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# RNA Seq analysis

## Cleaning

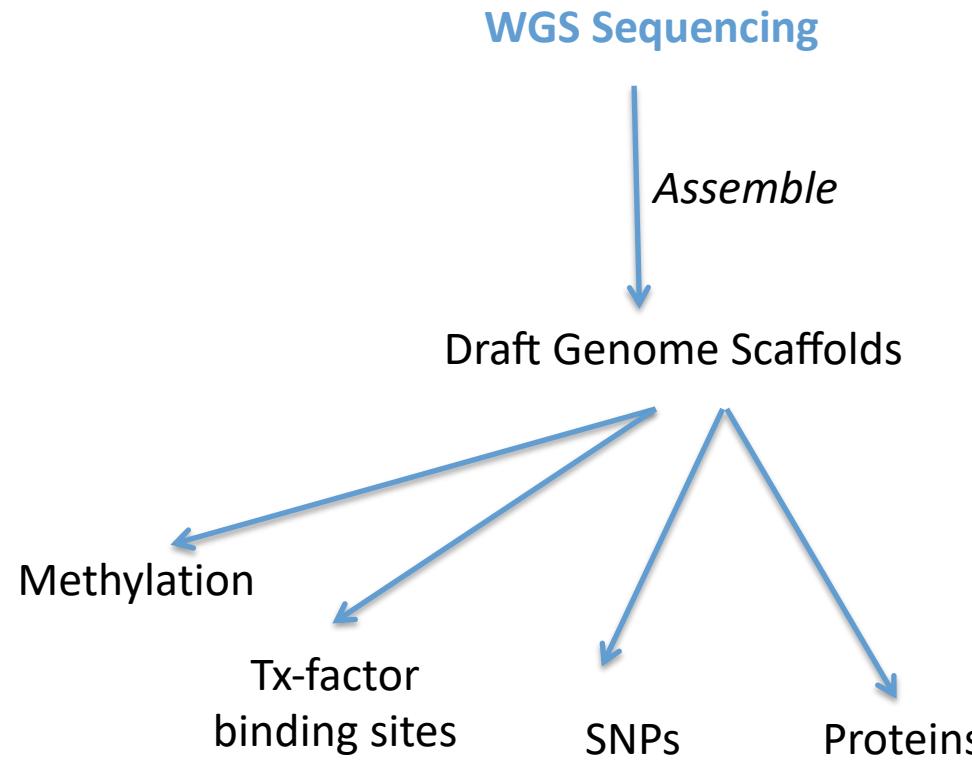
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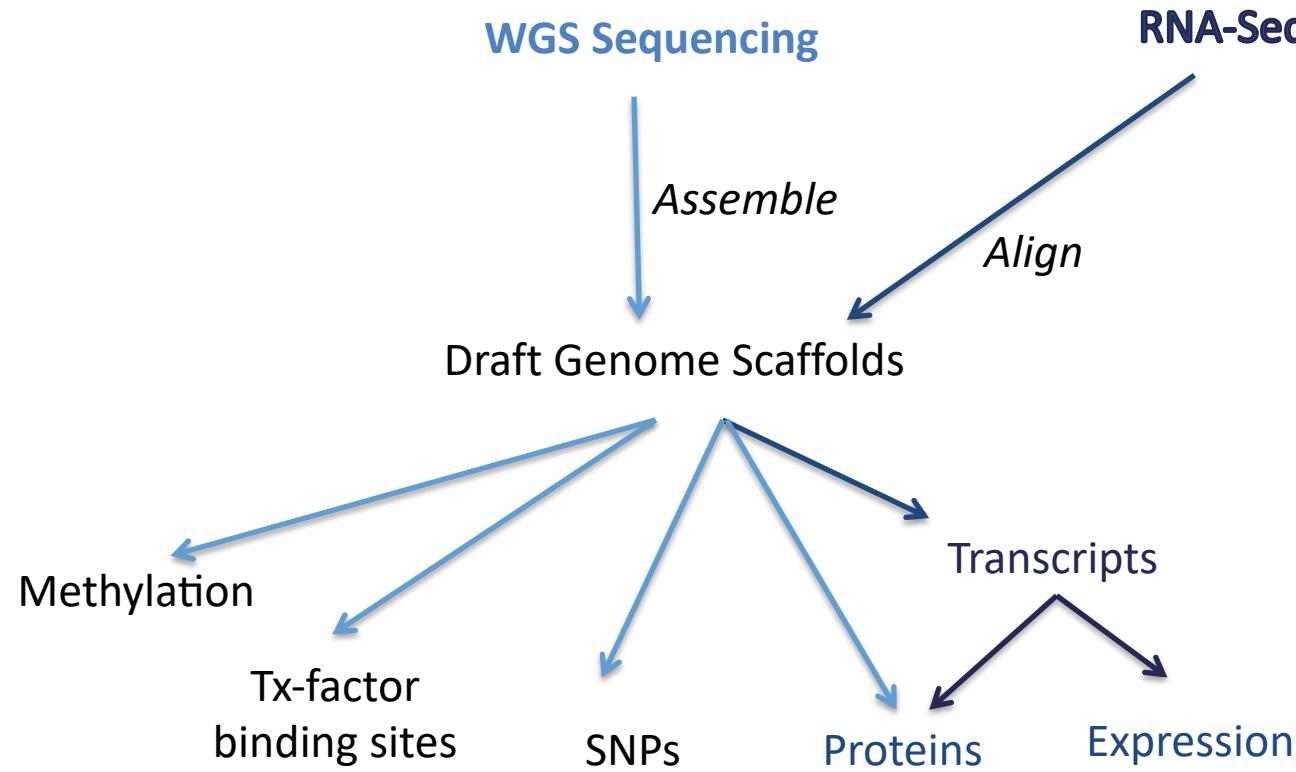


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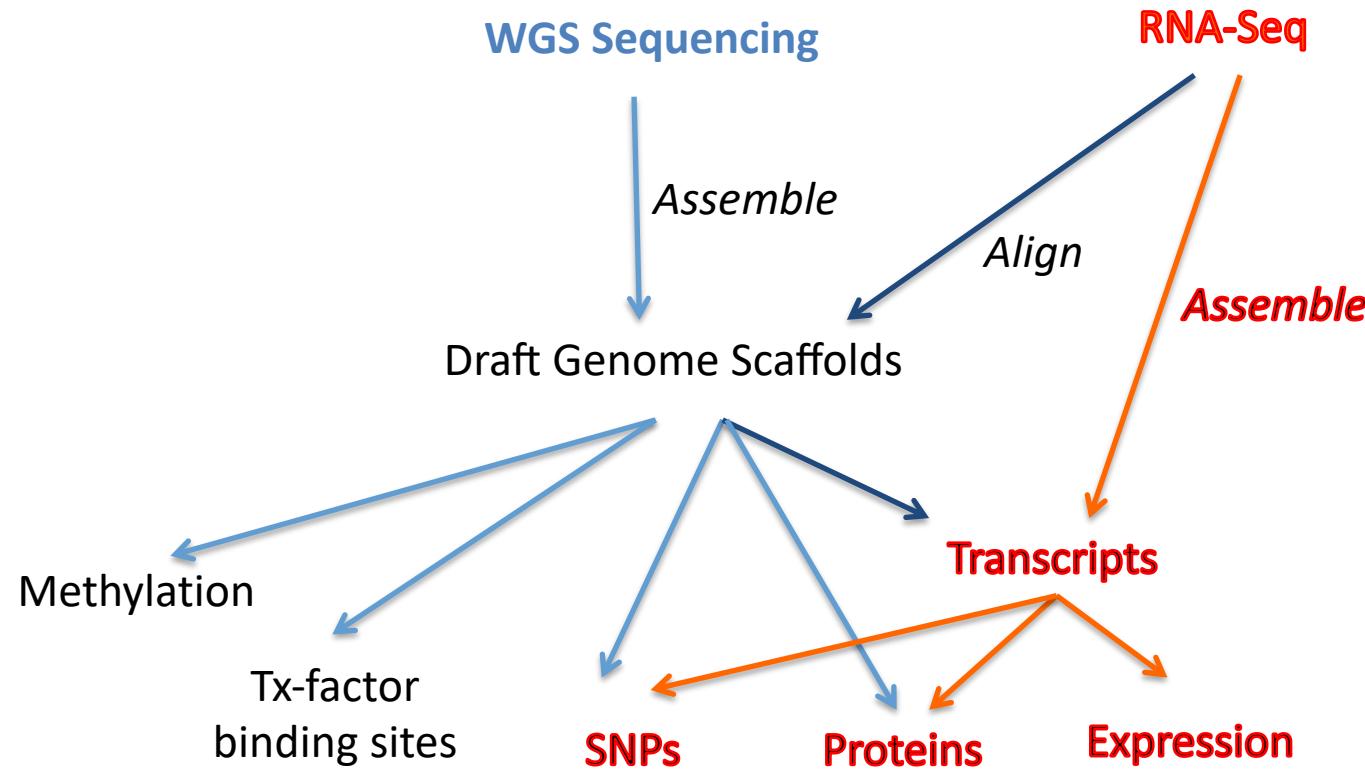
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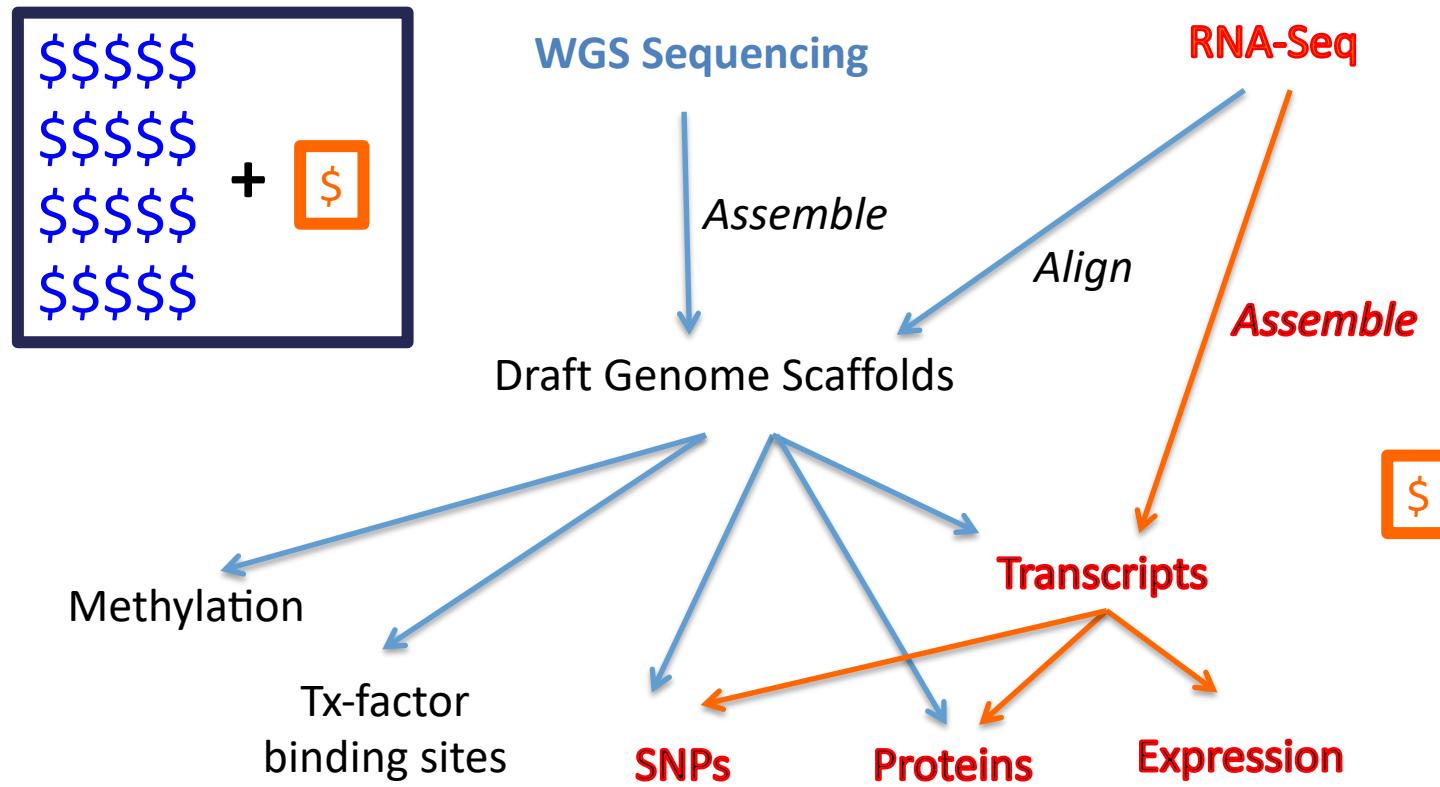
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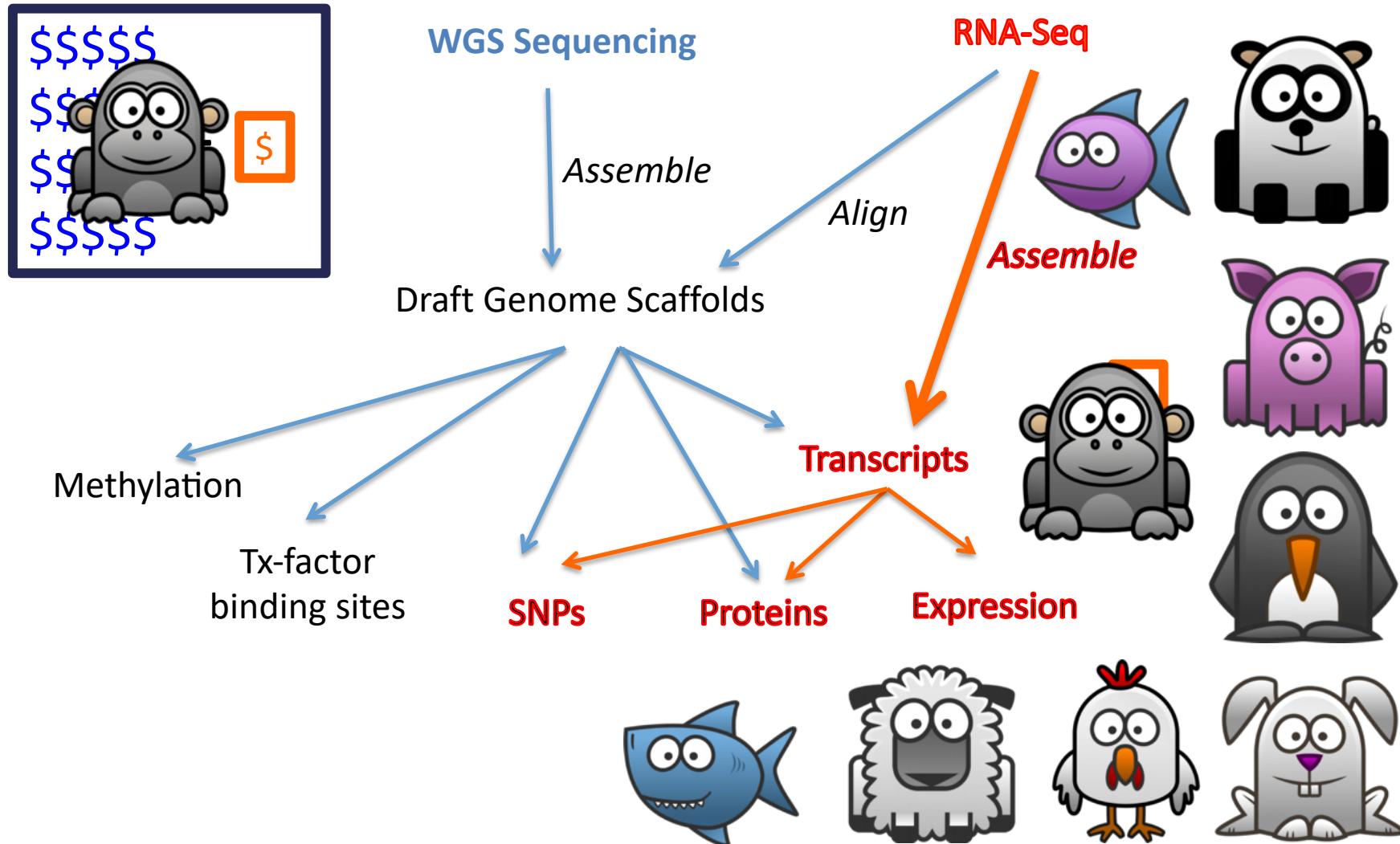
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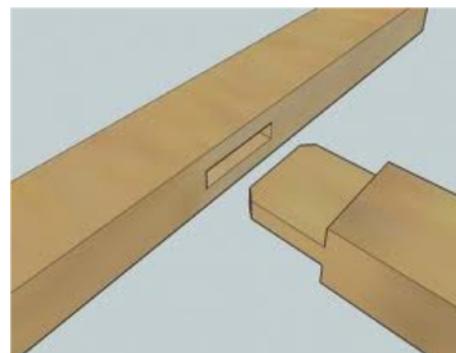
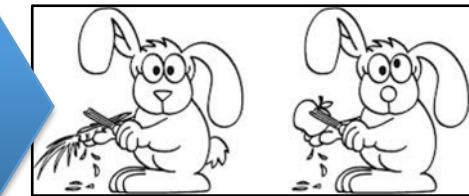
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# RNA Seq de novo analysis workflow



# Data Cleaning



# Why do we care about cleaning ?



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## RAW SEQUENCES



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# AMAZING TRANSCRIPTOME !!!



# Why do we care about cleaning ?



## RAW SEQUENCES



# NO !!



# ~~AMAZING MANUSCRIPT GAME !!!~~



# Data Cleaning



- Unknown nucleotides
- Bad quality nucleotides
- Adaptors and primers sub-sequences
- Poly A/T tails
- Low complexity sequences
- rRNA sequences
- Contaminant sequences
- Short length sequences

But also:

- Removing singletons
- In-silico normalization
- Sequencing errors correction
- ...

**Bias should be corrected in reverse order of their generation**

1. Sequencing biases (bad quality, unknowns)
2. Library preparation
  - Adaptors and primers sequences
  - Poly A/T tails
3. Biological sample (low complexity, rRNA, contaminants)

# But first... What kind of data do we have ?



# NGS sequences

- **Illumina**, 454 (Roche), Ion Torrent, **Solid**, PacBio, MinION, ...
- **Single, Paired-end**,
- Sequences length: 25, 35, 50, **75, 100, 150**, 250, 500, 700, 800, ... base pairs
- File format: **Fasta**, 2 files (.fasta + .qual), **Colorspace**, **Fast5**

# 1. Sequencing biases

- Unknown nucleotides (Ns)
- Bad quality nucleotides
- Hexamers biases (random priming) ?  
(Illumina. Now corrected ?)
- Why do we need to correct those ?
  - To remove a lot of sequencing errors (detrimental to the vast majority of assemblers)
  - Because most de-bruijn graph based assemblers can't handle unknown nucleotides

- PRINSEQ2, FASTX Toolkit, Trimmomatic...
- <http://prinseq.sourceforge.net/index.html>
  - Perl software for PReprocessing and INformation of SEQuence data
  - Not the fastest, but very exhaustive
  - 2 versions. We use the command-line version:  
`prinseq_lite.pl`
- Now Trimmomatic

## 2. Adaptors & primers sequences

- Can be found in 3' end if insert size is too short

Normal case:  
insert size > sequencing length



Abnormal case:  
insert size < sequencing length



## 2. Adaptors & primers sequences

- Can be found in 3' end if insert size is too short
- Why do we need to remove those ?
  - Because they can lead to “bridges” (links) between unrelated sequences (eg. 2 genes) and generate chimeras



## Tools

- Trimmomatic, cutadapt, far, btrim, SeqTrim, TagCleaner, solexaQA, ...
- <http://code.google.com/p/cutadapt/>
- Trimming of adaptors sequences from NGS data

### 3. Poly A/T tails, low complexity reads

- Some poly A/T tails can be left during library preparation
  - Poly A/T or low complexity sequences can also lead to “bridges” between unrelated sequences and generate chimeras

## PRINSEQ 2

- Trimming poly A/T tails
  - From 5'-end and 3'-end
  - w/ nucleotide nb  $\geq 5$
- Filtering low complexity sequences
  - Entropy < 70 (out of 100)
- Filtering short reads (< 50 nu)

## 4. Contaminations

- Most RNA-seq libraries comprise ribosomal RNA that you may want to remove
- Contaminations can also occur with foreign RNA/DNA (PhiX, Bacteria, ...)

## Tools

- SortMeRNA, riboPicker, DeconSeq
- Easy identification and removal of rRNA-like sequences
- For RNAseq and DNAseq

# NGS Data basics : FASTQ format, SE data

FASTA format:

```
>61DFRAAXX100204:1:100:10494:3070
AAACAAACAGGGCACATTGTCACTCTTGTATTTGAAAAAACACTTCCGGCCAT
```

FASTQ format:

```
@61DFRAAXX100204:1:100:10494:3070
AAACAAACAGGGCACATTGTCACTCTTGTATTTGAAAAAACACTTCCGGCCAT
+
ACCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCBC?CCCCCCCC@CACCCCCA
```

Read

Quality values

# Quality Scores

Sequencers can assign a “confidence” value per call based on how ambiguous the base call is

Sequence: ATGCAT

The sequencer will estimate the probability that a given base call is NOT correct (Erwing 1998)

Ewing B, Green P (1998). "Base-calling of automated sequencer traces using phred. II. Error probabilities". *Genome Res.* 8 (3): 186–194.  
doi:10.1101/gr.8.3.186. PMID 9521922.

# Quality Scores

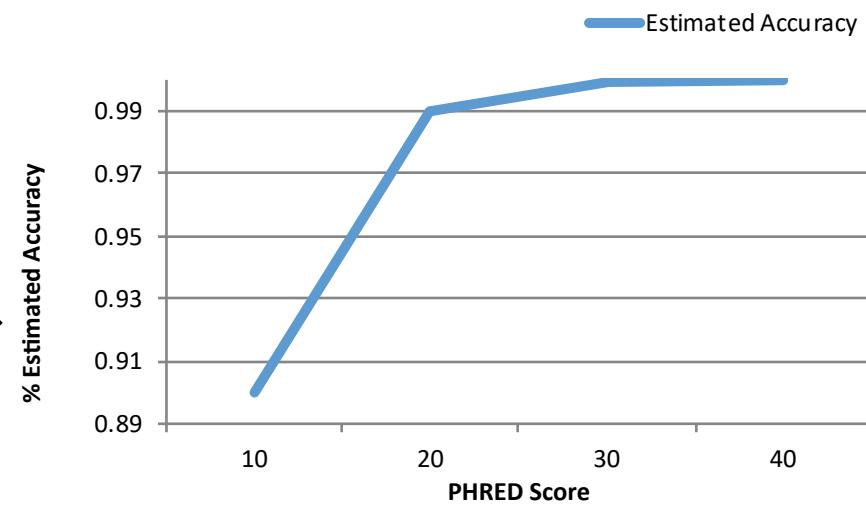
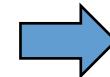
PHRED Score is defined as

$$q = -10 \times \log_{10}(p)$$

(Erwing 1998)

P = probability call is not correct

P	$-10 \times \log_{10}(p)$	Est. Accuracy = $1-P$
0.1	10	0.9
0.01	20	0.99
0.001	30	0.999
0.0001	40	0.9999



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+  
?@@DDDFFFHFFFHJJEHIIJIJIGHHHHIJJIS

ATTTGCCATCCCTGCATTGTGCGTGGTTTCAGCAGCTTTAACAGGTGTTTTA  
+  
@<DDDEAFHHFDIGEEGGE9FGHHIA@FGIIGIIGIJJJJIIIEHDBBFBCGHGID  
@C060CACXX  
CTGAGATCT  
+  
BCCDFFFFFH  
@C060CACXX  
TAGGAATCA  
+  
?7?>BDD:C  
@C060CACXX  
**@C060CACXX:1:2108:04435:**  
GGGAAATAGTTATTTAGGAAGTA  
+  
??@DDBDEHF>, C:C@EFBCFHG>

@C060CACXX:1:2108:04435:81967/2  
GGGAAATAGTTATTTAGGAAGTAGAAGATTTCTTTGTGTCAGTCATTTG  
+  
??@DDBDEHF>, C:C@EFBCFHG>HHBDGGHD@<EHGGIJJEB1?F4\*:BDGG9DGGI??  
@C060CACXX:1:1103:08674:67296/2  
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+  
@CCEEEEDHHAEHIIIIIIIDILICGHILLIEIGHTJHEHIGGLEGLILEFHRECHIT

CATAGAGCAGCACAGAGCAACATAA  
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(?DAG>BT  
GT  
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#####  
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+  
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+  
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+  
++:+AD22C) 1<CAFDFG@G:E<+924C\*91\*\*1:3933B\*\*\*9B\*0\*97?383BFH)) )  
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+  
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+  
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# Quality Score Encodings

–Why not just have numbers?

```
@CCRI0219:135:D243EACXX:1:1101:1682:1955 1:N:0:ACAGTG  
CGTTCAGT...  
+  
3131303537373739...
```

Quality symbols to the rescue

# Quality Score Encodings

- Letters are represented deep down in the computer as numbers
- The quality score + a constant number (33 or 64, usually) is the number, which is converted to the quality symbol using ASCII

# ASCII Table

Dec	Hx	Oct	Char	Dec	Hx	Oct	Html	Chr	Dec	Hx	Oct	Html	Chr	Dec	Hx	Oct	Html	Chr
0	0 000	000	<b>NUL</b> (null)	32	20	040	#32;	<b>Space</b>	64	40	100	#64;	<b>Ø</b>	96	60	140	#96;	<b>~</b>
1	1 001	001	<b>SOH</b> (start of heading)	33	21	041	#33;	!	65	41	101	#65;	<b>A</b>	97	61	141	#97;	<b>a</b>
2	2 002	002	<b>STX</b> (start of text)	34	22	042	#34;	"	66	42	102	#66;	<b>B</b>	98	62	142	#98;	<b>b</b>
3	3 003	003	<b>ETX</b> (end of text)	35	23	043	#35;	#	67	43	103	#67;	<b>C</b>	99	63	143	#99;	<b>c</b>
4	4 004	004	<b>EOT</b> (end of transmission)	36	24	044	#36;	\$	68	44	104	#68;	<b>D</b>	100	64	144	#100;	<b>d</b>
5	5 005	005	<b>ENQ</b> (enquiry)	37	25	045	#37;	%	69	45	105	#69;	<b>E</b>	101	65	145	#101;	<b>e</b>
6	6 006	006	<b>ACK</b> (acknowledge)	38	26	046	#38;	#	70	46	106	#70;	<b>F</b>	102	66	146	#102;	<b>f</b>
7	7 007	007	<b>BEL</b> (bell)	39	27	047	#39;	'	71	47	107	#71;	<b>G</b>	103	67	147	#103;	<b>g</b>
8	8 010	010	<b>BS</b> (backspace)	40	28	050	#40;	(	72	48	110	#72;	<b>H</b>	104	68	150	#104;	<b>h</b>
9	9 011	011	<b>TAB</b> (horizontal tab)	41	29	051	#41;	)	73	49	111	#73;	<b>I</b>	105	69	151	#105;	<b>i</b>
10	A 012	012	<b>LF</b> (NL line feed, new line)	42	2A	052	#42;	*	74	4A	112	#74;	<b>J</b>	106	6A	152	#106;	<b>j</b>
11	B 013	013	<b>VT</b> (vertical tab)	43	2B	053	#43;	+	75	4B	113	#75;	<b>K</b>	107	6B	153	#107;	<b>k</b>
12	C 014	014	<b>FF</b> (NP form feed, new page)	44	2C	054	#44;	,	76	4C	114	#76;	<b>L</b>	108	6C	154	#108;	<b>l</b>
13	D 015	015	<b>CR</b> (carriage return)	45	2D	055	#45;	-	77	4D	115	#77;	<b>M</b>	109	6D	155	#109;	<b>m</b>
14	E 016	016	<b>SO</b> (shift out)	46	2E	056	#46;	.	78	4E	116	#78;	<b>N</b>	110	6E	156	#110;	<b>n</b>
15	F 017	017	<b>SI</b> (shift in)	47	2F	057	#47;	/	79	4F	117	#79;	<b>O</b>	111	6F	157	#111;	<b>o</b>
16	10 020	020	<b>DLE</b> (data link escape)	48	30	060	#48;	0	80	50	120	#80;	<b>P</b>	112	70	160	#112;	<b>p</b>
17	11 021	021	<b>DC1</b> (device control 1)	49	31	061	#49;	1	81	51	121	#81;	<b>Q</b>	113	71	161	#113;	<b>q</b>
18	12 022	022	<b>DC2</b> (device control 2)	50	32	062	#50;	2	82	52	122	#82;	<b>R</b>	114	72	162	#114;	<b>r</b>
19	13 023	023	<b>DC3</b> (device control 3)	51	33	063	#51;	3	83	53	123	#83;	<b>S</b>	115	73	163	#115;	<b>s</b>
20	14 024	024	<b>DC4</b> (device control 4)	52	34	064	#52;	4	84	54	124	#84;	<b>T</b>	116	74	164	#116;	<b>t</b>
21	15 025	025	<b>NAK</b> (negative acknowledge)	53	35	065	#53;	5	85	55	125	#85;	<b>U</b>	117	75	165	#117;	<b>u</b>
22	16 026	026	<b>SYN</b> (synchronous idle)	54	36	066	#54;	6	86	56	126	#86;	<b>V</b>	118	76	166	#118;	<b>v</b>
23	17 027	027	<b>ETB</b> (end of trans. block)	55	37	067	#55;	7	87	57	127	#87;	<b>W</b>	119	77	167	#119;	<b>w</b>
24	18 030	030	<b>CAN</b> (cancel)	56	38	070	#56;	8	88	58	130	#88;	<b>X</b>	120	78	170	#120;	<b>x</b>
25	19 031	031	<b>EM</b> (end of medium)	57	39	071	#57;	9	89	59	131	#89;	<b>Y</b>	121	79	171	#121;	<b>y</b>
26	1A 032	032	<b>SUB</b> (substitute)	58	3A	072	#58;	:	90	5A	132	#90;	<b>Z</b>	122	7A	172	#122;	<b>z</b>
27	1B 033	033	<b>ESC</b> (escape)	59	3B	073	#59;	:	91	5B	133	#91;	[	123	7B	173	#123;	{
28	1C 034	034	<b>FS</b> (file separator)	60	3C	074	#60;	<	92	5C	134	#92;	\	124	7C	174	#124;	
29	1D 035	035	<b>GS</b> (group separator)	61	3D	075	#61;	=	93	5D	135	#93;	<b>I</b>	125	7D	175	#125;	)
30	1E 036	036	<b>RS</b> (record separator)	62	3E	076	#62;	>	94	5E	136	#94;	<b>A</b>	126	7E	176	#126;	<b>~</b>
31	1F 037	037	<b>US</b> (unit separator)	63	3F	077	#63;	?	95	5F	137	#95;	<b>_</b>	127	7F	177	#127;	<b>DEL</b>

Phred score 20  
 $20+33 = 53 = 5$

$20+64 = 84 = T$

Source: [www.LookupTables.com](http://www.LookupTables.com)

# FASTQ quality encoding

S - Sanger Phred+33, raw reads typically (0, 40)  
X - Solexa Solexa+64, raw reads typically (-5, 40)  
I - Illumina 1.3+ Phred+64, raw reads typically (0, 40)  
J - Illumina 1.5+ Phred+64, raw reads typically (3, 40)  
with 0=unused, 1=unused, 2=Read Segment Quality Control Indicator (**bold**).  
(Note: See discussion above).  
L - Illumina 1.8+ Phred+33, raw reads typically (0, 41)

# FASTQ quality encoding

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```
@MERCURE_0127:7:1101:1162:2110#CTTGT A/1
TAATAACCCATTAAATACCAATCCAGAAAGCAGCGTGGTTCAATTCCAAGATCGGAAG
+MERCURE_0127:7:1101:1162:2110#CTTGT A/1
bbbeeeeegggggiiiihfgffffgihhihfhcab ``aKZ^]b]]_]`b^^_b``[a_
@MERCURE_0127:7:1101:1182:2111#CTTGT A/1
ACTTACCTCCTGACCCCCAAAGCCTACTCTCCACTGCCTGGATGAGCGCAGCTCCAAC
+MERCURE_0127:7:1101:1182:2111#CTTGT A/1
bbbeeeeegggghiihhiiiiiigaaabb`b`b]`b`b^`T]T]bc_aOEETR____BB
```

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```
@HWI-ST227:191:D16GHACXX:8:2308:20216:200677 1:N:0:CGATGT
GCCATTGATGGTGGTGTGTGTTGGTTGGATGGGGTGGGGGTGTGGTGCG
+
++1BD2222==2A+2+2<3CFI IA<E) 1?C:) 0?) *0*0?D@#####
@HWI-ST227:191:D16GHACXX:8:2308:20300:200513 1:N:0:CGATGT
CGTTGTTCCCTCGCGACGAGAAAAGTGCAGACGGTTAGGGATCATCGGTATTCGTGCG
+
?@?ADDDDDBCF@HIEIAGDHB ;DDBHGIIEBG :FBDGHBD@CA+9:>098595?CCC<
```

# FASTQ quality encoding

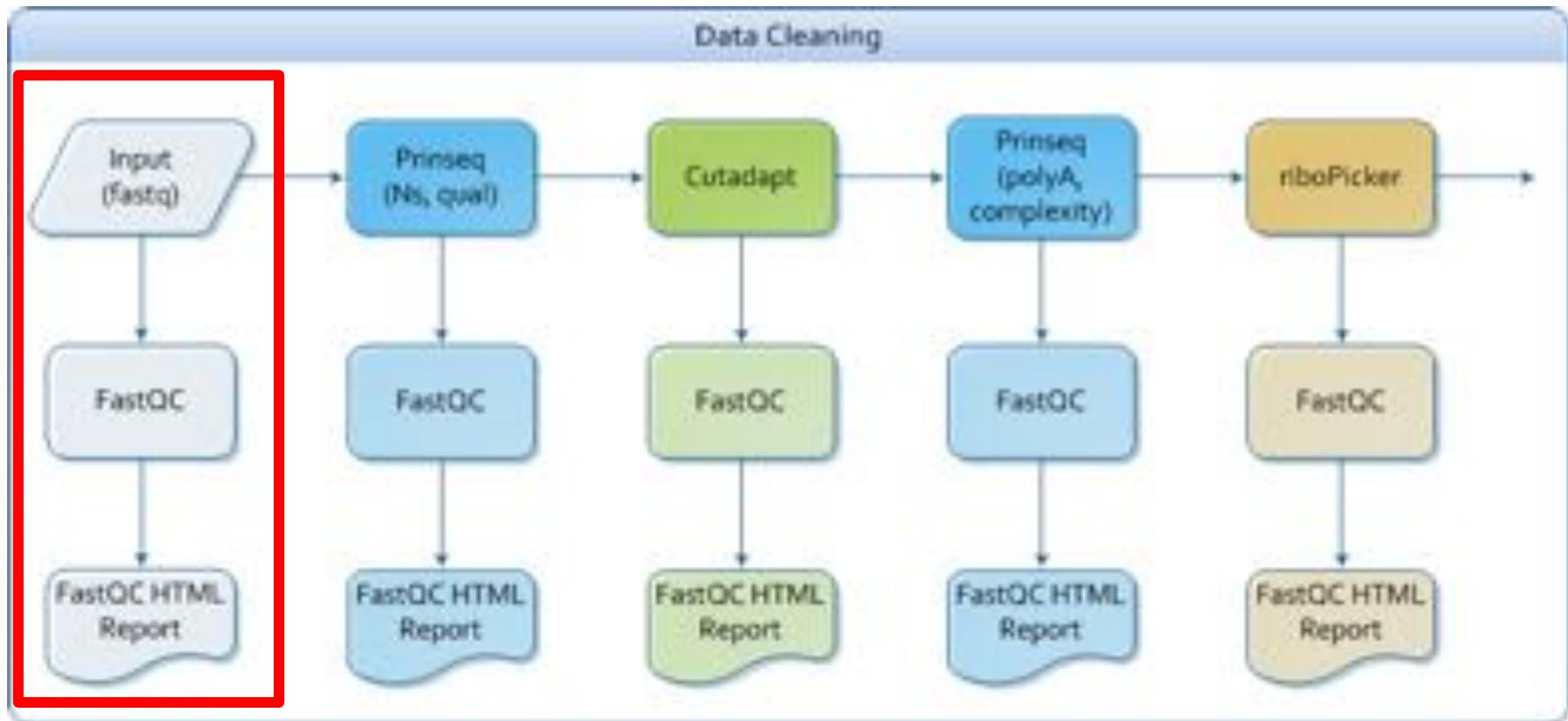
```
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+MERCURE_0127:7:1101:1162:2110#CTTGT A/1
bbbeeeeegggggiiiihfgffffgihhiihfhfcab` `aKZ^]b]]_]`b^^_b` `[a_
@MERCURE_0127:7:1101:1182:2111#CTTGT A/1
ACTTACCTCCTGACCCCCAAAGCCTACTCTCCACTGCCTGGATGAGCGCAGCTCCAAC
+MERCURE_0127:7:1101:1182:2111#CTTGT A/1
bbbeeeeegggghiihhiiiiiigaaabb`b`b]`b`b^`T]T]bc_aOEETR____BB
```

Phred+64

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```
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+
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+
?@?ADDDDDBCF@HIEIAGDHB;DDBHGIIEBG:FBDGHBD@CA+9:>098595?CCC<
```

Phred+33



# FastQC : Basic Statistics



## Basic Statistics

Measure	Value
Filename	ATR_AOSE_15.read1.fastq
File type	Conventional base calls
Encoding	Sanger / Illumina 1.9
Total Sequences	680123611
Filtered Sequences	0
Sequence length	30-101
%GC	47

# FastQC : Basic Statistics

```
@MERCURE_0127:7:1101:1162:2110#CTTGTAA
TAATAACCCATTAAATACCAATCCAGAAAGCAGCGTGGGTTCAATTCCAAGATCGGAAG
+MERCURE_0127:7:1101:1162:2110#CTTGTAA
bbbeeeeegggggiiiihfgffffgihihihfhcab`^aKZ^]b]]_`b^`_b``[a_
@MERCURE_0127:7:1101:1182:2111#CTTGTAA
ACTTACCTCCTGACCCCCCAAAGCCTACTCTCCACTTGCCTGGATGAGCGCAGCTCCAAC
+MERCURE_0127:7:1101:1182:2111#CTTGTAA
bbbeeeeegggghiihhiiiiiiigaaabb`b`b` `b`b^`T]T]bc_aOEETR____BB
```

 **Basic Statistics**

Measure	Value
Filename	AbM_CDSW_7_t_D08F9ACXX.IND12.fastq
File type	Conventional base calls
Encoding	Illumina 1.5
Total Sequences	120620512
Filtered Sequences	0
Sequence length	101
NGC	45

Phred+64

```
@HWI-ST227:191:D16GHACXX:8:2308:20216:200677 1:N:0:CGATGT
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+
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+
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 **Basic Statistics**

Measure	Value
Filename	ATR_AOSE_15.readt.fastq
File type	Conventional base calls
Encoding	Sanger / Illumina 1.9
Total Sequences	680123611
Filtered Sequences	0
Sequence length	30-101
NGC	47

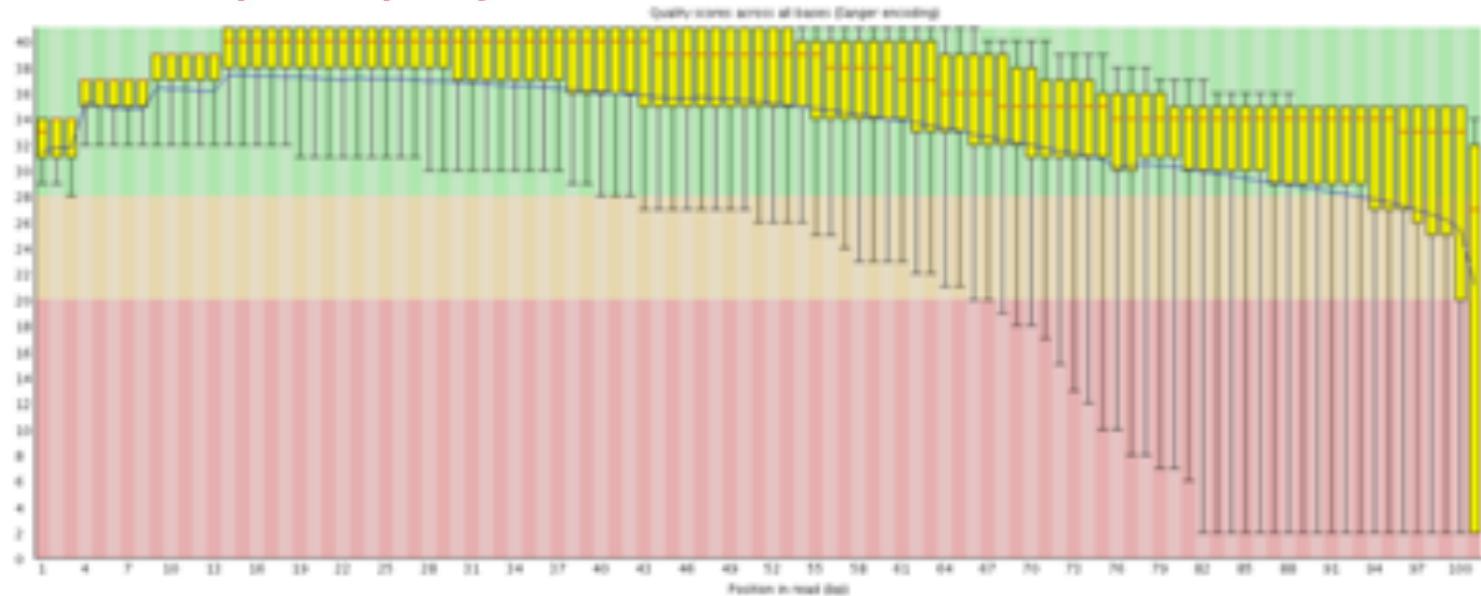
Phred+33

# FastQC : Per base sequence quality

This plot shows the base quality score distribution for all reads in a lane, with each read position considered independently.

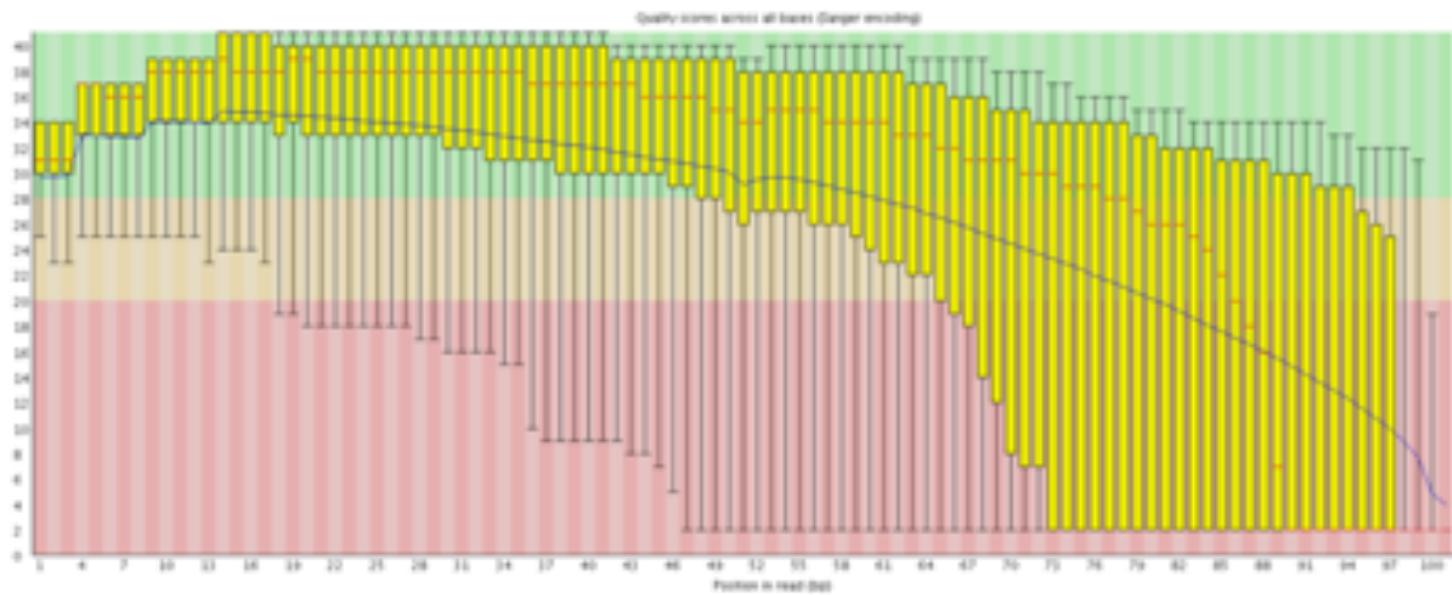
- x-axis = position in read (bp)
- y-axis = Phred-like base quality score [pink=0-20, tan=20-30, green=30-40]
- red bar = median score, blue line = mean score
- yellow box = 25th to 75th percentile, black whiskers = 10th to 90th percentile

## ✓ Per base sequence quality

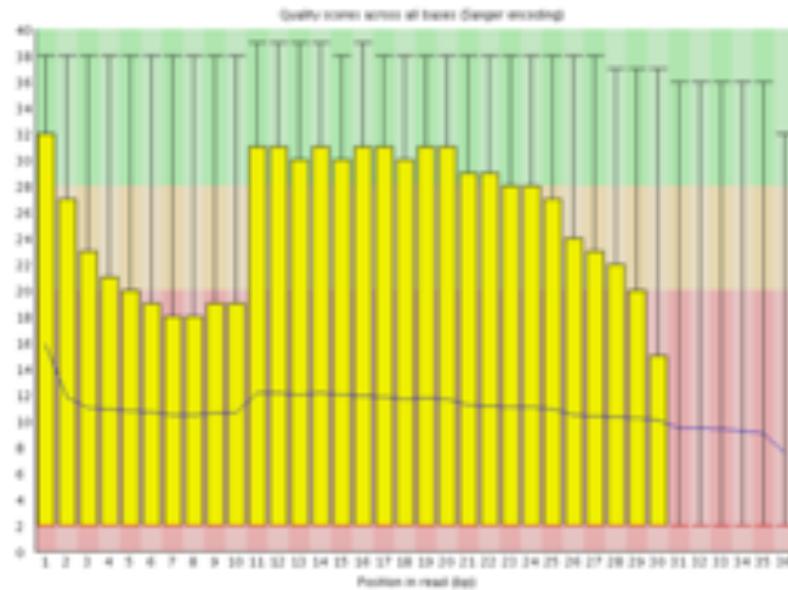


# FastQC : Per base sequence quality

**SALVAGEABLE**  
**LANE**

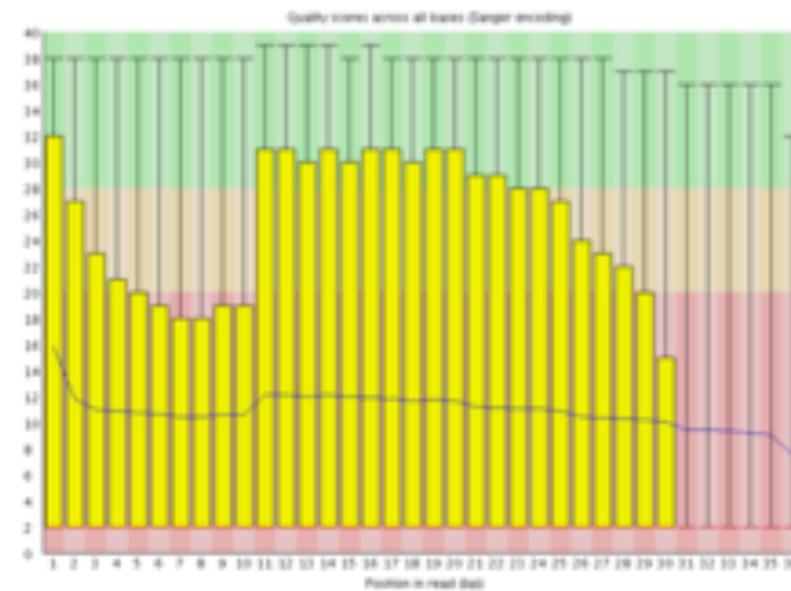


**FAILED LANE**



# FastQC : Per base sequence quality

**FAILED LANE**



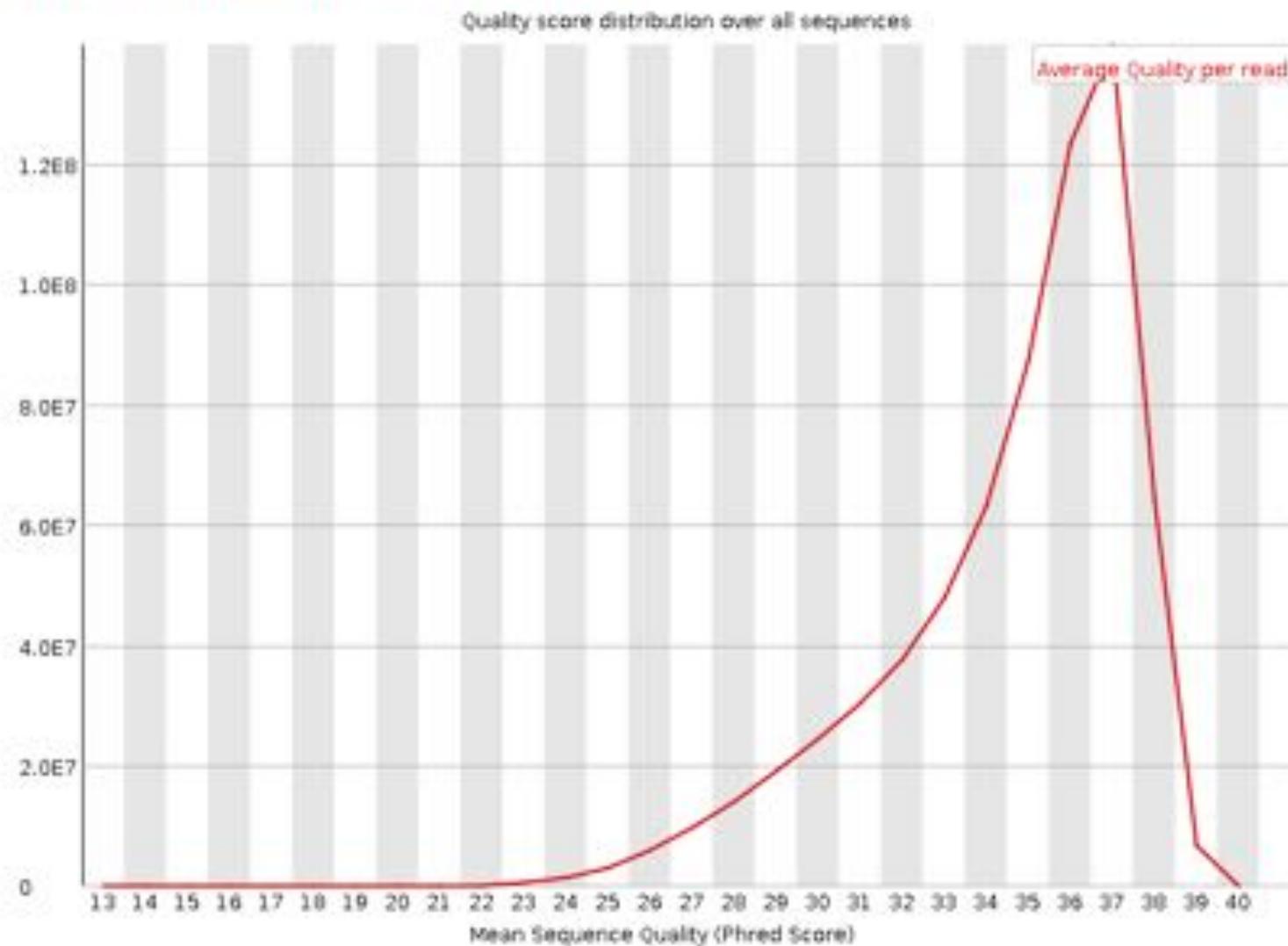
**PACBIO**



# FastQC: Per sequence quality scores



## Per sequence quality scores

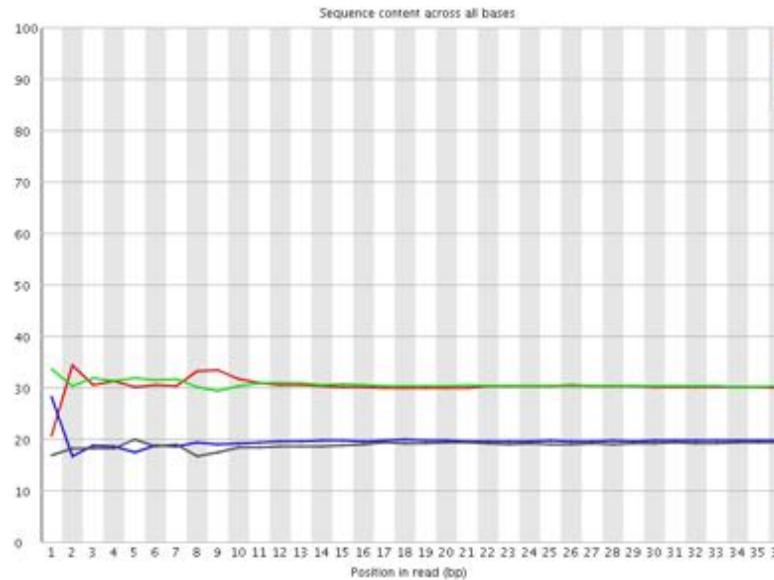


# FastQC: Per base sequence content

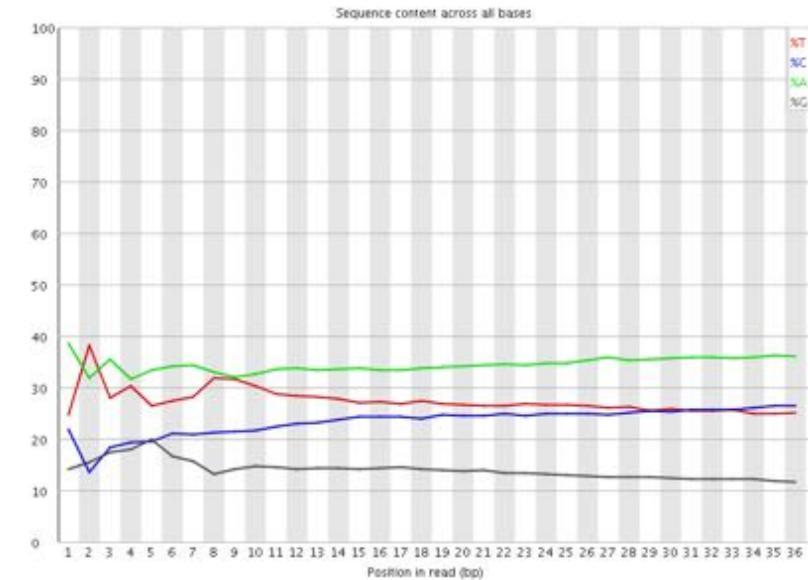
This plot shows the nucleotide distribution per read position for all reads in a lane.

- x-axis = position in read (bp)
- y-axis = % of all reads in the lane
- colors refer to individual nucleotides: **A**, **C**, **G**, **T**

**GOOD LANE**



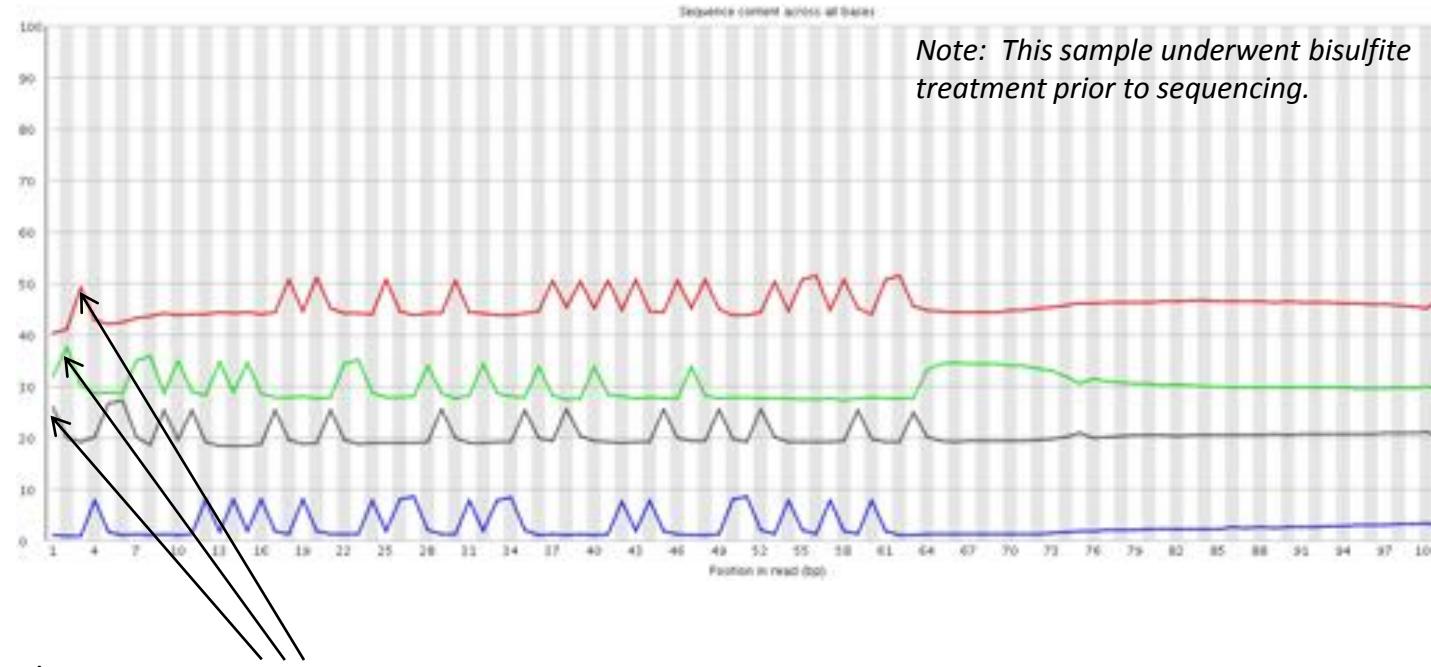
**BAD LANE**



Can this be fixed? No.

# FastQC: Per base sequence content

This lane has a different problem – one sequence motif is highly over-represented.



In this lane, ~10% of reads have the adapter sequence & the rest are normal.

Can this be fixed? Yes. Simply remove the reads w/ adapter contamination, and everything that's left should be fine. (Talk to a bioinformatics analyst for help.)

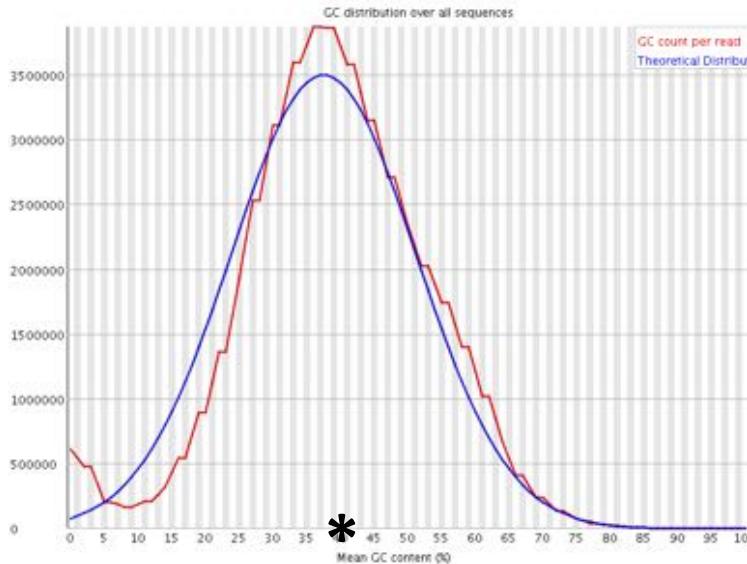
# FastQC: Per sequence GC content

This plot shows the distribution of GC content per read for all reads in a lane.

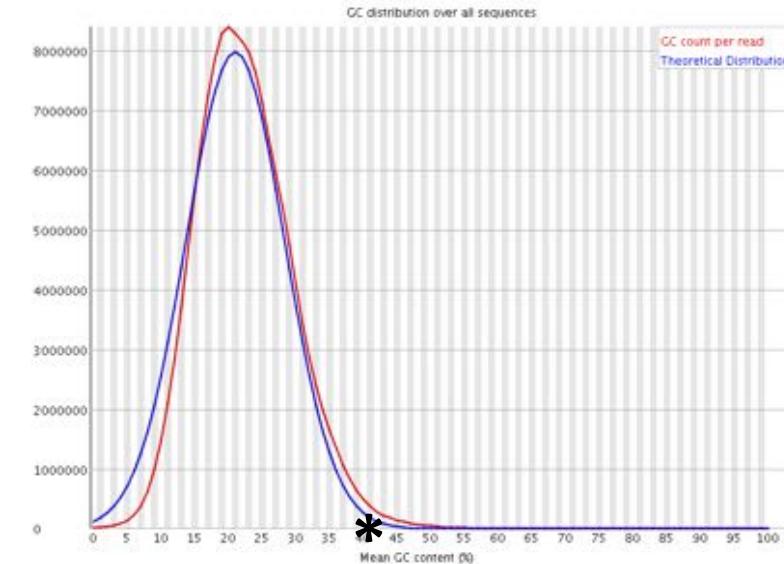
- x-axis = mean GC content (%)
- y-axis = # of reads
- red: observed read count, blue: theoretical distribution (given observed)

## GOOD LANE

*mouse genome ≈ 40% GC*



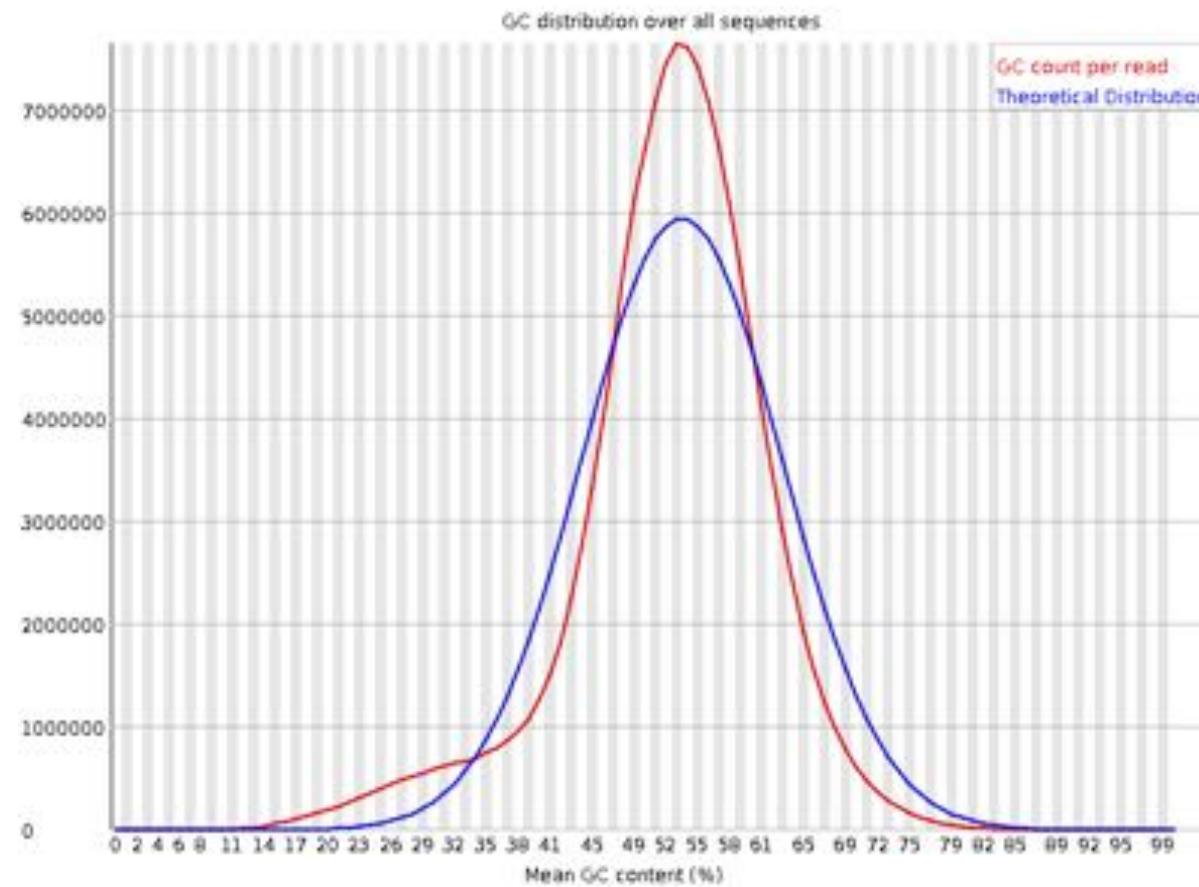
## BAD LANE



Can this be fixed? No.

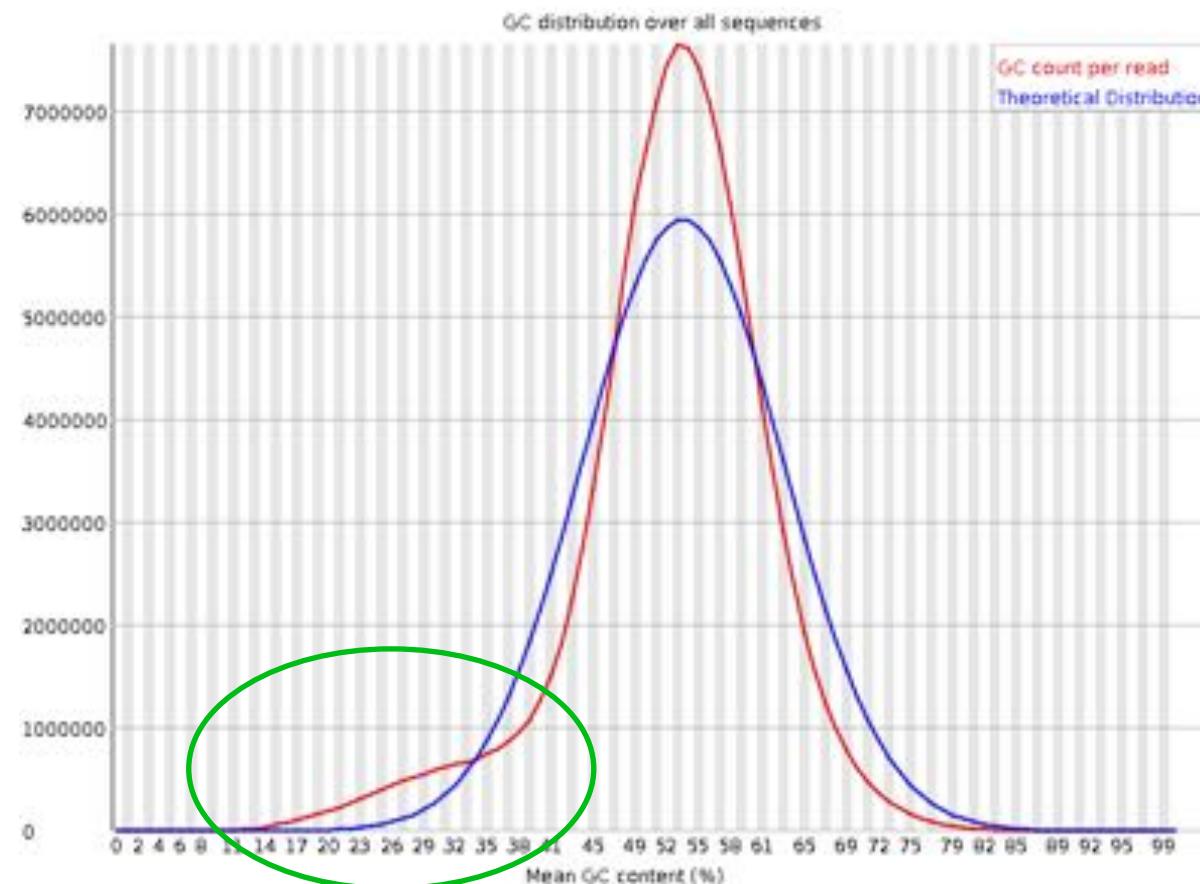
# FastQC: Per sequence GC content

- A contamination ?



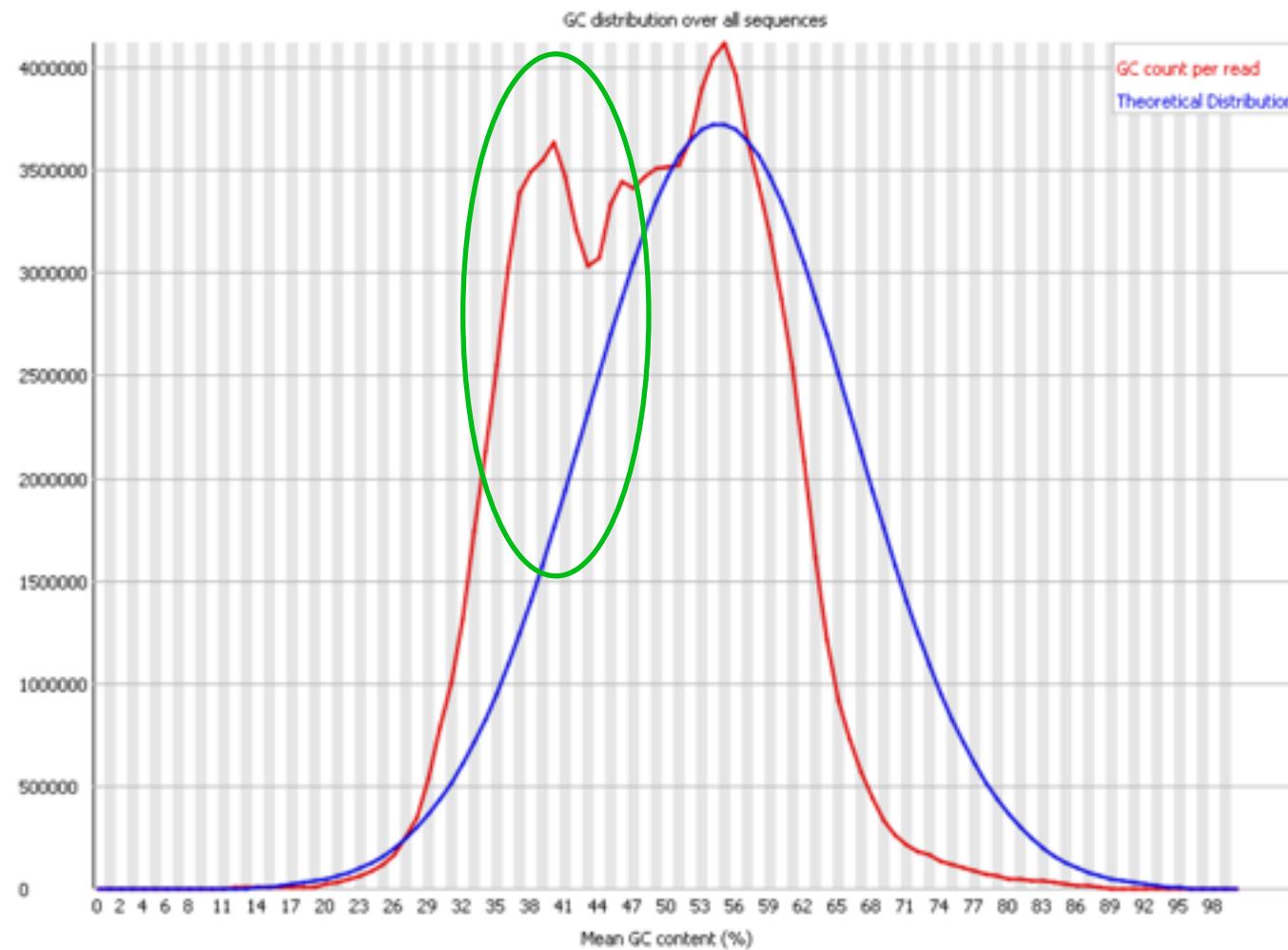
# FastQC: Per sequence GC content

- A contamination ?

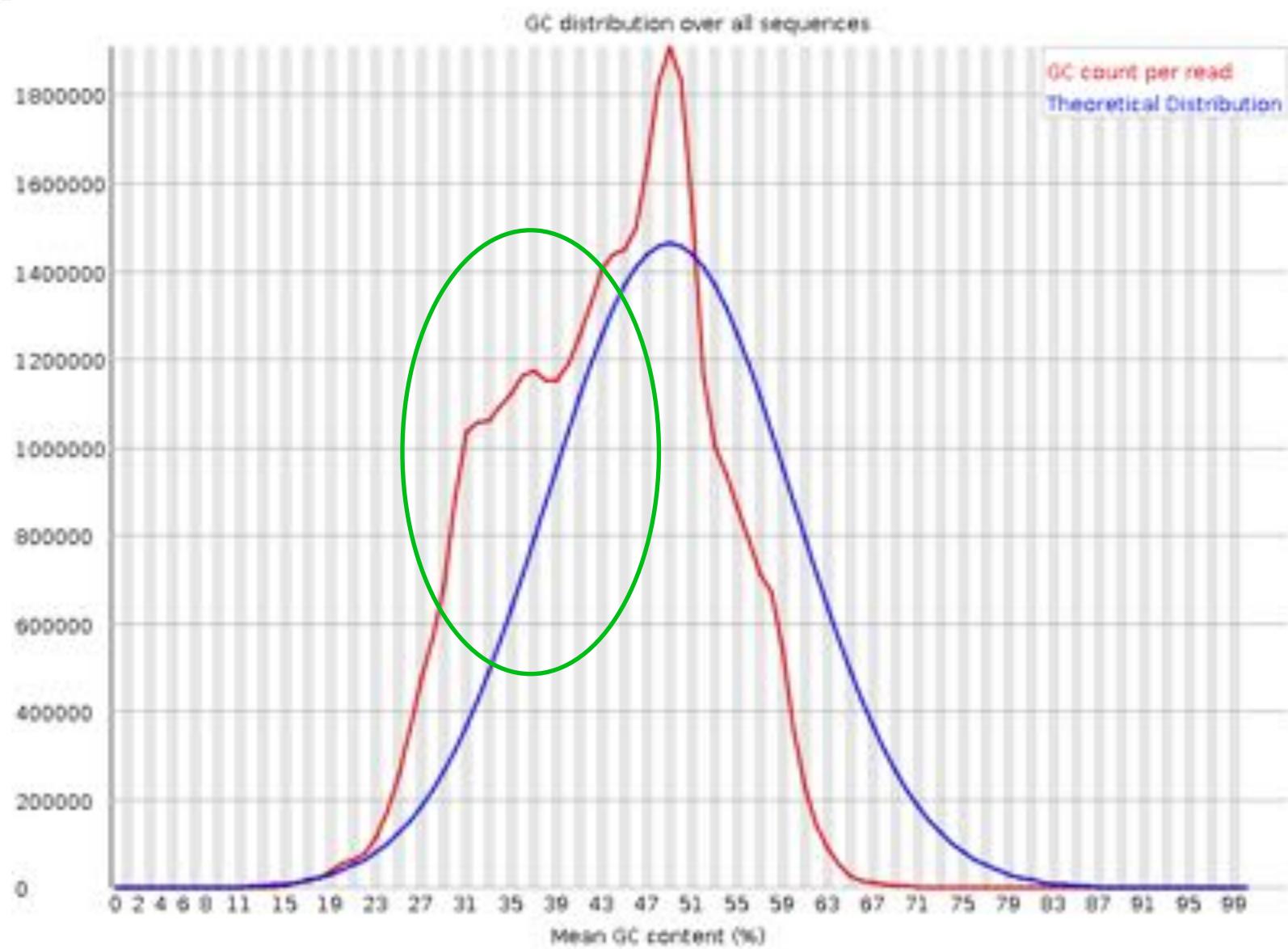


Can this be fixed ? Maybe...

# FastQC: Per sequence GC content



# Third-party contamination : detection

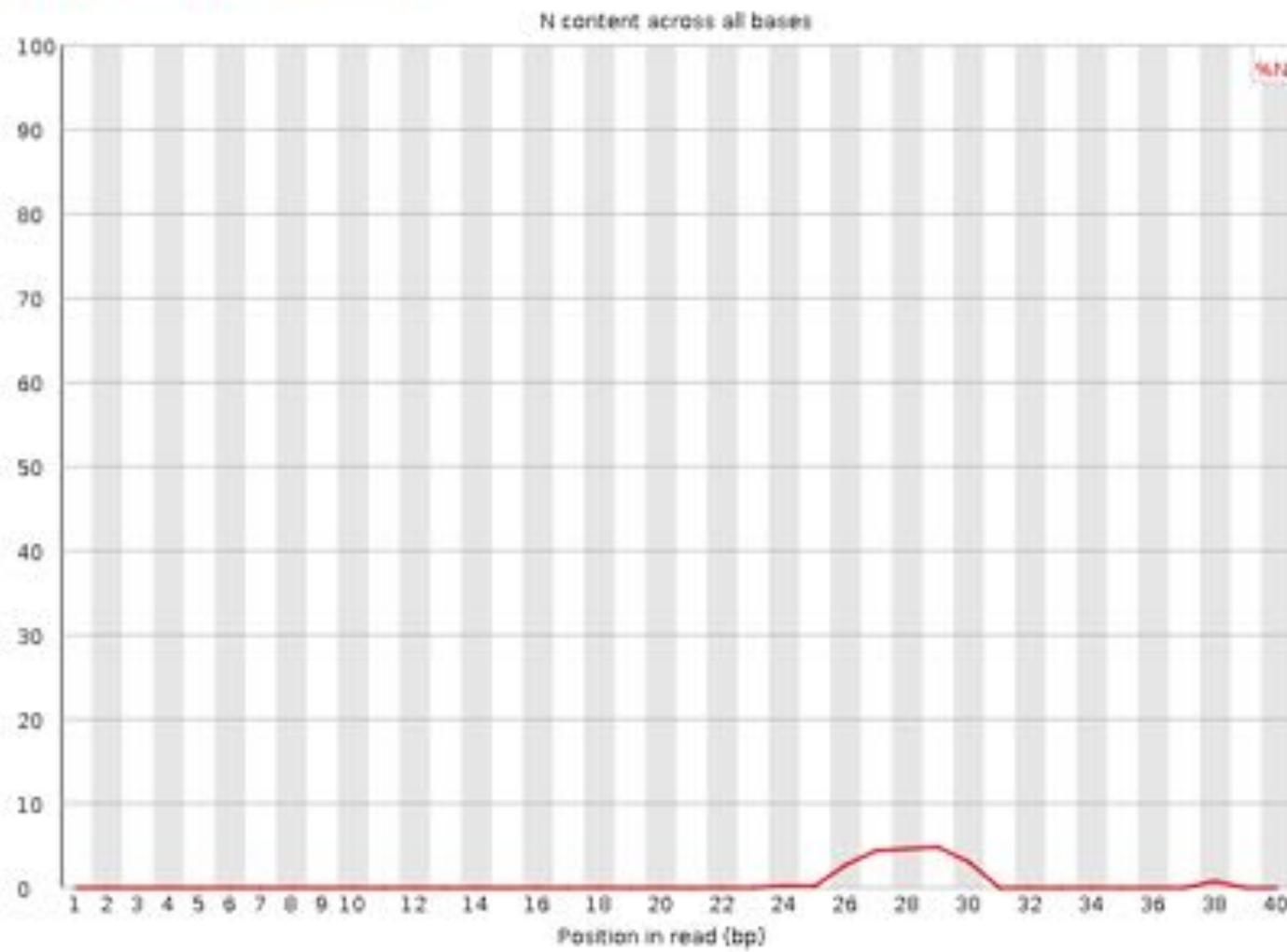


*Sabellaria alveolata* : mantle transcriptome

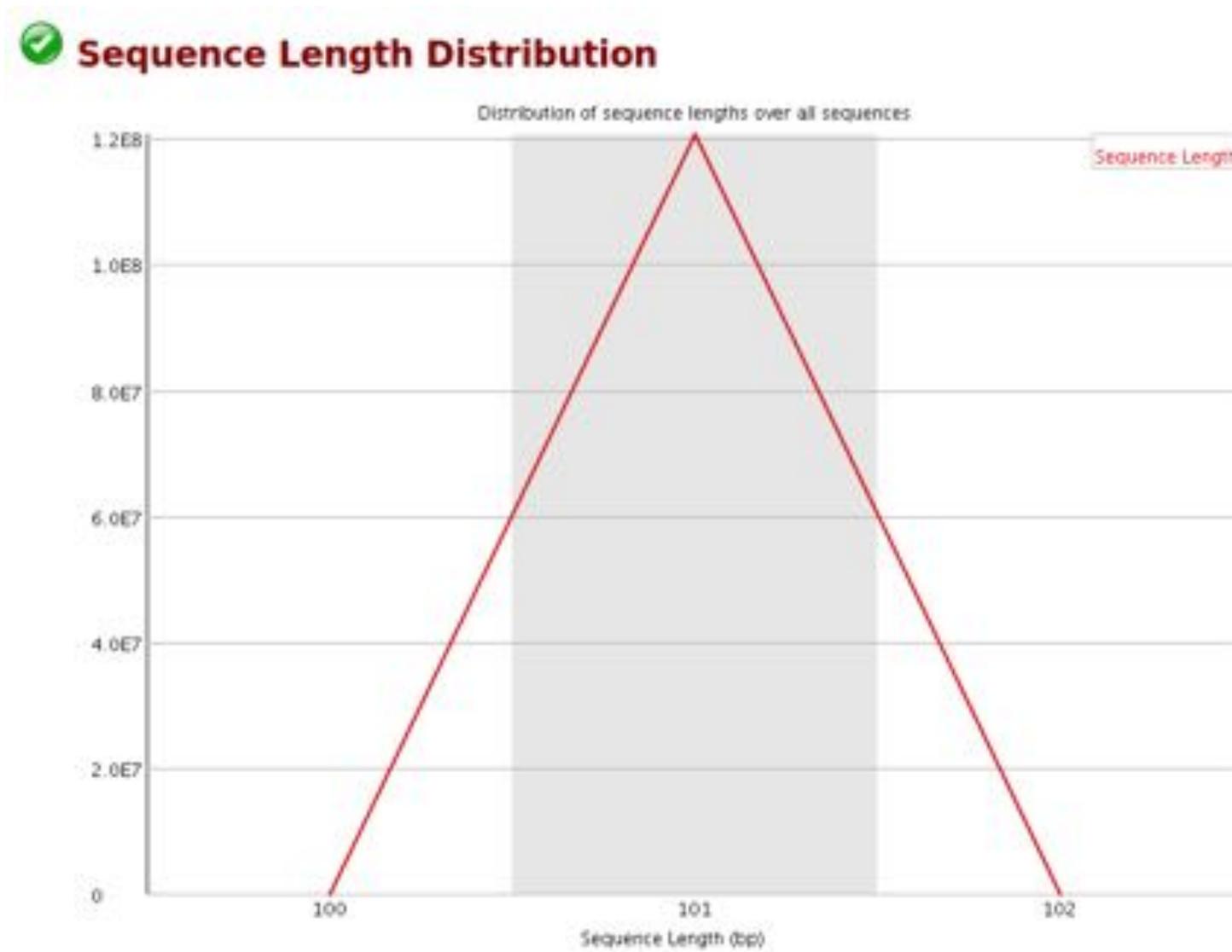
# FastQC: Per base N content



## Per base N content



# FastQC: Sequence Length Distribution

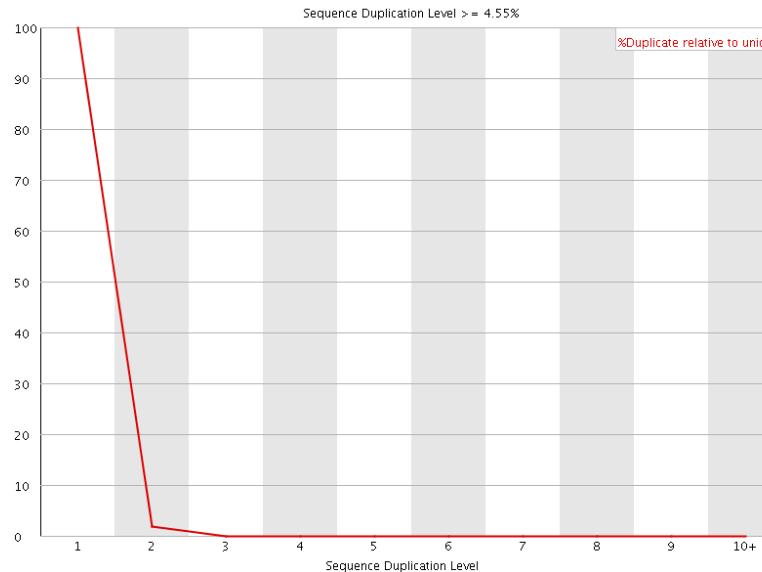


# FastQC: Sequence Duplication Levels

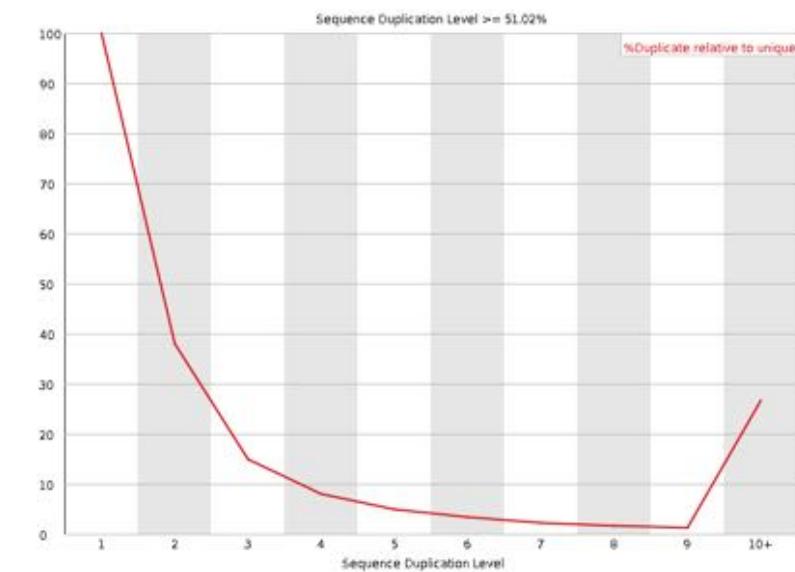
This plot shows the degree of duplication for a subset of reads in a lane.

- x-axis = sequence duplication level
- y-axis = % duplicates relative to unique reads

**GOOD LANE**

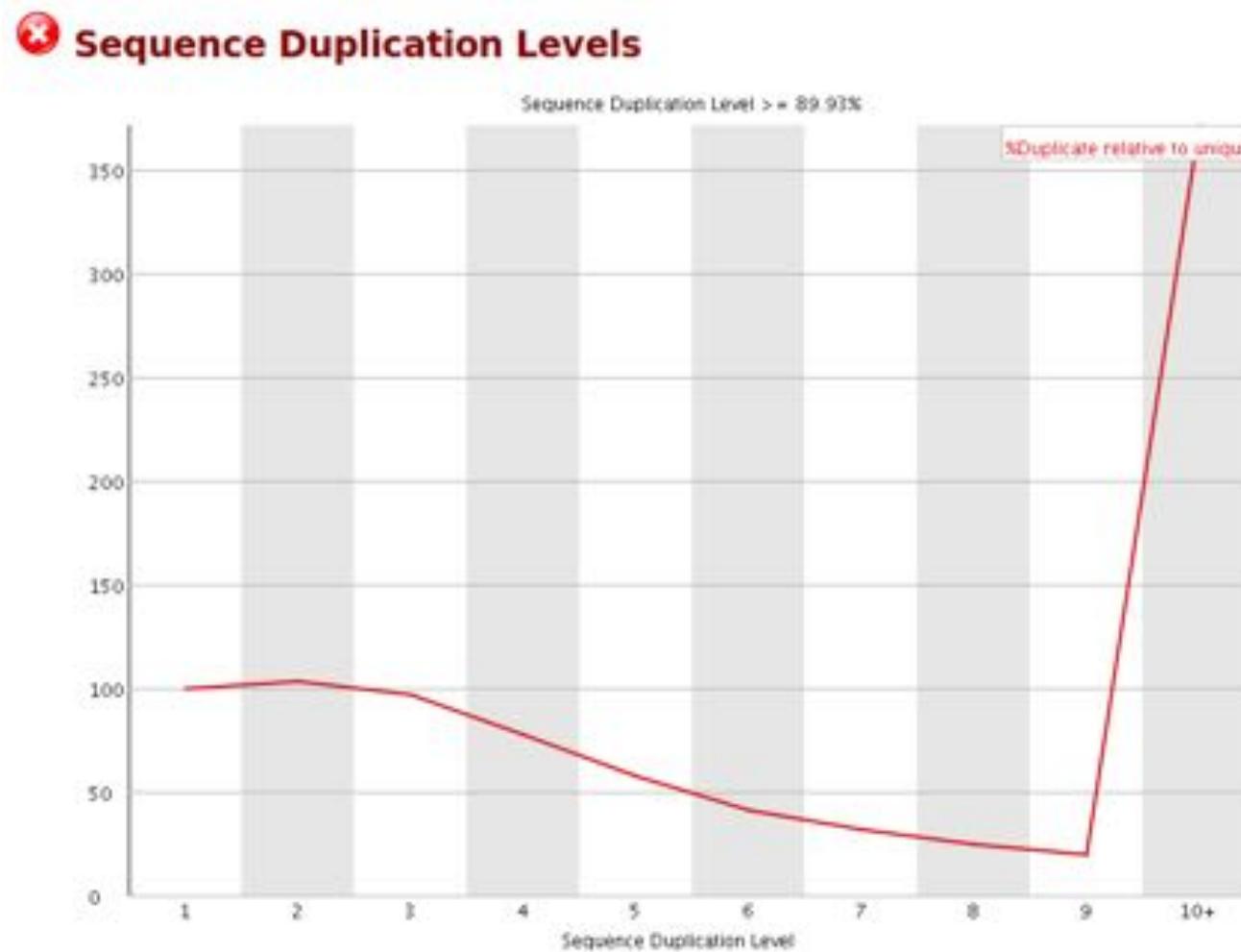


**BAD LANE**



**Can this be fixed? Maybe.**

# FastQC: Sequence Duplication Levels



Can this be fixed? Hem...

## FastQC: Overrepresented sequences



## Overrepresented sequences

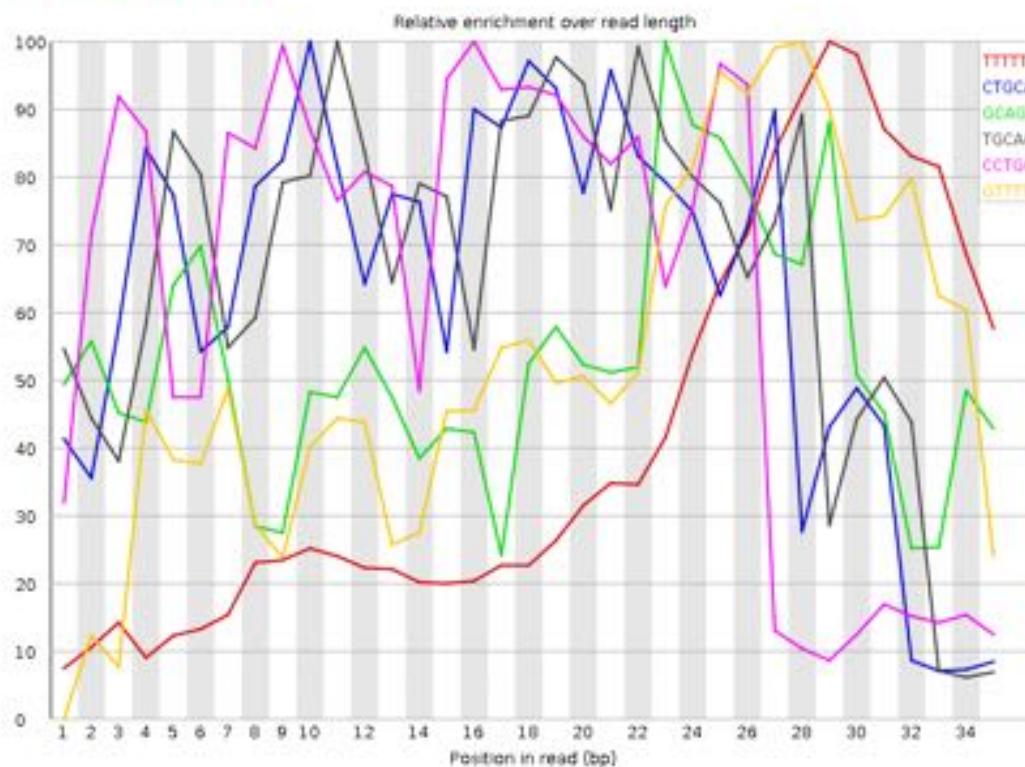
Sequence	Count	Percentage	Possible Source
AGAGTTTATGCTTCATGACGCCAGAAGTTAACACTTC	2065	0.5224039181558763	No Hit
GATTGGCGTATCCAACCTGCAGAGTTTATGCTTCATG	2047	0.5178502762542754	No Hit
ATTGGCGTATCCAACCTGCAGAGTTTATGCTTCATGA	2014	0.5095019327680071	No Hit
CGATAAAAATGATTGGCGTATCCAACCTGCAGAGTTTAT	1913	0.4839509420979134	No Hit
GTATCCAACCTGCAGAGTTTATGCTTCATGACGCCAGA	1879	0.47534961850600066	No Hit
AAAAATGATTGGCGTATCCAACCTGCAGAGTTTATGCT	1846	0.4670012750197325	No Hit

Adapter dimers  
rRNA  
Satellite sequences

TCATGGAAAGCATAAAACTCTGCAGGTTGGATAACGCCAAT	665	0.16823177025358726	No Hit
TCTGCGTCATGGAAAGCGATAAAACTCTGCAGGTTGGATAAC	627	0.15861852623909656	No Hit
GATCGGAAGAGCGGTTCAGCAGGAATGCCGAGACCGATCT	624	0.1578595859221631	Illumina Paired End PCR Primer 2 (100% over 40bp)
CCTGCAGAGTTTATGCTTCATGACGCCAGAAGTTAAC	613	0.15507680476007366	No Hit
CGGTTCAAGCAGGAATGCCGAGATCGGAAGAGCGGTTCAAC	599	0.15153508328105078	Illumina Paired End PCR Primer 2 (96% over 25bp)
TCTGCAGGTTGGATAACGCCAATCATTTTATCGAACGCCG	585	0.1479933618020279	No Hit
CGCTTAAAGCTACCAAGTTATATGGCTGGGGGGTTTTTTT	552	0.13964501831575965	No Hit
CTCTGCAGGTTGGATAACGCCAATCATTTTATCGAACGCC	532	0.1345854162028698	No Hit
CTGGGTCAATGGAAAGCGATAAAACTCTGCAGGTTGGATAAC	515	0.13028475440691342	No Hit
CTGCAGGTTGGATAACGCCAATCATTTTATCGAACGCCG	505	0.12775495335046852	No Hit
GCTTAAGCTACCAAGTTATATGGCTGGGGGGTTTTTTG	411	0.10397482341988626	No Hit

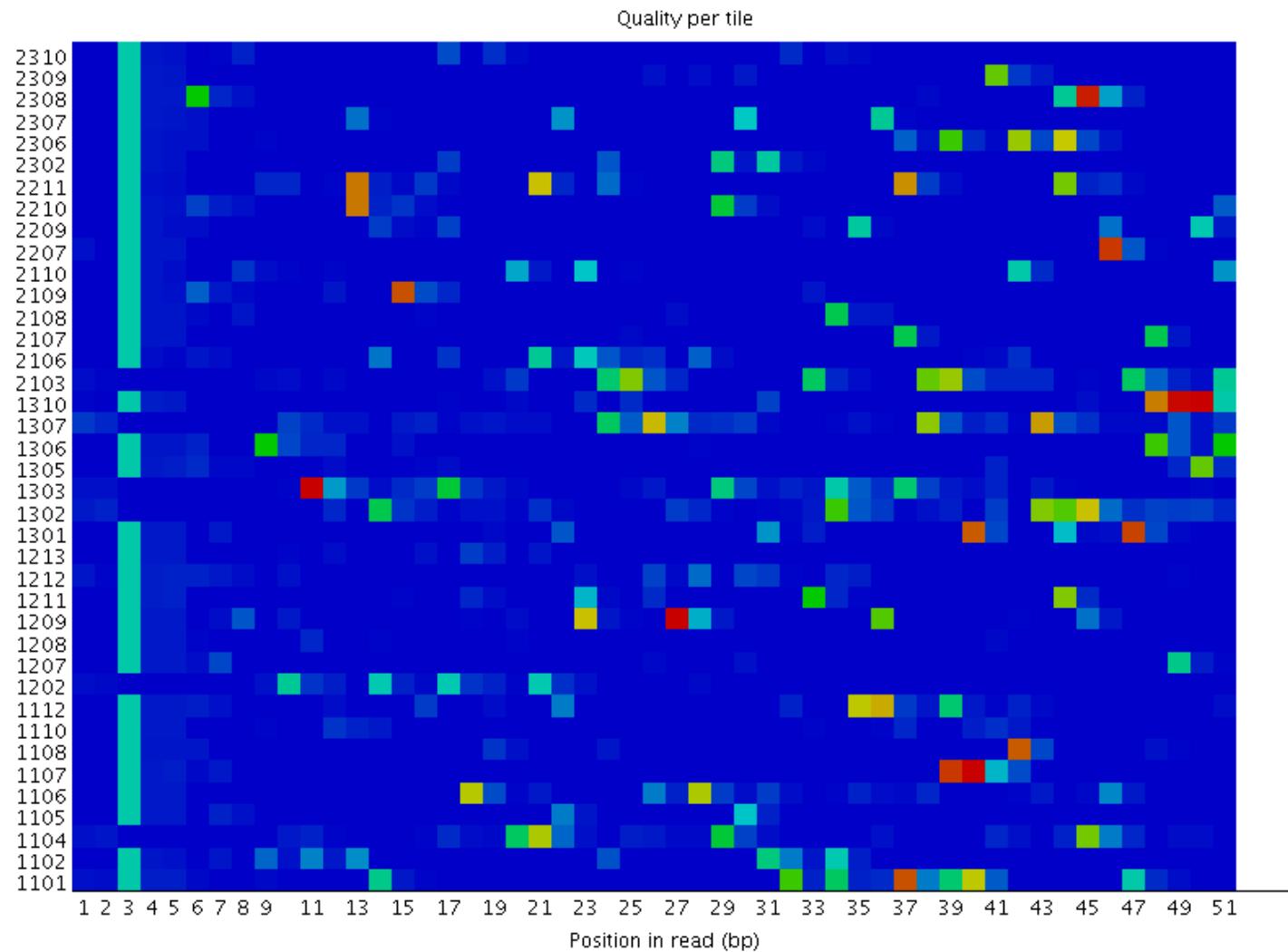
## FastQC: Kmer Content

## ✖ Kmer Content



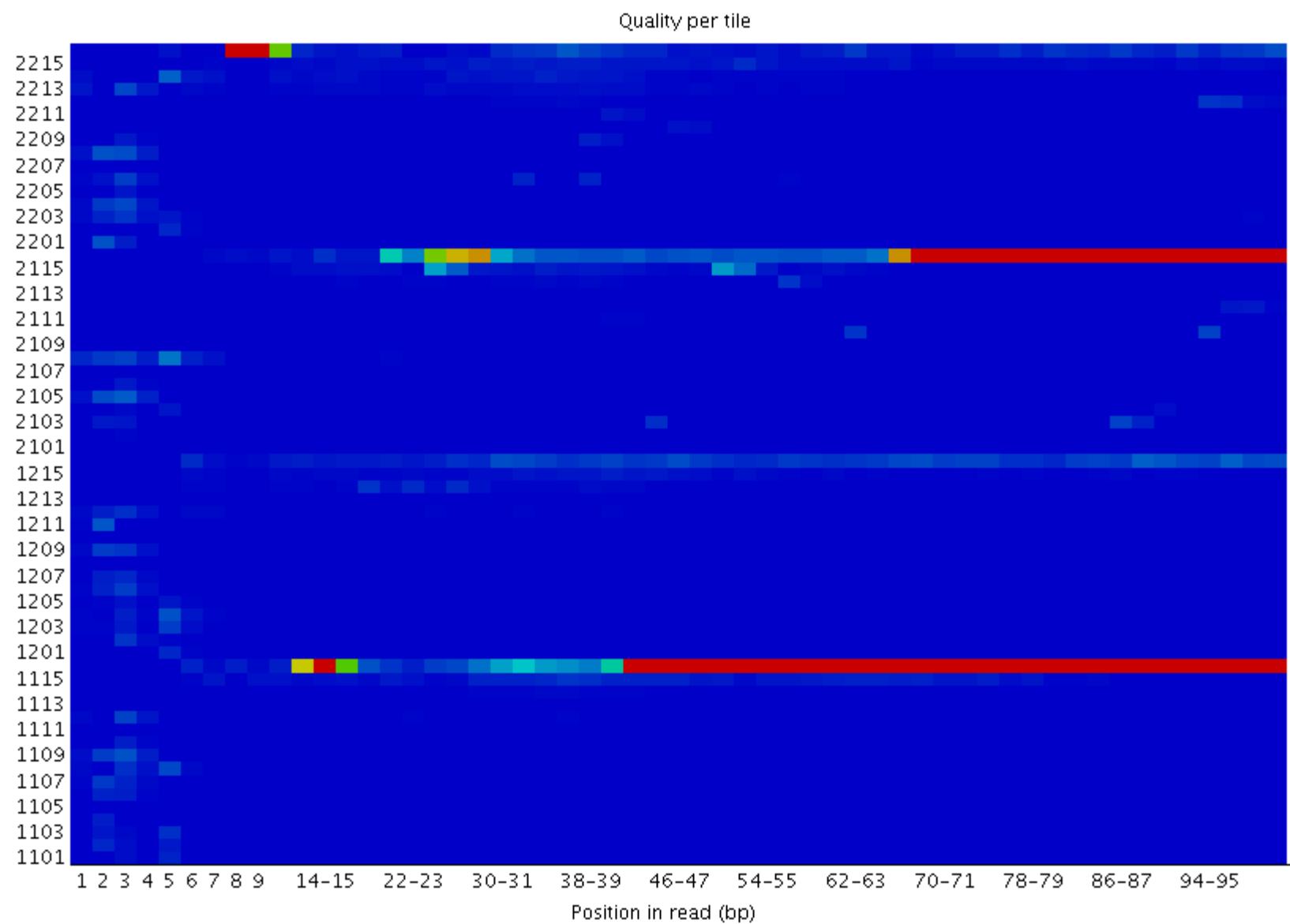
Sequence	Count	Obs/Exp Overall	Obs/Exp Max	Max Obs/Exp Pos
TTTT	192940	8.590186	21.06293	29
CTGCA	90975	7.7906475	12.251836	10
GCAGA	84910	7.163295	13.539302	23
TGCAO	92470	7.002405	10.671717	11
CCTGC	57235	5.4987235	8.729035	16
GTTT	108205	5.324498	10.243909	28
CAACC	49005	5.2869425	9.85526	13
ATGCG	58320	4.9942355	8.029807	29
CCAAC	46220	4.9864807	9.408141	12
AAAAA	62285	4.7588468	8.0126295	5
CAGAG	56370	4.7555633	7.148592	20
ACCTG	55315	4.736902	7.919266	15
CGCCA	44035	4.7130895	8.830201	35
GGGGG	63675	4.67525	16.94222	27
GCAGG	55380	4.6350074	17.521912	19
AAAC	51945	4.452569	8.159592	24
TATCG	64615	4.4271946	8.394971	34
GCTGG	58505	4.3952427	10.37436	18
AACCT	50775	4.382863	7.691214	14
TTATC	70080	4.3444843	7.810299	33
TTTTA	87340	4.332125	7.8541703	28
TTTAT	86645	4.297653	7.9511886	35
CGCTT	54695	4.2042785	6.9374876	31

# Tile Problems - Overclustering

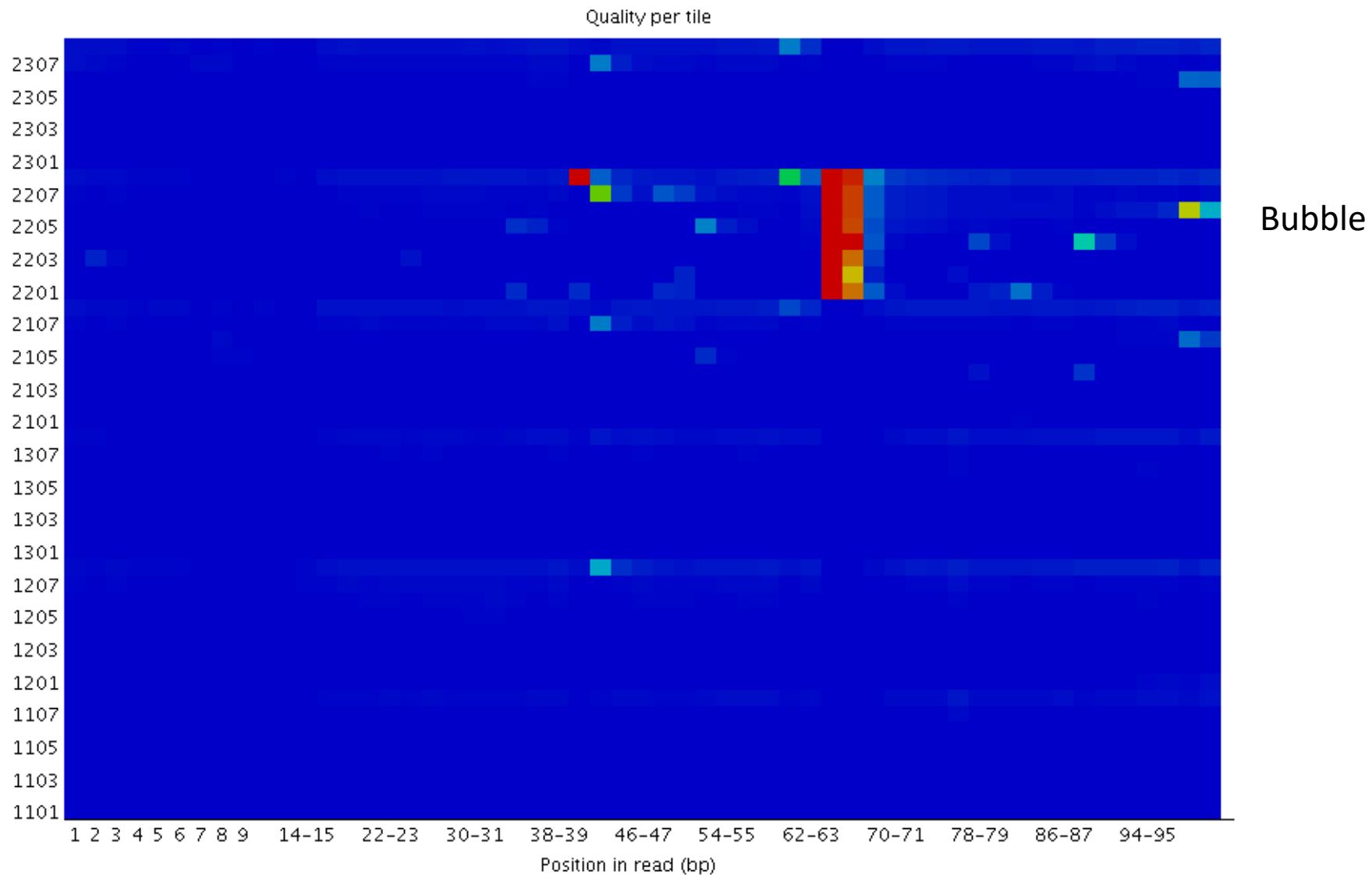


# Tile Problems – Consistent tile fail

## Repet sequences



# Tile problems – transient tile fail



Reasons for seeing warnings or errors on this plot could be

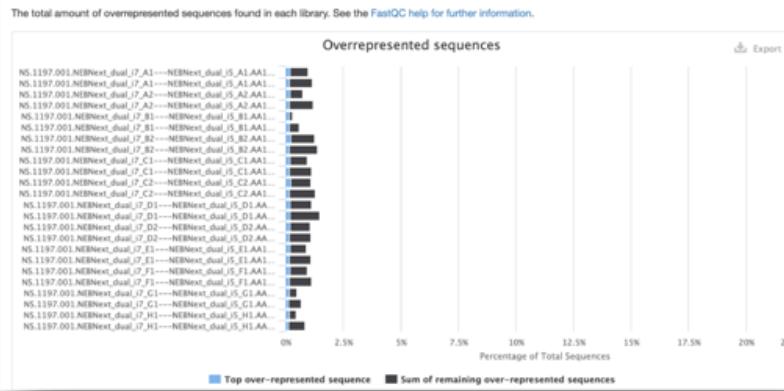
- transient problems such as : bubbles going through the flowcell,
- or they could be more permanent problems such as smudges on the flowcell or debris inside the flowcell lane.

## General Statistics

Sample Name	% Assigned	M Assigned	% Aligned	M Aligned	% Trimmed	% Dups	% GC	M Seqs
SRR0192396	87.5%	71.9	93.7%	30.8	4.0%	78.9%	3.1%	604.4
SRR0192397	99.6%	62.0	96.7%	87.1	0.5%	77.9%	4.8%	47.0
SRR0192398	50.8%	36.9	89.2%	58.7	5.9%	65.0%	4.7%	99.6
SRR0192399	52.3%	42.1	95.2%	85.6	0.7%	57.4%	4.7%	74.3
SRR0192400	70.2%	65.4	77.3%	73.4	7.2%	74.1%	4.5%	94.0
SRR0192401	71.2%	68.8	75.4%	72.0	0.3%	78.0%	4.5%	92.2
SRR0192657	21.1%	67.1	91.0%	65.0	0.1%	82.2%	3.9%	10.1
SRR0192658	71.2%	96.9	89.7%	87.1	3.4%	82.0%	3.2%	97.1

Sample Name	% Aligned	M Aligned	% Dups	% GC	M Seqs
0_DS-1	26.3%	15.9			
0_DS-2	27.1%	19.7			
0_DS-3	28.3%	36.6			
0_PBS-1	26.4%	16.6			
0_PBS-2	26.8%	17.0			
0_PBS-3	28.1%	21.4			
7_6_DS-1	26.6%	19.7			
7_6_DS-2	27.3%	16.0			
7_6_DS-3	26.0%	18.4			
7_6_PBS-1	27.9%	19.0			
7_6_PBS-2	27.5%	16.5			
7_6_PBS-3	27.9%	25.4			
NS.1197.001.NEBNext_dual_I7_A1---NEBNext_dual_I5_A1_AA16701_R1	51.5%	41%	68.0		
NS.1197.001.NEBNext_dual_I7_A1---NEBNext_dual_I5_A1_AA16701_R2	48.1%	42%	68.0		
NS.1197.001.NEBNext_dual_I7_A2---NEBNext_dual_I5_A2_AA17668_R1	49.3%	41%	70.7		
NS.1197.001.NEBNext_dual_I7_A2---NEBNext_dual_I5_A2_AA17668_R2	46.6%	41%	70.7		
NS.1197.001.NEBNext_dual_I7_B1---NEBNext_dual_I5_B1_AA17673_R1	47.1%	41%	60.1		
NS.1197.001.NEBNext_dual_I7_B1---NEBNext_dual_I5_B1_AA17673_R2	43.7%	42%	60.1		
NS.1197.001.NEBNext_dual_I7_B2---NEBNext_dual_I5_B2_AA17664_R1	50.0%	41%	60.1		

## Overrepresented sequences



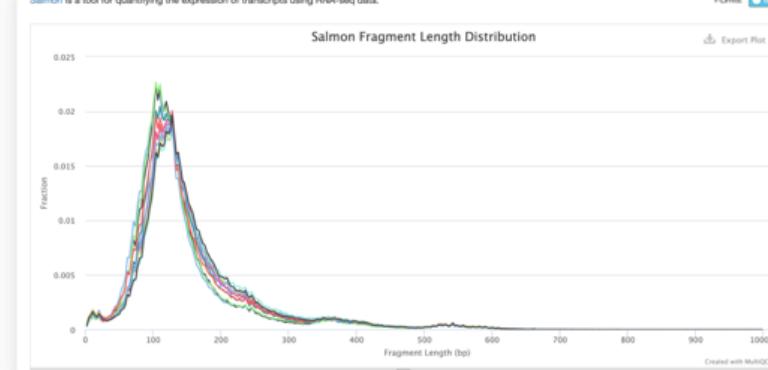
Phil Ewels  
phil.ewels@scilifelab.se

## More than 50 Modules

- Pre-alignment
- Aligners
- Post-alignment

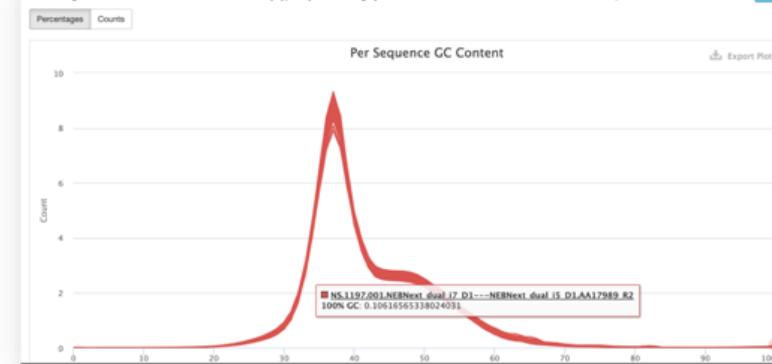
## Salmon

Salmon is a tool for quantifying the expression of transcripts using RNA-seq data.



## Per Sequence GC Content

The average GC content of reads. Normal random library typically have a roughly normal distribution of GC content. See the FastQC help.



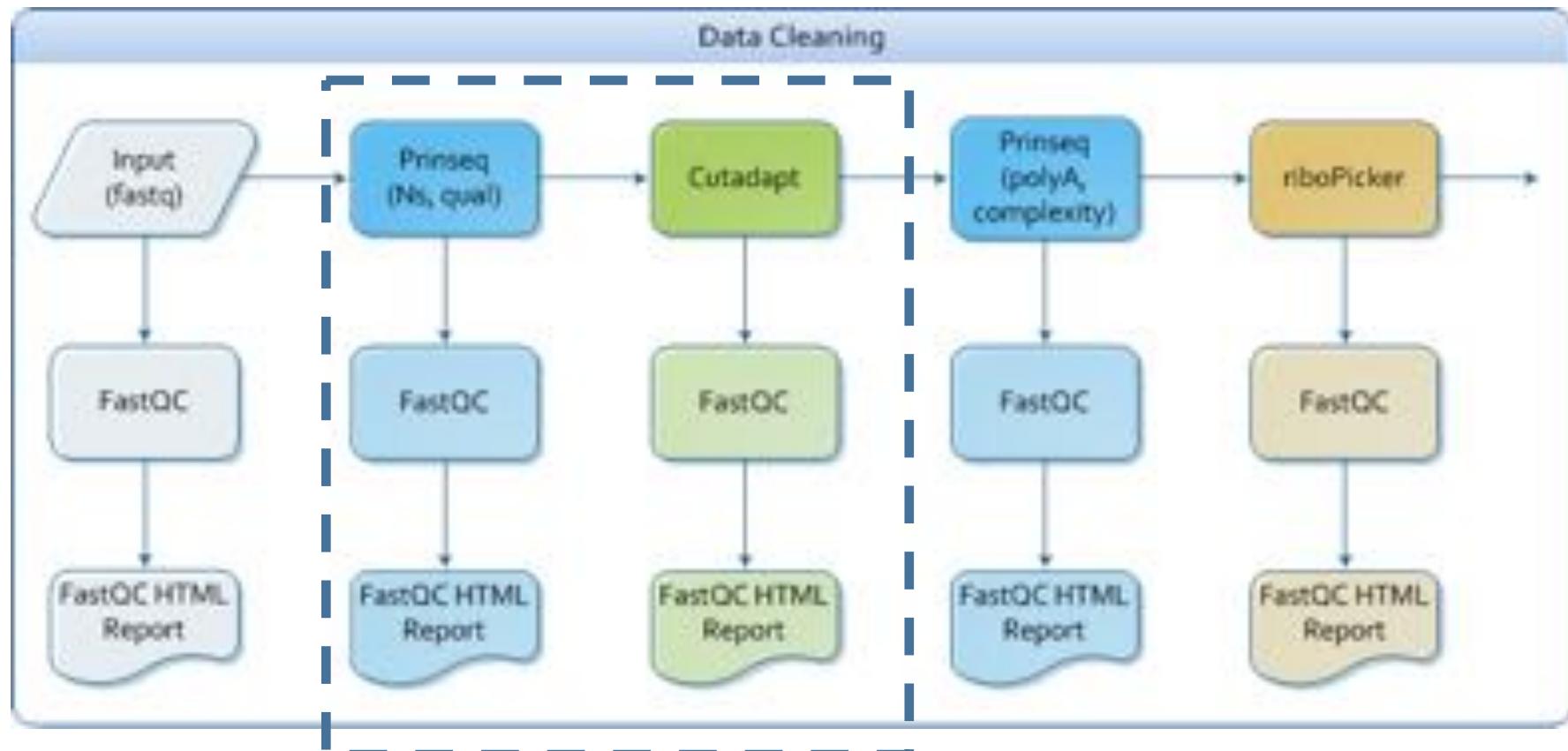


# Practice

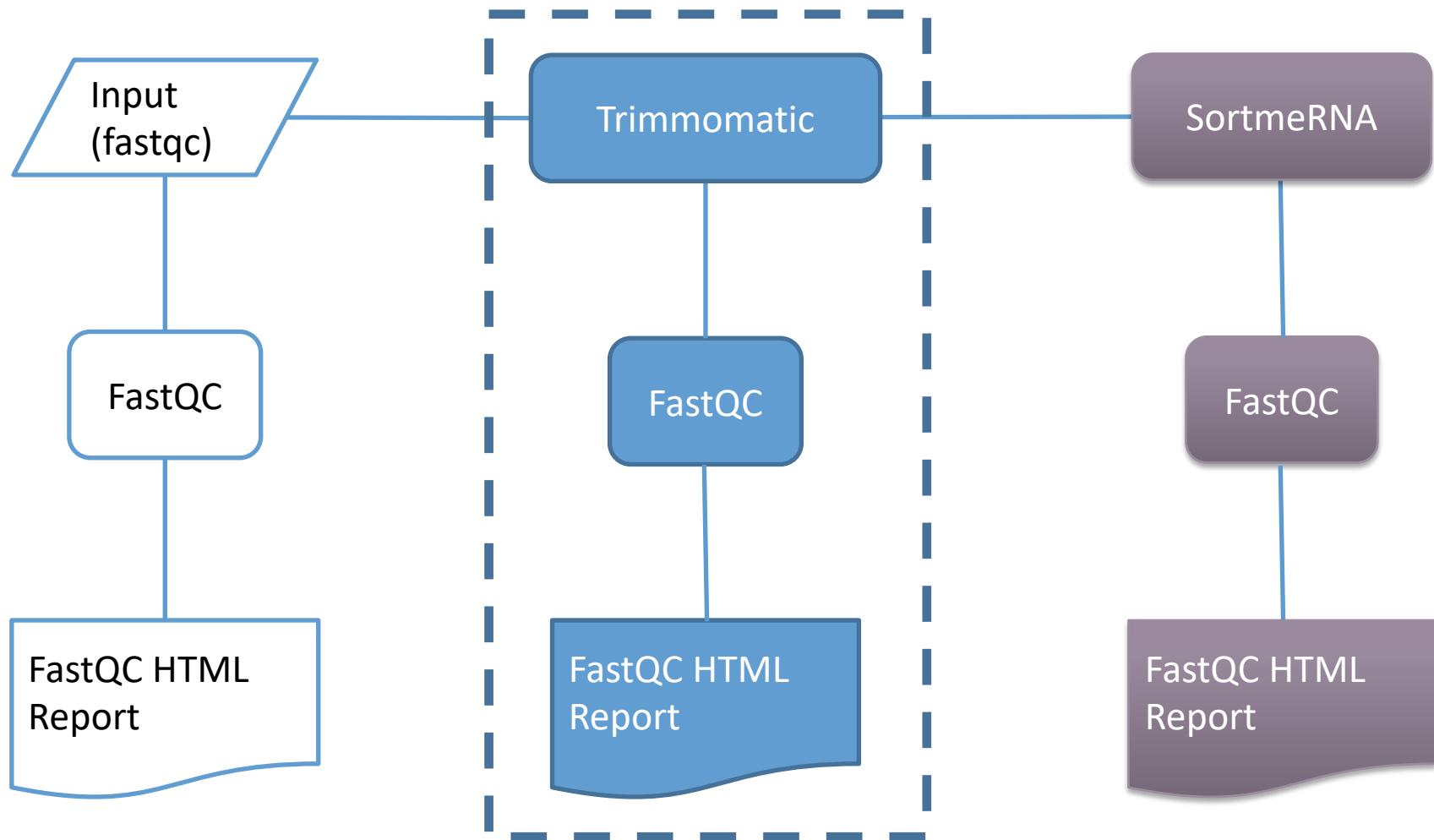
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Aller sur la practice 1 [Checking Reads Quality](#) du [github](#)

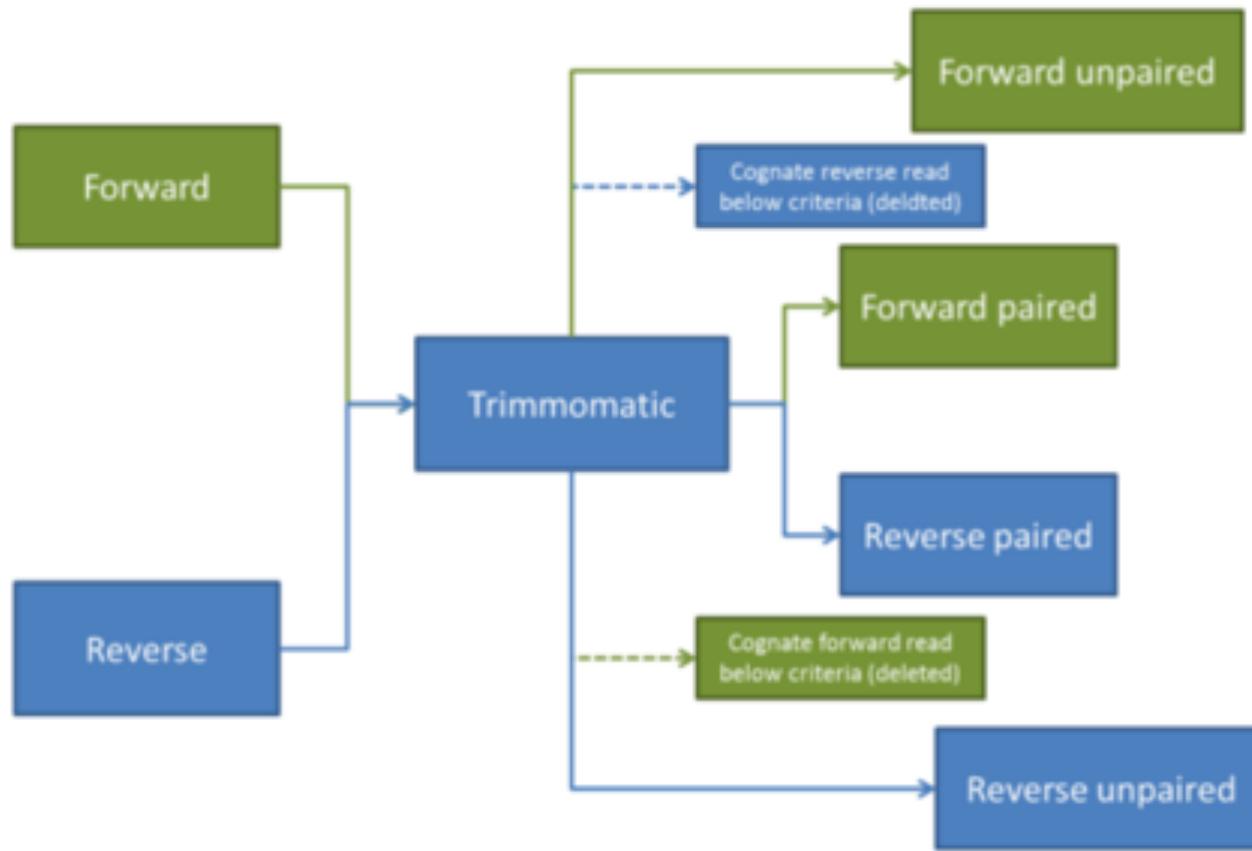
# Quality cleaning



# Data cleaning



# Trimmomatic



*Figure 1: Flow of reads in Trimmomatic Paired End mode*

# Trimmomatic

- The different processing steps occur in the order in which the steps are specified on the command line.
- It is recommended in most cases that adapter clipping, if required, is done as early as possible, since correctly identifying adapters using partial matches is more difficult.

## Trimmomatic

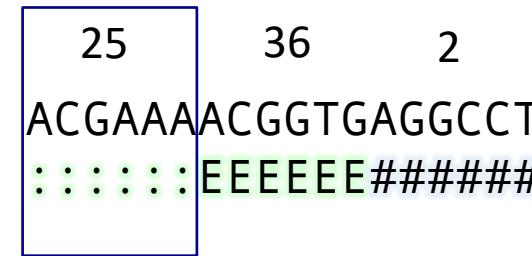
1. Cut adapters and other illumina- specific sequences from the reads
2. Cut bases off the start of a read, if below a threshold quality (3)
3. Cut bases off the end of a read, if below a threshold quality (3)

## Trimmomatic

4. Perform a sliding window trimming, cutting once the average quality within the window falls below a threshold (windows = 4; mean = 20)
5. Drop reads with average quality below a threshold (25)
6. Cut the read to a specified length (depending of the reads initial lenght : (50-100bp))

# Trimming Based on Quality

Sliding windows and minimum vs. average quality scores

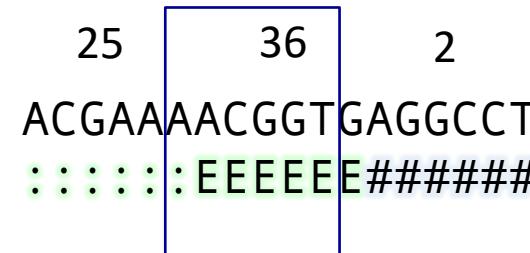


Average: 25  
Min: 25  
Max: 25

Target:  
Average below 20

# Trimming Based on Quality

Sliding windows and minimum vs. average quality scores



Step Size = 5

Window Size = 6

Average: 34.2

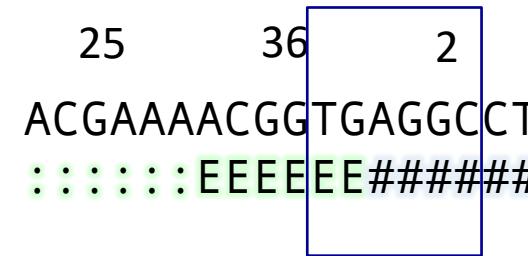
Min: 25

Max: 36

Target:  
Average below 20

# Trimming Based on Quality

Sliding windows and minimum vs. average quality scores



Step Size = 5

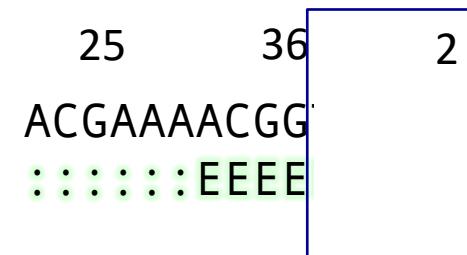
Window Size = 6

Average:	13.3
Min:	2
Max:	36

Target:  
Average below 20

# Trimming Based on Quality

Sliding windows and minimum vs. average quality scores



Step Size = 5

Window Size = 6

Average: 13.3

Min: 2

Max: 36

Target:  
Average below 20

# Trimmomatic command

```
java -jar trimmomatic.jar PE -phred33
\ lib1_1.fastq lib1_2.fastq           Raw reads
\ lib1_1.P.qtrim lib1_1.U.qtrim       Paired and unpaired reads1
\ lib1_2.P.qtrim lib1_2.U.qtrim       Paired and unpaired reads2
\ ILLUMINACLIP:illumina.fa:2:30:10  Adapters
\ SLIDINGWINDOW:4:5 LEADING:5 TRAILING:5 MINLEN:25
```

Input Read Pairs: 2 000 000  
Both Surviving: 1 879 345 (93.97%)  
Forward Only Surviving: 94 153 (4.71%)  
Reverse Only Surviving: 18 098 (0.90%)  
Dropped: 8 404 (0.42%)

TrimmomaticPE: Completed successfully

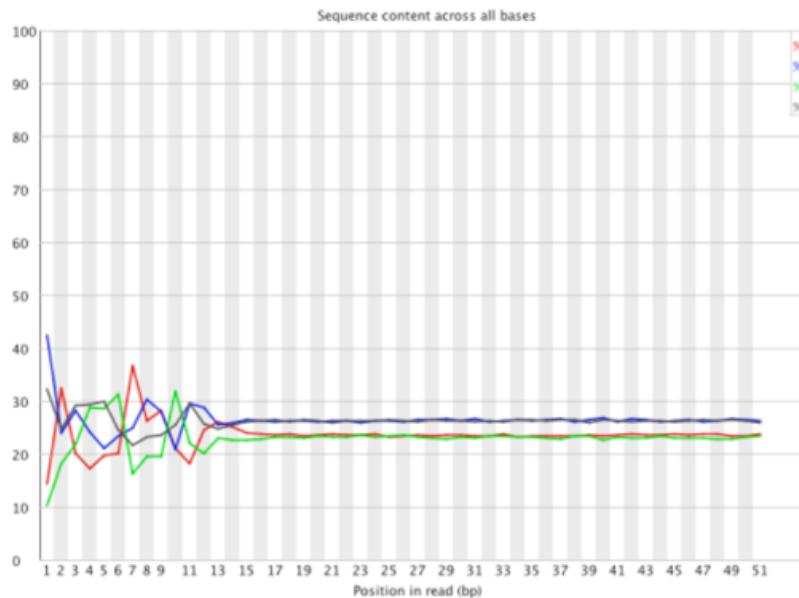
# Trimming effect

Recent publications have identified contradictory results of the effects of trimming raw reads on the quality of the assembly

- > How de novo assemblers manage the variable reads size?
  - > Should we prefer a complete removal of the read to the deletion of the only poor quality part?
  - > Add later additional cleaning step
- 
- Del Fabbro, C., Scalabrin, S., Morgante, M., & Giorgi, F. M. (2013). An Extensive Evaluation of Read Trimming Effects on Illumina NGS Data Analysis. *PLoS ONE*, 8(12), e85024. doi:10.1371/journal.pone.0085024  
-> “*trimming is beneficial in RNA-Seq, SNP identification and genome assembly procedures, with the best effects evident for intermediate quality thresholds (Q between 20 and 30)*”
- 
- MacManes, M. D. (2014, November). On the optimal trimming of high-throughput mRNASeq data. *Biorxiv*. doi:10.1101/000422  
-> “*Although very aggressive quality trimming is common, this study suggests that a more gentle trimming, specifically of those nucleotides whose Phred score < 2 or < 5, is optimal for most studies across a wide variety of metrics.*”

- Sleep, J. A., Schreiber, A. W., & Baumann, U. (2013). Sequencing error correction without a reference genome. *BMC Bioinformatics*, 14(1), 367. doi:10.1186/gb-2011-12-11-r112

# Beginnings of reads



Bias in sequence composition is often (always?) seen in the first 12-15 bp in Illumina RNA-seq data sets

Thought to be due to issues with “random” hexamer priming

Hansen et al. (2010) **Biases in Illumina transcriptome sequencing caused by random hexamer priming**  
Nucleic Acids Res. 2010 July; 38(12): e131. doi: [10.1093/nar/gkq224](https://doi.org/10.1093/nar/gkq224)

Not clear if trimming the 5' helps here.

# Duplicate sequences

Observing identical sequences in a sequencing run could result from

- Genuine, multiple observations of the same sequence from different source molecules
- Amplification from PCR steps in library preparation or sequencing
- Optical duplicates
- Exhausting the library; sequencing the same molecule several times

Note:

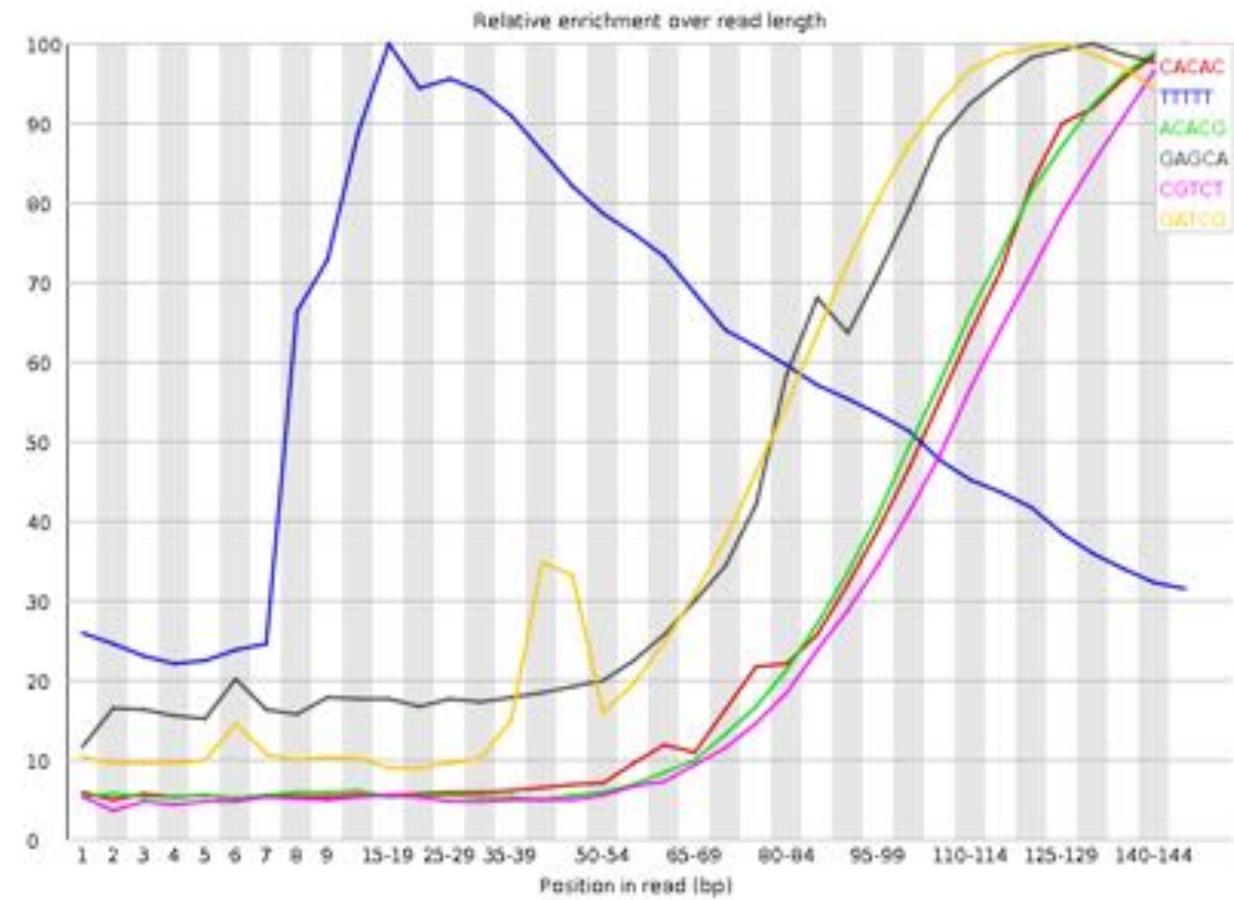
For resequencing applications (whole-genome, exome sequencing) it is standard practice to remove duplicate sequences. For RNA-seq, things are more complicated.

Duplicates are usually removed after mapping because it is simple. E.g. look for paired-end reads where both mates map to the same coordinates.

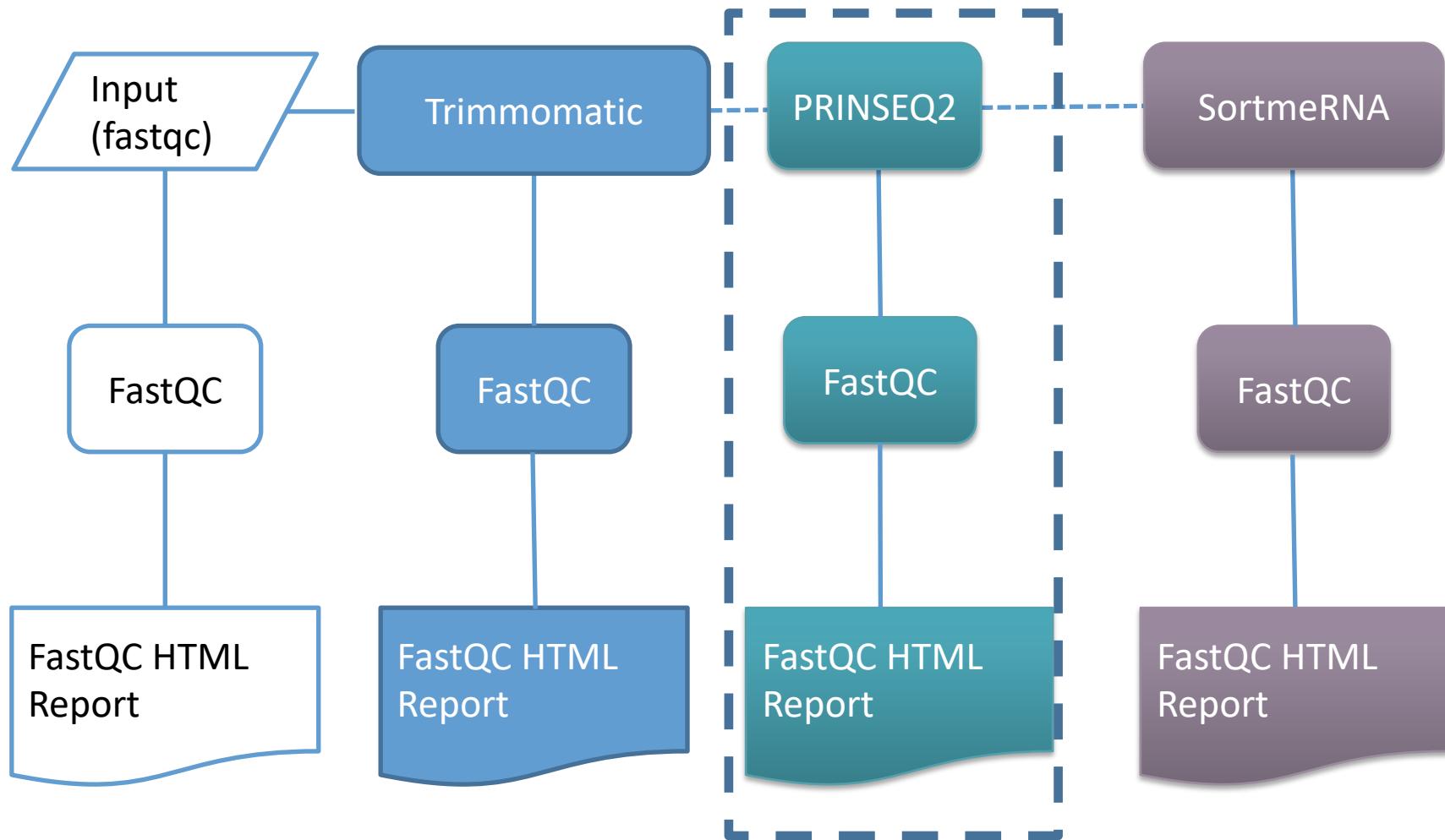
# Poly-A Tails and Other Artifacts

–Library Prep –  
retained and  
sequenced poly-  
As/poly-Ts

–When to  
suspect this:



# Data cleaning



# Poly-A Tails and Other Artifacts

–PRINSEQ (Schmieder 2011) for trimming poly-Ts –  
takes a % of the read that contains T's and sorts  
them out

Conservatively, 60% of a read is T?

Kick it out.

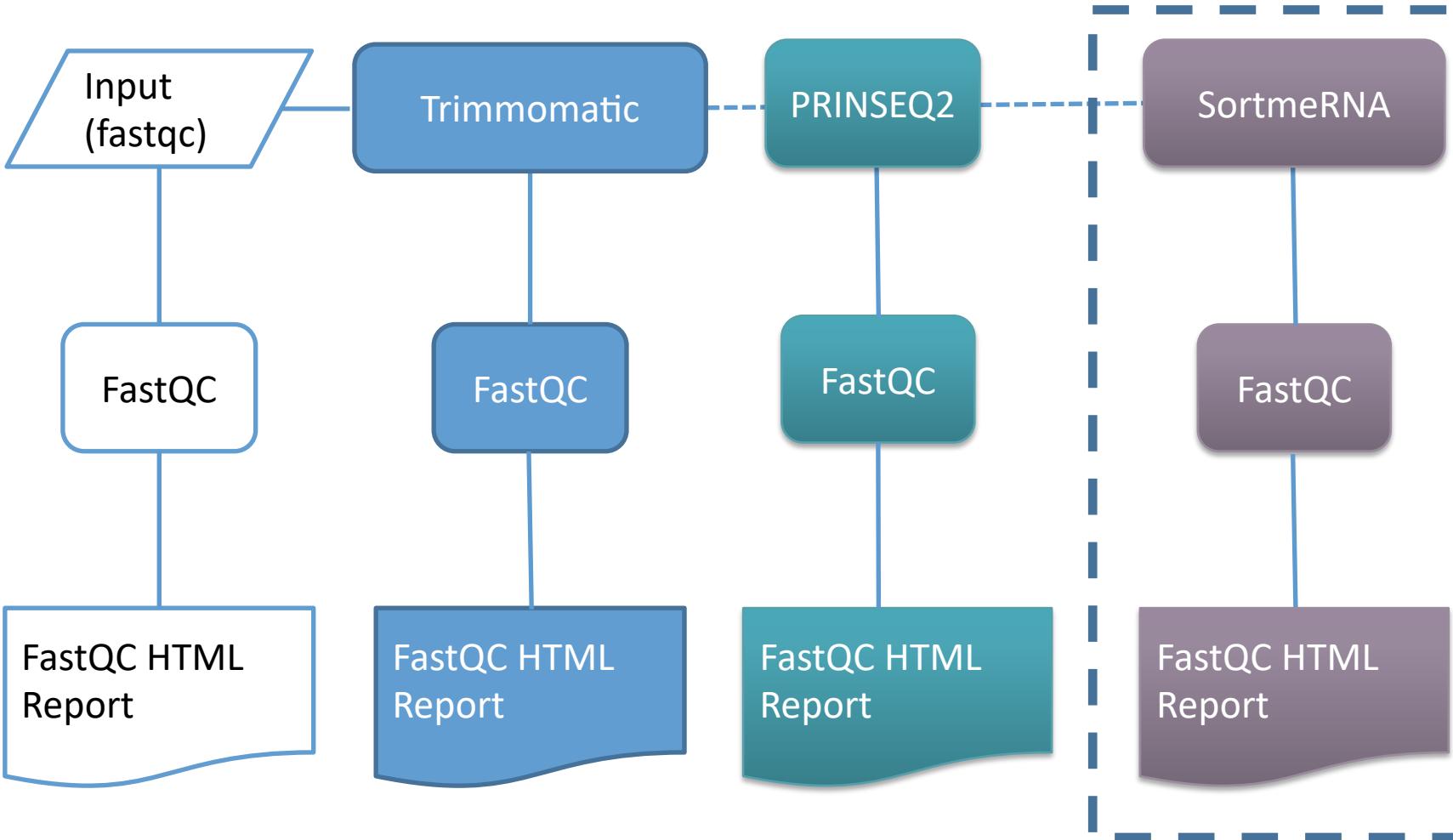
Filter on % base, sequence complexity, duplicates

Schmieder R and Edwards R: Quality control and preprocessing of metagenomic datasets. *Bioinformatics* 2011, 27:863-864. [PMID: [21278185](#)]

## PRINSEQ step 2

- Trimming poly A/T tails
  - From 5'-end and 3'-end
- Filtering low complexity sequences
  - Entropy < 70 (out of 100)  
  
Entropy < 50
- Filtering short reads (< 50 nu)

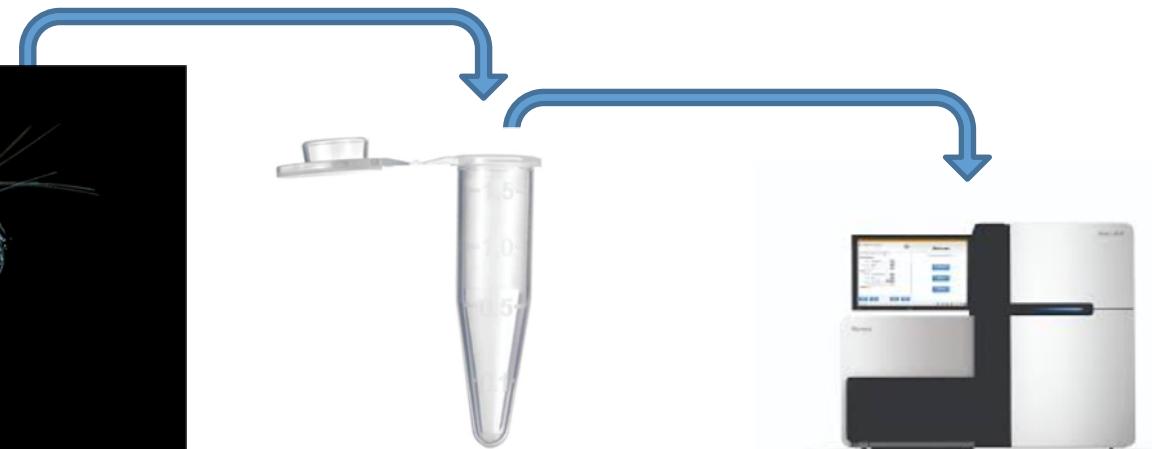
# Data cleaning



# Contaminations



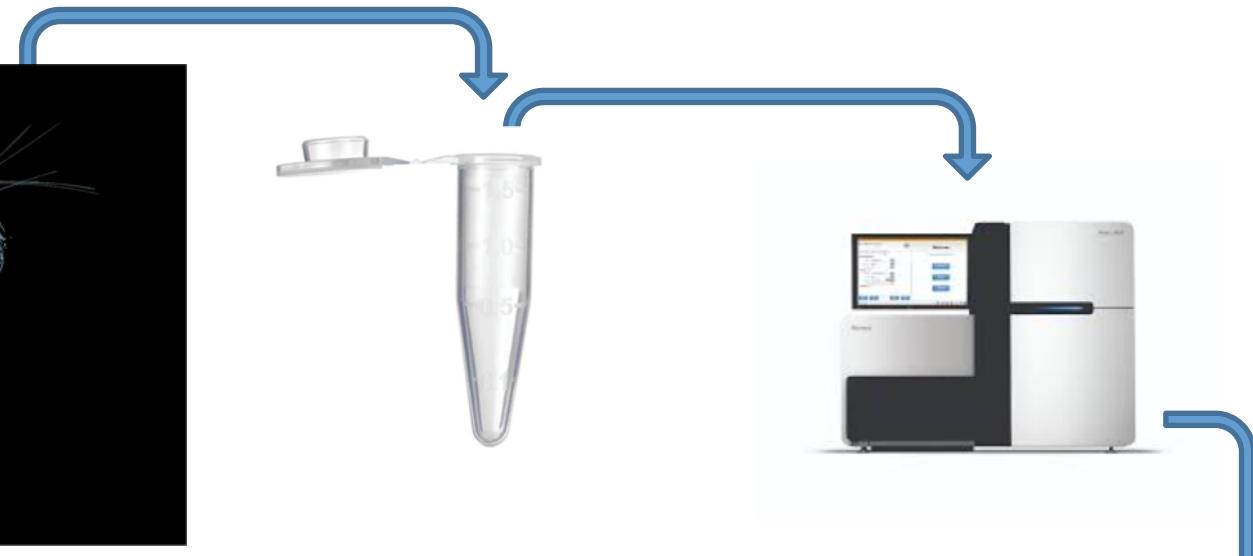
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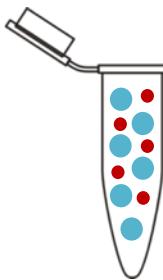
# Contaminations



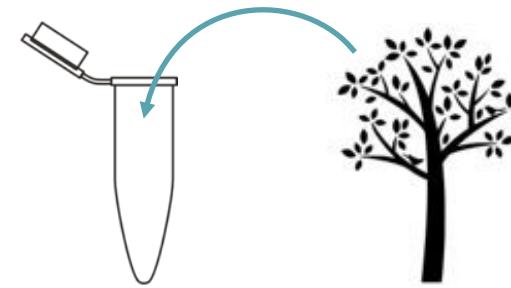
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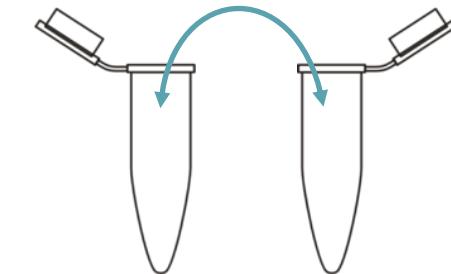
# Contaminations



in-contamination  
for ex. rRNA



third-party contamination  
for ex. food - parasite



cross-contamination  
for ex. experiment

- Most of (all) Illumina sequencing dataset are somewhat contaminated
- Illumina sequencing is especially susceptible to contamination due to the coverage depth
- It seems inherent to the method
- “Index misassignment between multiplexed libraries is a known issue” (Illumina, Inc., 2018); it potentially can produce contaminations in the sequenced datasets

# rRNA contamination

One of the most common contamination

**90-95% of total RNA correspond to rRNA**

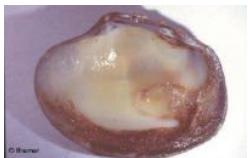
Hopefully it belongs to the sequenced organism but can also belongs to symbiont parasite or .... Aliens

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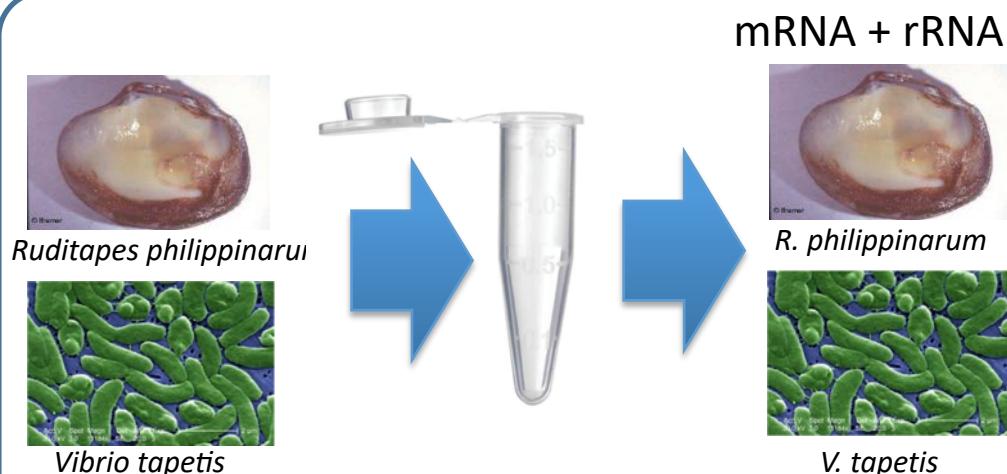


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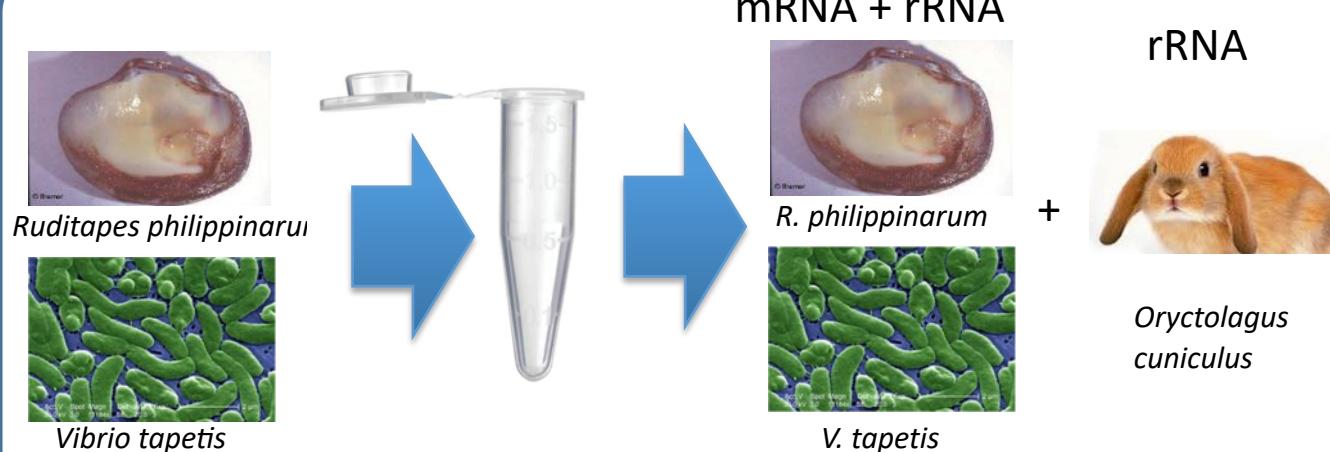


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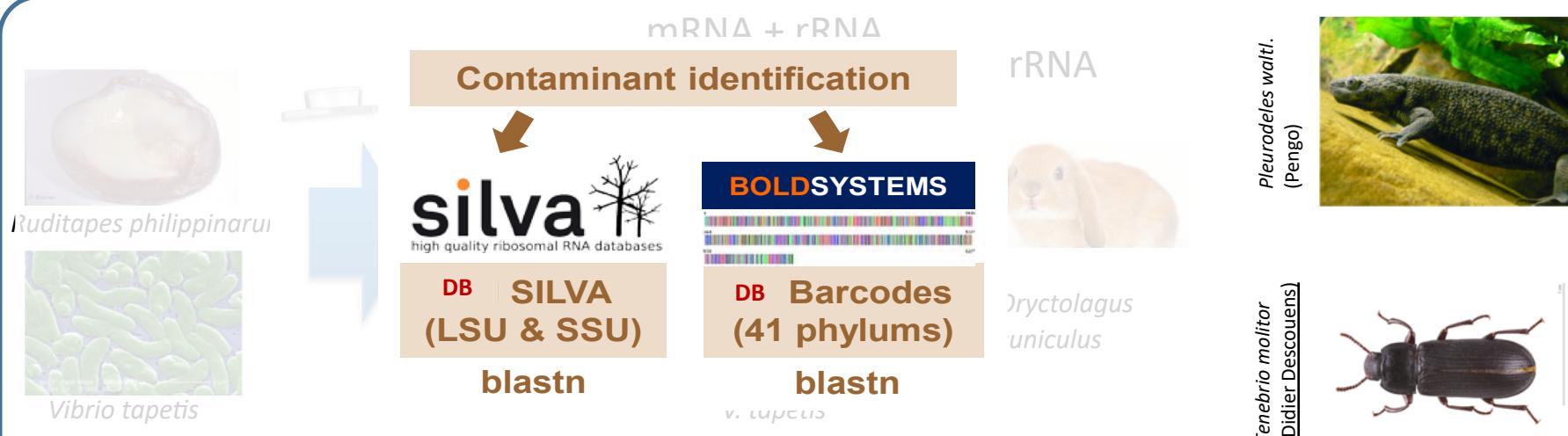


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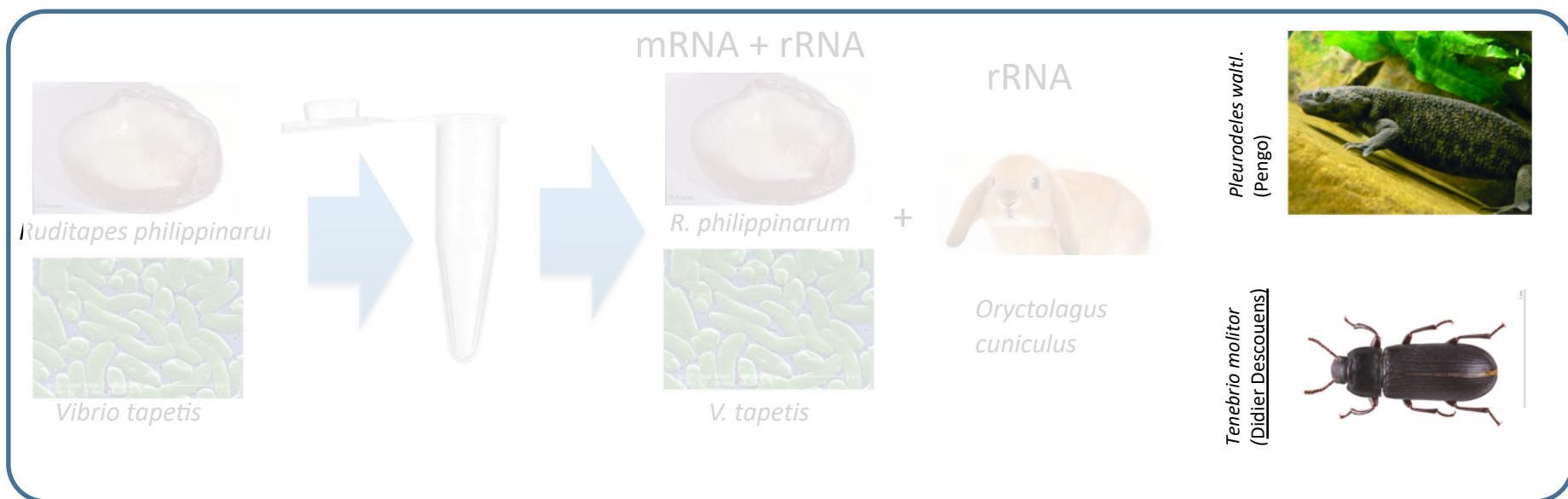


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## Solutions:

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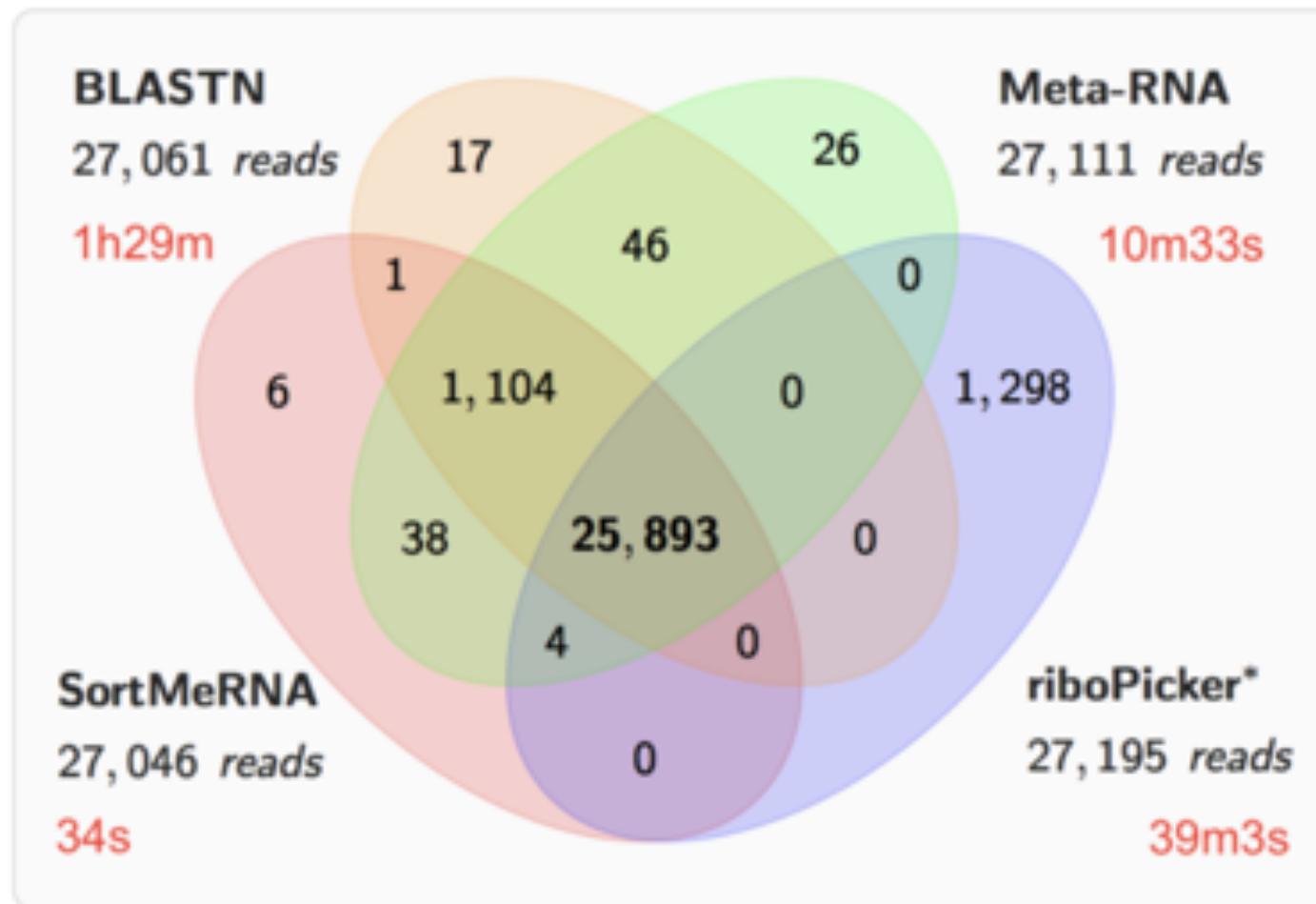
- Ribodepletion kits
- Selection polyA

### After sequencing :

- Remove rRNA reads from raw reads
- Detect rRNA transcripts

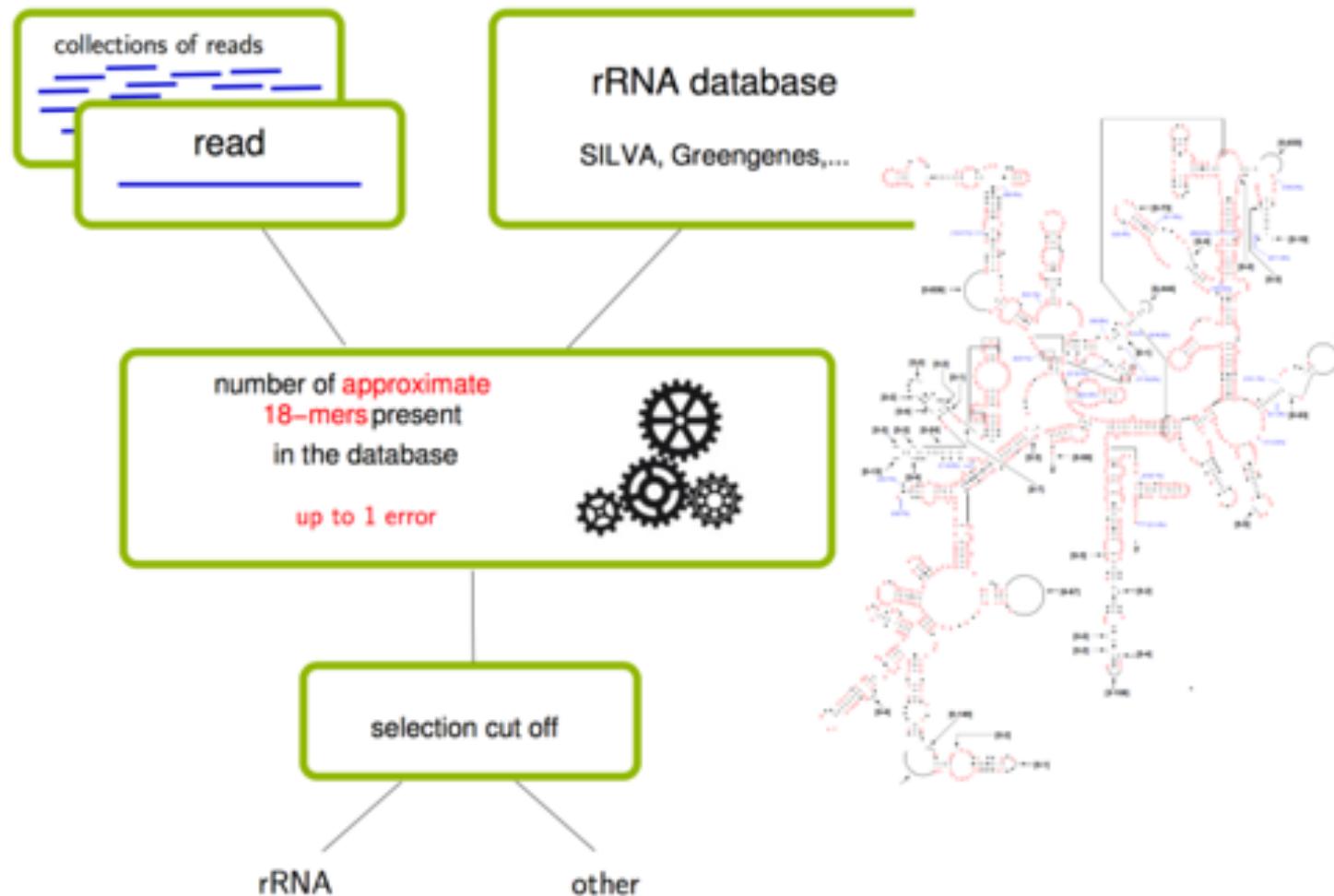
	database processing	accuracy	running time
BLASTN	none		
meta-RNA (HMM)			
RiboPicker (Burrows-Wheeler Transform)			
SortMeRNA			

# SortMeRNA/ribopicker/...

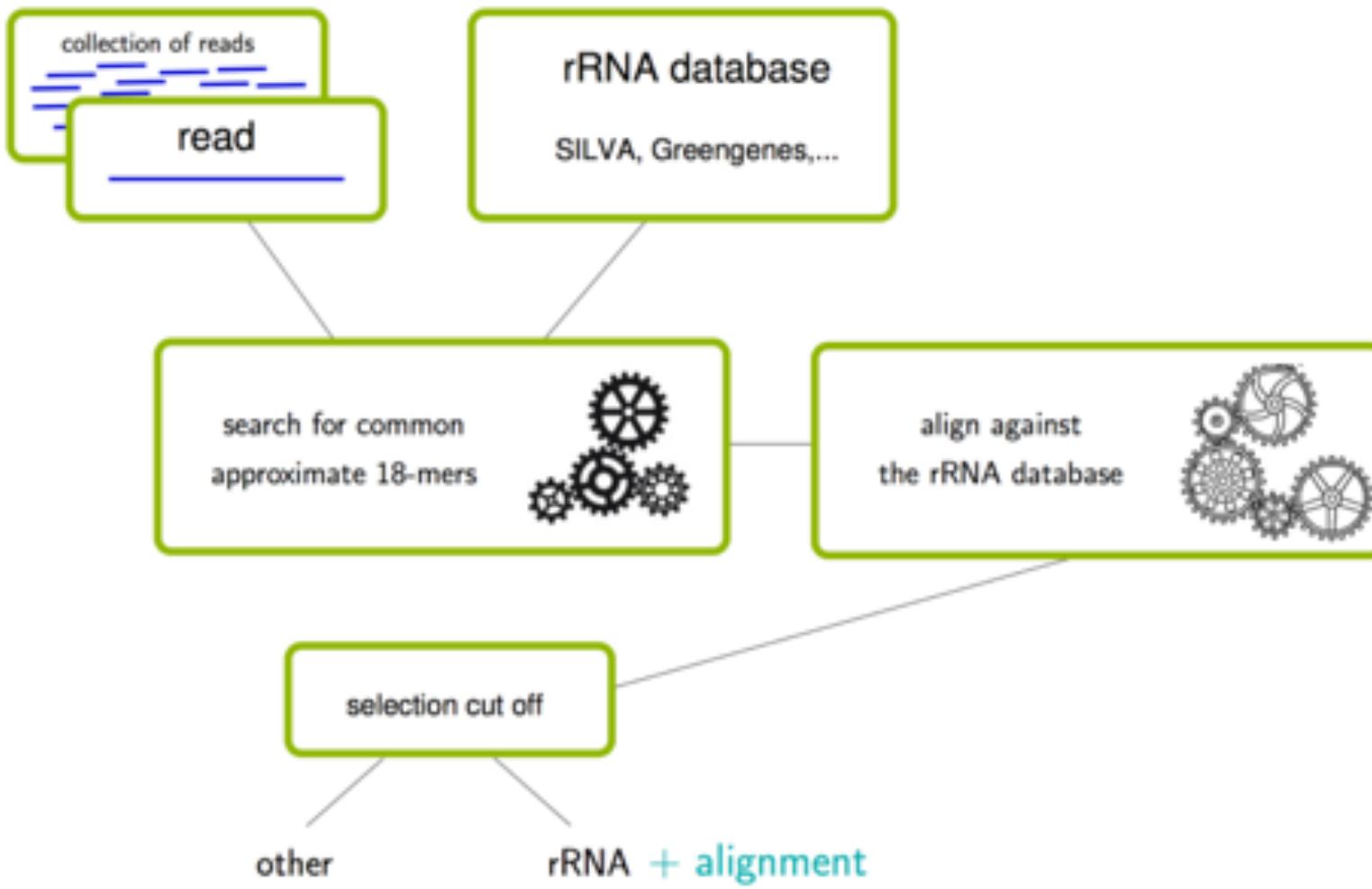


105,873 454 reads from photosynthetic metatranscriptome (SRR106861)

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# SortMeRNA commands

```
> merge-paired-reads.sh read_1.fq read_2.fq read-interleaved.fq
```

```
>sortmerna --fastx -a 4 --log --paired_out -e 0.1 --id 0.97 --coverage 0.97
```

Reference DB

```
\--ref silva-bac-16s-id90.fasta,silva-bac-16s-id90:  
\silva-bac-23s-id98.fasta,silva-bac-23s-id98:  
\silva-euk-18s-id95.fasta,silva-euk-18s-id95:  
\silva-euk-28s-id98.fasta,silva-euk-28s-id98:  
\rfam-5s-database-id98.fasta,rfam-5s-database-id98:  
\rfam-5.8s-database-id98.fasta,rfam-5.8s-database-id98  
--reads read-interleaved.fq --other output_mRNA.fastq  
fastq --aligned output_aligned.fastq
```

```
>unmerge-paired-reads.sh output_mRNA.fastq read-sortmerna_1.fq read-sortmerna_2.fq
```

# SortMeRNA results

## Results:

Total reads = 34 196 864

Total reads for de novo clustering = 4 084 914

Total reads passing E-value threshold = 30 122 173 (88.08%)

Total reads failing E-value threshold = 4 074 691 (11.92%)

Minimum read length = 150

Maximum read length = 150

Mean read length = 150

## By database:

silva-bac-16s-id90.fasta	6.95%
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silva-bac-23s-id98.fasta	18.75%
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silva-euk-18s-id95.fasta	9.97%
--------------------------	-------

silva-euk-28s-id98.fasta	52.42%
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rfam-5s-database-id98.fasta	0.00%
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rfam-5.8s-database-id98.fasta	0.00%
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Total reads passing %id and %coverage thresholds = 26 037 259

# rRNA detection and assignation

- Assemble rRNA reads : Trinity, etc ...
- Similarity search against : nr, Greengene, SILVA
- Detect rRNA in *denovo* assembly
  - Blast
  - RNAMMER

# Detect rRNA transcripts : RNAMMER



The program uses hidden Markov models trained on data from the 5S ribosomal RNA database and the European ribosomal RNA database project

```
# -----
##gff-version2##source-version RNAMMER-1.2##date 2009-11-16
##Type DNA
# seqname      source      feature    start      end       score      +/-     frame      attribute
# -----
AE000511      RNAMMER-1.2  rRNA        448462    448577    49.2       +       .          5s_rRNA
AE000511      RNAMMER-1.2  rRNA        1473564   1473679   49.2       -       .          5s_rRNA
AE000511      RNAMMER-1.2  rRNA        1045067   1045183   40.3       +       .          5s_rRNA
AE000511      RNAMMER-1.2  rRNA        445339    448223    3056.5     +       .          23s_rRNA
AE000511      RNAMMER-1.2  rRNA        1473918   1476803   3032.8     -       .          23s_rRNA
AE000511      RNAMMER-1.2  rRNA        1207586   1209074   1801.4     -       .          16s_rRNA
AE000511      RNAMMER-1.2  rRNA        1511140   1512627   1803.6     -       .          16s_rRNA
```

Lagesen K, Hallin PF, Rødland E, Stærfeldt HH, Rognes T Ussery DW [RNAMMER: consistent annotation of rRNA genes in genomic sequences](#)

Nucleic Acids Res. 2007 Apr 22.

Alternative Barrnap :  
<https://github.com/tseemann/barrnap>

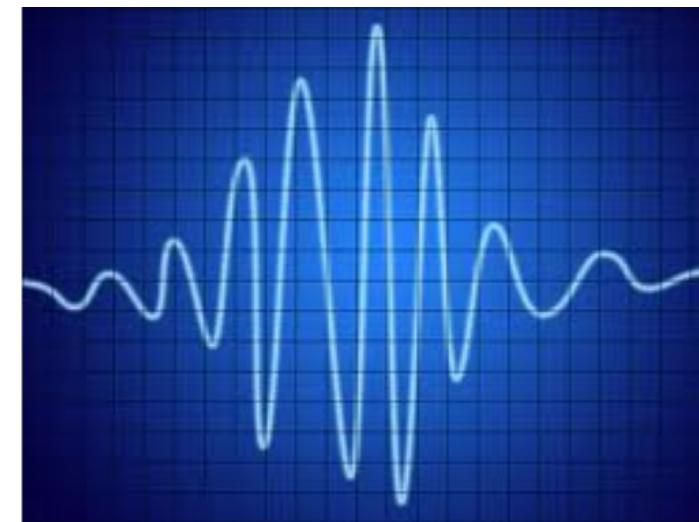
# RNAmmer - Barnap

```
> Trinotate-3.0.1/util/rnammer_support/RnammerTranscriptome.pl  
--transcriptome Assembly.fasta --org_type (arc|bac|euk) --  
path_to_rnammer /usr/local/genome2/rnammer/rnammer
```

```
>bedtools getfasta -fi Assembly.fasta -bed  
rnammer_predictions.gff > transcripts_rrna.fasta
```

```
> /usr/local/genome2/barnap-master2/bin/barnap --kingdom bac  
--threads 10 --outfasta rrna_bact.fasta Assembly.fasta
```

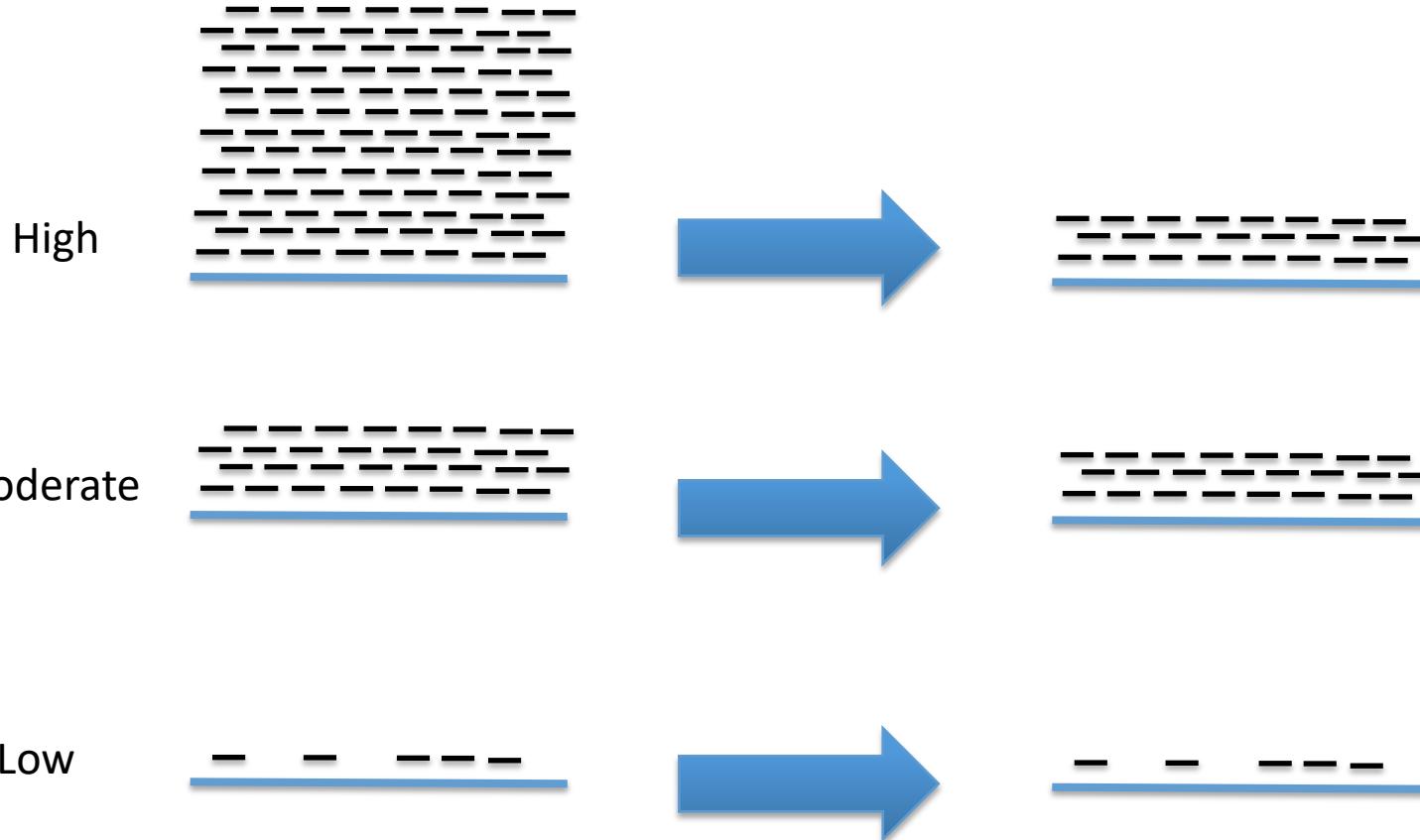
# Digital Normalization



# NGS reads normalization (by Trinity)

- Context:
  - By definition RNAseq display a wide range of expressions  
Very low expressed → Very highly expressed transcripts
  - The information given by reads from high expression transcripts is redundant, and very high coverage also brings more sequencing errors
  - De-novo assemblers do not benefit from coverage increase beyond a certain point, and fewer data means quicker assemblies
- How to decrease coverage of highly expressed transcripts without decreasing that of low expressed transcripts ?

# *In silico* normalization of reads



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e.g. with *max coverage* = 30

Read\_A: *median coverage* = 60  $\rightarrow \frac{\text{max\_coverage}}{\text{median}} = 0.5$

→ Read\_A has a 50% chance of being kept

Read\_B: *median coverage* = 10  $\rightarrow \frac{\text{max\_coverage}}{\text{median}} = 3$

→ Read\_B has a 300% chance of being kept ;-)  
→ Read\_B will be kept

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## 3. Accept a read with a probability of:

Read\_A comes from a highly expressed transcript and is 2 times more covered than the threshold. We know its information is also contained by other reads.

→ So it has less chance to be kept.

Read\_B comes from a low expressed transcript, way below the threshold. Its information is not very redundant, we will need it for the assembly.

→ So it will absolutely be kept

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4. Remove a read if:  $\text{standarddev}/\text{average} (\text{CV}) > 1$  (100%)

A high variability in a read kmer coverage means there is probably a lot of sequencing errors in this read

# NGS reads normalization (by Trinity)

- Pros:
    - Reduce the data to be assembled
      - faster assemblies
      - RAM requirement highly reduced
    - Remove reads with potentially lots of sequencing errors
      - better assemblies ?
  - Cons:
    - Small loss of information → slightly worse assemblies ?
    - Stringent filter on kmer coverage variability
      - loss of low expressed alternative transcripts (splice junctions) ?
- Trinity normalisation procedure quite greedy  
→ Use khmer instead (<https://github.com/dib-lab/khmer>)

# Stand alone normalisation

```
$TRINITY_HOME/util/insilico_read_normalization.pl  
\ --seqType fq --JM 1G --max_cov 50  
\ --left lib1_1.P.qtrim --right lib2_2.P.qtrim  
\ --pairs_together --output insil_norm_ex
```

1189570 / 1879312 = 63.30% reads selected during normalization.  
1094 / 1879312 = 0.06% reads discarded as likely aberrant based on coverage profiles.

Normalization complete. See outputs:

insil\_norm\_ex/lib1\_1.P.qtrim.normalized\_K25\_C50\_pctSD200.fq  
insil\_norm\_ex/lib1\_2.P.qtrim.normalized\_K25\_C50\_pctSD200.fq

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