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Quantification

RNA-seq data analysis

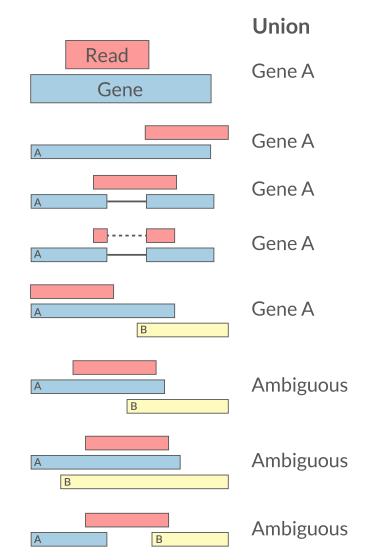
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Count the reads

- Read counts = gene expression
- Reads can be quantified on any feature (gene, transcript, exon etc)
- Intersection on gene models
- Gene/Transcript level

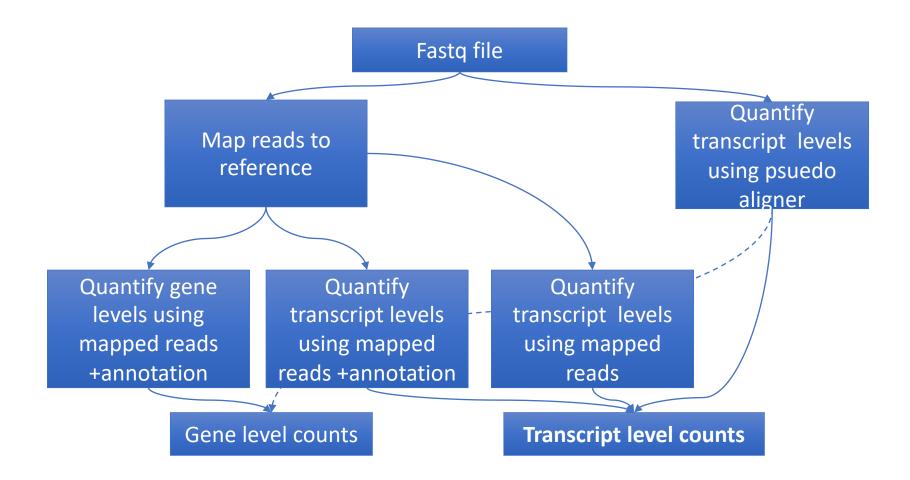
Gene A	Gene B	Gene C

🚔 featureCounts, HTSeq

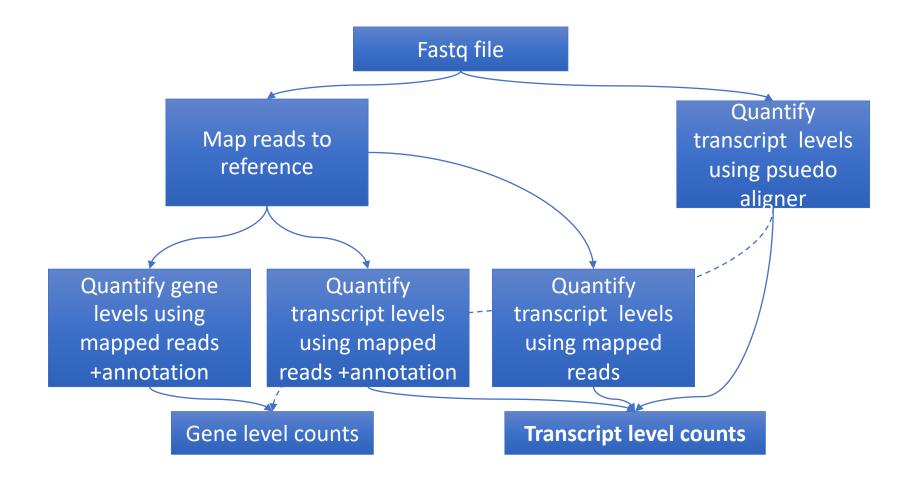




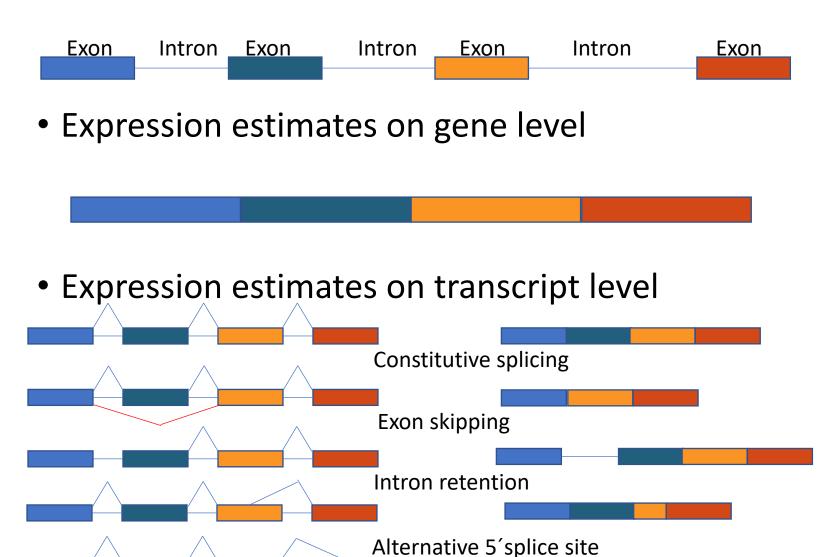
Different paths to get a count table



Good news is that they are all working very well!!



Gene expression estimates



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Gene level analysis SCIENTIFIC **REPORTS**

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Benchmarking of RNA-sequencing analysis workflows using wholetranscriptome RT-qPCR expression data

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In this paper they had done qPCR expression levels on all genes in two states. And at the same time created RNA seq libraries for the two states.

Expression levels are similar between RT-qPCR and RNA-seq data

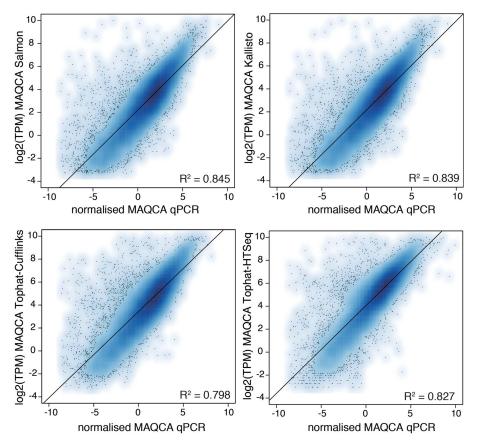
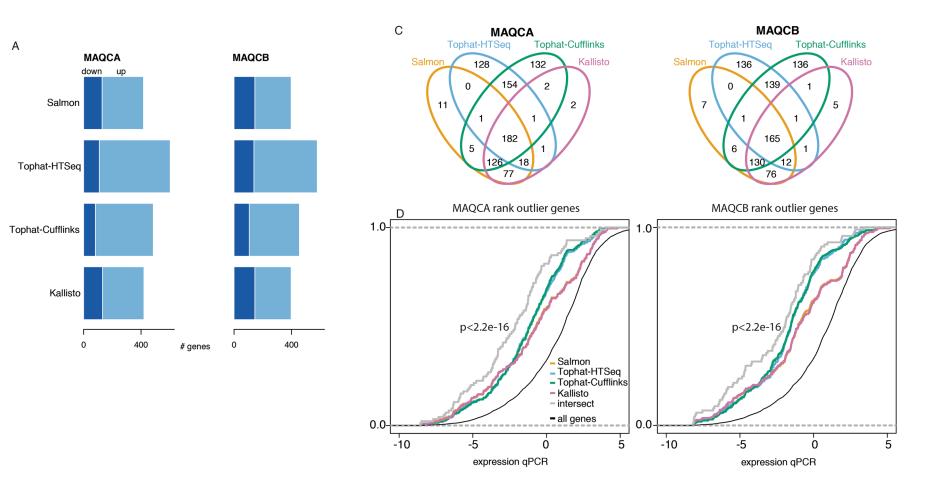
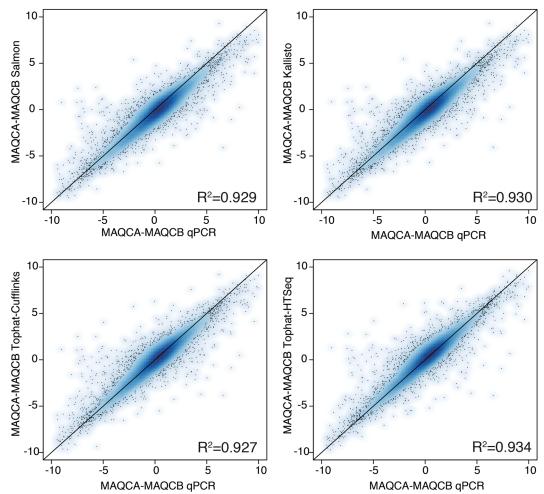


Figure 1. Gene expression correlation between RT-qPCR and RNA-seq data. The Pearson correlation coefficients and linear regression line are indicated. Results are based on RNA-seq data from dataset 1.

Lowly expressed genes are more problematic to identify using RNA seq



Most problems are consistent so they disappear when you do diff-exp analysis



Transcript level analysis

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RESEARCH ARTICLE

Evaluation and comparison of computational tools for RNA-seq isoform quantification

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Methods used in paper

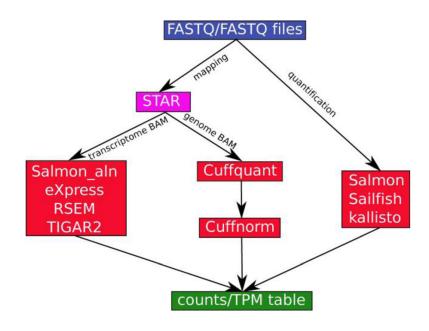


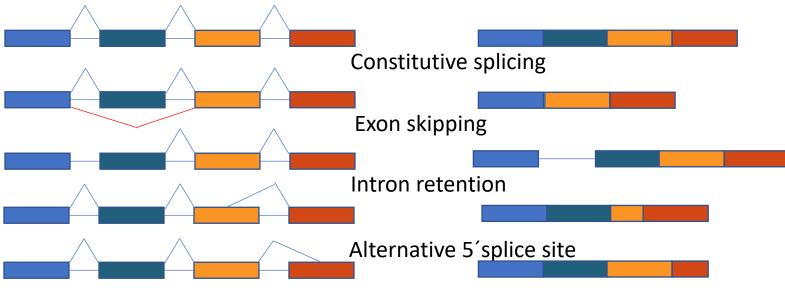
Table 1 Run time metrics of each method on 50 million pairedend reads of length 76 bp in an high performance computing cluster

	Memory (Gb)	Run time (min)	Algorithm	Multi-thread
Cufflinks	3.5	117	ML	Yes
RSEM	5.6	154	ML	Yes
eXpress	0.55	30	ML	No
TIGAR2	28.3	1045	VB	Yes
kallisto	3.8	7	ML	Yes
Salmon	6.6	6	VB/ML	Yes
Salmon_aln	3	7	VB/ML	Yes
Sailfish	6.3	5	VB/ML	Yes

For methods that support multi-threading, eight threads were used. For alignmentfree methods (Kallisto, Salmon and Sailfish), a mapping step was included. The best performer in each category is underlined and the worst performer is in bold *ML* Maximum Likelihood, *VB* Variational Bayes

Reads are generated in silico

• Expression estimates on transcript level



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Isoform quantification problematic for genes with many isoforms

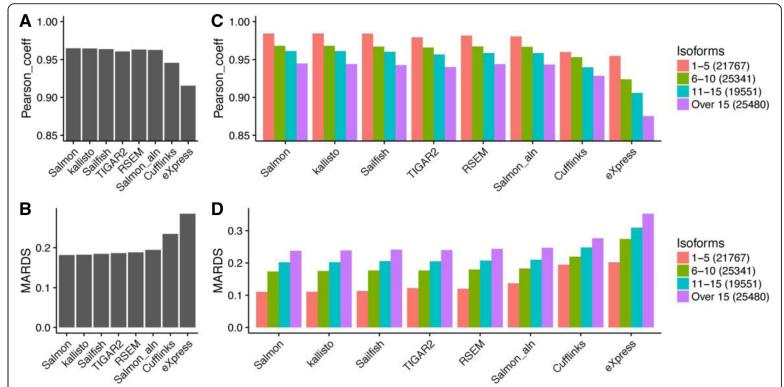


Fig. 2 Comparisons of the overall performance among different methods and the impact of the number of transcripts on the accuracy of isoform quantification. **a** Pearson correlation coefficient. **b** mean absolute relative differences and **c-d**) The above metrics were broken into separate groups according to the number of annotated transcript isoforms for each gene. The number of transcripts in each group is shown in figure legends. The accuracy metrics were calculated by comparing the estimated counts with the "ground truths" in simulated dataset

Thank you. Questions?

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Results are very similar between methods

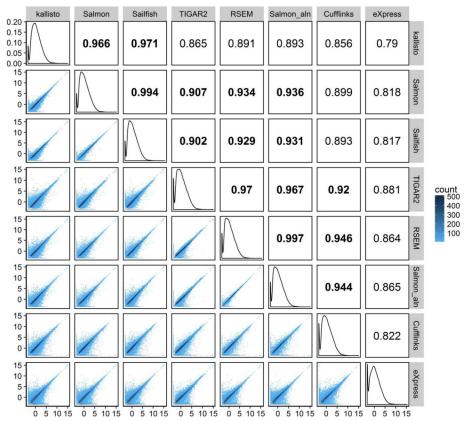


Fig. 5 Pairwise correlation of estimated TPM values for all transcripts between methods for the HBRR-C4 sample. The distribution of transcripts' TPMs from each method was plotted on the diagonal panels. Pairwise density plots and R^2 values are shown in the lower and upper triangular panels, respectively. R^2 values over 0.9 are in *bold*. Methods are grouped using hierarchical clustering