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Analysis of Microarray Data

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Lecture 18: A Two-Color Case Study

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- Getting Data
- Inferences from GPR Files
- Quality Checks
- Further Analysis
- Adventures with the Gene Expression Omnibus

The Biology

Working with a case study. This follows Chapter 4 of Gentleman et al (2005), “Preprocessing Two-Color Spotted Arrays”, by Y.H. Yang and A.C. Paquet.

The dataset used here is a subset of a larger dataset described in Rodriguez et al (2004), “Differential gene expression by integrin $\beta 7+$ and $\beta 7-$ memory T helper cells”, BMC Immunology, 5:13.

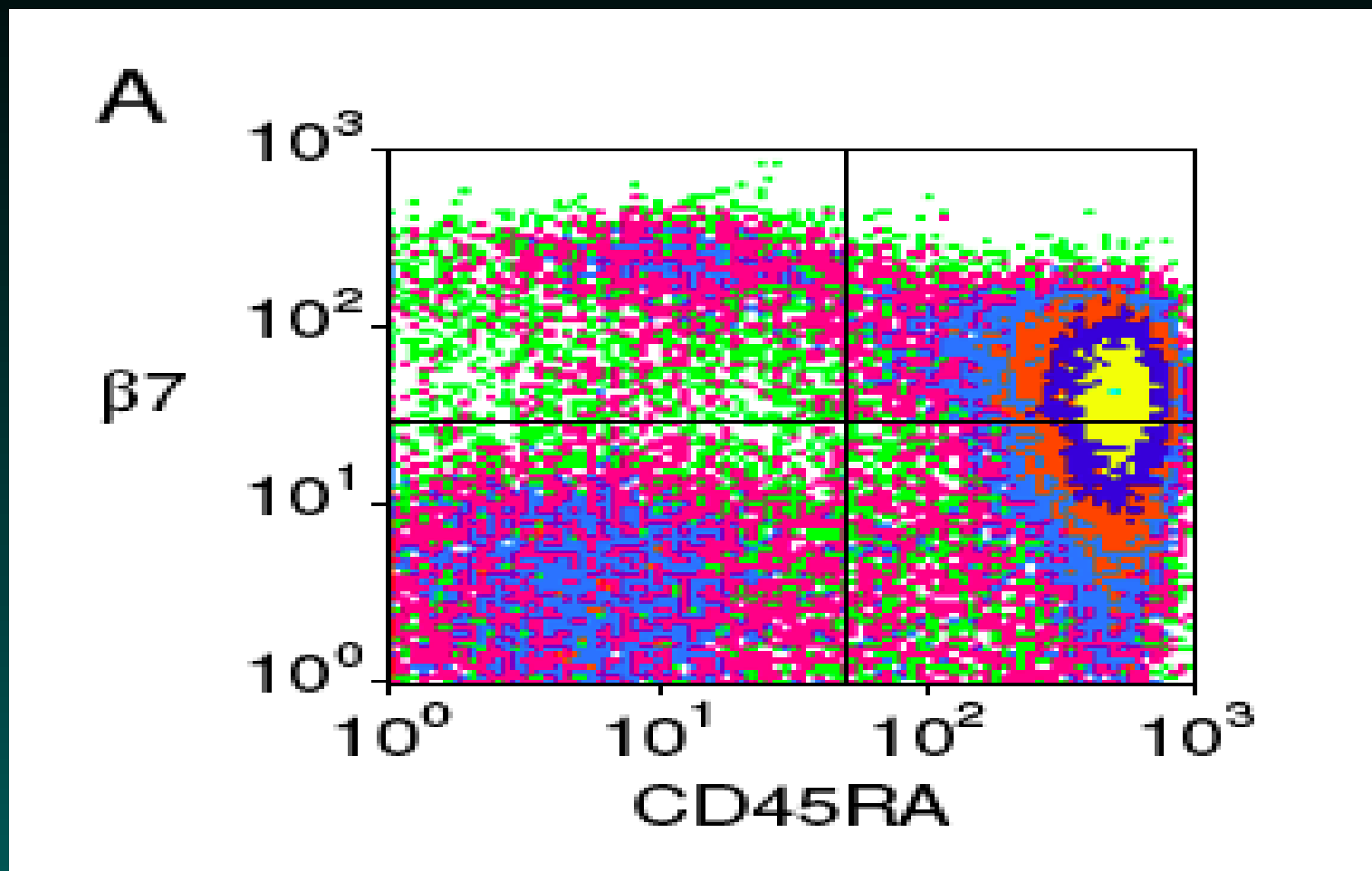
In that paper, they asked whether different types of helper cells were associated with the adhesion or migration of T cells.

How do we Get Cells?

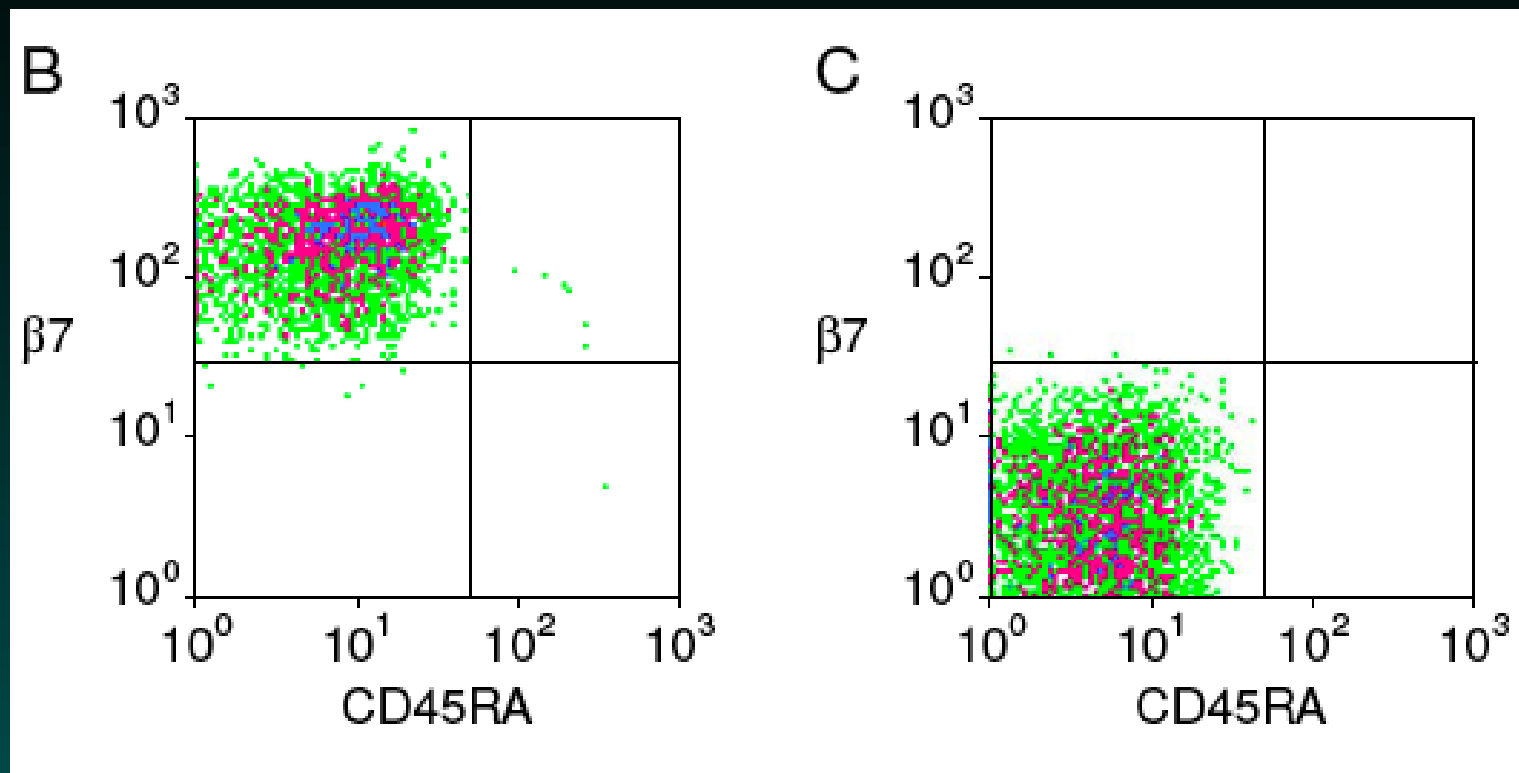
Extract CD4⁺ T cells, and derive enriched subpopulations that are $\beta 7^+$ and $\beta 7^-$. Cell subpopulations were obtained using flow cytometry.

Initially, cells are sorted by their levels of $\beta 7$ and CD45RA. High levels of CD45RA are not as interesting here, as their adhesion targets are already known. We want to focus on $\beta 7$ and see if we see separations there.

Cells Before Filtering



Cells After Filtering



After purification, the distributions are separated into our target groups.

Samples are Paired!

Extraction was performed using samples from 9 individuals, so there is a natural data pairing.

Given the pairing, individual arrays were used to contrast the two by hybridizing $\beta 7+$ in one channel and $\beta 7-$ in the other.

In all, 27 arrays were run, including at least 2 for each patient in a dye-swap arrangement.

The actual data is available from the Gene Expression Omnibus (GEO) maintained by the NCBI, with accession number GSE1039. (We will return to this later.)

Stuff Inferred from GEO

sample, channel 1 (635nm), channel 2 (532nm), Patient ID, Gender (or is ch1 Cy3 and ch2 Cy5?)

```
GSM16665 - + 001 F GPL976 Hs_004_187_2
GSM16675 + - 001 F GPL976 Hs_004_186_2
GSM16679 - + 006 F GPL976 Hs_004_235
GSM16680 - + 009 F GPL976 Hs_004_189_1
GSM16681 + - 009 F GPL976 Hs_004_188
GSM16685 - + 001 F GPL978 6Hs.094
GSM16686 - + 001 F GPL978 6Hs.195.1 **
GSM16687 + - 003 F GPL978 6Hs.168 **
```

and so on. The ones with asterisks are contained in the subset we will look at today.

More on Methods

No data from patients 2 and 5.

The arrays used 70-mer oligos from Operon; there were 23184 spots on the arrays. Two different chip platforms were used when the experiment was run; these are available from GEO as

GPL976 UCSF 4Hs Human v.2 Oligo Array

GPL978 UCSF 6Hs Human v.2 Oligo Array

The RNA was subjected to 2 rounds of amplification using kits from Ambion.

All of the arrays were quantified using Axon's GenePix software, so we have GPR quantification files. The TIFF files are also available for download.

More on Methods, and our Subset

What other information would we like to have?

Run date? (scan date is available; this should be close)

Date of blood draw? (this is given in the TargetBeta7.txt file)

Gene information? (some of this is here)

Patient age? (this was there)

The data used here involves a subset of 6 arrays from this experiment.

All 6 were of a single platform type, and had a common layout format.

Why were these 6 chosen?

Getting the Data

Next, we get the 6 GPR files, and some TargetInfo and SpotInfo files

<http://www.bioconductor.org/workshops/2005/BioC2005/labs/lab01/Data/integrinbeta7.zip>

This zip file includes 6 GPR files, and a text file, TargetBeta7.txt, that contains sample information (e.g., phenoData information). E.g.:

FileNames	Subject ID #	Cy3	Cy5
6Hs.195.1.gpr	001	b7 -	b7 +
Hyb buffer	Hyb Temp (deg C)	Hyb Time (h)	
Ambion Hyb Slide	55	40	
Date of Blood Draw	Amplification		
2002.10.11	R2 aRNA		

Using R

The first step is simply to load a whole bunch of packages:

```
> library("marray")  
> library("mclust")  
> library("convert")  
> library("arrayQuality")  
> library("colorspace")  
> library("grid")  
> library("hexbin")
```

Getting the Sample Info

```
> TargetInfo <- read.marrayInfo("Data/TargetBeta7.txt")
> TargetInfo
```

An object of class "marrayInfo"

@maLabels

```
[1] "6Hs.195.1.gpr" "6Hs.168.gpr"    "6Hs.166.gpr"
[4] "6Hs.187.1.gpr" "6Hs.194.gpr"    "6Hs.243.1.gpr"
```

@maInfo

	FileNames	Subject	ID #	Cy3	Cy5	Hyb	buffer
1	6Hs.195.1.gpr		1	b7 -	b7 +	Ambion	Hyb Slide
2	6Hs.168.gpr		3	b7 +	b7 -	Ambion	Hyb Slide
3	6Hs.166.gpr		4	b7 +	b7 -	Ambion	Hyb Slide
4	6Hs.187.1.gpr		6	b7 -	b7 +	Ambion	Hyb Slide

5	6Hs.194.gpr	8	b7 - b7 + Ambion Hyb Slide
6	6Hs.243.1.gpr	11	b7 + b7 - Ambion Hyb Slide
	Hyb Temp (deg C)	Hyb Time (h)	Date of Blood Draw
1	55	40	2002.10.11
2	55	40	2003.01.16
3	55	40	2003.01.16
4	55	40	2002.09.16
5	55	40	2002.09.18
6	55	40	2003.01.13
	Amplification	Slide Type	Date of Scan
1	R2 aRNA	Aminosilane	2003.07.25
2	R2 aRNA	Aminosilane	2003.08.07
3	R2 aRNA	Aminosilane	2003.08.07
4	R2 aRNA	Aminosilane	2003.07.18
5	R2 aRNA	Aminosilane	2003.07.25
6	R2 aRNA	Aminosilane	2003.08.06

```
@maNotes
```

```
[1] "Data/TargetBeta7.txt"
```

Getting the Numerical Info

Grab the data from the GPR files:

```
> mraw <- read.GenePix(targets = TargetInfo, path = "Data")
```

```
Reading ... Data/6Hs.195.1.gpr
```

```
Reading ... Data/6Hs.168.gpr
```

```
Reading ... Data/6Hs.166.gpr
```

```
Reading ... Data/6Hs.187.1.gpr
```

```
Reading ... Data/6Hs.194.gpr
```

```
Reading ... Data/6Hs.243.1.gpr
```

Mac errors?

Note: this works on a PC. On a Mac laptop, Keith reported the following error messages:

```
> mraw <- read.GenePix(targets = TargetInfo)
Error in if (skip > 0) readLines(file, skip) :
missing value where TRUE/FALSE needed
In addition: Warning messages:
1: input string 32 is invalid in this locale in:
  grep(pattern, x, ignore.case, extended, value, fixed,
    useBytes)
2: input string 32 is invalid in this locale in:
  grep(pattern, x, ignore.case, extended, value, fixed,
    useBytes)
```

What Can be Inferred?

So, what does our `marrayRaw` object contain at this point?

We look at the individual slots.

```
> slotNames(mraw)
```

```
[1] "maRf"      "maGf"      "maRb"      "maGb"  
[5] "maW"       "maLayout"  "maGnames"  "maTargets"  
[9] "maNotes"
```

Of these, the first 5 are the basic quantification information, extracted from the GPR files. All of them are 23184 by 6 in size. The others are the associated layout and annotation files. We will extract these to find out a bit more about them.

Summary, Part 1 – Layout

```
> summary(mraw)
```

Pre-normalization intensity data:

Object of class marrayRaw.

Number of arrays: 6 arrays.

A) Layout of spots on the array:

Array layout: Object of class marrayLayout.

Total number of spots: 23184

Dimensions of grid matrix: 12 rows by 4 cols

Dimensions of spot matrices: 23 rows by 21 cols

Currently working with a subset of 23184spots.

More Layout

Control spots:

There are 5 types of controls :

Buffer	Empty	Negative	Positive	probes
3	1328	225	204	21424

Notes on layout:

The layout can be inferred from the gpr files! This is not too suprising, as every row of a GPR file contains entries for grid row, grid col, spot row, and spot col. As a side note, what is the precise order?

Layout Ordering

```
> zedL <- mraw@maLayout
> zedLSC <- maSpotCol(zedL)
> zedLSR <- maSpotRow(zedL)
> zedLGR <- maGridRow(zedL)
> zedLGC <- maGridCol(zedL)
> zedLcoords <- cbind(zedLGR, zedLGC, zedLSR, zedLSC)
> zedLcoords[c(1:2, 20:22), ]
```

	zedLGR	zedLGC	zedLSR	zedLSC
[1,]	1	1	1	1
[2,]	1	1	1	2
[3,]	1	1	1	20
[4,]	1	1	1	21
[5,]	1	1	2	1

Summary Part 2 – Sample Info

B) Samples hybridized to the array:

Object of class `marrayInfo`.

	<code>maLabels</code>	<code>FileNames</code>	<code>SubjectID</code>	<code>Cy3</code>	<code>Cy5</code>
1	6Hs.195.1.gpr	6Hs.195.1.gpr	1	b7 -	b7 +
2	6Hs.168.gpr	6Hs.168.gpr	3	b7 +	b7 -
..					
	Date of Blood Draw	Date of Scan			
1	2002.10.11	2003.07.25			
2	2003.01.16	2003.08.07			
..					

Since we supplied the `marrayInfo` file in the call to `read.GenePix`, this is imported from there.

Summary Part 3 – Array Summaries

C) Summary statistics for log-ratio distribution:

	Min.	1st Qu.	Median	Mean	3rd Qu.	Max.	NA's
6Hs.195.1.gpr	-6.13	-1.00	-0.52	-0.50	-0.08	5.95	3415
6Hs.168.gpr	-7.08	-0.80	-0.21	-0.23	0.34	5.19	2839
6Hs.166.gpr	-7.07	-1.25	-0.64	-0.62	-0.02	6.15	3440
6Hs.187.1.gpr	-9.81	-0.92	-0.60	-0.55	-0.25	5.00	2942
6Hs.194.gpr	-5.93	0.00	0.44	0.53	0.90	7.74	6090
6Hs.243.1.gpr	-6.38	-1.13	-0.69	-0.64	-0.21	7.05	2227

Log ratios – what direction is the default? Cy3/Cy5? Cy5/Cy3? (the latter, according to documentation)

Summary Part 4 – Notes

D) Notes on intensity data:

GenePix Data

Ok, that dealt with most of the microarray structure itself.

What happens if we ask about the gene names? This is what we really want, so that we can understand the biology.

Annotation

```
> mraw@maGnames[1:2,]
```

```
An object of class "marrayInfo"
```

```
[1] "H200000297" "H200000303"
```

```
      ID
```

```
H200000297 H200000297
```

```
H200000303 H200000303
```

```
      Name
```

```
H200000297 OVGP1 - Oviductal glycoprotein 1, 120kD (mucin 9,
```

```
H200000303 TAF1 - TAF1 RNA polymerase II, TATA box binding pr
```

```
[1] ""
```

Again, these are read in from the GPR files. The first column here, the `maLabels`, is the Operon-supplied identifier for that specific oligo, and as such it should be unique.

Getting the Data: TMTOWTDI

So, what if you are working with a Mac?

This `marrayRaw` object and a few other things are available as a package from BioConductor called “beta7”. I had to run a search at the top level of BioConductor to find this; it is part of the “Data” page associated with the monograph. I downloaded the gzipped tar (.tar.gz) file and did an install from local source.

<http://www.bioconductor.org/docs/mogr/data>

```
> library("beta7")  
> data(beta7)
```

loads an `marrayRaw` object (called `beta7`) with info on the 6 selected arrays.

How was Data Reported?

Table 1: Gene transcripts with higher expression in $\beta 7^+$ versus $\beta 7^-$ CD4⁺ CD45RA⁻ T helper cells*

Symbol	Name	Accession	Fold Difference	P value
CCR9	chemokine (C-C motif) receptor 9	NM_031200	+3.0	< 0.01
CCL5	chemokine (C-C motif) ligand 5	NM_002985	+2.4	< 0.01
RAM2	transcription factor RAM2	NM_018719	+2.2	< 0.01
LRRN3	leucine rich repeat neuronal 3	AL442092	+2.1	< 0.01
GFI1	growth factor independent 1	NM_005263	+1.8	< 0.01
ITGA4	integrin, alpha 4 (CD49D)	NM_000885	+1.7	< 0.01
CD1C	CD1C antigen, c polypeptide	NM_001765	+1.7	< 0.01
KLRB1	killer cell lectin-like receptor subfamily B, member 1	NM_002258	+1.7	< 0.01
LAIR1	leukocyte-associated Ig-like receptor 1	NM_002287	+1.7	< 0.01
RRM2	ribonucleotide reductase M2 polypeptide	NM_001034	+1.6	< 0.01
--	Homo sapiens cDNA FLJ32290 fis, clone PROST2000463	AK056852	+1.6	< 0.01
HHL	expressed in hematopoietic cells, heart, liver	NM_014857	+1.6	0.02
IL18RAP	interleukin 18 receptor accessory protein	NM_003853	+1.6	< 0.01
SREBF1	sterol regulatory element binding transcription factor 1	NM_004176	+1.6	< 0.01
KLRG1	killer cell lectin-like receptor subfamily G, member 1	NM_005810	+1.5	< 0.01
LGALS2	lectin, galactoside-binding, soluble, 2 (galectin 2)	NM_006498	+1.5	0.01

* Includes all transcripts with fold difference ≥ 1.5 and adjusted $P < 0.05$. Positive fold difference values indicate higher expression on $\beta 7^+$ cells.

There are some unique identifiers here!

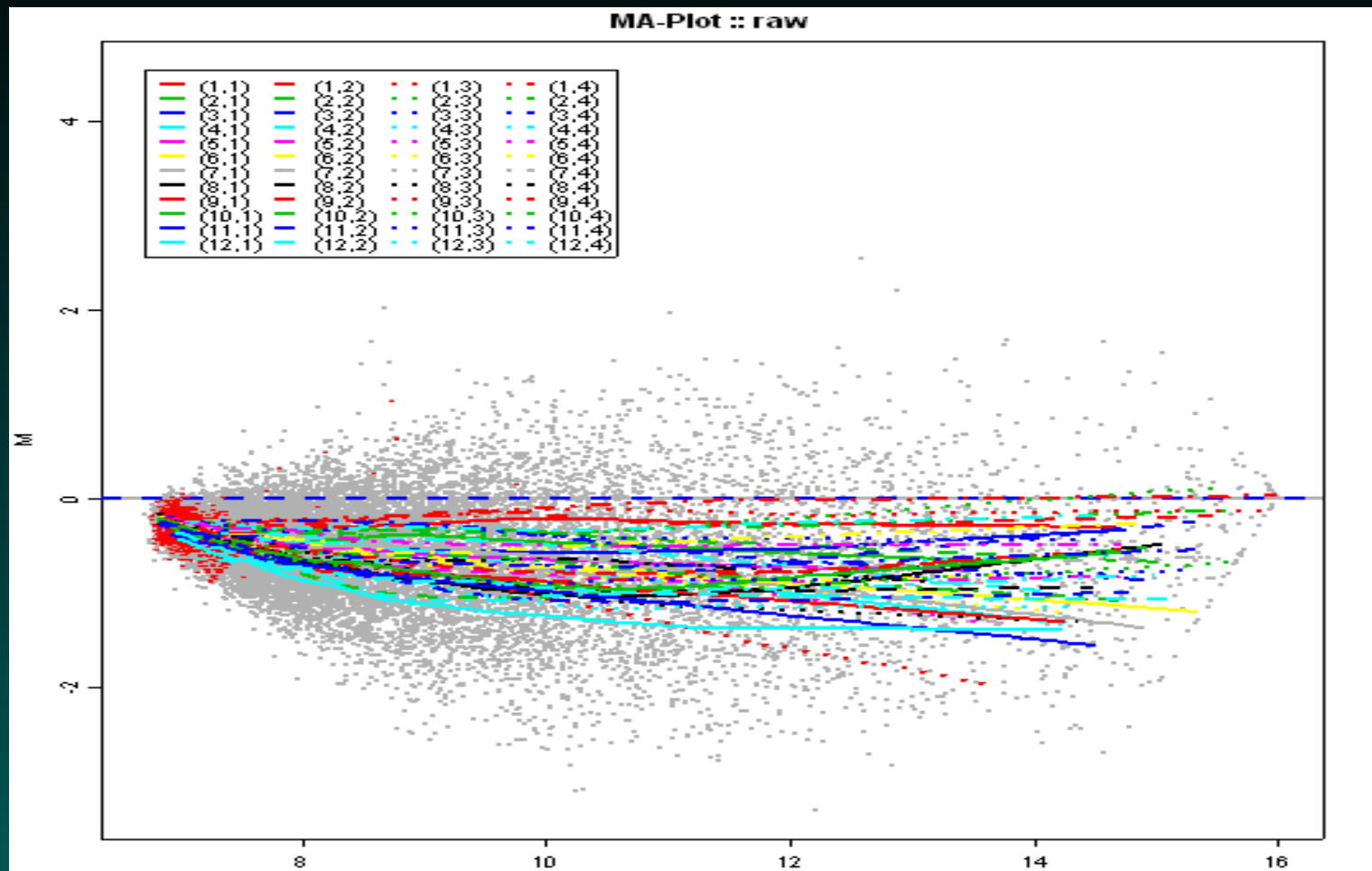
Checking the Data

Ok, now we have the raw data. What do we want to try next? Well, checking array quality would be nice.

```
> maQualityPlots(mraw); # again, works on PC only  
save as diagPlot..6Hs.195.1.png  
save as diagPlot..6Hs.168.png  
save as diagPlot..6Hs.166.png  
save as diagPlot..6Hs.187.1.png  
save as diagPlot..6Hs.194.png  
save as diagPlot..6Hs.243.1.png
```

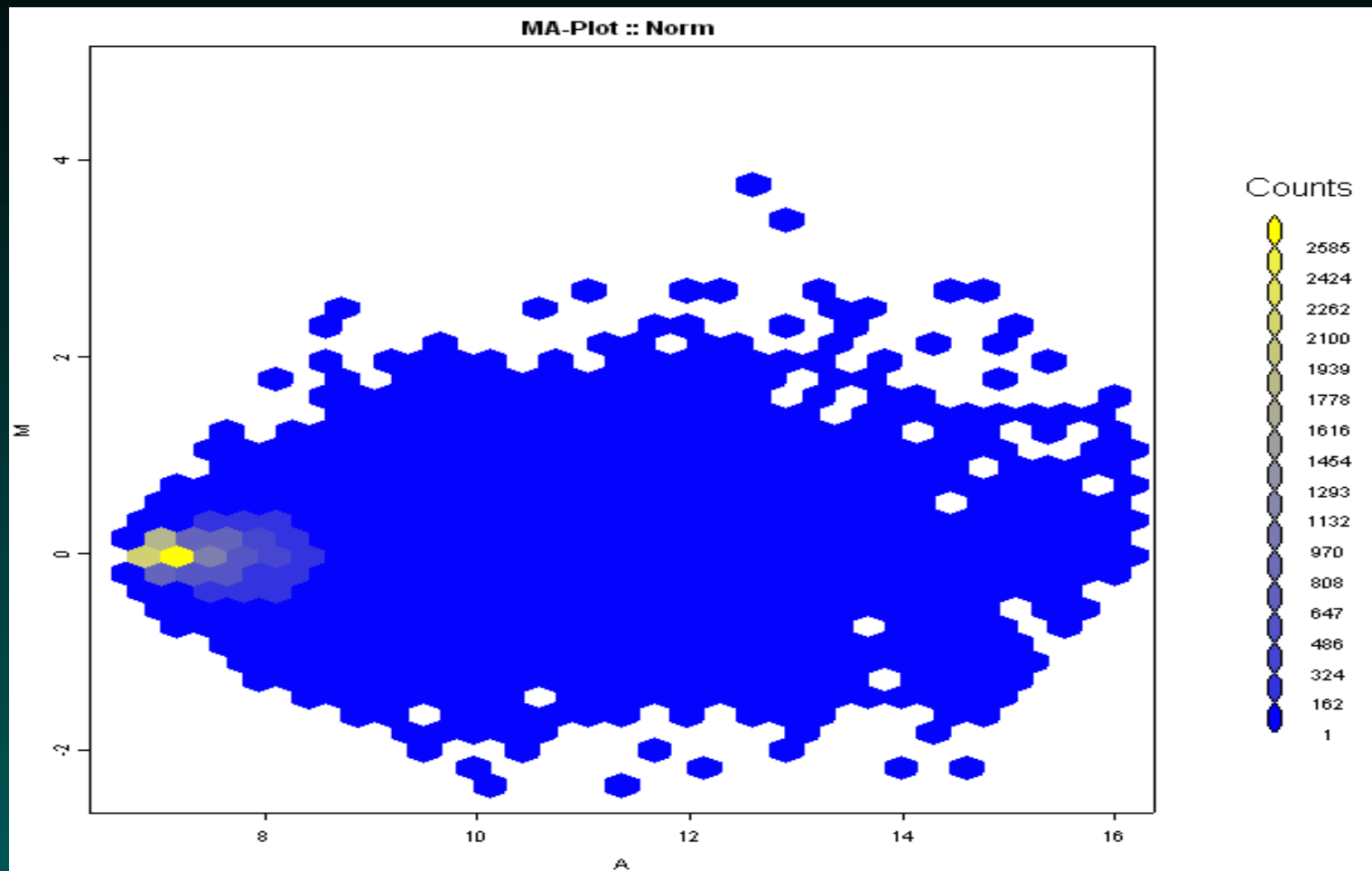
What does this produce? One large png file for each array. This plot has 8 panels...

Panel (a)



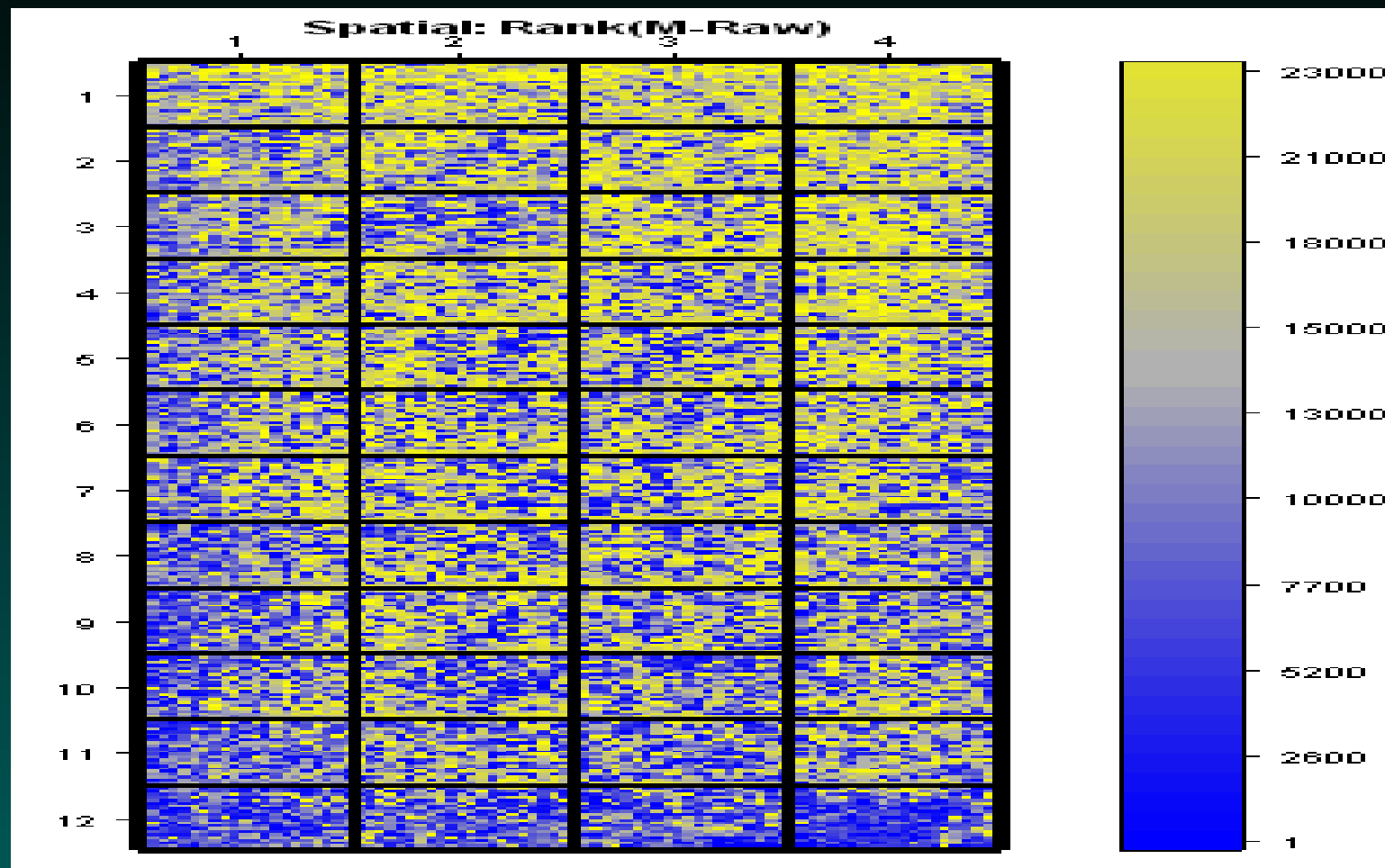
(a) an MA-plot for the raw data, with loess traces for each pin

Panel (b)



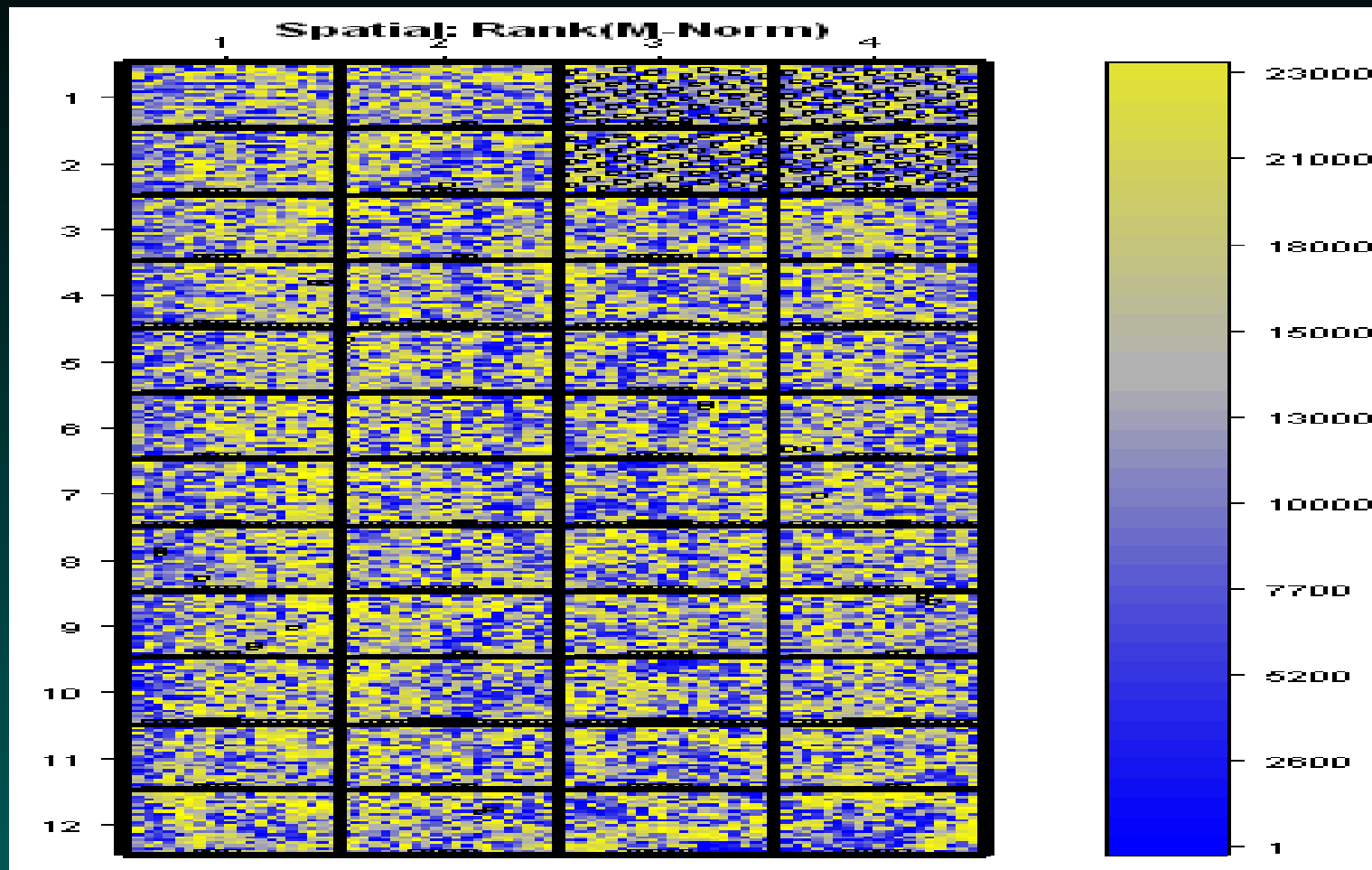
(b) an MA-plot for the data after print-tip loess normalization, displayed using hexbin.

Panel (c)



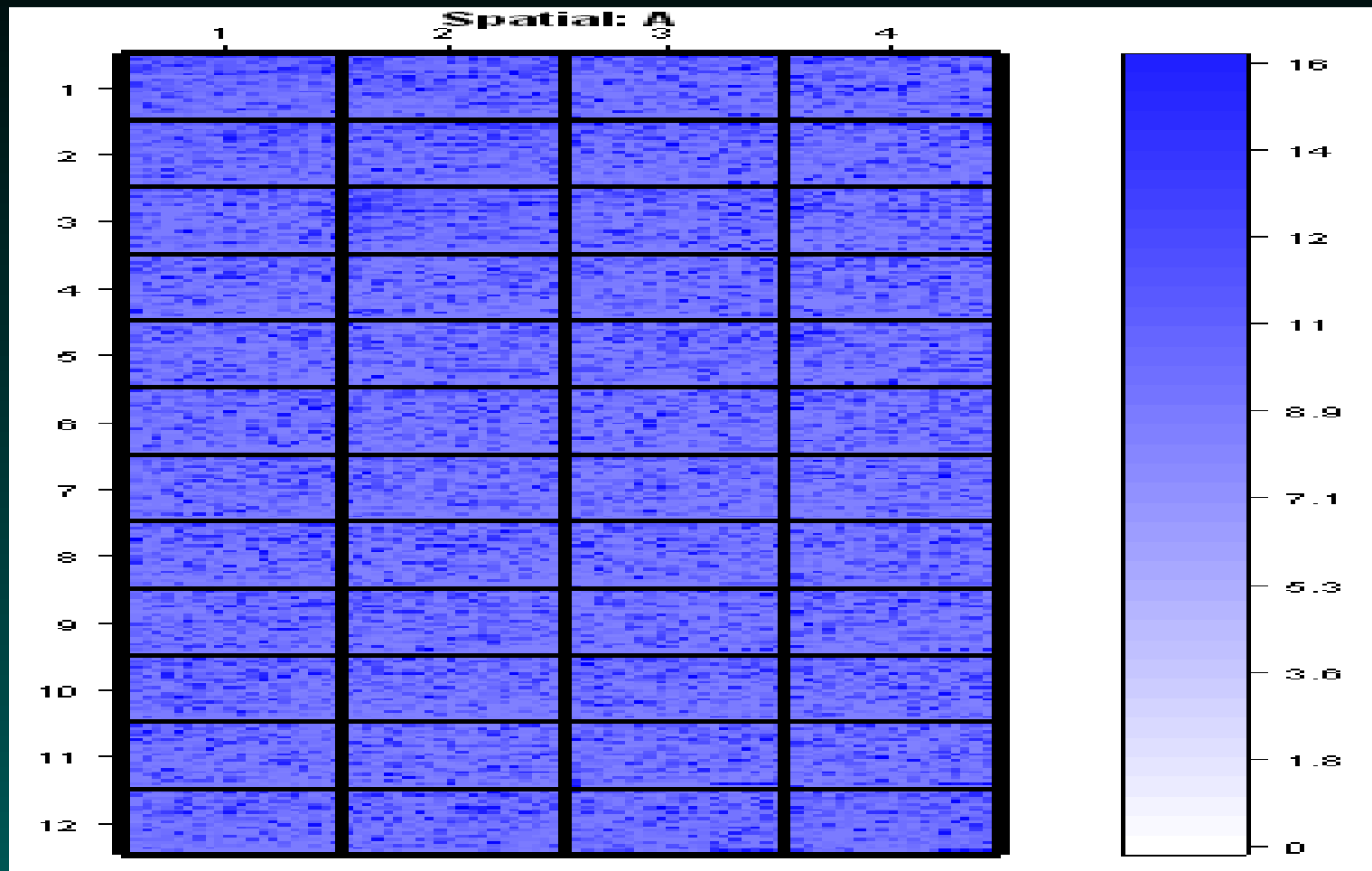
(c) a spatial plot of ranks of the M-Row differences

Panel (d)



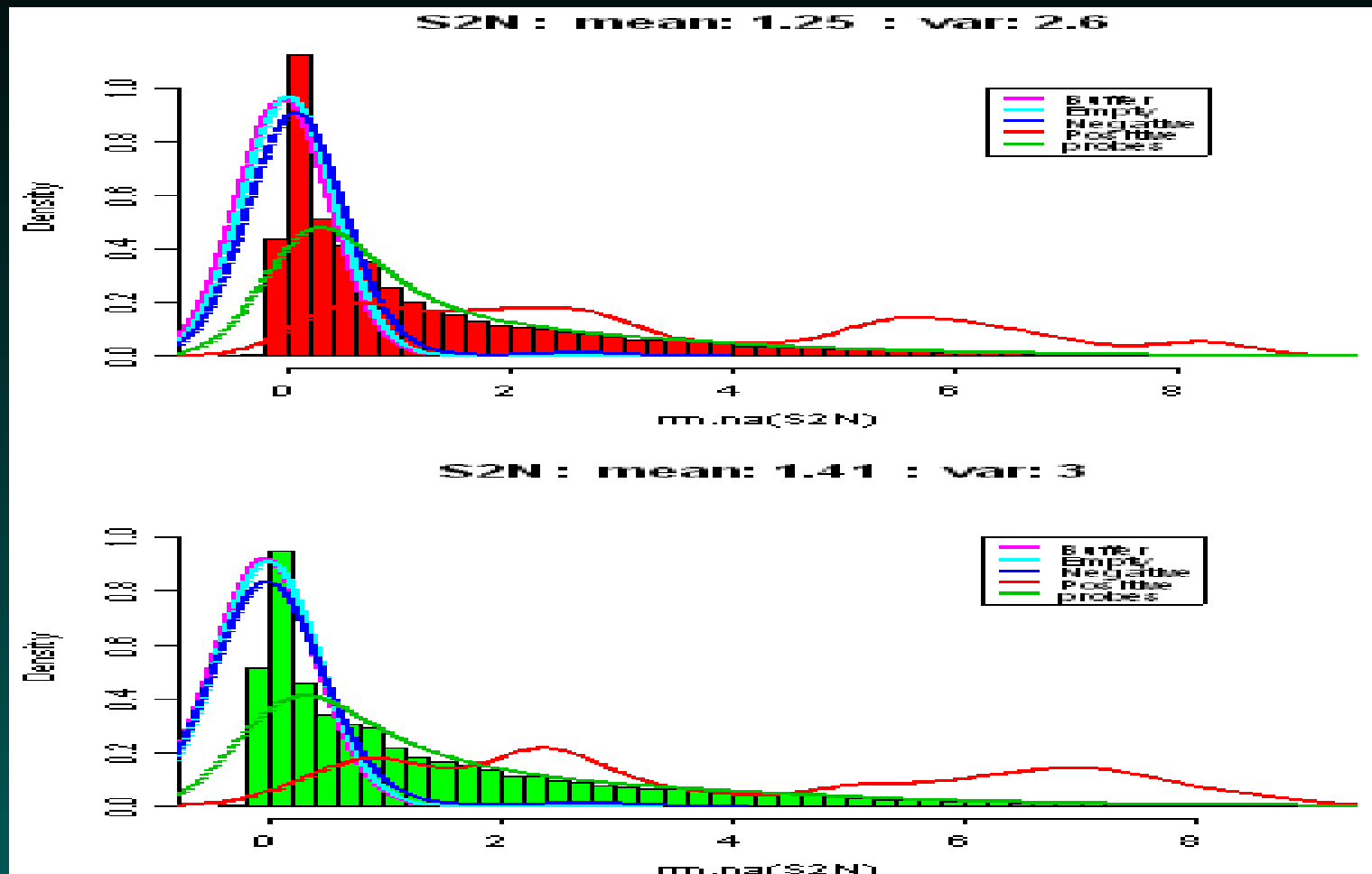
(d) a spatial plot of ranks of the M-Norm differences, with outliers flagged

Panel (e)



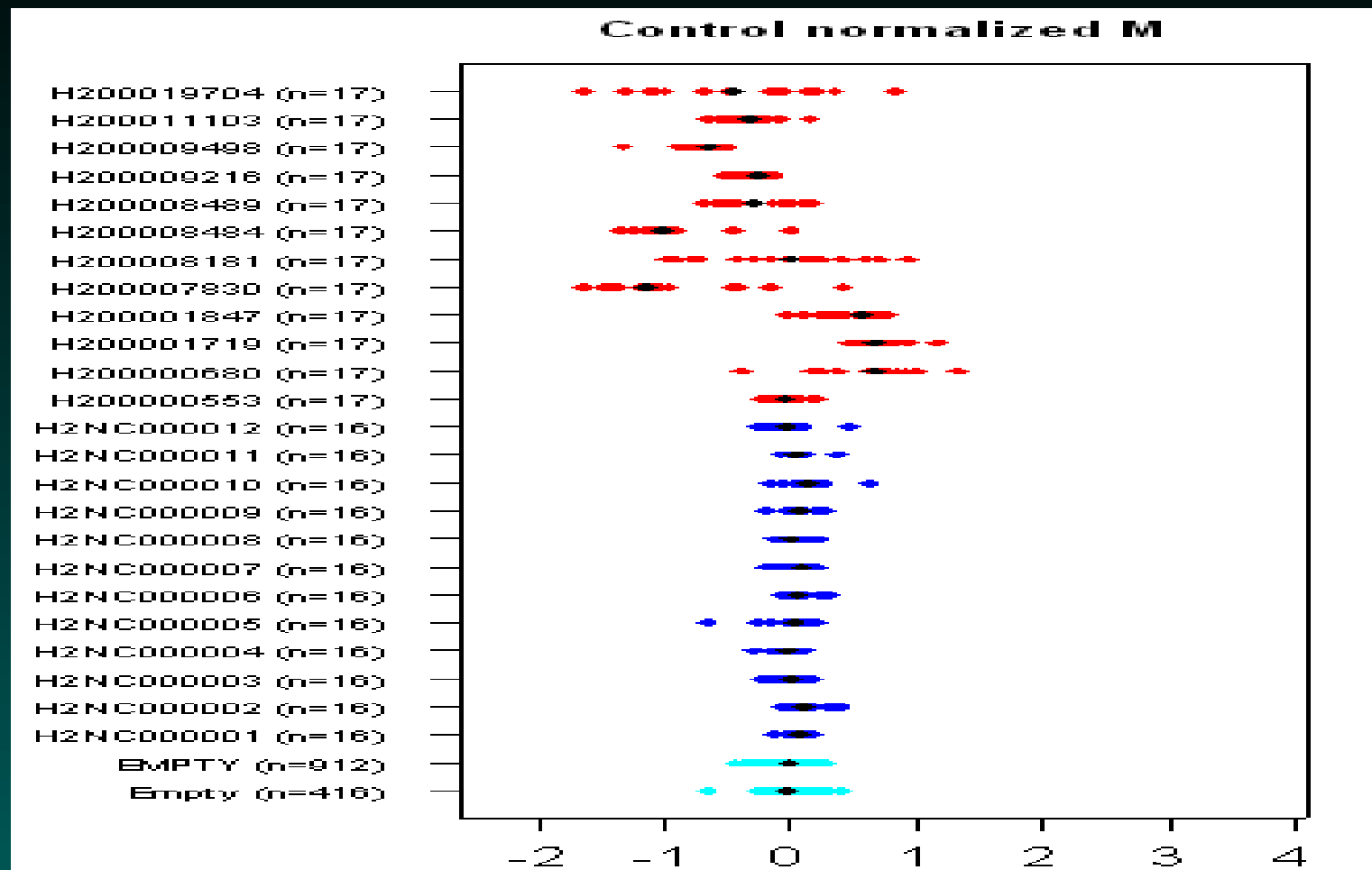
(e) a spatial plot of the A values

Panel (f)



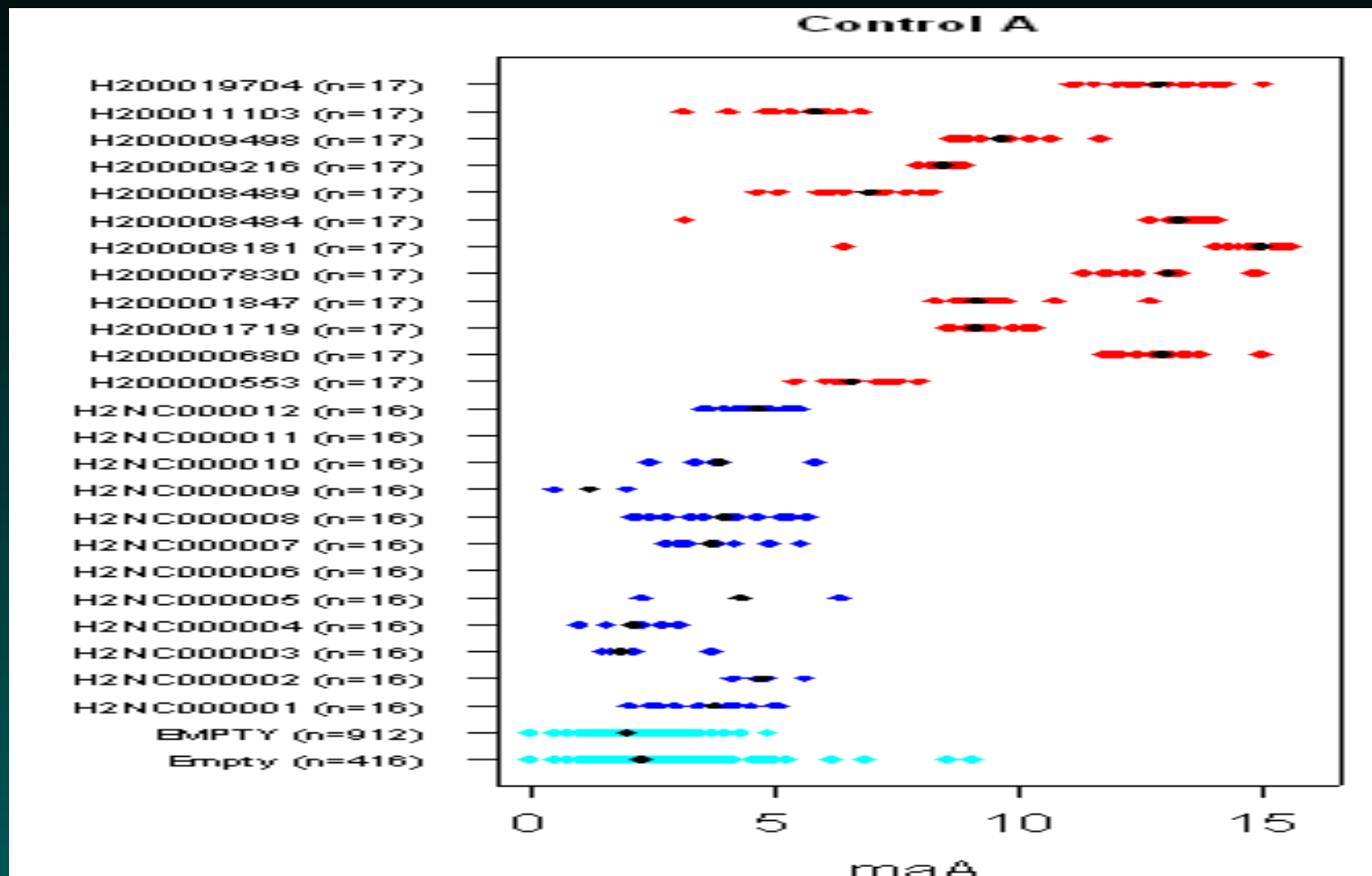
(f) signal to noise distribution plots for each channel (presumably assessed on the raw data)

Panel (g)



(g) M distributions for replicated controls using the normalized values

Panel (h)



(h) A distributions for replicated controls using the normalized values

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Go from an `marrayRaw` object to an `marrayNorm` object.

```
> normdata <- maNorm(mraw)
```

By default, this will invoke print-tip loess as the processing method.

Exporting the Data

```
> write.marray(normdata)
```

NULL

This will create a file “maRawResults.xls”, even though the normalized data was used. This will give grid R,C, spot R,C, the spot ID, the gene name, and the associated log ratio values. It presumes that we know which direction the ratios are taken in (in, fact, Cy5/Cy3).

Using the Data Further

```
> library("convert")  
> mdata <- as(normdata, "exprSet")
```

This would seem to coerce our `marrayNorm` object into an `exprSet`, which we can then act upon to get more information. This is partially correct.

The gene names are not retained or passed, so keeping track of the annotation must be done by index value or attached separately.

How was the Data Analyzed?

According to the methods, they worked just with the foreground measurements; no background was subtracted.

Print-tip loess was used to normalize the array data, and log ratios were computed.

Differentially expressed genes were estimated using a linear model (and the limma package). The model:

$$Y_{ij} = \mu + A_i + \epsilon_{ij}$$

The individual (b7+/b7-) log ratio values for each array are expressed in terms of an overall level, a patient effect, and a chip effect. The patient effect lets them deal with replicates intelligently.

More Analysis

For each gene, a “moderated t-test” was performed using an empirical Bayes approach, pooling information about the variance to make the results more stable.

The genes had to be significant at a 0.01 level after a Bonferroni correction, and the mean fold change had to be more than 1.5.

What Other Info was Provided?

Together with the paper, and the data posted to GEO (the layouts of the arrays used, the gpr files, and more information about what the genes are), there was also a supplementary information file giving a MIAME-compliant list of information.

This list was important, as it specified which samples were labeled with Cy5, and which with Cy3. What is recorded in GEO is simply “Channel 1” and “Channel 2”.

Adventures with the Gene Expression Omnibus

I went back to GEO to find the full data set, to see how easy (ha!) it would be to get the whole thing into R. Maybe by Thursday I will have figured this all out. In the mean time, you get to share my confusion/frustration....

Searching for the Data Set

GDS - GEO DataSets - Mozilla Firefox

http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/entrez/query.fcgi?CMD=search&DB=gds

Google Project Tracker Entrez-PubMed MDACC Bioinfo Microarray Core Faci... Wiki: BiomarkerJour...

GDS - GEO DataSets The Comprehensive R Archive Network R & SPlus XML Parsers

NCBI Entrez GEO DataSets My NCBI [Sign In] [Register]

All Databases PubMed Nucleotide Protein Genome Structure PMC Journals Books

Search GEO DataSets for GSE1039 Go Clear Save Search

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All: 3 DataSets: 0 Platforms: 2 Series: 1

Items 1 - 3 of 3 One page.

☐ **1: GSE1039 record: Differential Gene Expression by Memory T Helper Cells Bearing the Gut-Homing Receptor Integrin $\alpha 4 \beta 7$ [Homo sapiens]** Links

Summary: (Submitter supplied) This series represents mature CD4+ lymphocytes with high and low expression of integrin $\alpha 4 \beta 7$ isolated from human subjects. Keywords = lymphocyte, integrin $\alpha 4 \beta 7$, differential gene expression, microarray
[2 related Platforms](#)

Supplementary Files: TIFF [download ...](#)

Samples: 27 (listing 18)

GSM16665: Hs_004_187_2	GSM16675: Hs_004_186_2	GSM16679: Hs_004_235
GSM16680: Hs_004_189_1	GSM16681: Hs_004_188	GSM16685: 6Hs.094
GSM16686: 6Hs.195.1	GSM16687: 6Hs.168	GSM16688: 6Hs.169.1
GSM16689: 6Hs.166	GSM16690: 6Hs.167.1	GSM16691: 6Hs.076
GSM16692: 6Hs.074	GSM16693: 6Hs.186.1	GSM16694: 6Hs.187.1
GSM16695: 6Hs.075	GSM16699: 6Hs.073	GSM16700: 6Hs.184.1

☐ **2: GPL976 record: UCSF 4Hs Human v.2 Oligo Array [Homo sapiens]** Links

Summary: (Submitter supplied) Spotted long oligonucleotide array on glass. Keywords = spotted, long oligonucleotide
[1 related Series](#)

Done

The Source Page for GSE1039

The screenshot shows a web browser window titled "GEO Accession viewer - Mozilla Firefox". The address bar displays the URL: <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/geo/query/acc.cgi?acc=GSE1039>. The browser has several tabs open, including "GEO Accession viewer", "The Comprehensive R Archive Network", and "R & SPlus XML Parsers".

The main content area displays the NCBI GEO Accession viewer for GSE1039. The page header includes the NCBI logo and the "Gene Expression Omnibus" title. Navigation links include "HOME", "SEARCH", "SITE MAP", "Handout", "NAR 2005 Paper", "NAR 2002 Paper", "FAQ", "MIAME", and "Email GEO". The user is "Not logged in" and can click "Login".

The "GEO help" section states: "Mouse over screen elements for information." Below this, there are search filters: "Scope: Self", "Format: HTML", "Amount: Quick", and "GEO accession: GSE1039". A "GO" button is present.

The main section is titled "Series GSE1039" and "Query DataSets for GSE1039". It contains the following information:

- Status:** Public on Feb 13, 2004
- Title:** Differential Gene Expression by Memory T Helper Cells Bearing the Gut-Homing Receptor Integrin $\alpha 4\beta 7$
- Organism(s):** [Homo sapiens](#)
- Type:** parallel sample
- Summary:** This series represents mature CD4+ lymphocytes with high and low expression of integrin $\alpha 4\beta 7$ isolated from human subjects.
Keywords = lymphocyte, integrin $\alpha 4\beta 7$, differential gene expression, microarray
- Web Link:** <http://www.pubmedcentral.gov/articlerender.fcgi?tool=pubmed&pubmedid=15236665>
- Contributor(s):** [Erle DJ](#), [Rodriguez MW](#)
- PubMed ID:** [15236665](#)
- Submission date:** Feb 10, 2004
- Contact name:** Michael E. Salazar
- Phone:** (415) 514-4371
- URL:** <http://arrays.ucsf.edu>
- Organization name:** University of California, San Francisco
- Department:**

The status bar at the bottom of the browser window shows "Done".

Scroll Down to Find the Link

GEO Accession viewer - Mozilla Firefox

File Edit View Go Bookmarks Tools Help

http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/geo/query/acc.cgi?acc=GSE1039

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GEO Accession viewer

The Comprehensive R Archive Network R & SPlus XML Parsers

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State/province CA
ZIP/Postal code 94158
Country USA

Platforms (2) [GPL976](#) UCSF 4Hs Human v.2 Oligo Array
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Samples (27) [GSM16665](#) Hs_004_187_2
[Show all...](#) [GSM16675](#) Hs_004_186_2
[GSM16679](#) Hs_004_235

Download family	Format
GSE1039_family.soft.gz	SOFT
GSE1039_family.xml.tgz	MINIML

Supplementary files	File type
GSE1039_RAW.tar	TAR (of TIFF)

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File Formats

The data set is available in two different file formats:

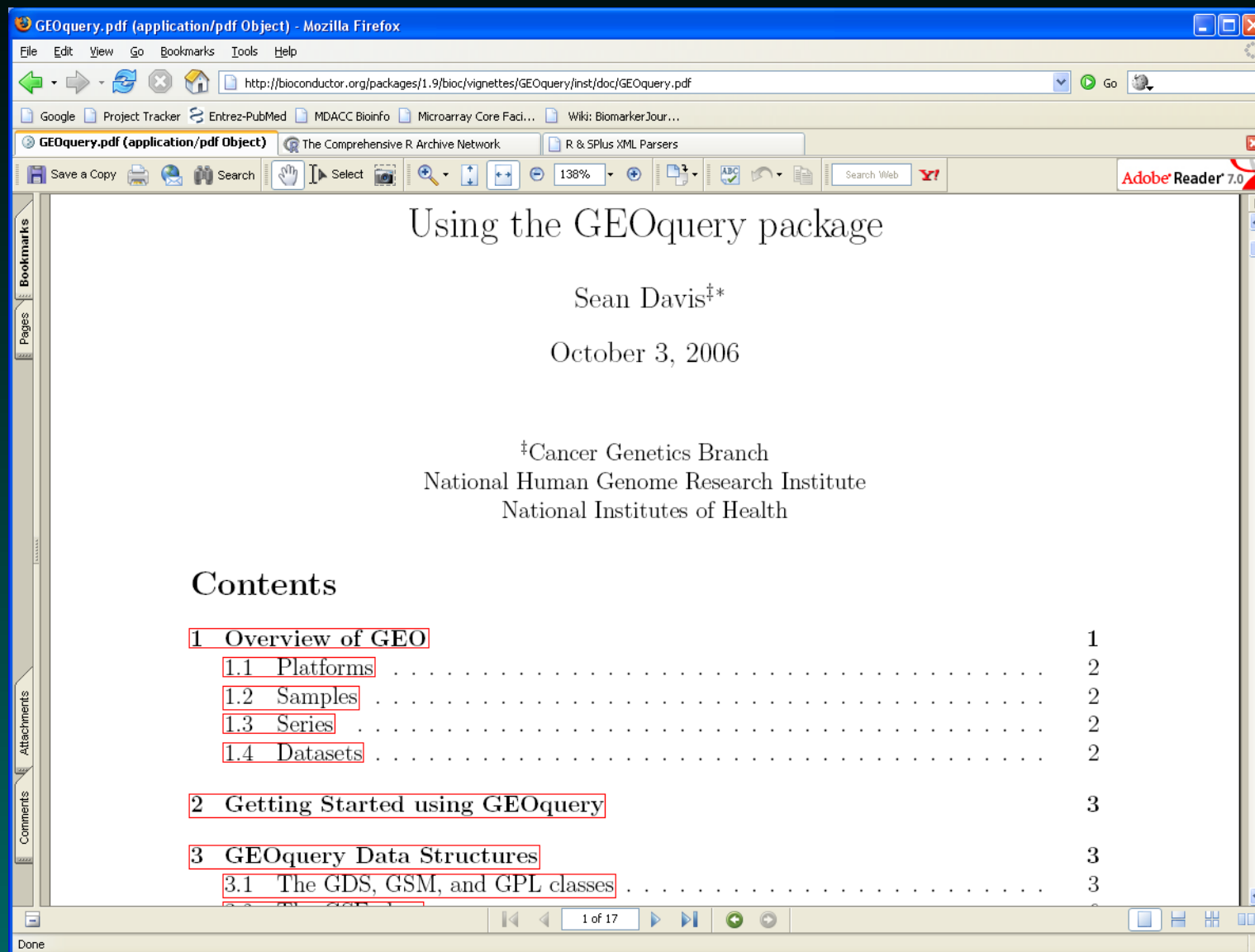
1. SOFT format

- One big file that clumps everything together, with special characters separating the pieces
- A google search for “BioConductor SOFT” uncovers the **GEOquery** package to handle SOFT files

2. MINiML format

- A “tarball” of files, with the documentation in one XML file and everything else in tab-separated-values format with no headers
- Another google search turns up the **XML** package for R

GEOquery



GEOquery

So, I installed the **GEOquery** package, and then loaded it.

```
> require(GEOquery)
```

```
[1] TRUE
```

If you just pass the “GSE1039” identifier into the **getGEO** function, it will download the file from the NCBI and start processing it. Since I had already downloaded it myself, I used the **filename** parameter to the function.

```
> gse1039 <- getGEO(filename = "GSE1039_family.soft")
```

Then I waited. And waited. After more than an hour-and-half, I finally saw some results:

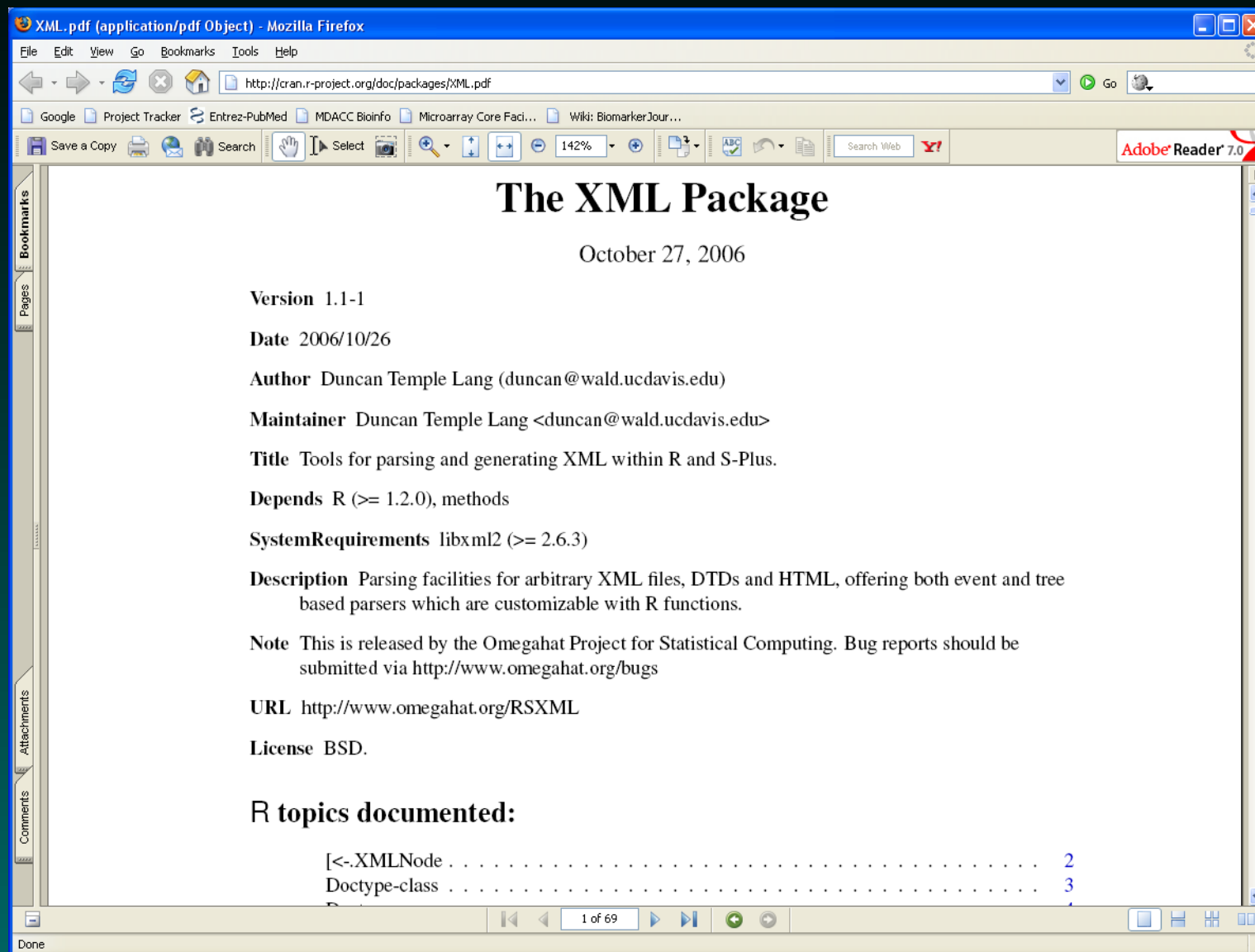
Parsing....

```
^PLATFORM = GPL976
^SAMPLE = GSM16675
^SAMPLE = GSM16679
^SAMPLE = GSM16680
^SAMPLE = GSM16681
^SAMPLE = GSM16685
^SAMPLE = GSM16686
^SAMPLE = GSM16687
^SAMPLE = GSM16688
^SAMPLE = GSM16689
^SAMPLE = GSM16690
^SAMPLE = GSM16691
^SAMPLE = GSM16692
^SAMPLE = GSM16693
^SAMPLE = GSM16694
```

```
^SAMPLE = GSM16695  
^SAMPLE = GSM16699  
^SAMPLE = GSM16700  
^SAMPLE = GSM16704  
^SAMPLE = GSM16705  
^SAMPLE = GSM16706  
^SAMPLE = GSM16719  
^SAMPLE = GSM16720  
^SAMPLE = GSM16724  
^SAMPLE = GSM16725  
^SAMPLE = GSM16726  
^SAMPLE = GSM16727
```

While this was going on, I decided to check out the XML approach ...

XML



Adventures with XML, Part 1

After installing the XML package from CRAN, I foolishly went ahead and tried to use it. Of course, this naive attempt failed. Unlike most packages, this one is decidedly not self-contained. It required a separate set of files to parse XML files, which I learned by going back to the original web site from the developer of the package.

R XML Home Page



The screenshot shows a Mozilla Firefox browser window with the title "R & SPlus XML Parsers - Mozilla Firefox". The address bar displays the URL "http://www.omegahat.org/RXML/Overview.html#Installation". The browser's toolbar includes buttons for back, forward, home, and search, along with a search engine dropdown set to Google. The main content area of the browser displays the "R & SPlus XML Parsers" website. The page has a white background with a blue border. At the top, the title "R & SPlus XML Parsers" is written in large, bold, red letters. Below the title, the text "Latest version: [XML_1.1-1.tar.gz](#)" is displayed. To the right of this text, there is a link labeled "R Package" in blue. A list of links is presented on the left side of the page, each preceded by a small blue star icon. The links are: "Overview", "Package Overview", "Examples" (which has two sub-links: "Tree-based." and "Event-driven."), "Reading DTDs", "Obtaining the software" (with sub-links "Unix" and "Windows"), "License", "Installation" (with a sub-link "Installing from [XML_1.1-1.tar.gz](#)"), "FileList", "Installing libxml and/or Expat" (with sub-links "Exapt" and "libxml"), "Features", "Recent Changes" (with a small yellow "new" icon to its left), and "List of Things To Add, Fix, etc.". Below this list, the section "Latest News" is written in large, bold, red letters, also preceded by a small yellow "new" icon. Under "Latest News", there is a bullet point followed by the text "Support for S4/Splus5 for the Tree Parsing". Below this, a line of smaller text reads "Event driven parsing and function callbacks not yet added for S4/Splus5. Requires mutable". The browser's status bar at the bottom left shows the word "Done".

R & SPlus XML Parsers

Latest version: [XML_1.1-1.tar.gz](#)

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Latest News

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The XML Installation Instructions

Microsoft Windows

There is now a version of the package for Windows. One can install from [source](#) or download a [binary, pre-compiled version](#) of the package from Brian Ripley's R windows package builds.

Installing From Binary

Change directory to the location in which you want to install the library. This is usually `R_HOME/library`.
 Download the zip file [XML_1.1-1.zip](#).
 Unzip the contents of the zip file.

```
unzip XML_1.1-1.zip
```

Download the [libxml2-2.4.13 distribution for Windows](#) created by Igor Zlatkovic.
 You will possibly need the iconv libraries also.
 Install the libxml2 (and iconv) libraries into a directory and add that to your PATH.
 Run R and load the library using `library(XML)` !

Installing From Source on Windows

To install from source, you can follow these steps.

- Change directory to the `src/library/` within the R distribution.

```
cd R_HOME/src/library
```
- Untar the `XML_1.1-1.tar.gz`.

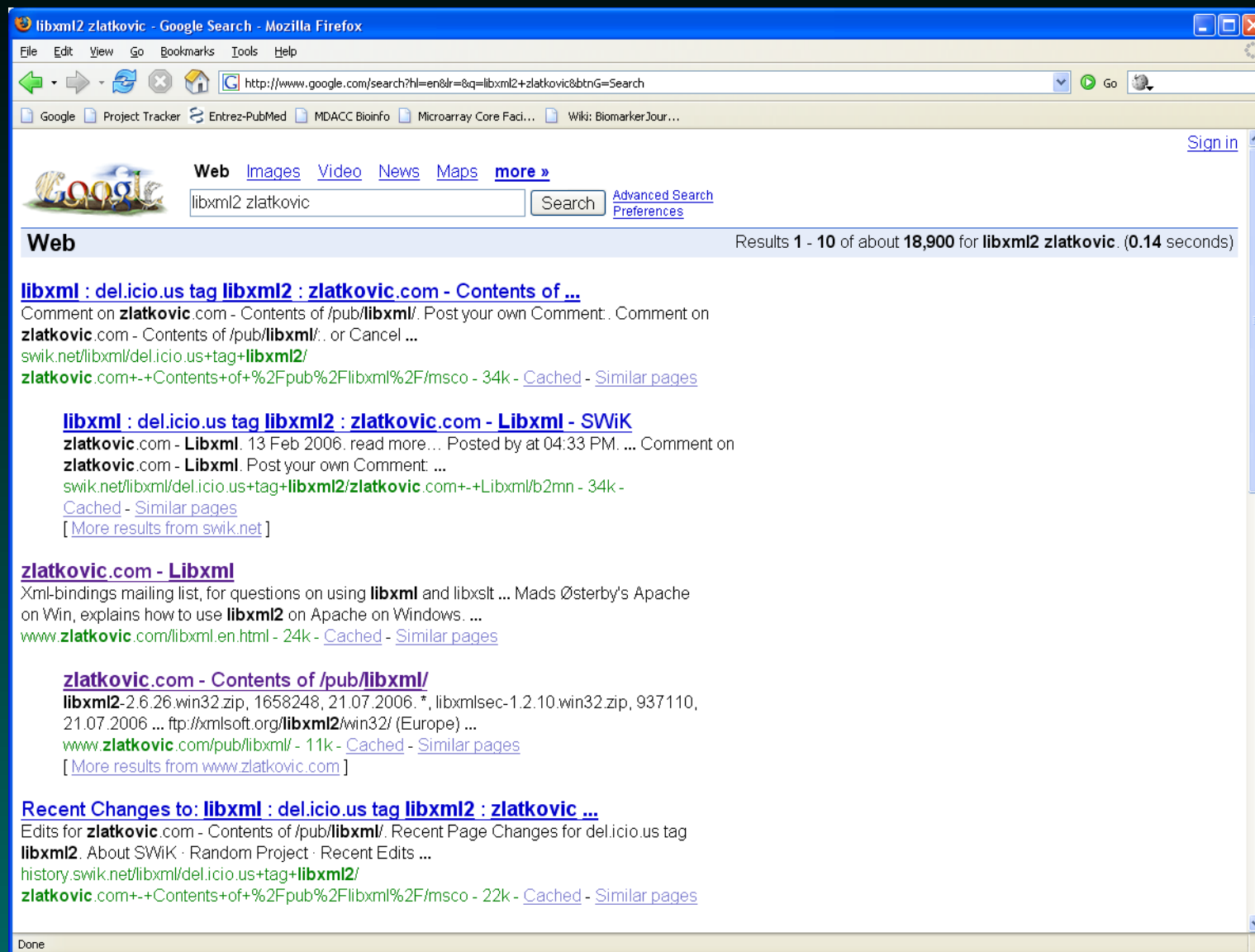
```
tar xzf XML_1.1-1.tar.gz
```
- Edit the **Makevars.win** file in the `XML/src/` directory. You will need to provide the names of the directories in which the libxml2 header files and the libxml2 library can be found.
- Change directory to the `src/gnuwin32` directory within the R distribution.

```
cd ../gnuwin32
```
- Issue the package build command `make pkg-XML`

File List

Done

The Link to libxml2 Was Broken...



This Time, We Read the Instructions First...

zlatkovic.com - Libxml - Mozilla Firefox

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http://www.zlatkovic.com/libxml.en.html

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Getting The Binaries

The binaries are available in the [download area](#). However, read this document in its entirety before you grab any of these.

First check what you need to download. There are several packages available and some of them depend on the others. The packages available on this site are:

- libxml2, the XML parser and processor.
- libxslt, the XSL and EXSL Transformations processor.
- xmlsec, the XMLSec and XMLDSig processor.
- xsldb, the XSL Transformations debugger.
- openssl, the general crypto toolkit.
- iconv, the character encoding toolkit.
- zlib, the compression toolkit.

How these packages depend on each other is shown in the following figure:

```
graph TD; xmlsec[xmlsec] -- blue --> libxslt[libxslt]; xsldb[xsldb] -- blue --> libxslt; libxslt -- blue --> libxml[libxml]; libxml -- blue --> openssl[openssl]; libxml -- blue --> iconv[iconv]; libxml -- blue --> zlib[zlib];
```

Figure: libxml package dependencies

To satisfy the dependencies, look up the desired package and get that and everything else below, following the arrows. The blue arrows show the mandatory dependencies, you'll never get through without these. The gray arrows represent the dependencies which can be removed through recompiling. For the binary packages to work, you must follow all arrows.

Done

Adventures with XML, Part 2

```
> require(XML)
```

```
[1] TRUE
```

```
> mytree <- xmlTreeParse("GSE1039/GSE1039_family.xml")
```

```
GSE1039/GSE1039_family.xml:242: parser error : Input is not  
proper UTF-8, indicate encoding !
```

```
Bytes: 0xB5 0x6D 0x20 0x6F
```

```
<Description>the X-coordinate in µm of the center of  
^
```

UTF-8 Encoding Ain't What it Used To Be

After more trials and tribulations, we learned that the XML file lied when it claimed to be “UTF-8” encoded. It included some characters for the Greek letter “mu” and some superscripts (as in R^2) that were not encoded properly, breaking the XML parser. So, I fired up my trusty copy of emacs and did a global “search-and-replace” to remove the offending characters. Then we get

```
> mytree <- xmlTreeParse("GSE1039/GSE1039_family2.xml")
```

with no error messages. But I know have an object that represents a parse tree, and not enough time or energy to figure out how to use it....