

# Functional Genomics (1)

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#### Three levels of genome research







### Steps of Genome Analysis

- Genome sequence assembled, markers
  - Identify repetitive sequences mask out, filter
- Gene location/gene map (mapping)
- Gene prediction train a model for each genome (including EST & cDNA sequences)
- × Genome annotation
- × Functional genomics
  - \* http://www.ornl.gov/sci/techresources/Human\_Genome/research
    /function.shtml
- Comparative genomics & Integrative genomics



### Functional Genomics Technology Goals

- \* Generate sets of full-length cDNA clones and sequences that represent human genes and model organisms
- Support research on methods for studying functions of nonprotein-coding sequences
- \* Develop technology for comprehensive analysis of gene expression
- x Improve methods for genome-wide mutagenesis
- \* Develop technology for large-scale protein analyses
- x http://www.ornl.gov/sci/techresources/Human\_Genome/research/function.shtml

### Definition (1) - Hieter & Boguski 1997

- The development & application of global
  - × Genome-wide or
  - System-wide experimental approaches to assess gene function by making use of the information & reagents provided by structural genomics
- It is characterized by high-throughput or large-scale experimental methodologies
  - Combined with statistical or computational analysis of the results

#### Definition (2) - UC Davis Genome Center

- A means of assessing phenotype differs from more classical approaches primarily with respect to
  - The scale & automation of biological investigations
    - A classical investigation of gene expression might examine how the expression of a single gene varies with the development of an organism *in vivo*
- Modern functional genomics approaches, however, would examine 1,000-10,000 genes are expressed as a function of development

http://genomics.ucdavis. edu/index\_html.html



### Definition (3) - Hunt & Livesey (ed.)

- Subtracted cDNA libraries
- Differential display (DD)
- \* Representational difference analysis
- Suppression subtractive hybridization
- cDNA microarrays
- × 2-D gel electrophoresis

http://www.oup.co.uk/isbn/0-19-963774-1



### **Functional Genomics**

- × What to know
  - × Gene expression
  - × Gene regulation
  - × Genome-wide mutagenesis

- × How to do
  - \* Data-mining
  - × [SAGE]
  - × Microarray analysis
  - Subtractive cDNA libraries
  - × Yeast-two hybrids
  - \* Transgenics
  - Transposon targeting
  - × RNAi & miRNA



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NCBI

#### **Tools - Nucleotide Sequence Analysis**

Site Map Guide to NCBI resources

#### Tools for Programmers

BLAST Standard tool for sequence analysis

BLink BLAST Link

CDART Conserved Domain. Architecture Retrieval Tool

RI AST The Basic Local Alignment Search Tool (BLAST) for comparing gene and protein sequences against others in public databases, now comes in several types including PSI-BLAST, PHI-BLAST, and BLAST 2 sequences. Specialized BLASTs are also available for human, microbial, malaria, and other genomes, as well as for vector contamination, immunoglobulins, and tentative human consensus sequences.

electronic Electronic PCR - allows you to search your DNA sequence for PCR sequence tagged sites (STSs) that have been used as landmarks opitototiag in various types of genomic maps. It compares the query sequence against data in NCBI's UniSTS, a unified, non-redundant view of STSs from a wide range of sources.

Entrez Gene - each Entrez Gene record encapsulates a wide range of information for a given gene and organism. When possible, the information includes results of analyses that have been done on the sequence data. The amount and type of information presented depend on what is available for a particular gene and organism and can include: (1) graphic summary of the genomic context, intron/exon structure, and flanking genes, (2) link to a graphic view of the mRNA sequence, which in turn shows biological features such as CDS. SNPs, etc., (3) links to gene ontology and phenotypic information, (4) links to corresponding protein sequence data and conserved domains, (5) links to related resources, such as mutation databases. Entrez Gene is a successor to LocusLink.



Model Maker - allows you to view the evidence (mRNAs, ESTs, and gene predictions) that was aligned to assembled genomic sequence to build a gene model and to edit the model by selecting or removing putative exons. You can then view the mRNA sequence and potential ORFs for the edited model and save the mRNA sequence data for use in other programs.

Model Maker is accessible from sequence maps that were analyzed at NCBI and displayed in Map Viewer.

http://www.ncbi.nl m.nih.gov/Tools/

Structure

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## **Expression Arrays - Microarray**

- Cell growth in different environments, treatments etc.
- ✗ Isolate RNA ⇒ cDNAs
- Measure expression using array technology
- Create database of expression information
- × Data Analysis
  - Display information in an easyto-use format
  - Show ratio of expression under different conditions



#### Affymetrix® food chip



## **Historical Perspective**

- × DNA hybridization (1960s)
  - **× Detection** of hybrids
    - × Hydroxyapatite  $Ca_5(PO_4)_3OH$
    - \* Radioactive labeling
    - \* Enzyme-linked detection
    - \* Fluorescent labeling
  - \* Fixing sample on solid support
    - × Southern blots (1970s)
    - × Northern blots
    - × Dot blots







## **Basic Principles**



- \* Main novelty is one of scale
  - \* Hundreds or thousands of probes rather than tens
- \* Probes are attached to solid supports
- **\* Robotics** are used extensively
- **× Informatics** is a central component at all stages



#### Gene Expression Analysis (Whole Genome)

- \* Quantitative Analysis of Gene Activities
  - **\*** Transcription Profiles



The Central Dogma of Molecular Biology



Yang *et al. BMC Genomics* 2005 **6**:90 doi:10.1186/1471-2164-6-90

## Major Technologies



- \* cDNA probes (> 200 nt), usually produced by PCR, attached to either nylon or glass supports
- × Oligonucleotides (25-80 nt) attached to glass support
- Oligonucleotides (25-30 nt) synthesized in situ on silica wafers (Affymetrix)
- Probes attached to tagged beads



#### 4187 genes; 91 samples

### Principal Uses of Chips (1)A

- Genome-scale gene
   expression analysis
  - \* Differentiation
  - Responses to environmental factors
  - \* Disease processes
  - **\*** Effects of drugs

\*Genome-scale profiling of gene expression in hepatocellular carcinoma: classification and survival prediction

\*CCR Frontiers in Science (2006); Lee et al. Hepatology 40:667-76 (2004)







### Principal Uses of Chips (2)

- Detection of
   sequence variation
  - × Genotyping
  - Detection of somatic mutations (*e.g.* in oncogenes)
  - » Direct sequencing

Allele-specific hybridization (ASH) Chee et al. 1996; Wang et al. 1998; Lindblad-Toh et al. 2000; **40 different, 25-bp oligos** 



In silico fractionation

Toshiba's hepatitis C SNP typing chin

Synthesis of predicted fragments on microarrays chip

**Biochemical fractionation** 

Allele specific hybridization and Genotype Calling



#### SNP Strategy - "GeneChip Mapping Assay



## cDNA Chips

- \* Probes are cDNA fragments, usually amplified by PCR
- Probes are deposited on a solid support, either positively charged nylon or glass slide
- Samples (normally polyA+ RNA) are labeled using fluorescent dyes
- \* At least two samples are hybridized to chip
- \* Fluorescence at different wavelengths measured by a scanner







- If a spot is green, expression of that gene is greater in cells grown in glucose
- C If a spot is red, expression of that gene is greater in cells grown in ethanol

▲ EXPERIMENTAL FIGURE 9-35 DNA microarray analysis can reveal differences in gene expression in yeast cells under different experimental conditions. In this example, cDNA prepared from mRNA isolated from wild-type *Saccharomyces* cells grown on glucose or ethanol is labeled with different fluorescent dyes. A microarray composed of DNA spots representing each yeast gene is exposed to an equal mixture of the two cDNA preparations under hybridization conditions. The ratio of the intensities of red and green fluorescence over each spot, detected with a scanning confocal laser microscope, indicates the relative expression of each gene in cells grown on each of the carbon sources. Microarray analysis also is useful for detecting differences in gene expression between wild-type and mutant strains.

#### Molecular Cell Biology, Lodish 5th Ed.



▲ EXPERIMENTAL FIGURE 9-36 Cluster analysis of data from multiple microarray expression experiments can

**identify co-regulated genes.** In this experiment, the expression of 8600 mammalian genes was detected by microarray analysis at time intervals over a 24-hour period after starved fibroblasts were provided with serum. The cluster diagram shown here is based on a computer algorithm that groups genes showing similar changes in expression compared with a starved control sample over time. Each column of colored boxes represents a single gene, and each row represents a time point. A red box indicates an increase in expression relative to the control; a green box, a decrease in expression; and a black box, no significant change in expression. The "tree" diagram at the top shows how the expression patterns for individual genes can be organized in a hierarchical fashion to group together the genes with the greatest similarity in their patterns of expression over time. Five clusters of coordinately regulated genes were identified in this experiment, as indicated by the bars at the bottom. Each cluster contains multiple genes whose encoded proteins function in a particular cellular process: cholesterol biosynthesis (A), the cell cycle (B), the immediate-early response (C), signaling and angiogenesis (D), and wound healing and tissue remodeling (E). [Courtesy of Michael B. Eisen, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory.]

## cDNA Chip Design

#### **\*** Probe selection

- × Non-redundant set of probes
- × Includes genes of interest to project
- \* Corresponds to physically available clones

#### × Chip layout

- \* Grouping of probes by **function**
- Correspondence between wells in microtiter plates and spots on the chip



### **Probe Selection**

- Make sure that database entries are cDNA
  - \* Preference for **RefSeq** entries
    - \* Criteria for non-redundancy
    - >98% identity over >100 nt
    - \* Accession number is unique
- \* Mapping of sequence to clone
  - × Use Unigene clusters
  - Directly use data from sequence verified collection (*e.g.* Research Genetics)
  - \* Independently verify sequence



Agilent Technology: 60mer probe selection; GeneBin



### cDNA Arrays on Nylon and Glass

#### × Nylon arrays

- × Up to about 1,000 probes per filter
- Se radiolabeled cDNA target
- × Can use phosphorimager or X-ray film

#### × Glass arrays

- Up to about 40,000 probes per slide, or 10,000 per 2cm<sup>2</sup> area (limited by arrayer's capabilities)
- × Use fluorescent targets
- \* Require specialized scanner



RZPD Nylon array



#### Overview of the Production of a Pair of Cheap, Low-density Nylon Arrays of PCR Products



http://stemcell.princeton.edu/v1/sbs\_screen.html

Actual image of two duplicate arrays of 332 clones each, probed with Sca+ (-) AA4- (top) or AA4- (-) Sca+ (bottom) subtracted probe populations



http://stemcell.princeton.edu/v1/sbs\_screen.html

## Northern Blotting Confirmation

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12





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## Array Type & Spot Density

Array Type	Spot Density (per cm <sup>2</sup> )	Probe	Target	Labeling
Nylon Macroarrays	< 100	cDNA	RNA	Radioactive
Nylon Microarrays	< 5000	cDNA	mRNA	Radioactive/Flourescent
Glass Microarrays	< 10,000	cDNA	mRNA	Flourescent
Oligonucleotide Chips	<250,000	oligo's	mRNA	Flourescent

## **Glass Chip Manufacturing**

- Choice of coupling method
  - Physical (charge), non-specific chemical, specific chemical (modified PCR primer)
- × Choice of **printing** method
  - \* Mechanical pins: flat tip, split tip, pin & ring
  - \* Piezoelectric (壓電的) deposition ("ink-jet")
- × Robot design
  - Precision of movement in 3 axes
  - \* Speed and throughput
  - \* Number of pins, numbers of spots per pin load







## **Physical Spotting**







### Typical Ink Jet Spot Deposition Results





Volume per spot:	250 nl
Spot size:	1,100 <i>µ</i> m
Spot density:	70/cm <sup>2</sup>

Volume per spot:	0.5 nl
Spot size:	115 <i>µ</i> m
Spot density:	4,800/cm <sup>2</sup>

Labelled BSA (Cy5)

#### Typical Pin Spot Deposition Microarray Results



7x11 microarray consisting of identical Cy5-BSA spots (pitch 500 mm)

Typical CV:  $\leq$  5%

## Protocol



## Labeling and Hybridization

- Targets are normally prepared by oligo(dT) primed cDNA synthesis
  - \* Probes should contain 3' end of mRNA
  - Need CoT1 DNA as competitor (esp. LINE)
- Alternative protocol is to make ds cDNA containing bacterial promoter, then cRNA
  - Can work with smaller amount of RNA
    - \* Less quantitative
- \* Hybridization usually under coverslips





## Scanning the Arrays

#### × Laser scanners

- \* Excellent spatial resolution
- **\* Good sensitivity**, but can **bleach** fluorochromes
- × Still rather **slow**

#### \* CCD (Charged-Coupled Device) scanners

- \* Spatial resolution can be a problem
- \* Sensitivity easily adjustable (exposure time)
- **\* Faster** and cheaper than lasers
- In all cases, raw data are images showing fluorescence on surface of chip

BioRad: VersArray ChipReader ™ laser confocal scanners




**Example: Zeptosens** Planar Waveguide Principle – for High Sensitivity Fluorescence Microarray Detection



## Glass Microarray – 326 Rat Heart Genes, 2X spotting

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## Coffee Break

- \* What did a Math book says to the other?
- × I have a lot of problems!

## The Affymetrix Approach

- Probes are oligos synthesized in situ using a photolithographic approach
- There are at least 13-16 oligos per gene (PM), plus an equal number of negative controls (MM)
- \* The apparatus requires a fluidics station for hybridization and a special scanner
- × Only a single fluorochrome is used per hybridization
- **×** It is **very** expensive !



## Affymetrix GeneChip®



## Affymetrix Chip Production - GeneChip® (Photolithography)







Production of an Affymetrix GeneChip: through the use of photolithography & combinaotrial chemistry specific DNA probes are constructed on the chip surface (Coe & Antler 2004)



The use of oligonucleotide arrays. mRNA is extracted from cells and amplified through a process that labels the RNA for analysis. The sample is then applied to an array & and bound RNA stained (Coe & Antler 2004).

## Probe Design



# R=Discrimination Score = (PM-MM)/(PM+MM)

http://www.affymetrix.c om/support/technical/te chnotes/statistical\_refer ence\_guide.pdf



Figure 2. In this hypothetical probe set, the Perfect Match (PM) intensity is 80 and the Mismatch (MM) intensity for each probe pair increases from 10 to 100. The probe pairs are numbered from 1 to 10. As the Mismatch (MM) probe cell intensity, plotted on the x-axis, increases and becomes equal to or greater than the Perfect Match (PM) Intensity, the Discrimination score decreases as plotted on the y-axis. More specifically, as the intensity of the Mismatch (MM) increases, our ability to discriminate between the PM and MM decreases. The dashed line is the user-definable parameter Tau (default = 0.015).

# **Commercial Chips**

- Clontech, Incyte, Research Genetics
  Filten-based annoys with up to about
  - Filter-based arrays with up to about 8,000 clones
- × Incyte/Synteni
  - 10,000 probe chips, not distributed (have to send them target RNA)
- × Affymetrix
  - Oligo-based chips with 12,000 genes of known function (13-16 oligos/gene) and 4x10,000 from ESTs
    - \* <u>http://www.affymetrix.com/products/</u> arrays/index.affx



Incyte microarray





## Affymetrix Designs





# Alternative Technologies

- × Synthesis of **probes** on **microbeads** 
  - \* Hybridization in solution
  - Identification of beads by fluorescent bar coding by embedding transponders 535 Multi-
    - \* Readout using micro-flow cells or optic fibers
- \* Production of "universal" arrays
  - \* Array uses a unique combination of oligos, and probes containing the proper complements

purpose Cell









(a) 100-plex Luminex<sup>™</sup> liquid array generated by embedding varying ratios of two different dyes into polystyrene latex microbeads. Each optically encoded microbead has a unique spectral address. (b) Beads are coated with antibodies specific for target antigens. After incubation with the antigens, secondary or detector antibodies are added, followed by addition of a fluorescent molecule, to complete the "antigen sandwich." (c) The beads are analyzed in the flow cytometer. Beads are interrogated one at a time. <u>A red laser classifies the bead, identifying the bead type. A green laser measures the amount of pathogen on the bead surface.</u> The signal is proportional to the antigen concentration. Two-color Assay: DASL Hybridization of Labeled Amplicons to Bead-based Address Code Sequences on Sentrix Universal Arrays



http://www.illu mina.com/pro ducts/arraysr eagents/univ ersal\_arrays.i lmn

Illumina© Universal array

### DNA probes on beads arrayed in a capillary, 'Beadarray', exhibited high hybridization performance

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#### ABSTRACT

A DNA analysis platform called 'Bead-array' is presented and its features when used in hybridization detection are shown. In 'Bead-array', beads of 100-um diameter are lined in a determined order in a capillary. Each bead is conjugated with DNA probes, and can be identified by its order in the capillary. This probe array is easily produced by just arraying beads conjugated with probes into the capillary in a fixed order. The hybridization is also easily completed by introducing samples (1-300 µl) into the capillary with reciprocal flow. For hybridization detection, as little as 1 amol of fluorescent-labeled oligo DNA was detected. The hybridization reaction was completed in 1 min irrespective of the amount of target DNA. When the number of target molecules was smaller than that of probe molecules on the bead, 10 fmol, almost all targets were captured on the bead. 'Bead-array' enables reliable and reproducible measurement of the target quantity. This rapid and sensitive platform seems very promising for various genetic testing tasks.

Although it is a very powerful and attractive device, it is very expensive and a practical fabrication method for producing a cost-effective device is still required. In addition, it is impossible to rearrange any of the probes in the array in accordance with changes in the analysis target. This requirement seems to be overcome by micro-spheres having DNA probes. The combination of color-coded microbeads and a flow cytometer (11,12), massive parallel signature sequence, which uses microbeads for cDNA cloning and parallel sequencing reactions (13,14), and fixed microbeads mounted on the terminal wells of optical fibers (15,16) have been reported.

In this study, we demonstrate the excellent characteristics of a new DNA probe array format using beads with DNA probes. This format, 'Bead-array', is an array of DNA probes on beads in a capillary with an order determined by the probe species and hybridization is performed by the reciprocal flow of the sample.

#### Outline of the probe array in a capillary ('Bead-array')

A schematic view of 'B ead-array' is shown in Figure 1. It is an array of beads conjugated with DNA probes in a narrow capillary in a determined order according to the probe species (Fig. 1A). Each bead has a different DNA probe to capture different DNA targets. The bead-array is designed so as to decrease the volume of reaction space to <0.1 µl to enable fast hybridization. The bead size was determined to be 100 µm,



C Schematic drawing of a bead-array system

A: 100 beads with different probe DNA are arrayed in a capillary in the intended order

B. Microscopic image

C. A bead-array system Sample, buffer & waste reservoir

•Sample solution from the sample reservoir moves back & forth inside the bead-array during hybridization & buffer solution from the buffer reservoir is introduced during washing

## Fiber Optics Technology







## To learn more: <u>Illumina's</u> Web site

## Arrays for Genetic Analysis

## × Mutation detection

- Molecular Inversion Probe Technology for SNP Genotyping (next slide)
  - × 20,000 SNPs in a single array
- PCR followed by primer extension, with detection of alleles by MALDI-TOF mass spectroscopy (MS) (Sequenom)
- × Gene loss & amplification
  - Measure gene dosage in genomic DNA by hybridization to genomic probes



# Highly multiplexed molecular inversion probe genotyping: Over 10,000 targeted SNPs genotyped in a single tube assay

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Large-scale genetic studies are highly dependent on efficient and scalable multiplex SNP assays. In this study, we report the development of Molecular Inversion Probe technology with four-color, single array detection, applied to large-scale genotyping of up to 12,000 SNPs per reaction. While generating 38,429 SNP assays using this technology in a population of 30 trios from the Centre d'Etude Polymorphisme Humain family panel as part of the International HapMap project, we established SNP conversion rates of ~90% with concordance rates >99.6% and completeness levels >98% for assays multiplexed up to 12,000 plex levels. Furthermore, these individual metrics can be "traded off" and, by sacrificing a small fraction of the conversion rate, the accuracy can be increased to very high levels. No loss of performance is seen when scaling from 6,000 plex to 12,000 plex assays, strongly validating the ability of the technology to suppress cross-reactivity at high multiplex levels. The results of this study demonstrate the suitability of this technology for comprehensive association studies that use targeted SNPs in indirect linkage disequilibrium studies or that directly screen for causative mutations.

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#### Molecular Inversion Probes

Molecular Inversion Probes (Flash Demo) are so named because the oligonucleotide probe central to the process undergoes a unimolecular rearrangement from a molecule that cannot be amplified (step 1), into a molecule that can be amplified (step 6). This rearrangement is mediated by hybridization to genomic DNA (step 2) and an enzymatic "gap fill" process that occurs in an allele-specific manner (step 3). The resulting circularized probe can be separated from cross-reacted or unreacted probes by a simple exonuclease reaction (step 4). Figure 1 shows these steps.



Figure 1: Schematic of the Molecular Inversion Probe

http://www.affymetrix.com/technology/mip\_technology.affx#snp

#### SNP Genotyping Using Molecular Inversion Probes

The SNP genotyping process using molecular inversion probes is outlined diagrammatically in Figure 2a below.



Figure 2a: 10,000 multiplex MIP assay detected on Tag Microarray

\*Four-color single array technology; **up to 12**, **000** SNPs per reaction

### \*Amplification with universal PCR primer pair

Molecular Inversion probe detection is possible using multiple different detection platforms. Four-color data obtained from the Affymetrix GeneChip shown below.



\*Each amplified probe contains a unique tag sequence that is complementary to a sequence on the universal tag array

**\*Tags** have been selected to have a **similar Tm & base composition** & to be maximally orthogonal in sequence complementarity

## **Bioinformatics of Microarrays**

- \* Array design: choice of sequences to be used as probes
- \* Analysis of scanned images
  - Spot detection, normalization, quantitation
- Primary analysis of hybridization data
  - \* Basic statistics, reproducibility, data scattering, etc.
- \* Comparison of multiple samples
  - Clustering, SOMs, k-mean classification ...
    - SOMs= self-Organizing Maps (a subtype of artificial neural network, low-dimensional viwes of high-dimensional data)
      - \* Unsupervised learning
- Sample tracking and databasing of results



## Microarray Data Pipeline



## Microarray Data on the Web

- Many groups have made their raw data available, but in many formats
  - \* Some groups have created **searchable** databases
- There are several initiatives to create "unified"
  databases
  - \* EBI: <u>ArrayExpress</u>
  - \* NCBI: Gene Expression Omnibus



 Companies are beginning to sell microarray expression data (e.g. Incyte)



## **Other Web Links**

- \* Leming Shi's <u>Gene-Chips.com</u> page
  - Very rich source of basic information and commercial and academic links
  - \* **DNA chips for dummies** animation
- \* The Big Leagues: <u>Pat Brown</u> and <u>NHGRI</u> microarray projects





#### SNP Discovery Using the MassARRAY<sup>™</sup> System

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http://www.coactivepr.com/assets/pdf/writin g\_samples/sequenom/Genotyping%20Bro chure\_v8.pdf

#### Introduction

MassARRAY<sup>™</sup> Discovery-RT (SNP Discovery) is a comparative sequence analysis tool based on matrixassisted laser desorption/ionization time-of-flight mass spectrometry (MALDI-TOF MS) analysis of nucleic acids cleaved at specific bases. Using the speed and accuracy of the MassARRAY<sup>™</sup> system, this innovative method opens new routes for high-throughput discovery and localization of single nucleotide polymorphisms (SNPs). Reference sequences are used to construct *in silico* cleavage patterns and enable cross-correlation of theoretical and experimental mass signal patterns. Observed signal pattern differences are indicators of sequence variations and form the basis for SNP analysis. A 300-700 base pair (bp) sequence stretch of interest is amplified by PCR. Two PCRs are performed. One reaction introduces a T7-promoter tag in the forward strand of the amplification product. The other PCR introduces the T7-promoter tag in the reverse strand of the product. PCR amplification is followed by *in vitro* transcription, where each PCR product is split into two cleavage reactions (T Cleavage and C Cleavage). Introduction of modified nucleotides during transcription mediates base-specific cleavage in each of the four reactions during the subsequent RNase A treatment. Resulting cleavage products are measured by MALDI-TOF MS, generating a characteristic signal pattern based on the fragment masses.



# High-Throughput MALDI-TOF Discovery of Genomic Sequence Polymorphisms

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We describe a comparative sequencing strategy that is based on matrix-assisted laser desorption/ionization time-of-flight mass spectrometry (MALDI-TOF MS) analyses of complete base-specific cleavage reactions of a target sequence. The target is converted to a DNA/RNA mosaic structure after PCR amplification using in vitro transcription. Cleavage with defined specificity is achieved by ribonucleases. The set of cleavage products is subjected to mass spectrometry without prior fractionation. The presented resequencing assay is particularly useful for single-nucleotide polymorphism (SNP) discovery. The combination of mass spectra from four complementary cleavage reactions detects approximately 98% of all possible homozygous and heterozygous SNPs in target sequences with a length of up to 500 bases. In general, both the identity and location of the sequence variation are determined. This was exemplified by the discovery of SNPs in the human gene coding for the cholesteryl ester transfer protein using a panel of 96 genomic DNAs.



matrix-assisted laser desorption/inoization



**Figure 1** Schematic outline of the resequencing strategy using chip-based mass spectrometry. (*A*) The target region is first PCR-amplified with primers bearing bacteriophage T7 and SP6 RNA polymerase promoter sequences (dashed lines). (*B*) A mosaic transcript, with dCMP or dTMP/ dUMP replacing the regular nucleoside, is derived from each strand of the amplicon (represented by the arrows) and base-specifically cleaved (see text for details). (*C*) Finally, the set of cleavage products, as a group, is analyzed by an array mass spectrometer.

## Single Nucleotide Polymorphisms

- 5'...ACCATGCT [A/C] ACAATCGAG...3'
- 3'...TGGTACGA[T/G]TGTTAGCTC...5'
- large parts of an organism's genome are constant across all individuals of a population
- at certain positions, two or more alternative bases can be observed
- play an important role in areas such as disease predisposition or drug side effect predisposition

Base specific cleavage of DNA or RNA can be achieved by the use of RNAses, UDG, and others.



Base specific cleavage and MALDI-TOF mass spectrometry can be simulated *in silico* for a given reference sequence.





- Trivial approach: Simulate spectra for all possible sequence variations, compare with measured mass spectra
- time consuming, especially for "close" SNPs

If two sequence variations are close, they can change the MS in "complicated" ways:

5'...ACCATGCT [A/C]A[C/G]AATCGAG...3'

C-specific cleavage:


agguggeese eattitetta anggugatat attgutgita gyataseaga tetteseang gattgigges eetteteste teteteigge tetggssese eatgutete tgaggagas tgettgiges eetteteigg geessaatg ettestget gatgeess tgeesaget eteggagte agetigtett aateetaes acagetaett et<mark>eggggaet</mark> getggteeta gageetagg tggggeett teesaget etggtaett aageesagat eegeestt etgebage gegaaget etggttase tateesaga eegeest etgebages geetaette eetggigtt etgettase tateesaga eegetgigt teetaages geetaette eetggigtt eteetgeagg aggggeeseg aeteegigt teetaages geetaette eetgetta egegggess aesattgat eageateet etgetggas geteagget etgetaette esgeggeese aesattgat tgeggagee egggigtgeg gatteagte etgestgett eetgeese geggeggas tgeggagetge egggigtgeg gatteagte esgecees tgesagete gegeese tgegagatge eggigtgigag gatteagte etgeses tgesagete geeleeset

> T-specific cleavage product affected by the SNP

Comparison of reference and affected fragments

5'CACAGCTACTTCTC[G/A]GGGACTGC3' 3'GTGTCGATGAAGAG[C/T]CCCTGACG5'			
	Reference G-allele		Affected A-allele
T Forward	CGGGGACT 2613 Da Ma	nss Shift -16 Da	CAGGGACT 2597 Da
C Forward	GGGGAC- 2034 Da Mass	Shift -16 Da	AGGGAC 2018 Da
T Reverse	CCCCGAGAAG 3505 Da	Introduction of cleavage site	CCCT 1192 Da GAGAAGT 2348 Da
C Reverse	C 324 Da GAGAAGTAGC 3326 Da	Removal of cleavage site	TGAGAAGTAGC 3630 Da
Figure 3.	Fragments Affected by SNP		

\*A sequence change can have **multiple affects** on the mass spectra

> \*It can result in a mass shift, introduction of a cleavage site or removal of a cleavage site

> \*The forward reactions indicate the presence of a SNP through mass shift

\*The reverse reactions pinpoint the location of the SNP in the amplicon reference sequence

## Only One Final Word of Wisdom...

\* "...although the computer is a wonderful helpmate for the sequence searcher and comparer, biochemists and molecular biologists must guard against the blind acceptance of any algorithmic output; given the choice, think like a biologist and not a statistician"

× Russell F. Doolittle, 1990



### Suppressive Subtractive Hybridization cDNA libraries





### Efficacy of SSH Ji et al. 2002 BMC Genomics 3:12

- Diatchenko *et al.* 1996 (PNAS 93:6025)
  Could detect as little as 0.001% target
- Critical factor is relative concentration of target in tester and driver populations
- Effective enrichment when
  - x Target present at >= 0.01%
  - Concentration ratio>= 5-fold

# SSH Advantages & Drawbacks

### × Advantages

- \* Normalization of transcript levels
- Detects small (2-fold) differences in transcript levels
- × Identify previously uncharacterized genes (novel genes)
- \* Generates subtracted libraries rapidly

### × Drawbacks

- × Isolating & sequencing transcripts slow & laboratories
- \* Many clones may contain the same sequences
- All transcripts must be verified by Northern or quantitative RT-PCR

# Yeast Two-Hybrid System (1)

- Protein-protein interaction
- \* A yeast vector for expressing a DNA-binding domain
  - \* Flexible linker region without the associated activation domain, *e.g.*, the deleted GAL4 containing amino acids 1-692
- A cDNA sequence encoding a protein or protein domain of interest = bait domain is fused in frame to the flexible linker region so that the vector will express a hybrid protein composed of the DNA-binding domain, linker region, and bait domain

#### (a) Hybrid proteins



(b) Transcriptional activation by hybrid proteins in yeast



EXPERIMENTAL FIGURE 11-39 The yeast two-hybrid system provides a way of screening a cDNA library for clones encoding proteins that interact with a specific protein of interest. This is a common technique for screening a cDNA library for clones encoding proteins that interact with a specific protein of interest. (a) Two vectors are constructed containing genes that encode hybrid (chimeric) proteins. In one vector (left), coding sequence for the DNA-binding domain of a transcription factor is fused to the sequences for a known protein, referred to as the "bait" domain (light blue). The second vector (right) expresses an activation domain fused to a "fish" domain (green) that interacts with the bait domain. (b) If yeast cells are transformed with vectors expressing both hybrids, the bait and fish portions of the chimeric proteins interact to produce a functional transcriptional activator. In this example, the activator promotes transcription of a HIS gene. One end of this protein complex binds to the upstream activating sequence (UAS) of the HIS3 gene; the other end, consisting of the activation domain, stimulates assembly of the transcription preinitiation complex (orange) at the promoter (yellow). (c) To screen a cDNA library for

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## Yeast Two-Hybrid System (2)

- \* A cDNA library is cloned into multiple copies of a second yeast vector that encodes a strong activation domain & flexible linker, to produce a vector library expressing multiple hybrid proteins, each containing a different fish domain
- \* The bait vector & library of fish vectors are then transfected into engineered yeast cells in which the only copy of a gene required for histidine synthesis (HIS) is under control of a UAS with binding sites for the DNA-binding domain of the hybrid bait protein
- \* Transformed cells that express the bait hybrid & interacting fish hybrid will be able to activate transcription of the HIS gene
- The flexibility in the spacing between the DNA-binding & activation domains of eukaryotic activators makes this system work

# Yeast Two-Hybrid System (3)

- **\*** A two-step selection process is used
- \* The bait vector also expresses a wild-type TRP gene, and the hybrid vector expresses a wild-type LEU gene
- Transfected cells are first grown in a medium that lack of tryptophan & leucine but contain histindine
  - \* Only cells that have taken up the bait vector & one of the fish plasmids will survive in this medium
- The cells that survive then are plated on a medium that lacks histidine

# Yeast Two-Hybrid System (4)

- \* Those cells expressing a fish hybrid that does not bind to the bait hybrid cannot transcribe the HIS gene & consequently will not form a colony on medium lacking histidine
- The few cells that express a bait-binding fish hybrid will grow & form colonies in the absence of histindine
- Recovery of the fish vectors from these colonies yields
  cDNA encoding protein domains that interact with the bait domain

#### (c) Fishing for proteins that interact with bait domain



(orange) at the promoter (yellow). (c) To screen a cDNA library for clones encoding proteins that interact with a particular bait protein of interest, the library is cloned into the vector encoding the activation domain so that hybrid proteins are expressed. The bait vector and fish vectors contain wild-type selectable genes (e.g., a *TRP* or *LEU* gene). The only transformed cells that survive the indicated selection scheme are those that express the bait hybrid and a fish hybrid that interacts with it. See the text for discussion. [See S. Fields and O. Song, 1989, *Nature* **340**:245.]

## Coffee Break

- \* What do boxers and astronomers have in common?
- \* They both see stars!!!