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Detection of point mutations with DNA microarrays: hybridization thermodynamic parameters

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PART I

Detection of point mutations with DNA microarrays

Aim

Solution: mixture of 2 DNA sequences

Abundant wild type



Mutant in minority



Point mutation

Hybridisation

MicroArray

Use thermodynamics to:

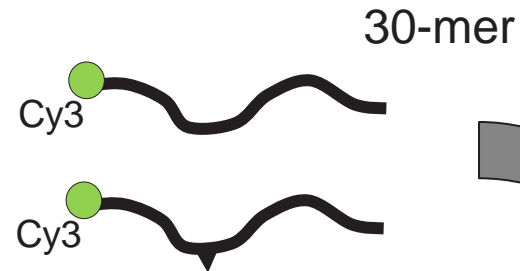
- Detect presence of mutant
- Identify mutation
- Quantify relative concentration

Setup

The solution:

Abundant wild type = synthetic oligo = target ***t***

Mutant in minority = synthetic oligo = target ***t'***



Wild type target:

5' CAGGGCCTCGTTATCAATGGAGTAGGTTTC + spacer + Cy3 3'

Mutant target:

5' CAGGGCCGCGTTATCAATGGAGTAGGTTTC + spacer + Cy3 3'

Setup

The microarray: Agilent 15K custom array

1006 different probes (15 replicates):

perfect match of wild type →

1 GAAACCTACTCCATTGATAACGAGGCCCTG

single mismatch →

2 GAAACATACTCCATTGATAACGAGGCCCTG

3 GAAACTTACTCCATTGATAACGAGGCCCTG

4 GAAACGTACTCCATTGATAACGAGGCCCTG

5 GAAACAACTCCATTGATAACGAGGCCCTG

...

61 GAAACCTACTCCATTGATAACGAGCCCCTG

double mismatch →

62 GAAACATACTCAATTGATAACGAGGCCCTG

63 GAAACATACTCTATTGATAACGAGGCCCTG

64 GAAACATACTCGATTGATAACGAGGCCCTG

...

1006 GAAACCTACTCCATTGATCACGAGCCCCTG

Setup

The microarray: Agilent 15K custom array

1006 different probes (15 replicates):

Affinity to wild type target

perfect match of wild type →

single mismatch →

double mismatch →

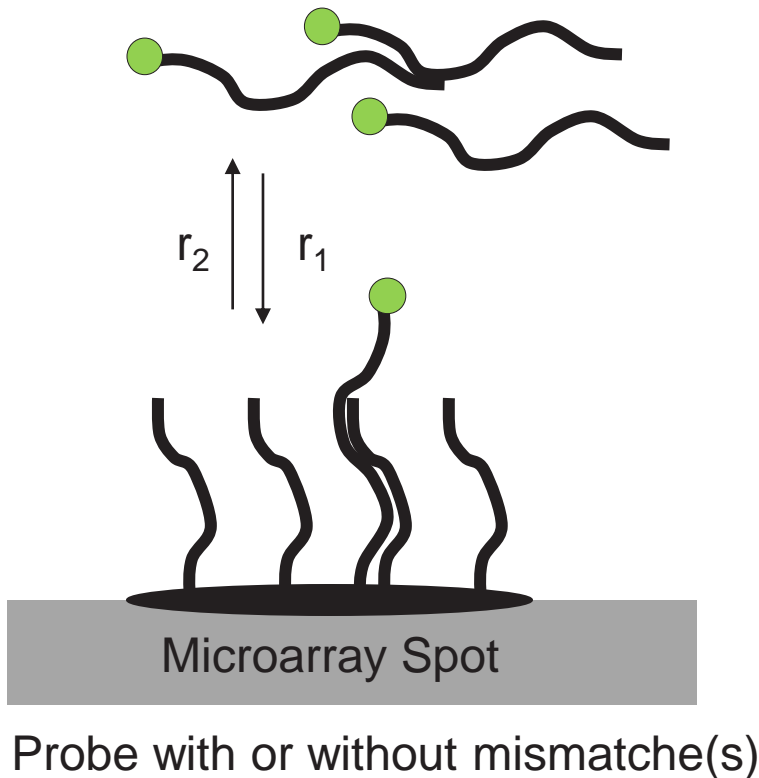


Covers the entire intensity-range of the scan device

Also affinity range for mutant target

Thermodynamics, pure target

Pure target t , concentration C

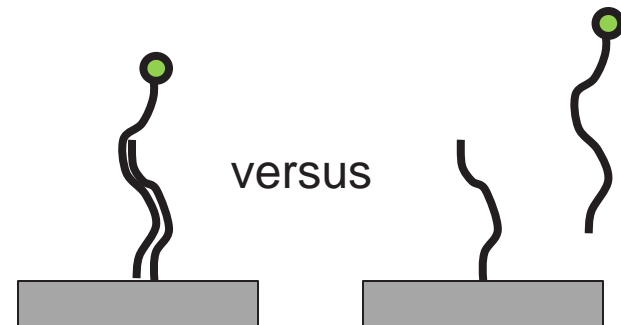


- Two-state process
- In thermodynamic equilibrium
- Far from spot saturation

→ Langmuir Isotherm

$$I = A.c.e^{\Delta G/RT}$$

$\Delta G =$ Probe-target affinity



Thermodynamics, pure target



Intensity of each spot (probe):

$$I = F(\Delta G)$$

ΔG Depends on probe sequence

For short sequences ΔG can be calculated from:

Nearest neighbour model

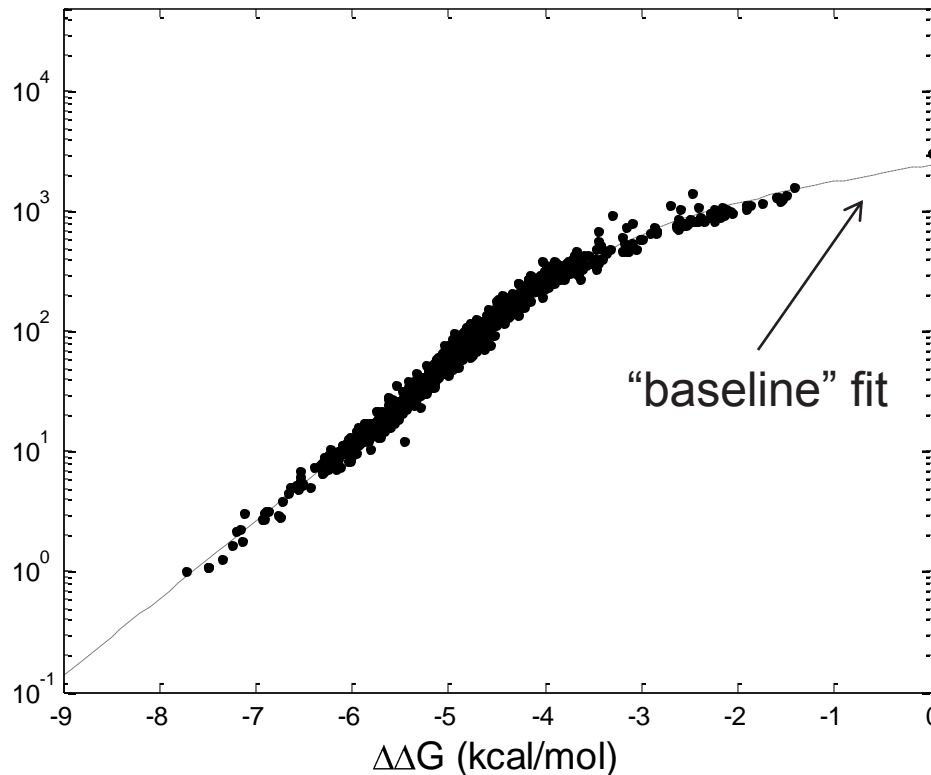
Thermodynamic parameters fitted from microarray experiments

*Hooyberghs J., Van Hummelen P. and Carlon E.
Nucleic Acids Research, 37, 7 e53 (2009)*

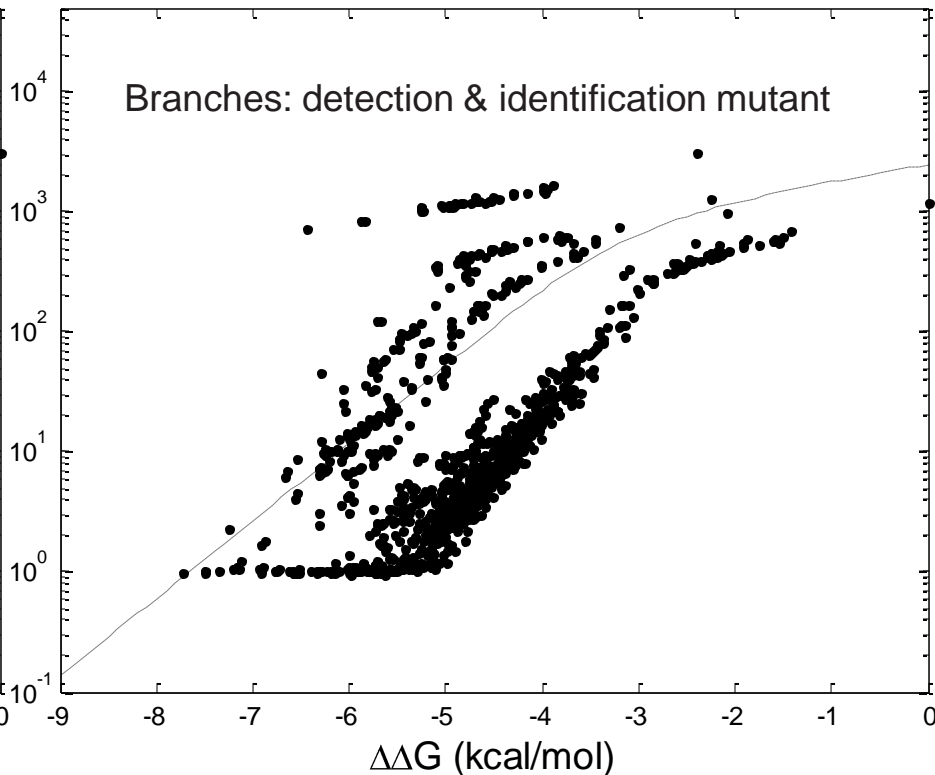
Experimental result, pure target

Target concentration $c = 50$ pM; $T = 65^\circ$ C; hybridisation time = 17h

Wild type target t



Mutant target t'

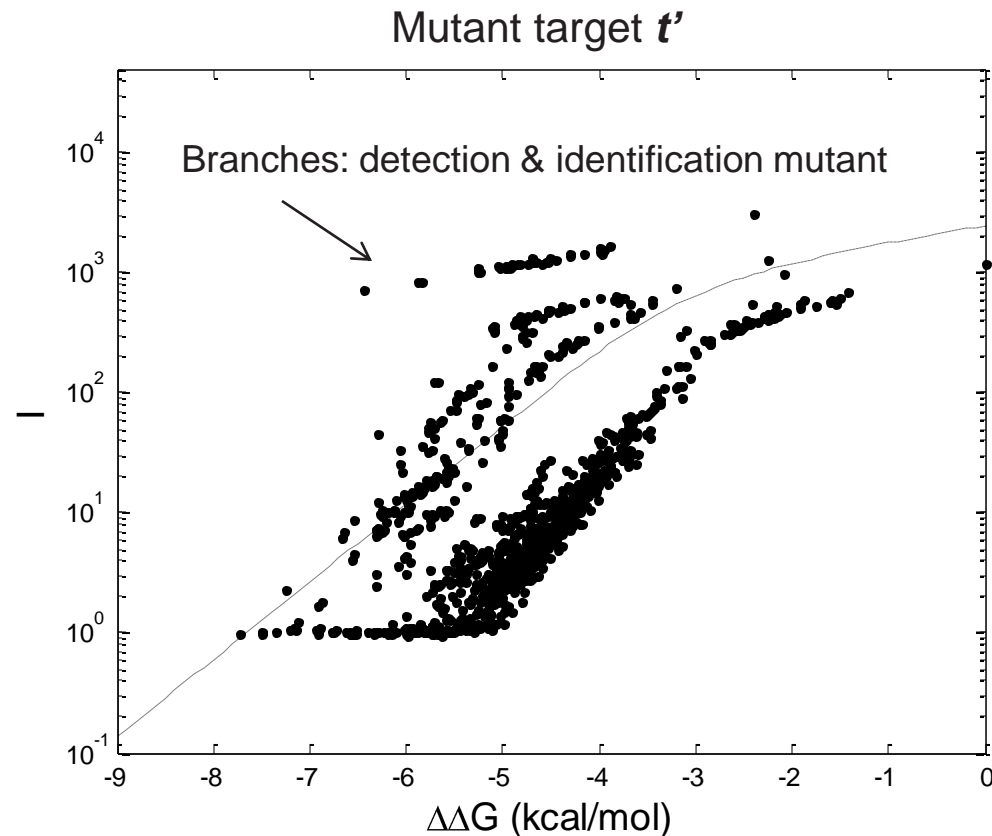


Experimental result, pure target

Deviating branch =

Cluster of probes with a mutation
fixed position
fixed type
versus the wild type target

Most deviating branch
→ identification of mutant



Thermodynamics, two targets

Wild type (abundant) = target t $\rightarrow \Delta G$

Mutant (in minority) = target t' $\rightarrow \Delta G'$

Competitive hybridisation

$$I = c.F(\Delta G) + c'.F(\Delta G')$$

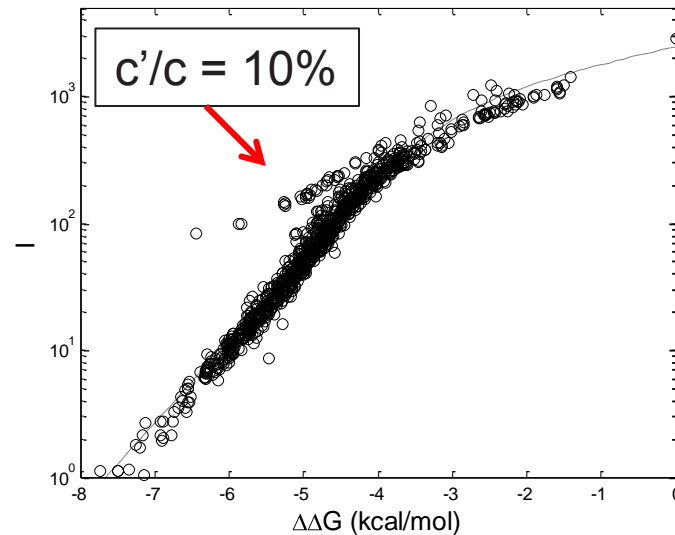
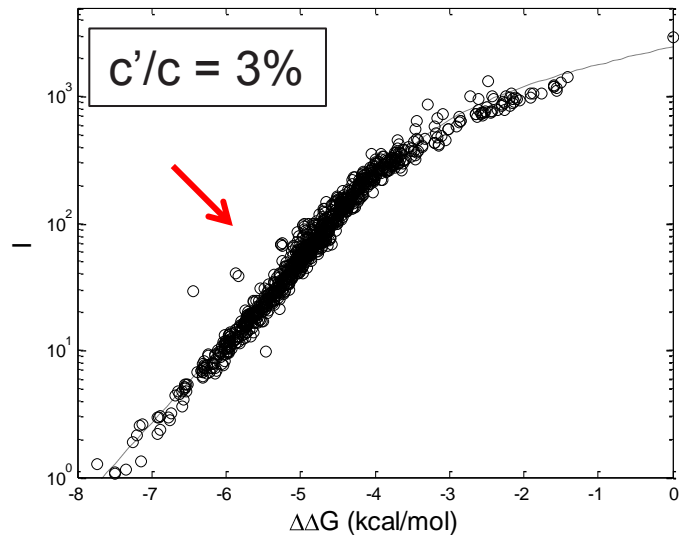
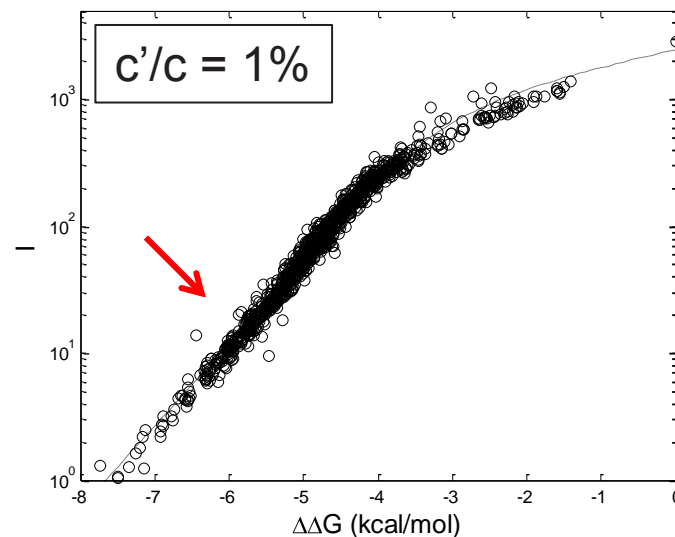
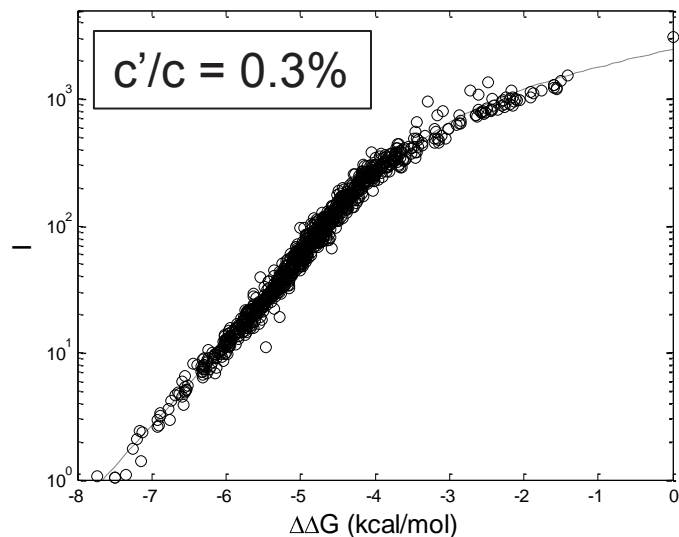
F = baseline fit

In theory:

when $c' \ll c$ the mutant contribution can be significant
for probes with $\Delta G' > \Delta G$

Experimental result, two targets

Total concentration $c' + c = \text{cte} = 50\text{pM}$



Conclusions

DNA microarray & Thermodynamics of hybridisation

Point mutation,
up to a minority of
a few %

- Detection
- Identification
- Estimation of concentration

The detection limit

- will depend on mutation type
- will improve if system is in equilibrium

PART II

Hybridization thermodynamic parameters

Fitting with optimal design

Setup

Agilent 44K custom array

Target, $L = 25$: CTGGTCTTAGATGCAGCGACTGTTT

equilibrium is reached after 17 h of hybridization at 65°C

Probeset: (15 spot replicates/probeseq.)

perfect match of wild type →

1 AAACAGTCGCTGCATCTAAGACCAG

single mismatch →

2 TAAACAGTCGCTGCATCTAAGACCAG

3 CAAACAGTCGCTGCATCTAAGACCAG

4 GAAACAGTCGCTGCATCTAAGACCAG

5 ATACAGTCGCTGCATCTAAGACCAG

...

76 AAACAGTCGCTGCATCTAAGACCC

double mismatch →

77 TTACAGTCGCTGCATCTAAGACCAG

78 TATCAGTCGCTGCATCTAAGACCAG

79 TAAGAGTCGCTGCATCTAAGACCAG

...

2776 AAACAGTCGCTGCATCTAAGACCGC

Optimal design

Procedure to fit the free energy parameters ΔG_{α} $\alpha = 1 \dots 58$ (10 + 48)

Intensity of spot i : 1 ... 2776: $I_i = A e^{\Delta G / RT}$

Relative to PM: $A e$ $y_i = \ln(I_i) - \ln(I_{PM}) = -\frac{\Delta G - \Delta G_{PM}}{RT} = -\frac{\Delta \Delta G}{RT}$

NN model parameters: $y_i = \sum_{\alpha=1}^{58} X_{i\alpha} \omega_{\alpha}$

$\omega_{\alpha} = \frac{\Delta G_{\alpha}}{RT}$ The 58 NN dinucleotide parameters we want to fit

$X_{i\alpha}$ The design matrix, determined by sequence of target & probes

Optimal design

In matrix notation: $\vec{y} = X\vec{\omega}$

Overdetermined set of equations, linear in ω_α

Least square estimate: the estimator $\hat{\omega}$ which minimizes $S = (\vec{y} - X\vec{\omega})^2$

$$\hat{\omega} = (X^T X)^{-1} X^T \vec{y}$$
$$\text{var}(\hat{\omega}_\alpha) = \sigma^2 [(X^T X)^{-1}]_{\alpha\alpha}$$

→ Variance matrix: related to design (sequences)

→ Variance of residuals: related to model and measurement

Optimal design

Different popular criteria:

D-optimal design: Determinant	minimize $ (X^T X)^{-1} $
A-optimal design: Average variance	minimize $\text{Trace}(X^T X)^{-1}$
E-optimal design: Eigenvalue	minimize maximal eigenvalue of $(X^T X)^{-1}$

Optimal design

Procedure:

Note: Probeset is fixed when target sequence is chosen

- (part of) human genome was scanned for possible targets
- The candidates were ranked according to the 3 criteria
- → CTGGTCTTAGATGCAGCGACTGTTT

Results

Analysis is still ongoing

We have recent results concerning

the free energy penalty due to a MM

when more than one MM is present

Results

Spot Intensity

I_{PM} CTGGTCTTAGATGCAGCGACTGTTT
GACCAGAATCTACGTCGCTGACAAA

I_{MM} CTGGTCTTAGATGCAGCGACTGTTT
GACCAGAATCTTCGTCGCTGACAAA

I_{PM+} CTGGTCTTAGATGCAGCGACTGTTT
GACCAGAATCTACGTCGCTCACAAA

I_{MM+} CTGGTCTTAGATGCAGCGACTGTTT
GACCAGAATCTTCGTCGCTCACAAA

$$\Delta\Delta G \left(\begin{array}{c} \text{ATG} \\ \text{TTC} \end{array} \right) = RT \frac{\text{Ln}(I_{PM})}{\text{Ln}(I_{MM})}$$

$$\Delta\Delta G \left(\begin{array}{c} \text{ATG} \\ \text{TTC} \end{array} \right) = RT \frac{\text{Ln}(I_{PM+})}{\text{Ln}(I_{MM+})}$$

↑
Provided
MM1 and **MM2**
do not interact

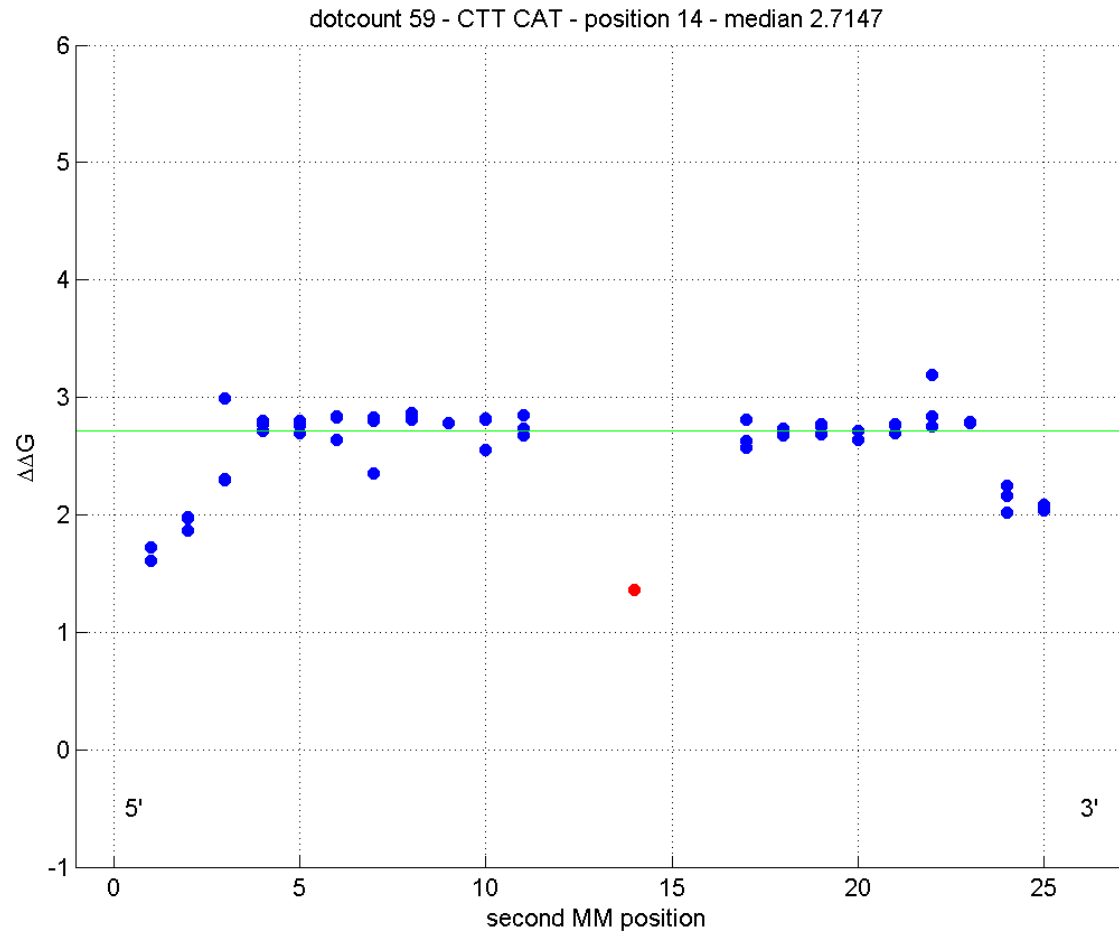
Results

Note:

Data is filtered on

$I > \text{noise}$

$I < \text{saturation}$



Preliminary conclusion

The free energy penalty due to isolated MM's appears to be non-additive.

The penalty due to a MM is larger when a second MM is present, except when the second MM is at the boundary.

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