Analysis of Bead-summary Data using beadarray

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1 Introduction

The BeadArray technology involves randomly arranged arrays of beads, with beads having the same probe sequence attached colloquially known as a bead-type. BeadArrays are combined in parallel on either a rectangular chip (BeadChip) or a matrix of 8 by 12 hexagonal arrays (Sentrix Array Matrix or SAM). The BeadChip is further divided into strips on the surface known as sections, with each section giving rise to a different image when scanned by BeadScan. These images, and associated text files, comprise the raw data for a beadarray analysis. However, for BeadChips, the number of sections assigned to each biological sample may vary from 1 on HumanHT12 chips, 2 on HumanWG6 chips or sometimes ten or more for SNP chips with large numbers of SNPs being investigated.

This vignette demonstrates the analysis of bead summary data using beadarray. The recommended approach to obtain these data is to start with bead-level data and follow the steps illustrated in the vignette `beadlevel.pdf` distributed with *beadarray*. If bead-level data are not available, the output of Illumina's BeadStudio or GenomeStudio can be read by *beadarray*. Example code to do this is provided at the end of this vignette. However, the same object types are produced from either of these routes and the same functionality is available.

To make the most use of the code in this vignette, you will need to install the *beadarrayExampleData* and *illuminaHumanv3.db* packages from `Bioconductor`.

```
source("http://www.bioconductor.org/biocLite.R")
biocLite(c("beadarrayExampleData", "illuminaHumanv3.db"))
```

The code used to produce these example data is given in the vignette of *beadarrayExampleData*, which follow similar steps to those described in the `beadlevel.pdf` vignette of *beadarray*. The following commands give a basic description of the data.

```
library("beadarray")

require(beadarrayExampleData)

data(exampleSummaryData)

exampleSummaryData
```

```
## ExpressionSetIllumina (storageMode: list)
## assayData: 49576 features, 12 samples
##   element names: exprs, se.exprs, nObservations
## protocolData: none
## phenoData
##   rowNames: 4613710017_B 4613710052_B ... 4616494005_A (12 total)
##   varLabels: sampleID SampleFac
##   varMetadata: labelDescription
## featureData
##   featureNames: ILMN_1802380 ILMN_1893287 ... ILMN_1846115 (49576 total)
##   fvarLabels: ArrayAddressID IlluminaID Status
```

```
##   fvarMetadata: labelDescription
## experimentData: use 'experimentData(object)'
## Annotation: Humanv3
## QC Information
##  Available Slots:
##   QC Items: Date, Matrix, ..., SampleGroup, numBeads
##   sampleNames: 4613710017_B, 4613710052_B, ..., 4616443136_A, 4616494005_A
```

Summarized data are stored in an object of type *ExpressionSetIllumina* which is an extension of the *ExpressionSet* class developed by the Bioconductor team as a container for data from high-throughput assays. Objects of this type use a series of slots to store the data. For consistency with the definition of other *ExpressionSet* objects, we refer to the expression values as the `exprs` matrix (this stores the probe-specific average intensities) which can be accessed using `exprs` and subset in the usual manner. The `se.exprs` matrix, which stores the probe-specific variability can be accessed using `se.exprs`. You may notice that the expression values have already been transformed to the $\log_2$ scale, which is an option in the `summarize` function in *beadarray*. Data exported from BeadStudio or GenomeStudio will usually be un-transformed and on the scale 0 to 2^{16}.

```
exprs(exampleSummaryData)[1:5,1:5]
```

```
##              G:4613710017_B G:4613710052_B G:4613710054_B G:4616443079_B G:4616443093_B
## ILMN_1802380          8.454          8.617          8.523          8.421          8.528
## ILMN_1893287          5.388          5.419          5.163          5.133          5.222
## ILMN_1736104          5.269          5.458          5.013          4.989          5.284
## ILMN_1792389          6.768          7.184          6.948          7.169          7.386
## ILMN_1854015          5.557          5.722          5.595          5.520          5.559
```

```
se.exprs(exampleSummaryData)[1:5,1:5]
```

```
##              G:4613710017_B G:4613710052_B G:4613710054_B G:4616443079_B G:4616443093_B
## ILMN_1802380         0.2833         0.3367         0.2750         0.4142         0.3582
## ILMN_1893287         0.3964         0.3883         0.5516         0.6761         0.4449
## ILMN_1736104         0.4705         0.4951         0.4031         0.5276         0.4864
## ILMN_1792389         0.4039         0.4728         0.5033         0.3447         0.3952
## ILMN_1854015         0.5663         0.3784         0.5512         0.5359         0.6748
```

2 feature and pheno data

The `fData` and `pData` functions are useful shortcuts to find more information about the features (rows) and samples (columns) in the summary object. These annotations are created automatically whenever a bead-level data is summarized (see `beadlevel.pdf`) or read from a BeadStudio file. The `fData` will be added to later, but initially contains information on whether each probe is a control or not. In this example the `phenoData` denotes the sample group for each array; either Brain or UHRR (Universal Human Reference RNA).

```
head(fData(exampleSummaryData))
```

```
##              ArrayAddressID   IlluminaID  Status
## ILMN_1802380          10008 ILMN_1802380 regular
## ILMN_1893287          10010 ILMN_1893287 regular
## ILMN_1736104          10017 ILMN_1736104 regular
## ILMN_1792389          10019 ILMN_1792389 regular
## ILMN_1854015          10020 ILMN_1854015 regular
## ILMN_1904757          10021 ILMN_1904757 regular
```

```
table(fData(exampleSummaryData)[,"Status"])
```

```
##
##                     biotin                    cy3_hyb cy3_hyb,low_stringency_hyb
##                          2                          2                          4
##               housekeeping                   labeling         low_stringency_hyb
##                          7                          2                          4
##                   negative                    regular
##                        759                      48796
```

```
pData(exampleSummaryData)
```

```
##                   sampleID SampleFac
## 4613710017_B 4613710017_B      UHRR
## 4613710052_B 4613710052_B      UHRR
## 4613710054_B 4613710054_B      UHRR
## 4616443079_B 4616443079_B      UHRR
## 4616443093_B 4616443093_B      UHRR
## 4616443115_B 4616443115_B      UHRR
## 4616443081_B 4616443081_B     Brain
## 4616443081_H 4616443081_H     Brain
## 4616443092_B 4616443092_B     Brain
## 4616443107_A 4616443107_A     Brain
## 4616443136_A 4616443136_A     Brain
## 4616494005_A 4616494005_A     Brain
```

3 Subsetting the data

There are various way to subset an *ExpressionSetIllumina* object, each of which returns an *ExpressionSetIllumina* with the same slots, but different dimensions. When bead-level data are summarized by *beadarray* there is an option to apply different transformation options, and save the results as different channels in the resultant object. For instance, if summarizing two-colour data one might be interested in summarizing the red and green channels, or some combination of the two, separately. Both $\log_2$ and un-logged data are stored in the `exampleSummaryData` object and can be accessed by using the `channel` function. Both the rows and columns in the resultant `ExpressionSetIllumina` object are

kept in the same order.

```
channelNames(exampleSummaryData)
```

```
## [1] "G"    "G.ul"
```

```
exampleSummaryData.log2 <- channel(exampleSummaryData, "G")
exampleSummaryData.unlogged <- channel(exampleSummaryData, "G.ul")


sampleNames(exampleSummaryData.log2)
```

```
##  [1] "4613710017_B" "4613710052_B" "4613710054_B" "4616443079_B" "4616443093_B"
##  [6] "4616443115_B" "4616443081_B" "4616443081_H" "4616443092_B" "4616443107_A"
## [11] "4616443136_A" "4616494005_A"
```

```
sampleNames(exampleSummaryData.unlogged)
```

```
##  [1] "4613710017_B" "4613710052_B" "4613710054_B" "4616443079_B" "4616443093_B"
##  [6] "4616443115_B" "4616443081_B" "4616443081_H" "4616443092_B" "4616443107_A"
## [11] "4616443136_A" "4616494005_A"
```

```
exprs(exampleSummaryData.log2)[1:10,1:3]
```

```
##              4613710017_B 4613710052_B 4613710054_B
## ILMN_1802380        8.454        8.617        8.523
## ILMN_1893287        5.388        5.419        5.163
## ILMN_1736104        5.269        5.458        5.013
## ILMN_1792389        6.768        7.184        6.948
## ILMN_1854015        5.557        5.722        5.595
## ILMN_1904757        5.422        5.320        5.522
## ILMN_1740305        5.418        5.624        5.720
## ILMN_1665168        5.321        5.155        4.968
## ILMN_2375156        5.894        6.076        5.639
## ILMN_1705423        5.426        4.807        5.358
```

```
exprs(exampleSummaryData.unlogged)[1:10,1:3]
```

```
##              4613710017_B 4613710052_B 4613710054_B
## ILMN_1802380       356.88       396.47       367.81
## ILMN_1893287        40.85        44.29        38.42
## ILMN_1736104        40.53        46.50        33.46
## ILMN_1792389       112.91       153.18       122.65
## ILMN_1854015        50.47        53.26        51.57
## ILMN_1904757        41.46        42.10        49.93
## ILMN_1740305        38.45        51.50        46.21
## ILMN_1665168        42.39        37.95        30.46
## ILMN_2375156        61.47        72.74        52.46
## ILMN_1705423        42.39        28.14        38.62
```

As we have seen, the expression matrix of the ExpressionSetIllumina object can be subset by column or row, In fact, the same subset operations can be performed on the ExpressionSetIllumina object itself. In the following code, notice how the number of samples and features changes in the output.

```
exampleSummaryData.log2[,1:4]
```

```
## ExpressionSetIllumina (storageMode: list)
## assayData: 49576 features, 4 samples
##   element names: exprs, se.exprs, nObservations
## protocolData: none
## phenoData
##   rowNames: 4613710017_B 4613710052_B 4613710054_B 4616443079_B
##   varLabels: sampleID SampleFac
##   varMetadata: labelDescription
## featureData
##   featureNames: ILMN_1802380 ILMN_1893287 ... ILMN_1846115 (49576 total)
##   fvarLabels: ArrayAddressID IlluminaID Status
##   fvarMetadata: labelDescription
## experimentData: use 'experimentData(object)'
## Annotation: Humanv3
## QC Information
##  Available Slots:
##   QC Items: Date, Matrix, ..., SampleGroup, numBeads
##   sampleNames: 4613710017_B, 4613710052_B, 4613710054_B, 4616443079_B
```

```
exampleSummaryData.log2[1:10,]
```

```
## ExpressionSetIllumina (storageMode: list)
## assayData: 10 features, 12 samples
##   element names: exprs, se.exprs, nObservations
## protocolData: none
## phenoData
##   rowNames: 4613710017_B 4613710052_B ... 4616494005_A (12 total)
##   varLabels: sampleID SampleFac
##   varMetadata: labelDescription
## featureData
##   featureNames: ILMN_1802380 ILMN_1893287 ... ILMN_1705423 (10 total)
##   fvarLabels: ArrayAddressID IlluminaID Status
##   fvarMetadata: labelDescription
## experimentData: use 'experimentData(object)'
## Annotation: Humanv3
## QC Information
##  Available Slots:
##   QC Items: Date, Matrix, ..., SampleGroup, numBeads
##   sampleNames: 4613710017_B, 4613710052_B, ..., 4616443136_A, 4616494005_A
```

The object can also be subset by a vector of characters which must correspond to the names of features

(i.e. row names). Currently, no analogous functions is available to subset by sample.

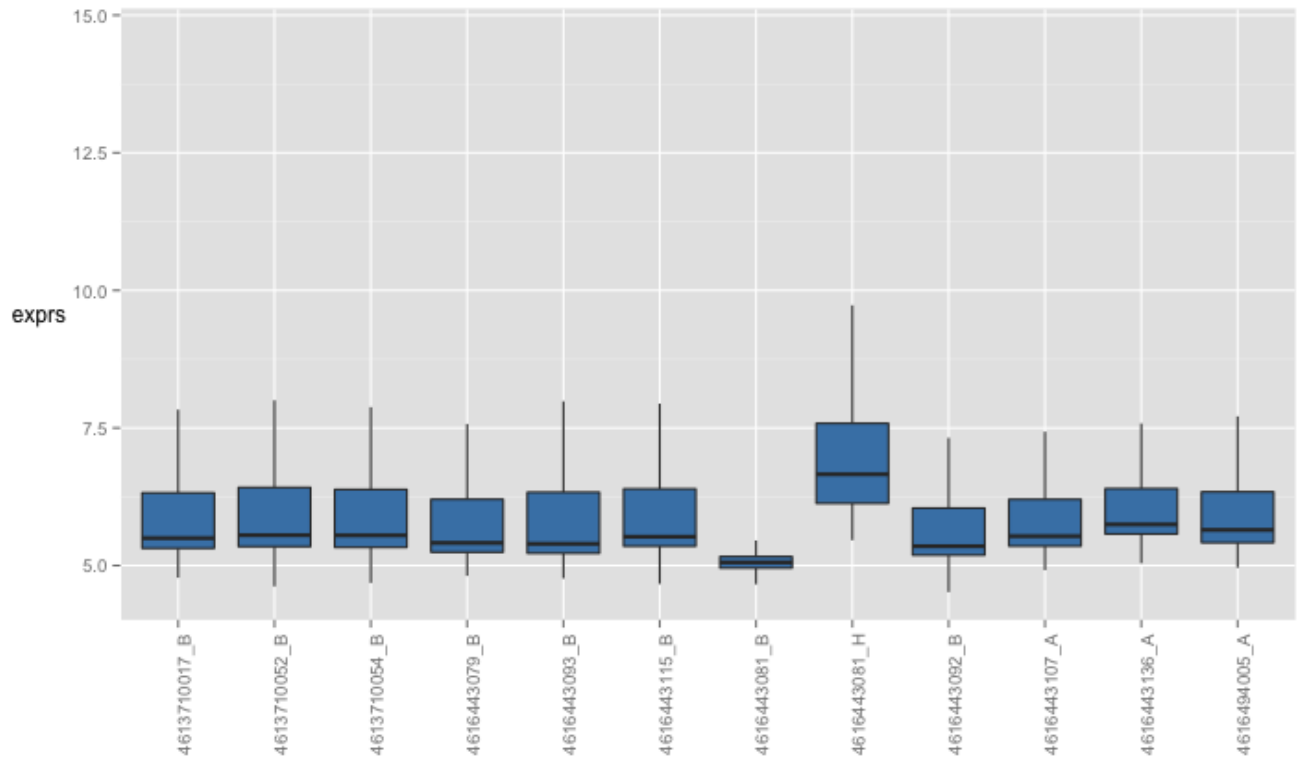
```
randIDs <- sample(featureNames(exampleSummaryData), 1000)

exampleSummaryData[randIDs,]
```

```
## ExpressionSetIllumina (storageMode: list)
## assayData: 1000 features, 12 samples
##   element names: exprs, se.exprs, nObservations
## protocolData: none
## phenoData
##   rowNames: 4613710017_B 4613710052_B ... 4616494005_A (12 total)
##   varLabels: sampleID SampleFac
##   varMetadata: labelDescription
## featureData
##   featureNames: ILMN_1877000 ILMN_1801302 ... ILMN_1832006 (1000 total)
##   fvarLabels: ArrayAddressID IlluminaID Status
##   fvarMetadata: labelDescription
## experimentData: use 'experimentData(object)'
## Annotation: Humanv3
## QC Information
##  Available Slots:
##   QC Items: Date, Matrix, ..., SampleGroup, numBeads
##   sampleNames: 4613710017_B, 4613710052_B, ..., 4616443136_A, 4616494005_A
```

4 Exploratory analysis using boxplots

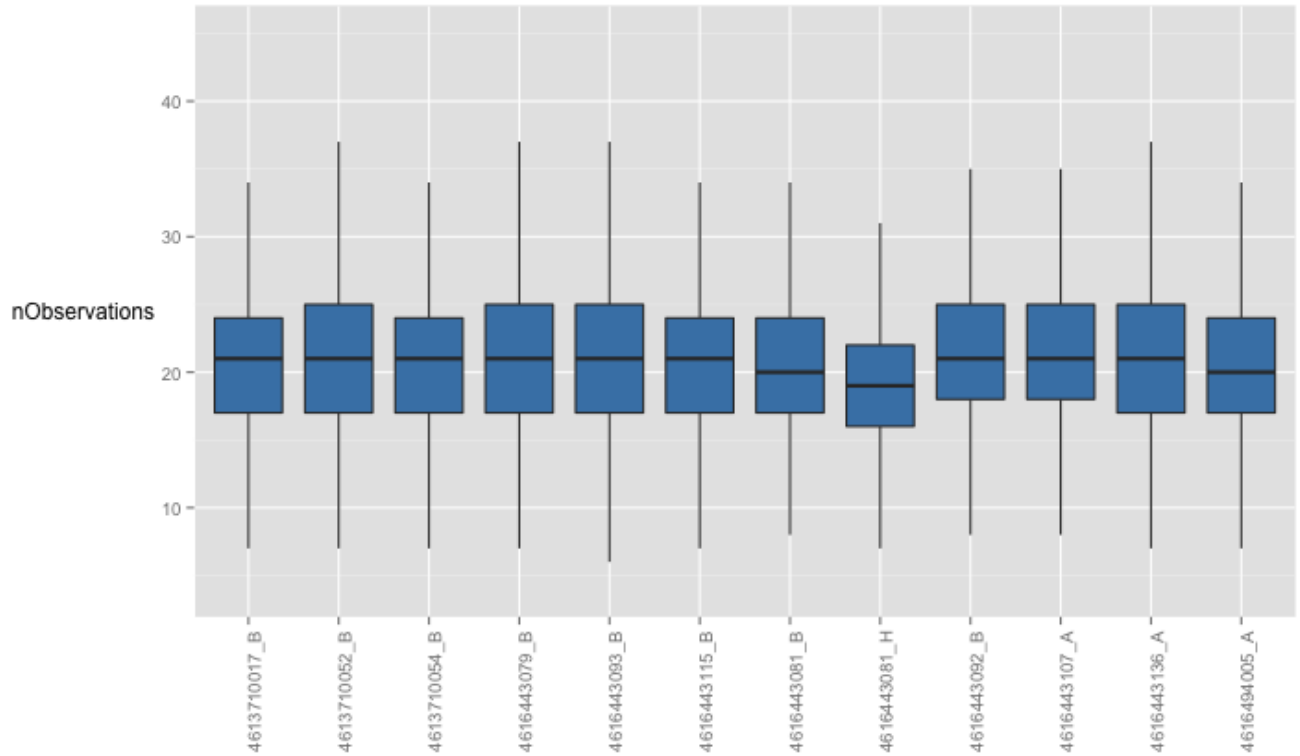
Boxplots of intensity levels and the number of beads are useful for quality assessment purposes. *beadarray* includes a modified version of the `boxplot` function that can take any valid *ExpressionSetIllumina* object and plot the expression matrix by default. For these examples we plot just a subset of the original `exampleSummaryData` object using random row IDs.

```
boxplot(exampleSummaryData.log2[randIDs,])
```



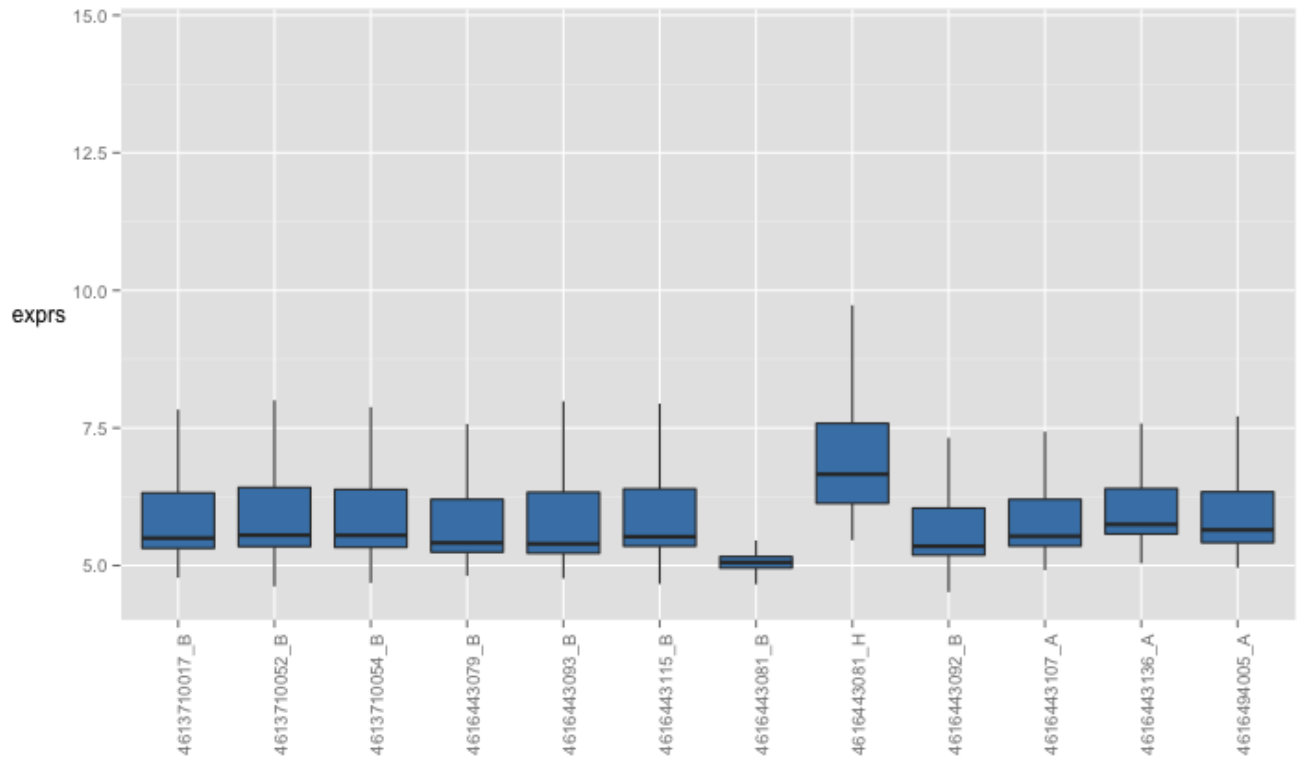
The function can also plot other `assayData` items, such as the number of observations.

```
boxplot(exampleSummaryData.log2[randIDs,], what="nObservations")
```



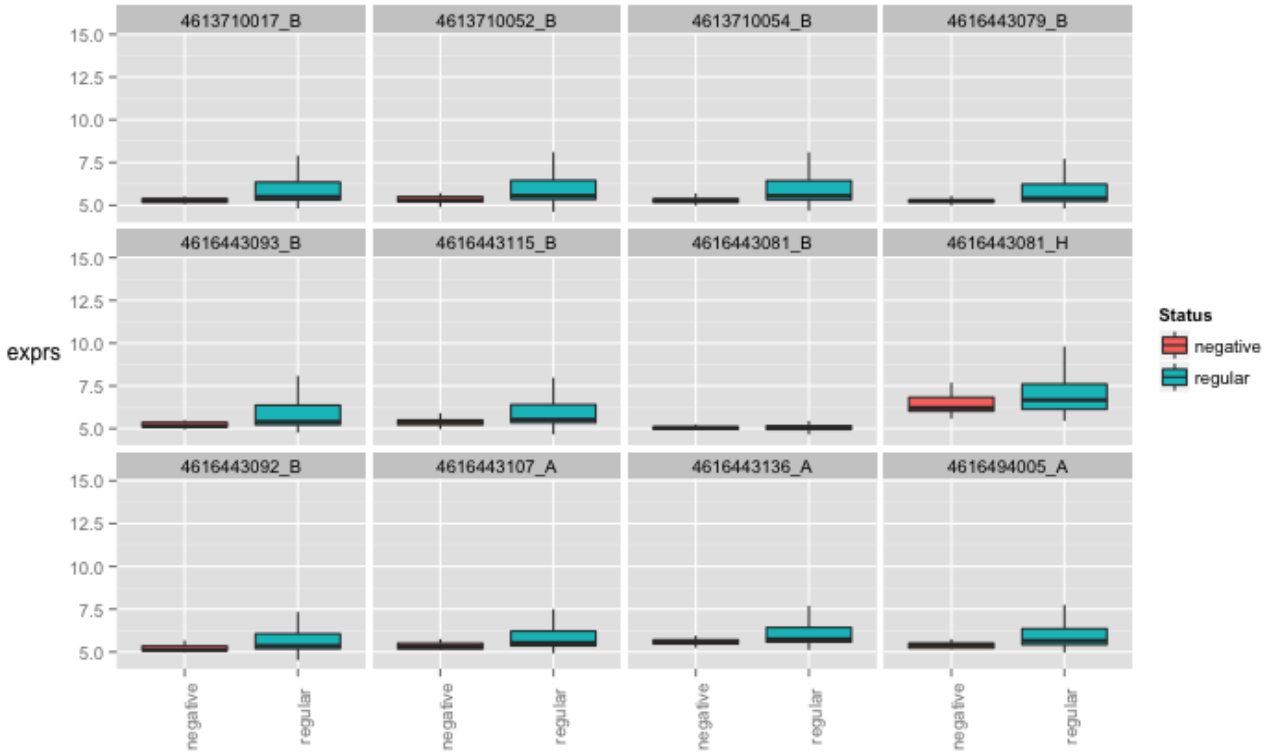
The default boxplot plots a separate box for each array, but often it is beneficial for compare expression levels between different sample groups. If this information is stored in the *phenoData* slot it can be incorporated into the plot. The following compares the overall expression level between UHRR and Brain samples.

```
boxplot(exampleSummaryData.log2[randIDs,], SampleGroup="SampleFac")
```



In a similar manner, we may wish to visualize the differences between sample groups for particular probe groups. As a simple example, we look at the difference between negative controls and regular probes for each array. You should notice that the negative controls as consistently lower (as expected) with the exception of array 4616443081_B.

```
boxplot(exampleSummaryData.log2[randIDs,], probeFactor = "Status")
```



Extra feature annotation is available from annotation packages in Bioconductor, and *beadarray* includes functionality to extract these data from the annotation packages. The `annotation` of the object must be set in order that the correct annotation package can be loaded. For example, the `exampleSummaryData` object was generated from `Humanv3` data so the *illuminaHumanv3.db* package must be present. The `addFeatureData` function annotates all features of an `ExpressionSetIllumina` object using particular mappings from the *illuminaHumanv3.db* package. To see which mappings are available you can use the `illuminaHumanv3()` function, or equivalent from other packages.

```
annotation(exampleSummaryData)
```

```
## [1] "Humanv3"
```

```
exampleSummaryData.log2 <- addFeatureData(exampleSummaryData.log2,
toAdd = c("SYMBOL", "PROBEQUALITY", "CODINGZONE", "PROBESEQUENCE", "GENOMICLOCATION"))

head(fData(exampleSummaryData.log2))
```

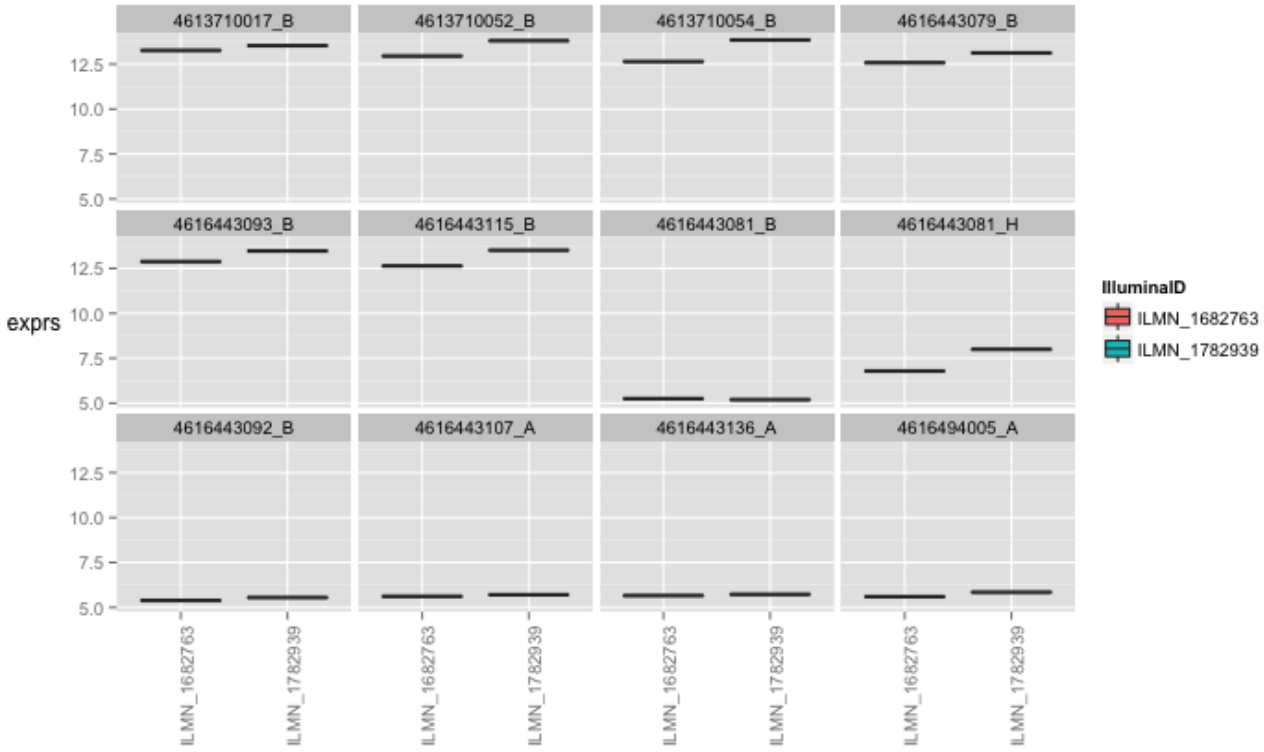
```
##                 Row.names ArrayAddressID   IlluminaID  Status SYMBOL PROBEQUALITY
## ILMN_1802380 ILMN_1802380          10008 ILMN_1802380 regular   RERE      Perfect
## ILMN_1893287 ILMN_1893287          10010 ILMN_1893287 regular   <NA>          Bad
## ILMN_1736104 ILMN_1736104          10017 ILMN_1736104 regular   <NA>          Bad
## ILMN_1792389 ILMN_1792389          10019 ILMN_1792389 regular RNF165      Perfect
## ILMN_1854015 ILMN_1854015          10020 ILMN_1854015 regular   <NA>          Bad
## ILMN_1904757 ILMN_1904757          10021 ILMN_1904757 regular   <NA>   Perfect***
##                   CODINGZONE                                    PROBESEQUENCE
```

```
## ILMN_1802380  Transcriptomic GCCCTGACCTTCATGGTGTCTTTGAAGCCCAACCACTCGGTTTCCTTCGG
## ILMN_1893287 Transcriptomic? GGATTTCCTACACTCTCCACTTCTGAATGCTTGGAAACACTTGCCATGCT
## ILMN_1736104      Intergenic TGCCATCTTTGCTCCACTGTGAGAGGCTGCTCACACCACCCCCTACATGC
## ILMN_1792389  Transcriptomic CTGTAGCAACGTCTGTCAGGCCCCCTTGTGTTTCATCTCCTGCGCGCGTA
## ILMN_1854015      Intergenic GCAGAAAACCATGAGCTGAAATCTCTACAGGAACCAGTGCTGGGGTAGGG
## ILMN_1904757 Transcriptomic? AGCTGTACCGTGGGGAGGCTTGGTCCTCTTGCCCCATTTGTGTGATGTCT
##                         GENOMICLOCATION
## ILMN_1802380     chr1:8412758:8412807:-
## ILMN_1893287   chr9:42489407:42489456:+
## ILMN_1736104 chr3:134572184:134572223:-
## ILMN_1792389  chr18:44040244:44040293:+
## ILMN_1854015 chr3:160827837:160827885:+
## ILMN_1904757 chr3:197872267:197872316:+

illuminaHumanv3()

## ####Mappings based on RefSeqID####
## Quality control information for illuminaHumanv3:
##
##
## This package has the following mappings:
##
## illuminaHumanv3ACCNUM has 31857 mapped keys (of 49576 keys)
## illuminaHumanv3ALIAS2PROBE has 62220 mapped keys (of 103510 keys)
## illuminaHumanv3CHR has 29624 mapped keys (of 49576 keys)
## illuminaHumanv3CHRLENGTHS has 93 mapped keys (of 93 keys)
## illuminaHumanv3CHRLOC has 29336 mapped keys (of 49576 keys)
## illuminaHumanv3CHRLOCEND has 29336 mapped keys (of 49576 keys)
## illuminaHumanv3ENSEMBL has 29142 mapped keys (of 49576 keys)
## illuminaHumanv3ENSEMBL2PROBE has 21465 mapped keys (of 28046 keys)
## illuminaHumanv3ENTREZID has 29625 mapped keys (of 49576 keys)
## illuminaHumanv3ENZYME has 3523 mapped keys (of 49576 keys)
## illuminaHumanv3ENZYME2PROBE has 967 mapped keys (of 975 keys)
## illuminaHumanv3GENENAME has 29625 mapped keys (of 49576 keys)
## illuminaHumanv3GO has 26521 mapped keys (of 49576 keys)
## illuminaHumanv3GO2ALLPROBES has 18008 mapped keys (of 18078 keys)
## illuminaHumanv3GO2PROBE has 14043 mapped keys (of 14134 keys)
## illuminaHumanv3MAP has 29458 mapped keys (of 49576 keys)
## illuminaHumanv3OMIM has 21508 mapped keys (of 49576 keys)
## illuminaHumanv3PATH has 9173 mapped keys (of 49576 keys)
## illuminaHumanv3PATH2PROBE has 229 mapped keys (of 229 keys)
## illuminaHumanv3PFAM has 27595 mapped keys (of 49576 keys)
## illuminaHumanv3PMID has 29349 mapped keys (of 49576 keys)
## illuminaHumanv3PMID2PROBE has 400369 mapped keys (of 412133 keys)
## illuminaHumanv3PROSITE has 27595 mapped keys (of 49576 keys)
```

```
## illuminaHumanv3REFSEQ has 29625 mapped keys (of 49576 keys)
## illuminaHumanv3SYMBOL has 29625 mapped keys (of 49576 keys)
## illuminaHumanv3UNIGENE has 29479 mapped keys (of 49576 keys)
## illuminaHumanv3UNIPROT has 27687 mapped keys (of 49576 keys)
##
##
## Additional Information about this package:
##
## DB schema: HUMANCHIP_DB
## DB schema version: 2.1
## Organism: Homo sapiens
## Date for NCBI data: 2014-Mar13
## Date for GO data: 20140308
## Date for KEGG data: 2011-Mar15
## Date for Golden Path data: 2010-Mar22
## Date for Ensembl data: 2014-Feb26
## ####Custom Mappings based on probe sequence####
## illuminaHumanv3ARRAYADDRESS()
## illuminaHumanv3NUID()
## illuminaHumanv3PROBEQUALITY()
## illuminaHumanv3CODINGZONE()
## illuminaHumanv3PROBESEQUENCE()
## illuminaHumanv3SECONDMATCHES()
## illuminaHumanv3OTHERGENOMICMATCHES()
## illuminaHumanv3REPEATMASK()
## illuminaHumanv3OVERLAPPINGSNP()
## illuminaHumanv3ENTREZREANNOTATED()
## illuminaHumanv3GENOMICLOCATION()
## illuminaHumanv3SYMBOLREANNOTATED()
## illuminaHumanv3REPORTERGROUPNAME()
## illuminaHumanv3REPORTERGROUPID()
## illuminaHumanv3ENSEMBLREANNOTATED()
```

If we suspect that a particular gene may be differentially expressed between conditions, we can subset the *ExpressionSetIllumina* object to just include probes that target the gene, and plot the response of these probes against the sample groups. Furthermore, the different probes can be distinguished using the `probeFactor` parameter.

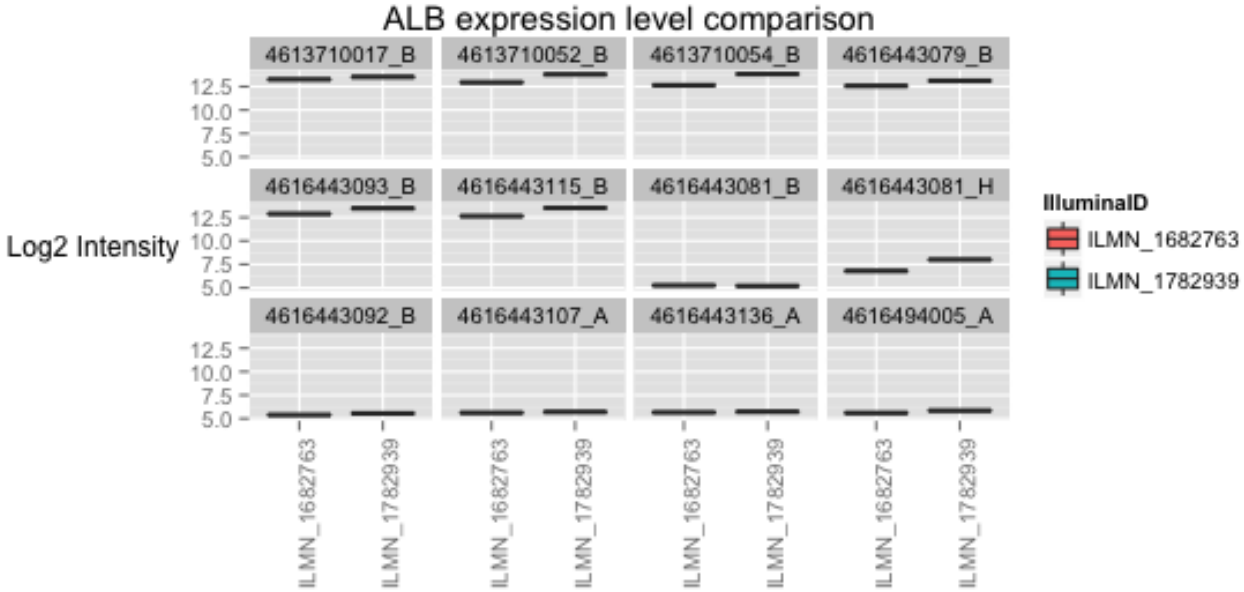
```
ids <- which(fData(exampleSummaryData.log2)[,"SYMBOL"] == "ALB")

boxplot(exampleSummaryData.log2[ids,],
  SampleGroup = "SampleFac", probeFactor = "IlluminaID")
```

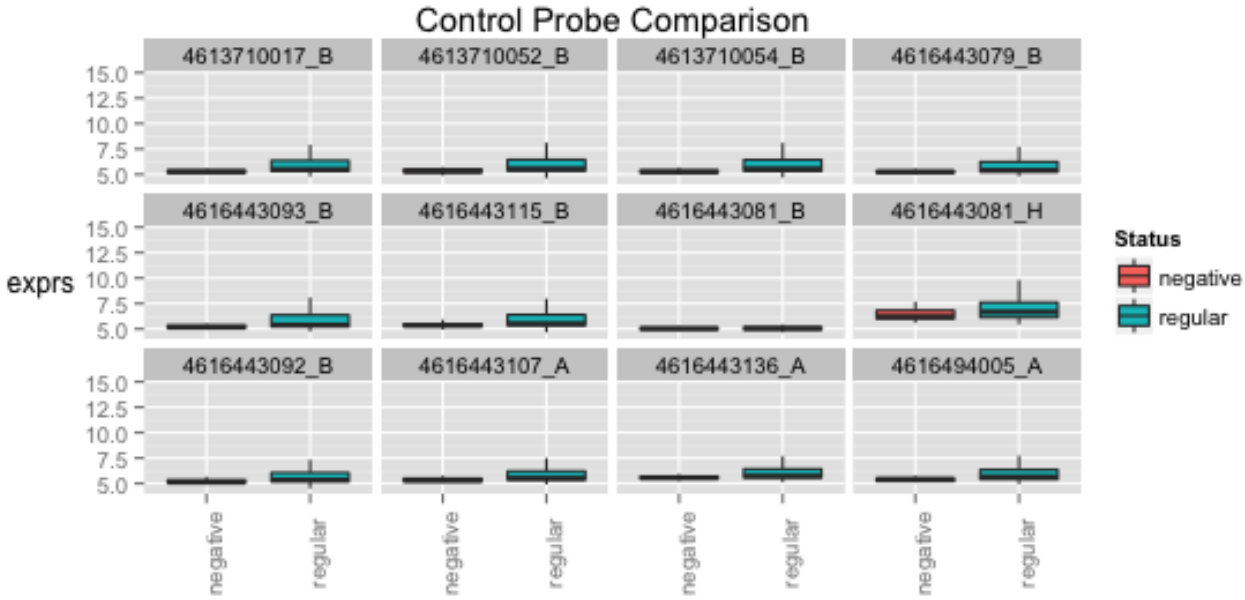


4.1 A note about ggplot2

The `boxplot` function in *beadarray* creates graphics using the *ggplot2* package rather than the `R` base graphics system. Therefore, the standard way of manipulating graphics using `par` and `mfrow` etc will not work with the output of `boxplot`. However, the *ggplot2* package has equivalent functionality and is a more powerful and flexible system. There are numerous tutorials on how to use the *ggplot2* package, which is beyond the scope of this vignette. In the below code, we assign the results of `boxplot` to objects that we combine using the *gridExtra* package. The code also demonstrates how aspects of the plot can be altered programatically.

```
require("gridExtra")
bp1 <- boxplot(exampleSummaryData.log2[ids,],
SampleGroup = "SampleFac", probeFactor = "IlluminaID")
bp1 <- bp1+ labs(title = "ALB expression level comparison") + xlab("Illumina Probe") + ylab

bp2 <- boxplot(exampleSummaryData.log2[randIDs,], probeFactor = "Status")
bp2 <- bp2 + labs(title = "Control Probe Comparison")

grid.arrange(bp1,bp2)
```





We can also extract the data that was used to construct the plot.

```
bp1$data
```

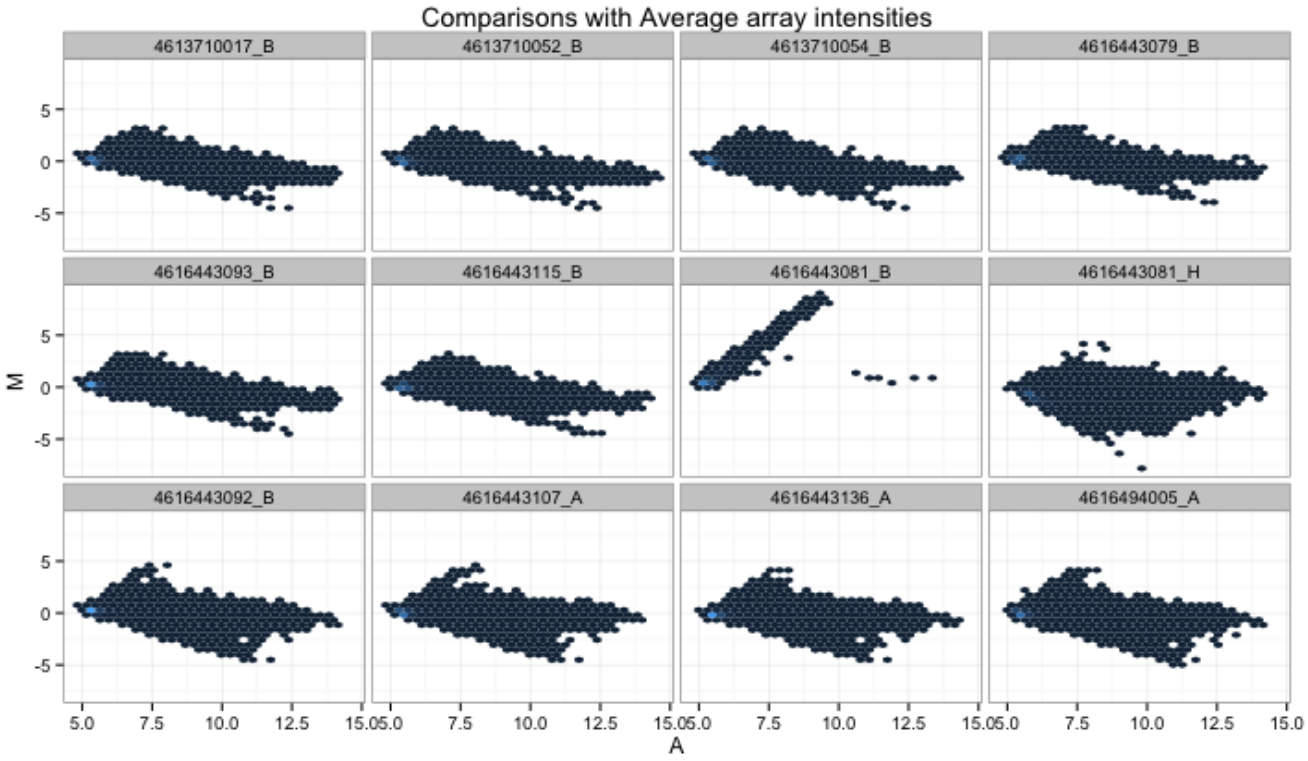
```
##            Var1         Var2  value SampleGroup  probeFactor
## 1  ILMN_1782939 4613710017_B 13.528        UHRR ILMN_1782939
## 2  ILMN_1682763 4613710017_B 13.265        UHRR ILMN_1682763
## 3  ILMN_1782939 4613710052_B 13.801        UHRR ILMN_1782939
## 4  ILMN_1682763 4613710052_B 12.948        UHRR ILMN_1682763
## 5  ILMN_1782939 4613710054_B 13.841        UHRR ILMN_1782939
```

```
## 6  ILMN_1682763 4613710054_B 12.642        UHRR ILMN_1682763
## 7  ILMN_1782939 4616443079_B 13.120        UHRR ILMN_1782939
## 8  ILMN_1682763 4616443079_B 12.576        UHRR ILMN_1682763
## 9  ILMN_1782939 4616443093_B 13.469        UHRR ILMN_1782939
## 10 ILMN_1682763 4616443093_B 12.878        UHRR ILMN_1682763
## 11 ILMN_1782939 4616443115_B 13.511        UHRR ILMN_1782939
## 12 ILMN_1682763 4616443115_B 12.634        UHRR ILMN_1682763
## 13 ILMN_1782939 4616443081_B  5.190       Brain ILMN_1782939
## 14 ILMN_1682763 4616443081_B  5.250       Brain ILMN_1682763
## 15 ILMN_1782939 4616443081_H  7.995       Brain ILMN_1782939
## 16 ILMN_1682763 4616443081_H  6.789       Brain ILMN_1682763
## 17 ILMN_1782939 4616443092_B  5.549       Brain ILMN_1782939
## 18 ILMN_1682763 4616443092_B  5.389       Brain ILMN_1682763
## 19 ILMN_1782939 4616443107_A  5.705       Brain ILMN_1782939
## 20 ILMN_1682763 4616443107_A  5.617       Brain ILMN_1682763
## 21 ILMN_1782939 4616443136_A  5.730       Brain ILMN_1782939
## 22 ILMN_1682763 4616443136_A  5.659       Brain ILMN_1682763
## 23 ILMN_1782939 4616494005_A  5.850       Brain ILMN_1782939
## 24 ILMN_1682763 4616494005_A  5.598       Brain ILMN_1682763
```

5 Other exploratory analysis

Replicate samples can also be compared using the `plotMA` function.

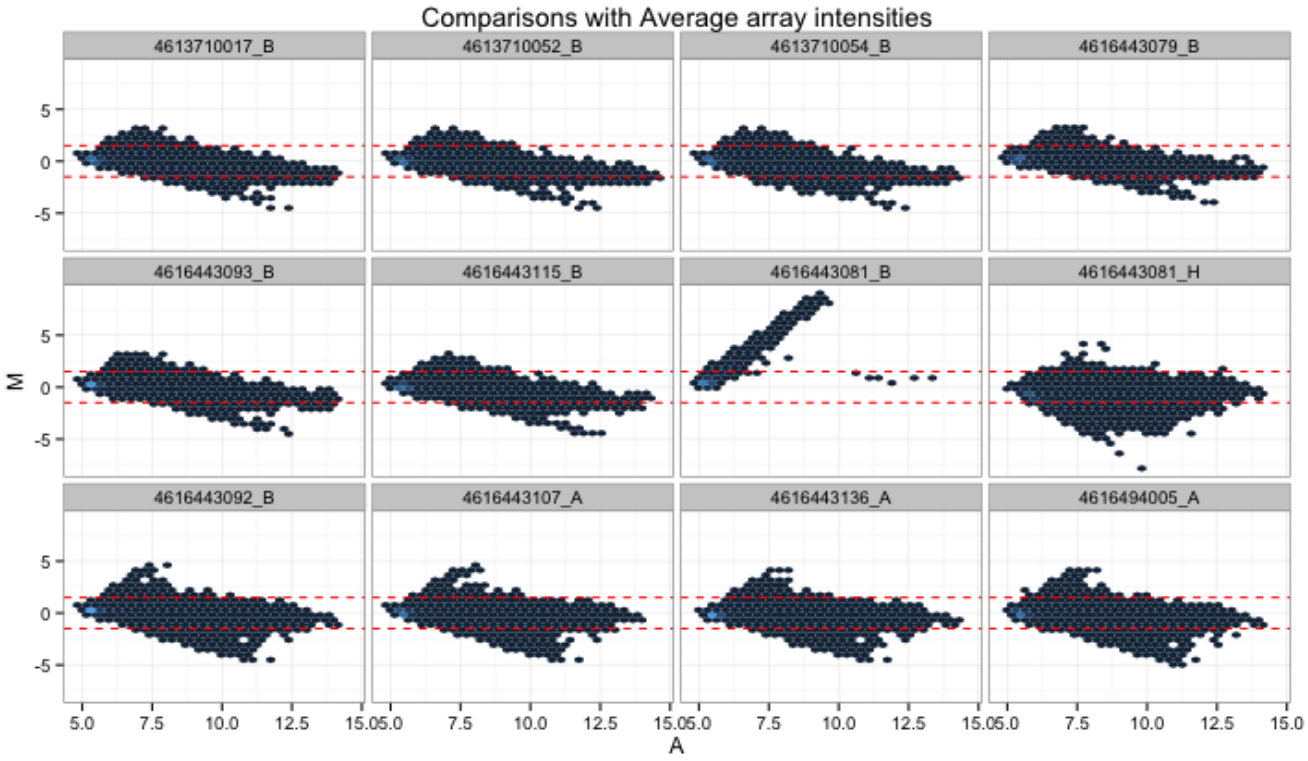
```
mas <- plotMA(exampleSummaryData.log2,do.log=FALSE)

mas
```



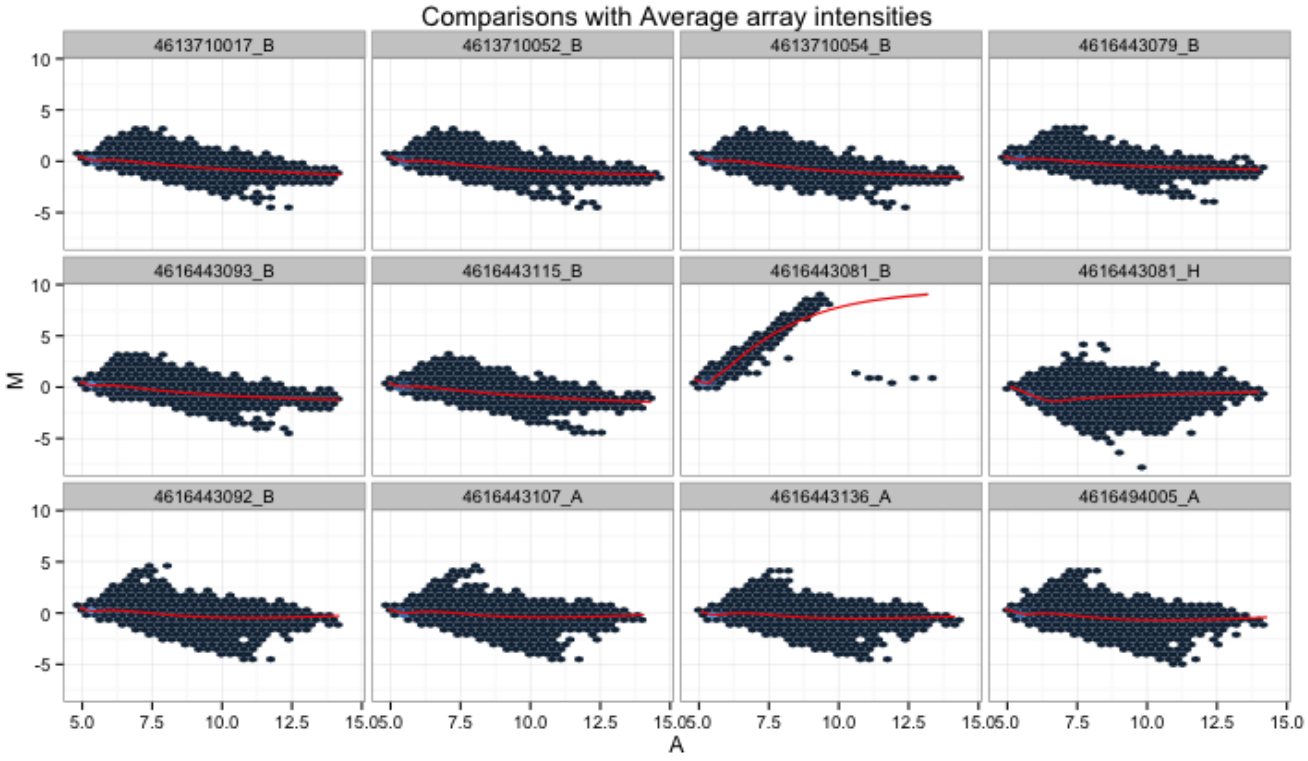
In each panel we see the MA plots for all arrays in the experiment compared to a 'reference' array composed of the average intensities of all probes. On an MA plot, for each probe we plot the average of the log2 -intensities from the two arrays on the x-axis and the difference in intensities (log -ratios) on the y-axis. We would expect most probes to be and hence most points on the plot should lie along the line y=0.

As with `boxplot`, the object returned is a *ggplot2* object that can be modified by the end-user.

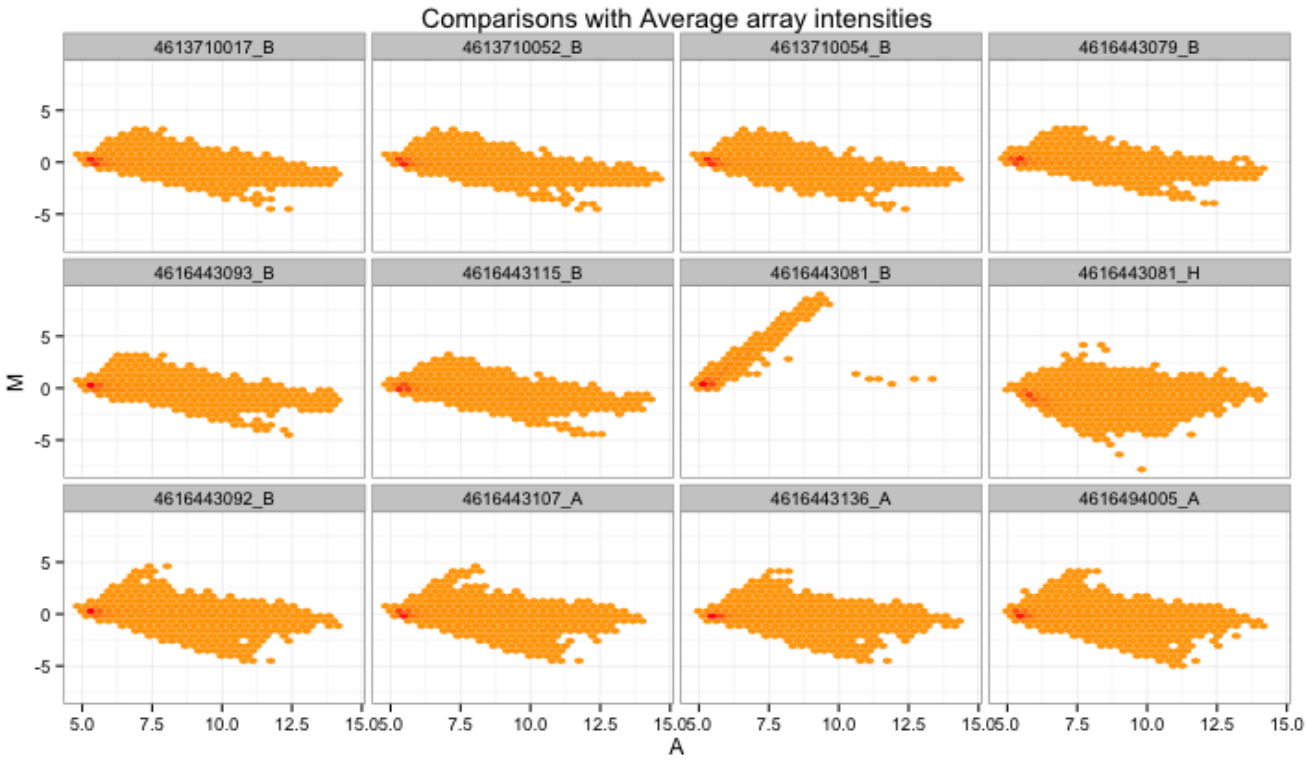
```
##Added lines on the y axis
mas + geom_hline(yintercept=c(-1.5,1.5),col="red",lty=2)
```




```
##Added a smoothed line to each plot
mas+ geom_smooth(col="red")
```

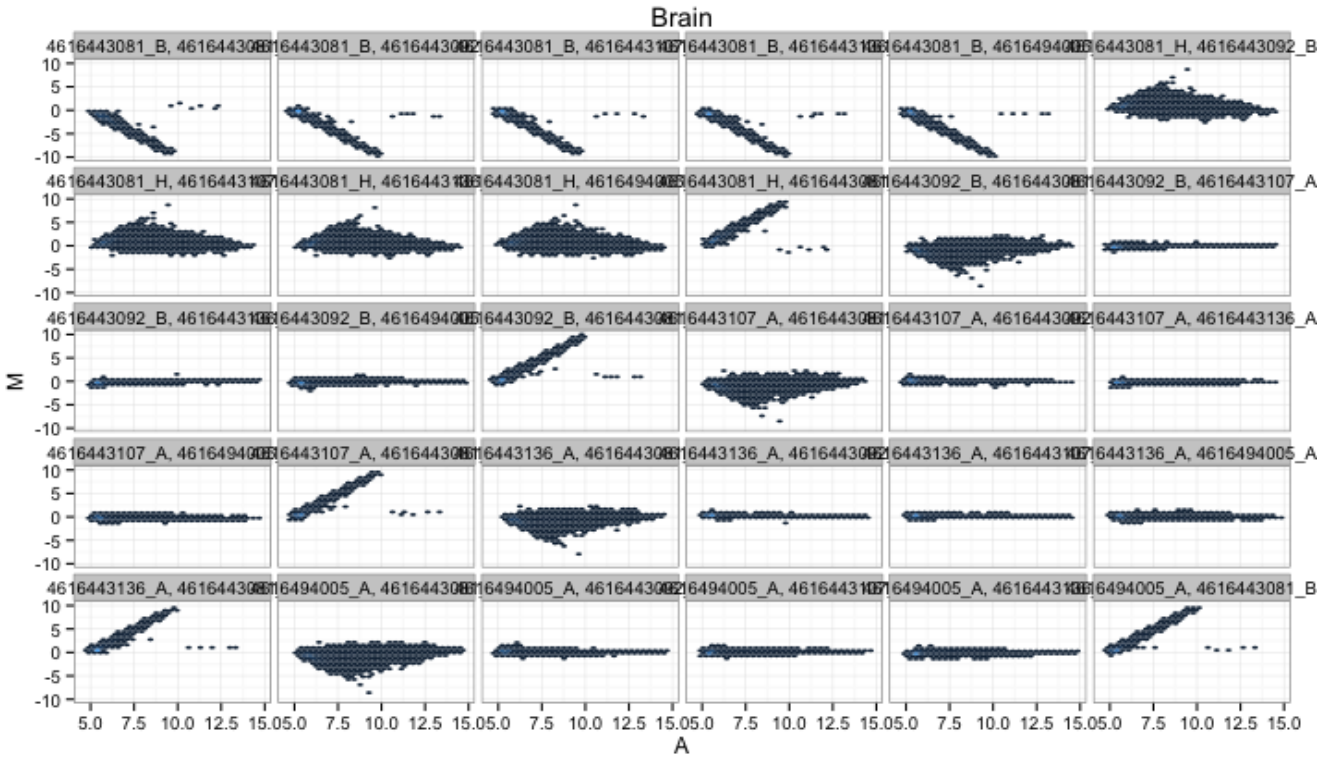


```
##Changing the color scale
mas + scale_fill_gradient2(low="yellow",mid="orange",high="red")
```



We can also specify a sample grouping, which will make all pairwise comparisons

```
mas <- plotMA(exampleSummaryData.log2,do.log=FALSE,SampleGroup="SampleFac")
mas[[1]]
```



6 Normalisation

To correct for differences in expression level across a chip and between chips we need to normalise the signal to make the arrays comparable. The normalisation methods available in the *affy* package, or variance-stabilising transformation from the *lumi* package may be applied using the `normaliseIllumina` function. Below we quantile normalise the $\log_2$ transformed data.

```
exampleSummaryData.norm <- normaliseIllumina(exampleSummaryData.log2,
method="quantile", transform="none")
```

An alternative approach is to combine normal-exponential background correction with quantile normalisation as suggested in the *limma* package. However, this requires data that have not been log-transformed. Note that the control probes are removed from the output object

```
exampleSummaryData.norm2 <- normaliseIllumina(channel(exampleSummaryData, "G.ul"),
  method="neqc", transform="none")
```

7 Filtering

Filtering non-responding probes from further analysis can improve the power to detect differential expression. One way of achieving this is to remove probes whose probe sequence has undesirable properties. Four basic annotation quality categories ('Perfect', 'Good', 'Bad' and 'No match') are defined and have been shown to correlate with expression level and measures of differential expression. We recommend removing probes assigned a 'Bad' or 'No match' quality score after normalization. This approach is similar to the common practice of removing lowly-expressed probes, but with the additional benefit of discarding probes with a high expression level caused by non-specific hybridization. You can verify the relationship between probe quality and intensity by using the boxplot function.

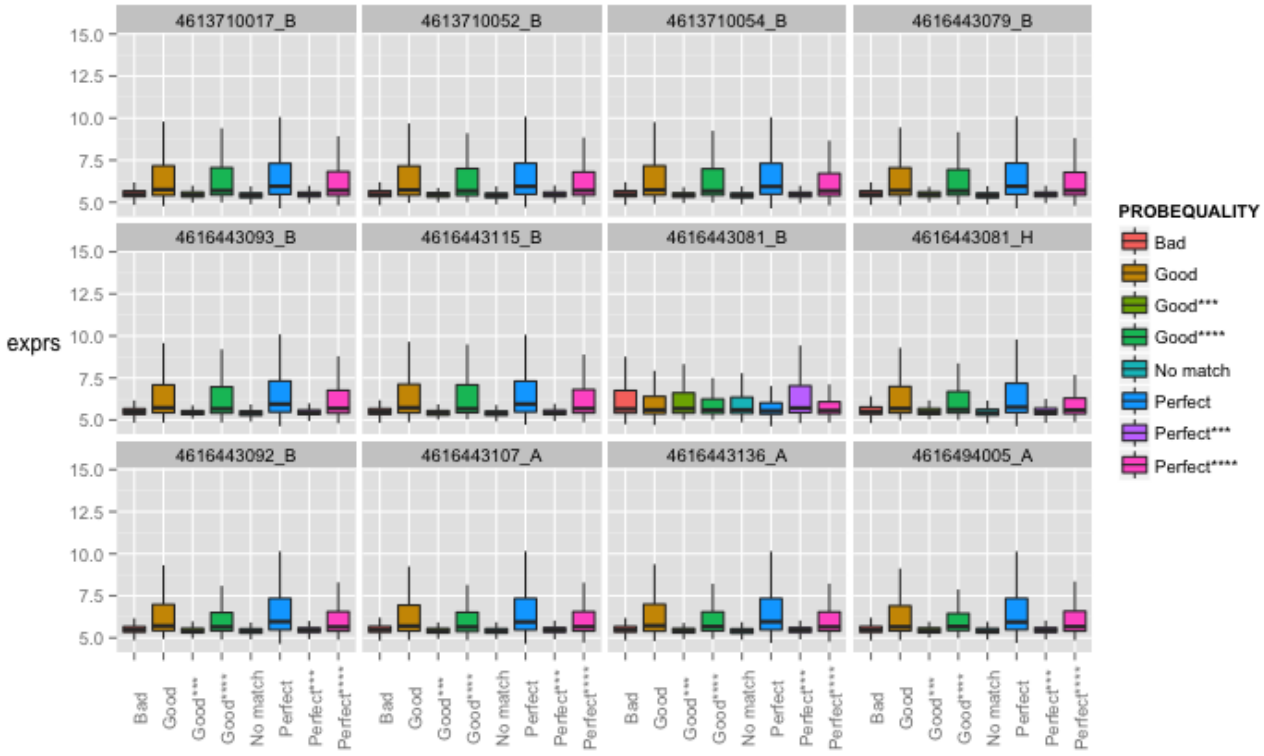
```
library(illuminaHumanv3.db)

ids <- as.character(featureNames(exampleSummaryData.norm))

qual <- unlist(mget(ids, illuminaHumanv3PROBEQUALITY, ifnotfound=NA))

table(qual)
```

```
## qual
##         Bad        Good     Good***    Good****    No match     Perfect  Perfect***
##       13475         925         148         358        1739       24687        6269
## Perfect****
##        1975
```

```
rem <- qual == "No match" | qual == "Bad" | is.na(qual)

exampleSummaryData.filt <- exampleSummaryData.norm[!rem,]

dim(exampleSummaryData.filt)
```

```
## Features  Samples Channels
##    34362       12        1
```

```
boxplot(exampleSummaryData.norm,
probeFactor = "PROBEQUALITY", SampleGroup="SampleFac")
```



8 Differential expression

The differential expression methods available in the limma package can be used to identify differentially expressed genes. The functions `lmFit` and `eBayes` can be applied to the normalised data. In the example below, we set up a design matrix for the example experiment and fit a linear model to summaries the data from the UHRR and Brain replicates to give one value per condition. We then define contrasts comparing the Brain sample to the UHRR and calculate moderated t-statistics with empirical Bayes shrinkage of the sample variances. In this particular experiment, the Brain and UHRR samples are very different and we would expect to see many differentially expressed genes.

Empirical array quality weights can be used to measure the relative reliability of each array. A variance is estimated for each array by the `arrayWeights` function which measures how well the expression values from each array follow the linear model. These variances are converted to relative weights which can then be used in the linear model to down-weight observations from less reliable arrays which improves power to detect differential expression. You should notice that some arrays have very low weight consistent with their poor QC.

We then define a contrast comparing UHRR to Brain Reference and calculate moderated t-statistics with empirical Bayes' shrinkage of the sample variances.

```
rna <- factor(pData(exampleSummaryData)[,"SampleFac"])

design <- model.matrix(~0+rna)
colnames(design) <- levels(rna)
aw <- arrayWeights(exprs(exampleSummaryData.filt), design)
aw
fit <- lmFit(exprs(exampleSummaryData.filt), design, weights=aw)
contrasts <- makeContrasts(UHRR-Brain, levels=design)
contr.fit <- eBayes(contrasts.fit(fit, contrasts))
topTable(contr.fit, coef=1)
```

8.1 Automating the DE analysis

A convenience function has been created to automate the differential expression analysis and repeat the above steps. The requirements to the function are a normalised object and a SampleGroup. By default, a design matrix and contrast matrix are derived from the SampleGroup by considering all pairwise contrasts. The matrices used, along with the array weights are saved in the output and can be retrieved later.

```
limmaRes <- limmaDE(exampleSummaryData.filt, SampleGroup="SampleFac")
limmaRes
```

```
## Results of limma analysis
## Design Matrix used...
##   Brain UHRR
## 1     0    1
## 2     0    1
## 3     0    1
## 4     0    1
## 5     0    1
## 6     0    1
## .....
##
## Array Weights....
## Contrast Matrix used...
##        Contrasts
## Levels  Brain-UHRR
##   Brain          1
##   UHRR          -1
## Array Weights....
## 2.09 2.527 ... 2.086 1.287
## Top Table
## Top 10 probes for contrast Brain-UHRR
##                 Row.names ArrayAddressID   IlluminaID  Status SYMBOL PROBEQUALITY
```

```
## ILMN_1651358 ILMN_1651358        4830541 ILMN_1651358 regular   HBE1      Perfect
## ILMN_1796678 ILMN_1796678         450537 ILMN_1796678 regular   HBG1      Perfect
## ILMN_1713458 ILMN_1713458        6980192 ILMN_1713458 regular    HBZ      Perfect
## ILMN_1783832 ILMN_1783832        7570189 ILMN_1783832 regular  GAGE6     Good****
##                  CODINGZONE                                      PROBESEQUENCE
## ILMN_1651358 Transcriptomic ATTCTGGCTACTCACTTTGGCAAGGAGTTCACCCCTGAAGTGCAGGCTGC
## ILMN_1796678 Transcriptomic AGAATTCACCCCTGAGGTGCAGGCTTCCTGGCAGAAGATGGTGACTGCAG
## ILMN_1713458 Transcriptomic GTCCTGGAGGTTCCCCAGCCCCACTTACCGCGTAATGCGCCAATAAACCA
## ILMN_1783832 Transcriptomic CCACAGACTGGGTGTGAGTGTGAAGATGGTCCTGATGGGCAGGAGGTGGA
##                       GENOMICLOCATION  LogFC LogOdds    pvalue
## ILMN_1651358  chr11:5289754:5289803:- -7.345   67.02 5.297e-34
## ILMN_1796678  chr11:5269621:5269670:- -7.321   66.49 9.666e-34
## ILMN_1713458    chr16:204444:204493:+ -6.419   64.33 1.084e-32
## ILMN_1783832 chrX:49330136:49330185:+ -5.973   64.09 1.409e-32
##
##
## Significant probes with adjusted p-value < 0.05
## Direction
##    -1     0     1
##  4709 25642  4011
```

```
DesignMatrix(limmaRes)
```

```
##    Brain UHRR
## 1      0    1
## 2      0    1
## 3      0    1
## 4      0    1
## 5      0    1
## 6      0    1
## 7      1    0
## 8      1    0
## 9      1    0
## 10     1    0
## 11     1    0
## 12     1    0
## attr(,"assign")
## [1] 1 1
## attr(,"contrasts")
## attr(,"contrasts")$`as.factor(SampleGroup)`
## [1] "contr.treatment"
```

```
ContrastMatrix(limmaRes)
```

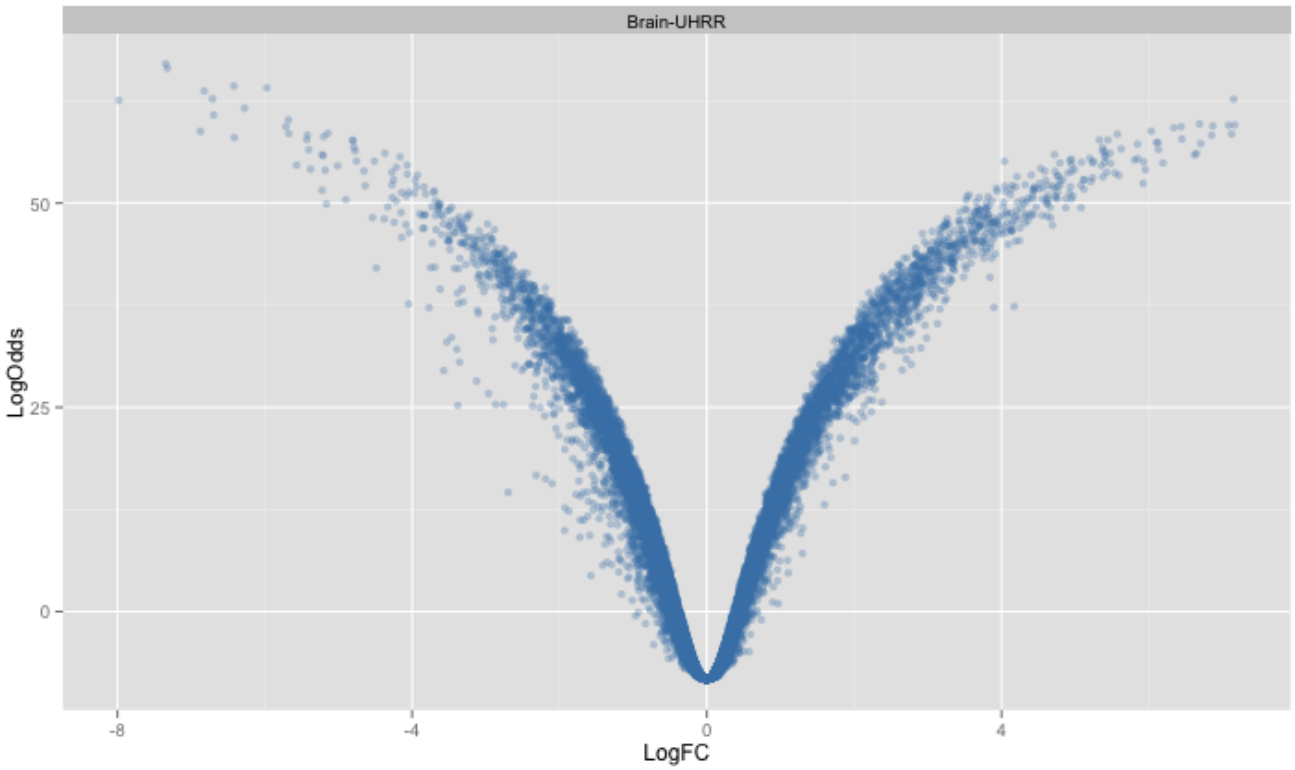
```
##        Contrasts
## Levels  Brain-UHRR
```

```
##   Brain           1
##   UHRR           -1
```

```
ArrayWeights(limmaRes)
```

```
##       1       2       3       4       5       6       7       8       9      10      11
## 2.09019 2.52679 1.45410 1.77471 2.13405 1.85777 0.01233 0.11160 2.45291 2.04234 2.08578
##      12
## 1.28699
```

```
plot(limmaRes)
```



9 Output as GRanges

To assist with meta-analysis, and integration with other genomic data-types, it is possible to export the normalised values as a *GRanges* object. Therefore it is easy to perform overlaps, counts etc with other data using the *GenomicRanges* and *GenomicFeatures* packages. In order for the ranges to be constructed, the genomic locations of each probe have to be obtained from the appropriate annotation package (*illuminaHumanv3.db* in this example). Provided that this package has been installed, the mapping should occur automatically. The expression values are stored in the *GRanges* object along with the `featureData`.

```
gr <- as(exampleSummaryData.filt[,1:5], "GRanges")
gr
```

```
## GRanges with 37013 ranges and 14 metadata columns:
##                            seqnames           ranges strand   |    Row.names
##                               <Rle>        <IRanges>  <Rle>   |  <character>
##   ILMN_1776601                 chr1 [ 69476,  69525]      +   | ILMN_1776601
##   ILMN_1665540                 chr1 [324468, 324517]      +   | ILMN_1665540
##   ILMN_1776483                 chr1 [324469, 324518]      +   | ILMN_1776483
##   ILMN_1682912                 chr1 [324673, 324722]      +   | ILMN_1682912
##   ILMN_1889155                 chr1 [759949, 759998]      +   | ILMN_1889155
##            ...                  ...              ...    ... ...          ...
##   ILMN_1691189       chrUn_gl000211 [ 23460,  23509]      -   | ILMN_1691189
##   ILMN_1722620 chr4_gl000193_random [ 75089,  75138]      -   | ILMN_1722620
##   ILMN_1821517                 chrM [  8249,   8287]      +   | ILMN_1821517
##   ILMN_1660133 chr7_gl000195_random [165531, 165580]      +   | ILMN_1660133
##   ILMN_1684166 chr4_gl000194_random [ 55310,  55359]      -   | ILMN_1684166
##                ArrayAddressID   IlluminaID   Status   SYMBOL PROBEQUALITY      CODINGZON
##                     <numeric>     <factor> <factor> <factor>     <factor>        <factor
##   ILMN_1776601        3610128 ILMN_1776601  regular    OR4F5      Perfect  Transcriptomi
##   ILMN_1665540        2570482 ILMN_1665540  regular     <NA>  Perfect****  Transcriptomi
##   ILMN_1776483        6290672 ILMN_1776483  regular     <NA>  Perfect****  Transcriptomi
##   ILMN_1682912        4060014 ILMN_1682912  regular     <NA>  Perfect****  Transcriptomi
##   ILMN_1889155        1780768 ILMN_1889155  regular     <NA>   Perfect*** Transcriptomic
##            ...            ...          ...      ...      ...          ...             .
##   ILMN_1691189        5310750 ILMN_1691189  regular     <NA>  Perfect****  Transcriptomi
##   ILMN_1722620        5560181 ILMN_1722620  regular MGC39584  Perfect****  Transcriptomi
##   ILMN_1821517        6550386 ILMN_1821517  regular     <NA>         Good  Transcriptomi
##   ILMN_1660133        7510136 ILMN_1660133  regular     <NA>   Perfect*** Transcriptomic
##   ILMN_1684166        7650241 ILMN_1684166  regular    MAFIP      Perfect  Transcriptomi
##                                                                PROBESEQUENCE
##                                                                     <factor>
##   ILMN_1776601 TGTGTGGCAACGCATGTGTCGGCATTATGGCTGTCACATGGGGAATTGGC
##   ILMN_1665540 CAGAACTTTCTCCAGTCAGCCTCTACAGACCAAGCTCATGACTCACAATG
##   ILMN_1776483 AGAACTTTCTCCAGTCAGCCTCTACAGACCAAGCTCATGACTCACAATGG
##   ILMN_1682912 GTCGACCTCACCAGGCCCAGCTCATGCTTCTTTGCAGCCTCTCCAGGCCC
##   ILMN_1889155 GCCCCAAGTGGAGGAACCCTCAGACATTTGCAGAGGAGTCAGTGTGCTAG
##            ...                                                ...
##   ILMN_1691189 GCCTGTCTTCAAAACTAAGATTACAAAGCCATGGTAACACTGTGTAAGTG
##   ILMN_1722620 CCAGCATCTCCTGGACAGTCAGCCGAGTGTTTCCATGATACCAGCCATAC
##   ILMN_1821517 GCAGGGCCCGTATTTACCCTATAGCACCCCCTCTAACCCCTTTTGAGACC
##   ILMN_1660133 GCAGACAGCCTGAGGAAGATATAAGTAGAGGGATGGAGAATCCTAGGGCC
##   ILMN_1684166 TTTCTCCTCTGTCCCACTTATCCCGAGGGACCCCAGAAGCAAGTGTCACC
##                                  GENOMICLOCATION X4613710017_B X4613710052_B
##                                         <factor>     <numeric>     <numeric>
```

```
##   ILMN_1776601                  chr1:69476:69525:+         5.658         5.323
##   ILMN_1665540                chr1:324468:324517:+         6.410         6.198
##   ILMN_1776483                chr1:324469:324518:+         6.659         6.230
##   ILMN_1682912                chr1:324673:324722:+         6.055         6.035
##   ILMN_1889155                chr1:759949:759998:+         5.517         5.536
##            ...                                 ...           ...           ...
##   ILMN_1691189         chrUn_gl000211:23460:23509:-         5.269         5.120
##   ILMN_1722620   chr4_gl000193_random:75089:75138:-         5.868         5.881
##   ILMN_1821517                   chrM:8249:8287:+        13.239        13.530
##   ILMN_1660133 chr7_gl000195_random:165531:165580:+         5.759         5.937
##   ILMN_1684166   chr4_gl000194_random:55310:55359:-         5.443         5.342
##                X4613710054_B X4616443079_B X4616443093_B
##                    <numeric>     <numeric>     <numeric>
##   ILMN_1776601         5.428         5.238         5.363
##   ILMN_1665540         6.278         6.223         6.303
##   ILMN_1776483         6.317         6.087         6.265
##   ILMN_1682912         5.999         6.016         6.016
##   ILMN_1889155         5.518         5.472         5.612
##            ...           ...           ...           ...
##   ILMN_1691189         5.307         5.340         5.462
##   ILMN_1722620         5.692         5.740         5.951
##   ILMN_1821517        13.610        13.096        13.192
##   ILMN_1660133         5.897         5.530         5.918
##   ILMN_1684166         5.254         5.787         5.720
##   ---
##   seqlengths:
##                     chr1                 chr18 ...  chr4_gl000194_random
##                       NA                    NA ...                    NA
```

The limma analysis results can also be exported as a GRanges object for downstream analysis. The elementMetadata of the output object is set to the statistics from the limma analysis.

```
lgr <- as(limmaRes, "GRanges")
lgr
```

```
## GRangesList of length 1:
## $Brain-UHRR
## GRanges with 37013 ranges and 3 metadata columns:
##                            seqnames           ranges strand   |               LogFC
##                               <Rle>        <IRanges>  <Rle>   |           <numeric>
##   ILMN_1776601                chr1 [ 69476,  69525]      +   |  -0.0417471673184382
##   ILMN_1665540                chr1 [324468, 324517]      +   |   -0.310015481626054
##   ILMN_1776483                chr1 [324469, 324518]      +   |   -0.545248865530192
##   ILMN_1682912                chr1 [324673, 324722]      +   |   -0.280075141270522
##   ILMN_1889155                chr1 [759949, 759998]      +   |  0.00935410440764795
##            ...                 ...              ...    ... ...                   ...
```

```
##   ILMN_1691189       chrUn_gl000211 [ 23460,  23509]      -   |    0.143264446289193
##   ILMN_1722620 chr4_gl000193_random [ 75089,  75138]      -   |   -0.406766579821191
##   ILMN_1821517                 chrM [  8249,   8287]      +   |   0.0155974678785551
##   ILMN_1660133 chr7_gl000195_random [165531, 165580]      +   |   -0.371030650489396
##   ILMN_1684166 chr4_gl000194_random [ 55310,  55359]      -   | 0.000462823768571319
##                         LogOdds               PValue
##                       <numeric>            <numeric>
##   ILMN_1776601 -8.17361791442789    0.644439702761411
##   ILMN_1665540 -3.19675200376246  0.00190943267349829
##   ILMN_1776483  2.89721369582597 4.15850553120308e-06
##   ILMN_1682912 -3.02509723946879   0.0015999301905369
##   ILMN_1889155  -8.2796390853818    0.911256304500686
##            ...               ...                  ...
##   ILMN_1691189 -7.69584585909284    0.290595627860216
##   ILMN_1722620 0.296467921866389 5.53352021578778e-05
##   ILMN_1821517 -8.27190883294181    0.869373703086076
##   ILMN_1660133 -1.75295130978946 0.000436179791791669
##   ILMN_1684166  -8.2861943021698    0.996284874188181
##
## ---
## seqlengths:
##                   chr1                 chr18 ...  chr4_gl000194_random
##                     NA                    NA ...                    NA
```

The data can be manipulated according to the DE stats

```
lgr <- lgr[[1]]
lgr[order(lgr$LogOdds,decreasing=T)]
```

```
## GRanges with 37013 ranges and 3 metadata columns:
##                seqnames                ranges strand   |                LogFC
##                   <Rle>             <IRanges>  <Rle>   |            <numeric>
##   ILMN_1651358    chr11   [ 5289754,  5289803]      -   |     -7.34461266210468
##   ILMN_1796678    chr11   [ 5269621,  5269670]      -   |     -7.32071070399014
##   ILMN_1713458    chr16   [  204444,   204493]      +   |     -6.41903262349249
##   ILMN_1783832     chrX   [49330136, 49330185]      +   |     -5.97278193212517
##   ILMN_1782939     chr4   [74285311, 74285356]      +   |     -6.82215124660207
##            ...      ...                   ...    ... ...                    ...
##   ILMN_1795567     chr4 [   156920,    156969]      +   | -2.01101921826208e-05
##   ILMN_2288639     chrX [ 49369673,  49369722]      +   | -1.96088181594334e-05
##   ILMN_1727040     chr1 [ 44401157,  44401206]      +   | -5.43947807685186e-06
##   ILMN_1813701     chr1 [178443252, 178443301]      +   | -3.58307724734885e-06
##   ILMN_1705568     chr7 [107271045, 107271094]      +   | -3.15620111468462e-06
##                         LogOdds               PValue
##                       <numeric>            <numeric>
##   ILMN_1651358  67.0220419617412 5.29657071699751e-34
```

```
##   ILMN_1796678  66.4923816114673 9.66629693323439e-34
##   ILMN_1713458  64.3288232451041 1.08413328947548e-32
##   ILMN_1783832  64.0910654560522 1.40896346875058e-32
##   ILMN_1782939  63.7054328795779 2.15233239877643e-32
##            ...               ...                  ...
##   ILMN_1795567 -8.28620574316231     0.99984457243611
##   ILMN_2288639  -8.2862057437304    0.999846789087848
##   ILMN_1727040 -8.28620576098513    0.999948094879518
##   ILMN_1813701 -8.28620576239985    0.999968528746846
##   ILMN_1705568 -8.28620576258482    0.999972292910236
##   ---
##   seqlengths:
##                     chr1                  chr18 ...  chr4_gl000194_random
##                       NA                     NA ...                    NA

lgr[p.adjust(lgr$PValue)<0.05]

## GRanges with 9420 ranges and 3 metadata columns:
##                     seqnames              ranges strand   |              LogFC
##                        <Rle>           <IRanges>  <Rle>   |          <numeric>
##   ILMN_1709067          chr1 [ 879456,  879505]      +   |   -0.6285449686972
##   ILMN_1705602          chr1 [ 900738,  900787]      +   | -0.613232031371666
##   ILMN_1770454          chr1 [ 991196,  991245]      +   |  -1.01510479372037
##   ILMN_1780315          chr1 [1246734, 1246783]      +   | -0.721249818912305
##   ILMN_1773026          chr1 [1372636, 1372685]      +   |  0.669488998888564
##            ...           ...                 ...    ... ...                ...
##   ILMN_2398587 chr6_apd_hap1 [1269579, 1269628]      +   |  -1.25247098453431
##   ILMN_1692486 chr6_apd_hap1 [1270027, 1270031]      +   |  -1.58597035134591
##   ILMN_1692486 chr6_apd_hap1 [1270238, 1270282]      +   |  -1.58597035134591
##   ILMN_1708006 chr6_apd_hap1 [2793475, 2793524]      +   |  -2.07798043507869
##   ILMN_2070300 chr6_apd_hap1 [3079946, 3079995]      -   |  -1.43842772631114
##                       LogOdds               PValue
##                     <numeric>            <numeric>
##   ILMN_1709067 7.42471212143437  4.8130494289674e-08
##   ILMN_1705602 5.60598100967875 2.87153951468259e-07
##   ILMN_1770454 18.3445724383623 1.13472633773764e-12
##   ILMN_1780315 8.31031283452404 2.02073133623892e-08
##   ILMN_1773026 10.3130628453766  2.8487426766453e-09
##            ...               ...                  ...
##   ILMN_2398587 19.6370877229845 3.22590423083603e-13
##   ILMN_1692486 26.7915783558006 3.05100900018172e-16
##   ILMN_1692486 26.7915783558006 3.05100900018172e-16
##   ILMN_1708006  33.118354645671 6.36280713220114e-19
##   ILMN_2070300 25.1915158013652 1.44926001142217e-15
##   ---
```

```
##   seqlengths:
##                     chr1                 chr18 ...  chr4_gl000194_random
##                       NA                    NA ...                    NA
```

We can do overlaps with other *GRanges* objects

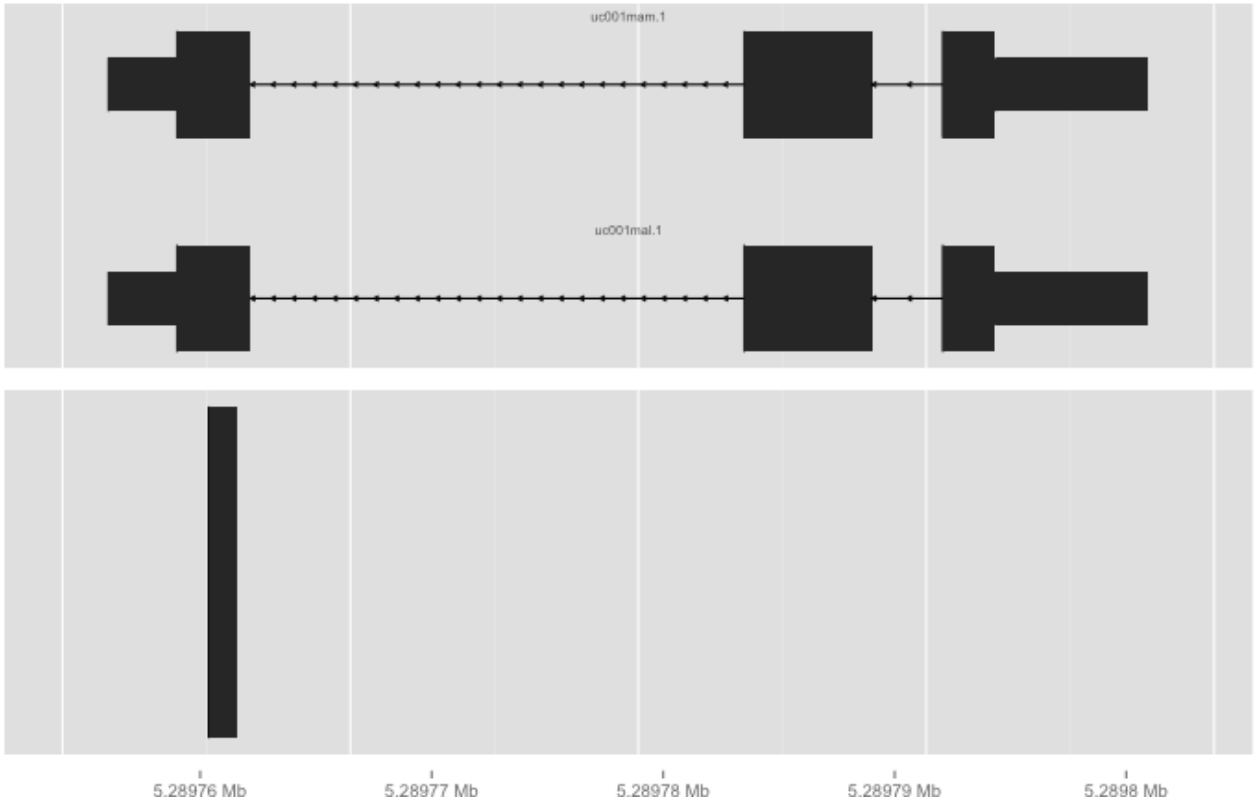
```
library(GenomicRanges)
  HBE1 <- GRanges("chr11", IRanges(5289580,5291373),strand="-")

  lgr[lgr %over% HBE1]
```

```
## GRanges with 1 range and 3 metadata columns:
##                 seqnames             ranges strand |             LogFC          LogOdds
##                    <Rle>          <IRanges>  <Rle> |         <numeric>        <numeric>
##   ILMN_1651358    chr11 [5289754, 5289803]      - | -7.34461266210468 67.0220419617412
##                              PValue
##                           <numeric>
##   ILMN_1651358 5.29657071699751e-34
##   ---
##   seqlengths:
##                     chr1                 chr18 ...  chr4_gl000194_random
##                       NA                    NA ...                    NA
```

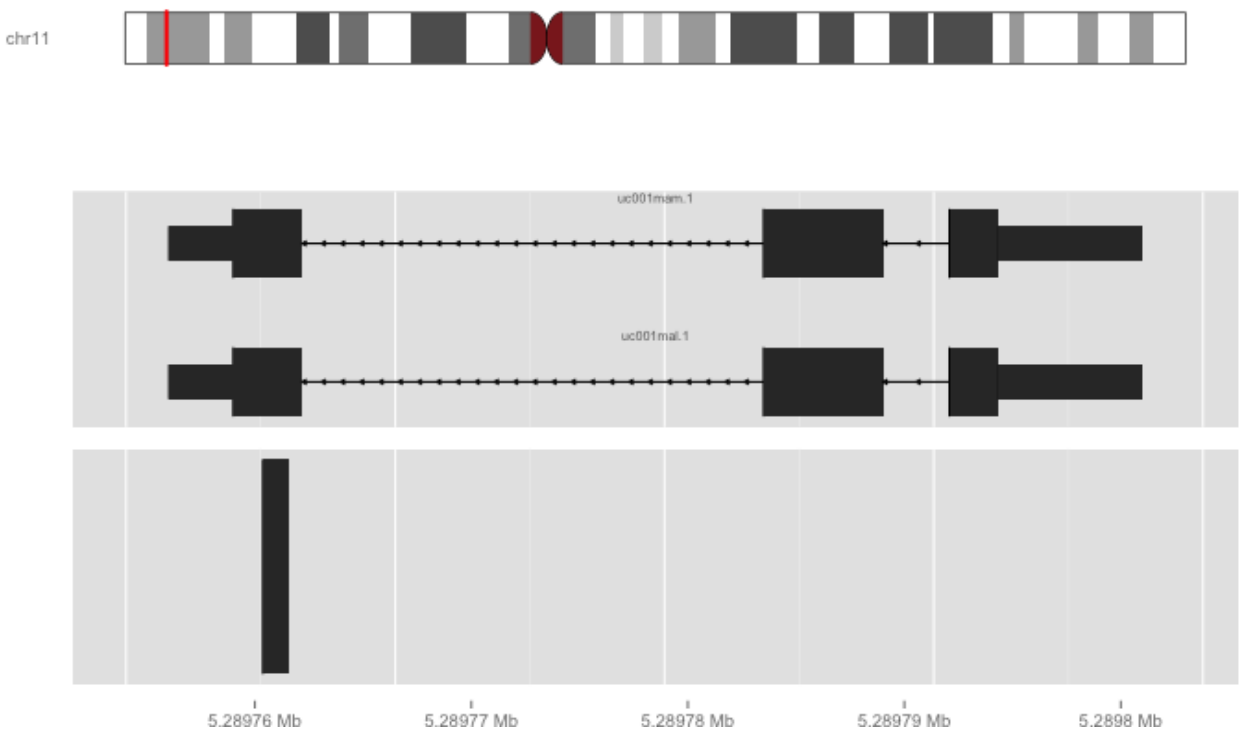
9.1 Visualisation options

Having converted the DE results into a common format such as *GRanges* allows access to common routines, such as those provided by *ggbio*. For example, it is often useful to know where exactly the illumina probes are located with respect to the gene.

```
library(ggbio)
library(TxDb.Hsapiens.UCSC.hg19.knownGene)
tx <- TxDb.Hsapiens.UCSC.hg19.knownGene
p1 <- autoplot(tx, which=HBE1)
p2 <-   autoplot(lgr[lgr %over% HBE1])
tracks(p1,p2)
```

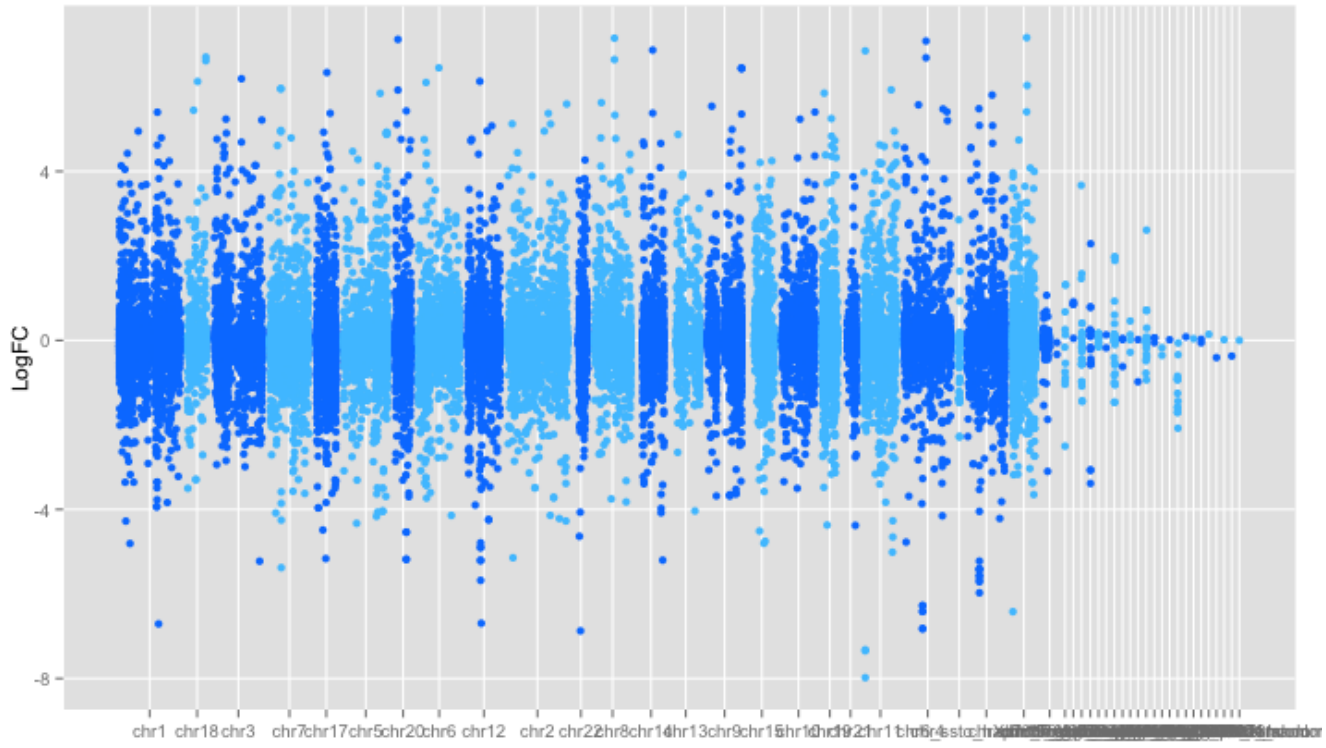



```
id <- plotIdeogram(genome="hg19", subchr="chr11")
tracks(id,p1,p2)
```



Genome-wide plots are also available

```
plotGrandLinear(lgr, aes(y = LogFC))
```



10 Creating a GEO submission file

Most journals are now requiring that data are deposited in a public repository prior to publication of a manuscript. Formatting the microarray and associated metadata can be time-consuming, so we have provided a function to create a template for a GEO submission. GEO require particular meta data to be recorded regarding the experimental protocols. The output of the `makeGEOSubmissionFiles` includes a spreadsheet with the relevant fields that can be filled in manually. The normalised and raw data are written to tab-delimited files. By default, the annotation package associated with the data is consulted to determine which probes are exported. Any probes that are present in the data, but not in the annotation package are excluded from the submission file.

```
rawdata <- channel(exampleSummaryData, "G")
normdata <- normaliseIllumina(rawdata)

makeGEOSubmissionFiles(normdata,rawdata)
```

Alternatively, GEO's official probe annotation files can be used to decide which probes to include in the submission. You will first have to download the appropriate file from the GEO website.

```
download.file(
"ftp://ftp.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/geo/platforms/GPL6nnn/GPL6947/annot/GPL6947.annot.gz",
destfile="GPL6947.annot.gz"
)

makeGEOSubmissionFiles(normdata,rawdata,softTemplate="GPL6947.annot.gz")
```

11 Analysing data from GEO

beadarray now contains functionality that can assist in the analysis of data available in the GEO (Gene Expression Omnibus) repository. We can download such data using *GEOquery*:

```
library(GEOquery)
url <- "ftp://ftp.ncbi.nih.gov/pub/geo/DATA/SeriesMatrix/GSE33126/"
filenm <- "GSE33126_series_matrix.txt.gz"
if(!file.exists("GSE33126_series_matrix.txt.gz")) download.file(paste(url, filenm, sep=""),
gse <- getGEO(filename=filenm)
head(exprs(gse))
```

Now we convert this to an *ExpressionSetIllumina*; *beadarray*'s native class for dealing with summarised data. The *annotation* slot stored in the *ExpressionSet* is converted from a GEO identifier (e.g. GPL10558) to one recognised by *beadarray* (e.g. Humanv4). If no conversion is possible, the resulting object will have `NULL` for the annotation slot. If successful, you should notice that the object is automatically annotated against the latest available annotation package.

```
summaryData <- as(gse, "ExpressionSetIllumina")
summaryData
head(fData(summaryData))
```

As we have annotated using the latest packages, we have imported the probe quality scores. We can calculate Detection scores by using the 'No match' probes as a reference; useful as data in repositories rarely export these data

```
fData(summaryData)$Status <-
  ifelse(fData(summaryData)$PROBEQUALITY=="No match","negative","regular" )

Detection(summaryData) <- calculateDetection(summaryData,
                              status=fData(summaryData)$Status)
```

The 'neqc' normalisation method from limma can also be used now.

```
summaryData.norm <- normaliseIllumina(summaryData,method="neqc",
    status=fData(summaryData)$Status)
boxplot(summaryData.norm)
```

We can do differential expression if we know the column in the phenoData that contains sample group information

```
limmaResults <- limmaDE(summaryData.norm, "source_name_ch1")
limmaResults
```

12 Reading bead summary data into beadarray

BeadStudio/GenomeStudio is Illumina's proprietary software for analyzing data output by the scanning system (BeadScan/iScan). It contains different modules for analyzing data from different platforms. For further information on the software and how to export summarized data, refer to the user's manual. In this section we consider how to read in and analyze output from the gene expression module of BeadStudio/GenomeStudio.

The example dataset used in this section consists of an experiment with one Human WG-6 version 2 BeadChip. These arrays were hybridized with the control RNA samples used in the MAQC project (3 replicates of UHRR and 3 replicates of Brain Reference RNA).

The non-normalized data for regular and control probes was output by BeadStudio/GenomeStudio.

The example BeadStudio output used in this section is available in the file AsuragenMAQC_BeadStudioOutput.zip which can be downloaded from tt http://www.switchtoi.com/datasets.ilmn.

You will need to download and unzip the contents of this file to the current R working directory. Inside this zip file you will find several files including summarized, non-normalized data and a file containing control information. We give a more detailed description of each of the particular files we will make use of below.

- Sample probe profile (AsuragenMAQC-probe-raw.txt) (*required*) - text file which contains the non-normalized summary values as output by BeadStudio. Inside the file is a data matrix with some 48,000 rows. In newer versions of the software, these data are preceded by several lines of header information. Each row is a different probe in the experiment and the columns give different measurements for the gene. For each array, we record the summarized expression level (AVG_Signal), standard error of the bead replicates (BEAD_STDERR), number of beads (Avg_NBEADS) and a detection p-value (Detection Pval) which estimates the probability of a gene being detected above the background level. When exporting this file from BeadStudio, the user is able to choose which columns to export.
- Control probe profile (AsuragenMAQC-controls.txt) (*recommended*) - text file which contains the summarized data for each of the controls on each array, which may be useful for diagnostic and calibration purposes. Refer to the Illumina documentation for information on what each control measures.
- targets file (*optional*) - text file created by the user specifying which sample is hybridized to each array. No such file is provided for this dataset, however we can extract sample annotation information from the column headings in the sample probe profile.

Files with normalized intensities (those with avg in the name), as well as files with one intensity value per gene (files with gene in the name) instead of separate intensities for different probes targeting the same transcript, are also available in this download. We recommend users work with the non-normalized probe-specific data in their analysis where possible. Illumina's background correction step, which subtracts the intensities of the negative control probes from the intensities of the regular probes, should also be avoided.

```
library(beadarray)
dataFile = "AsuragenMAQC-probe-raw.txt"
qcFile = "AsuragenMAQC-controls.txt"
BSData = readBeadSummaryData(dataFile = dataFile,
qcFile = qcFile, controlID = "ProbeID",
skip = 0, qc.skip = 0, qc.columns = list(exprs = "AVG_Signal",
Detection = "Detection Pval"))
```

The arguments of readBeadSummaryData can be modified to suit data from versions 1, 2 or 3 of BeadStudio. The current default settings should work for version 3 output. Users may need to change the argument sep, which specifies if the dataFile is comma or tab delimited and the skip argument which specifies the number of lines of header information at the top of the file. Possible skip arguments of 0, 7 and 8 have been observed, depending on the version of BeadStudio or way in which the data was exported. The columns argument is used to specify which column headings to read from dataFile and store in various matrices. Note that the naming of the columns containing the standard errors changed between versions of BeadStudio (earlier versions used BEAD STDEV in place of BEAD STDERR - be sure to check that the columns argument is appropriate for your data). Equivalent arguments (qc.sep, qc.skip and qc.columns) are used to read the data from qcFile. See the help page (?readBeadSummaryData) for a complete description of each argument to the function.

13 Citing beadarray

If you use *beadarray* for the analysis or pre-processing of BeadArray data please cite:

Dunning MJ, Smith ML, Ritchie ME, Tavaré S, **beadarray: R classes and methods for Illumina bead-based data**, *Bioinformatics*, **23**(16):2183-2184

14 Asking for help on beadarray

Wherever possible, questions about *beadarray* should be sent to the Bioconductor mailing list[1]. This way, all problems and solutions will be kept in a searchable archive. When posting to this mailing list, please first consult the *posting guide*. In particular, state the version of *beadarray* and R that you are

[1] http://www.bioconductor.org

using[2], and try to provide a reproducible example of your problem. This will help us to diagnose the problem.

This vignette was built with the following versions of R and

```
sessionInfo()
```

```
## R version 3.1.0 Patched (2014-05-21 r65711)
## Platform: x86_64-apple-darwin13.1.0 (64-bit)
##
## locale:
## [1] C/en_US.UTF-8/en_US.UTF-8/C/en_US.UTF-8/en_US.UTF-8
##
## attached base packages:
## [1] grid      parallel  stats     graphics  grDevices utils     datasets
## [8] methods   base
##
## other attached packages:
##  [1] XVector_0.4.0
##  [2] TxDb.Hsapiens.UCSC.hg19.knownGene_2.14.0
##  [3] GenomicFeatures_1.16.2
##  [4] ggbio_1.12.5
##  [5] GenomicRanges_1.16.3
##  [6] IRanges_1.22.9
##  [7] mgcv_1.7-29
##  [8] nlme_3.1-117
##  [9] hexbin_1.26.3
## [10] lattice_0.20-29
## [11] gridExtra_0.9.1
## [12] illuminaHumanv3.db_1.22.1
## [13] org.Hs.eg.db_2.14.0
## [14] RSQLite_0.11.4
## [15] DBI_0.2-7
## [16] AnnotationDbi_1.26.0
## [17] GenomeInfoDb_1.0.2
## [18] beadarrayExampleData_1.2.0
## [19] beadarray_2.14.1
## [20] ggplot2_1.0.0
## [21] Biobase_2.24.0
## [22] BiocGenerics_0.10.0
## [23] knitr_1.6
##
## loaded via a namespace (and not attached):
##  [1] AnnotationForge_1.6.1    BBmisc_1.6               BSgenome_1.32.0
##  [4] BatchJobs_1.2            BeadDataPackR_1.16.0     BiocParallel_0.6.1
```

[2]This can be done by pasting the output of running the function `sessionInfo()`.

```
##  [7] BiocStyle_1.2.0          Biostrings_2.32.0        Formula_1.1-1
## [10] GenomicAlignments_1.0.1  Hmisc_3.14-4             MASS_7.3-33
## [13] Matrix_1.1-4             RColorBrewer_1.0-5       RCurl_1.95-4.1
## [16] Rcpp_0.11.2              Rsamtools_1.16.1         VariantAnnotation_1.10.2
## [19] XML_3.98-1.1             base64_1.1               biomaRt_2.20.0
## [22] biovizBase_1.12.1        bitops_1.0-6             brew_1.0-6
## [25] cluster_1.15.2           codetools_0.2-8          colorspace_1.2-4
## [28] dichromat_2.0-0          digest_0.6.4             evaluate_0.5.5
## [31] fail_1.2                 foreach_1.4.2            formatR_0.10
## [34] gtable_0.1.2             highr_0.3                illuminaio_0.6.0
## [37] iterators_1.0.7          labeling_0.2             latticeExtra_0.6-26
## [40] limma_3.20.5             munsell_0.4.2            plyr_1.8.1
## [43] proto_0.3-10             reshape2_1.4             rtracklayer_1.24.2
## [46] scales_0.2.4             sendmailR_1.1-2          splines_3.1.0
## [49] stats4_3.1.0             stringr_0.6.2            survival_2.37-7
## [52] tools_3.1.0              zlibbioc_1.10.0
```