

Individual .CEL Files



Array Calibration
Copy Number Estimation
Segmentation



Segmented Copy Number Profiles



Step 1:
Accurate definition
of the copy number
profile in each sample

Step 2:
Identification/separation
of underlying SCNAs

Elimination of arm-level SCNAs by
use of amplitude threshold

Deconstruction of segmented profile
into underlying SCNAs
Allows for modelling of background
rate of SCNAs and length-based
separation of arm-level
and focal SCNAs



Step 3:
Scoring SCNAs in each
region according to
likelihood of occurring
by chance

$G = \text{frequency} \times \text{amplitude}$

p-values computed by random
permutation of markers
across genome

$G = -\log(\text{Probability} \mid \text{Background})$

Scores computed on markers or genes

p-values computed by random
permutation of markers or bins
across genome



Step 4:
Defining independent
genomic regions
undergoing significant
levels of SCNA

Greedy segment peel-off algorithm

Iteratively subtracts segments
covering each peak and
rescores until no significant peaks
remain on chromosome

Arbitrated peel-off algorithm

Formalizes idea that segments can
have multiple targets by allowing
segment scores to be split
among multiple potential peaks
during peel-off



Step 5:
Accurate definition
of the copy number
profile in each sample

Leave-k-out

Assumes that at most $\hat{O}(\log n)$ passenger
events aberrantly define the minimal
common region

RegBouncer

Models expected local variation in
G-score to define boundaries predicted
to contain the true target with
predetermined confidence

GISTIC 1.0 (Beroukhim et al, 2007)

GISTIC 2.0