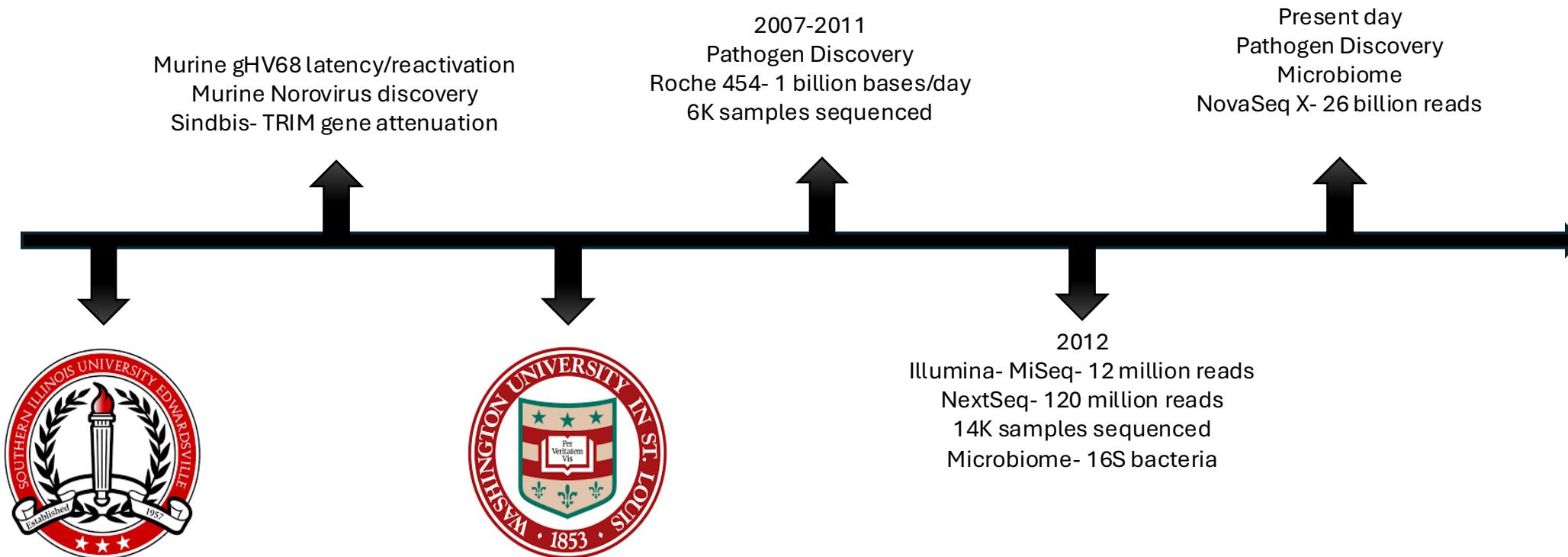


# Targeted Virus Genomics Sample Preparation

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# Career path



# Research interests

Women's health in developing countries



Pathogen Discovery



Marsabit, Kenya

Capacity building and training/teaching



Durban, South Africa



Kathmandu, Nepal



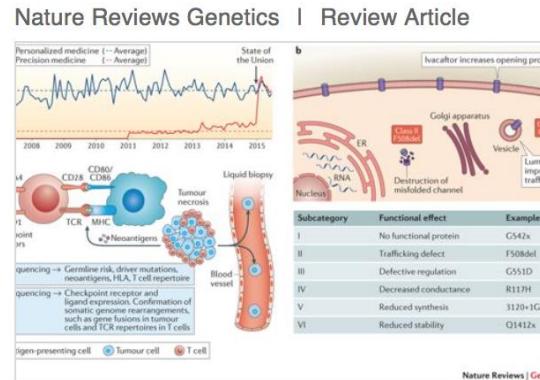
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# Questions to ask

- Hypothesis
- Resources
  - What is the project budget
  - Is there access to cohort/samples
  - Who will collect samples and how will they be transported/stored
- Sample requirements
  - How many samples should the study include
  - How much specimen is available for each sample
  - Does my experiment require replicates
  - Statistics- How many reads per sample are needed for analysis
- Equipment and sequencing access
  - Is there access to equipment needed to perform experiments
  - What sequencing platforms are available
  - What sequencing reagents are available



# Next Gen Sequencing applications

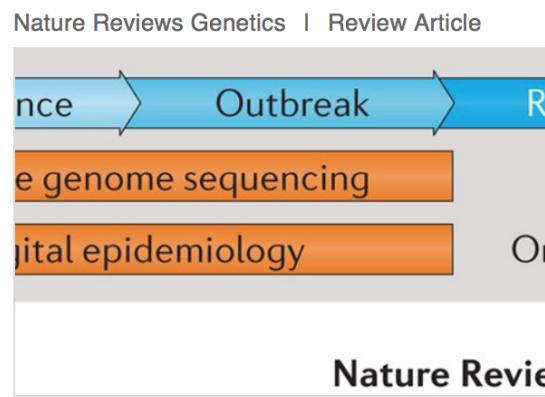


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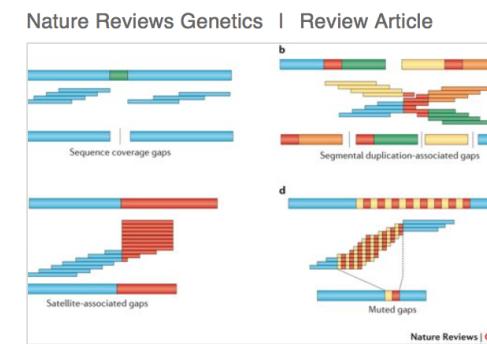
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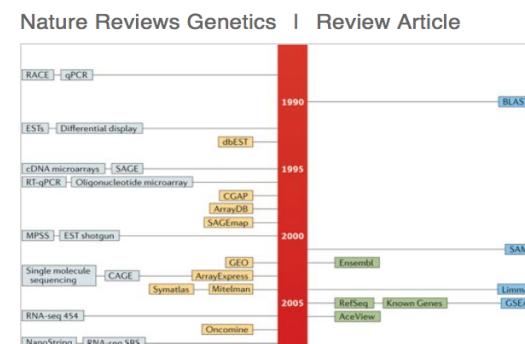


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# Virome sequencing applications

## Article

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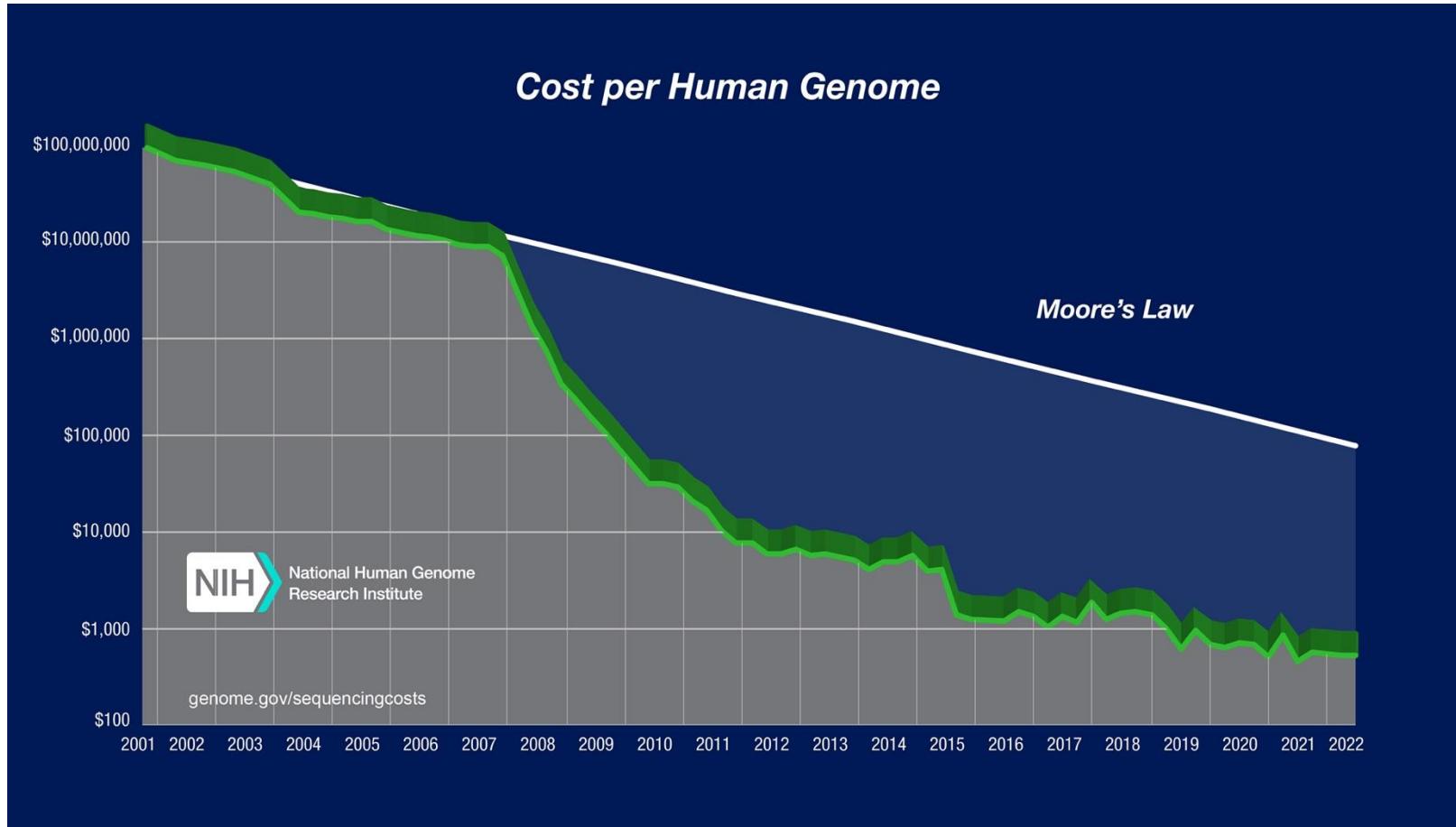
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- Sequencing history ←
- Current sequencing technologies
- Preparing samples for **N**ext **G**eneration **S**equencing
  - Techniques for virus like particle enrichment
  - Library preparation

# Sequencing history

- First Generation
    - Sanger Sequencing (1977)
      - Foundation for DNA sequencing
      - Short reads
      - High labor and cost
  - Second Generation (NGS)
    - 454 Sequencing (2005)
      - First Next Gen Sequencing
      - Massively parallel pyrosequencing technique
    - Illumina (Solexa) Sequencing (2007)
      - Sequencing by synthesis
        - Genome Analyzer 2007-2009
        - HiSeq 2010
        - MiSeq 2011
        - NextSeq 2014
        - MiniSeq 2016
        - NovaSeq 2017
  - Third Generation
    - Oxford Nanopore
    - Single molecule
    - MinIon
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# Sequencing costs



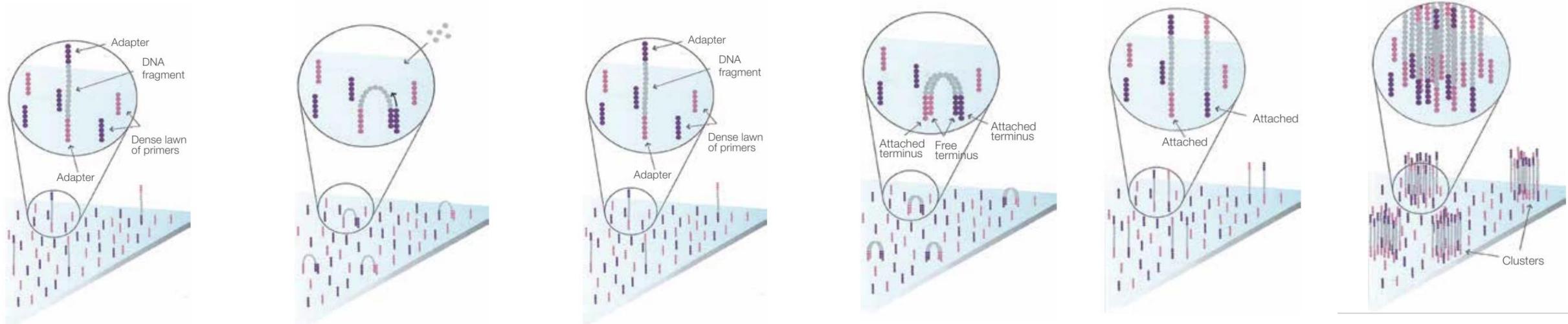
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3. Sequencing 
  - Illumina
  - Oxford Nanopore
4. Data analysis

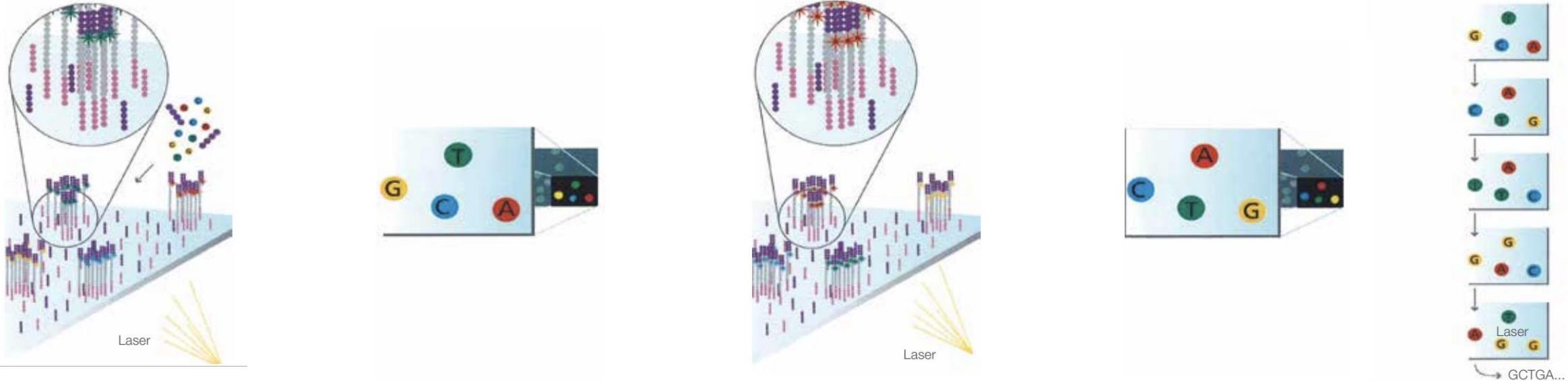
# Illumina sequencing technology- cluster generation



- 1.A flow cell is coated with oligonucleotides
- 2.DNA fragments are added to the flow cell and attach to the oligonucleotides
- 3.DNA polymerase replicates the DNA fragments
- 4.The double-stranded DNA fragments are denatured and the original strands are washed away

- 5.The remaining strands fold over and attach to the other oligonucleotides on the flow cell
- 6.DNA polymerase replicates the folded strands, forming a bridge
- 7.The bridge is denatured, creating two single-stranded copies of the DNA
- 8.Repeat the process until enough DNA has been amplified

# Illumina sequencing technology- sequencing by synthesis

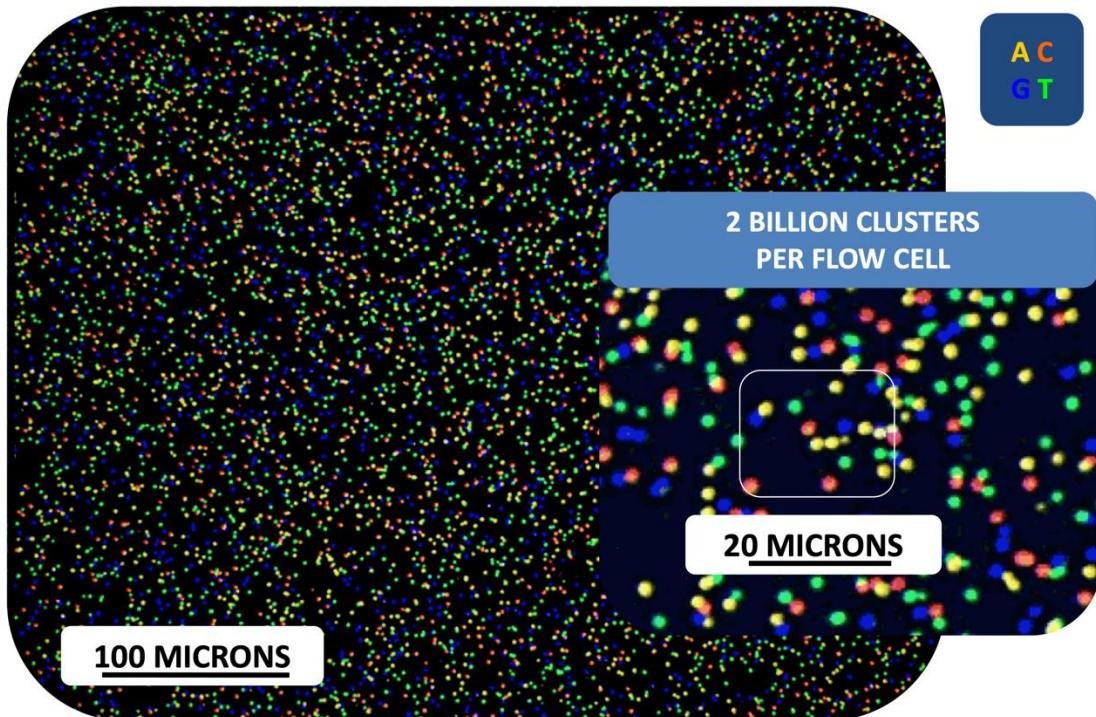


SBS- method for sequencing DNA that detects bases as they are added to a growing DNA strand

- 1.A DNA polymerase incorporates nucleotides into a complementary DNA strand.
- 2.A fluorescently-labeled nucleotide is added to the nucleic acid chain.
- 3.The fluorescent dye is imaged to identify the base.
- 4.The dye is enzymatically cleaved to allow the next nucleotide to be incorporated.

# Illumina sequencing technology- base calling

## Illumina Sequencing : How it looks



2 channel SBS sequencing chemistry:

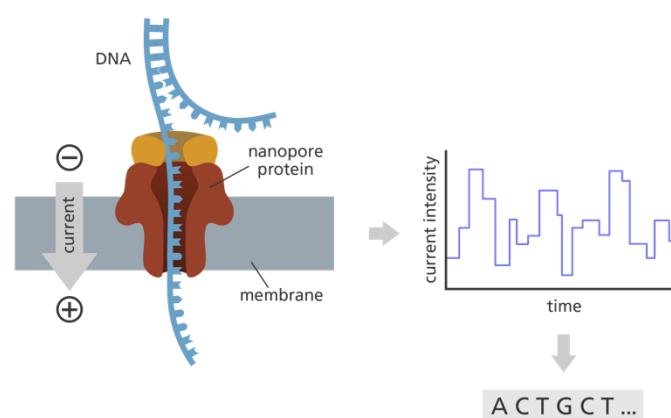
- T- labeled with green fluorophores
- C- labeled with red fluorophores
- A- red and green fluorophores
- G- permanently dark

# Illumina sequencing video

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fCd6B5HRaZ8>

# Oxford Nanopore sequencing technology

- Nanopore sequencing
- Detects changes in electrical current as a single strand of DNA passes through a tiny protein pore “nanopore”
- Each different nucleotide causes a unique current fluctuation
- Advantage- longer reads / Disadvantage- lower accuracy, no redundancy, large amount of high-quality DNA are needed for input



# Oxford Nanopore sequencing video

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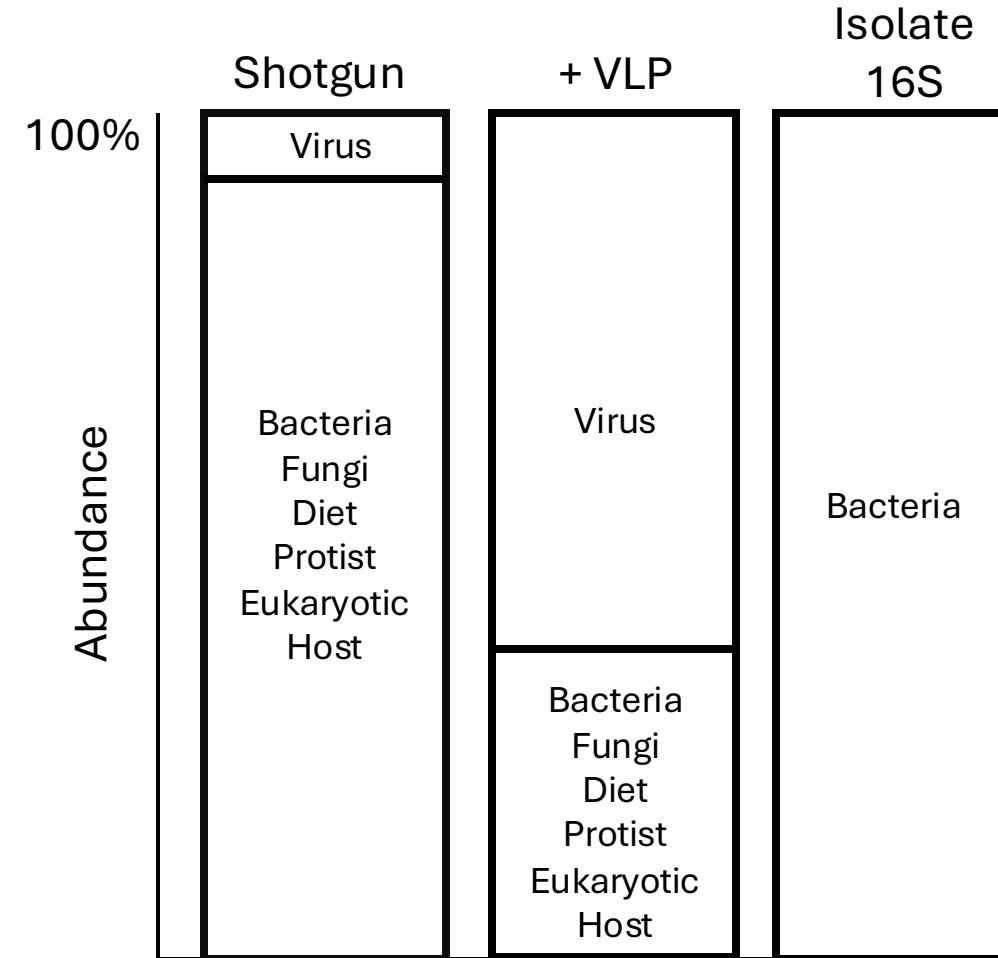
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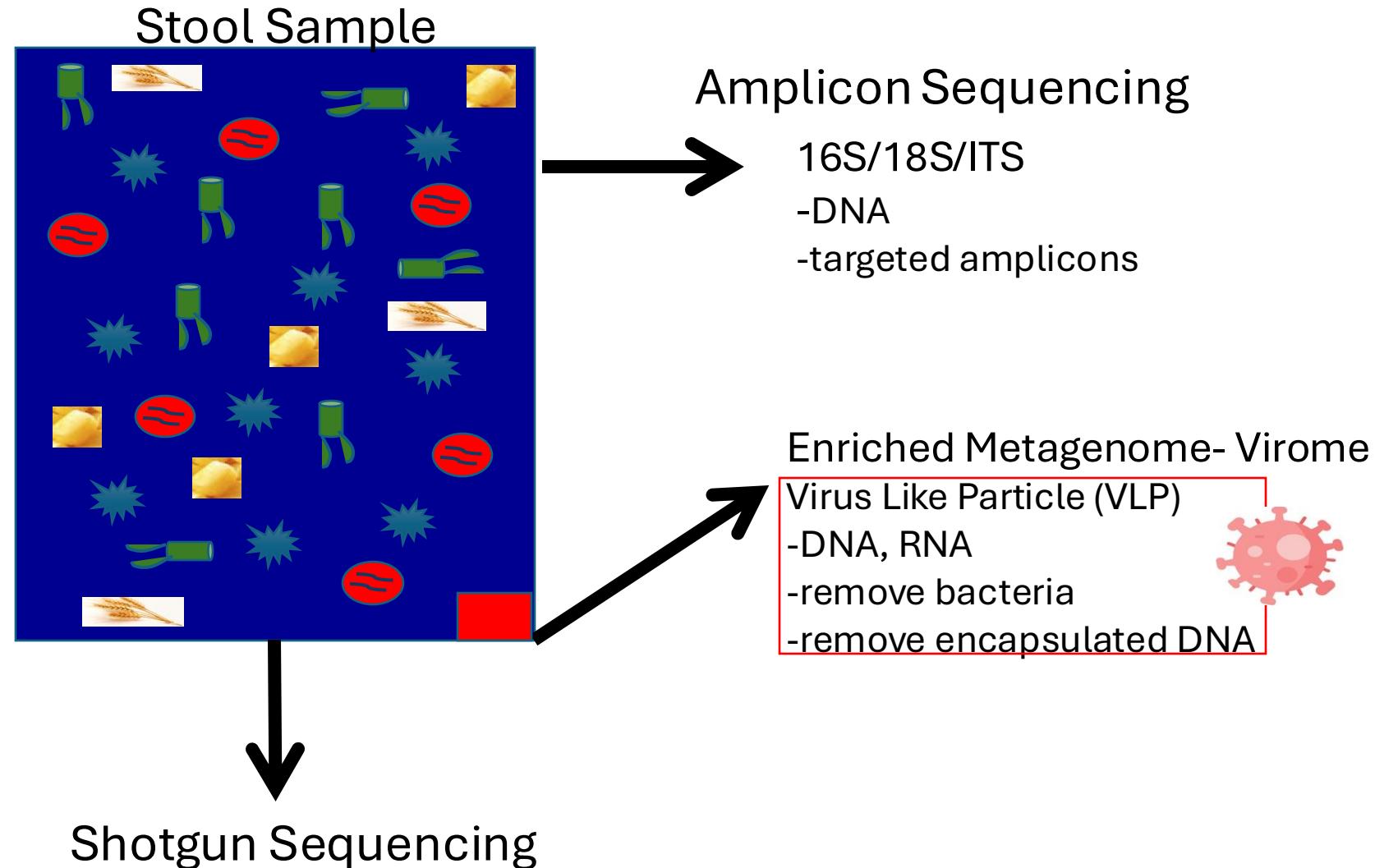
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# Why VLP enrichment



Abundance- what is your question and how will you maximize the number of sequences you are specifically interested in

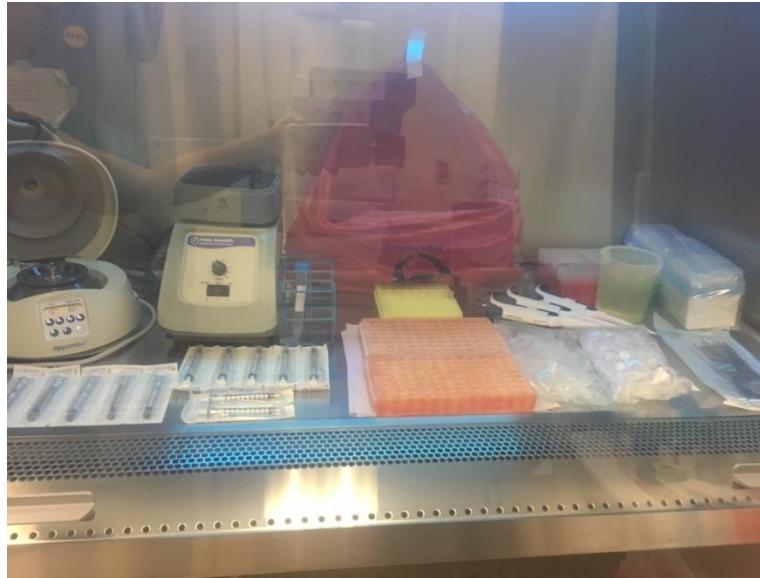
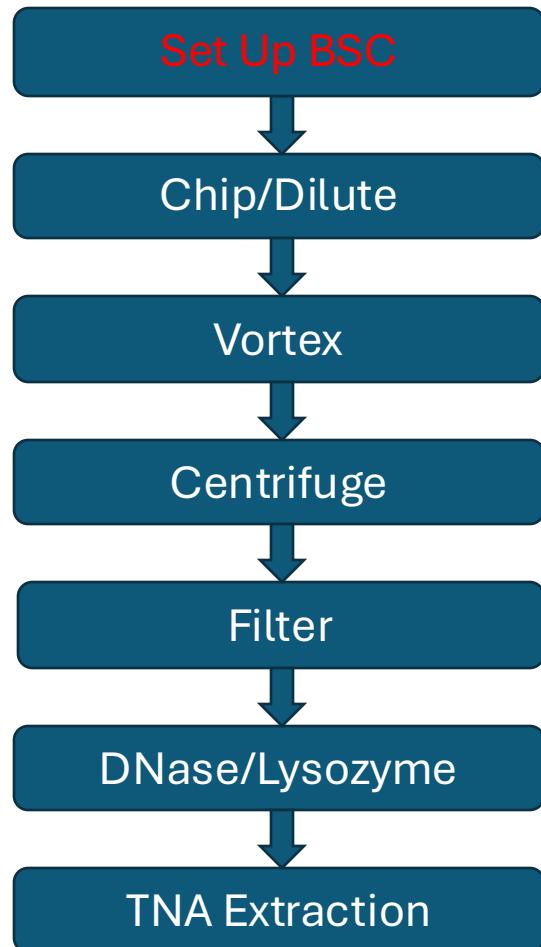
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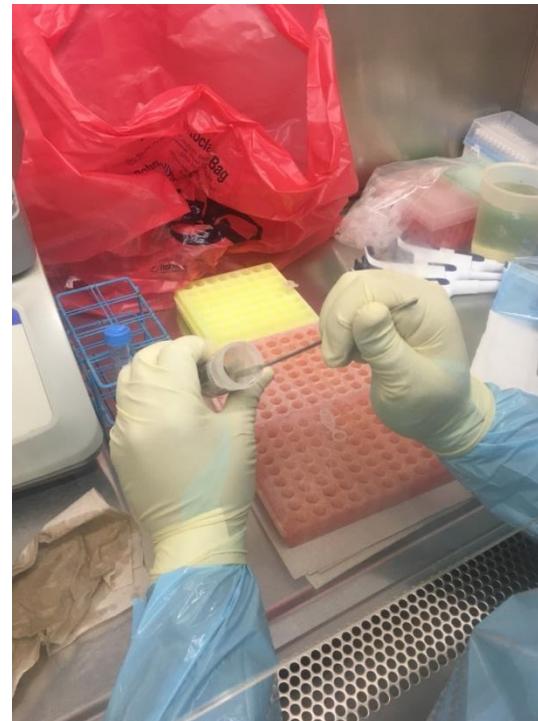
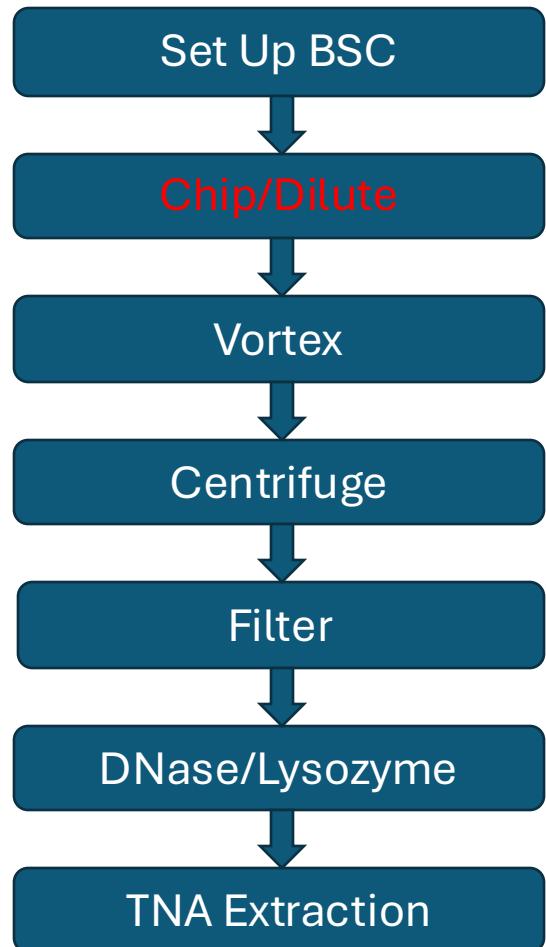
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# Set up biosafety cabinet



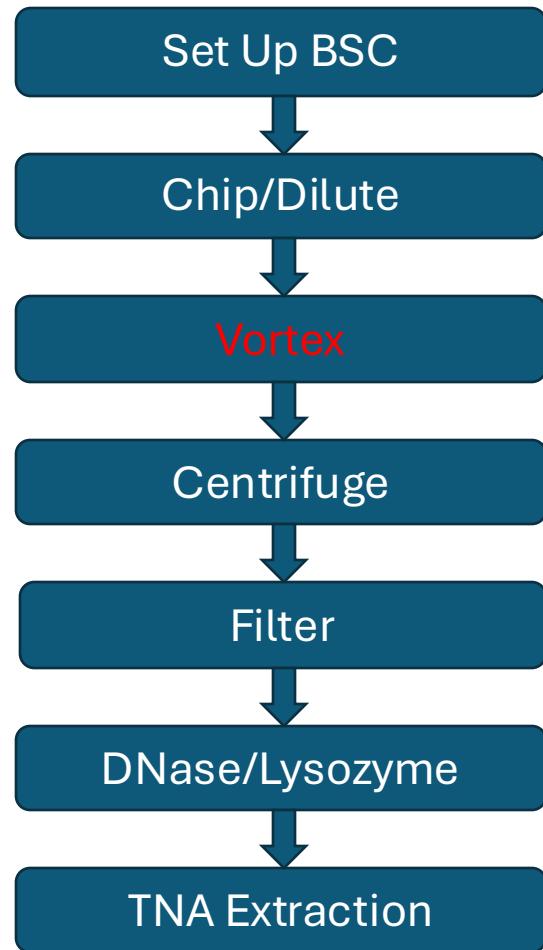
- Samples are handled at BSL2+ - gown and double glove
- Decon with 10% bleach solution, 70% ethanol, and UV for 30 minutes
- Waste collected in biohazard bags and autoclaved

# Chip/Dilute to obtain desired input



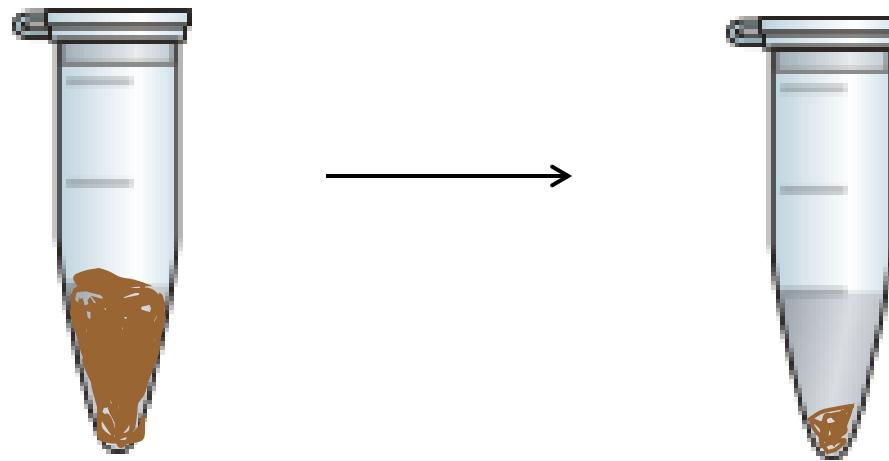
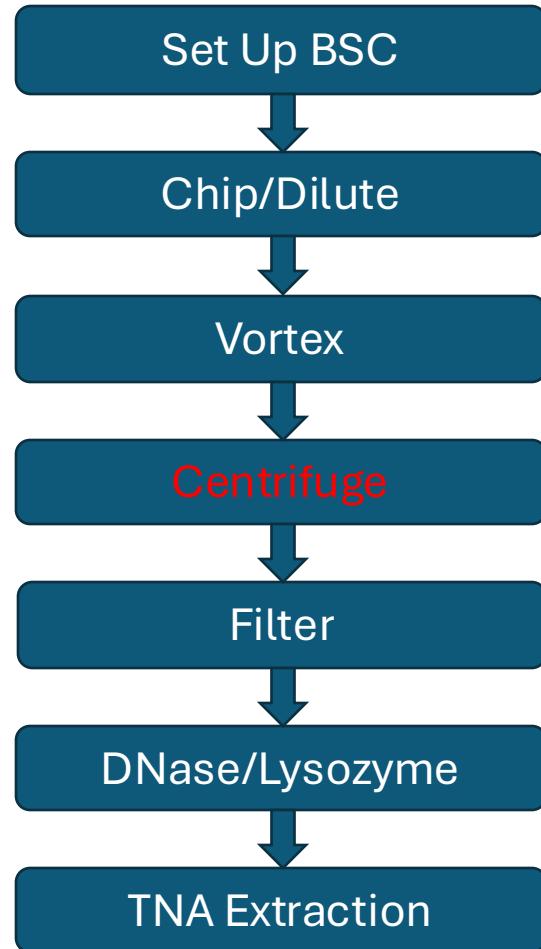
- Keep sample frozen
- Chip ~200mg of stool
- Add SM Buffer (NaCl, Tris, MgSO<sub>4</sub>)

# Homogenize to break up stool material



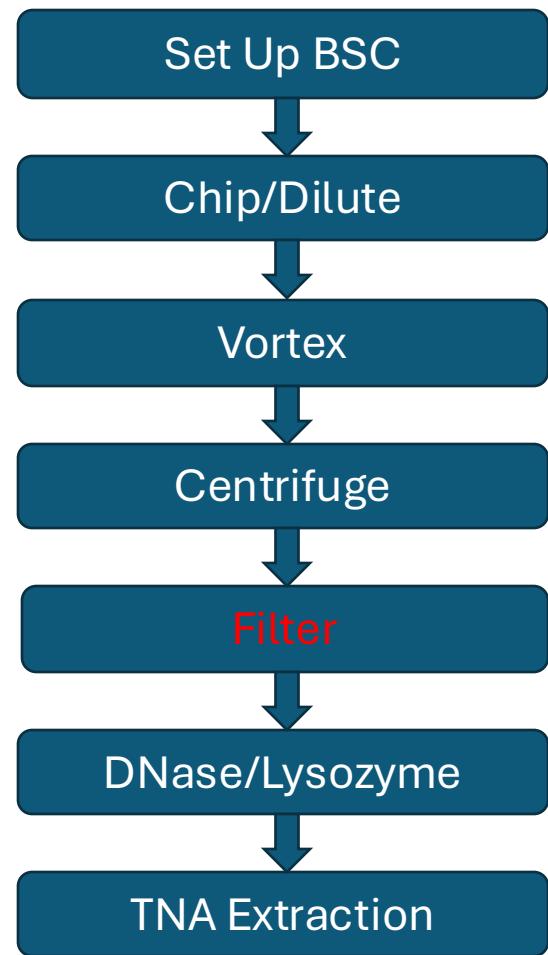
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# Centrifuge to pellet stool particles



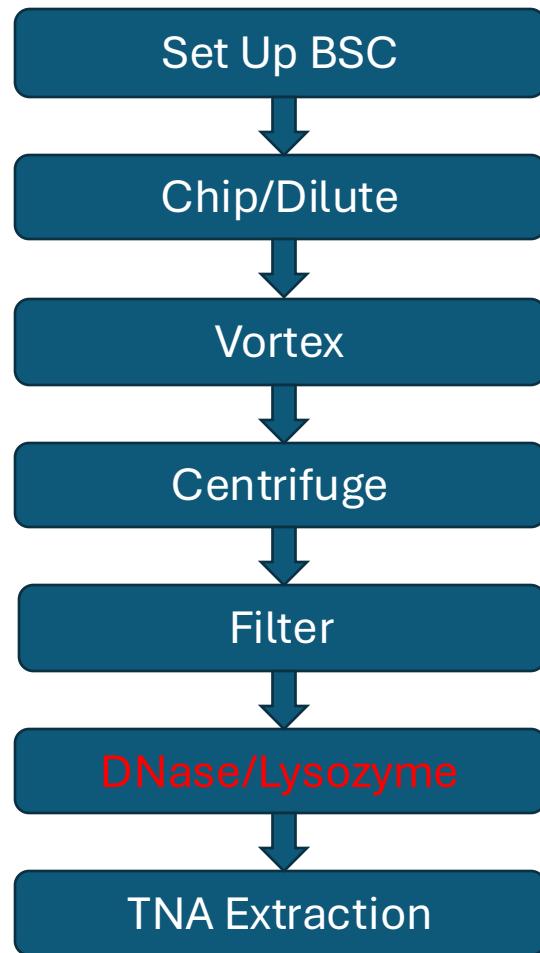
7,000G for 10 minutes

# Filter to remove bacteria



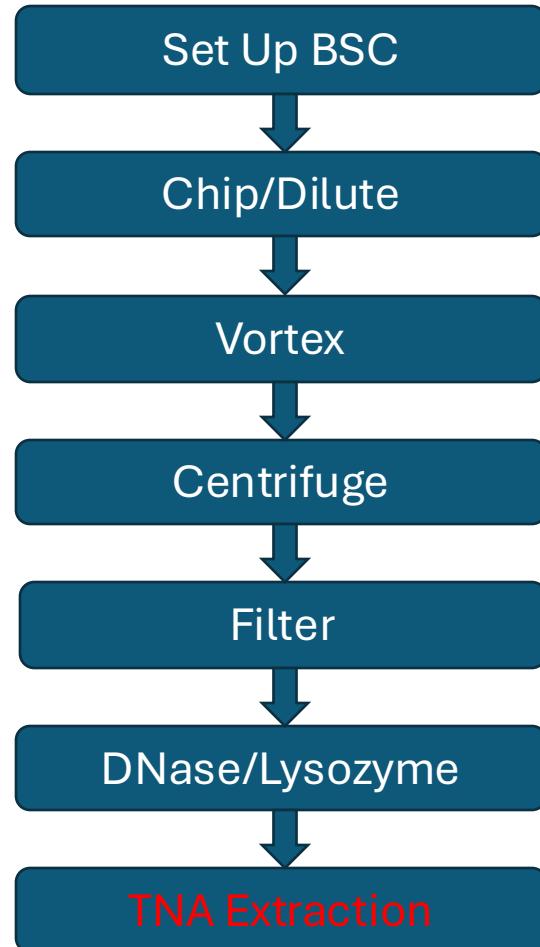
.45u filter

# Non encapsulated DNA removal



	Per 800ul sample	12 +1 =13 samples
Turbo DNase buffer	108 ul	1,404
Turbo DNase I (2U/uL)	20 ul	260
Baseline zero (1U/uL)	4 ul	52
Lysozyme (10mg/ml)	80 ul	1,040
H2O	68 ul	884
	280ul	

# Total Nucleic Acid extraction

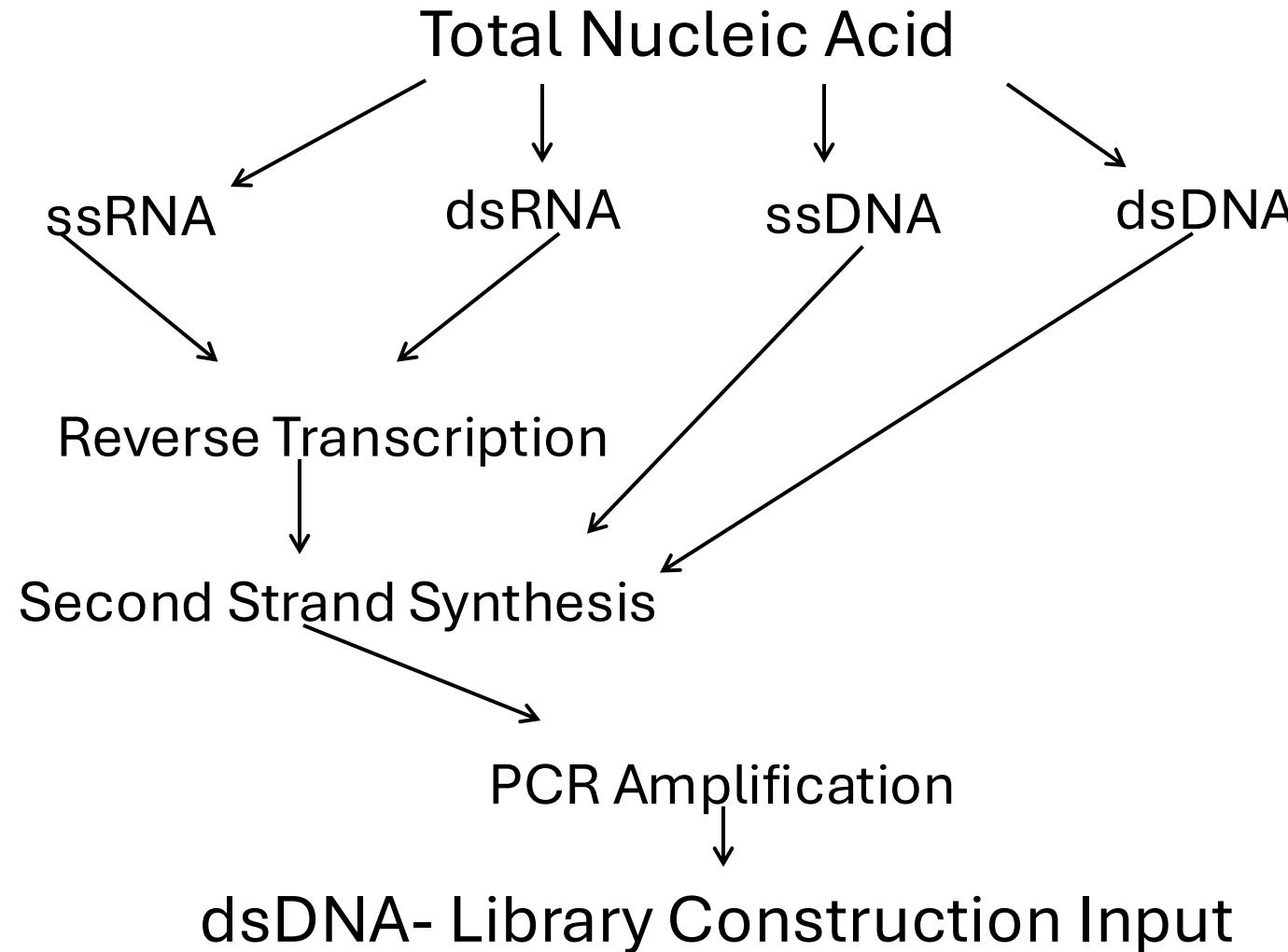


- Extract both DNA and RNA
- Automated systems
- Manual kits- Qiagen DNeasy

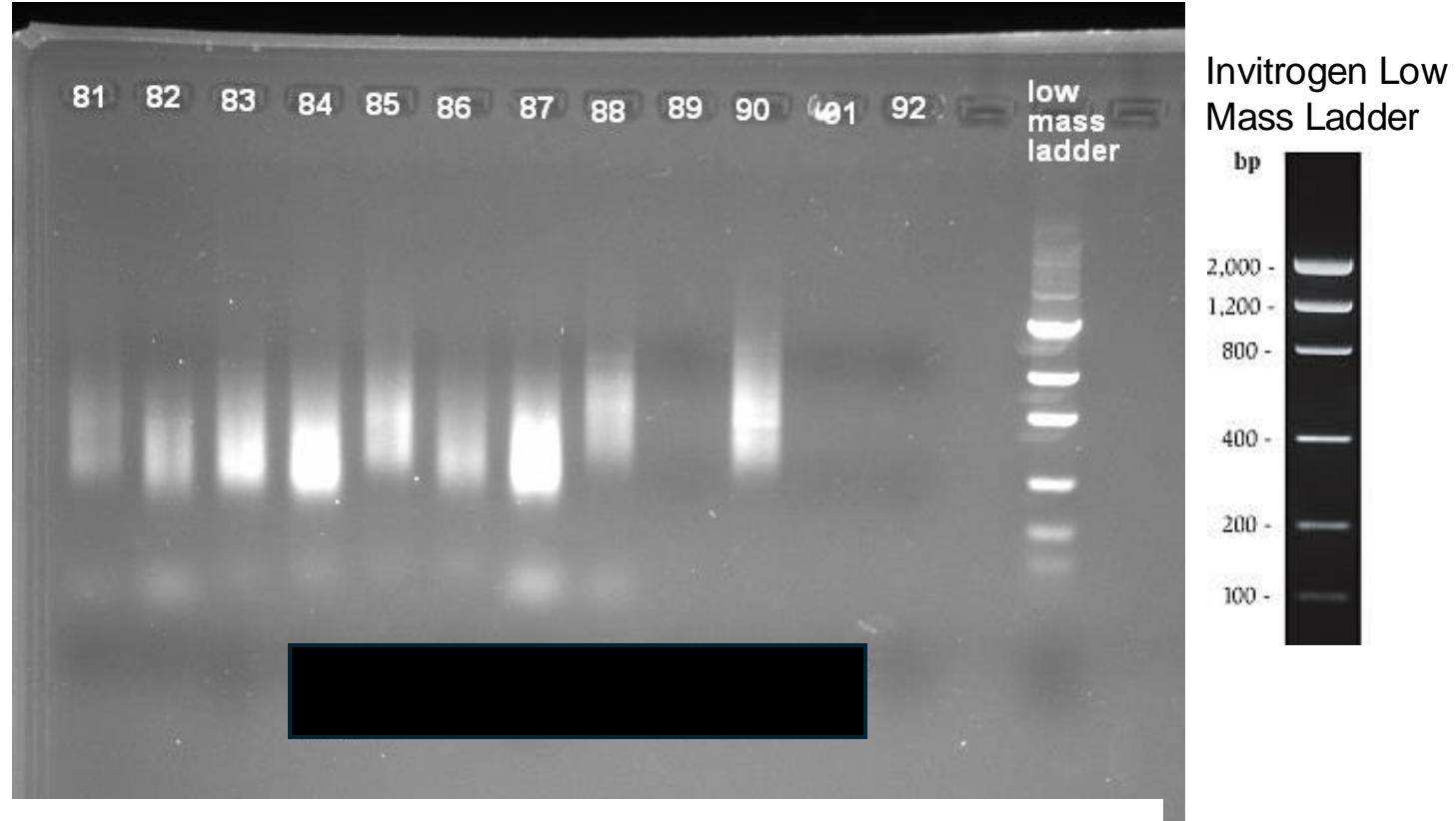
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# Convert RNA and ssDNA to dsDNA



# Post PCR amplification DNA visualization



- 1% Agarose gel- 10ul of amplified DNA
- Expected smear 200bp-1kb
- Lanes 81-88 samples, lane 90 + control, lanes 89, 91 and 92 - controls
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# Basic steps of library preparation

1. Fragmentation
2. End Repair
3. Addition of adapters
  - Index sequence (barcodes for pooling multiple samples)
  - Sequencing primer binding site
  - Amplification primers
  - Flow cell binding sequence- allows the sequence to bind to the flow cell
4. PCR amplification

# Many options for library preparation kits



SureSelectXT Reagent Kits



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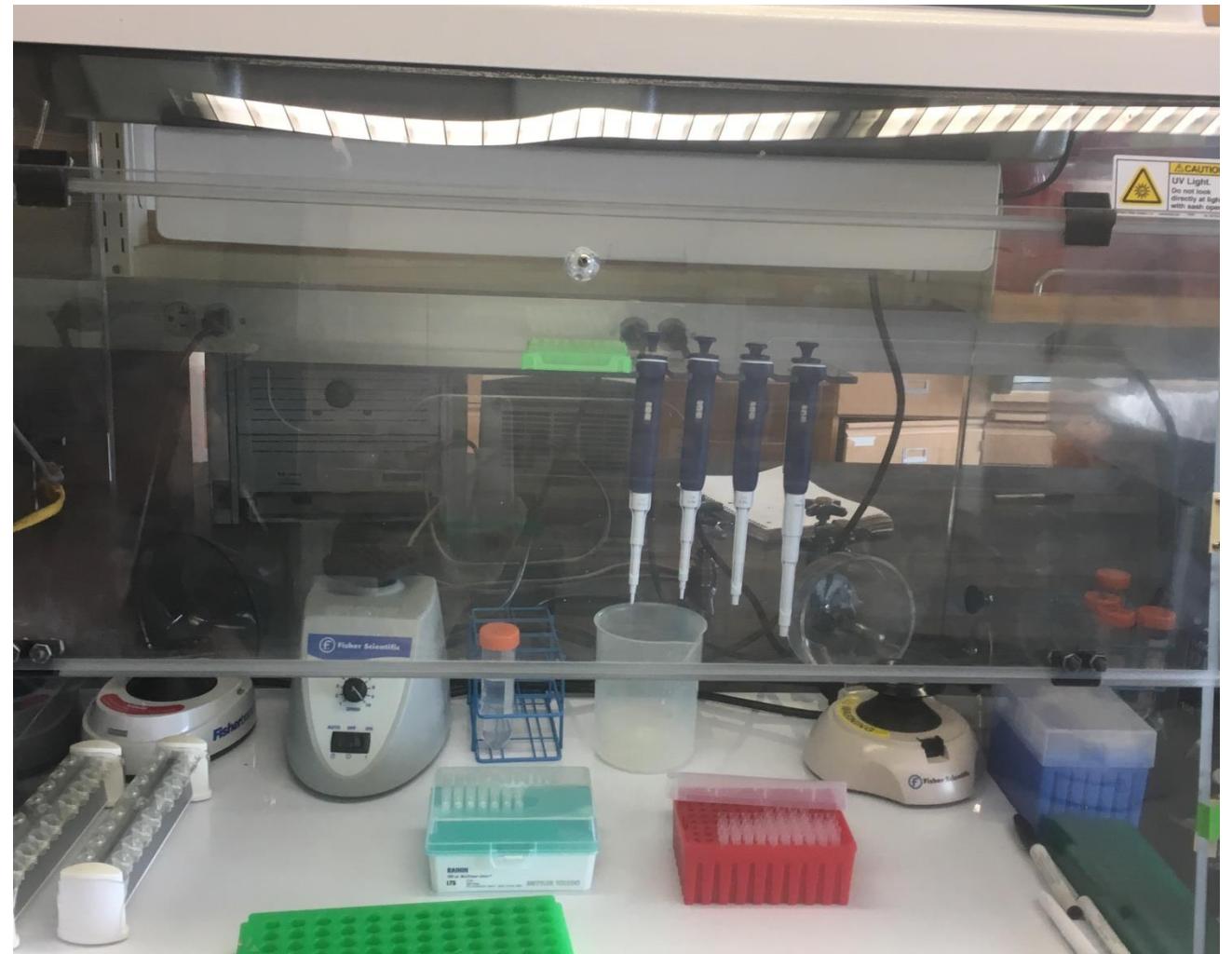
# New England Biolabs NEBNext DNA Library Kit



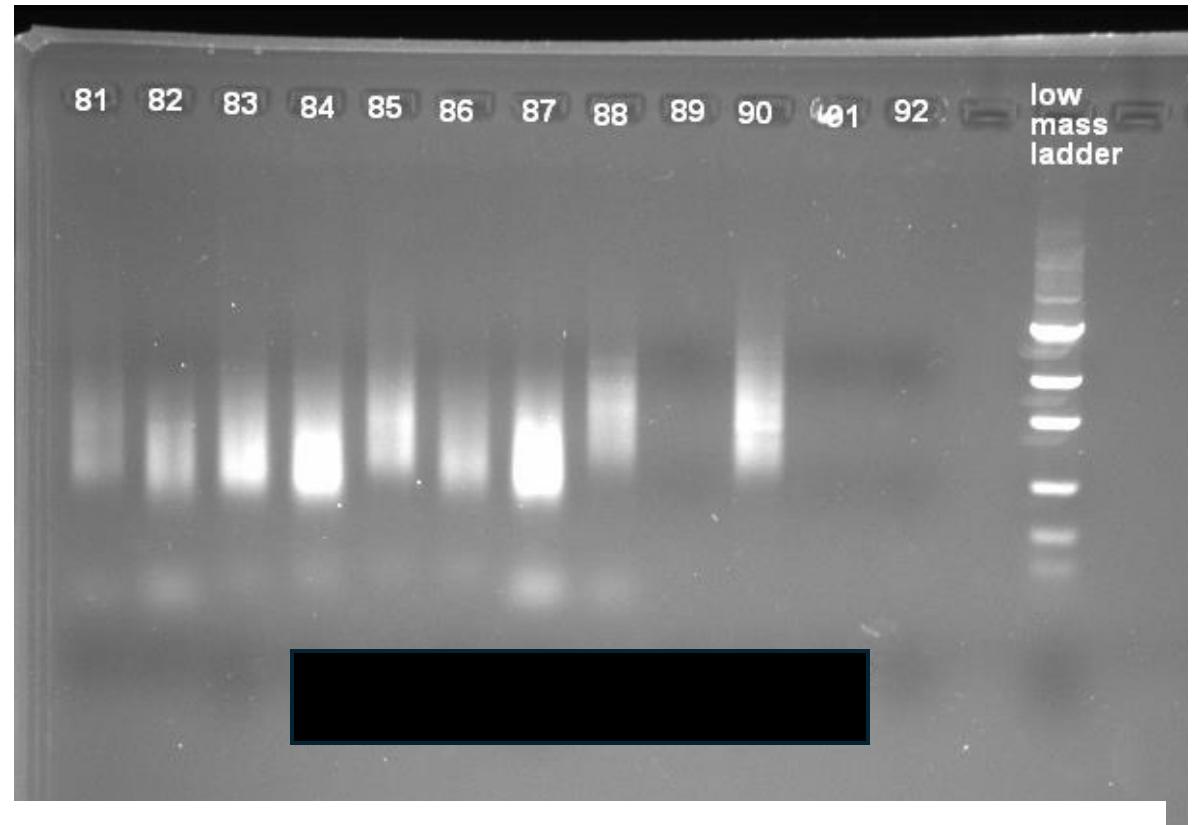
# PCR workstation

PCR workstation qualities:

- Sterile work area
- Vertical Laminar air flow
- Hepa filtration system
- Built in UV

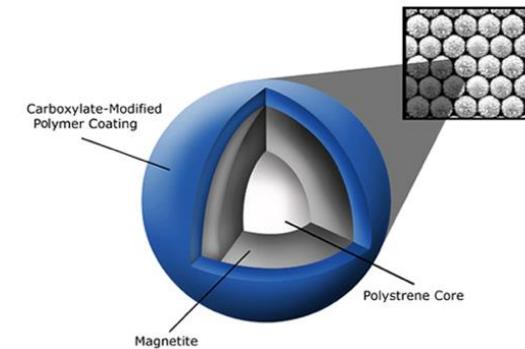
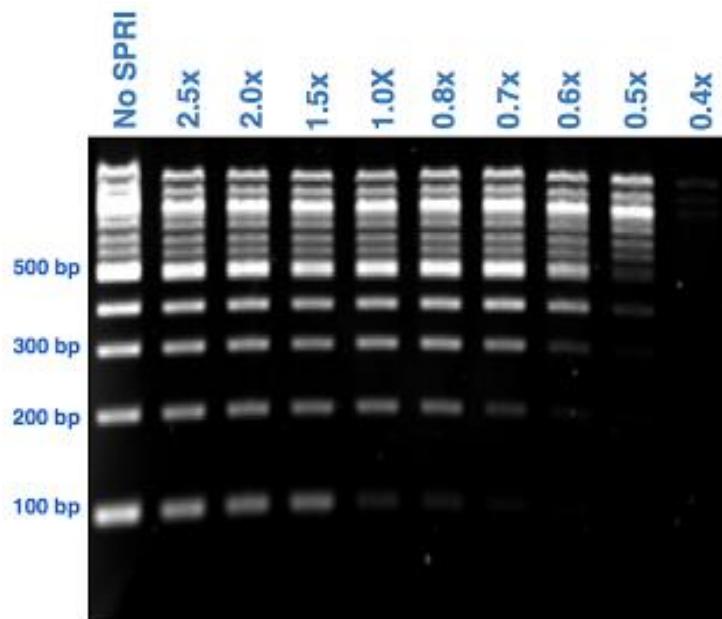


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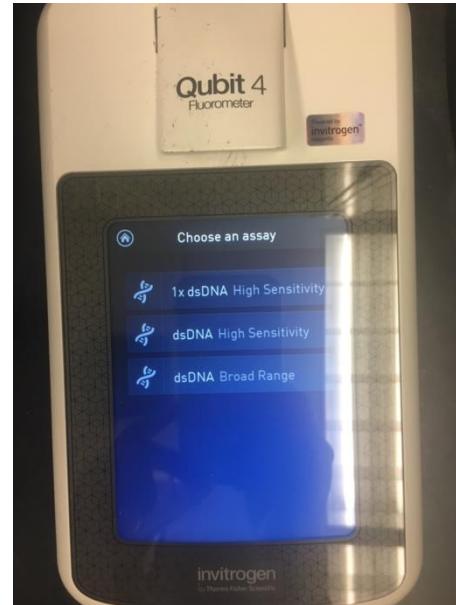


- SPRI Bead (Solid Phase Reversible Immobilization)
- Uses Paramagnetic beads to selectively bind nucleic acid by size
- PEG (polyethylene glycol) causes the negatively charged DNA to bind to the carboxyl molecules on bead surface
- Lower the ratio of SPRI:DNA= larger final fragments at elution

# Beckman Coulter SPRI bead video

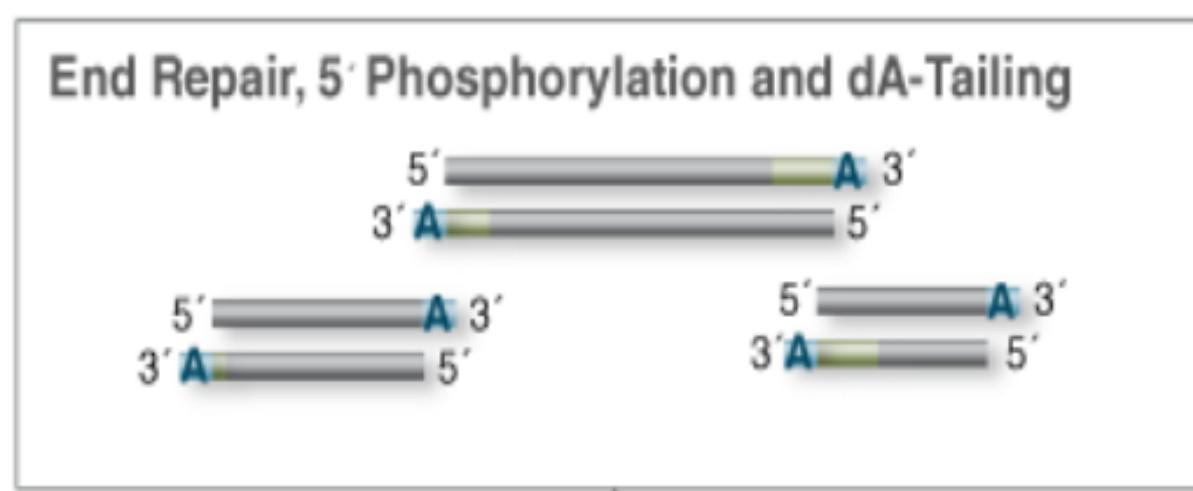
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# Sample quantification



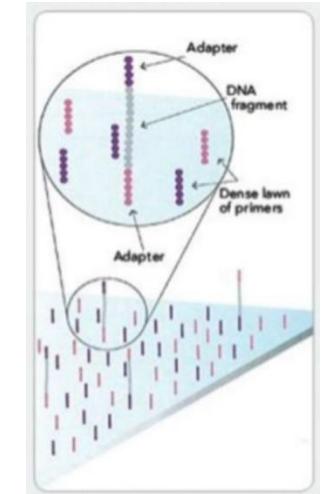
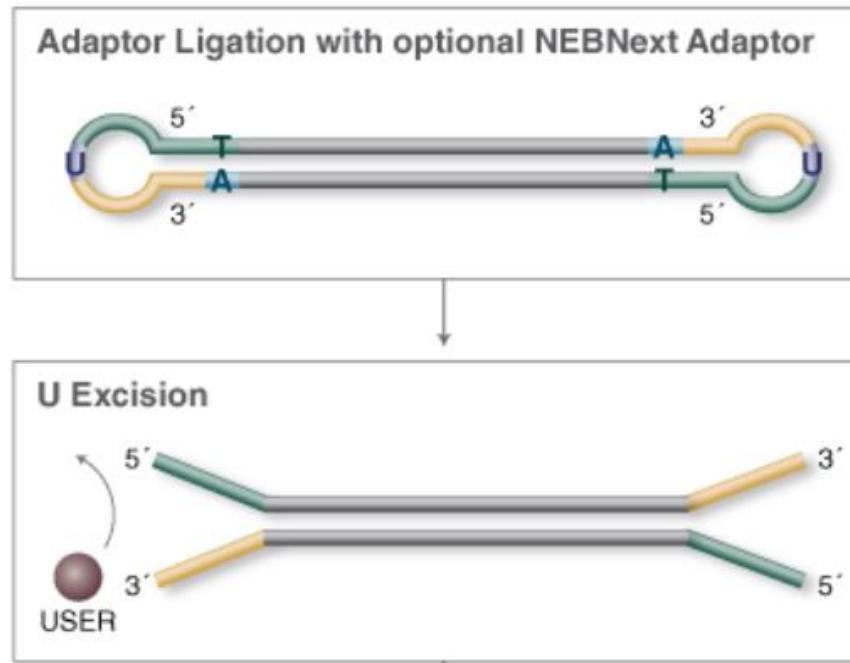
- Library input DNA 20-100ng
- Can go as low as 1ng
- Knowing input is critical for downstream steps- adapter concentration and PCR amplification cycle number

# End Repair



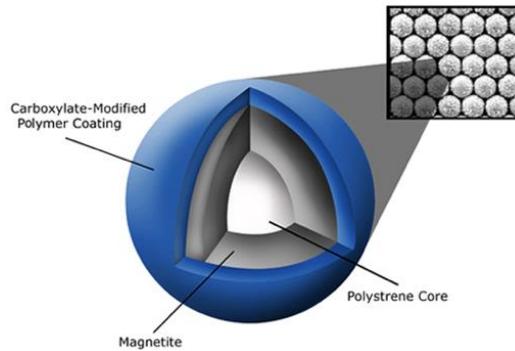
- Strands are blunted and phosphorylated
- Adding an A to 3' ends

# Adapter Ligation



- Adapters with single T overhang ligated on the end repair dA fragment
- Amount of adapter is critical
- User enzyme used to cleave hairpin loop

# Clean up- post adapter ligation

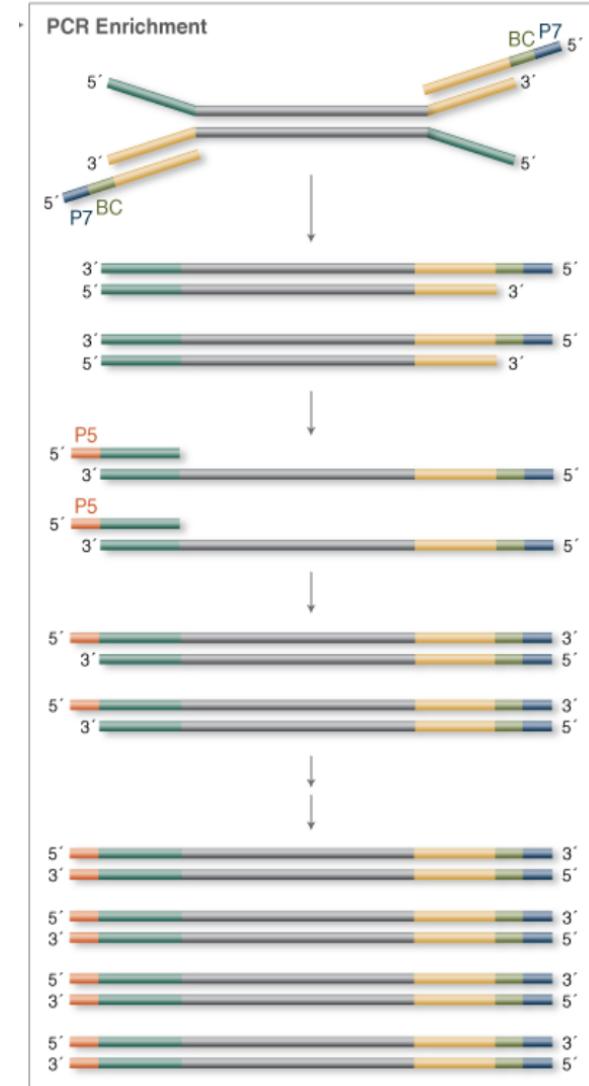


- Size Selection 400-600bp
- Remove unused ligation reaction components, adapter dimers, and concatemers

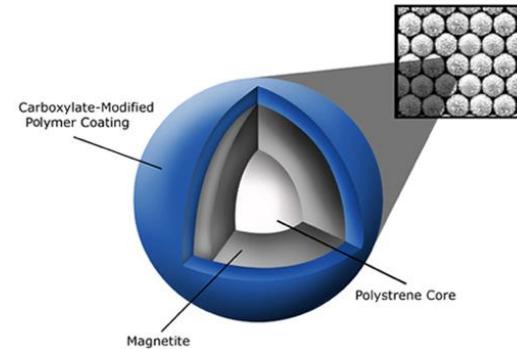
# Library Amplification by PCR



- Select for libraries with adapters on each end
- Increase the amount of library
- Indexes can be added for multiplexing- 24 unique indexes

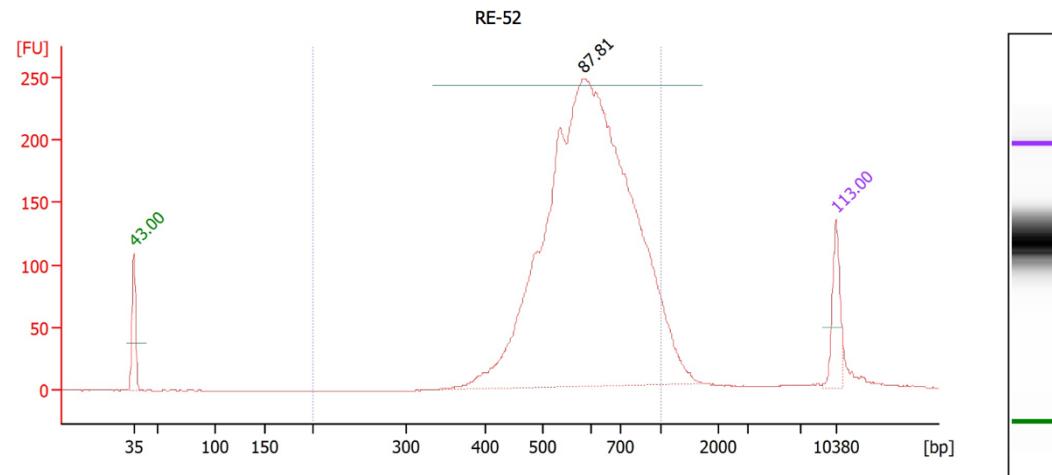


# PCR clean up



- Remove free barcodes, nucleotides
- Remove adapter dimers

# Quality control



#### Overall Results for sample 9 : RE-52

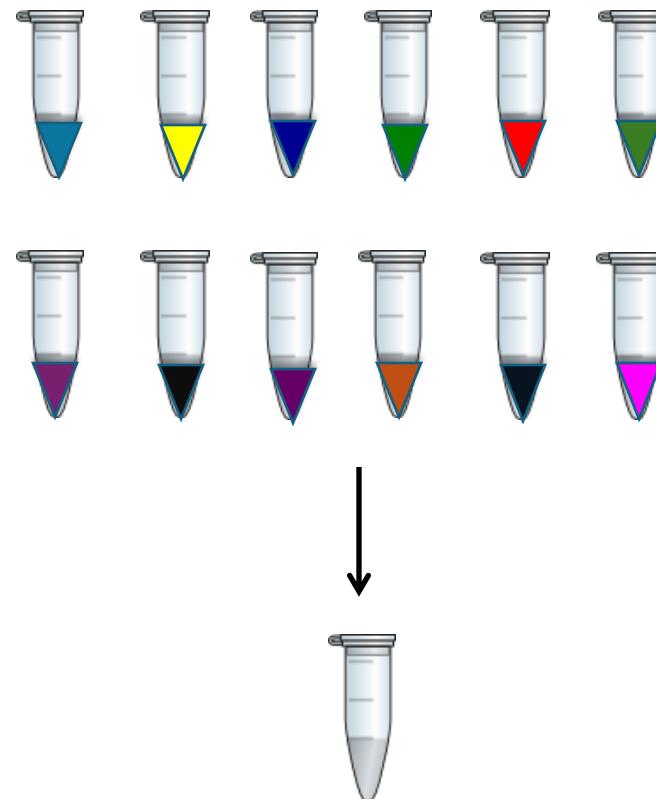
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Noise: 0.3

#### Peak table for sample 9 : RE-52

Peak	Size [bp]	Conc. [pg/µl]	Molarity [pmol/l]	Observations
1	35	125.00	5,411.3	Lower Marker
2	585	2,754.89	7,140.6	
3	10,380	75.00	10.9	Upper Marker

- Agilent Bioanalyzer 2100
- Microfluidics platform for sizing and quantification
- Tapestation

# Pool final libraries



- Individual Barcode for multiplexing
- Pool equal molar concentration
- Sequencing Core requires 20ul at 2-10nM

# Sequence



- MiSeq
- Paired end 2X250
- Target 1 million reads/sample

# Illumina Sequencing Platforms

				 <span style="border: 1px solid orange; border-radius: 50%; padding: 2px;">New</span>		
<b>Key specifications</b>	<a href="#">iSeq 100 System</a>	<a href="#">MiniSeq System</a>	<a href="#">MiSeq System</a>	<a href="#">MiSeq i100 Series<sup>a</sup></a>	<a href="#">NextSeq 550 System</a>	<a href="#">NextSeq 1000 and 2000 Systems</a>
Max output per flow cell	1.2 Gb <sup>b</sup>	7.5 Gb <sup>c</sup>	15 Gb <sup>d</sup>	30 Gb <sup>a</sup>	120 Gb <sup>c</sup>	540 Gb <sup>e</sup>
Run time (range) <sup>e</sup>	~9.5–19 hr	~5–24 hr	~5.5–56 hr	~4–15.5 hr	~11–29 hr	~8–44 hr
Max reads per run (single reads)	4M <sup>ab</sup>	25M <sup>c</sup>	25M <sup>d</sup>	100M <sup>a</sup>	400M <sup>c</sup>	1.8B <sup>e</sup>
Max read length	2 × 150 bp	2 × 150 bp	2 × 300 bp	2 × 300 bp	2 × 150 bp	2 × 300 bp
<b>Cost per gigabase</b>	<b>\$262</b>	<b>\$54</b>	<b>\$40-\$63</b>			<b>\$10-\$35</b>

			
	<a href="#">NextSeq 1000 and 2000 Systems</a>	<a href="#">NovaSeq 6000 System</a>	<a href="#">NovaSeq X Series</a>
<b>Key specifications</b>			
Max output per flow cell	540 Gb <sup>a</sup>	3 Tb <sup>b</sup>	8 Tb <sup>c</sup>
Run time (range) <sup>d</sup>	~8–44 hr	~13–44 hr	~17–48 hr
Max reads per run (single reads)	1.8B <sup>a</sup>	10B (single flow cell) <sup>b</sup> 20B (dual flow cells) <sup>b</sup>	26B (single flow cell) <sup>c</sup> 52B (dual flow cells) <sup>c,f</sup>
Max read length	2 × 300 bp	2 × 250 bp	2 × 150 bp

# Preparing samples for virome sequencing

1. Virus Like Particle (VLP) Enrichment and Total Nucleic Acid Extraction
2. Reverse Transcription, Second Strand Synthesis, and PCR Amplification
3. Library Construction
  - mechanical fragmentation (TruSeq/NEB Next DNA Library prep)
  - transposon fragmentation (Nextera/Illumina DNA Library prep) ←

# Illumina DNA Library Prep



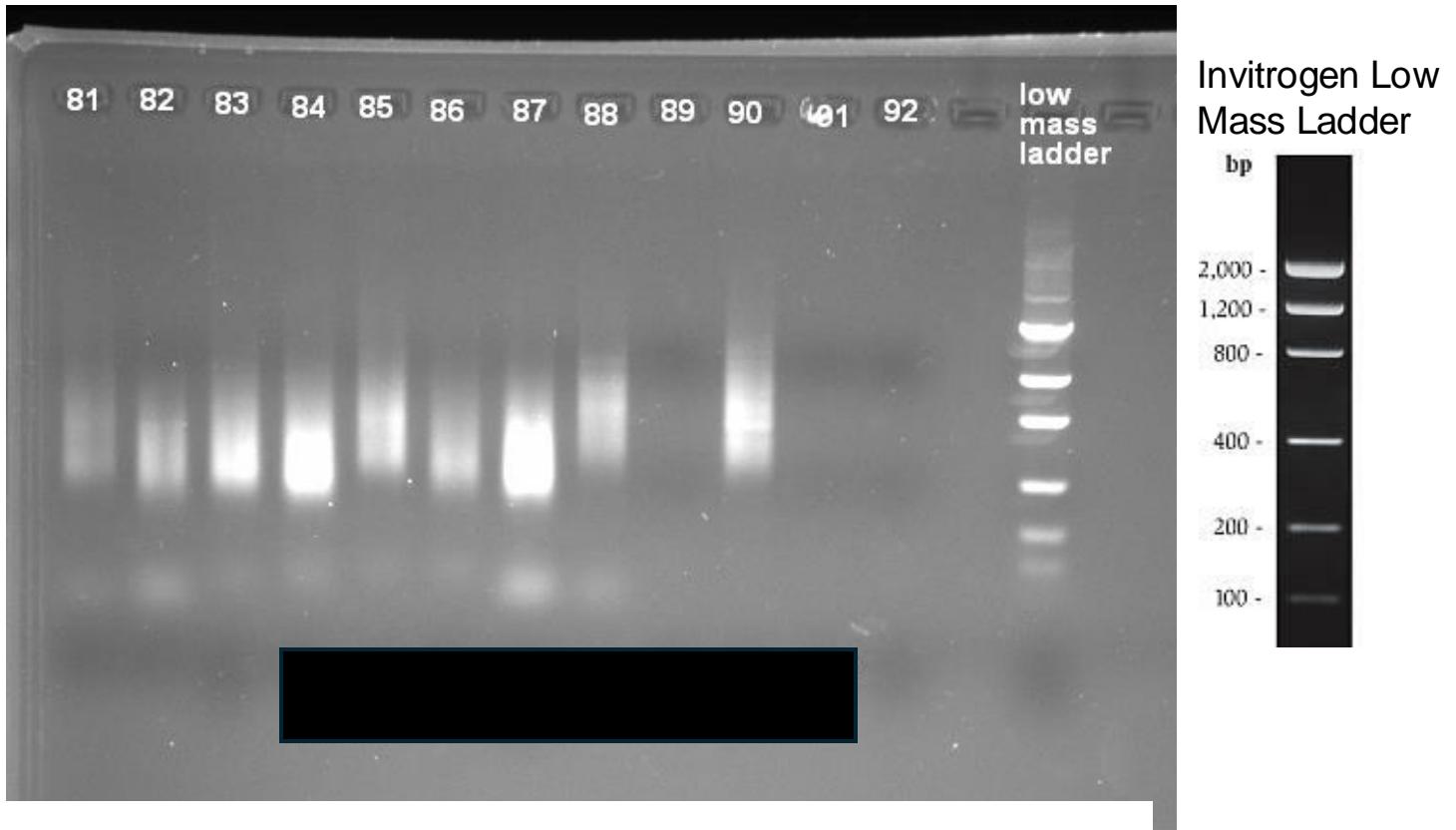
# PCR workstation

PCR workstation qualities:

- Sterile work area
- Vertical Laminar air flow
- Hepa filtration system
- Built in UV

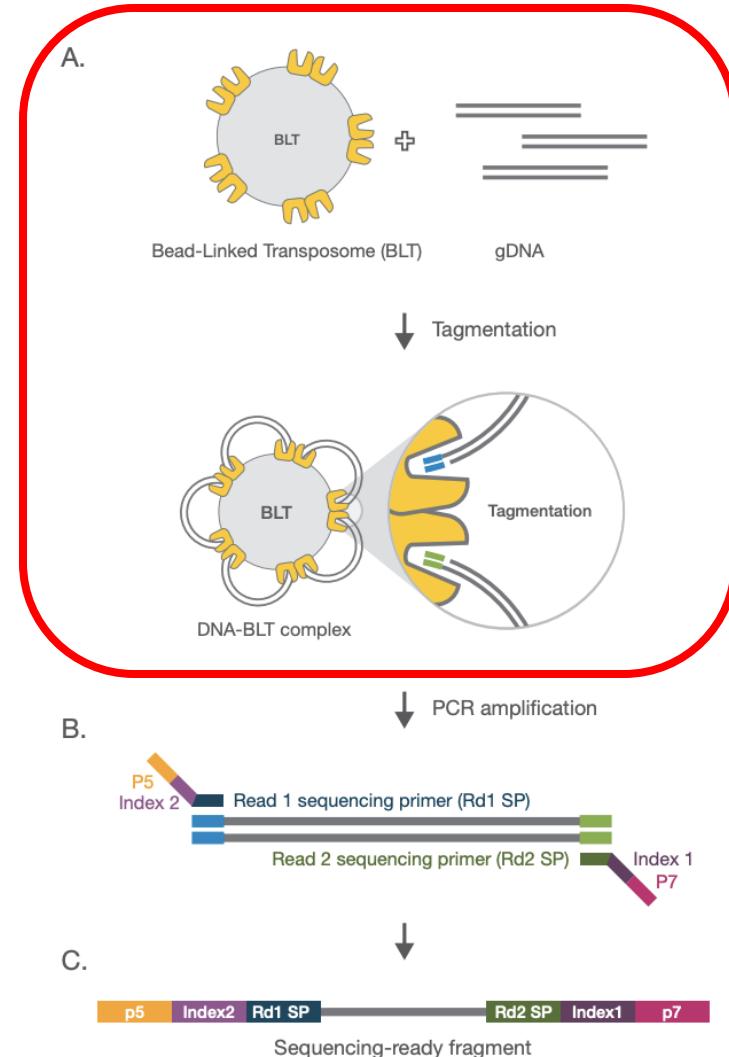


# Post PCR amplification visualization

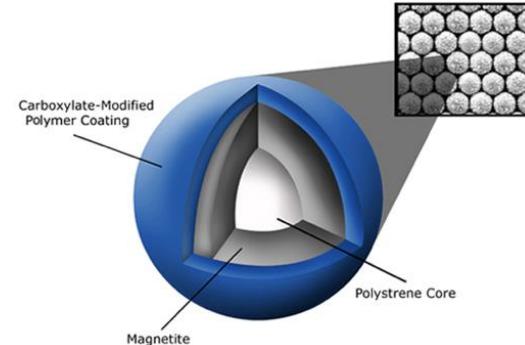


- 1% Agarose gel- 10ul of amplified DNA
- Expected smear 200bp-1kb
- Lanes 81-88 samples, lane 90 + control, lanes 89, 91 and 92 - controls
- Failure rate averages 8-10%

# Tagmentation: fragmentation and adapter ligation

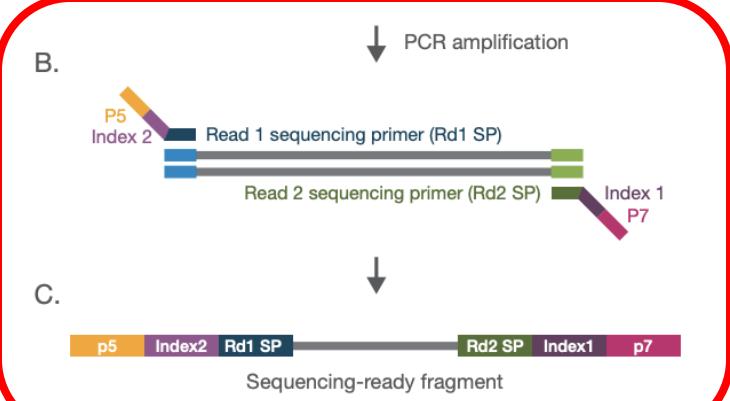
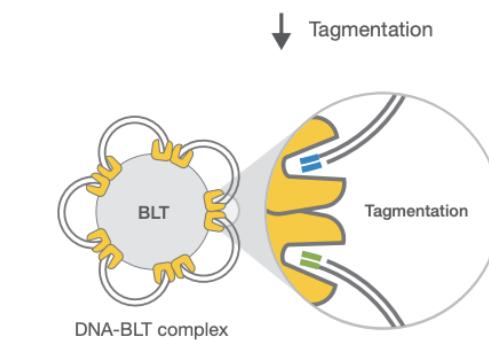
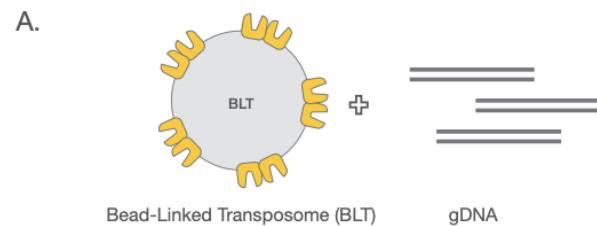


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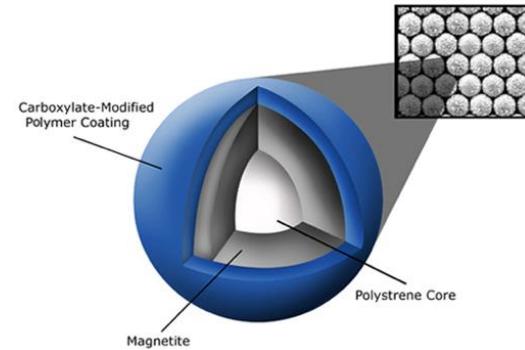


- Washes the adapter-tagged DNA on the BLT before PCR amplification

# PCR amplification

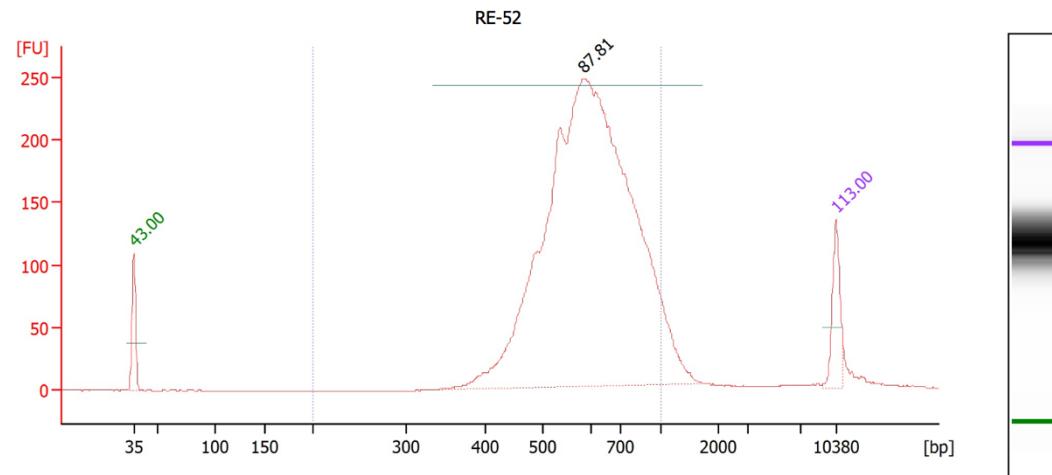


# PCR amplification clean up



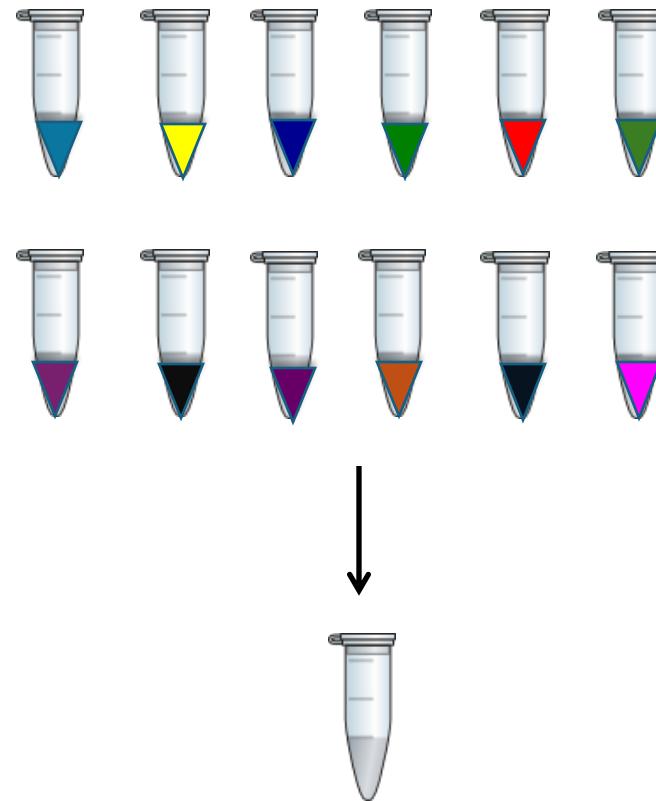
- Remove free barcodes, nucleotides
- Remove adapter dimers

# Quality control



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# Pool final libraries



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# Sequence



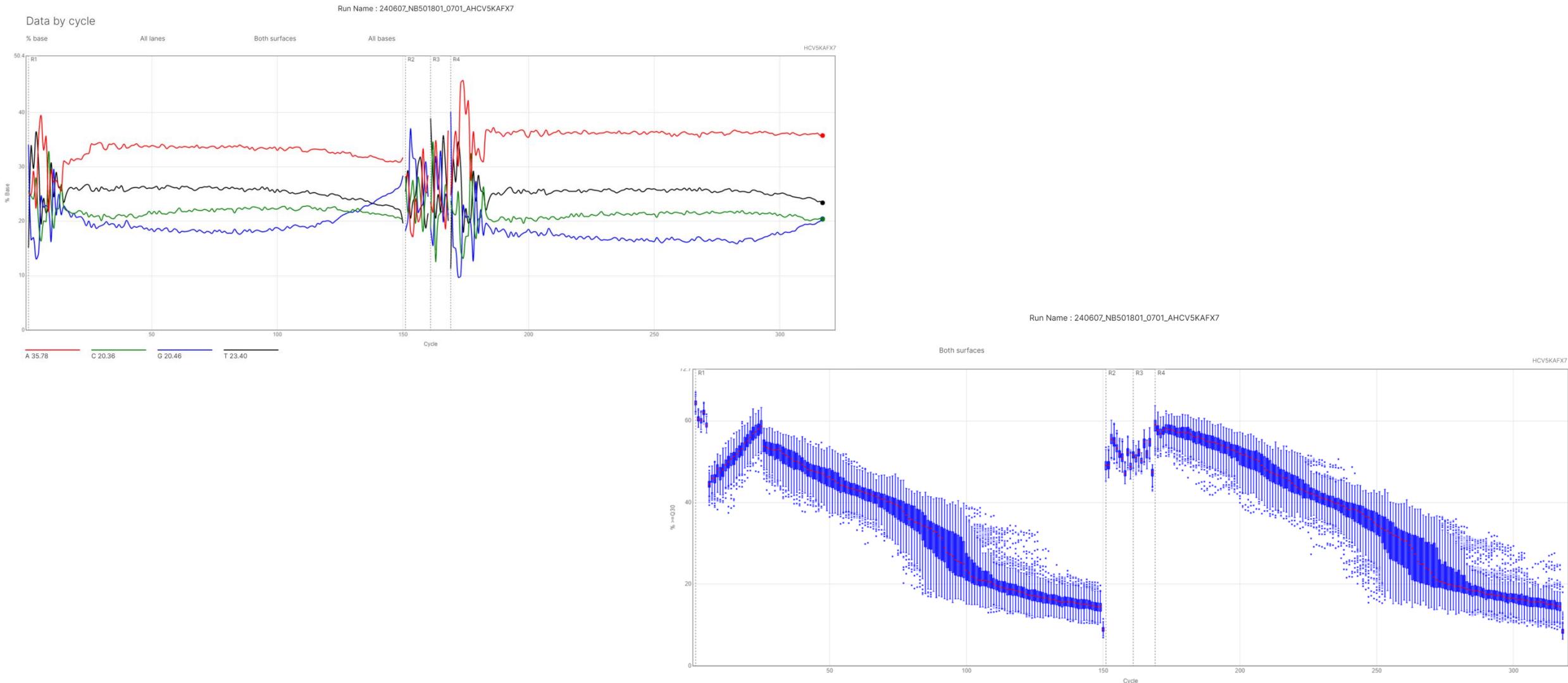
- NovaSeq X
- Paired end 2X150
- Target 2 million reads/sample

# What can go wrong

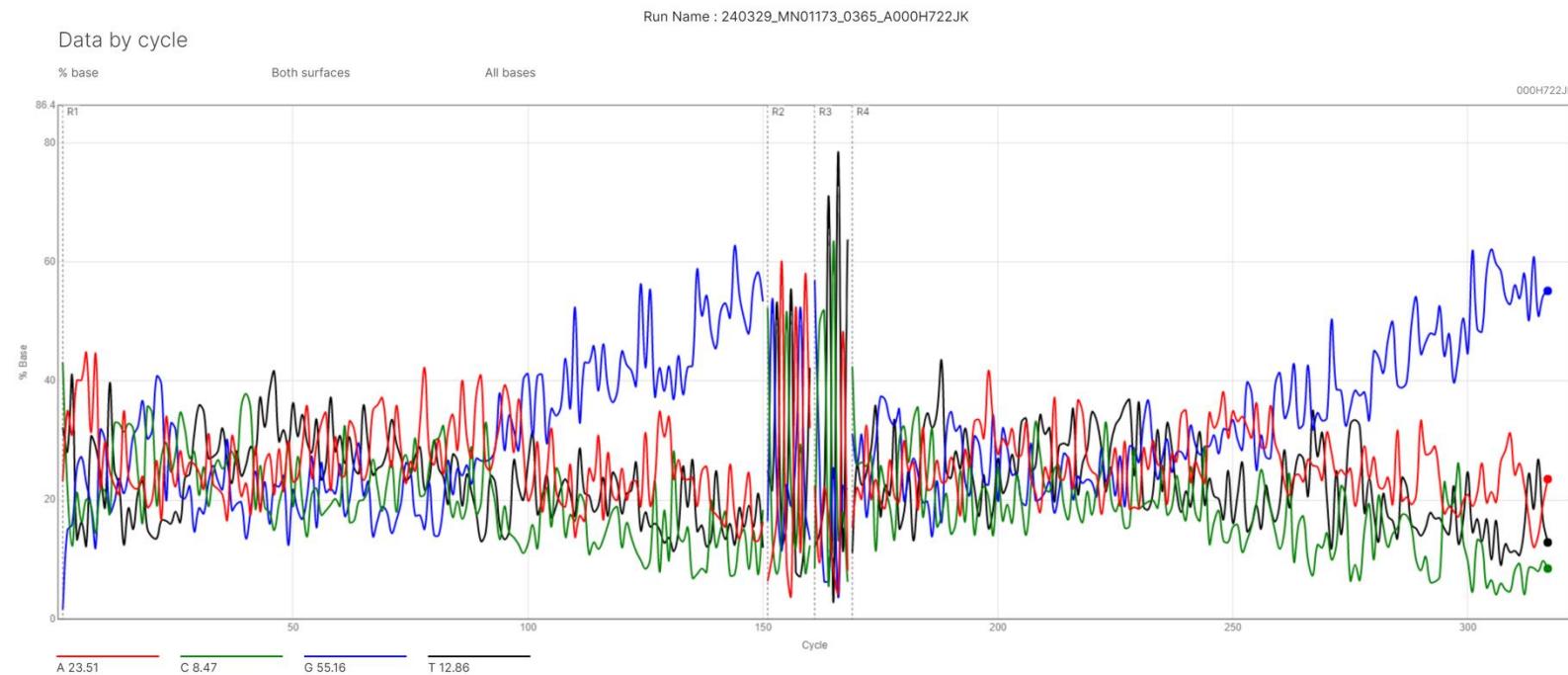
- Sequencing
  - Small fragments preferentially bind to flow cells
  - Uneven base composition
  - Flow cell is overloaded
  - Read through to adapters
  - Read through beyond adapters
  - Regions with high GC content are underrepresented due to limitations of sequencing chemistry
  - Base calling errors at the end of reads
  - Homopolymers
    - Regions containing long stretches of the same base
- Library preparation
  - Poor DNA quality for input
  - Libraries are not the correct length
  - Library artifacts



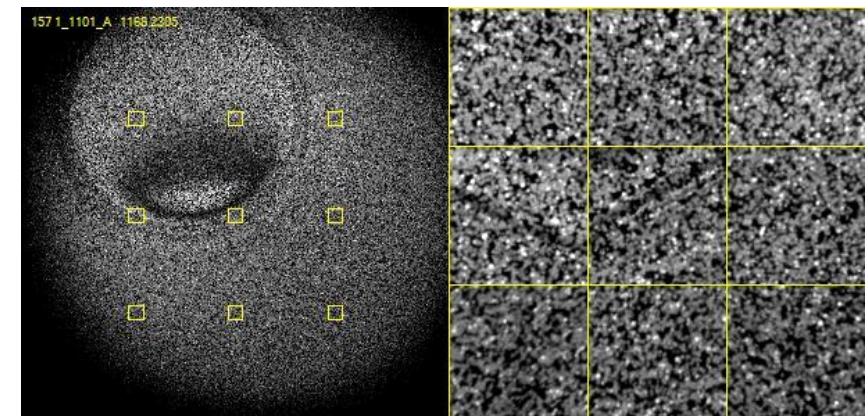
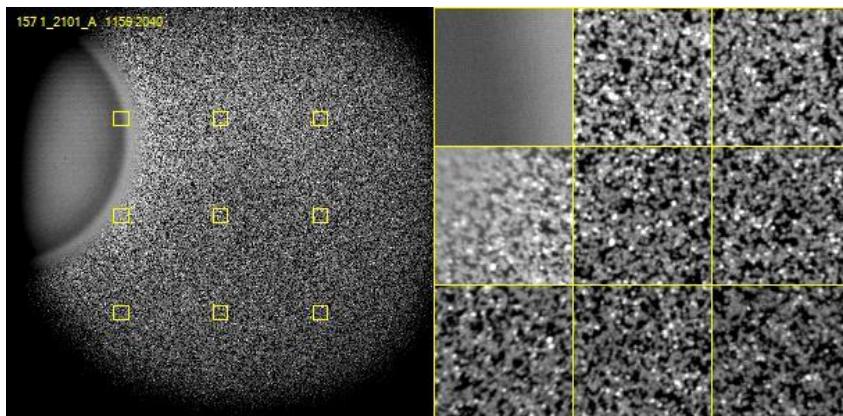
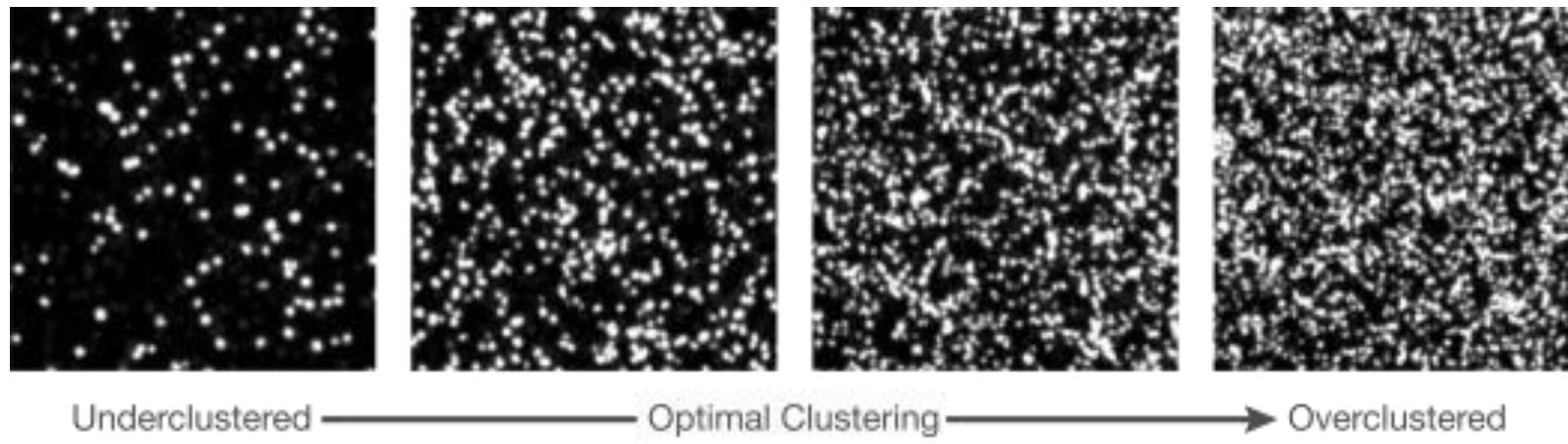
# Uneven base composition



# Library fragments are too short

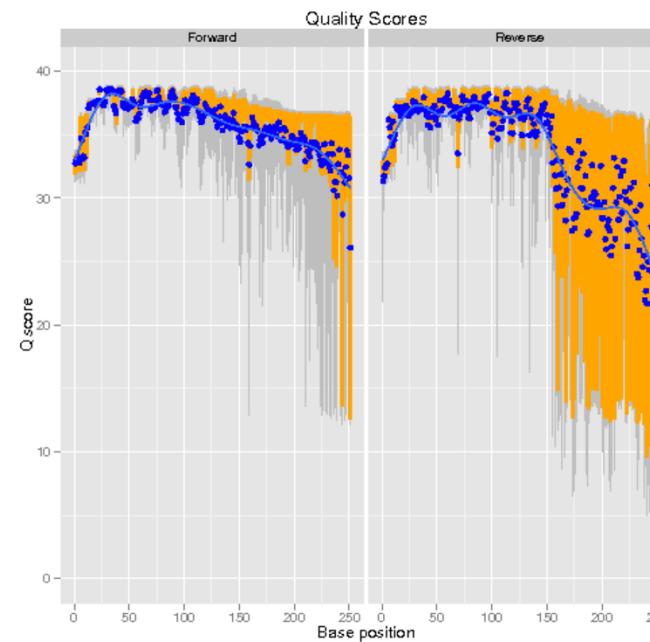


# Cluster Issues

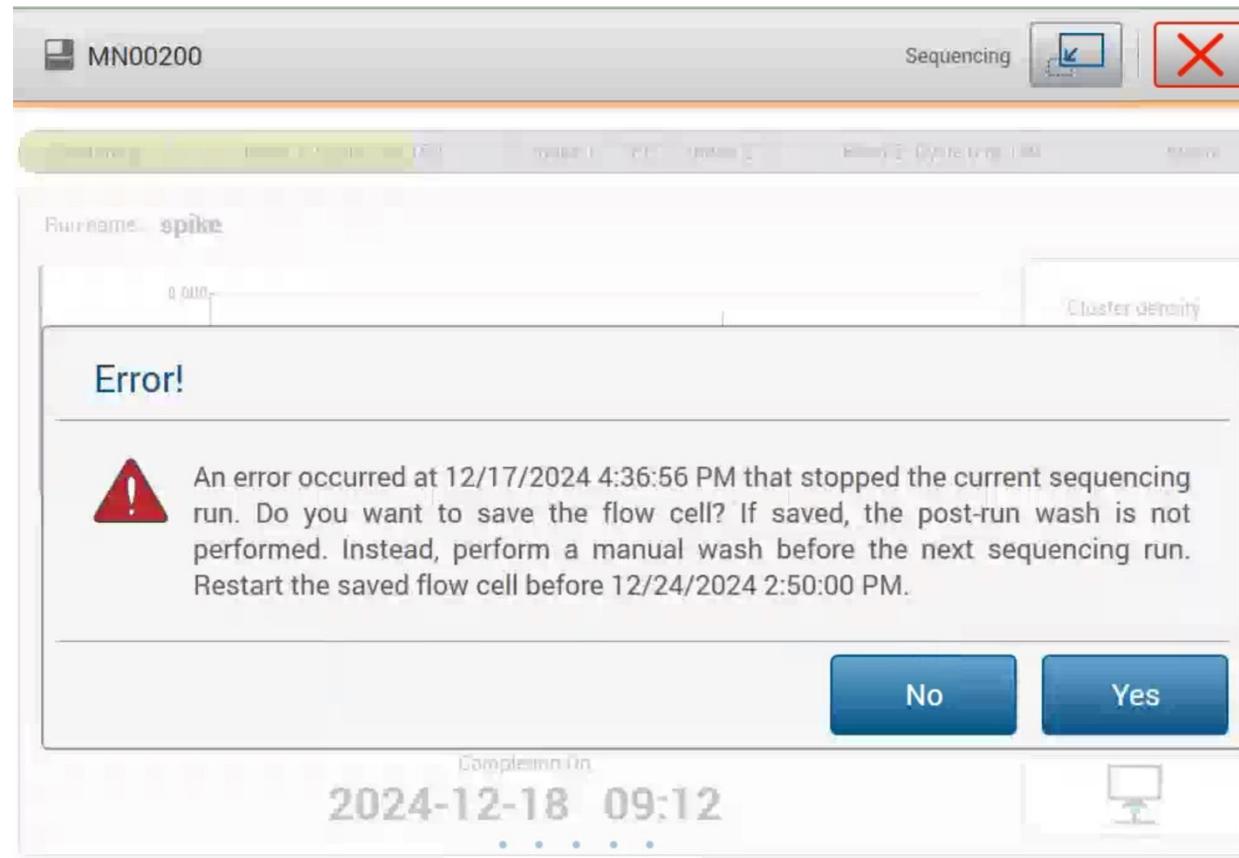


# Reagent issues

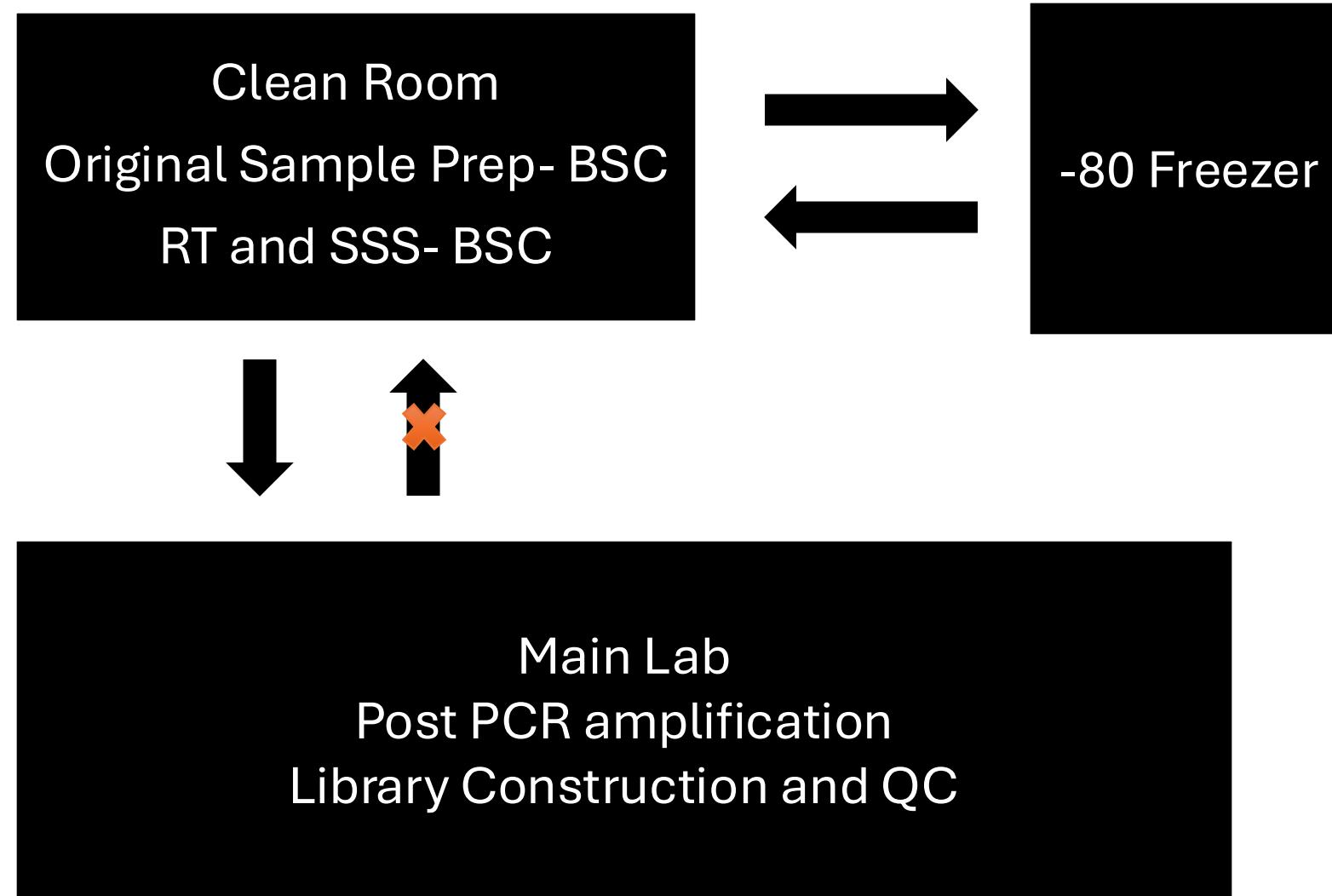
Why do quality scores drop towards the end of a read?



# Run failure



# Laboratory layout



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