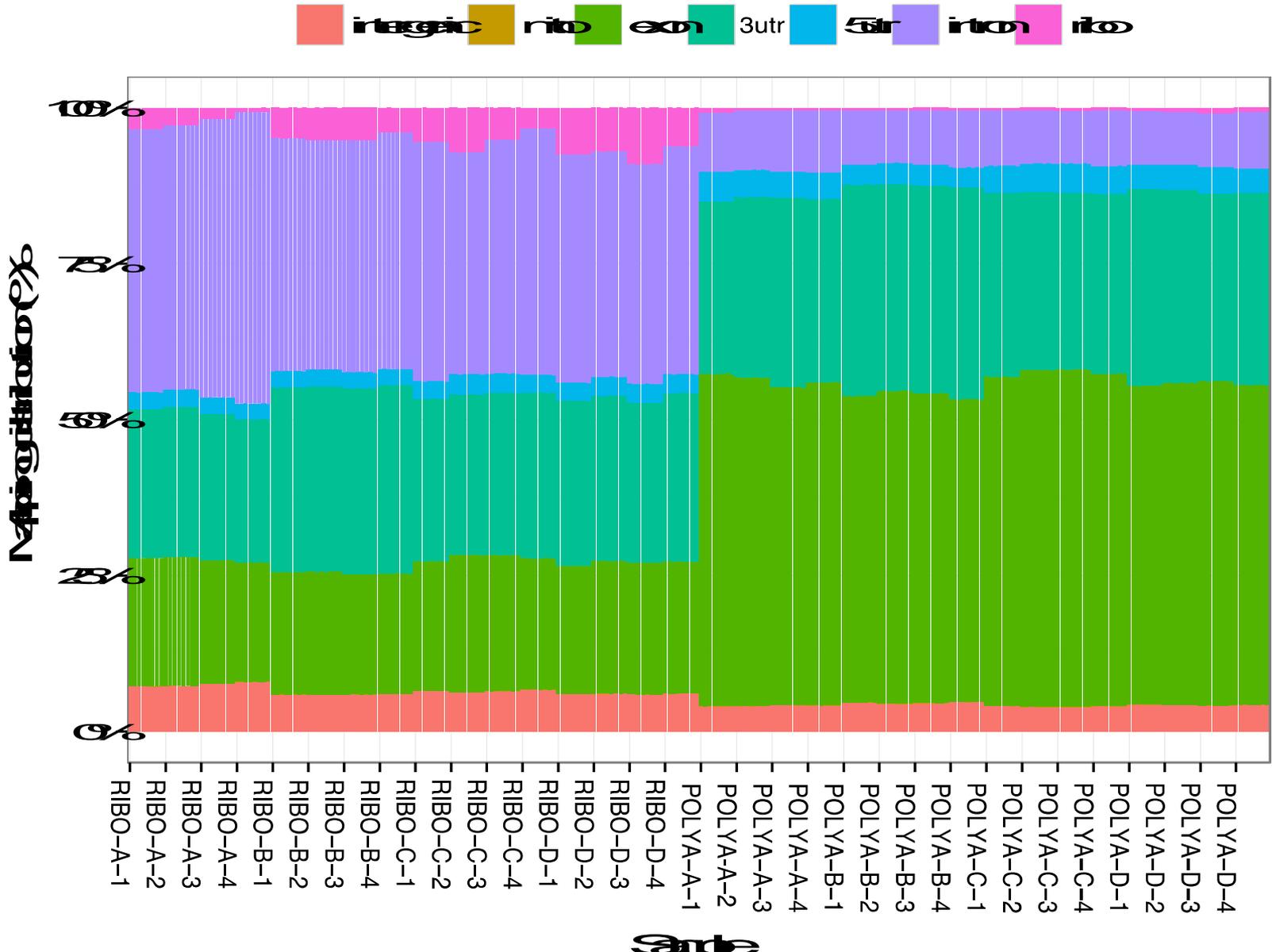
Shared sets of greater than 1000 genes are indicated in red, 100-999 yellow, <100 blue.

## Unique DEGs:

454 - 3.0%  
POLYA - 9.2%  
RIBO - 8.8%  
PRO - 11.9%  
PGM - 3.9%

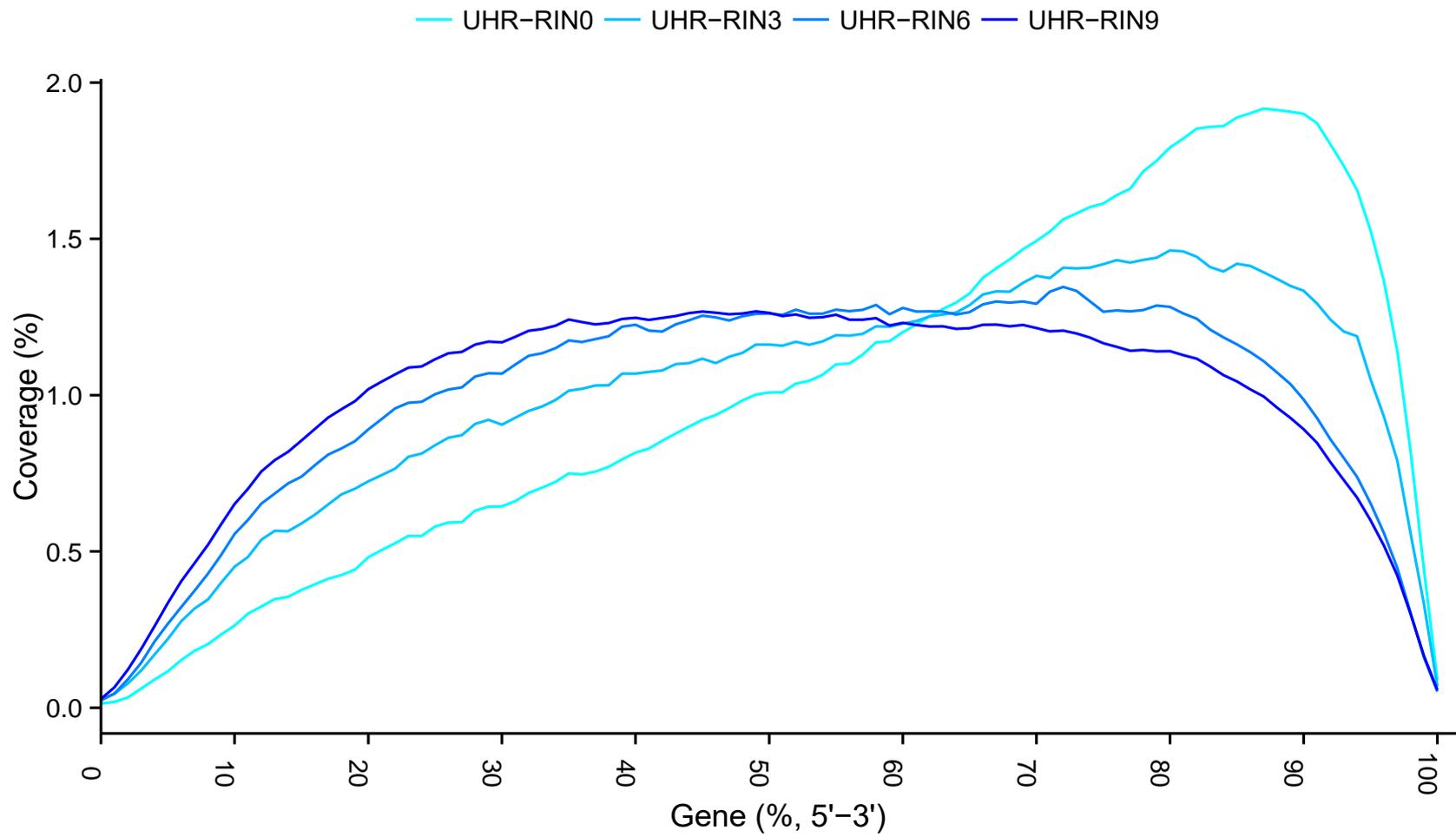


# Gene regions distribution varies between protocols

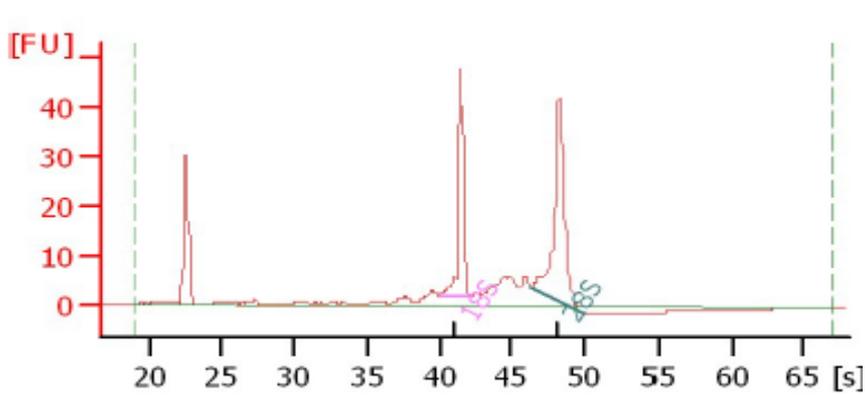


Supplemental Table 3 - Top 25 Genes with Highest Enrichment from Ribo-Depletion Preparation

ENSEMBL Gene ID	Gene Symbol	Description	Length	PolyA Reads	RiboDep Reads	PolyA FPKM	RiboDep FPKM	FPKM Diff
ENSG00000210082	J01415.4	Mt_rRNA	1559	17040155	133679955	18568.31	200404.74	-181836.43
ENSG00000211459	J01415.24	Mt_rRNA	954	2232892	14445488	3976.16	35389.28	-31413.11
ENSG00000202198	RN7SK	misc_RNA	331	3303	2818202	16.95	19899.03	-19882.08
ENSG00000258486	RN7SL1	antisense	300	3061	520624	17.33	4055.93	-4038.60
ENSG00000202364	SNORD3A	snoRNA	216	718	186779	5.65	2020.98	-2015.33
ENSG00000202538	RNU4-2	snRNA	141	168	102560	2.02	1699.99	-1697.97
ENSG00000251562	MALAT1	lincRNA	8708	437102	4931496	85.27	1323.57	-1238.30
ENSG00000199916	RMRP	misc_RNA	264	148	83019	0.95	734.96	-734.00
ENSG00000201098	RNY1	misc_RNA	113	172	19210	2.59	397.32	-394.73
ENSG00000238741	SCARNA7	snoRNA	330	53	50182	0.27	355.40	-355.13
ENSG00000200795	RNU4-1	snRNA	141	35	18724	0.42	310.36	-309.94
ENSG00000200087	SNORA73B	snoRNA	204	336	23778	2.80	272.42	-269.62
ENSG00000252010	SCARNA5	snoRNA	276	29	25379	0.18	214.91	-214.73
ENSG00000199568	RNU5A-1	snRNA	116	38	10224	0.56	205.99	-205.44
ENSG00000252481	SCARNA13	snoRNA	275	145	24034	0.90	204.26	-203.36
ENSG00000212232	SNORD17	snoRNA	237	102	20571	0.73	202.86	-202.13
ENSG00000207008	SNORA54	snoRNA	123	8	9655	0.11	183.46	-183.35
ENSG00000200156	RNU5B-1	snRNA	116	28	8301	0.41	167.25	-166.84
ENSG00000209582	SNORA48	snoRNA	135	38	9272	0.48	160.52	-160.04
ENSG00000239002	SCARNA10	snoRNA	330	19	21801	0.10	154.40	-154.30
ENSG00000254911	SCARNA9	antisense	353	501	19842	2.41	131.37	-128.96
ENSG00000230043	TMSB4XP6	pseudogene	135	0	6272	0.00	108.58	-108.58
ENSG00000239039	SNORD13	snoRNA	104	0	4521	0.00	101.60	-101.60
ENSG00000208892	SNORA49	snoRNA	136	7	5352	0.09	91.97	-91.89
ENSG00000223336	RNU2-6P	snRNA	190	22	6365	0.20	78.29	-78.10

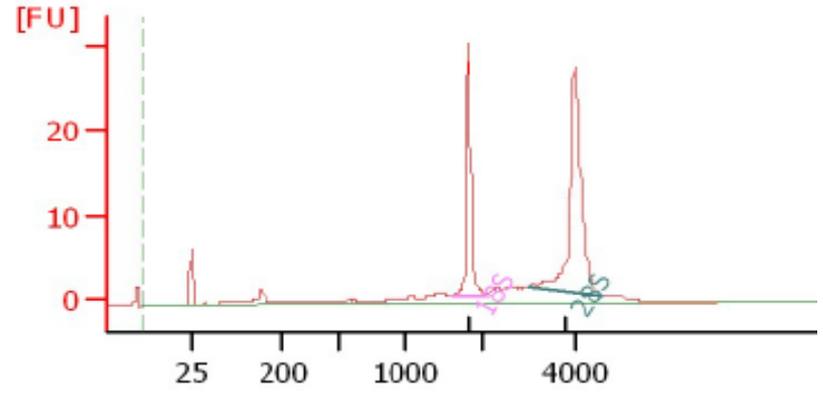


# Entropy is usually a source of fear



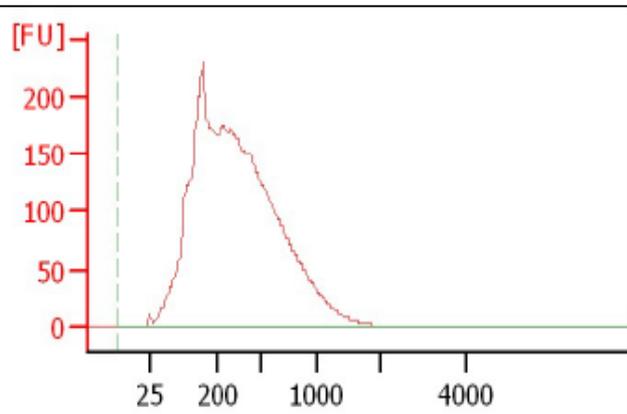
**Overall Results for sample 6 :** HBR-SV-ad1002sv

RNA Area:	199.0
RNA Concentration:	191 ng/ $\mu$ l
rRNA Ratio [28s / 18s]:	1.5
RNA Integrity Number (RIN):	8.9 (A.01.01)



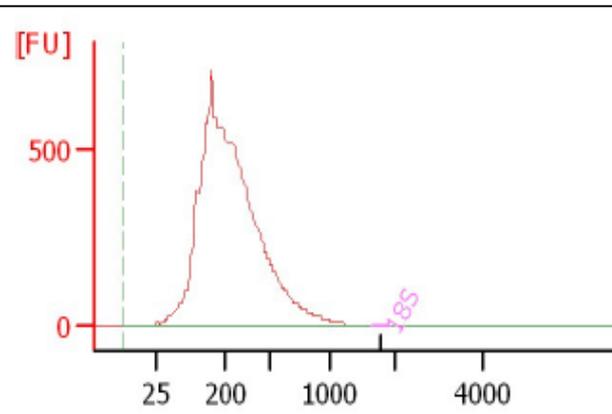
**Overall Results for sample 1 :** cont

RNA Area:	128.7
RNA Concentration:	119 ng/ $\mu$ l
rRNA Ratio [28s / 18s]:	1.8
RNA Integrity Number (RIN):	9.4 (B.02.08)



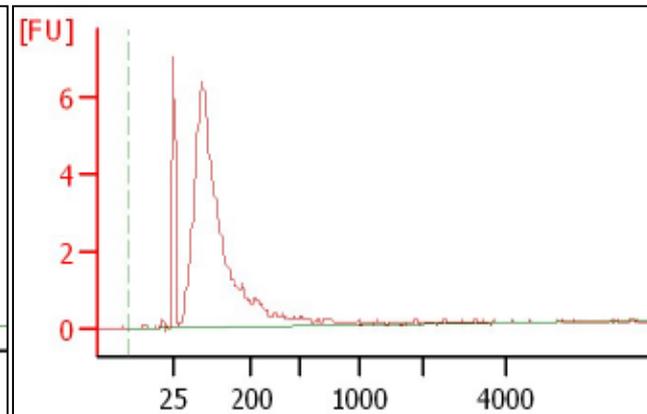
**Overall Results for sample 5 :** Heat-UR

RNA Area:	5,349.7
RNA Concentration:	38,678 pg/ $\mu$ l
rRNA Ratio [28s / 18s]:	0.0
RNA Integrity Number (RIN):	1.7 (B.02.08)



**Overall Results for sample 4 :** COV-UR

RNA Area:	11,841.2
RNA Concentration:	85,610 pg/ $\mu$ l
rRNA Ratio [28s / 18s]:	0.0
RNA Integrity Number (RIN):	1.9 (B.02.08)



**Overall Results for sample 1 :** UR RNA

RNA Area:	62.2
RNA Concentration:	61 ng/ $\mu$ l
rRNA Ratio [28s / 18s]:	0.0
RNA Integrity Number (RIN):	2.6 (B.02.08)



**"FEAR** is the main source of superstition,

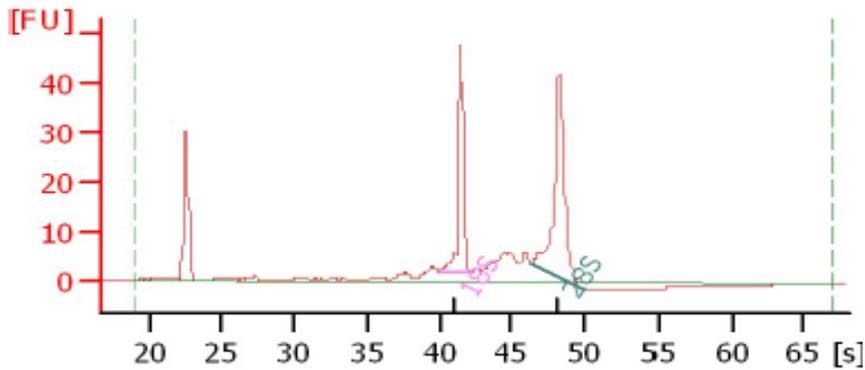
and one of the main sources of cruelty



To conquer fear is the beginning of wisdom."

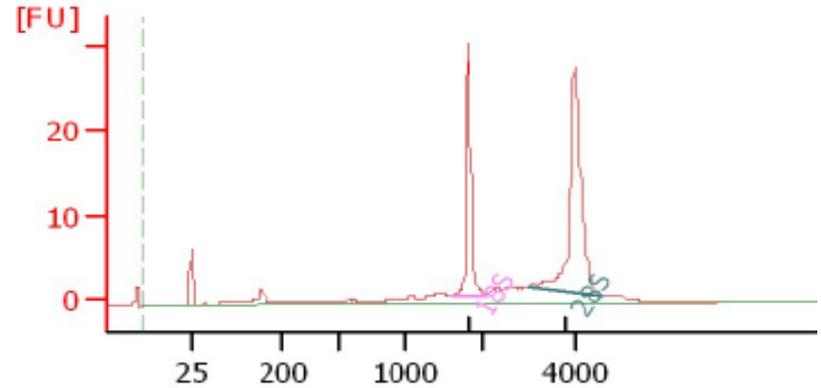
– Bertrand Russell

# Can we remove superstition?



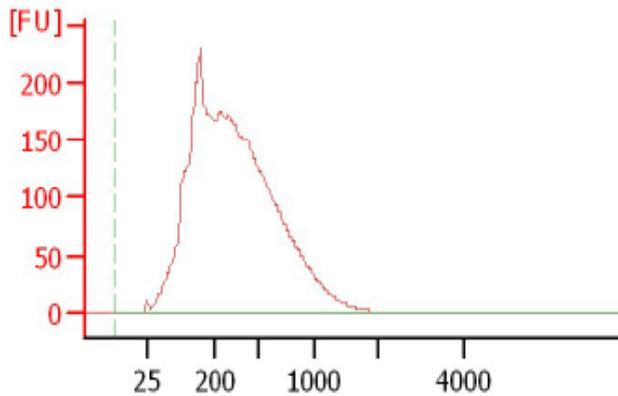
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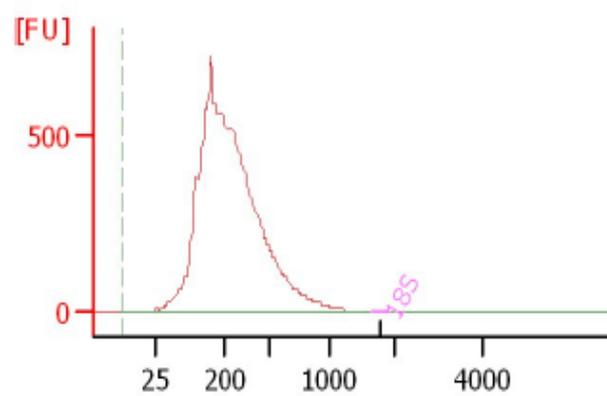
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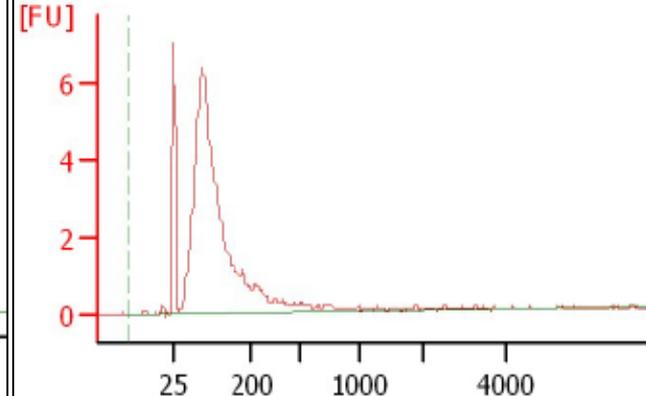
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rRNA Ratio [28s / 18s]:	0.0
RNA Integrity Number (RIN):	1.7 (B.02.08)



## Overall Results for sample 4 : COV-UR

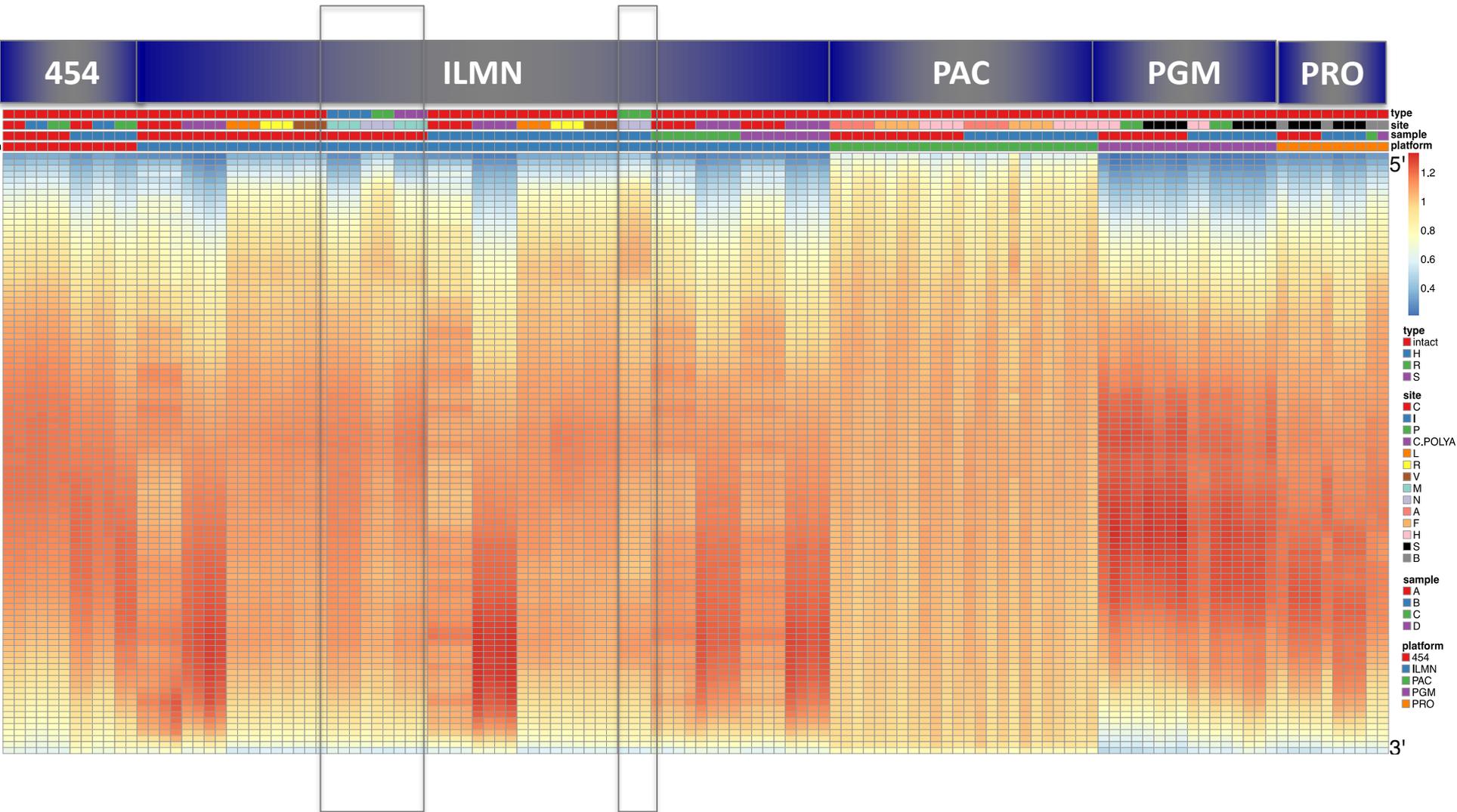
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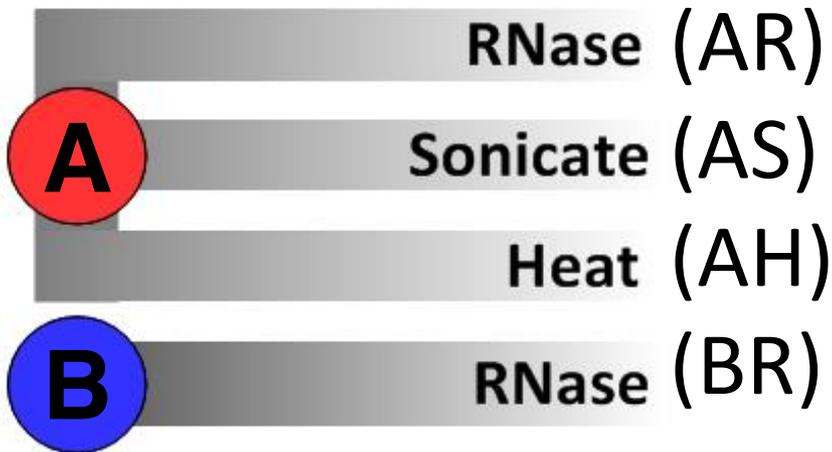
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# Degraded RNA looks great!

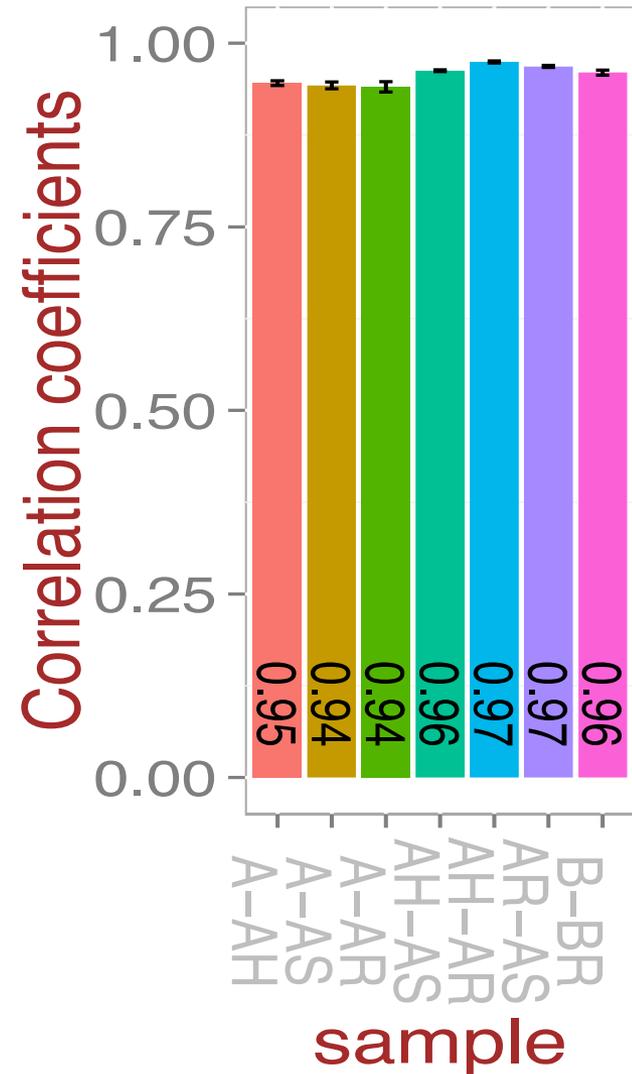


# Degraded RNA highly correlates with intact RNA gene expression

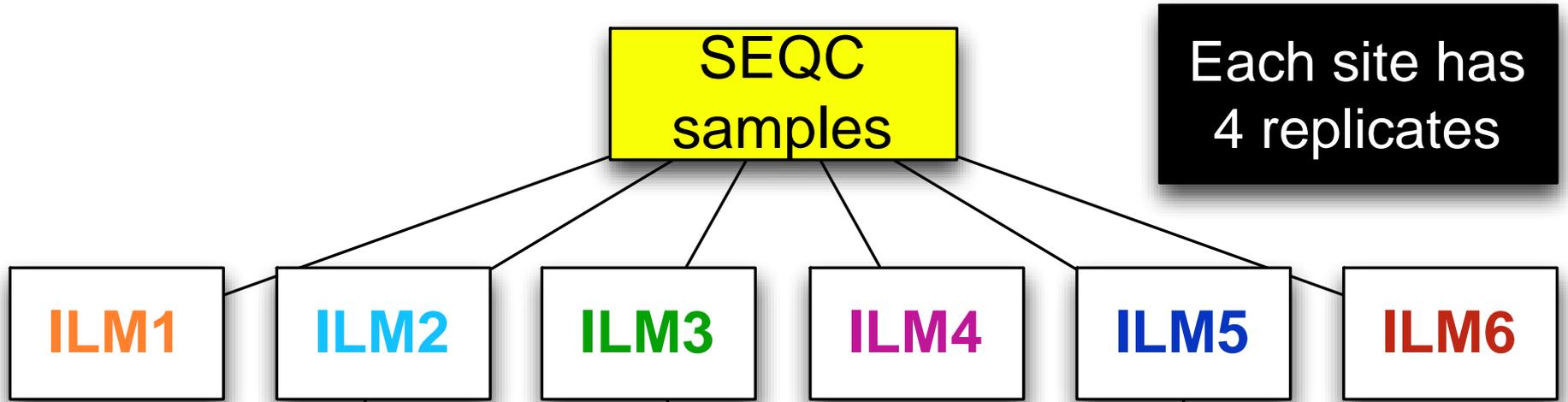
(Degraded RNA)



Illumina Ribo-depletion protocol

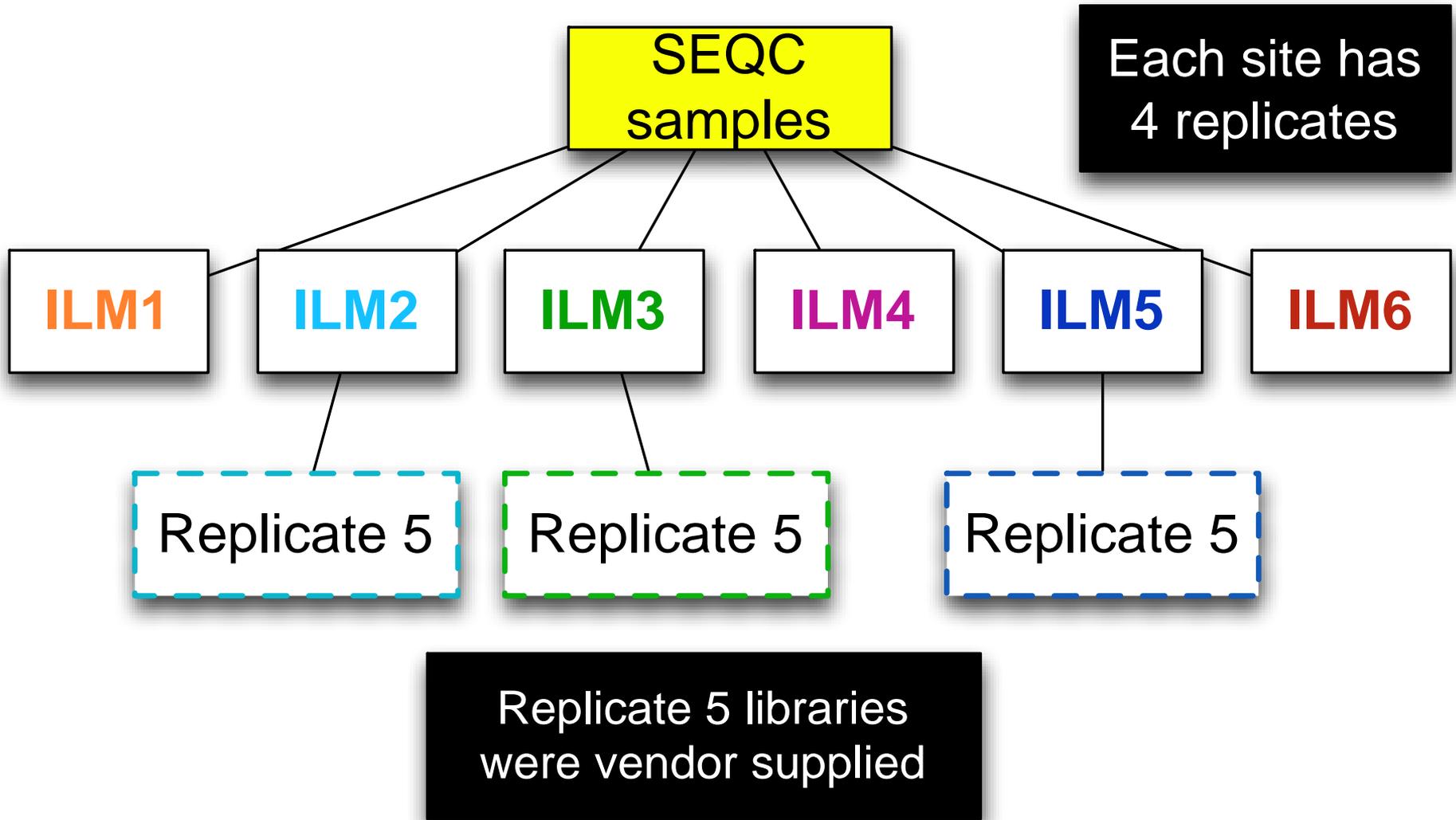


# Ameliorating Inter-site Variation



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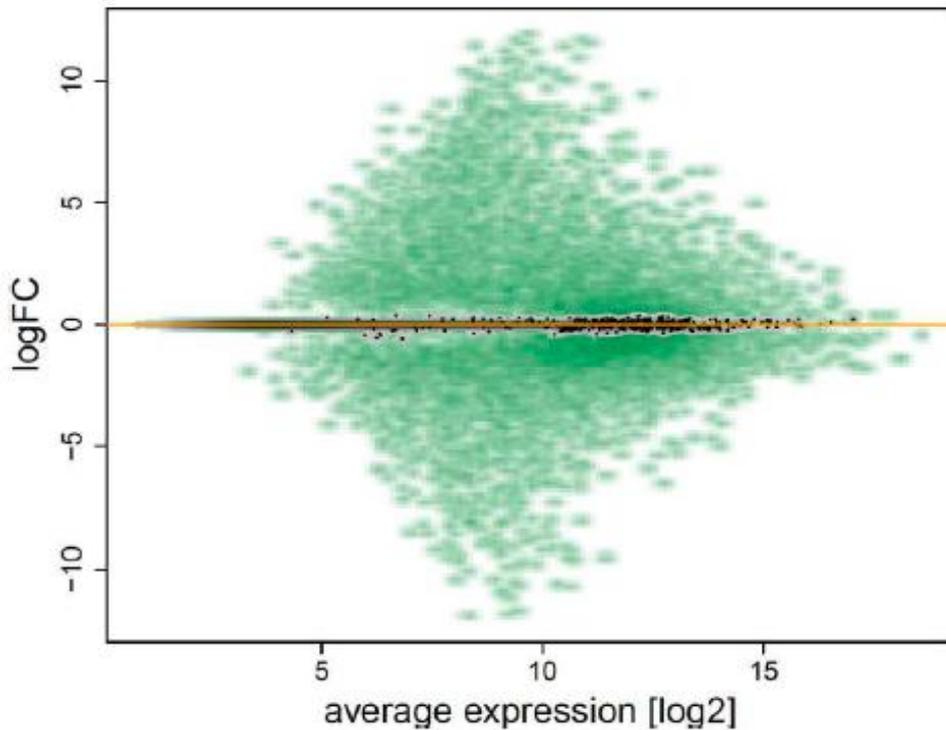
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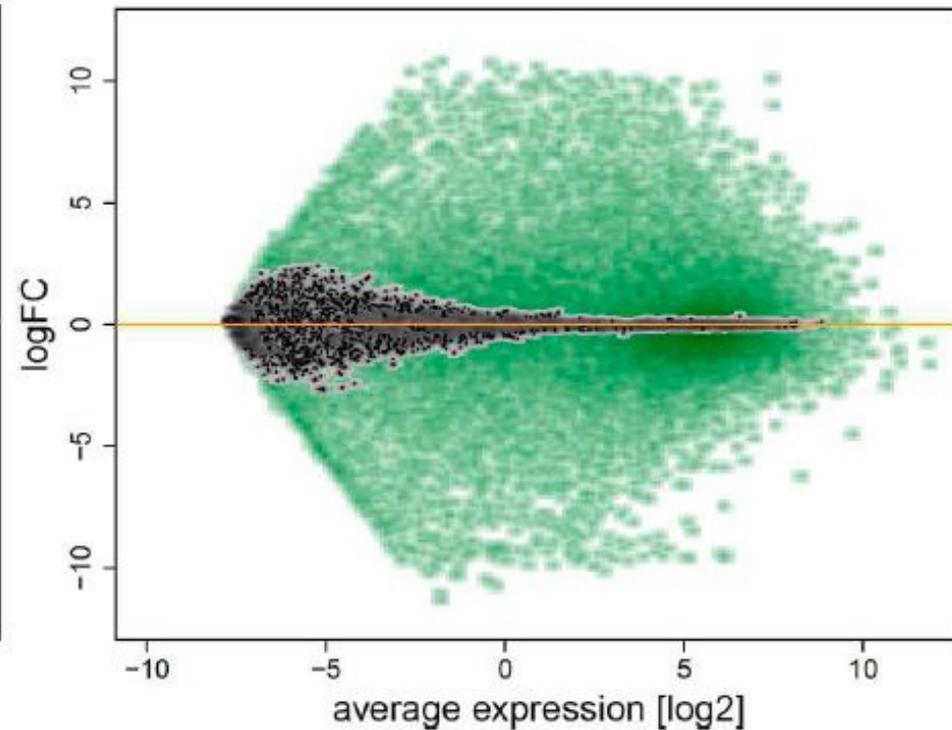
# Differential expression calls – AvsB

significant @  $p < 1\%$

Microarray AvsB



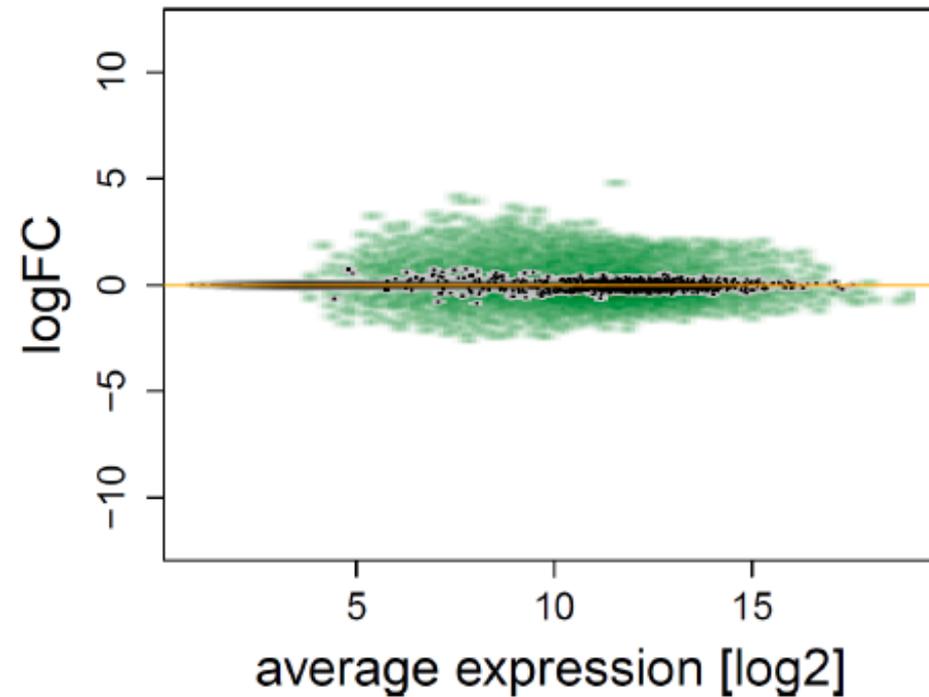
RNA-Seq AvsB



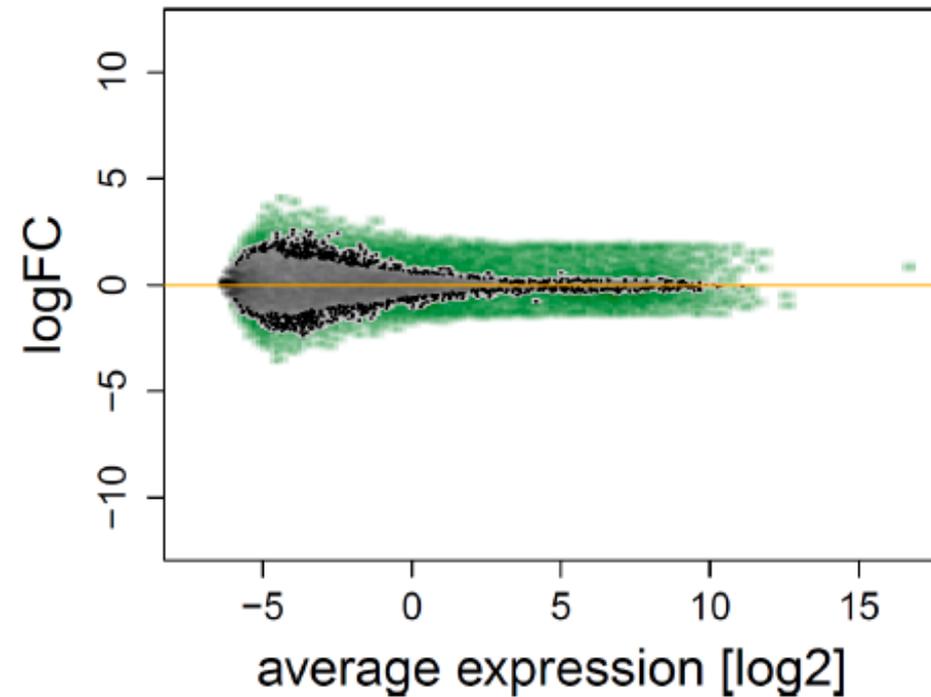
# Differential expression calls – CvsD

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## Microarray CvsD



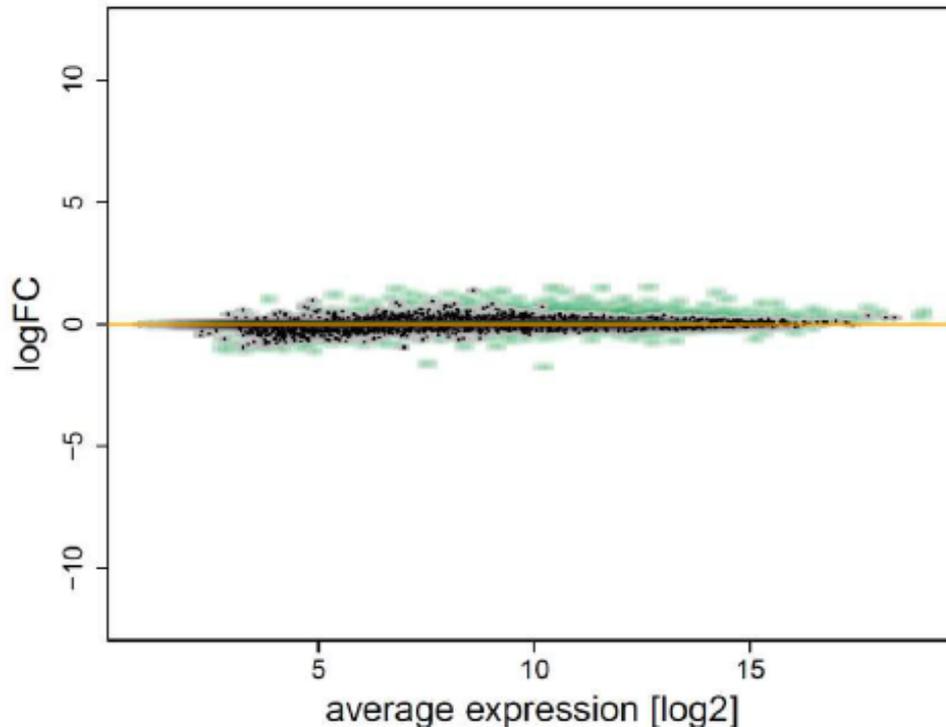
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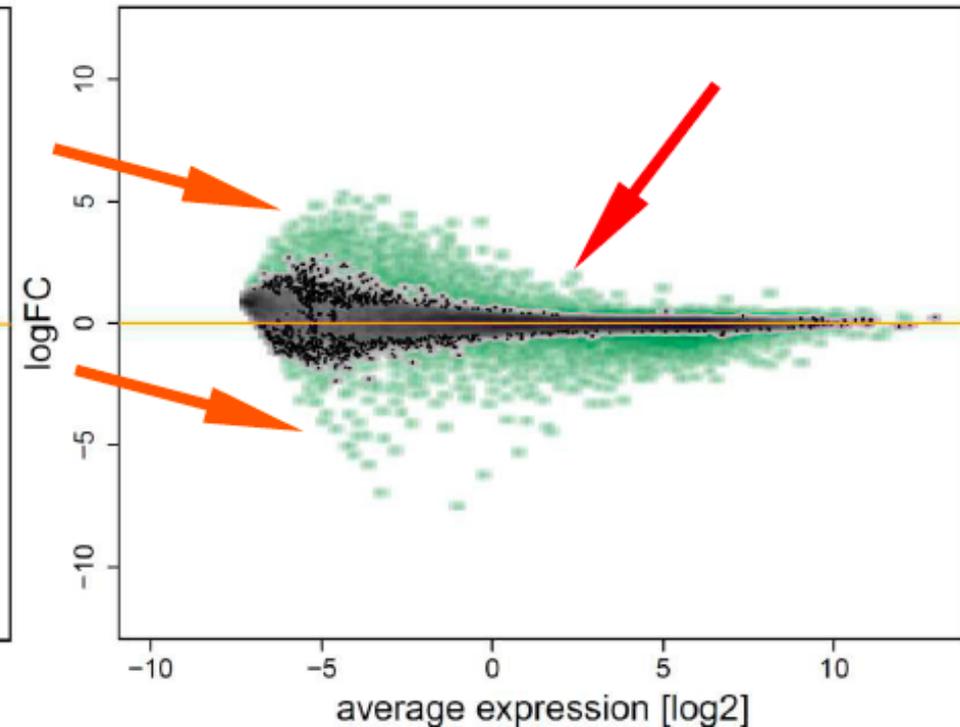
# Differential expression calls – AvsA

significant @  $p < 1\%$

Microarray AvsA



RNA-Seq AvsA



RNA-Seq and microarrays (MAQC-I): (Nature Biotech, 2006)

– site to site variation → ~50% eFDR

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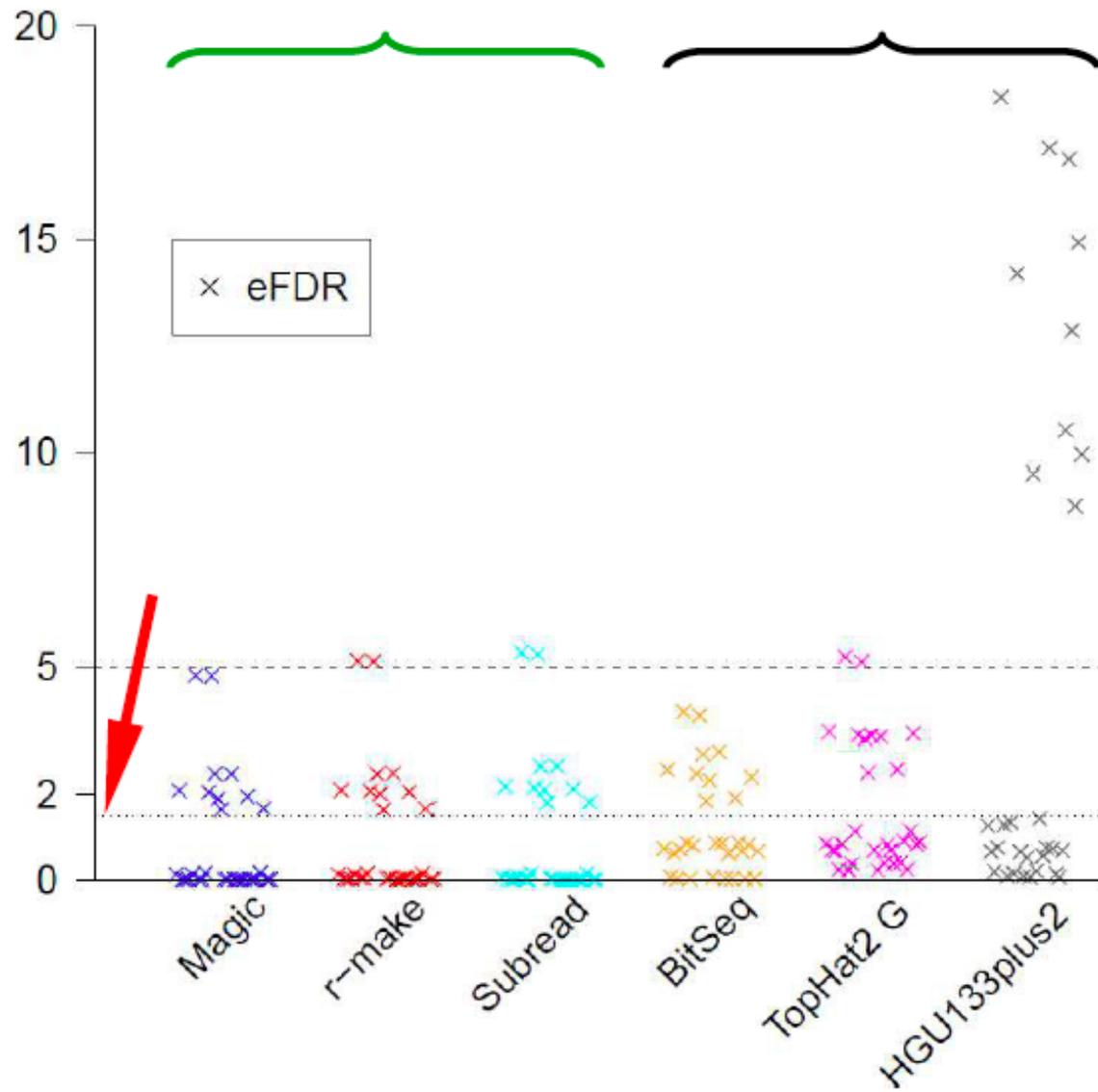
# Differential expression calls – reproducibility across sites

All platforms suffer outlier sites

– validation!

*With the right filters*

- eFDR < 1.5% without outlier sites
- RNA-Seq can be more specific than microarrays ( pipeline! )



# Systematic variation removal - False Positives

GC-content bias correction:

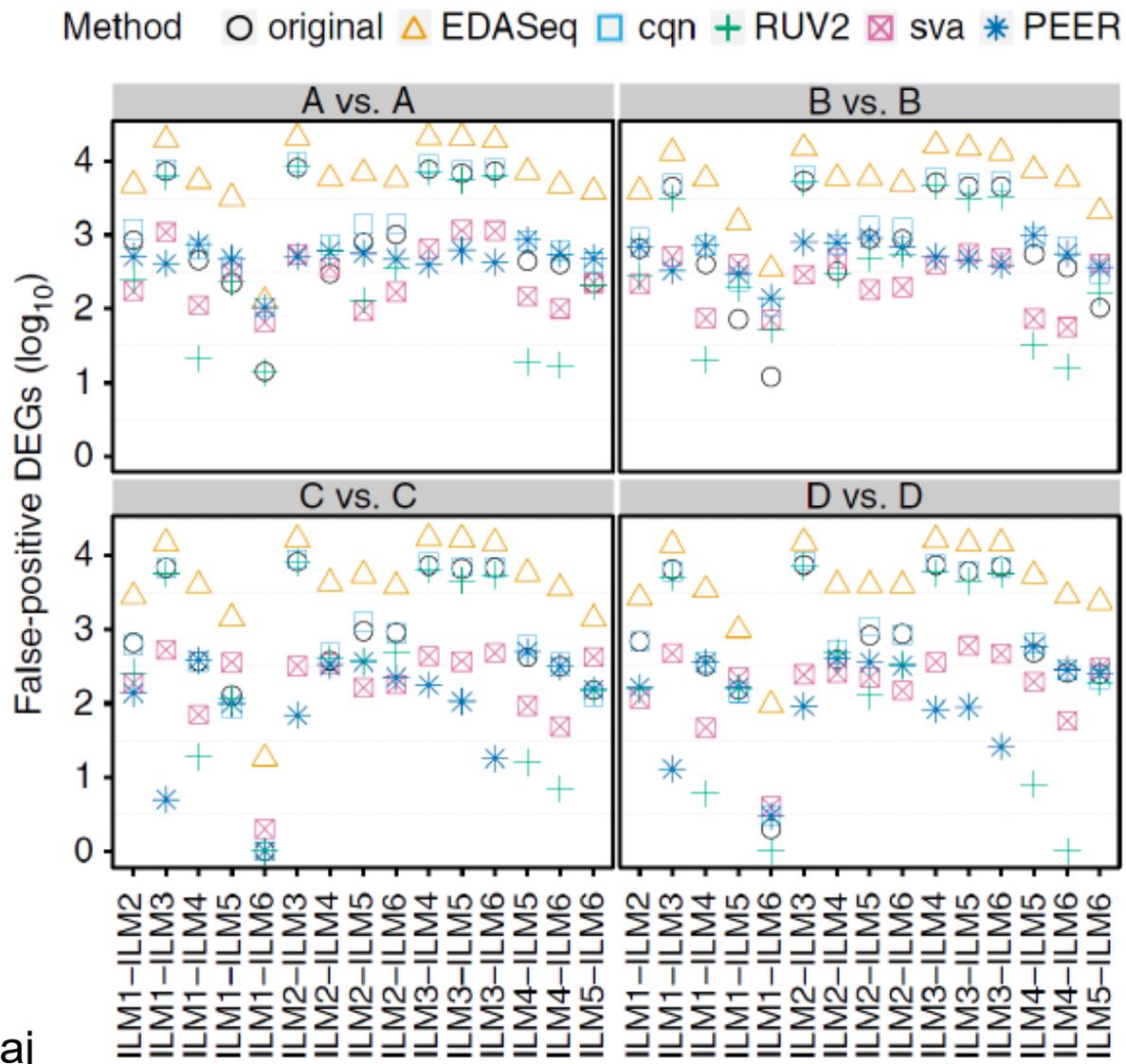
- EDASeq
- cqn

Factor analysis based on ERCCs:

- RUV2 (ERCC)

Latent variables:

- sva
- PEER



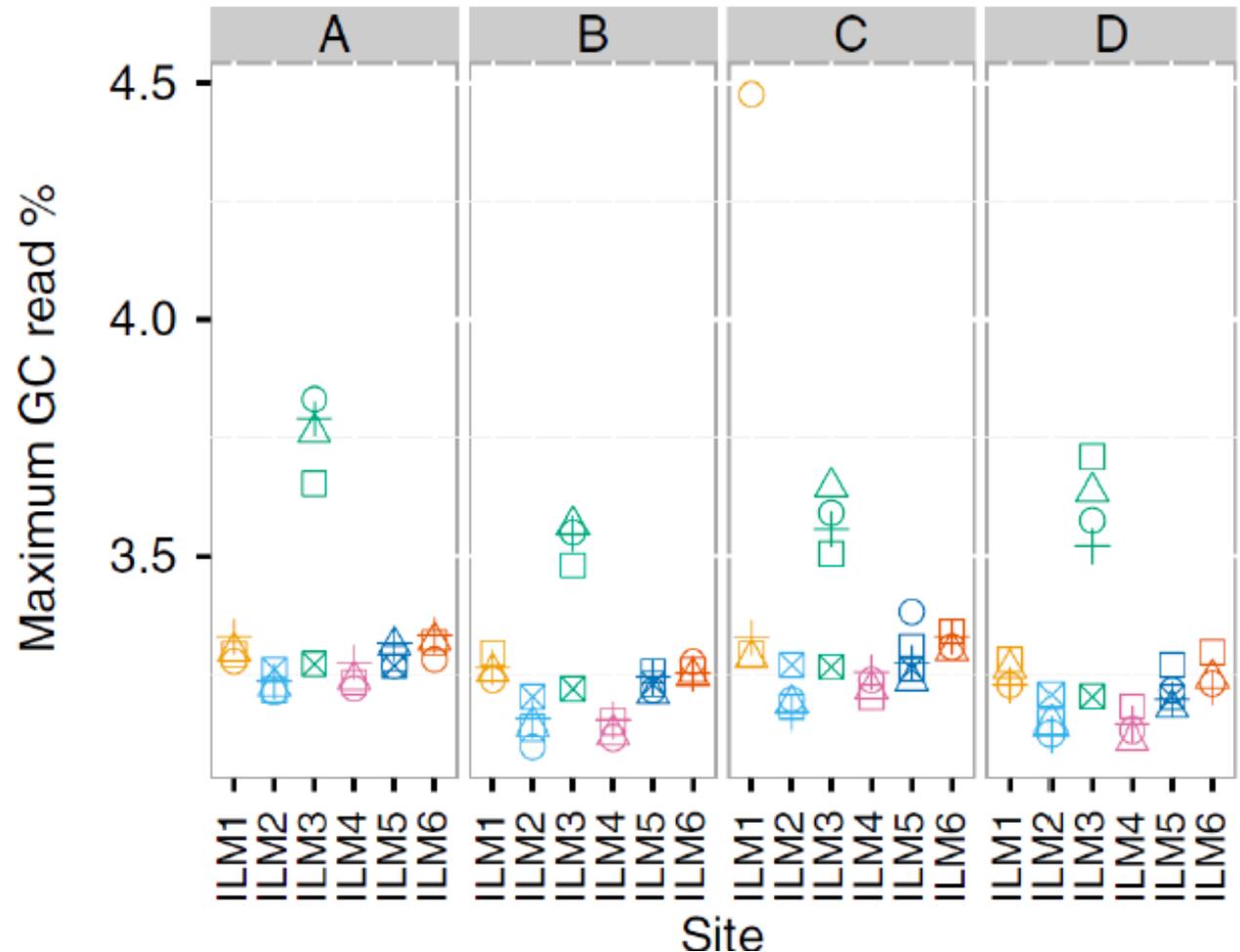
# Identification of the underlying sources of variation - GC content

**b**



Outlier site:  
ILM 3

5<sup>th</sup> replicate  
→ **not** affected

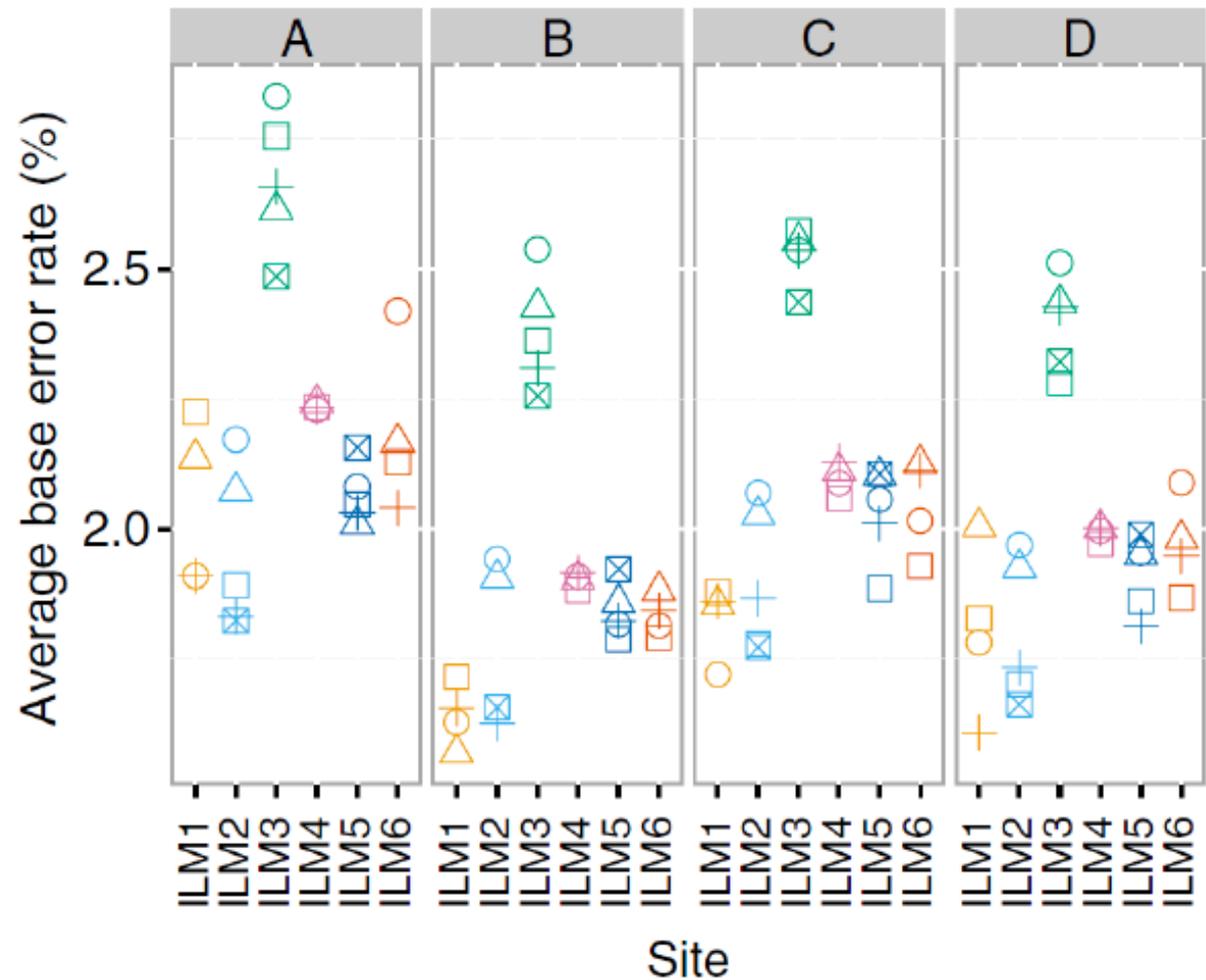


# Identification of the underlying sources of variation - base error rate

**C** ● ILM1 ● ILM2 ● ILM3 ● ILM4 ● ILM5 ● ILM6  
○ 1 △ 2 □ 3 + 4 ⊠ 5

Outlier site:  
ILM 3

5<sup>th</sup> replicate  
→ *affected*



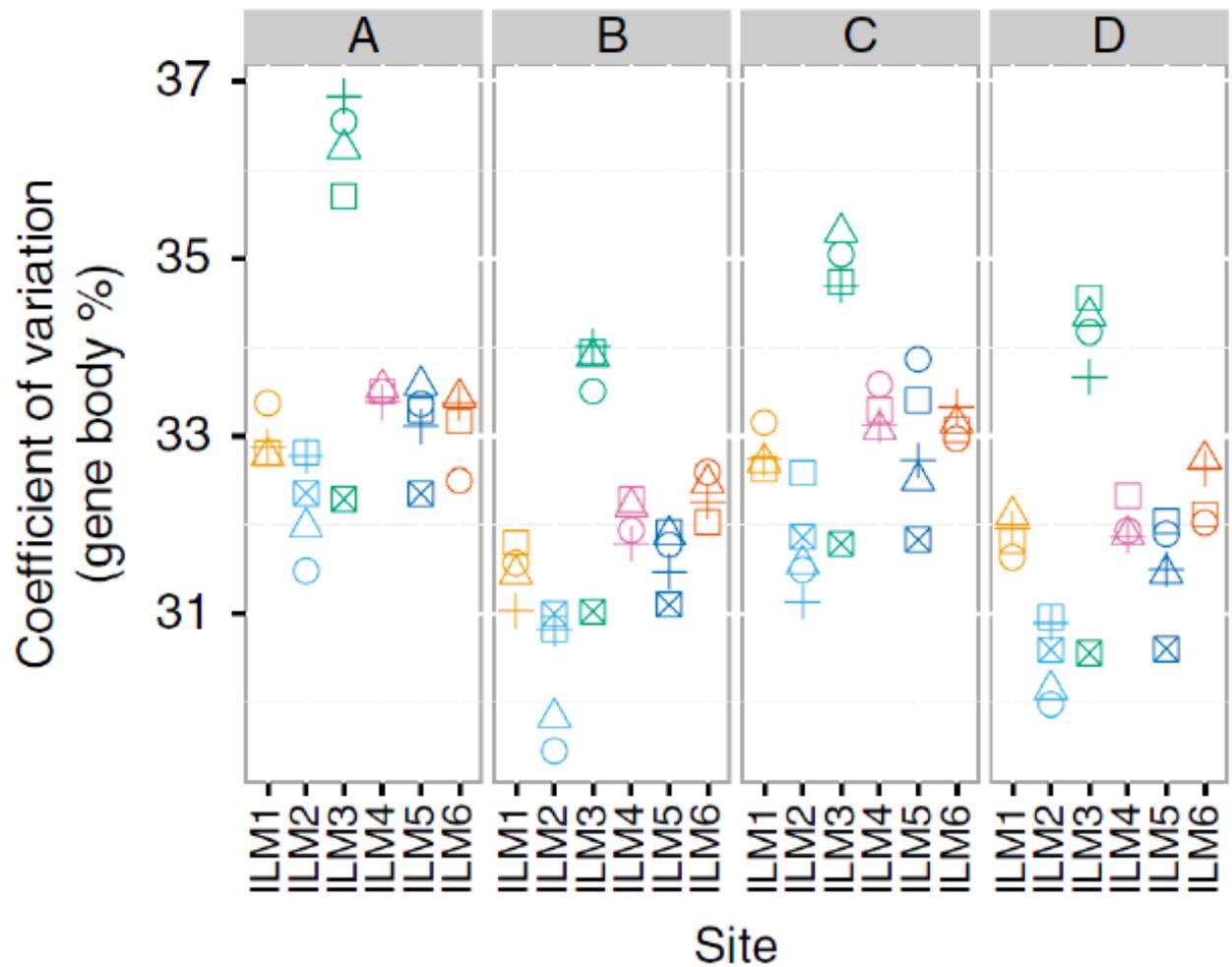
# Identification of the underlying sources of variation - gene body

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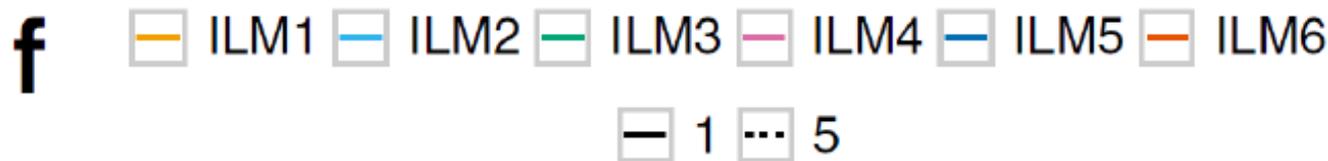


Outlier site:  
ILM 3

5<sup>th</sup> replicate  
→ **not** affected

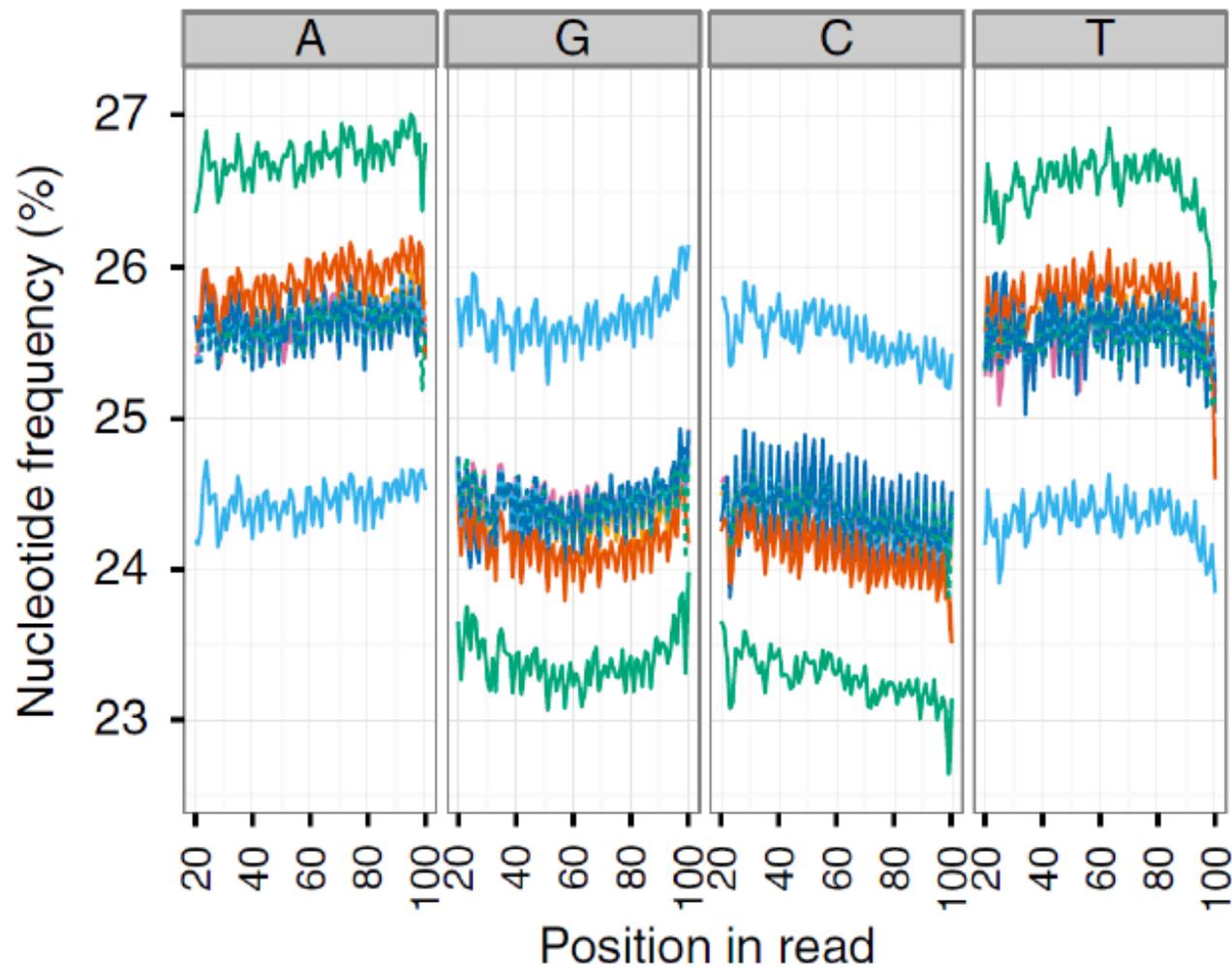


# Identification of the underlying sources of variation - nucleotide composition



Outlier sites:  
ILM 2 and ILM 3

5<sup>th</sup> replicate  
→ **not** affected



# Determine sequencing variation sources

Quality metrics	Description	Major source of variation
GC content	Percentage of bases for each GC bin (1-100) for all aligned reads.	Library preparation (including RNA isolation)
Genebody coverage evenness	Accumulative statistics for the read coverage of <u>exonic</u> regions from 5' UTR to 3' UTR for all genes. Each gene is divided into 100 bins to calculate the genebody coverage.	Library preparation (including RNA isolation)
Base error rate	The average base error rate for all aligned reads.	Sequencing (inclusive of cluster generation)
Nucleotide composition	Nucleotide frequency versus position for aligned reads.	Library preparation (including RNA isolation)

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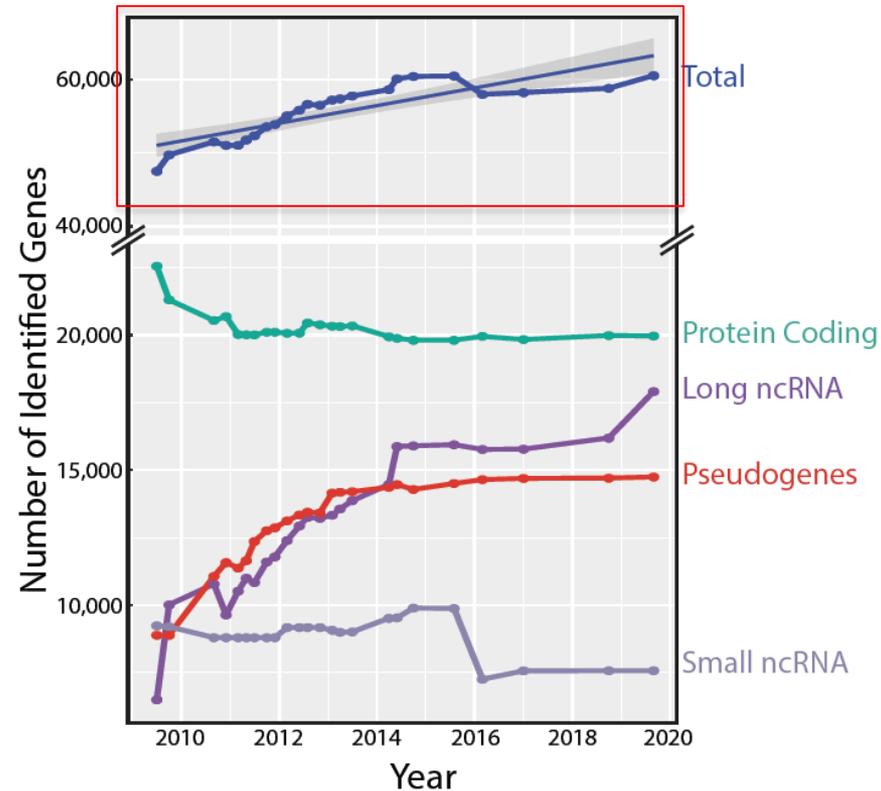
Annotations

# Your exome is not 62Mb

The 62 Mb “exome capture” is really the 1/3 exome capture

	Aceview	UCSC	Vega	ENSEMBL	Refseq
Aceview	178				
UCSC	76	81			
Vega	51	42	58		
ENSEMBL	64	60	43	70	
RefSeq	60	61	37	57	62

# New human genes are still being found



# Annotations are a shifting sand, but so is the genome

## Version 3c (July 2009 freeze, GRCh37) -Ensembl 56

### General stats

<b>Total No of Genes</b>	47553	<b>Total No of Transcripts</b>	132067
<b>Protein-coding genes</b>	22550	<b>Protein-coding transcripts</b>	68880
<b>Long non-coding RNA genes</b>	6496	- full length protein-coding:	67766
<b>Small non-coding RNA genes</b>	9243	- partial length protein-coding:	1114
<b>Pseudogenes</b>	8894	<b>Nonsense mediated decay transcripts</b>	4703
- processed pseudogenes:	6232	<b>Long non-coding RNA loci transcripts</b>	10475
- unprocessed pseudogenes:	1147		
- unitary pseudogenes:	100		
- polymorphic pseudogenes:	0	<b>Total No of distinct translations</b>	63013
- pseudogenes:	1415	<b>Genes that have more than one distinct translations</b>	12947
<b>Immunoglobulin/T-cell receptor gene segments</b>			
- protein coding segments:	370		
- pseudogenes:	0		

## Statistics about the GENCODE Release 39

The statistics derive from the [gtf file](#) that contains only the annotation of the main chromosomes.

For details about the calculation of these statistics please see the [README\\_stats.txt file](#).

### General stats

Total No of Genes	61533	Total No of Transcripts	244939
Protein-coding genes	19982	Protein-coding transcripts	87151
Long non-coding RNA genes	18811	- full length protein-coding	61516
Small non-coding RNA genes	7567	- partial length protein-coding	25635
Pseudogenes	14763	Nonsense mediated decay transcripts	19762
- processed pseudogenes	10662	Long non-coding RNA loci transcripts	53009
- unprocessed pseudogenes	3557		
- unitary pseudogenes	243		
- polymorphic pseudogenes	50		
- pseudogenes	15		
		Total No of distinct translations	63901
		Genes that have more than one distinct translations	13567

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*Putting sequences into a chromosome context.*

The original model for representing the genome assemblies was to use a single, preferred tiling path to produce a single consensus representation of the genome. Subsequent analysis has shown that for most mammalian genomes a single tiling path is insufficient to represent a genome in regions with complex allelic diversity. The GRC is now working to create assemblies that better represent this diversity and provide more robust substrates for genome analysis.

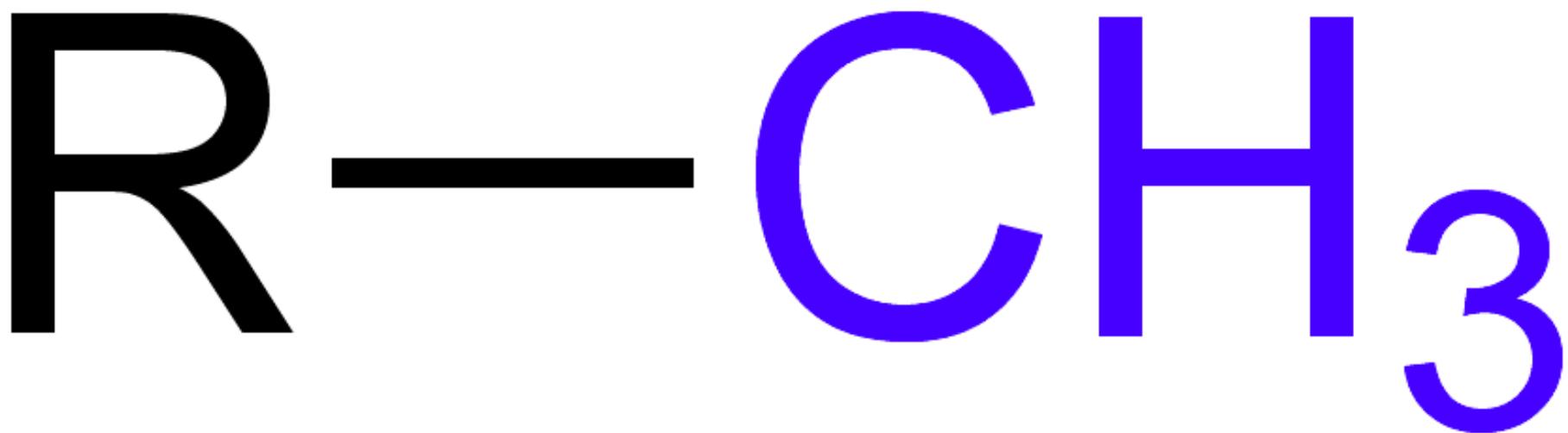
Slides from the GRC's presentation at ASHG 2012 are available on the new [Workshops](#) page.

We are planning to update the human reference assembly to GRCh38 in the summer of 2013. If you have questions or concerns about this [let us know](#).

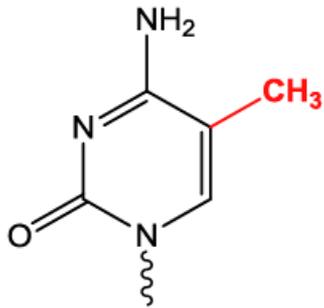
See our [blog](#) for more information on why we think this is important.

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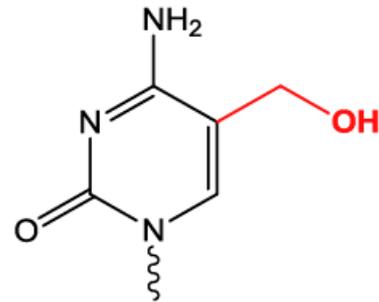
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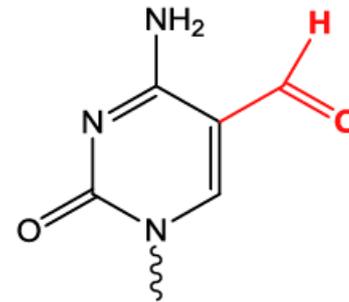
# The four-base genome is just the beginning



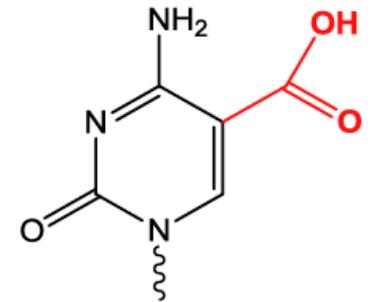
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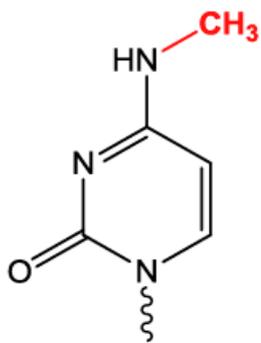
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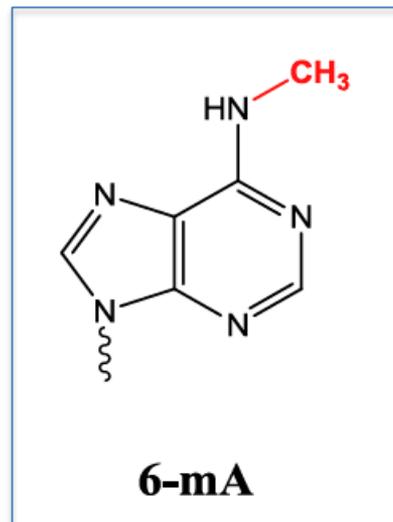
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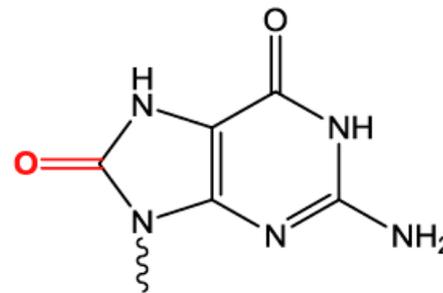
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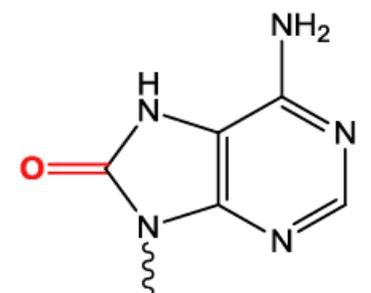
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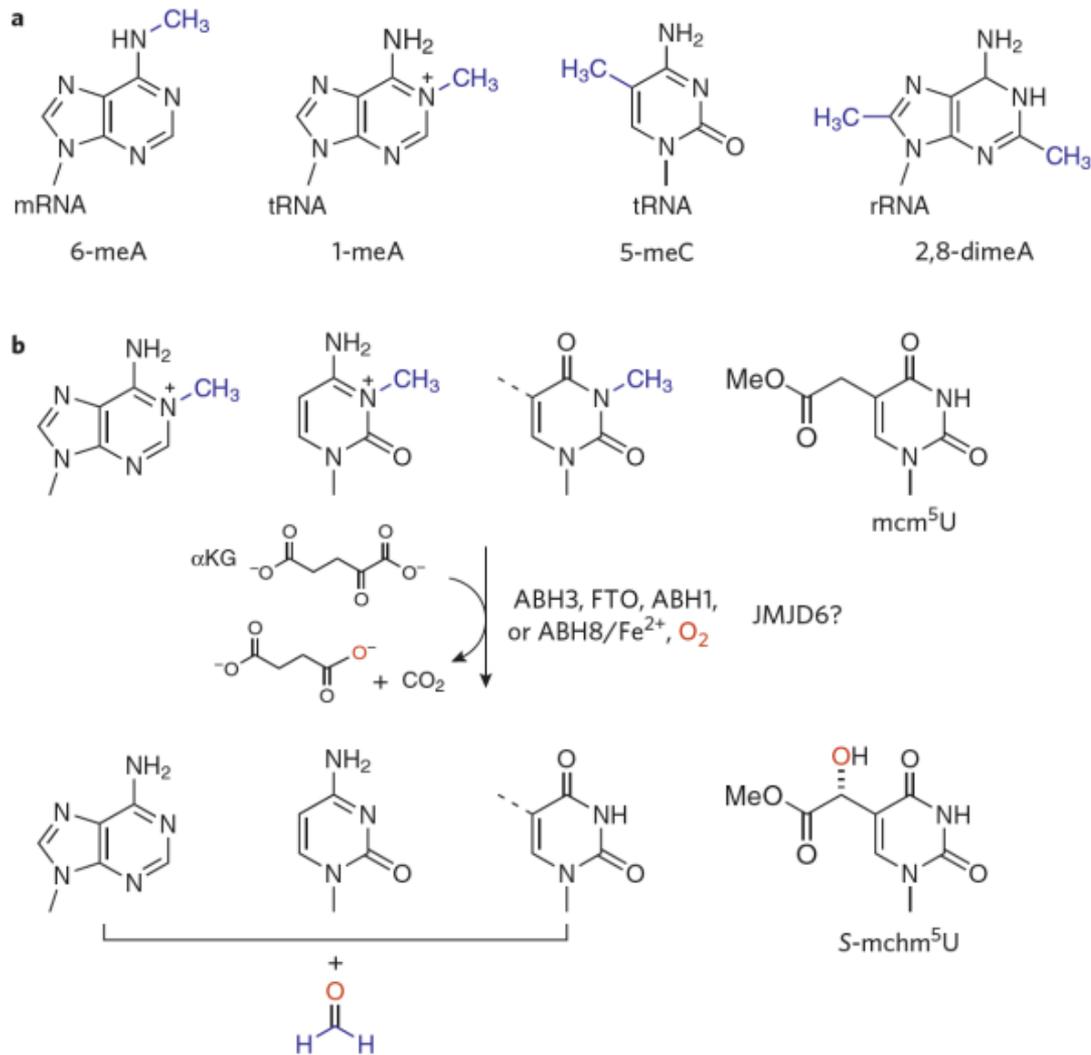


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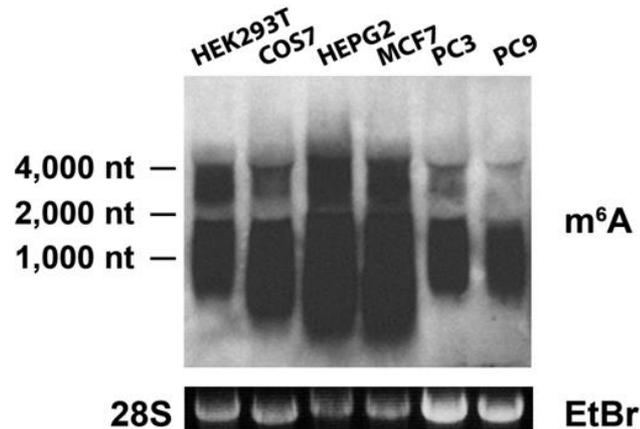
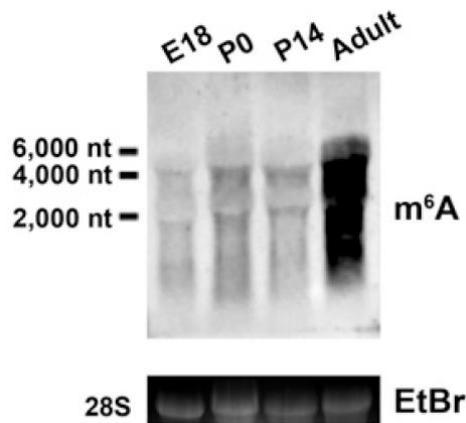
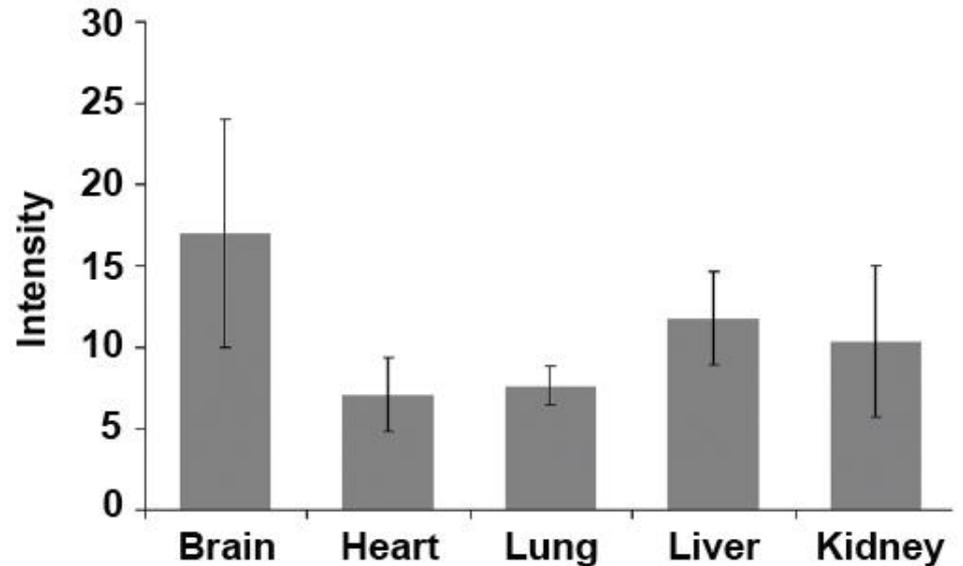
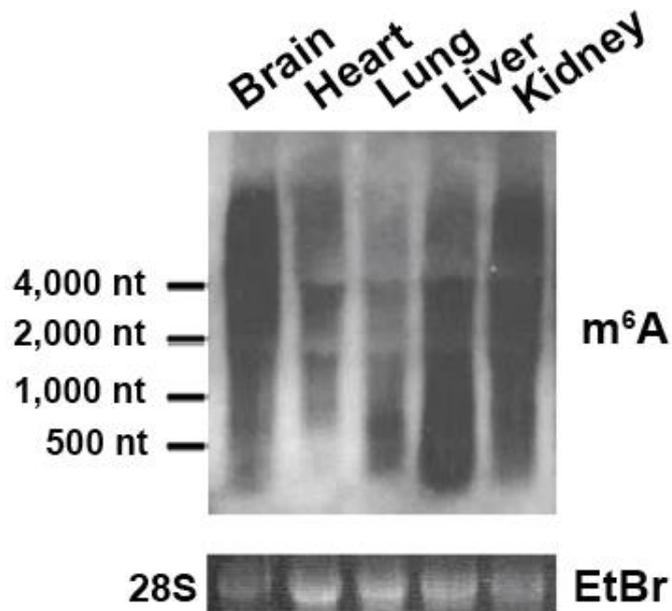
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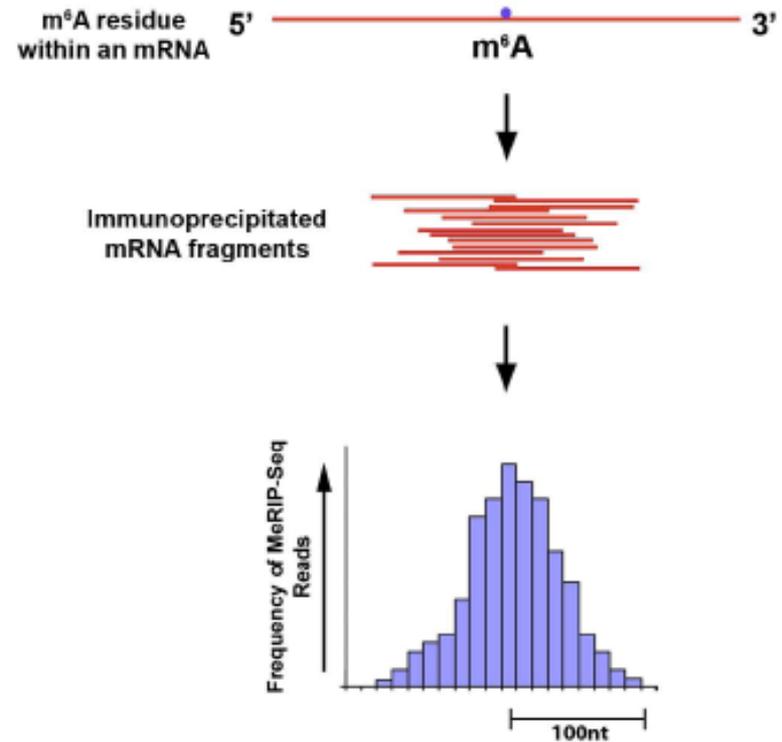
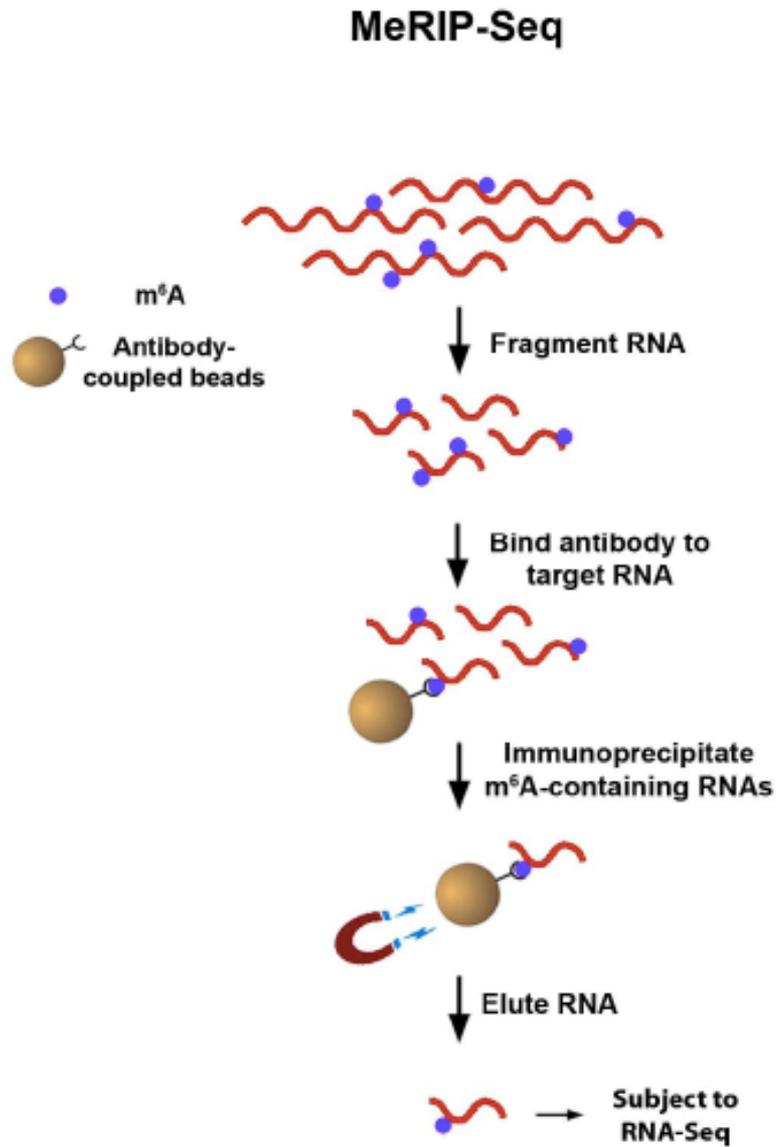


**Figure 1** | Examples of RNA modification and demodification that may impact biological regulation. (a) Selected examples of RNA base methylation. (b) A group of dioxygenases that use iron,  $\alpha$ -ketoglutarate and dioxygen to perform oxidation of modified RNA bases for demethylation or hypermodification.

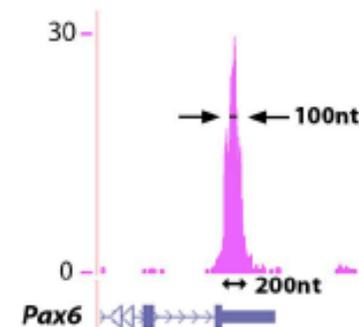
# Methylation is important for methyl-6 adenosine ( $m^6A$ ) in RNA, and is more prominent in brain & adults



# A new method: MeRIP-Seq

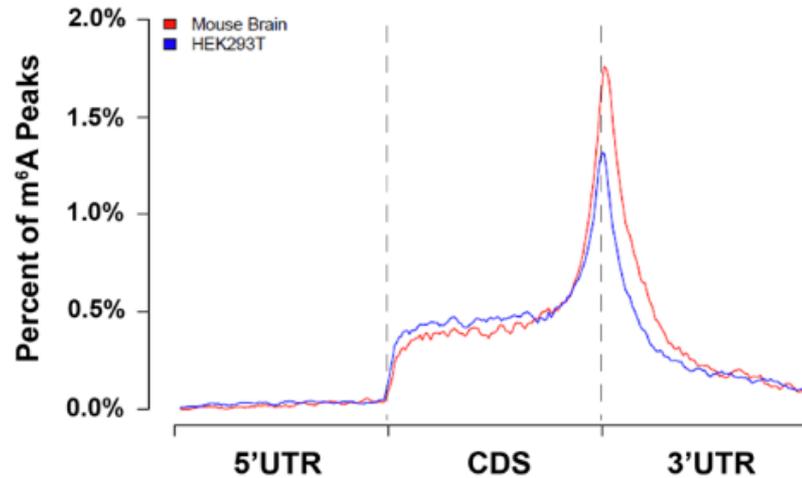


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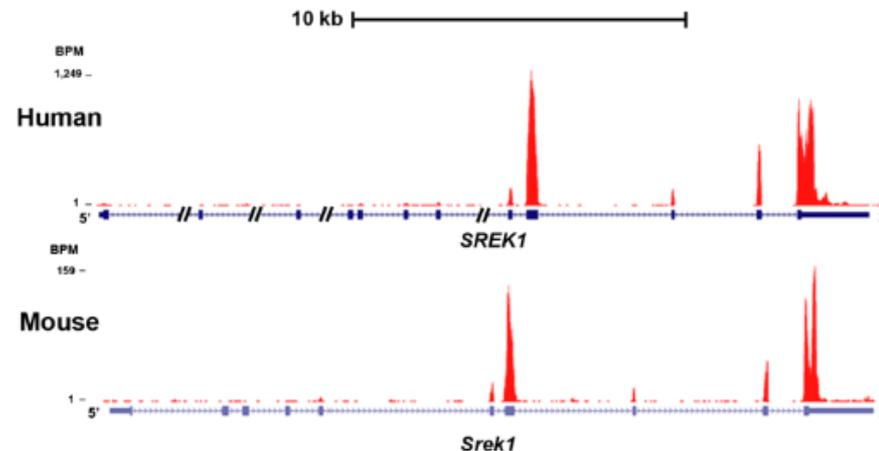


# Conservations of signal and sites in >10,000 orthologous genes

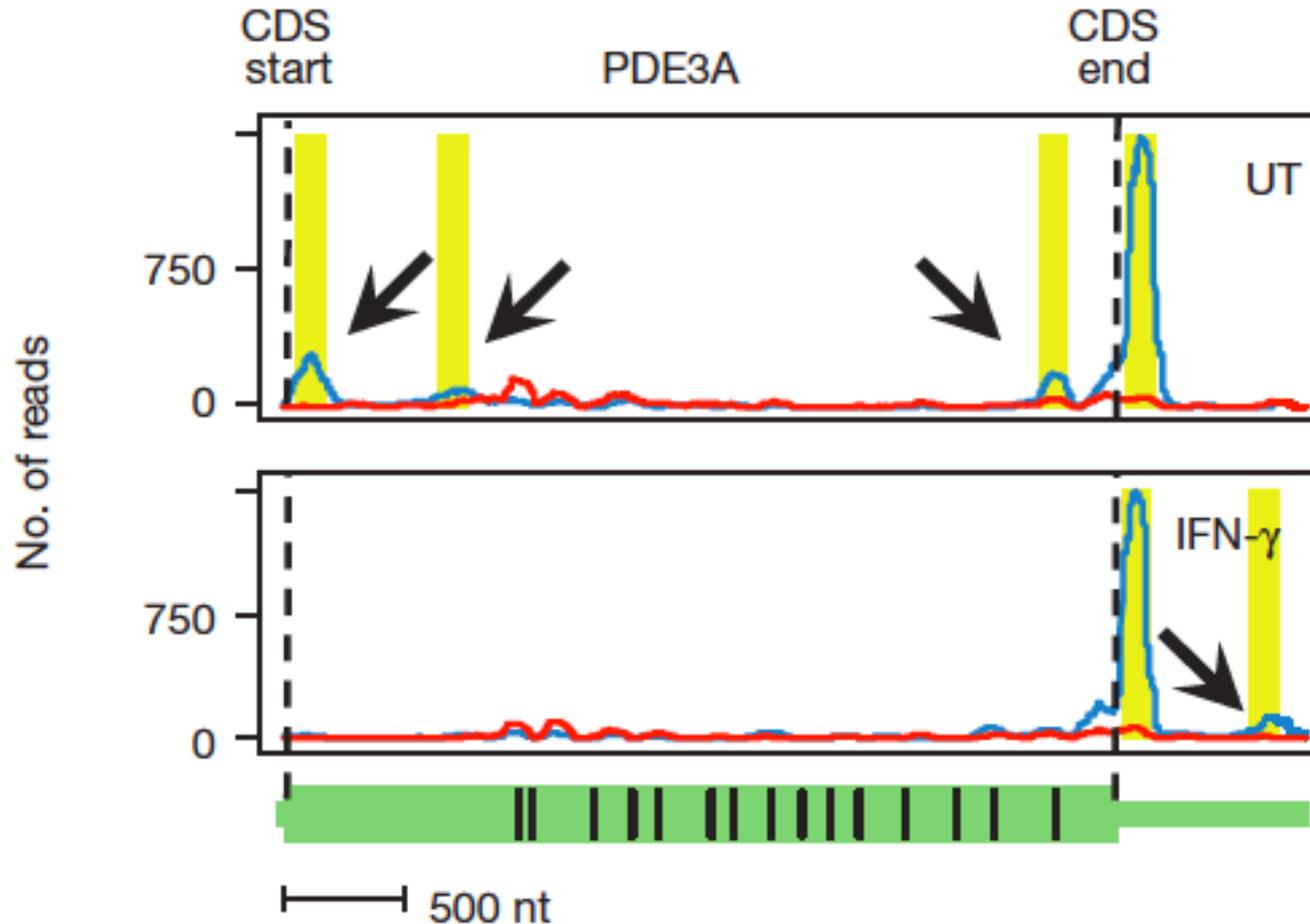
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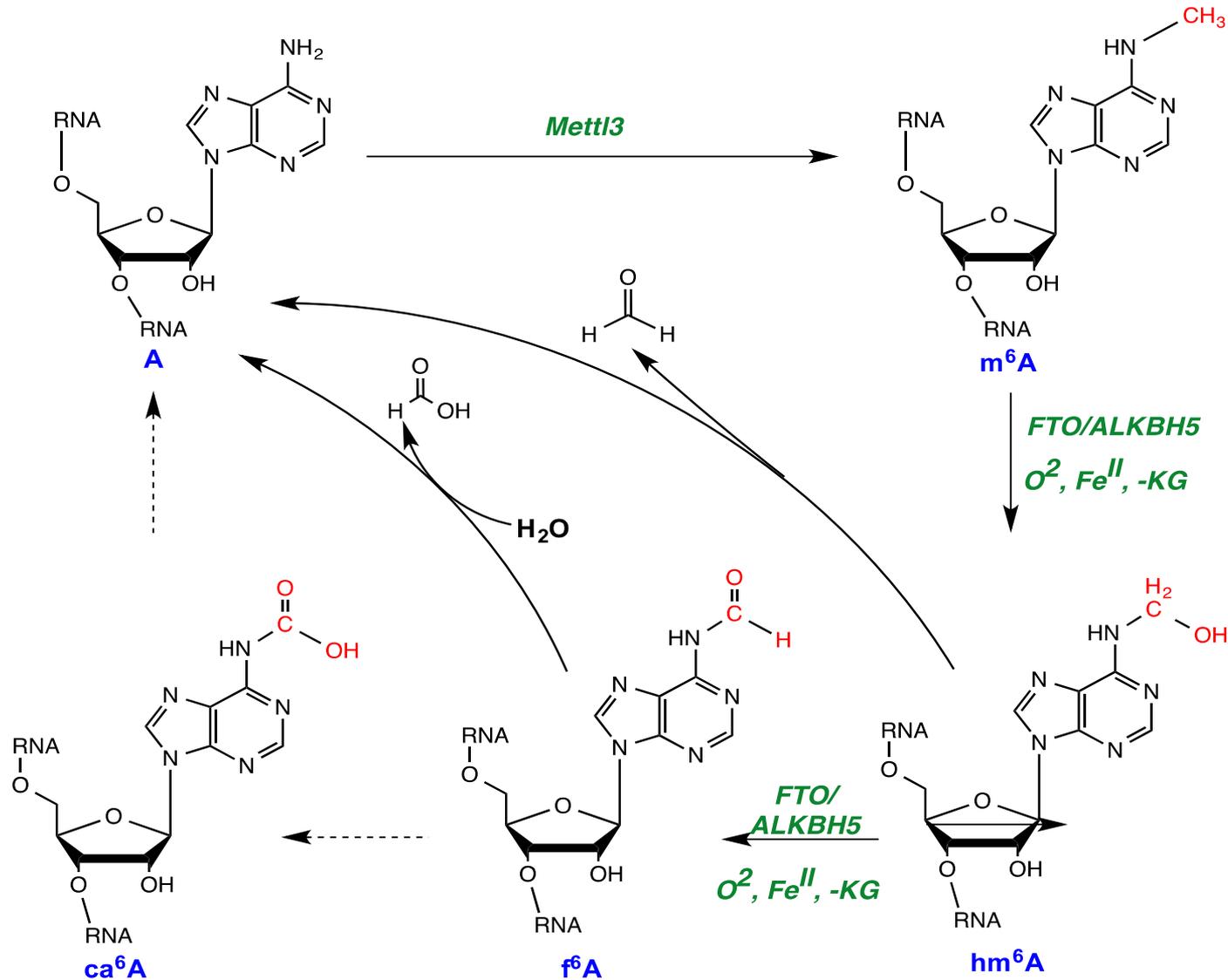
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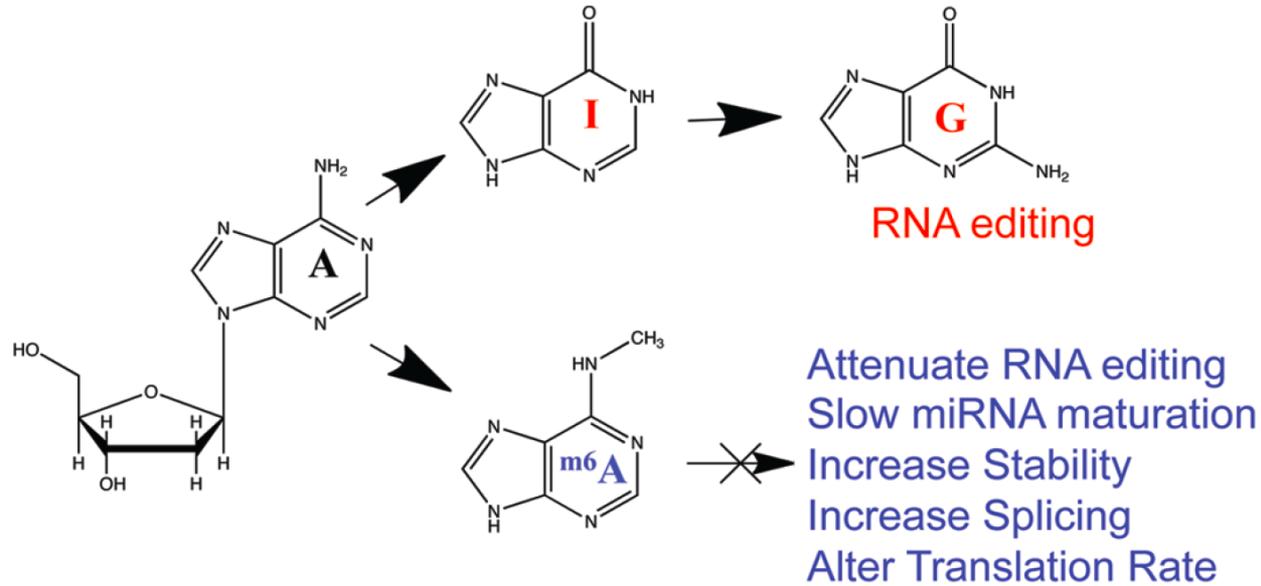
# m<sup>6</sup>A levels may also change splicing patterns in genes



# RNA modifications give a new layer of cellular regulation

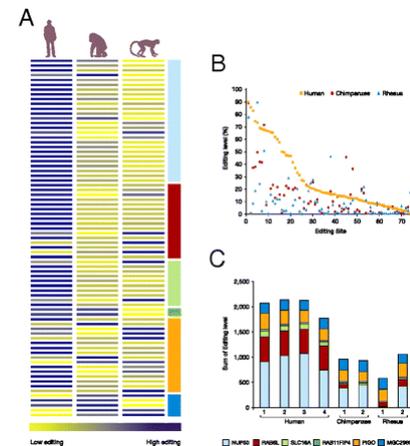


# Many putative roles for m<sup>6</sup>A in RNA



Saletore, Chen-Kiang, and Mason, RNA Biology, 2013.

Paz-Yaakov et al, 2010



# New layer of regulation to study

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## The birth of the Epitranscriptome: deciphering the function of RNA modifications

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### Abstract

Recent studies have found methyl-6-adenosine in thousands of mammalian genes, and this modification is most pronounced near the beginning of the 3' UTR. We present a perspective on current work and new single-molecule sequencing methods for detecting RNA base modifications.

**Keywords** epigenetics, epigenomics, epitranscriptome, m<sup>6</sup>A, methyl-6-adenosine, methyladenosine, N<sup>6</sup>-methyladenosine, RNA modifications

Project [10]. Similarly, cell-specific, post-translational modifications of proteins, sometimes referred to collectively as the 'epiproteome' [11], are essential mechanisms necessary for the regulation of protein activity, folding, stability and binding partners. Elucidating the roles of protein and DNA modifications has had a major impact on our understanding of cellular signaling, gene regulation and cancer biology [12].

However, our understanding of an additional regulatory layer of biology that rests between DNA and proteins is still in its infancy; namely, the multitude of RNA modifications that together constitute the 'Epitranscriptome'. There are currently 107 known RNA base modifications, with the majority of these having been reported in tRNAs

Table 1. List of RNA Base Modifications Covered by tRNA

Abbreviation	Chemical Name
m <sup>1</sup> acp <sup>Y</sup>	1-methyl-3-(3-amino-3-carboxypropyl) pseudouridine
m <sup>1</sup> A	1-methyladenosine
m <sup>1</sup> G	1-methylguanosine
m <sup>1</sup> I	1-methylinosine
m <sup>1</sup> Y	1-methylpseudouridine
m <sup>2</sup> Am	1,2'-O-dimethyladenosine
m <sup>2</sup> Gm	1,2'-O-dimethylguanosine
m <sup>2</sup> Im	1,2'-O-dimethylinosine
m <sup>2</sup> A	2-methyladenosine
ms <sup>1</sup> io <sup>1</sup> A	2-methylthio- <i>N</i> <sup>6</sup> -( <i>cis</i> -hydroxypenterylidene)adenosine
ms <sup>1</sup> hn <sup>1</sup> A	2-methylthio- <i>N</i> <sup>6</sup> -hydroxynorvalylcarbamoyladenosine
ms <sup>1</sup> FA	2-methylthio- <i>N</i> <sup>6</sup> -isopentenyladenosine
ms <sup>1</sup> m <sup>1</sup> A	2-methylthio- <i>N</i> <sup>6</sup> -methyladenosine
ms <sup>1</sup> t <sup>1</sup> A	2-methylthio- <i>N</i> <sup>6</sup> -threonylcarbamoyladenosine
s <sup>1</sup> Um	2-thio-2'-O-methyluridine
s <sup>1</sup> C	2-thiocytidine
s <sup>1</sup> U	2-thiouridine
Am	2'-O-methyladenosine
Gm	2'-O-methylguanosine
Im	2'-O-methylinosine
Ym	2'-O-methylpseudouridine
Um	2'-O-methyluridine
Ar(p)	2'-O-ribosyladenosine(phosphate)
Gr(p)	2'-O-ribosylguanosine(phosphate)
acp <sup>1</sup> U	3-(3-amino-3-carboxypropyl)uridine
m <sup>3</sup> C	3-methylcytidine
m <sup>3</sup> Y	3-methylpseudouridine
m <sup>3</sup> U	3-methyluridine
m <sup>3</sup> Um	3,2'-O-dimethyluridine
imG-14	4-demethylguanosine
s <sup>4</sup> U	4-thiouridine
chm <sup>1</sup> U	5-(carboxyhydroxymethyl)uridine
mchm <sup>1</sup> U	5-(carboxyhydroxymethyl)uridine(methyl)ester
inn <sup>1</sup> s <sup>5</sup> U	5-(isopentenylaminomethyl)-2-thiouridine
inn <sup>1</sup> Um	5-(isopentenylaminomethyl)-2'-O-methyluridine
inn <sup>1</sup> U	5-(isopentenylaminomethyl)uridine
nm <sup>1</sup> s <sup>5</sup> U	5-aminomethyl-2-thiouridine
ncm <sup>1</sup> Um	5-carbamoylmethyl-2'-O-methyluridine
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cmnm <sup>1</sup> Um	5-carboxymethylaminomethyl-2'-O-methyluridine
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cm <sup>1</sup> U	5-carboxymethyluridine
F <sup>1</sup> Cm	5-formyl-2'-O-methylcytidine
F <sup>1</sup> C	5-formylcytidine
hm <sup>1</sup> C	5-hydroxymethylcytidine
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preQ <sub>5</sub>	7-cyano-7-deazaguanosine
m <sup>1</sup> G	7-methylguanosine
G <sup>1</sup>	archaeosine
D	dihydrouridine
oQ	epoxyqueosine
galQ	galactosyl-queosine
OHYW	hydroxywybutosine
I	inosine
ImG2	isowyosine
k <sup>1</sup> C	lysine
manQ	mannosyl-queosine
manG	methylwyosine
m <sup>1</sup> G	<i>N</i> <sup>7</sup> -methylguanosine
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m <sup>1</sup> G	<i>N</i> <sup>7</sup> ,7-dimethylguanosine
m <sup>1</sup> Gm	<i>N</i> <sup>7</sup> ,7,2'-O-trimethylguanosine
m <sup>1</sup> G	<i>N</i> <sup>7</sup> , <i>N</i> <sup>9</sup> -dimethylguanosine
m <sup>1</sup> Gm	<i>N</i> <sup>7</sup> , <i>N</i> <sup>9</sup> ,2'-O-trimethylguanosine
m <sup>1</sup> G	<i>N</i> <sup>7</sup> , <i>N</i> <sup>9</sup> ,7-trimethylguanosine
ac <sup>1</sup> Cm	<i>N</i> <sup>6</sup> -acetyl-2'-O-methylcytidine
ac <sup>1</sup> C	<i>N</i> <sup>6</sup> -acetylcytidine
m <sup>1</sup> C	<i>N</i> <sup>6</sup> -methylcytidine
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o <sub>1</sub> yW	peroxywybutosine
Y	pseudouridine
Q	queosine
OHyW	undermodified hydroxywybutosine
cmo <sup>1</sup> U	uridine-5'-oxacetic acid
cmo <sup>1</sup> U	uridine-5'-oxacetic acid(methyl)ester
yW	wybutosine
ImG	wyosine

m<sup>6</sup>A is just 1 of the 107 known RNA modifications from the RNA Modification Database

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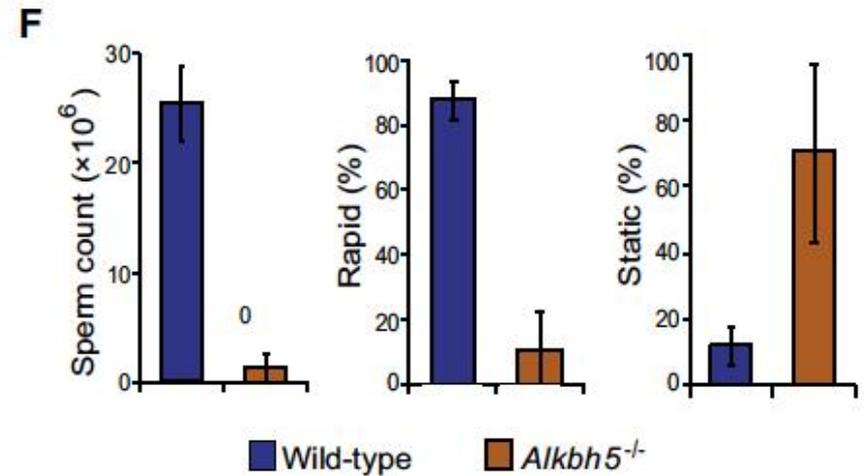
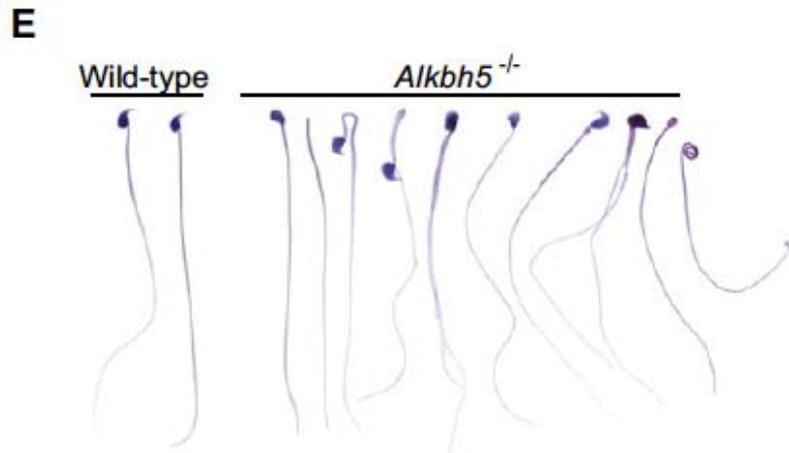
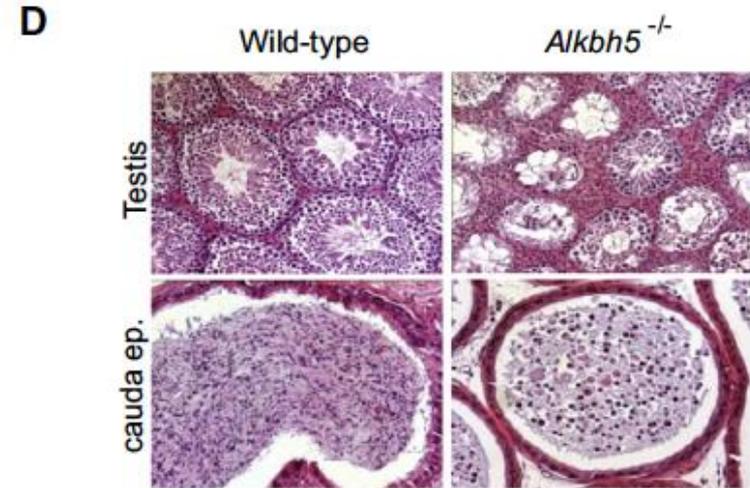
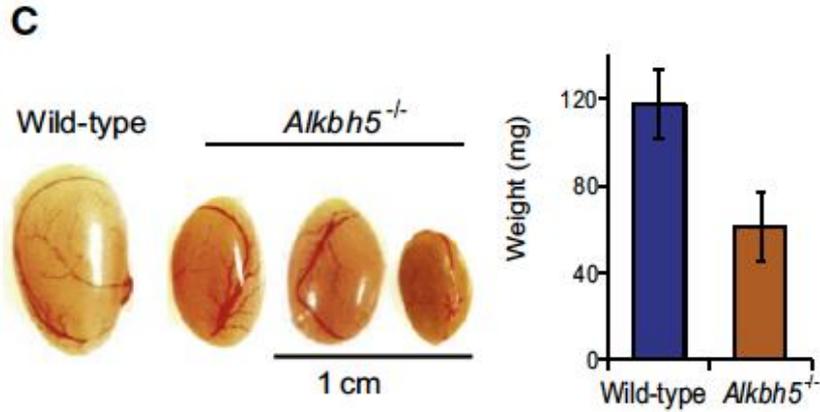
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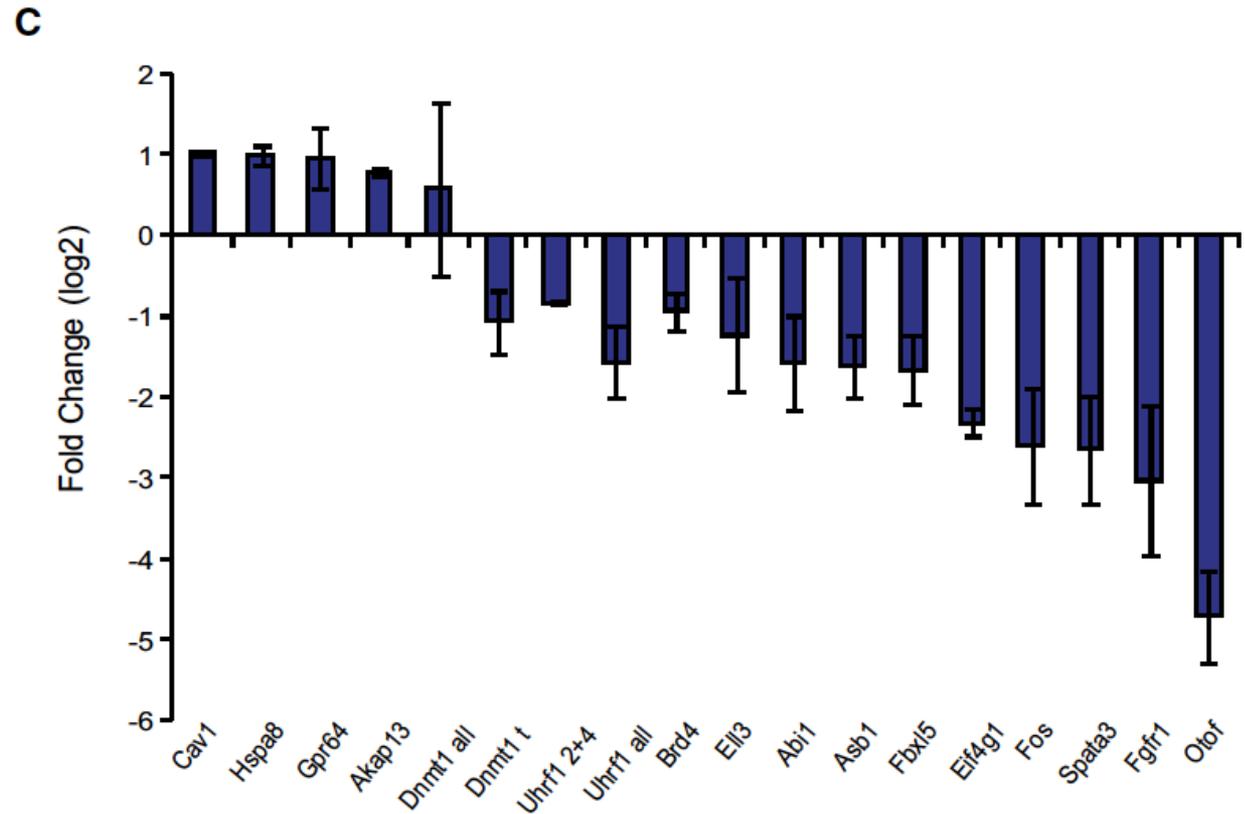
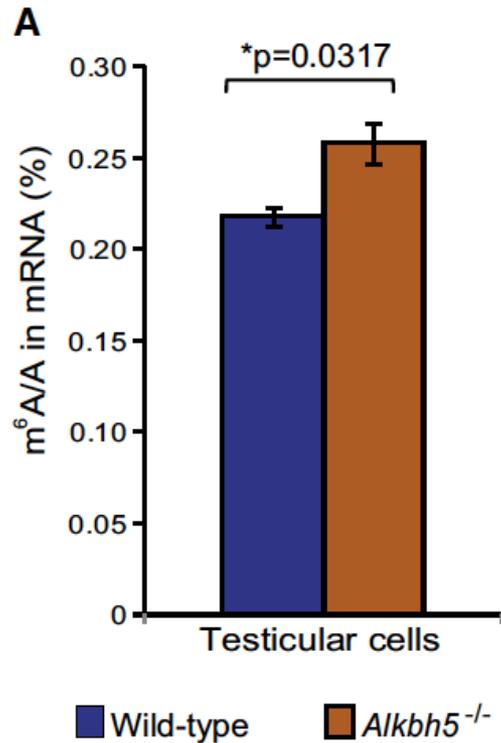
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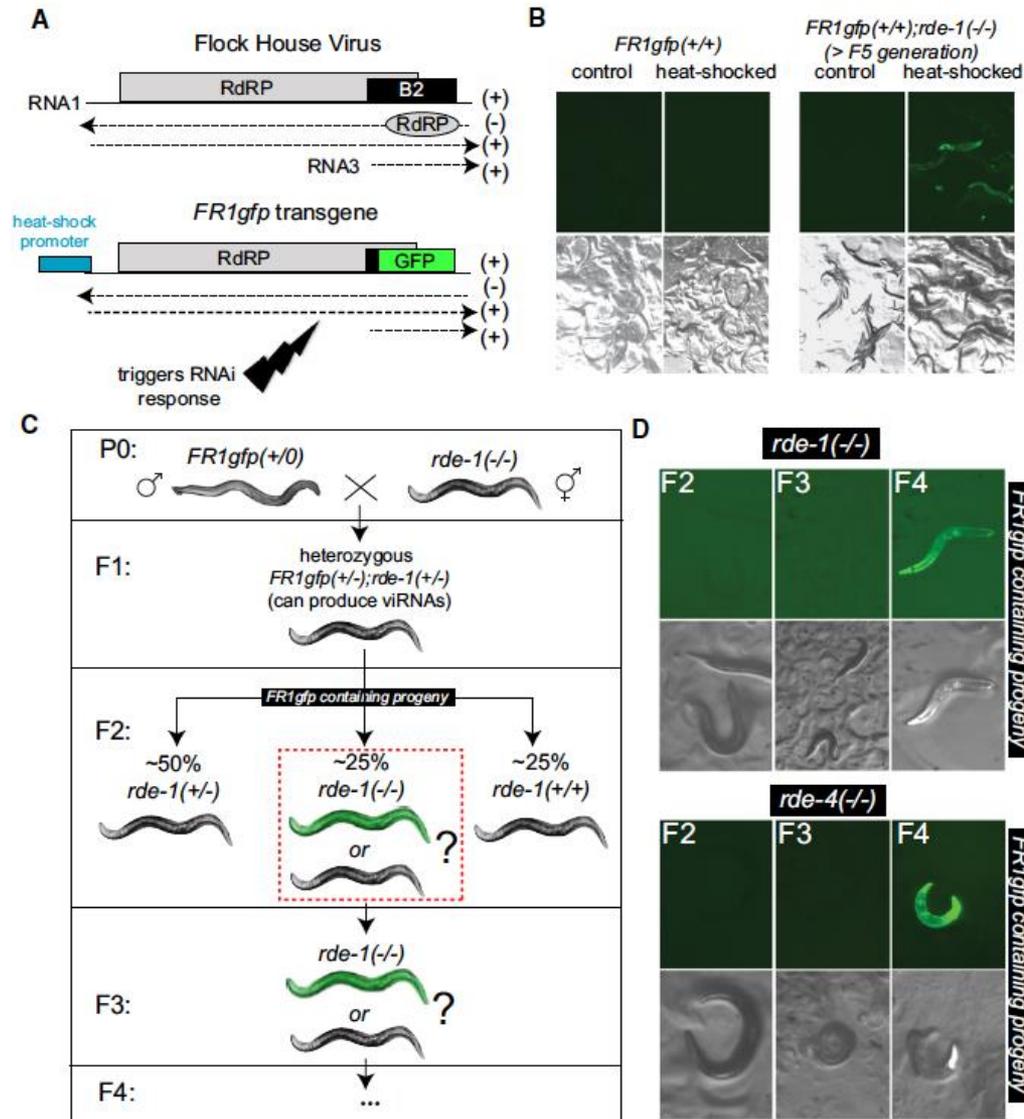


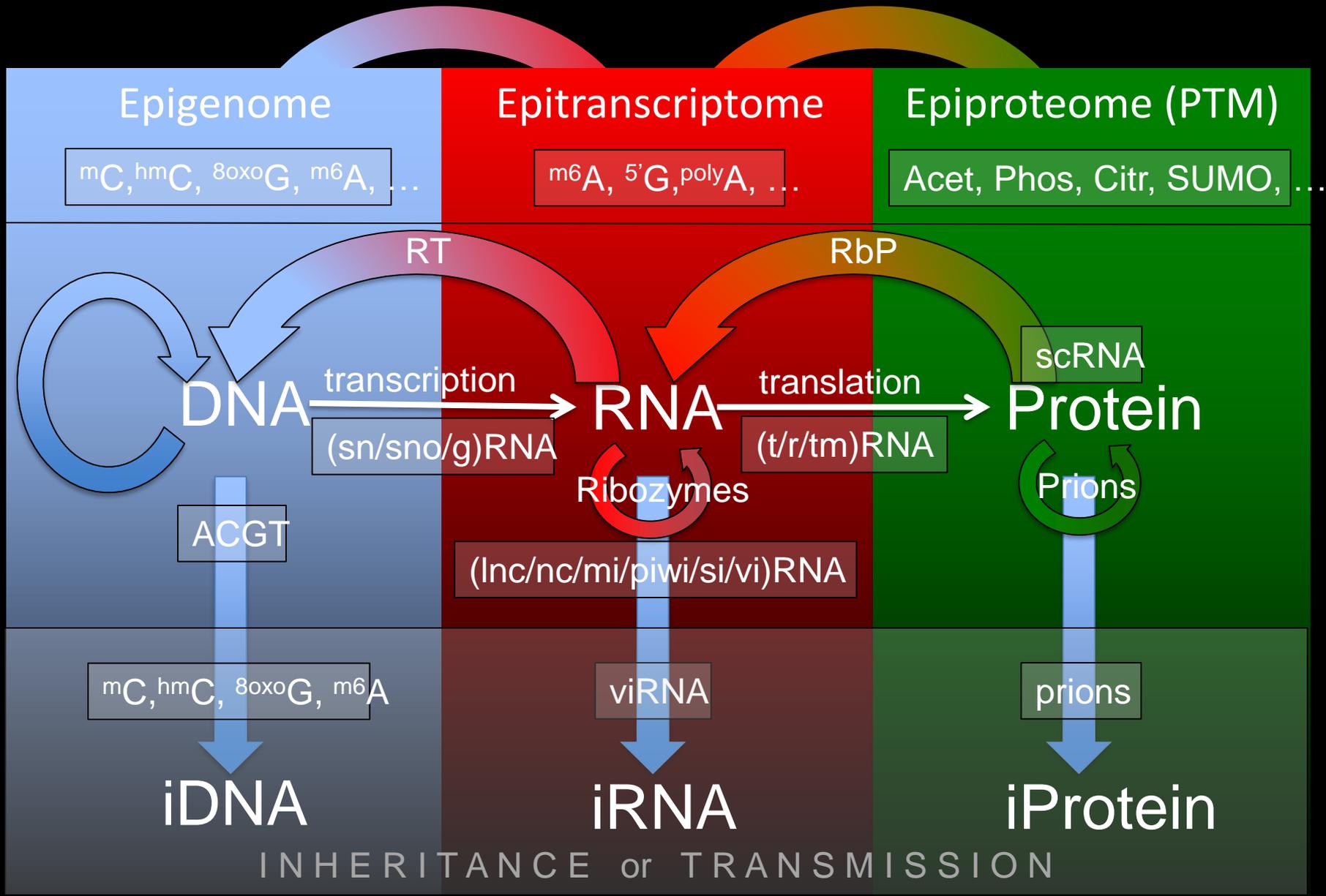
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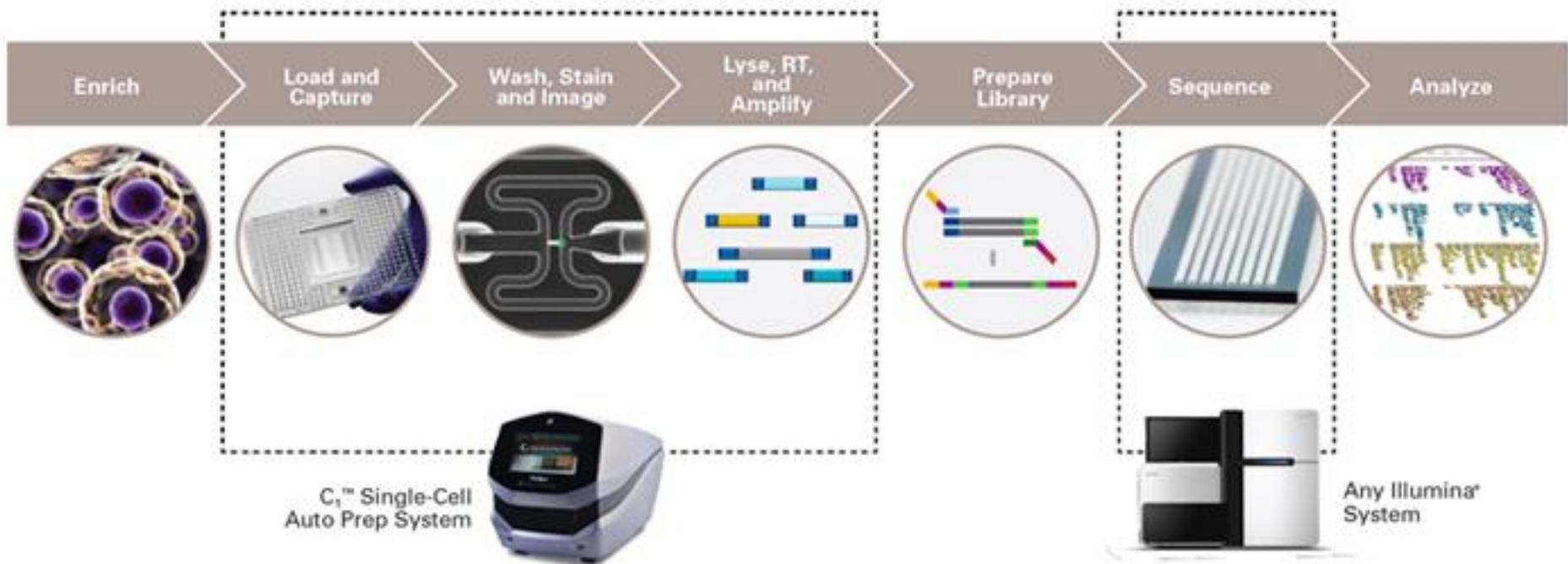
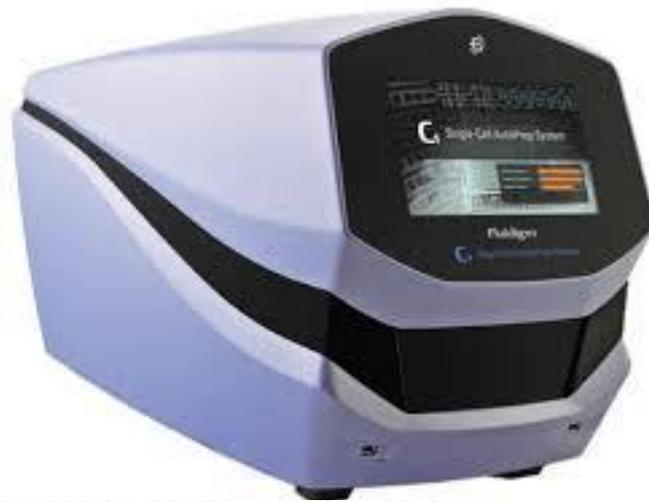
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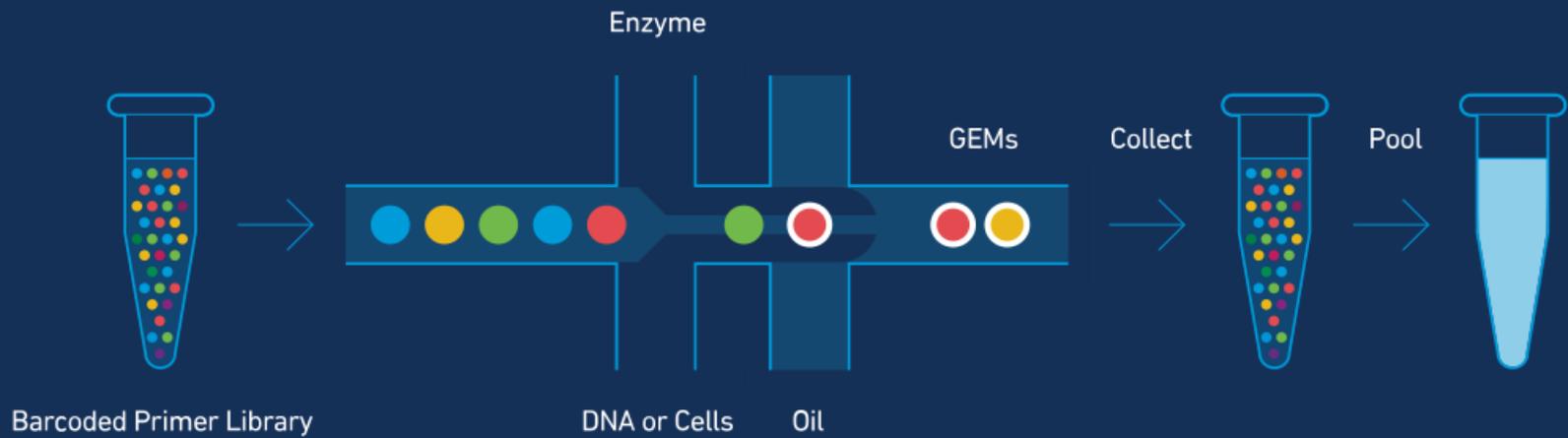


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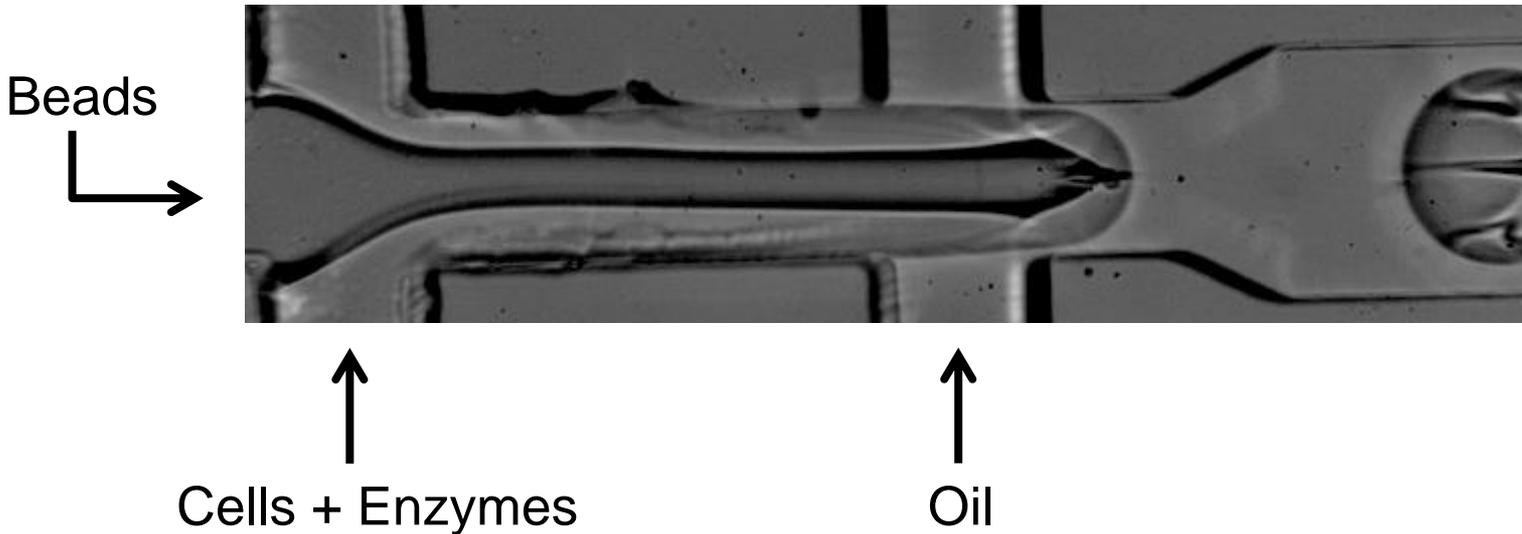
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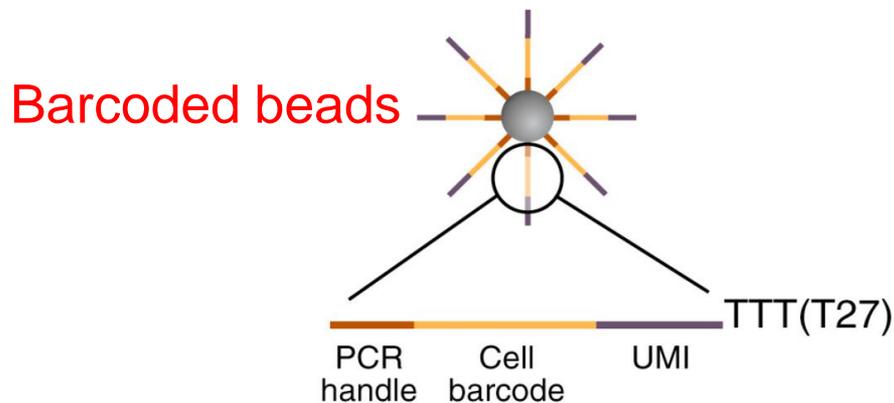
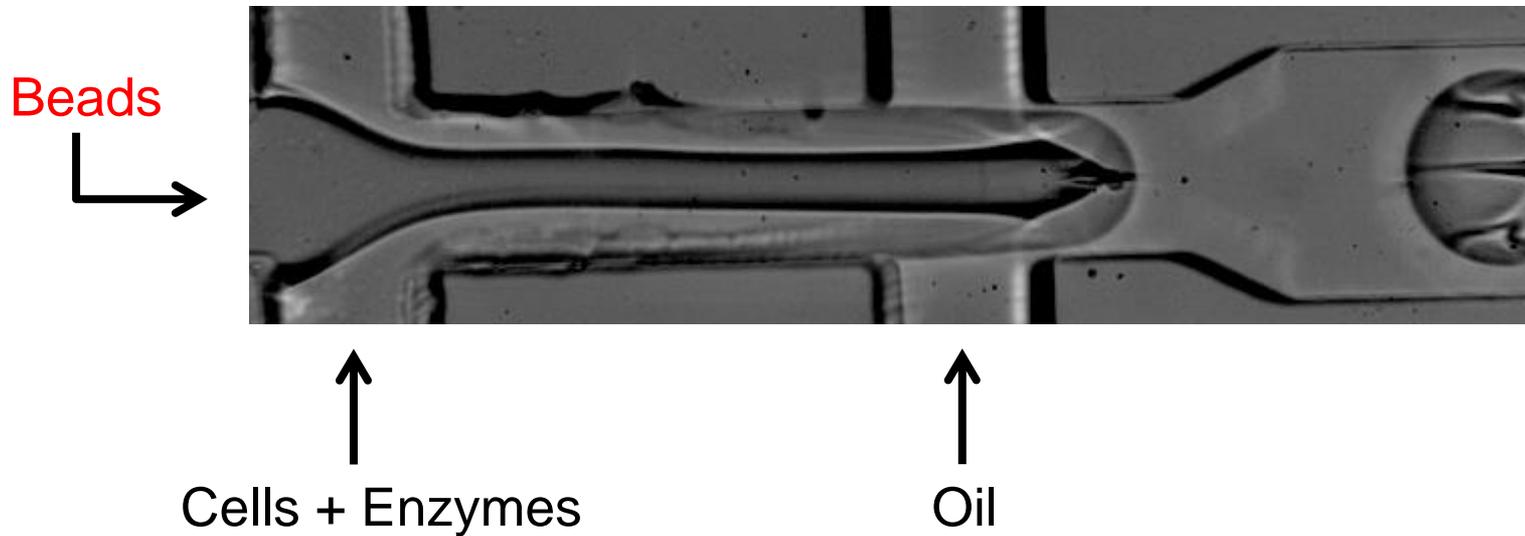


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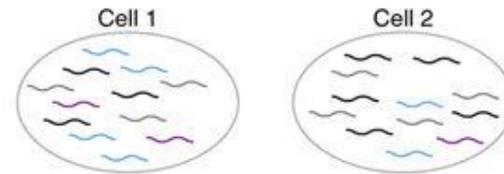


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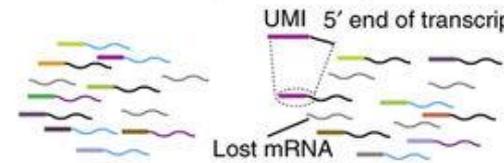


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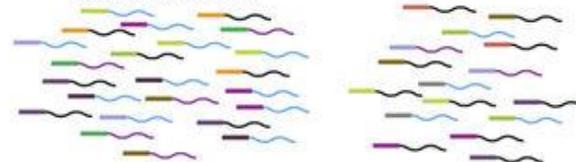
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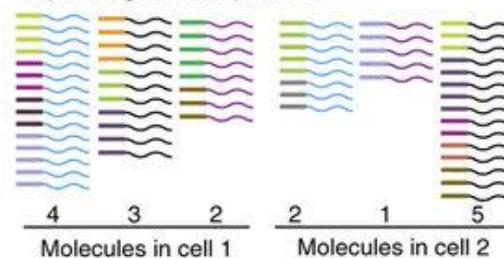
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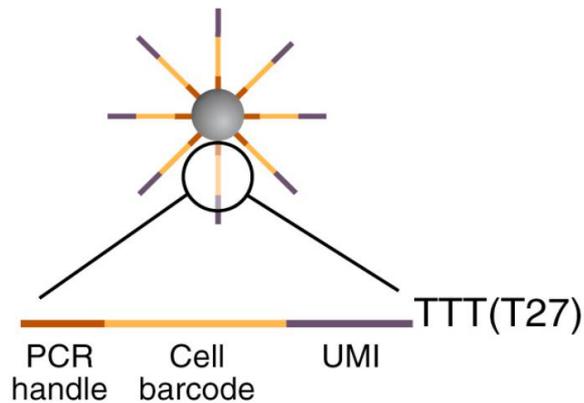
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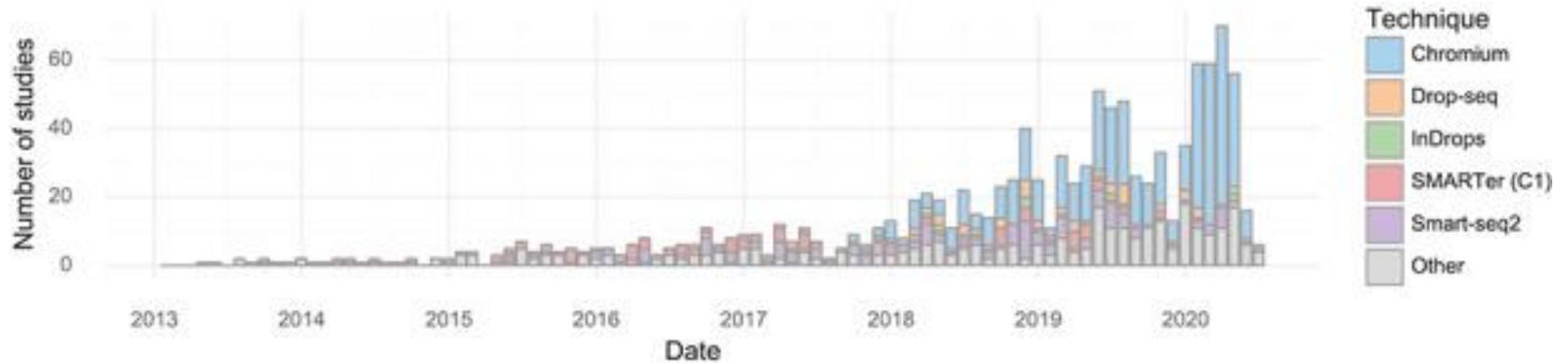
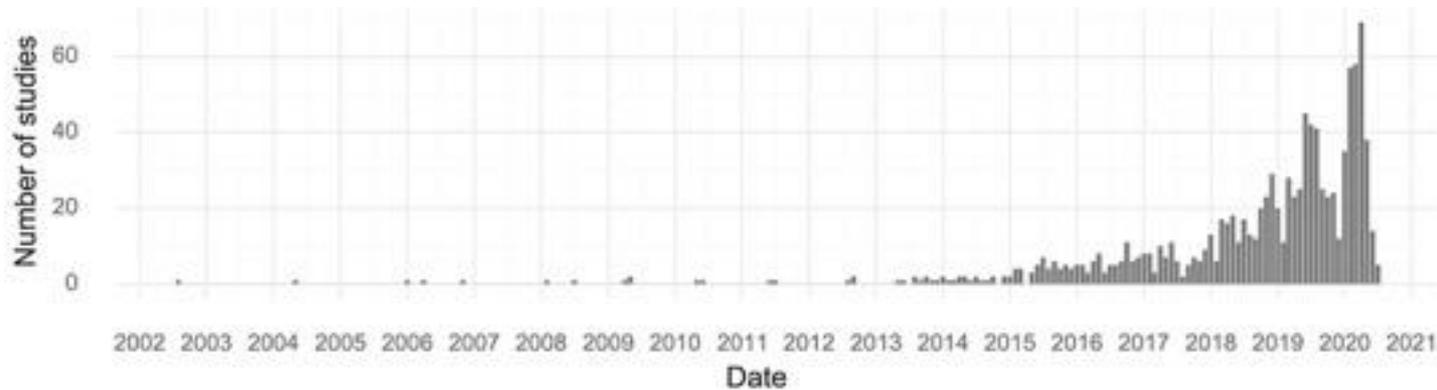
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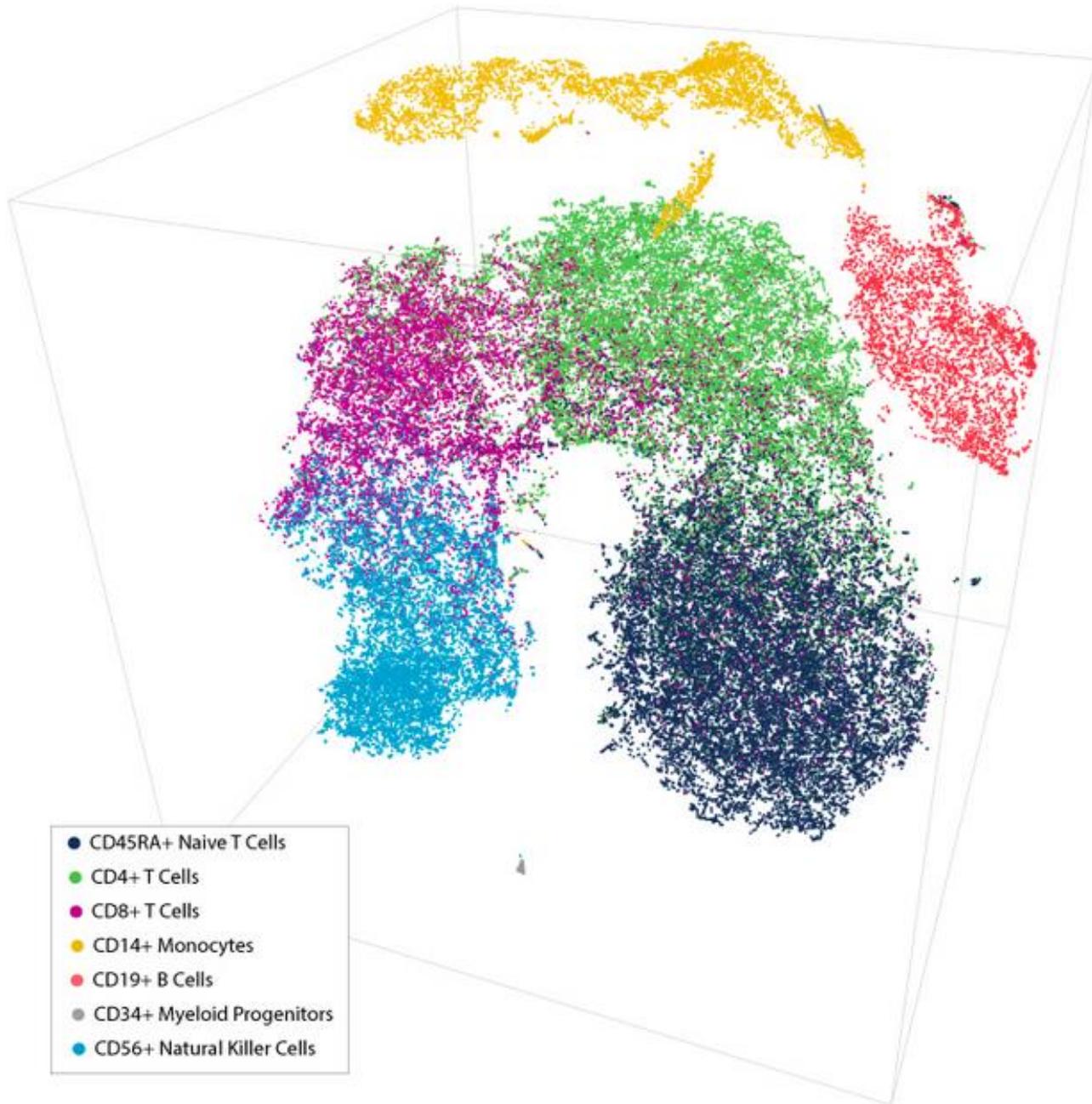


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# 1.3 million neurons catalogued

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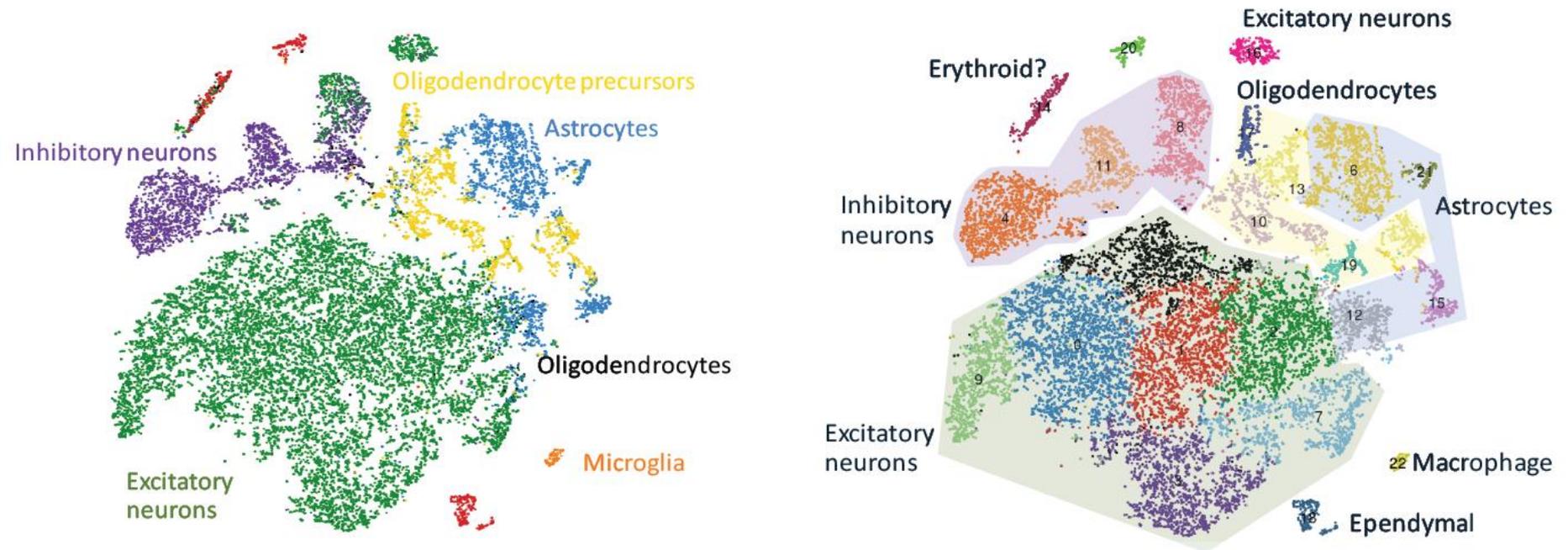
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# G&T-seq: parallel sequencing of single-cell genomes and transcriptomes

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# Parallel single-cell sequencing links transcriptional and epigenetic heterogeneity

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## **Single-cell methylome landscapes of mouse embryonic stem cells and early embryos analyzed using reduced representation bisulfite sequencing**

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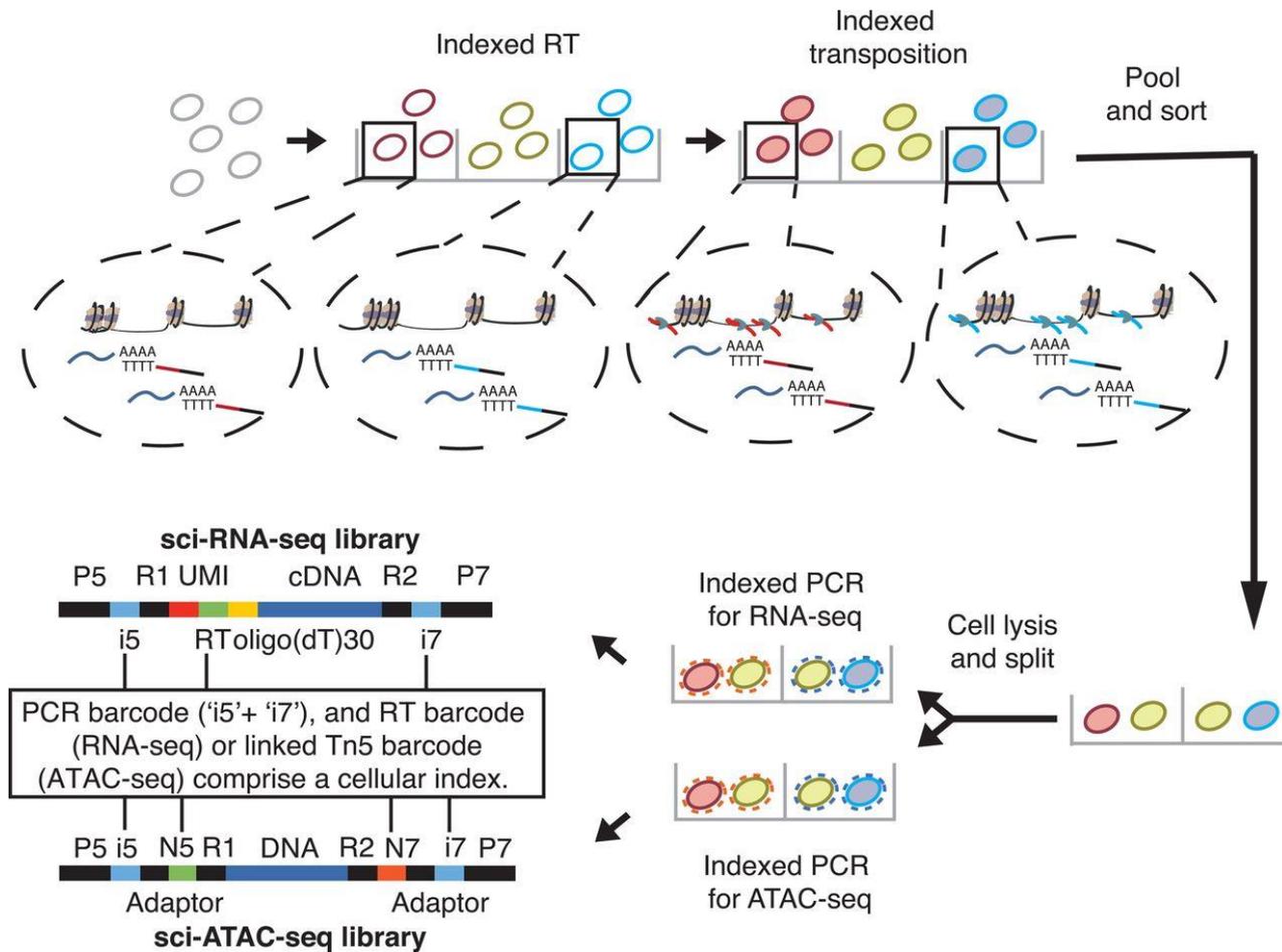
# scATAC/RNA-seq

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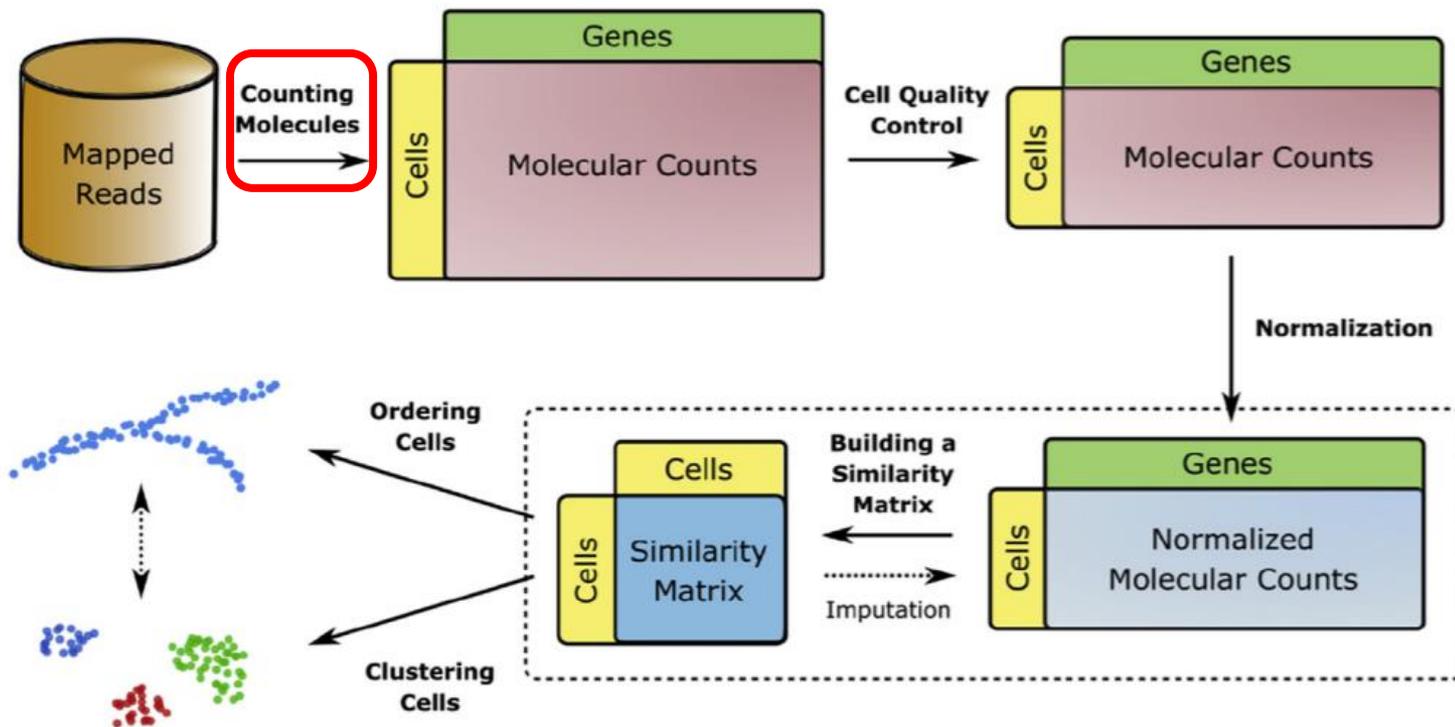
## Scalable, multimodal profiling of chromatin accessibility, gene expression and protein levels in single cells

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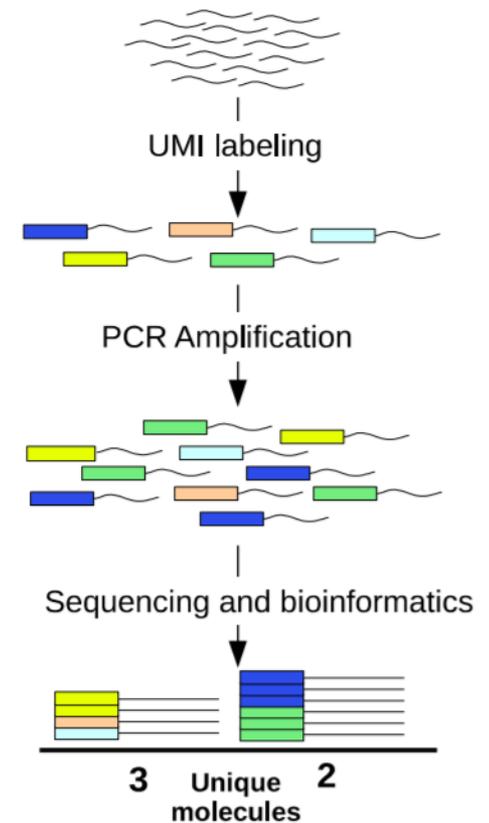
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# Analysis: Structure of a generic pipeline



# Counting Molecules

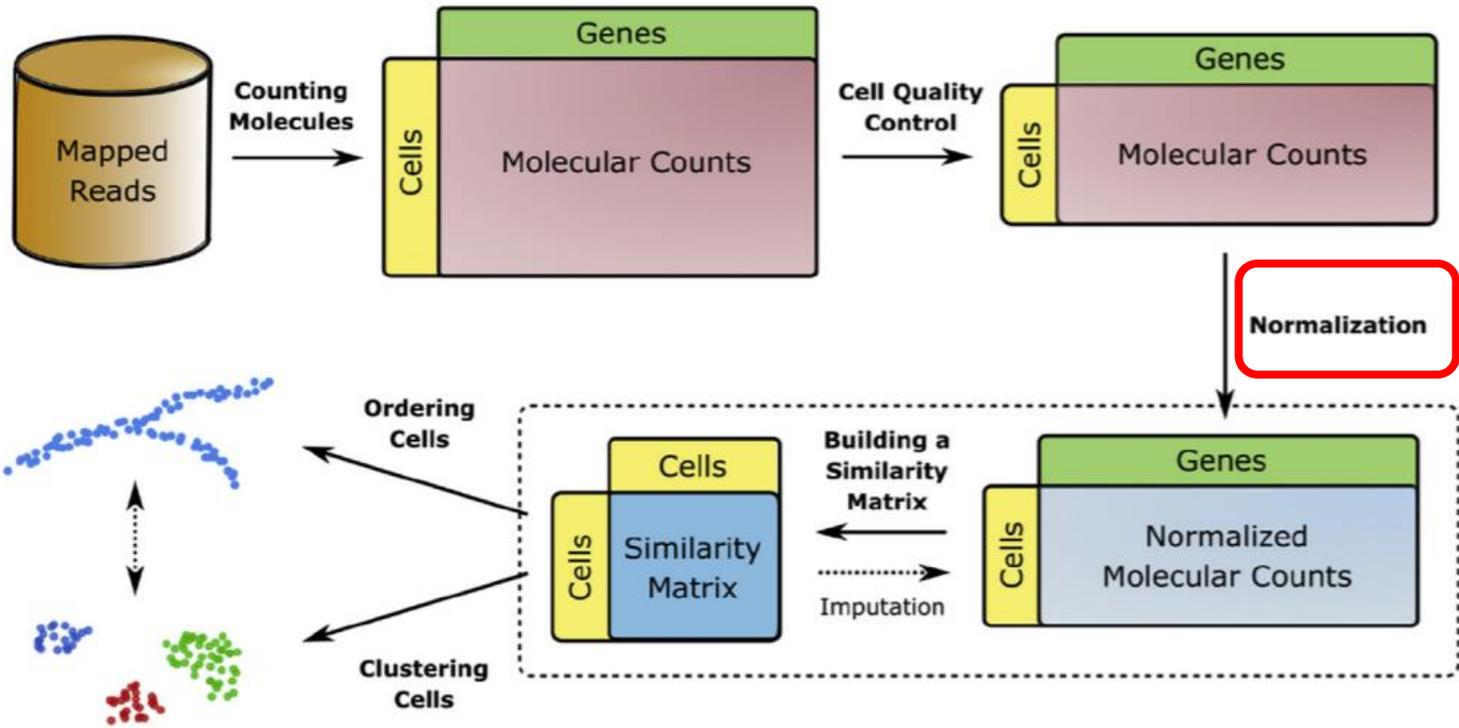
- Counting reads
  - featureCounts, etc.
- Counting UMIs
  - Unique
    - does not account for PCR and sequencing errors
  - Directional adjacency graph (UMI-tools)
  - Bayesian (dropEst)
  - Proprietary (SevenBridges for BD Precise)



# Commonly used open-source tools

1. Infer which barcodes come from valid cells – **UMI-tools**
2. Extract cell barcodes and UMIs from R1 and add to R2 – **UMI-tools**
3. Align to reference genome (GRCh38) – **STAR**
4. Assign reads to genes (Ensembl/gencode) – **featureCounts**
5. Count unique UMIs per gene – **UMI-tools**
6. QC – **fastqc, picard, multiqc, custom scripts**

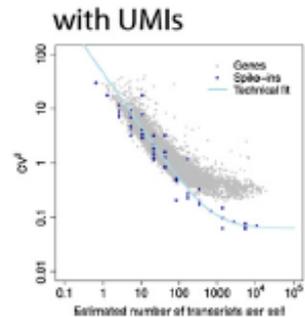
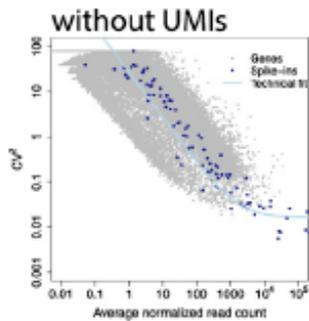
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# Normalization challenges

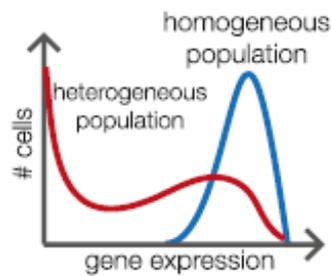
Total variation observed

Technical noise

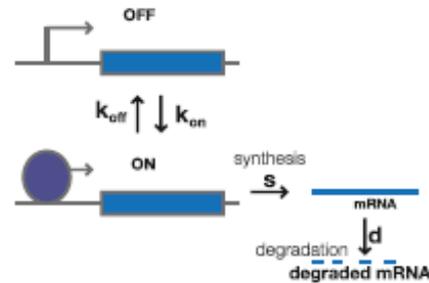


Biological noise

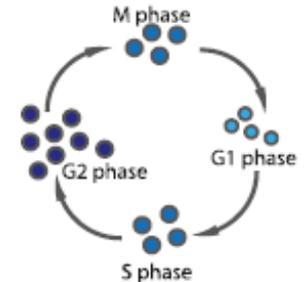
Heterogeneity arising from subpopulations



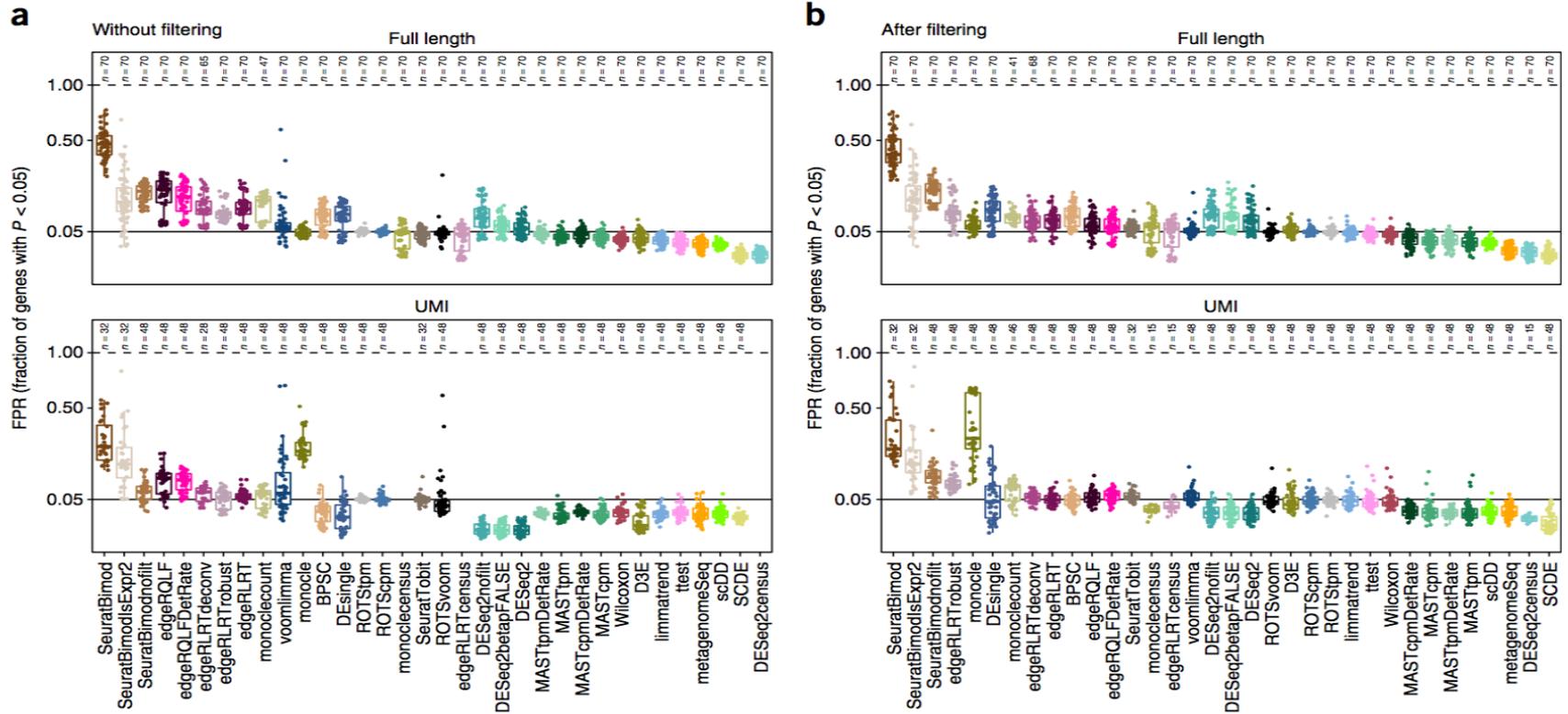
Heterogeneity arising from transcription kinetics



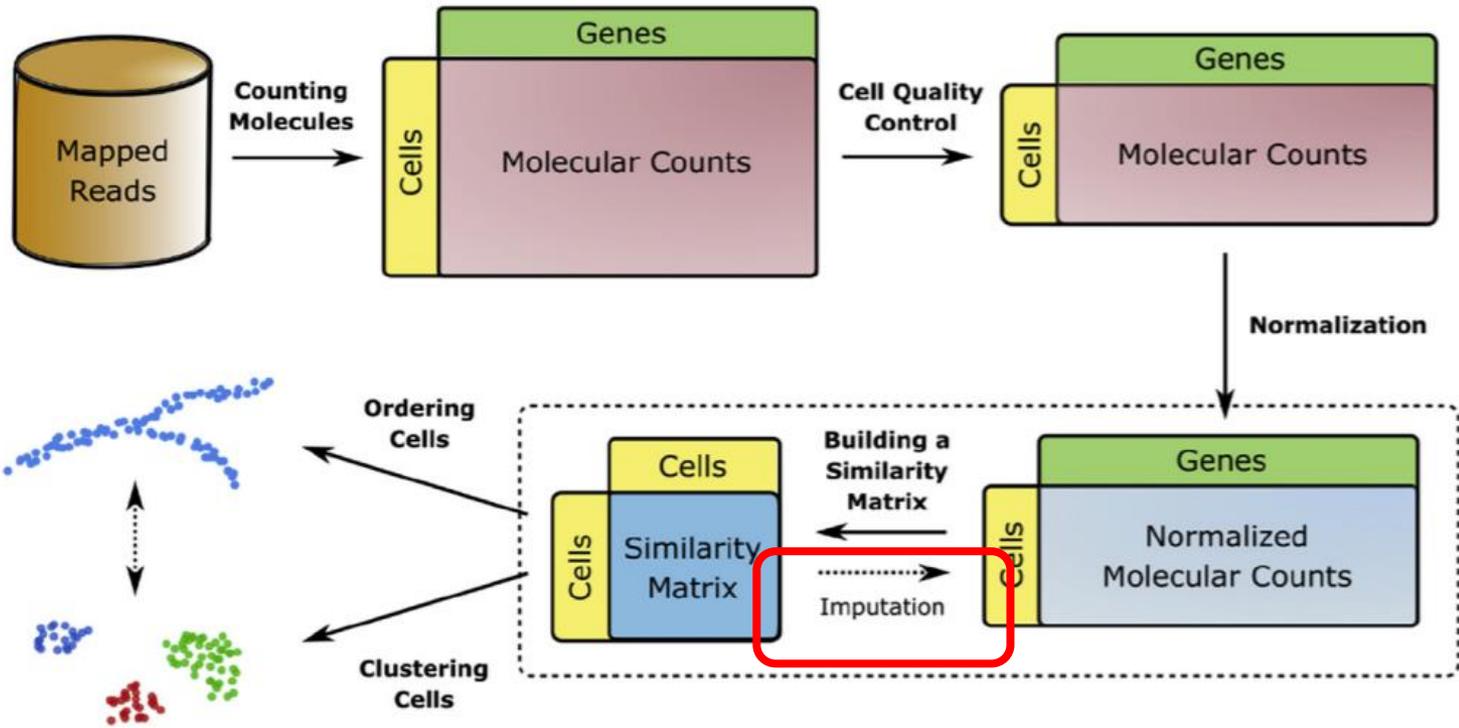
Heterogeneity arising from biological processes e.g. cell cycle



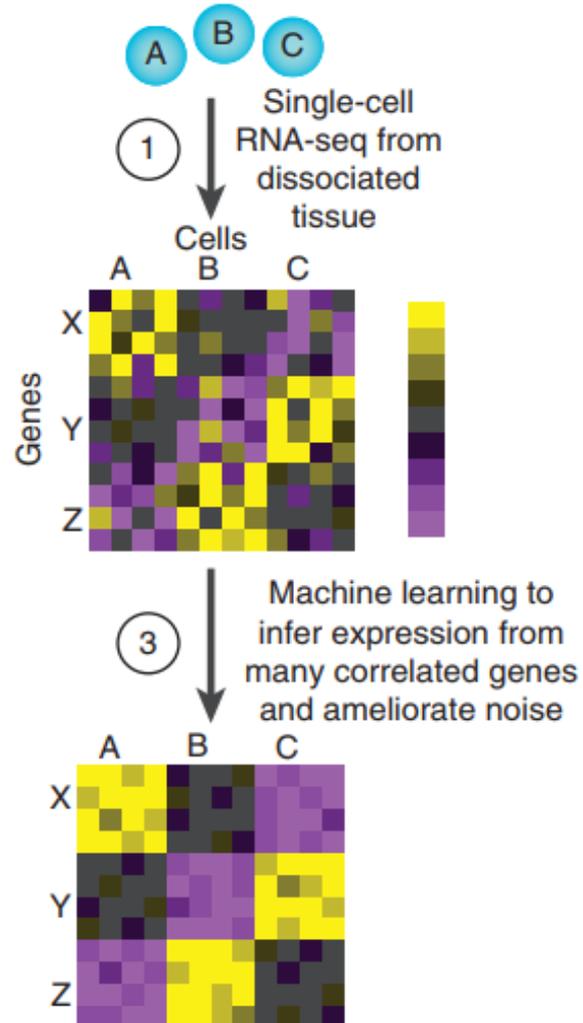
# Normalization + Differential Expression Analysis



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# Gene Expression Imputation



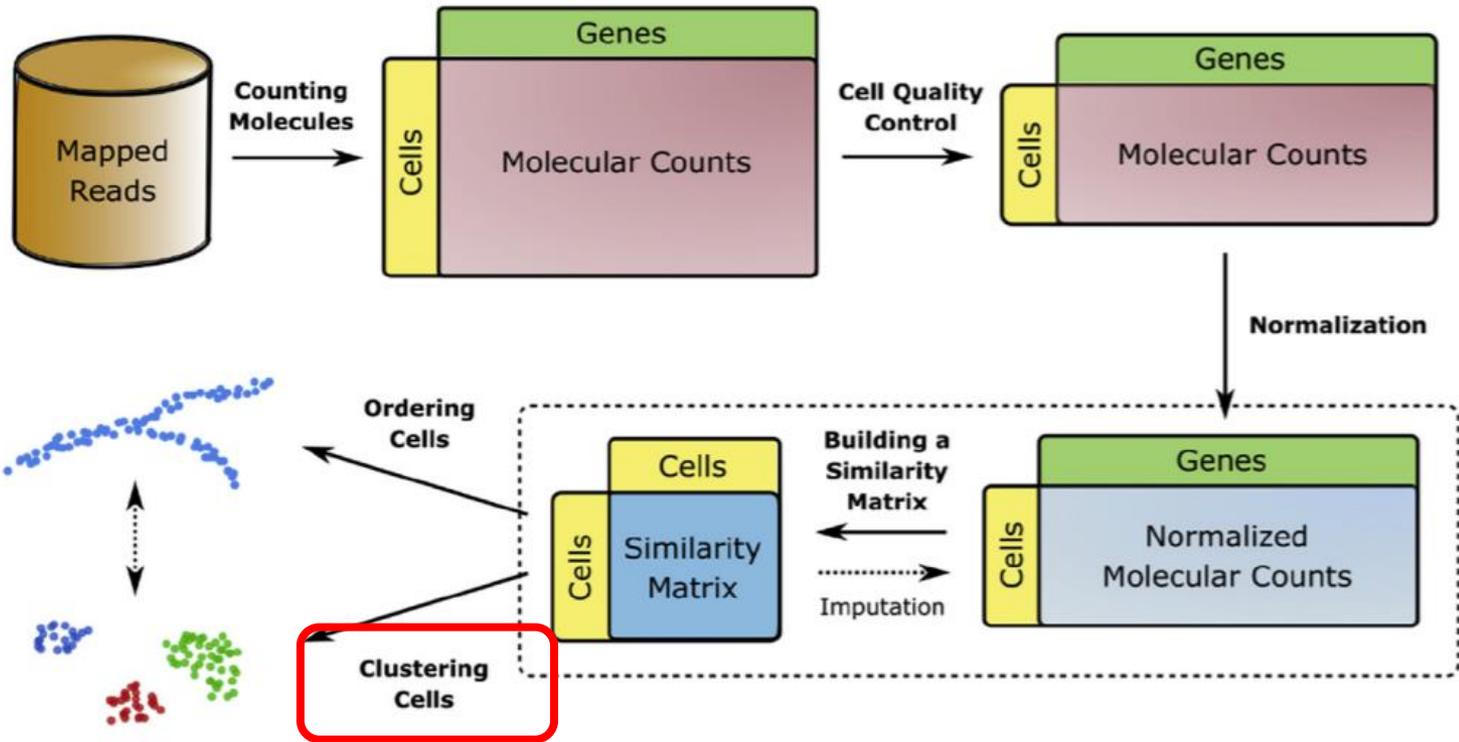
# Gene Expression Imputation

TABLE 1  
Summary of the eight imputation methods

	Designed for single cell	Local or global	Bayesian method	Need other information	Imputation strategy
LLSImpute	N	local	N	No. of nearest genes	1
Low-rank	N	global	N	error tolerance $\delta$	2
BISCUIT	Y	global	Y	dispersion parameter	1 and 2
scUnif	Y	global	Y	cell labels	2
MAGIC	Y	global	N	diffusion time	2
scImpute	Y	local	N	dropout rate cutoff	2
DrImpute	Y	local	N	cluster numbers	2
SAVER	Y	global	Y	size factor	1

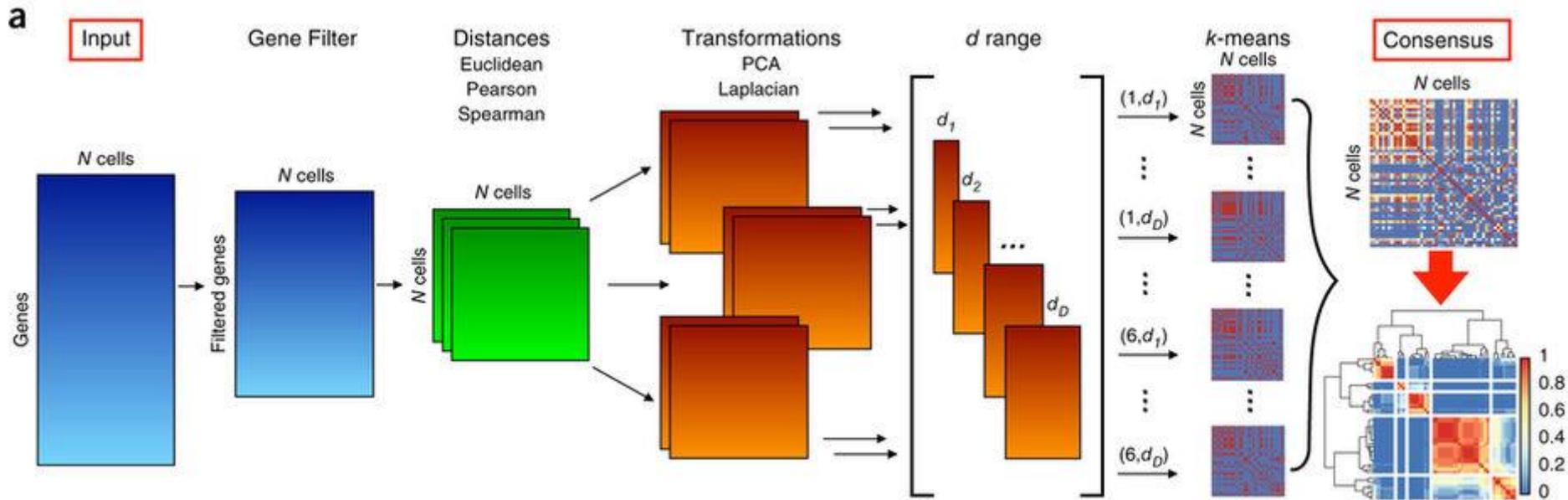
Strategy 1 represents imputing dropout based on co-expressed or similar genes, while strategy 2 denotes imputing dropout by borrowing information from similar cells.

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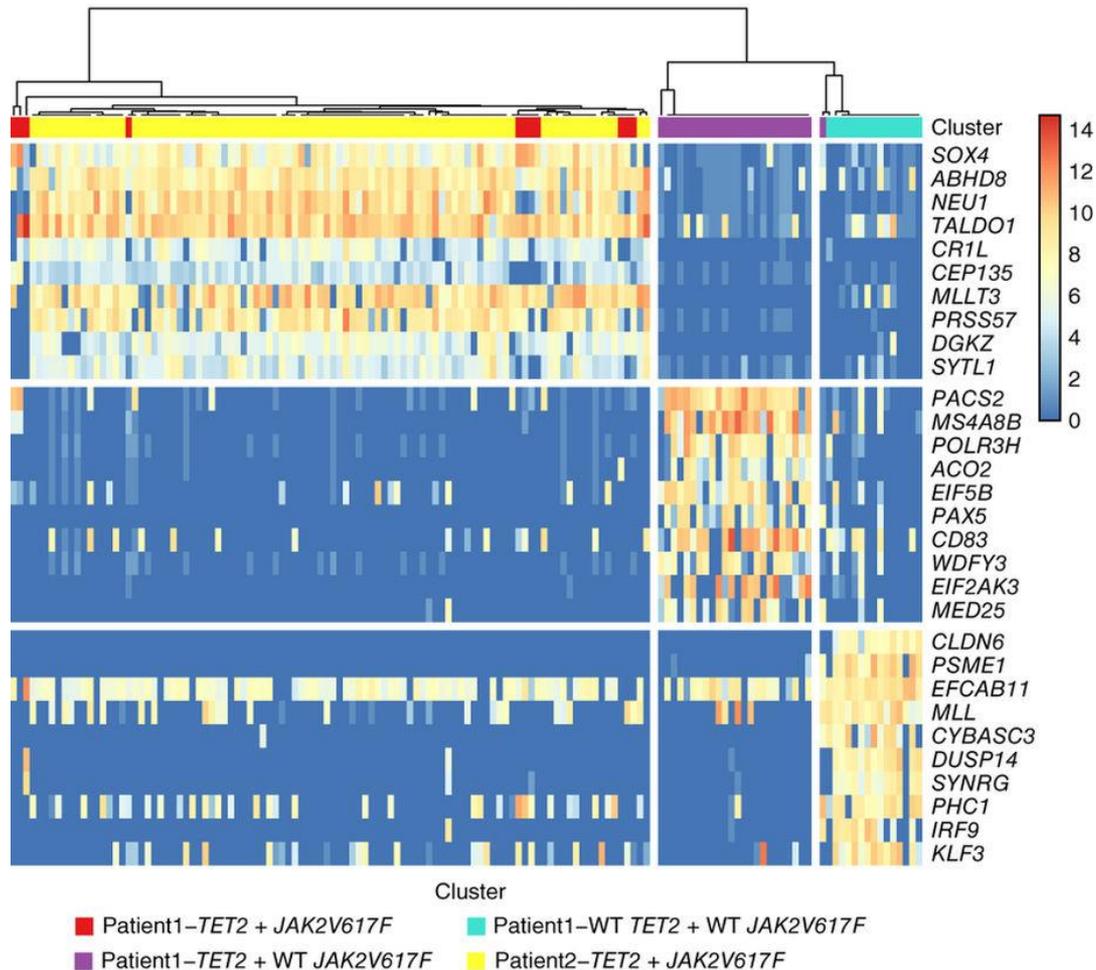
# Clustering Cells

SC3: consensus clustering of single-cell RNA-seq data



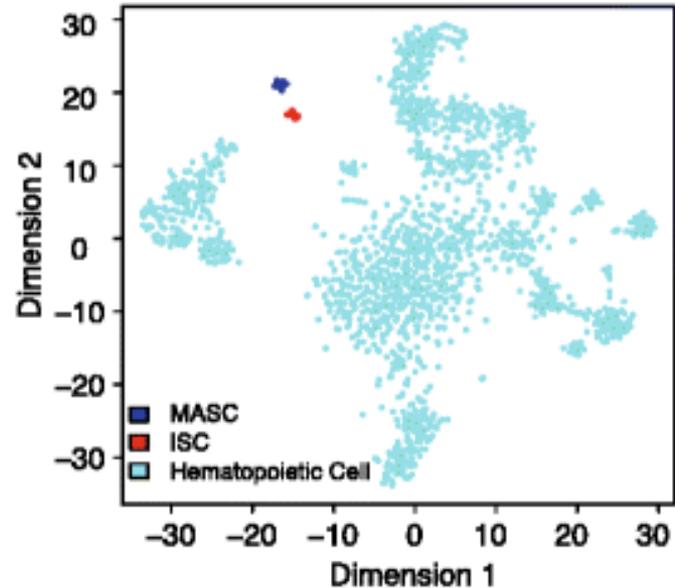
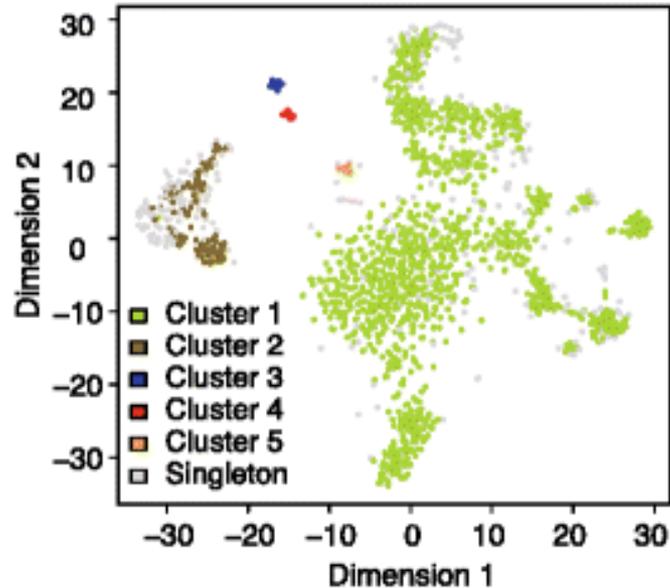
# Differential Expression Analysis

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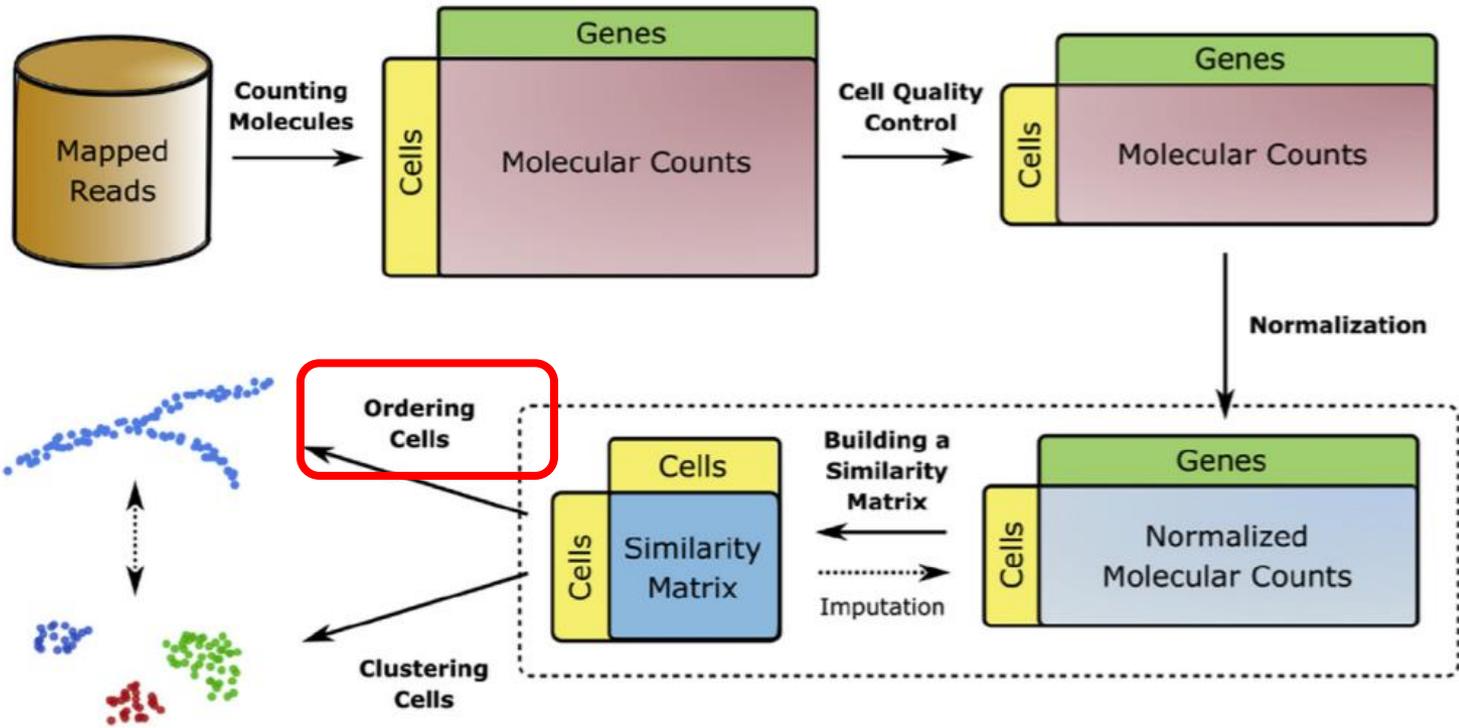


# Clustering Cells

GiniClust: detecting rare cell types from single-cell gene expression data with Gini index

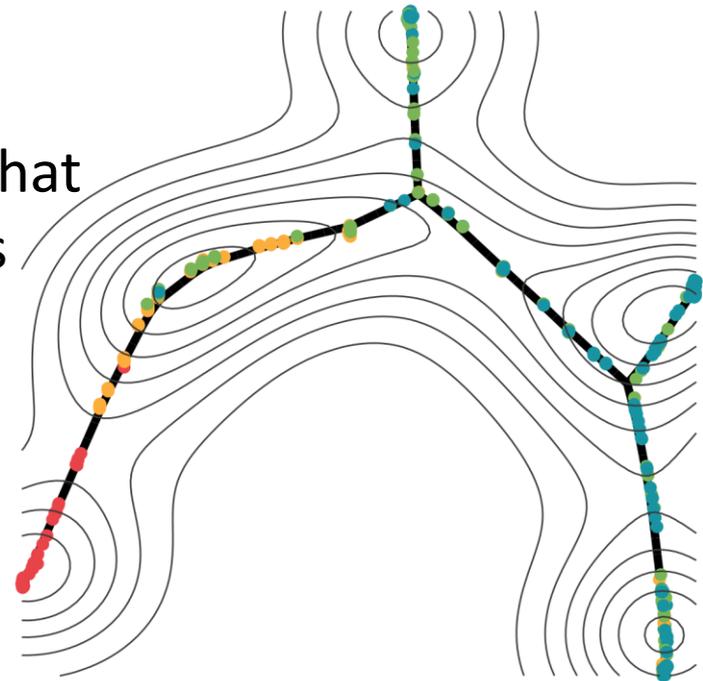


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# Single Cell Trajectory Inference

- “Pseudotime” introduced in Trapnell *et al.*, *Nature Biotechnology* 2014 (Monocle)
- Steps:
  1. (Optional) Choose genes that define a biological process
  2. Reduce dimensionality
  3. Order cells



# Single Cell Trajectory Inference

Method	SCUBA pseudotime	Wanderlust	Wishbone	SLICER	SCOUP	Waterfall	Mpath	TSCAN	Monocle	SCUBA
Visual abstract										
Structure	Linear	Linear	Single bifurcation	Branching	Branching	Linear	Branching	Linear	Branching	Branching
Robustness strategy	Principal curves	Ensemble, starting cell	Ensemble, starting cell	Starting cell	Starting population	Clustering of cells	Clustering of cells using external labelling	Clustering of cells	Differential expression	Simple model
Extra input requirements	None	Starting cell	Starting cell	Starting cell	Starting population	None	Time points	None	Time points	Time points
Unbiased	+	±	±	±	±	+	-	+	-	-
Scalability w.r.t. cells	-	-	±	±	-	±	+	+	-	±
Scalability w.r.t. genes	+	+	+	+	-	+	±	±	±	+
Code and documentation	-	±	+	±	+	±	+	+	+	±
Parameter ease-of-use	+	+	+	+	-	±	-	+	+	+

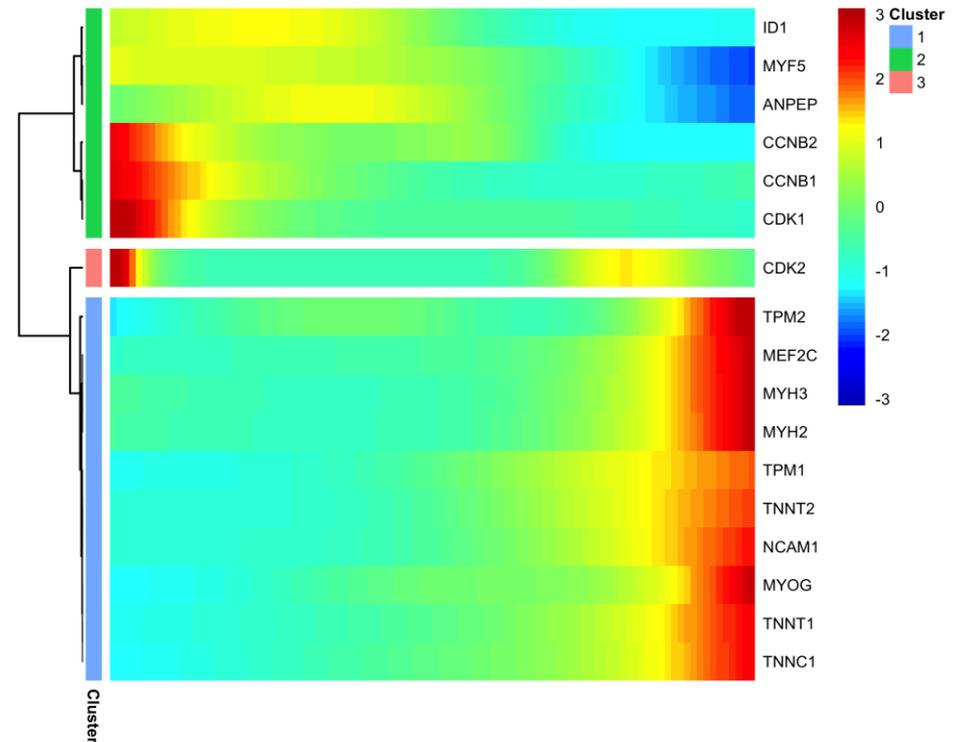
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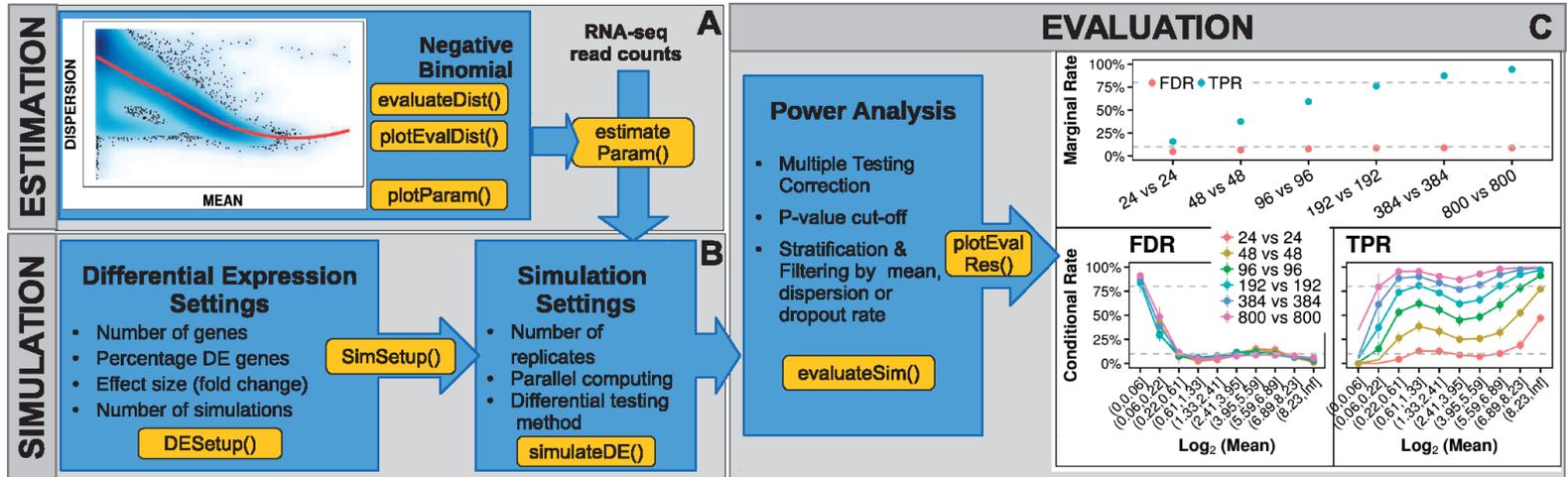
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Differential Expression Analysis using Monocle



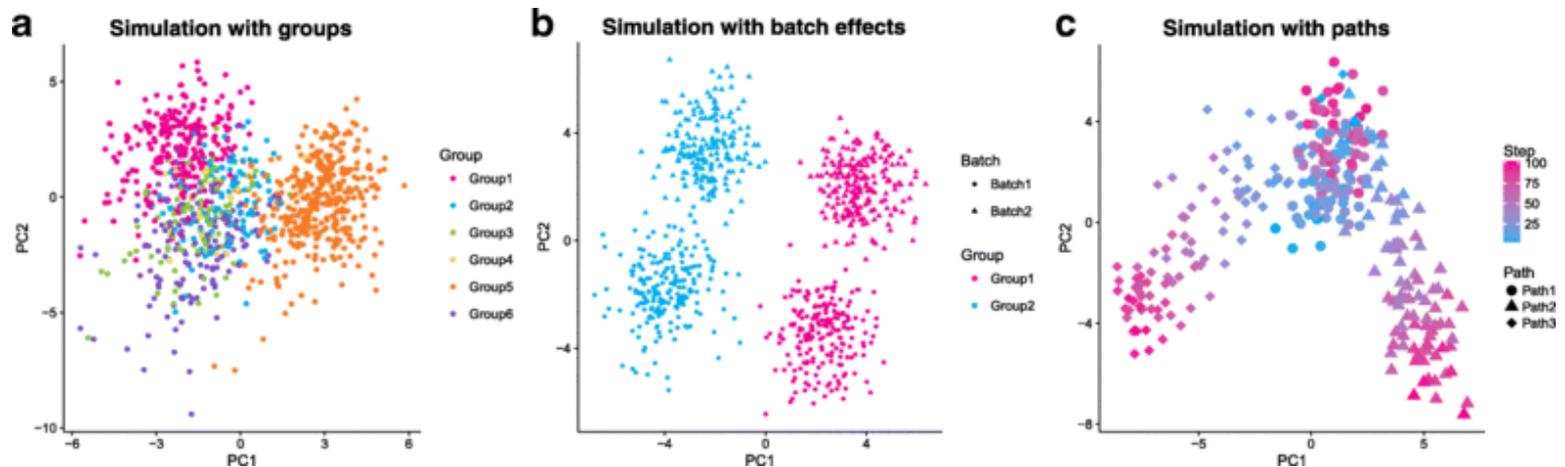
# Simulating scRNA-seq data

PowSimR



Vieth et al., Bioinformatics 2017

Splatter



Zappia et al., Genome Biology 2017

# Dynverse

## **dynverse**

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**dynverse** is a collection of R packages aimed at supporting the trajectory inference (TI) community on multiple levels: end-users who want to apply TI on their dataset of interest, and developers who seek to easily quantify the performance of their TI method and compare it to other TI methods.



All of these packages were developed as part of a benchmarking study available on [bioRxiv](#). All source code has been made available in the [dynbenchmark](#) repository.

A comparison of single-cell trajectory inference methods: towards more accurate and robust tools

Wouter Saelens\*  , Robrecht Cannoodt\*  , Helena Todorov , Yvan Saeys 

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# scRNASeqDB

a database for gene expression profiling in human single cell by RNA-seq

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Single-cell RNA-Seq (scRNA-seq) are an emerging method which facilitates to explore the comprehensive transcriptome in a single cell. To provide a useful and unique reference resource for biology and medicine, we developed the scRNASeqDB database, which contains 36 human single cell gene expression data sets collected from [Gene Expression Omnibus \(GEO\)](#), involving 8910 cells from 174 cell groups. We also provides detailed information for gene expression of cells in different status, as well as some features, including heatmap and boxplot of gene expression, gene correlation matrix, GO and pathway annotations.

You can also [submit](#) scRNASeq data sets to our database. Feel free to [contact us](#) if you have any questions!

## Current curation

Number of GSE datasets: 38

Number of GSM entries: 13440

Number of cell groups: 200

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[GSE86982](#) REGION-SPECIFIC NEURAL STEM CELL LINEAGES REVEALED BY SINGLE-CELL RNA-SEQ FROM HUMAN EMBRYONIC STEM CELLS [Smart-seq]

[GSE86977](#) REGION-SPECIFIC NEURAL STEM CELL LINEAGES REVEALED BY SINGLE-CELL RNA-SEQ FROM HUMAN EMBRYONIC STEM CELLS [Cel-seq]

## Search scRNASeqDB

By Gene  By Cell

Gene symbol  Gene Ensembl ID

TBK1

Search

Please input gene symbol of Ensembl ID

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GNAS RPS24 RPL11 RPLP1 BAP1 TMSB4X  
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[GSE86982](#) has been added to our database.

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