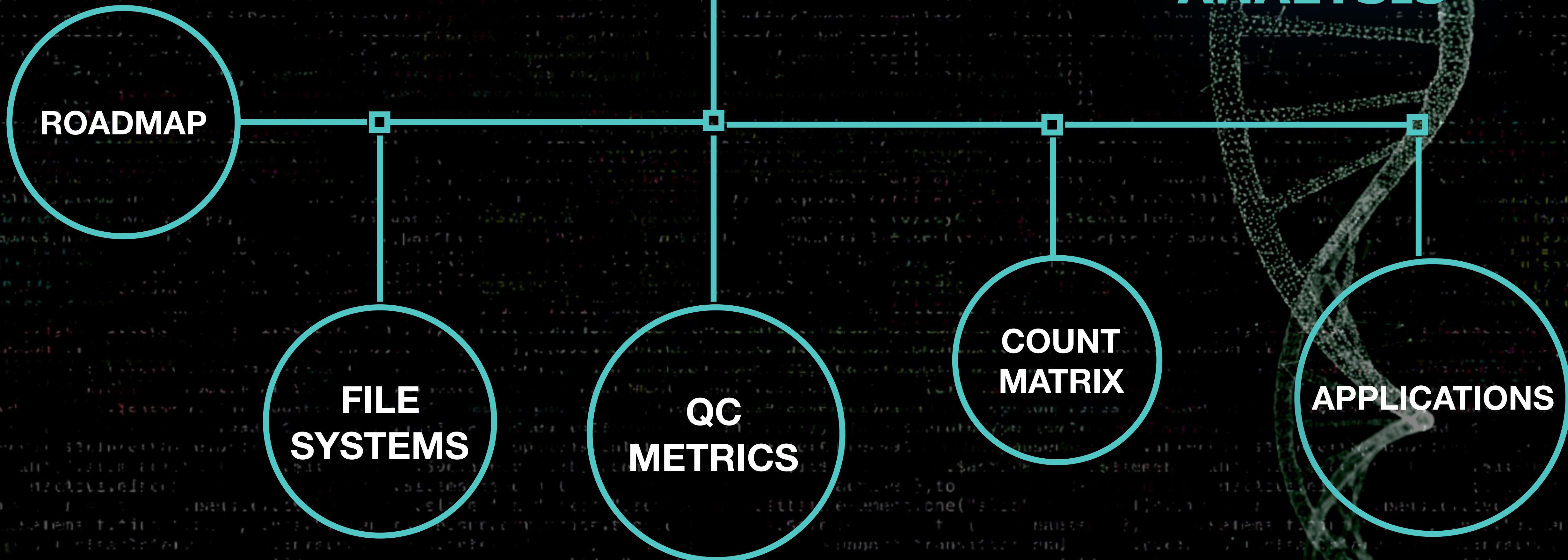


# AN INTRODUCTION TO RNA-SEQ ANALYSIS



NEXTSEQ 500

Primary QC

BCL2FASTQ2

Secondary QC

FASTQ

FastQC

TrimGalore

STAR\*/HISAT2/  
BWA/Bowtie2

Tertiary QC

RNA

HTSEQ-Counts

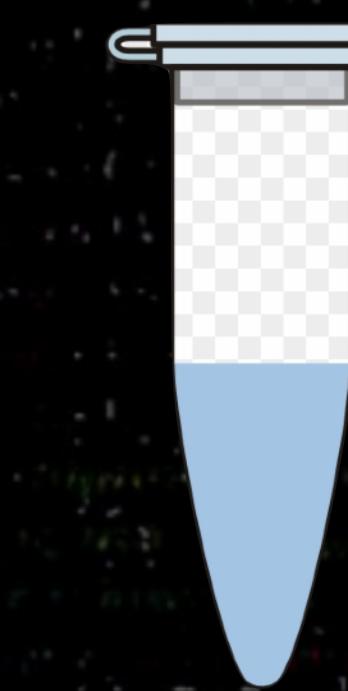
DESeq2

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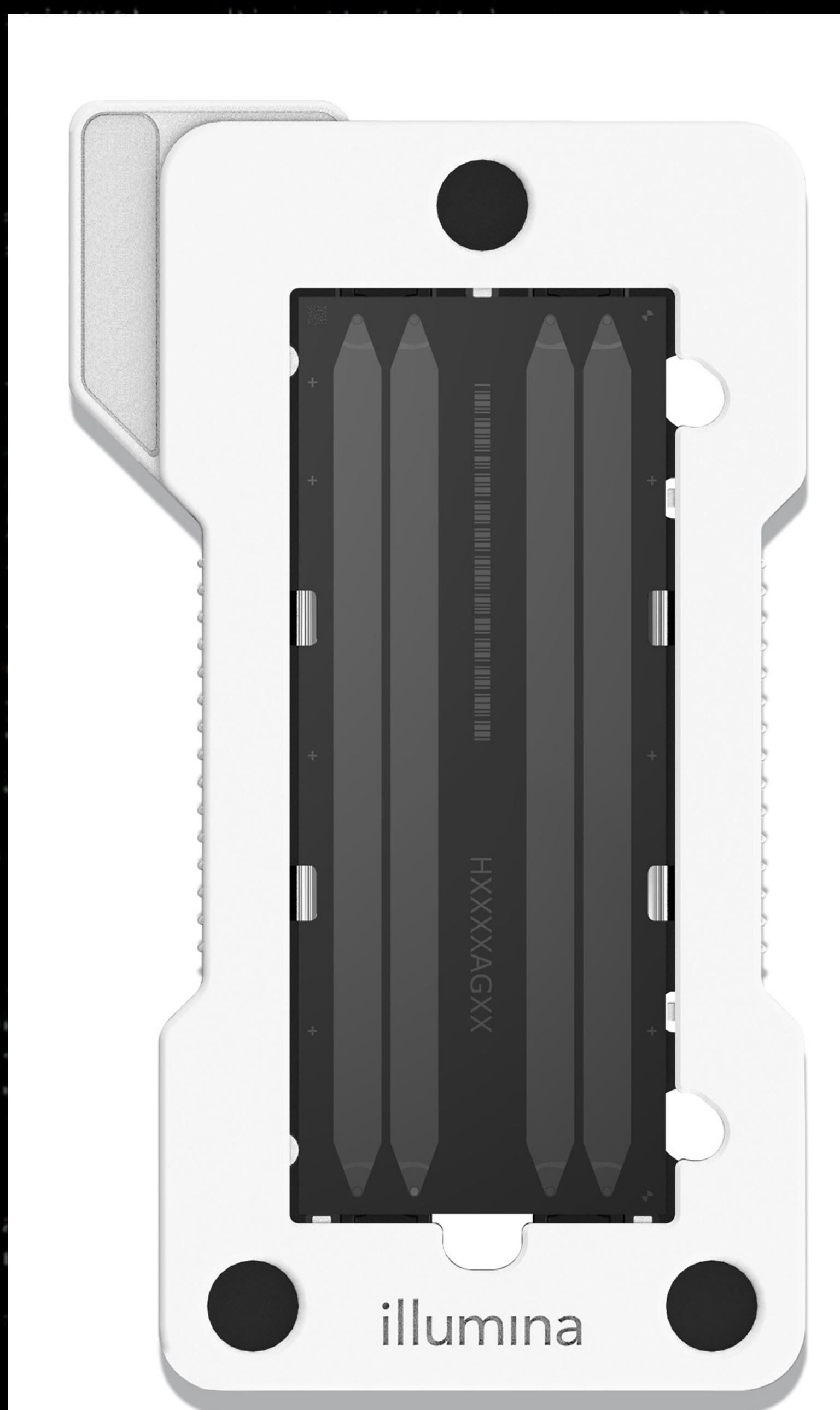
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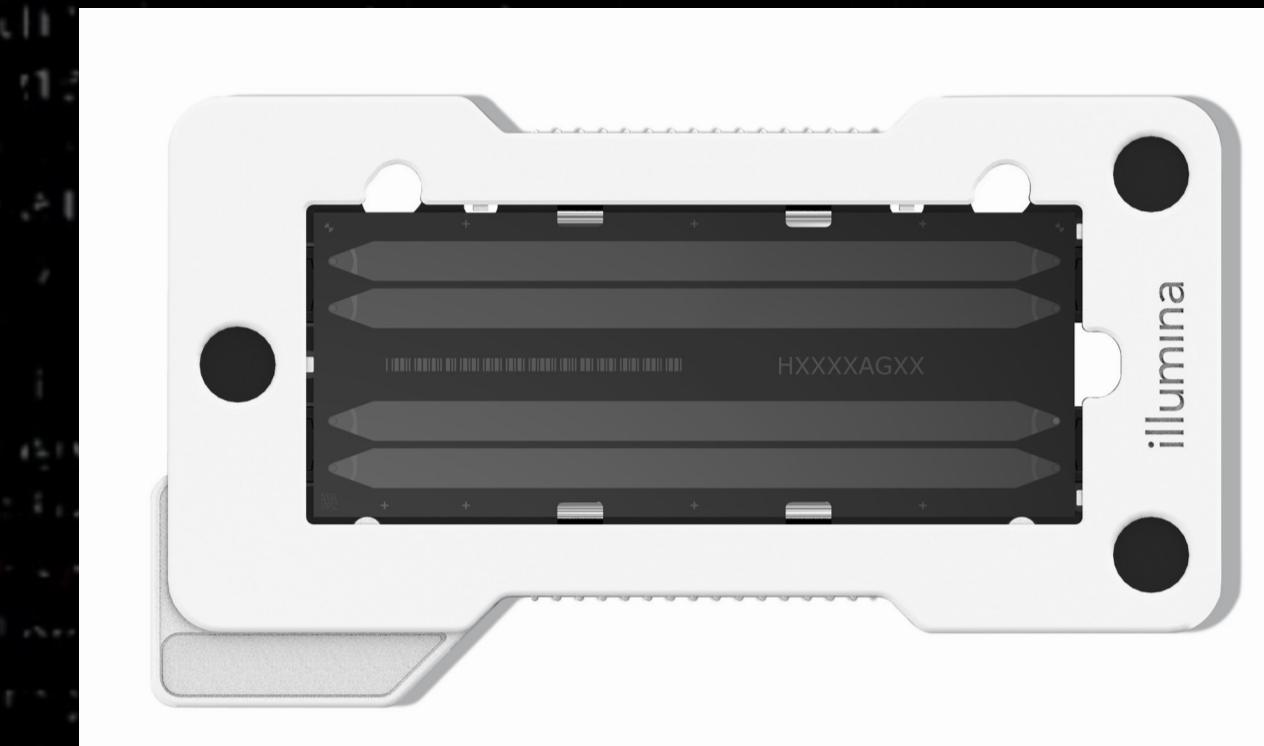
**BCL2FASTQ2**



**Multiplex Run = Sequencing of  
Multiple Samples in one RUN**



# BCL2FASTQ2



## Faster Sequencing and Data Processing Times

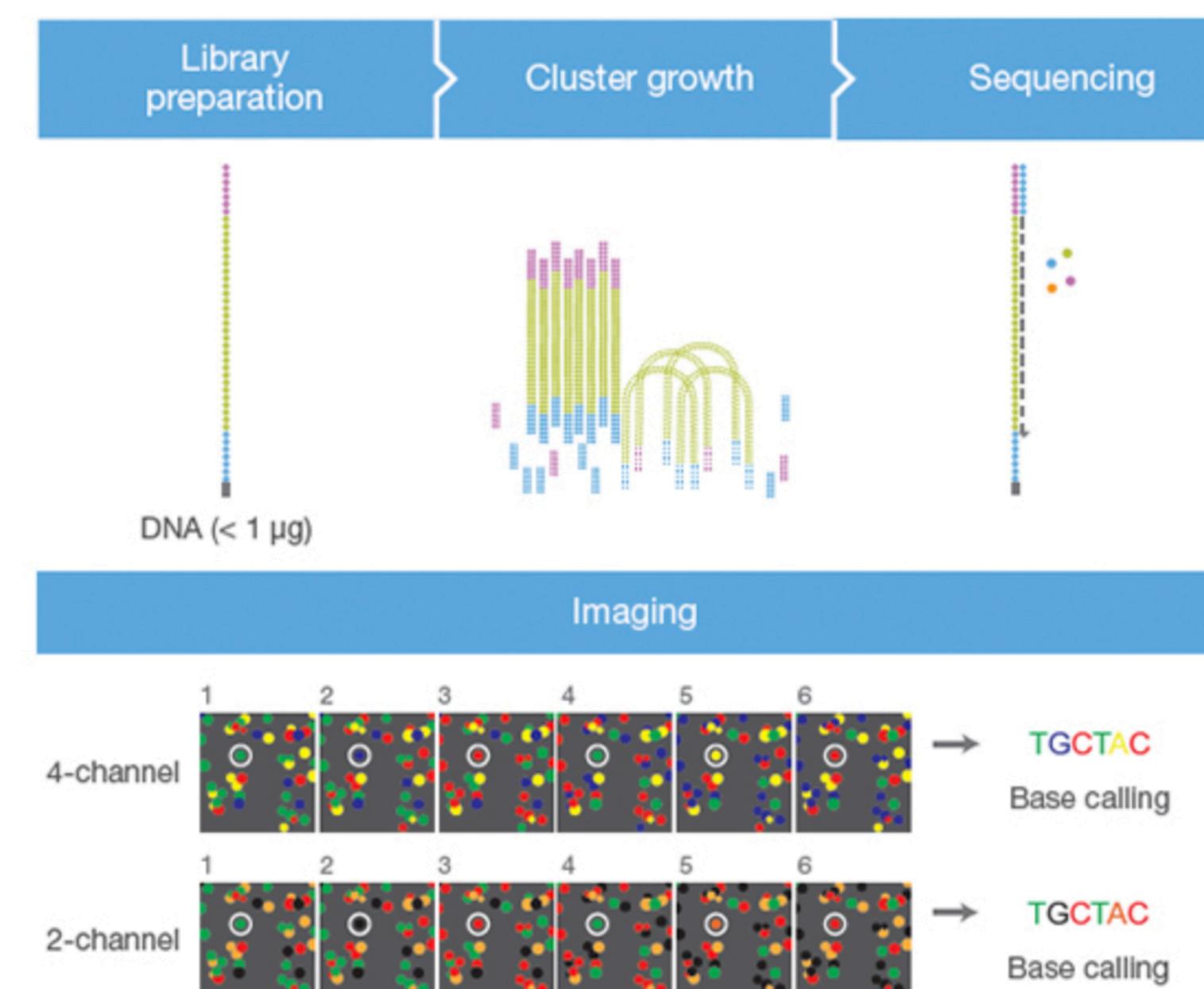
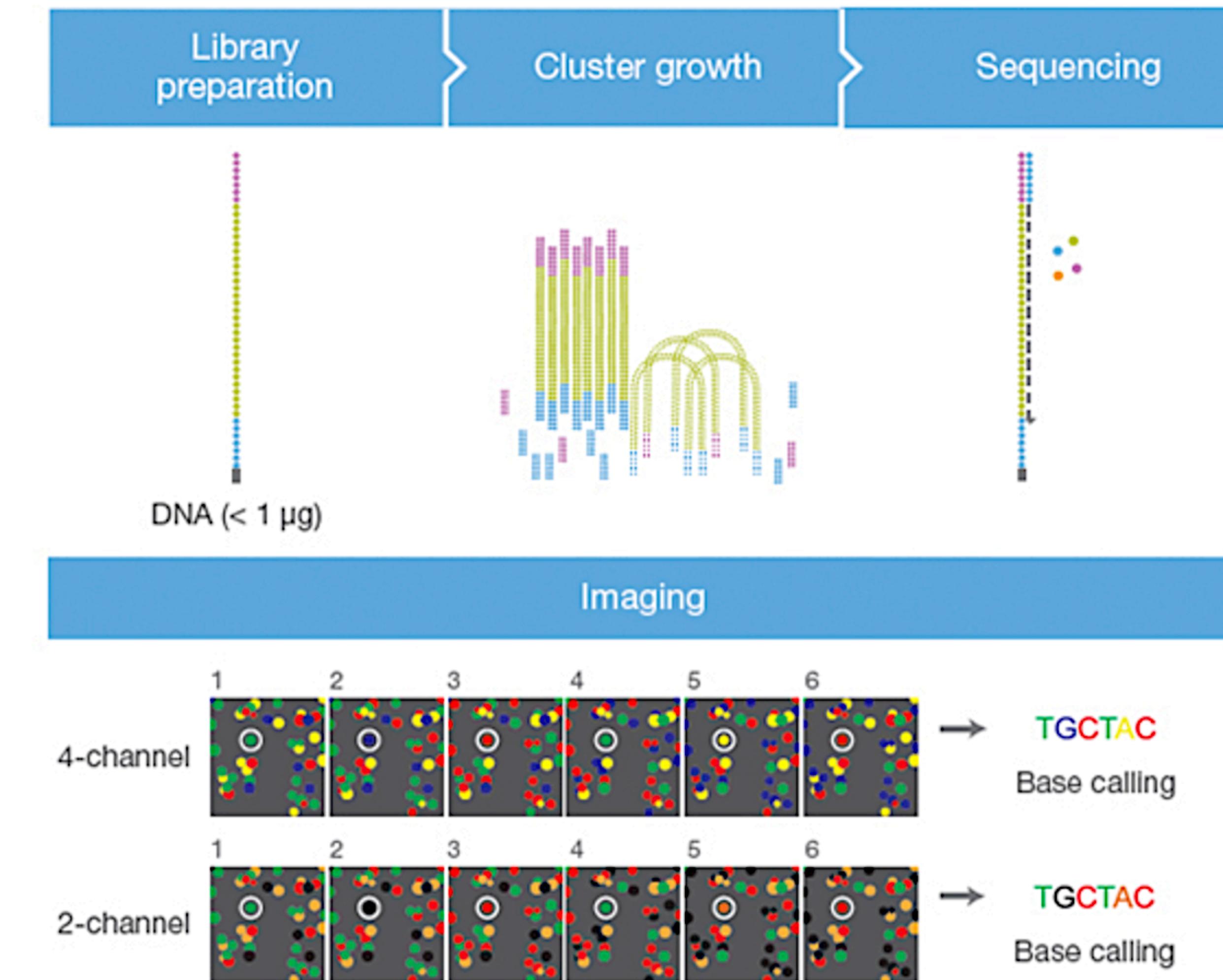


Figure 1. 4-Channel vs. 2-Channel SBS Technology Image Detection and Base Calling.

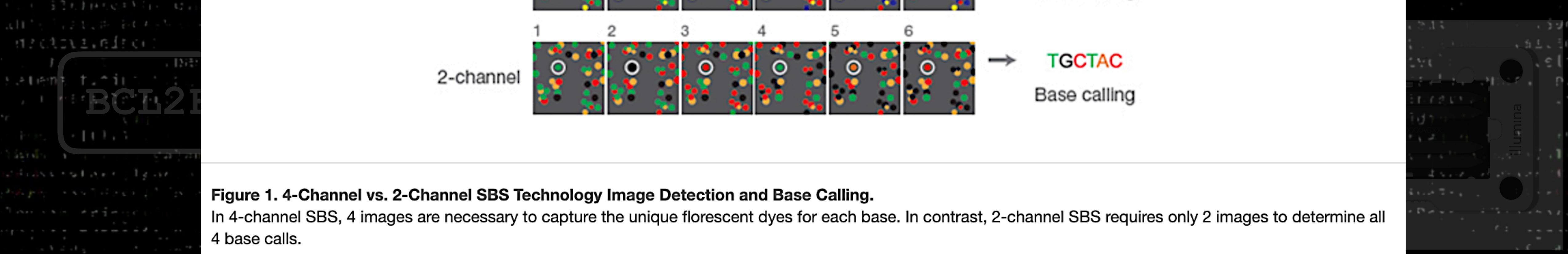
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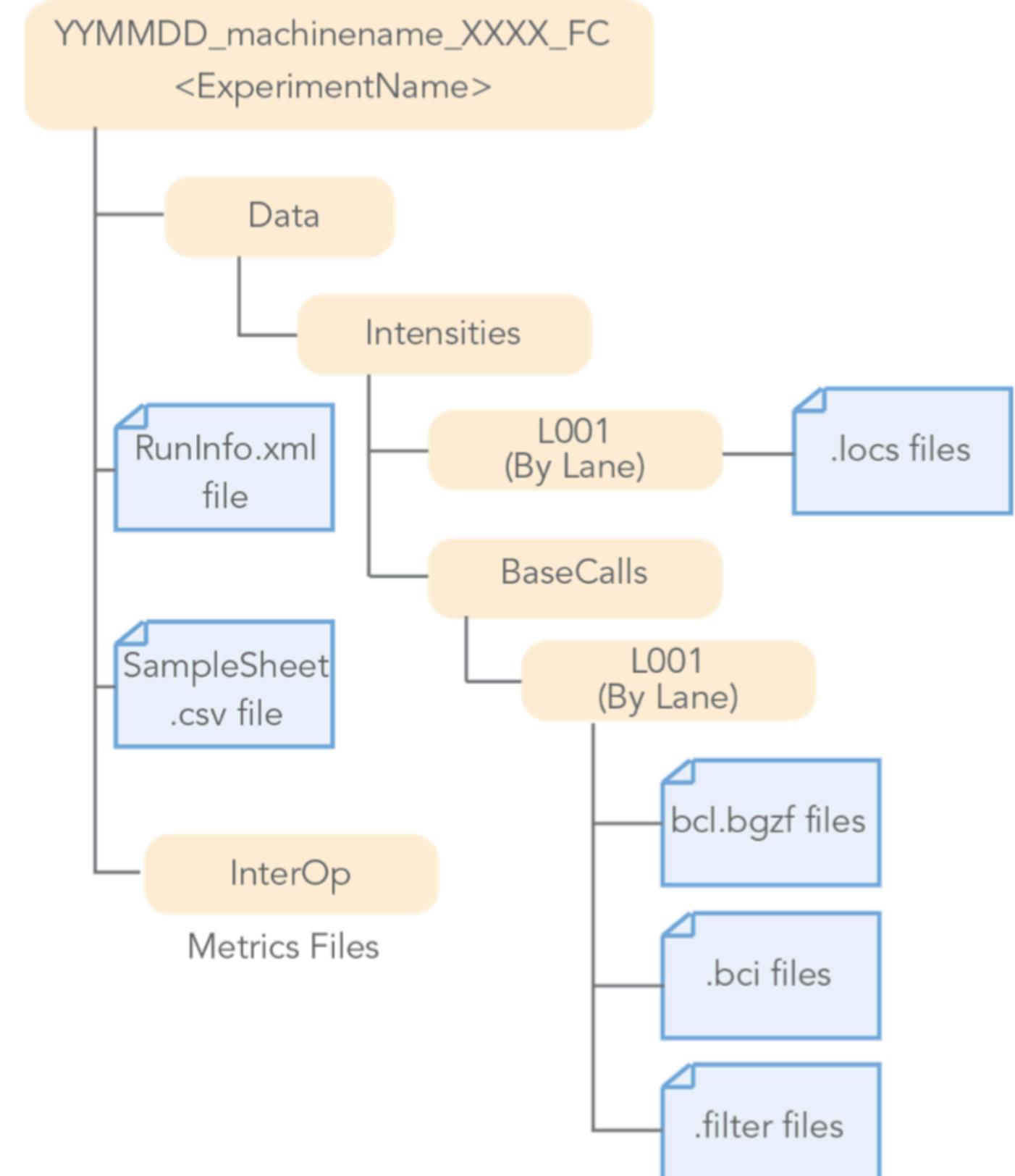


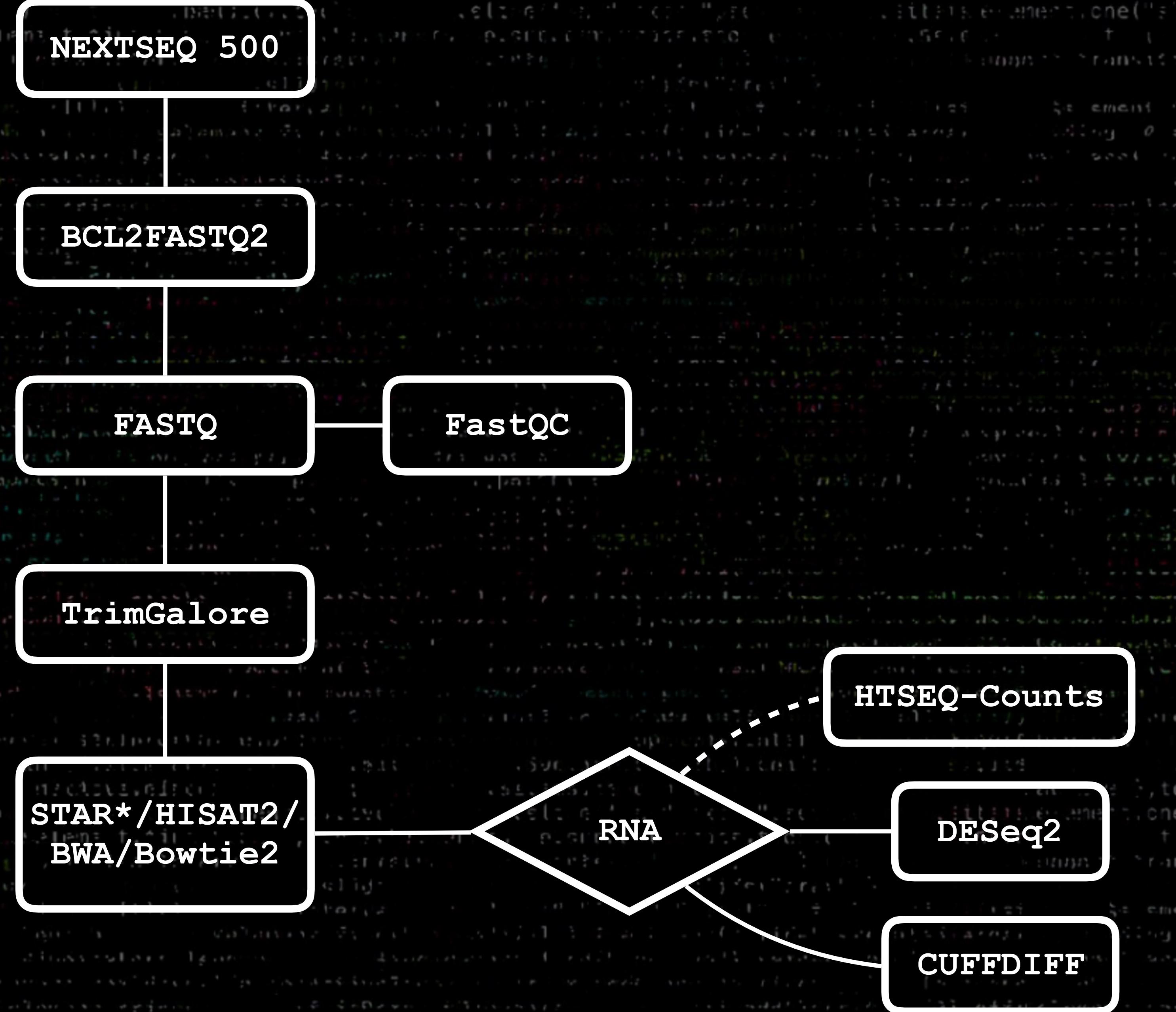
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**Demultiplexing;  
Typically done by the  
sequencing facility**

**Figure 2 BCL Conversion Input Files from the MiniSeq or NextSeq System**





**FASTQ**

**Light intensities translated to TEXT;  
Derived from FASTA;**

**Very large file, contains every single  
sequenced read for a given sample;**

**Number of FASTQ files = Number of Samples  
(for PE x2)**

# FASTQ

@<machine\_id>:<run number>:<flowcell ID>:<lane>:<tile>:<x-pos>:<y-pos>  
<read>:<is filtered>:<control number>:<index sequence>

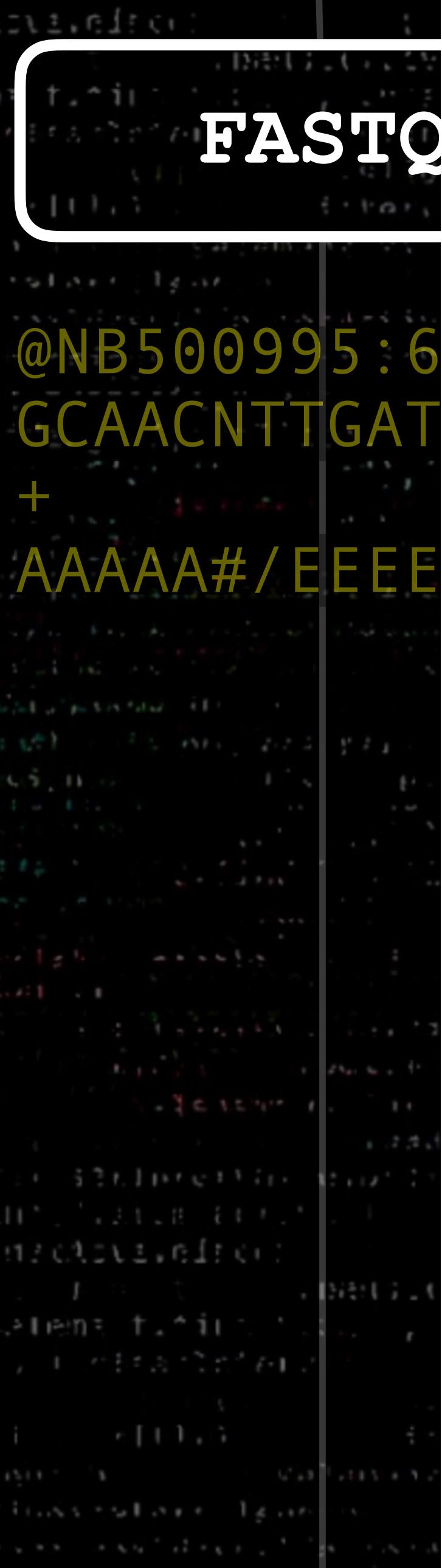
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GCAACNTTGATCAGTTCTGACACAGTGTGGAAACCATATCAGGATCCCTCACATCACACTGAATTGCATGAACCT  
+  
AAAAAA#/EEEEAAEEEEEEEEEEEEEAEEEEEEEEEE/EEEEEEAAEEEE/EEEEEAEEEE/E/EEEE



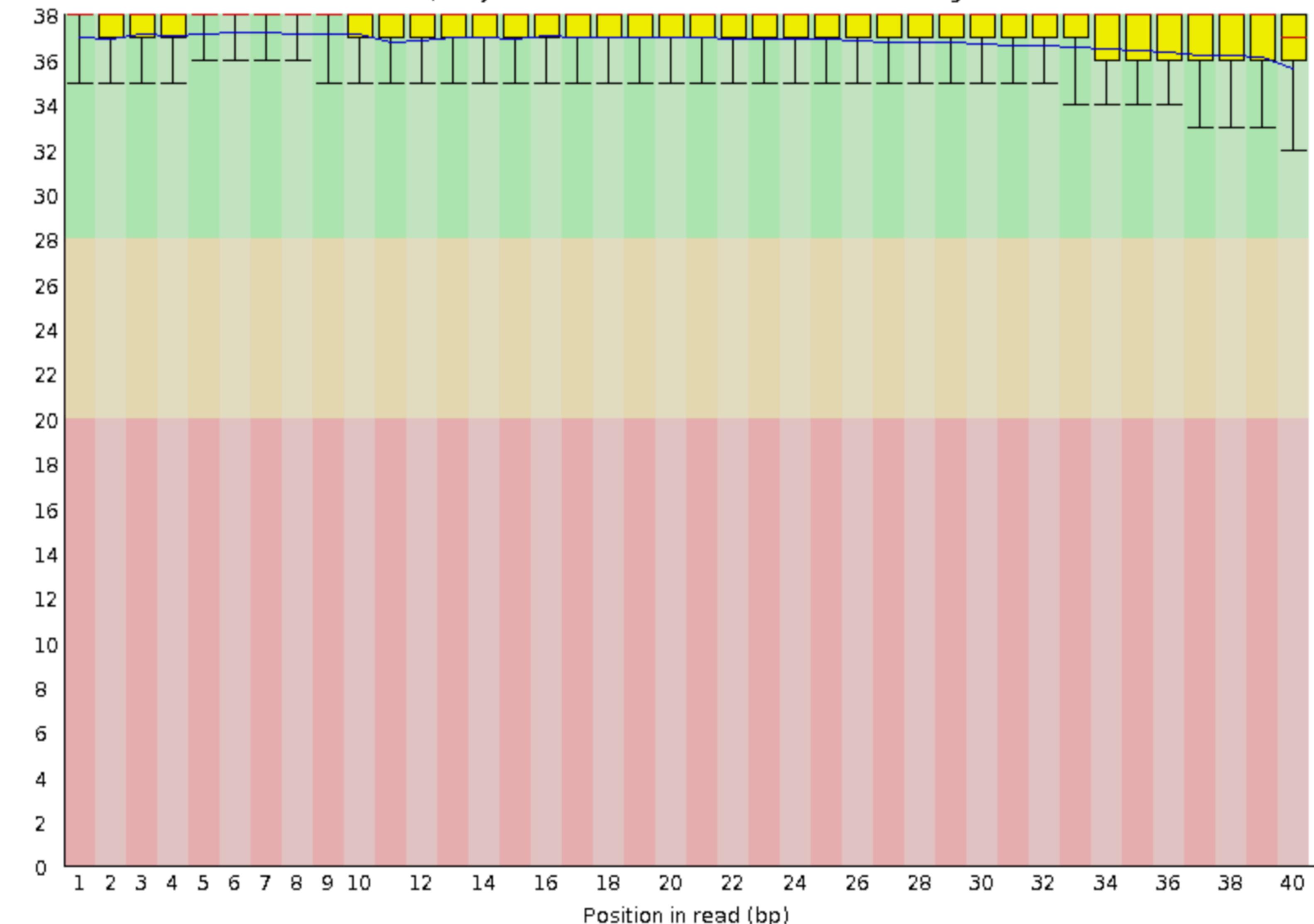
## Per base sequence quality

FASTQ

@NB500995:6  
GCAACNTTGAT  
+  
AAAAAA#/EEEE



Quality scores across all bases (Illumina 1.5 encoding)



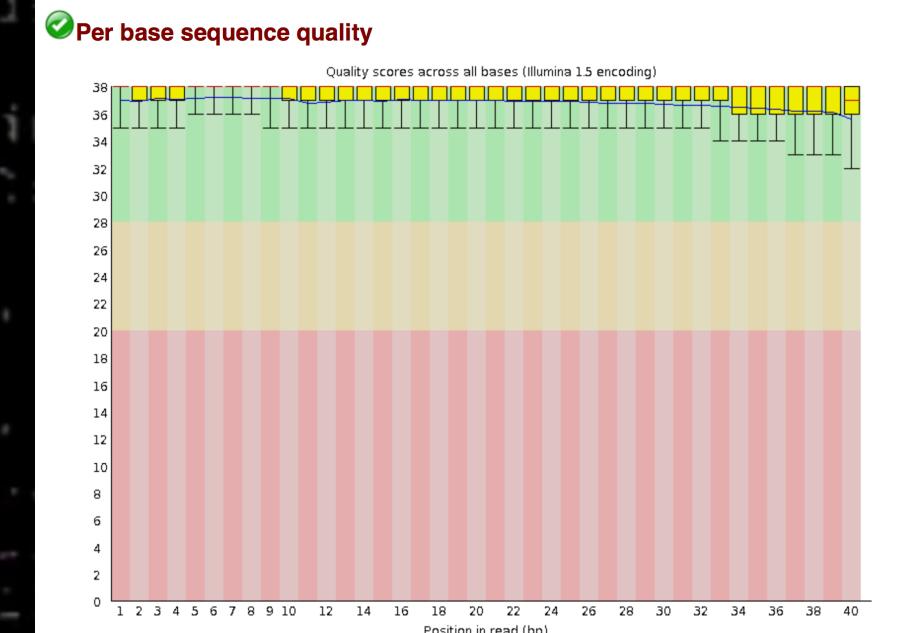
GCATGAACCT  
EEE/E/EEEE

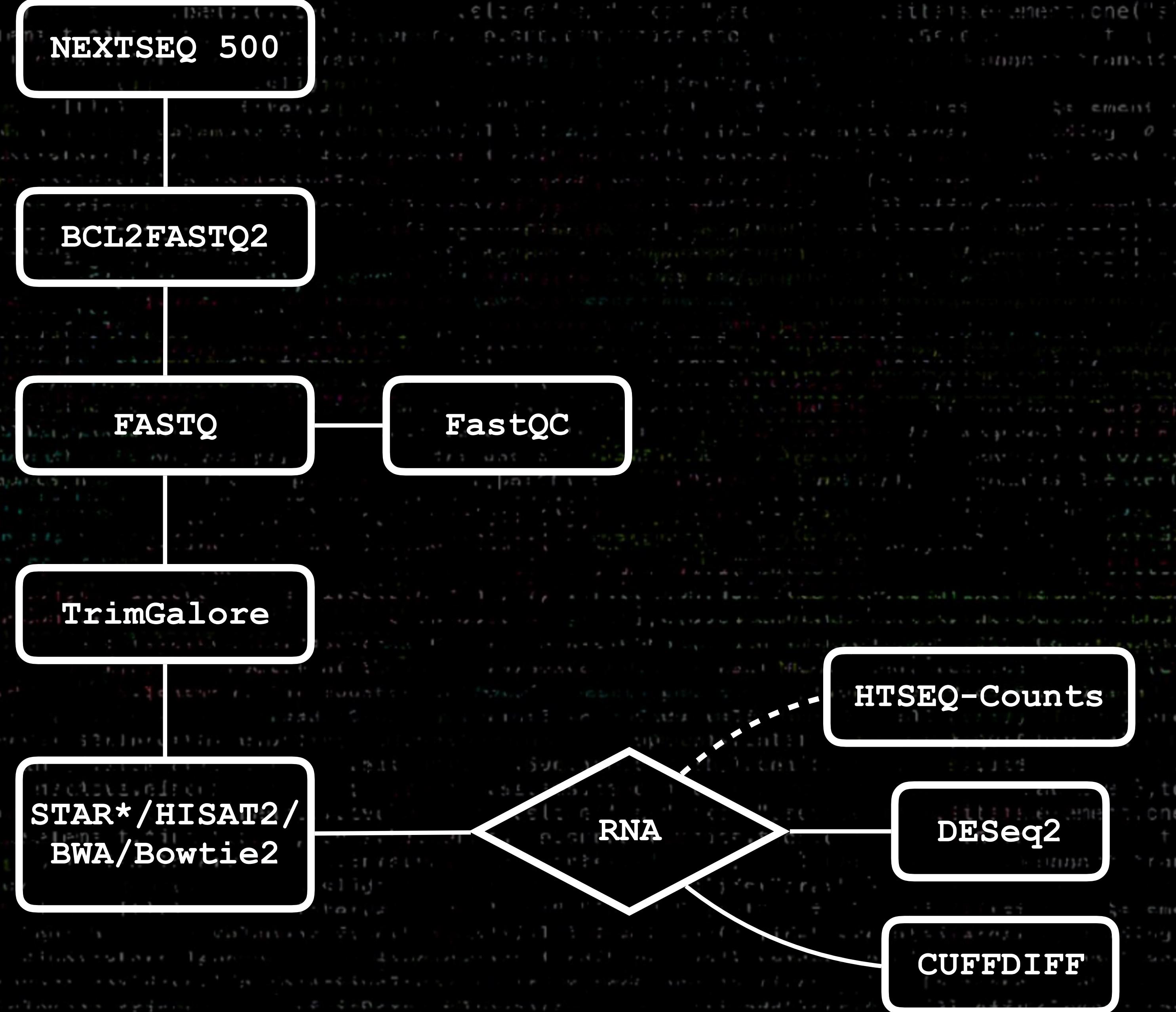
**FASTQ**

**FastQC**

A poor RNA-seq run is characterized by:

- PCR duplicates
- Adapter contamination
- rRNA and tRNA reads
- Unmappable reads

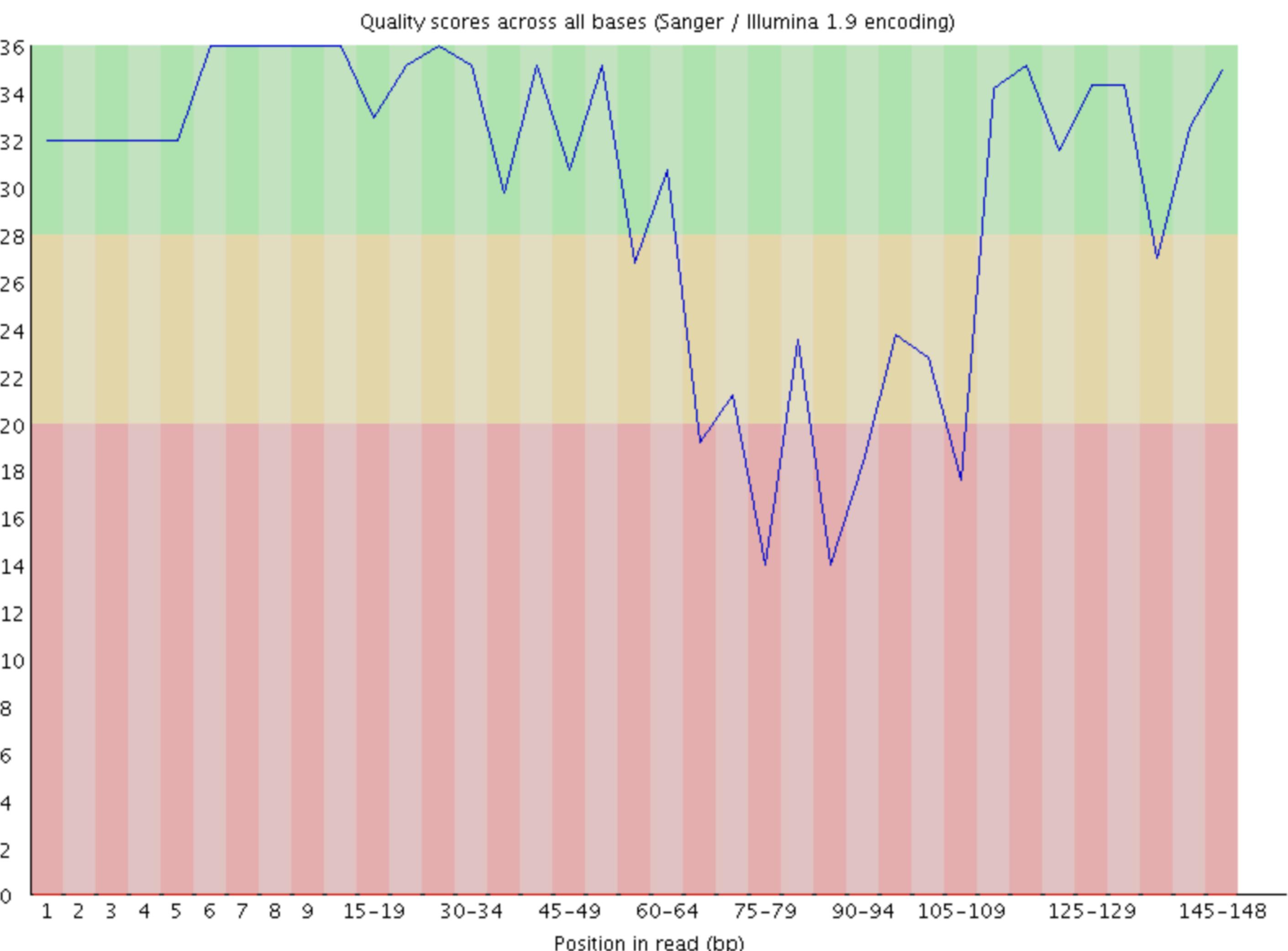




## TrimGalore

- Trim for low quality reads;
- Trim for adapter sequences;
- Trim for noisy short fragments;
- 2 color chemistry bias;

# TrimGalore



```
NEXTSEQ 500
```

```
BCL2FASTQ2
```

```
FASTQ
```

```
TrimGalore
```

```
STAR*/HISAT2/  
BWA/Bowtie2
```

```
trim(){
```

```
    mkdir TrimQC_stats fastQC trimmed_fastqs  
    for i in fastqs/*.gz  
    do  
        $TRIM --nextseq 20 --gzip --length 50 --fastqc --fastqc_args "-t 4 --outdir ./fastQC" $i  
    done  
    mv *_trimming_report.txt TrimQC_stats  
    mv *trimmed.fq.gz trimmed_fastqs
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FastQC
```

```
HTSEQ-Counts
```

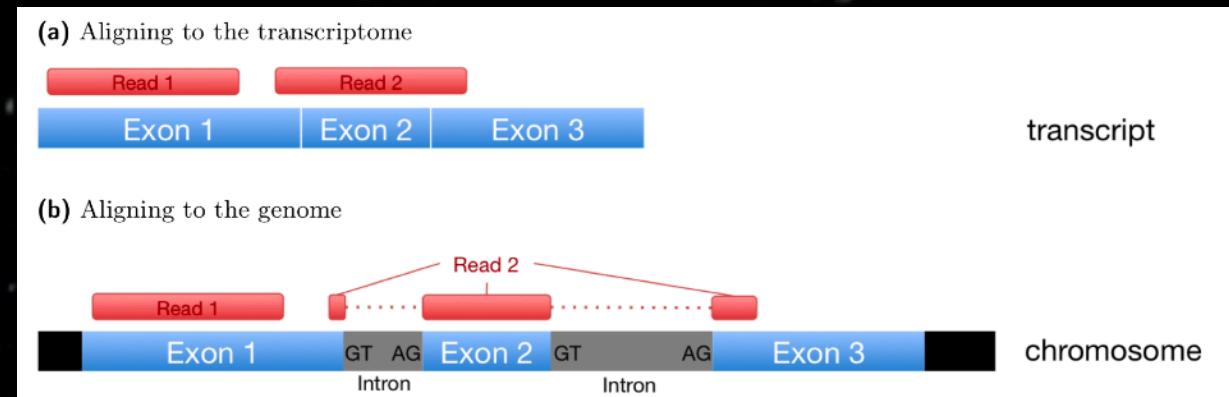
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DESeq2
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CUFFDIFF
```



# STAR\*/HISAT2/ BWA/Bowtie2



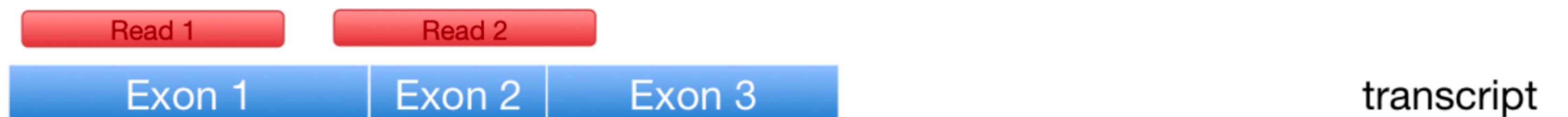
## MAPPING/ALIGNMENT :

Assignment of FASTQ reads to most likely  
locus of origin in the **REFERENCE GENOME**

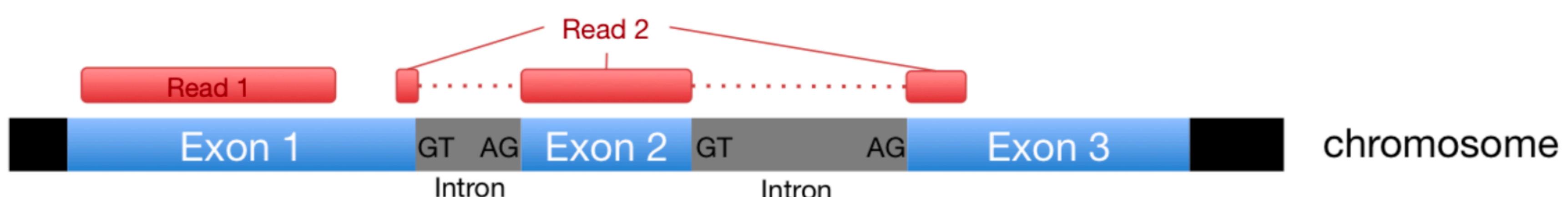
This step has to be done for all FASTQ files

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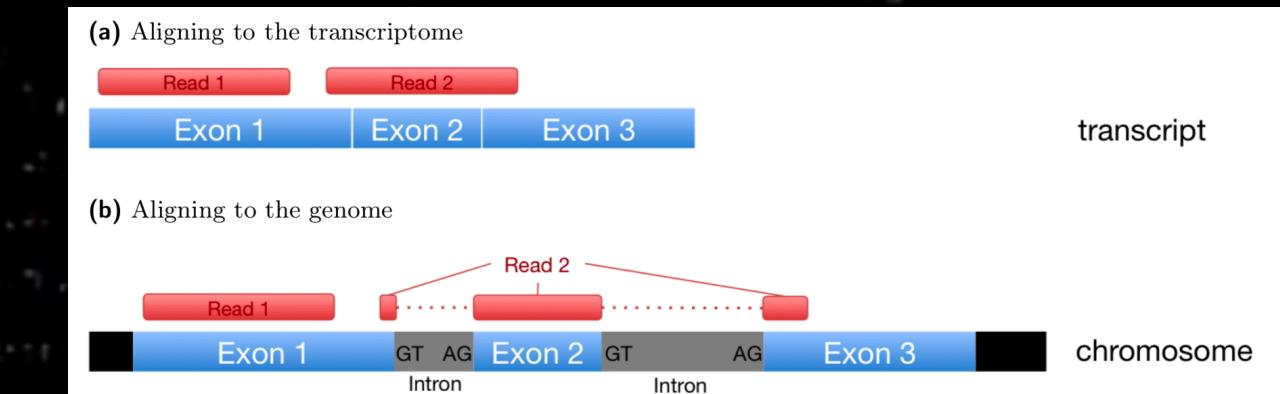
(a) Aligning to the transcriptome



(b) Aligning to the genome



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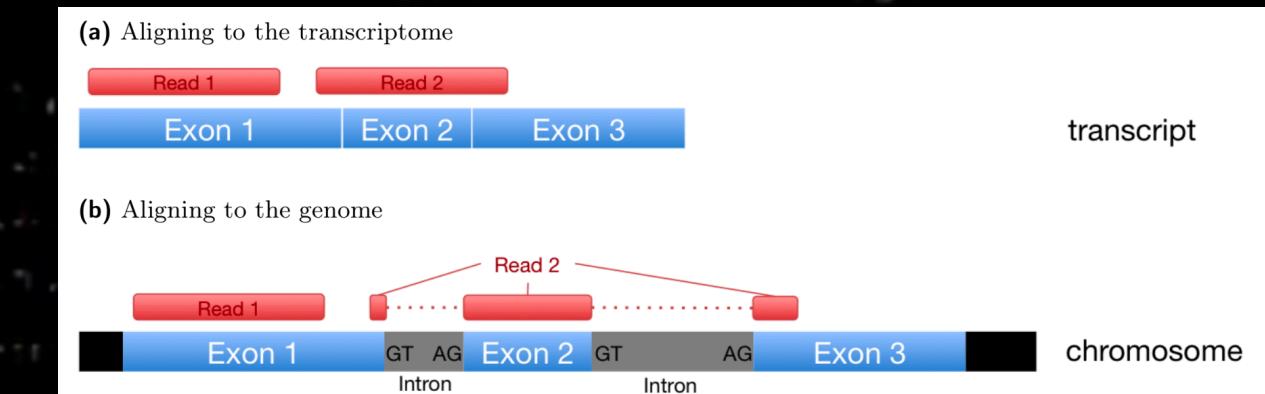


Preliminary Step for all Aligners:

Generate genome index (per genome type)

Allows for computationally efficient mapping

# STAR\*/HISAT2/ BWA/Bowtie2



```
STAR \
--runThreadN 12 \
--runMode genomeGenerate \
--genomeDir /path/to/genomeIndex/ \
--genomeFastaFiles referenceGenome.fasta \
--sjdbGTFfile referenceAnnotation.gtf \
--sjdbOverhang 100 \
--limitGenomeGenerateRAM 152003700778
```

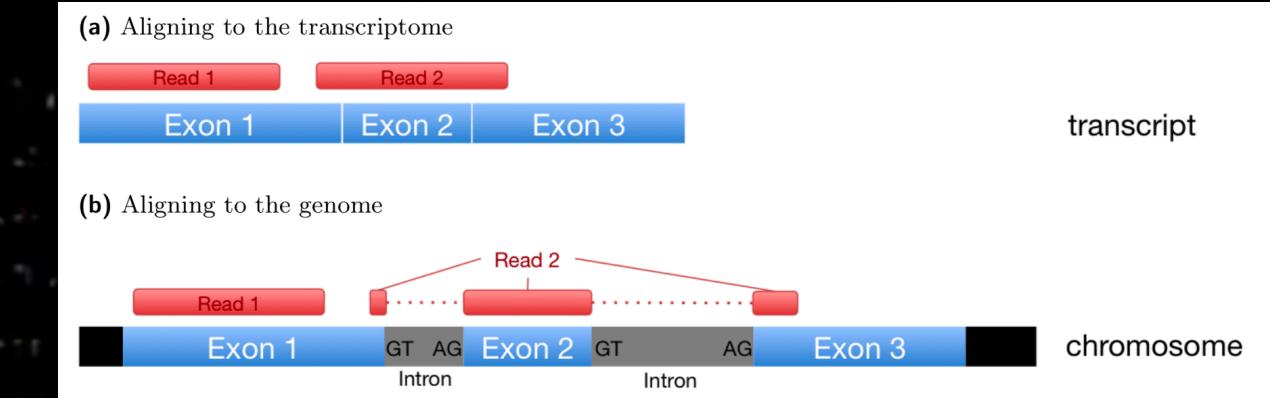
```
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--runThreadN 12 \
--genomeDir /path/to/genomeIndex \
--readFilesIn sample.fastq.gz \
--readFilesCommand gunzip -c \
--outSAMstrandField intronMotif \
--outFilterIntronMotifs RemoveNoncanonical \
--outSAMtype BAM SortedByCoordinate \
--outFileNamePrefix prefix. \
--limitBAMsortRAM 61675612266 \
--quantMode GeneCounts
```

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<b>@SQ</b>	SN:	LN: (theoretically) optional
<b>@RG</b>	ID:	SM: HEADER SECTION
<b>@PG</b>	ID:	general information about the file

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	>11
QNAME	FLAG	RNAME	POS	MAPQ	CIGAR	RNEXT	PNEXT	TLEN	SEQ	QUAL	OPT

Paired read?  
Unmapped?  
Mapped to re-  
strand?  
1<sup>st</sup> in pair?  
2<sup>nd</sup> in pair?  
Failed QC?

M (mis)match  
I insertion  
D deletion  
N skipped  
S soft clipper  
H hard clipper  
P padding

<TAG>:<TYPE>:<VALUE>

AS	A
BC	i
NH	f
NM	z
	H

# ALIGNMENT SECTION

1 line per locus

<QNAME> <FLAG> <RNAME> <POS> <MAPQ> <CIGAR> <MRNM> <MPOS> <ISIZE> <SEQ> <QUAL>

Pos.	Field	Example entry	Description	NA value
1	QNAME	Read1	Query template (= read) name (PE: read pair name)	required
2	FLAG	83	Information about the read's mapping properties encoded as bit-wise flags (see next section and Table 5).	required
3	RNAME	chrI	Reference sequence name. This should match a @SQ line in the header.	*
4	POS	15364	1-based leftmost mapping position of the first matching base. Set as 0 for an unmapped read without coordinates.	0
5	MAPQ	30	Mapping quality of the alignment. Should be a Phred-scaled posterior probability that the position of the read is incorrect, but the value is completely dependent on the alignment program. Some tools set this to 0 if multiple alignments are found for one read.	0
6	CIGAR	51M	Detailed information about the alignment (see below).	*
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8	PNEXT	15535	PE reads: leftmost mapping position of the next read.	0
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12ff	OPT	NM:i:0	Optional fields (format: <TAG>:<TYPE>:<VALUE>; see below).	

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3	RNAME	chrI		
4	POS	1536	<a href="#">Switch to mate</a> Toggle first in pair / second in pair	
5	MAPQ	30		
6	CIGAR	51M		
7	RNEXT	=		
8	PNEXT	1553		
9	TLEN	232		
10	SEQ	CCAGG		
11	QUAL	BBC		
12ff	OPT	NM:00000000000000000000000000000000		

### Find SAM flag by property:

To find out what the SAM flag value would be for a given combination of properties, tick the boxes for those that you'd like to include. The flag value will be shown in the SAM Flag field above.

- read paired
- read mapped in proper pair
- read unmapped
- mate unmapped
- read reverse strand
- mate reverse strand
- first in pair
- second in pair
- not primary alignment
- read fails platform/vendor quality checks
- read is PCR or optical duplicate
- supplementary alignment

### Summary:

read unmapped (0x4)

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6	CIGAR	51M	Reference sequence with aligned reads	
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8	PNEXT	15535	T G T T A [redacted] T G C T A	
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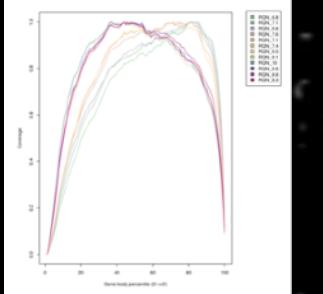
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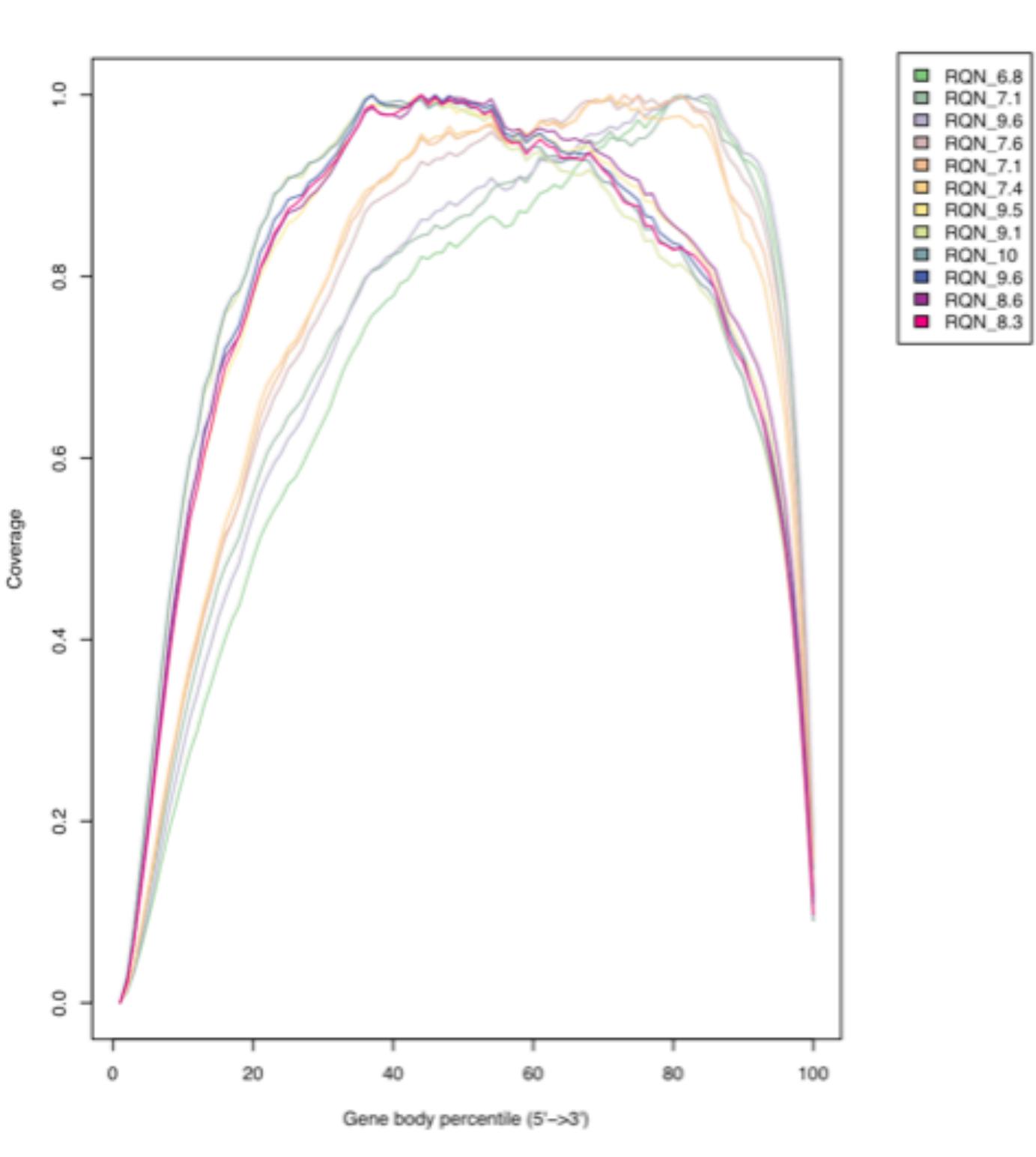


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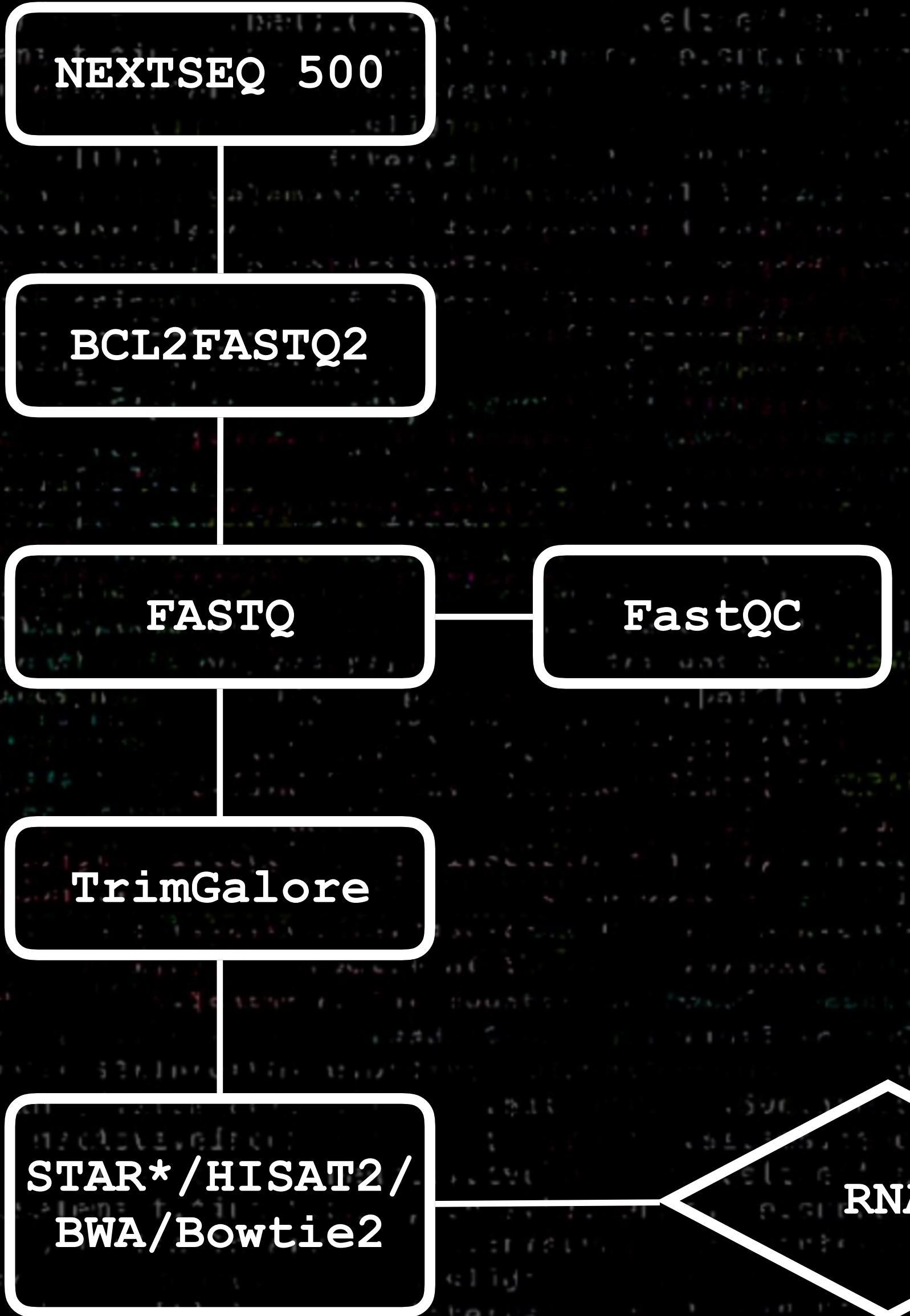
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Showing 12/12 rows and 2/2 columns.

Sample Name	% Aligned	M Aligned
RQN_10	88.7%	32.9
RQN_9.6_2	88.3%	29.6
RQN_8.3	87.7%	31.6
RQN_7.6	87.4%	32.1
RQN_8.6	87.3%	20.9
RQN_9.1	87.1%	28.8
RQN_9.6_1	85.0%	32.0
RQN_7.4	83.0%	29.9
RQN_9.5	80.2%	27.7
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RQN_6.8	70.7%	24.8
RQN_7.1_2	68.1%	23.9



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HTSEQ-Counts

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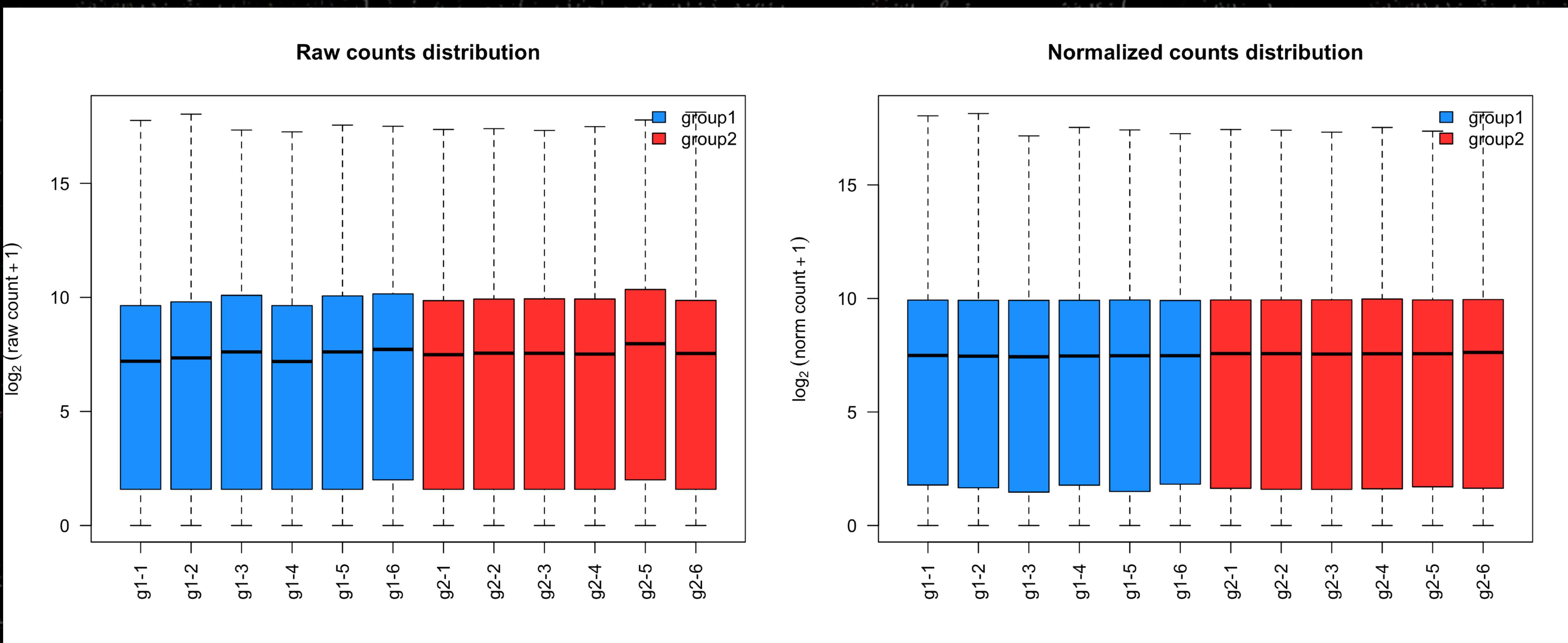
## Number of reads mapped to a gene depends on:

- Its own expression level;
- Its length;
- The sequencing depth;
- Expression of all other genes within the sample;

**Normalization is done to eliminate systematic effects;**

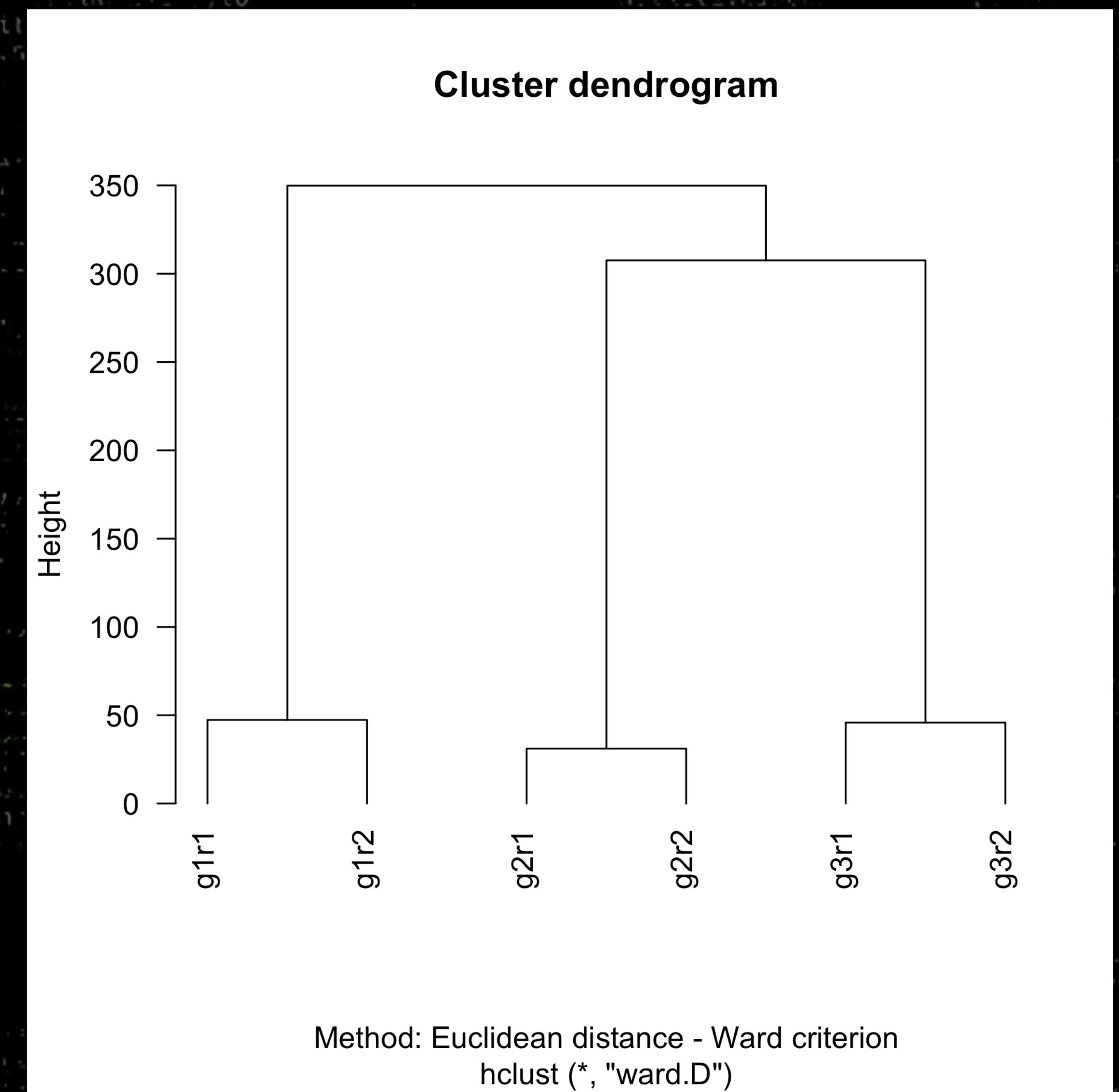
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# DESeq2



**DESeq2**

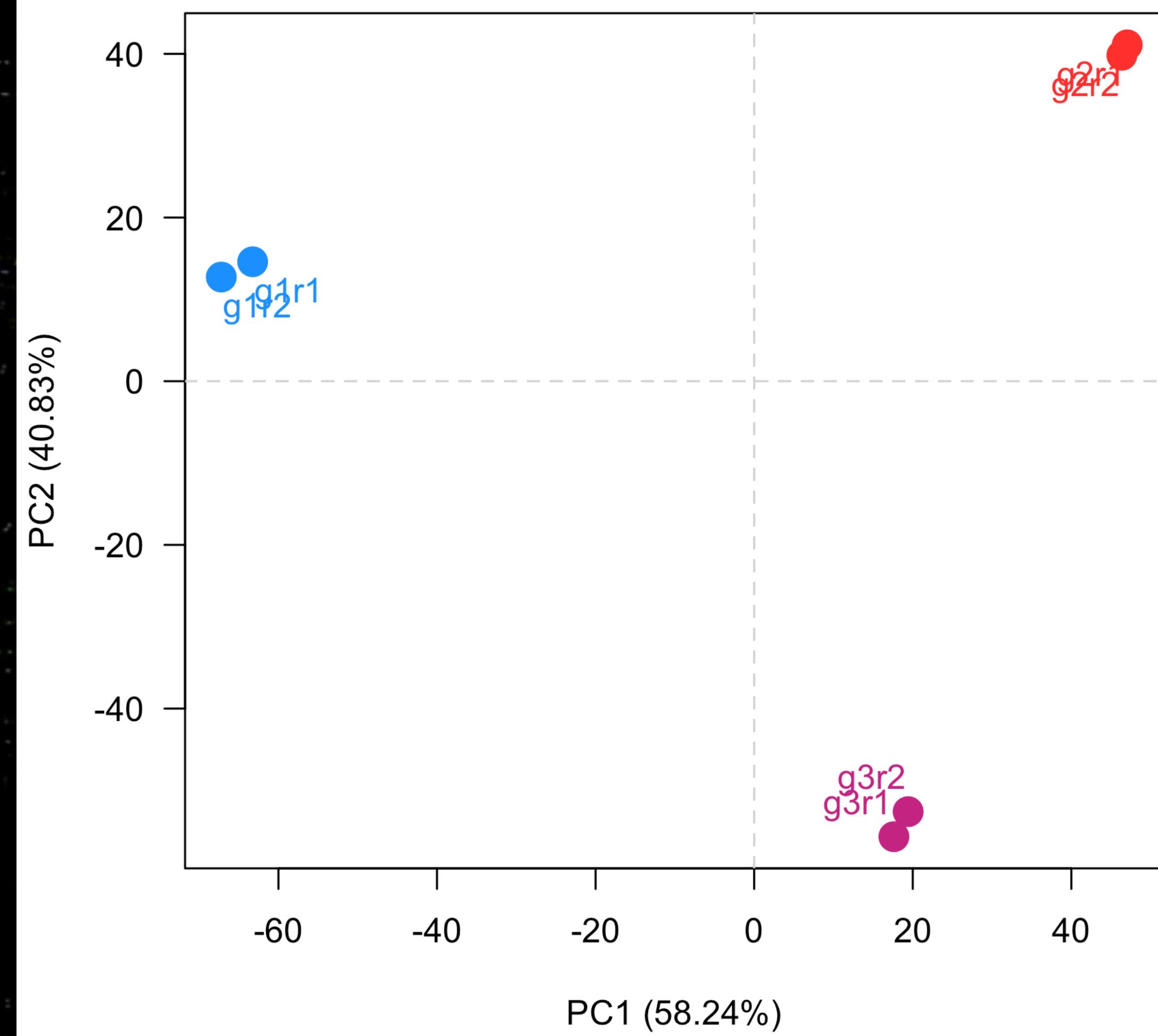
# Exploration of Global normalized read count patterns:



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Principal Component Analysis - Axes 1 and 2



# RNA SEQ DATA SETS

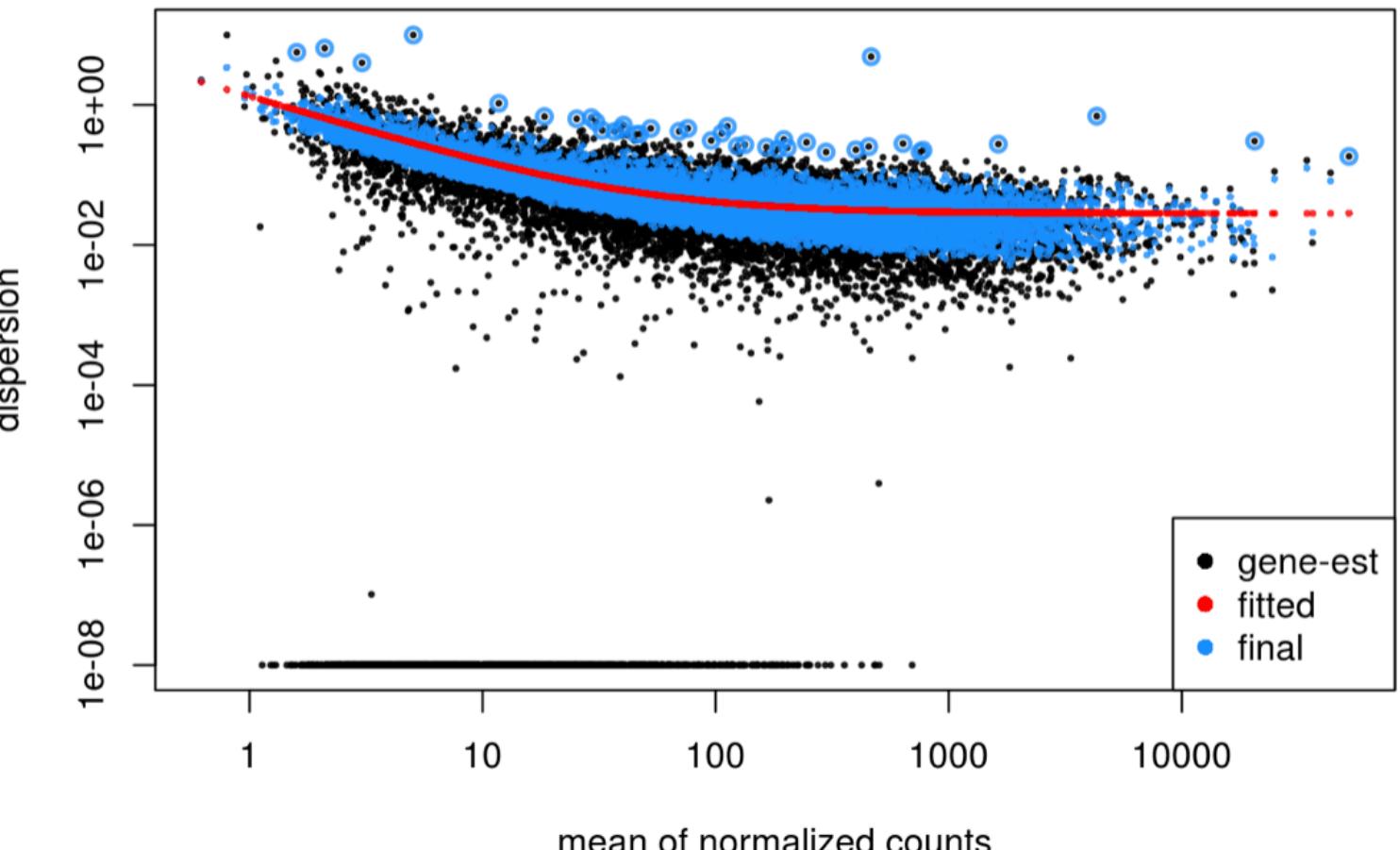
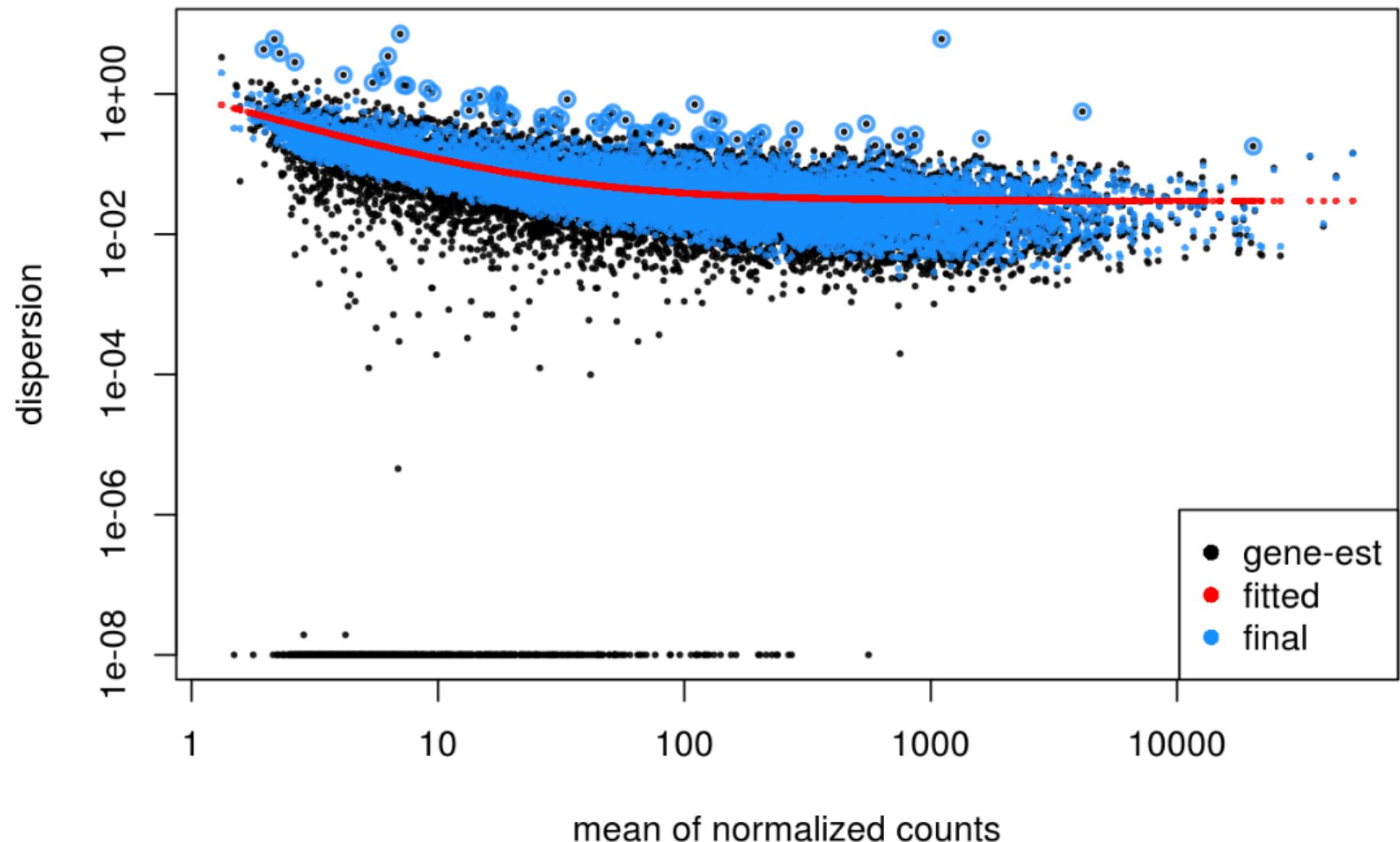
How do we best model this data 🤔 ???

Count based (Discrete) RNA-seq data, suffers  
from non-uniform mean-variance relationships

Heteroscedasticity;

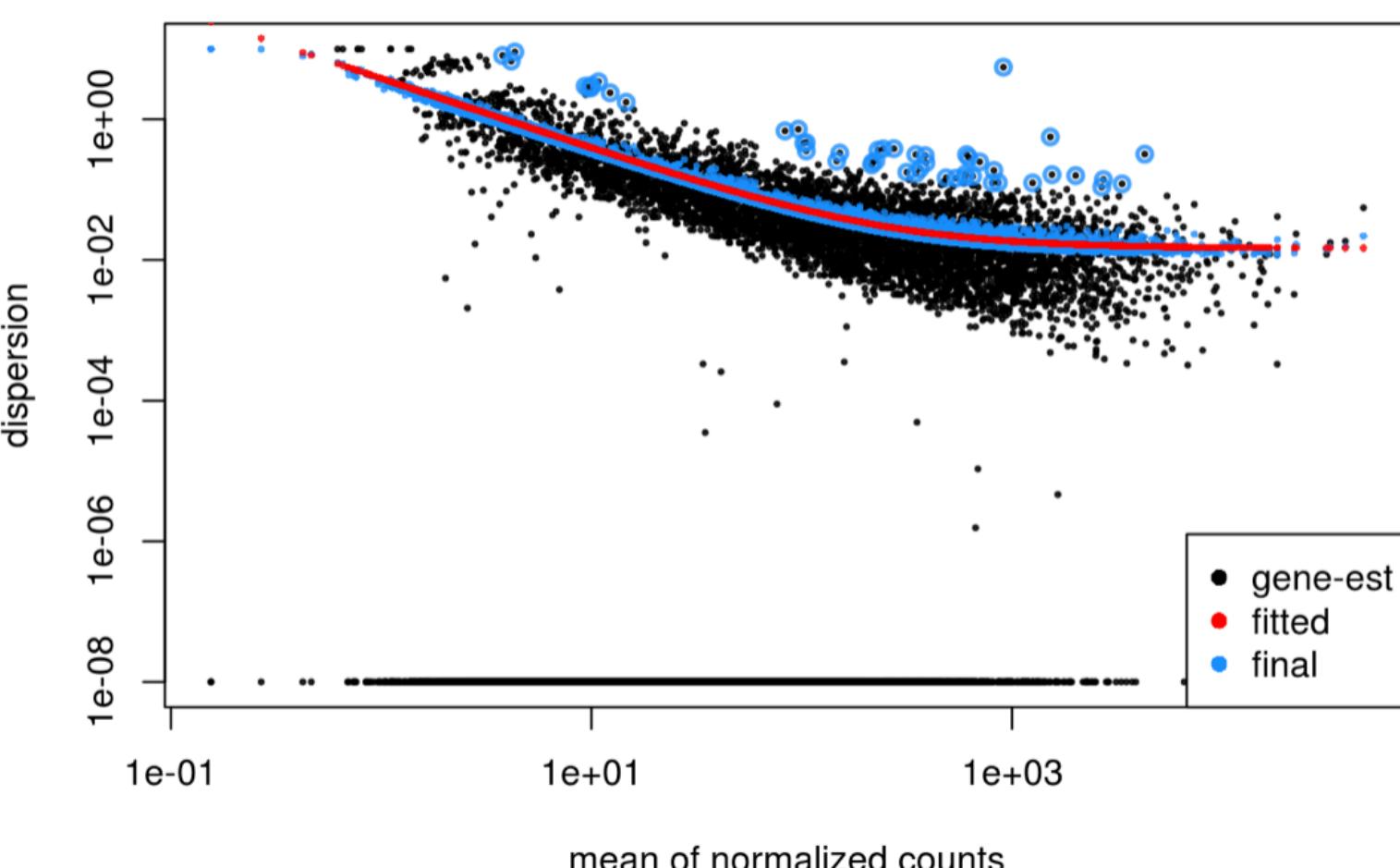
# RNA SEQ DATA SETS

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# DESeq2

Once, mean-variance relationship is modeled,  
Wald test is used to report Differentially Expressed  
Genes!

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## log2 fold change (MAP): condition treated vs untreated
## Wald test p-value: condition treated vs untreated
## DataFrame with 9921 rows and 5 columns
##           baseMean    logFoldChange      lfcSE
##           <numeric>     <numeric>     <numeric>
## FBgn0000008 95.1442917575889  0.00119919675662286  0.151896997597845
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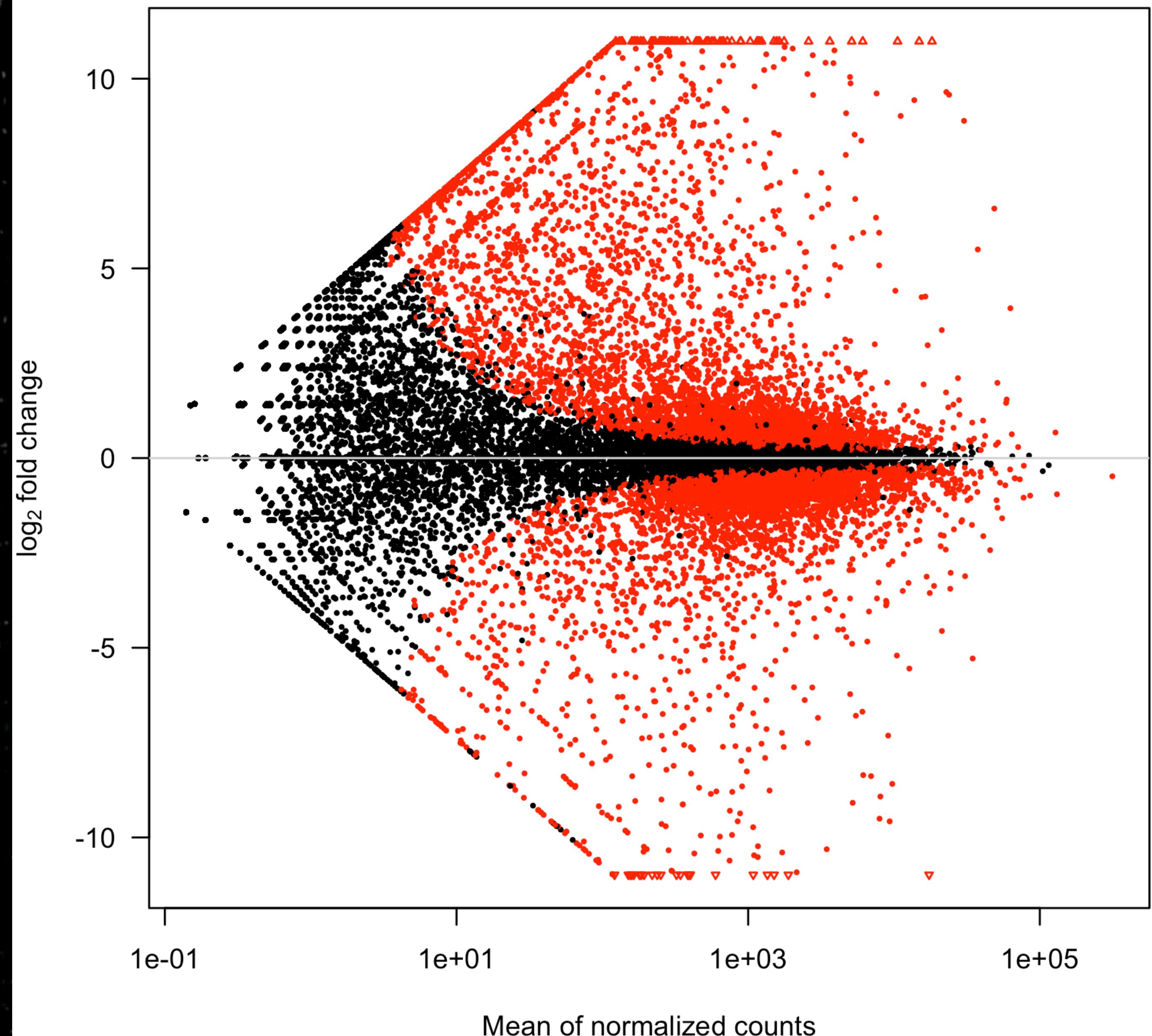
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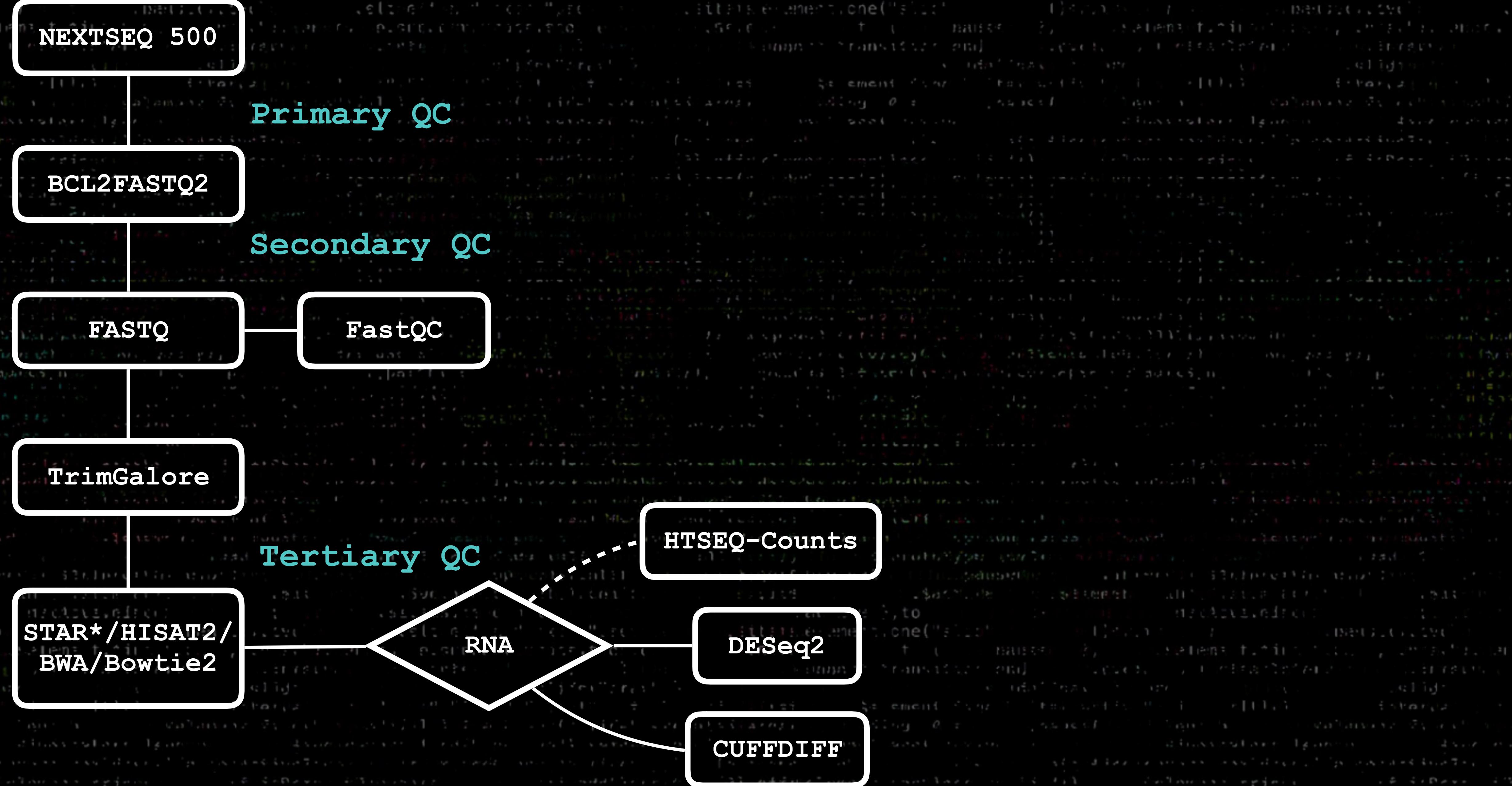
**DESeq2**

## MA-plot

Differentially  
expressed  
features are  
highlighted in  
red

MA-plot - group2 vs group1





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