

# HM450 arrays

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# Illumina HumanMethylation450

Figure from <http://www.illumina.com>



**485,577 Sample  
Probes**

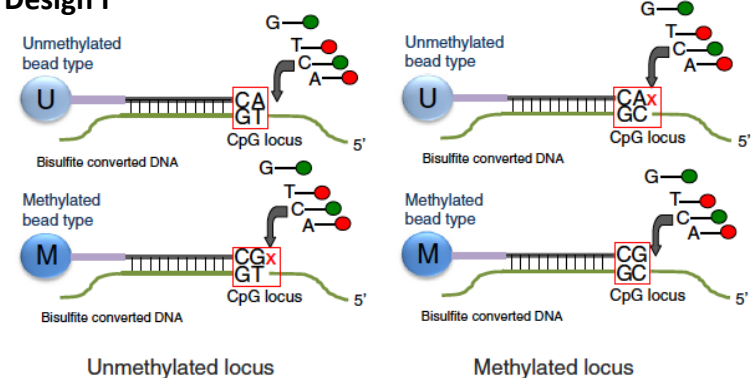
**Target Site**

- 482,421 CpG
- 3,091 CpH
- 65 rs

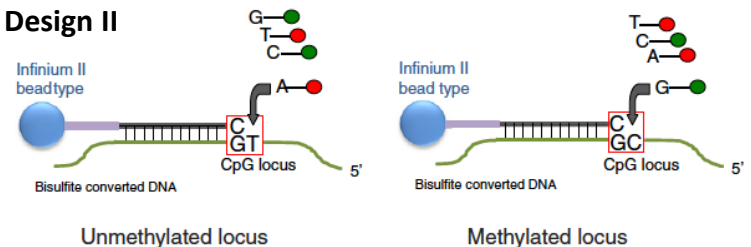
**Color of bead types:**

- 350,076 (70%) Both (**M**,**U**) Design II
- 46,298 (10%) Green (**M**,**U**) Design I
- 89,203 (20%) Red (**M**,**U**) Design I

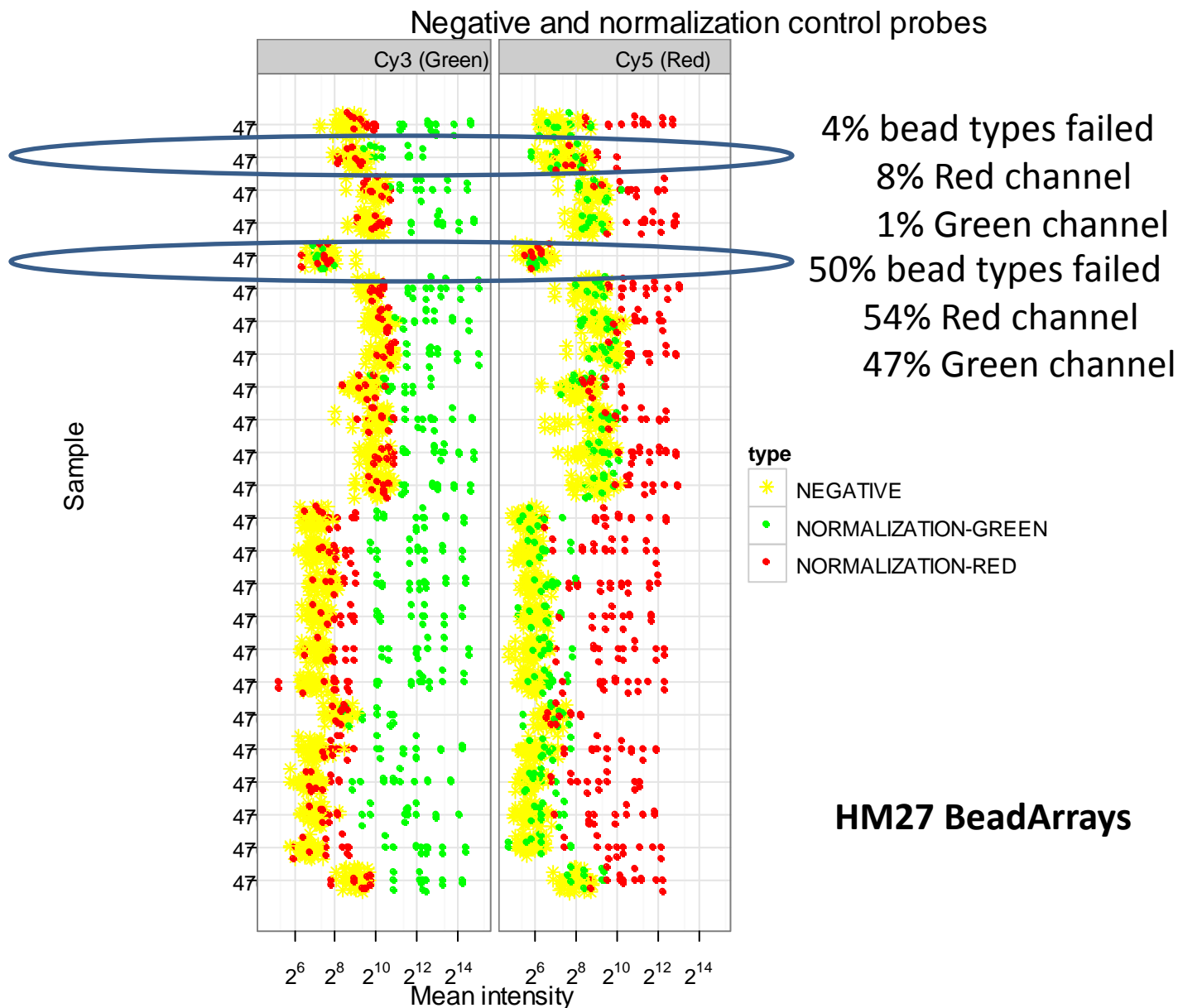
**Design I**



**Design II**



# QC: Plot Control Probs



# Preprocessing HM Data

0. Image analysis      Summarize Avg M, Avg U, nbeadsM,...
1. Data import      BioC pkgs: methylumi, lumi, minfi
2. Quality assessment
3. Background correction
4. Dye-bias equalization - new for HM450
5. Summarization      Beta-value or M-value ?
6. Normalization      Quantile Normalization (Sun et al. 2011)  
adjust batch, DNA input, BSC efficiency (Teschendorff et al. 2009)  
Subset-Within Array Normalization (Makismovic et al., 2012)
7. Batch-effect correction      ComBat (Sun et al. 2011)

# DNA methylation measures

$$\text{DNA methylation frequency} = \frac{M}{M + U + c}$$

where M = avg fluorescent intensity from methylated allele  
U = avg fluorescent intensity from unmethylated allele  
c is a constant used by Illumina (c=100)

$$\text{M-value} = \log_2(M/U)$$

**Question:** What is the best scale for analysis?

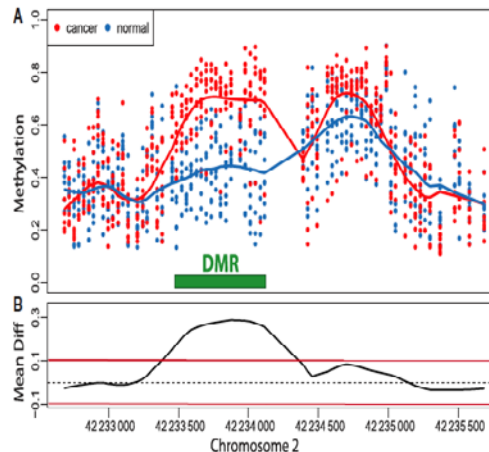
# Differential DNAm Analysis

## Spatially Correlated Features

- DNA methylation shows correlation at  $< 1000$  bps

Eckhardt et al. (2006) Nature Genetics

- CHARM:



Jaffe et al. (2012)

Int J Epidemiol

- HM450 Array: Median distance between adjacent probes  $\sim 300$  bps

# Differential DNAm Analysis

## Spatially Correlated Features

- Marginal tests
  - Non-Homogeneous Markov Model  
Kuan & Chiang, Biometrics 2012
  - Smooth coefficients to identify regions  
(Bump hunting) Jaffe et al. Int J Epidemiol 2012
- High-dimensional Regression Analysis
  - Penalized Regression  
Sun & Wang, Bioinf 2012  
Teschendorff & Widschwendter 2012

# Enrichment Testing

DNA methylation motivates new contexts for enrichment testing

Tests for enrichment by:

- GO terms, pathways (‘traditional’)
- genomic context/coordinates
  - CGI TSS
  - Polycomb-group protein (Widschwendter et al. 2007)
  - Nuclear lamina-associated domains (Berman et al. 2011)