

# **Genomics and Transcriptomics**

**Class 08 - Variant Calling** 



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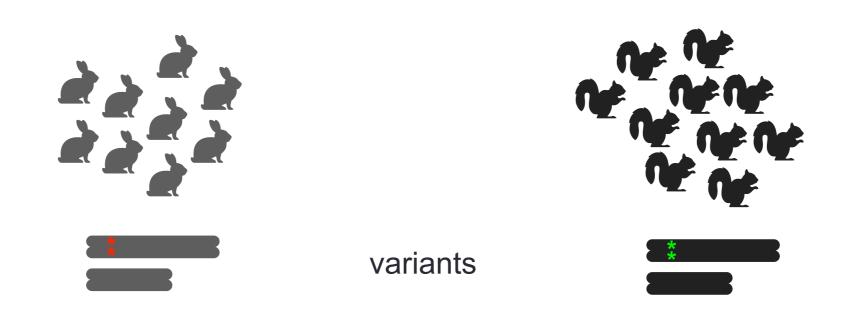


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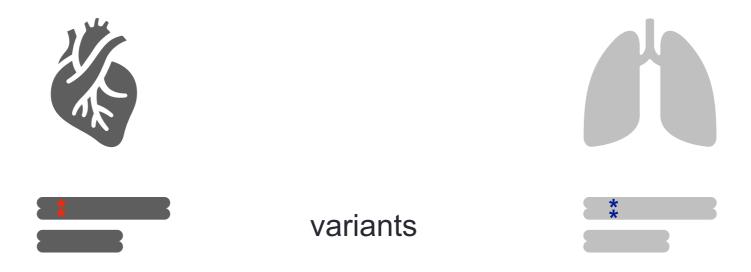


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#### **Genetic variation**

• Large size changes - Chromosomal reorganisations (Structural Variants)

Medium size changes - Changes in the gene copy number

Discrete changes - Single Nucleotide Variants, Insertions/deletions



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#### There are different approaches for study genetic variants

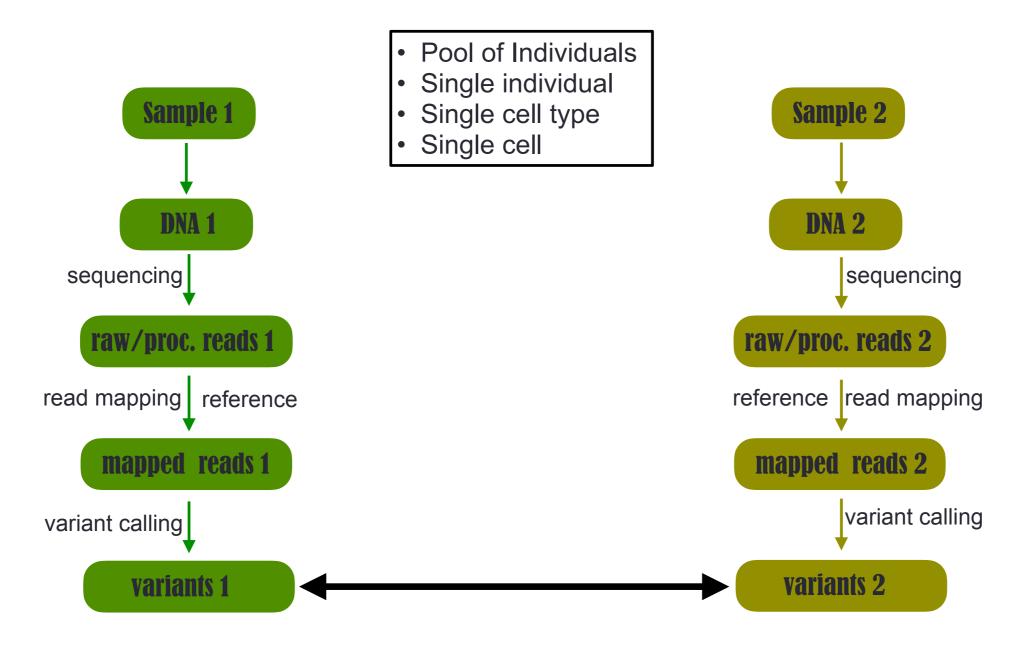
• Cellular techniques (e.g. flow cytometry, FISH...).

Molecular techniques (e.g. PCR...).

• Genetic/Genomic techniques (e.g. WGS).



Variant calling is the process by which identify variants between different individuals or cell types.



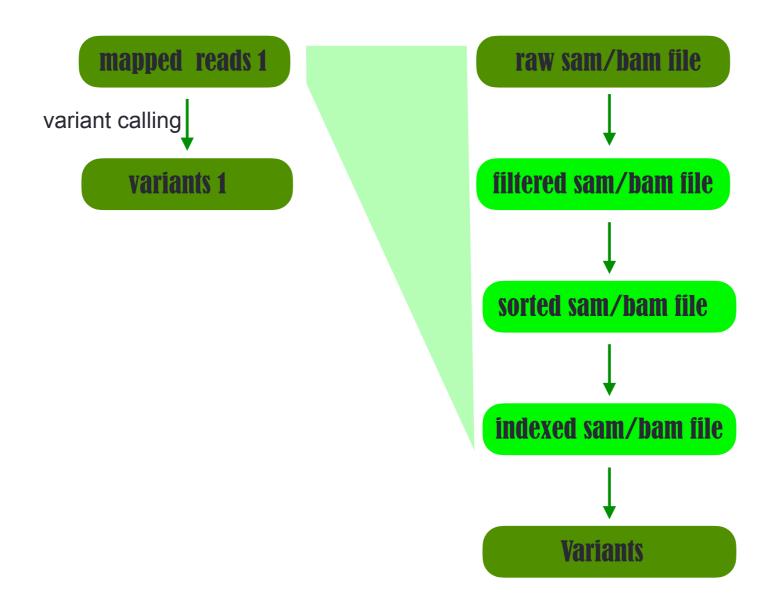


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# The Sequence Alignment/Map format and SAMtools

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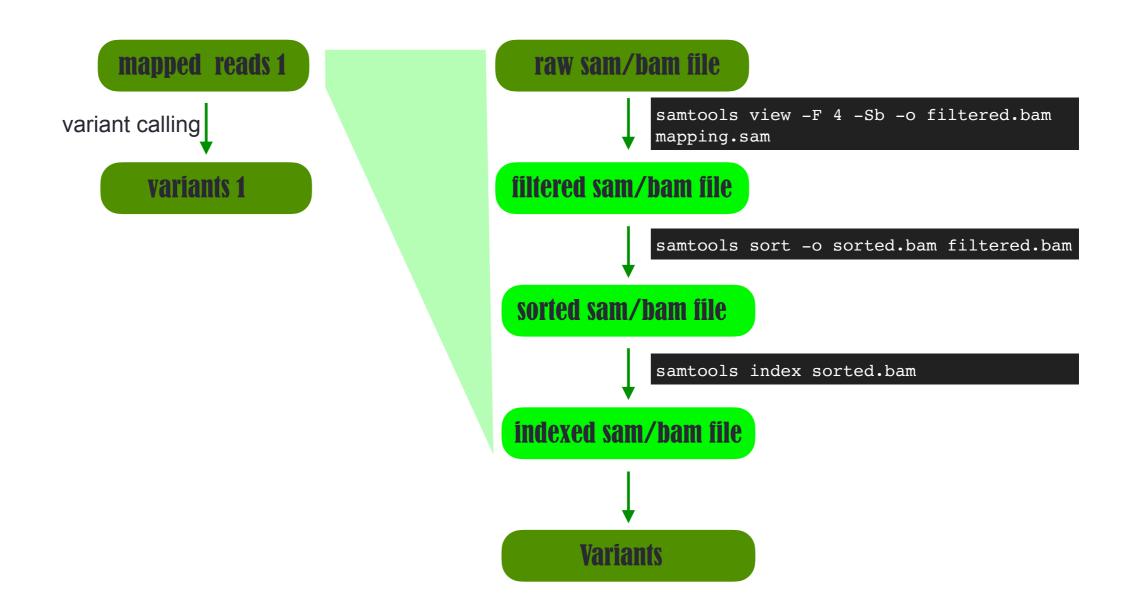


http://samtools.sourceforge.net/

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samtools <command> [options]
Command: view
                    SAM<->BAM conversion
                    sort alignment file
        sort
                    multi-way pileup
        mpileup
                    compute the depth
                    index/extract FASTA
        faidx
                    text alignment viewer
        tview
        index
                    index alignment
                    BAM index stats (r595 or later)
        idxstats
                    fix mate information
        fixmate
        flagstat
                    simple stats
                    recalculate MD/NM tags and '=' bases
        calmd
                    merge sorted alignments
        merge
        rmdup
                    remove PCR duplicates
        reheader
                    replace BAM header
        cat
                    concatenate BAMs
                    read depth per BED region
        bedcov
        targetcut cut fosmid regions (for fosmid pool only)
                    phase heterozygotes
        phase
        bamshuf
                    shuffle and group alignments by name
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Samtools

• Bedtools <a href="https://bedtools.readthedocs.io/en/latest/">https://bedtools.readthedocs.io/en/latest/</a>

• Picards tools <a href="https://broadinstitute.github.io/picard/">https://broadinstitute.github.io/picard/</a>



#### Library preparation problems

**Sequencing errors** produce biases in the variant call.



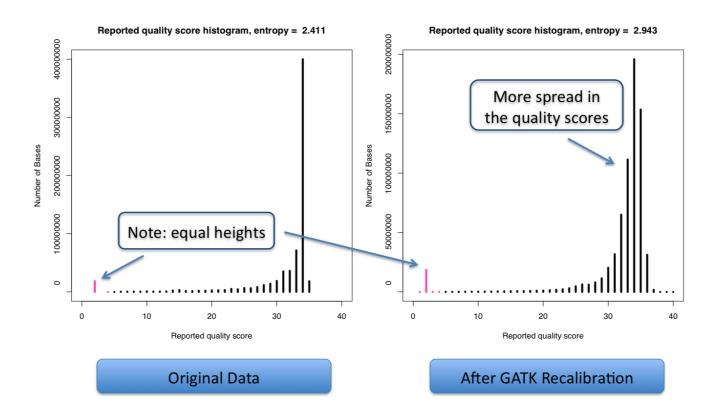


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#### **Sequencing errors** - Solutions:

- High coverage (< 20 X) to minimize sequencing errors.
- Recalibrate bases (Base Score Quality Recalibration BSQR) using tools such as BaseRecalibrator.

## Distribution of Quality Scores





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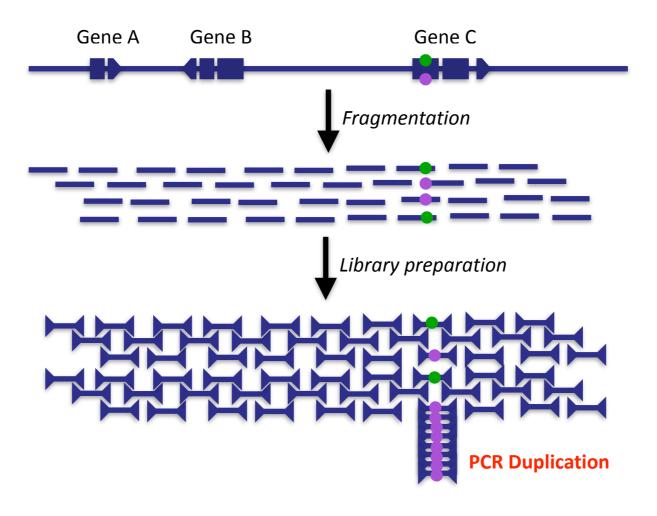
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PCR duplications produce biases in the variant call (e.g. het.)

• Library specific problem for Whole Genome Sequencing.





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**PCR duplications** - Solutions:

• Mark duplicates with tools such as samtools rmdup



**CAREFUL**: Some **reduced representations** techniques with unequal ratios of site amplication **WILL PRODUCE THOUSANDS PCR DUPLICATION** 



SKIP PCR DUPLICATION MARKING STEP FOR GBS, RAD-SEQ...



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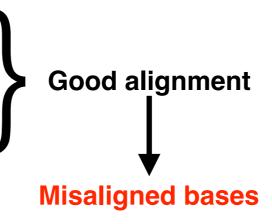
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#### **Alignment problems**

Aligners calculate the alignment correctness and give it a score depending of:

- Length of the alignment.
- Number of mismatches and gaps.
- Uniqueness of the alignment (number of hits).



coordinates	12345678901234 5678901234567890123456
reference	aggttttttataacaattaagtctacagagcaacta
sample	aggttttttataacAATaattaagtctacagagcaacta
read1	aggtttttataac***aaAtaa
read2	ggtttttataac***aaAtaaTt
read3	ttttataacAATaattaagtctaca
read4	CaaT***aattaagtctacagagcaac
read5	$\mathtt{aaT***aattaagtctacagagcaact}$
read6	T***aattaagtctacagagcaacta

#### Misaligned bases - Solutions:

- Read realignment (IndelRealigner for GATK (obsolete), now it is integrated in the HaplotypeCaller).
- Mark alignment quality per base (BAQ) and do not use for variant calling.



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**Single Nucleotide Variant/Polymorphism (SNV/SNP)** is a **substitution** of a single nucleotide at a specific position

Insertion/Deletion (InDel/DIV/DIP) is a insertion or a deletion of several nucleotides at a specific position

Multiple Nucleotide Variant/Polymorphism (MNV/MNP) is the substitution of several nucleotide at a specific position

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GACGTGC Sample 1

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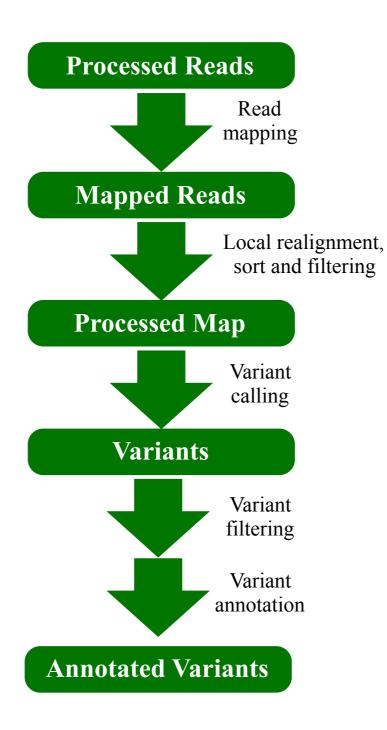
GCTGTGC Sample 2
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MNVs/MNPs



**Considerations** 





#### Variant calling:

- *Heuristic methods* (read depth)
  - SamTools
  - VarScan
- Probabilistic methods (bayesian)
  - GATK
  - FreeBayes
  - SOAPsnp/SOAPindel



# Variant calling popular tools

Name	Туре	Strength	Weaknesses
SamTools	Heuristic	<ul> <li>Assumes errors are non-independent (matches data)</li> <li>Good accuracy with low coverage data</li> <li>Reasonably quick</li> </ul>	<ul><li>Increase false positives at high coverage</li><li>Lower quality indel calling</li></ul>
GATK	Probabilistic	<ul> <li>Trains with real data</li> <li>Excellent accuracy with high coverage data</li> <li>Low false positive rate</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Assumes errors are independent</li> <li>High level of preprocessing</li> <li>Very slow</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>Combined bam population</li> </ul>	



#### **Choosing the right tool**

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# A survey of tools for variant analysis of next-generation genome sequencing data

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# Towards Better Understanding of Artifacts in Variant Calling from High-Coverage Samples

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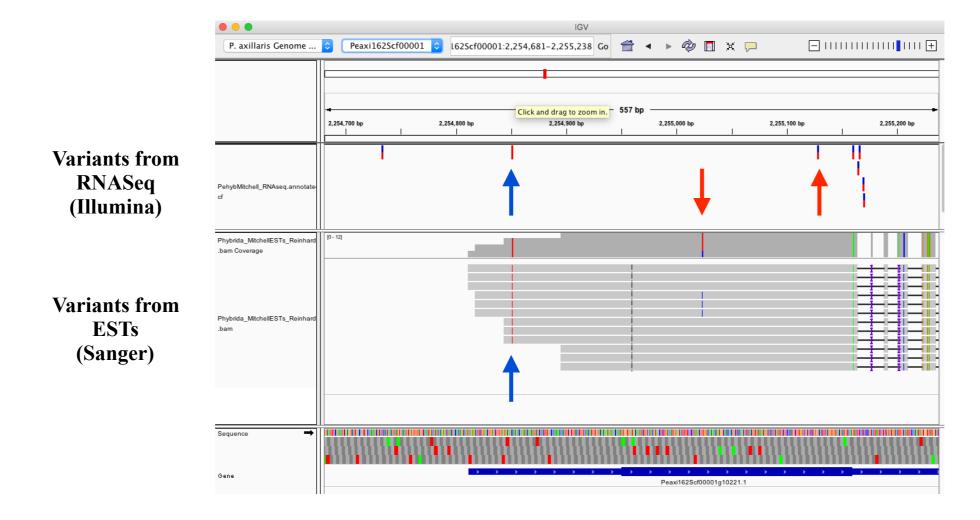


#### **Methods for Variant Evaluation**

- Validation by Sanger Sequencing of specific candidates (~5 500) using other datasets (e.g. transcriptome) if it is possible.
- Comparison with other method (e.g. genotyping chip).
- Different mapping and variant calling tools comparison (with a "truth set" or a "gold standard" if it is possible).



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#### **Assumptions**:

1. The content of the **truth set** has been **validated**.

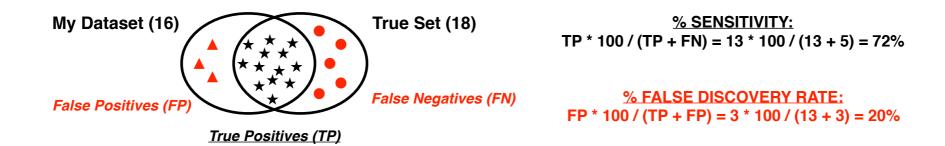
2. Your samples are expected to have similar genomic content as the population of samples that was used to produce the truth set



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#### **Metrics**:

1. Variant level concordance: Percentage of variants in your samples that match (are concordant with) variants in your truth set.



2. *Genotype concordance*: Percentage of variants in your genotype that match (are concordant with) variants in your truth set.



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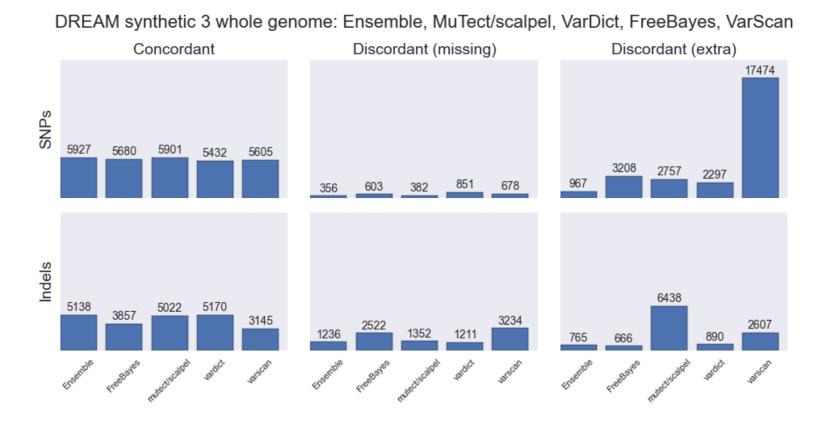
#### **Metrics**:

- 3. *Number of SNPs and INDELs*: Between different datasets should be consistent for the same number of mapped reads.
- 4. *TiTv Ratio*: Ratio of transition (Ts) to transversion (Tv) SNPs should be random (~0.5). Methylation islands (CpG) and other factors may introduce a bias so expected values will range from 0.5 3.0.
- 5. *Ratio Insertions/Deletions*: It should be close to 1, except in rare alleles that it could be 0.2 0.5.



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#### **Tools**:

Name	URL
VariantEvaluation (GATK)	https://software.broadinstitute.org/gatk/documentation/tooldocs/current/ org_broadinstitute_gatk_tools_walkers_varianteval_VariantEval.php
GenotypeConcordance (GATK)	https://software.broadinstitute.org/gatk/documentation/tooldocs/current/org_broadinstitute_gatk_tools_walkers_variantutils_GenotypeConcordance.php
VCFTools	http://vcftools.sourceforge.net/
VCFStats	http://lindenb.github.io/jvarkit/
PicardTools	https://broadinstitute.github.io/picard/index.html



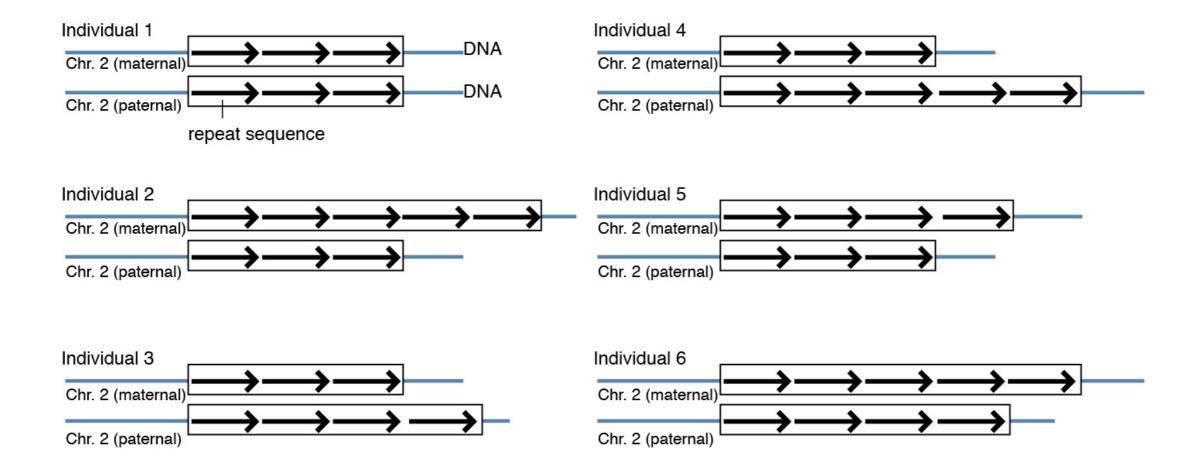
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## Comprehensively benchmarking applications for detecting copy number variation





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Software	Methods	Algorithm detail	Input data	Publish	Latest update	Accessibility	URL	Programing Language	#Citations
#Canvas	RD	Expectation- maximization (EM) clustering	BAM	2011	2018/3	Y	https://github.com/Illumina/ canvas	C#	29
*cn.MOPS	RD	Mixture Poisson model	BAM	2012	2018/10	Y	http://www.bioinf.jku.at/ software/cnmops/cnmops.html	R	226
CNVeM	RD	Expectation- maximization (EM) algorithm	CSV	2013	NA	Y	https://omictools.com/cnvem- tool	С	14
CNVer	RP	Maximum-likelihood, Graphic flow	BAM	2010	2011/5	N	NA	С	158
*CNVnator	RD	Mean shift algorithm	BAM	2011	2016/11	Y	https://github.com/abyzovlab/ CNVnator	C++	640
CNVrd2	RD	Expectation- maximization (EM) algorithm	BAM/ SAM	2014	2015/11	Y	https://bioconductor.org/ packages/release/bioc/html/ CNVrd2.html	R	13
*Control- FREEC	RD	LASSO regression	BAM/ SAM	2011	2018/8	Y	http://boevalab.com/FREEC/	C++	190
#GROM-RD	RD	Quantile normalization	BAM	2015	2017/5	Y	http://grigoriev.rutgers.edu/ software/	С	7
#iCopyDAV	RD	DoC approaches	BAM	2018	2018/3	Y	https://github.com/vogetihrsh/icopydav	R,C++	1
JointSLM	RD	Population-based approach	SAM/ BAM	2011	NA	N	NA	R	49
*LUMPY	RD, PEM	A probabilistic framework	BAM/ CRAM	2014	2016/3	Y	https://github.com/arq5x/ C++ lumpy-sv		157
mrCaNaVAR	RD	mrFAST	SAM	2009	2013/9	Y	http://mrcanavar.sourceforge.	С	685
*RDXplorer	RD	Event-wise testing algorithm	BAM	2009	2013/4	Y	https://sourceforge.net/projects/rdxplorer/	Python	496
#ReadDepth	RD	Circular binary segmentation algorithm	Bed Files	2011	2014/8	Y	https://github.com/chrisamiller/readDepth	R	150
*RSICNV	RD	Negative binomial transformations	BAM	2017	2017/7	Y	https://github.com/yhwu/rsicnv	C++	2

#### Note:

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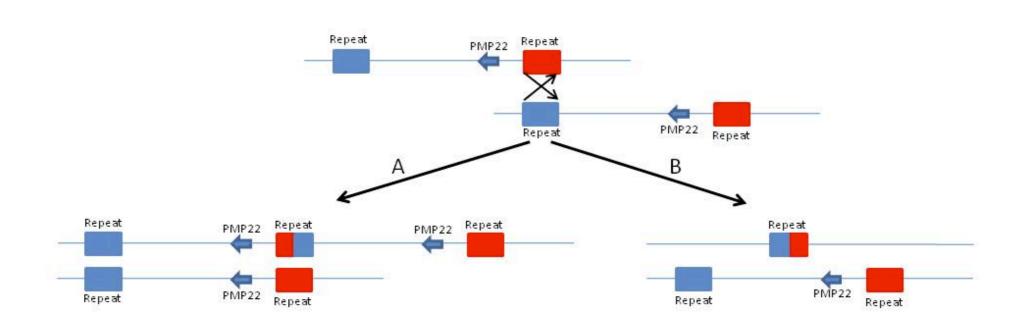
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**Figure 1: Charcot-Marie Tooth (CMT) disease.** Unequal crossing over between two highly homologous repeats on chromosome 17p12 can result in (A) 3 copies of the PMP22 gene with the CMT1A phenotype or the reciprocal (B) and 1 copy of the PMP22 gene with the HNPP phenotype.



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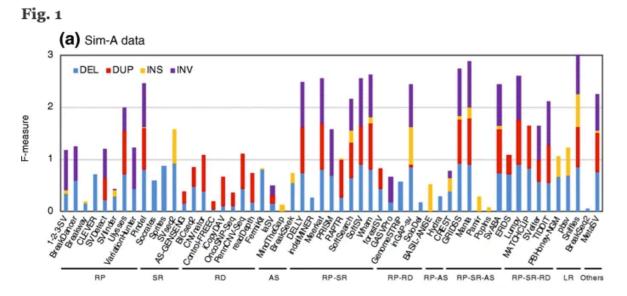
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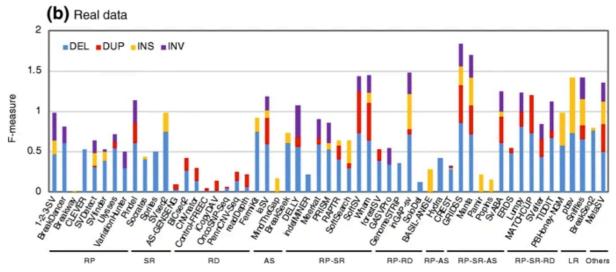
# Comprehensive evaluation of structural variation detection algorithms for whole genome sequencing

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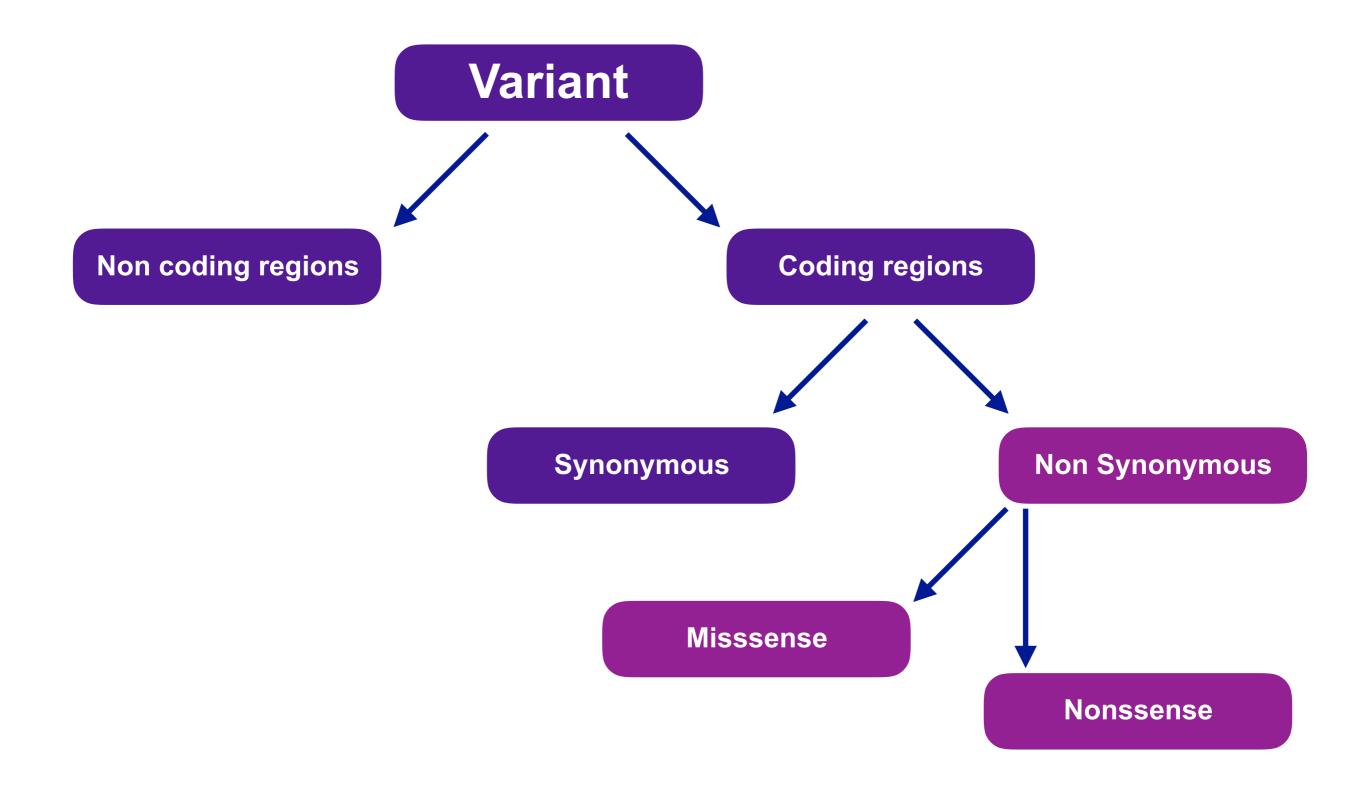
SV type	Tools	Simulated data	Simulated data		Real data	
		Precision	Recall	Precision	Recall	
DEL	GRIDSS	98.9 (5)	86.6 (2)	87.6 (7)	28.9 (2)	3.57 (1)
	Lumpy	99.1 (4)	81.4 (6)	87.1 (8)	26.1 (4)	3.41 (2)
	SVseq2	96.2 (11)	86.1 (3)	75.7 (17)	24.9 (5)	3.28 (3)
	SoftSV	96.8 (10)	83.6 (4)	80.2 (13)	23.2 (8)	3.25 (7)
	Manta	95.9 (12)	83.1 (5)	74.2 (20)	24.3 (6)	3.21 (5)
	MATCHCLIP	99.4 (2)	71.7 (10)	91.6 (4)	20.9 (11)	3.12 (6)
	inGAP-sv	91.1 (18)	78.6 (7)	78.3 (14)	22.5 (8)	3.10 (7)
DUP	Wham	96.9 (4)	81.7 (4)	57.1 (4)	10.2 (5)	3.92 (1)
	SoftSV	84.2 (14)	67.8 (13)	47.3 (6)	14.3 (3)	3.91 (2)
	MATCHCLIP	87.6 (11)	77.5 (8)	58.0 (3)	9.9 (6)	3.79 (3)
	GRIDSS	91.1 (9)	77.9 (7)	58.4 (2)	9.6 (7)	3.78 (4)
	Manta	99.0 (1)	83.2 (1)	40.4 (9)	6.5 (11)	3.35 (5)
	SvABA	82.6 (15)	69.6 (11)	42.7 (8)	7.2 (9)	3.02 (6)
INS [Unspecified]	pbsv	89.7 (3)	38.2 (5)	72.7 (8)	27.5 (2)	6.68 (1)
	inGAP-sv	99.7 (1)	58.5 (2)	85.5 (2)	11.8 (3)	6.27 (2)
	Sniffles	74.8 (5)	52.5 (3)	65.9 (10)	9.0 (5)	5.08 (3)
	SVseq2	70.4 (8)	64.2 (1)	38.5 (19)	7.1 (9)	4.87 (4)
INS [MEI]	MELT	99.7 (3)	68.9 (3)	88.9 (1)	85.6 *2 (1)	3.21 (1)
	Mobster	100 (1)	67.1 (4)	88.3 (2)	71.9 *2 (2)	3.04 (2)
INV	DELLY	94.7 (8)	81.8 (4)	38.9 (4)	15.6 (2)	3.07 (1)
	TIDDIT	89.2 (14)	77.9 (8)	49.1 (1)	11.7 (5)	2.89 (2)
	1-2-3-SV	70.7 (19)	81.2 (5)	31.8 (9)	14.8 (3)	2.67 (3)
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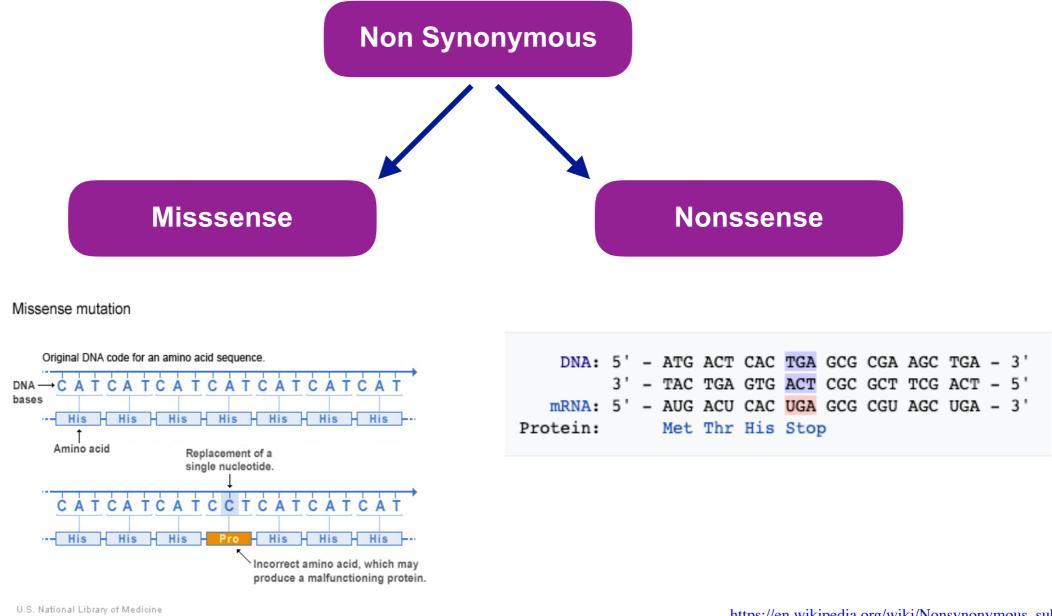


**mRNA** is read by groups of **three nucleotides** called **codons**. Each three nucleotides represent an aminoacid that it is carried by a tRNA during the translation.





A non-synonymous substitution is a nucleotide mutation that alters the amino acid sequence of a protein. Non-synonymous substitutions differ from synonymous substitutions, which do not alter amino acid sequences and are (sometimes) silent mutations. As non-synonymous substitutions result in a biological change in the organism, they are subject to natural selection.





Program used to annotate variants

http://snpeff.sourceforge.net/



Genomic variant annotations and functional effect prediction toolbox.

### Download SnpEff

Important: This version implements the VCF annotation standard 'ANN' field.

Latest version 4.3T (2017-11-24)

Requires Java 1.8



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Туре	What is means	Example
SNP	Single-Nucleotide Polymorphism	Reference = 'A', Sample = 'C'
Ins	Insertion	Reference = 'A', Sample = 'AGT'
Del	Deletion	Reference = 'AC', Sample = 'C'
MNP	Multiple-nucleotide polymorphism	Reference = 'ATA', Sample = 'GTC'
MIXED	Multiple-nucleotide and an InDel	Reference = 'ATA', Sample = 'GTCAGT'

EFF Sub-field	Meaning
Effect	Effect of this variant. See details here.
Effect impact	Effect impact {High, Moderate, Low, Modifier}. See details here.
Functional Class	Functional class {NONE, SILENT, MISSENSE, NONSENSE}.
Codon_Change / Distance	Codon change: old_codon/new_codon OR distance to transcript (in case of upstream / downstream)
Amino_Acid_Change	Amino acid change: old_AA AA_position/new_AA (e.g. 'E30K')
Amino_Acid_Length	Length of protein in amino acids (actually, transcription length divided by 3).
Gene_Name	Gene name
Transcript_BioType	Transcript bioType, if available.
Gene_Coding	[CODING   NON_CODING]. This field is 'CODING' if any transcript of the gene is marked as protein coding.
Transcript_ID	Transcript ID (usually ENSEMBL IDs)
Exon/Intron Rank	Exon rank or Intron rank (e.g. '1' for the first exon, '2' for the second exon, etc.)
Genotype_Number	Genotype number corresponding to this effect (e.g. '2' if the effect corresponds to the second ALT)
Warnings / Errors	Any warnings or errors (not shown if empty).



Program used to annotate variants

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Effect Seq. Ontology	Effect Classic	Note & Example	Impact
coding_sequence_variant	CDS	The variant hits a CDS.	MODIFIER
chromosome	CHROMOSOME_LARGE DELETION	A large part (over 1% or 1,000,000 bases) of the chromosome was deleted.	HIGH
duplication	CHROMOSOME_LARGE_DUPLICATION	Duplication of a large chromoome segment (over 1% or 1,000,000 bases).	HIGH
inversion	CHROMOSOME_LARGE_INVERSION	Inversion of a large chromoome segment (over 1% or 1,000,000 bases).	HIGH
coding_sequence_variant	CODON_CHANGE	One or many codons are changed e.g.: An MNP of size multiple of 3	LOW
inframe_insertion	CODON_INSERTION	One or many codons are inserted e.g.: An insert multiple of three in a codon boundary	MODERATE
frameshift_variant	FRAME_SHIFT	Insertion or deletion causes a frame shift e.g.: An indel size is not multple of 3	HIGH

