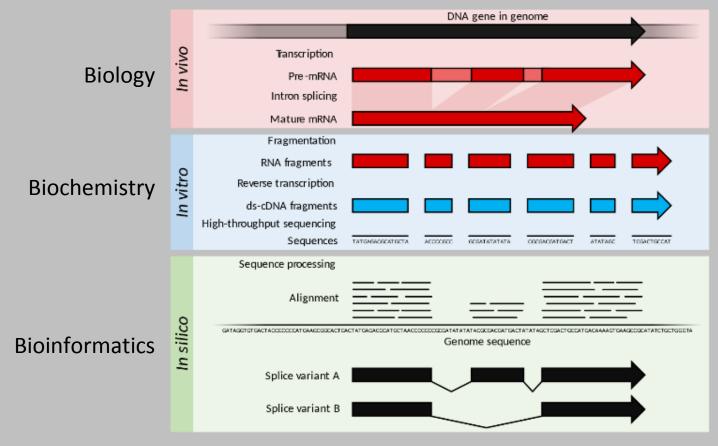
RNA Sequencing workflow

CANBIO

Arnaud Muller





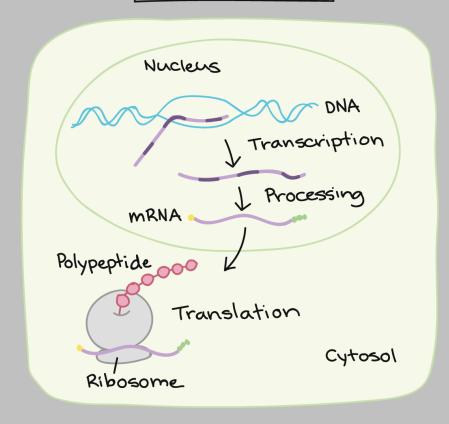


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in vivo

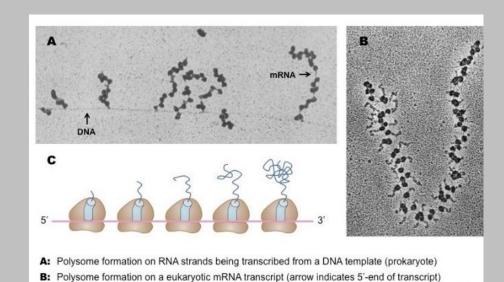


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mRNA processing



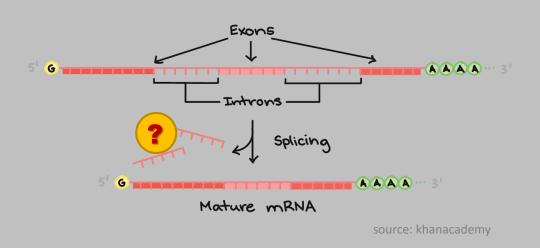
C: Diagrammatic representation of polysomes (polypeptide chain gets longer as ribosome moves 5' →

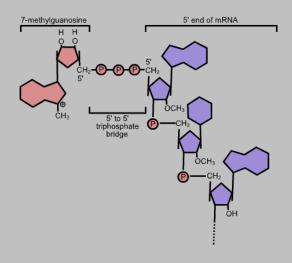


mRNA processing



- 5' capping: addition of a modified guanine 5'-end of the pre-mRNA
- 3' poly-A tail: a polyadenylation signal (AAUAAA) is recognized, followed by a cleavage and polyA tail synthesis (200 ntd)
- Splicing:





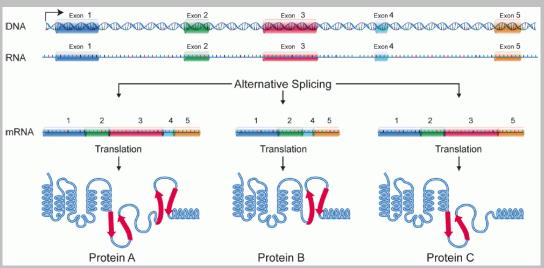


Image credit: "DNA, alternative splicing," by the National Human Genome Research Institute.



Splicing exercice

THEDOGRAMAPQANANDAYAPTQMTETHEHAT

Are you able to visually splice that sequence?



Splicing exercice

THEDOGRAMAPQANANDAYAPTQMTETHEHAT

THEDOGRAMAPQANANDAYAPTQMTETHEHAT

Here are the introns.



Splicing exercice

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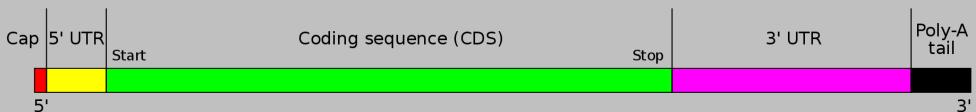
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mature mRNA structure

The structure of a typical human protein coding mRNA including the untranslated regions (UTRs)



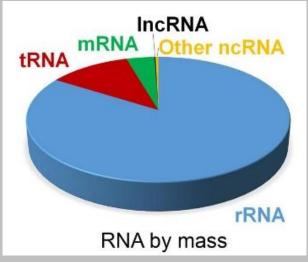
This dogmatic view is INcomplete.



RNA biotypes abundance

Туре	Percent of total RNA by mass	Molecules per cell	Average size (kb)	Total weight picograms/cel	Notes I	Reference
rRNAs	80 to 90	$3-10 \times 10^6$ (ribosomes)	6.9	10 to 30		Blobel and Potter (1967), Wolf and Schlessinger (1977), Duncan and Hershey (1983)
tRNA	10 to 15	3-10 × 10 ⁷	<0.1	1.5 to 5	About 10 tRNA molecules /ribosome	Waldron and Lacroute (1975)
mRNA	3 to 7	$3-10 \times 10^5$	1.7	0.25 to 0.9		Hastie and Bishop (1976), Carter et al. (2005)
hnRNA (pre-mRNA)	0.06 to 0.2	1-10 × 10 ³	10*	0.004 to 0.03	Estimated at 2–4% of mRNA by weight	Mortazavi et al. (2008), Menet et al. (2012)
Circular RNA	0.002 to 0.03	$3-20 \times 10^{3}$	~0.5	0.0007 to 0.005	Estimated at 0.1–0.2% of mRNA**	Salzman et al. (2012), Guo et al. (2014)
snRNA	0.02 to 0.3	$1-5 \times 10^{5}$	0.1-0.2	0.008 to 0.04		Kiss and Filipowicz (1992), Castle et al. (2010)
snoRNA	0.04 to 0.2	$2-3 \times 10^{5}$	0.2	0.02 to 0.03		Kiss and Filipowicz (1992), Cooper (2000), Castle et al. (2010)
miRNA	0.003 to 0.02	$1-3 \times 10^5$	0.02	0.001 to 0.003	About 10 ⁵ molecules per 10 pg total RNA	Bissels et al. (2009)
7SL	0.01 to 0.2	$3-20 \times 10^4$	0.3	0.005 to 0.03	About 1–2 SRP molecules/100 ribosomes	Raue et al. (2007), Castle et al. (2010
Xist	0.0003 to 0.02	$0.1-2 \times 10^3$	2.8	0.0001 to 0.003		Buzin et al. (1994), Castle et al. (2010)
Other IncRNA	0.03 to 0.2	$3-50 \times 10^3$	1	0.002 to 0.03	Estimated at 1–4% of mRNA by weight	Mortazavi et al. (2008), Ramsköld et al. (2009), Menet et al. (2012)

^{*}The size for the average unspliced pre-mRNA is 17 kb; however, most pre-mRNAs are partially spliced at any given time, and the average size of hnRNA is estimated at 10 kb (Salditt-Georgieff et al., 1976).



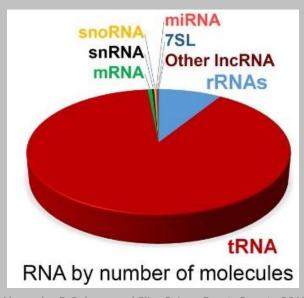
Alexander F. Palazzo and Eliza S. Lee, Front. Genet., 2015

- ribosomal RNA represents up to 90% of the total RNA mass, the second most represented biotype is
- tRNA, followed by
- mRNA (3% to 7%) and
- pre-mRNA (<0.2%).
- ... only later comes the lncRNA, microRNA, circRNA ...

^{**}Based on the finding that 1–2% of all mRNA species generate circular RNA, which is present at 10% of the level of the parental mRNA



Types/abundance of RNA-Seq



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Number of molecules per cell:

tRNA: 100E06

• rRNA: 10E06

mRNA: 1E06

• microRNA: 0.1E06

in vitro



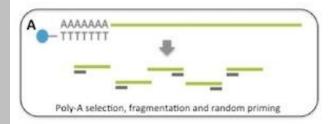
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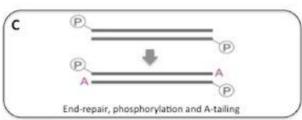
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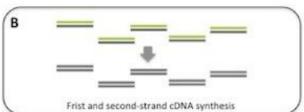
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- RNA selection or depletion:
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 - ribosomal RNA depletion
 - targeted RNA capture
 - small RNA
 - ... many library preparation methods ...
- Fragmentation
- double strand cDNA synthesis (random priming)
- Addition of adapters, indexes and sequencing primers
- Amplification

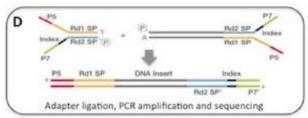


Illumina Tru-Seq RNA-seq protocol

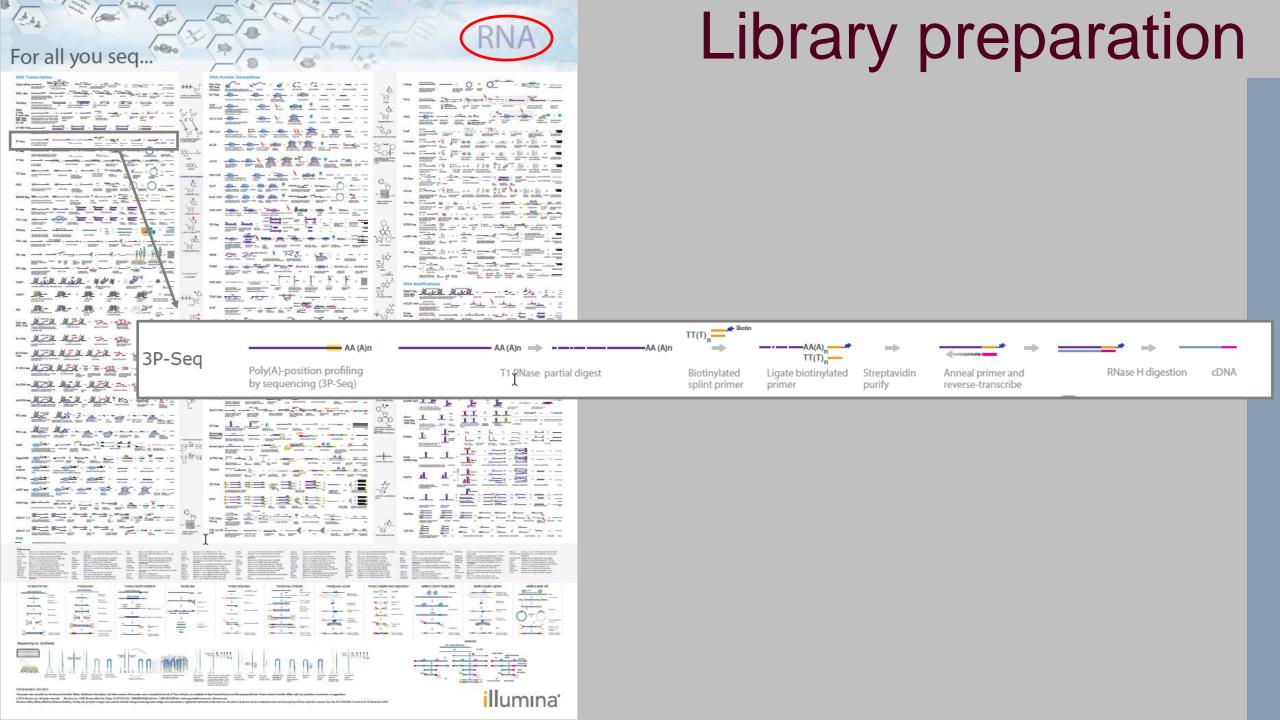








Library prep begins from 100ng-1ug of Total RNA which is poly-A selected (A) with magnetic beads. Double-stranded cDNA (B) is phosphorylated and A-tailed (C) ready for adapter ligation. The library is PCR amplified (D) ready for clustering and sequencing.





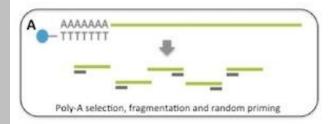
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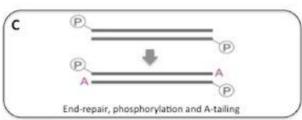
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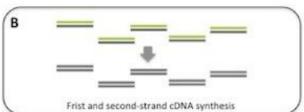
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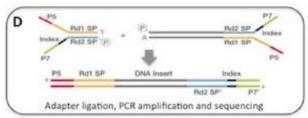


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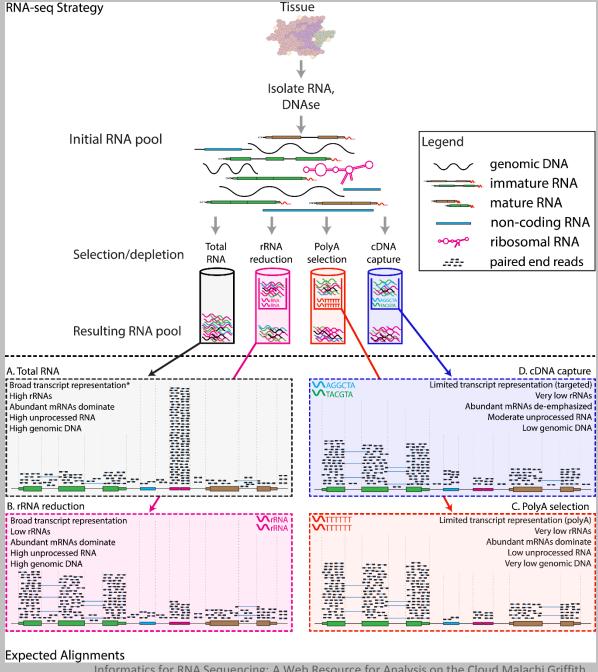








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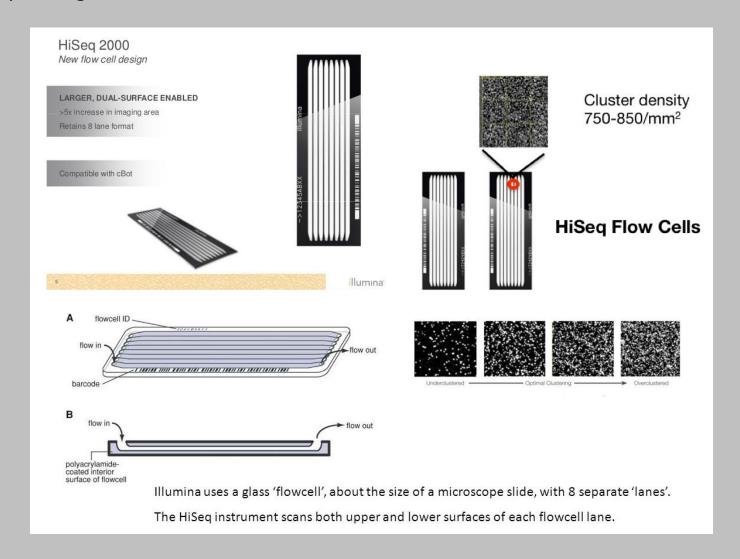
Library preparation



Library preparation

Since the library is prepared, it's now ready for sequencing:

- cluster generation
- Sequencing By Synthesis

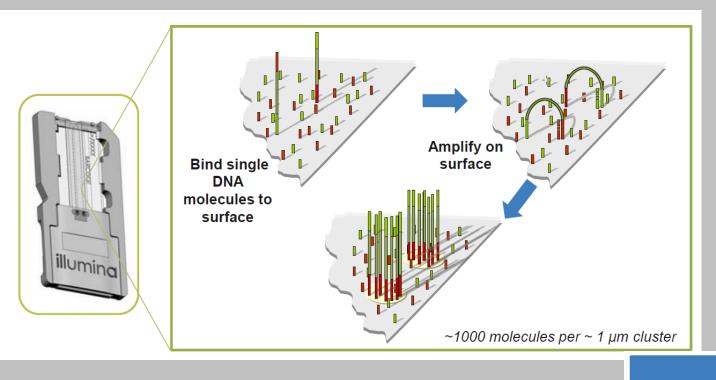


A Cluster generation Sequencing primer (SP) Fragment of sample DNA Anchored Original free strand hybridizes (via cA), which is complimentary to A, to anchored primer Hundreds of millions of anchored primers Reverse strand is flimsy Complimentary and folds over and Original (forward) strand hybridizes to complementary washed away anchored adapter Newly synthesized Synthesis of strand Newly synthesized (reverse) complementary to sample strand remains anchored DNA from anchored primer (A) Bridge amplification: generates a Bridge amplification: repeat double strand by synthesizing double strands double strand synthesis starting forward strand from anchored adaptor from step #5 multiple times Bridge amplification results in clusters of identical double. The promise of omics-based approaches to cancer prevention. strands cleaved and washed away

Cluster generation

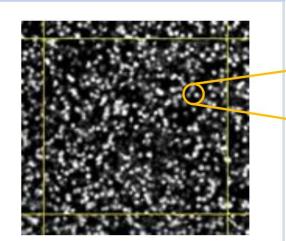
• "Bridge amplification"

Cluster: clones of fragments from the input library

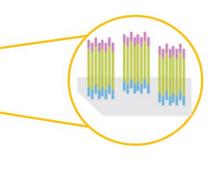


Cluster generation

Clusters are bright spots on an image



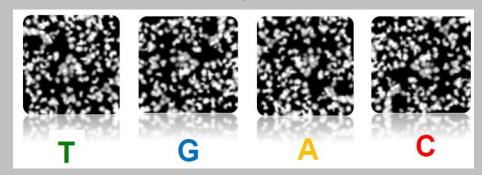
Each cluster represents thousands of copies of the same DNA strand in a 1–2 micron spot





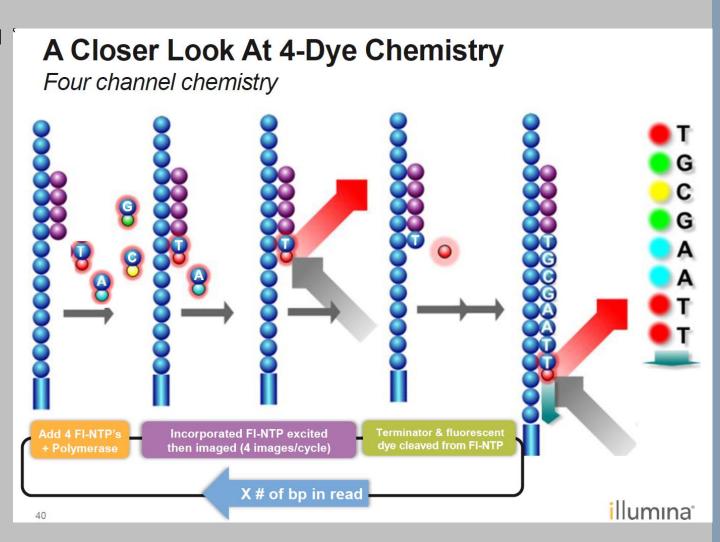
Sequencing By Synthesis

- 1. Addition of A C G T which contains a fluorophore and a terminator + polymerase
- 2. Integration of the nucleoside
- 3. Laser excitation + image capture (4 times!)
- 4. Removal of fluorescent dye and terminator



These 4 steps are repeated as many times as the read length.

- -> computational/storage cost: made on the instrument, on the fly
- -> biochemical cost
- -> microfluidics
- -> optics
- -> time: 10-30 h



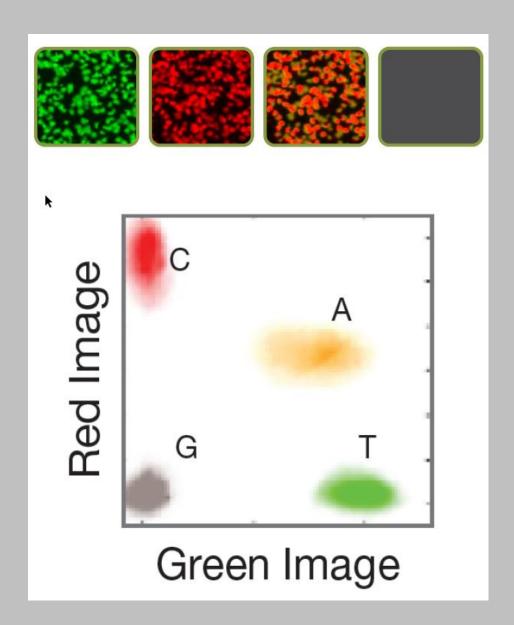


Sequencing By Synthesis

Two channel SBS uses 2 images

- Builds template over 5 cycles
- Clusters appearing in green only are T
- Clusters appearing in red only are C
- Clusters appearing in both images are A
- Clusters not present in either green nor red are G
- Cluster intensities are plotted and bases are called accordingly

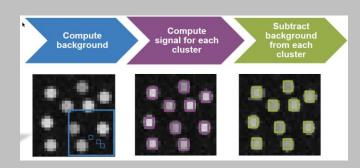
-> time cost reduced by 50%





Base call

- The Sequencing By Synthesis steps generates BCL files.
- Binary Base Call (BCL) files contains the base and the confidence in the call.
- This file is generated on the fly.
- The bcl generation workflow is the following:
 - Template generation (cluster map)
 - extract intensities
 - intensity norm
 - phasing estimate
 - base call filtering
 - - quality score is a combination of metrics, such as: intensity, S/N ratio, phasing...
- Because of the size of the optical sensor, the flow cell is split into multiple tiles, generating several bcl files.
- After the experiment, bcl file is converted into fastq file.



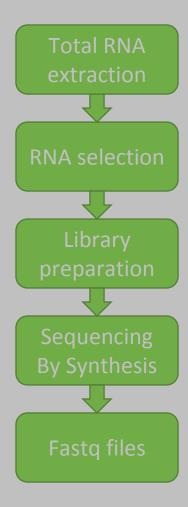


Base quality score

Q-score	Base Call Accuracy	Probability of Incorrect Based Call	ASCII Quality Score
Q10	90%	0.1	+
Q20	99%	0.01	5
Q30	99.9%	0.001	?
Q40	99.99%	0.0001	



Wrap up



in silico



Fastq file

```
coordinates of the cluster

(@<instrument>:<run number>:<flowcellID>:<lane>:<tile>:(x-pos>:<y-pos>) <read> (is filtered>:</tile>:

<control number> : <sample number>

unique ID

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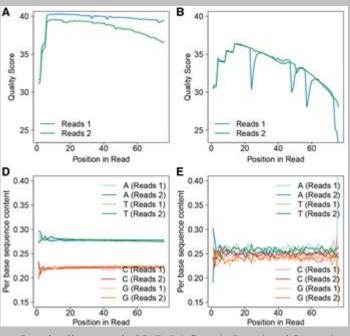
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CTCTATACCANTGGTCCAATGGGCTTAAAAAAAGAGCAAATATTACCAAATGGATATGCTCTGAAGTTGTCGTTAAT
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- Line 1 begins with a '@' character and is followed by a sequence identifier and an optional description (like a <u>FASTA</u> title line).
- Line 2 is the raw sequence letters.
- Line 3 begins with a '+' character, this is historical and mysterious.
- Line 4 encodes the quality values for the sequence in Line 2, and must contain the same number of symbols as letters in the sequence.



Quality Controls

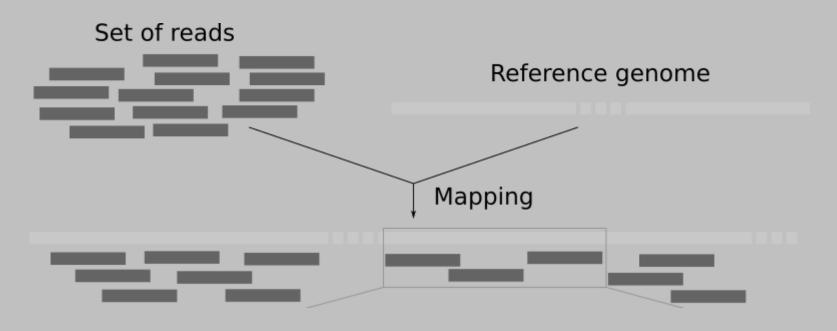


Quanhu Sheng et al., 2017, Briefings in Functional Genomics

- (A) Example of a long RNA-seq sample with expected base quality score. Read 2 tends to have a slightly lower median base score than read 1, but it is not usually a quality concern.
- (B) Example of a long RNA-seq sample with potential base quality problem, as denoted by the sudden drops of median base quality in read 2 of pair-end read sequencing.
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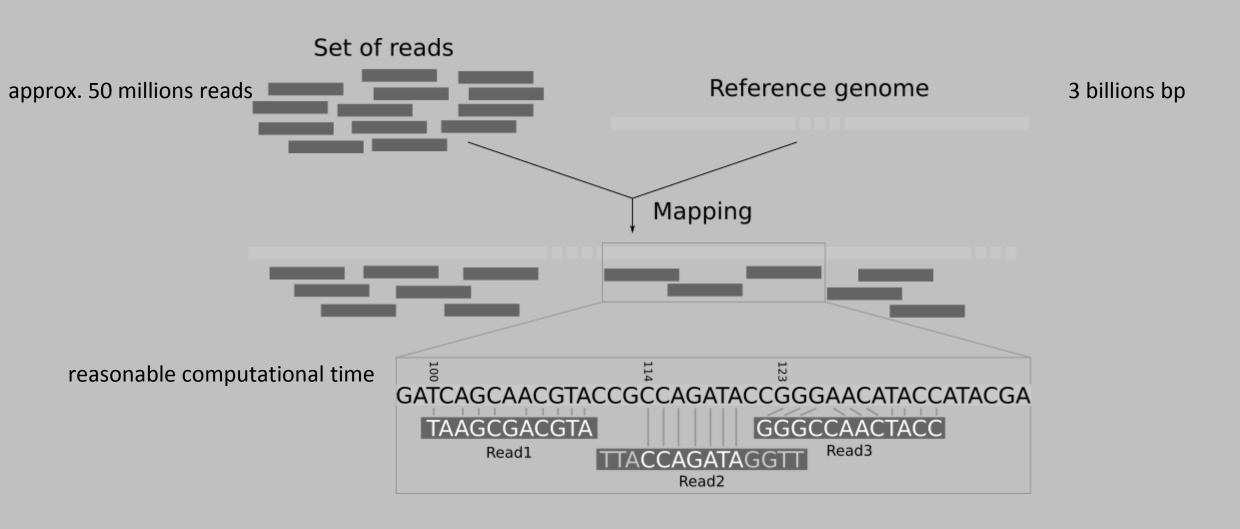


Mapping - the ingredients





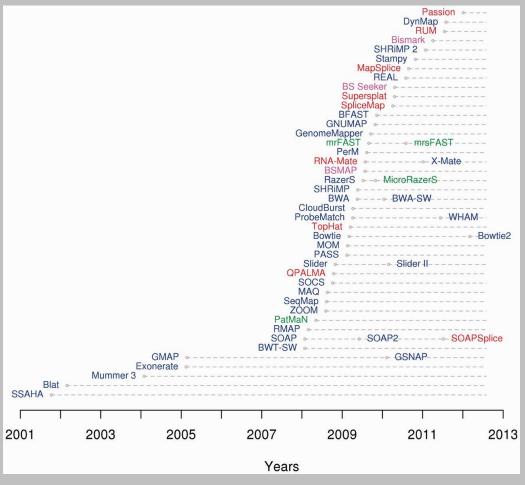
Mapping - the challenge





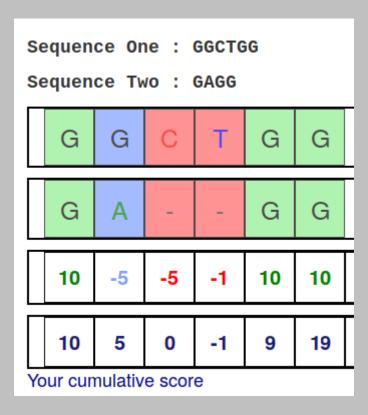
Mapping tools

Mappers timeline (since 2001). DNA mappers are plotted in blue, RNA mappers in red, miRNA mappers in green.





Alignment scoring



- Reward for a match (e.g. +10), penalty for a mismatch (e.g. -5)
- Penalty for gaps
 - Linear: every gap same penalty (e.g. -5)
 - Affine: gap open vs gap extend (e.g. -5 and -1)
- Different tools use different scoring values (and give different results)



Alignment scoring

Reference: AAA CAGTGA GAAObserved: AAA TCTCT GAA

Alignment:

AAA-CAGTGAGAA |||-|--|::||| AAATC-TCTGAA

AAACAGTGAGAA

| | | -:: |:: | | | AAA-TCTCTGAA

AAACAGTGAGAA

AAACAGTCA----GAA |||----||| AAA----TCTCTGAA



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Alignment:

AAA-CAGTGAGAA

|||-|--|::|||

AAATC-TCTGAA

AAACAGTGAGAA

| | | | - : : | : : | | |

AAA-TCTCTGAA

AAACAGTGAGAA

| | | | : - : | : : | | |

AAAT-CTCTGAA

AAACAGTCA----GAA

|||----|||

AAA----TCTCTGAA

Novoalign

Ssaha2

BWA

Complete Genomics



Mapping - bowtie

Bowtie / TopHat

Read X Read Y

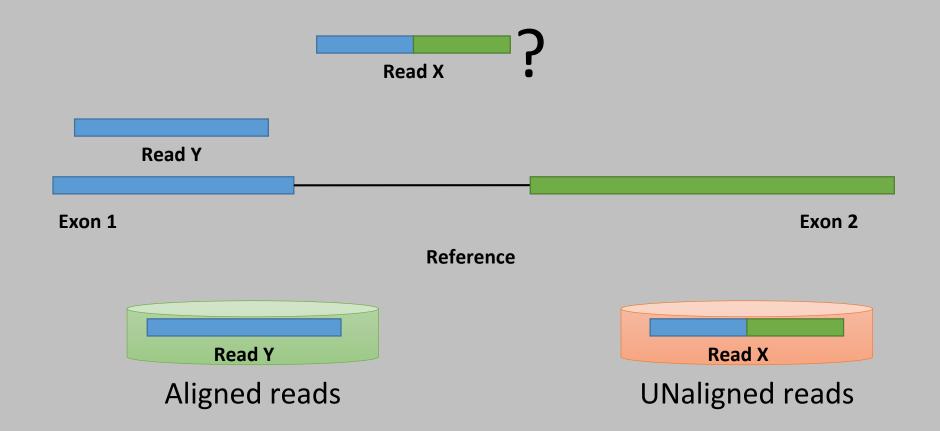
Exon 1 Exon 2

Reference



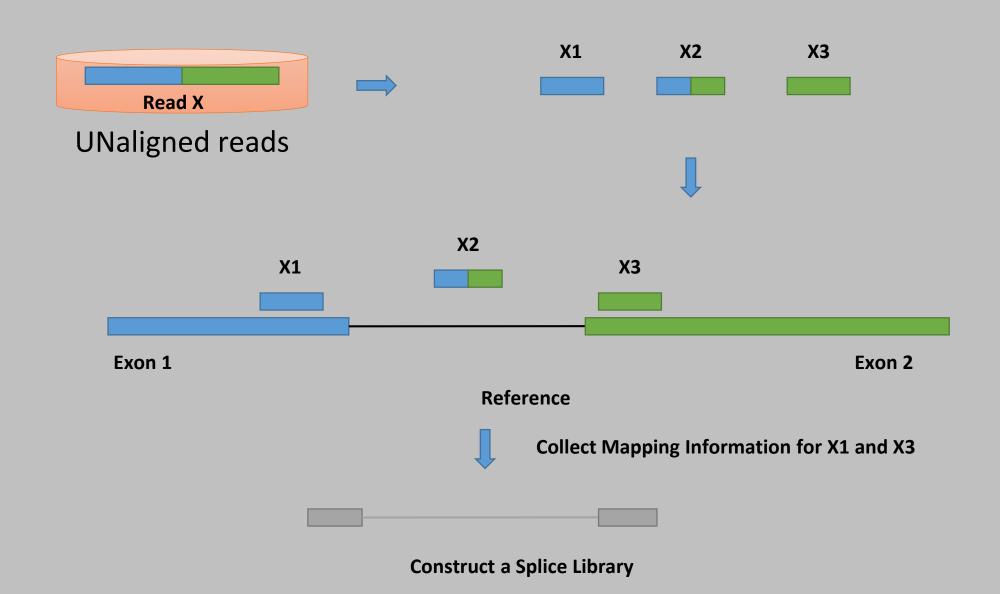
Mapping - bowtie

Bowtie / TopHat



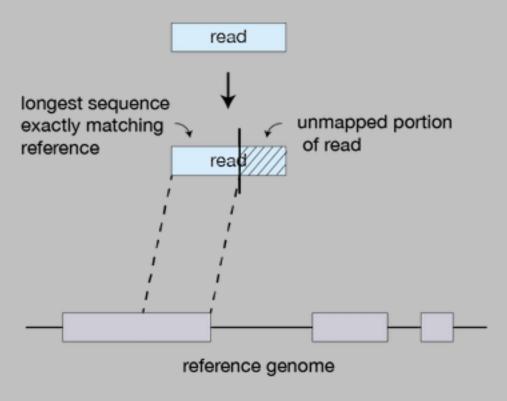


Mapping - bowtie

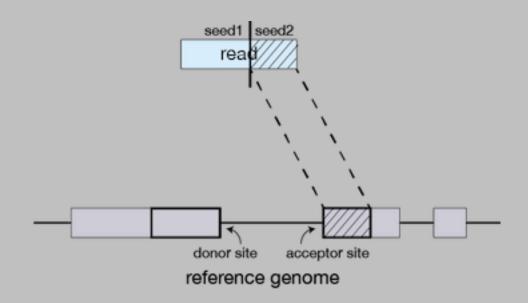




Mapping - STAR

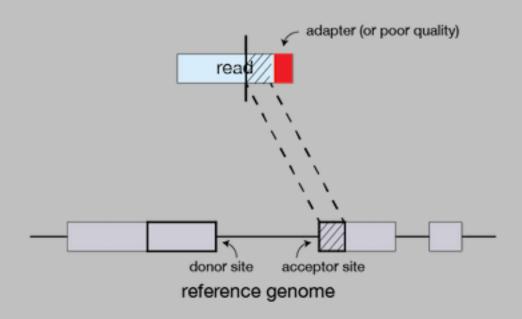


- 1. Find the longest perfect match seed
- 2. Independent search for the unmapped portion





Mapping - STAR



If extension does not give a good alignment, then the poor quality or adapter sequence (or other contaminating sequence) will be **soft clipped**.

The separate seeds are **stitched** together to create a complete read by first clustering the seeds together based on proximity to a set of 'anchor' seeds, or seeds that are not multi-mapping.

Then the seeds are stitched together based on the best alignment for the read (scoring based on mismatches, indels, gaps, etc.).



Genome versions

- Completion of the Human Genome Project in 2003.
- Continuation by the Genome Reference Consortium (GRC):
 - NCBI
 - Welcome Trust Sanger Institute
 - European Bioinformatics Institute
 - Genome Institute at Washington University
- Now: closing gaps, centromers/telomers representation, error correction

	Release Name	UCSC Version	Release Date
	NCBI Build 34	hg16	July 2003
Human	NCBI Build 35	hg17	May 2004
	NCBI Build 36.1	hg18	March 2006
	GRCh37	hg19	February 2009
	GRCh38	hg38	December 2013



Genome sequence file

head ~/Tools/Genome/Human/hg19/chrM.fa

GATCACAGGTCTATCACCCTATTAACCACTCACGGGAGCTCTCCATGCAT
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AAGTG

GTCTG

nead ~/Tools/Genome/Human/hg19/chrM.fa

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GTCTGCACAGCCGCTTTCCACACAGACATCATAACAAAAAATTTCCACCA



Genome sequence file

=> leading to 3 095 695 850 nucleotides.



Sequence Alignment Map - SAM

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more S1AR005ACAGTG.sam
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Sequence Alignment Map - SAM

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$ more S1AR005ACAGTG.sam

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@SQ     SN:1     LN:248956422

@SQ     SN:2     LN:242193529

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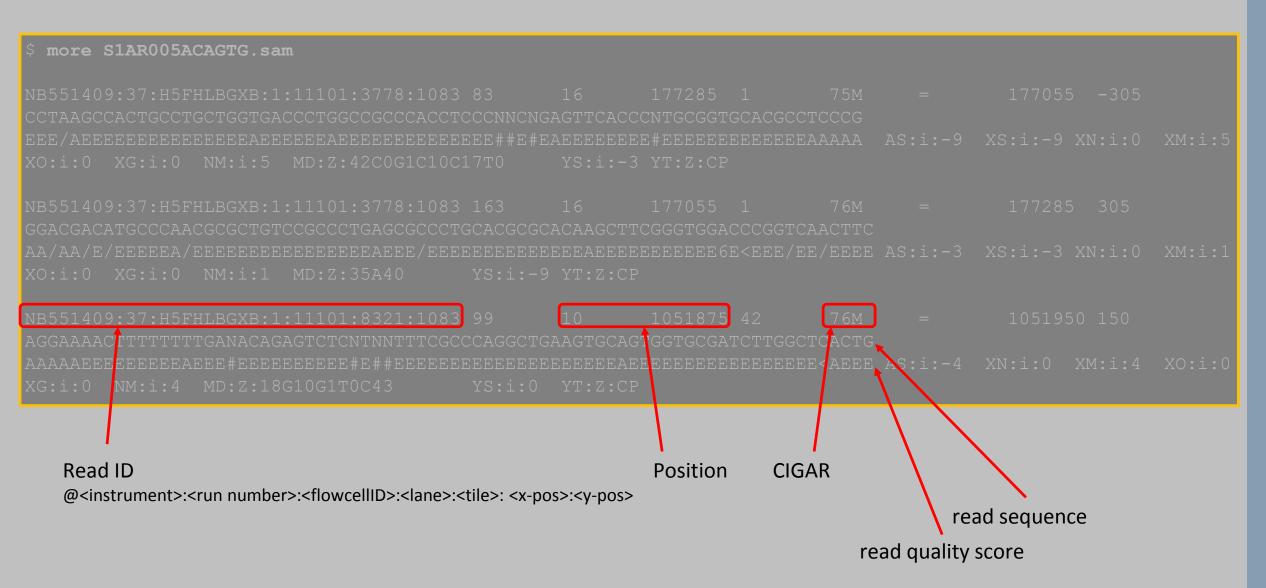
Header:

version and sorting status reference sequence name (chromosome) + length program used for read processing

More information can be added: https://samtools.github.io/hts-specs/SAMv1.pdf



Sequence Alignment Map - SAM







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General Transfer Format - GTF

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$ head ../../ensemb1/Homo_sapiens.GRCh38.93.gtf|cut -f 1-8
#!genome-build GRCh38.p12
#!genome-version GRCh38
#!genome-date 2013-12
#!genome-build-accession NCBI:GCA_000001405.27
#!genebuild-last-updated 2018-01
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chr id gene feature end location strand source start location score reading frame

attributes

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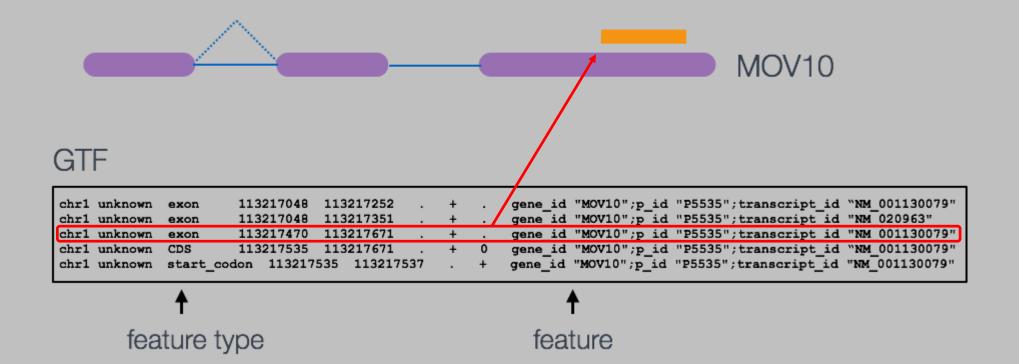


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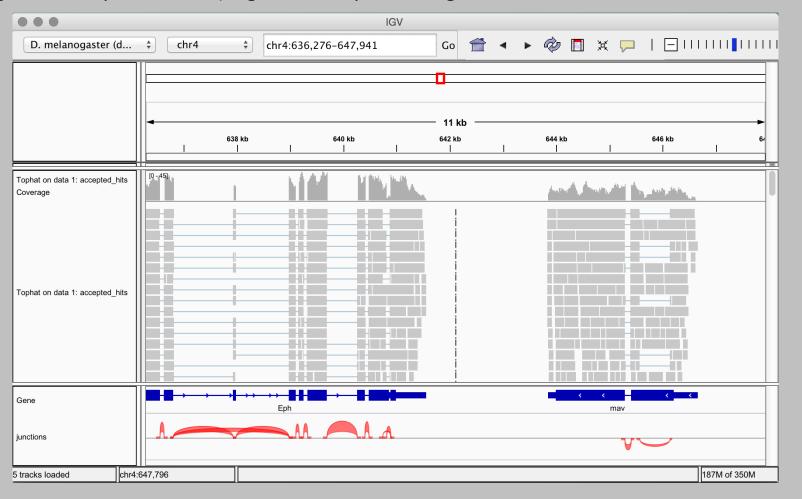
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Visualisation

Input: BAM file (alignment output, indexed) + genome sequences + genome annotation.



Counting issue: let's consider a gene A with 100 counts, a gene B with 100 counts as well but gene A is TWICE longer than gene B...

"Are these 2 genes expressed at the same level?"



Normalisation

Sample A Reads Sample B Reads Gene X Gene Y Gene Y

2 biases to correct:

- library size or sequencing depth
- gene length

Gene name	Rep1 Count	Rep2 Count	Rep3 Count
A (2kb)	10	12	30
B (4kb)	20	25	60
C (1 kb)	5	8	15
D (10 kb)	0	0	1



Normalisation with TPM

Transcript Per Million

Gene name	Rep1 Count	Rep2 Count	Rep3 Count
A (2kb)	10	12	30
B (4kb)	20	25	60
C (1 kb)	5	8	15
D (10 kb)	0	0	1

Step 1: Normalisation in gene length (divide by gene length).

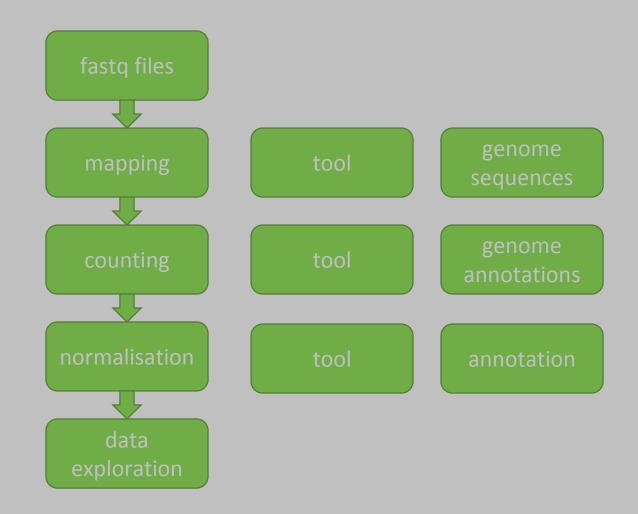
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Total RPK: Tens of RPK:	15 1.5	20.25 2.025	45.1 4.51

Step 2: Normalisation in sequencing depth (divide by scaling factor).

Gene name	Rep1 TPM	Rep2 TPM	Rep3 TPM
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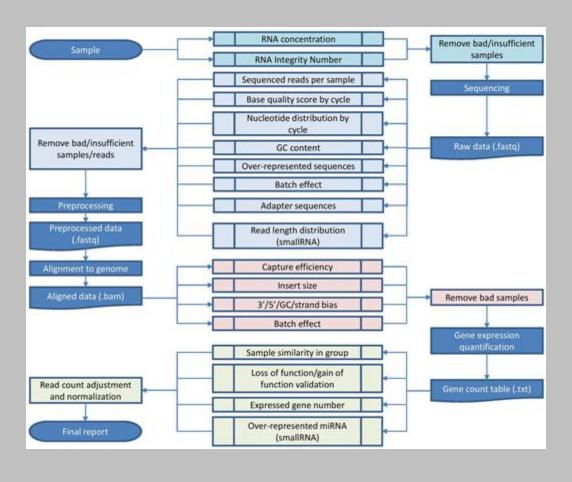
Wrap up



Thank you for your attention



Quality Controls





Third gen sequencing

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