

GATK Best Practices for Variant Discovery

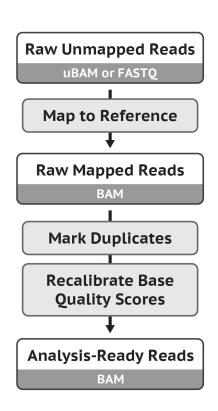
Mapping

Finding where reads belong in the genome

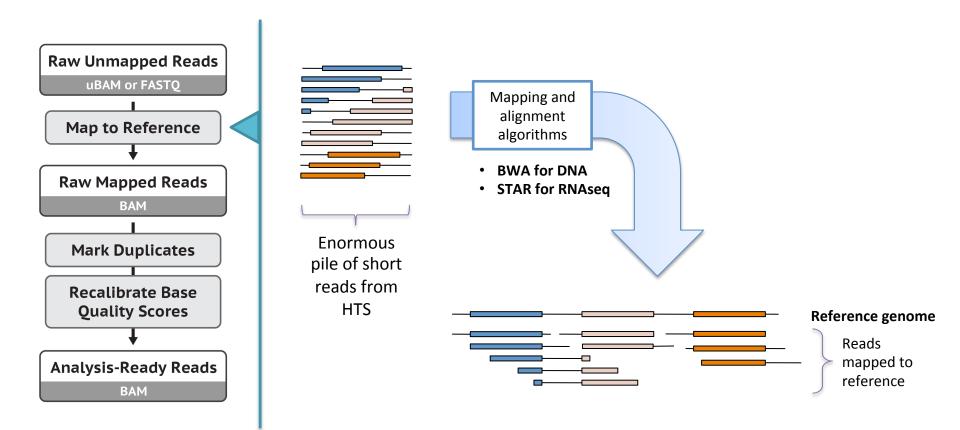




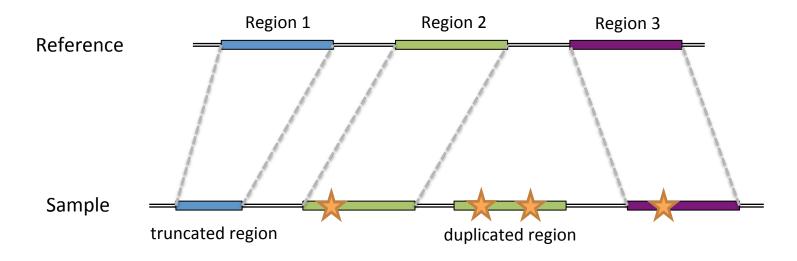
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Step 1: Map the reads produced by the sequencer to the reference



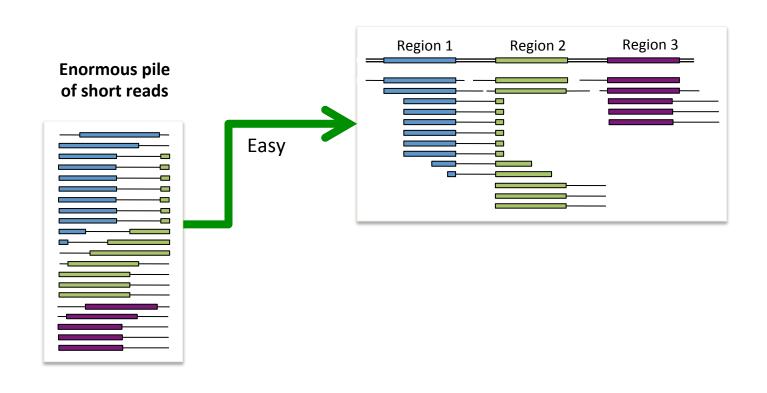
Goal: align the sample genome to the reference genome



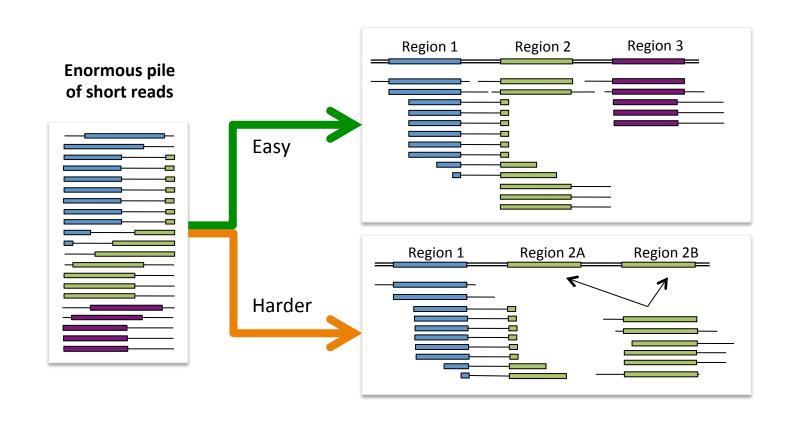


...But we don't have the whole sample in one piece.

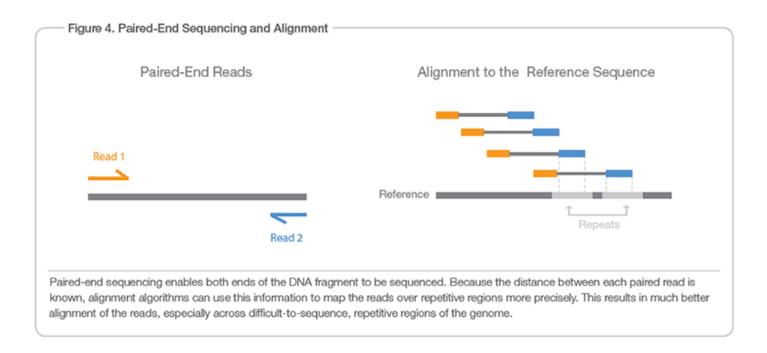
So we have to map each little bit one by one



Complication: mismatches, indels, duplicated regions...

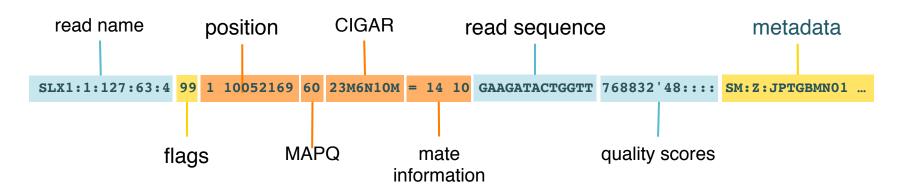


Paired-end sequencing helps a lot



Output format: Sequence/Binary Alignment Map (SAM/BAM)

HEADER containing metadata (sequence dictionary, read group definitions etc) **RECORDS** containing structured read information (1 line per read record)



Added mapping info summarizes position, quality, and structure for each read

Special Note #1

ALT CONTIGS IN HG38

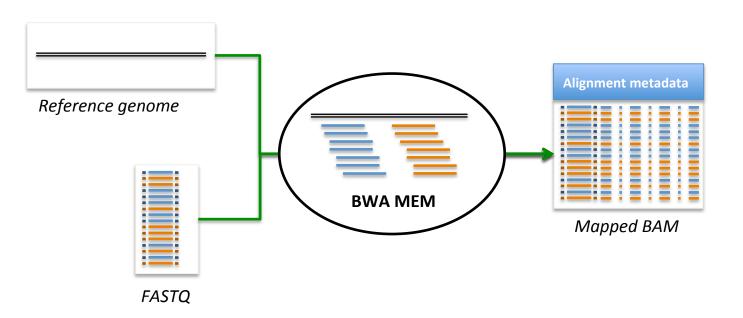
How BWA handles ALT contigs

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Read: ATCAGCATC
ALT ctg 1:
                   TGAAA---CGAATGCAAATGGTCAATCAGCATCGAACTAGTCACAT
                   |||| (high div) ||||| (novel ins) |||||||
Chromosome: GCGTACATGATACGAATCgGCATCATGGTC-----CTAGTCACATCGTAATC
                               | | | | | | | | (novel ins) | | | | | | | |
                   TGATACGAATCgcCATCATGGTCAATCgcCAgCGAACTAGTCACAT
ALT ctg 2:
      4 potential hits: ATCAGCATC > ATCgGCATC > ATCgcCATC > ATCgcCAgC
           2 hit groups: {ATCAGCATC, ATCgcCAgC} and {ATCgGCATC, ATCgcCATC}
Hits considered in mapQ: ATCAGCATC and ATCgGCATC (best from each group)
      In the output SAM: ATCGGCATC as the primary SAM line with mapQ=0
                         ATCAGCATC as a supplementary line with mapQ>0
                         ATCgcCAgC as a supplementary line with mapQ>0
                         ATCgcCATC in an XA tag, not as a separate line
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Special Note #2

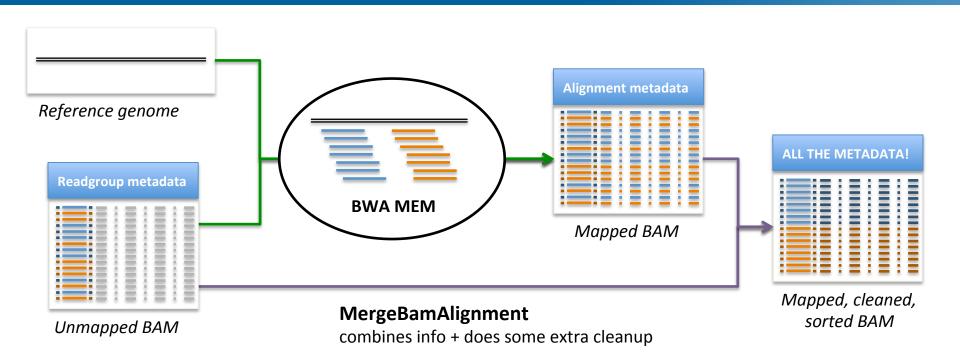
THE UNMAPPED BAM WORKFLOW

Regular FASTQ -> BAM workflow



! Adding Readgroup metadata requires additional step or injection of metadata into BWA command

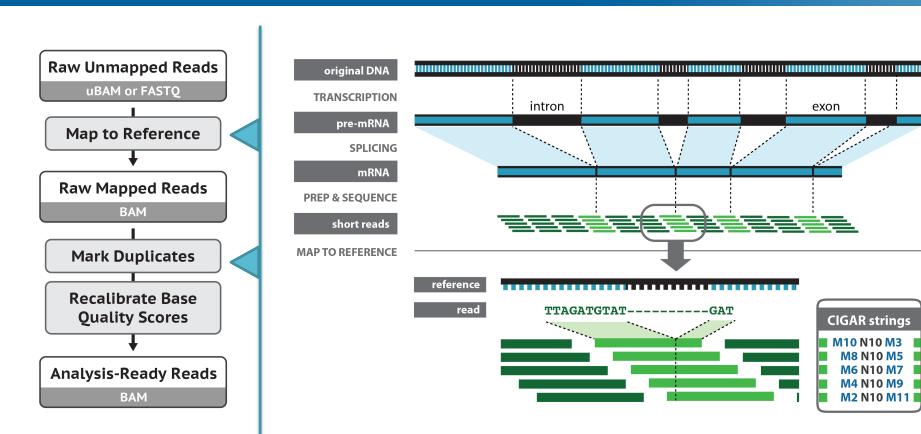
Unmapped BAM -> BAM workflow



Special Note #3

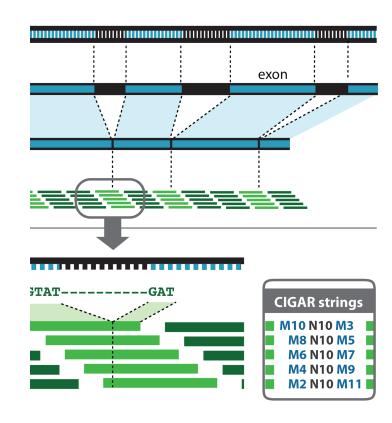
RNASEQ MAPPING

Special handling for RNAseq splice junctions



Mapping RNAseq data with STAR

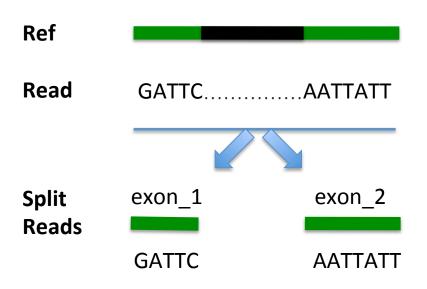
- Highest sensitivity for both SNPs and indels among all programs tested
- 2-pass approach described in
 - Pär G Engström et al. "Systematic evaluation of spliced alignment programs for RNA-seq data". *Nature Methods, 2013* (see Suppl.I text p. 43 for detailed protocol)
 - First pass identifies splice junctions (SJ)
 - Use the SJ to guide the second round of alignment



STAR by Dobin *et al.*, 2012 http://bioinformatics.oxfordjournals.org/content/29/1/15

Split'N'Trim

1. Split reads with Ns in the CIGAR string



2. Trim overhangs



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