

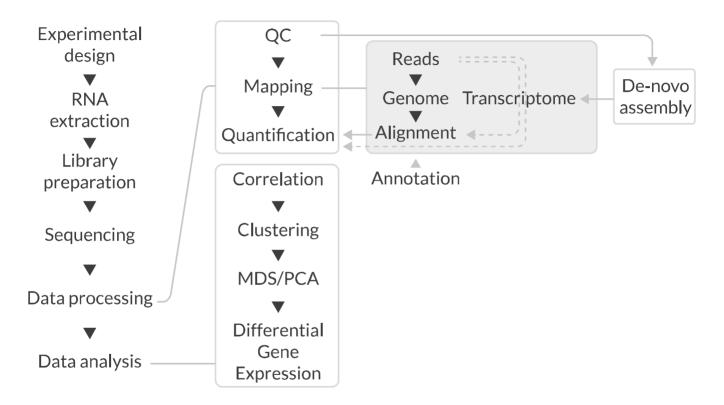
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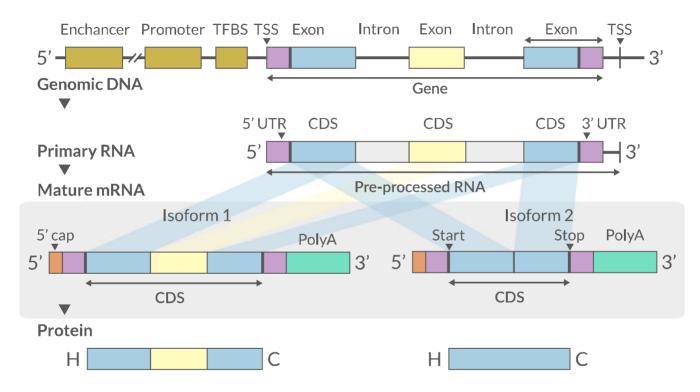
Workflow

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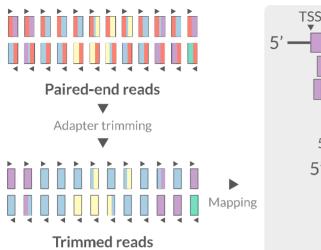
Mapping

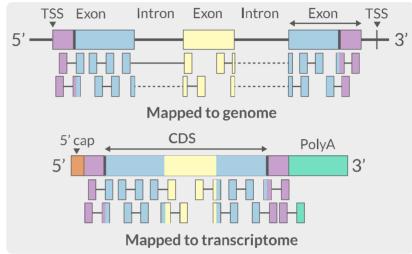




Mapping







- Aligning reads back to a reference sequence
- Mapping to genome vs transcriptome
- Splice-aware alignment (genome)

Aligners



Considerations

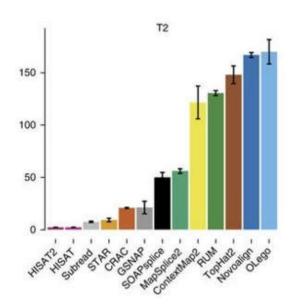
- Speed
- Accuracy
- Resources
- Settings
- Purpose (General/Specific)
- Support & Community

Features

- Reference index
- Read pair alignment
- Consider base quality scores
- Sophisticated indexing to decrease CPU and memory usage
- Resolving multi-mappers
 - Report first X alignments and flag read as multi-mapping
- Use known annotations (junctions)
- 2-pass approach

Aligners | Speed

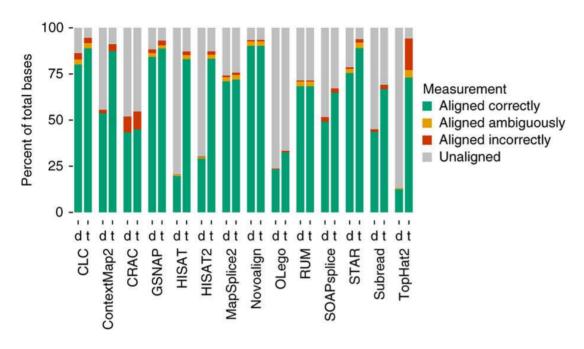




Program	Time_Min	Memory_GB
HISATx1	22.7	4.3
HISATx2	47.7	4.3
HISAT	26.7	4.3
STAR	25	28
STARx2	50.5	28
GSNAP	291.9	20.2
TopHat2	1170	4.3

Aligners | Accuracy





Increasing Accuracy

- Novel variants / RNA editing
- Allele-specific expression
- Genome annotation
- Gene and transcript discovery
- Differential expression

STAR, HiSat2, GSNAP, Novoalign (Commercial)

Mapping



• Reads (FASTQ)

```
@ST-E00274:179:HHYMLALXX:8:1101:1641:1309 1:N:0:NGATGT
NCATCGTGGTATTTGCACATCTTTTCTTATCAAATAAAAAGTTTAACCTACTCAGTTATGCGCATACGTTTTTGATGG
+
#AAAFAFA<-AFFJJJAFA-FFJJJJFFFAJJJJ-<FFJJJ-A-F-7--FA7F7-----FFFJFA<FFFFJ<AJ--FF-
```

```
@instrument:runid:flowcellid:lane:tile:xpos:ypos
read:isfiltered:controlnumber:sampleid
```

• Reference Genome/Transcriptome (FASTA)

Annotation (GTF/GFF)

```
#!genome-build GRCz10
#!genebuild-last-updated 2016-11
4 ensembl_havana gene 6732 52059 . - . gene_id "ENS
```

chr source feature start end score strand frame attribute

Alignment



• SAM/BAM (Sequence Alignment Map format)

```
ST-E00274:188:H3JWNCCXY:4:1102:32431:49900 163 1 1 60 8S13
```

query flag ref pos mapq cigar mrnm mpos tlen seq qual opt

Alignment formats



Format	Size_GB
SAM	7.4
BAM	1.9
CRAM lossless Q	1.4
CRAM 8 bins Q	0.8
CRAM no Q	0.26

Visualisation | tview



samtools tview alignment.bam genome.fasta

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Visualisation | IGV

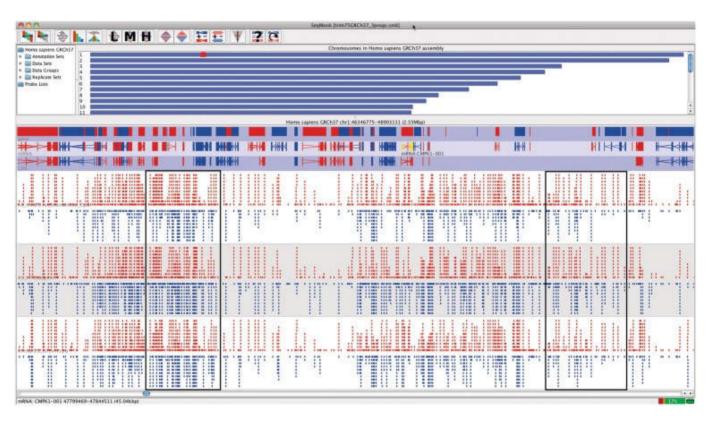




♣ IGV, UCSC Genome Browser

Visualisation | SeqMonk



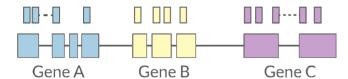




Quantification | Counts



- Read counts = gene expression
- Reads can be quantified on any feature (gene, transcript, exon etc)
- Intersection on gene models
- Gene/Transcript level

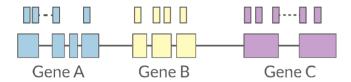




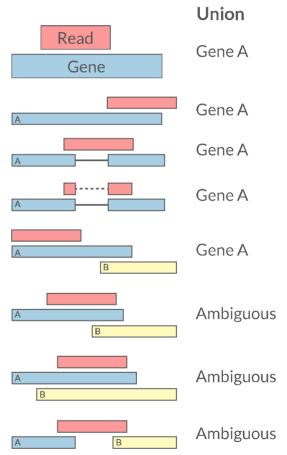
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♣ featureCounts, HTSeq



Quantification | Multi-mapping



- Added (BEDTools multicov)
- Discard (featureCounts, HTSeq)
- Distribute counts (Cufflinks)
- Rescue
 - Probabilistic assignment (Rcount, Cufflinks)
 - Prioritise features (Rcount)
 - Probabilistic assignment with EM (RSEM)

[&]amp; Fu, Yu, et al. "Elimination of PCR duplicates in RNA-seq and small RNA-seq using unique molecular identifiers." BMC genomics 19.1 (2018): 531

⁹ Parekh, Swati, et al. "The impact of amplification on differential expression analyses by RNA-seq." Scientific reports 6 (2016): 25533

Quantification | Abundance



- Count methods
 - Provide no inference on isoforms
 - Cannot accurately measure fold change
- Probabilistic assignment
 - Deconvolute ambiguous mappings
 - Transcript-level
 - o cDNA reference

Kallisto, Salmon

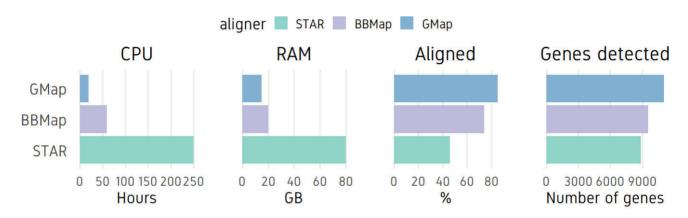
- Direct from FastQ to counts
- Ultra-fast & alignment-free
- Uses transcriptome reference
- Subsampling & quantification confidence
- Transcript-level estimates improves gene-level estimates
- Kallisto/Salmon > transcript-counts > tximport() > gene-counts

RSEM, Kallisto, Salmon, Cufflinks2

Long-Read RNA-Seq



- PacBio, Nanopore etc
- Long reads, full transcripts
- High error rate
- Expensive



• Results are comparable with MinION data.

♣ GMAP, BBMap, STAR

Summary



- STAR, HISAT2 and GSNAP are good general purpose aligners
- Use HISAT2 if RAM is limited
- Consider using 2-pass mapping
- Be stringent with junction discovery criteria
- Map to genome for annotation/discovery
- For well known transcriptomes, Kallisto/Salmon offers ultra-fast quantification
- For long reads, GMAP and BBMap are good choice of aligners

