BIMM 143

Pathway Analysis and the Interpretation of Gene Lists

Lecture 16

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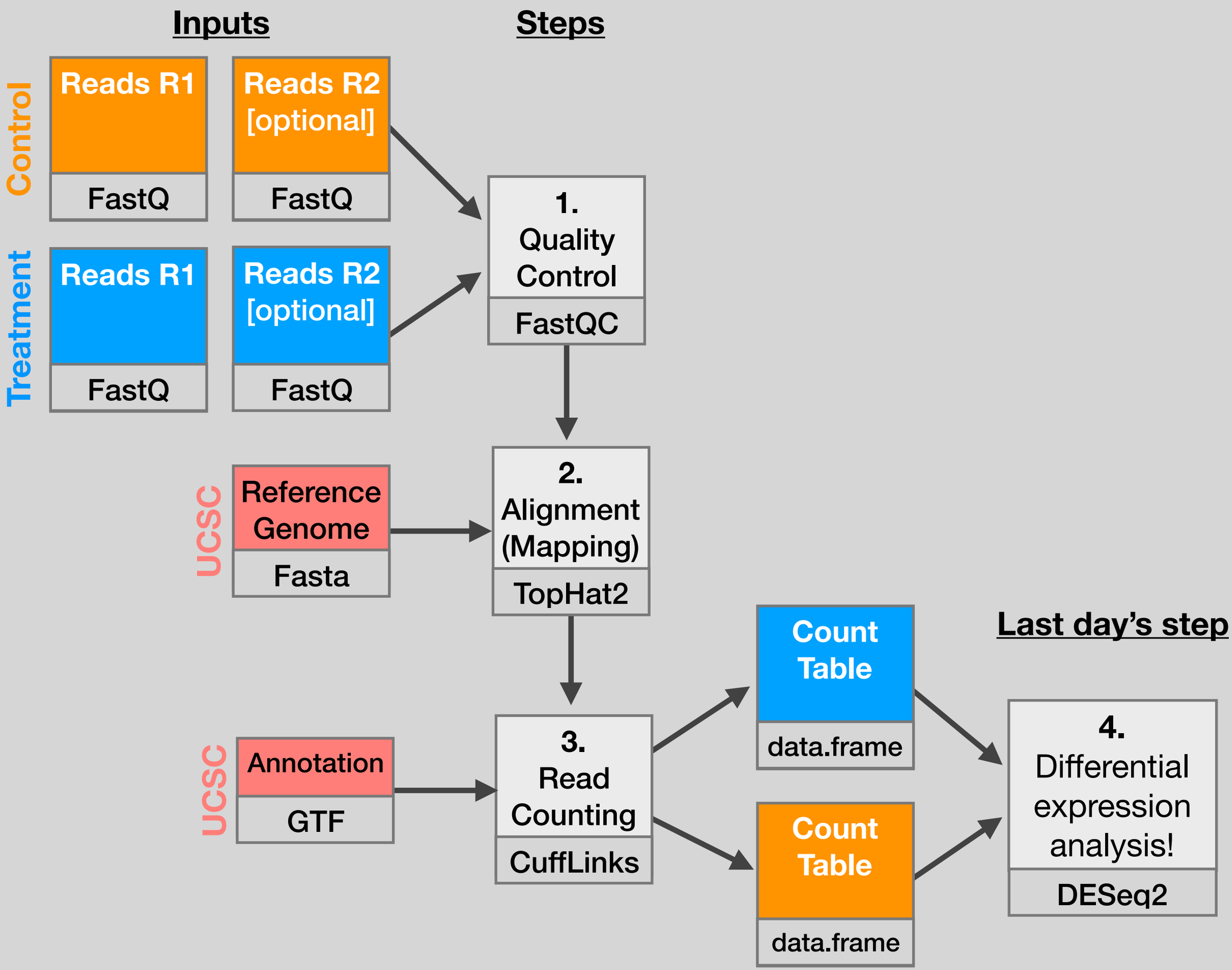
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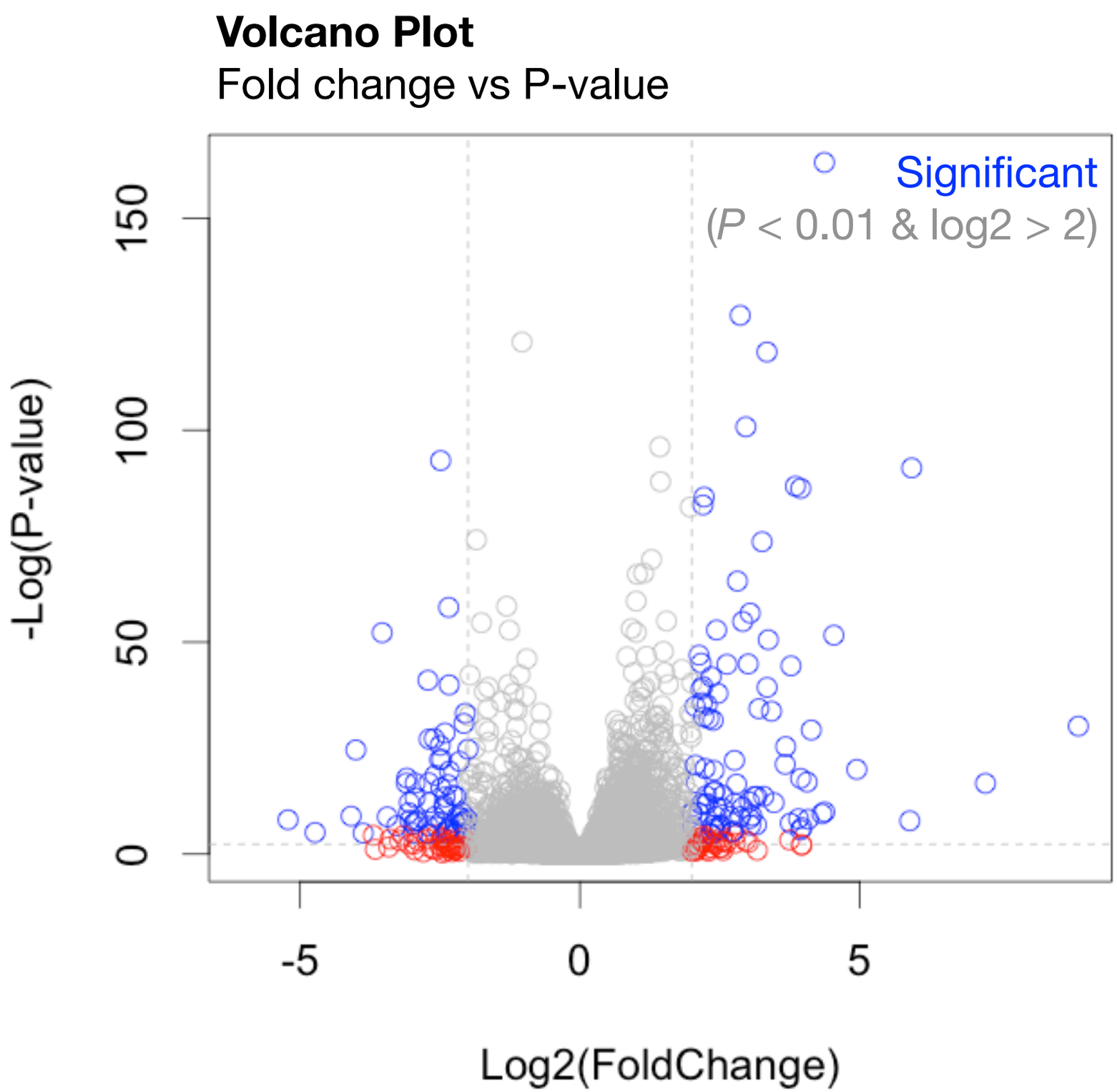
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Significant
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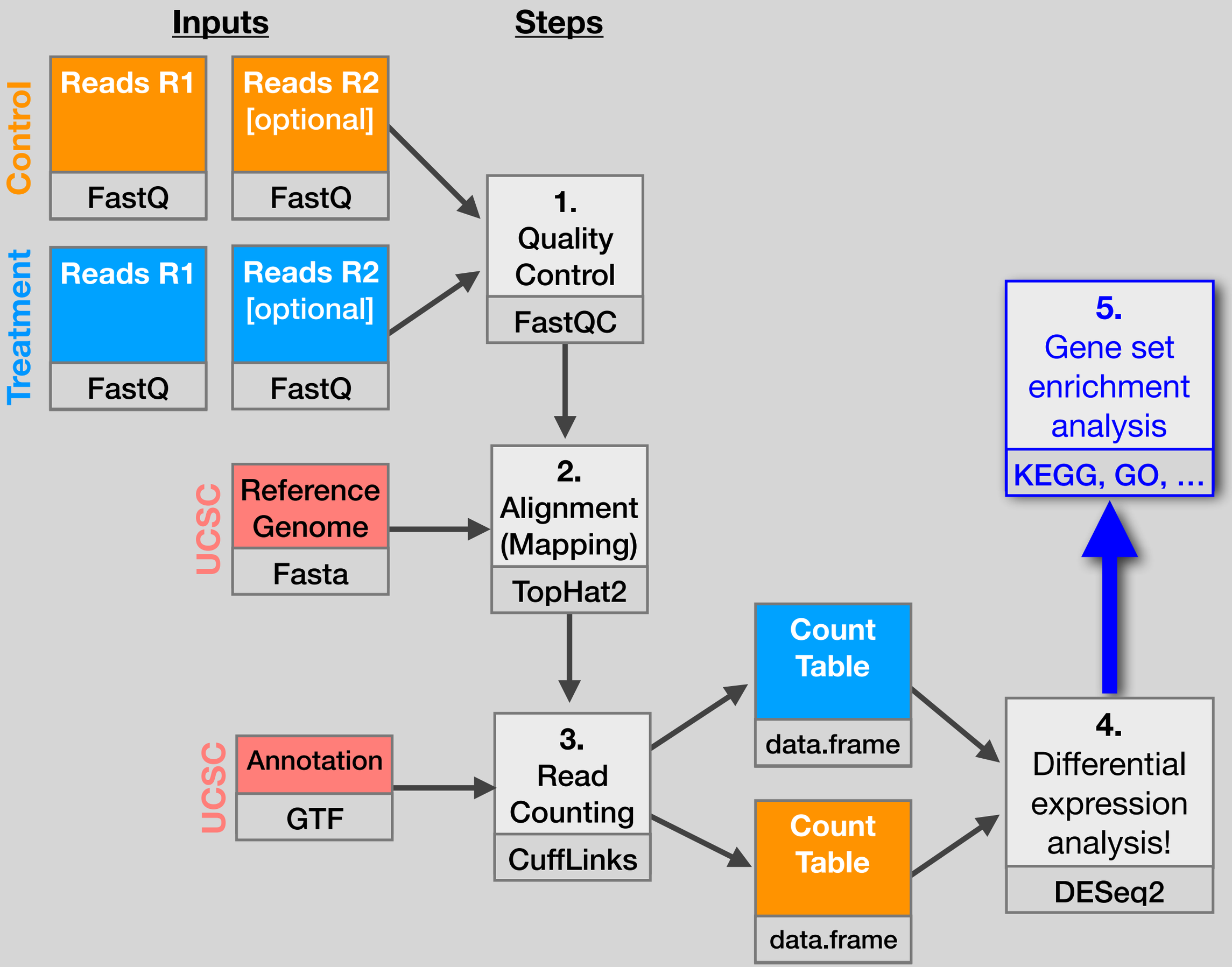
My high-throughput experiment generated a long list of genes/proteins…

What do I do now?

Pathway analysis!
(a.k.a. geneset enrichment)

Use bioinformatics methods to help extract biological meaning from such lists…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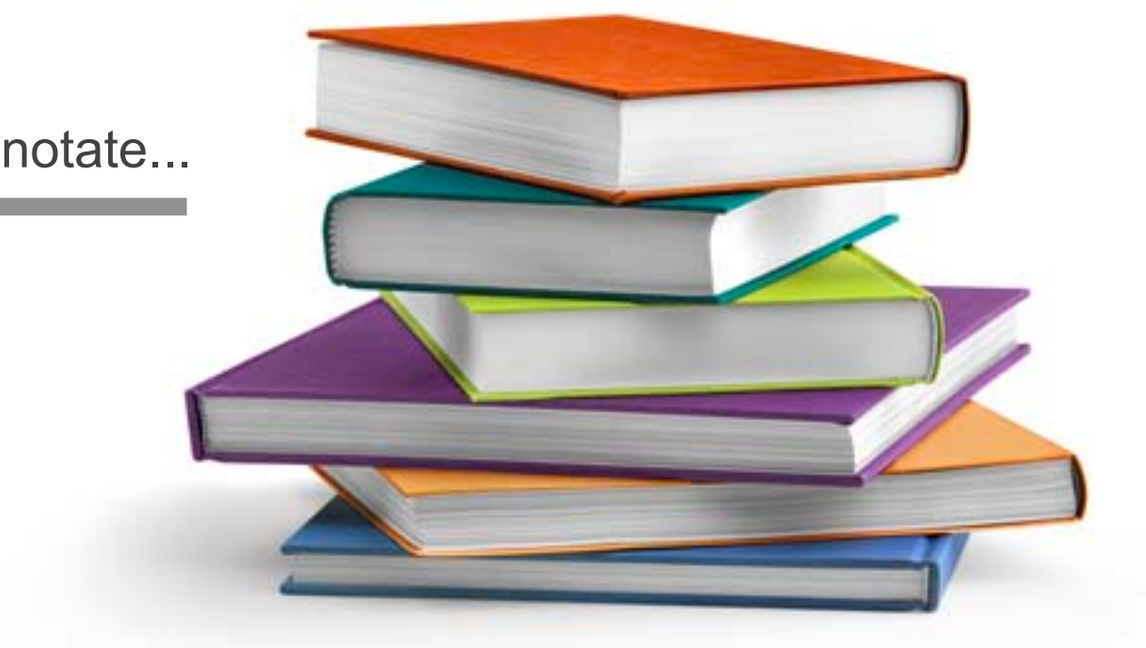

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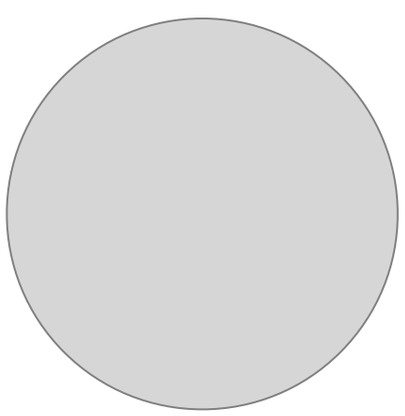

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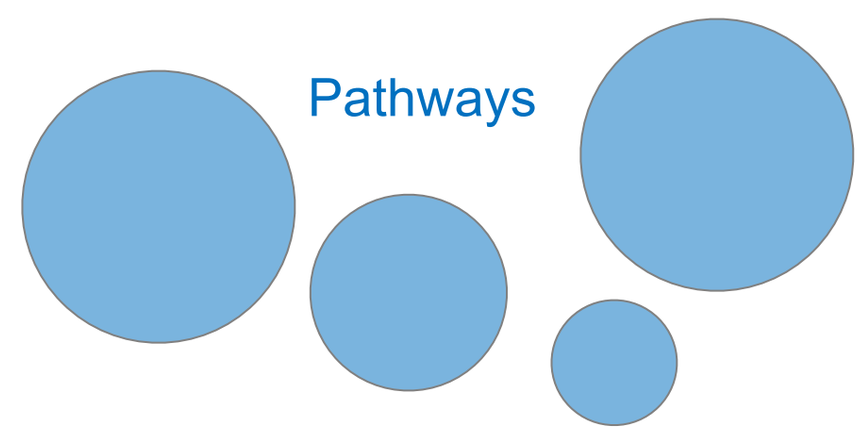
Pathways



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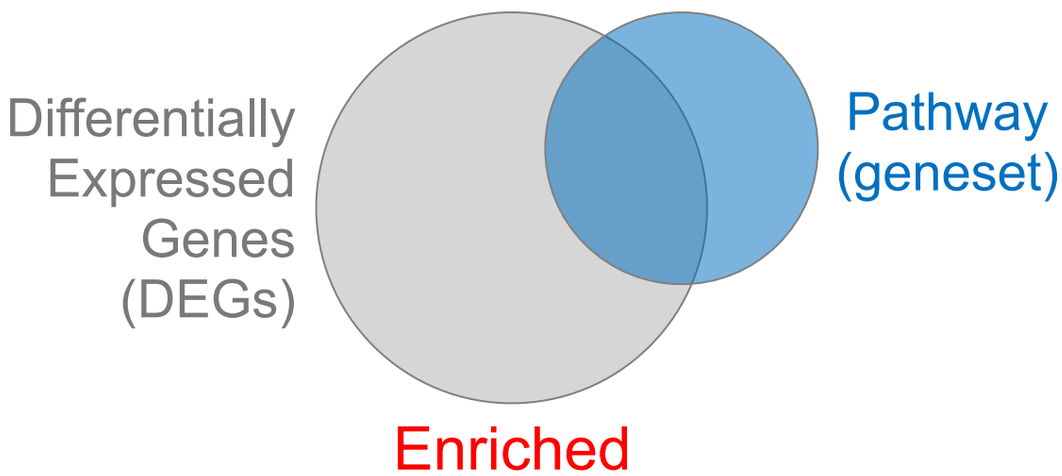
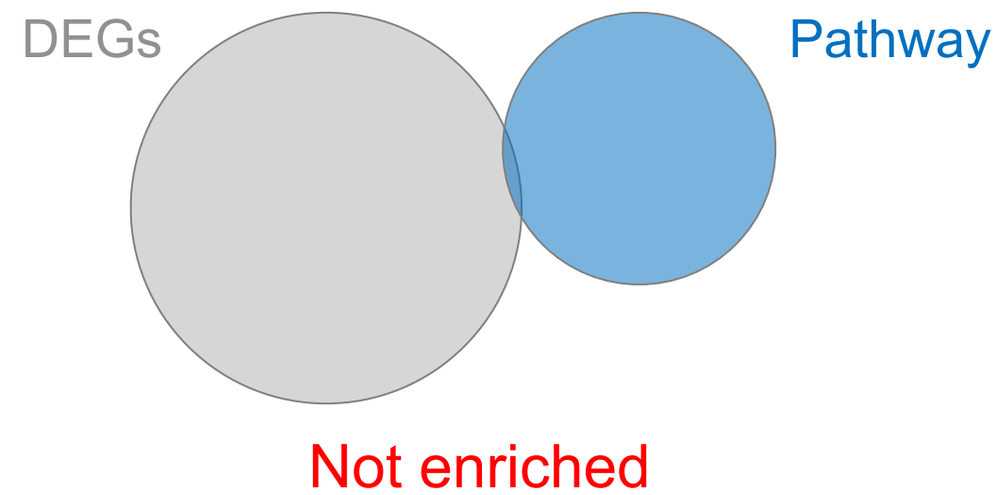




- DEGs come from your experiment ➢ *Critical, needs to be as clean as possible*
- Pathway genes (“geneset”) come from annotations ➢ *Important, but typically not a competitive advantage*
- Variations of the math: overlap, ranking, networks... ➢ *Not critical, different algorithms show similar performances*

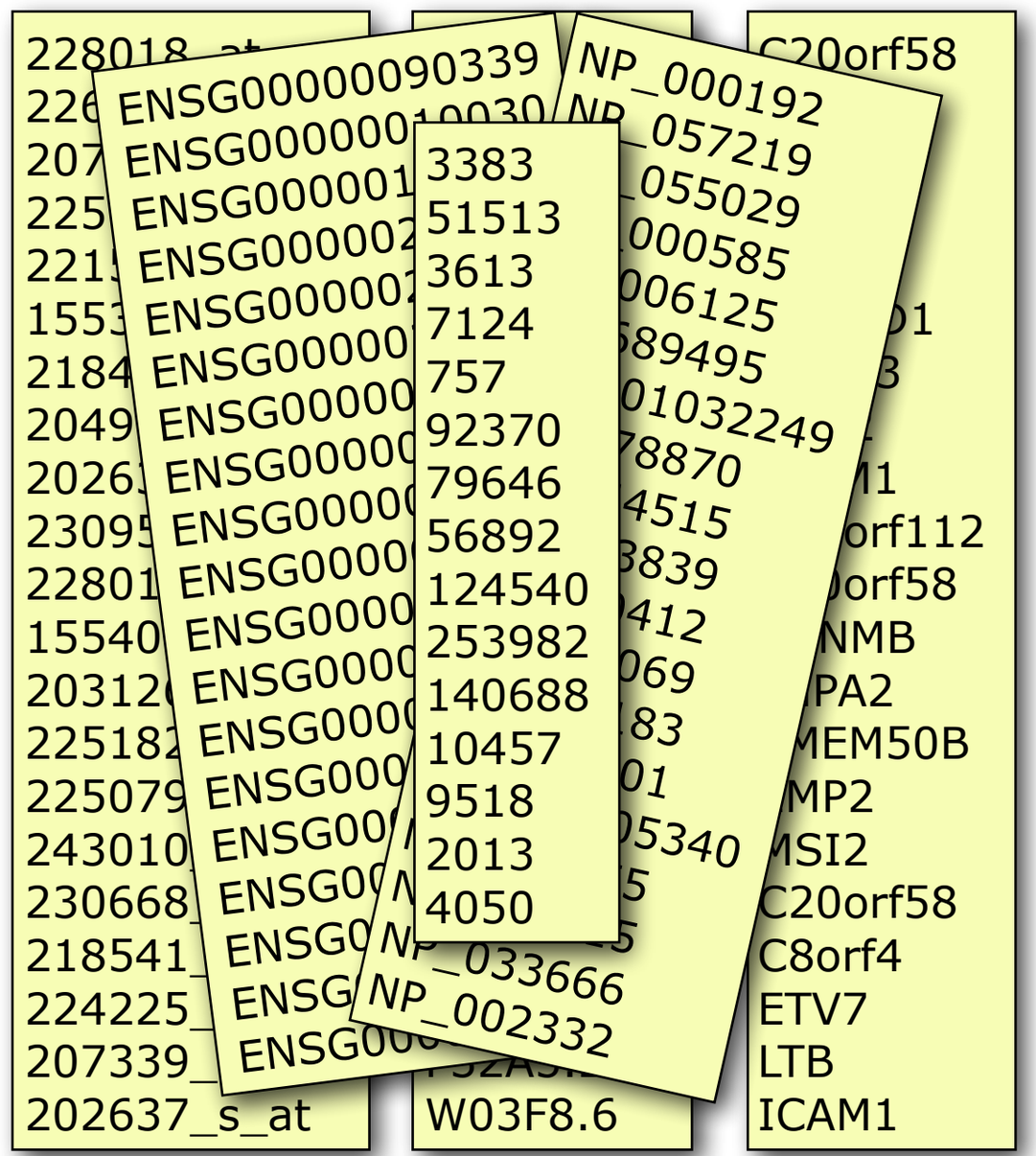
Pathway analysis (a.k.a. geneset enrichment)
Limitations

Side-note:

- **Geneset annotation bias**: can only discover what is already known
- **Non-model organisms**: no high-quality genesets available
- **Post-transcriptional regulation** is neglected
- **Tissue-specific** variations of pathways are not annotated
    - e.g. NF-κB regulates metabolism, not inflammation, in adipocytes
- **Size bias**: stats are influenced by the size of the pathway
    - Many pathways/receptors **converge** to few regulators
      e.g. Tens of innate immune receptors activate four TFs:
      NF-kB, AP-1, IRF3/7, NFAT

Starting point for pathway analysis: **Your gene list**

- You have a list of genes/proteins of interest
- You have quantitative data for each gene/protein
  - Fold change
  - p-value
  - Spectral counts
  - Presence/absence



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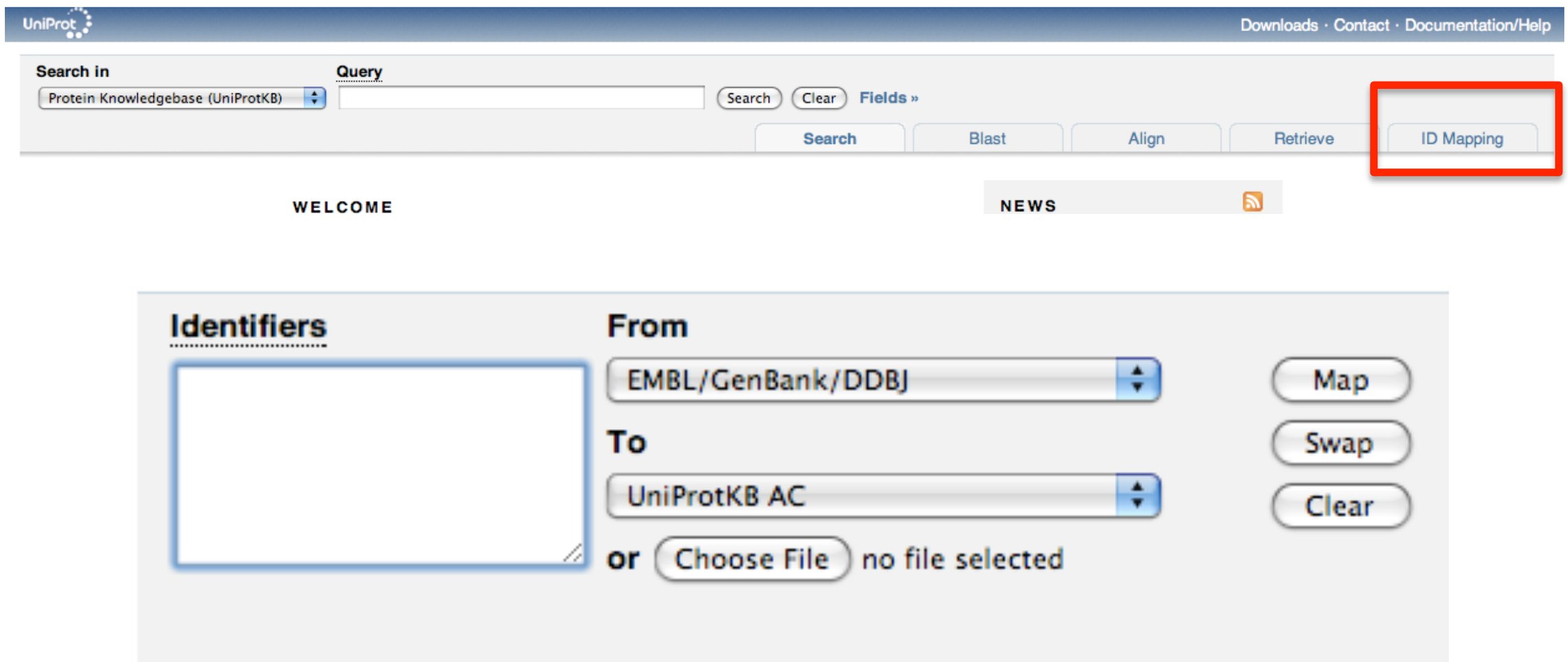

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3	NM_153103	Kif1c	2.31975457	1.24558927	2.78816871		NM_001001	Zfp85-rs1	22746	Mm.288396	NM_001
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- Use the **merge()** or **mapIDs()** functions in **R** - fast, *versatile* & reproducible!
  - Also **clusterProfiler::bitr()** function and many others… [Link to clusterProfiler vignette]

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> library("org.Hs.eg.db")

> mygenes$symbol <- mapIds( org.Hs.eg.db,
                            column="SYMBOL",
                            keys=row.names(mygenes),
                            keytype="ENSEMBL" )
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Load the required Bioconductor packages

Annotation we want to add

Our vector of gene names & their format

Alternative...

`bitr`: Biological Id TranslatoR

clusterProfiler provides `bitr` and `bitr_kegg` for converting ID types. Both `bitr` and `bitr_kegg` support many species including model and many non-model organisms.

```
x <- c("GPX3",  "GLRX",   "LBP",   "CRYAB", "DEFB1", "HCLS1",   "SOD2",   "HSPA2",
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       "NR1H4", "FGFR3",  "PVR",   "IL6",   "PTPRM", "ERBB2",   "NID2",   "LAMB1",
       "COMP",  "PLS3",   "MCAM",  "SPP1",  "LAMC1", "COL4A2",  "COL4A1", "MYOC",
       "ANXA4", "TFPI2",  "CST6",  "SLPI",  "TIMP2", "CPM",     "GGT1",   "NNMT",
       "MAL",   "EEF1A2", "HGD",   "TCN2",  "CDA",   "PCCA",    "CRYM",   "PDXK",
       "STC1",  "WARS",  "HMOX1", "FXYD2", "RBP4",   "SLC6A12", "KDELR3", "ITM2B")
eg = bitr(x, fromType="SYMBOL", toType="ENTREZID", OrgDb="org.Hs.eg.db")
head(eg)
```

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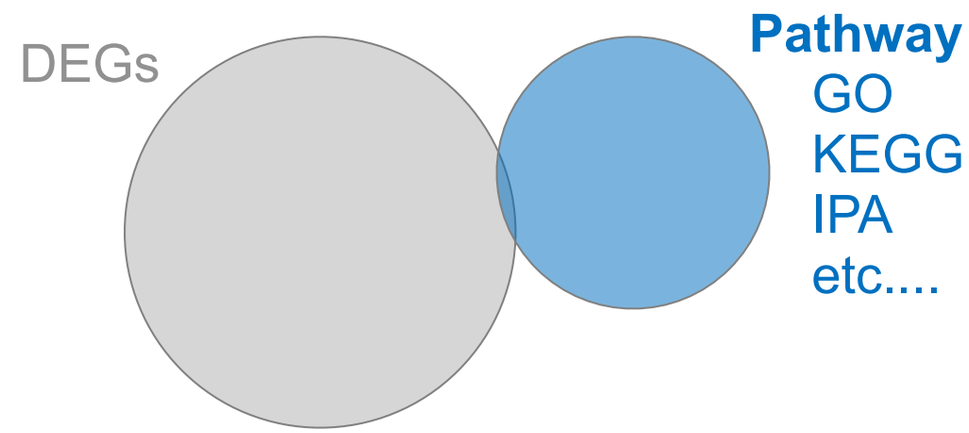
##   SYMBOL ENTREZID
## 1   GPX3     2878
## 2   GLRX     2745
## 3    LBP     3929
## 4  CRYAB     1410
## 5  DEFB1     1672
## 6  HCLS1     3059
```

See package vignette:
https://bioconductor.org/packages/release/bioc/html/clusterProfiler.html

What functional set databases do you want?

- **Most commonly used:**
  - **Gene Ontology (GO)**
  - **KEGG Pathways** (mostly metabolic)
  - **GeneGO MetaBase**
  - **Ingenuity Pathway Analysis (IPA)**



- Many others...
  - **Enzyme Classification**, **PFAM**, **Reactome**,
  - Disease Ontology, MSigDB, Chemical Entities of Biological Interest, Network of Cancer Genes etc…
  - See: Open Biomedical Ontologies (www.obofoundry.org)

GO < www.geneontology.org >

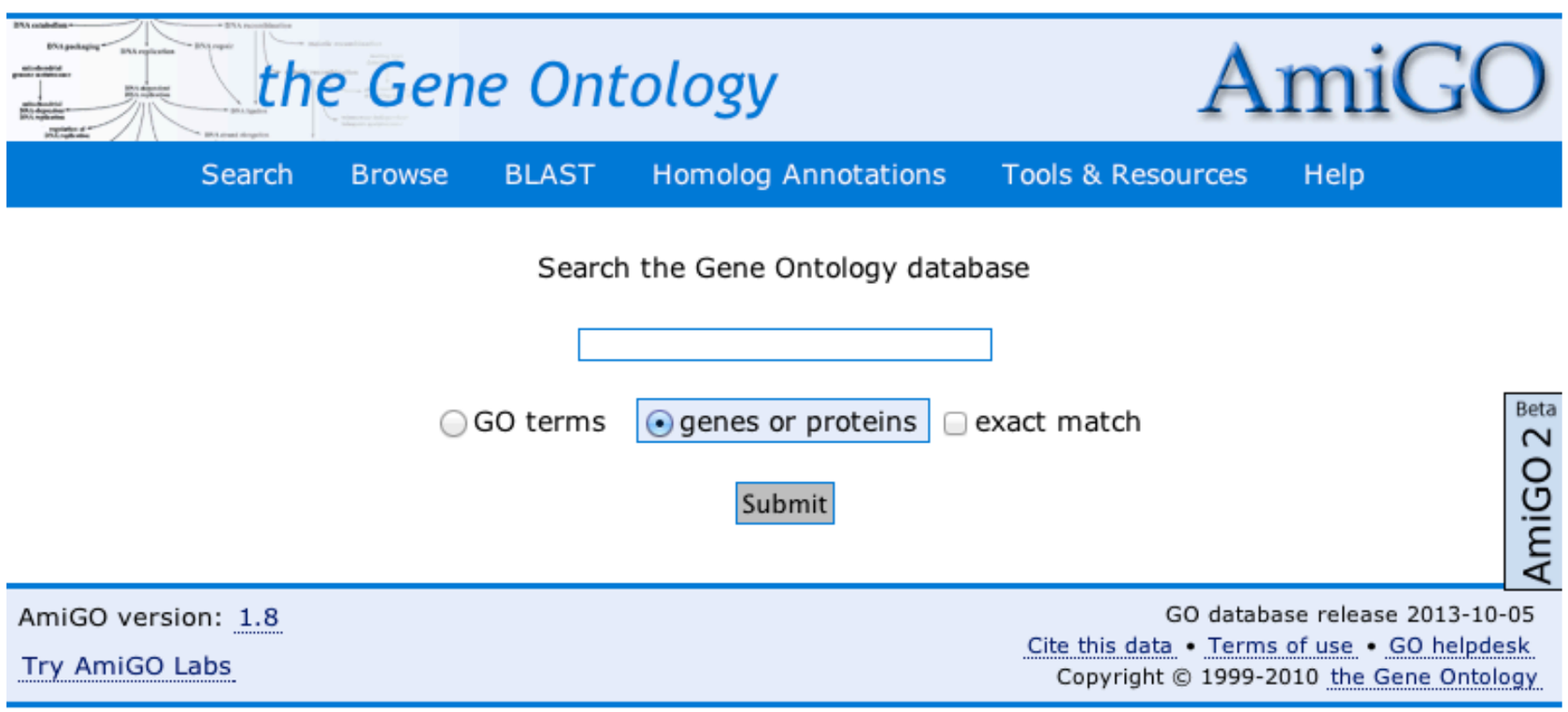
- **What function does HSF1 perform?**
  - *response to heat; sequence-specific DNA binding; transcription; etc*

- **Ontology** => a structured and controlled vocabulary that allows us to annotate gene products consistently, interpret the relationships among annotations, and can easily be *handled by a computer*

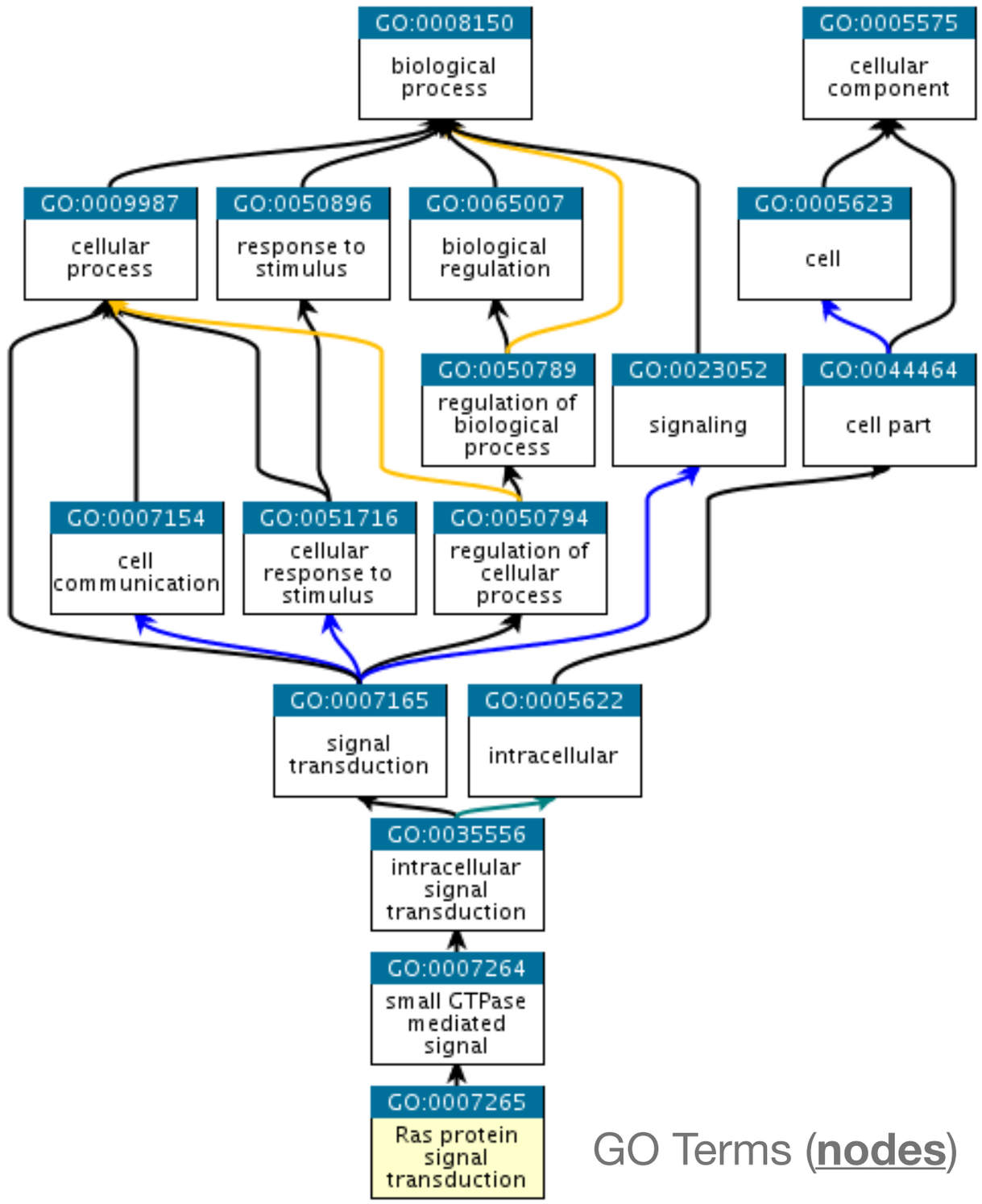
- GO database consists of 3 ontologies that describe gene products in terms of their associated **biological processes**, **cellular components** and **molecular functions**

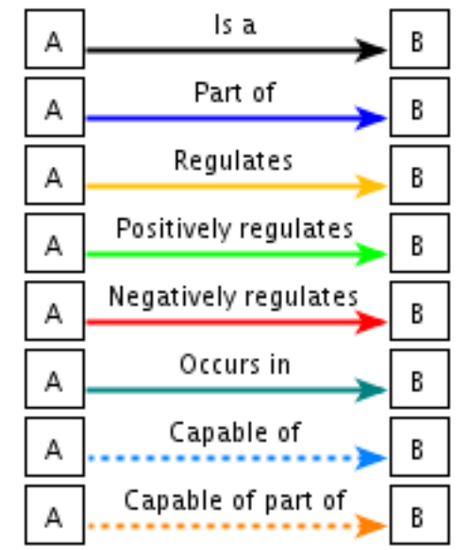
GO Annotations

- GO is not a stand-alone database of genes/proteins or sequences
- Rather gene products get annotated with **GO terms** by UniProt and other organism specific databases, such as Flybase, Wormbase, MGI, ZFIN, etc.
- Annotations are available through AmiGO < amigo.geneontology.org >



GO is structured as a “directed graph”





Relationships (**edges**)

Parent terms are more general & child terms more specific

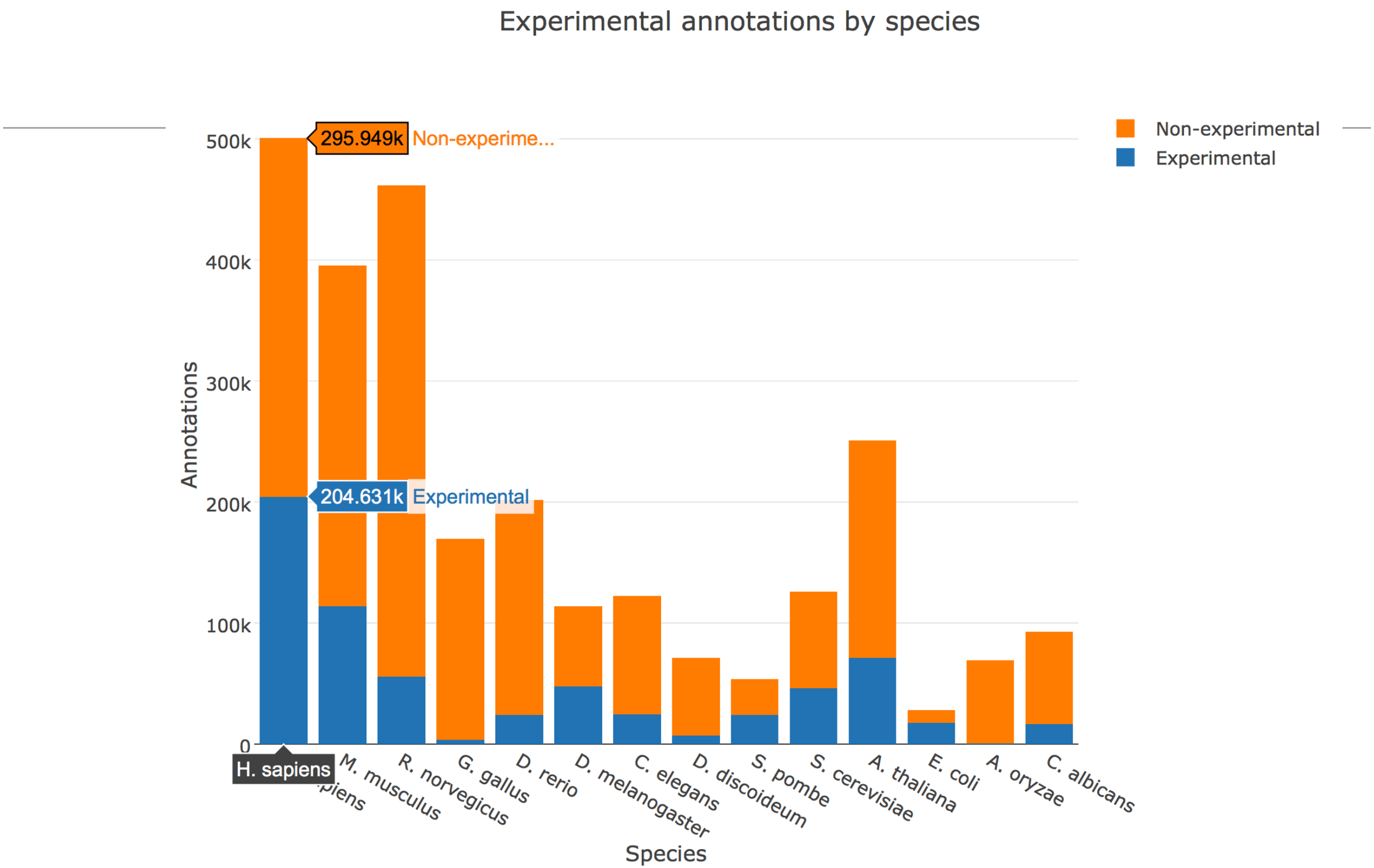
GO Terms (**nodes**)

GO evidence codes

Evidence code	Evidence code description	Source of evidence	Manually checked	Current number of annotations*
IDA	Inferred from direct assay	Experimental	Yes	71,050
IEP	Inferred from expression pattern	Experimental	Yes	4,598
IGI	Inferred from genetic interaction	Experimental	Yes	8,311
IMP	Inferred from mutant phenotype	Experimental	Yes	61,549
IPI	Inferred from physical interaction	Experimental	Yes	17,043
ISS	Inferred from sequence or structural similarity	Computational	Yes	196,643
RCA	Inferred from reviewed computational analysis	Computational	Yes	103,792
IGC	Inferred from genomic context	Computational	Yes	4
IEA	Inferred from electronic annotation	Computational	No	15,687,382
IC	Inferred by curator	Indirectly derived from experimental or computational evidence made by a curator	Yes	5,167
TAS	Traceable author statement	Indirectly derived from experimental or computational evidence made by the author of the published article	Yes	44,564
NAS	Non-traceable author statement	No 'source of evidence' statement given	Yes	25,656
ND	No biological data available	No information available	Yes	132,192
NR	Not recorded	Unknown	Yes	1,185

*October 2007 release

Use and misuse of the gene ontology annotations
Seung Yon Rhee, Valerie Wood, Kara Dolinski & Sorin Draghici
Nature Reviews Genetics **9**, 509-515 (2008)



- See AmiGO for details: http://amigo.geneontology.org/amigo/base_statistics

Can now do gene list analysis with GeneGO online!

pantherdb.org/webservices/go/overrep.jsp

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2. **Select organism.**

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Rattus norvegicus
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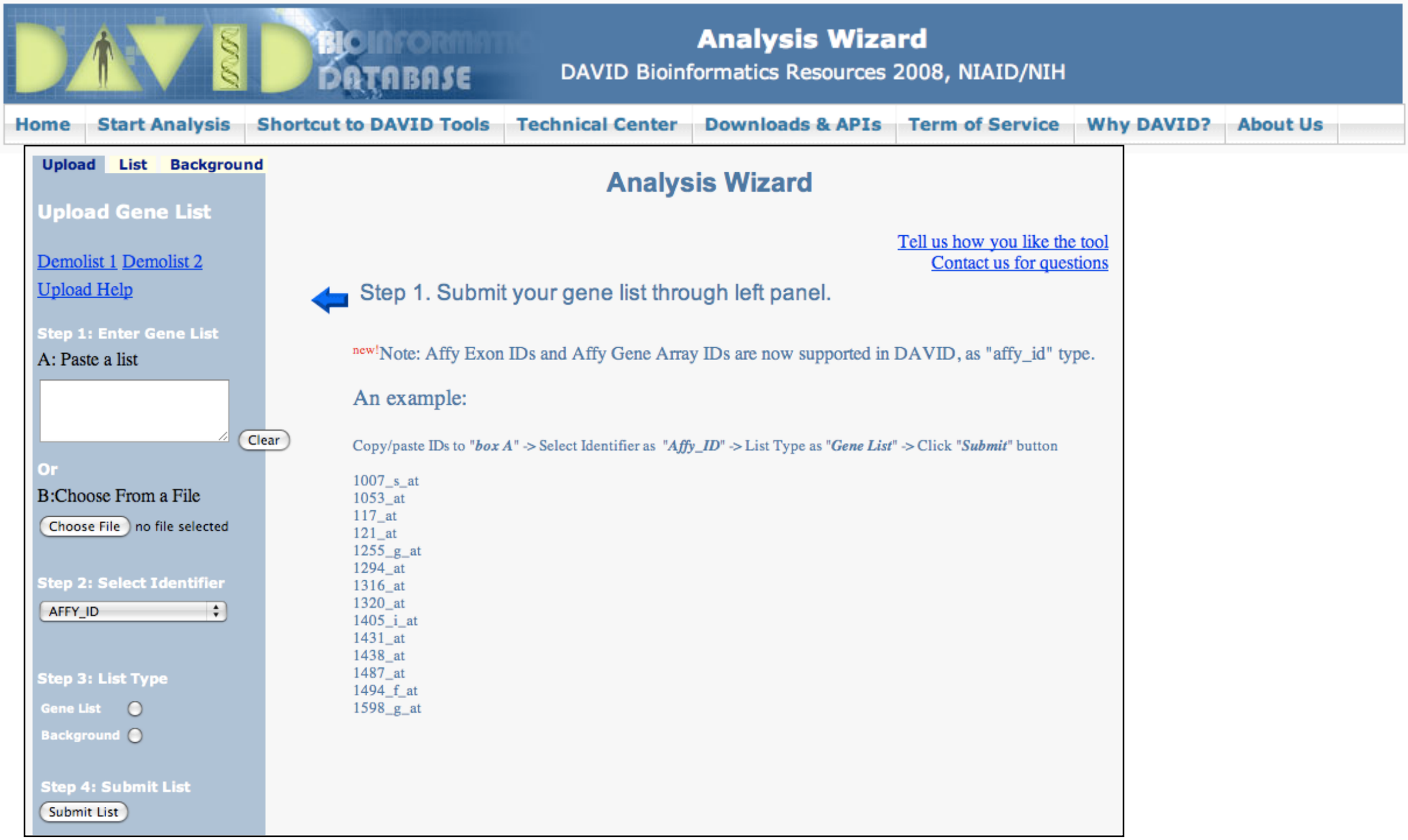
- Functional classification viewed in gene list

Another popular online tool:
DAVID at NIAID < david.abcc.ncifcrf.gov >



DAVID

- *Functional Annotation Chart*

Functional Annotation Chart

Help and Manual

Current Gene List: Uploaded List_1
Current Background: Homo sapiens
2316 DAVID IDs

Options

Rerun Using Options | Create Sublist | **Download File**

Sublist	Category	Term	RT	Genes	Count	%	P-Value	Benjamini
	GOTERM_BP_5	regulation of progression through cell cycle	RT		98	4.2	3.3E-7	8.6E-4
	GOTERM_BP_5	apoptosis	RT		131	5.7	1.6E-6	2.1E-3
	GOTERM_BP_5	cell death	RT		136	5.9	3.8E-6	3.3E-3
	GOTERM_BP_5	regulation of transcription from RNA polymerase II promoter	RT		83	3.6	3.7E-5	2.4E-2
	GOTERM_BP_5	protein kinase cascade	RT		71	3.1	4.7E-5	2.4E-2
	GOTERM_BP_5	regulation of kinase activity	RT		48	2.1	5.4E-5	2.3E-2
	GOTERM_BP_5	negative regulation of cell proliferation	RT		48	2.1	1.0E-4	3.7E-2
	GOTERM_BP_5	regulation of cell size	RT		41	1.8	1.2E-4	3.9E-2
	GOTERM_BP_5	monocarboxylic acid metabolic process	RT		48	2.1	1.3E-4	3.6E-2
	GOTERM_BP_5	positive regulation of nucleobase, nucleoside, nucleotide and nucleic acid metabolic process	RT		61	2.6	1.5E-4	3.8E-2
	GOTERM_BP_5	positive regulation of cellular metabolic process	RT		72	3.1	1.7E-4	3.8E-2

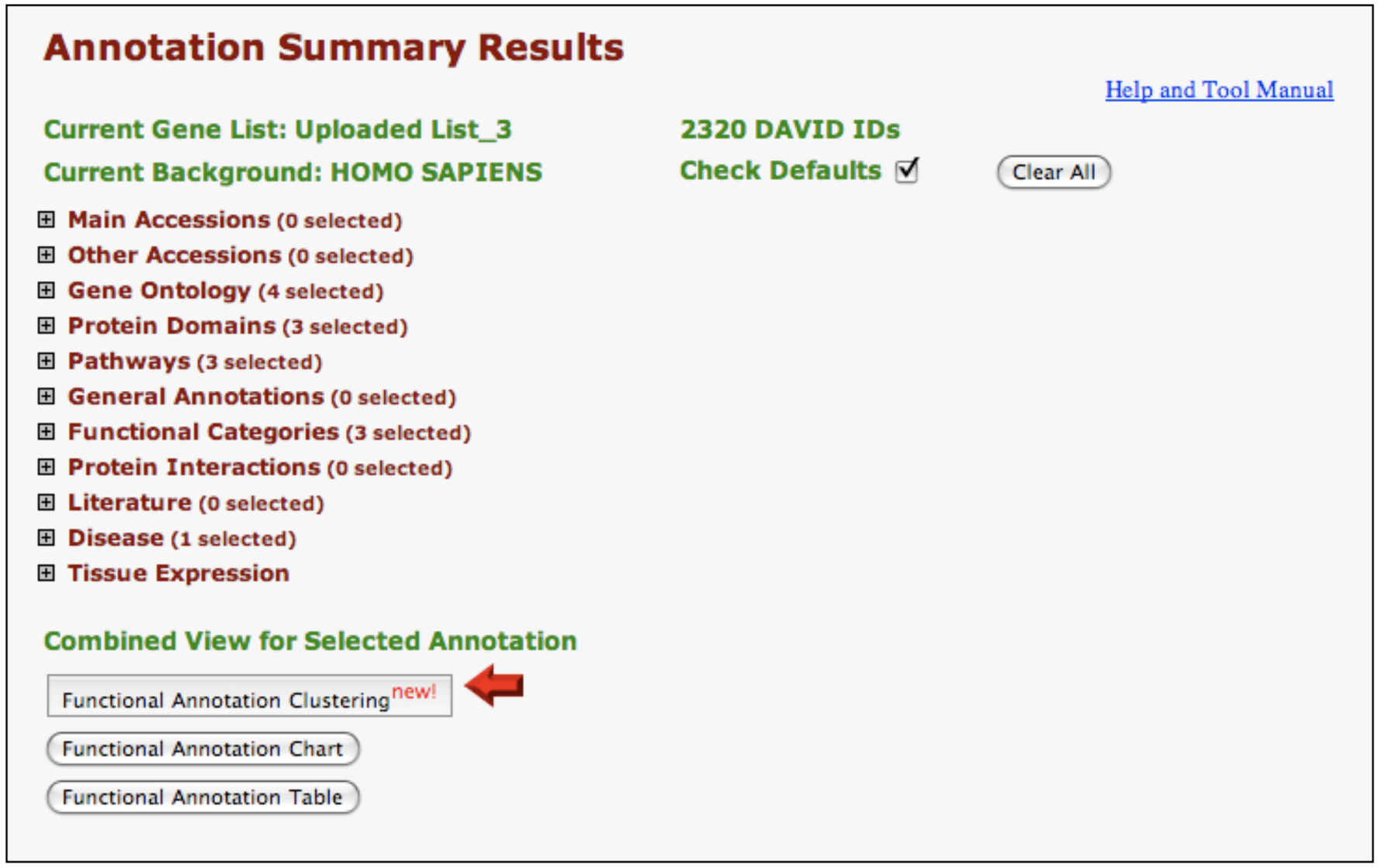
Systematic and integrative analysis of large gene lists using DAVID bioinformatics resources
Da Wei Huang, Brad T Sherman & Richard A Lempicki
Nature Protocols **4**, *44 - 57 (2009)*

Overlapping functional sets

- **Many functional sets overlap**
  - In particular those from databases that are hierarchical in nature (e.g. GO)
- **Hierarchy enables**:
  - Annotation flexibility (e.g. allow different degrees of annotation completeness based on what is known)
  - Computational methods to “understand” function relationships (e.g. ATPase function is a subset of enzyme function)
- **Unfortunately, this also makes functional profiling trickier**
  - Clustering of functional sets can be helpful in these cases

DAVID

- DAVID now offers functional annotation clustering:



DAVID Functional Annotation Clustering

- Based on shared genes between functional sets

Functional Annotation Clustering

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2320 DAVID IDs

Options **Classification Stringency** Medium

Rerun using options | Create Sublist | **Download File**

Annotation Cluster 1	Enrichment Score: 3.72	G		Count	P_Value	Benjamini
GOTERM_BP_5	regulation of transcription from RNA polymerase II promoter	RT		83	3.7E-5	2.4E-2
GOTERM_BP_5	positive regulation of nucleobase, nucleoside, nucleotide and nucleic acid metabolic process	RT		61	1.5E-4	3.8E-2
GOTERM_BP_5	positive regulation of cellular metabolic process	RT		72	1.7E-4	3.8E-2
GOTERM_BP_5	positive regulation of transcription	RT		58	3.8E-4	5.0E-2
GOTERM_BP_5	positive regulation of transcription, DNA-dependent	RT		48	7.4E-4	7.6E-2
Annotation Cluster 2	**Enrichment Score: 3.54**	G		**Count**	**P_Value**	**Benjamini**
GOTERM_BP_5	regulation of cell size	RT		41	1.2E-4	3.9E-2
GOTERM_BP_5	regulation of cell growth	RT		33	3.7E-4	5.1E-2
GOTERM_BP_5	cell morphogenesis	RT		81	5.2E-4	5.7E-2
Annotation Cluster 3	**Enrichment Score: 3.37**	G		**Count**	**P_Value**	**Benjamini**
GOTERM_BP_5	apoptosis	RT		131	1.6E-6	2.1E-3
GOTERM_BP_5	cell death	RT		136	3.8E-6	3.3E-3
GOTERM_BP_5	regulation of programmed cell death	RT		88	3.2E-4	5.8E-2
GOTERM_BP_5	positive regulation of apoptosis	RT		48	3.3E-4	5.6E-2
GOTERM_BP_5	regulation of apoptosis	RT		87	3.5E-4	5.2E-2
GOTERM_BP_5	positive regulation of programmed cell death	RT		48	4.0E-4	5.0E-2

Want more?

- **GeneGO** < portal.genego.com >
  - MD/PhD curated annotations, great for certain domains (eg, Cystic Fibrosis)
  - Nice network analysis tools
  - Email us for access
- **Oncomine** < www.oncomine.org >
  - Extensive cancer related expression datasets
  - Nice concept analysis tools
  - Research edition is free for academics, Premium edition $$$
- **Lots and lots other R/Bioconductor packages in this area!!!**

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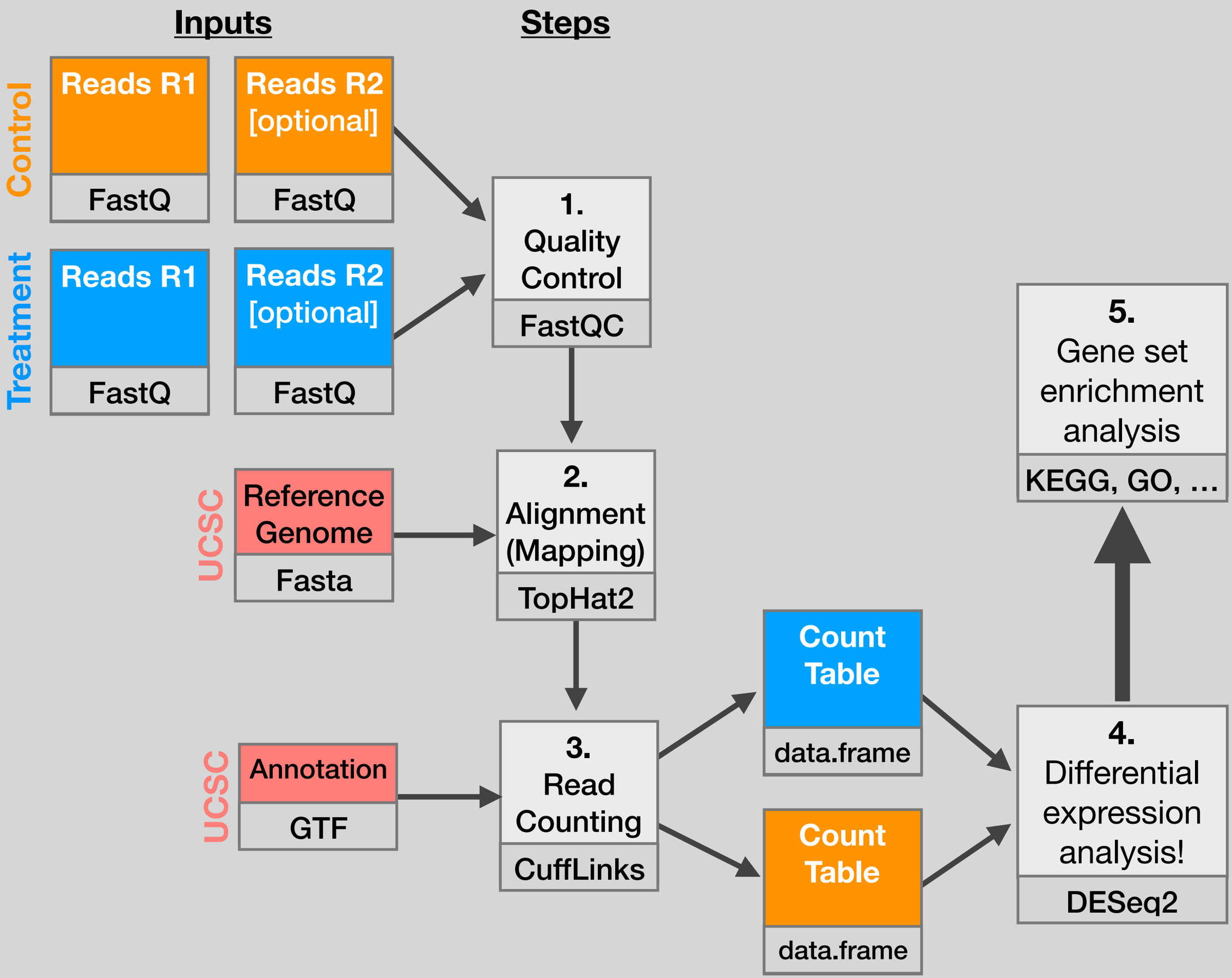
Hands-on time!

https://bioboot.github.io/bimm143_W19/lectures/#16

Also: R Quiz Online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DESeq2
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KEGG, GO, ...

Data structure: counts + metadata

1

countData

gene	ctrl_1	ctrl_2	exp_1	exp_2
geneA	10	11	56	45
geneB	0	0	128	54
geneC	42	41	59	41
geneD	103	122	1	23
geneE	10	23	14	56
geneF	0	1	2	0
…	…	…	…	…

countData is the count matrix (number of reads coming from each gene for each sample)

2

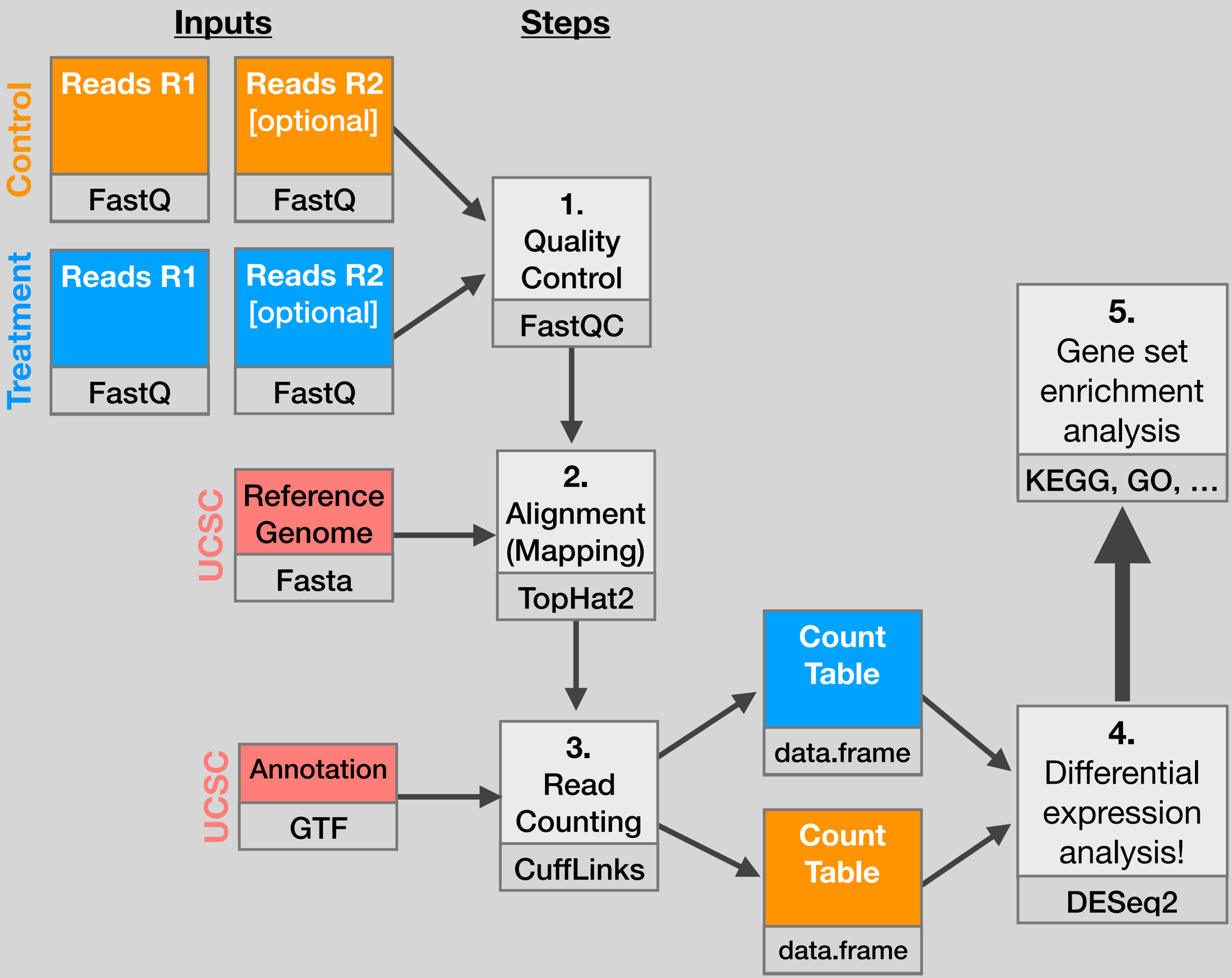
colData

id	treatment	sex	...
ctrl_1	control	male	...
ctrl_2	control	female	...
exp_1	treatment	male	...
exp_2	treatment	female	...

Sample names:
ctrl_1, ctrl_2, exp_1, exp_2

colData describes metadata about the *columns* of countData

First column of **colData** must match column names of **countData** (-1st)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Pathways vs Networks

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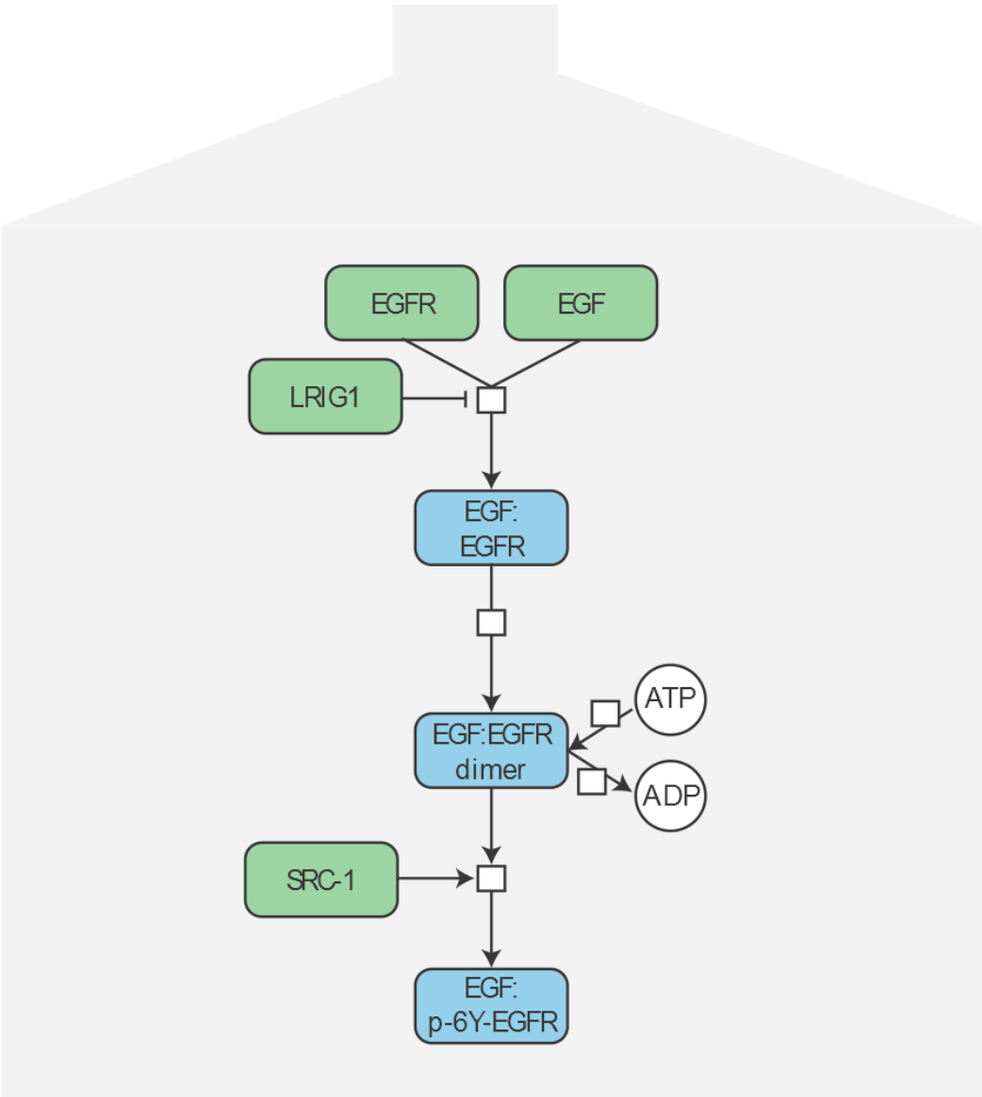

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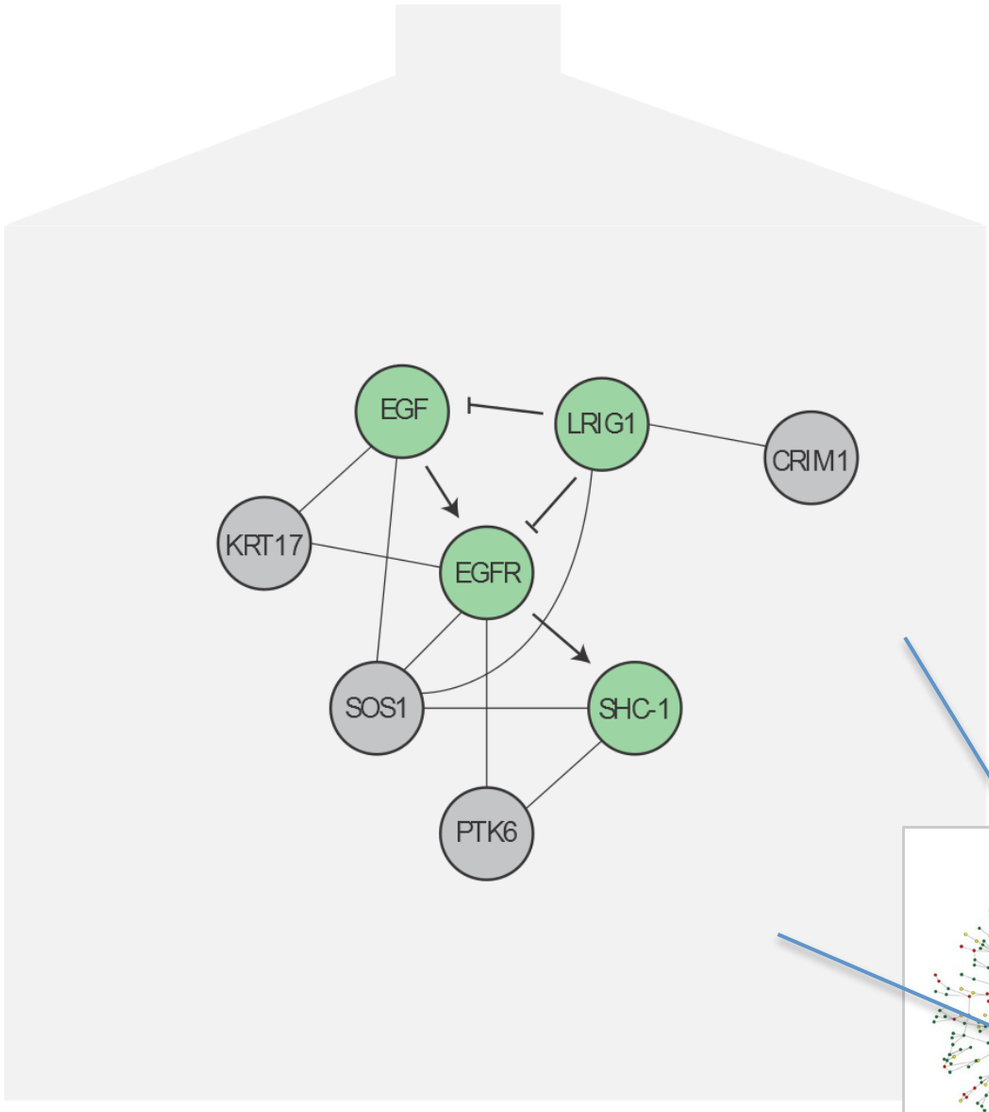

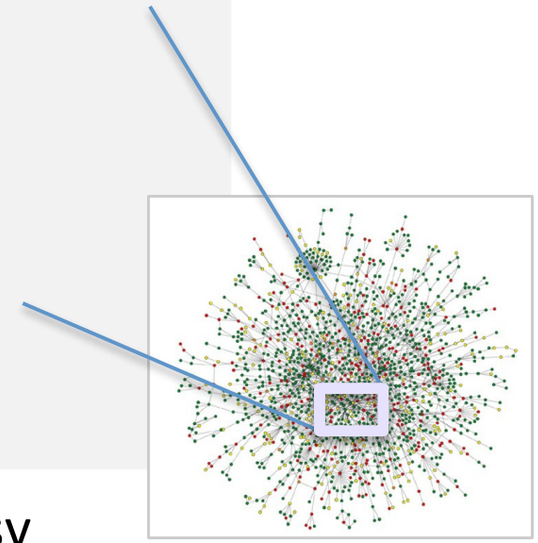

- Detailed, high-confidence consensus
- Biochemical reactions
- Small-scale, fewer genes
- Concentrated from decades of literature

- Simplified cellular logic, noisy
- Abstractions: directed, undirected
- Large-scale, genome-wide
- Constructed from *omics* data integration

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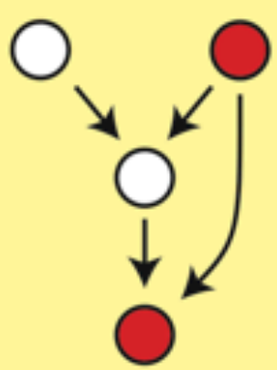
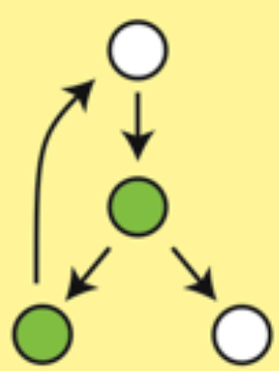


Enriched network



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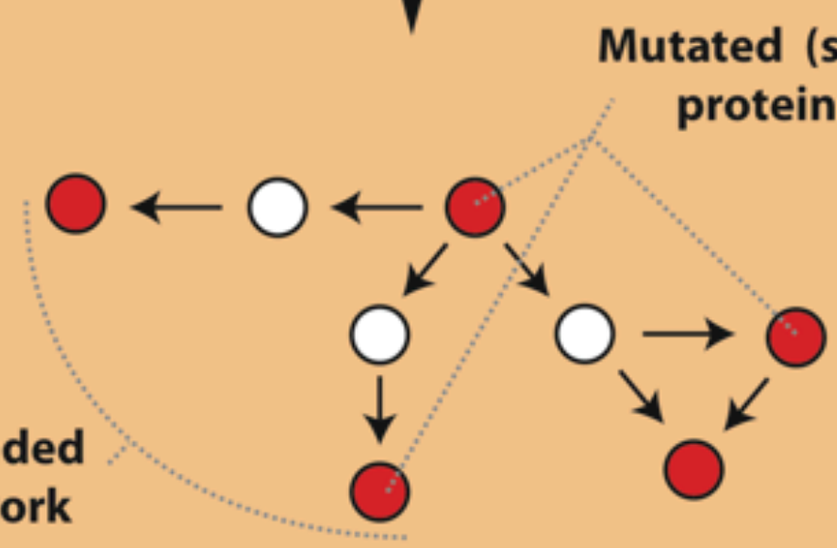

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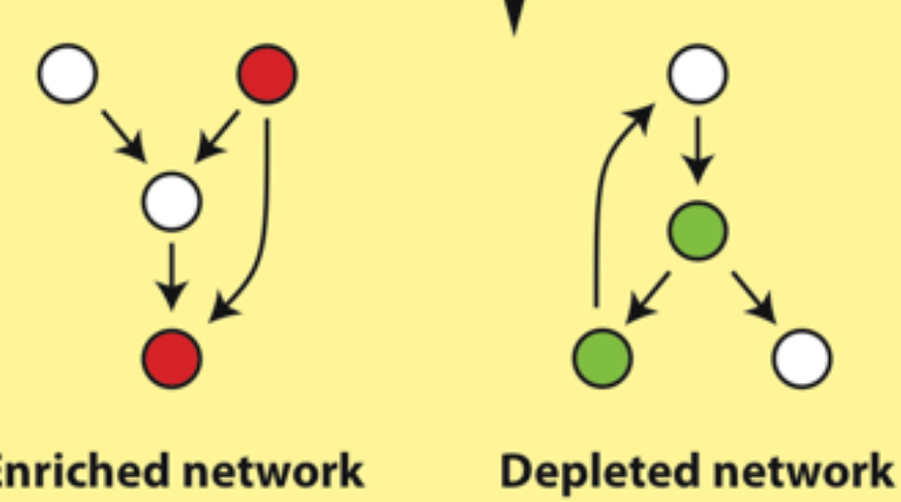
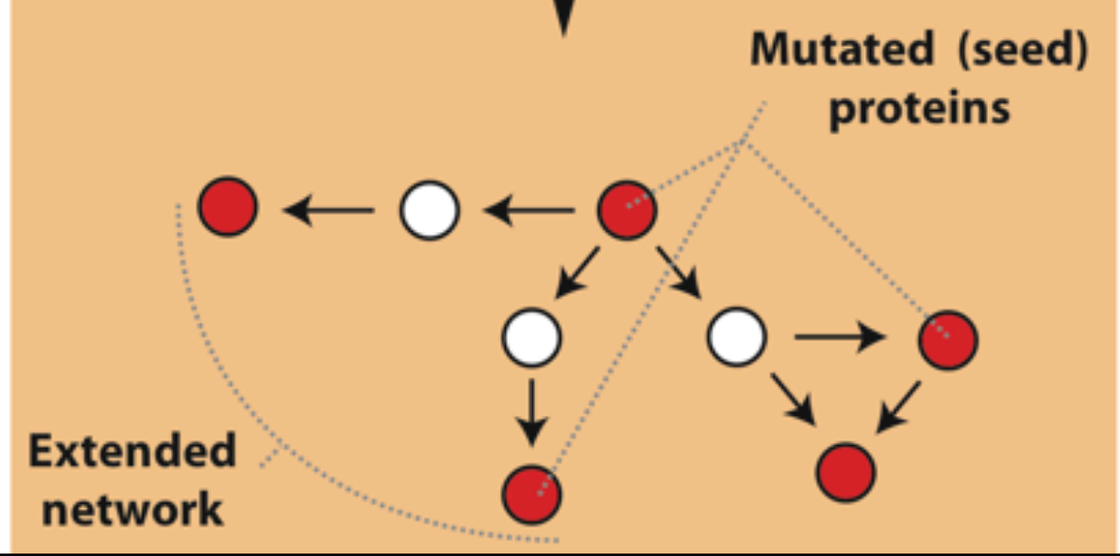




What biological process is altered in this cancer?

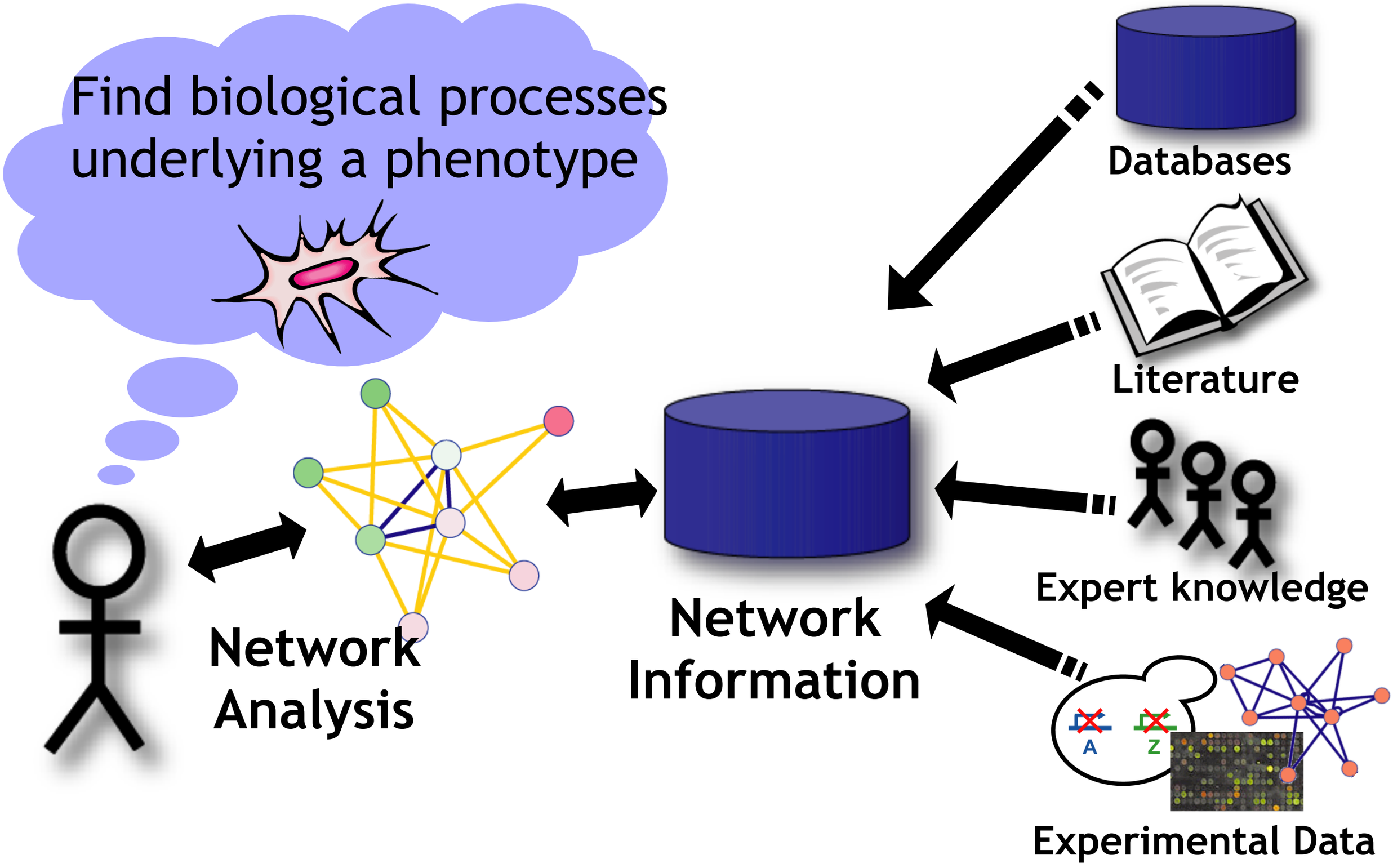
Are NEW pathways altered in this cancer? Are there clinically relevant tumor subtypes?

Pathway analysis (a.k.a. geneset enrichment)
Limitations

Side-note:

- **Geneset annotation bias**: can only discover what is already known
- **Non-model organisms**: no high-quality genesets available
- **Post-transcriptional regulation** is neglected
- **Tissue-specific** variations of pathways are not annotated
    - e.g. NF-κB regulates metabolism, not inflammation, in adipocytes
- **Size bias**: stats are influenced by the size of the pathway
    - Many pathways/receptors **converge** to few regulators
      e.g. Tens of innate immune receptors activate four TFs:
      NF-kB, AP-1, IRF3/7, NFAT

Pathway & Network Analysis Overview



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R Knowledge Check For BIMM-143

Quiz

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