



Using IGV to identify true somatic variants from the false variants

<http://www.broadinstitute.org/igv>

A FAQ, sample files and a user guide are available on IGV website

If you use IGV in your publication:

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Part 1: How to use IGV to visualize variants

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What can you do with IGV?

Visualization of different genomic data types:

- aligned sequence reads
- mutations
- copy number
- RNA interference screens
- gene expression
- methylation and genomic annotations

List of supported data formats:

<http://www.broadinstitute.org/software/igv/FileFormats>

For this example:

- *.bam for the alignment file
- *.gtf for the genome annotation data



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IGV: user interface

The screenshot displays the IGV interface for chromosome 7 (chr7:30,994,815-118,233,153). The interface includes a tool bar at the top, a ruler indicating chromosome location, and multiple tracks for different data types. Annotations include gene names like EEPD1, INHBA, TNFS, and HPVC1. The tracks show aligned sequence reads and other genomic features.

Attribute names (6)

Track names (7)

Red box: portion of the chromosome displayed (2)

Ruler: the tick marks indicate chromosome location (3)

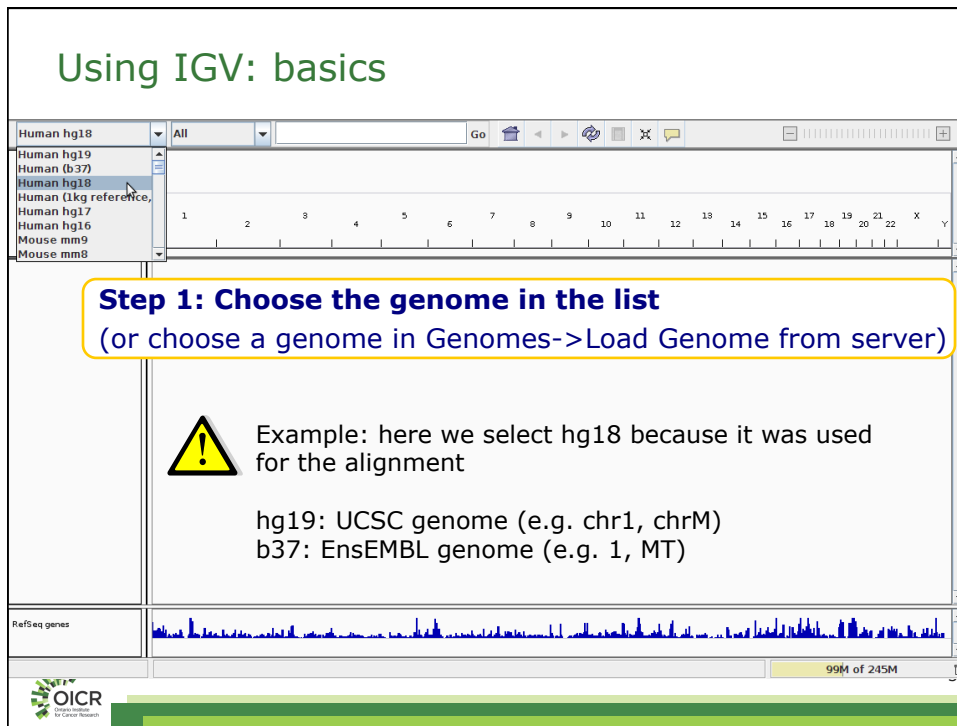
Horizontal rows: tracks. One track = one sample or experiment (4)

Features: genes, etc. (5)


OICR logo and "chr7:100,309,022" are visible at the bottom left.

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Step 1: Choose the genome in the list
(or choose a genome in Genomes->Load Genome from server)


 Example: here we select hg18 because it was used for the alignment

hg19: UCSC genome (e.g. chr1, chrM)
b37: Ensembl genome (e.g. 1, MT)

RefSeq genes

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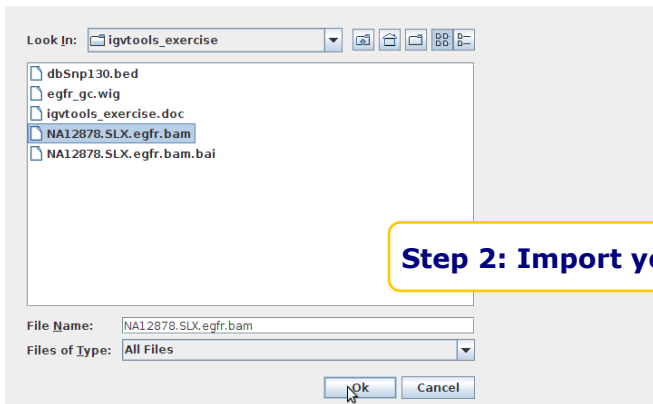
Step 2: Import your alignment file
Several options

- File->Load from File
- File->Load from URL
- File->Load from Server
- File->Load from DAS

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Step 2: Import your alignment file



If you select a *.bam file, it must be sorted and indexed, and the corresponding index *.bai file **must** be in the same directory

You can visualize several alignment files at the same time for the same species

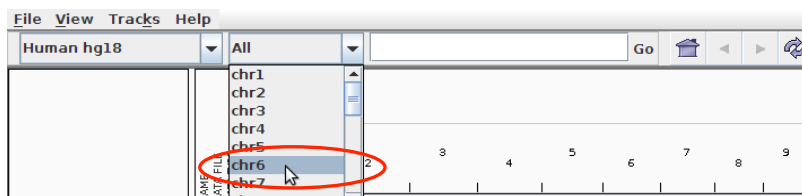


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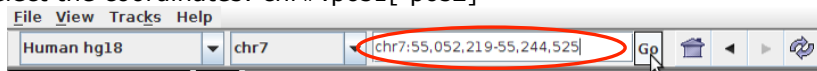
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- You can either:
- select a chromosome

Step 3: select the data to display



- select the coordinates: chr#:pos1[-pos2]



- search for a gene



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Step 4: visualize the read alignments on the sequence



You will not see the alignment if the region your are looking in at an area that is too large (depending on IGV parameters): Zoom in using the + sign in the tool box (in red) or by double-clicking on the display area

double-click here to zoom in

Zoom in to see alignments.

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Human hg18 chr7 chr7:55,172,661-55,184,735

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Genomic coordinates

Track names

Data panel

RefSeq genes

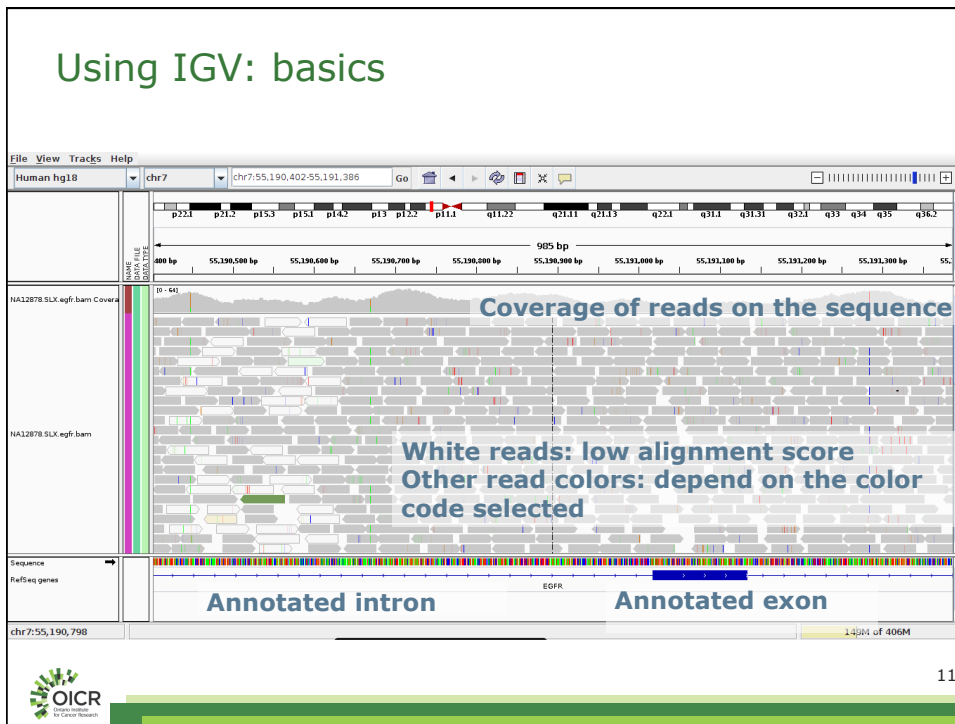
Genomic annotations (default: RefSeq)

chr7:55,178,906 336M of 495M

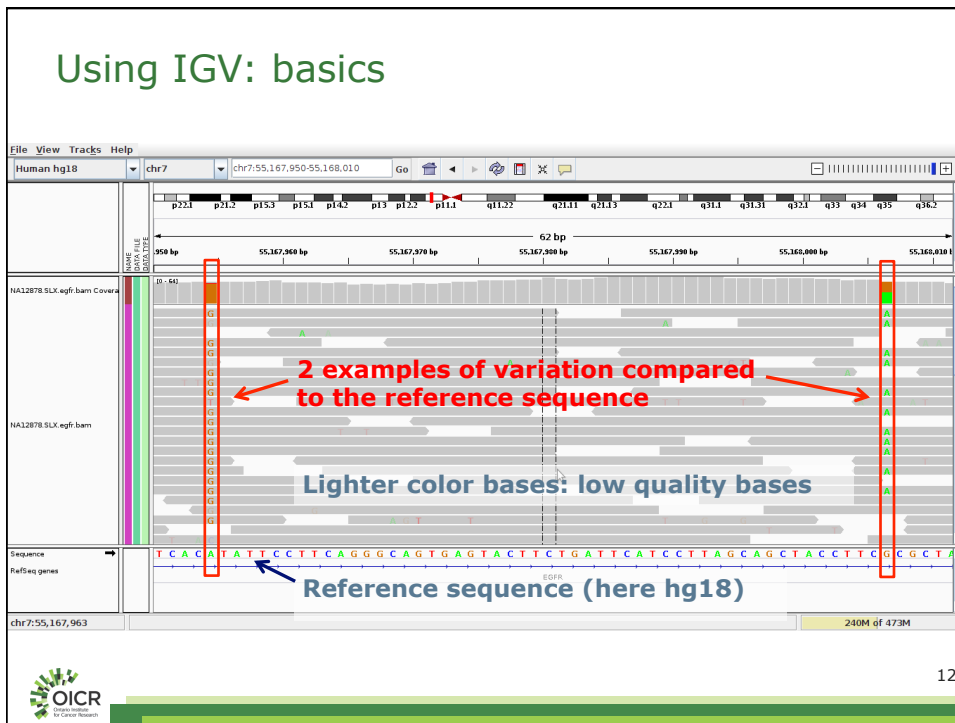
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Sample = NA12878
Read group = SRR001798
Read name = LXAT_0001_FC208BFAAXX:1:14:815:506
Alignment start = 55178902 (-)
Cigar = 47M
Mapped = yes
Mapping quality = 99
Base = A
Base phred quality = 24
HO = 1
HI = 0
MF = 0
RG = SRR001798
NM = 2
JQ = 19

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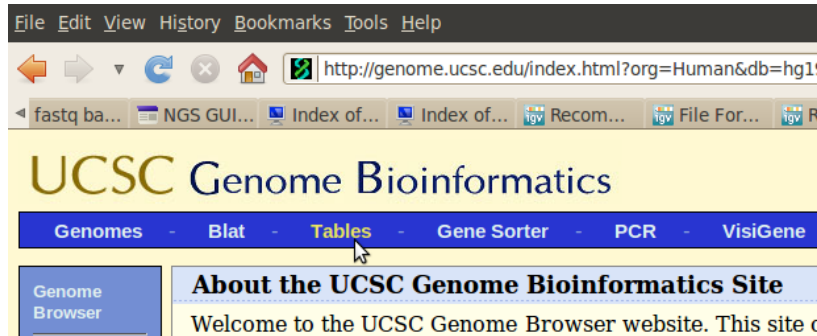
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Step 5.1: download genomic annotations file or other tracks from the UCSC table browser

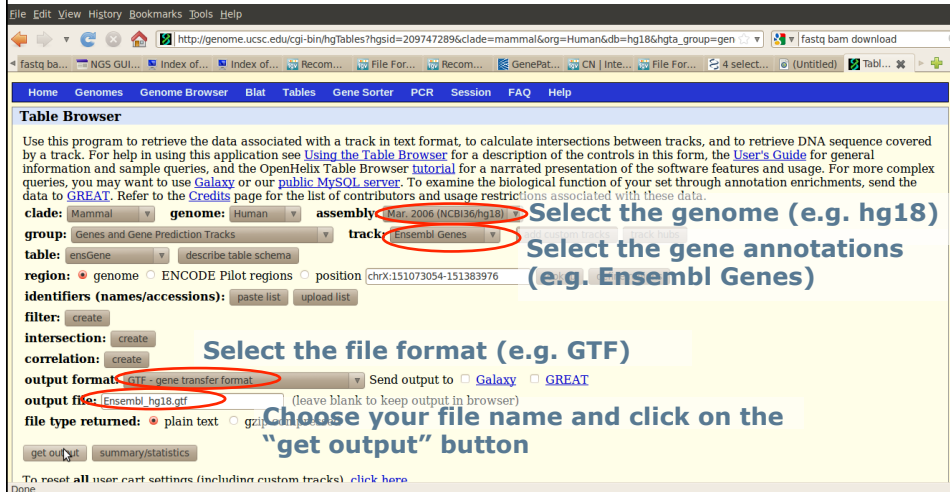
1) Go on <http://genome.ucsc.edu> and click on Tables



Several ways of downloading gene annotation files can be used, for example directly from the source sequence databases

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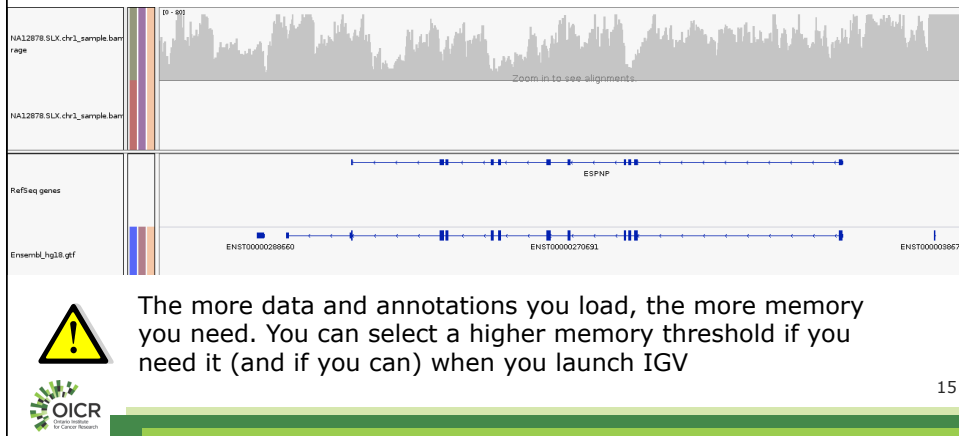


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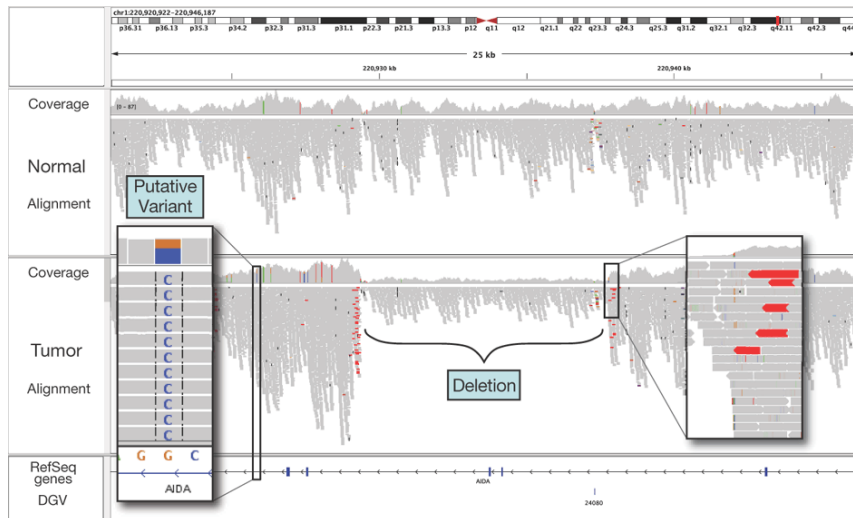
Step 5.2: load the genomic annotation file in IGV

Select File->Load from file and choose the GTF file you have downloaded
 You have know access to RefSeq and Ensembl gene annotations:



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Example of a deletion (10kb, from IGV publication*)



Robinson et al., (2011) Nature Biotechnology 29: 24-26 ¹⁶

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Tip number 1: **COLOUR**

Before:

After:

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Tip number 2: **SORT**

Before:

After:


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Tip number 3: **COLLAPSE**

Before:

After:



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Tip number 4: **ZOOM OUT/IN**

Before:

After:


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Tip number 5: **SPLIT SCREEN**

Before:

After:

Info: Read color "Insert size and pair orientation"

Two other useful options

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Using IGV: other tips

- Define regions of interest to save coordinate positions in a file

- In the data panel, select the beginning and the end of the region
- Regions -> Export Regions

More details here: <http://www.broadinstitute.org/software/igv/regionsofinterest>

- View -> Preferences -> Alignments for more display parameters
- Save your IGV sessions (File-> Save session)
- Copy read details to clipboard (right click on a read)
 - Give all the information contained in the bam file for the read
 - Example: could be used to Blat a read sequence
- Use shortcuts
 - Ctrl-F/Ctrl-B: skip forward or back to the next feature on a selected track (e.g. gene or variants)

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http://www.broadinstitute.org/software/igv/keyboard_shortcuts