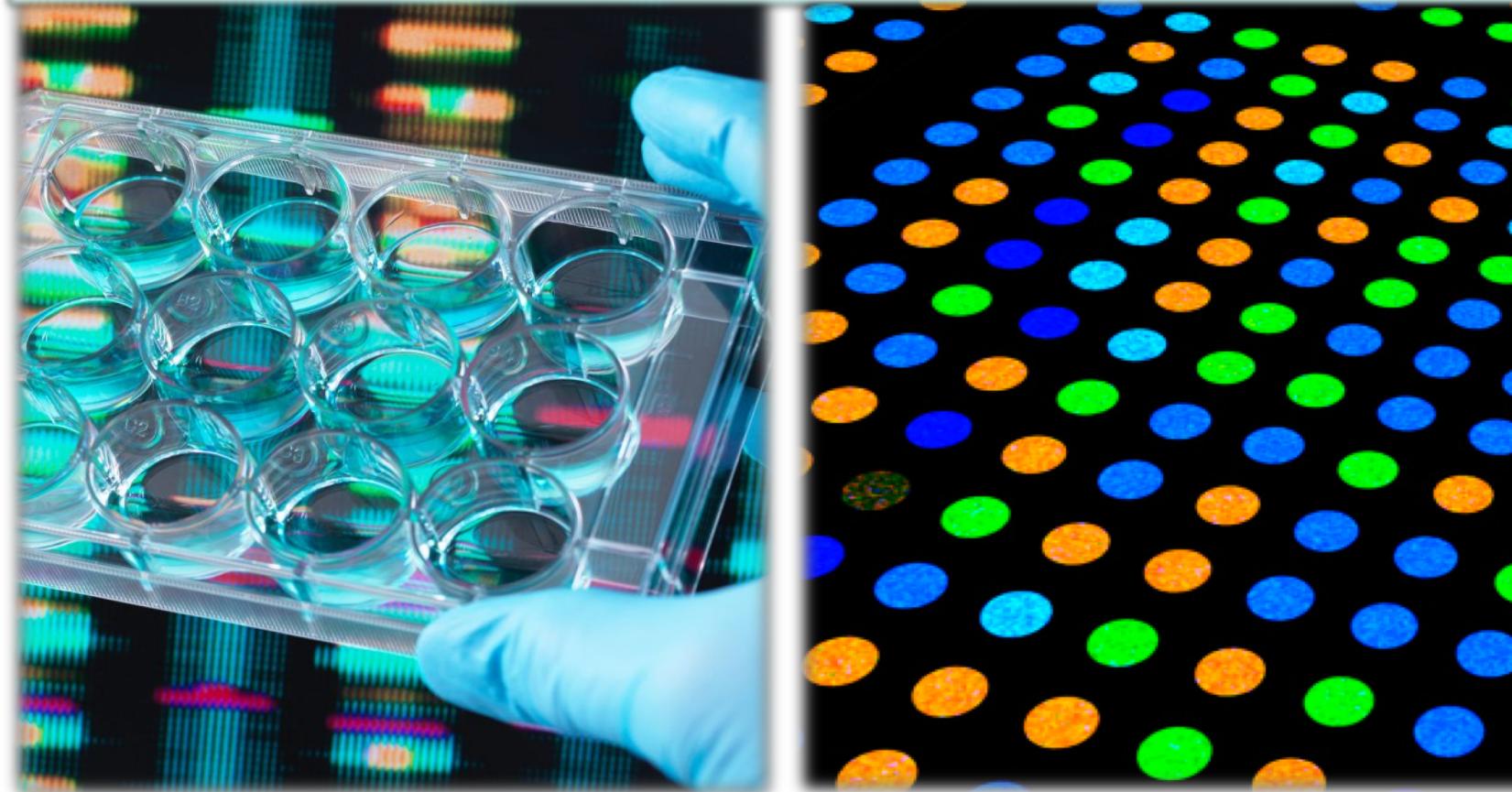


# Children's Research Institute

## Bioinformatics Unit (CBU)



<https://bi-ctsicc.github.io/CBU/>

bioinformatics@childrensnational.org

# Overview of CBU

- A unique, interactive space, providing solutions to data analysis questions using state-of-the-art bioinformatics tools
- Established in November 2017.
- Generous support from:

Dr. Vittorio Gallo, Chief Research Officer

Center for Translational Science

Clinical and Translational Institute at Children's National (CTSI-CN),

Center for Genetic Medicine Research

District of Columbia Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Research Center  
(DC-IDDRC) at [Children's National Medical Center](#).

# People

- **Leadership**

- Dr. Eric Vilain - Director of Center for Genetic Medicine Research
- Dr. Lisa Guay-Woodford - Director of CTSI at Children's National
- Dr. Hiroki Morizono - Director of CBU
- Dr. Kazue Hashimoto-Torii - Center for Neuroscience Research liaison
- Dr. Susan Knoblach - Director of Genomics Core
- Dr. Michael Keller - Center for Cancer and Immunology liaison
- Dr. Marius George Linguraru - Sheik Zayed Institute for Surgical Innovation liaison

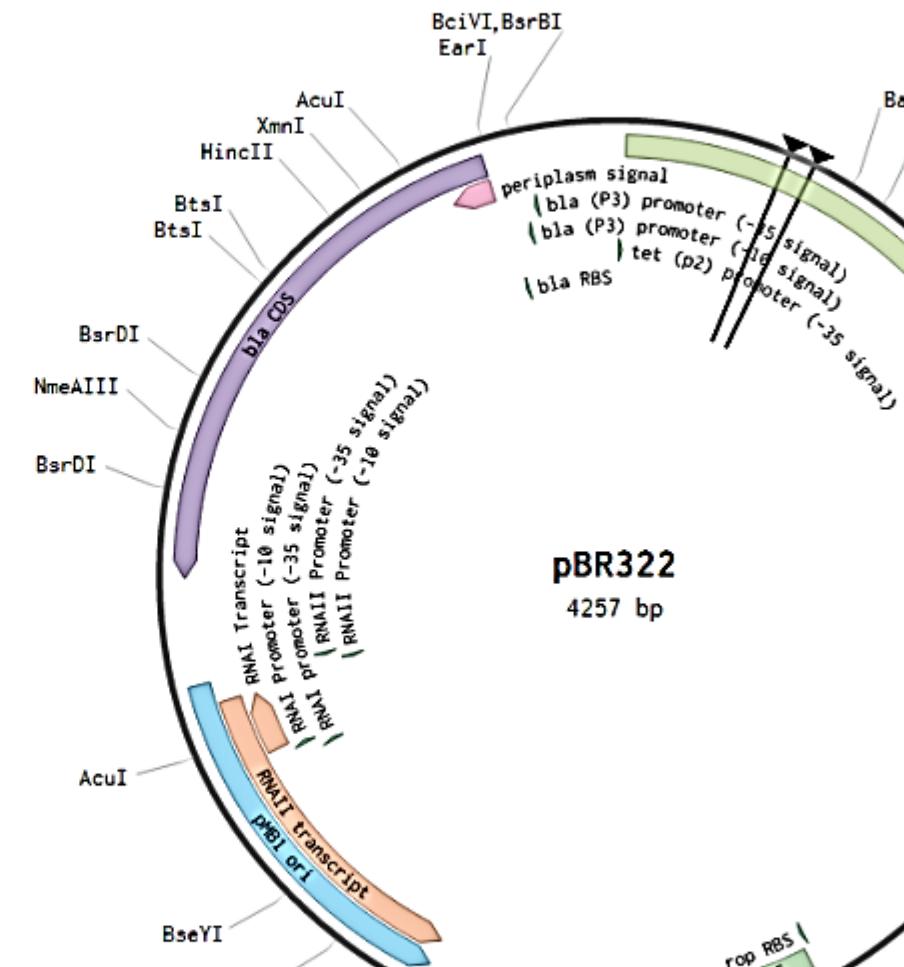
- **Staff**

- Payal Banerjee, MS
- Surajit Bhattacharya, PhD
- Hayk Barseghyan, PhD

# Bioinformatics services provided by CBU

## Experimental Design and Grant Proposal Support

- **RNA sequencing**
  - Differential Gene Expression
  - Single Nucleotide Variation Detection
  - Fusion Analysis
- **Whole Genome sequencing**
  - De Novo Assembly
  - Single Nucleotide Variation Detection
  - Copy Number Variation
  - Structural Variant Detection
- **Exome sequencing**
  - Single Nucleotide Variation Detection
  - Copy Number Variation
  - Structural Variant Detection
- **Microbiome Analysis (16s and metagenomics)**
- **Single Cell Sequencing**
- **T-cell receptor Sequencing**
- **Bisulphite Sequencing**
- **Chip Sequencing**
- **Microarray**
- **Other/Custom Analysis**



# CBU Service Request Form

Email : [bioinformatics@childrensnational.org](mailto:bioinformatics@childrensnational.org)

<http://j.mp/2FSWz7s>

## CRI Bioinformatics Unit Service Request Form

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The CRI Bioinformatics Unit is established to support the bioinformatics needs of researchers at CRI and other collaborators. We assist in study design for project proposals and data analysis.

Please fill out the form below to submit a request to the CRI Bioinformatics Unit.

**Project Title**

**Project Description**

**First Name**

\* must provide value

**Last Name**

\* must provide value

**Principal Investigator Name**

**ORCID**

Create your ORCID ID at <https://orcid.org/>.

**Email**

\* must provide value

**Institution**

\* must provide value

+ Children's National Health System

+ George Washington University

+ Other

**Center/Department**

\* must provide value

+ Center for Cancer & Immunology Research

+ Center for Genetic Medicine Research

# Take Home Message

- Who are we – CRI Bioinformatics Unit
- How to contact us – [bioinformatics@childrensnational.org](mailto:bioinformatics@childrensnational.org)
- What we offer:
  - Data Analysis – Types available on website - <https://bi-ctsicn.github.io/CBU/>
  - Experimental Design Consultation (Wet Lab in collaboration with Genomics Core – Susan Knoblach Team)
  - Grant Technical Writing support

**We generally recommend people either to share their data for analysis via Hard Drive (Mac compatible) or via Dropbox**

**Along with Data submission we request people to fill out a submission form -  
<http://j.mp/2FSWz7s>**

***Turnaround time – 2-3 weeks depending upon experiment and number of samples***

# **Informatics Approach to Genomics**

## Introduction

# General Steps of Sequencing Experiments

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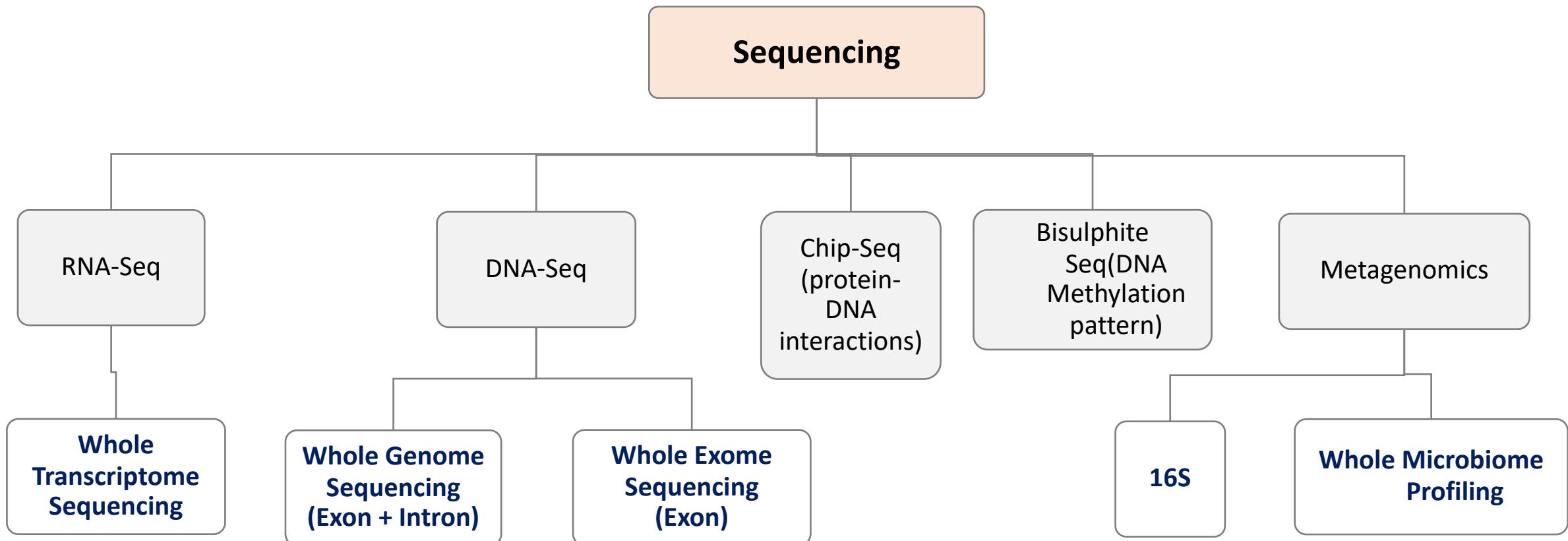
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# Experimental Design



# RNA Sequencing Applications

- Gene expression profiling between samples
- Identification of allele-specific expression, disease-associated single nucleotide polymorphisms (SNPs) and
- Novel transcript identification
- Gene fusions detection e.g. disease causal variants in cancer.

Single-cell RNA-seq has recently emerged as a way to study complex biological processes.

# Single-cell RNA-seq Applications

- **Neurobiology** - classify neurons based on their transcriptional profiles
- **Cancer Research** - Delineating clonal diversity and understanding the role of rare cells during cancer progression.
- **Germline Transmission** - A novel approach to study the mechanisms that generate germline variation during the transmission of genetic material to offspring.
- **Embryogenesis** - transcriptional regulation and epigenomic reprogramming that occurs during the earliest stages of embryogenesis.
- **Organogenesis** - transcriptional profiling and identify groups of cells that share common expression programs, representing distinct cell types.
  - Eg: SCS was used to analyze gene expression patterns of single cells during kidney development in mice at E11.5, E12.5, and P4 ([Brunskill et al., 2014](#))
- **Immunology** - To investigate heterogeneous transcriptional responses in immune cells after antigen activation.

# Transcriptomics

Expression Profiling

Variant Discovery

## Platforms

- Microarrays
- Sequencing

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- Sequencing

# Whole Genome and Exome Seq Applications

## WGS (Whole Genome Sequencing)

- Coverage in coding as well as non-coding regions
- WGS for novel mutations (rare diseases), copy number variations, structural mutations
- assembly of a new genome
- More coverage

## Exome Sequencing

- Exome covers 2% of whole genome
- Allows for genetic panels, and focus on only the protein coding regions
- Less cost and time

## Popular WGS/Exome Seq approaches

- GWAS Studies
- Diagnostic screens

# Chip Seq Applications

- Detection of protein-DNA interaction sequences

Eg:

- Determination of sequences associated with transcription factor
- Information about overall structure of chromatin

These interactions can strongly influence the regulation of gene expression and are therefore critical for complete understanding of cell operations.

# Genomics

## Genome Assembly

## Variant Discovery

## Transcription Factor Binding

### Platforms

- Short Read Sequencers (SRS)
- Long Read Sequencers (LRS)
  - Optical Mapping (OM)

### Single Nucleotide Polymorphism Discovery

### Structural Variant Discovery

### Platforms

- Microarray
- SRS

### Platforms

- Microarray
- LRS
- OM

### Platforms

- Microarray
- SRS

# Methylation Applications

## Types of Methylation Sequencing Experiments :

- Bisulfite sequencing
- Oxidative Bisulphite Sequencing

## Applications:

- Study Methylation patterns of DNA
- DNA methylation implicated in repression of transcriptional activity

Sequencing over microarrays has enabled the transition from studying the methylation patterns of just a few genes or small regions to that of truly genome-wide studies, and this is leading to a far richer view of the methylome.

# Epigenomics

## Methylation Profiling

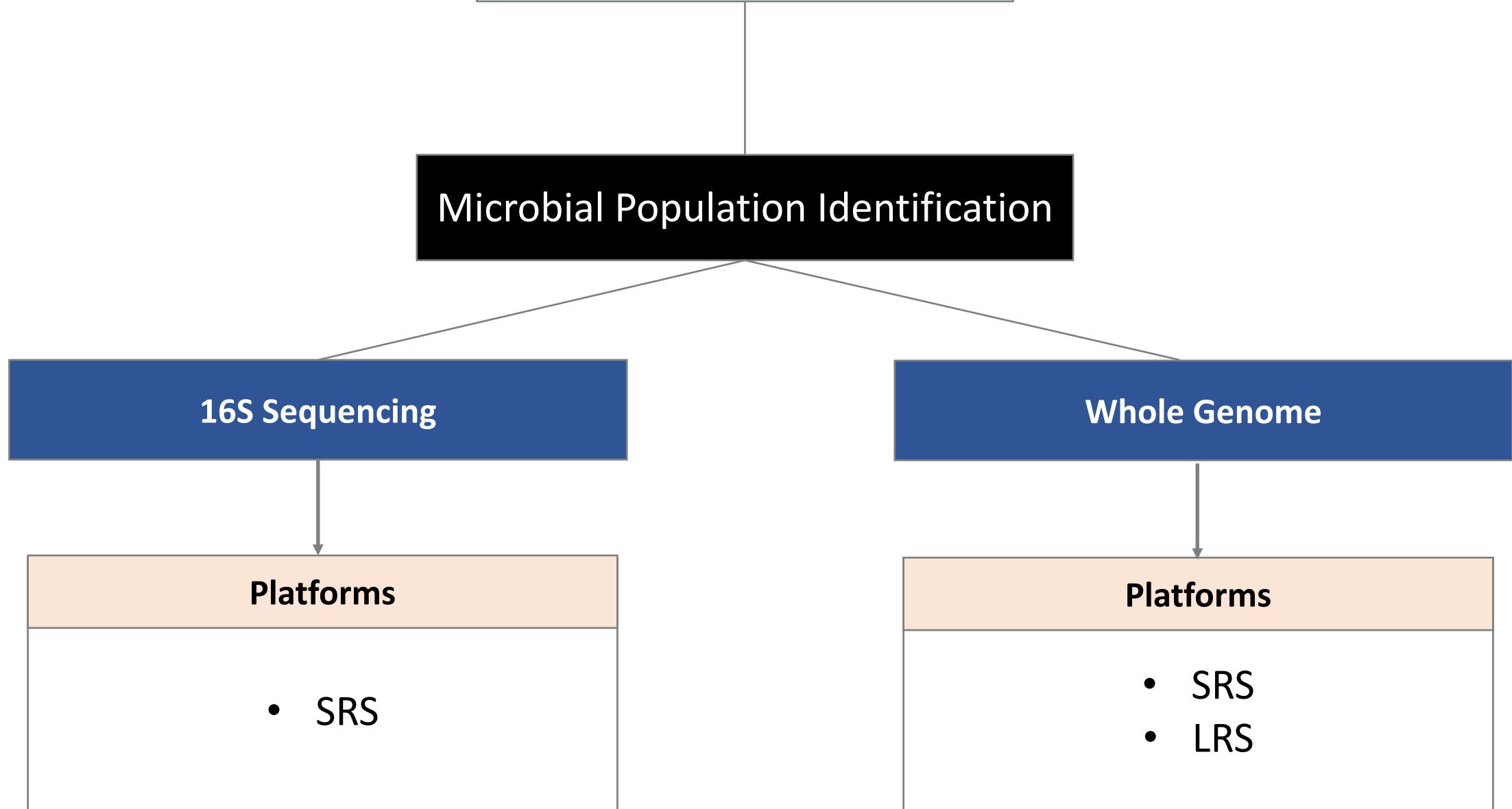
### Platforms

- Microarrays
  - SRS
  - LRS
  - OM

# Metagenomics Applications

- **16S ribosomal RNA sequencing** –Identifies highly conserved 16S rRNA component of the 30S small subunit of a prokaryotic ribosome. Identifies mainly bacterial species in a sample.
- **Whole Microbiome profiling** - Multiple microbial genomes are analyzed at the same time.

# Metagenomics



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# Topics to consider for Sample Preparation

## ❖ Sample preparation kits

- DNA
- RNA

Depends on:

- Experiment (Bulk, Single Cell, Low input RNA etc)
- Instrument
- Organism – Human, Mouse etc
- Type of sample – Tissue, Cell Line, Blood etc

# Read Length

- Read length refers to the number of base pairs that are read at a time.
  - For a read length of 50 base pairs, **single end reads** would read 50 base pairs from each fragment,
  - while **paired end reads** would consist of 2 x 50bp reads, covering up to 100 base pairs on the same fragment.

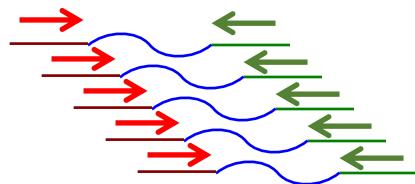
While longer read lengths give you more accurate information on the relative positions of your bases in a genome, they are more expensive than shorter ones.

# Single end and Paired end

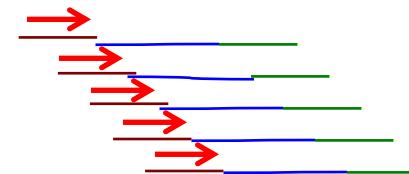
The sequencer instrument read from one end to the other end, and then start another round of reading from the opposite end.

The sequencer reads from one end of a fragment to the other end.

**PE = paired end  
(mate pairs)**



**SE = single end**



**PE** sequencing provides additional positioning information in the genome

# Single end vs Paired end Applications

## Single End

- Profiling or counting experiments:
  - RNA seq
  - Chip seq

## Paired End

- Structural re-arrangements such as deletions, insertions and inversions
- SNP /SNV identification
- Epigenetic modifications (methylation)

# PolyA or Depletion? (RNA)

- Ribosomal RNA (rRNA) constitutes >70% of the purified total cell RNA.
- RiboDepletion removes specifically ribosomal RNA, leaving all other RNA transcripts, however it is not 100% efficient.
- PolyA selection is very efficient, but it will only select polyadenylated RNA, therefore many long, non coding RNAs will be lost.

Poly A	Depletion
Eukaryotes mostly	Prokaryotes
mRNA	mRNA along with non-coding RNA like lncRNA etc

# Replicates

Ideally, if the experiment were repeated with new, independently obtained samples, the effect would likely be observed again.

Variation in data – are they actual biological changes or are just caused by chance?

**Replication for Reproducibility!**

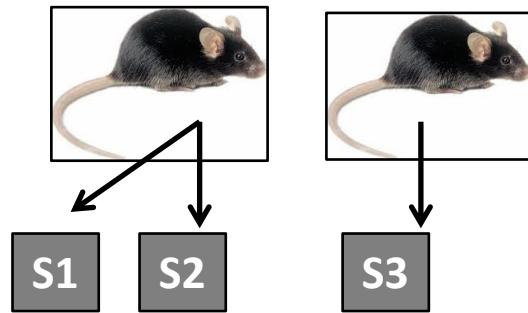
**Without replicates, what do you miss?**

- Identification of random Variation
- Accuracy of measurement

# Replicates

- **Biological replicates** measure a quantity from **difference sources** under the same conditions
  - e.g., Tumors from 5 different people with lung cancer may show similar gene expression patterns. These replicates are useful to show what is similar in your replicates and how they are different from a different set of conditions (ie. treated, normal).
- **Technical replicates** measure quantity from **1 source**. This measures the reproducibility of the results. The differences are based only on technical issues in the measurement.
  - e.g., sequence the same sample twice but get different results

# Replicates



**Technical replicates are: S1 /S2  
Biological replicates are: S3 – S1/S2**

To make inferences about the population you need ***biological replicates***

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# Topics to consider for Sequencing

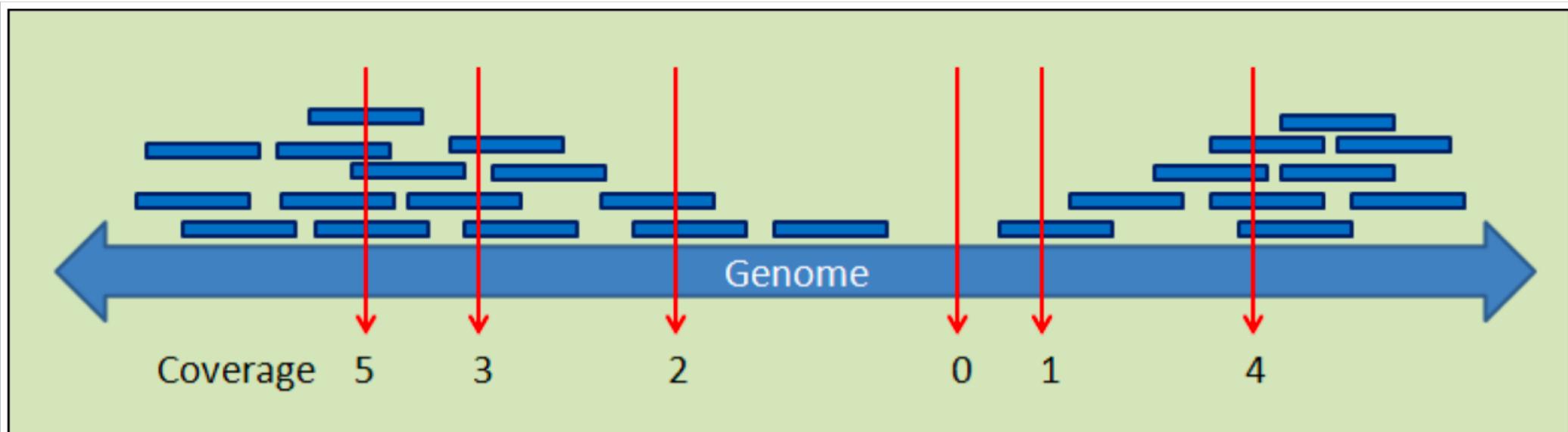
## ❖ Instruments (CRI)

- Illumina (Short Read)
  - Miseq
  - Nextseq
- Nanopore (Long Read)
  - Minlon
  - Gridlon
- Bionano (Optical Mapping)

Factors : What kind of experiment, What type of samples, Number of samples, Coverage etc

# Coverage

- Coverage refers to the average number of times a single base is read during a sequencing run.
  - Eg: If the coverage is 100 X, this means that on average each base was sequenced 100 times.
- The more frequently a base is sequenced, the more reliable a base is called, resulting in better quality of your data.



# Coverage

Lander / Waterman equation

$$\text{Coverage (X)} = \frac{L \text{ (read length)} * N \text{ (number of reads)}}{G \text{ (genome length)}}$$

## Coverage Calculators

- <http://core-genomics.blogspot.com/2016/05/how-many-reads-to-sequence-genome.html>
- <http://apps.bioconnector.virginia.edu/covcalc/>

# Coverage (DNA)

## Estimate of Coverage Requirements by Application Type

Application Type	Coverage
DNA-Seq (Re-Sequencing)	30 - 80X
DNA-Seq (De novo assembly)	100X
SNP Analysis / Rearrangement Detection	10 - 30X
Exome	100 - 200X
ChIP-Seq	10 - 40X

# Coverage (RNA)

A more useful metric for RNA-Seq is determining the total number of mapped reads.

- It is important to distinguish between total reads and mapped reads, as not all reads will map onto a reference genome

So, the number of usable reads will be less than the number of actual reads.

- The number of reads that will map depend on the
  - ❖ library type
  - ❖ quality of sample
  - ❖ how complete the reference genome is

# Coverage (RNA)

Coverage needed for a RNA is not always uniform:

- ❖ Different transcripts are expressed at different levels, meaning more reads will be captured from highly expressed genes while fewer reads will be captured by genes expressed at low levels
- ❖ Alternate expression

# Coverage (RNA)

## Recommended RNA-Seq Parameters

Optimal sequencing depth for RNA-Seq will vary based on the scientific objective of study but here are some general recommendations based on sample type and application:

Sample Type	Reads Needed for Differential Expression (millions)	Reads Needed for Rare Transcript or De Novo Assembly (millions)	Read Length
Small Genomes (i.e. Bacteria / Fungi)	5	30 - 65	50 SR or PE for positional info
Intermediate Genomes (i.e. Drosophila / C. Elegans)	10	70 - 130	50 – 100 SR or PE for positional info
Large Genomes (i.e. Human / Mouse)	15 - 25	100 - 200	>100 SR or PE for positional info

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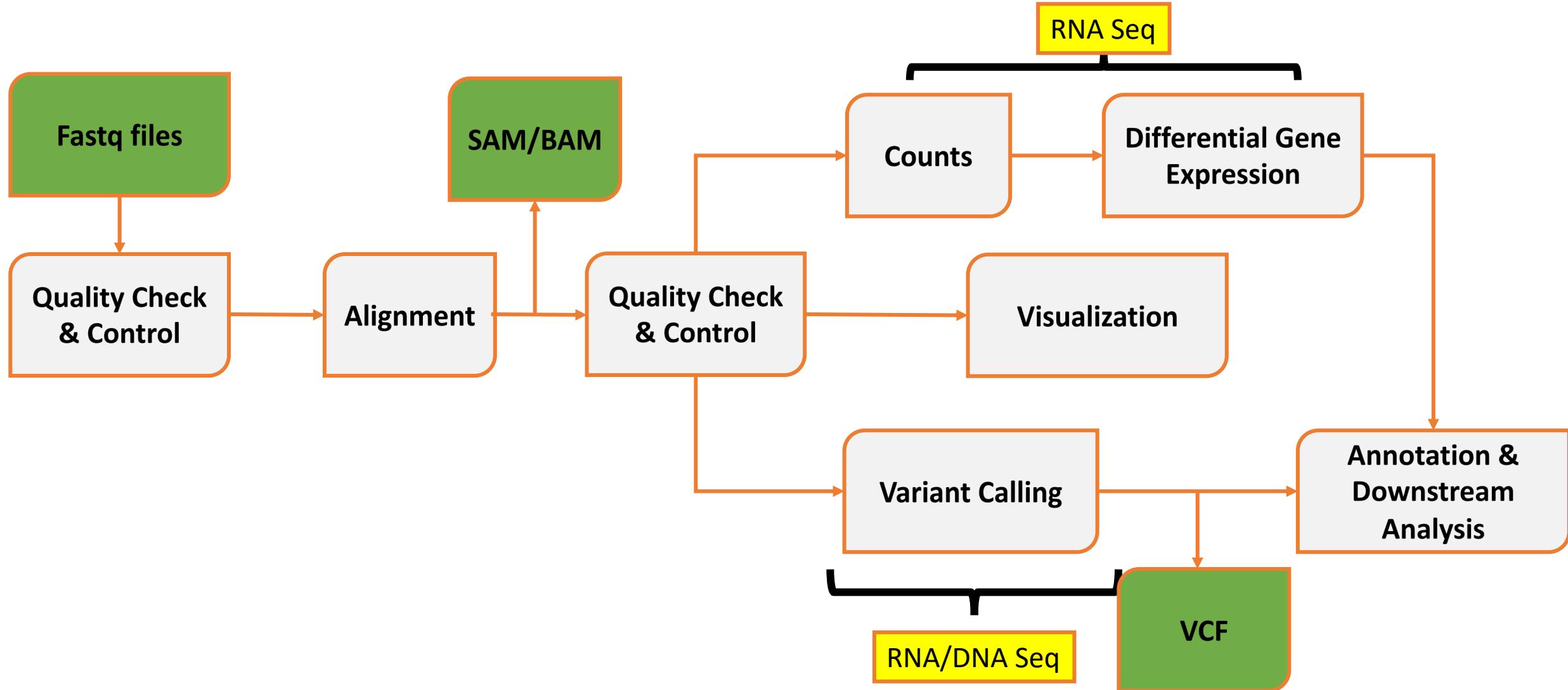
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# Preliminary Sequencing Data Analysis Pipeline



# Fastq Format

**FASTQ format is a**

- Text-based format
- Stores :
  - Biological sequence
  - Corresponding quality scores

**Size of fastq files depend on:**

- Type of experiment – WGS > Exome > RNA
- Type of Genome – Human > Mouse > Bacteria
- Coverage – more the coverage greater the size of fastq file

# FASTA Format

```
>unique_sequence_ID My sequence is pretty cool  
ATTCATTAAAGCAGTTATTGGCTTAATGTACATCAGTGAAATCATAAATGCTAAAAATTATGATAAAAGAATAC
```

# FASTQ Format

sequence identifier and an *optional* description

@unique\_sequence\_ID

ATTCATTAAAGCAGTTATTGGCTTAATGTACATCAGTGAAATCATAAATGCTAAAAATTATGATAAAAGAATAC

+

-- ( DD--DDD/DD5 : \*1B3& ) -B6+8@+1 ( DDB:DD07/DB&3 ( (+:?=8\*D+DDD+B)\* ) B . 8CDBDD4DDD@@D

raw sequence letters

quality values for the sequence

# Quality scores

Phred quality scores are used for:

- Assessment of sequence quality
- Represents the probability of a base-calling error
- Recognition and removal of low-quality sequence

Quality encoding: !#\$%&'()\*+, -./0123456789:;=>?@ABCDEFGHI  
| | | | |  
Quality score: 0.....10.....20.....30.....40

Quality scores		
Phred Quality score	Probability base call = wrong	Accuracy of base call
10	1 in 10	90%
20	1 in 100	99%
30	1 in 1,000	99.9%

# Paired End Fastq Format

@<instrument>:<run number>:<flowcell ID>:<lane>:<tile>:<x-pos>:<y-pos> <read>:<is filtered>:<control number>:<sample number>

Get two files - Read1 & Read2 - from  
paired end sequencing

R1

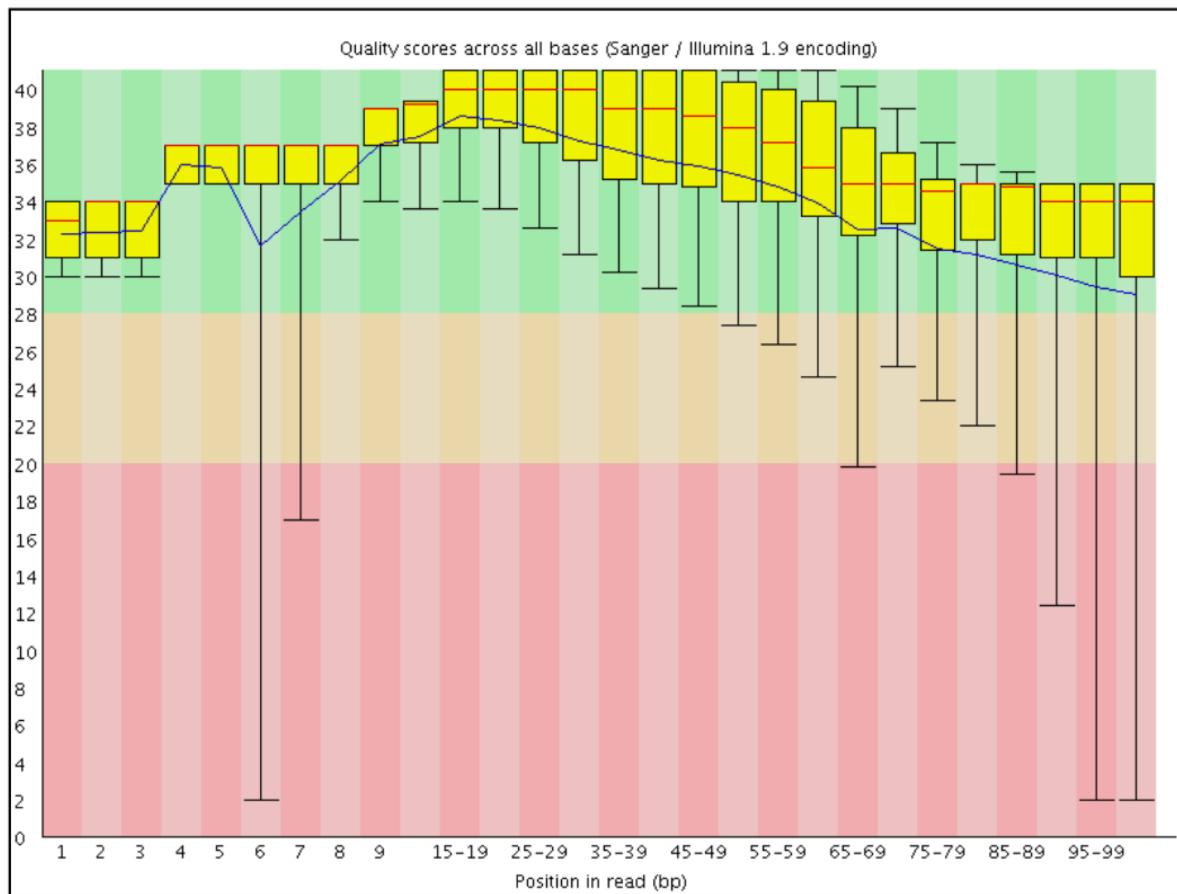
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@SN1083:379:H8VA1ADXX:2:1101:1248:2144 1:N:0:12
CCTAAATGGTGCCATGCTAGGAGGCCGTGCCCTTCTTGAAAAGTTGTATGTGAA
+
BBBFFFFFFFBFFFIIIIIFI<FFIIIIIFIIIIFBFIIIIIIIIIFFFIIIIIFI
```

R2

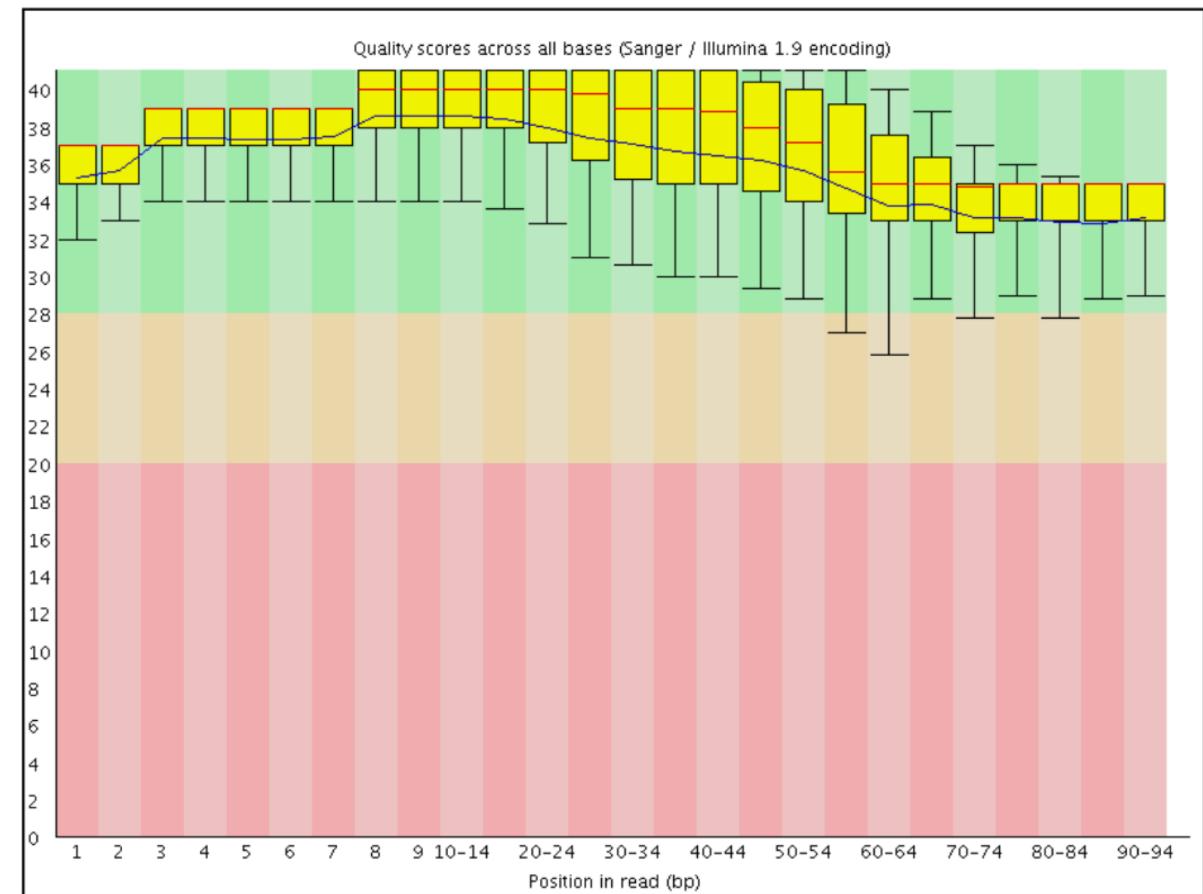
```
@SN1083:379:H8VA1ADXX:2:1101:1248:2144 2:N:0:12
CATTTCGACGTTAATAAGCTCTGCGTACTTGCAAGCTATCTGCGCGAACG
+
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# Trimming

Before quality trimming

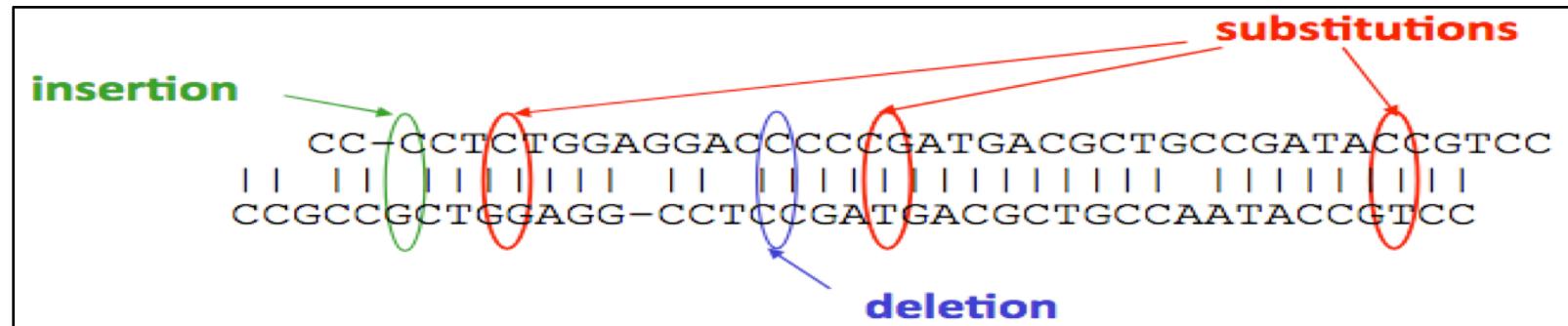


After quality trimming



# Alignment

- Sequence a fragment of the RNA or DNA, then map (align) it to the genome
- Alignment = a mapping between the letters of the two sequences, with some spacers (indels)



# Sequence Alignment Map (SAM) Format

- Sequence Alignment Map (SAM) format
  - Contains FASTQ reads
  - Quality information
  - Alignment information
  - Other information about samples (meta data) etc
- May be unsorted, or sorted by sequence name or genome coordinates
- Makes the alignment information easily accessible to downstream applications to extract specific features, e.g. genomic locations
- **Normally converted into BAM - binary form of SAM**

# SAM format

SAM format specification - <http://samtools.sourceforge.net/SAM1.pdf>

```
@SQ SN:chr2 LN:181748087  
@SQ SN:chr3 LN:159599783  
@SQ SN:chr3_random LN:41899  
@SQ SN:chr4 LN:155630120  
@SQ SN:chr4_random LN:160594  
@SQ SN:chr5 LN:152537259  
@SQ SN:chr5_random LN:357350  
@SQ SN:chr6 LN:149517037  
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@SQ SN:chr8_random LN:849593  
@SQ SN:chr9 LN:124076172  
@SQ SN:chr9_random LN:449403  
@SQ SN:chrM LN:16299  
@SQ SN:chrUn_random LN:5900358  
@SQ SN:chrX LN:166650296  
@SQ SN:chrX_random LN:1785075  
@SQ SN:chrY LN:15902555  
@SQ SN:chrY_random LN:58682461  
@PG ID=hwa PN:hwa VN:0.6.1-r104
```

## Header section

The header section starts with '@' and it contains information such as the name and length of the reference sequence.

## → Alignment section

# SAM format - CIGAR

For example:

RefPos:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Reference:	C	C	A	T	A	C	T	G	A	A	C	T	G	A	C	T	A	A	C
Read:	ACTAGAATGGCT																		

Aligning these two:

RefPos:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Reference:	C	C	A	T	A	C	T	G	A	A	C	T	G	A	C	T	A	A	C
Read:			A	C	T	A	G	A	A		T	G	G	C	T				

With the alignment above, you get:

POS:	5
CIGAR:	3M1I3M1D5M

**3 Match , 1 Insertion, 3 Match, 1 Deletion, 5 Match**

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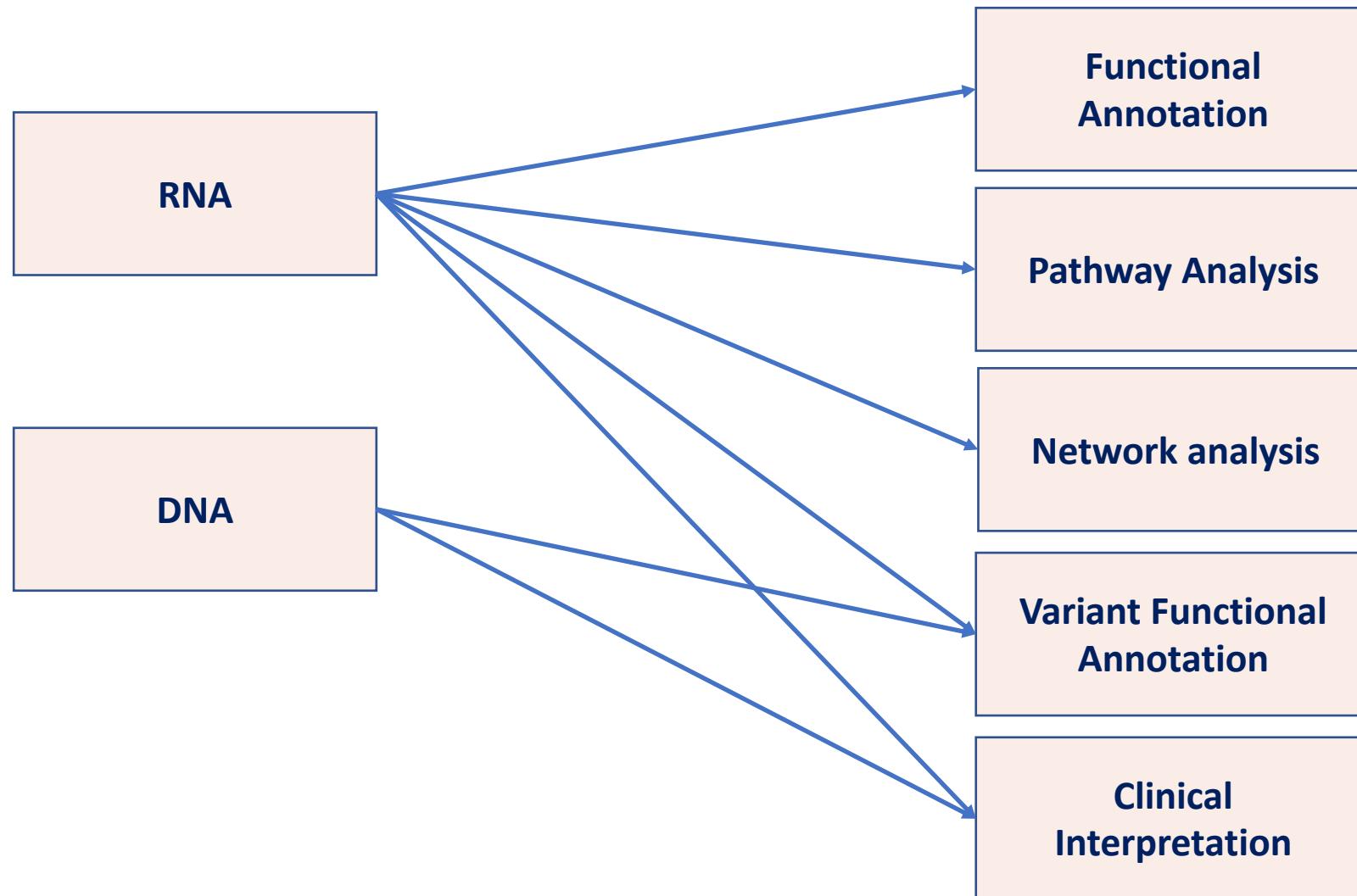
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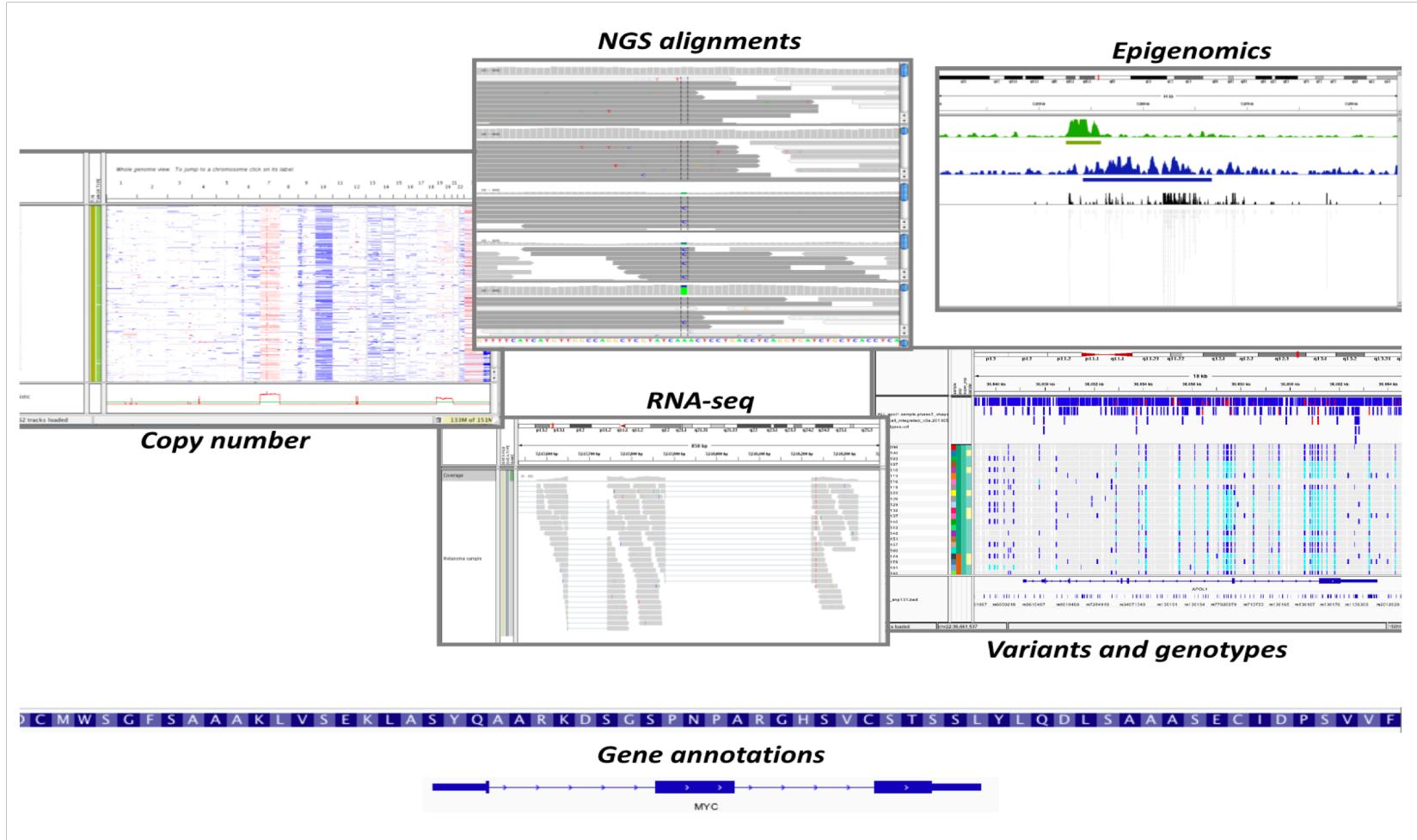
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# Further Downstream Data Analysis



# Visualization



# Take Home Message

- What **kind of sequencing** you want for your experimental question
- What kind of **sample preparation kit** you require for your sequencing experiment?
- What kind of library preparation you want to do? – **SE or PE**
- How much **Coverage** is required for your experiment?
- **How many samples** do you have ?
  - How many **replicates** you plan to do?
- What sequencing **instrument** will suit your experimental design?
- Data Analysis – Do you need just **preliminary data analysis** or **both preliminary and downstream data analysis**?

# Coming up

*Transcriptomics (March)*

**THANKS!**