Overlap encodings

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1 Introduction

In the context of an RNA-seq experiment, encoding the overlaps between the aligned reads and the transcripts can be used for detecting those overlaps that are "splice compatible", that is, compatible with the splicing of the transcript.

Various tools are provided in the *GenomicAlignments* package for working with *overlap encodings*. In this vignette, we illustrate the use of these tools on the single-end and paired-end reads of an RNA-seq experiment.

2 Load reads from a BAM file

2.1 Load single-end reads from a BAM file

BAM file untreated1_chr4.bam (located in the *pasillaBamSubset* data package) contains single-end reads from the "Pasilla" experiment and aligned against the dm3 genome (see ?un treated1_chr4 in the *pasillaBamSubset* package for more information about those reads):

```
> library(pasillaBamSubset)
> untreated1_chr4()
```

```
[1] "/home/biocbuild/bbs-3.21-bioc/R/site-library/pasillaBamSubset/extdata/untreated1_chr4.bam"
```

We use the **readGAlignments** function defined in the *GenomicAlignments* package to load the reads into a *GAlignments* object. It's probably a good idea to get rid of the PCR or optical duplicates (flag bit 0x400 in the SAM format, see the SAM Spec¹ for the details),

¹http://samtools.sourceforge.net/

as well as reads not passing quality controls (flag bit 0x200 in the SAM format). We do this by creating a *ScanBamParam* object that we pass to readGAlignments (see ?ScanBamParam in the *Rsamtools* package for the details). Note that we also use use.names=TRUE in order to load the *query names* (aka *query template names*, see QNAME field in the SAM Spec) from the BAM file (readGAlignments will use them to set the names of the returned object):

```
> library(GenomicAlignments)
```

> flag0 <- scanBamFlag(isDuplicate=FALSE, isNotPassingQualityControls=FALSE)</pre>

```
> param0 <- ScanBamParam(flag=flag0)</pre>
```

> U1.GAL <- readGAlignments(untreated1_chr4(), use.names=TRUE, param=param0)
> head(U1.GAL)

GAlignments object with 6 alignments and 0 metadata columns:

	seqnames	strand	cigar	qwidth	start	end	width	njunc
	<rle></rle>	<rle></rle>	<character></character>	<integer></integer>	<integer></integer>	<integer> <</integer>	integer>	<integer></integer>
SRR031729.3941844	chr4	-	75M	75	892	966	75	0
SRR031728.3674563	chr4	-	75M	75	919	993	75	Θ
SRR031729.8532600	chr4	+	75M	75	924	998	75	Θ
SRR031729.2779333	chr4	+	75M	75	936	1010	75	Θ
SRR031728.2826481	chr4	+	75M	75	949	1023	75	0
SRR031728.2919098	chr4	-	75M	75	967	1041	75	Θ
seqinfo: 8 sequenc	ces from a	an unspe	ecified genom	ne				

Because the aligner used to align those reads can report more than 1 alignment per *original query* (i.e. per read stored in the input file, typically a FASTQ file), we shouldn't expect the names of U1.GAL to be unique:

```
> U1.GAL_names_is_dup <- duplicated(names(U1.GAL))
> table(U1.GAL_names_is_dup)
U1.GAL_names_is_dup
FALSE TRUE
190770 13585
```

Storing the *query names* in a factor will be useful as we will see later in this document:

```
> U1.uqnames <- unique(names(U1.GAL))
> U1.GAL_qnames <- factor(names(U1.GAL), levels=U1.uqnames)</pre>
```

Note that we explicitely provide the levels of the factor to enforce their order. Otherwise factor() would put them in lexicographic order which is not advisable because it depends on the locale in use.

Another object that will be useful to keep near at hand is the mapping between each *query name* and its first occurence in U1.GAL_qnames:

> U1.GAL_dup2unq <- match(U1.GAL_qnames, U1.GAL_qnames)</pre>

Our reads can have up to 2 *skipped regions* (a *skipped region* corresponds to an N operation in the CIGAR):

> head(unique(cigar(U1.GAL)))
[1] "75M" "35M6727N40M" "22M6727N53M" "13M6727N62M" "26M292N49M" "62M21227N13M"

Also, the following table indicates that indels were not allowed/supported during the alignment process (no I or D CIGAR operations):

> colSums(ci	gar0pTabl	e(cigar(l	11.GAL)))					
М	I	D	Ν	S	н	Р	=	Х
15326625	Θ	0 216	82582	0	0	0	0	Θ

2.2 Load paired-end reads from a BAM file

BAM file untreated3_chr4.bam (located in the *pasillaBamSubset* data package) contains paired-end reads from the "Pasilla" experiment and aligned against the dm3 genome (see ?untreated3_chr4 in the *pasillaBamSubset* package for more information about those reads). We use the readGAlignmentPairs function to load them into a *GAlignmentPairs* object:

```
> U3.galp <- readGAlignmentPairs(untreated3_chr4(), use.names=TRUE, param=param0)
> head(U3.galp)
```

```
GAlignmentPairs object with 6 pairs, strandMode=1, and 0 metadata columns:
                                        ranges --
                   seqnames strand :
                                                     ranges
                      <Rle> <Rle> : <IRanges> -- <IRanges>
 SRR031715.1138209
                       chr4
                                 + :
                                       169-205 -- 326-362
                                       943-979 -- 1086-1122
  SRR031714.756385
                       chr4
                                 + :
 SRR031714.2355189
                       chr4
                                 + : 944-980 -- 1119-1155
 SRR031714.5054563
                       chr4
                                 + : 946-982 -- 986-1022
 SRR031715.1722593
                       chr4
                                 + : 966-1002 -- 1108-1144
 SRR031715.2202469
                       chr4
                                 + : 966-1002 -- 1114-1150
  - - - - - - -
 seqinfo: 8 sequences from an unspecified genome
```

The show method for *GAlignmentPairs* objects displays two ranges columns, one for the *first* alignment in the pair (the left column), and one for the *last* alignment in the pair (the right column). The strand column corresponds to the strand of the *first* alignment.

```
> head(first(U3.galp))
```

GAlignments object with 6 alignments and 0 metadata columns:

	seqnames	strand	cigar	qwidth	start	end	width	njunc
	<rle></rle>	<rle></rle>	<character></character>	<integer></integer>	<integer></integer>	<integer> <</integer>	integer>	<integer></integer>
SRR031715.1138209	chr4	+	37M	37	169	205	37	Θ
SRR031714.756385	chr4	+	37M	37	943	979	37	Θ
SRR031714.2355189	chr4	+	37M	37	944	980	37	Θ
SRR031714.5054563	chr4	+	37M	37	946	982	37	Θ
SRR031715.1722593	chr4	+	37M	37	966	1002	37	Θ
SRR031715.2202469	chr4	+	37M	37	966	1002	37	Θ
seginfo: 8 seguen	cos from :		cified denor	mο				

seqinfo: 8 sequences from an unspecified genome

```
> head(last(U3.galp))
```

GAlignments object	with 6 ali	Ignments	s and 0 metac	lata columr	1S:			
	seqnames	strand	cigar	qwidth	start	end	width	njunc
	<rle></rle>	<rle></rle>	<character></character>	<integer></integer>	<integer></integer>	<integer> <</integer>	<integer></integer>	<integer></integer>
SRR031715.1138209) chr4	-	37M	37	326	362	37	Θ
SRR031714.756385	5 chr4	-	37M	37	1086	1122	37	Θ
SRR031714.2355189) chr4	-	37M	37	1119	1155	37	Θ
SRR031714.5054563	8 chr4	-	37M	37	986	1022	37	Θ
SRR031715.1722593	8 chr4	-	37M	37	1108	1144	37	Θ
SRR031715.2202469) chr4	-	37M	37	1114	1150	37	Θ
seqinfo: 8 sequer	nces from a	an unspe	ecified genom	ie				

GAlignments object with 6 alignments and 0 metadata columns:

According to the SAM format specifications, the aligner is expected to mark each alignment pair as *proper* or not (flag bit 0x2 in the SAM format). The SAM Spec only says that a pair is *proper* if the *first* and *last* alignments in the pair are "properly aligned according to the aligner". So the exact criteria used for setting this flag is left to the aligner.

We use isProperPair to extract this flag from the GAlignmentPairs object:

> table(isProperPair(U3.galp))
FALSE TRUE

29581 45828

Even though we could do *overlap encodings* with the full object, we keep only the *proper* pairs for our downstream analysis:

```
> U3.GALP <- U3.galp[isProperPair(U3.galp)]</pre>
```

Because the aligner used to align those reads can report more than 1 alignment per *original query template* (i.e. per pair of sequences stored in the input files, typically 1 FASTQ file for the *first* ends and 1 FASTQ file for the *last* ends), we shouldn't expect the names of U3.GALP to be unique:

```
> U3.GALP_names_is_dup <- duplicated(names(U3.GALP))
> table(U3.GALP_names_is_dup)
U3.GALP_names_is_dup
FALSE TRUE
```

43659 2169

Storing the *query template names* in a factor will be useful:

```
> U3.uqnames <- unique(names(U3.GALP))
> U3.GALP_qnames <- factor(names(U3.GALP), levels=U3.uqnames)</pre>
```

as well as having the mapping between each *query template name* and its first occurence in U3.GALP_qnames:

> U3.GALP_dup2unq <- match(U3.GALP_qnames, U3.GALP_qnames)</pre>

Our reads can have up to 1 *skipped region* per end:

```
> head(unique(cigar(first(U3.GALP))))
[1] "37M"
                "6M58N31M" "25M56N12M" "19M62N18M" "29M222N8M" "9M222N28M"
> head(unique(cigar(last(U3.GALP))))
                                                                            "9M222N28M"
[1] "37M"
                  "19M58N18M"
                                 "12M58N25M"
                                               "27M2339N10M" "29M2339N8M"
> table(njunc(first(U3.GALP)), njunc(last(U3.GALP)))
        0
              1
  0 44510
            596
  1
      637
             85
```

Like for our single-end reads, the following tables indicate that indels were not allowed/supported during the alignment process:

> colSums(c	igar0pTa	ble(c	igar(first	(U3.GALP))))				
М	I	D	Ν	S	н	Р	=	Х	
1695636	Θ	Θ	673919	Θ	Θ	0	Θ	Θ	
> colSums(c.	igar0pTa	ble(c	igar(last(U3.GALP))))				
М	I	D	Ν	S	н	Р	=	Х	
1695636	0	Θ	630395	Θ	0	0	0	0	

3 Find all the overlaps between the reads and transcripts

3.1 Load the transcripts from a *TxDb* object

In order to compute overlaps between reads and transcripts, we need access to the genomic positions of a set of known transcripts and their exons. It is essential that the reference genome of this set of transcripts and exons be **exactly** the same as the reference genome used to align the reads.

We could use the makeTxDbFromUCSC function defined in the *GenomicFeatures* package to make a TxDb object containing the dm3 transcripts and their exons retrieved from the UCSC Genome Browser². The Bioconductor project however provides a few annotation packages containing TxDb objects for the most commonly studied organisms (those data packages are sometimes called the TxDb packages). One of them is the TxDb.Dmelanogaster.UCSC.dm3.ensGene package. It contains a TxDb object that was made by pointing the makeTxDbFro mUCSC function to the dm3 genome and Ensembl Genes track ³. We can use it here:

- > library(TxDb.Dmelanogaster.UCSC.dm3.ensGene)
- > TxDb.Dmelanogaster.UCSC.dm3.ensGene

TxDb object:

- # Db type: TxDb
- # Supporting package: GenomicFeatures

²http://genome.ucsc.edu/cgi-bin/hgGateway

³See http://genome.ucsc.edu/cgi-bin/hgTrackUi?hgsid=276880911&g=ensGene for a description of this track.

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```
# Data source: UCSC
# Genome: dm3
# Organism: Drosophila melanogaster
# Taxonomy ID: 7227
# UCSC Table: ensGene
# Resource URL: http://genome.ucsc.edu/
# Type of Gene ID: Ensembl gene ID
# Full dataset: yes
# miRBase build ID: NA
# transcript_nrow: 29173
# exon_nrow: 76920
# cds_nrow: 62135
# Db created by: GenomicFeatures package from Bioconductor
# Creation time: 2015-10-07 18:15:53 +0000 (Wed, 07 Oct 2015)
# GenomicFeatures version at creation time: 1.21.30
# RSQLite version at creation time: 1.0.0
# DBSCHEMAVERSION: 1.1
> txdb <- TxDb.Dmelanogaster.UCSC.dm3.ensGene</pre>
```

We extract the exons grouped by transcript in a *GRangesList* object:

```
> exbytx <- exonsBy(txdb, by="tx", use.names=TRUE)
> length(exbytx) # nb of transcripts
```

```
[1] 29173
```

We check that all the exons in any given transcript belong to the same chromosome and strand. Knowing that our set of transcripts is free of this sort of trans-splicing events typically allows some significant simplifications during the downstream analysis ⁴. A quick and easy way to check this is to take advantage of the fact that seqnames and strand return *RleList* objects. So we can extract the number of Rle runs for each transcript and make sure it's always 1:

```
> table(elementNROWS(runLength(seqnames(exbytx))))
1
29173
> table(elementNROWS(runLength(strand(exbytx))))
1
29173
```

Therefore the strand of any given transcript is unambiguously defined and can be extracted with:

> exbytx_strand <- unlist(runValue(strand(exbytx)), use.names=FALSE)</pre>

We will also need the mapping between the transcripts and their gene. We start by using transcripts to extract this information from our $T \times Db$ object txdb, and then we construct a named factor that represents the mapping:

⁴Dealing with trans-splicing events is not covered in this document.

```
> tx <- transcripts(txdb, columns=c("tx_name", "gene_id"))</pre>
> head(tx)
GRanges object with 6 ranges and 2 metadata columns:
      seqnames
                    ranges strand |
                                         tx_name
                                                          gene_id
         <Rle> <IRanges> <Rle> | <character> <CharacterList>
         chr2L 7529-9484
                                + | FBtr0300689
                                                     FBgn0031208
  [1]
  [2]
         chr2L 7529-9484
                                + | FBtr0300690
                                                      FBgn0031208
                                                      FBgn0031208
  [3]
         chr2L 7529-9484
                               + | FBtr0330654
  [4]
         chr2L 21952-24237 + | FBtr0309810
                                                      FBgn0263584
                            + | FBtr0306536
+ | FBtr0306536
  [5]
         chr2L 66584-71390
                                                      FBqn0067779
  [6]
         chr2L 67043-71081
                                                      FBgn0067779
  . . . . . . .
  seqinfo: 15 sequences (1 circular) from dm3 genome
> df <- mcols(tx)</pre>
> exbytx2gene <- as.character(df$gene_id)</pre>
> exbytx2gene <- factor(exbytx2gene, levels=unique(exbytx2gene))</pre>
> names(exbytx2gene) <- df$tx_name</pre>
> exbytx2gene <- exbytx2gene[names(exbytx)]</pre>
> head(exbytx2gene)
FBtr0300689 FBtr0300690 FBtr0330654 FBtr0309810 FBtr0306539 FBtr0306536
FBqn0031208 FBqn0031208 FBqn0031208 FBqn0263584 FBqn0067779 FBqn0067779
15682 Levels: FBgn0031208 FBgn0263584 FBgn0067779 FBgn0031213 FBgn0031214 FBgn0031216 ... FBgn0264003
> nlevels(exbytx2gene) # nb of genes
```

[1] 15682

3.2 Single-end overlaps

3.2.1 Find the single-end overlaps

We are ready to compute the overlaps with the findOverlaps function. Note that the strand of the queries produced by the RNA-seq experiment is typically unknown so we use ignore.strand=TRUE:

```
> U1.0V00 <- findOverlaps(U1.GAL, exbytx, ignore.strand=TRUE)</pre>
```

U1.0V00 is a *Hits* object that contains 1 element per overlap. Its length gives the number of overlaps:

> length(U1.0V00)

[1] 563552

3.2.2 Tabulate the single-end overlaps

We will repeatedly use the 2 following little helper functions to "tabulate" the overlaps in a given *Hits* object (e.g. U1.0V00), i.e. to count the number of overlaps for each element in the query or for each element in the subject:

Number of transcripts for each alignment in U1.GAL:

```
> U1.GAL_ntx <- countQueryHits(U1.0V00)</pre>
> mcols(U1.GAL)$ntx <- U1.GAL_ntx</pre>
> head(U1.GAL)
GAlignments object with 6 alignments and 1 metadata column:
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              width
                                                                  segnames strand
                                                                                                                                          cigar
                                                                                                                                                                        gwidth
                                                                                                                                                                                                            start
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    end
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                                                                            <Rle> <Rle> <character> <integer> <intege
      SRR031729.3941844
                                                                               chr4
                                                                                                                                                 75M
                                                                                                                                                                                     75
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                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        75
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                                                                                                                                                                                     75
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    993
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      SRR031728.3674563
                                                                               chr4
                                                                                                                 _
                                                                                                                                                 75M
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      SRR031729.8532600
                                                                                                                                                 75M
                                                                                                                                                                                     75
                                                                                                                                                                                                                   924
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   998
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        75
                                                                               chr4
                                                                                                                +
      SRR031729.2779333
                                                                               chr4
                                                                                                                +
                                                                                                                                                 75M
                                                                                                                                                                                     75
                                                                                                                                                                                                                   936
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 1010
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        75
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            0 |
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            0 |
      SRR031728.2826481
                                                                               chr4
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      SRR031728.2919098
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                                                                                                                                                                                                                   967
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                                                                                      ntx
                                                                  <integer>
      SRR031729.3941844
                                                                                            0
      SRR031728.3674563
                                                                                            0
      SRR031729.8532600
                                                                                            0
      SRR031729.2779333
                                                                                            0
      SRR031728.2826481
                                                                                            0
      SRR031728.2919098
                                                                                            0
       - - - - - - -
       seginfo: 8 sequences from an unspecified genome
> table(U1.GAL_ntx)
U1.GAL_ntx
             0
                                                                                            4
                                                                                                                5
                                                                                                                                   6
                                                                                                                                                       7
                                                                                                                                                                           8
                                                                                                                                                                                               9
                                                                                                                                                                                                               10
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   11
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       12
                                 1
                                                    2
                                                                        3
47076 9493 26146 82427 5291 14530 8158
                                                                                                                                                 610 1952
                                                                                                                                                                                    2099
                                                                                                                                                                                                            492
                                                                                                                                                                                                                            4945 1136
> mean(U1.GAL_ntx >= 1)
 [1] 0.7696362
```

76% of the alignments in U1.GAL have an overlap with at least 1 transcript in exbytx.

Note that countOverlaps can be used directly on U1.GAL and exbytx for computing U1.GAL_ntx:

```
> U1.GAL_ntx_again <- countOverlaps(U1.GAL, exbytx, ignore.strand=TRUE)
> stopifnot(identical(unname(U1.GAL_ntx_again), U1.GAL_ntx))
```

Because U1.GAL can (and actually does) contain more than 1 alignment per *original query* (aka read), we also count the number of transcripts for each read:

> U1.0V10 <- remapHits(U1.0V00, Lnodes.remapping=U1.GAL_qnames)</pre> > U1.uqnames_ntx <- countQueryHits(U1.0V10)</pre> > names(U1.uqnames_ntx) <- U1.uqnames</pre> > table(U1.uqnames_ntx) U1.uqnames_ntx 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 39503 9298 18394 82346 5278 14536 9208 610 2930 2099 488 4944 1136 > mean(U1.uqnames_ntx >= 1) [1] 0.7929287

78.4% of the reads have an overlap with at least 1 transcript in exbytx.

Number of reads for each transcript:

```
> U1.exbytx_n0V10 <- countSubjectHits(U1.0V10)
> names(U1.exbytx_n0V10) <- names(exbytx)
> mean(U1.exbytx_n0V10 >= 50)
```

```
[1] 0.009015185
```

Only 0.869% of the transcripts in exbytx have an overlap with at least 50 reads.

Top 10 transcripts:

```
> head(sort(U1.exbytx_nOV10, decreasing=TRUE), n=10)
```

 FBtr0308296
 FBtr0089175
 FBtr0089176
 FBtr0112904
 FBtr0289951
 FBtr0089243
 FBtr0333672
 FBtr0089186

 40654
 40529
 40529
 11735
 11661
 11656
 10087
 10084

 FBtr0089187
 FBtr0089172
 10084
 6749
 6749
 6749
 6749
 6749

3.3 Paired-end overlaps

3.3.1 Find the paired-end overlaps

Like with our single-end overlaps, we call findOverlaps with ignore.strand=TRUE:

```
> U3.0V00 <- findOverlaps(U3.GALP, exbytx, ignore.strand=TRUE)</pre>
```

Like U1.0V00, U3.0V00 is a *Hits* object. Its length gives the number of paired-end overlaps:

> length(U3.0V00)

[1] 113827

3.3.2 Tabulate the paired-end overlaps

Number of transcripts for each alignment pair in U3.GALP:

```
> U3.GALP_ntx <- countQueryHits(U3.0V00)</pre>
> mcols(U3.GALP)$ntx <- U3.GALP_ntx</pre>
> head(U3.GALP)
GAlignmentPairs object with 6 pairs, strandMode=1, and 1 metadata column:
                    seqnames strand :
                                         ranges --
                                                      ranges |
                                                                     ntx
                       <Rle> <Rle> : <IRanges> -- <IRanges> | <integer>
  SRR031715.1138209
                        chr4
                                  + : 169-205 --
                                                     326-362 |
                                                                       0
   SRR031714.756385
                        chr4
                                  + : 943-979 -- 1086-1122 |
                                                                       0
  SRR031714.5054563
                                  + : 946-982 -- 986-1022 |
                                                                       0
                        chr4
  SRR031715.1722593
                        chr4
                                  + : 966-1002 -- 1108-1144 |
                                                                       0
  SRR031715.2202469
                        chr4
                                  + : 966-1002 -- 1114-1150 |
                                                                       0
  SRR031714.3544437
                        chr4
                                  - : 1087-1123 --
                                                     963-999 |
                                                                       0
  seqinfo: 8 sequences from an unspecified genome
```

```
> table(U3.GALP_ntx)
```

U3.GALP_ntx 3 4 5 7 11 12 0 1 2 6 8 9 10 12950 2080 5854 17025 1078 3083 2021 70 338 59 803 97 370 > mean(U3.GALP_ntx >= 1) [1] 0.7174217

71% of the alignment pairs in U3.GALP have an overlap with at least 1 transcript in exbytx.

Note that countOverlaps can be used directly on U3.GALP and exbytx for computing U3.GALP_ntx:

```
> U3.GALP_ntx_again <- countOverlaps(U3.GALP, exbytx, ignore.strand=TRUE)
> stopifnot(identical(unname(U3.GALP_ntx_again), U3.GALP_ntx))
```

Because U3.GALP can (and actually does) contain more than 1 alignment pair per *original query template*, we also count the number of transcripts for each template:

```
> U3.0V10 <- remapHits(U3.0V00, Lnodes.remapping=U3.GALP_gnames)</pre>
> U3.uqnames_ntx <- countQueryHits(U3.0V10)</pre>
> names(U3.uqnames_ntx) <- U3.uqnames</pre>
> table(U3.uqnames_ntx)
U3.uqnames_ntx
    0
          1
                 2
                       3
                              4
                                    5
                                           6
                                                 7
                                                       8
                                                              9
                                                                   10
                                                                          11
                                                                                12
11851 2061 4289 17025 1193 3084 2271
                                                70
                                                      486
                                                            370
                                                                         803
                                                                                97
                                                                   59
> mean(U3.uqnames_ntx >= 1)
[1] 0.7285554
```

72.3% of the templates have an overlap with at least 1 transcript in exbytx.

Number of templates for each transcript:

```
> U3.exbytx_n0V10 <- countSubjectHits(U3.0V10)</pre>
```

- > names(U3.exbytx_nOV10) <- names(exbytx)</pre>
- > mean(U3.exbytx_n0V10 >= 50)
- [1] 0.00712988

Only 0.756% of the transcripts in exbytx have an overlap with at least 50 templates.

Top 10 transcripts:

> head(sort(U3.exbytx_nOV10, decreasing=TRUE), n=10)

FBtr0308296	FBtr0089175	FBtr0089176	FBtr0112904	FBtr0089243	FBtr0289951	FBtr0333672	FBtr0089186
7574	7573	7572	2750	2732	2732	2260	2260
FBtr0089187	FBtr0310542						
2260	1698						

4 Encode the overlaps between the reads and transcripts

4.1 Single-end encodings

The *overlap encodings* are strand sensitive so we will compute them twice, once for the "original alignments" (i.e. the alignments of the *original queries*), and once again for the "flipped alignments" (i.e. the alignments of the "flipped *original queries*"). We extract the ranges of the "original" and "flipped" alignments in 2 *GRangesList* objects with:

```
> U1.grl <- grglist(U1.GAL, order.as.in.query=TRUE)
> U1.grlf <- flipQuery(U1.grl) # flipped</pre>
```

and encode their overlaps with the transcripts:

```
> U1.ovencA <- encodeOverlaps(U1.grl, exbytx, hits=U1.0V00)
> U1.ovencB <- encodeOverlaps(U1.grlf, exbytx, hits=U1.0V00)</pre>
```

U1.ovencA and U1.ovencB are 2 OverlapsEncodings objects of the same length as Hits object U1.0V00. For each hit in U1.0V00, we have 2 corresponding encodings, one in U1.ovencA and one in U1.ovencB, but only one of them encodes a hit between alignment ranges and exon ranges that are on the same strand. We use the selectEncodingWithCompatibleStrand function to merge them into a single OverlapsEncodings of the same length. For each hit in U1.0V00, this selects the encoding corresponding to alignment ranges and exon ranges with compatible strand:

0			-	(U1.grl)), use. eStrand(U1.oven U1.grl_ hits=U1	cA, U1.ovencB, strand, exbytx_strand,
0verlapEncodi	.ngs object o	of length	563552	with 0 metadata	columns:
	Loffset Ro	offset en	coding f	lippedQuery	
<i< td=""><td>.nteger> <int< td=""><td>eger> <f< td=""><td>actor></td><td><logical></logical></td><td></td></f<></td></int<></td></i<>	.nteger> <int< td=""><td>eger> <f< td=""><td>actor></td><td><logical></logical></td><td></td></f<></td></int<>	eger> <f< td=""><td>actor></td><td><logical></logical></td><td></td></f<>	actor>	<logical></logical>	
[1]	Θ	3	1:i:	TRUE	
[2]	4	Θ	1:k:	FALSE	
[3]	4	Θ	1:k:	TRUE	
[4]	4	0	1:k:	TRUE	
[5]	4	0	1:k:	TRUE	
[563548]	22	Θ	1:i:	TRUE	
[563549]	23	Θ	1:i:	TRUE	
[563550]	24	0	1:i:	TRUE	
[563551]	24	0	1:i:	TRUE	
[563552]	23	Θ	1:i:	TRUE	

As a convenience, the 2 above calls to encodeOverlaps + merging step can be replaced by a single call to encodeOverlaps on U1.grl (or U1.grlf) with flip.query.if.wrong.strand=TRUE:

> U1.ovenc_again <- encodeOverlaps(U1.grl, exbytx, hits=U1.0V00, flip.query.if.wrong.strand=TRUE)
> stopifnot(identical(U1.ovenc_again, U1.ovenc))

Overlap encodings

Unique encodings in U1.ovenc:

```
> U1.unique_encodings <- levels(U1.ovenc)</pre>
> length(U1.unique_encodings)
[1] 120
> head(U1.unique_encodings)
[1] "1:c:" "1:e:" "1:f:" "1:h:" "1:i:" "1:j:"
> U1.ovenc_table <- table(encoding(U1.ovenc))</pre>
> tail(sort(U1.ovenc_table))
    1:f:
           1:k:c:
                       1:k:
                                 1:c: 2:jm:af:
                                                    1:i:
    1555
              1889
                       8800
                                 9523
                                         72929
                                                  455176
```

Encodings are sort of cryptic but utilities are provided to extract specific meaning from them. Use of these utilities is covered later in this document.

4.2 Paired-end encodings

Let's encode the overlaps in U3.0V00:

```
> U3.grl <- grglist(U3.GALP)</pre>
```

```
> U3.ovenc <- encodeOverlaps(U3.grl, exbytx, hits=U3.OV00, flip.query.if.wrong.strand=TRUE)</pre>
```

```
> U3.ovenc
```

]]]]

```
OverlapEncodings object of length 113827 with 0 metadata columns:
```

•	5 5	-	,		
	Loffset	Roffset	encoding	flippedQuery	
	<integer></integer>	<integer></integer>	<factor></factor>	<logical></logical>	
[1]	4	Θ	11:ik:	TRUE	
[2]	4	Θ	11:ii:	TRUE	
[3]	4	Θ	11:ik:	FALSE	
[4]	4	Θ	11:ik:	FALSE	
[5]	4	Θ	11:ac:	TRUE	
113823]	22	Θ	11:ii:	TRUE	
113824]	23	0	11:ii:	TRUE	
113825]	24	Θ	11:ii:	TRUE	
113826]	24	0	11:ii:	TRUE	
113827]	23	Θ	11:ii:	TRUE	

Unique encodings in U3.ovenc:

```
> U3.unique_encodings <- levels(U3.ovenc)
> length(U3.unique_encodings)
[1] 123
> head(U3.unique_encodings)
[1] "1--1:a--c:" "1--1:a--i:" "1--1:a--j:" "1--1:a--k:" "1--1:b--i:" "1--1:b--k:"
> U3.ovenc_table <- table(encoding(U3.ovenc))
> tail(sort(U3.ovenc_table))
```

11:im:	11:ik:	11:ci:	12:ijm:aaf:	21:jmm:afi:
852	1485	1714	2480	2700
11:ii:				
100084				

5 Detect "splice compatible" overlaps

We are interested in a particular type of overlap where the read overlaps the transcript in a "splice compatible" way, that is, in a way that is compatible with the splicing of the transcript. The **isCompatibleWithSplicing** function can be used on an *OverlapEncodings* object to detect this type of overlap. Note that **isCompatibleWithSplicing** can also be used on a character vector or factor.

5.1 Detect "splice compatible" single-end overlaps

5.1.1 "Splice compatible" single-end encodings

U1. ovenc contains 7 unique encodings compatible with the splicing of the transcript:

ort(U1.ovenc_table[isCompatibleWithSplicing(U1.unique_encodings)])
--

2:jm:ag:	2:gm:af: 3	:jmm:agm:aaf:	1:j:	1:f:	2:jm:af:
32	79	488	1538	1555	72929
1:i:					
455176					

Encodings "1:i:" (455176 occurences in U1.ovenc), "2:jm:af:" (72929 occurences in U1.ovenc), and "3:jmm:agm:aaf:" (488 occurences in U1.ovenc), correspond to the following overlaps:

```
• "1:i:"
   - read (no skipped region):
                               00000000

    transcript:

                 "2:jm:af:"
   - read (1 skipped region):
                               00000 - - - 000
   - transcript:
                      "3:jmm:agm:aaf:"
   - read (2 skipped regions):
                                 00---00000---0
   - transcript:
                       ... >>>>>>>>
                                   >>>>> >>>>>
```

For clarity, only the exons involved in the overlap are represented. The transcript can of course have more upstream and downstream exons, which is denoted by the ... on the left side (5' end) and right side (3' end) of each drawing. Note that the exons represented in the 2nd and 3rd drawings are consecutive and adjacent in the processed transcript.

Encodings "1:f:" and "1:j:" are variations of the situation described by encoding "1:i:". For "1:f:", the first aligned base of the read (or "flipped" read) is aligned with the first base of the exon. For "1:j:", the last aligned base of the read (or "flipped" read) is aligned with the last base of the exon:

"1:f:"

```
- read (no skipped region):
                                       00000000
       - transcript:
                                       ...
                                                       . . .
  • "1:j:"
       - read (no skipped region):
                                             0000000
       - transcript:
                                       . . .
                                                       . . .
> U1.0V00_is_comp <- isCompatibleWithSplicing(U1.ovenc)</pre>
> table(U1.0V00_is_comp) # 531797 "splice compatible" overlaps
U1.0V00_is_comp
 FALSE TRUE
 31755 531797
```

Finally, let's extract the "splice compatible" overlaps from U1.0V00:

```
> U1.compOV00 <- U1.OV00[U1.OV00_is_comp]
```

Note that high-level convenience wrapper findCompatibleOverlaps can be used for computing the "splice compatible" overlaps directly between a *GAlignments* object (containing reads) and a *GRangesList* object (containing transcripts):

> U1.compOV00_again <- findCompatibleOverlaps(U1.GAL, exbytx)</pre>

> stopifnot(identical(U1.comp0V00_again, U1.comp0V00))

5.1.2 Tabulate the "splice compatible" single-end overlaps

Number of "splice compatible" transcripts for each alignment in U1.GAL:

- > U1.GAL_ncomptx <- countQueryHits(U1.comp0V00)</pre>
- > mcols(U1.GAL)\$ncomptx <- U1.GAL_ncomptx</pre>

> head(U1.GAL)

GAlignments object with 6 alignments and 2 metadata columns:

	seqnames	strand	cigar	qwidth	start	end	width	njunc	1
	<rle></rle>	<rle></rle>	<character></character>	<integer></integer>	<integer></integer>	<integer></integer>	<integer></integer>	<integer></integer>	1
SRR031729.3941844	chr4	-	75M	75	892	966	75	Θ	1
SRR031728.3674563	chr4	-	75M	75	919	993	75	Θ	I
SRR031729.8532600	chr4	+	75M	75	924	998	75	Θ	I
SRR031729.2779333	chr4	+	75M	75	936	1010	75	Θ	I
SRR031728.2826481	chr4	+	75M	75	949	1023	75	Θ	I
SRR031728.2919098	chr4	-	75M	75	967	1041	75	Θ	I
	ntx	c ncor	nptx						
	<integer></integer>	> <integ< td=""><td>ger></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td></integ<>	ger>						
SRR031729.3941844	e)	Θ						
SRR031728.3674563	e)	Θ						
SRR031729.8532600	e)	Θ						
SRR031729.2779333	e)	Θ						
SRR031728.2826481	e)	Θ						
SRR031728.2919098	e)	Θ						
seqinfo: 8 sequend	ces from a	an unspe	ecified genor	ne					

> table(U1.GAL_ncomptx)

U1.GAL_ncomptx 2 5 7 11 12 Θ 1 3 4 6 8 9 10 51101 9848 33697 72987 5034 14021 7516 581 1789 2015 530 4389 847 > mean(U1.GAL_ncomptx >= 1) [1] 0.7499401

75% of the alignments in U1.GAL are "splice compatible" with at least 1 transcript in exbytx.

Note that high-level convenience wrapper countCompatibleOverlaps can be used directly on U1.GAL and exbytx for computing U1.GAL_ncomptx:

> U1.GAL_ncomptx_again <- countCompatibleOverlaps(U1.GAL, exbytx)</pre>

> stopifnot(identical(U1.GAL_ncomptx_again, U1.GAL_ncomptx))

Number of "splice compatible" transcripts for each read:

```
> U1.compOV10 <- remapHits(U1.compOV00, Lnodes.remapping=U1.GAL_gnames)
> U1.uqnames_ncomptx <- countQueryHits(U1.compOV10)</pre>
> names(U1.uqnames_ncomptx) <- U1.uqnames</pre>
> table(U1.ugnames_ncomptx)
U1.uqnames_ncomptx
    0
          1
                2
                       3
                             4
                                   5
                                          6
                                                7
                                                      8
                                                            9
                                                                 10
                                                                        11
                                                                              12
42886 9711 26075 72989 5413 14044 8584
                                              581 2706 2015
                                                                 530 4389
                                                                             847
> mean(U1.uqnames_ncomptx >= 1)
[1] 0.7751953
```

77.5% of the reads are "splice compatible" with at least 1 transcript in exbytx.

Number of "splice compatible" reads for each transcript:

```
> U1.exbytx_ncompOV10 <- countSubjectHits(U1.compOV10)</pre>
```

- > names(U1.exbytx_ncompOV10) <- names(exbytx)</pre>
- > mean(U1.exbytx_ncomp0V10 >= 50)
- [1] 0.008706681

Only 0.87% of the transcripts in exbytx are "splice compatible" with at least 50 reads.

Top 10 transcripts:

> head(sort(U1.exbytx_ncompOV10, decreasing=TRUE), n=10)

FBtr0308296	FBtr0089175	FBtr0089176	FBtr0089243	FBtr0289951	FBtr0112904	FBtr0089186	FBtr0089187
40309	40158	33490	11365	11332	11284	10018	9627
FBtr0333672	FBtr0089172						
9568	6599						

Note that this "top 10" is slightly different from the "top 10" we obtained earlier when we counted **all** the overlaps.

5.2 Detect "splice compatible" paired-end overlaps

5.2.1 "Splice compatible" paired-end encodings

WARNING: For paired-end encodings, isCompatibleWithSplicing considers that the encoding is "splice compatible" if its 2 halves are "splice compatible". This can produce false positives if for example the right end of the alignment is located upstream of the left end in transcript space. The paired-end read could not come from this transcript. To eliminate these false positives, one would need to look at the position of the left and right ends in transcript space. This can be done with extractQueryStartInTranscript.

U3.ovenc contains 13 unique paired-end encodings compatible with the splicing of the transcript:

```
> sort(U3.ovenc_table[isCompatibleWithSplicing(U3.unique_encodings)])
```

12:fjm:aaf:	11:fj:	21:jmm:afj:
3	12	21
21:jmm:aff:	11:jm:ai:	22:jmjm:afaf:
24	51	64
22:jmmm:afjm:aaaf:	11:im:ai:	11:ij:
153	287	403
11:fi:	12:ijm:aaf:	21:jmm:afi:
617	2480	2700
11:ii:		
100084		

Paired-end encodings "1--1:i- (100084 occurences in U3.ovenc), "2--1:jm--m:a (2700 occurences in U3.ovenc), "1--2:i--jm:a (2480 occurences in U3.ovenc), "1--1:i--m: (287 occurences in U3.ovenc), and "2--2:jm--mm:af--jm: (153 occurences in U3.ovenc), correspond to the following paired-end overlaps:

■ "1--1:i-

- paired-end read (no skipped region on the first end, no skipped region on the last end): 0000 0000
- "2--1:jm--m:a
 - paired-end read (1 skipped region on the first end, no skipped region on the last end): 000---0 0000

```
■ "1--2:i--jm:a
```

- paired-end read (no skipped region on the first end, 1 skipped region on the last end): 0000 00---00
- "1--1:i--m:
 - paired-end read (no skipped region on the first end, no skipped region on the last end): 0000 0000

```
"2--2:jm--mm:af--jm:
```

Note: switch use of "first" and "last" above if the read was "flipped".

```
> U3.0V00_is_comp <- isCompatibleWithSplicing(U3.ovenc)
> table(U3.0V00_is_comp) # 106835 "splice compatible" paired-end overlaps
U3.0V00_is_comp
FALSE TRUE
6928 106899
```

Finally, let's extract the "splice compatible" paired-end overlaps from U3.0V00:

> U3.comp0V00 <- U3.0V00[U3.0V00_is_comp]</pre>

Note that, like with our single-end reads, high-level convenience wrapper findCompatibleOver laps can be used for computing the "splice compatible" paired-end overlaps directly between a *GAlignmentPairs* object (containing paired-end reads) and a *GRangesList* object (containing transcripts):

```
> U3.comp0V00_again <- findCompatibleOverlaps(U3.GALP, exbytx)
> stopifnot(identical(U3.comp0V00_again, U3.comp0V00))
```

5.2.2 Tabulate the "splice compatible" paired-end overlaps

Number of "splice compatible" transcripts for each alignment pair in U3.GALP:

```
> U3.GALP_ncomptx <- countQueryHits(U3.comp0V00)</pre>
> mcols(U3.GALP)$ncomptx <- U3.GALP_ncomptx</pre>
> head(U3.GALP)
GAlignmentPairs object with 6 pairs, strandMode=1, and 2 metadata columns:
                    segnames strand :
                                          ranges --
                                                       ranges |
                                                                       ntx
                                                                             ncomptx
                       <Rle> <Rle> : <IRanges> -- <IRanges> | <integer> <integer>
  SRR031715.1138209
                        chr4
                                  + : 169-205 --
                                                      326-362 |
                                                                        0
                                                                                   0
  SRR031714.756385
                                  + : 943-979 -- 1086-1122 |
                                                                                   0
                        chr4
                                                                        0
  SRR031714.5054563
                        chr4
                                        946-982 -- 986-1022 |
                                                                        0
                                                                                   0
                                  + :
                                  + : 966-1002 -- 1108-1144 |
                                                                                   0
  SRR031715.1722593
                        chr4
                                                                        0
  SRR031715.2202469
                        chr4
                                  + : 966-1002 -- 1114-1150 |
                                                                        0
                                                                                   0
  SRR031714.3544437
                                  - : 1087-1123 -- 963-999 |
                                                                        0
                                                                                   0
                        chr4
  . . . . . . .
  seqinfo: 8 sequences from an unspecified genome
> table(U3.GALP_ncomptx)
U3.GALP_ncomptx
    0
          1
                2
                      3
                            4
                                  5
                                         6
                                               7
                                                     8
                                                           9
                                                                10
                                                                       11
                                                                             12
13884 2029 8094 14337 1099 2954 1865
                                              84
                                                   296
                                                         332
                                                                89
                                                                     699
                                                                             66
> mean(U3.GALP_ncomptx >= 1)
[1] 0.6970411
```

69.7% of the alignment pairs in U3.GALP are "splice compatible" with at least 1 transcript in exbytx.

Note that high-level convenience wrapper countCompatibleOverlaps can be used directly on U3.GALP and exbytx for computing U3.GALP_ncomptx:

```
> U3.GALP_ncomptx_again <- countCompatibleOverlaps(U3.GALP, exbytx)
> stopifnot(identical(U3.GALP_ncomptx_again, U3.GALP_ncomptx))
```

Number of "splice compatible" transcripts for each template:

> U3.c	<pre>> U3.compOV10 <- remapHits(U3.compOV00, Lnodes.remapping=U3.GALP_qnames)</pre>											
<pre>> U3.uqnames_ncomptx <- countQueryHits(U3.compOV10)</pre>												
<pre>> names(U3.uqnames_ncomptx) <- U3.uqnames</pre>												
> tabl	<pre>> table(U3.uqnames_ncomptx)</pre>											
U3.uqn	U3.uqnames_ncomptx											
Θ	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
12769	2027	6534	14337	1210	2954	2114	84	444	332	89	699	66
> mean	<pre>> mean(U3.uqnames_ncomptx >= 1)</pre>											
[1] 0.	707528	8										

70.7% of the templates are "splice compatible" with at least 1 transcript in exbytx.

Number of "splice compatible" templates for each transcript:

```
> U3.exbytx_ncompOV10 <- countSubjectHits(U3.compOV10)</pre>
```

> names(U3.exbytx_ncompOV10) <- names(exbytx)</pre>

> mean(U3.exbytx_ncomp0V10 >= 50)

[1] 0.007061324

Only 0.7% of the transcripts in exbytx are "splice compatible" with at least 50 templates.

Top 10 transcripts:

```
> head(sort(U3.exbytx_ncompOV10, decreasing=TRUE), n=10)
```

 FBtr0308296
 FBtr0089175
 FBtr089176
 FBtr0289951
 FBtr089243
 FBtr0112904
 FBtr089187
 FBtr089186

 7425
 7419
 5227
 2686
 2684
 2640
 2257
 2250

 FBtr0333672
 FBtr0310542
 2206
 1650
 1650
 1650
 1650
 1650

Note that this "top 10" is slightly different from the "top 10" we obtained earlier when we counted **all** the paired-end overlaps.

6 Compute the *reference query sequences* and project them on the transcriptome

6.1 Compute the *reference query sequences*

The *reference query sequences* are the query sequences **after** alignment, by opposition to the *original query sequences* (aka "true" or "real" query sequences) which are the query sequences **before** alignment.

The *reference query sequences* can easily be computed by extracting the nucleotides mapped to each read from the reference genome. This of course requires that we have access to the reference genome used by the aligner. In Bioconductor, the full genome sequence for the dm3 assembly is stored in the *BSgenome.Dmelanogaster.UCSC.dm3* data package ⁵:

```
> library(BSgenome.Dmelanogaster.UCSC.dm3)
> Dmelanogaster
| BSgenome object for Fly
 - organism: Drosophila melanogaster
 - provider: UCSC
 - genome: dm3
 - release date: Apr. 2006
  - 15 sequence(s):
      chr2L
                chr2R
                          chr3L
                                    chr3R
                                               chr4
                                                                   chrU
                                                                                       chr2LHet
                                                         chrX
                                                                             chrM
                                               chrYHet
      chr2RHet chr3LHet chr3RHet chrXHet
                                                         chrUextra
| Tips: call 'seqnames()' on the object to get all the sequence names, call 'seqinfo()' to get the
| full sequence info, use the '$' or '[[' operator to access a given sequence, see '?BSgenome' for
| more information.
```

To extract the portions of the reference genome corresponding to the ranges in U1.grl, we can use the extractTranscriptSeqs function defined in the *GenomicFeatures* package:

```
> library(GenomicFeatures)
```

```
> U1.GAL_rqseq <- extractTranscriptSeqs(Dmelanogaster, U1.grl)</pre>
```

```
> head(U1.GAL_rqseq)
```

DNAStringSet object of length 6:

width seq

```
names
```

```
    [1] 75 GGACAACCTAGCCAGGAAAGGGGCAGAGAACCC...GCCCGAACCATTCTGTGGTGTTGGTCACCACAG SRR031729.3941844
    [2] 75 CAACAACATCCCGGGAAATGAGCTAGCGGACAA...GAAAGGGGCAGAGAACCCTCTAATTGGGCCCGA SRR031728.3674563
    [3] 75 CCCAATTAGAGGGTTCTCTGCCCCTTTCCTGGC...CGCTAGCTCATTTCCCGGGATGTTGTTGTGTCCC SRR031729.8532600
    [4] 75 GTTCTCTGCCCCTTTCCTGGCTAGGTTGTCCGC...TCCCGGGATGTTGTTGTGTCCCGGGACCCACCT SRR031729.2779333
    [5] 75 TTCCTGGCTAGGTTGTCCGCTAGCTCATTTCCC...TTGTGTCCCGGGACCCACCTTATTGTGAGTTTG SRR031728.2826481
```

```
[6] 75 CAAACTTGGAGCTGTCAACAAACTCACAATAAG...GGGACACAACAACAACATCCCGGGAAATGAGCTAGC SRR031728.2919098
```

When reads are paired-end, we need to extract separately the ranges corresponding to their *first* ends (aka *first* segments in BAM jargon) and those corresponding to their *last* ends (aka *last* segments in BAM jargon):

⁵See http://bioconductor.org/packages/release/data/annotation/ for the full list of annotation packages available in the current release of Bioconductor.

```
> U3.grl_first <- grglist(first(U3.GALP, real.strand=TRUE), order.as.in.query=TRUE)
> U3.grl_last <- grglist(last(U3.GALP, real.strand=TRUE), order.as.in.query=TRUE)</pre>
```

Then we extract the portions of the reference genome corresponding to the ranges in *GRanges*-*List* objects U3.grl_first and U3.grl_last:

> U3.GALP_rqseq1 <- extractTranscriptSeqs(Dmelanogaster, U3.grl_first)
> U3.GALP_rqseq2 <- extractTranscriptSeqs(Dmelanogaster, U3.grl_last)</pre>

6.2 Project the single-end alignments on the transcriptome

The extractQueryStartInTranscript function computes for each overlap the position of the query start in the transcript:

> U1.0V00_qstart <- extractQueryStartInTranscript(U1.grl, exbytx,											
+	+ hits=U1.0V00, ovenc=U1.ovenc)										
<pre>> head(subset(U1.0V00_qstart, U1.0V00_is_comp))</pre>											
<pre>startInTranscript firstSpannedExonRank startInFirstSpannedExon</pre>											
5 cur (scopullication								
1	100	1	100								
8	4229	5	137								
9	4229	5	137								
10	4207	5	115								
11	4207	5	115								
12	4187	5	95								

U1.0V00_qstart is a data frame with 1 row per overlap and 3 columns:

- 1. startInTranscript: the 1-based start position of the read with respect to the transcript. Position 1 always corresponds to the first base on the 5' end of the transcript sequence.
- 2. firstSpannedExonRank: the rank of the first exon spanned by the read, that is, the rank of the exon found at position startInTranscript in the transcript.
- 3. startInFirstSpannedExon: the 1-based start position of the read with respect to the first exon spanned by the read.

Having this information allows us for example to compare the read and transcript nucleotide sequences for each "splice compatible" overlap. If we use the *reference query sequence* instead of the *original query sequence* for this comparison, then it should match **exactly** the sequence found at the *query start* in the transcript.

Let's start by using extractTranscriptSeqs again to extract the transcript sequences (aka transcriptome) from the dm3 reference genome:

> txseq <- extractTranscriptSeqs(Dmelanogaster, exbytx)</pre>

For each "splice compatible" overlap, the read sequence in U1.GAL_rqseq must be an *exact* substring of the transcript sequence in exbytx_seq:

```
> U1.0V00_rqseq <- U1.GAL_rqseq[queryHits(U1.0V00)]
> U1.0V00_rqseq[flippedQuery(U1.ovenc)] <- reverseComplement(U1.0V00_rqseq[flippedQuery(U1.ovenc)])
> U1.0V00_txseq <- txseq[subjectHits(U1.0V00)]</pre>
```

```
> stopifnot(all(
+ U1.0V00_rqseq[U1.0V00_is_comp] ==
+ narrow(U1.0V00_txseq[U1.0V00_is_comp],
+ start=U1.0V00_qstart$startInTranscript[U1.0V00_is_comp],
+ width=width(U1.0V00_rqseq)[U1.0V00_is_comp])
+ ))
```

Because of this relationship between the *reference query sequence* and the transcript sequence of a "splice compatible" overlap, and because of the relationship between the *original query sequences* and the *reference query sequences*, then the edit distance reported in the NM tag is actually the edit distance between the *original query* and the transcript of a "splice compatible" overlap.

6.3 Project the paired-end alignments on the transcriptome

For a paired-end read, the query start is the start of its "left end".

<pre>> U3.0V00_Lqstart <- extractQueryStartInTranscript(U3.grl, exbytx,</pre>											
+	hits=U3.0V00, ovenc=U3.ovenc										
<pre>> head(subset(U3.0V00_Lqstart, U3.0V00_is_comp))</pre>											
<pre>startInTranscript firstSpannedExonRank startInFirstSpannedExon</pre>											
2	4118	5	26								
7	3940	4	31								
8	3940	4	31								
9	3692	3	320								
10	3692	3	320								
11	3690	3	318								

Note that extractQueryStartInTranscript can be called with for.query.right.end=TRUE if we want this information for the "right ends" of the reads:

> U3.0V00_Rqstart <- extractQueryStartInTranscript(U3.grl, exbytx,											
+	hits=U3.0V00, ovenc=U3.ovenc,										
+	for.query.right.end=TRUE)										
<pre>> head(subset(U3.0V00_Rqstart, U3.0V00_is_comp))</pre>											
<pre>startInTranscript firstSpannedExonRank startInFirstSpannedExon</pre>											
2	4267	5	175								
7	3948	4	39								
8	3948	4	39								
9	3849	3	477								
10	3849	3	477								
11	3831	3	459								

Like with single-end reads, having this information allows us for example to compare the read and transcript nucleotide sequences for each "splice compatible" overlap. If we use the *reference query sequence* instead of the *original query sequence* for this comparison, then it should match **exactly** the sequences of the "left" and "right" ends of the read in the transcript.

Let's assign the "left and right reference query sequences" to each overlap:

```
> U3.0V00_Lrqseq <- U3.GALP_rqseq1[queryHits(U3.0V00)]
> U3.0V00_Rrqseq <- U3.GALP_rqseq2[queryHits(U3.0V00)]</pre>
```

For the single-end reads, the sequence associated with a "flipped query" just needed to be "reverse complemented". For paired-end reads, we also need to swap the 2 sequences in the pair:

```
> flip_idx <- which(flippedQuery(U3.ovenc))
> tmp <- U3.0V00_Lrqseq[flip_idx]
> U3.0V00_Lrqseq[flip_idx] <- reverseComplement(U3.0V00_Rrqseq[flip_idx])
> U3.0V00_Rrqseq[flip_idx] <- reverseComplement(tmp)</pre>
```

Let's assign the transcript sequence to each overlap:

```
> U3.0V00_txseq <- txseq[subjectHits(U3.0V00)]</pre>
```

For each "splice compatible" overlap, we expect the "left and right reference query sequences" of the read to be *exact* substrings of the transcript sequence. Let's check the "left reference query sequences":

```
> stopifnot(all(
+ U3.0V00_Lrqseq[U3.0V00_is_comp] ==
+ narrow(U3.0V00_txseq[U3.0V00_is_comp],
+ start=U3.0V00_Lqstart$startInTranscript[U3.0V00_is_comp],
+ width=width(U3.0V00_Lrqseq)[U3.0V00_is_comp])
+ ))
```

and the "right reference query sequences":

```
> stopifnot(all(
```

```
+ U3.0V00_Rrqseq[U3.0V00_is_comp] ==
```

```
+ narrow(U3.0V00_txseq[U3.0V00_is_comp],
```

```
+ start=U3.0V00_Rqstart$startInTranscript[U3.0V00_is_comp],
```

- width=width(U3.0V00_Rrqseq)[U3.0V00_is_comp])
- +))

7 Align the reads to the transcriptome

Aligning the reads to the reference genome is not the most efficient nor accurate way to count the number of "splice compatible" overlaps per *original query*. Supporting junction reads (i.e. reads that align with at least 1 skipped region in their CIGAR) introduces a significant computational cost during the alignment process. Then, as we've seen in the previous sections, each alignment produced by the aligner needs to be broken into a set of ranges (based on its CIGAR) and those ranges compared to the ranges of the exons grouped by transcript.

A more straightforward and accurate approach is to align the reads directly to the transcriptome, and without allowing the typical skipped region that the aligner needs to introduce when aligning a junction read to the reference genome. With this approach, a "hit" between a read and a transcript is necessarily compatible with the splicing of the transcript. In case of a "hit", we'll say that the read and the transcript are "string-based compatible" (to differentiate from our previous notion of "splice compatible" overlaps that we will call "encoding-based compatible" in this section).

7.1 Align the single-end reads to the transcriptome

7.1.1 Find the "hits"

The single-end reads are in U1.oqseq, the transcriptome is in exbytx_seq.

Since indels were not allowed/supported during the alignment of the reads to the reference genome, we don't need to allow/support them either for aligning the reads to the transcriptome. Also since our goal is to find (and count) "splice compatible" overlaps between reads and transcripts, we don't need to keep track of the details of the alignments between the reads and the transcripts. Finally, since BAM file untreated1_chr4.bam is not the full output of the aligner but the subset obtained by keeping only the alignments located on chr4, we don't need to align U1.oqseq to the full transcriptome, but only to the subset of exbytx_seq made of the transcripts located on chr4.

With those simplifications in mind, we write the following function that we will use to find the "hits" between the reads and the transcriptome:

```
> ### A wrapper to vwhichPDict() that supports IUPAC ambiguity codes in 'qseq'
> ### and 'txseq', and treats them as such.
> findSequenceHits <- function(qseq, txseq, which.txseq=NULL, max.mismatch=0)
+ {
+
       .asHits <- function(x, pattern_length)</pre>
+
      {
+
           query_hits <- unlist(x)</pre>
+
           if (is.null(query_hits))
               query_hits <- integer(0)</pre>
+
           subject_hits <- rep.int(seq_len(length(x)), elementNROWS(x))</pre>
+
           Hits(query_hits, subject_hits, pattern_length, length(x),
+
+
                sort.by.query=TRUE)
      }
+
+
+
       .isHitInTranscriptBounds <- function(hits, qseq, txseq)</pre>
+
      {
+
           sapply(seq_len(length(hits)),
+
               function(i) {
+
                    pattern <- qseq[[queryHits(hits)[i]]]</pre>
+
                    subject <- txseq[[subjectHits(hits)[i]]]</pre>
+
                    v <- matchPattern(pattern, subject,</pre>
+
                                        max.mismatch=max.mismatch, fixed=FALSE)
+
                    any(1L <= start(v) & end(v) <= length(subject))</pre>
               })
+
      }
+
+
      if (!is.null(which.txseq)) {
+
           txseq0 <- txseq</pre>
+
           txseq <- txseq[which.txseq]</pre>
+
      }
+
```

```
+
      names(qseq) <- NULL</pre>
      other <- alphabetFrequency(qseq, baseOnly=TRUE)[ , "other"]</pre>
+
      is_clean <- other == 0L # "clean" means "no IUPAC ambiguity code"</pre>
+
+
      ## Find hits for "clean" original queries.
+
      qseq0 <- qseq[is_clean]</pre>
+
+
      pdict0 <- PDict(gseq0, max.mismatch=max.mismatch)</pre>
      m0 <- vwhichPDict(pdict0, txseq,</pre>
+
+
                          max.mismatch=max.mismatch, fixed="pattern")
      hits0 <- .asHits(m0, length(gseq0))</pre>
+
      hits0@nLnode <- length(qseq)</pre>
+
      hits0@from <- which(is_clean)[hits0@from]</pre>
+
+
+
      ## Find hits for non "clean" original queries.
      qseq1 <- qseq[!is_clean]</pre>
+
+
      m1 <- vwhichPDict(qseq1, txseq,</pre>
                          max.mismatch=max.mismatch, fixed=FALSE)
+
+
      hits1 <- .asHits(m1, length(qseq1))</pre>
+
      hits1@nLnode <- length(qseq)</pre>
      hits1@from <- which(!is_clean)[hits1@from]</pre>
+
+
      ## Combine the hits.
+
      query_hits <- c(queryHits(hits0), queryHits(hits1))</pre>
+
+
      subject_hits <- c(subjectHits(hits0), subjectHits(hits1))</pre>
+
      if (!is.null(which.txseq)) {
+
           ## Remap the hits.
+
           txseq <- txseq0</pre>
+
           subject_hits <- which.txseq[subject_hits]</pre>
+
+
           hits0@nRnode <- length(txseq)</pre>
      }
+
+
      ## Order the hits.
+
      oo <- orderIntegerPairs(query_hits, subject_hits)</pre>
+
+
      hits0@from <- query_hits[oo]</pre>
+
      hits0@to <- subject_hits[oo]</pre>
+
      if (max.mismatch != OL) {
+
           ## Keep only "in bounds" hits.
+
          is_in_bounds <- .isHitInTranscriptBounds(hits0, qseq, txseq)</pre>
+
          hits0 <- hits0[is_in_bounds]</pre>
+
      }
+
      hits0
+
+ }
```

Let's compute the index of the transcripts in exbytx_seq located on chr4 (findSequenceHits will restrict the search to those transcripts):

```
> chr4tx <- transcripts(txdb, vals=list(tx_chrom="chr4"))
> chr4txnames <- mcols(chr4tx)$tx_name
> which.txseq <- match(chr4txnames, names(txseq))</pre>
```

We know that the aligner tolerated up to 6 mismatches per read. The 3 following commands find the "hits" for each *original query*, then find the "hits" for each "flipped *original query*", and finally merge all the "hits" (note that the 3 commands take about 1 hour to complete on a modern laptop):

```
> U1.sbcompHITSa <- findSequenceHits(U1.oqseq, txseq,
+ which.txseq=which.txseq, max.mismatch=6)
> U1.sbcompHITSb <- findSequenceHits(reverseComplement(U1.oqseq), txseq,
+ which.txseq=which.txseq, max.mismatch=6)
> U1.sbcompHITS <- union(U1.sbcompHITSa, U1.sbcompHITSb)</pre>
```

7.1.2 Tabulate the "hits"

Number of "string-based compatible" transcripts for each read:

```
> U1.uqnames_nsbcomptx <- countQueryHits(U1.sbcompHITS)</pre>
> names(U1.uqnames_nsbcomptx) <- U1.uqnames</pre>
> table(U1.uqnames_nsbcomptx)
U1.uqnames_nsbcomptx
          1
    0
                 2
                       3
                              4
                                    5
                                           6
                                                 7
                                                       8
                                                              9
                                                                   10
                                                                         11
                                                                                12
40555 10080 25299 74609 5207 14265 8643
                                               610 3410
                                                         2056
                                                                  534
                                                                       4588
                                                                               914
> mean(U1.uqnames_nsbcomptx >= 1)
[1] 0.7874142
```

77.7% of the reads are "string-based compatible" with at least 1 transcript in exbytx.

Number of "string-based compatible" reads for each transcript:

```
> U1.exbytx_nsbcompHITS <- countSubjectHits(U1.sbcompHITS)
> names(U1.exbytx_nsbcompHITS) <- names(exbytx)
> mean(U1.exbytx_nsbcompHITS >= 50)
[1] 0.008809516
```

Only 0.865% of the transcripts in exbytx are "string-based compatible" with at least 50 reads.

Top 10 transcripts:

> head(sort(U1.exbytx_nsbcompHITS, decreasing=TRUE), n=10)

```
        FBtr0308296
        FBtr0089175
        FBtr0089176
        FBtr0089243
        FBtr0289951
        FBtr0112904
        FBtr0089186
        FBtr0333672

        40548
        40389
        34275
        11605
        11579
        11548
        10059
        9742

        FBtr0089187
        FBtr0089172
        9666
        6704
```

7.1.3 A closer look at the "hits"

[WORK IN PROGRESS, might be removed or replaced soon...]

Any "encoding-based compatible" overlap is of course "string-based compatible":

> stopifnot(length(setdiff(U1.compOV10, U1.sbcompHITS)) == 0)

but the reverse is not true:

> length(setdiff(U1.sbcompHITS, U1.compOV10))

[1] 13549

7.2 Align the paired-end reads to the transcriptome

[COMING SOON...]

8 Detect "almost splice compatible" overlaps

In many aspects, "splice compatible" overlaps can be seen as perfect. We are now insterested in a less perfect type of overlap where the read overlaps the transcript in a way that *would* be "splice compatible" if 1 or more exons were removed from the transcript. In that case we say that the overlap is "almost splice compatible" with the transcript. The isCompatibleWith SkippedExons function can be used on an *OverlapEncodings* object to detect this type of overlap. Note that isCompatibleWithSkippedExons can also be used on a character vector of factor.

8.1 Detect "almost splice compatible" single-end overlaps

8.1.1 "Almost splice compatible" single-end encodings

U1.ovenc contains 7 unique encodings "almost splice compatible" with the splicing of the transcript:

<pre>> sort(U1.ovenc_table[isCompatibleWithSkippedExons(U1.unique_encodings)])</pre>

2:jm:am:am:am:am:af:	2:jm:am:am:am:am:am:af:	2:gm:am:af:	2:jm:am:am:am:af:
1	1	4	7
3:jmm:agm:aam:aam:aaf:	3:jmm:agm:aam:aaf:	2:jm:am:am:af:	2:jm:am:af:
9	21	144	1015

Encodings "2:jm:am:af:" (1015 occurences in U1.ovenc), "2:jm:am:am:af:" (144 occurences in U1.ovenc), and "3:jmm:agm:aam:aaf:" (21 occurences in U1.ovenc), correspond to the following overlaps:

```
"2:jm:am:af:"
```

```
- read (1 skipped region):
                                          00000-----000
       - transcript:
                                       >>>>>>>
                                                  >>>>
                                                         >>>>>>>
                                  . . .
   "2:jm:am:am:af:"
       - read (1 skipped region):
                                          00000 - -
                                                            ----000
       - transcript:
                                        >>>>>>>
                                                  >>>>
                                                                 >>>>>>>>
                                                         >>>>>
                                  . . .
                                                                             . . .
   "3:jmm:agm:aam:aaf:"
       - read (2 skipped regions):
                                             00---0000-----00
       - transcript:
                                                  >>>>
                                       >>>>>>
                                                         >>>>>
                                                                 >>>>>>>>
                                  . . .
> U1.0V00_is_acomp <- isCompatibleWithSkippedExons(U1.ovenc)</pre>
> table(U1.0V00_is_acomp) # 1202 "almost splice compatible" overlaps
```

```
U1.0V00_is_acomp
FALSE TRUE
562350 1202
```

Finally, let's extract the "almost splice compatible" overlaps from U1.0V00:

> U1.acomp0V00 <- U1.0V00[U1.0V00_is_acomp]

8.1.2 Tabulate the "almost splice compatible" single-end overlaps

Number of "almost splice compatible" transcripts for each alignment in U1.GAL:

```
> U1.GAL_nacomptx <- countQueryHits(U1.acompOV00)</pre>
```

- > mcols(U1.GAL)\$nacomptx <- U1.GAL_nacomptx</pre>
- > head(U1.GAL)

GAlignments object with 6 alignments and 3 metadata columns:

-	-		-							
		seqnames	strand	cigar	qwidth	start	end	width	njunc	
		<rle></rle>	<rle></rle>	<character></character>	<integer></integer>	<integer></integer>	<integer></integer>	<integer></integer>	<integer></integer>	
SRR0317	29.3941844	chr4	-	75M	75	892	966	75	Θ	
SRR0317	28.3674563	chr4	-	75M	75	919	993	75	Θ	I
SRR0317	29.8532600	chr4	+	75M	75	924	998	75	Θ	
SRR0317	29.2779333	chr4	+	75M	75	936	1010	75	0	
SRR0317	28.2826481	chr4	+	75M	75	949	1023	75	Θ	I
SRR0317	28.2919098	chr4	-	75M	75	967	1041	75	Θ	I
		nt>	c ncor	mptx nacomp [.]	tx					
		<integer></integer>	<integ< td=""><td>ger> <intege< td=""><td>r></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td></intege<></td></integ<>	ger> <intege< td=""><td>r></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td></intege<>	r>					
SRR0317	29.3941844	()	Θ	0					
SRR0317	28.3674563	()	Θ	Θ					
SRR0317	29.8532600	()	Θ	Θ					
SRR0317	29.2779333	()	Θ	Θ					
SRR0317	28.2826481	()	Θ	Θ					
SRR0317	28.2919098	()	Θ	Θ					
seqinfo	: 8 sequen	ces from a	an unspe	ecified geno	ne					
> table(U	1.GAL_naco	mptx)								
U1.GAL_na	compty									
01.0AL_11a 0	•	2 3	4	5	5 7	8	9 10	11	12	
203800	283 10		19		2 3	1	3 4	4	4	
203000	205 10	1 107	19	24	2 5	1	5 4	4	4	
> mean(U1	.GAL_nacom	ptx >= 1)								
[1] 0.002	715862									

Only 0.27% of the alignments in U1.GAL are "almost splice compatible" with at least 1 transcript in exbytx.

Number of "almost splice compatible" alignments for each transcript:

> U1.exbytx_nacompOV00 <- countSubjectHits(U1.acompOV00)</pre>

- > names(U1.exbytx_nacompOV00) <- names(exbytx)</pre>
- > table(U1.exbytx_nacomp0V00)

U1.exbytx_nacompOV00														
0 1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	12	13	14	17	18
29039 50	8	15	12	2	3	7	5	7	3	2	1	1	1	2
20 21	32	34	44	55	59	77	170							
1 3	2	1	3	2	1	1	1							
> mean(U1.ex [1] 0.000171	-	compOV	'00 >=	50)										

Only 0.017% of the transcripts in exbytx are "almost splice compatible" with at least 50 alignments in U1.GAL.

Finally note that the "query start in transcript" values returned by extractQueryStartInTran
script are also defined for "almost splice compatible" overlaps:

<pre>> head(subset(U1.0V00_qstart, U1.0V00_is_acomp))</pre>							
	startInTranscript	firstSpannedExonRank	startInFirstSpannedExon				
144226	133	1	133				
144227	133	1	133				
144240	151	1	151				
144241	151	1	151				
146615	757	7	39				
146616	689	8	39				

8.2 Detect "almost splice compatible" paired-end overlaps

8.2.1 "Almost splice compatible" paired-end encodings

U3.ovenc contains 5 unique paired-end encodings "almost splice compatible" with the splicing of the transcript:

```
> sort(U3.ovenc_table[isCompatibleWithSkippedExons(U3.unique_encodings)])
2--1:jm--m:am--m:af--i: 1--2:i--jm:a--am:a--af:
1 5
2--2:jm--mm:am--mm:af--jm:aa--af: 1--2:i--jm:a--am:a--af:
9 53
2--1:jm--m:am--m:af--i:
73
```

Paired-end encodings "2--1:jm--m:am--m (73 occurences in U3.ovenc), "1--2:i--jm:a--am (53 occurences in U3.ovenc), and "2--2:jm--mm:am--mm:af--j (9 occurences in U3.ovenc), correspond to the following paired-end overlaps:

```
"2--1:jm--m:am--m
```

- paired-end read (1 skipped region on the first end, no skipped region on the last end): 000-----0 0000
- transcript: ... >>>>> >>>> >>>>> ...

```
"1--2:i--jm:a--am
```

- paired-end read (no skipped region on the first end, 1 skipped region on the last end): 0000 00-----00

```
"2--2:jm--mm:am--mm:af--j
```

Note: switch use of "first" and "last" above if the read was "flipped".

```
> U3.0V00_is_acomp <- isCompatibleWithSkippedExons(U3.ovenc)
> table(U3.0V00_is_acomp) # 141 "almost splice compatible" paired-end overlaps
U3.0V00_is_acomp
FALSE TRUE
113686 141
```

Finally, let's extract the "almost splice compatible" paired-end overlaps from U3.0V00:

```
> U3.acomp0V00 <- U3.0V00[U3.0V00_is_acomp]</pre>
```

8.2.2 Tabulate the "almost splice compatible" paired-end overlaps

Number of "almost splice compatible" transcripts for each alignment pair in U3.GALP:

```
> U3.GALP_nacomptx <- countQueryHits(U3.acomp0V00)</pre>
> mcols(U3.GALP)$nacomptx <- U3.GALP_nacomptx</pre>
> head(U3.GALP)
GAlignmentPairs object with 6 pairs, strandMode=1, and 3 metadata columns:
                    segnames strand :
                                          ranges --
                                                        ranges |
                                                                              ncomptx nacomptx
                                                                        ntx
                        <Rle> <Rle> : <IRanges> -- <IRanges> | <integer> <integer> <integer>
  SRR031715.1138209
                         chr4
                                   + :
                                         169-205 --
                                                      326-362 |
                                                                          0
                                                                                    0
                                                                                              0
   SRR031714.756385
                         chr4
                                   + : 943-979 -- 1086-1122 |
                                                                          0
                                                                                    0
                                                                                              0
  SRR031714.5054563
                        chr4
                                   + : 946-982 -- 986-1022 |
                                                                          0
                                                                                    0
                                                                                              0
                                   + : 966-1002 -- 1108-1144 |
                                                                                    0
                                                                                              0
  SRR031715.1722593
                                                                          0
                         chr4
  SRR031715.2202469
                                   + : 966-1002 -- 1114-1150 |
                                                                          0
                                                                                    0
                                                                                              0
                         chr4
                                   - : 1087-1123 --
  SRR031714.3544437
                         chr4
                                                      963-999 |
                                                                          0
                                                                                    0
                                                                                              0
  - - - - - - - -
  seqinfo: 8 sequences from an unspecified genome
> table(U3.GALP_nacomptx)
U3.GALP_nacomptx
          1
                2
                      3
                                   5
                                        11
    0
                             4
45734
         74
                4
                      13
                             1
                                   1
                                         1
> mean(U3.GALP_nacomptx >= 1)
[1] 0.002051148
```

Only 0.2% of the alignment pairs in U3.GALP are "almost splice compatible" with at least 1 transcript in exbytx.

Number of "almost splice compatible" alignment pairs for each transcript:

> U3.exbytx_nacompOV00 <- countSubjectHits(U3.acompOV00)</pre> > names(U3.exbytx_nacompOV00) <- names(exbytx)</pre> > table(U3.exbytx_nacomp0V00) U3.exbytx_nacomp0V00 0 1 5 8 12 13 66 29143 22 4 1 1 1 1 > mean(U3.exbytx_nacomp0V00 >= 50) [1] 3.427827e-05

Only 0.0034% of the transcripts in exbytx are "almost splice compatible" with at least 50 alignment pairs in U3.GALP.

Finally note that the "query start in transcript" values returned by extractQueryStartInTran
script are also defined for "almost splice compatible" paired-end overlaps:

> head(subset(U3.0V00_Lqstart, U3.0V00_is_acomp))

	startInTranscript	firstSpannedExonRank	startInFirstSpannedExon			
27617	1549	12	45			
27629	1562	12	58			
27641	1562	12	58			
27690	1567	12	63			
27812	1549	12	45			
42870	659	4	101			
<pre>> head(subset(U3.0V00_Rqstart, U3.0V00_is_acomp))</pre>						
<pre>startInTranscript firstSpannedExonRank startInFirstSpannedExon</pre>						
27617	2135	14	115			
27629	2135	14	115			
27641	2141	14	121			
27690	2048	14	28			
27812	2136	14	116			
42870	866	6	19			

9 Detect novel splice junctions

9.1 By looking at single-end overlaps

An alignment in U1.GAL with "almost splice compatible" overlaps but no "splice compatible" overlaps suggests the presence of one or more transcripts that are not in our annotations.

First we extract the index of those alignments (*nsj* here stands for "novel splice junction"):

> U1.GAL_is_nsj <- U1.GAL_nacomptx != 0L & U1.GAL_ncomptx == 0L</pre>

> head(which(U1.GAL_is_nsj))

[1] 57972 57974 58321 67251 67266 67267

We make this an index into U1.0V00:

```
> U1.0V00_is_nsj <- queryHits(U1.0V00) %in% which(U1.GAL_is_nsj)</pre>
```

We intersect with U1.0V00_is_acomp and then subset U1.0V00 to keep only the overlaps that suggest novel splicing:

```
> U1.0V00_is_nsj <- U1.0V00_is_nsj & U1.0V00_is_acomp
> U1.nsj0V00 <- U1.0V00[U1.0V00_is_nsj]</pre>
```

For each overlap in U1.nsj0V00, we extract the ranks of the skipped exons (we use a list for this as there might be more than 1 skipped exon per overlap):

```
> U1.nsj0V00_skippedex <- extractSkippedExonRanks(U1.ovenc)[U1.0V00_is_nsj]</pre>
```

- > names(U1.nsj0V00_skippedex) <- queryHits(U1.nsj0V00)</pre>
- > table(elementNROWS(U1.nsj0V00_skippedex))

Finally, we split U1.nsj0V00_skippedex by transcript names:

```
> f <- factor(names(exbytx)[subjectHits(U1.nsj0V00)], levels=names(exbytx))
> U1.exbytx_skippedex <- split(U1.nsj0V00_skippedex, f)</pre>
```

U1.exbytx_skippedex is a named list of named lists of integer vectors. The first level of names (outer names) are transcript names and the second level of names (inner names) are alignment indices into U1.GAL:

```
> head(names(U1.exbytx_skippedex)) # transcript names
```

[1] "FBtr0300689" "FBtr0300690" "FBtr0330654" "FBtr0309810" "FBtr0306539" "FBtr0306536"

Transcript FBtr0089124 receives 7 hits. All of them skip exons 9 and 10:

> U1.exbytx_skippedex\$FBtr0089124

\$`104549`
[1] 9 10
\$`104550`
[1] 9 10
\$`104553`
[1] 9 10
\$`104557`
[1] 9 10
\$`104560`
[1] 9 10
\$`104572`
[1] 9 10
\$`104572`
[1] 9 10
\$`104577`

[1] 9 10

Transcript FBtr0089147 receives 4 hits. Two of them skip exon 2, one of them skips exons 2 to 6, and one of them skips exon 10:

```
> U1.exbytx_skippedex$FBtr0089147
$`72828`
[1] 10
$`74018`
[1] 2 3 4 5 6
$`74664`
[1] 2
$`74670`
[1] 2
```

A few words about the interpretation of U1.exbytx_skippedex: Because of how we've conducted this analysis, the aligments reported in U1.exbytx_skippedex are guaranteed to not have any "splice compatible" overlaps with other known transcripts. All we can say, for example in the case of transcript FBtr0089124, is that the 7 reported hits that skip exons 9 and 10 show evidence of one or more unknown transcripts with a splice junction that corresponds to the gap between exons 8 and 11. But without further analysis, we can't make any assumption about the exons structure of those unknown transcripts. In particular, we cannot assume the existence of an unknown transcript made of the same exons as transcript FBtr0089124 minus exons 9 and 10!

9.2 By looking at paired-end overlaps

[COMING SOON...]

10 sessionInfo()

> sessionInfo()

```
R Under development (unstable) (2024-10-21 r87258)
Platform: x86_64-pc-linux-gnu
Running under: Ubuntu 24.04.1 LTS
```

```
Matrix products: default
BLAS: /home/biocbuild/bbs-3.21-bioc/R/lib/libRblas.so
LAPACK: /usr/lib/x86_64-linux-gnu/lapack/liblapack.so.3.12.0
```

locale:

<pre>[1] LC_CTYPE=en_US.UTF-8</pre>	LC_NUMERIC=C	LC_TIME=en_GB
[4] LC_COLLATE=C	LC_MONETARY=en_US.UTF-8	LC_MESSAGES=en_US.UTF-8
<pre>[7] LC_PAPER=en_US.UTF-8</pre>	LC_NAME=C	LC_ADDRESS=C
[10] LC_TELEPHONE=C	LC_MEASUREMENT=en_US.UTF-8	LC_IDENTIFICATION=C

```
time zone: America/New_York
tzcode source: system (glibc)
attached base packages:
[1] stats4
                                                       datasets methods
              stats
                        graphics grDevices utils
                                                                           base
other attached packages:
[1] BSgenome.Dmelanogaster.UCSC.dm3_1.4.0
                                                BSgenome_1.75.0
[3] rtracklayer_1.67.0
                                                BiocIO_1.17.0
[5] TxDb.Dmelanogaster.UCSC.dm3.ensGene_3.2.2 GenomicFeatures_1.59.0
[7] AnnotationDbi_1.69.0
                                                pasillaBamSubset_0.43.0
[9] GenomicAlignments_1.43.0
                                                SummarizedExperiment_1.37.0
[11] Biobase_2.67.0
                                                MatrixGenerics_1.19.0
[13] matrixStats_1.4.1
                                                Rsamtools_2.23.0
                                                XVector_0.47.0
[15] Biostrings_2.75.0
[17] GenomicRanges_1.59.0
                                                GenomeInfoDb_1.43.0
                                                S4Vectors_0.45.0
[19] IRanges_2.41.0
[21] BiocGenerics_0.53.0
                                                RNAseqData.HNRNPC.bam.chr14_0.43.0
[23] BiocStyle_2.35.0
loaded via a namespace (and not attached):
[1] KEGGREST_1.47.0
                             rjson_0.2.23
                                                      xfun_0.48
                                                                               bslib_0.8.0
                                                      tools_4.5.0
                                                                               bitops_1.0-9
[5] lattice_0.22-6
                             vctrs_0.6.5
                                                      RSOLite_2.3.7
                                                                               blob_1.2.4
[9] curl_5.2.3
                             parallel_4.5.0
[13] pkgconfig_2.0.3
                             Matrix_1.7-1
                                                      lifecycle_1.0.4
                                                                               GenomeInfoDbData_1.2.13
[17] compiler_4.5.0
                             codetools_0.2-20
                                                      htmltools_0.5.8.1
                                                                               sass_0.4.9
[21] RCurl_1.98-1.16
                             yaml_2.3.10
                                                      crayon_1.5.3
                                                                               jquerylib_0.1.4
[25] BiocParallel_1.41.0
                             DelayedArray_0.33.0
                                                      cachem_1.1.0
                                                                               abind_1.4-8
[29] digest_0.6.37
                             restfulr_0.0.15
                                                      bookdown_0.41
                                                                               fastmap_1.2.0
                                                      SparseArray_1.7.0
[33] grid_4.5.0
                             cli 3.6.3
                                                                               S4Arrays_1.7.0
[37] XML_3.99-0.17
                             UCSC.utils_1.3.0
                                                      bit64_4.5.2
                                                                               rmarkdown_2.28
[41] httr_1.4.7
                             bit_4.5.0
                                                                               memoise_2.0.1
                                                      png_0.1-8
[45] evaluate_1.0.1
                             knitr_1.48
                                                      rlang_1.1.4
                                                                               DBI_1.2.3
[49] BiocManager_1.30.25
                             jsonlite_1.8.9
                                                      R6_2.5.1
                                                                               zlibbioc_1.53.0
```