SEQUENCE – ESSENTIALS

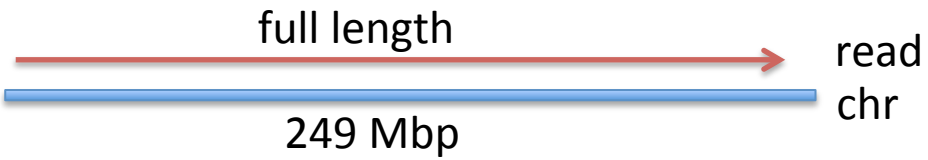
Sequencing

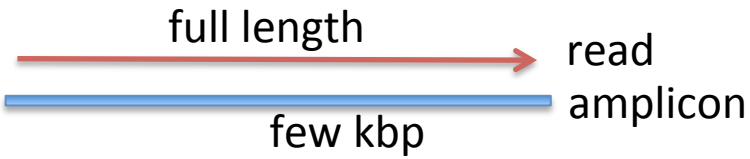
- Here we will be assuming that sequencing was covered in a previous module of the course

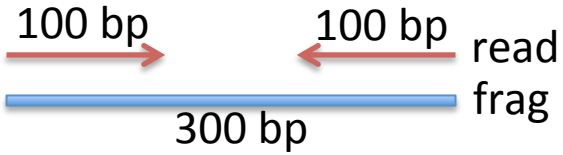
FASTQ FORMAT – ESSENTIALS

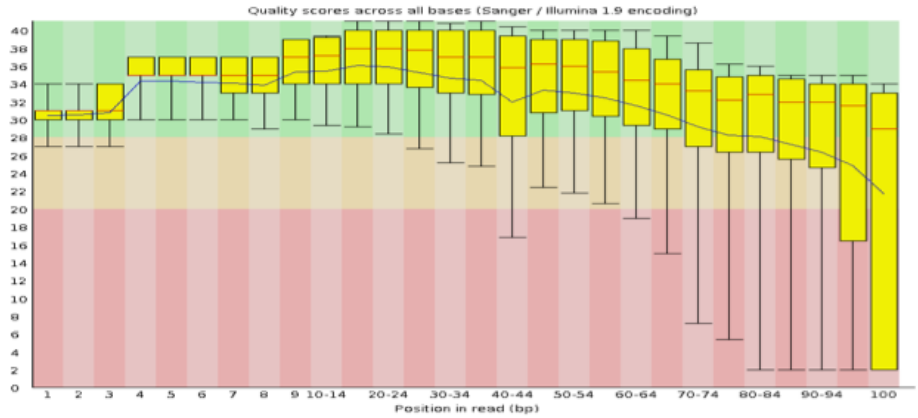
In a perfect world – Perfect sequencing

- Perfect sequencing:
  - single molecule (no PCR)
  - **full** length
  - no deterioration of quality
- While we are waiting:
  - Sanger
    - PCR
    - length: some kb
    - limited number of reads
    - high quality
  - HTS (Illumina)
    - PCR
    - 100 bp PE
    - billions of reads
    - high quality, but deteriorating along read







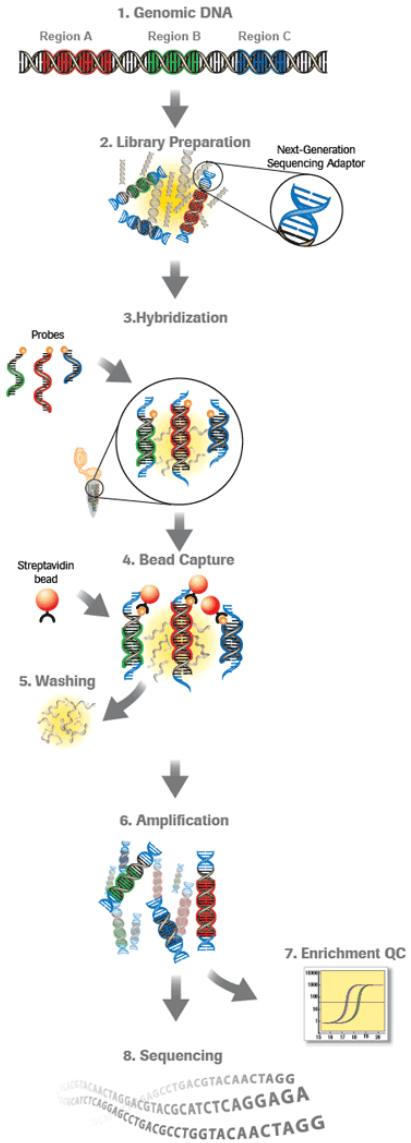


FASTQ format

Described in detail
in the algorithms module

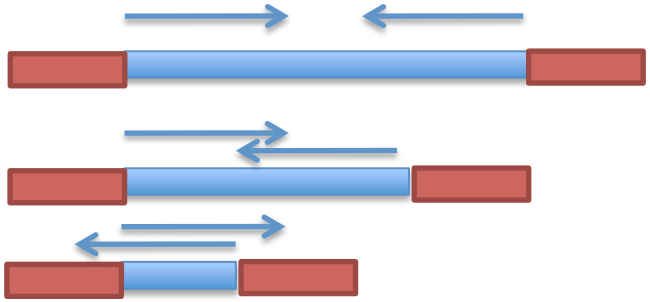
CLEANING UP FASTQ FILES

An overview of exome capture



Sonication

Library prep (sequencing adaptors on)



Problem: adaptor seq (red) in reads

Hybridisation to probes → Possible biases in sequences that hybridise

Bead capture → Possible biases in sequences that elute

Amplification → Possible biases in sequences that amplify

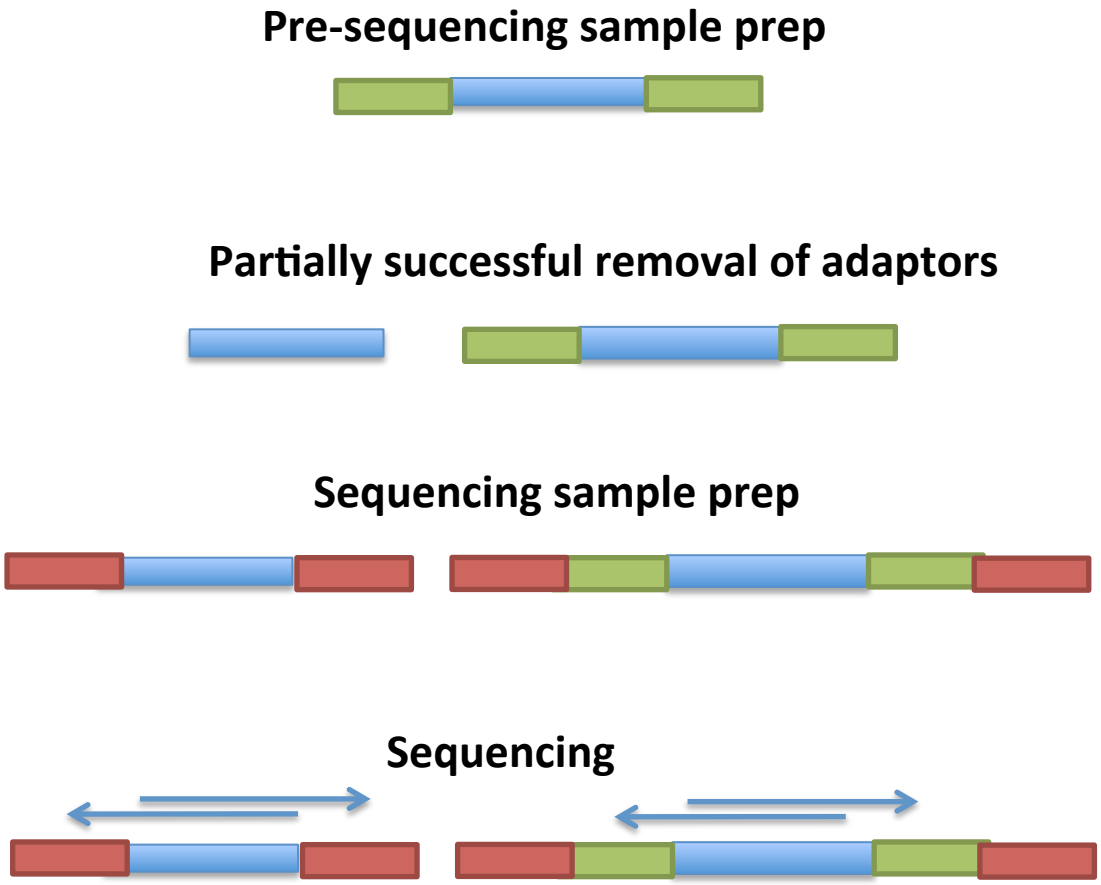
Sequencing → Possible biases in sequences that bridge PCR

The importance of clean up

Problem: adaptor seq in reads

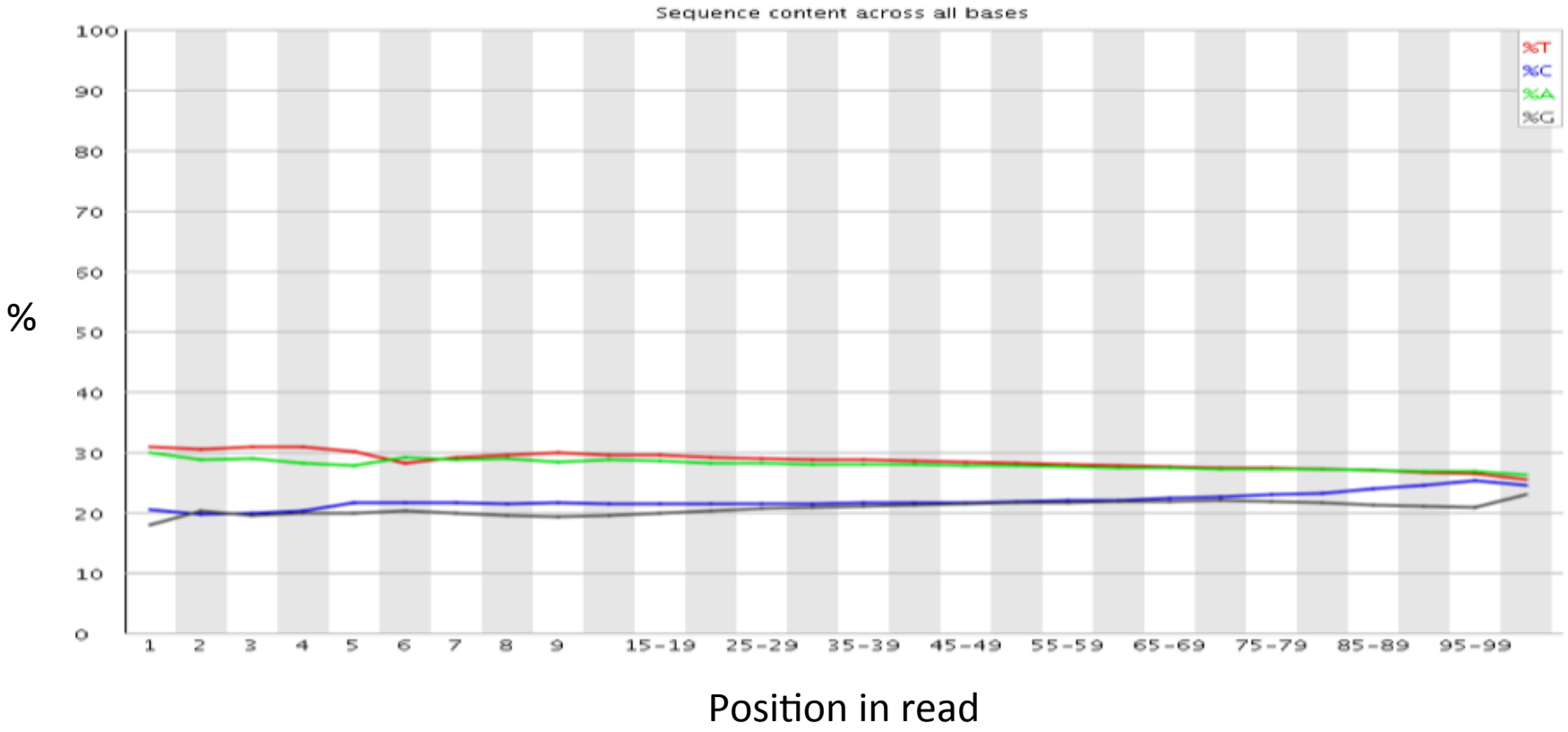
- There will be non-genomic sequences in reads
  - this will often prevent mapping
- Consequences
  - if short fragments are randomly distributed >> less reads mapping >> reduced coverage >> not a big problem as long as the fraction of reads affected is not too large
  - if short fragments are not randomly distributed (e.g. Halo capture) >> specific areas will suffer from reduced/no coverage >> **big problem**
  - **It all depends on the sample whether something really matters or not**

Chip-seq example



- If there are adaptors still attached to the genomic fragments in the material entering sequencing sample prep, the situation can be even more complicated.
- Fastqc report is essential to get a feel for whether clean-up is required

Per cycle sequence content



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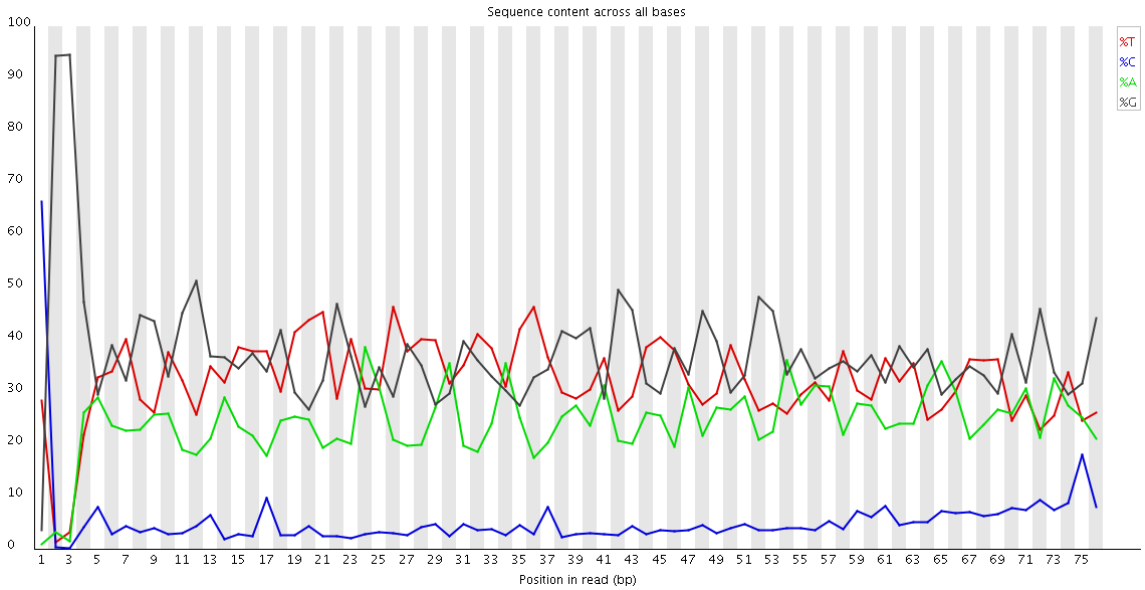

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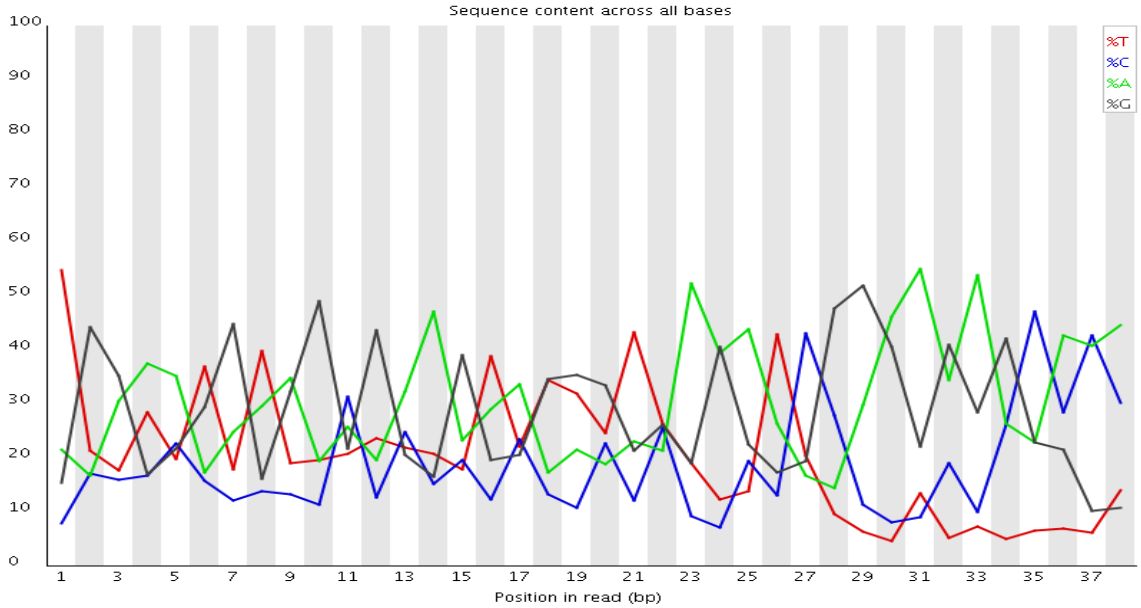

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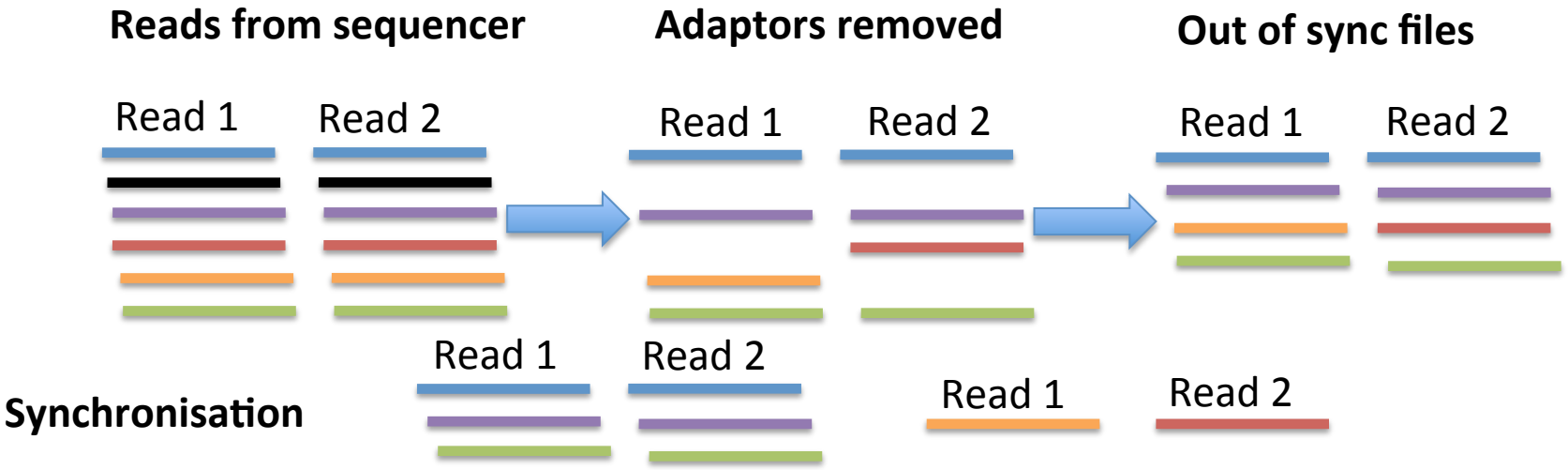
Tools for manipulating fasta and fastq files

Detailed description
in the sequence pre-processing module

How to perform clean up

- Get an overview of the sample preparation both:
  - pre-sequencing
  - sequencing sample prep
- Run fastqc on the data
  - pay particular attention to the base distribution results
- Clean up using
  - fastx-toolkit
  - cutadapt
  - other tools
- Remember that you need to synchronise the R1 and R2 files (with PE)



NB: Synchronisation is very important even when not clipping off adaptors (files can be unsynchronised for other reasons)

MAPPING WITH BWA

Why mapping?

- The biggest difference with Sanger
  - we did not design and use primers for sequence amplification
  - we sonicated
  - >> we do not know where the reads “originate” from

- For each read
  - we need to determine its likely origin
  - how likely it is that we have correctly identified its origin

BWA mappping algorithm

Described in detail
in the algorithms module

Application to read mapping

- You need to build an index of the genome you wish to search
- Reads are 100 bp long
- But, the longer the string searched for the longer the search time **(longer backtracking)**, thus an advantage to search with a shorter string.
- There are 4 different nucleotides and 3.0E09 bases of genome
  - 4**16 = 4.0E09
  - 4**17 = 17.0E09
- Assuming complex sequence, 16 to 17 bp should be enough for a unique match
- BUT
  - variation in sample relative to reference
  - base call errors
  - **THUS** 17 bp search string is not enough
- BWA searches with a "seed" of 32 and allows 2 differences in the seed
- **Reads with seed matches are aligned using Smith-Waterman**

The Fasta, BWA index and other indexes in inputData

- Log into the machines and run
  cd vc/inputData/human_g1k_v37_chr5/gatkBundle
  ls –l *fasta*
- The biggest file is **human_g1k_v37_chr5.fasta**
- Take a look at this file with **less**
- Next biggest is **human_g1k_v37_chr5.fasta.bwt** What do you think this is?
- Another big one is **human_g1k_v37_chr5.fasta.sa** What do you think this is?
- Files with extension: amb, ann, pac, bwt and sa are generated by indexing of .fasta file
- .dict and .fai are very simple files needed by Picard and other programs

```
bwa index -a bwtsw genome.fa
samtools faidx genome.fa
java -jar CreateSequenceDictionary.jar  R=genome.fa O=genome.dict
samtools dict genome.fa
```

What are desirable characteristics of a read mapper?

- Accurately predict the source of a read
  - in the normal range of base error rates
  - in the normal range of indel frequency and size
- But, not necessary to get the alignment exactly right as this can be done later using multiple sequence alignment (MSA)

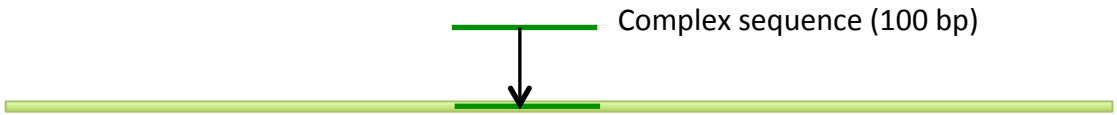
Reference	NNNNNCAAGNNNN
Sample	NNNNNCAAAGNNN

Reference	NNNNNCA_AGGNNN
Correct read align	NNNNNCAAAGNNNN
Reference	NNNNNCAAGGNNN
Alt. align	NNNNNCAAAGNNNN

- Produce an accurate estimate of the reliability of prediction

Factors complicating mapping

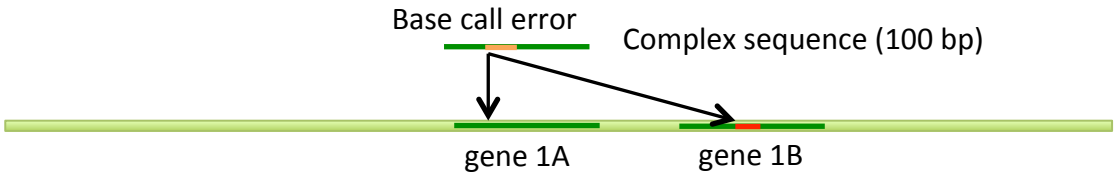
The simple case



Millions of reads

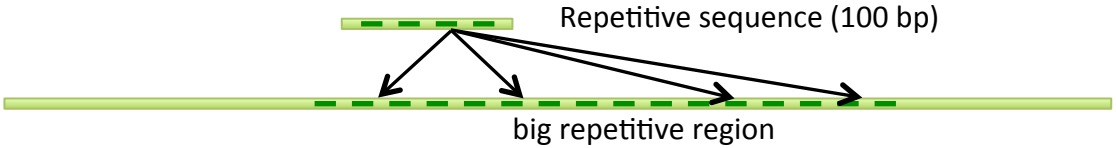
Billions of positions in human genome

Homologous regions



Risk of mismapping

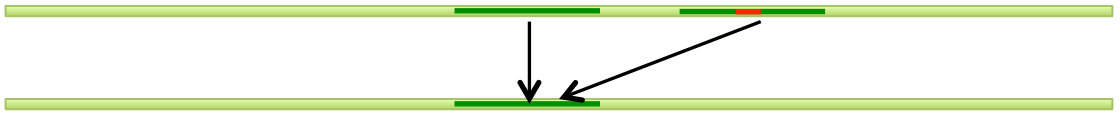
Repetitive region



Impossible to be map correctly

Structural variation (not in reference)

Duplication in sample which is not present in the reference



Definite "mismapping"

Different programs

- BWA
- Novoalign
- BOWTIE
- SOAP
- ....
- Most based on BWT: Burrows-Wheeler Transform
  - a very neat computer algorithm for finding the location of substrings within a string
    - can I find atgc in attgcatcgatcga.....
  - requires indexing of string / reference, but enables
    - rapid search, necessary when mapping billions of reads
    - manageable RAM footprint: 2.3 GB for single reads and 3GB for paired-end (for BWA), so runs on an ordinary computer

Mapping quality scores

- The mapping quality score is the Phred-scaled probability of the mapping being incorrect.

$$Q_{\text{sanger}} = -10 \log_{10} p$$

- Probability is computed from the qualities of the mismatched bases between read and reference and quality features of the second best hit (see Li, Ruan, and Durbin 2008)

- BWA provides good mapping qualites with slight overestimation of quality score:
  - empirical error rate 7x10e-06 for Q60 mappings

BWA

- Fast and accurate short read alignment with Burrows-Wheeler Transform
- But, in practice, makes changes to algorithm to adapt to biological reality and increase speed
- Paired-end mapping
- Like similar programs, randomly places a repetitive read across the multiple equally best positions and mapping quality 0
- Supports multi-threading (as do all BWT aligners)

Some details of paired-end mapping

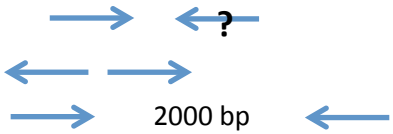
- Paired-end data contains additional information relative to single read data which can be exploited to identiy abnormal pairs and correctly map both reads in a pair

Normal situation

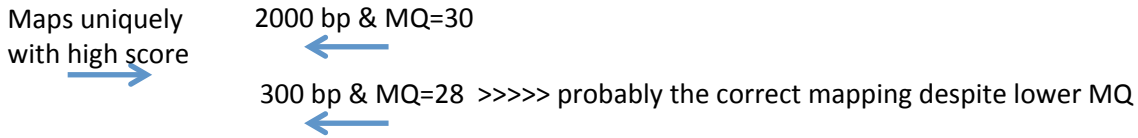
- both reads map
- orientation
- insert size

Abnormal situation

- one read does not map
- bad orientation
- big insert size

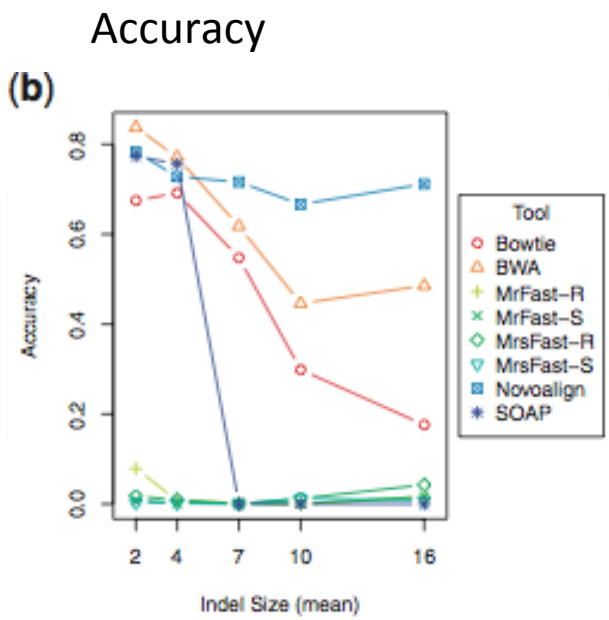


Exploiting PE information



- For details of how orientation, insert size and alignment quality are handled by BWA, see “Aligning sequence reads, close sequences and assembly contigs with bwa-mem”, Heng Li 2013

Accuracy with varying indel sizes

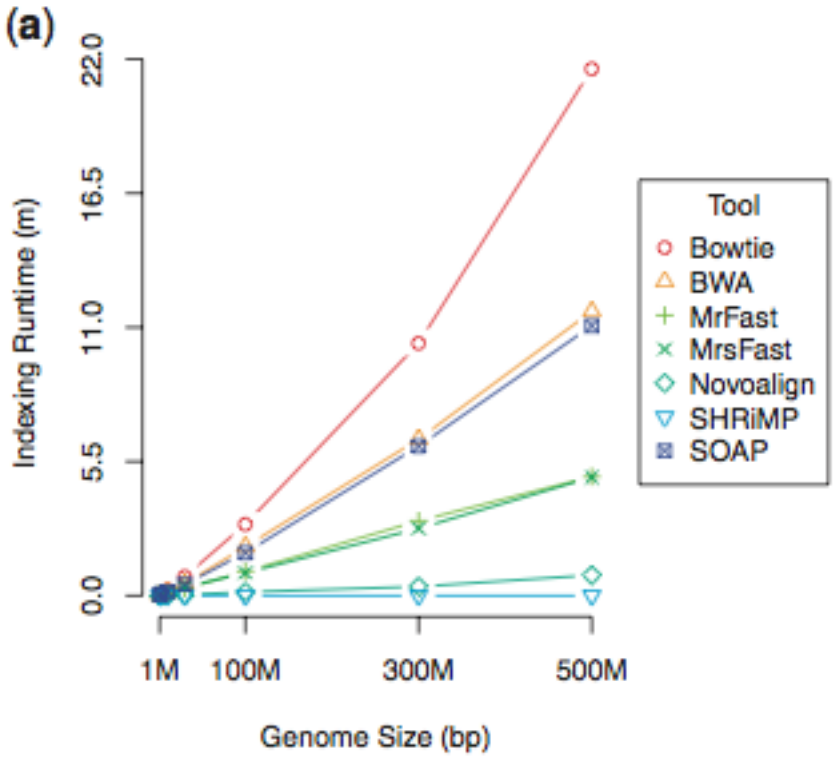


- BWA and Novoalign are best performing

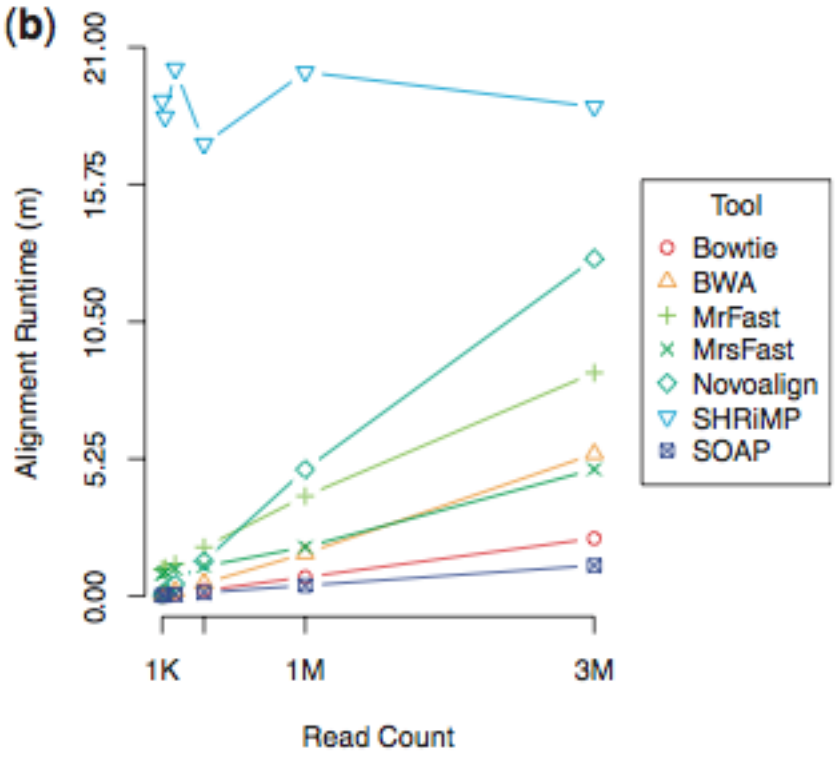
Source: Ruffalo et al. 2011

Runtime

Indexing



Mapping



500 MB genome

Source: Ruffalo et al. 2011

Words of caution about the comparison

- Note this results are for SR 50 bp reads
  - reads are often longer with Illumina
  - can be much longer with other technologies and will require different mapper (see Fast and accurate long-read alignment with Burrows-Wheeler transform)

- **But, in summary:**
  - **mappers are not all of the same quality**
  - **bwa and novoalign are amongst the best for Illumina reads**

Alignment errors after mapping

Base stacks

coor	ref	sample pileup
9	t	ttt
10	a	aaaC
11	a	aaaaa
12	a	aaaaaa
13	a	aaaaaa
14	c	cccTTT
15	a	aaaaaa
16	a	aaaaaa
17	t	AAtttt
18	t	tttttt
19	a	aaaaaa
20	a	aaaaaa
21	g	Tgggg

coor	12345678901234	5678901234567890123456	
ref	aggttttataaaac	----aattaagtctacagagcaacta	
sample	aggttttataaaac	AAATaattaagtctacagagcaacta	
read1	aggttttataaaac	aaAtaa	
read2	ggttttataaaac	aaAtaaTt	**Incorrect**
read3	ttataaaac	AAATaattaagtctaca	
read4	CaaaT	aattaagtctacagagcaac	
read5	aaT	aattaagtctacagagcaact	
read6	T	aattaagtctacagagcaacta	
read1	aggttttataaaac	aaataa	
read2	ggttttataaaac	aaataatt	**Correct**
read3	ttataaaac	aaataattaagtctaca	
read4	caaataattaagtctacagagcaac		
read5	aataattaagtctacagagcaact		
read6	taattaagtctacagagcaacta		

>> Can be solved by alignment: considering all mapping reads and reference together (as we shall see later)

Source: Heng Li, presentation at GSA workshop 2011


FASTQ
Mapping
(BWA)
SAM
HouseKeeping
& refinement
BAM
Variant calling
(gatk)
VCF
file

SAM FORMAT

What does the SAM file look like?

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.........
```

Header

Data lines
(one per read)

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Source: The SAM format specification

Inspecting one record

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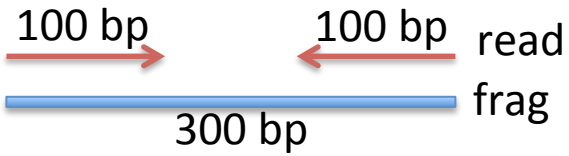
5	MAPQ	Int	$[0,2^{8}-1]$	MAPping Quality
6	CIGAR	String	*|([0-9]+[MIDNSHPX=])+	CIGAR string
7	RNEXT	String	*|=|[!-()+-<>-~][!-~]*	Ref. name of the mate/next segment
8	PNEXT	Int	$[0,2^{29}-1]$	Position of the mate/next segment
9	TLEN	Int	$[-2^{29}+1,2^{29}-1]$	observed Template LENgth
10	SEQ	String	*|[A-Za-z=.]+	segment SEQuence
11	QUAL	String	[!-~]+	ASCII of Phred-scaled base QUALity+33

Difference between 1-based and 0-based coordinates

```
NNCTGGTNNN
123456789 ==> specified as closed interval ==> coords 3-7 ==> length = 7 - 3 + 1
012345678 ==> specified as half-closed half-open ==> coords 2-7 ==> length = 7 - 2
```

- SAM (+ VCF and GFF) are 1-based
- BED are 0-based
- Can be very important when manipulating SNP coordinates >> be careful

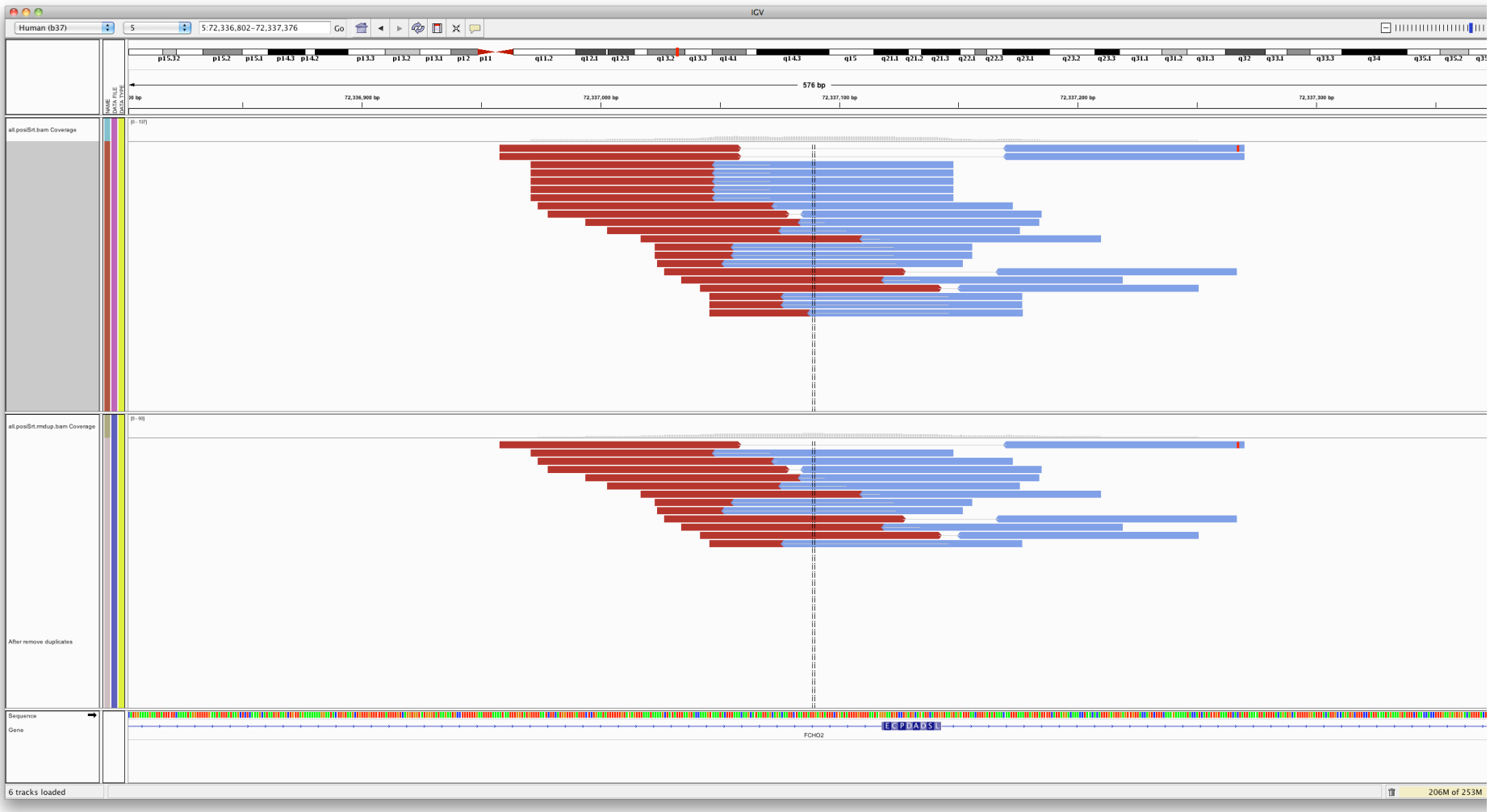
The FLAG column – a bit wise flag




```
p=0x1 (paired sequencing)
P=0x2 (properly paired after mapping)
u=0x4 (unmapped)
U=0x8 (mate unmapped)
r=0x10 (reverse)
R=0x20 (mate reverse)
1=0x40 (first read in pair)
2=0x80 (second read in pair)
s=0x100 (not primary) ==> if read has multiple mapppings one must be primary
f=0x200 (failure) ==> does not pass filter
d=0x400 (duplicate) ==> PCR or optical duplicate
```

- Translate from bit wise flag to readable codes by using **samtools view –X**
- **OR** take a look at **https://broadinstitute.github.io/picard/explain-flags.html**

Introducing flags - What is a duplicate?



About the SAM file produced by BWA

- It contains **all** the reads >> the Picard/GATK paradigm: information is annotated (and not filtered)
  - unique
  - ambiguous
  - unmapped
- It has a number of short comings
  - it takes a lot of space ➔ convert to BAM
  - the mates are not fully updated on each others existence ➔ fixmate
  - it is not sorted ➔ sort
  - it contains PCR duplicates ➔ mark or remove duplicates
  - it does not contain meta-data on the reads (sample, sequencer, etc)

What tools can I use to manipulate the data?

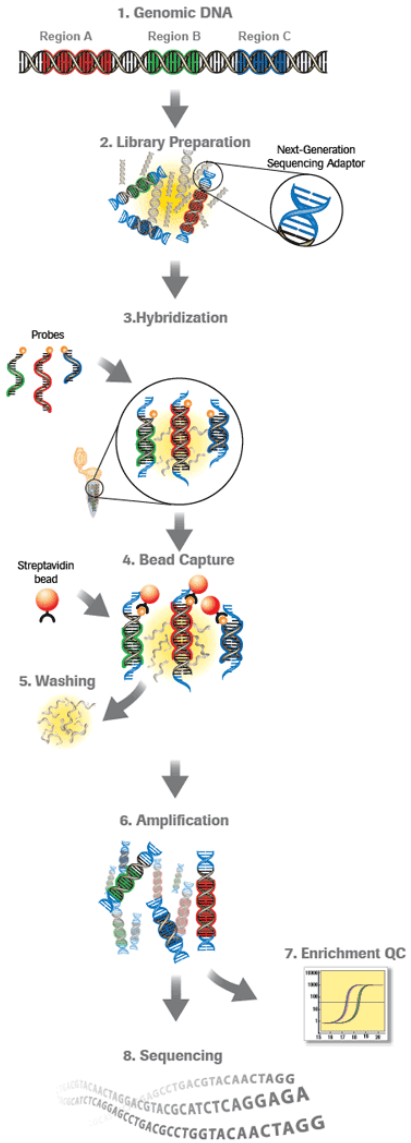
- Two alternative software packages for doing this
  - samtools
    - basic
    - easy to use
  - picard
    - advanced functionality
    - used by GATK team
- For simple tasks like viewing, indexing, sorting → samtools
- For more advanced tasks and preparing for downstream analysis → Picard due to GATKs pickyness

- These tools will be introduced in more detail in the practicals

- **Brief practical: Take a look at your SAM file**

COMPUTING ADVANCED METRICS – PICARD

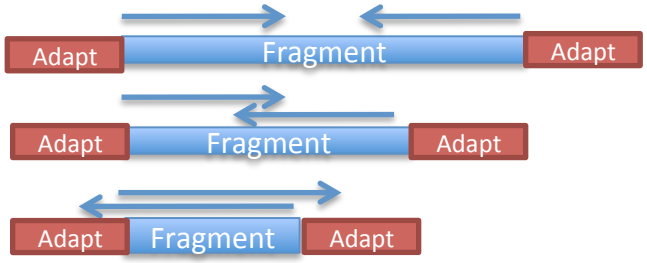
An overview of exome capture – weak points



Sonication

Library prep (sequencing adaptors on)

Problem: **error in sonication** >> adaptor seq in reads >> **unmapped reads**



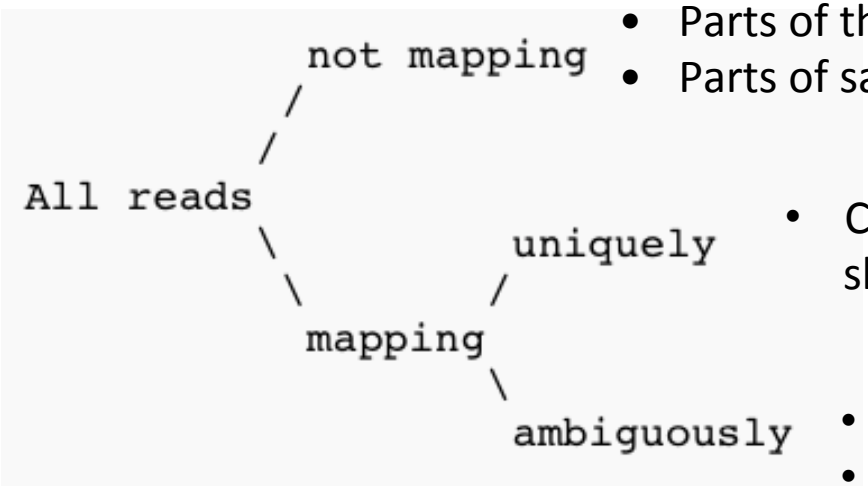
Hybridisation to probes → Possible biases in sequences that hybridise >> **coverage bias**

Bead capture → Possible biases in sequences that elute >> **coverage bias**

Amplification → Possible biases in sequences that amplify **>> sequence PCR duplicates**

Sequencing → Possible biases in sequences that bridge PCR >> **coverage bias**

Metrics - Basic read classification

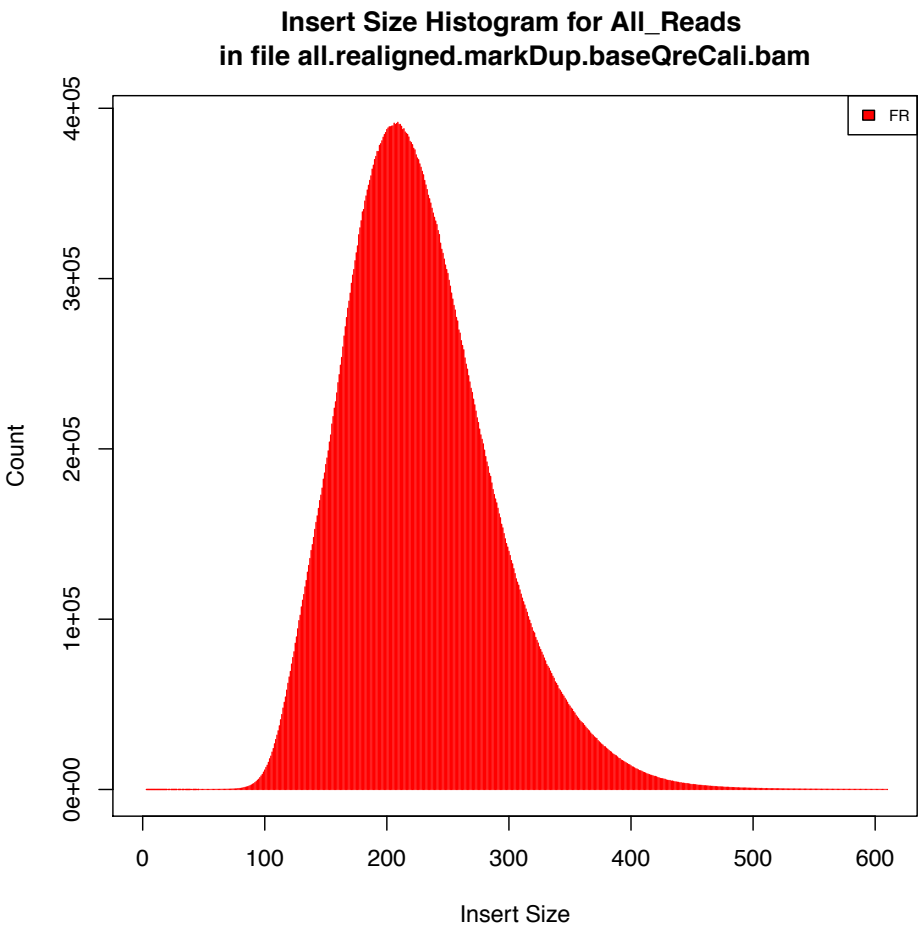


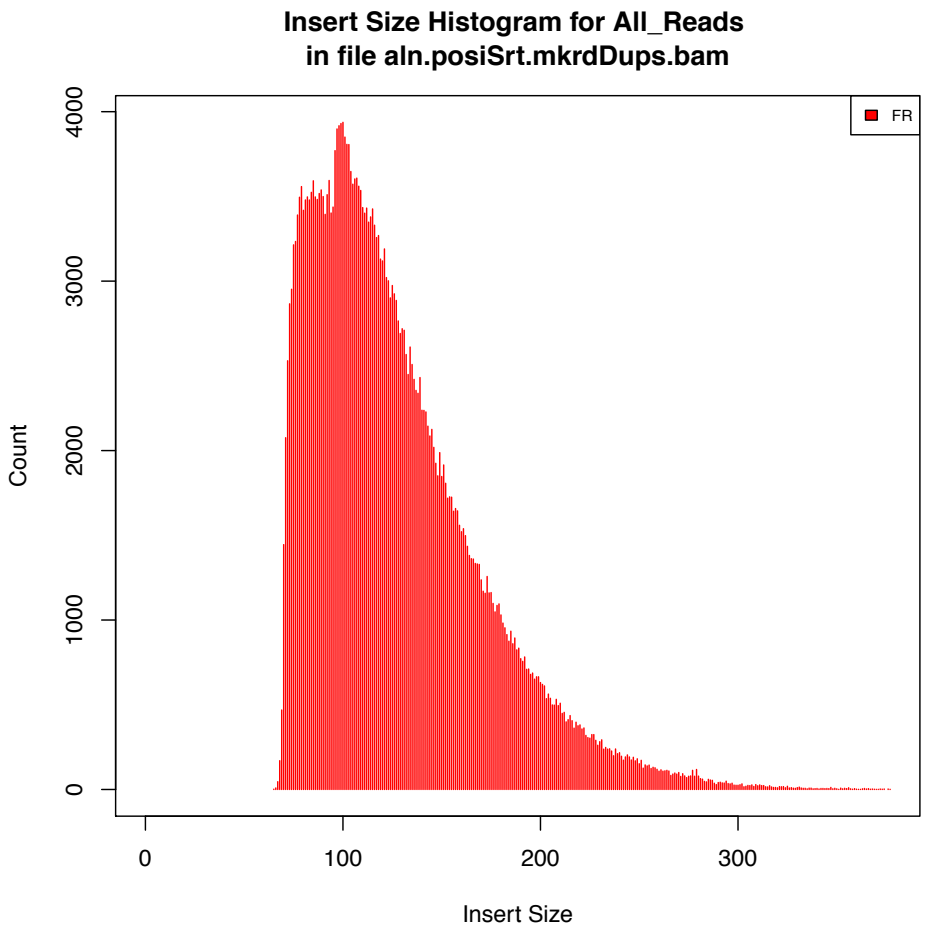
- Contamination from other species
- Reads containing non-genomic DNA e.g. adaptors
- PCR gunk
- Reads with sequencing errors
- Parts of the genome that are not assembled
- Parts of sample affected by structural variation

- Complex sequence with sufficient length should map uniquely

- Typical for repeats
- Also possible for homologous regions

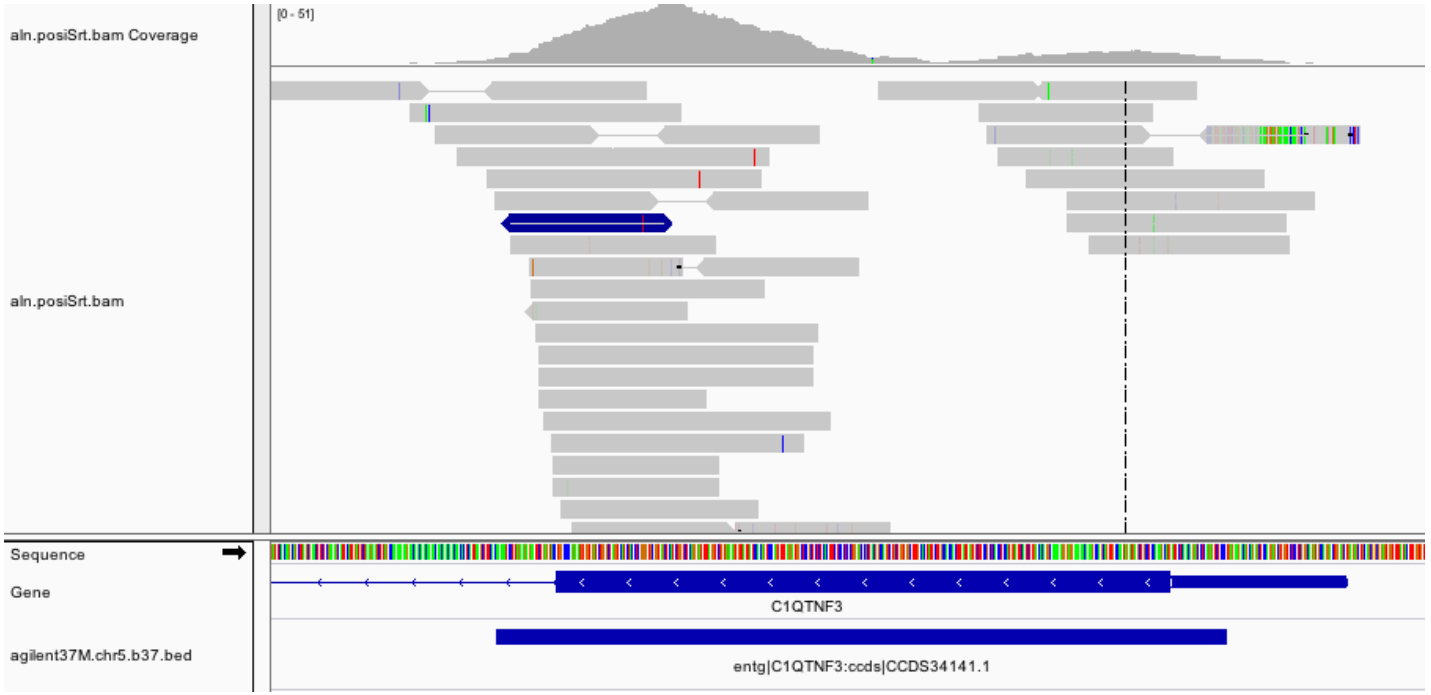
Metrics – Insert sizes



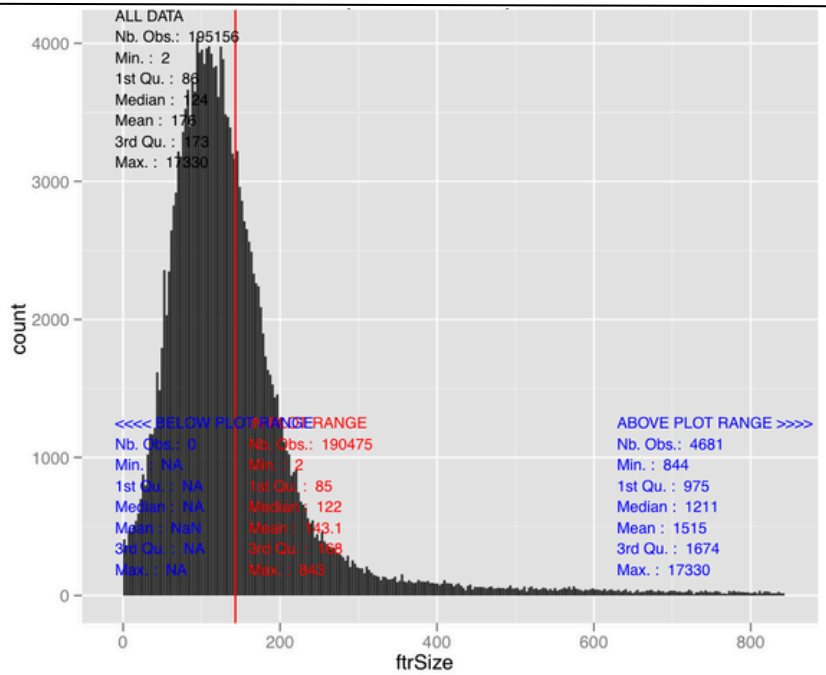


Metrics - Coverage

- Even if doing Whole Genome Sequencing (WGS) >> coverage issues
  - due to repetitive regions
  - due to properties of the DNA e.g. GC content
- Exome sequencing >> Capture by hybridisation



Exome capture – The nature of the target



CCDS exon length distribution

```
Exon(x) - the target:              IIIIIXXXXXXXXXXXXXRRRRRXXXXXXXIIIII
(R=repeat, I=intron)

Nimblegen (avoid repeats and tiles no longer than need to be)
The tiled (T) region (or bait):     TTTTTTTTTTTTT     TTTTTTTTTT
The oligos(O) (or probes):          00000             000000
                                      00000               0000
                                        00000               0000
                                          00000               0000
                                            00000

Agilent (no attempt to avoid repeats and no oligo overlap so tiles are always
multiple of 120 so often sequence well into introns)
The tiled (T) region (or bait):   TTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTT
The oligos(O) (or probes):          000000000000000|0000000000000


There may be more than one tiled region per target
.e.g. if the target contains repeats.
Oligo spacing: distance between start positions of oligos
Oligo overlap: number of overlapping bases between oligos
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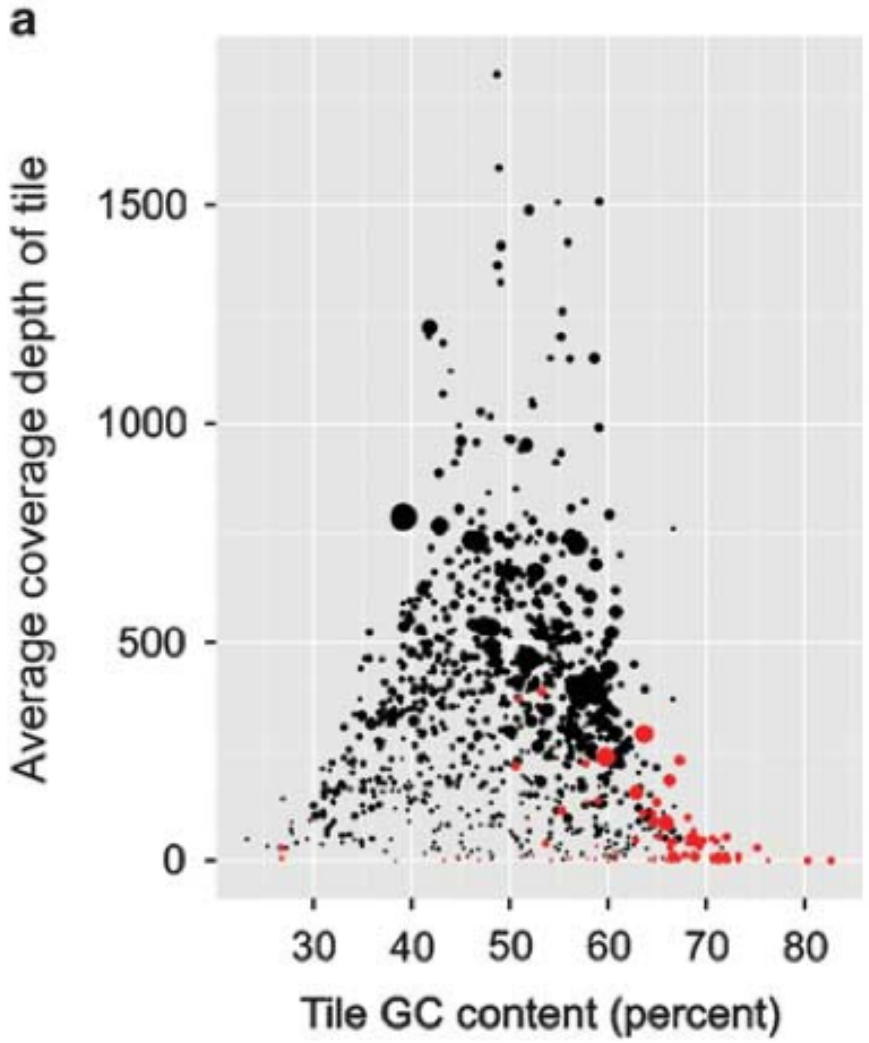
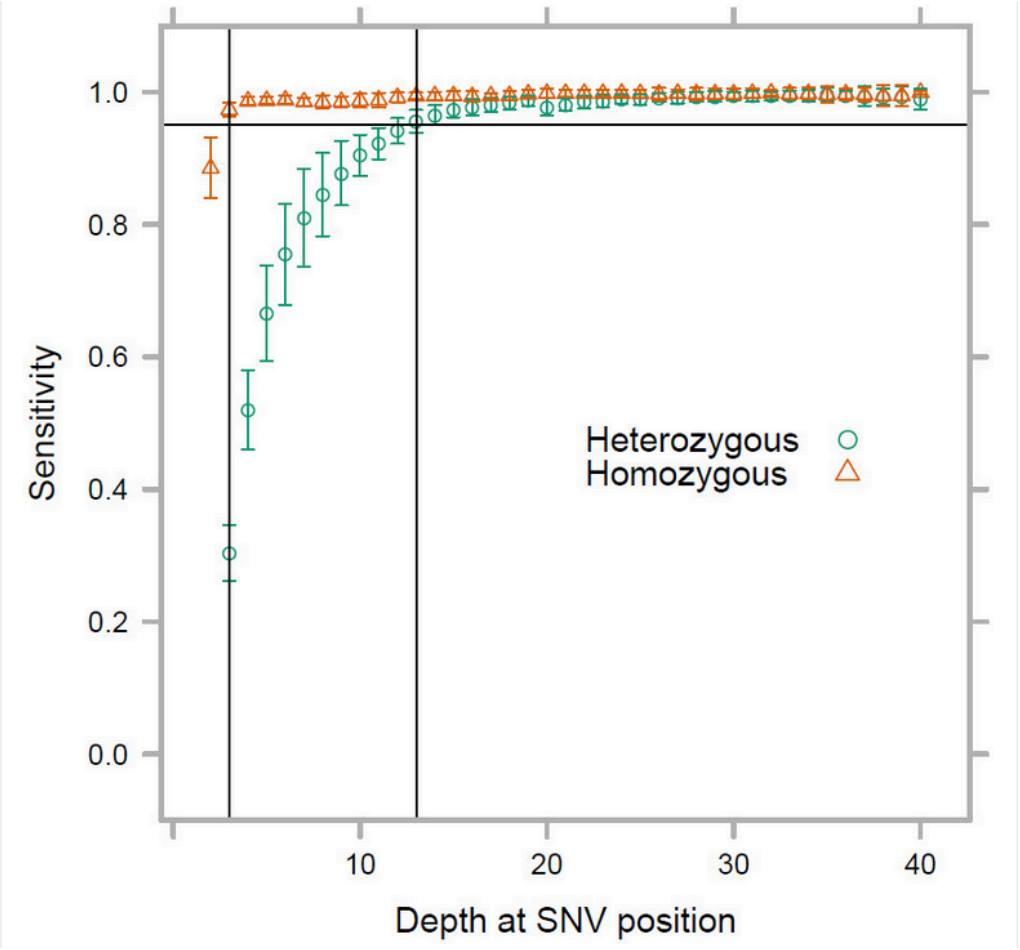
Coverage metrics – Effect of GC content



ZERO_CVG_TARGETS_PCT	0.031204
FOLD_80_BASE_PENALTY	2.955833
PCT_TARGET_BASES_2X	0.930749
PCT_TARGET_BASES_10X	0.634677
PCT_TARGET_BASES_20X	0.334935
PCT_TARGET_BASES_30X	0.16685

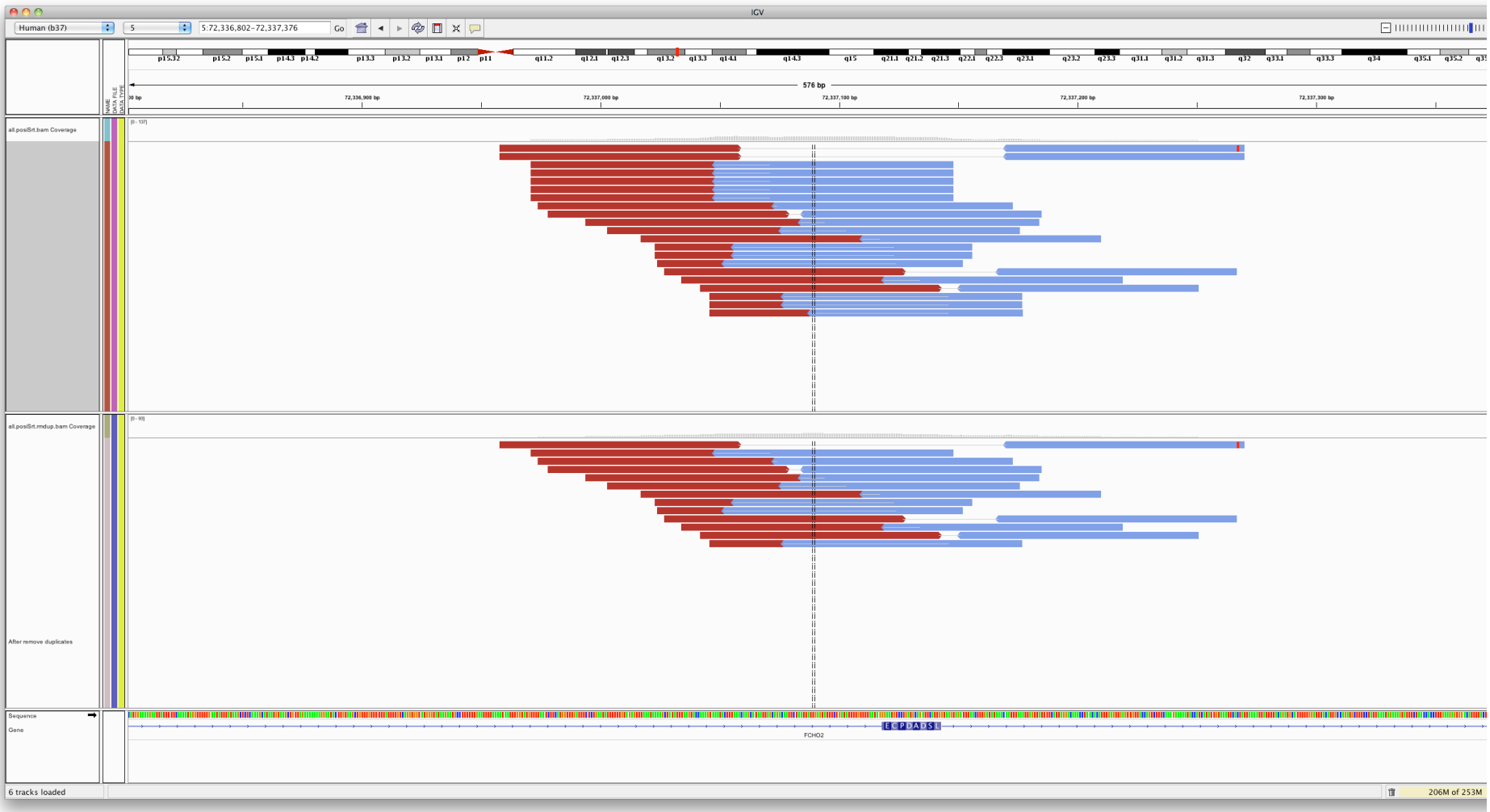
The effect of depth on errors

- Heterozygotes vs homozygote variant sites
- Equal sampling of alleles



From "Quantifying single nucleotide variant detection sensitivity in exome sequencing"
BMC Bioinformatics 2013

Duplicate metrics



Duplicates potentially introduce variant calling errors

021_generatingReports.bash

- Time to see how we can do some of this in practice
- Walk through the fastq and SAM/BAM part of the practical
- Stop when we get to VCF part!
- **Walk through this together with instructor**

APPENDIX

Overview of topics (not in chrono order)

- Software and datasets setup and intro
- Fastq format
- Read mapping (SAM/BAM format)
- IGV
- Variant calling (VCF format)
- Metrics reports (esp coverage – BED format)
- Alignment refinement
- Base quality score recalibration
- Variant annotation and functional filtration

Comparison of different programs (optional)

- Comparison analysis of algorithms for next-generation sequencing read alignment, Ruffalo et al. 2011
  - generate genome in silico with certain indel properties (size and frequency)
  - simulate reads from this genome with certain error rate
  - measure mapper accuracy: the true location of a read is considered the truth and a mapping is considered a prediction
- What to look out for on the next slide
  - Ignore the Fast tools as they are poor mappers (green in legend)
  - Only focus on the parts of the plots that cover realistic range of parameters
- In summary, BWA and Novoalign are both good mapping tools

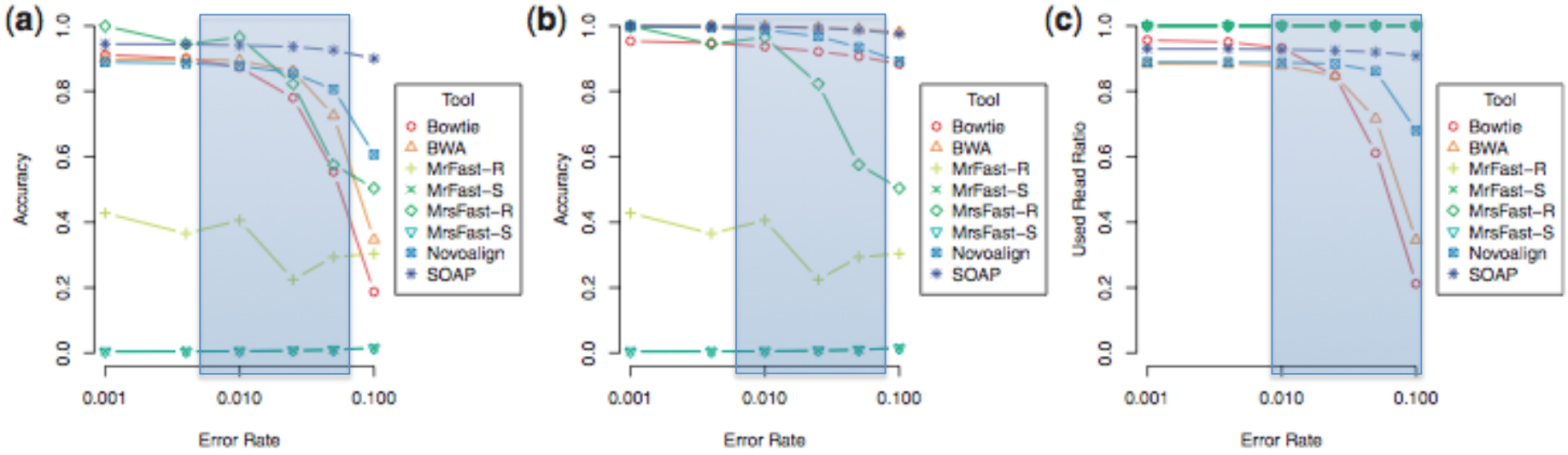
Accuracy with varying error rate

With mapping quality threshold 10

Accuracy

Accuracy

Used read ratio



- No indels
- Higher range of error rate is unrealistic
- Minor differences between good algorithms in range

Source: Ruffalo et al. 2011

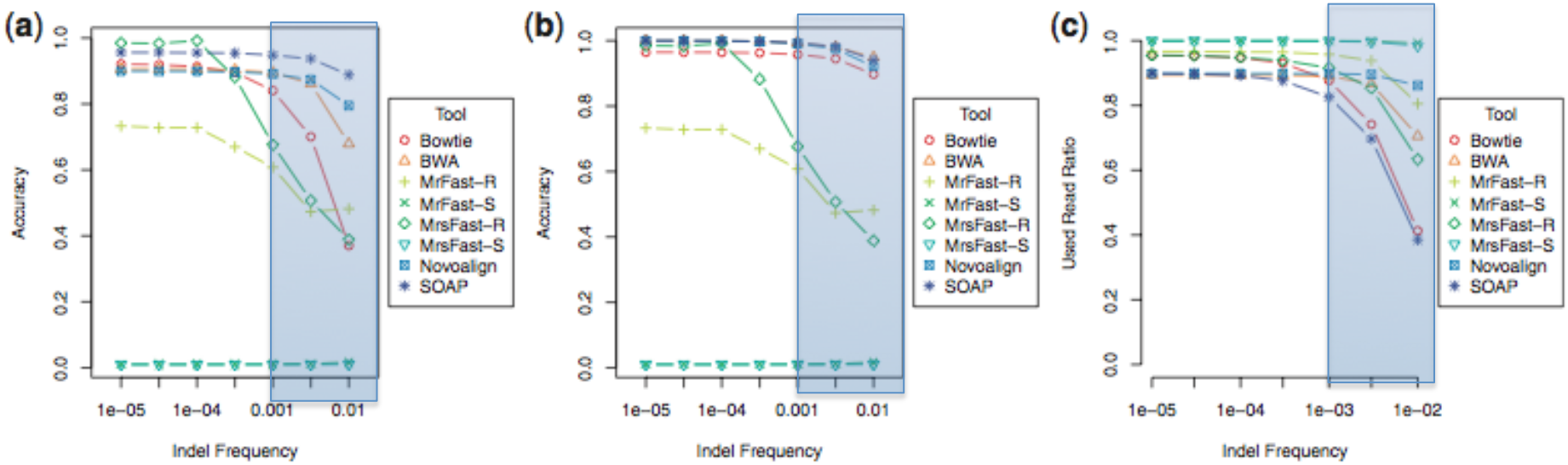
Accuracy with varying indel frequency

With mapping quality threshold 10

Accuracy

Accuracy

Used read ratio



- indel size fixed at 2 ➔ small
- error rate fixed at 0.01 ➔ somewhat high
- only lower indel frequencies are realistic ➔ small differences between programs in relevant range
- soap would have looked a lot worse if indel size had been bigger

Source: Ruffalo et al. 2011

Gigsaw from University of Dundee

- Four people in each group
- Set up the reference sequence: both forward and reverse (reverse complement)
- Each person takes 10 reads. **Notice that reads are reverse complemented on the back. So use the side that is most convenient.**
- Map individually in parallel: two persons can map to forward and two to reverse.
- Then combine the reads to variant call together.
- In 10 mins, I want to know what you have found out

Gigsaw created by David Martin, University of Dundee, Scotland

Manipulating fasta and fastq files

- Fastx toolkit: http://hannonlab.cshl.edu/fastx_toolkit/
- FASTQ trimmer
- FASTQ quality filter
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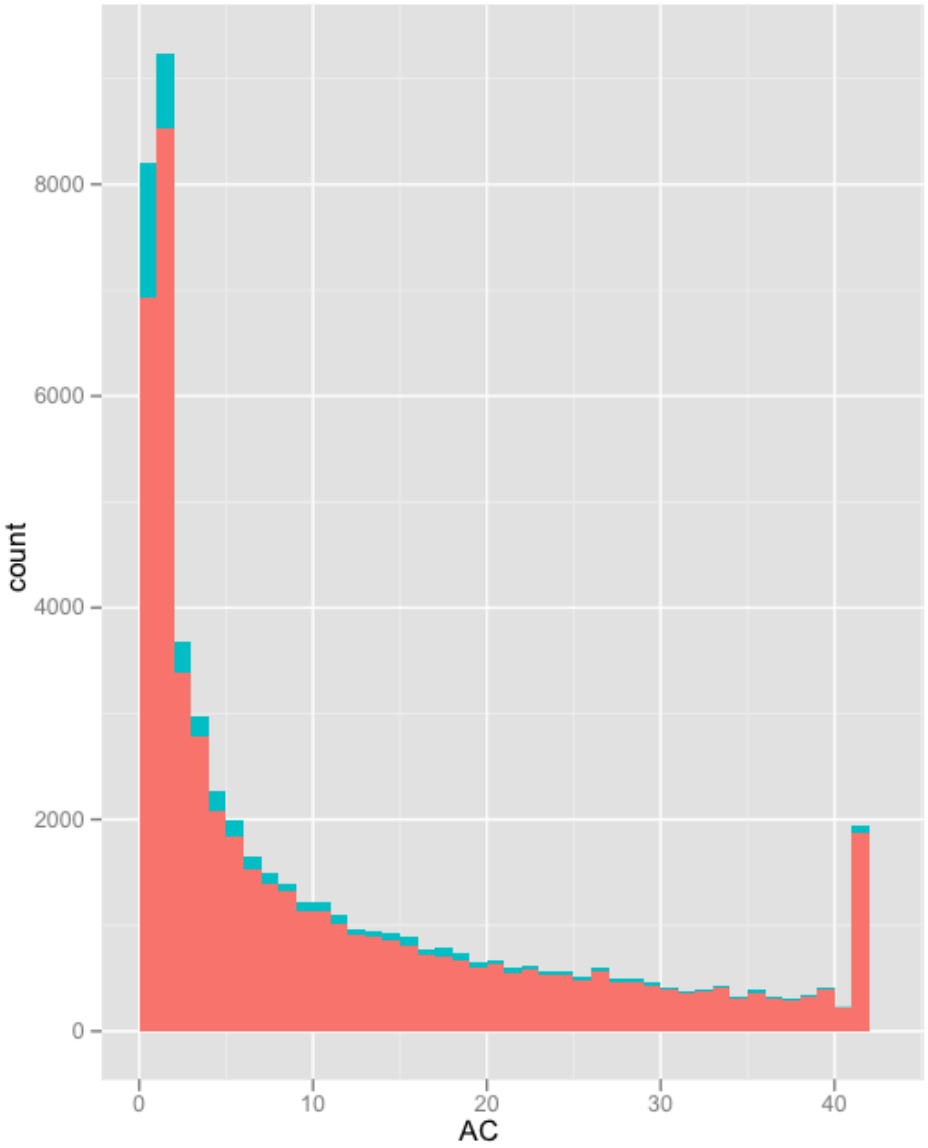
- Can do most of the obvious manipulations of fastq/a you may need

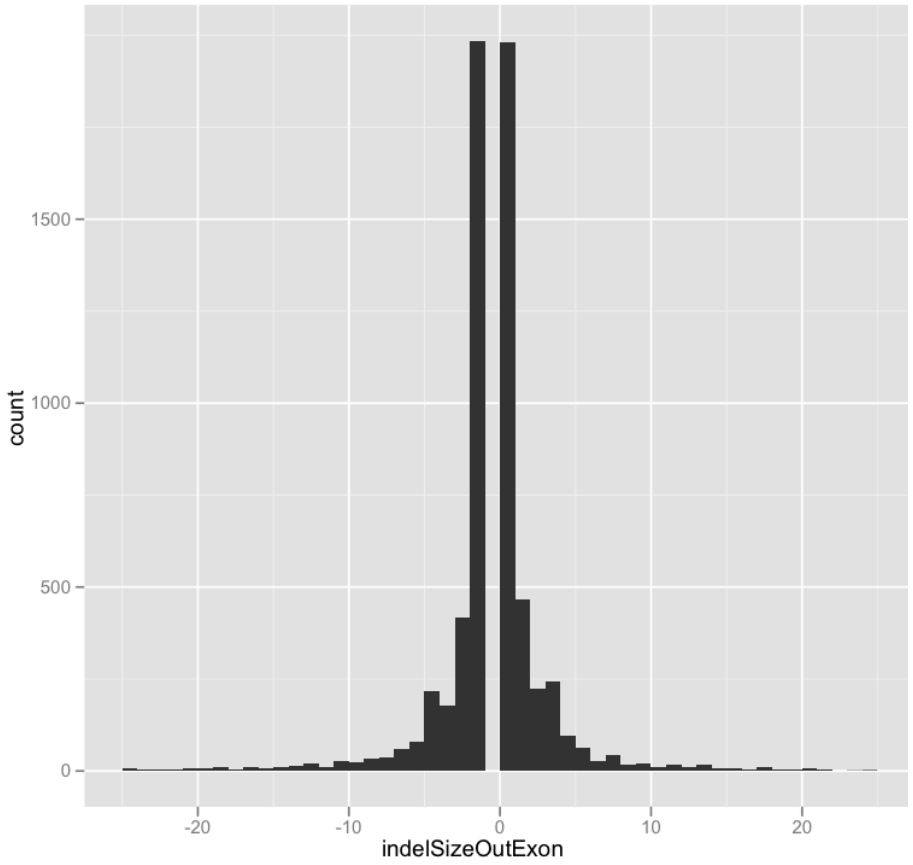
Distribution of Allele Count across 21 exomes

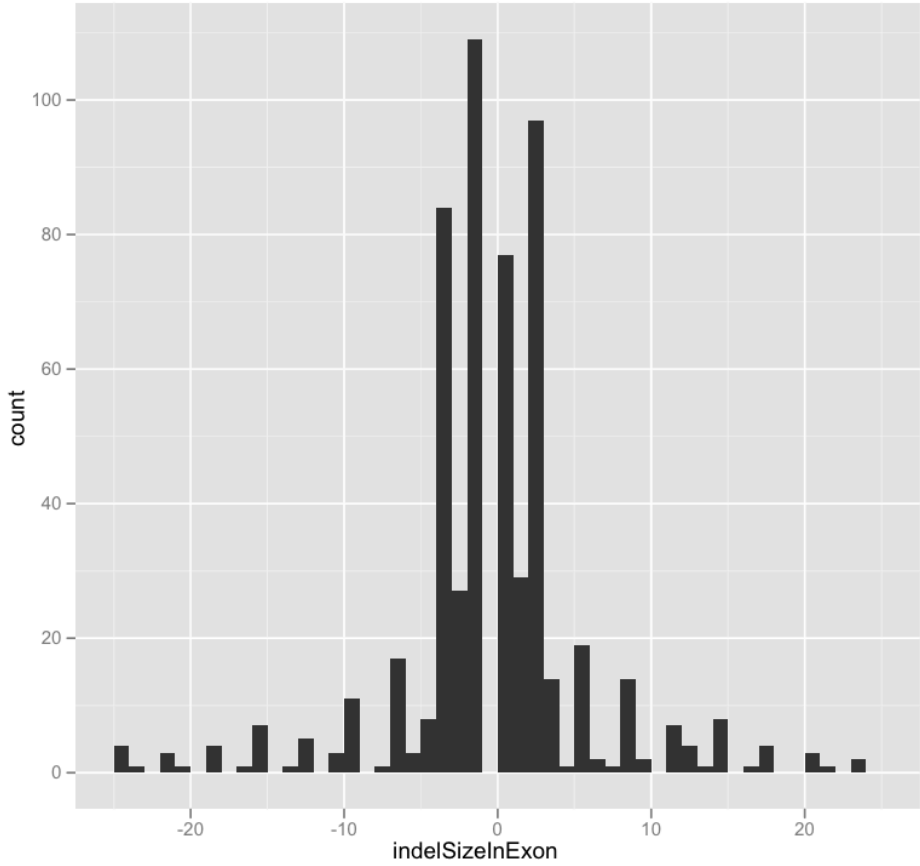


21 individual exomes (of diploid humans) i.e. 42 alleles

SNP numbers and indel size distribution

- Sequencing of human exome
  - 23,602 SNPs in coding exons (approx. 25M bp size)
  - 40,621 SNPs outside coding exons (approx. 25M bp size)





Notice both numbers and pattern in indel figures