Nexus Copy Number Training

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What can you accomplish with Nexus Copy Number?

- Incorporate samples from various array platforms into a single project
- Identify common areas of aberrations across your data set
- Identify genes and GO terms in aberrant regions

Additional Features in Nexus Copy Number Professional

- Incorporation of external data such as miRNA and gene expression
- Statistical class comparisons
- Enrichment analysis
- Identification of natural grouping of samples via clustering
- Identify regions correlated with continuous valued phenotypes (e.g. survival)

What Will Be Covered?

- Copy number analysis basics; Segmentation and Allele Specific computation
- Basics of loading, processing, and viewing results
- Settings
- External Data
- Clustering
- Comparisons

DNA Copy Number Analysis Workflow

Image Processing

- Convert image intensity values (pixels) into signal strength
- Perform basic QC test and remove "bad" spots

Single Sample Analysis

- Pre-process data and identify regions of copy number change (segmentation)
- Measure QC based on probe-to-probe variations
- Visualize the result for a single sample

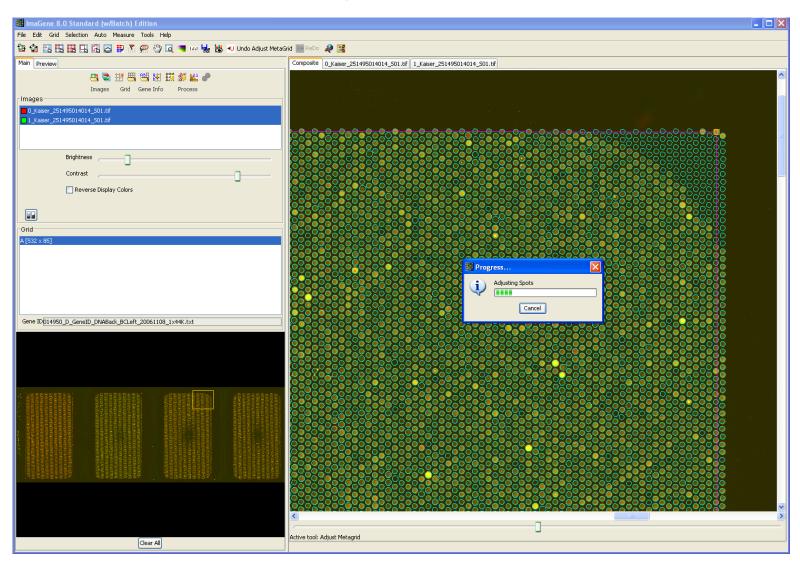
Population Analysis

- Integrate data from many arrays
- Identify areas of common aberration
- Identify genes and biological pathways being disrupted

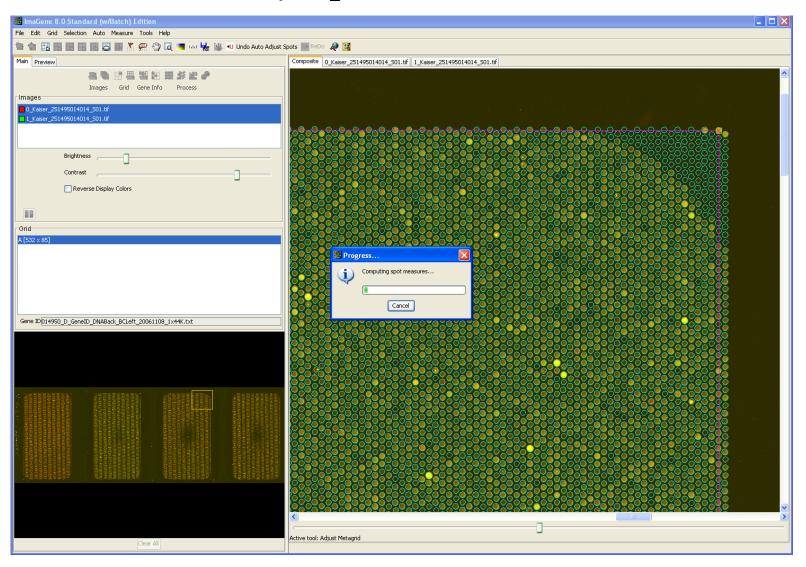
Image Processing

Demonstration using ImaGene version 8

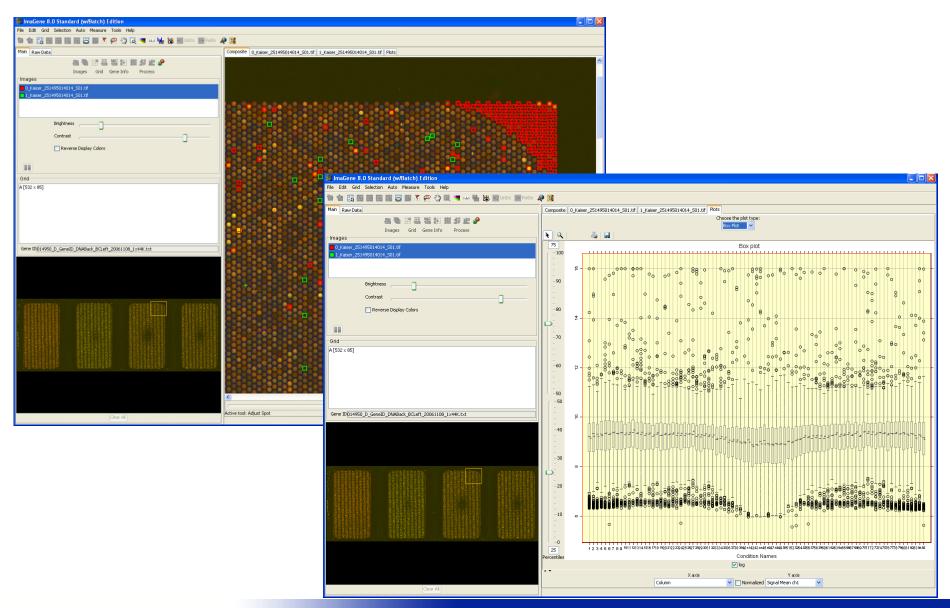
Load Image and Place Grid



Quantify Spots & Perform QC

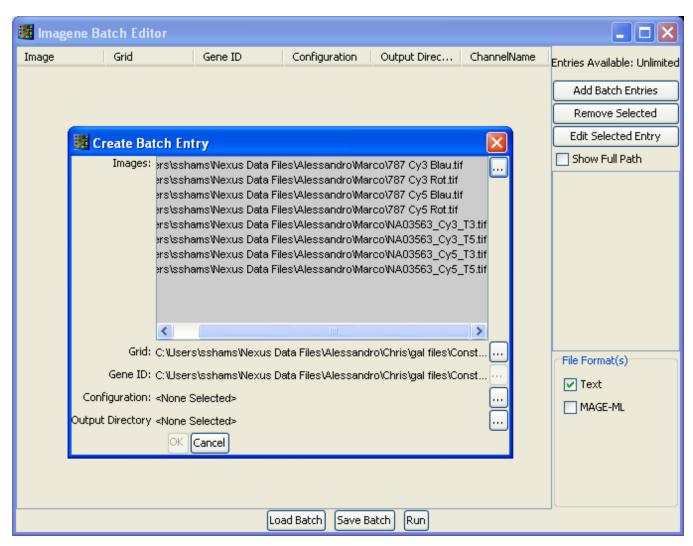


Save & Visualize Data





Walk-Away Batch Processing

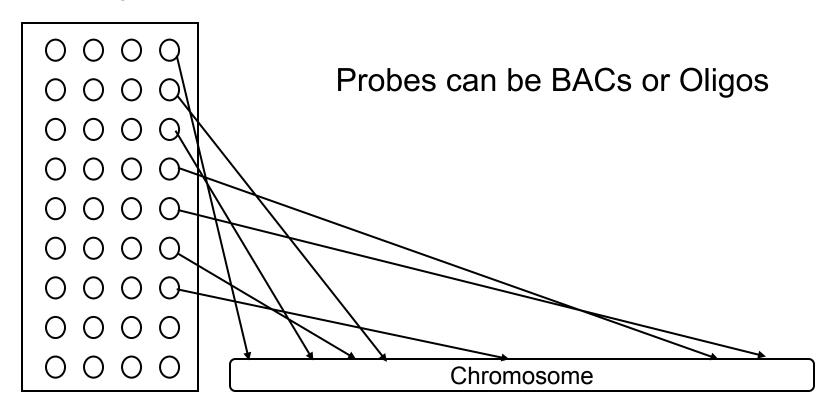


Section 1: Identification of Copy Number Change Events

Segmentation Algorithm

Mapping Spots to Regions on Chromosome

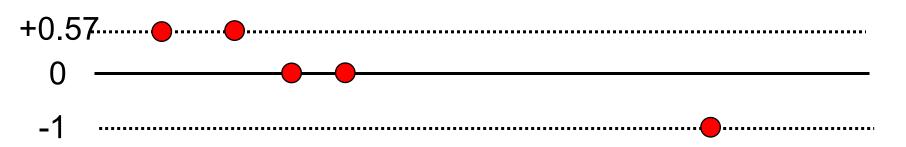
Array



Computational Challenges

Experiment results in a table:

Probe Location	Expr.	Control	Ratio	Log Ratio
Chr1:10-20	150	100	3/2	+0.57
Chr1:50-60	300	200	3/2	+0.57
Chr1:70-90	500	500	2/2	0
Chr1:100-120	60	60	2/2	0
Chr1:250-300	500	1000	1/2	-1



Segmentation Algorithms

- Many different algorithms have been proposed by industry and academics
- Range from simple approaches based on z-score to model based statistical approaches
- BioDiscovery has developed its proprietary rank segmentation algorithm based on a well accepted Circular Binary Segmentation (CBS) algorithm
- CBS was found to be a superior method to a number of other popular methods in paper by Willenbroc & Fridlyand, Bioinformatics, 2005
- Rank Segmentation performed very well in a number of recent comparison papers

Recent Comparisons

 Paper suggest a new algorithm, Birdsuite, for Affy SNP6 processing involving creating probe-specific models

Integrated genotype calling and association analysis of SNPs, common copy number polymorphisms and rare CNVs

Joshua M Korn^{1–5,10}, Finny G Kuruvilla^{1,4–6,10}, Steven A McCarroll^{1,4,5}, Alec Wysoker¹, James Nemesh¹, Simon Cawley⁷, Earl Hubbell⁷, Jim Veitch⁷, Patrick J Collins⁷, Katayoon Darvishi⁸, Charles Lee⁸, Marcia M Nizzari¹, Stacey B Gabriel¹, Shaun Purcell^{1,5}, Mark J Daly^{1,5,9} & David Altshuler^{1,4,5,9}

NATURE GENETICS VOLUME 40 | NUMBER 10 | OCTOBER 2008

Probes spanned by	Total in				Nexus
CNV	Category	Birdsuite	Partek	Nexus	(relaxed)
<= 1 probes	325	3.7%	1.2%	0.6%	1.2%
2-5 probes	256	32.8%	0.4%	0.8%	5.5%
6-10 probes	112	61.6%	1.8%	13.4%	42.0%
11-20 probes	71	64.8%	4.2%	47.9%	69.0%
> 20 probes	129	93.8%	11.6%	72.9%	74.4%

Comments on Paper

- The birdsuite algorithm used here was optimized for SNP6 processing and optimal parameters were used
- Algorithm took advantage of genotype calls and B-allele values not just log-ratios
- Nexus parameters were default values and not optimized
- Nexus only looked at log-R values
- Settings reported requiring a minimum of 5 probes per call

Another Recent Comparison Paper



Evaluation of Seven CNV Detection Methods using Whole Genome SNP arrays from Myopia Samples

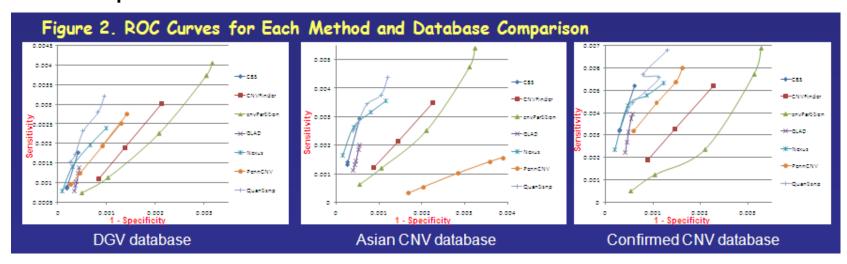


Yi-Ju Li^{1,2}, Andrew Dellinger¹, Mark Seielstad³, Liang Goh⁴, Terri L. Young^{1,4} Seang Mei Saw^{5,6}.

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Poster presented at ASHG 2008



Method comparison: ROC curves (sensitivity vs. 1-specificity) for each method on the 3 databases. Nexus and QuantiSNP are consistently best across datasets. CBS and GLAD are good, but limited in range of sensitivity. The performance of PennCNV was not consistent across datasets.

BioDiscovery's View on Segmentation Algorithms

- We strive to develop good quality and reliable segmentation algorithms
- Our goal is to create algorithms that work across many platforms
- We use real-world assumptions in the algorithm (e.g. mosacism does exist in real samples)
- We do not intend to "compete" with segmentation algorithm developers
- Nexus' main goals are post segmentation analysis

Rank Segmentation Algorithm

Overview

Segmentation

- 1. Sort probes based on log-ratio values and give each probe their rank as the score
- 2. Recursively segment each chromosome to identify segment boundaries that separate two adjacent segments with a giving significance level

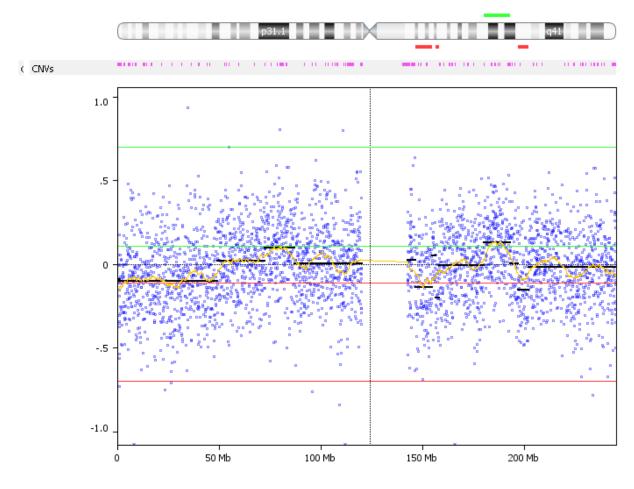
Settings Window: Analysis Panel

- Significance Threshold
- Max Contiguous Probe Spacing
- Min Number of Probes per Segment
- High gain
- Gain
- Loss
- Big Loss

Significance Threshold

- For adjusting the sensitivity of the calling algorithm
- Smaller number = more stringent before creating a new clusters.
- Significance threshold should be set based on expected noise.
- For oligo arrays, we recommend using 1x10⁻⁶
- For BAC array (lower density), we recommend 5x10⁻⁵

Effect of Significance Threshold



Block 1_8-23-2008: Chromosome 1

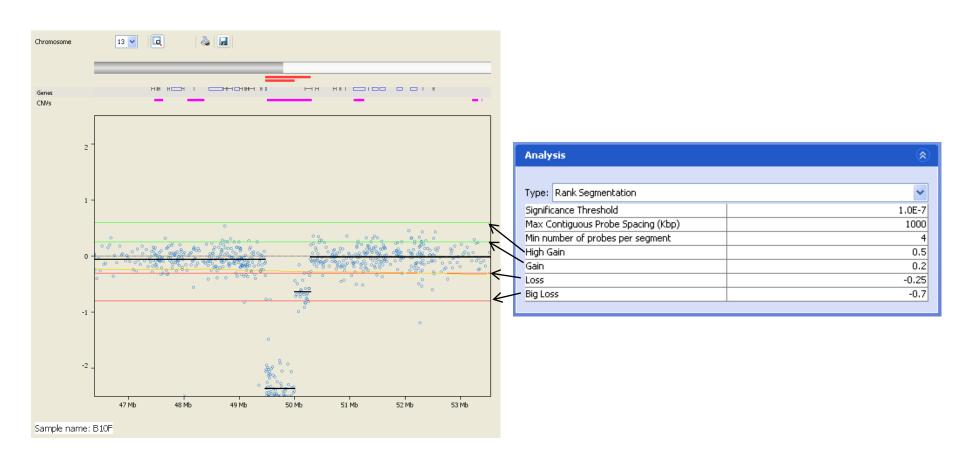
Significance = 1E-8



Thresholds for Making Calls

- High gain Two or more copy gain
- Gain Single copy gain
- Loss Hemizygous loss
- Big Loss Homozygous loss

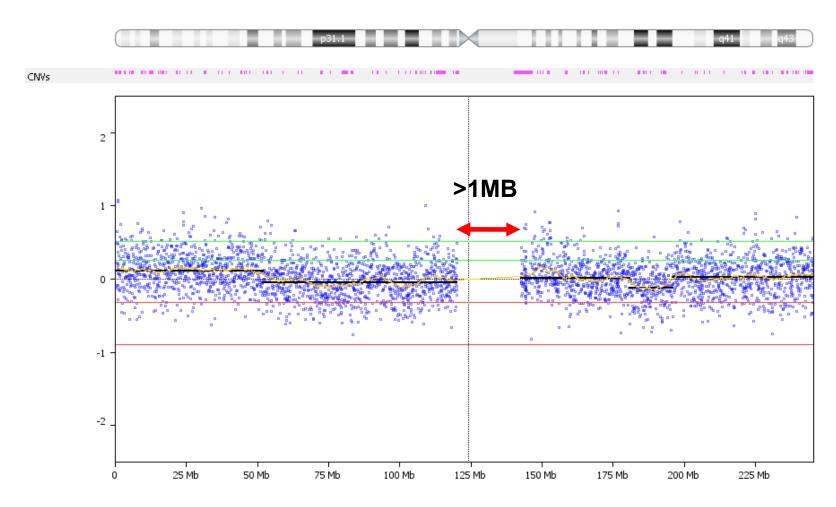
Calling Thresholds



Max Contiguous Probe Spacing

- Specifies the maximum spacing between adjacent probes before breaking a segment.
- Especially useful for
 - areas across the centromere where software will not make any calls where there are no probes
 - focused arrays where there are probes only in parts of the chromosome

Maximum Contiguous Spacing



a08-001: Chromosome 1

Min Number of Probes Per Segment

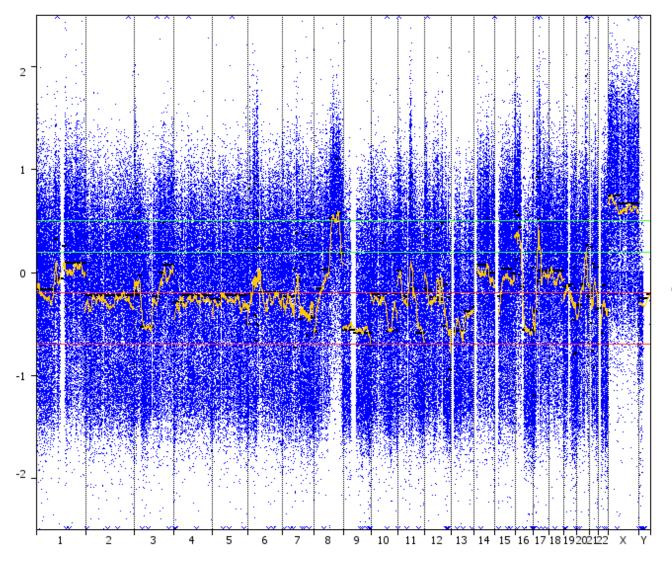
Sets the minimum number of probes used to make a call

 Useful to prevent creation of a segment based only on a few probes in a region

Robust Variance Sample QC

- Calculates the probe to probe variation across the genome
- A single parameter is used to remove extreme outliers that one would expect to be due to copy number breakpoints.

Example QC Scores



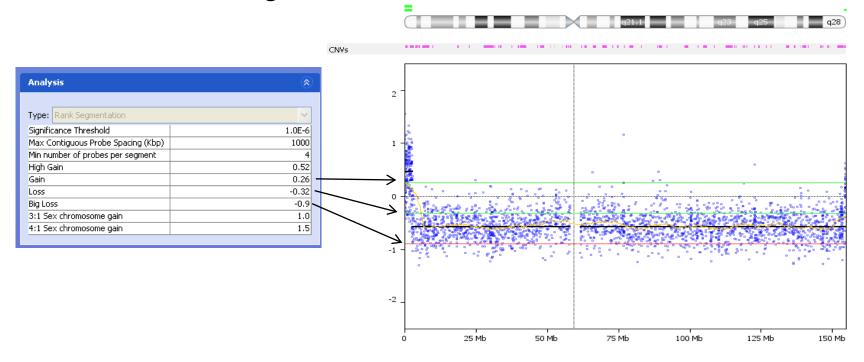
QC Score = 0.022

Sample: 7510 F7 (T)

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Gender Specific Cutoffs

- New in version 4, if factors Gender and Control Gender are defined with values (Male or Female), the thresholds for the sex chromosomes are automatically set
- For example of sample is *Male* and reference is Female, the no change value for X chromosome



a08-001: Chromosome X



SNPRank Segmentation

Combining B-Allele Information with Log Ratio

Background

- Applicable only to SNP Arrays, e.g. Illumina and Affymetrix arrays
- Current support is provided for all Illumina arrays processed in Beadstudio so the column B-Allele Freq. is available in the output
- Affymetrix SNP 6 arrays processed through GTC yield .CNCHP files that contain B-Allele difference values that Nexus maps to B-Allele Freq
- Supported using custom data type to import preprocessed data

B-Allele Freq. Bands

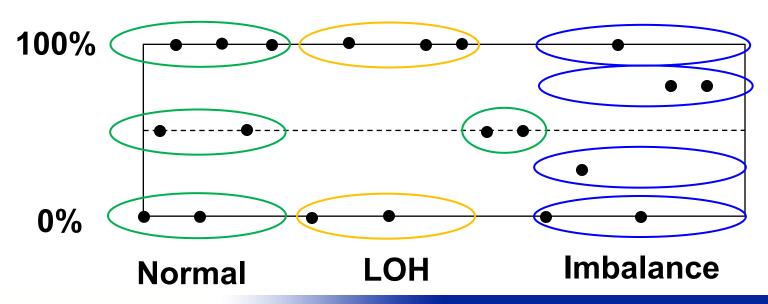
AABABB

Father: AABABBBABABBBAAAABABB

Mother: ABBABA ABBABBAAA



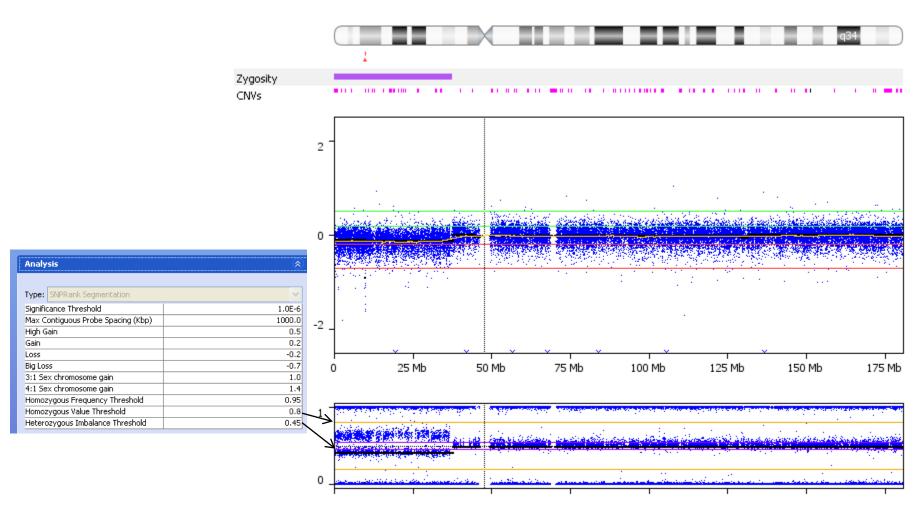
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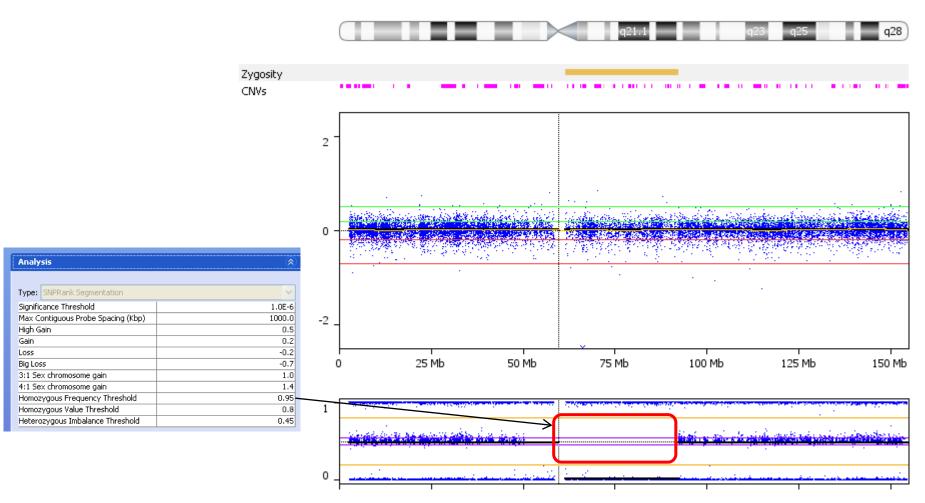
		Allelic Loss		Allelic Imbalance	
		LOH	Total Allelic Loss	Allelic Imbalance	Normal
Gain	High Copy Gain	X		X	
	One Copy Gain			x	
Loss	One Copy Loss	x			
	Homozygous Loss		x		
Normal		x			

SNPRank Paramteres



CG-3: Chromosome 5

Detection of Homozygous Regions



CG-3: Chromosome X

Section 2

Basics of Loading and Processing Data

What this Section Will Cover

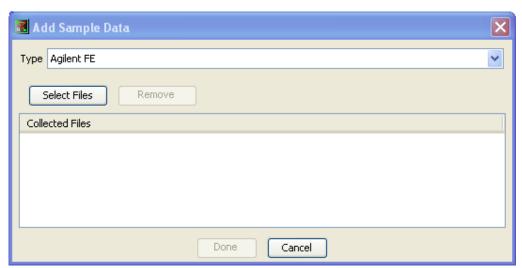
- How to load data demonstrate using a project containing samples from two array platforms
- Get an overview of the parameters for processing data
- Look at areas of common aberrations
- Generate graphical figures and reports

Some Common Data Types

- Affymetrix
- Agilent FE
- BlueFuse
- GenePix
- Illumina
- ImaGene
- NimbleGen

How to Load Data into Nexus Copy Number

- New in version 4, there are two methods for loading data
 - Load Descriptor: Select a file that contains all relevant information
 - Load Data: Use a file chooser to select the raw data files
- Load Data option is appropriate when no clinical factors are available



The Sample Descriptor

- A tab-delimited text file specifying sample names, any associated clinical data (Factors), and the location of the raw input files
- Needed to load raw data into Nexus Copy Number
- One sample descriptor file per data type
- To load multiple data types (e.g. Affymetrix, Illumina) into one project, create a sample descriptor for each data type

Factors

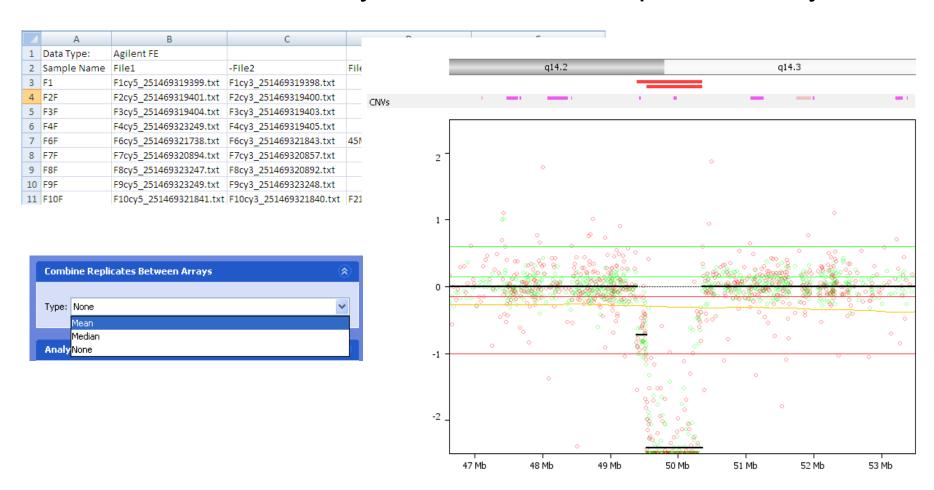
- Any clinical data associated with a sample. E.g. Sex, age, tumor type
- Each sample can have an unlimited number of Factors
- Optional
- Can specify in sample descriptor or enter manually in the Data Set tab

Sample Descriptor Templates

- Template files for the various Data Types are available in the 'Templates' folder in the installation directory
- Open the appropriate template in Excel
- Populate it and 'Save As' in another location

Support for Dye-Swap Experiments

New in version 4, you can indicate "replicate" arrays



F3F: Chromosome 13

Importing Other Data Types

 Open the file called customdatatypes.txt in the Nexus Copy Number installation folder and edit it

	А	В	С	D	Е	F	G	Н	1	J	K
1	Data Type	Probe	Full Location	Chromosome	BP Start	BP End	LogRatio	Flag	Structure	Header Starts	B Allele Freq
2	CNAG	ID		Chromosome	Position	Position	log2ratio_AB				
3	SPROC	Clone					Log2Rat	Bad_P			
4	Multi1	Name		Chromosome	Start	End			Multiple		
5	Unimi	Name		Chr	Position	Position	Log R Ratio				B Allele Freq
6	Quanti	Sample ID)	Chromosome	Start (bp)	End (bp)	Copy Number		Segments		
7	Stanford550K	Name		Chr	Position	Position			Multiple		
8	TCGA_Mskcc_GBM	ProbeID		Chr	Pos.Start	Pos.End			Multiple		
9	TCGA_Harvard_GBM	CloneID		Ch	Pos	Pos	log2ratio				
10	Broad_SNP6seg	ID		chrom	loc.start	loc.end	seg.mean		Segments		
11	Broad_SNP6copynumber	Marker		Chromosome	PhysicalP	PhysicalP	log2ratio				
12	Stanford550K_Seg	Center		Chr	Start	Stop	Score		Segments		
13	Stanford550K_Combined	Name		Chr	Position	Position	Log R Ratio				B Allele Freq
14	TCGA_Mskcc_GBM_1	ProbeID		Chr	Pos	Pos			Multiple		
15	Mskcc_seg	ID		chrom	loc.start	loc.end	seg.mean		Segments		
16	Harvard_seg	ID		Chromosome	Start	End	Segment_Mean		Segments		
17	Harvard_multi	CloneID		Ch	Pos	Pos			Multiple		
18	Nimblegen GSE101089	ID_REF					VALUE			ID_REF	

Creating a Project

- Specify project name
- Select location of project
- Specify organism and build so that correct probemappings are loaded
- Click 'Create'

Defining New Organisms

- It is simple define new organisms by creating a new folder in the C:\Program Files\BioDiscovery\Nexus 4\Organisms folder
- Define probe locations and genome annotations (e.g., genes, miRNA, GO terms, etc.)

Loading Data

- Click on "Load Descriptor" and select the sample descriptor file
- Once data is loaded, each sample shows "Unprocessed" in the "Status" column
- Click "Load Descriptor" again to load additional samples in other sample descriptor files

Processing Data

- May need to adjust Settings
- Click "View" to process selected samples. Once processing is complete, results are displayed automatically

Results

- See graphical output in the Genome, Chromosome, and Summary tabs
- View numerical output in the Table, Aggregate, and Aggregate Participation tabs

Genome/Chromosome Tabs

- Sort samples
- Zoom in and out
- Sample Drill-down
- View annotations within the application or link out to external databases
- View by Factor Aggregates

Individual Sample Drill Down

- Ideograms, summary aberration plots, and numerical reports on individual samples
- Overview plot of gains and losses
- Annotation tracks
- Numerical reports with aberrant regions, cytoband location...

Saving Images and Exporting Reports

Save images to file or copy to clipboard (options under Options menu)

Print

Export numerical data as tab-dilimited text files

Additional Features in Nexus Copy Number Standard Edition

- New in version 4 Query tool
 - Sear for one or more genes, regions, etc. with in the project
 - Returns the status of each sample for each query term as well as aggregate summary

Aggregate table

- Identify regions of change in a set percentage of population
- Identify minimum common areas (Peaks only switch)
- Identify "significant" regions using the frequency p-value calculated based on the STAC algorithm



STAC: A method for testing the significance of DNA copy number aberrations across multiple array-CGH experiments

Sharon J. Diskin, Thomas Eck, Joel Greshock, et al.

Genome Res. 2006 16: 1149-1158 Access the most recent version at doi:10.1101/gr.5076506



Section 2

How to Integrate External Data into Nexus Copy Number

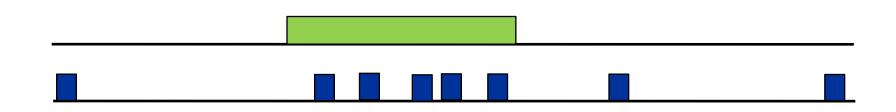
What is External Data?

miRNA data

Gene expression profile data

What can you do with it?

- Overlay expression results with copy number changes and view alongside each other
- Identify regions of "hot spots" where the correlation of differentially regulated genes falling in aberrant regions is significant (p-value)



What this Section Will Cover

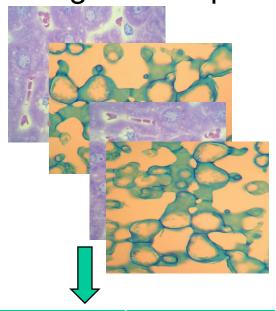
- Expression Analysis using Nexus Expression
- Acceptable formats for loading data
- How to load expression data from an array or data from a published paper
- How to view and interpret the results

Gene Expression Analysis

General Overview

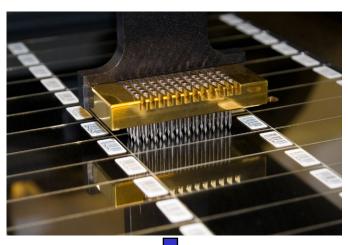
Information Flow

Biological Samples



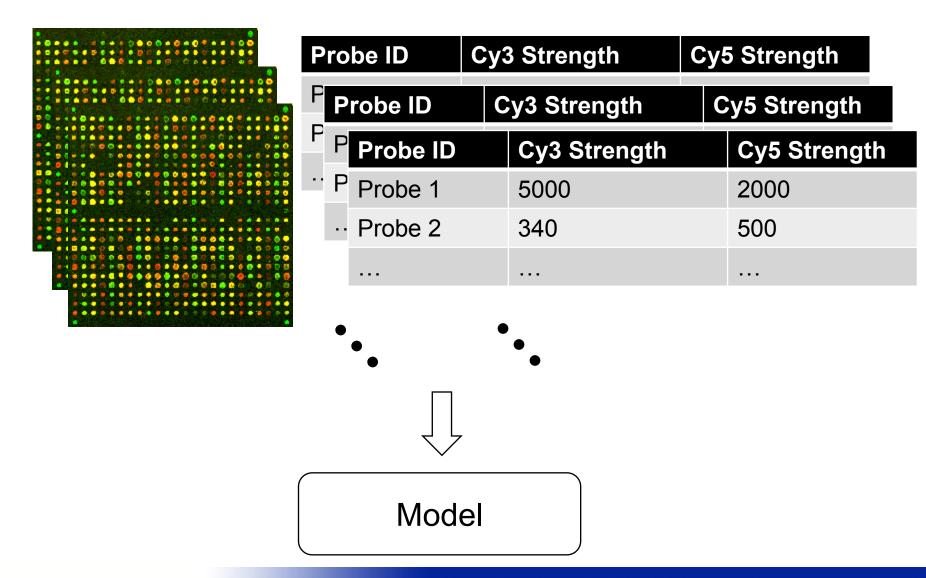
Sample ID	Treatment	Time
Sample 1	Treated	0 hr
Sample 2	Untreated	0 hr
Sample 3	Treated	24 hr
Sample 4	Untreated	24 hr

Arrays

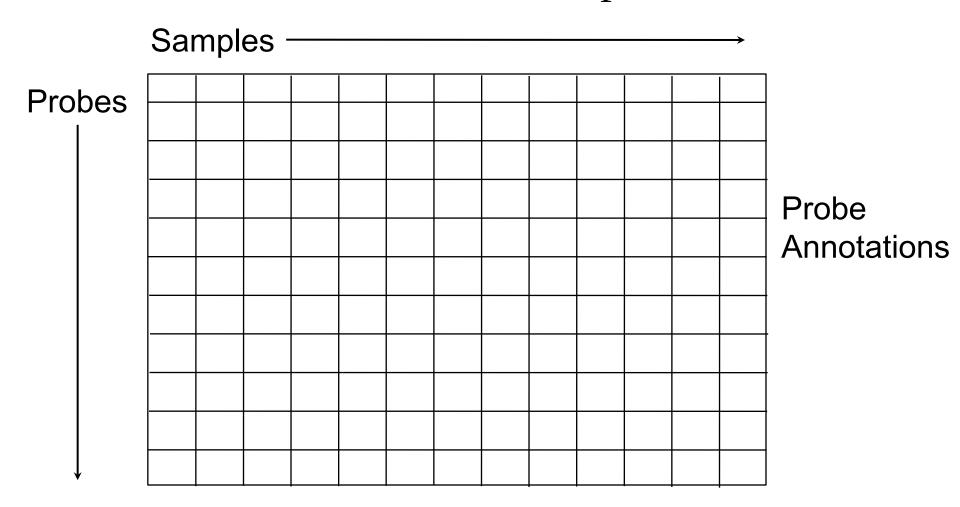


Probe		GeneSymbol	Bio Proc		
	Probe 1	ABC	Growth		
	Probe 2	SDF2	Decay		
	Probe 3	QRT	Growth		

Hybridized Array Integrated Phenotypes with Genotype



Results of the Computation

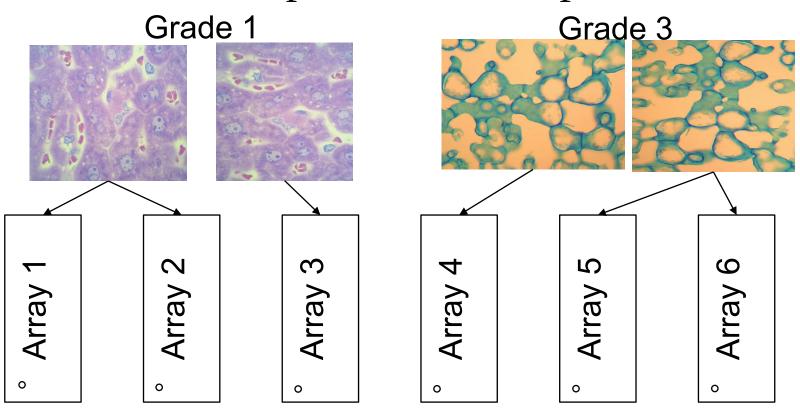


Sample Annotations

Objective of Gene Expression Analysis

- What genes are expressed differently between different samples
 - E.g. Genes that are significantly up regulated in lung cancer vs.
 breast cancer
- What do these genes do? Are there common biological themes

Experimental Setup



Nexus Expression Computation

- Transform measurements of probes on arrays to measurements of probes per sample
- Can remove batch effects in the process
- Estimate probe variance
- Comparisons are performed using a t-test of the results
 - FDR Correction
 - Pooling of variances based on intensity

Required Files

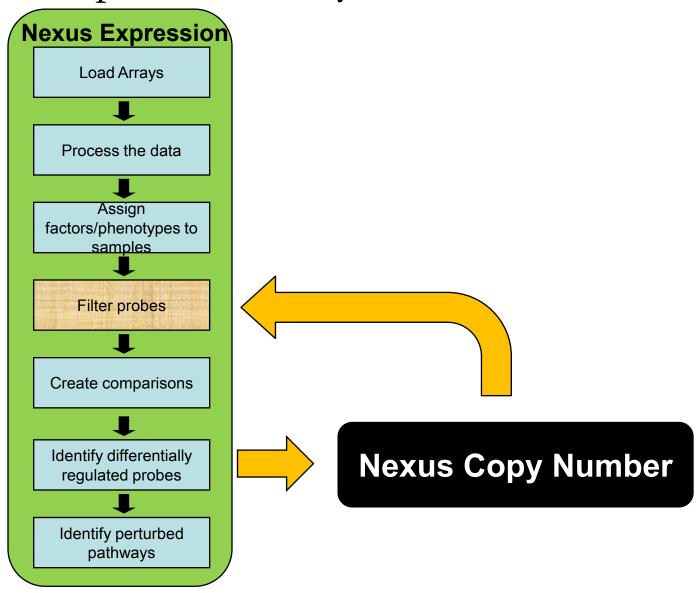
Array Descriptor

Data Type:	Data Type: GenePix		Agilent/HG44K	
Array	File	Channel 1 Sample	Hyb Month	
Array 1	C:\Data\array1.gpr	Sample 1	June	
Array 2	C:\Data\array2.gpr	Sample 1	July	
Array 3	C:\Data\array3.gpr	Sample 2	June	
Array 4	C:\Data\array4.gpr	Sample 3	June	
Array 5	C:\Data\array5.gpr	Sample 4	July	
Array 6	C:\Data\array6.gpr	Sample 4	July	

Sample Descriptor

Sample	Grade
Sample 1	1
Sample 2	1
Sample 3	3
Sample 4	3

Expression Analysis Data Flow



Input File Format

Gene Identifier

Input file contains Gene Symbols

Probe Identifier

- Input file contains Probes
- Extension of Gene Identifier format.
- Not used commonly

Input File Containing Gene Identifier

- Required columns: Gene Symbol, Regulation
- Optional columns: p-value, log-ratio

Input File Containing Probe Identifiers

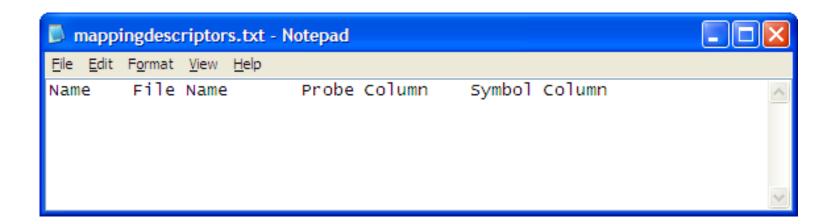
- Required columns: Probe, Regulation
- Optional columns: p-value, log-ratio
- Also need a probe to gene symbol mapping file placed in the ProbeSymbolMappings folder
- Need to edit mappingdescriptors.txt file in ProbeSymbolMappings folder to specify where to locate the mapping file and to indicate columns used in the mapping file

Input File Columns/Fields

- Regulation possible values: up and down. Anything else in place of these values will mean no change.
- p-value and log-ratio If present in input file, value will be displayed when moving the mouse over the expression data track tick marks in the Genome/Chromosome tabs

Probe Identifier File Format - Additional Requirements

- Probe to gene symbol mapping text file in ProbeSymbolMappings folder
- mappingdescriptors.txt file in ProbeSymbolMappings folder



Loading External Data

Within External Data tab

Click Add button

Select files to load

External Data Tab

 Contains sub tabs, one for each external data type. E.g. Expression, miRNA

- Each sub tab
 - Lists all external data files loaded into project
 - User selects what to view by marking off "up" and "down" checkboxes
 - Can edit **Description** column to add a description for each external data file that was loaded

Viewing Results - Graphical

- In Genome/Chromosome tabs, select Expression from the View menu
- One track for each external data file
- Up-regulated in magenta
- Down-regulated in blue
- Move mouse over tick marks to display name and additional info.
 such as p-value, log-ratio when available

Viewing Results - Numerical

- Expression p-value column in Aggregate tab
- Expression tab in Enrichment results
- Expression p-values tab in Annotation window
- Expression p-values tab in Comparison window

Expression tab in Enrichment results

Term	External data file name
P-value	Significance of these genes being differentially regulated and appearing in this aberrant region.
Q-bound	FDR-corrected (for multiple testing) p-value
Present	The number of differentially regulated genes present in this external data set that are located in this aberrant region
Total	Total number of genes in the external data file

Expression p-values tab in Annotations Window

Comparison	External data file name
Total Genes	Number of genes in this region
Diff. Regulated Genes	Number of differentially regulated genes located in this region
P-value	Significance of these genes being differentially regulated and appearing in this aberrant region.

Section 3

Clustering

What is the Purpose of Clustering?

- To discover natural groupings in a set of samples without prior knowledge of any class labels
- Can help determine what factors are affecting certain phenotypes

What this Presentation Will Cover

- Available clustering algorithms in Nexus Copy Number
- Dendrogram
- Factor enrichments within clustering analyses

Clustering Settings

- Available from the Options menu (Options -> Clustering Settings)
- Clustering window has
 - Clustering algorithms
 - And associated parameters

Clustering Algorithms and Parameters

- K-means
 - Ignore sex chromosomes
 - Cluster count
- Average Linkage Hierarchical
 - Ignore sex chromosomes

- Single Linkage Hierarchical
 - Ignore sex chromosomes

- Complete Linkage Hierarchical
 - Ignore sex chromosomes

Dendrogram

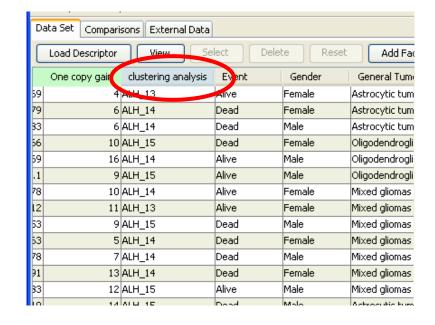
- Drawn if using a hierarchical clustering algorithm
- Can adjust cluster count
- Can label ends of tree branches with factors
- Dendrogram image can be printed or saved as an image file
- Dendrogram for a previously performed clustering analysis cannot be re-drawn within Nexus Copy Number

Saving Clustering Results

 Can save clustering results by specifying a result name and cluster prefix



- A new column specifying which cluster each sample belongs to is added to Data Set tab
- Clustering column headers have blue background



Numerical Clustering Results in Data Set Tab

- Right click on column header to get additional options
 - Details
 - shows algorithm and parameters used for this clustering analysis

Factor Enrichment

- provides statistics on the number and percent of samples present in each factor value group within each cluster
- provides a p-value for the likelihood of these samples clustering into the particular cluster by chance.

Graphical Results

In Genome/Chromosome tabs

View -> Factor Aggregates

Section 4

Comparisons

What Can We Learn From Performing Comparisons?

- See differences between two sets of samples in a project
- Find regions that are significantly different between the two groups

What this Presentation Will Cover

- Different comparison types
- How to create a comparison
- How to view and interpret the results

Comparison Types

- Avg. of others One factor set is compared to the average of all the other factor sets
- Sequential Compares each factor set in a list to the subsequent factor set in the list
- Paired Pairs up specific factor sets for comparison
- Selected Pairwise comparison of a factor set with each other factor set
- Custom Compares one factor set to average of user-selected factor sets

Comparisons Tab

- Create/Add comparisons
- Delete comparisons
- Edit comparison names
- View details of which samples belong in each group being compared

Graphical Results

- Genome/Chromosome tabs in Comparisons window
- Frequency plot of each group in bottom panel
- Top panel shows frequency difference between the two groups in a Comparison
 - red = loss regions
 - green = gain regions

Frequency Difference Plot

- Gain magnitude of first group > gain magnitude of second group, difference plotted in green above 0 baseline
- Gain magnitude of first group < gain magnitude of second group, difference plotted in green below 0 baseline
- Loss magnitude of first group > loss magnitude of second group, difference plotted in red below the 0 baseline
- Loss magnitude of first group < loss magnitude of second group, difference plotted in red above the 0 baseline

Significant Track

- Green bars represent gain regions where difference is significant
- Red bars represent loss regions where difference is significant
- Based on p-value threshold and differential threshold (minimum percentage difference)

Numerical Results

- Table in the Regions tab
- Contains the regions which meet both the Differential Threshold and the P-Value Threshold
- P-value from Fisher's Exact test

Wrap Up

- Many other features not covered here
- Online training seminars on various topics
- Join User Forum for important announcements including training webinars:

http://www.biodiscovery.com/index/siteforum-app